



# COUNCIL TO BAN CRIME-SEX- AND HORROR COMIC BOOKS

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# Forgery Jails Mother, 21 Bad Checks Total \$800

## Heavy Debts Blamed

A forgery complaint was issued this week against a 21-year-old mother who was charged with passing \$800 worth of forged checks stolen from her employer. Arrest was to follow today, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

The complaint was issued against Mrs. Barbara Jefferson, 21, of 2667 West Carson.

**'Heavily In Debt'**  
Mrs. Jefferson, the mother of a young baby, claimed that she was heavily in debt in Los Angeles and Hollywood. She stated that she sent \$300 of the \$800 she cashed with her check to pay her Los Angeles clothing bill at the store.

She allegedly stole her first bad check and passed it the first day that she started work. The woman, who has lived here with her husband since April, has no previous police record. She stole a total of four checks, forging Toomey's name, and made the checks out to herself.

When confronted with the evidence, she made a full admission, but took the whole episode quite matter-of-fact. Det. Capt. Ashton stated.

**Council to Meet Weekly**  
Regular meeting of the City Council will be held every week from now on, according to a resolution passed by that civic body.

The Council will meet at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and at 5:30 p.m. the first and fifth Tuesday.

**Property Owners Must Pay Delinquent Water Bills, New Ruling**

Responsibility for paying delinquent water bills where individuals have moved lies now with the property owners, according to an amendment passed by the City Council. The Torrance Water Department will refuse to turn on water until the bills are paid. It was announced by Angus McVicar, water superintendent.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN



MINIATURE MODEL . . . Bernice Florence, Torrance police matron, displays a miniature model of a 6'x9' traffic sign which will soon be erected in downtown Torrance. A record will be kept of every type of traffic accident as part of a safety campaign sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Seen looking at the sign are Sgt. John Maestri, (f), committee chairman, and Chief of Police Willard "Pop" Haslam.

## Jaycees To Sponsor Traffic Safety Sign

As part of an intensive traffic safety campaign, a traffic safety board giving a month-to-month breakdown of all types of accidents will soon be erected in downtown Torrance.

Approval of a specific site awaits action of the City Council. The board will be 6' by 9', and in addition to the accident breakdown, will display a green and red light. Every time a traffic death occurs, the red light will be turned on for 48 hours. The board's slogan reads "Keep the Green Light Burning."

## Woman Gets 40 Calls . . .

One, two, three, four . . . all the way up to 40 . . . that's how many calls Mrs. M. R. Newton had in response to a small, 90c classified ad which she placed with the Torrance Press. Her ad read as follows:

**FOR SALE:** Two red leatherette chairs with large ottomans. \$50 for pair. DA. 4-2688.

Mrs. Newton had no trouble at all selling her chairs and called the Press to thank us for the wonderful results.

For fast-action results, call FA. 8-2345. A friendly, classified sales girl will be glad to help you word your ad just right.

## County Also Acts Against 'Funny' Books

Certain "comic books" which are nothing more than a thin excuse for preaching violence, passion, lust, and immorality will soon be "off limits" in Torrance, according to a proposed ordinance forbidding their sale here.

**"Let's Not Wait"**  
"We shouldn't wait until it is suggested that sale of such comic books be forbidden here," Councilman Albert Isen declared in effect Tuesday night. "Such ordinances are being enacted now elsewhere and should be on the laws here."

There was no opposition from any of the councilmen when the matter was referred to the city attorney for study and recommendation.

**Ordinance**  
It is now up to City Attorney James Hall to draw up such an ordinance which will then be submitted to the Council for a hearing and for action.

Councilman Victor Benstead also recommended that the Torrance City Council pass a resolution that such an ordinance be enacted by the state itself and that this resolution be sent to appropriate state sources. Such a resolution was unanimously adopted.

**County Acts**  
Even as Torrance took action against these comic books, an ordinance to ban the sale of objectionable comic books to children in Los Angeles county was ordered drawn up today by the Board of Supervisors.

The ordinance, which will become effective 30 days after it is adopted, came as a result of Supervisor Kenneth Hall's request of a month ago that County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy meet with P.T.A. officials and work out recommendations for legislation which would ban so-called "comic" books which luridly portray crime, sex and horror.

Strong support for Supervisor Hahn's proposal came from Mrs. L. S. Baca, president of the Los Angeles Tenth District P.T.A.

## PLANE LANDS ON HIGHWAY, NO INJURIES

Not being able to see Torrance Municipal airport in the fog Sunday night, an unlicensed Torrance pilot decided to land on Pacific Coast Highway where he crashed into a car carrying a Long Beach couple. There were no serious injuries.

The pilot, Robert L. Mason, 35, of 25223 Weston road, Torrance, steered his single engine Bellanca westward between power poles on either side of the highway and under a street light for a landing.

Seconds later, the plane's left wing struck the rear of a coupe driven by Ronnie Rumbold, 20, of Lakewood, who was trying to make a left turn at Newton (Continued on Page 25)

## FOOD GIANT HOLDS 4-DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bargains galore . . . top values . . . orchids for the ladies . . . free train and pony rides for the kids . . . free balloons and comic books — all this and the most sensational savings on food needs are what is in store for the community today with the start of a four day Anniversary sale at the fabulous Food Giant super market, 423 S. Hawthorne boulevard, Hawthorne. Sale prices will be effective Thursday through Sunday.

Price conscious housewives will have a great opportunity to improve their food budgets because the Food Giant management has set up a wide array of sensational buys in every department of the huge market. In fact shoppers will be seeing "double" in the bargain-packed Anniversary as the Food Giant's next door neighbor, Thrifty Drug Store, will also participate in the Anniversary Sale with many specially priced values of its own.

Beautiful Vanda orchids are being flown from Hawaii to be given to Food Giant's women customers on Saturday, from 10 (Continued on Page 25)



—Press Photo  
**HOMECOMING QUEEN HOPEFULS . . .** One of these five will reign as homecoming queen tomorrow when Torrance Tartars play SaMoHi. The queen will be announced at half-time. The five girls chosen from the original 16 are (l to r): Babs Whitley, 17, Frances Frisina, 16, Vicky Hagan, 16, Connie Ericson, 17, and Mitzi Trimiew, 17. A dance for juniors, seniors, and alumnae will follow the game in the Civic Auditorium.

## Youth, 21 Drowns In Bath Tub

Death, apparently the result of drowning in the bath tub following a seizure, claimed the life of a 21-year-old man while visiting his aunt in Lomita, according to sheriff's deputies.

Dead is Lewis D. Cogar, 21, of 1846 East 186th street, who was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Fay J. Denmark at 118 Harbor Hills, Lomita.

Mrs. Denmark said that as she arrived home Thursday night, she found water running down the stairs from the bathroom and found Cogar's body floating face down in the bathtub. A friend assisted in removing the body from the tub.

Deputies applied artificial respiration until a doctor arrived to pronounce Cogar dead of drowning.

Mrs. Denmark informed po- (Continued on Page 25)

## Husband, 56, Commits Suicide—Family Trouble

Apparently despondent over family troubles and ill health, James L. Hobba, 56, who lived on the CCMO lease, killed himself in his car Saturday morning by means of carbon monoxide, according to Police Chief Willard Haslam.

## Negotiations For Purchase Of Civic Center Site Ordered

Negotiations for purchasing the new civic center site from Santa Fe Land Co. were ordered this Tuesday, according to action taken by the City Council.

Now that the bond issues for a swimming pool and new city hall and police station have been approved by the voters, the city will take steps to purchase the land intended for the civic center. The 28-acre area is located on the north side of Torrance Blvd., between Maple and Madrona and is owned by the Santa Fe Land Co.

A year ago this site was available for \$6500 an acre but what the present price is not known.

City Manager George Stevens suggested that the city negotiate with the firm first to see if an equitable figure can be arrived at. If negotiations fail, the city will start condemnation proceedings.

A competent appraiser will be hired to determine the fair market value, it was decided.

## More Winners In Oscar Maples Football Contest

Last week saw more winners collecting prizes in the weekly Oscar Maples football contest.

First, second, and third place winners of \$20, \$10, and \$5 merchandise certificates were R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington, H. Ensminder, 3320 West 183th street, and Raymond Headley, 25344 Walnut, respectively.

Winners of free lube jobs were: Warner Spurrier, Steve Hertzfeldt, Averil Mahoney, Juanita Unrein, Albert A. Martin, and Syble Moffitt.

## Borrowers Hose

His daughter, Mrs. T. S. Coleman, who also lives on the CCMO lease, told officers that Hobba came to her home earlier during the day and borrowed the garden hose.

Mrs. Coleman thought of calling the police at the time, but they changed her mind, thinking that she was probably wrong in assuming that her father might take his life, according to Lt. Swayne Johnson.

Hobba was discovered in his car at 11 a.m. by Paul Dewey, a neighbor. N. E. Morgan, another neighbor, called police instantly.

**Artificial Respiration**  
When officers arrived, the hose leading into the car from the exhaust pipe had been removed from the car and both front doors had been opened. Hobba was given artificial respiration and rushed to Harbor General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Hobba was a barber by profession. He moved here from Encino, California, where his wife is still living.

The deceased wore brown slacks, beige jacket, a brown and white T-shirt and black shoes at the time of his death.

## 1000 Acres In Rolling Hills Considered For Annexation

A 1000 acres of land in the Rolling Hills area expected to contain 12,000 residents with the construction of homes there may become part of Torrance, City Manager George Stevens told the City Council Tuesday night.

The issue arose when Stevens indicated the need for establishing a consistent policy in matters of annexation.

The immediate cause of this annexation-talk was an inquiry by Engineering Service Corporation regarding annexation. J. R. Newville, company spokesman, declared that McCarthy and sons, developer of 250 acres in the Rolling Hills area, near Crenshaw, is interested in annexing this land to Torrance as another developer of 200 more acres. The second developer's name could not be revealed at this time.

The Council will meet with the interested parties at a date to be announced, for further discussion.

**Conditions**  
Newville stated that among the conditions of annexation would be that Great Lakes Carbon corp. would continue supplying the area with water service.

Homes to be built in the area will cost \$14,500 minimum. There will be 3 1/2 lots per acre, Newville stated.

The Capitol Co. which owns the land, Newville explained, is not building on it but is selling the land to big developers.

Among issues to be decided, members of the Council indicated, are what arrangements will be made for school sites, fire and police stations, and recreational areas.

The Council wants to know if annexation of the proposed areas will be a burden on the taxpayers or not.

Since the land involved is presently uninhabited, the decision to annex will be strictly with the owner of the land and the City Council.

**Others Interested**  
In the meantime, other areas bordering on Torrance are also interested in annexing to this

## TURKEY SHOOT SUNDAY

A community-wide turkey shoot will be held all day Sunday, November 21, starting at 8 a.m., at the Torrance Police Officers pistol range, on Crenshaw Blvd., south of Pacific Coast Hwy., it was announced this week by Sgt. D. C. Cook.

This is the first turkey shoot ever held here and it is hoped that many will turn out for this event, Cook stated. All proceeds will go to the YMCA.

"You don't have to be an expert to win a turkey," Cook stated.

"We'll have both skill shooting committee chairman for the long and luck shooting. Small bore, big bore, and shot guns may be fired."

Entry tickets can be obtained at the range Sunday.

## CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON BIXBY SLOUGH DRAIN

Construction started on the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Bixby Slough Downing Street Storm Drain yesterday, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

Chace said he had been advised by the contractor that excavation for the project will be started at Wilmington and San Pedro road near the junction with the Harbor Freeway now under construction.

**Low Bidder**  
Contract for the drain was awarded by the Board of Supervisors November 9 to the Guy

Route of the drain will run (Continued on Page 25)



FOOD GIANT MARKET, 423 S. Hawthorne boulevard, Hawthorne, offers bargains galore, orchids, kiddie rides, birthday cake, balloons

and comic books during its four day Anniversary Sale, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 18 through 21.