

Hospital Seeks \$4 Million in State Funds

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FIRST AND LAST GRADUATION . . . Fifteen pre-school children take part Monday in their first graduation exercise from the Pueblo Head Start program. However, this ceremony will be the last at the present site of St. Joseph Mission on Del Amo Boulevard. The center closes after several years of operation but the Head Start program is expected to move to another site. (Press-Herald Photo)

Summer Class Ends

New Site Eyed for Head Start Class

Search for a new site to house the Pueblo Head Start program continues while the present building is being evacuated by the Council of Mexican-American Affairs.

A final class of 15 children was graduated from the summer program at St. Joseph Mission on Del Amo Boulevard, which has housed the project since the Council's program for pre-school age children came into the area. Carlos Mendez, representing the council, has announced his organization has found a tentative site for a portable unit to house the future program. The site is on city property near Van Ness Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard, according to Mendez.

ALTHOUGH no date for continuing the program has been set, Mendez said his organization has secured funds to set up the portable unit and now is in the process of requesting the land from the city.

Part of the problem, Mendez said, is that the land has to be zoned for the Mexican-American Council's use and that the council could not financially support a zone change. However, he said, "I am sure the city will donate the land."

PART OF the agreement, he continued, would be under a \$1-a-year lease to the council on land that is now used as a drainage area. "The area is now filled with stagnant water that breeds bacteria," he said. "We are doing everything we can to keep the project going."

Although a request has been officially sent to the city, the Torrance City Manager's office has not received the communication.

ACCORDING to plans, the project will require a 60-by-100-foot lot to accommodate the portable building. The city

land, now unimproved, is about 200-by-80 feet.

Head Start officials have been given until Thursday to leave the Catholic Church building at the mission due to a ruling involving types of use that can be permitted on its grounds.

Commenting on the Pueblo area, Mendez said that it was "kind of a shame area for Torrance" and that the city has not shown the concern it should have for the residents of the area.

HOWEVER, he said, the donation of the land would be "a step in the right direction."

Estimates of time for resumption of the program have ranged from a few weeks to several months.

Utah Officials Report Suspect Still in Coma

Hospital Wants Funds to Build 362-Bed Complex

An application for \$4 million in state funds to supplement a \$3.2 million state-federal grant approved earlier this year has been filed by Torrance Memorial Hospital. The original grant provides construction funds for a new 250-bed hospital estimated to cost \$7.6 million.

Sentence Area Man In Assault

George Sloss, who ran down Torrance detective Lee Graber in a stolen auto, was sentenced to the California Youth Authority Tuesday for an undetermined period to be decided by the Youth Authority.

Twenty-year-old Sloss was convicted July 25 of assault with a deadly weapon and grand theft auto in Southwest Superior Court, but his case was referred to the Youth Authority for study by Judge Newell Barrett.

IN FEBRUARY, detective Graber was struck by Sloss' stolen vehicle as it swerved towards the officer at 164th and Cerise streets. The officer was seriously injured as he was hurled onto the hood of the vehicle driven by Sloss.

Grabber's partner, Det. Bob Such, shot Sloss in the jaw as he slammed the car into a brick wall.

During the trial, Sloss said he did not remember anything after he hit the officer. (See ASSAULT, Page A-2)



ALPHONZO BELL To Speak Here

Chamber Meeting Planned

Congressman Alphonzo Bell will be the featured speaker at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce September general membership luncheon meeting.

He will speak on current legislation in the 90th Congress and will emphasize the effect of the lawmaking on Torrance-South Bay area business.

Membership Relations Chairman Brian J. K. Bell today announced plans for the meeting, which will be held at the Indian Village restaurant at noon Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Congressman Bell is a member of both the House Science and Astronautics and the Education and Labor committees.

Chairman Bell said that reservations for the luncheon can be made at the chamber office, 1510 Cravens Ave. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Man Wanted in Officer's Death

By ED FREUDENBURG Press-Herald Staff Writer

Murder suspect Jerry Lee O'Brien remains in Tooele Valley Hospital in Utah today recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Tooele County Sheriff Ray Gillette said Tuesday, "O'Brien is going to make it," referring to recovery from a broken collarbone and fractured ribs.

O'Brien's condition has improved since it deteriorated early Monday, but he remained unconscious through Tuesday. He has been unconscious since the auto accident Friday.

THE SUSPECT in the murder of Torrance Police Officer David Seibert was found Friday in the wreckage of his auto on a highway a few miles west of Tooele, Utah, which is 35 miles west of Salt Lake City.

Meanwhile, Torrance police have begun extradition proceedings in anticipation that O'Brien will not waive extradition.

Torrance detective Myles Hamilton told Sheriff Gillette Tuesday that plans were for Torrance police to move the man back to Torrance as soon as he is able to travel.

HOWEVER, no formal plans have been made for transportation of the prisoner, who is being guarded in the intensive care unit of the Tooele hospital. Hamilton and James Farrar are expected to accompany O'Brien back to Torrance when he recovers.

According to Gillette, O'Brien may be moved to Salt Lake County Hospital's prison ward when he becomes well enough to travel.

O'Brien's mother, Betty Lee O'Brien, was reported at the hospital in Utah awaiting the recovery of her son. But, Gillette reported, she has not been allowed to see the man.

MRS. O'BRIEN, 68, is awaiting preliminary hearing Sept. 5 on charges of helping her son escape from a prison farm in Tulare County in June and

for receiving stolen property. In the wreckage of O'Brien's auto, purchased after the hold-up of the Foods Co. market in which \$15,000 was taken, the sheriff found a 38-caliber revolver which reportedly was purchased a short time earlier in Reno, Nev.

Found in a restaurant rest room which the suspect had just left was a vial of narcotics identified as cocaine.

At the time of his arrest, Jerry Lee O'Brien said he was his brother, Patrick. Patrick O'Brien, however, is reported in Puerto Rico serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

ALSO SOUGHT with O'Brien in connection with the Aug. 10 robbery, in which Officer Seibert was killed, is Bartholomew James Blackburn Jr.

But, Torrance detective Hamilton said there has been no evidence to link Blackburn (See SUSPECT, Page A-2)

Pair Face Trial for Narcotics

Two youths have been ordered to stand trial Sept. 8 on charges of selling drugs to Torrance police vice officers in July.

Steven Perez, 19, of 2812 W. 176th St., and John Woolley, 20, of 1217 W. 243rd St., Harbor City, remain free on \$1,100 bail but must appear in Division 2 of the South Bay Municipal Court for preliminary hearing in September.

Perez was arrested last week for allegedly selling six marijuana cigarettes to a vice officer on July 12. He is charged with possession of marijuana.

Woolley will stand trial on two counts of selling dangerous drugs. Officers said Woolley tried to sell a jar of "reds" for \$35 July 20.

Chicken Thief Strikes For Second Time Here

One modern day chicken thief really doesn't care for chicken, only for the money customers of Colonel Sanders pay for the fried birds.

Foul play netted \$1,059 Saturday night for an armed robber who held up the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant, 24201 Hawthorne Blvd., at 9 p.m.

The manner and dress of the suspect partially matches that of a man who got \$735 from the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, 16422

Crenshaw Blvd., early last week. Witnesses said the man, described as about 30 years old, entered the take-out food store and pretended to look at the menu until customers had left.

He then pulled a blue steel revolver and demanded the day's receipts. The suspect is reported to have said, "Give me all your money, I don't want the chicken feed (change)."

Employees said the suspect was 5-foot, 10-inches and weighed about 160 pounds. Employees of the other Col. Sanders store on Crenshaw Boulevard also reported their hold up man as 5-foot-10, but weighing 180 pounds.

Also similar was the dress of each robber, witnesses said. Both men wore hats and blue pants during the hold-ups.

Drop Charges

Charges of possession of marijuana have been dropped against William Ritchie, 18, of 2717 Monterey St., and John McClure, 20, of 1929 Cota Ave.

They were arrested Saturday after police stopped their auto on a traffic violation.



FILE PETITIONS . . . James Mize (at right), clerk of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, accepts petitions bearing 6,577 signatures from proponents of the Carson-Dominguez cityhood drive. Presenting the petitions, which were filed in a record 34 days, are (from left) John Junk, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Incorporation; Don Davis, area chair-

man for the Dominguez Hills Homeowners' Association; Rick Clark, vice president of the Carson Park Homeowners Association; and Sak Yamamoto, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce. A hearing on the bid for cityhood will be held by the supervisors if signatures prove sufficient, Mize said.

School Days Begin Again

The opening of schools in Torrance for some 40,000 youngsters is just around the corner. Public schools will open here Wednesday, Sept. 13, with high school freshmen due to report a day earlier. Private and parochial schools will open earlier in the month. Special back-to-school news and advertising values are included in today's editions of the Press-Herald, beginning on Page C-1.

Delay Rubbish Pickups

Rubbish collection next week will be delayed one day due to Labor Day, according to Walter Nollac, director of public works for the city. There will not be any collections on Monday but collection will extend from Tuesday through Saturday on a one-day postponement schedule.

Cat Burglar Gets \$6

A cat burglar took \$6.25 in cash from a wallet belonging to Jeanette Weyl, 37, late Monday after he broke into the woman's room at the Ramada Inn, 4111 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. Witnesses told Torrance police they saw a man described as about 6 feet tall and between 25 and 30 years old trying doors on the second and third floor balconies. Mrs. Weyl told police her daughter was sleeping in the third-floor room when the burglar entered and took the cash. In a second burglary reported Tuesday, appliances worth nearly \$1,150—including a color television set—were taken. Roy Lutermore Jr., 21, of 2385 W. 235th St., Apt. D, reported the theft.