

Man Gets Suspended Sentence

A Torrance man convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of his wife has been given a suspended sentence and placed on probation. Joseph R. Murphy, 48, was given a one-year suspended sentence and placed on three years probation Wednesday.

Murphy pleaded guilty Oct. 25 to the manslaughter charge in the death of his wife, Betty, 34. Mrs. Murphy was the mother of two children and a Torrance Police Department switchboard operator. She was shot July 21 in her home and died three days later.

Police said Murphy called them to his home at 4746 Deelane St. on the day of the shooting. He told officers the shooting was an accident. A charge of murder was brought against Murphy in an arraignment in the South Bay Municipal Court. He pleaded not guilty to the murder charge, but pleaded guilty later when the charge was reduced to involuntary manslaughter.

11 Tartars To Attend UCLA Event

Six seniors and five juniors from Torrance High School will be college students today when they participate in an afternoon of special classes at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Juniors Susan Bundy, Nathan Bronfeld, Vickie Burdman, James St. Amour, and Saul Weinstein, and seniors Alan Albright, Margie Bromley, Alan Johnston, Melody Frieberg, Phyllis Peikutowski, and Rosalie Preston will join some 3,000 high school students on the UCLA campus.

Purpose of the program is UCLA's annual scholarship open house, sponsored by the UCLA Alumni Association.

Boat License

Boat registrations for the current period which began last year are good for three years and will not expire until Dec. 31, 1968, according to Lachlan Richards, director of State Harbors and Watercraft.



PHONE TEST . . . Dialing the universal information number, area code followed by 555-1212, while on tour at Pacific Telephone's equipment complex in downtown Los Angeles is Michael S. Coon of 2602 W. 179th St., Torrance. Pacific Telephone tour guide Marietta Banney assisted. Michael was part of a group from Bellflower Co., a Hawthorne Junior Achievement Co., which later received its 1967 charter from Ed Briggs, Pacific's general personnel manager. Pacific sponsors the Bellflower Co., which manufactures a pendant and earring set.

Early Thumbsucking Not Too Bad, Dentists Agree

(This is one of a series of articles on dental health prepared by the Harbor Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association.)

Will thumbsucking cause a child to have crooked teeth?

Dental authorities now generally agree that it won't — provided the habit ends before the child reaches age five. In those early years, any irregularities in tooth position

caused by sucking habits probably will correct itself.

But by age five, the permanent teeth begin to erupt, and these CAN be seriously affected by the thumbsucking, fingersucking, lip biting, tongue thrusting and similar habits.

SUCKING IS one of the earliest habits a baby develops, and is related to his need to obtain his food from breast or bottle. Psychologists

believe that sucking also gives a baby a feeling of comfort and pleasure, and is a natural and normal habit which should be allowed.

Sucking may increase when a baby is tired, bored or frustrated, but from a dental viewpoint, there's not likely to be any harm from it during the early years.

Some babies prefer a pacifier to the thumb, and a rubber pacifier in the years before five will not injure the teeth either. In fact, some dentists think it preferable, since it is softer and exerts less pressure on the dental arches and teeth than does the thumb.

She may also want to insure her alimony or child support payments by having the receiver collect the husband's wages.

THE COURT may name a receiver without prior notice to her husband. Pending the outcome of the case the court may order the husband to turn over his paycheck to the receiver, and place his assets in the court's custody. The husband, of course, can ask the court to suspend or revoke the receiver's powers and appointment.

After the divorce the court may continue the receiver's powers to protect child support payments.

In a probate proceeding the court may name a receiver although as a rule the duties of protecting the assets of an estate belong to the executor. Sometimes appointment of the executor may take time and creditors or heirs need quick action.

AN INFANT or an incompetent person may also have some court official take care of his assets, usually a guardian. Later the court may name a guardian of the person also.

All of these officials report to the court, and must account to, and may have to answer questions from, the beneficiary or his creditors.

As a rule the receiver must be paid out of the estate, but sometimes the court may order one of the parties to pay for his expenses. In many large communities there are "professional receivers" to take care of a business.

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AT AGE FIVE, however, persistent thumbsucking may permanently affect both jaw shape and tooth position — narrowing the dental arches and forcing the teeth out of position.

Persistent thumbsucking should be brought to the attention of both the physician and the dentist for corrective action.

Above all, don't substitute the lollipop for the thumb. It's a formidable ally of tooth decay.

Local Cancer Branch Seeks More Drivers

Volunteers to transport cancer patients are urgently needed in the Southwest area, according to Mrs. B. Jack Ansley, local council chairman.

Drivers also are needed to deliver and pick up films, audio-visual equipment, education literature, and medical dressings provided to cancer patients by the society.

Persons willing to perform this service may contact the local branch of the American Cancer Society at 16503 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale.

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Law in Action

A court may name a receiver as a court officer to protect assets of a person or business that is subject to its powers.

The use of receivers has grown in recent years. Since a debtor can easily transfer his assets to relatives or skip out, a creditor may ask the court to name somebody to take charge of his assets.

RECEIVERS often play a part in business law suits. A partner may sue for an accounting, for example, and ask the court to name a receiver to take charge to preserve the assets.

If a business is near bankruptcy, a creditor may want to keep his assets intact. He asks the court to name a receiver to take over and put the daily receipts into a special account. As a rule the receiver can hire and fire, manage the business, and take over the owner's powers.

A wife may sue for divorce. If she fears that the husband may fall to take proper care of the assets, she may ask the court to name a receiver.

Assembly Room Approved for Harbor School

A new assembly building at Harbor City Elementary School, 1508 W. 254th St., Harbor City, was included in seven school construction or design proposals approved as the Los Angeles City Board of Education acted on nearly \$3 million in school building projects.

Bids are being accepted through Jan. 17 on the estimated \$125,900 replacement of the assembly building and the project is expected to be completed by September. The existing building has been declared unsafe in the event of a major earthquake.

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