

EDITORIAL

We Recommend a 'Yes' Vote for Stevenson - Kefauver

Torrance has come a long way in a short time. Its future looks equally bright.

Industries and small business firms have been multiplying steadily.

A large majority of Torrance's 82,000 residents are the owners of or are employed by these small business firms or work in the local industries.

Because we firmly believe that the Democratic party represents the best interests of small business and the large middle class we are herewith offering our endorsements which we recommend to voters within the Torrance area.

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Yeggs Lose Eggs!

SUPERMARKET BURGLARY FOILED

A burglary alarm which didn't work was largely responsible in foiling a big-time burglary operation at a local supermarket and lead to the arrest of two suspects.

Safe crackers had marked Foods company market, at 174th st. and Crenshaw blvd., for their target during the early Saturday morning hours.

One of the suspects concealed himself in the market Friday. After closing time, he went to work neutralizing the burglar alarm system and then let his accomplice in, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance, Police Department.

Ironically enough, the burglar alarm system had gone on the blink that day and market officials had contacted the burglar alarm firm to come and fix the system.

Repairmen picked three o'clock in the morning to fix the system, arriving just in time to hear a crash and see two men running through the store.

"Stop! I have a .38 Luger here and I'll blow your head off!" one of the repairmen yelled.

One of the suspects threw his hands up, but his partner, seeing that the repairman was bluffing, ordered his buddy to take his hands down and start running—which both did.

Police, who were called to the scene, located a car containing a bank currency bag and \$500 in cash. The motor was still warm but no suspects were in sight.

Driver of the other car was arrested a few blocks away by Officers Bill Winther and Dick Shumert.

Booked on suspicion of burglary were John C. Cardillo, 31, of New York, and Armond Salcido, 25, of 20117 Burin street, Torrance.

Police found an acetylene tank, oxygen tank and three bags of tools at the scene. Burglars had already burned one hole into the heavy steel safe and were working on the second hole when they were surprised by the repairmen.

Consequently they only got away with \$1189, most of which was recovered. They had stacked other money in a wire grocery basket which they abandoned in their excitement.



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'DEAR MAYOR: I LIKE TORRANCE BECAUSE..'

Local school kids think Torrance is the greatest—and they're saying so. About 15,000 letters being written by local school children will be echoing this sentiment.

The letter campaign, which has the blessings of School Superintendent J. H. Hull, is intended as ammunition for Mayor Albert Isen when he makes his pitch next month for getting the "All America Cities" award for Torrance.



Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and his secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Folk, look over some letters written by local school children to boost Torrance's chances for the "All America Cities" award.

The mayor will present the city's case before a panel of judges selected by the National Municipal League and Look magazine, sponsors of the contest.

Torrance has emerged as one of 22 finalists from among 164 cities throughout the nation. A total of 11 cities will be chosen for top honors from among the 22 finalists.

When the announcement was made last week, the Junior Chamber of Commerce launched a letter writing contest in order to provide the mayor with testimonials from the whole community which he will take with him to impress the judges.

The contest ends at midnight tonight. There will be two divisions, one for adults, the other for students (grade school through and including high school), according to Douglas J. Horlander, contest chairman.

Prizes In addition to merchandise prizes which will still be determined and which will be donated by local merchants, the Junior Chamber is giving each winner on each grade level \$10.

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Students Pay Tribute to Grid Star Killed in Crash

Sudden, accidental death cut off the promising career of a young star who was rising into view on the local high school athletic scene.

Hundreds of fellow students paid final tribute Tuesday to Harold Allen Bledsoe, 16, all-around athlete and captain of the North high school football team, who died in an auto crash Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints, in Torrance. Torrance motorcycle officers escorted the funeral procession to Roosevelt park cemetery.

Killed in Crash Bledsoe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bledsoe, of 3637 W. 180th pl., was killed when his car apparently went out of control on Yukon near 177th st., ramming head-on into a pole. Skidmarks indicated that he was trying to avoid hitting a raising in the roadway.

Two companions, Thomas Koehn, 16, of 17110 Ardath ave., and John H. Swortfiger, 15, of 3617 W. 182nd st., were not injured critically. They are guards on the school football team.

Bledsoe, a member of a police-supervised car club, and his companions were on their way home before going out on a Saturday night date.

The accident occurred about two blocks from Bledsoe's home. His parents, who were away on a hunting trip, did not know about the accident until returning Sunday night.

Coach Praises Youth "Harold was the first junior that's ever been captain of a team here," Coach Cliff Graybehl stated. "He was the heart and soul of the team. He was a real leader and he took athletics seriously. It looked like

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Crossing Guard Named 'Good Neighbor Of 1956'

Over 1,000 people attended the Annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast last Saturday, and honored Verda Hansen as the 1956 Torrance Good Neighbor.

Mrs. Hansen has been a continuous resident of Torrance since 1921, and has endeared herself to the entire community through her selfless service to the youth of Torrance as a crossing guard at Plaza Del Amo and Arlington ave., officials indicated.

Mrs. Hansen has long been known to give loving attention to the hundreds of children entrusted to her protection every day, the nominating letter stated. Many tell of her kindnesses to them when she hears of special needs.

Four other women were nominated, and were also honored at the YMCA breakfast. Those receiving orchids were: Eloise Enger, Cathryn Chisholm, Olga Brown, and Virginia Stoddard.

Gil Derouin and Bill Speck, co-chairmen of the breakfast, report a complete success of the annual benefit.



Mrs. Roosevelt to Appear Here Friday

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will appear in Torrance Friday evening, November 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A reception and dinner will be held in her honor at the American Legion hall, 1109 Border ave.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be campaigning for the election of Adlai E. Stevenson and Estes Kefauver. The dinner is being sponsored by the All-American Committee of the Stevenson-Kefauver Campaign committee.

Tickets to the event may be obtained by calling Mrs. Ella Schwartz (at Levy's department store.) The event is scheduled to start promptly at 5:30 and end promptly at 7 p.m. because of Mrs. Roosevelt's other commitments and because of another dinner for city officials honoring them and the city's 35th anniversary.

This dinner will be held at 8 p.m. at the Palos Verdes Country club.

NEWS BRIEFS

ADULT BASKETBALL: Adult basketball will start at the high schools November 6 and will be played Tuesday nights from 7:30 p.m. until the end of the year, according to the Recreation department.

VETERANS: Disabled American Veterans will be selling forget-me-nots for their annual fund-raising project November 7-10.

OFF-STREET PARKING: A special council meeting has been called for Friday, November 2, 9 a.m. to hear a full report on the parking situation in downtown Torrance to be presented by Ralph Dorsey, noted traffic consultant, who has been hired to make this study, it was reported.

BABY INJURED: First aid was administered to Marty Farrier, 2, 4239 Seventeenth street, by local firemen when his left hand was nearly amputated after putting it in a meat grinder this week. According to the attending physician, the child's third and fourth fingers were mashed and almost severed. However, the doctor said he thought the fingers would mend, but indicated it would take a while because of the serious nature of the injury.

OIL OPERATOR DIES: Funeral services for Kenneth (Continued on Page 24)

Freezer Ad Is Really Hot Stuff

Torrance Press classified ads are the hottest things in town. Just ask Mrs. P. DeLacruz of 23211 South Western avenue, who had a deep freeze for sale.

She placed the following ad in the Torrance Press:

"I sold the freezer the first day," Mrs. DeLacruz explained delightedly. "I was just flooded with calls."

You gain so much for so little when you use the Torrance Press classified section.

Call FA. 8-2345 and place your classified ad. It's only \$1.30 for 15 words. If you come into the office and pay for it before the date of publication you earn a 30-cent cash discount.



Be Sure and Vote Tuesday, November 6