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# WIFE OF YOUTH JAILED IN DOPE RAID CRITICALLY HURT IN CRASH

## City Will Join In 'Operation Shakedown'

Torrance officials are joining with those from other Southern California cities in planning for a major earthquake tonight at 4 p.m.

There won't really be an earthquake at that hour, or at least officials really don't think so, but they will be making plans for possible future earthquakes as they take part in "Operation Shakedown."

Under the direction of George Powell, local Civil Defense director, 10 city officials will plan as if an earthquake of Point 8 magnitude and intensity had hit Torrance and surrounding cities. This would include large cracks in the ground, widespread damage, broken service pipes, and general panic conditions.

Since California is subject to some 200 or 300 earthquakes annually, Civil Defense officials are making plans for a natural disaster which might be more imminent than enemy attack.

Taking part in the exercise will be City Manager George Stevens, Fire Chief W. H. Haslam, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, Assistant City Engineer John Patrick, Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlin, Water Superintendent Angus McVicar, Senior Clerk Walter Bradford, Building Superintendent John Russell, Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins, and Park Superintendent Casper Clemmer.

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## Mate Released To Be With Her

Critical injuries were suffered by the young wife of a youth facing narcotics charges in a spectacular dawn crash here Tuesday.

Mrs. Earsie Codd, 19, of 1130 1/2 Ocean St., was in grave condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday with severe head and chest injuries.

Near her bedside was her husband, William Charles Codd, 20, of the Ocean St. address, who was released on \$1000 bail within a few hours after the mishap at 229th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. He was arrested Friday night as one of nine suspected members of a drug ring.

On Way to Work  
Police said the young woman, mother of an infant, was driving to work at a trailer construction firm when her south-bound car was involved in a collision with a west-bound auto driven by Richard L. Coolbough, 28, of 2334 W. 229th St.

The impact hurled the right side of Mrs. Codd's auto against a power pole and sheared off a nearby water hydrant.

Coolbough was not hurt.

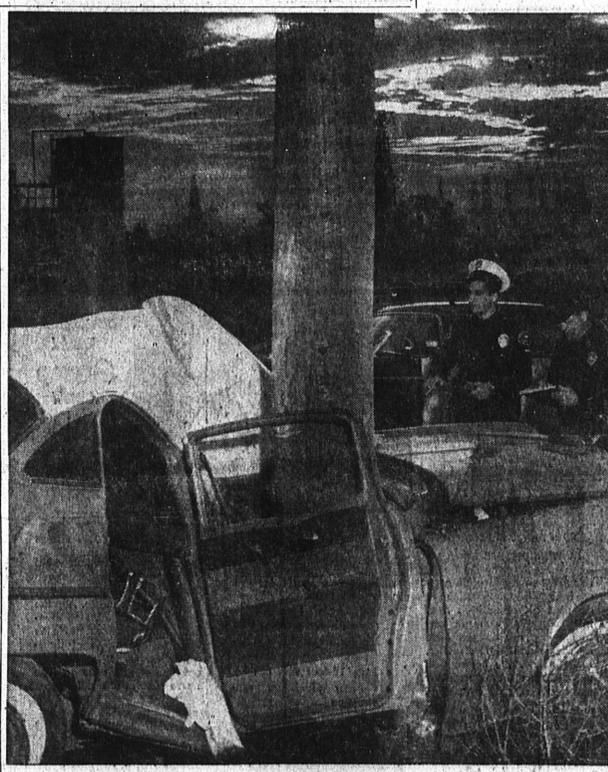
Six Others Held  
Mrs. Codd's husband had been arraigned Tuesday before South Bay Municipal Judge Otto Willett on felony narcotics charges. He and six other men had been arrested in a surprise raid by sheriff's deputies in Torrance last Friday night. Deputies said they collected more than \$4000 worth of narcotics in the raid, including 7000 barbiturate pills.

Tony Albert Almeida, 18, 5202 W. 182nd St., was held under \$5000 bail on the charges and two counts of narcotics sale. Merton Neil Stoner, 20, 4244 W. 179th St., was released on a \$5000 writ, and Dick Farrell Fields, 20, 1620 W. 219th St., was released on \$1000 bail.

Charges Pending  
Others in the group still in jail include Burt John Smith, 21, 23304 Falena Ave., and Jack William Boal, 21, 2360 Torrance Blvd., held on \$2500 bail, and Robert Eugene Fulbright, 19, Manhattan Beach, held on \$1000 bail. Two juveniles arrested at the same time are being handled through juvenile court in Los Angeles.

Sgt. Jay Ströh, of the sheriff's narcotics detail, said that the Torrance city attorney was preparing misdemeanor possession of dangerous drugs charges against Smith and Boal, and that these would probably be filed in court tomorrow. He indicated this misdemeanor charges also might be filed against some of the others.

Hearings on the felony charges will be on Dec. 3, while the misdemeanors will come up on Dec. 12.



SCENE OF CRASH... Officers Ray Silagy and Vince Davey check scene of crash where Mrs. Earsie Codd was injured while on her way to work early Tuesday. Her husband, one of the local men arrested last week on suspicion of violating narcotics laws, was released on bail to be at her bedside at Harbor General Hospital.

## Vandals Pillage Seaside School

Vandals made one of the most destructive school raids in recent local history over the week end when they rampaged through Seaside School, police reported Monday.

The pillagers, believed to be juveniles, caused several hundred dollars' worth of damage after entering by prying a locked door.

The hoodlums damaged a typewriter and duplicating machine and gouged the tops of tables in the office. Then they ranged through several classrooms, spilling ink and paint on the floors, smashing windows and breaking pencil sharpeners. In the cafeteria, they broke eggs against the walls and dumped ice cream bars on the floor.

Some of the damage to the windows was caused by a pellet gun, according to investigators.

The havoc was discovered by a custodian.

## New Electric Signs Slated

Motorists entering and leaving Torrance will be apprised of the fact soon with the erection of five illuminated signs reading "Welcome to Torrance" and "You Are Leaving Torrance."

Approval to enter into a contract for the signs was given by the Board of Directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Monday afternoon.

The signs, of stainless steel and plastic, will cost \$37 per month apiece for three years when they will become the property of the city. Thereafter, the signs will be maintained at a cost of \$7.50 per month apiece.

## RABID CAT ATTACKS 2

A cat which wandered into a Gardena bar, biting two patrons, is the latest animal in that area to be diagnosed as rabid, according to the County Health Department.

The cat attacked Donald Martin, Gardena, and Ben Harpole, Studio City, in a bar at 14801 S. Western Ave., Sunday. The men quickly got a box and cornered the cat, which was taken to the South Bay Humane Society. It died Tuesday and was definitely diagnosed to be rabid. The men now will undergo the Pasteur treatments.

Health officials said that rabies occurs only rarely in cats, but affects many dogs. Three rabid dogs were found recently in the Gardena area and 14 persons are taking the rabies treatments as the result of contact with them. The Gardena area only recently started a series of anti-rabies vaccinations for dogs.

Officials said the rabid cat was a large orange-striped cat and urged anyone with knowledge of the owner or who might have come in contact with the animal to get in touch with them.

## WINDOWS BROKEN

Someone shot holes through the windshields of two trucks parked by his house, Arthur S. Hammill, 2468 W. 254th St., told sheriff's deputies Monday.

# Family Stranded 2500 Miles From Home Aided by Friend

A Torrance woman making a 3300-mile cross-country bus trip with four children thought she knew what trouble was until she found herself stranded in Columbus, O., by a bus strike, with only \$22 in her purse.

Mrs. Catherine Grandmaison, 28, 3421 W. 183rd St., was taking her four children, ranging between nine months and nine

years old, to visit her parents in Haverhill, Mass. Stranded in Columbus, O., she went through trials that might have tried Job's patience, but she was finally sent on her way through the efforts of an Elyria, O., newspaper, the kindness of a New York trainmaster, and a former Torrance resident she met but once.

Back in Torrance, her husband, George, an aircraft worker, didn't find out about his wife's troubles until they were all over. But he declared, "If I'd known about it then, I would probably have hopped in my car and driven back. As it is, I'm going to send them money to come back—and this time, by train."

October, Mrs. Grandmaison was eagerly looking forward to seeing her parents for the first time in five years. She hadn't anticipated the ordeal it would be to get her four youngsters—Donna, 9; Marcia, 5; George, 4; and Michael, 9 months—across the country by bus. She soon discovered.

At Columbus, O., 2500 miles from Los Angeles and 800 miles from her destination, Mrs. Grandmaison was told that bus drivers had struck and that she couldn't go on until the strike was over. She was panic-stricken, since she had only \$22 in her purse. Of this, she gave \$2 to a woman who had no money at all.

"There was only one family between the east and west coast whom I knew," she said. They happened to live in Elyria, O., 135 miles from Columbus, and Mrs. Grandmaison had met them only once—at a Douglas Aircraft picnic here. Joseph C. Brattoli was a former co-worker of her husband's who had moved to Ohio.

Called Friend  
At 4 a.m., she called Brattoli, who immediately started for Columbus, but was delayed by a flat tire and motor trouble. Finally arriving, he transported the tired woman and her more tired children to his home.

After a rest, appeals to the bus company brought no response, and a check with the tour company were also in vain. Finally, Mrs. Grandmaison called the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram. Newspaper officials contacted the terminal trainmaster of the New York Central Lines. He made first-class arrangements for the Grandmaisons on The Mercury, crack liner to Boston and promised that they would be treated "like nobility."



ON THEIR WAY—AT LAST... Mrs. Catherine Grandmaison, 3421 W. 183rd St., and her four children—George, 4; Michael, 9 months; Marcia, 5, and Donna, 9—prepare for the last leg of their 3300-mile journey after being stranded in Ohio by a bus strike, with only \$22. She was aided by a former Torrance resident whom she met only once, a kindly New York trainmaster, and the Elyria (Ohio) Chronicle-Telegram, which took this picture of them as they prepared to leave for Boston.

## THS Seniors Will Present 'June Mad'

Torrance High School thespians will present the senior play, "June Mad," a comedy in three acts, this Friday, and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium.

The play deals with a girl's indecision about her career. This part is played by Barbara Barra.

Other members of the cast include Ollie Lessin, Joan Valhalic, Joe Rubco, Bill Evans, Gayle Richards, Susan Babcock, Howard Matthews, Sharon Allison, Lee Mellen, Eddie Shaw, Lorie McGuire, Mary Ann Rurak, Bobbie Hedge, Sandra Beard, Joyce Hockey, Gwen Welch.

Some of the parts in the play will feature a different actor on each night.

Directed by Gayle Davis, student, and Von Hershey, faculty, the play will cost adults \$1 and children 75 cents. Larry Martin is technical director and Ollie Lessin and Elsa Barlow are co-producers.

## AND SANTA'S HAPPY

# Letter Writers Flooding Santa

Boys and girls throughout the Torrance HERALD circulation area continued to pile up letters on the desk of THE HERALD's Christmas Editor this week as the competition for one of the four \$15 merchandise awards increased.

Letters this week covered the field, ranging from first graders to eighth graders. A large number of the letters ask Santa to bring peace to the world.

Ten-year-old Jill Eckersley, a fifth grader living at 2022 Reynosa Dr., summed up the requests in her letter to Santa: "What I would like best for Christmas is peace on earth, good will toward man. Mommy and Daddy can get the doll and clothes that I want with money, but peace on earth cannot be bought with money. I would rather have Daddy here for Christmas than gone to war again."

Wants to Help  
Another 9-year-old, Jane Hirose of 3738 Del Amo Blvd., wants to help her mother for Christmas.

"I am a girl, 9 years old, and I want a washing machine for my mother. She works early in the morning until late in the night, so I could help her out," Jane wrote. She is a third grader at Madrona Elementary School.

Other letters will be found today on Page 42.

Children writing to Santa in THE HERALD's letter contest were cautioned again this week to put down their grade

## THIEF TAKES \$\$\$

A thief crawled in his window and took \$5.40 from a box in his room, Theodore Kobayashi, 25304 Ebony Lane, told sheriff's deputies Monday.

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## Southwood Shopping Center Grows!

Watch THE HERALD for special values in effect every week at Torrance's newest shopping center—Sepulveda and Palms Verdes Boulevards. See pages 10-11-12 today's paper.

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