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**SCIENCE PROJECT** . . . Cuddling "Coveys" are Julie Lillo (left) and Pam Horwich, eighth grade students at Victor Elementary School. The guinea pigs are part of a breed of 30 the girls have raised in their garage. The girls recently won several ribbons and a trophy at a guinea pig breeders show at the Pomona fairgrounds.

### For Two Girls

## Science Fair Pets Become a Business

A school science project has turned into a business venture for a couple of eighth-grade girls at Victor Elementary School.

When Pam Horwich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Horwich of 5537 Michelle Drive, and Julie Lillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lillo of 5519 Michelle Drive, decided to study genetics a year ago, they had two guinea pigs.

Today they have 30 — and more on the way. In addition, they have several ribbons and trophies and have been earning pin money by selling the guinea pigs they breed.

**THEIR** interest in breeding originated last year when their

science class began studying heredity shortly after Pam had presented Julie with a red-and-white "Dutch" female guinea pig for Christmas to keep her cream colored male company. Suddenly Buttercup and Butterscotch were no longer pets — they were scientific resources. The girls decided to breed Abyssinians (or "Abyss"), Americans, Peruvians, and albinos. Results would form the basis of a project for the school science fair.

Within no time red, white, black, and mixed guinea pigs were taking over the family garages. The Horwich and Lillo families were becoming experts on building cages out of old orange crates. They began spending their weekends driving to feed stores where their fathers bought food in 100-pound bags and picked up hay.

**AFTER** THE girls took first prize in the Victor School science fair and fourth place in the Torrance Unified School District elementary science fair last

May, they had enough expertise to begin thinking of line-breeding for showing purposes.

They joined the San Gabriel Covey Breeders Association and started formulating plans for going into commercial breeding.

At one point 70 guinea pigs made their homes with the two families. Those that the girls did not wish to breed for show purposes were either sold or given away.

**EARLY** THIS month they decided to enter four of their best junior Peruvians in a show at the Pomona fairgrounds. More than 200 guinea pigs competed on the basis of color, type of hair, and sex. Each of the girls' entrants won a first place ribbon; and one took a trophy for being the best of all the junior Peruvians in all categories.

Caring for three to five dozen guinea pigs is a time-consuming job. Pam and Julie figure they average two hours a day at it, not counting weekends. Saturdays and Sundays it's a full-time job. (See SCIENCE, Page A-2)

# Torrance Man Dies as Car Hits Utility Pole

## Attorney to File Appeal Petitions In Court Today

A petition for review of the contempt of court decision against land developer Kenneth Battrum and others was due to be filed today in Second District Court of Appeal.

Attorney Dudley Gray is seeking to free his clients from testifying at the Civil Service Commission hearings against suspended Torrance city engineer Walter M. Nollac. Last week, a Superior Court judge found Battrum and his partners in contempt for failing to appear and show pertinent records at the hearing.

Battrum, Teruyuki Fujii, Richard A. Leonard, and Robert Shulman, and their companies, South Bay Realty, Prairie Subdividers, Kenland Development Co., and Bajii Enterprises, were each named in the contempt decision. The defendants have contended that the Civil Service Commission does not have the authority to subpoena them to testify.

**SUPERIOR** Court Judge James Healy disagreed, ordering them to appear at the Nollac

hearings Monday, Mar. 3. If the appeal court agrees to hear the case, the defendants will not have to testify in the hearing until after the decision.

Nollac is accused of granting favors to Battrum and his land interests.

Attorney Gray believes Superior Court was in error in its decision against Battrum and others because he says no evidence was presented with the contempt petition.

The hearings against Nollac continue Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in City Council chambers, City Hall.

## Chamber Lunch Planned

Speakers representing the National Alliance of Businessmen will address a Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting Tuesday and outline efforts being made to find jobs for hard-core unemployed persons.

Michael T. Quaranta, Human Relations Committee chairman for the Chamber, said the panel will discuss NAB aims, objectives, and progress made to date in both the local and national effort.

**NAB** is seeking to place 500,000 persons in suitable jobs by mid-1971, Quaranta said.

Speakers will include Harry Stroud, metropolitan director of NAB to the Torrance-South Bay and Long Beach areas; Marvin Ruwin, general manager of the Vernitron Corp. of Torrance; and Robert Simpson, southwest division manager of Southern California Edison Co.'s customer service department.

The luncheon will be held at noon at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. Open to businessmen, Chamber members, and the public. Reservations may be made at the Chamber, offices, 1510 Cravens Ave.

## New Heart Beating for One Week

The Oxnard grocer who underwent a heart transplant operation Feb. 20 at Harbor General Hospital marked his first week with his new heart Thursday at 6 p.m.

Officials at the hospital say Richard Charles Newell, 58, is progressing satisfactorily, although his condition is still termed "guarded."

Newell is able to sit up in a chair during the day, doctors report, and can eat solid food. His temperature, blood pressure, and other vital signs are normal without any circulatory support, the Press-Herald learned today.

Newell was given the heart of Mrs. Shirley Ann Highhouse, 23, of Torrance, who took her own life Feb. 19 following a family quarrel.



**BIG WINNER** . . . Dan Geary (right) of Union Bank receives a portable television set from George Ebert, president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, after being named the top winner in the Chamber's new member drive. Geary produced 11 new members for the Chamber during Chamber of Commerce Day Tuesday. A total of 48 new Chamber members were signed up during the day-long drive.

## Entries Due

## Miss Torrance Contest Opens

Every young girl dreams of becoming Miss America. The girl who is selected as the next Miss Torrance could be the next Miss America.

Now is the time of decision for young ladies in this area who qualify, Bill Ritchie, pageant chairman, said in calling for candidates to enter the pageant. Ritchie also announced that the pageant will be conducted Saturday, April 5, from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

**HE CALLED** for civic and social organizations in the area for support and called for individual young ladies to submit their own names as entries.

Applications are available at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and Torrance City Hall.

To qualify, a young lady must be between the ages of 18 and 28 on Sept. 1, a high school graduate by Sept. 1, and must never have been married.

**TALENT** WILL be considered in the judging and each contestant should possess some quality of talent, either trained or potential. In discussing the talent qualifications, Ritchie stressed that the range is varied and that no girl must necessarily be trained in any specific field.

He pointed out that many entrants in previous pageants did not realize they possessed a quality of talent until they considered entering the contest.

He also pointed out that in almost every national Miss Amer-

## Cafeteria Cash Taken at School

A small bag containing more than \$282 to be used for change in a West High School cafeteria was taken early Thursday morning.

A clerk in the cafeteria told Torrance police she had put two bags of money on a table and when she turned around to pick them up, discovered one missing.

## Vehicle Out of Control

A 28-year-old Torrance man was killed Thursday evening when his car apparently went out of control and struck a utility pole near the Torrance-Redondo Beach city line.

The dead man was identified as James Thomas Gallagher, of 2113 Amie Ave.

The crash occurred about 10:30 p.m. near the intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach.

Units from the Redondo Beach Police and Fire Departments and the Torrance Fire Department responded to the call.

**OFFICIALS** investigating the crash said Gallagher apparently died instantly. Reports indicated he was virtually decapitated by the crash.

Gallagher was alone in the car, police said. He was traveling west on Torrance Boulevard when the car apparently went out of control and crashed into the pole.

The body was taken to Halverson-Leavelle Mortuary.

## 330 Pints Of Blood Collected

More than 330 pints of blood have been collected at two bloodmobiles here, according to Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance, Lomita Red Cross.

Mrs. Jones said 232 pints of blood were collected during a Red Cross bloodmobile Feb. 20, while another 102 pints were collected during a visit of the bloodmobile Feb. 25.

Nearly 350 persons were processed during the two bloodmobiles, with 45 persons being deferred.

The bloodmobiles were staffed by volunteers under the direction of Mrs. Frank Michlusch, bloodmobile staffing chairman.

The next bloodmobile is scheduled in May, Mrs. Jones said.

## \$3.5 Million in Permits Recorded

Building permits valued at more than \$3.5 million were issued by the city of Torrance during January, according to a report from John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety.

Residential construction accounted for more than \$2.7 million of the total and will provide 55 new single-family homes and 99 new apartment units.

Largest of the permits was issued to the R. A. Watt Co. for construction of 50 homes. The permit was valued at \$1,345,275.

**ANOTHER** major permit — valued at \$411,885 — was issued for the construction of a 120-bed convalescent hospital. It will be located at 4320 Maricopa St.

The city also issued a permit for part of a 46-unit apartment building to be located in Torrance and Redondo Beach. To

be built at 1911 Camino de la Costa, only 18 of the units will be located in Torrance. A permit for \$245,050, covering those 18 units, was issued Jan. 27 to Spraker & Halstead.

**OTHER** major permits were issued for a 16-unit apartment complex at 3850 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. (\$171,915), two 14-unit complexes at 2890 and 2880 W. 235th St. (\$195,000 each), a 15-unit apartment building at 2830 W. 235th St. (\$217,635), and for an 18-unit building at 5858 Pacific Coast Hwy. (\$224,224).

The city also issued four permits for new commercial buildings, with a combined value of more than \$480,000.

During January, 1969, the city issued permits valued at \$4.8 million which provided for 237 million dwelling units, including 187 apartment units.

## Irish Parade Slated

Plans were announced here today for a St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held Saturday, March 15.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook, president of the Torrance Irish Club, said entries have been received for more than 90 units. A total of 100 or more units is expected to make up the 1.5-mile line of march.

The parade will move out of the downtown Torrance area at 10:30 a.m., Lieutenant Cook said. It will form at Cravens Avenue and El Prado, move north on Cravens to Torrance Boulevard, then proceed west on Torrance Boulevard to Madrona Avenue.

A reviewing stand will be located at the civic center, it was noted.

"We expect this parade to be star-studded with television and movie personalities, your favorite cowboys, Indians, actors, actresses, silver-mounted horses, bands, drill teams, and numerous other entries," Cook said.

Entry blanks for the parade are available at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce offices, 1510 Cravens Ave.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each of several events.

Judges will be provided by the Sherwin Trophy Co., Cook said.



**GETTING IN TUNE** . . . Karen Reed tunes a sharp ear to Chief of Police Walter Koenig (left) and Police Lt. D. C. Cook as the pair begin practicing for St. Patrick's Day festivities here. Highlight of the celebration will be a parade down Torrance Boulevard featuring some 100 units. The event is being sponsored by the Torrance Irish Club, which Cook heads. It will be held Saturday, March 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (Press-Herald Photo)