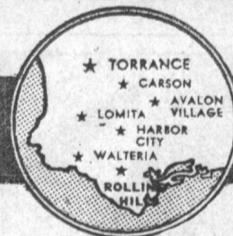


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Seek to Return Torrance Man, Suspect in Navy Wife Death



AIRPORT FACILITY—Artists rendering of the new five-story tower to be constructed at Torrance Municipal Airport was completed this week. Tower, which will be built with joint federal and city funds, on a 54.46 per cent basis, will cost approximately \$162,500 and will house shops and offices in ad-

dition to directional and safety aids. Included in the structure will be an elevator and other modern conveniences. Bids for the structure will be released soon and must be okayed by federal and city authorities before acceptance.

City Official's Complaint Listed As 'Childish'

Douglas Horlander, assistant works director for the city of Torrance, this week asked to be replaced as city coordinator and will also request a hearing before the Civil Service Commission.

Letter was addressed to retiring City Manager George Stevens April 5 and complained that department heads had ordered him to "stay in his office with the door shut from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and twiddle his thumbs, with an hour off for lunch."

A reprimand was sent to Horlander the following day, referring to the complaint as "childish."

Deputies, Local Police Arrest Bookie Suspect

Torrance police Thursday aided Sheriff's deputies in the arrest of Mrs. Evelyn Simmons, 52, of 1827 Falda, on bookmaking charges.

The suspect allegedly has been involved in the illegal enterprise since December, officers stated.

Found in the Simmons' home were betting markers, bookmaking paraphernalia and one telephone. Estimates of the amount of money handled each day were not available.

Aiding in the arrest were Torrance officers Miles Hamilton and Charlene Alarcon.

Captured in Oregon After Local Police Circulate Bulletin

A 28 year old Torrance man, sought for questioning in the slaying of a 29-year old Navy wife, is in custody in Medford, Oregon it was learned Friday.

Sheriff's homicide detectives have been dispatched to bring him back. James Edward Blackwell, foreman of a local rug cleaning shop, had been the subject of an all points bulletin, since the discovery of the partially nude body in a vacant Carson field.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Glenn Johnson, wife of a Navy boatswain's mate.

Blackwell, who lived at 2011 W. 220th St., was arrested Thursday by Oregon

state police in Gold Hill, a small community near Medford.

Police in California, Oregon and Nevada had been alerted to be on the lookout for the suspect since he was identified as the man who was seen with the victim the evening before her death.

The dead woman had apparently left her husband at the Navy pier in Long Beach about 4 p.m. Monday afternoon and then had apparently stopped at a neighborhood bar near her home in Long Beach.

Her partially unclothed body was discovered by a plant worker in a field near the intersection of Lucerne and 223rd St. in Carson.

She had not been criminally assaulted but her purse had been rifled.

Investigating officers reported that three witnesses said that they saw a man of Blackwell's description strike Mrs. Johnson and then throw her unconscious into a car.

They added that Blackwell had showed up briefly at his job Tuesday and Wednesday in order to get an advance in pay, had drawn his savings out of the bank and had then disappeared.

Witnesses to the beating of Mrs. Johnson said that her assailant wore a shirt with the words "rug cleaning" embroidered on the back.

Planning Director George Powell Will Resign from City, Effective May 12

George Powell, long time planning director for the city of Torrance, this week submitted his resignation effective May 12.

Powell's resignation was made to City Manager George Stevens and followed closely Stevens' announcement that he, too, would leave the city at the close of the fiscal year.

In the letter to Stevens Powell said:

"Please accept my resignation from the employment of the City of Torrance. May 12, 1961 will be my last day of official duty. . . .

"I am leaving to accept a position in private industry, also to pursue a practice of private Planning Consultant service.

"My thirteen years with this wonderful City has been



GEORGE POWELL
... Leaving City

enjoyable and I am so very proud to have had a part in its' growth from a country town to metropolitan stature.

"To you . . . and to the City Council, present and past, I thank you sincerely for your cooperation. To the loyal City employees with whom I have worked, I congratulate you upon your unselfish efforts on behalf of our wonderful City.

"To the wonderful residents of Torrance, I thank you for the opportunities I have had to assist you in problems presented to my office. I sincerely hope I have been of assistance to you and through that assistance you have found that Torrance is a wonderful City for you and your families. . . ."

HATS IN RING . . .

Candidates Patricia Huber, Nat Mondati, Active In Race For Three Board Seats

Mrs. Patricia Huber, a Torrance housewife presently attending Long Beach State College, reported that her platform for election to the local unified school board stressed the continuing upgrading of educational standards, more educational essentials, fewer frills and a better tax dollar value in education.

Holder of an associate degree from El Camino College, she has attended the University of Redlands and the University of California in Los Angeles.

A member of the American Chemical Society she is presently preparing a paper for presentation to its historical division. She is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and an honorary member of the Iron Nail Club, a national organization of scientific personnel.

Mrs. Huber is the mother of three children and lives at 5408 Rockview Drive.



PATRICIA HUBER

Nat Mondati, 34-year old Torrance businessman running for election to the local school board, has presented a platform which emphasizes the tool subjects in the curricula and greater economy in district spending.

Mondati's platform stresses less costly construction on new facilities yet advocates salary hikes for teachers.

Mondati attended El Camino College, Pepperdine and the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the North Torrance Lions Club where he has served as bulletin editor, secretary and vice president.

A regular participant in youth activities, he has contributed greatly to local Little League, Babe Ruth League and Colt League programs. He is married and has a 3-year old daughter.

He has resided in Torrance for 17 years.



NAT MONDATI

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held Monday noon at the Masonic Hall, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. Topics of discussion will include construction reports, and Research and Education.

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EDITORIAL . . .

Time for a Change on Education Board

In less than two weeks the Torrance resident will be asked to go to the polls and cast his ballot for three of the sixteen candidates vying for school board posts.

Look closely at these candidates. They are divided into two distinct groups by the platforms they advocate.

One group espouses the viewpoint of the present board and, were they elected, no great change would be seen in the policies of that board.

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The second advocates a close scrutiny of the educational policies of the district, the elimination of expensive and non-educational frills from the tax load, and the strengthening of policies that have been found workable.

This group is also determined that the right to establish policy should revert to the school board as the elected representatives of the voter, and should not go, by default, to the school administrative body, which is responsible only to the board.

One thing is certain, the fiscal policies of an \$11,000,000-per-year tax-supported facility should not be turned over to the bureaucracy of a hired administrative body but should be kept, intact, in the hands of responsible, elected officials.

Downtown Torrance Merchants Go 'All-Out' Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Downtown Torrance merchants are getting ready for a tremendous Sale of Sales set for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bargains and reduced prices are the stars of the Sale.

Highlight of the Sale will be the giving away of a family car worth \$500 furnished by Vel's Ford in cooperation with downtown merchants. Adults only may participate and winner must be present at the 4 p.m. drawing, Saturday, April 15 at 1420 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance.

By clipping the valuable coupon on page 2 and dropping it in a box at any participating downtown Tor-

rance merchant, any adult can have the opportunity of driving the car home.

HUMAN HEREDITY

A film, "Human Heredity," will be shown at the first sessions of the expectant parents' class on Thursday, April 12, at 1 p.m. in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 W. Carson St., Torrance.

Schedule Kindergarten 'Roundups'; Local Youngsters Pre-Register for Schools

Roundups of next year's kindergarteners are being sought next week (April 10-14) at nine Torrance elementary schools — Arlington, Calle Mayor, Edison, Magruder, Newton, Steele, Torrance Elementary, Waveria, and Yukon Schools.

Children who will be five before next Dec. 2 are eligible to enter kindergarten this fall, by state law. Parents should bring birth certificates or other proof of birth date.

Yukon and Steele parents are asked to come in from Monday through Friday, April 10-14, to make appointment for later physical exams, and Calle Mayor parents should call before April 12.

Edison, Magruder, Newton, Torrance Elementary, and Waveria parents are asked to call the schools to make appointments for later registration and physicals. They are slated at Edison on May 14 and 28; Waveria, April 13; Torrance Elementary, April 24 and 27; and Magruder, May 18; and Newton, April 14, 20, and 21.



ROUNDUP DAYS—Local school officials are busily engaged in the annual Kindergarten Roundup, pre-registration of future kindergarten pupils at torrance elementary schools. Here Jerry Isley, 5, not too sure of himself, peers from the folds of his mother's skirt as the whole new world of Magruder School unfolds before him. Youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Isley, 18505 Roslin Ave.

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