

Lomita Woman Admits Lonely Hearts Racket to Feed Reno Gambling Habit

**MAN, 86
BILKED OF
\$3000**

A 56-year-old married woman, who needed money to feed her gambling habit, was arrested on suspicion of grand theft Tuesday in an alleged lonely hearts racket. She was charged with bilking \$3000 from 86-year-old Henry Cople of Los Angeles under the pretense of eventual matrimony, according to Los Angeles police, bunco division.

Arrested was Mrs. Mary Nietupski, 56, of 1712 Pacific Coast highway, Lomita. Mrs. Nietupski allegedly met Cople through a lonely hearts club, keeping up their acquaintance primarily by mail after that, according to police.

She wrote him 39 letters and met him three times personally. In each of the 39 letters she asked for money, police stated.

Part of one of her letters read: "Please accept apologies for being so frank, but, dear, feel confident we'll mean more to each other than all the money on earth."

The woman, who has previous similar records, admits the hoax readily, police stated.

Cople lost practically all of his savings.

Willd Resigns Kuchel Post, Returns Here

John A. Willd, Jr. of Torrance, who has served as legislative assistant to Senator Thomas H. Kuchel since January, 1955, has resigned his post, it was announced this week.

Willd is now at home and plans to resume his law practice in the Torrance area, he said.

Willd was Republican candidate for assemblyman in 1954. He is succeeded on the Kuchel staff by Francis D. Tappin, recently a section chief in the Justice Department's criminal department, it was announced in a release from Kuchel's office.

Stores Open Mondays For Late Buying

The following business firms in Downtown Torrance have announced the beginning of Monday night shopping hours: McMahan's, McCown's, Newberry's, Lawson's, Torrance Shoe Mart, Baer's Curtains and Draperies, Liberty Home Appliances, Alpert's, Guy's and Doll's Children's shop, Western Auto, Gallenkamps, and Baker's Furniture.

Banquet Will Spearhead Annual Fair

Plans for the Third Annual Torrance Community Fair are underway, Elliott C. Nohr, general chairman, has announced. The kick-off banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at Club Alondra, 16411 Prairie ave.

Collie Rescued After 300-Foot Fall Into Pit

A spectacular rescue operation succeeded in retrieving a 9-year-old collie who fell 300 feet into a 600 foot pit, coming to rest on a precarious two-foot ledge.

The dog, Laddie, owned by H. O. Chaney of 5040 Palos Verdes Drive North, had apparently slipped into the deep pit at the Great Lakes Carbon dicalite plant on Madison st. in Waiwaleria.

In order to rescue the dog, Donald Fallon, 19, was lowered at the end of a 300 foot rope by Francis Fallon, owner of the South Bay Humane Society, and another son, Buckley Fallon, 21.

Fallon said he had to tie the rope to one end of the humane society's truck since there was nothing else to fasten it to. County life guards helped in the operation by making 100 feet of rope available when Fallon discovered that the 200 feet of rope had not reached.

The dog was none the worse for wear and tear, only suffering a few scratches on his nose, according to Fallon.

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Youth Flung From Roller Coaster, Dies

A hair-raising roller-coaster joy ride turned into a nightmarish tale of terror as one of six youngsters was flung out of his seat, hurtling 50 feet to the ground Friday night. The youth died the following day.

Dead is Mickey Ross McGuire, 19, of 1925 West 253rd street, Lomita who was rushed to Seaside Memorial hospital in Long Beach with multiple fractures, possible broken back, head and internal injuries following the accident at the Long Beach pike.

Rescuers had to use heavy wire cutters to chop their way to McGuire before they could get to where he was lying on the sand.

Others in McGuire's party included his brother, James, 20; Don Treece, 22, of Lomita; Constance Breedlove, 16, 22532 Leyte drive; Lorna Tyler, 17, of 2723 Arlington avenue, and Gayle Bayly, 17, of 27017 Dapplegay lane, Rolling Hills.

Miss Breedlove was riding in back with McGuire. The tragedy occurred when the car hit the bottom of a dip. Miss Breedlove said she screamed to the others in front when McGuire fell, but they couldn't hear over their own excited screams of joy, unaware of what had just occurred.

The car completed its run before officials could be notified of the accident.

Services for the youth were held at A. M. Gamby mortuary in Lomita, Tuesday, Rev. Walter Graham of the Western Avenue Baptist church officiated.

Hahn Insists On Glenburn Improvements

In a memorandum to Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the county flood control district, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn yesterday declared that he will "insist" that the contractor on the Glenburn avenue storm drain in Torrance return the street to the condition in which it was found at the start of construction, and that all paving, curbs, gutters, parkways and trees be restored to their original condition before the work is accepted by the county.

Supervisor Hahn, who has made several personal inspections of the Glenburn project, asked that completion of the work be expedited to the fullest possible degree.

He also forwarded to Colonel Hedger a letter from Torrance City Manager George W. Stevens enclosing a copy of a petition signed by residents of Glenburn avenue, requesting that the work not be accepted until the street had been satisfactorily repaired and curbs, gutters and trees be restored to their original condition.

In a letter to Stevens, Supervisor Hahn assured him of his full cooperation in solving this problem.



RIGHT-HAND DRIVE
The Torrance Post Office received its first right-hand drive parcel post and mounted route truck this week. At the wheel is Carl Backlund, foreman of mails, while Postmaster Clara A. Conner looks on. Right-hand drive makes deliveries easier.—Press Photo.

City Will Appeal Dresser Case to Supreme Court

The city took one last fling at the Smith-Dresser case this week by authorizing that the District Court of Appeals' findings against the city be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Last week the District Court of Appeals ruled that the city was at fault in firing James Dresser, building superintendent, and Cecil Smith (since deceased), Dresser's assistant, two years ago.

The court demanded that the city reinstate Dresser with full back pay for Dresser and Smith's widow.

At the time, the City Council overruled the Civil Service Board's recommendation to suspend the two men temporarily, and fired them instead.

The city will first have to ask the Court of Appeals to review the case. This is almost always automatically denied. Then the State Supreme Court can be petitioned. The Supreme Court will have to decide whether it will consider the case or not.

In order to have the matter considered by the Supreme Court, the city must show errors in the decision rendered by the Court of Appeals.

Errors
One such error, City Attorney (Turn to Page 8)

Seniors Win First Round In Bank Of America Awards

North Torrance and Torrance high school seniors were announced this week as winners in the first round of Bank of America's 1956 Achievement Awards program.

It was the first step in the bank's search to find 180 seniors in Southern California who will divide \$22,100 in cash awards. Highest awards of \$1,000 each will go to eight Southland students.

Engraved cup award winners in general fields from North Torrance high school are: Arlene Lesar in liberal arts and Diane Englehardt in vocational arts.

Engraved cup winners in general fields from Torrance high school are: Robert Ellis Elston in science and mathematics, Sally Lee Bridgeman in fine arts, Barbara Jean Bielefeldt in liberal arts, and Betty Jo Hope in vocational arts.

Certificate award winners in specific fields from Torrance high school are: Robert Ellis Elston, in mathematics, Nancy Humphrey in laboratory science, Roger Owen Cocke in art, and Barbara Jean Bielefeldt in English.

Others are: Harold Sherwood Tiernan in social science, Linda Lou Lane in foreign languages, Berry Jo Hope in business, Sharon Mae Kirks in home eco.

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Cyclist Hurt Trying To Evade Cops

A motorcyclist's attempt to evade arrest ended in a trip to the hospital as well as a citation for attempt to evade arrest, absence of a muffler, and failure to have a lighted headlight.

Treated for minor injuries was Leroy C. McDaniell, 26, of 21136 Brighton avenue, Torrance, after his vehicle skidded on loose dirt, left the road, overturned and threw him to the ground in Redondo early Tuesday morning, according to police.

He was traveling at a high rate of speed without a lighted headlight, according to police.

Wilcox is a member of the (Turn to Page 8)

13 Children Injured In 2-Car Crash

Thirteen children were injured in a two-car collision Friday night as police units and ambulances rushed to the scene.

All the injured reportedly suffered only minor injuries and were taken to private physicians. The accident occurred at Anza and Del Amo boulevards.

Involved in the crash were cars driven by Harry J. Doyle, 34, of 4920 Carson street, and Roberta B. June, 40, of Hawthorne.

Injured in Doyle's car included Anna Doyle, 2; Cheryl Doyle, 22 months; Robert Doyle, 3; Harry Doyle, 4; and Kenneth Doyle, 8.

Injured persons in the other car included Robert N. June, Pamela June, 4; Joyce June, 5; Caroline McMillan, 11; Wanda Lee McMillan, 10; Linda Jean McMillan, 8; Laura Sue McMillan, 6; and Geneva McMillan, 4.

240 Boys In Annual Swim Program

More than 240 boys, aged 9 to 12, from Torrance and surrounding areas are participating in the Annual Learn to Swim campaign, co-sponsored by the Torrance YMCA and Lions club.

The boys are being picked up at designated points and transported by bus to the Hermosa Billmore pool, where they are receiving instructions from Cliff Greybehl of North Torrance high school.

An Awards Night will be held at the Torrance YMCA, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. This Awards Night is for all boys who attended the Learn to Swim Classes, and for their parents and friends. Swimming certificates will be awarded to all boys. Also on the program will be a life guard from Los Angeles County, who will show movies on water safety and answer any questions.

Dick Brown, program director, will be in attendance to tell what the plans are for a summer program with the YMCA.

Driven Out Of House - She's Happy

"The Torrance Press can drive you from your home," Mrs. Hazel East, 2150 W. 240th st., exclaimed — and she was happy about it.

Mrs. East placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR RENT—1-bedroom house. Large living room, separate dining room, patio and garage. DA. 6-7983

"The phone just kept ringing constantly. I had so many calls that I had to leave the house at 3 p.m."

For alarmingly good results call FA 8-2345 and have a friendly classified salesgirl help you word your inexpensive ad just right.

William R. Wilcox, 21, of 2824 Carson street, Torrance, a senior in chemical engineering at the University of Southern California, won the National Science Foundation fellowship today for \$1750 plus tuition. He will continue his studies at SC for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Wilcox is a former chapter and regional president of the student affiliate of the American Chemical Society, and has been a research assistant the past two years to Dr. Norman Kharasch, professor of chemistry.

He is a member of the Tau Beta Phi, engineering honorary; Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemistry honorary; the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and Alpha Phi Omega, fraternity of former Boy Scouts.

Wilcox was graduated from Torrance high school in 1952. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Wilcox. His father is plant manager of the Stauffer Chemical company.

Wilcox is married to the former Lorraine Miller, also a graduate of Torrance high school, a sophomore in education at SC.



BLASTING AWAY
Flames pouring from its afterburner, the bat-winged F4D-J Skyray appears to be standing on its tail cone as it prepares to blast skyward from the steam catapult at NATC, Patuxent River, Md. At the controls of the jet interceptor was LCDr. F. T. Stephens, USN, of the NATC Flight Test Division.—Official Navy Photo.

Navy Releases Action Photos of F4D Skyray

Action sequence photographs of two of its jet aircraft being launched from the \$5,000,000 XC-7 experimental steam catapult at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, were released today by Douglas Aircraft company, with permission of the United States Navy.

Release of the photographs was keyed to the forthcoming assignment of the aircraft—the A3D Skywarrior twin-jet attack bomber, and the F4D Skyray high performance all-weather interceptor—to the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, USS Forrestal. The F4D Skyray is produced at Douglas' Torrance plant.

The two airplanes, along with the A4D Skyhawk midjet jet bomber and the AD Skyraider attack bombers, both also produced by Douglas at its El Segundo division, will be assigned aboard the Forrestal as part of the more than 100 plane complement of the giant ship, the first carrier to be completely designed for airborne atomic naval power.

The NATC experimental XC-7 steam catapult simulates carrier catapults and consists of two long slotted cylinders, running side by side under the runway. A solid cross piece connects two pistons, each of which moves within one of the slotted cylinders.

The launching hook is attached at the midpoint of the crosspiece and extends up through the slot in the runway. It is to this launching hook that crews attach the aircraft towing bridle.

Acting upon the recommendation of its industrial committee, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce went on record as favoring that all present industrial land be retained for industrial purposes.

This action resulted from recent discussion by members of the City Council favoring the acquisition of 90 acres of industrial land near the new civic center for recreational purposes.

The chamber also indicated that it approves of additional recreational land but in a location not already zoned industrially.

Business volunteers proved (Turn to Page 8)

46% Of Red Cross Goal Still Needed

Local Red Cross fund leaders were aiming for a "fast and successful wind-up" to Torrance's 1956 appeal, as they came from a report meeting held early this week, claiming 54 per cent of their \$15,965 goal and seventh place among ten Southwest Region communities.

A total of \$8,117 was tallied for Torrance, as campaign leaders called for "all-out cooperation" from volunteers and contributors alike in bringing in the remaining 46 per cent of the goal by March 31, the official deadline of the month-long annual campaign.

Stressing the need of "raising every penny of all goals in order to restore disaster funds and keep Red Cross on the job during the coming year," Fund Chairman Albert Isen urged residents "not yet contacted" to aid volunteers in achieving the over-all objective on schedule by sending in annual contributions to the local campaign headquarters, 2410 Carson st.

2 SUSPECTS NABBED IN TIRE THEFT

Two burglary suspects never had a chance to make off with 26 tires, the objects of a gas station burglary at 190th st. and Hawthorne during the early morning hours Tuesday.

A cruising Redondo police car spotted the men as they were loading the tires onto a trailer.

Torrance officers Gene Erbetta and Vince Davey nabbed John Kropp, 24, of Paramount in a phone booth where the suspect was calling a cab.

Peter F. Logan, 25, of Long Beach, Kropp's accomplice, was later arrested by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

Famous Opera And Film Star Will Appear Here

Claramae Turner, glamorous leading contralto of the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera Companies, will be the feature soloist on the next Youth Band-Artist Concert scheduled for the Torrance civic auditorium, Tuesday night, April 10.

This will be the third in a series of concerts featuring international musical personalities in joint concert with the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Miss Turner has chosen a varied program for her share of the concert. The youth band, which will play the first half of the concert, will feature Diana Mitchell, flutist, who will perform the difficult Chaminade Concertine.

One of America's busiest concert artists, Miss Turner appears regularly each season with major symphony orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, and the Boston, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Los Angeles Symphonies.

In addition, she stars frequently on coast to coast television and radio programs.

She just recently played an important role in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Carousel," produced by Twentieth Century Fox, and now being shown in theaters all over the country.

Season ticket holders will be admitted free to the concert. Those without season tickets may purchase individual tickets at the box office, James Van Dyck announced.

Baby Drowns While Mother Answers Phone

A 19-year old mother, who had rushed away to answer the phone, returned to find one of her two small daughters drowned in the family bathtub Monday, despite safety precautions which she had taken.

Mrs. Nancy Lee Naba, 19, of 18628 S. Wall st., was bathing the little girls, Vickie, 26 months, and Kathy, 16 months, in about three or four inches of water when the phone rang, according to Firestone Sheriff's station.

After warning the children to sit quietly in the tub, the young mother then removed both knobs from the faucets so there would be no temptation to start the water running. When she returned, Mrs. Naba found Vickie standing out side the tub and Kathy face down in the water. Rushed to Harbor General Hospital, Kathy was pronounced dead on arrival. The coroner ordered the little girl's body held for an autopsy.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, 11 a. m., El Prado Park