

# Park Vandals Work Out Fines With City

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**BIG MAILING . . .** Postal officials and representatives of the Christmas Seal Association gathered in Torrance this week to kick-off the 1966 Christmas Seal campaign. Stuffing packages into the world's largest mailbox are (from bottom) Robert Purcell, a Torrance postman; Charles Cederlof, manager of Glendale Savings' Torrance office and chairman of the Christmas Seal drive in Torrance; Carl Backlund, Torrance postmaster, and Michele Perrine, 15, a West High student and Candy Stripper at Harbor General Hospital. At left, Lomita Postmaster Wilbur Hammond checks off the bags of mail waiting to be stuffed into the giant mailbox. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Annual Christmas Seal Fund Drive Under Way

Torrance postal officials began stuffing the world's largest mailbox Monday as the 1966 Christmas Seal drive was launched here.

The annual drive, conducted by the Christmas Seal Association and the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Los Angeles County, will raise funds to support research programs in the fight against tuberculosis, emphysema, and other respiratory diseases.

On hand for the kick-off were Carl Backlund, Torrance postmaster, and Wilbur Hammond, Lomita postmaster. Others were Charles Cederlof, manager of Glendale Savings' Torrance office and a chairman of the Christmas Seal drive here; Robert Pur-

cell, a Torrance postman, and Michele Perrine, who helped prepare the letters which were mailed to Torrance residents.

Officials of the fund-raising campaign hope to get \$1 million in Christmas Seal donations for the giant mailbox, Cederlof said.

Honorary chairman of the countywide drive is film and television star Dick Van Dyke. Theme of the 60th annual campaign is "Give

Breath and Life Through Christmas Seals." Torrance residents are urged to use the Christmas Seals on holiday mail and to answer the Christmas Seal letter at once, Cederlof said.

Funds from the drive, in addition to providing support for medical research, will finance TB and Valley Fever tests in schools, health education programs, and a new "Breathmobile" testing program.

## Council Told of Project

Seven youths charged with vandalism in connection with the destruction of city property last December have been placed on one year's probation and ordered to repay \$1,400—in money and labor—to the city.

Details of the case were reported to the city council last night in an information item appended to the regular agenda by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

The seven youths were charged with the destruction of a large number of trees and shrubs at El Nido Park. The incident occurred Dec. 21, 1965.

ALL SEVEN were subsequently arrested — between Jan. 18 and April 1 of this year — and charged with malicious mischief. The charges were sustained and the youths ordered to pay damages of \$200 each to the city, according to the report.

Each was placed under one year's probation for the offense.

Arrangements were later made to permit the youths to pay \$100 each and to work for the city's Recreation Department to pay the remaining \$100, the report said.

ONE OF THE youths subsequently moved to Arizona, it was reported and two more have worked off the initial \$100 and have done so well they have been permitted to repay all of the \$200 fine by working.

Four other youths also are working for the Recreation Department. (See VANDAL on A-2)



**ANCIENT SKILLS . . .** Students in the seventh grade at Waleria Elementary School applied some of the skills of the ancient Egyptians in class this week to wrap their own mummies. Kevin Gaudini (left) and Mark O'Hara constructed this mummy after studying the culture of ancient Egypt in a social studies class. Others in the class built replicas of pyramids, Sumerian cuneiforms, and Assyrian winged bulls during the project.

## CLASS PROJECT . . .

Two El Camino College students work on the frame of a "house" which is under construction on the college campus. Students in the carpentry class construct the frame for a house as part of their training. Once the house had been completed through the framing stage, it will be torn down and the materials used again by the next group of carpentry students.



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## Junior Citizens Day Events Set

Torrance's 10th annual Junior Citizens Day will be observed on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Students from five high schools will occupy positions of the city's top elected and appointed officials for the one-day lesson in municipal government. Participating in the program will be youths from Bishop Montgomery, North, South, Torrance, and West high schools.

Murray Brown, editor and publisher of "Western City Magazine," will be the featured speaker at a noon kick-off luncheon. Students will spend the afternoon touring

city facilities and meeting with officials of the various city departments. The youths then attend a city council meeting, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Student "officials" will conduct the meeting.

Major changes to provide for a more educational program have been made this year. Only top city officials will be replaced by students.

In previous years, virtually every city employee has had a student counter-part during Junior Citizens Day. Seminars in specific areas of municipal government are planned during the afternoon and students attending the seminars will discuss and recommend solutions to problems in each of the areas.

Plans for the day are being developed by Lloyd de Lamas, administrative assistant in the city manager's office; Dr. Bruce Magner, curriculum consultant for the Torrance schools, and Father Laurence and Sister William, principals of Bishop Montgomery High School.

Matyas comes to Torrance from the corporation's Youngstown, Ohio, Works where he was assistant superintendent — finishing and shipping of the plant's No. 7 —17 bar mills.

He was graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and began his steel career at Youngstown in January, 1951. Starting as an industrial engineering trainee, he subsequently held various engineering posts and was named assistant general turn foreman of bar mills in 1958. He became general foreman in 1963.



GEORGE MATYAS

## Isen Charges Smear; Wants Lyman to Quit

## Railroad Spur, Cemetery Zone Enter Dispute

Mayor Albert Isen last night asked Councilman David K. Lyman to resign his seat "so that he may be replaced by a man of stronger moral fiber."

Lyman, however, made no direct reply to the demand. Isen's demand came in a statement prepared to answer charges made during the ill-fated campaign for Charter Amendment "Z." The amendment, which would have given the city council the right to elect the mayor, was rejected by a 2-to-1 margin in the election last week.

The mayor said Lyman was "primarily responsible" for a smear campaign directed at him during the bid to win approval for the charter change.

Isen said the amendment was proposed when he voted against a proposed cemetery development and indicated he would continue to oppose the cemetery.

"HIS RESIGNATION," Isen said, "would serve to break up the council bloc that has been operating against the interests of the people."

Isen also suggested Lyman may have a conflict of interest on some matters before the city council because of expenditures and debts incurred during a primary election campaign for the State Senate last June—which Isen said "were reportedly around \$35,000."

Isen accused Councilmen J. A. Beasley, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico of participating in the smear campaign. He said all three "aspire to the mayorship but lack the courage to run for the office."

HE ALSO was critical of the

editorial position taken by the South Bay Daily Breeze, which urged approval of Amendment "Z." Isen was particularly critical of the newspaper's editor and publisher, Robert L. Curry.

Isen also hit a "costly smear sheet" which was

The full text of the statement read by Mayor Albert Isen before the City Council Tuesday night may be found on Page A-2 today.

mailed to voters "over the signatures of Councilmen Lyman and Vico."

LYMAN, IN answer to Isen's charges, called for a financial disclosure law which would require all members of the city council to file an annual statement of financial condition.

He then turned to the cemetery zoning on which much of the controversy surrounding Amendment "Z" was blamed.

Lyman said he and Councilmen Ken Miller and H. Ted Olson had been meeting with developers of the Del Amo Financial Center and representatives of the Santa Fe Railway for more than a year in an effort to solve problems connected with the development of vacant land east of the present Del Amo Center.

ONE OF THE problems, Lyman said, is to remove the railroad spur which runs south of Torrance Boulevard into the general location of the proposed cemetery. Ar

(See COUNCIL on A-2)

## Chamber Committee Will Meet

Members of the Industrial-Commercial Development Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow at noon.

The meeting is scheduled at the Palms Restaurant, 1925 Carson St., at noon.

Thomas W. Miller III, president of August Industries of Torrance, will be the speaker. Miller will discuss the reasons his firm selected Torrance as a base for its operations.

## WEATHER

(8:00 a.m. Wednesday)  
Mostly cloudy through Thursday. Occasional light rain tonight and Thursday morning. High and low temperatures predicted at Los Angeles Civic Center 67 and 56; in coastal area, 66 and 56.

## Torrance Makes 'Top Ten' . . .

Torrance was counted among the state's 10 most populous cities when the current compilations of the State Finance Department were reported this week. The figures of population estimates are official for purposes of distributing several "in lieu" state taxes. The top 10 cities in order were Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, Long Beach, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno, Anaheim, and Torrance.

## New Corvair Trial Ordered . . .

Judge Laurence J. Rittenband overturned a jury verdict in favor of Mrs. Rosemary Cantos, 32, of 711 Amapola Ave. Monday, a verdict which had awarded her \$66,000 damages for injuries resulting from an accident involving the rear-engine Corvair automobile. The jury in September ruled in favor of Mrs. Cantos and her daughter, Joann, who had been injured six years earlier in San Fernando. Judge Rittenband said there had been insufficient evidence at the original hearing.

## Torrance Executive Killed . . .

Fifty-year-old Fred Strohmenger, executive vice president and managing officer of Cabrillo Savings and Loan here, was killed Monday when his auto rammed a bridge abutment on the San Diego Freeway near the Garden Grove Freeway in Westminster, Orange County. Strohmenger, who lived at 15 Empty Saddle Road, Rolling Hills, was alone in the car when the accident occurred Monday morning. He was dead on arrival at Westminster Memorial Hospital. Strohmenger has been managing officer of Cabrillo since it opened in 1961. He was elected to the board of directors two years ago.