

HUSBAND LOSES OUT IN 'LOVE GAME'

Local Man Held On Dope Charge

A Torrance man is in Los Angeles County Jail today, charged with possession of narcotics and a sawed-off shotgun, after some \$800 in narcotics was found at his home.

The man, Roy Jennings, 27, of 4401 Emerald St., also was checked out as the suspected slayer of two El Segundo policemen.

Information Given
Acting on information received from an informant, Sheriff's Narcotic Deputies, under the supervision of Capt. Kenneth Irving, took Jennings into custody at his home after finding marijuana, benzedrine and yellow jacket pills stashed away there.

Estimated value of the drugs was set at \$800-900 by deputies.

Held on \$2000 bail, Jennings was arraigned Friday in South Bay Municipal Court.

In Line-Up
Before the arraignment, he was placed in a line-up for possible identification as the El Segundo killer. Witnesses failed to identify him as the murder suspect or as a suspect in a number of robbery cases.

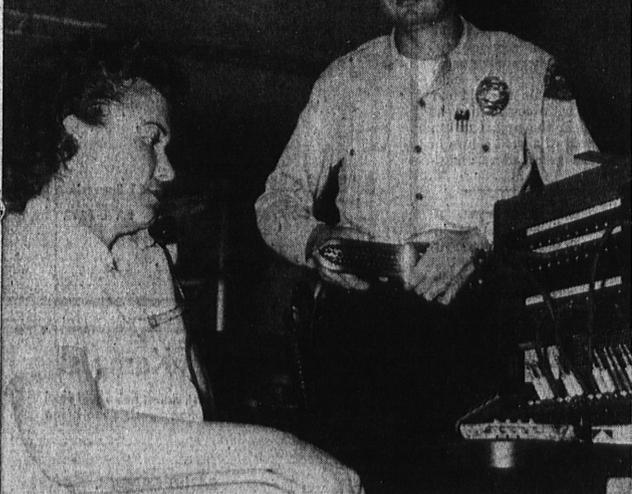
A second man, arrested with Jennings, later was released.

Policeman In Hospital

Lt. Swayne Johnson of the local police department is in Torrance Memorial Hospital as the result of an accident which occurred while he was riding his horse.

Johnson, according to Police Chief Percy Bennett, was riding through an oil field when his horse suddenly reared up. The officer landed on the saddle horn, fracturing his pelvis.

He is expected to be off duty for at least three months, Bennett said.



WOMEN RELIEVE MEN . . . Women will be answering the phone at the Torrance Police Station from now on, thus relieving police officers for active duty. More officers will be freed to chase criminals this week as women take over duties of checking parking meters. Here, Pat Speaks, new police phone operator, watches as Officer Bruce Bishop buckles on his holster to seek lawbreakers in the city.

Women Free Police--For Duty

Something new has been added at the Torrance police station—three girls who will operate the switchboard.

The women will work the switchboard thus relieving three men for duty in patrol cars.

Starting duty this week were Patricia Speaks, Emily Curtis and Mary Carter. They also will type preliminary reports during the day and evening shifts.

Three more women are expected to begin patrolling of parking meters in the central shopping district. They will issue citations for parking violations and will ride motor-scooters.

In all, the new additions are planned to relieve six officers for outside duty.

Harbor Freeway Off-Ramp Will Remain at 220th

Despite protests, entry and exit ramps for the proposed route of the Harbor Freeway will remain at 220th St.

Protests had come from the Carson Civic Betterment Assn., which had maintained the ramps would cause an increase in traffic congestion in front of the Steven M. White Junior High School.

Reasons Told
In a letter received last week from the State Highway Division, Jack E. Eckhardt, assistant district engineer, explained the division's reasons for rejecting the group's request for changing the ramps to 223rd St. or Carson St.

Both of the proposed alternate locations for the ramps are destined for future widening and improvements, the letter stated.

August Meet Canceled
The Betterment Assn. officials also announced the August meeting had been canceled. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas was forced to cancel his scheduled appearance at the meeting because of other business.

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has informed the Carson group that petitions for a sanitary sewer in a new residential district east of Avalon Blvd. and north of 223rd St. will be ready for circulation in about three weeks.

George Sumney Dies

Efforts of Torrance firemen to revive a man who apparently suffered a heart attack at his home proved vain Thursday. The victim was George Sumney, 1903-B Cabrillo Ave.

A week-long vacation trip to Mexico City turned into a temporary nightmare for Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf, 21804 Halldale Ave., and their son, Bob, 15, as they were caught in the lobby of the hotel, where they spent the night. An assorted crowd of tourists from all countries and the Mexicans all were talking, shouting, and praying in their native tongues, the Wolfs reported. Rumors flew that hundreds had been killed by the quake.

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Fires Start
All day long, they heard the sirens of fire engines and ambulances racing through the city streets. Apparently, many water mains and gas lines had been broken by the quake, and a number of fires resulted.

The streets were a mass of rubble, with sidewalks raised two or three feet in some places and sunk a like distance in others. Streets and sidewalks were full of cracks of varying sizes.

They discovered that, inexplicably, some buildings collapsed or were badly damaged, while others nearby apparently suffered little damage. One 23-story building came through without a broken window, while another smaller hotel two blocks away leaned badly into the street and will probably have to be torn down.

No Pattern Seen
"There seemed to be no particular pattern to the damage," said Wolf, a builder. "They have regulations governing the construction and many of those

One Man Injured in 2-Car Crash Thursday
One person was injured when two cars collided on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Winlock Ave., Thursday.

Injured was Leslie Grousch, 19, of 1926 W. 257th Pl. Lomita, a passenger in the car driven by Carl Harold Dreyer, 21, of 28234 Eshelman Ave., Lomita.

Dreyer was booked on suspicion of drunk driving, Torrance police said.

Rivets Reports
Rivets had good reason to joyfully wag his tail today. The weatherman predicted cooler weather for the day with night and morning low clouds.

By afternoon, though, Rivets said the beach weather would be perfect. High today around 81 degrees. High and low temperatures this week were: Wednesday 85-62, Thursday (87-58), and Friday (83-65).



"CATASTROFE!" . . . That's the headline in this Mexican paper that Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf and their son, Bob, are looking at. The local family were in Mexico City during the disastrous earthquake which killed 50 persons and injured hundreds. They had to crawl to the street from their sixth-story hotel room after the earthquake hit during the middle of the night.

Torrance Family's Mexico Trip Becomes Nightmare

the only illumination was buildings we saw burning through the window," Mrs. Wolf said. "We could hear people screaming, glass breaking, and buildings falling."

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Afterward, the Wolfs, together with Mrs. Wolf's sister and family, continued their sight-seeing. Mrs. Wolf's sister, Virginia, a former Torrance resident, is now in Texas with her husband, Maj. Marshall Austin, a major in the Marine Air Corps, and their three children.

The Wolfs, who were in Torrance at the time of the devastating 1941 earthquake, here, described the Mexican tremors as much worse. They returned by plane Wednesday afternoon, having decided that their vacation, the first in several years, was exciting and interesting, if not relaxing.

Cars Warned to Steer Clear of City Sweepers

A warning was issued yesterday to all motorists by Police Chief Percy Bennett, to use extreme care and caution when overtaking and passing a street sweeper.

"These machines are right hand driven to enable the operator to watch the curb," Bennett said.

"Sometimes when he encounters a parked vehicle, it is necessary for him to dodge or drive around the vehicle and he is unable to have an uninterrupted view of what's on his left."

"Consequently he would not always be aware of another vehicle trying to pass him," the chief warned.

Wife's Car Hit By Motorcyclist

Winning back a wife's affections can prove mighty dangerous—especially the way one local man tried to do it.

That was what Robert Maggard, 25, 20617 Mariposa Ave., discovered Thursday, after he tried playing tag at 50 miles per hour on his motorcycle, according to California Highway Patrolmen.

The CHP reported that Maggard was riding around a car driven by his estranged wife, Christine, on his motorcycle at speeds up to 50 miles per hour.

The ardent swain struck the car and was hurled, 100 feet. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where he was reported to be out of danger yesterday, although he suffered internal injuries, a broken tibia and severe lacerations.

Maggard told CHP officers that he was racing his motorcycle back and forth past his wife's car on Mariposa Ave., near their home, because he was trying to win back her affection.

He said he miscalculated and struck the car's fender, losing control of his cycle.

Gala Recreation Circus Slated At Torrance Park

The Torrance Recreation Dept. will present its annual circus today at 2 p.m. at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave.

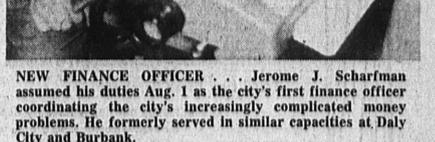
This circus is directly concerned with the summer vacation program currently in progress at the parks and playgrounds. Children participating in these areas make up the acts, stunts, and acrobatics that are a part of every circus. They also help in the planning and formation of the booth or concession for which each area is responsible.

Games Planned
Refreshments and games to suit the taste of everybody will be available.

Participating will be Riviera and Newton, cold drinks; Waltheria Park, muscle meter; El Retiro, nail driving; McMaster, car parking; Perry and Carr, basketball and football throw; Waltheria School and Hillside, dart throwing; Crenshaw and Casimir, ring toss; Howard Wood and Meadow Park, hot dogs; Greenwood and Madrona, bean bags; Sea-Aire, balloons; Anza and Sepulveda, sponge throw; Arlington and Steele, squirt guns and candles. In addition there will be such refreshments as popcorn, pie and coffee.

Tickets Sold
Tickets for the concessions and booths may be purchased at the park. The concessions will not take money, only tickets.

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Scharfman Becomes City Finance Head

NEW FINANCE OFFICER . . . Jerome J. Scharfman assumed his duties Aug. 1 as the city's first finance officer coordinating the city's increasingly complicated money problems. He formerly served in similar capacities at Daly City and Burbank.

The new city employee arrived Thursday from Daly City where he was director of finance for two years. Formerly he was a principal accountant at Burbank.

He will work with City Manager George Stevens, City Treasurer Harriett Leach and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Scharfman studied accounting at UCLA following four years of service in the U. S. Army.

He plans to make his home in Torrance with his wife, Diane, and their sons, Jay 12, and Andrew, 1.