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TARTAR ROYALTY . . . Miss Cheryl Barnett (at bottom of stairs) has been selected to reign as Homecoming Queen at Torrance High School. Her court (from left) includes Robin Bingham, Sharon Coffee, Ana Maria Bezerra, Kathy Lynch, and Judi Rynhart. The six girls will be honored at halftime ceremonies at next Friday's football game, then reign over a homecoming dance at the Torrance Recreation Center. (Press-Herald Photo)

Suspect Leads Police On High-Speed Chase

Traffic Hurts 2 In City

Two persons sustained minor injuries in separate traffic accidents here Friday, according to Torrance police.

Deborah Jean Lynch, 4, of 4561 Cadison St., was taken to a Hermosa Beach hospital by her mother after the girl was struck by a car in front of her home. Clyde C. Hartzell, 81, of 1005 Pruitt Drive, Redondo Beach, was identified as the driver of the car.

The Lynch girl apparently darted into the street in front of Hartzell's car. The accident occurred about 3 p.m.

William Ray Root, 22, of Long Beach, was taken to Gardena Emergency Hospital following a crash at 2:38 p.m. Root sustained a laceration on his head.

Police said the Root vehicle, southbound on Wilkie Avenue, was struck by a car driven by Maughn Behunin, 24, of Lakewood. Behunin was westbound on 170th Street. The Root car skidded into a utility pole and a parked car after it was struck.

Investigating officers blamed the accident on excessive speed and recommended Behunin be cited.

Meeting Slated By Gem Society

The regular monthly meeting of the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society will be held Tuesday in the senior citizens room of the Anderson Memorial Building, 828 S. Mesa, San Pedro.

The evening's program will include a business meeting, showing of slides by members of the club project, and construction of a plastic table.



OLD FIRE ALARM . . . Fire Chief J. J. Benner (standing) and Mayor Albert Isen point out the alarm once used to summon Torrance volunteer firemen to Linda Scarborough, Vincent Masulaitis, and Debbie Lewis during a tour of the city. Mayor Isen accompanied Mrs. Joan Fuscoe's third-grade class on a tour of the city's historic places Friday. The Torrance Elementary class has been studying the history of Torrance. The fire alarm, now embedded in stone at the city's main fire station, could be heard throughout the town when it was used by volunteer firemen. (Press-Herald Photo)

Driver Caught, Jailed

Police booked a 21-year-old man on suspicion of possession of marijuana and dangerous drugs and reckless driving early Saturday following a high-speed chase that ended in a collision.

Theodore Edward Curtis, who gave no permanent address, was taken into custody after a Torrance police car collided with the Curtis vehicle at 15223 Raymond St., Gardena. The collision ended a chase which involved three Torrance police cars and several Gardena police units.

OFFICERS discovered a brown paper bag containing a "green leafy substance" believed to be marijuana and 12 pills in the car. Police also said Curtis' description matched that of a suspect involved in the theft of gasoline just prior to the start of the 30-minute chase.

Officers J. P. Lembke and R. Bryning said they first observed Curtis at Carson Street and Western Avenue. They attempted to stop the vehicle for loud mufflers when Curtis ran a signal at 220th Street and Western Avenue and accelerated to about 60 miles per hour.

THE TWO officers radioed the Torrance Police Department and issued a pursuit call, then gave chase to the fleeing vehicle.

Two other Torrance police cars and several Gardena police units joined the chase, which hit speeds of 90 miles per hour on several streets in the Los Angeles strip area.

Curtis was finally stopped on Raymond Street in Gardena when his car and a Torrance police car driven by Officers B. Parsons and R. O'Brien collided. Several times, officers said, Curtis drove on the wrong side of the road in an attempt to force police cars off the roadway.

Curtis was booked at the Torrance Police Department at 1:45 a.m. (Continued on page A-3)

Salary Hike, Trash Top Council Agenda

Torrance Councilmen will take up salary and rubbish problems Tuesday during a 5 p.m. pre-Council meeting.

The salary problem—their own — involves a possible charter amendment to be submitted to the voters next

Three Firms Burglarized

Three Rolling Hills Plaza business firms were burglarized Thursday evening or Friday morning of several business machines and more than \$750 cash.

Torrance police said the burglar used a half-inch pry bar to gain entrance to the three firms, located at 2515, 2519, and 2521 Pacific Coast Hwy.

An adding machine, typewriter, several pairs of clipper, and aquarium pumps were taken from a pet shop, along with \$600 in cash. The burglar also took \$55 in cash from a shoe repair shop and \$107 in cash from a hair styling salon. Ron Harrahill, 27, part owner of the three firms, listed the total loss at \$1,309.

April. It was the reason for an hour-long discussion last week prior to the regular council meeting.

At that time, councilmen heard several community organizations endorse the idea of a pay hike, while several other organizations endorsed the idea of a vote by the city's residents on the issue. No formal action was taken at that session.

TUESDAY'S discussion is expected to revolve around the question of submitting a charter amendment and the specific amount to be asked by the city fathers.

The rubbish issue cropped up several weeks ago when some councilmen took issue

with new requirements for trash containers. Specifically, some councilmen oppose the stiff requirements for tapered barrels and lids.

The new requirements were developed to eliminate on-the-job injuries and to improve trash crew efficiency, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. If the new requirements are approved, they will not become effective for a year, giving homeowners time to replace worn out containers rather than buying new ones at this time.

Councilmen will take up the regular agenda items at 5:30 p.m.

Concert Slated For Next Sunday

Pianist Robert DeSimone will be guest soloist when the Torrance-South Bay Civic Symphony presents a Beethoven concert at the Redondo Beach Union High School auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21. Maestro Elyse Aehle will conduct the orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony as a feature of the program.

Man Shot By Guard In Doctor's Office

A 20-year-old burglary suspect was shot by a private guard early Friday morning after he entered a doctor's office at 23619 Arlington Ave.

The suspect, Thomas Orville Mullen of 15528 Vermont Ave., Gardena, was taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering a gunshot wound in the chest.

The security guard, Thomas LoCastro, 55, told Torrance police he shot Mullen after firing a warning shot into the floor. The youth attempted to flee, LoCastro

said, and he fired a second shot.

LoCastro told police the youth was taking drugs from a cabinet when he was discovered. Mullen apparently used a butcher knife to pry open a rear door and gain entrance to the office.

Mullen was taken into custody by a Los Angeles Sheriff's unit on 235th Street near Arlington Avenue. Mullen fled the building when LoCastro left to call police.

The incident occurred at 4:20 a.m. Friday. Police booked Mullen at 2 p.m. Friday on suspicion of burglary.



VETERAN'S DAY TRIO . . . Actor Ronald Reagan (center) shakes hands with Dr. Herschel Kopp, president of the Riviera Rotary Club, during Thursday's special Veterans' Day program by the club. At the left is Bryan Hardwick, a member of the South Bay Veterans' Committee, who introduced Reagan as the day's principal speaker. (Press-Herald Photo)

300 Hear Reagan Praise U. S. on Veterans' Day

"If all wars were proved to be frame-ups, you couldn't take away from the men who were called on to fight in those wars," actor Ronald Reagan told a Veterans' Day audience of 300 at the Riviera Rotary Club meeting Thursday.

"And in all reality, we are

now in a war," he said. It's a war between communism and capitalism, he explained. Reagan praised the capitalistic system under which we live, saying the wealth of the United States was distributed more widely among its citizens than under any form of government the world has known.

"Poverty here is a scarcity of luxuries," he said.

HE WAS critical of the reapportionment forced on states by the U. S. Supreme Court, declaring that the ruling is giving rise to mobocracy and threatens an end to our republic.

The ruling has promulgated the idea that "fifty per cent plus one" can do anything they want.

The difference between the United States and Russian constitutions, Reagan said, is that the Russian government grants rights to its citizens.

"IN THE United States, Reagan said, "you're born with those rights and no government can take them away."

The government's only excuse for being, he said, is to see that no outside force can intrude on the rights of an individual.

The rise of demonstrations against our policies in Viet Nam is evidence of our failure to understand and heed the spirit of our constitution.

Our government's policy in Viet Nam, once made, should receive the support of all Americans, he said.

"TO DO LESS lends comfort to our enemy," according to Reagan. Rated a leading contender

for the GOP nomination as governor, Reagan sidestepped the matter of his candidacy, saying he had done a lot of soul searching since November, but that he wanted "to assure myself that I could represent the party."

He has been making tours throughout California and will probably make up his mind early next year, he said.

"If I am a candidate, I'll not say a bad thing about other Republicans and I'll support them." (Continued on page A-3)

Childrens' Zoo Proposal . . .

Mayor Albert Isen yesterday added his official stamp of approval on the efforts of El Camino's student body to hatch an ostrich egg in time for this weekend's homecoming, and had an additional suggestion for the students. In a telegram to Susan Anderson, who has been heading up the project, Mayor Isen suggested that the ostrich, if and when hatched, become the first donation to the proposed Torrance Childrens' Zoo.

Torrance Coed Crowned . . .

Twenty-two-year-old Marsha Frost, a North High grad and ex-El Camino student, has been crowned Homecoming Queen at Cal State Long Beach and was to reign over festivities over the weekend, including last night's Homecoming game against Cal State Los Angeles. Miss Frost, who lives at 16604 Ermanita Ave., is a senior sociology major at the Long Beach college and a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Trustees Meet at North . . .

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene at North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St., tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. for their regular meeting. The session will be held in the school cafeteria. A film on ITA, the Initial Teaching Alphabet, will be shown at the beginning of the meeting. The 15-minute film depicts a new 40-character alphabet used to teach reading. Agendas for the regular school board meeting may be examined at any of the five Torrance libraries.