

### Cats...

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 neighbors to ask for adoption of a law to enforce cat owners to keep their pets in their own yards and houses.  
 "There's a law about dogs," Mrs. McManus told the council. "There should be one on cats."  
 It seemed that Mrs. McManus and other 223 street residents have been bothered by cats which not only wander through homes and garages uninvited, but even have transmitted ring-

worm to several children in the neighborhood.  
 Mrs. McManus said she was opposed to catching the pets and having them disposed of by the humane society. "People should be allowed to have pets, but should be forced to keep them in their own yard," she declared.  
 The city council, up a tree on the problem, asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to check existing laws in other cities to determine whether Torrance could cope with the cats in some way.

### City Firemen Top Goal in Muscular Dystrophy Drive

BY MILLIE WEST  
 Local firemen, representing the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1138, raised \$5114.25 in their drive for funds needed for research to combat the crippling fatal disease known as Muscular Dystrophy.

The "March for Muscular Dystrophy" conducted in Torrance during the first week in December was headed by Capt. Walter West as Chairman and Richard DeArmitt as co-chairman. The campaign consisted of a house-to-house canvas performed solely by the local Fire Fighters who gave up their "off duty" time throughout the week to top their \$5000 goal.

Contributions received from the Employee's Club of National Supply of \$150; Longren Aircraft, \$25; Vicar's, \$20; Paul's Chevrolet, \$10; and Hi-Shear Rivet, \$25 helped bring the total to \$5114.25 which is the actual figure based on contributions and does not include cannister funds.

Acting as spokesman for the Fire Fighters, Engineer Jerry Hollomon, President of

Local 1138 stated, "We would like to thank one and all who helped to make this drive a success, above all the citizens of this great city for the manner in which they so generously contributed to this worthy cause. It is truly a wonderful feeling to live and work among you and we now know why Torrance is, without a doubt, an "All America City!"



VERSATILE entertainer, Dave Bacal, organist and accordionist, is featured at Lococos, the new restaurant opening Thursday on Pacific Coast Hwy. and Gould Lane.

### Suicide...

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 she took the shears from her husband after a brief struggle.  
 "I'm going to do something about this," Hampton told his wife as she stomped from the house angrily. He went into the garage which adjoined the house.

After five or ten minutes, Mrs. Hampton related, she became suspicious about her husband's absence and looked into the garage.

She screamed for her daughter, Donna, when she saw the body of her husband hanging from the rafters. Donna came from the house, took a look, and ran back into the house for a knife.

The mother and daughter were knocked to the ground when the 230-pound body tumbled to the garage floor after the wire was cut. Donna picked herself up and dashed back into the house to call police.

Funeral services for Hampton, a native of Arkansas, were conducted at Stone & Myers Mortuary Wednesday and burial was in Green Hills Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, twin daughters Edith and Debra; step daughters, Janet Hall and Donna Fees; step sons Ronald and Thomas Hall; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampton of Arkansas and five sisters.

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### City Democrats Name Delegates To Convention

Ten Torrance residents were named as delegates and alternates to the state Democratic convention to be held on January 10, 1958. Those elected by the Torrance Democratic Club Inc. were: T. D. Fleetwood, Bernard M. Dougan, Curti Smith, Jesse Dean, Rene Dean, Albert Isen, James E. Thompson, Bob Fenton, Norma Fleetwood, and Lyle O'Hara.

Elected to head the local Democratic Club were the following: Bernard M. Dougan, president of the Atomic and Chemical Workers local and a member of the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission, as president; James E. Thompson, vice president; Jesse Dean, treasurer; Rene Dean, recording secretary; Robert Lenton, executive secretary; Curt Smith, John Rounsefell, and Lyle O'Hara, trustees.

### Rate Protest

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 solely in the Los Angeles Extended Area despite the fact that the earnings of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in this area are already higher than the rest of California as a whole.

"Although the Public Utilities Commission admits that the hearing has not been completed, since the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph has not completed its reasons for a rate increase, and that the opponents have not even been heard, the Public Utilities Commission brushed aside the objections of the cities and authorized the new high rates to take effect January 6, 1958.  
 "The hearings are to continue in January after the rate increase has already gone into effect. The chances for a restoration of the old rates appears to be doubtful because of the Public Utilities Commission's apparent favoritism toward telephone utilities.

"In Central and South Torrance thousands of families will be effected by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph. In the Western and Riviera sections, we now understand that General expects to pull the same kind of a trick. So something should be done to organize the South Bay Cities up to Inglewood to fight this rate grab. We are talking about millions of dollars and would make the recent tax increases look small in comparison."

### E C President

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 ant director of student personnel. In 1951 he succeeded Herman Sheffield as director of student personnel, a post which he still holds.  
 Third director of the college is Dr. William H. Harless, who came to the college from Arizona to head the department of instruction. Twenty-three of the original faculty of 33 remain at the college.

As president of El Camino, Murdock now heads a staff of 200 full-time instructors and an educational program which runs from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily for all but six weeks of the year. Present planning may increase the length of summer instruction.

College history extends to 1946, when Murdock met with citizens of the area in the cafeteria of Leuzinger High School, Boards of the Centinela Valley, El Segundo, and South Bay districts approved formation of the new college district and citizens voted 10-1 to form the El Camino Junior College District, which became a legal reality on July 1, 1947.

In its first year, the college conducted classes on the campus of Leuzinger High School. Later, 90 acres of ground located west of Crenshaw boulevard between Redondo and Manhattan Beach boulevards were obtained through negotiations with the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. Enabling bills were introduced in the state legislature and signed by the governor permitting the county supervisors to transfer the land to the school district. Under the terms of the agree-

ment, the college's first constructed buildings were used for many public purposes thereby obtaining the multi-million dollar site virtually free of charge.

Doubts that the college would out-last the early post-war years have been dispelled as new enrollment records have been established each fall, with continuing increases anticipated for many years to come.

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