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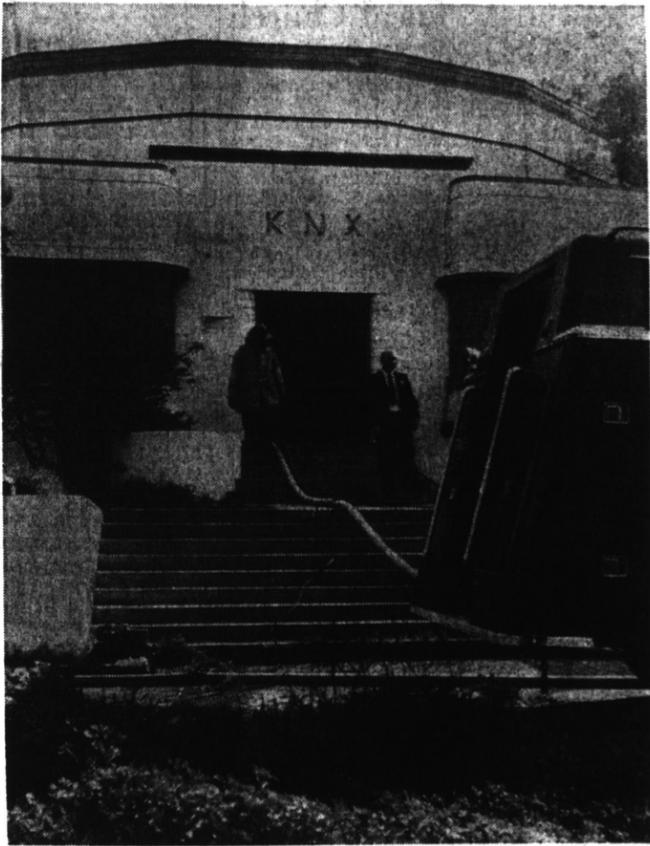
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BEATING WRECKERS . . . The former KNX radio transmitting station at 190th and Hawthorne was the scene of a blaze Thursday morning, but the damage was estimated at nothing as the building is about to be demolished. Bn. Chief John Agapito, shown leaving the building here, said firemen were convinced someone had entered the structure and set the blaze deliberately. Crews took less than an hour to control the situation. (Press-Herald Photo)

Ask Council to Move For Fire Chief Exam

Record Phone Rates Sought

Rate hikes which would increase the basic cost of a one-party residential telephone by nearly \$2 a month are being sought in schedules filed with the Public Utilities Commission Friday.

Pacific Telephone, which provides service to most of Torrance roughly east of Hawthorne Boulevard, in seeking the increases, cited "spiraling population growth and dynamic business development" in the announcement of the request.

Under the plan filed Friday, one-party residential customers in the Los Angeles area would have their basic rate hiked from \$3.85 to \$5.75.

Business phones with an 85-message allowance would be hiked from a basic charge of \$4.05 to \$8.

The request was called the biggest rate boost ever sought from the Public Utilities Commission by a California utility. The total request amounts to \$181 million with \$158 million to come from telephone increases and another \$23 million for increased director advertising charges.

"All we seek is the opportunity to provide the modern telephone communications this strong and booming state and its citizens deserve," the company said in its application.

YMCA Fund at Quarter Mark

Volunteer fund raisers for the Torrance Family YMCA have raised 25 per cent of the \$130,000 goal, members were told Wednesday during the first report meeting of volunteers.

The amount, \$25,818, includes some \$13,000 raised by the Initial Gifts Division which has been working since early December.

Leaders of the drive predicted the annual YMCA fund drive "will be a complete success if all workers stay on the job and if the community continues the excellent support indicated so far."

Former Governor Goodwin J. Knight is general chairman of the drive and Marshall Stewart is the Teams Division chairman. Torrance Councilman H. Ted Olson directs the Initial Gifts Division.

Stewart said all funds raised during the drive will be used for YMCA youth work in Torrance. Four more report dinners are planned, he said.

Repeal Of Law Sought

Torrance councilmen will be asked Tuesday to repeal a city ordinance which calls for open civil service examinations to select a new fire chief.

The request, which originated in the office of T. E. Donovan, personnel director, has the endorsement of City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and of the city's Civil Service Commission.

Members of the Civil Service Commission unanimously endorsed repeal of the ordinance at a meeting held last Monday evening.

Nominations Open for Annual Chamber Award

Entry forms for the 19th Lane Bryant Annual Awards for outstanding volunteer work are now available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by President Don Hyde.

Two awards of \$1,000 each are given every year to an individual and a group whose volunteer work has benefited the community. Any American citizen involved in unpaid volunteer work is eligible.

Deadline for nominations is April 15. There is no limit on the number of nominations which can be submitted by one person or organization.

Trial Set On Drug Charges

A Los Angeles man accused of possession of dangerous drugs will be tried on the charge March 1 in Division 3 of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Thomas Ray Anderson, 33, was arrested on the charge Feb. 2 following a brief scuffle with a bailiff in the court room.

He was awaiting trial on charges of driving with a revoked or suspended license and of possession of a device for the use of narcotics at the time.

Bail on the three charges was set at \$12,100. Anderson remains in the county jail pending the trial.

Official nomination forms are available at the Torrance Chamber, 1510 Cravens Ave., and additional information may be obtained by telephoning 328-2814.

Candidates Must Report Expenses

Candidates for the Torrance Board of Education in the April 18 election will be required to file statements of campaign contributions and expenses, Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools, has announced.

Official Dedication Planned Wednesday

Dedication ceremonies for Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 127, 2049 E. 223rd St., Dominguez, will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

Acting as master of ceremonies will be John Marbut, principal of the Dominguez Elementary School; Supervisor Chace will deliver the dedicatory address, and Chief Keith E. Klinger will accept the station for the department.

This new station is part of the fire department's master plan to provide the most modern installations and fire protection equipment to serve the rapidly expanding Dominguez-Carson area and is located in the historic area known as the Dominguez Land Grant of 1784.

The new installation has facilities to accommodate 16 men and it serves as headquarters for Division 4 of the County Fire Department. The station houses various pieces of fire fighting and rescue equipment including a 75-foot articulating arm aerial platform truck known as a "snorkel."

New Court Dates Set For Pair

Two persons accused of selling marijuana have been ordered to appear in Superior Court for the charges following preliminary hearings Friday in South Bay Municipal Court.

James G. Hartley, 23, of 1503 W. 203rd St., will be arraigned on the charge at 9 a.m. Feb. 27 in Department A of the Southwest Superior Court. He was returned to the county jail in lieu of \$3,300 bail.

Raymond D. Anderson, 26, of Los Angeles, will be arraigned in the Superior Court March 6 at 9 a.m. He is free on bail.

Directory Published By Chamber

A new, up-to-date and enlarged directory of clubs and organizations in the Torrance area is now available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The revised directory lists civic and service clubs, veterans and fraternal organizations, business groups, homeowners, PTA, and other volunteer agencies. Listings include the principal officer's name, address, and telephone number, and the meeting dates.

Copies may be obtained at the Chamber office, 1510 Cravens Ave.

Chiefs to be Honored

"The Need for Community Cooperation in Crime Prevention" will be topic of a panel discussion to be presented Thursday by the South Bay Exchange Club in observance of National Crime Prevention Week, which begins Tuesday.

Panel members will include Tom McNary, Torrance city prosecutor, police chiefs, from Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Palos Verdes, and a representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. Thomas P. Foye, president of the South Bay Bar Association, will be moderator. The discussion will highlight a dinner program honoring the law enforcement officials at the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge. The event will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

Television Series Set

Faculty members from El Camino College will be featured on a series of television programs this week as part of the SCOPE series broadcast by ABC Television (Channel 7). W. A. Kamarath, advisor to the college newspaper, The Warhoop, will present the first program tomorrow. Other faculty members will include Dr. Stanley Fitch of the Social Science Division, Dr. Jack Martin of the Business Division, Frank Squires of the Division of Industry and Technology, and Mrs. Mary Anagnostis of the Humanities Division. The programs will be aired at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

City Halls to Close

City offices in Torrance and Lomita will be closed tomorrow in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, as will most other government offices and schools in this area. Retail outlets, however, will remain open. The Lomita City Council, which normally meets on Monday evening, will convene on Tuesday this week. Rubbish collection schedules will be unchanged in Torrance.

College Plans Open House

Students and faculty members at California State College, Dominguez Hills, will greet area residents Tuesday, Feb. 21, at an open house. The event is scheduled from 3 until 9 p.m.

Purpose of the event, Dr. Robert M. Bersi explained, is to acquaint the general public with the facilities which have been developed since the college moved to its permanent site last September. Dr. Bersi is director of public relations for the college.

Invitations have been mailed to individuals and to organizations throughout Southwest Los Angeles County, Dr. Bersi said.

The program for the event will include such activities as

an art show by promising young artists, demonstrations in the language laboratories, an open rehearsal of the new College Choral, displays in the science laboratories, and audio-visual presentations on the college facilities which are planned.

A special feature will include hourly demonstration runs in the college computer center and a demonstration of special counseling services.

A total of 130 students now attend the college. All will be involved in the open house event, Dr. Bersi said. A special edition of the student newspaper, El Trompetero, is planned and student talent programs are planned.

Harlem Clowns To Entertain South Faculty

The Harlem Clowns basketball team will meet the South High faculty next Thursday evening in an exhibition game at the Spartan gym.

Game time is 8 p.m. and admission is \$1.50 for adults. Students will be admitted for \$1 each.

Window Broken, Burglar Escapes

A burglar smashed the window in a downtown Torrance men's shop Friday morning and escaped with an unknown amount of clothing, Torrance police were told.

Police said the window in Kay's Mens Shop, 1348 El Prado, was smashed about 7 a.m.

Four Men Held for Burglary

Preliminary hearings for three persons accused of burglary and a fourth person arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen property have been set for Friday in Division 3 of South Bay Municipal Court.

Carl D. Broekshire, 18, of 1341 W. Carson St., Merwyn A. Sargent, 24, of Harbor City, and Frank R. Millard, also of Harbor City, have been charged with three counts each of burglary.

Mike R. Parga, 34, of Lawndale, has been charged with receiving stolen property.

Broekshire was arrested Monday evening after he attempted to make a purchase in a Torrance store with a credit card which has been reported stolen, police said.

Sargent and Millard were arrested Tuesday morning at their Harbor City home by Torrance police investigating several burglaries. Parga was arrested later Tuesday at his home.

A fifth man, arrested at the Parga home in Lawndale, was released, police said.



NEW COMMANDANT . . . John Went of Torrance (left), newly elected commandant of the Marine Corps League South Bay Detachment, accepts his gavel from Eugene Dear (at right), past commandant of

the detachment. Looking on is the new adjutant, Joseph Maxim of Torrance. The South Bay Detachment meets on the second Monday each month at 1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena.