

# Council Ballots Ordered to Court for Recount June 5

## UPSET:

# Write-in Candidate Sweeps Into Office on Post Card

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## Friends of Former Pilot Establish Memorial Fund

### Cancer Takes 24-Year-Old Native Son

A memorial fund in the name of Harvel L. "Buddy" Guttenfelder, 24-year old former Air Force pilot, who lost a two-and-a-half year fight against cancer last Saturday, was under discussion this week by his many Torrance friends.

Funeral services for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Guttenfelder Sr., 1427 Post avenue, were conducted Monday afternoon in the St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Rev. Arthur E. Bello and Rev. Paul Wheeler officiated.

In spite of his illness, Guttenfelder returned to college after winning his silver wings as an Air force pilot, and graduated from the University of Southern California School of Commerce in February of this year.

A graduate of Torrance High School in 1948, he lived with his wife, Joyce, at 713 Madrid avenue.

Funeral arrangements by Stone and Myers Mortuary included interment services in Inglewood Cemetery.

According to close friends of the deceased those wishing to

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### Disposal Units Suggested For All Homes Here

Installation of garbage disposal units in all the houses in Torrance to be paid for by the city, was offered by Councilman Jack Drake Tuesday night as a possible solution to the garbage disposal problem.

"I believe the units (an electrical device which grinds up garbage and washes it down the kitchen sink) cost about \$50 each. If we bought several of them," Drake pointed out, "we could probably get them even cheaper."

City Manager George Stevens said that based on the \$50 cost estimate it would take 17 years for the city to pay for the devices, assuming money spent on garbage collection would be used to purchase the appliances.

A local plumbing dealer said the average cost of a disposal unit was \$87.50 to \$124.50 plus \$25-\$30 plumbing installation charge depending upon the complexity of the job, plus an additional charge for an electrical outlet.

Based on these figures the city could pay for an average installation job in 34 to 50 years.

Stevens pointed out that many homes having only cesspools or septic tanks could not

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"BUDDY" GUTTENFELDER Remembered by Friends

### Fred Boren A Lucky Lion

Luckiest Lion these days is Fred Boren, manager of the USES at Gramercy and Cravens. He was the winner of two American Airline tickets to Hawaii at the spring meeting of Lions held at Catalina last weekend.

Also attending from Torrance, but not quite as lucky, were Dr. Don Moshos and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Isen, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Olson, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diamond and family.

**ONE-WAY TRAFFIC**  
Traffic using El Prado between Cravens avenue and Manuel avenue in the future will follow a one-way pattern on either side of the parkway.

## Council Can Not Recount

Ballots cast in the city election of April 11 have been ordered brought to Superior Court on June 5 for a proposed recount, it was revealed this week.

Meanwhile, Councilman Willys G. Blount was issued a citation this week to appear in the Los Angeles Superior Court on that date to show cause why the ballots cast in the recent municipal election should not be recounted. Blount's position on the council is being challenged by Victor E. Benstead, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, who lost the election to Blount by seven votes.

In another phase of the complicated legal battle, Judge Arnold Praeger of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 25, this week overruled a demurrer filed by Blount's attorney, G. Douglas Smith, and denied a request of Smith that the recount matter be heard by the City Council.

Judge Praeger's memorandum ruling was received here with varied reactions. In his ruling, Judge Praeger stated that Torrance was a city of the sixth class. If this is true, it has been claimed, Torrance would not be able to operate its own schools or conduct other business which is a privilege.

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### Vote Figures Put City Population At About 22,500

Vote registration in Torrance jumped 400 during the past two months, it was revealed this week by Harry W. Chapman, deputy registrar of voters.

On February 16, closing date for registering for the last municipal election, there were 8640 voters eligible to cast ballots. On April 13, closing date for the June primaries, a total of 9036 persons had registered to vote.

Based on a factor of 2.5, arrived at by comparing past records of voter-registration and census figures, Albert H. Bartlett city clerk, estimates the population of the city to be 22,500—that is, as of one month ago!

### Seaside School Photographed by London News

Seaside School is going to be in the news! And in London, yet!

The school was photographed recently by the London Illustrated News as an example of how California school administrators and architects are keeping pace with modern trends.

Also, the school was the focus point of Life Magazine photographers recently who photographed the school to illustrate a photo-editorial on the famous rat packs which have been plaguing southland residents during recent weeks.

## Ex-Mayor Victor In Last Minute Mail Campaign

A spotty, yet effective, last-minute postcard campaign, swept ex-Mayor William H. Tolson into a seat in the Board of Education last Friday, along with ex-Councilman Albert L. Jackson and Judge John A. Shidler.

The victory, surprising even Tolson, according to his post-election statement, unseated the present board president, Dr. Howard A. Wood and Mrs. Evelyn Carr; an incumbent.

Tolson polled 518 votes, 77



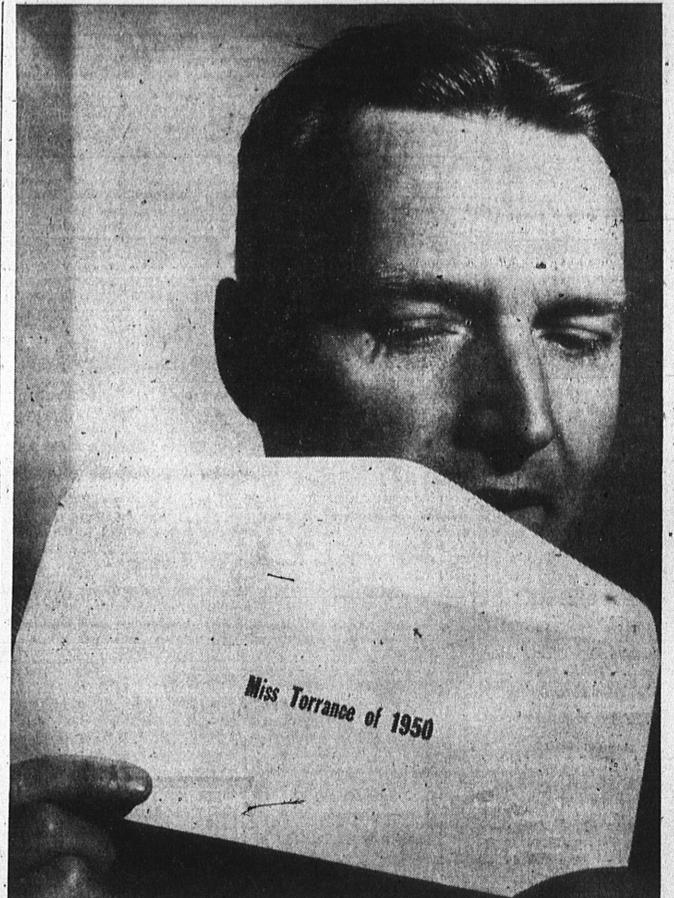
EX-MAYOR TOLSON

...Victorio's Late Corner more ballots than next competitor, yet did not receive a single vote in either the Perry Elementary or North Torrance Elementary voting precincts.

The vote was relatively light—only 18 percent of the estimated 9043 voters (including the El Nido district) cast ballots in the election. The \$2,000,000 bond election held March 21 brought out 25 percent of the city's voters.

Members of the new board

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CLIMAX . . . William A. Zoeller, a certified public accountant, and only man who knows the name of Miss Torrance of 1950, seals the findings of his audit in an envelope to be opened tomorrow night at the Coronation Ball in the Civic Auditorium. Crowning the queen will climax six weeks of campaigning as part of the Junior Woman's Club's efforts to augment the YWCA building fund.

## Crowning Will Reveal Winner of Queen Title

At the moment only one man knows the name of Miss Torrance of 1950 — and he is keeping it a secret until tomorrow night.

That man is William A. Zoeller, a certified public accountant. This week Zoeller collected all of the outstanding ballots of Junior Woman's Club's Fifth Annual Queen Contest and made a final tally of all votes.

## SHERIFF'S SQUAD NABS BRIBE SUSPECT HERE

In custody this week on suspicion that bribes were offered to witnesses in a pending morals case was Buddy Perales, 27, of 3306 Del Amo boulevard.

Arrested over the weekend with three other men, Perales was held for questioning when the complaining witness in the case, a 19-year-old girl, reported to Sheriff's deputies that she had been approached to change her testimony and leave the state.

Officers said the young woman was attacked last May 13 by a man who forced her into his automobile in Redondo Beach.

Baldonero G. Jimenez, 30, of 2104 1/2 Redondo Beach boulevard, Redondo Beach, was arrested and charged with the crime.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Fred Henderson, yesterday asked that the county grand jury hear the case on recommendation of its criminal complaints committee.

No other person, not even any of the five queen candidates, says Mrs. Maxine Jensen, president of the Junior Woman's Club, knows exactly who will be Miss Torrance until the sealed envelopes are opened tomorrow night during the suspenseful climax to the contest at the Coronation Ball in the Civic Auditorium.

At that time, Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald and master of ceremonies for the occasion, will tear open the envelopes to announce the winner of the six-week campaign. Mayor Bob L. Haggard will crown the new queen.

The five aspirants for the title are:

- Sadie Hawks, sponsored by the Torrance Teen Club.
- Beverly Moore, backed by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- Barbara Zachary, Lions Club candidate.
- Ann Mondor, Rotary Club's

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## Maggie, Jiggs, Parents of Nine, Chick-nabbed

### CHICKS AND CHILDREN HOLD HOPE FOR COUPLE

Maggie and Jiggs, mama and papa of nine two-day old offspring, have been chick-nabbed!

Police, called by Mrs. Vera Stowell, director of the Torrance Child Care Center from where the feather-covered parents were chick-nabbed, fear that the pets were stolen sometime Monday evening—about dinner time.

Most remorseful over their disappearance are the 54 small children at the Child Care Center.

About 21 days ago, when Mrs. Stowell told the tots that Maggie and Jiggs were chick-nabbed, there began a three-week vigil by the tots. Each morning the tiny "likes would peer into the nest and ask:

"Any chickies yet?"

Last Friday out from the protective wing of mama Maggie there peeped nine little chicks—all looking like the trademark on a Bon-Ami can.

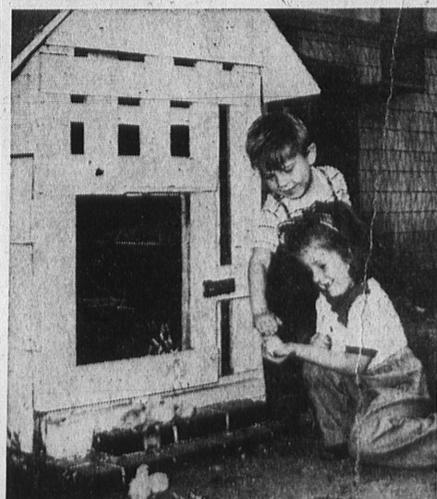
Then on Monday, a bit over 48 hours later, the chick-nabbers executed their fowl deed. Over the fence at the Child Care Center, 2021 Marina avenue, went the thieves.

A bit later, Mrs. Herbert Woods, who lives across the street, heard a chorus of chirping and peeping and made the discovery that Maggie and Jiggs were missing.

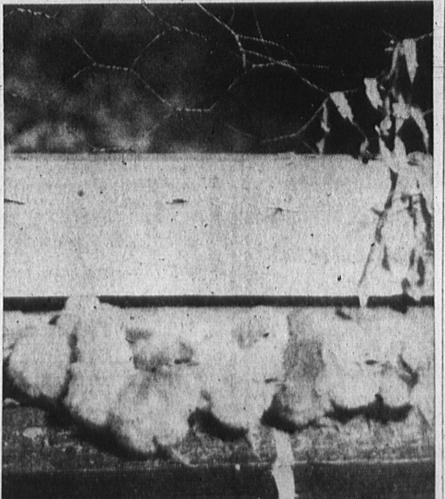
The baby chicks have been doing nicely in an improvised incubator over the pilot light on Mrs. Stowell's stove at her home at 2316 West 239th street.

Meanwhile, the 54 children at the center want their Maggie and Jiggs back.

"It seems," says Mrs. Stowell, "that the children do not hold with the belief that there should be a chicken in every pot.



MARVIN LEE WATKINS AND JERRIE BENNETT ... They and Nine Chicks Wait for Maggie and Jiggs



NINE FEATHERED OFFSPRING ... Left Homeless by Marauders

## Gamecocks Visit City Courtroom

Shades of Solomon! Courtrooms are usually rather august sanctuaries wherein the wheels of justice grind with precision, rolling out solutions to the legal problems of man. Now and then, however, something comes along to disrupt the seeming dignity of such a scene.

Such a "something" came along Monday morning in City Judge Otto B. Willet's court when two noisy gamecocks showed up to witness the trial of T. P. Williams, 4290 West Highway 101, who was charged with possession of the two birds.

Williams was convicted on two counts of possessing the birds illegally and of possessing illegal fighting equipment for the birds. He was sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and received a 30-day suspended jail term. The gamecocks received no sentence.