

Lucky Shamrock Hangs In a Tent in Viet Nam

A shamrock made by a 10-year-old Torrance girl last spring is hanging in a marine's tent at Red Beach in Danang, Viet Nam, as the new year approaches.

In a Christmas letter from a man she has never met, Diana Giuliano, a fifth grade student at Lincoln Elementary School, learned that the St. Patrick's Day souvenirs sent by her classmates in Mrs. Erna Bennett's class last year were regarded by the

servicemen as lucky omens. Marine spokesman Ray De Angelis, a force logistic supply group sergeant from Connecticut, described his impressions of the Vietnamese in a nine-page letter addressed to Lincoln School.

"Viet Nam, like most of Asia," he wrote, "is a land of intrigue. There are many religious customs that we must respect, and above all, extreme poverty."

"I could add ignorance," he continued, "but it would be unfair to the people here. In reality we are ignorant of their way of life. They are simple, hard working, peace loving people who have been dominated by foreign governments and suppressed for so many years that they lack the means and intelligence to form a government capable of protecting their country."

Music in Viet Nam, he replied to a question the class had asked in their letter last spring, exists primarily in the big cities such as Saigon and Danang where "they have all the basic string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments necessary to form an orchestra. In the villages where stringed instruments are non-existent," the sergeant added, "the villagers have made their own 'home-made' flutes."

"The only bells I have seen," he wrote, "are in the Catholic Church steeples."

The gunnery sergeant, who hopes to rejoin his family stateside in April, closed with these words: "We don't know when the war will end, Diana, but we just try to do our best and pray that we are doing right."

Harbor Students Elect President

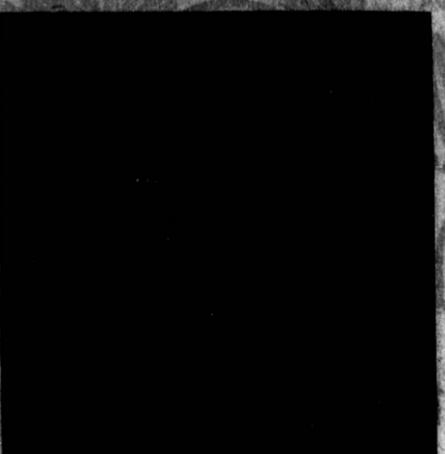
Antonio H. Villela of Lomita has been elected president of the Harbor College student body.

Villela, 19, of 25344 Pennsylvania Ave., and his vice presidential candidate, Lynn Anderson, represented the Snoopy Party in elections held prior to the Christmas vacation. They defeated Kenneth Frye and Michael Young of the SNAP Party.

A native Californian, Villela is a graduate of Narbonne High School and

served as president of the Harbor College Inter-Club Council.

Senators elected to the Harbor College legislative body include: Stephen Anno, Kelly Bardwell, John Carrol, Tim Dallem, Annie Dozier, Ed Grover, Don Hedrick, Leon Jostad, Farrel Johnson Jr., Nick Lassick, Stephen Maybury, Steven McKechnie, Gall Press, Dana Rohrabacher, William Snyder, Jamie Stanley, Jeffery Stein, Linda Turnquist, Joe Ungaro, and Nancy Van Acker.



HAPPY NEW YEAR... Elizabeth McClery, an exchange student at North High, receives a traditional Scottish New Year's greeting from an unidentified youth at the school. Elizabeth, whose home is in Edinburgh, Scotland, gets a drink, something to eat, and a piece of coal—all of which means the youth hope her home has plenty of food, drink, and warmth for the new year.



SPEECH AWARD... Dr. Richard Guengerich (left), principal at North High School, accepts a plaque for the speech department at North High from Bruno Jacob, executive secretary of the National Forensic League. North's speech club, sponsored by Lehr Mushrush, was one of 23 honored for excellent achievements by the national organization.

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Hahn Seeks Delay in New Freeway Planning

State highway engineers should stop planning freeways in Los Angeles County until they know which way rapid transit will go, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has declared.

Every new freeway "cuts like a concrete tornado" through a residential or business community, disrupting property owners and taking valuable land off the tax rolls, Hahn said.

"It is essential that rapid transit and freeway planning be coordinated to best serve all citizens of Los Angeles County," he added.

HAHN SAID no such coordination now exists in the county and noted that much

of the county's planned freeway system may overlap routes and services being planned by the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

The supervisor called for the State Legislature to re-evaluate transportation plans and policies for the Los Angeles Basin during the 1967 session and then enact legislation which will provide for the proper use of road, rail, and other systems in a coordinated program.

A request by Hahn to have the State Division of Highways postpone a scheduled Jan. 11 hearing on the Route 90-Slauson-Freeway until a review can be completed by

the State Legislature was rejected by a 4-1 vote by the Board of Supervisors.

HAHN HAS complained that millions of dollars are being spent by the Rapid Transit District for studies while freeway planners build more and more freeways. "Both agencies are concerned with moving commodities and people," he said, "and it's just common sense they should be coordinated."

During the past 10 years, Hahn said, the Southern California Rapid Transit District has spent a total of \$4.7 million for route studies and "duplicate efforts."

"The people have been the victims of poor planning in transit since the day the old Pacific Electric right-of-way was abandoned years ago," Hahn declared. The Pacific Electric tracks connected downtown Los Angeles (Sixth and Main streets) with Long Beach, San Pedro, Glendale, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, San Bernardino, and other communities.

"THE SAME men who saw this right of way abandoned while working for the Pacific Electric and Southern Pacific now are recommending that rapid transit follow the same routes," Hahn said.

Two key issues which should be settled before new freeways are built are the use of freeway routes for rapid transit and the double decking of freeways, Hahn said.

International Hotels Select New President

William Ash, managing director of the International Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, has been elected president of the International Airport Hotel System, Inc.

Ash, who will continue in his Los Angeles post, recently was elevated from controller to executive vice president of the chain.

The International Hotel System includes four hostesses in Los Angeles, Miami, Fla., Birmingham, Ala., and Houston, Texas.

Safety Group to Meet Wednesday in Torrance

Details for "Liaison for Life," theme for the 1967 campaign of the Greater Los Angeles chapter of the National Safety Council, will be explained Wednesday during

a luncheon meeting in Torrance.

The session, scheduled at noon at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., is the first meeting of the new year of the Community Traffic Safety Forum.

The Torrance Safety Council is host for the luncheon meeting. Speakers will include Mrs. Peggy Hayes, chairman of the women's division of "Liaison for Life;" Harold H. (Ole) Johnston, men's division chairman, and Ben G. Gautier, general chairman.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made through the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, 338 W. 8th St., Los Angeles 90005, or through the Torrance Safety Council.

Earnings, Sales Hit New High

Sales and earnings continued an upward climb to historic highs at Hi-Shear Corp. for the nine months ended Nov. 30, according to George S. Wing, chairman and president.

Net earnings for the Torrance designer and manufacturer of fastening systems and ordnance devices amounted to \$781,300, or \$2.07 per common share, representing a gain of 49 per cent over net earnings of \$524,700, or \$1.39 per share for the comparable period of the prior fiscal year. Per share figures are based on 378,504 common shares outstanding on Nov. 30, 1966.

Net sales for the three quarters just ended were \$12,586,000 representing an increase of 44 per cent over net sales of \$8,722,700 for the first three quarters of the preceding fiscal year.

Buyer Promoted To New Position

Aaron Katz, jewelry buyer at the May Co., has been named divisional merchandise manager of fashion accessories, according to Geoffrey Swabe, president of the May Co. California.

Katz will handle handbags, small leather goods, jewelry, handkerchiefs, blouses, neckwear, hosiery, and gloves in his new position.

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