

Drama Festival Slated

Amateur non-union actors and actresses will perform scenes and one-act plays during the county's 1969 Adult Drama Festival to be held Saturday in Beverly Hills. Comedy, drama, and musicals will be presented by 12 community theatre groups from throughout Los Angeles County in the Hawthorne Elementary School Auditorium, 624 N. Rexford Drive, beginning at 10 a.m., according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The theatrical group that wins the county's best production sweepstakes award will compete in a regional festival to be held by the American Community Theatre Association in Stockton on May 3 and 4.

FROM FIVE regional festivals to be sponsored by ACTA, one theatre group will be chosen as the United States entry for the World Amateur Theatre Festival to be held in Monaco. The international competition to be held in August will be sponsored by ACTA, the International Amateur Association, and Princess Ranier and Princess Grace (Grace Kelly).

Judges at the admission-free festival sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation will include: Charles Aidman, Henry Brandon, Joan Tompkins and Paul Winfield.

TROPHIES donated by The Jefferson Savings and Loan Association, Van Nuys, will be awarded in categories of best: dramatic scene, comedy scene, musical scene, actor, actress, director, supporting actor and actress.

Scenes will be given in this order:

- The Assassins — Fernwood Theatre, Hollywood.
- Inherit the Wind — Showcase Theatre, Hawthorne.
- Fantasticks — Forum XI, Long Beach.
- Shadow of a Gunman — Donnybrook Players, Los Angeles.
- Odd Couple — Metro Players Guild, Los Angeles.
- Husband for Breakfast — Chapel Theatre, Lomita.
- The Chalk Garden — Palos Verdes Players, Palos Verdes.
- Tiger — TRW Satellite Players, Redondo Beach.
- The Lion in Winter — Kentwood Players, Westchester.
- Dear Friends — Theatre Palisades of Rustic Canyon, Santa Monica.
- Footsteps of Doves — Theatre Americana, Altadena.
- A Delicate Balance — La Mirada Playhouse, La Mirada.



MID-APRIL DRIVE . . . Torrance volunteer leaders—long prepared for the American Cancer Society's 1969 April Crusade—set the pace for some 350 volunteers to follow prescribed door-to-door routes from April 18-23. From left, are Mmes. Walter Arnold, Torrance area chairman; Sam Whitson, District residential chairman; and Jack Miles, North Torrance co-chairman.

Nature New Lawndale Workshop Election Slated Planned

A nature workshop designed to show leaders how to put adventure and excitement into programs for youth will be held Friday, April 25.

The nature session, "Outdoor Adventure," will instruct adult leaders on how to add new adventure and direction in the out-of-doors to youth group activities.

To be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., the workshop will be conducted by the Nature Unit of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Playgrounds.

There will be a 50 cent registration fee which will be used to cover the cost of the manual and materials provided for each registered participant.

Children will not be permitted at the workshop.

Gov. Ronald Reagan signed AB 894 by Assemblyman L. E. "Larry" Townsend (D-Torrance) authorizing another special election by the Lawndale Elementary School District no later than May 15.

Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-San Pedro) was co-author of the measure and carried it successfully through the State Senate.

The drafting of the measure was the result of a request by the Lawndale School Board and interested citizens for a special election to be held again for an override measure as soon as possible.

The defeat of a similar override election earlier this year placed the school district in what Townsend termed "extreme financial straits." He pointed out that the emergency exists since the law requires final dismissal notice to teachers by May 15 if no money is available for contracts.

"It is my hope," Townsend said in announcing the governor's approval of the measure, "that the people of the Lawndale Elementary School District will reconsider and make the money available for teachers' contracts at the special election."

"The passage of AB 894 gives the voters of the district an opportunity to reconsider their earlier action," Townsend added, "and certainly the Lawndale schools need additional financing if the children of the district are to properly continue their education."

Cancer Volunteers Begin Five-Day Appeal Friday

Volunteers from the American Cancer Society will launch a five-day, door-to-door appeal for funds Friday under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Arnold, area chairman.

More than 1,000 volunteers are involved in the project, which is being coordinated by Mrs. Arnold with the help of seven community chairmen.

Spotlighting their dual educational and fund-raising mission is the new 1969 Crusade slogan — "Help Yourself with a Checkup. And Others with a Check."

IN KEEPING with the theme, volunteers will distribute a pamphlet which again underscores cancer's warning signals and the importance of the annual checkup with the family doctor.

The Residential Division's concentrated long weekend venture has been planned with the hope of adding impetus to the Centinela-South Bay District 8's Crusade for a record high \$120,000 being sought by all volunteer divisions. Also participating are Commerce and Industry, Business and Special Gifts volunteers.

"We are certain that the people of our communities will respond not only with renewed, but increased interest in the Society's winning 'fight against cancer,'" Mrs. Arnold said in predicting a successful outcome for weekend doorbell ringing Crusade.

VOLUNTEER contingents have been organized by the following community leaders.

North Torrance: Mmes. Carmin Inferrera and Jack Miles, co-chairmen; Mmes. W.A. Melvold, J. Young, Louise Ponce, Virginia Weidenkopf and Betty Quiroz.

Central Torrance: Mrs. Seymour Lampel, chairman; Mmes. Graydon Smart, James Ashlock, William Smith, Nathan Winer, George Anderson, Larry Breunig, Charles Williams, Alvin Fliegman, L.M. Isbell, D. Brunton, William McKenna, Kenneth Bollen and M. Daniels.

West Torrance: Mrs. Robert Richter, chairman; Mmes. Myron Robinson, A. Roger Orman, Robert Dopf, J.W. Kroft, Katy Gmur, Catherine Dalton, Larry Garrett and Thomas Tully.

Lomita: Mmes. Floyd Carpenter and Louise Third, co-chairmen; and Mmes. John Beauchamp, Frances Moore, Carol Jazwinn, Lawrence

Dearborn, Jim Cole, Joe Drumheller, Lee Stratford, Alice Stevens, Leslie Parker, Ruby Bisho, R. L. Arthur, Clyde Bernhardt, Elizabeth Lewis and Irene Mills.

Harbor City: Mrs. Jimmie Rodgers, chairman; and Mmes. Mary Aldope, Celia Bishop, Ella Derouin, R. A. Abille, Ames Keller, Richard Nerone, and W. L. Willoughby.

Carson: Mrs. Mary Fine, chairman; and Mmes. Keith Beck, D. Feller, D. Gray, N. Rowe, Ted Kazmarek, Burton Richardson, J. Muckey, G. Yamamoto, J. Mitchell, Leon Williams and D. Backstrom.

Walteria: Mrs. Clifford Ovist, chairman; and Mmes. Bruce Wilkinson, J. McMeen, S. Winner and S. Howard.

Gifts to Schools Revealed

Recent gifts to the Torrance Unified School District have ranged from auto engines to stage curtains.

Included were four television receivers which will be used in the North High School electronics and video laboratory. Donors were Mrs. Doris B. Hakanson, Mrs. Eloise G. Enger, Mrs. June Miller and Max Kelly.

Stage curtains to be used at Torrance Elementary School were donated by the Torrance Elementary PTA.

Briggs & Stratton Corp. donated a four-cycle, single-cylinder engine, turnover charts, 25 copies of "General Theories of Operation," and 25 copies of "Repair Instruction" to be used at Torrance High School auto shop.

Booking Follows Collision

An unemployed youth was arrested for felony possession of marijuana Sunday night after the car he was driving damaged four parked cars on Van Ness Avenue near 161st Street.

Booked at Torrance Police Station was Robert Lee Jones, 18, of 1507 Rosel Ave., Lawndale. Marijuana charges were lodged when police found what appeared to be one marijuana cigarette in Jones' pocket. Jones was in a "stuporous condition" and had no drivers' license in his possession, police said.

Jones' car sustained major front-end damage, while one of the parked cars was totally demolished.

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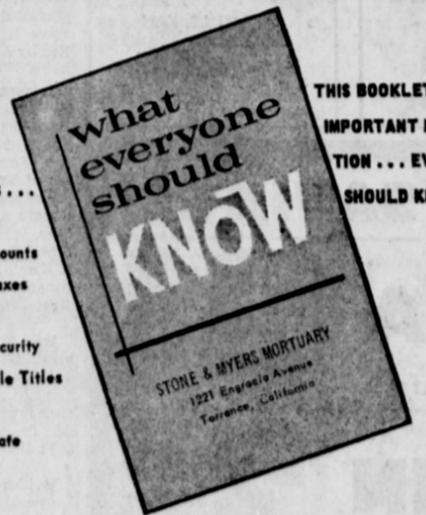
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