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TWO HELD ON KIDNAP CHARGES

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think physical education class is a waste of time, time which might be better spent in classroom work?" the Pennies inquirer asked students.

Dwane Grim, 2810 Alberta: "No, I don't think so. PE class helps you get in shape. It has a real good purpose. With effort, even the student not interested in sports can like the class."

Herbert Hanes, 1819 Santa Fe: "The class keeps you physically fit and gives you a rest from classroom work. You do not want to study all the time. We play seasonal sports in the class. I like baseball and basketball the best."

Cliff Brashears, 2199 W. Sepulveda Blvd.: "I think the class is a good idea. It builds up your muscles. I think all grades should have about an hour of PE a day. I like the class."

Terry Korth, 2439 Gramercy Ave.: "I don't like sports so I'm not too enthusiastic about the class. It's good to have PE because you can't go through the whole day just sitting in a chair."

Rodney Clarke, 1820 Marinette: "The class itself is ok but it's the gym coaches that make it miserable. They grade too hard for minor incidents. I'm interested in art and would rather take an art course instead but I would not want to see PE classes done away with."

Dean Takes Leave
Dr. John Grasham, now on sabbatical leave from his post as dean of instruction at Harbor College, is teaching at the University of Trieste, Italy, on a Fulbright scholarship.

Commission Asks Board To Buy Site

Acquisition of the Fox Hills Golf Course to be developed as a county park rather than a state college was urged in a report sent to the County Board of Supervisors Friday by the County Park and Recreation Commission. The report recommended that the supervisors explore all possible

New Plant Announced Near Here

Stauffer Chemical Co. has completed plans to build a chlorinated solvents plant near Torrance. This plant, costing several million dollars, will be added to the company's Dominguez industrial chemical operations. Engineering work is now under way and initial construction is scheduled for May.

The new plant is expected to be on stream early next year. Present plans call for the new plant to manufacture two chlorinated solvents: carbon tetrachloride and perchlorethylene. Although both compounds have a number of significant uses, market demand for these chemicals is currently being stimulated by the steady growth of the aerosol products and drycleaning industries on the Pacific Coast. (Carbon tetrachloride is a raw material used in the manufacture of aerosol propellants; perchlorethylene is the solvent of choice for both professional and coin operated—do-it-yourself—drycleaning installations.)

Board Authorizes 212th Street Work

Portions of 212th Street will be improved, with the construction of walks, driveways and necessary appurtenant work, under an assessment proceeding authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

Safety Council Told

Safe Driving Campaign An Unending Necessity

Nearly 100 persons interested in traffic safety on our streets and highways attended a luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Traffic Safety Council which was held in Torrance Wednesday. Theme for the meeting was "Community Vehicle Safety Check."

Newton L. McLaughlin, secretary of New Car Dealers Assn. of Long Beach and a member of the Long Beach Traffic Safety Council, told the audience that safety in driving must be constantly kept before the public in order to be effective. He commended the Torrance Safety Council on their efforts and success in doing so, and said he had been hearing quite a lot of favorable things about their past and future plans for Torrance.

Officer Dan Hartell, associate member of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, gave a brief resume of the Community Vehicle Safety Check to be held in Torrance on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at three locations, one of which will be located on the new Civic Center, and one at Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards on the Bank of America parking lot.

This 10-point safety check will be given free to any motorist who will voluntarily bring their car or truck into the safety lanes, set up and clearly marked in the three locations.

THIS WILL BE sponsored by the Torrance Traffic Safety Council with the three Lions



JUNIOR WEATHERMEN . . . Students at Carl Steele School let about 75 balloons loose this week as part of a science class project to study air currents. The balloons, filled with helium, had self addressed stamped postal cards attached asking the finder to fill in the card, telling where he found the balloon and when and drop the card in the mail.

School Candidates Slate Three More Public Forums

Candidates for the board of education in the April 16 balloting will appear in three joint meetings this week as they make their final rounds in their drives for voter approval.

Each of the eight candidates has been invited to appear Monday evening at 8 in the Torrance High School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Torrance Education Assn. Judge Donald Armstrong of the South Bay Municipal Court will moderate.

Each candidate will be given a specified period of time to present his platform, and will

then be asked to participate in a question and answer session.

TUESDAY EVENING, the candidates have been invited

Wednesday Is 'D-Day' For Taxes

Harold J. Ostly, county tax collector, stated that Los Angeles County property owners can save approximately \$1,500,000 by paying their taxes on time.

"To avoid the payment of penalties you should mail your payment early to assure a postmark prior to April 10," he said.

Payments postmarked after April 10 will be returned to the taxpayer and will require additional payment of 6 per cent penalty, in accordance with State Law.

Additional amounts can be saved by paying the taxes prior to the delinquency date. For every parcel of property that is delinquent, there is a \$3 cost added to pay for the cost of preparing the delinquent roll and list which is in addition to the 6 per cent delinquency penalty. This cost was increased from \$1 to \$3 this year by State Law.

to appear at the Newton School cafeteria under the sponsorship of the Ellinwood Homeowners' Assn. at 7:30. Lawrence Peffer, vice president of the group, will moderate the discussions.

Also speaking Tuesday will be Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, who will outline the duties of board members, and Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent, who will discuss the proposed \$8 million bond issue.

THURSDAY evening, the candidates have been invited to appear at the Victor School cafeteria under the auspices of the All-America Young Republican Club.

Adult Trial Sought for Young Pair

Petitions to have two 17-year-old youths tried as adults probably will be requested this week following a terror-filled four-hour ordeal reported to police by a 26-year-old Palos Verdes housewife. Torrance officers said they would recommend that the youths now under arrest here be tried

as adults on a series of charges which include kidnapping, rape, car theft, armed robbery, and perversion.

Arrested in a Gardena apartment early Friday were Ronald Noday, 15129 New Hampshire Ave., Gardena, and William Bernard McSherry, who gave his address as Oxnard. Both now are in Torrance jail, and reportedly have confessed to the Thursday afternoon abduction of the Palos Verdes woman and her 21-month-old son from a Torrance shopping center parking lot.

OFFICERS report also that the pair have admitted kidnapping a Redondo Beach woman from a parking lot in that city Tuesday under similar circumstances. The woman escaped without harm at a service station near Torrance.

Torrance detective and juvenile officers were told the two youths forced their way into the victim's car in midafternoon near Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard. One of the youths simulated a gun and told the victim he would kill the baby if she resisted.

The woman told officers she was driven to a vacant lot in the Gardena area where one of (Continued on Page 3)

Second Man Victim of Explosion

A March 22 explosion at Harvey Aluminum Co. here has claimed its second victim in the death Thursday afternoon of David G. Runyan, 26, of 1103 Joel St.

The first victim, Ernest Puga, 26, Gardena, died four days after the mysterious blast.

Runyan had been hospitalized with burns over most of his body. His body was taken to McMillan Mortuary, Gardena, where funeral arrangements will be completed.

Cause of the blast has not been explained, but it was reported that an Army-type phosphorous bomb exploded.

Journalism Award

Van Barbieri, Harbor College sports editor, won second place in the sports columns competition at the recent Journalism Assn. of Junior Colleges meeting at Disneyland.

Vincent Thomas to Head Legislative Audit Group

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, D-San Pedro, dean of the state assembly, has been elected chairman of the joint legislative audit committee.

Thomas's election as head of the two-house committee which investigates state operations came as no surprise. The chairmanship traditionally is held by an assemblyman and Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D-Inglewood, had recommended Thomas's appointment. The audit committee is assigned by law the duty of

aiding the legislature in overseeing operations of the executive branch of government. It directs the work of the office of the auditor general which performs independent audits of state agencies.

Thomas has been vice chairman of the assembly fish and game committee for many years and, at one time, was Democratic floor leader in the lower house. He has served longer in the assembly than any other member, having been elected first in 1940.



NEWCOMERS . . . Triplet daughters were born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chirrick of 23730 Pennsylvania Ave. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The Chirricks have two other children, Tammie, who will be 3 in July, and Marty 1½. Chirrick is a carpenter. Mrs. Chirrick left the hospital yesterday but the identical triplets, still unnamed as of Friday, were expected to remain in the hospital about a month. (Herald Photo)

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