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A NEW RECORD . . . Members of the Youth for Christ chapter at South High School, an off-campus fellowship group which meets before school, captured the bathtub stuffing record Friday afternoon when they packed 43 students into old-fashioned bathtub. The old record of 40 was held by a San Diego high school. Below, an organizer calls for the contest to begin. The 43rd person climbs on top of the stack in the top photo. (Press-Herald Photos)

4-Year-Old on Trike Killed Near His Home

Board Members Could Request Salary Measure

Torrance school board members legally may be paid for their jobs, provided the city's voters give their approval first.

That was the ruling this week of County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy, who ruled school board members may receive pay if the voters approve an amendment to the city charter authorizing such payments.

Kennedy's ruling was sought by the Torrance Schools in response to a suggestion by Bert M. Lynn that trustees might be paid a



HONORED . . . Los Angeles Fire Department Captain Mike Lehr has been honored at a special retirement dinner by 100 members of the department. Lehr has completed 32 years of service with the department.

Follows Dad Into Street, Hit By Auto

A 4-year-old boy, trying to follow his father across the street near his home, was killed Friday morning when he was struck by a car.

Scott J. Skiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Skiver of 4710 Carson St., died about 10:30 at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

He was struck by a car driven by Joyce B. DeGasperi, 36, of 5020 Carmen St. Torrance police said the boy had ridden his tricycle into the street, apparently following his father, when the accident occurred. The tricycle was completely demolished and the car had to be raised in order to remove the tricycle.

THE OLDER Skiver told police he had been talking to his son on the curb, then started across the street. He said he did not see the car and did not know his son was following him until he heard the car screech.

Eight persons were injured in two other major traffic accidents Friday, police reported.

Six persons were taken to Harbor General Hospital after a three-car crash at Western Avenue and 208th Street. The accident occurred at 11:15 p.m.

INJURED were: Mark Massey, 22, of 1613 W. 209th St.; Ruben Ibarra, 30, of 20639 Vermont Ave.; Steen Hansen, 28, and his wife, Nancy, 22, of Venice; and Michael Kruse, 22, and his wife, Cheryl, 18, also of Venice.

Police said the Ibarra vehicle was slowing or had

Storm Costs Revealed . . . City employees worked a total of 2,347 overtime hours to meet emergencies as a result of the late November rain storms, a report to the City Council shows. Cost of the overtime work is estimated at \$11,441. Emergency equipment which was rented or purchased cost an additional \$2,221.66, the report shows. Finance Director William Dundore said the overtime expense caused by the storm is "in excess of that budgeted for the fiscal year" in some instances. No action is recommended at this time, Dundore said.

Torrance Soldier Dies . . . Army Pvt. John S. Hamlin, 18, of 21114 Mill-dred Ave., choked to death in his sleep at Ft. Polk, La., the Army announced Thursday. The youth, who was graduated from West High in June, was in his third day of basic training. Trainees in the barracks said young Hamlin awakened during the night and fell into a choking spasm. He was dead on arrival at the post hospital, despite attempts to revive him.

Bike Bandit Strikes . . . A little red bicycle was the get-away vehicle Thursday night as a bandit believed to be about 12 years of age fled the scene of a robbery in east Torrance. Sheriff's deputies put out a call for the bike-riding bandit after 17-year-old Danny York, an Inglewood Farms Dairy employee, said the lad came up to a truck parked at 205 E. Carson St., drew a revolver, and took a paper bag containing \$167. The victim said he first thought the boy was joking, but was quickly convinced the gun was real.

Three Named Eagles

Three Boy Scouts from South Torrance will receive the Eagle rank tonight in a Court of Honor at South High School. The ceremonies will begin at 7:30.

Rocky Anthony, John Asero, and Bill Bull have met all requirements for Scouting's highest award, Scoutmaster Tom Russell of Boy Scout Troop 997, said.

Sixty-one members of the troop and their parents are expected to attend the ceremonies.

Anthony, 14, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Anthony. He began his career in scouting in 1959. Asero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Natale R. Asero, also entered Scouting in 1959. He is 14 and was born in San Pedro.

Bull, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Bull, is a native son of Torrance, being born here in 1951. He first joined the Boy Scouts in 1960.

During the Court of Honor, senior patrol leader Steve Kofahl, who became an Eagle Scout last April, will receive the Bronze Eagle Palm.

City Essay Contest Awaits Council Nod

Plans for the Torrance Beautiful Commission's annual high school essay contest will be presented to City Councilmen Tuesday evening. Councilmen will convene at 5:30 at City Hall.

Councilmen will be asked to approve a broad policy statement providing for an annual essay contest. If approved, dates and themes for this year's contest will be selected by the Torrance Beautiful Commission at its next meeting.

Under terms of the commission's proposal, the contest would be open to all students at North, South, Torrance, West, and Bishop Montgomery High Schools. Awards would be given to first and second place winners at each school, with the sweepstakes award going to the best essay in the city-wide judging.

IN OTHER matters, the council will be asked to appoint a committee of its own members to meet with a Redondo Beach committee to discuss plans for a Riviera Village development program.

City Manager Edward J.

Ferraro said the city of Redondo Beach has employed Victor Gruen Associates to develop a master plan for the village area. More than 90 per cent of the area is within Redondo Beach, Ferraro said.

The committees will meet Dec. 8 and 14 to discuss a preliminary proposal which has the approval of most merchants in the area, Ferraro said.

Escapee Guilty Of Local Store Robbery, Kidnap

A 23-year-old escaped convict, convicted Friday of three counts of armed robbery and three counts of kidnapping, faces sentencing Tuesday in Superior Court.

Odell Clarence Haston faces prison terms of five years to life on each robbery conviction and possible life imprisonment on the kidnapping counts.

Haston was convicted of twice robbing the Torrance J. C. Penney store and the Lakewood May Co. store.

Although he admitted escaping from the state prison facility at Chino, Haston denied from the witness stand that he was one of two men who held up the three stores. The Lakewood robbery netted the bandits \$100,000, while the J. C. Penney Co. store here was robbed of more than \$70,000 in two holdups.

Haston's wife, whom he married after escaping from Chino State Prison Oct. 25, 1964, said her husband was with her during the time the holdups were committed. Employees of both stores identified Haston as one of the men involved in the three

Police Hold Lomita Man For Robbery

An 18-year-old Lomita youth was arrested Friday morning by Torrance Police on suspicion of armed robbery.

Donald Ray Victor Bittner of 25322 Feijoa St. was booked in connection with a strong-arm purse snatch which occurred Nov. 4 at a Torrance bowling alley.

Police said the robber got about \$148 from a waitress.

Television Taken from Clubhouse

Theft of a color television set from the New Horizons Clubhouse at 22727 Maple Ave. was reported to Torrance police early Saturday morning.

The burglarly occurred about 3:30 a.m. The television set was valued at \$600.

Registrars Man City's Libraries

Registration deadline for voters wishing to vote in the Feb. 8, 1966, school bond election is Dec. 16, according to Mrs. B. E. Belzer, voter services chairman of the Torrance League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Belzer said voters may register at any of the five Torrance libraries.

Deputy registrars will be on duty at each of the libraries each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. through Dec. 16.

\$357 Taken From School

Theft of \$357 in cash and checks from the Nativity School office at 2371 W. Carson St. was reported to Torrance Police Friday morning.

Sister Dennis told officers the thief apparently entered the school building through

Street Building Pace Continues

Highway construction activity in Los Angeles County continues at a record-breaking volume to keep pace with traffic requirements, Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace disclosed today.

Chace, chairman of the Supervisors' road committee, said the metropolitan area is dependent upon its traffic arteries to keep the area economy moving.

"We are faced with the disturbing problem," he said, of providing adequate streets and highways for the day not distant when we will have three vehicles on the street for every two we now have."

During November, for instance, there were 37 highway improvements in progress totaling \$8.7 million.

"THIS EXTENSIVE construction activity," Chace con-

tinued, "entails cooperation and joint effort of other public agencies—including Flood Control District, State Division of Highways, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, County Engineer, and incorporated cities in the county."

He said the extensive street program also creates a market for millions of dollars worth of materials, labor, and other related services to bolster the economy.

Among the major projects since July 1 are: \$349,000 for bridges on Studebaker Road in the Long Beach area, \$373,865 for highway project along Victoria Street in the Compton area, and \$505,030 for improvement of 223rd Street in the Carson area.

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