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PLAYBOY GENERAL'S AIDE JAILED HERE



DOWN THEY GO—Torrance High School seniors were just starting on a tug-o-war contest at their senior activities day Thursday, when the rope, which had apparently been sabotaged,

parted, landing a couple of dozen prospective grads on their back. —Press photo.

Seniors Take Cancellation of Island Trip in Stride

190 New Teachers Required

A total of 190 new teachers will be needed next year, the Torrance Educational Advisory Council was told this week.

Robert Morton, personnel director of the Torrance Unified School District, said that 120 are needed for replacements, while the other 70 are additions because of new schools.

He blamed the stork as causing the greatest number of separations, followed by families moving from California, as the second cause.

Most of Torrance teachers are young, with the average age 28, Morton said.

He cited that this age group is in the low birth rate group born during the depression.

Half of the new teachers are being recruited from California, while the remainder is attracted from other States, he explained.

Hope Seen In Jobless Picture

The job situation in Torrance shows gradual improvement.

That was the word today from Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment.

"It's not getting any worse, and there are indications things are getting better," she said.

Mrs. Ellis will attend an annual conference in Sacramento Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to get a picture of the current economic situation from top management and government officials.

The manager said that she has noted improvements in the construction industry, and calls from employers offering jobs.

"However, these are not group jobs, but calls for one or two persons," she said.

At the same time, she announced that there are indications that some claims will run out in the near future, unless Federal legislation is passed to extend them.

POOL PRICES CUT

Recommendation to cut the price of adult admission at the Victor Benstead Pool from 50 to 25 cents, will be made to the City Council by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Any disappointment Torrance High School seniors may have harbored for the cancellation of their annual trip to Catalina, appeared evaporated Thursday as they staged senior activities day on the campus.

The day was devoted to an entertainment assembly featuring the Penguins, a tug of war, egg tossing and three-legged races. A Spanish luncheon was eaten in picnic style and a dance followed in the afternoon.

Although some students originally were disappointed because the traditional Catalina trip was abandoned for the first time, most of the 300 seniors apparently enjoyed the campus activities.

"More students participated here today than used to on the trips," said Principal Carl Ahee.

He said that the Catalina trip cost \$6 for transportation alone, while Thursday's only charge was 50 cents for the luncheon.

The annual outing was called off by school officials because of the high insurance costs, and because graduating classes have grown so much that supervision is extremely difficult.

Some students admitted they would have preferred the Catalina junket, but took the change in good spirit.

Deputies Nab One in Fight

A Lomita service station operator was arrested on an assault charge Thursday, after he allegedly pummeled a neighbor in his trailer court at 2442 Pacific Coast Highway.

Booked at Lennox station on suspicion of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, was Donald Edward Armour, 32.

Deputy Sheriffs nabbed him after he assertedly struck a neighbor, Harold Christopher Harris, 32, while the latter was working in the parkway in front of the trailer park.

Arresting officers said that Armour told them that Harris had used profane language in front of Armour's wife.

Commission Turns Down Land Deal

Because of proximity to Torrance Park, the city should not purchase six acres of land at Plaza del Amo and Border ave., the Park and Recreation Commission recommended Wednesday.

The commission asked the Council to reject an offer of sale made by Dudley Gray, on grounds that the city should not spend its limited money on land which is close to an existing park.



SHELL GAME—Janet Zuber, a senior, caught this egg too hard during an egg-tossing contest at Torrance High School. Shell fragments can be seen on the ground.

Torrance Chamber to Invite Dodgers Here if Chavez Out

Torrance Chamber of Commerce intends to invite the Los Angeles Dodgers to come to Torrance if the Chavez Ravine agreement is defeated by voters in the June 3 election.

The board of directors will ask Walter O'Malley to look over Torrance as a possible site for a baseball stadium.

In the meantime, this city is buzzing with rumors that preliminary negotiations to purchase property in the Welteria Lake area for a baseball field, are already in progress.

The Welteria Lake section, approximately 350 acres, is the only large single tract of land in the city which is of sufficient size to use for that purpose.

The developers would first have to provide flood control before the agricultural land could be usable, if the reports of negotiations are true.

Boswell Asks 'Mediocrity' End in Torrance Schools

Amid charges of "propaganda tactics," and a "rubber stamp school board," candidates for the board of education held their final major rally before the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association Friday. "The present school board and specifically the administration, must be checked in their mad dash to take our children further into the darkness of mediocrity," declared William C. Boswell.

Nine Candidates

He is one of seven candidates opposing the two incumbents, Charlton A. Mewborn and Clinton B. Cooke for reelection in Tuesday's election.

In a prepared statement, Boswell lashed out at educational standards in the Torrance schools.

He accused Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, of taking a part in the election through distribution of a brochure in which the work of the schools is described.

"He even attempts to prove it by using taxpayers' money to sway your opinion in this expertly timed bit of propaganda entitled 'Torrance

Beasley Demands Answer

Councilman J. A. Beasley today called on two officials to affirm or deny reports that a deal had been made, which will result in the delay of the San Diego Freeway construction in Torrance.

"There was inference that a deal was made, and it hasn't been denied yet," the councilman, who represents the city on the Inter-City Highway Commission, said.

Beasley and Councilman Nicholas O. Dale who also attended the session, said that a plan switch under which a section of the San Diego Freeway between the Harbor and Long Beach Freeways will be constructed first, was revealed at the meeting.

Switch Priority Torrance officials and those of other South Bay cities, claim that the priority had originally been given to the section from International Airport to the Harbor Freeway, which would serve the beach cities and Torrance.

Beasley said that at the same meeting it was asserted that a deal had been made between Supervisor Burton W. Chace and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, to give priority to the Long Beach section and also to the Terminal Island bridge.

"I think Chace and Thomas should take a stand on this. I certainly urge them to," Beasley declared.

Economic Effect

Delay in the San Diego Freeway construction by five or six years will lead to economic suffering by Torrance, the councilman said.

He pointed out that with completion of the Del Amo Shopping Center, the traffic pattern of Torrance will change completely and that Hawthorne Blvd., will be overloaded, as he said Pacific Coast Highway is already.

"The Commission is calling on Chambers of Commerce and service clubs to raise a storm of protest about this misdirection of highway funds," Beasley said. "We want them to send letters of protest to the Supervisors."

Another Delay

Dale said that he understands that funds for the Harbor Freeway between 190th st. and Pacific Coast Highway will also be diverted to other projects.

Construction on the link between 124th and 190th sts. is expected to start this summer. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said that bids on the \$8,700,000 project will be opened in June or July.

Beasley said that the San Fernando Valley receives considerably more in freeway funds than the South Bay area.

"They kind of ignore us," he said.



CLOWNING AROUND—Three members of Cub Scout Pack 240 get ready for a circus at Welteria Park on Sunday afternoon. Roy Roche, 8, watches as Danny Roche, 9, gets some of his clown make-up applied by Billy Pearson, 10. Entertainment and refreshments will be featured at the event, proceeds from which will be used to finance pack activities.

Construction Slow in First Half of Month

Construction took a serious dive during the first half of May, but there were indications of some silver lining in the building horizon.

Permit valuation for the first 15 days of the month totaled \$215,131. The total for the whole month last year was \$3,023,718.

Torrance construction during April this year was \$777,332.

The largest single permit issued this month was for \$75,363, issued to George D. Blair II, for the construction of an eight-unit apartment building at 312 Calle Miramar.

But continuation of luxury spending was indicated by the issuance of permits for six swimming pools. Other construction includes block walls, patios and fences.

Building officials said that some bigger construction projects are on the way, since they have made plan checks on them.

These include a \$190,000 bowling alley to be built at 24680 Crenshaw Blvd., and a \$220,000 supermarket at the Airport Triangle, Crenshaw Blvd., and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Although Torrance followed only Los Angeles and San Diego in value of building permits during the first three months of 1958, construction has slowed down in April and May.

Another upsurge in building is expected later this year when a number of major developments are scheduled to start in the \$40,000,000 Del Amo Shopping Center.

Isen Asks Public Backing of City Postal Changes

Change of postal boundaries to include all of Torrance within the Torrance mailing district, is up to residents, Mayor Albert Isen pointed out.

He said that the city's resolution urging a reorganization, is being studied by postal authorities. To make the changes come about, Isen urged residents to make their wishes known to postal officials.

Presently parts of Torrance are included in the Redondo Beach, Gardena and Lomita mailing districts, and residents receive their mail through those post offices.

ACCOUNTANTS TO MEET

Torrance members of the Long Beach Chapter of the National Association of Accountants will hear a talk on Investigative Accounting from Ralph W. Bachman, an FBI agent, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach.

Secretary Jailed on Drunk Rap

A husky aide to playboy General Rafael Trujillo, whose lavish gifts have stirred a Congressional investigation, was briefly lodged in the Torrance City Jail Friday morning.

Victor Jose Sued, 29, who said he is the secretary to the son of the Dominican Republic's strongman, was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving, after officers said they observed his 1958 Cadillac weaving north on Hawthorne Blvd.

In Four Hours

The tall, handsome aide spent about four hours in the Torrance houseguest before Adolfo Camarena, consul-general of the Dominican Republic, came here to "spring" him.

Police Chief Percy Bennett said that Sued was released on his own recognizance pending arraignment in South Bay Municipal Court Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Police said that Camarena claimed diplomatic immunity for Sued, whose boss cut a wide swath through Hollywood nightclub circles.

Sued was arrested by Officers Phillip Wilson and R. H. Blonzon, who had followed him for approximately a mile.

Sued's boss, who is commander-in-chief of the Dominican Republic's air force, has returned to finish his year's course in the US Army Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, Kans.

While in Hollywood, Trujillo showered actresses Kim Novak and Zsa Zsa Gabor with expensive autos.

A spokesman for the Dominican Embassy said that Trujillo's father, dictator of the Caribbean Republic, gives him a \$50,000 a month allowance.

Robbery Suspect Arrested

The holdup of a Torrance pharmacist who was slugged after he handed over cash and narcotics to a long-haired gunman, was solved this week with the arrest of a Norwalk man.

In custody of Downey police is Clayton McLaugh, 22, who police said, admitted the April 26 robbery of Al Patronly while in a pharmacy at 2055 Torrance Blvd.

The suspect was arrested following two robberies in Norwalk and Downey, and admitted the Torrance job, police said.

Patronly told police that after the suspect had scooped up \$200 in cash and morphine and cocaine, he slugged him over the head.

The victim feigned unconsciousness, and summoned officers shortly after the bandit left the store.

Rental of House Proves Easy with Torrance Press Ad

Mrs. Hermina Alcalá, of 1433 Post St., was pleasantly surprised Thursday when she discovered that renting her house at 1534 W. 214th St., proved extremely simple.

As soon as her classified appeared in the Torrance Press Thursday, calls started coming in. In all she had eight callers asking about the house for rent and by 3 p.m. she had it rented.

If you have something to rent, buy or sell, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA. 8-2345 for prompt results.

Former Torrance Teacher 'Upped'

William Brodsley, former Torrance Elementary School teacher, this week was promoted to director of special educational services in the Enterprise School District, Compton.

Brodsley, of 2508 Lesserman St. Torrance, left the Torrance Unified School District five years ago to become psychologist in the Enterprise district.



FAVOR COWS—Mrs. Ladeene Chamberlain measures stacks of post cards protesting city's proposed eviction of dairies on grounds they are public nuisance. She said that 1713 came from Torrance residents, and another 1207 from other cities as far away as Oakland. At the same time a petition favoring the ouster of the dairies, containing 62 signatures, was received. Public hearing is scheduled on June 10. —Press photo.