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OBSERVE ARBOR DAY . . . Students at Madrona School celebrated Arbor Day Friday by planting a Brazilian Pepper Tree in what will become the new eighth grade patio at the school. The tree, purchased with money earned from dances held last year, was planted during a special school assembly. Completing the job are, from left, Peter Gallagher, Rick King, Greg Coiro, Tony Coiro, and Randy King. Rick is student body president and Greg serves as vice president. (Press-Herald Photo)

Thieves Loot Several Homes, Store Offices

Golf-Cemetery Land Goes to Council Again

Planning Commission to Present Some Alternate Plans for Area

A 100-acre-plus parcel of property which alternately has been considered as a golf course, cemetery, and residential tract will be the subject of a new hearing before the Torrance City Council Tuesday.

The property, located south of 235th Street and west of Crenshaw Boulevard, presently is zoned for industrial uses. About half of the acreage is owned by Don Wilson, while Dan E. Butcher owns the remaining land.

Councilmen will be asked to retain the present industrial zone Tuesday, although the city's Planning Commission will present some alternative proposals. A proposed cemetery, to be located on the Butcher portion of the property, previously has been voted down by the council.

THE LAND also was rejected for use as golf course following a study by the city several weeks ago.

While the Planning Commission and Planning Department recommend no change in the current zoning, both have said their positions on

the cemetery remain unchanged. Both the commission and the planning department recommended approval of the cemetery, placing several restrictions on traffic patterns. At the time, hopes that the entire parcel might be developed at one time were voiced.

The commission has suggested that the property, if rezoned for residential uses, may be developed as a "conventional subdivision," or as a town house development. In both cases, adequate commercial facilities, parks, and a school site will be necessary, the recommendation states.

DURING Planning Commission hearings, Wilson said he is not interested in a town house or condominium development "because financing is extremely difficult for a venture of this type."

Butcher said he has not given up hope for a cemetery on his 54-acre parcel, despite the city council's action in January.

Councilmen will convene at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Absentee Ballots Available For April 12 City Election

Absentee ballots for the municipal election scheduled April 12 will be issued between March 14 and April 5, according to Vernon W. Coile, city clerk.

Voters who expect to be absent from their precinct on election day, or voters who, by reason of physical disability, will be unable to vote in their own precinct, may make application for an absentee ballot, Coile said.

Each request must be made by the individual applying for the ballot and must bear the signature of the applicant. Requests should include name, home address, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, and the reason for the request.

Completed ballots must be returned to the city clerk's office not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election.



SHOW TROPHIES . . . Mrs. Neal Silence (right), chairman of the annual essay contest sponsored by the Torrance Beautiful Commission, shows the perpetual trophy which will be given to the sweepstakes winner of the contest, Mrs. Howard R. Horvath, a judge for the contest, holds one of the individual trophies. The perpetual trophy will be given to the school attended by the sweepstakes winner. (Press-Herald Photo)

Costly TV Set Stolen

Property and cash totaling more than \$1,200—including a color television set—were reported stolen here Friday and Saturday.

The television set, valued at \$750, was taken from the home of William Graham at 4169 W. 173rd St., police said. Graham told officers he left the house about 5:30 p.m. to have dinner. He found the front door open and the television set missing when he returned at 8:30.

Police said the burglar apparently broke a window in the living room in order to open the door. Several dresser drawers were ransacked, officers reported.

A WALLET containing \$225 was taken from a dressing room at a Del Amo Center store about 8 p.m. Friday. Robert C. Close, 41, of 22324 Anza Ave., told police he had left the wallet and his clothes in a dressing room while being fitted for a new suit.

Close said the wallet also contained his identification papers and several credit cards.

Earlier Friday evening, a revolver worth \$88 was taken from the desk of a downtown Torrance furniture store credit manager, Paul Nation, 31, told officers someone had pried the desk drawer open. The theft occurred between 5:30 and 7:15 at 1306 Sartori Ave.

TWO SERVICE stations also were burglarized Friday. Jack E. Woods, owner of a station at 18605 Hawthorne Blvd., told police someone smashed a window then pried open a desk shortly after midnight. He said \$57 in currency and coins was taken.

The second station was hit between 6 and 7 a.m. Friday, according to owner Michael P. Beaver. The burglar broke a window in the station, located at 18201 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Ten cartons of cigarettes and about \$150 in small change was taken.

CHARLES CORSO, 25235 Weston Road, reported the theft of two transistor radios. (Continued on Page A-2)

Montgomery Seniors Get Scholastic Honors

Thirty-four seniors at Bishop Montgomery have been named as California State Scholarship semi-finalists and another two have been selected as National Merit finalists.

John Redding and Deanna Phippen earned honors for Montgomery as National Merit Finalists. They scored in the top 1 per cent of the nation on the National Merit Scholarship test given last spring.

The 34 semi-finalists chosen by the California State Scholarship Commission scored at least 1,098 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) given last December.

Deadline Near for New Queen

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce today announced that only a few days remain for young ladies to enter the Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant which will be held next Friday evening at the Torrance Recreation Center building, Madrona Avenue at Torrance Boulevard.

Co-chairmen Flavio Bisignano and Leonard A. Ensminger said that the Miss Torrance winner will receive a cash award of \$300, plus gifts from local businessmen. The two Miss Torrance Princesses to be selected will receive \$100 each.

Torrance girls who have already submitted applications include Lynne Doyle, Shirley J. Fox, Pat Gaynor, Cynthia Hanny, Diane Hungate, Diane Kozlow, Linda Presley, Christina Radby, Barbara Rametta, Teri Sholt, and Linda Weiss.

The annual contest is open to young ladies between 17 and 25 years old, who are high school graduates or who will be graduated in June.

In addition, the contestants must be Torrance residents, or live at a Torrance mailing address at least 90 days before the date of the contest.

Also eligible are persons employed in Torrance at least 90 days before the contest.

Entry forms may be obtained at the chamber office, 1510 Cravens Ave.

Two Youths Jailed for Auto Theft

Failure to stop for a red traffic signal resulted in the arrest of two Inglewood youths early Saturday on charges of auto theft and burglary.

Torrance police said Robert W. Entzion, 20, of 1032 Osage Ave., and David Fabian, 18, of 517 Marlborough Ave., both of Inglewood, were taken into custody just after 1 a.m. Entzion also was charged with drunk driving and driving without a license.

Officers halted the car on Hawthorne Boulevard near 228th Street after it failed to stop for a traffic signal at Sepulveda Boulevard. Entzion told officers the car was his, but was unable to produce registration papers.

A subsequent check revealed the car was registered to a Los Angeles man. Police also discovered an automobile stereo tape recorder, believed to be stolen, in the trunk.



CIVIC CENTER WORK . . . Red brick walls mark a new addition to the Torrance Police Station which will provide about 9,000 square feet of additional space for the police department. Building in the background is the new Southwest Superior Courts Building, now rising on the Maple Avenue side of

the Civic Center complex. The new police facility will include a basement and two floors. A communications center is to be located in the new wing, along with additional space for other police functions.

(Press-Herald Photo)

TWO EVENTS PLANNED

Schools Slate Science Fairs

The annual Torrance Unified School District science fair, usually held every April, won't take place this year.

Instead, there will be two fairs—one for elementary school pupils and one for high school students. The high school event will be March 17 and 18 at West High, while the elementary fair will be May 4, 5, and 6 at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Reason for branching out into two fairs, according to Dr. Bruce Magner and Dr. Lloyd Jones, fair coordinators, is the growing size of the school district. "By having two events, there will be more space available for displays at each fair," they stated.

Details of the elementary science fair will be announced at a later date, according to Dr. Jones.

Judging will take place Thursday, March 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Winners will be named at ceremonies set for 7:30 p.m. The fair will be open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

TWO INNOVATIONS at this year's high school fair include the categories of "for display only" and "research brief." Entries by novices tagged "for display only" will not be on display for the viewing public. Research briefs will feature students' research findings unaccompanied by displays.

Exhibits will be judged in five categories: physical group entry, physical individual entry, biological group entry, biological individual entry, and research brief.

First, second, and third place awards will be presented in each category except where there are a limited number of entries.

ENTRIES WILL be judged

Our Ex-College Renamed . . .

The Torrance-South Bay State College at Palos Verdes will be called Cal State at Dominguez Hills, it was decided this week by the California State College Board of Trustees. Renaming the embryo college leaves only the purchase of the Dominguez area site and transfer of classes out of the local area to end the years-long campaign to establish a four-year college for local students. Civic leaders and city and state office holders have promised to open a new fight to win approval again for a college for the local area.

KNHS-FM Wins Approval . . .

Radio station KNHS-FM is scheduled to begin broadcasting tomorrow at 3 p.m. following final action by the Federal Communications Commission on the station's license application. The station, owned by students at North High School, will be heard from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 89.7 megacycles. FCC officials informed the station of its final approval Friday in a telegram. The FM station is only the second high school facility to be licensed in the nation.

Salary Hikes on Agenda . . .

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will convene tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. with teachers' salaries and related matters on the top of the agenda. Proposals for salary increases and a new health plan to which the school district would contribute will be considered by trustees. The session will be held in the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.