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a case involving the reimbursement of drainage improvement funds to South Bay Realty Co. on or about April 24, 1967. The report stated that Nollac approved the refund of \$6,455 to the company when Engineering Department files showed that the company was delinquent in the payment of \$2,117 to the city for inspection services.

Also, the commission found that reimbursement was based on charges furnished by South Bay Realty Co., and that the charges appeared to be overstated.

The commission report said that Nollac had failed to have procedures in effect to verify costs represented to the Engineering Department.

IN A SECOND charge against Nollac, the commission found him guilty of inefficiency and failure to perform duties in a case involving the reimbursement of sewer funds to Jewel Land Co. The commission's report stated that Nollac recommended to the city manager that Jewell Land Co. be reimbursed \$10,785 for which the company was not eligible.

Furthermore, the commission found that Nollac had failed to advise the city manager that Jewell Land Co. had not complied with the City Charter requirements on competitive bidding and that the company was delinquent in the payment of inspection fees.

In a third charge, similar to the second charge, Nollac was found guilty of failing to perform his duties for recommending reimbursement of \$3,058 to Kenland Development Co., money for which the company was "not eligible." The commission also found that Nollac had not advised the city manager that Kenland had not complied with City Charter requirements of competitive bidding.

IN NONE OF the 17 charges, however, did the commission find Nollac guilty of misconduct or incompetency.

Nollac's first recourse is the Torrance City Council, which may agree or refuse to review the case. If the council agrees to review it, Nollac's penalty could be upheld or reduced, but not increased. The council is not required to hold an open hearing on the matter, but may make a decision by reviewing prior testimony.

If Nollac is not pleased with the council's decision, he may appeal to civil courts. Nollac said he is considering court action, but has not made his final decision.

FOLLOWING THE Thursday pronouncement, spectators almost unanimously expressed dismay at the findings. One woman exclaimed, "What?! Are city employees going to stand around and take it? This is terrible. None of us is safe."

Another bystander declared, "Ridiculous! The Engineering Department is the only department in the city that runs to perfection!"

A city employe was quoted as saying, "This will have a drastic effect on the morale of city employes. After this, what department head would take a chance on fighting any charge? It could mean \$10,000 in legal fees plus the loss of four months' salary."

Others commented that they felt the Civil Service Commission was inadequately informed to judge technical cases. When asked about the commission's motivation in making the decision, one man stated, "They're acting in somebody's best interest!"

Customer Pulls Gun, Gets \$98

A man who bought \$3 worth of gas from a Torrance service station returned to the station moments later and robbed an attendant of \$98 early Friday.

Police said the robbery occurred at 3:30 a.m. at a station at 21701 S. Western Ave. Attendant Bob Robinson, 39, told officers the man bought gas, left the station, then returned and asked for change for a dollar bill.

At that time, Robinson reported, the man pulled a small caliber gun and demanded the register receipts. He left with \$98.

The gunman was described as between 5-foot-10 and 6 feet tall, 150 to 160 pounds, and 23 to 24 years of age. He wore a sport coat, rust or burnt orange slacks, and a hat.



TO COMPETE TONIGHT... Top winners in both the junior and senior division of the South Bay Exchange Club's Search for Talent contest will compete tonight in area finals. Shown here are Melvin Cortez and Ruthie Cruz (front), junior division winners for their dance duette, and the "Strollin' Minstrels," a barbershop quartet featured South High Students Robert Baxter, Ronald Marzilli, Daniel Neece, and Daniel Wilson. Tonight's finals will be held at Crozier Junior High School and admission is free.

Obituaries

Thea Barens

Funeral services for Thea Barens, 806 E. Joel St., Carson, were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Maspeth, N. Y.

A resident of the area for eight years, Mrs. Barens was born Oct. 22, 1884, in Germany. She died last Tuesday.

Surviving are a daughter, Lydia Mamaradio of Carson, and six grandchildren.

... Seminar

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By communications seminars to be led by Drucker.

AT THAT point, Mrs. William K. Watson of Torrance joined the group of community coordinator. She introduced Mrs. G. F. Tanza, area chairman of the Federation of Coordinating Councils, and Mrs. R. O'Beiz, president of the Torrance Coordinating Council, to the project.

Drucker was invited to speak at the March meeting of the Coordinating Council.

His presentation was heard by Stanley Dunn, chairman of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission, and Dunn carried the project back to his own commission and to the Torrance Youth Council.

THE TWO groups then secured approval of the Torrance City Council to sponsor the seminars.

Drucker is a candidate for a doctoral degree in educational psychology at UCLA. He studied for a year at the University of Vienna and had done research in the field of youth and narcotics.

The seminars, according to Mrs. Watson, are aimed at creating an atmosphere for meaningful dialogue. The seminars are designed to involve the participants with the issues under discussion.

There is no charge for the seminars, which will be held each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Reception For Nurse Unit Set

A reception for persons interested in a career in nursing will be held Wednesday in the Fireside Room of the Campus Center at El Camino College.

The program, which is being jointly sponsored by Iota Kappa Chi, the ECC nurses club, the El Camino nursing department and District 54 of the Centinela Valley Nurses Association, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Included in the evening's program will be panel discussions on the various kinds of approaches to nursing education. The film, "Pathways Into Nursing," will also be shown.

Talent Contest Finals Planned

Area finals in the Exchange Club of California Search for Talent contest will be held this evening at Crozier Junior High School in Inglewood.

Junior and senior division winners from four area clubs will be competing in the finals. Winners in tonight's competition will go on to the division finals May 3.

Contestants representing the Exchange Club of the South

Bay include Melvin Cortez and Ruthie Cruz, a dance duo from Carson; and David Molina, a ventriloquist, both in junior division.

Senior division representatives of the local club are the "Strolling Minstrels," a barbershop quartet consisting of Robert Baxter, Ronald Marzilli, Daniel Neece, and Daniel Wilson, all of South High; and Ronna Lee Boucher of Torrance.

The Exchange Club of the South Bay will host the division finals May 3 at Mira Costa High School auditorium. State finals will be held June 26 in Sacramento.

Salesmen Name First President

Mark Moore was elected president of the newly formed automobile salesmen's union, Lodge No. 2327 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Moore will head a union which reportedly represents some 4,000 automobile salesmen in the tri-county area of metropolitan Los Angeles. More than 70 per cent of the membership cast ballots in the election.

Newly elected vice president of the union is Roy Billings. Other officers are Richard Buckley, secretary-treasurer; Ralph Greenup, recording secretary; John McLane, conductor; and Robert Popham, sentinel.

TRUSTEES are Henry Eshelman, William Forbes, and Emery Yesnosky, while executive board members are David Daughren, John Imhoof, and Edward Nowotny.

"Now we can get down to business and make things better for both the car salesman and the general public," Moore said after his election was confirmed. "How long could such a state of affairs continue in a great country like this where one paycheck in six comes as a result of the automobile industry, while the man upon whom everyone relies to sell the cars has no security whatever, no salary, no pension when he gets too old to sell, no hospitalization, and not even a paycheck to take home to his family unless he sells a car."

Beach Cities To Present Hit Show

The Redondo Beach Department of Parks and Recreation has announced it will co-sponsor a summer production of the Broadway hit Bye Bye Birdie as a part of their continuing participation in Beach Cities Productions.

Auditions for this summer recreational program for teenagers will be held in early June at Redondo Union, Pier Avenue, Aviation and Mira Costa High Schools. Performances will be given in August at Mira Cost High School.

Teenagers who are interested in performing as dancers, singers, actors, musicians or technicians should contact the Redondo Beach Department of Parks and Recreation for more details.

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Tartar Teen Talk

By Betsy Tomita

With the year coming to an end, the seniors are busy preparing for graduation and the big event, the prom.

Queen Linda Wilson and King Tom Sommers will reign over the 1969 Senior Prom. Members of the queen's court are princesses Diane Shigekuni, Patty Sharpe, Janie Hines, and Lu Ann Schultz. The princes are Kim Brooks, Kevin McNally, Dave Starr, and Terry Waters. The former dinner dance will be held May 10.

"This is the time for courage and a time for challenge," has been selected as the motto of the Class of '69, and is taken from John F. Kennedy.

THE FIFTH annual Arts and Crafts and Photography Contest and Exhibit will be held May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the boys' gym. The modern dance club will perform in the auditorium as an added feature.

Drawing, painting (oil and acrylic), constructional photography, mixed media, and water color are the different categories for this year's contest. The contest is limited to students enrolled in an art class. Something new has been

added to THS, the first annual photography contest. The purpose of this new idea is to produce "student involvement" according to Mel Steinberg, photography instructor.

ANY STUDENT at THS may enter but must have taken the photograph that he is entering. The subject and number of entries is unlimited. The deadline was last Wednesday and judging will be April 21. Steinberg, Mrs. Carmen Watson, English instructor, Simi Hollis, senior, and Richard Lott, a junior, are the judges. From April 23 to 25, the photographs will be on display in the wrestling room. First place prize is \$15 and second place, \$10.

A spring band concert featuring sounds of today, yesterday, and tomorrow will be held tonight at 8 in the auditorium. Jeff Vowell will perform a solo on his tuba. The Tartar Band and Dance Band will also do numbers.

Another Spring Concert is scheduled for May 23 with the Tartar Choir and Tartar Orchestra and soloists Richard Nielson on violin and oboe and Danny Omatsu, clarinet, and Michelle Mayo also on clarinet.

Man In Red Wig Robs Gas Station

A man dressed as a woman held up a service station early Thursday, netting more than \$80 after threatening the station owner with a butcher knife.

The suspect, described as a man in his late 30s, wore a gray dress, black high heels, and a shaggy red wig.

Station owner Leslie Earl Moore of Redondo Beach told police the suspect drove into the station at 2355 Western Ave. about 6:15 a.m. and asked for oil, saying, "My husband usually takes care of this."

After Moore put some oil into the car, he turned around and noticed the suspect was brandishing a knife. "Give me your money," the suspect said, holding the knife at Moore's throat.

After emptying the cash register and relieving Moore of his wallet, the suspect forced Moore to lie on the floor, and then drove away.

A witness obtained the license number of the suspect vehicle and it was traced to an owner in Garden Grove. No arrests have been made.

Press Club Will Hear Younger

District Attorney Evelle J. Younger will be the guest speaker Wednesday at a meeting of the Masonic Press Club of Los Angeles, to be held at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, 600 N. Vermont St.

Younger is chairman of President Richard M. Nixon's task force on "Crime and Law Enforcement" and, as a brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve, has just completed an inspection tour of U.S. Air Force bases in Europe.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., according to Gaylord L. Campbell, information officer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and president of the club.

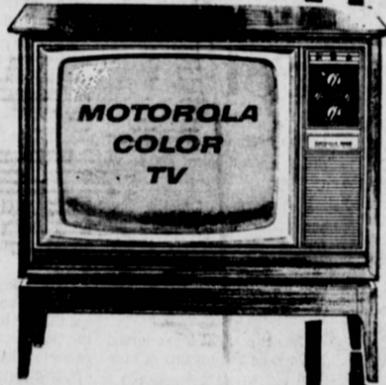
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fired two more shots. One of the shots hit the suspect in the right wrist and he then dropped the gun.

The suspect, later identified as McCarthy, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment, then transferred to the prison ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

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