

Annual Search for 'Good Neighbor' Begins

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IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL ... Torrance youngsters will return to school beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, when freshman orientation programs are held at the city's four high schools. Western Federal Savings and Loan Association is spearheading a campaign to remind all motorists to "Please Drive Carefully." Robert Oswald, manager of the firm's Del Amo Center office, and Torrance Police Officer Larry P. Caudell put a bumper sticker on Caudell's patrol car. Some 29,000 bumper stickers are available at the local Western Federal office, Oswald said. He called on all citizens to join the campaign. (Press-Herald Photo)

YMCA to Name Winner At Breakfast Oct. 10

The Torrance Family YMCA opened its annual search for the city's Good Neighbor of 1967 Friday with the announcement that the 20th annual family breakfast will be held Saturday, Oct. 10. The new winner will receive the Al "Pop" Turner trophy from last year's winner, Mrs. Lucile Forsyth of North Torrance, in ceremonies which will highlight the YMCA breakfast. Tickets for the breakfast have been mailed to many YMCA families and will be sold throughout the next six weeks. Tickets are \$4 per family, \$1 per adult, and 75¢ for children under 12. Don Schrank, who heads the YMCA public relations committee for the breakfast, said letters of nomination are being accepted by the YMCA for the Good Neighbor award. Letters should be mailed to Joe Wilcox, Executive Secretary, Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. The deadline, Schrank said, is Oct. 6. The winner will be selected by the YMCA Board of Directors at a meeting scheduled Oct. 12 and announced at the breakfast.

Memorial Fund Reaches \$1,900, Kiwanis Report

Contributions to the David N. Seibert Memorial Fund have reached \$1,900, according to Johnny Johnson, secretary of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, which sponsors the fund. Although contributions for the slain Torrance police officer's widow have slowed recently, Johnson said there are no immediate plans to turn over the money to Christine Seibert. However, he said, when contributions stop the money will be given to the wife of the Torrance officer who was killed Aug. 10 as he attempted to stop a market robbery. Large contributors to the fund have been Marina Federal Savings and Loan, donating \$250, and Harvey Aluminum, Inc., offering \$500.

Bids Opened for First Unit of Skills Center

Reagan Signs Loan Measure

An apparent low bid of \$135,531 has been submitted for construction of the first phase of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC), it was revealed Friday afternoon. Bids were opened in the SCROC offices by Haig Marashlian, planning director of the center. A total of 11 bids were received, ranging from the apparent low submitted by Tri-Cor, Inc., to a high of \$159,800. A contract is expected to be awarded Sept. 13 when the joint powers board which governs SCROC meets. Those students attending the center will be transported from their own high schools to the center by bus. All students will graduate from their "home" high schools. The initial building will provide classrooms and other facilities until a permanent facility can be designed and built. The building eventually will be converted to a warehouse.

CONSTRUCTION is due to begin Oct. 10, with completion expected by Feb. 3, 1968. Classes are expected to begin in February.

Bids were opened Friday as word came from Sacramento that Governor Ronald Reagan had signed AB 2096, a bill by Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (\$-Torrance) to provide the \$5 million for the center.

Funds will be available as they are needed, Marashlian told the Press-Herald Friday. The loan is to be repaid over a 10-year period, he added.

THE CENTER is to be built on a 10-acre site at Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards and will serve high school students and adults in six surrounding school districts.

A second bill carried in the legislature by Townsend authorized joint powers boards to establish regional occupational centers. It was signed by Reagan in August.

The Torrance, El Segundo, Inglewood, and Palms Verdes Unified School Districts and the South Bay and Centinela Valley Union High School Districts are cooperating in establishing and operating the new skills center.

STUDENTS in the 11th and 12th grades will attend the center, studying a variety of courses designed to give them "entry level" skills in a number of occupational fields. Computer programming, and data processing, secretarial skills, appliance repair, and classes for medical assistants are among the courses to be offered at the center.

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Man Gets Drugs and \$100 Cash

An armed robber held up a South Torrance pharmacy Wednesday evening, getting \$100 and 500 Second capsules.

Pharmacist Clarence E. Brauer, 39, said the man entered the pharmacy about 8:30 p.m. and pulled a .22-caliber revolver. He demanded money and the Second capsules and threatened to kill Brauer if he didn't cooperate.

Brauer said he put the money and 500 capsules into a paper bag and handed it to the gunman, who he described as "very calm." The robber told Brauer and two clerks in the store to stand against a wall and then left.

Brauer told police the man was between 30 and 40, wore glasses, and was about 6-foot-2.

Office Entered

Theft of calculator valued at \$1,000 was reported Friday by the Henry C. Beck Construction Co., 21425 Hawthorne Blvd. Police said the calculator was taken sometime after the office was "secured" Thursday evening.

Gunman Strikes Store

A smartly dressed gunman escaped with an unknown amount of cash Friday night after he held up the Akron Store, 18020 Hawthorne Blvd., just before the store was to close for the night.

Police said the man entered the store about 9:45 p.m. and pretended to shop. He was carrying a blue nylon jacket in one hand and had a .38-caliber blue steel revolver in the other hand, witnesses reported.

The gunman approached store employe Stewart Bloom in an aisle as Bloom was carrying two cash drawers to the store office. Bloom was forced to surrender the two cash drawers and the gunman then started toward the cash registers.

WITNESSES said he told cashiers still at their posts, "Give me the cash drawers. I'm serious."

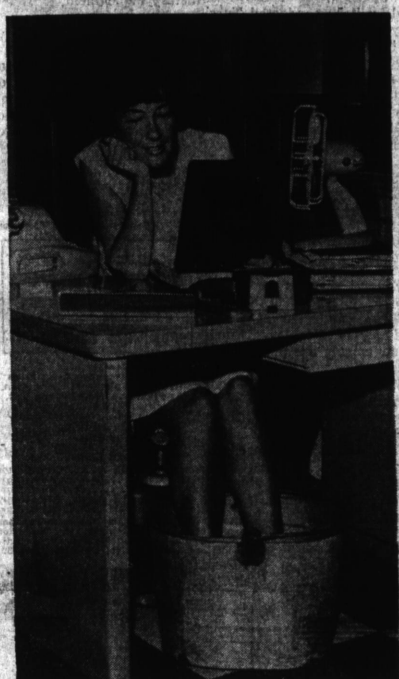
The man then left the store with six cash drawers and, witnesses reported, got into a small foreign sedan which was driven by a second person.

The gunman was wearing a dark blue knit shirt, black slacks, and a yellow straw hat, witnesses told police. He was described as about 5-foot-10, 200 pounds, and between 35 and 40 years old.

Store officials told police that policy prohibits the release of the exact amount taken. They said only that it was "more than \$200."

Offices Close

Press-Herald offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. The offices will open at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Banks and most other businesses also will be closed tomorrow.



HOT WEATHER TONIC ... Mrs. Shirley Christophulos, receptionist at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, proved Friday there's more than one way to keep cool, especially when there isn't any air conditioning. Mrs. Christophulos got out a pail, filled it with ice water, then dunked her feet. She also got out a fan and turned it on. Temperatures soared to 95 degrees in Torrance Friday and the after effects of Thursday evening's thundershowers created muggy heat as the humidity remained at about 50 percent. (Press-Herald Photo)

Orientation Program Set Sept. 12 at South High

South High School will conduct its annual freshmen orientation program Tuesday, Sept. 12, beginning at 1 p.m., Dr. John A. Lucas, principal, has announced. Dr. Lucas said previous schedules had provided for a morning orientation program. Students who must ride buses to the school will be picked up beginning at 12:40 p.m. Buses will leave the school seven minutes after dismissal at about 3 p.m.

Italian Adventure Coming to an End

(Editor's Note: Robin Newcomer, whose column, "Warrior Trails," is a regular feature of the Press-Herald during the school year, has been spending the summer in Catanzaro, Italy, as an American Field Service exchange student. This is the third of a series of articles she will write for the Press-Herald.)

By ROBIN NEWCOMER
Special to the Press-Herald
Ciao, miei amici!
The days of my Italian adventure have swiftly come to an end, although by memories are still vivid. One of the highlights in this experience was traveling to Rome, Florence, Milan, Lake Como, Cascia, and Pompei. Traveling through these cities especially helped broaden by knowledge of Italy and Italian life. Our first stop after visiting Rome was Florence, where traces of the flood of Nov. 4, 1966, can still be seen. However, this beautiful city is in the process of restoring damaged statues and paintings, as well as repairing the homes and shops of the city. One thing that greatly surprised me was the wealth of the city, not only in art works. One street I walked down was completely filled with jewelry shops, one after the other, each displaying showcases of practically all gold jewelry! The industrial city of Italy, Milan, was our next stop. This city was unbelievably hot and our sightseeing was limited. While riding through Milan, I felt as though I was in New York, as this city is very modern and has many tall buildings. However, once we reached the beautiful and world-famous cathedral of Milan, the Duomo, I knew I could only be in Italy. Lake Como was a welcome change after the intense heat of Milan, this tourist town situated on the border of Italy and Switzerland. The town reminded me of a fairy tale with the roofs of houses peaked and covered with red tile.

We reached the borderline and our first stop on our return voyage was Cascia, a very small town snuggled up in the mountains which was once the home of the Catholic Saint Rita. This Saint means a lot to the people of Cascia and her influence can be seen everywhere. The influence of saints can be seen all over Italy. Special monuments have been erected honoring various saints and are scattered everywhere — on mountain roads as well as in cities. One asset of these monuments is that if a person cannot attend mass on Sunday he can still pay his respect by visiting one and perhaps leave flowers in honor of the saint. After leaving Cascia and Saint Rita, we traveled to ancient Pompei, the city once covered with the ashes of Mount Vesuvius. As I walked in the ruins of the world renowned city and saw so much that was kept intact by the hot ashes it was easy to imagine life in this city of long ago. The modern city of Pompei is a city of religion. Stalls with souvenirs are abundant, especially on the main street. The majority of the souvenirs have a religious significance pertaining to the Madonna and Christ. Upon arriving in Catanzaro again I found that a special celebration was going on, very conveniently located in front of our apartment building. The event was the "Fair of Saint Lorenzo" and had begun on a Monday and ended two days after we arrived home. Early in the morning, merchants began setting up their stalls of merchandise on a couple of blocked-off streets. In the morning it was very hot and most people waited until after 5 p.m. and then would spend some time wandering among the goods. Many of the merchants inform the crowd in a loud voice why they should stop at their stall and not at their neighbor's.

I came to the conclusion this is very necessary because many of the stalls contain the same articles, although there were many different types of stalls. Contents ranged from jewelry, clothing, and shoes, to kitchen appliances, records, paintings, yardage, and many other things. To me, the fair resembled a couple of American department stores put together in one. Another holiday — this one a national celebration — is "Ferragosto," which is similar to our Labor Day. People take a day off work and most go to the beach, to the country, or visiting. It seemed as if everyone in Catanzaro decided to go to the country because the roads were very crowded. It was a very beautiful and relaxing day and at the end of the day many people adorned their cars with pine branches and greenery as a remembrance of the day's events. Until my next — and last — article on my return to the United States — arrivederci!

Extradition Papers Ready ... Paperwork for the extradition of Jerry Lee O'Brien, charged with the murder of Torrance Police Officer David Seibert last Aug. 10, has been completed, although the suspect remains in a coma in a Utah hospital. Robert Burnett, deputy district attorney, said a warrant formally asking for the extradition has been forwarded to Governor Ronald Reagan's office for his signature. O'Brien, critically injured in an automobile accident near Tooele, Utah, remains in the Tooele County Hospital in a coma. It was reported Friday. Burnett said the extradition would be accomplished as soon as O'Brien is able to travel.

Television Set Stolen ... Appliances, including a color television set, worth more than \$800, were taken from the home of Louis L. Bereskin, 53, at 17416 Della St., some time Thursday evening. Bereskin told police he discovered the theft about 11:15 p.m.

Burglars Hit School ... Adams Elementary School, 2121 W. 238th St., was ransacked by burglars who forced open the principal's office and got a set of keys Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, according to a report filed with Torrance police. Police said the school was secured at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. The burglary was discovered about 9:30 a.m. Thursday. A typewriter, a microphone, and an adding machine were taken. The loss was estimated at \$255.