



VICTOR BENSTEAD
... out in front.



NICK DRALE
... second.



BOB JAHN
... photo finish.

20 Vote Margin

JAHN WINS THIRD COUNCIL SEAT IN FOTO-FINISH RACE



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Husband Slashes Wife's Throat, Torrance Man Cut During Struggle

A Torrance man suffered cuts on the top of his head, side, and hand when he tried to prevent a woman's estranged husband from slashing her throat with a 12 1/2-inch butcher knife early Sunday morning.

Injured was Roland T. Duhamel, 41, of 2017 W. 178th st., Torrance, who suffered a cut on the top of his head requiring four stitches, a cut on the side of his body requiring eight stitches, and a cut on his right thumb requiring five stitches.

Arrested for assault with intent to commit murder and assault with a deadly weapon was Richard E. Horner, 35, 149 West El Segundo boulevard, Hawthorne.

Treated at the Daniel Freeman hospital in Inglewood for three-inch and two inch-long cuts on her throat, one half inch deep was Mrs. Mary M. Horner, 28, of 10627 1/2 South Wilton place. Hospital officials said her condition was not serious.

Blood All Over
Lennox sheriff's officers found evidence of a struggle when they arrived at Mrs. Horner's home. There were large amounts of blood on the floor of the living room, kitchen, and bedroom. A woman's blood-spattered night gown was lying on the bed. The butcher knife, the handle covered with blood, was lying in the hallway next to the telephone.

Mrs. Horner told officers that she had asked Duhamel to stay with her during the evening because she was afraid that Horner, from whom she was getting a divorce, might come after her and cause trouble. Duhamel prepared to leave around 10 p.m. but stayed on at Mrs. Horner's insistence. Around 2 a.m. the bell rang and Horner demanded entry.

Breaks Down Door
When Mrs. Horner refused to let him in, Horner, who is six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds, broke the door off the hinges and raced through the various rooms of the house.

He found Duhamel in the bathroom. Duhamel had taken the telephone in with him in a desperate effort to call police, only to discover that the line was dead.

The two men wrestled with each other, stumbling out into the living room. Eventually all three individuals involved agreed to sit down and talk things over. During the conversation Horner announced that he was going into the kitchen to fix himself a drink.

Butcher Knife
He returned with a butcher (Turn to Page 10)

Teenagers Take Tumble

Two teenagers took a tumble out of a car when the right-hand door opened while making a left turn from Torrance boulevard onto Hawthorne avenue, Friday night.

Suffering only minor injuries according to police were Sandra Horner, 16, of Lawndale, and Loy Horn, 18, of Redondo.

The car was driven by Albert M. Kling of Redondo, according to police.

Incumbents are: Mrs. Grace



3-YEAR-OLD BOY CRUSHED BY FALLING WALL
Tommy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Johnson of 17219 Atkinson st., suffered a decompression of the skull, a broken leg, and bruises when this wall collapsed on him Thursday. He underwent surgery Monday and was scheduled to return home yesterday. His condition following surgery was said to be fine. There were no steel rods and the wall did not have grounded holes as called for in the contract, it was reported.—Press Photo

Filing Deadline Nears For School Board Candidates

Only seven days remain until the deadline for candidates wishing to file for the forthcoming school board elections.

Wednesday, April 18, all declarations for candidacy must be in the office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

Forms for filing as a candidate may be obtained at the Torrance Unified School District offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

To date seven candidates have filed to run for the School Board. New candidates are: W. C. Boswell, Jr., assistant head of publications in the field service department for North American Airlines, Inc.; Dr. Eleanor Z. Thill, optometrist; Mrs. Nancy Carpenter, 1014 Kornbloom; and Clair Olsen, member of the Recreation commission.

Incumbents are: Mrs. Grace

Wright, housewife and former teacher; J. G. Arnold, purchasing agent for Chicago Bridge (Turn to Page 10)

Man Finds Law Packs Wallop, Too

A Harbor City man found himself with three strikes against him after striking an officer last Saturday night.

The law struck back at Fred Norman Aldrich, 36, of 25814 President ave. with a 15-day jail sentence after Aldrich was found guilty of drunkenness, assault and battery, and resisting arrest.

Aldrich got into trouble when Martin Kullman, of the Lennox sheriff's department, saw him staggering along the street towards his own car. Kullman advised Aldrich against driving.

According to police reports, Aldrich became abusive and struck the officer in the face with his fist when Kullman tried to arrest him.

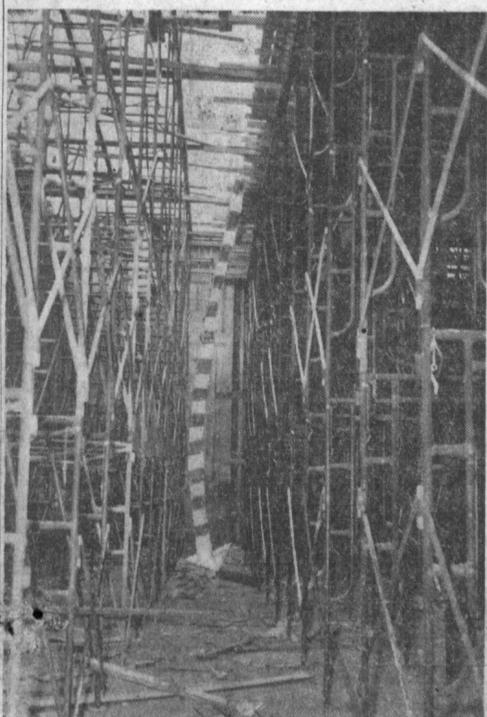
He then allegedly grabbed the officer's car and tore two pieces of flesh out of it with his fingernails.

Judge Otto Willett pronounced sentence in South Bay Municipal Court Monday.

ELECTION RETURNS:

Total unofficial returns from the 110 election precincts are as follows, according to the city clerk's office:

Victor E. Benstead, Jr.	Incumbent	3474
Nickolas O. Drale	Incumbent	3080
Robert B. Jahn	Bulder	2635
W. A. Garrabrant	General contractor	2615
Beverly B. Smith	Supt. Service Supply	2546
Jack E. White	Salesman	2321
William E. King, Jr.	Salesman	2212
J. E. (Jim) Thompson	Surveyor's assistant	1112
Gordon A. Lewis	Welder	1018
Thomas R. Faren	Student	548
Frank W. Burk	Furniture salesman	462
Walter Ryan	Machinist	455
Thelma C. Ledwidge	Inventory-controller	407
George W. Downing	Dispatch clerk	405
Frank H. Frohnhoefer	Self-employed	294
Gwilym S. Evans	Retired	294
Write-ins:		
Robert Tolson, precinct 38, 2		
Richard Swartz, precinct 83, 2		
Erich Runsted, precinct 43, 1		
Paul Baker, precinct 104, 1		
AMENDMENTS Yes No		
1. Council pay	4702	2758
2. Ass't. City attorney	4834	2235
3. Public works	5380	1763
4. Actions against city	4905	1963
5. Franchises	5000	1756
6. Ordinances	5716	1105
7. Dept. of Finance	5739	1171
8. City treasurer	5695	1246
9. Consolidation	3608	3780
Total votes cast:	8398	
Total registered voters:	21,857	
Percentage:	38.42	



25 FEET HEAD-FIRST TO HIS DEATH

Daniel M. Mullin, 59, carpenter, fell to his death Monday while working on the North high school gym. His head struck the metal pipe on the ground.

Carpenter Falls To His Death

A 59-year-old carpenter fell 25 feet head-first to his death on a construction job at North high school Monday. A terrified co-worker who was only three feet away said the man never uttered a sound as he fell.

Dead is Daniel M. Mullin, 59, of 13725 Yukon, Hawthorne, who had come to work on the North high school gymnasium, at Yukon and 182nd street, just three days ago.

Mullin was crossing from a 12-inch by 18-foot beam to another similar beam on a 1-inch by 6-inch board when he suddenly plunged down head-first.

Police reports indicate that the board may have given way under him or that Mullin suffered a heart attack, breaking the board as he fell. He was dead when fellow workers got to him.

Standing only three feet away from him when he hurtled downward was Jasper Bales who had been working with Mullin on other jobs for the last two months.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Pierce Brothers Mortuary in Inglewood.

Mullin is survived by his wife, Agnes, a daughter, Phyllis Mullin, two sons, R. L. Marion Mullin and Lewis O. Mullin, a granddaughter, Malinda Marie, and a grandson, Lance L. Mullin.

About 200 Individuals Called Her...

Swamped with calls—200 of them!

That was the experience of Mrs. S. J. Wade of 20111 Ingram way, Torrance, after she placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section.

WILL CARE for baby, 6 months to 2 years, in my home. FR. 9-7972

"People started calling Thursday morning as soon as they picked up their Torrance Press and they just continued to call—I had at least 200 calls," Mrs. Wade exclaimed.

Torrance Press classified ads are so inexpensive and—what is more—they get the right kind of results. Place yours today. Call FA. 8-2345 and ask for "classified."

Benstead Pulls Record Vote

Running neck and neck until the final moments of the race, Robert B. Jahn finally edged out his strongest rival, W. A. Garrabrant, by 20 votes in order to take possession of the third council seat in Tuesday's municipal election.

Jahn captured 2635 votes as against Garrabrant's 2615.

Taking the uncontested lead in the council race was incumbent Councilman Victor E. Benstead, Jr. who amassed 3474 votes, 394 more than incumbent Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, who was re-elected with 3080 votes.

Despite Jahn's 20-point lead an upset is still possible since 26 absentee ballots must still be counted. If Garrabrant would capture 24 of the 26 votes, he

could still win. Nineteen of the 26 ballots have already been returned. The last day that ballots may be returned is April 16. They will be counted Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of the Torrance city hall.

Amendment No. 9, the controversial consolidation issue, was defeated by 172 votes. This means that instead of combining the School Board and City Council elections as proposed by the amendment, the elections will remain separate as they are now.

A total of 3608 individuals voted for the amendment while 3780 voted against it. All other eight amendments passed, including pay for councilmen.

Precinct 107 located in Hollywood Riviera, was the last to report, coming in around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. Jahn was leading over Garrabrant by 47 points, but Garrabrant captured 67 votes as against Jahn's 40 in precinct 107, thus narrowing the margin to 20 votes in Jahn's favor.

Of the 21,857 registered voters, 8398 went to the polls, representing a 38.42% turnout, according to Jack Hallinger, deputy city clerk.

This was a slightly higher percentage than in 1954 when 6364 of the 17,072 registered voters went to the polls. This represents a 37.27% of the vote.

Benstead set a new record in total votes cast for the top candidate, capturing 3474 votes. The previous high was Albert Iser's 3069 votes, which he garnered in the 1954 election.



Shown at ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Food Giant are Ted Cummings, president of Cummings Markets, Inc., owners and operators of Food Giant, and Chris Scott, beautiful and popular local disc jockey who assisted with the entertainment during the opening celebration.

Here's How You Can Send Special Edition To Friends

Who's Who in Building and Industry will be featured in a tremendous Progress Edition published by the Torrance Press this coming April 26.

It will contain a complete, exciting coverage of this great industrial and building center of the West. There will be colorful features and photographs on local refineries, foundries, tool companies, airplane plants, builders and contractors, and factories of all kinds.

Individuals or organizations who would like to have a copy of this special edition mailed out anywhere in the United States, send names and addresses and 25 cents to the Torrance Press for each copy. Please print plainly.



Thousands of Torrance residents patronized the newest Food Giant Market, Imperial and Crenshaw, when the huge building was opened for the first time last week-end, according to Ted Cummings, owner. Every department in the up-to-date market was heavily crowded from ribbon-cutting ceremonies until the store closed. This is a close-up of the decorated building Thursday morning before the crowds arrived.