

**Gaily To Speak At Breakfast Tues.**

Robert Gailey, from the Long Beach Better Business Bureau, will be the guest speaker at the next community breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast will be held at the YWCA building, February 15.

Reservations must be made at the Chamber no later than noon, February 14, it was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Hodas, of 1626 W. 214th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Jean, weighing 9 pounds and 13 ounces.

**Jack McNeil Receives Top Catholic Scouting Award**

Eagle Scout Jack McNeil of Post 219x, sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, was one of 149 Boy Scouts to receive the Ad Altare Dei Cross Award. The award is the highest in Catholic scouting, and Jack was the only Scout from Torrance to receive the award.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil of 2475-D Torrance boulevard, Jack received the award Sunday, February 6, at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in Los Angeles. In observance of National Scout Sunday, his Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre personally made the presentations of the 149 awards.

**40 Troops Represented**  
The 149 Scouts represented 40 troops in all sections of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. According to the secretary of the Archdiocesan Committee on Scouting, over 6,000 applications were filed, and a record number of 149 passed the final examination.

Over 100 swingshifters from the Torrance Douglas plant went out to the Tor Roller Drome for a skating session recently.

**TAKE STEPS TO SURFACE ANZA AVE.**

Surfacing of Anza ave. near Sepulveda will probably start in about 45 days, Ronald Bishop, city engineer stated this week.

Because a sewer line must be laid down Anza ave., the city is hoping that the builder, the Milton Kaufmann co., will lay the line immediately while the paving job goes out to bid.

In case the builder decides to wait till the tract to be serviced by the sewer line is completed, Bishop stated, the city will probably go ahead anyway with the surfacing.

Bishop stated that plans are being drawn up now to let the widening and surfacing of Anza avenue out to bid within the next few days.

The sewer being channeled down the center of Anza avenue is an underground rather than open drain, Bishop said. Then central strip will be planted later.



**DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY...** Tom Stewart, 18, (left) and Boy Wyatt, 15, both of Torrance, are typical of the teenagers coming to local employment agencies looking for work. The trouble is, there are more youngsters looking

for jobs than there are jobs available. A number of individuals are presently hard at work organizing a Job for Juniors program which would create jobs for these youngsters.

**World-Renowned Soprano To Appear Here Feb. 21**

By JAMES VAN DYCK, Youth Band Director  
One of the fastest rising stars among sopranos today is the brilliant Leontyne Price, who will appear in Torrance on Monday night, February 21, in joint concert with the Torrance Area Youth Band under the sponsorship of the Youth Band-Artists Concerts association.

Perhaps the one event that helped more than any others to focus international attention on Miss Price was her stunning singing and dramatic acting as Bess in the recent, highly successful revival of the Gershwin-Heyward opera "Porgy and Bess."

Touring Europe and America from June 1952 to June 1954, the production was lauded everywhere for its good fortune in having such a magnificent soprano and gifted actress.

**Background**  
The background and training of this exceptional artist prior to her appearance in "Porgy and Bess" indicate the great talent and serious purpose of Leontyne Price in making the most of her unusual gifts.

She is a native of Laurel, Mississippi. After she had completed her high school education and had become quite proficient as a pianist, her parents sent her to Wilberforce College in Ohio. She planned to train as a teacher.

But, shortly after she joined

the college glee club. It became apparent that Miss Price had a rare, natural voice and an extraordinary singing capacity.

Following graduation, her enthusiasm and determination to sing, along with her marked ability, won her a scholarship for advanced study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

During the next three years, her living expenses were borne by a prominent lady from her home town, a banker's wife and a musician herself.

**Impressed**  
Her crystal-clear singing so impressed Virgil Thomson that he engaged her for an important role in the revival of his opera, "Four Saints in Three Acts," which then played in New York during the spring of 1952.

Following this role she was immediately signed for the part of "Bess" in the revival of "Porgy and Bess."

**Little Tony Sciarrotta Gets Sister**

Little 15-month-old Tony Sciarrotta didn't pay much attention to what was going on early yesterday morning around 4 a.m., but despite his indifference, he became a brother.

The object of his eventual affections is a little sister, Robin Marie, who was born to Tony's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sciarrotta Jr., of 1824 Arlington avenue.

The baby weighed a healthy 8 pounds, 2 ounces during the weighing-in ceremonies.

Others who were made happy by the arrival include paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., of 21017 Madrona avenue, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Mondor, 26240 Governor street, Harbor City.

**2 To Attend Recreation Conference**

Mrs. Herma Tillim of the Torrance recreation commission will attend the seventh annual California recreation conference in Santa Cruz from February 13 through 16.

A record breaking attendance of over 1400 delegates from California and other western states will actively participate in the conference this year with the theme centering around "The Major Problems in Recreation Facing Our People Today."

Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem will be at the conference on Monday to act as a panelist on the recreation administration's workshop.

Van Bellehem worked with George Hjelte, general manager of the Los Angeles city recreation and parks department to set up the administrator's workshop for this year's conference

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Bonnie's will specialize in merchants' luncheons and family dinners and will be open every day except Sundays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., it was announced.

Operator of the restaurant is Mrs. Bonnie Boughn who has been in the restaurant business locally for a number of years.

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