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Officer Says Peebles Ordered Jahn's Arrest

Three Ask City For Legal Fees

Requests for nearly \$3,600 in attorney's fees incurred during last year's investigation by the Attorney General's office have been filed by three city employees.

City Engineer Walter Noll

Urban Renewal

City Gets Grant for Planning

An urban renewal grant of \$225,200 has been approved by the federal government for Torrance, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

Ferraro said Congressman Cecil R. King (D-17th District) notified the city Thursday of the action by the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The grant is to be used for surveys and planning in the Meadowpark Urban Renewal area.

Torrance is seeking a total of \$4.5 million for the redevelopment of the area between the Municipal Airport and Hawthorne Avenue. Initial plans call for the development of an industrial park which the city would lease to firms under an arrangement similar to that now employed for other airport land.

Ferraro also said he had asked Rex Vance, an employee in the Housing and Home Finance Agency, to come to Torrance as deputy executive director for the Redevelopment Agency. Councilmen approved the action last week.

The grant will make it possible to fill the post immediately, Ferraro said. Other projects to be financed by the planning and survey grant include appraisals and possible early acquisition of land in hardship cases. Structural inspections and economic feasibility studies also will be financed through the grant.

and two police officers, Lt. Douglas C. Cook and Lt. Donald Hamilton, are seeking fees incurred as a result of their appearances before investigators from the Attorney General's office. In addition, Lts. Cook and Hamilton asked for fees incurred during Civil Service Commission and council hearings.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier has ruled the council is not required to pay the fees. The city may pay the fees, however, if councilmen determine the proceedings were brought "on account of an act or omission in the scope of his employment as an employee of the City . . ."

REMELMEIER said each of the three persons asked his office to represent him before the Attorney General's investigators, a request he rejected because of "a potential conflict of interest."

No charges were ever filed against Noll. Both police officers subsequently were charged with making false statements under oath. Each was convicted by the City's Civil Service Commission of one count. Lt. Cook's conviction was upheld by the City Council, but no punishment imposed.

Lt. Hamilton was found not guilty by the council after a hearing.

Area Home Ransacked By Burglar

An estimated \$800 in valuables was taken from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Conn at 21602 Palos Verdes Blvd. Thursday, Torrance Police were told.

The Conns told officers they left the house at 8 a.m. and had locked the house. When Mrs. Conn returned, she found a window in the front door had been opened. Police said the bedroom had been ransacked. The rear door was unlocked, but closed.



T. S. LOVELADY
 Businessman Dies

Rites Set For Early Retailer

Thomas Seigle Lovelady, a pioneer Torrance businessman, died at his home Friday morning, Mr. Lovelady, who made his home at 1670 Gramercy Ave., was 68.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach.

Born March 3, 1897, in Westside, Iowa, Mr. Lovelady served with the 88th Infantry Division in World War I. He came to Torrance in 1933 and founded the Torrance Feed and Fuel store. In 1946, he founded the Lovelady Hardware Co.

He is survived by his widow, Lena E. Lovelady of the home; three daughters, Pearl Inez Wiecek of Redondo Beach, Jean Carolyn Wren of Torrance, and Ione Evelyn Harbick of Lakewood, and four sons, Vern Thomas Lovelady and Wayne Alvin Lovelady, both of Torrance, Norman LeRoy Lovelady of Lomita, and Ronald Eugene Lovelady of Harbor City.

Also surviving are two brothers, Elmer Lovelady of Long Beach, and Willis Lovelady of Iowa; a sister, Mary Caldwell of Torrance, and 12 grandchildren.

Walteria Crusade To Begin

The Rev. Dr. George Pattison and the Rev. Ray Bringham, founders of the Inter-Church Team Ministries, will conduct a "Deeper Life Crusade" at the Walteria Assembly of God, 2444 Street and Hawthorne Avenue, March 31 through April 4.

Weekday services will begin at 7 p.m., while 10 a.m. sessions will be held Thursday and Friday. There will be no meeting Saturday.

Dr. Pattison, until recently the rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral in Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada, and dean of the Diocese of Caledonia, resigned his posts to devote all his time to evangelism.

Rev. Bringham, an interdenominational evangelist, pastored Churches of God for more than 20 years. He has served on the Church of God executive council and has led a number of spiritual retreats.

Members of all area churches have been invited to attend any or all of the evangelist meetings by the Rev. Charles Hughes, pastor of the Walteria Assembly of God.

Mayor on Call For Tomorrow

Trial of former city manager Wade Peebles will enter its fourth session Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court with Mayor Albert Isen a possible witness.

The trial opened Wednesday after selection of a jury was completed. Peebles is charged with two counts of perjury growing out of investigations by the attorney general's office into alleged misconduct in Torrance. The charges are based on Peebles' denial that he knew about the arrest of former City Councilman Robert B. Jahn, and that he did not accept a bribe of a swimming pool from a contractor.

NEARLY HALF a hundred pages of testimony given by Peebles during the investigations were read into the court record Thursday afternoon. The transcripts purport to show inconsistencies in his statements to investigators.

Earlier Roger Jacobson, former police officer, testified that he had kept Jahn under surveillance in mid-1963 on orders of his superior officer, Lt. Douglas C. Cook.

Lieutenant Cook, testifying Friday, said he was instructed by Peebles to have the former city councilman arrested until he could be arrested.

Civil Service Jobs Now Open

The City of Torrance has announced job openings for the following: pool manager, bus operator, civil engineering associate, and senior structural inspector.

Further information regarding salary, civil service examination dates, and application deadline, is available at the Personnel Office, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Allegations by the former city manager that Mayor Isen was present during the discussion between Peebles and Cook were denied by the officer.

Isen told the Press-Herald yesterday that he had been subpoenaed to appear in the matter Monday.

Trio Held For Pier Robbery

Two Torrance youths and a Gardena youth were arrested by Manhattan Beach police Wednesday evening on suspicion of a strong-arm robbery on the Manhattan Beach pier.

Officers arrested Gary I. Wiebe, 19, of 17303 S. Atkinson Ave., and a juvenile from Torrance. Also in custody was Samuel D. Roberts, 18, of 1641 W. 170th St., Gardena.

They are suspected of beating and robbing Michael G. Clay, 19, of Manhattan Beach. The robbery netted \$1.50.

CLAY TOLD police he was walking on the pier when he saw eight men walking toward him. He said he followed the rail and was asked if he had any money when the group approached him. One of the men kicked him, Clay said, and he was struck in the face.

"Then it seemed that all of them were hitting and kicking me," Clay said. "I started to yell for help."

CLAY GAVE the men \$1.50 in coins and was told to go to the west end of the pier and stay. He spotted a police car on routine patrol and went with officers. He later identified a car and officers began looking for the men.

Bribe Hearing Called

City Councilman George Vico has been asked to appear before the County Grand Jury to tell about an alleged bribe offer in connection with a beachfront high-rise proposal, the Press-Herald was reliably informed yesterday. Vico had charged before the Board of Supervisors at a hearing on land problems in the area that the proposed developer had given him a letter offering him first opportunity on a roof-top restaurant concession the night the City Council was scheduled to vote on the matter.

Group Officers Named

Members of the Torrance Auditorium Advisory Committee have elected J. B. Mosley as chairman. Ray Wyatt will serve as vice-chairman of the group. The group also established several subcommittees. The committee was established by the City Council to study plans for the construction of a civic auditorium in Torrance.

Hawthorne Work Due

A cash contract for the improvement of Hawthorne Avenue from Newton Street in Torrance to Palos Verdes Drive North in Rolling Hills Estates will be recommended for approval by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Koullapis in Court

Louis Koullapis, 70, charged with one count of murder, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, and three counts of discharging firearms in an occupied building, Tuesday pleaded innocent to the charges before Judge Allen Miller. Koullapis is charged with shotgun raids on three Gardena poker parlors on Jan. 11, which resulted in the death of a 71-year-old Burbank man. Trial was ordered for April 14.



NEW ROYALTY . . . Torrance's new royal family poses following selection which was completed here Friday evening. Nineteen-year-old Jan Bradshaw (center) was crowned by Mayor Albert Isen after she was chosen to succeed Linda Knox as "Miss Torrance" for the coming year. Princesses in her royal court include Anice Evans (left) and Pamela Wilson, both 18. (Press-Herald Photo)

Millionaire Singer Aids North Journalism Program

Bobby Button is a normal 16-year-old. Normal for a millionaire, world traveler, and teenage idol, that is.

He owns a mansion in Nova Scotia and wears sunglasses, a beret, and an ascot.

Bobby was interviewed by journalism students at North High last week.

Reporter Steve Schmitz began the interview, but the prepared questions were quickly thrown out as Bobby began relating his international experiences.

Bobby—in case you haven't guessed—is a figment of the imagination. In this instance, the character was created by

the North High journalism department and given life by the drama department.

Ronald Frederick portrayed the young, sophisticated star in an exercise designed to give journalism students an opportunity to "get the facts" and do a story.

The exercise is an example of cooperation between the drama and journalism departments to produce a realistic learning atmosphere for the journalists-to-be.

Guy R. Old Jr., advisor to the North Wind and journalism teacher, originated the idea. He asked Edward Nupoll, a drama instructor, to assist. It was through their work that Ronald became Bobby.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of the project," Old said. He also said he was "amazed at the students' reaction to this staged inter-

view. The acting ability of Ronald set a realistic tone."

Nupoll felt the project was a success. "It mutually benefits both departments because it gives drama students an opportunity to improvise and journalism students a realistic opportunity to interview," he commented.

The project will continue with an assortment of characters. Some of the more colorful "celebrities" who will make their appearance at North High include an ax murderer and a man lost on a raft, Old said.



WORKSHOP OPENED . . . Mayor Robert Kane of Gardena handles the shears as the PAR Workshops Southwest was opened formally at 1725 W. 180th St. Friday morning. From left at the ceremony are George Thomas, supervisor of the PAR program; Harry Raech, rehabilitation chairman; Mayor Kane; Harry Marlow, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Harriet Lund, case aide; Mrs. Dean Thurman, president of Southwest Association for Retarded Children; Bill Savage, workshop manager, and Robert Shushan, executive director of the Exceptional Children's Foundation. (Press-Herald Photo)

Ask State For Phones On Freeway

Application for a permit to allow the county and the Telephone Co. to install 80 emergency phones on the Harbor Freeway has been made to the State Division of Highways, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Granting of this permit will clear the way for the installation of the phones between Olympic boulevard and Rosecrans avenue. Engineering approval for the system has already been given by the state.

The permit will allow use of the state freeways for the telephones by the county, which has arranged for installation of the life-saving communication system with the Telephone Co.

The supervisor said the system will "open a new era for the modern-day good samaritan."

Beat, Rob Area Man

Three Spanish-speaking men kidnapped, beat, and robbed a Torrance man Tuesday night.

Clarence L. Scott, 37, told police he was crossing an alley on his way home from a store when he was struck on the back of the head and knocked unconscious.

When he awoke, Scott said, he was in a car with three men who were speaking Spanish. Two of the men beat him, he told officers, until he agreed to take them to his home at 1008 Crenshaw Blvd.

The men took a television set from the home and left. Scott was found Wednesday morning by his father, Horton Scott.