

Torrance Teens Take City's Reins

COLLEGE PLAN 'TORPEDOED'



"POLICE CHIEF" Steve Waters, Torrance High School senior, gets some first-rate pointers on police work from Officer Tom Wooldridge. Waters and other teen delegates toured police headquarters, other city facilities, as part of day-long observance.



A PRETTIER MAYOR than usual presides at Tuesday meeting of City Council, where Torrance teen-agers take reins of city government as part of sixth annual Junior Citizens Day. Mayor-for-a-day is Nancy Shartle. Real mayor is Albert Isen.



FINAL TOUR takes students to central fire station, where they are greeted by Capt. Charles Reintsma. Group also visited police headquarters, water department, libraries, city yard, bus station and other city-operated facilities.

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'How Could It Happen,' Dad Asks

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CARSON — The house had a beautiful swimming pool. That's why Edward Martin Keating and his family bought it a year ago.

"There are going to be rules," he warned the youngsters. "And everybody's going to follow them."

Everybody did follow the rules — even Monday, when Toni drowned.

Toni was 20 months old. Somehow she strayed from the watchful eyes of three older children at 21729 Grace Ave. and — perhaps accidentally, perhaps sparked by curiosity — tumbled into the pool and drowned.

"It's hard to believe that it's happened to us," said 37-year-old Edward Keating, his eyes filled with the sadness that only comes with the loss of one so close.

"We were so careful that it wouldn't happen."

Toni will be buried Thursday in graveside ceremonies at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. And with her will be buried the gladness, the excitement, the young laughter that came a year ago when Edward Keating bought a home — with a beautiful swimming pool.

'Drug Baby' Ends Miracle Surgery

CARSON — Infant William Webb Jr. has successfully undergone the final of six operations to correct thalidomide induced birth defects.

Surgeons at Harbor General Hospital said the last operation, performed Tuesday, was to replace a missing radius in the right forearm.

No further operations are scheduled, hospital officials said. Its release is expected within 10 days.

No Leads...

TORRANCE — No new leads were reported by police today in their search for two gunmen who robbed a discount store of \$4000 Sunday.



WILL AN OIL WELL keep this youngster from attending South Bay State College in Torrance. City officials fear it will. Spokesmen for several major oil companies say "underground pools

of oil" would make costs of Torrance site acquisition prohibitive. Other proposed site is on Palos Verdes Peninsula.

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Torrance Teens Take Reins of Government

TORRANCE — Nearly 150 teenagers converged on City Hall this week for the sixth annual observance of Junior Citizens Day.

Boys and girls representing five local high schools took the imaginary reins of municipal government for a day, acting the roles of their adult counterparts.

Students filled jobs ranging from mayor to fire chief to juvenile officer, then met in full-fledged session with City Council.

Student Mayor Nancy Shartle, a West High School student, sat in for Mayor Albert Isen, along with teenage "councilmen" who sat with their chosen counterparts.

A mock public hearing for a fictional "Mr. Bourbon" was held to approve or deny construction of a restaurant with open air dancing.

Students gathered at 1:30 p.m. for City Hall briefing sessions, then met for an hour with their adult counterparts. A tour of city facilities followed, with students returning to South High School for a banquet and ceremony honoring the annual teen takeover of city government.

James Nicklin, Arcadia city attorney, was principal speaker.

Students and the offices they represented were:

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL—Rick Coulter, councilman; Linda Anderson, councilman; Sharon McKaig, city engineer; Raul Matute, battalion chief; Sue Steele, director of finance; Helen March, park superintendent; Chris Boggs, recreation commissioner; Sherrie Read, recreation commissioner.

Pat Palmquist, airport commissioner; Kathy Faller, secretary to assistant city manager; Nancy Baker, secretary to city engineer; Kathy Kimes, secretary to superintendent of buildings; Sue Klein, secretary to juvenile officer; Tom Adkins, secretary to finance director.

Marci Altschuld, secretary to accountant; Kristin Demules, secretary to personnel director; Alice Bernard, duplicating clerk; Pam Arndt, legal secretary; DeeAnn Armhurst, traffic safety commissioner; Dan Ely, civil defense commissioner; Andrea Honorati, Torrance Beautiful commissioner; Irene Pinkerton, Torrance Beautiful commissioner; Sue Alven, planning commissioner; Raul Matute, entertainer.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL—Danny George, councilman; Beverly Albert, city manager; Gail Hyde, city treasurer; Dennis Dyer, assistant city attorney; Steve Waters, police chief;

Sandra McElbosé, license inspector; Mike Langum, bus superintendent; Carole Woodman, recreation commissioner; Vince Crosse, recreation commissioner; Mark Hart, airport commissioner; Paula Johnson, secretary to city treasurer; Randy Garrett, secretary to fire chief; Sally Blschoff, secretary to water superintendent; Ivor Samson, traffic and lighting engineer; Mike Sullivan, safety training officer; Linda Anderson, traffic safety council; Don Stull, traffic safety council; Andrea Silver, library commissioner; Nelson Stanley, civil defense commissioner; Mark Davis, civil defense commissioner; Sheila Weister, Torrance Beautiful commissioner; Sharon Kraiss, planning commissioner; Marilyn Korell, planning commissioner; Bill Cosby, entertainer.

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL—Linde Kennedy, councilman; Bruce Cole, councilman; Phyllis Jorgenson, assistant recreation director; Don Aimar, assistant city manager; Jeanne Kurz, personnel director; Aracely Blanco, accountant; Mike Jacobs, juvenile officer; Dave Shilling, superintendent of building inspections; Pam Ferrier, Torrance Beautiful commissioner; Pete Gregore, planning commis-

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Cabrillo Ave. Repaving Gets Final Green Light

TORRANCE — Councilmen have approved the proposed \$19,000 street assessment district. The authorization provides

for installation of curbs, paving and gutters along Cabrillo Ave.

The city's share will total slightly more than \$16,500.

In other action, councilmen voted 4 to 3 against requiring garage doors on apartments proposed for construction.

A claim of William C. Van Horn for repayment of \$1643 in sewer reimbursement fees and \$100 in sewer use fees at 5127-49 Calle Mayor was denied.

Low bids for a piano and dolly at the new city recreation center were approved, as were bids for kitchen equipment at the same location.

A \$7069 bid for copper tubing was authorized for acceptance by the Water Dept.

Mohawk Petroleum Corp. was granted approval of a request to build an automotive center of steel type construction at Airport Plaza.

R. A. Watt was granted authorization to build model homes for a projected tract development on Sepulveda Blvd. east of Hawthorne Blvd.

HEY, GALS! GOOD NEWS

Getting underway this week in the Greater Torrance area is a search for the "Girl Who Most Deserves to be a Blonde — in time for Christmas."

Winner of the contest will receive a new holiday wardrobe and will get a complete cosmetic makeover, including hairstyling and makeup.

Contestants are invited to send snapshots to the Torrance Press. The contest is limited to persons 18 years of age and over.

Co-sponsoring the event with the Torrance Press are Joyce's Clothes Horse and La Camille Beauty Salon.

Blondes as well as brunettes are invited to participate.

The contest runs today through Dec. 10. Following decision of the judges, the winner will undergo a complete beauty analysis and will have her new ensemble coordinated with her new appearance.

Snapshots should be mailed to Beauty Contest Editor, Torrance Press, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

November: City Beautiful Month