

Rivierans to Discuss Area Youth Center Monday

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JET PLANE HIJACKER GETS LIFE

Ex-Torrance Man, Son in Theft of 707

A former Torrance man has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the attempted hijacking of a jet airliner last Aug. 3, and his son imprisoned until he reaches the age of 21.

Leon Beardon, who once resided at 3319 W. 190th St., was sentenced Tuesday by a federal court in El Paso, Tex. His son, Cody, 16, had been ordered held until he reaches his 21st birthday at which time his case will again be considered.

The 38-year-old Beardon and his son were charged with hijacking a Continental Airlines jet and ordered Capt. Byron D. Rickards, 343 Palos Verdes Blvd., to fly them to Cuba. Beardon was found guilty of kidnapping, interstate transportation of a stolen airplane, and obstruction of interstate commerce, all federal law violations.

THE LIFE sentence was imposed on the kidnapping charge. He was given another 25 years on the other charges. Beardon said he intended to appeal the sentence on the grounds that his court-appointed attorney did not make an adequate defense.

U. S. District Court Judge R. E. Thomason told him, however, that he had received a fair trial.

BEARDON HAD moved from Torrance prior to his hijacking attempt last August. He had boarded the airliner at Los Angeles and attempted to divert the plane to Cuba as it was traveling between Phoenix and El Paso.

Richards convinced Beardon that he did not have sufficient fuel for the trip, and was permitted to land in El Paso for fuel. Border Patrol agents shot the tires on the plane as it prepared to leave, and the hijackers were later overcome with the aid of FBI agents.

Lomita Civic Leader Dies, Service Held

Services will be held today for John Robert Stanton, 52, who served as manager of the Lomita United California Bank since 1942.

He lived in Lomita 38 years and resided at 1902 W. 261st St. Stanton was associated with the State Bank of Lomita since 1926 before it was taken over by United California Bank. He was a past president of the Lomita Kiwanis Club, past president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church of Torrance.

Survivors include his widow, Leah D. of Lomita; daughter, Barbara, a Long Beach State College student; son, Gerald, a student at Flemming Junior High; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stanton; brothers, Stanley, all of Lomita, and the Rev. Walter, and sister, Mrs. Laura Pisel, both of Torrance.

Services were held in the Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church with his brother, Rev. Walter Stanton, and the Rev. Joel Rivers officiating. Interment followed at Green Hills Memorial Park.

A. M. Gamby Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Groups Asked To Aid Club With Project

Proposed construction of a youth center will be discussed in a communitywide meeting called for Monday evening at 8 at the Parkway School.

On hand to discuss the proposal will be representatives of the Torrance Recreation Department and Basil Cunningham, director of the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club. The club has proposed to build the center in El Retiro Park with the aid of other area organizations.

Business agenda for the meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. that evening in addition to the public discussion of the youth center proposal includes discussion on landscaping Palos Verdes Boulevard and activation of the area's tree committee.

Principal Albert Cartwright said there were no drills and school was dismissed at the usual time. The principal said his secretary received the call about 2 p.m. in which the caller said, "There's a bomb in a locker," and then hung up.

The call was from a child and was treated as a hoax. An incendiary bomb was thrown at the side of the home of Roy Asbury, 3606 Sepulveda Blvd., Monday evening.

Mrs. Asbury told police she heard an explosion at the rear of the house, looked out a window and saw the side of the home burst into flames. She put out the blaze with a garden hose.

Smoke damage was caused on the side of the house where flames shot as high as the roof, Mrs. Asbury said.

PRESIDENT Robert Katherman said yesterday the association's tree committee was being activated to work with the city and residents on the explosive matter of tree trimming. The group seeks to keep the growth of trees at a maximum and at the same time protect the views of many of the Riviera lots.

Katherman reported yesterday that the membership campaign completed recently by the Riviera Homeowners was highly successful. It was climaxed last Friday evening with a dance at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

He also announced that a bridge club has been formed by the association under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Conte.

Pair Awakened Masked Gunmen Rob Rivierans

Two masked bandits broke into a Hollywood Riviera home Sunday night where they stole \$800 in cash and other valuables before tying up their victims.

Robbed at gunpoint was John Lindoe, 62, and his wife, Helen, who were asleep in their bedroom when awakened by noises. Tallest of the two bandits came into the bedroom and stood over the couple, demanding their valuables.

They gained entry to the home at 230 Camino de Las Colinas by breaking a louvered bathroom window. Wearing sacks as masks one robber took a mink stole, cash and a watch as the other held a gun on the couple.

Before leaving, the bandits ripped out the telephone and tied Mr. and Mrs. Lindoe with neckties.



OFF ON PROTEST... Boarding a bus here yesterday for Los Angeles, these women joined other Southland women in an appeal to local and state officials to seek an end to the international arms race. Among those from Torrance making the trip were (from left) Mmes. Allan Scharf, Mac Thorington, Tom Butterworth, and Homer Wilson. (Herald Photo)

Door-to-Door Campaign For Chest Begins Today

Today is D-Day for the Community Chest residential campaign in the Los Angeles area. In Torrance, where the campaign started earlier, doorbells have been ringing for the past week as neighbor called on neighbor for this year's gift—to help support the Chest's 170 charitable agencies.

The Torrance campaign gained momentum during the week as workers started returning their kits after reaching their quotas before the official kickoff.

ONE VOLUNTEER, Mrs. Alex Egnatuk, 4306 W. 177th, has added significance to the Torrance campaign by being first in the Harbor Area as well as the Los Angeles area to reach her quota.

Some 835 workers are involved in the residential drive in this area to raise \$8,411.

Specific streets and blocks of houses have been assigned to volunteers to ensure that each house is called on. Volunteers will continue to call for the next few days on people missed.

THE THEME being stressed in the current drive, particularly to mothers, is that 80 per cent of this year's funds will be allocated for children's health and welfare services.

In a final appeal to her volunteers last week, Mrs. Edward Schneider, residential chairman for Torrance, said "our need is urgent" and asked volunteers to go out and secure 100 per cent of their goal as fast as possible.

"This way we can shorten the campaign and reach our goal first," said Mrs. Schneider.

A RECENT luncheon meeting brought Torrance residential leaders together for a final briefing and marked the kickoff in this area.

The residential part of the Community Chest campaign is the first to open. Other sections

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GETTING READY... For Community Chest residential campaign in Torrance are Mmes. R. W. Bradley, left, standing, Joseph Comore, and sitting, Lawrence Derouin and Charles Butterfield. The residential campaign for the Los Angeles area starts today. Many volunteer workers in Torrance have been soliciting during the past week in an effort to shorten the campaign.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about individual cities deciding if draw poker should be allowed rather than having it controlled by the state?" the Pennies photographer asked Torrance residents.

Mrs. Elbert Perry, 3021 Carson St.: "I think draw poker is a good thing as long as it is controlled by the state and the money used for improvement of the city. Draw poker is all right if under strict control by the state and the city benefits."

Mrs. Donald Krauser, 1804 San Ardo Ave.: "I'm in favor of local control and the revenue should be kept in the city which has draw poker. I think draw poker is okay if individual cities want it. If cities had draw poker much improvement could be done within the cities."

Mrs. Joseph Piatt, 3222 Antonio St.: "If draw poker was controlled by the state you could keep out the riffraff and avoid honky-tonk towns. I am in favor of draw poker if cities want it. People are going to gamble so it might as well be legalized."

Mrs. John O'Rourke, 4717 Ave. B: "If they are going to have gambling I'm in favor of having it wide open and not limited to draw poker. I'm in favor of control on a state level with very strict regulations. If we had all forms of gambling we'd get more tourists."

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchens, 3239 W. 188th St.: "If they are to have draw poker I think it should be controlled. If it were controlled by the state there would be uniform laws. However, I don't think it should be allowed at all."

New Auto Club To Be Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies for the new South Bay branch of the Automobile Club of Southern California on Sepulveda Avenue in Torrance are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Representatives of the club will show officials and civic leaders of the area through the new quarters located two blocks west of Crenshaw intersection and later join them at a luncheon.



FATHERS-DAUGHTERS MEET... Girl Scouts of the Central Torrance area treated their fathers to a night out at a father-daughter dinner at the Elks Club, an affair attended by 438 persons. Kenneth Miller served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Introducing the entertainment following a roast beef dinner. (Herald Photo)