

Students Win Honors for Togs

Designing clothes paid off for two Torrance college students last week, as they were announced as prize winners in national design contests.

Vonnie Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Griffin, of 234 Paseo de las Delicias, and Hal Laudeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Laudeman, of 1304 Wood Ave., each were awarded for their designs for men and women, respectively.

Vonnie Griffin, a 19-year-old sophomore at El Camino College, was a runner-up in Adler America design competition in San Francisco, and will enter her creations in another contest at the Ambassador Hotel on April 4.

Two Dresses Entered In the coming competition she will enter two dresses, which she designed and will model herself. Ten other girls will compete for prizes.

She will get a design competition award and a number of clothes for her recent win, as well as dinner at a restaurant and an interview with a designer at one of the movie studios.

If her entries win the contest, she will get a sewing machine, a \$50 cash award, and other prizes. If she wins the sweepstakes, she will get an additional \$100 prize and a one-month contract with a large clothing manufacturer.

Wins Men's Contest A senior apparel design student at UCLA, Laudeman won first prize in sport shirt design in a contest sponsored by the Fred Grunwald Mallinson Fabrics and Folkier Fabrics. He also placed ninth in a national men's fashion contest sponsored by Allen Knitting Mills, and was one of 12 finalists in a recent women's fashion contest.

He received \$100 for a short-sleeved polo-type shirt with striped insets at the neck opening and pocket. In the national contest, he won a war bond. Both students are graduates of Torrance High School. Laudeman attended the University of Arizona for two years before transferring to UCLA.



VONNIE GRIFFIN
... Models Own Creation



DESIGNER AT WORK
... Vonnie Griffin Plans New Dress

Rolling Hills Receives New Fire Engine

Fire protection for the Rolling Hills area has been greatly improved as a result of new fire apparatus now in service at County Fire Station 56 in Rolling Hills, it was announced yesterday by County Supervisor Burton W. Chase.

According to Chase, the new equipment is a large Seagraves fire engine especially geared for the hilly type of terrain found in the Rolling Hills area and is replacing a smaller truck which had only half the capacity of the new engine.

The new apparatus, Chase said, has a 12 cylinder motor, of 268 horsepower and carries a booster tank of 500 gallons of water. It is also equipped with 2950 feet of hose, compared with 1050 feet carried in the smaller apparatus formerly in use at this station.

Riviera Homeowners Group To Name Committee Heads

Committees to function during the coming year will be named Monday evening when the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assoc. meets at 8 p. m. in the beach club, according to President R. C. Herrick. This will be the first meeting of the group under Herrick's direction.

Several new committees, including a welcoming, membership, youth and recreation, and program and publicity committee, will be named Monday, Herrick said. Other committee appointments to be announced are those for Schools, City Council, Planning Commission, and traffic.

George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for Torrance, will speak to the homeowners on "Atom Bomb Defenses for Hollywood Riviera." Mrs. Paul Howey, Civil Defense chairman for the area, also will speak, Herrick announced.

Man Loses Clothes Three suits, eight shirts, and three sheets, valued at \$269, were taken from his car while it was in a parking lot at 20706 S. Normandie Ave., Monday, Ardis L. Kemp told sheriff's deputies.

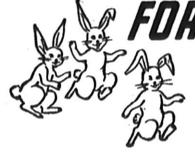
Joan George Will Sing on Church Talent Hour Sunday

Joan George, of 2454 Torrance Blvd., will be heard on the Church Talent Hour Sunday, on Channel 13, at 10 p. m., singing Grace Bush's "Easter Carol." The young soprano recently has received several honors for her work, including winning the Long Beach Philharmonic Vocal Contest last February, and shortly thereafter winning the Inglewood Symphony contest. She subsequently was heard in concert in both cities. A former scholarship student at Chapman College in Los Angeles, she is married to Ralph George, now taking graduate work at UCLA, and is the mother of a two-year-old girl. In addition to her domestic duties, she studies French and Italian, works with a vocal coach and has two voice pupils of her own. She is soloist at the Torrance Christian Church, has sung leading roles with the South Bay Civic Light Opera and is a member of the South Bay Chorale group.

Check-Writing Auto Buyer Sought by Law
Law officials throughout the area are seeking a man who bought at least four cars with no-fund checks, Torrance police were informed Monday.
The man, who usually uses the name Ernest J. Hansen or Hensen, issued \$1500 in no-fund checks for cars in Gardena, Compton, Los Angeles.

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