

# PENINSULA STEPS UP FIGHT ON COLLEGE

## Cars Get Bumped Off



**DANGER SPOT** at Hawthorne and Emerald is illustrated by Arthur Buckington of 4717 Maricopa for PRESS photographer. Thirteen-inch ditch in road caused Buckington's son, Mark,

5, to bump head against window of car last night, producing gash, although car was only going 2 or 3mph. Our photographer, Mitch Major, also had mishap at some spot.

## Policemen Face Trial On Charges

Torrance police officers charged with recent crimes are nearer actual trial dates today.

Roger Jacobson, 25 and Roger Keith, 26, accused of a \$1,700 holdup last month outside a Los Angeles bank night deposit slot, will appear to answer grand theft charges next Thursday, Aug. 22, in Inglewood.

Ralph E. Walker, 39, ex-sergeant on the Torrance force, will be arraigned Aug. 26 in Inglewood Superior Court on a burglary charge. He was dismissed from the force after 13 years of service when he was accused of burglarizing a doctor's office in Torrance.

Jacobson, Keith and Walker are free on bail.

Meanwhile, the district attorney's investigation of the Torrance police department is continuing apace. Manley J. Bowler, chief deputy district attorney, told The Press he expects to make a report in the near future. He would not comment at this time on what the report would reveal.



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## PLAY'S THE THING, SAY YOUNG THESPIANS

Two youth-drama productions of the Torrance recreation department will be presented to the public tonight and tomorrow.

"Once Behind A Lawnmower," an original story written by 10-year-old Mark Spero and adapted into a one-act play, will be presented by youthful dance-drama students in public performances at the Torrance Recreation Center tonight at 8 p.m.

The production will involve the participation of approximately 75 youngsters, from six to 15 years of age, who have been active in stage-craft, modern dance, and crafts classes sponsored this summer by the Torrance Recreation Department.

### Cast Listed

Principals of the cast include: Alice, Teresa Crimmins (age 9); Prince, John Breglio (age 9); Witch, Betty Kaufman (age 10); Sword, Nathan Spero (age 12); Frog, Kevin Callahan (age 7); Narrator, Mark Spero (age 10); Alice Frog, Paula Jane Selleck (age 8); and Flower, Ann Druwitt (age 6).

Completing the cast will be approximately 50 young dancers representing Mushrooms, Butterflies, Trolls, Yami Agres, and other Little People.

While the children of the Dance-Drama program provide the story, the cast, and even construction of props and setting for the production, they receive expert help from able recreation personnel.

Joan Maguire, who adapted the original story into drama form, also directs the script and staging. Erika Muhl, leader of the Arts and Crafts Center, where the production is taking form, is heading the creation of costumes, props, and scenery.

Dance instructors Dawn Steadman and Kay Turney are providing leadership on the choreography and rehearsals.

Doubling as assistant director and stage manager is Jeff Kirst, age 14.

Admission to the performances will be free.

**Sequel to "Wizard"**

"Ozma of Oz," a sequel to

"The Wizard of Oz" will be performed tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Recreation Center, Torrance Boulevard at Madrona.

A large cast of 25 students of eight to 14 years will be featured, including Olivia Frangias, Victoria Martin, Deborah Wiggle, Diane Ford, Debby Hetmaker, Greg Heutmaker, Belinda Boulter, Marna Levin, Elise Chylak, Therese Moe, Suzanne Edner, Arno Edner, Don Burton and Mary Pat Kassenick.

A very small donation will be asked for admission.

Two one-act plays, Gloria Mundi and "This Way to Heaven," featuring high school actors, were presented Monday. The first featured five advanced-drama members, Barbara Bingham, Val Shidler, Sandy Bellevue, Art Barras and Ellen Cogen. The second cast four beginning-drama students, Virginia Lahey, Carol Goodfriend, Arnold Edner and Don Burton.

## Final Casting Slated for Play

Final casting for the forthcoming Gardena Valley Playmaker production of Emyln Williams "Night Must Fall," will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Community Center, 1615 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

The drama is scheduled for production in mid-October according to officers of the theatrical group. The cast carries five women and three men.

Further information can be obtained from the organization president, Mrs. Evelyn Krause, FA 1-3531. Anyone interested in any aspect of theatre work is urged to attend this final casting session before rehearsals for the play begin.

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## PALOS VERDES ESTATES RIPS SITE SELECTION

New support was added today to the drive to move the proposed area state college off the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

As the state board of public works inspected the Hawthorne Boulevard-Crest-Road site prior to its meeting and hearing in Los Angeles this afternoon, it was informed that Palos Verdes Estates city council — formerly in favor of the Peninsula as the college's location — had taken an official stand as "unalterably opposed" to putting the college — now labeled "California State College At Palos Verdes" on the Peninsula.

### 'Very Bad Move'

Mayor H. F. B. Roessler declared "I believe it would be a very bad move to have the college on the Peninsula."

The PVE council said "We oppose the college unless trustees can show a satisfactory solution to the increase traffic problem, which can be logically expected to result." The council also opposed taking of research zone land for the college, the same grounds on which Rolling Hills Estates has joined the ranks of those fighting the proposed Peninsula location.

Roessler said state officials "say they will take as little as possible, but they mean all of it."

With Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District all lined up

in opposition, the only proponents left are the college trustees (and not all of them), the Palos Verdes News, and some elements of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce.

### Harmony Lacking

Thus, one of the trustees' own major points for acceptance of the state college site — harmonious community relations — appears to have flown out the window.

On the other major criteria — traffic, access, utilities, public services, and land costs, critics have stated all along none of these could satisfactorily be met.

And thus momentum for the proposed Torrance site — centrally located, at moderate cost, with services and community acceptance assured — appears to be picking up.

This afternoon's hearing will not produce an immediate decision. The public works board will hear a Torrance committee's presentation and other evidence, including that of Peninsula spokesmen, then will consider its action.

It can only accept or reject the trustee's recommendation of the Peninsula site. Should it reject the site, Torrance will become the clear-cut front runner for the college.

## 400 BACK MOVE TO 'CITYFY' CARSON

Nearly 400 signatures have been obtained to date by the committee seeking to incorporate Carson, R. V. Keith, chairman, said today.

The group needs 1,000 signatures to obtain an order for a special election. About 95 per cent of those contacted are signing the petitions to the board of supervisors, Keith said.

He expects to have the 1,000 signatures within 10 days.

## Truck Driver Plea: Innocent

William Joseph Brunner, 38, 250-pound Torrance truck driver, pleaded not guilty last week to attacking a 14-year-old girl in Signal Hill.

He faces trial Sept. 17 on kidnap and assault charges. Brunner, of 2217 W. Sepulveda Blvd., has apparently been cleared by Torrance police of implication in the Dorothy Brown and Karen Tompkins cases in this area.

### Men (and Women)

#### —Eat Lunch at Y

For the business and employed women (men are welcome too) who are tired of a sack lunch or eating at the "same old place," the Torrance YWCA is offering a salade luncheon Tuesday at the YMCA, 2320 W. Carson St.

Lunch will be served continuously from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a donation of 75 cents you can have an assortment of several kinds of salads, hot rolls, butter and all the coffee you wish.

Come, bring your friends and enjoy a good lunch in our cool auditorium or out on the paved patio, if you wish. No reservations necessary.

## A Hike to Adventure



**PORING OVER MAP** as they recall trip through primitive back woods on Nevada mountainside are, from left, Don Neubauer, Nick Nicolle, and Bob Lott, Torrance Explorer Scouts. The

boys recently returned from a 70-mile hike across Ruby Mountain, where they were guests of an Explorer post from Elko, Nevada.

—PRESS photo



**EXAMINING NECKERCHIEF SLIDE** made from a deer carcass found on a primitive trail on a Nevada mountainside during a 70-mile hike are, from left, Bob Lott, Nick Nicolle, and Don

Neubauer. The boys joined a rescue squad Explorer post from Elko, Nev., for the trip. Accompanying them was Frank Ford, advisor to Explorer Post 761.

—PRESS photo

## 70 MILES ON FOOT IN MOUNTAINS

By RONNIE SAUNDERS

A letter from an enterprising scout adviser resulted in an adventurous pack trip through primitive Nevada mountain country for three Torrance boys recently.

As a result of arrangements made with an Elko, Nevada post by Frank Ford, advisor to Explorer Post 761, Nick Nicolle, Don Neubauer, and Robert Lott of Troop 732X, explored 70 miles of trail in the Ruby Mountains early this month.

Food and bedrolls were transported by horse and mule, supplementing the

packs the boys carried on their backs.

The explorers joined forces with the Nevada scouts for their second day out after spending the night at Stead Air Force Base, Reno. In Elko they were house guests of families of three Elko Explorer Scouts.

The host group was an Explorer post which had specialized in rescue squad operations, trained to put out forest fires and rescue persons lost in the mountains.

Although there were no rescues arising in the course of the hike, the boys found diversion from hiking

at Oberlin and Favre, where they fished for brook trout.

On the final day of the trip, which took place for the most part above the 10,000 foot level, mothers of the Elko Scouts entertained the boys at a picnic at Harrison Pass.

Other areas they passed through included Lamolite, Liberty, Castle, Furlong and Overland Lakes.

Torrance Explorers are currently formulating plans for a reciprocal visit from the Nevada post to take place either during the Christmas holidays or next summer.