

New Sign Ordinance Delayed by Council

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UNLUCKY? ... Seven-year-old Johnny Stock, a second grade student at Jefferson Elementary School, sneaks a peak at Lucky, a black cat which is symbolic of all the bad luck that is supposed to accompany Friday the 13th. No so in 1969, says Johnny, who reminds parents that today is the last day of school for Torrance youngsters. (Press-Herald Photo)

Awards Luncheon Planned Monday

Andrew R. Lolli, director of general services for the state of California, will be the keynote speaker Monday at the annual awards luncheon of the Law Enforcement and Community Recognition Association of Los Angeles County at Ft. MacArthur.

The "Award of Merit" will go to a citizen or law enforcement officer who has performed a distinguished service in law enforcement promotion in Los Angeles County.

Last year's winners were Jack Webb of Universal City, Thomas Reddin of Hollywood, Sen. George Deukmejian of Long Beach, and Ferdinand Mendenhall of Los Angeles.

Nominees this year include Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro, Dr. Paul Goodley of Wilmington, Deputy Lawrence McKeon of Lakewood, Dr. Robert Calhoun of Long Beach, Sgt. Paul Crawford of Hermosa Beach, Capt.

Thomas King of San Pedro, Chief Walter Koenig of Torrance, and George Matejka of Redondo Beach.

Others are Gordon Hough of San Marino, Sheriff Peter Pittchess of Los Angeles, George Putnum of Hollywood, City Manager John Phillips of Pasadena, Chief Everett Holladay of Monterey Park, Chief Ivan Robinson of Downey, Dr. John Gerletti of USC, Chief Fred Fergusson of Covina, and City Manager Robert Bailey of Culver City.

Also nominated are: Michael Meade of South San Gabriel, Miss Brenda Paris of Burbank, James Alberts of Azusa, Joseph Saul of Bellflower, Mrs. Marion Miller of Los Angeles, Lt. James Wattenbarger of Los Angeles, Mrs. Doris Dolan of Los Angeles, Raymond Edwards of Glendale, Mrs. S. D. Reed of Santa Monica, and Henry Ragion of Santa Monica.

Thomas Elder, a Pacific Telephone engineer, is awards chairman.

Groundbreaking Slated for New Civic Center Library

Helpful Motorist Robbed

A man who stopped his car to aid a motorist in apparent distress was robbed of \$115 cash early Thursday morning.

Richard Lippman, 24, of Palms, told police he was driving in the vicinity of 164th street and Crenshaw Boulevard when he saw a car stopped by the roadside. Four persons were standing around the car and one was holding a gas can.

Lippman stopped to offer assistance and one of the men asked him if he would drive the two girls home because they had run out of gas. Before he could answer, a second suspect shoved a .38-caliber revolver in his mouth, causing bleeding.

Lippman was forced to hand over his wallet containing the cash and \$83 in checks.

The first suspect was described as a slender Mexican-American in his mid 20s wearing a thin mustache. No description was obtained for the second suspect, police said.

Budget Okay Due Monday

The Torrance Unified School District's Board of Education held a special budget workshop last night and was supplied background and additional material by the administration.

Approval of a preliminary budget, exclusive of salary scale adjustments, is expected at Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting. By law, a preliminary budget must be approved on or before July 1.



AT RECEPTION ... Mrs. Mary Bartlett, president of the Torrance Education Association, chats with two of nine Torrance teachers who will retire with the end of school this year. The two are Louis Bereskin (standing), a teacher at North High School, and Alan Moore, a South High instructor. Moore is ending a 45-year career as a teacher—20 of it in the Torrance schools. The retiring teachers were honored earlier this week at a reception sponsored by the Torrance Education Association. (Press-Herald Photo)

Planning Commissioner Asks Delay in New Law

The long-awaited ordinance that would take a stab at alleviating the "sign jungle" in Torrance has tripped over another obstacle.

City Councilmen agreed

Tuesday to put off passage of the sign ordinance until Planning Commissioners had had a chance to review it and make recommendations.

Planning Commissioner George Brewster told Councilmen that the measure was "fraught with economic dangers," noting that it might result in a "sign war."

Brewster said the sign ordinance contained "things you didn't bargain for." The way the ordinance reads now, Brewster said, businesses could put up a pole sign and a roof sign and a wall sign all on the same building.

Planning Commissioners had not seen the revised version of the sign ordinance until the Wednesday before the last council meeting. They discussed it only briefly at that time.

THE COMMISSION had submitted a detailed recommendation for the sign ordinance to the council, but the council had made extensive changes before handing it over to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to be put in ordinance form.

In the form submitted by the commission, ground sign size

was limited to one square foot for each linear foot of property frontage. The council is leaning toward a more liberal 1½-square-foot of sign size for each linear foot of frontage.

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Construction Under Way on Newest Branch

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Torrance Central Library to be located at the Civic Center, will be held Wednesday afternoon at the site.

Mayor Albert Isen will lead the ceremonies, scheduled for 2 p.m. in the area between the city plunge and the Los Angeles County Probation Department building. Construction of the 45,000-square-foot facility, which is to serve as headquarters for the Torrance Public Library System, is now under way under a \$1.5 million contract.

THE CONTRACT was awarded by the Torrance City Council May 27 to Pinner Construction Co. of Paramount.

The Pinner bid was \$148,000 higher than estimated costs and councilmen at the time voted to reallocate funds previously earmarked for acquisition of books to finance the building.

City Librarian Russell West said nine bids were received for the facility, ranging from Pinner's low bid to a high of \$1,668,000.

THE NEW central library is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1970, West said.

Funds to finance the facility will come from a \$2,350,000 bond issue approved by voters in 1967. The bond issue also provided funds for a new branch in the Southeast section of the city.

Opening of the central library will provide the city with six branch libraries.

Order Cuts in Budget

City service levels must be reduced to allow a tax exemption on utilities for producing industries, City Councilmen ruled Wednesday at their latest budget session.

Cuts totalling roughly \$400,000 must be made to balance losses from the proposed tax exemption.

The council charged City Manager Edward J. Ferraro with figuring out where to make the cuts. Ferraro must have his recommendations ready by the next budget session tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Councilmen have already sheared \$50,000 from the bus department budget and another \$68,000 from other areas, leaving Ferraro with responsibility for the remaining \$282,000 in cuts.

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Two Students Earn Degrees

Two Torrance residents have earned degrees at Northern Arizona University. Ceremonies were held in Flagstaff, Ariz., June 1.

The local students who received degrees include Mrs. Nikki Hubbard, 1309 W. 152nd St., and Carey Hubert, 3309 W. 166th St. Both received bachelor of science degrees in education.

Services Set For Marine

Requiem mass for Marine Pfc. Leon Thomas Culverhouse, who died June 3 in Vietnam, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita. Rosary will be said Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the church.

Pfc. Culverhouse, born Jan. 10, 1951, in Los Angeles, was killed while on patrol in Vietnam, it was learned here last Wednesday.

He attended St. Catherine Labourer School and Torrance High School. Pfc. Culverhouse had been in the Marine Corps for seven months.

He is survived by his widow, Ellen of 25316 Doria Ave., Lomita; his father, Walter Culverhouse of Sunland; his mother, Dorothy Volmerding of Torrance; and four sisters, Judith McGuire of Florida and Susan, Sarah, and Marion Culverhouse, all of Torrance.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Los Angeles, with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

He will lie in state at Stone and Myers Mortuary until the services.

In National Contest

South High Grad Vies For Top Debate Honors

A South High School senior will compete in the national high school speech championships in Washington, D.C. next week.

Participating in extemporaneous speaking at George Washington University June 15 through 21 will be Robert S. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Robert Saunders of 5128 Merrill St.

He is one of 100 students across the country who will vie for honors in various speaking events.

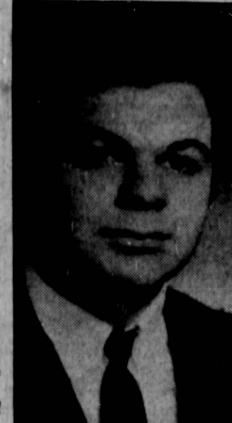
Last year Saunders qualified for national speech championships in Minnesota in the area of debate and for the California State championship tournament in extemporaneous speaking.

CURRENTLY, he and his debate partner, Ernest Gutter, rank ninth in debate in the state of California.

Saunders holds the degree of double ruby, highest award in the National Forensic League, and was written up in this

month's issue of "Rostrum" — the national speech publication — as seventh highest point holder in the nation out of 300,000 debaters.

In addition to his forensic ac-



ROBERT S. SAUNDERS
Seeks Debate Title

tivities, he is state vice president of the California Junior Classical League, student body vice president of South High School, president of the South High School chapter of the National Forensic League, a life member of the California Scholarship Federation, and a National Merit Letter of Commendation winner.

SAUNDERS is listed in the 1969 edition of "Who's Who in American High Schools" and is one of ten valedictorians in the South High Class of '69.

Former vice president of the South High School Latin Club and member of the Torrance City Youth Council, he served on the Operation Nepal steering committee at South High School last year. He appeared on the CBS television show "New Society" with his debate partner early this year.

This fall he will enter Stanford University as a freshman. While enrolled at South High School, he completed nine units at El Camino College.

Burglars Rob Torrance Home

More than \$1,000 worth of appliances were stolen Tuesday from the home of Wendy S. Pi, 16710 Kornblum Ave.

Mrs. Pi arrived home at 12:25 p.m. to find her home ransacked.



TEENS FOR HIRE ... Mrs. Larry Smith of the Torrance Junior Women's Club discusses employment possibilities for teenagers with Lenny Schapira, chairman of the Torrance Youth Council. The Junior Women's Club has taken responsibility for operating the Torrance Youth Employment Service, helping to place scores of area teenagers in summer jobs. "Teenagers for Hire Week," which concludes today, was proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen to alert local businessmen to the growing number of area young people seeking employment during their vacation months. The Youth Council helped lay the groundwork for the teen employment week. (Press-Herald Photo)