

# Jail Suspect in Death of Torrance Woman

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**PLACE WREATH . . .** City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert (at left) and Eugene Sullivan of the Democratic Central Committee place a wreath on the John F. Kennedy Memorial in downtown Torrance on the fourth anniversary of the late President's death. Attending the brief ceremony Wednesday afternoon was Mrs. Celia Pons, who donated the funds for the memorial. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Superior Court Order Halts Renewal Voting

## ACT Bid For Vote Stymied

A preliminary injunction halting a special election on a proposal to disband the city's Redevelopment Agency was issued Friday by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge.

Judge Ralph Nutter issued the order following a hearing on a taxpayer's suit brought by John B. Mosley and Mrs. Velma Shelbourn.

The judge gave Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT) until Dec. 11 to answer the complaint filed by Mosley and Mrs. Shelbourn. The complaint sought a permanent injunction and asked the court to declare the petition circulated by ACT invalid.

JUDGE NUTTER, in his opinion, said ACT did have a cause for action but that the group did not have a cause for a special election.

He also said there is a specific procedure set up by state law for dissolving a redevelopment agency. It includes a determination that there is no outstanding indebtedness and unanimous written consent of the members of the agency.

"Nothing has been shown to this court the procedure has been complied with," the judge said.

CITY ATTORNEY Stanley Remelmeier told the Press-Herald Friday that the preliminary injunction may clear the way to proceed with the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project. "From a practical standpoint," he said, "it is difficult to see how they (ACT) can win."

Remelmeier said new facts (See RENEWAL, Page A-2)

## Woman Found By Son

A Harbor City man has been arrested in the brutal slaying of a Torrance housewife.

Accused of bludgeoning his girlfriend to death is Glenn Allan Reilly, 47, of 1116 W. 255th St., Harbor City.

The victim was Mrs. Wanda Lee Orr, 44, of 313 Via Monte d'Oro, whose battered body was discovered Wednesday morning by her 17-year-old son, Mark Orr.

Torrance police said that the body was found wrapped in a blanket in the bedroom of her fashionable Riviera home at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Orr was covered with blood and severe bruises, police said, and had been sexually molested and brutalized.

TIME OF death has not yet been determined by the coroner, although Mrs. Orr appeared to have been dead for at least several hours, police said.

Torrance police were first summoned to the home at about 10 o'clock the night before, when Mrs. Orr's estranged husband, Pat, and the son were denied entrance to the home. The boy told police he had seen the suspect inside shortly before calling police, but that Reilly refused to let him in.

Police left the scene after failing to get a response from anyone inside the house.

YOUNG ORR said that he returned to the home at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday and found all doors and windows locked.

He stepped up on a small table to look into his mother's bedroom window and saw her body lying on the bed.

The teenager broke a side door window, entered the house, and then called his father and the police.

Officers arrested Reilly (See MURDER, Page A-2)



**THROUGH THE FENCE . . .** These two young ladies were unable to get seats inside the West High stadium Friday night to see the West High-Bellflower football game, so they brought their own chairs and sat outside the fence. Jeannie Seeley, 7, (right) and Tracy Keehn, 6, said they wanted to see one of their former babysitters, Terry Cooper of West High, West lost, 14-7, and was eliminated from the CIF "AAA" playoffs. (Press-Herald Photo by Gordon Akers)

## Torrance Teenager Ends Trip on LSD in Hospital

A "bad trip" on LSD sent a Torrance teenager to the psychiatric unit of Los Angeles County General Hospital this week for intensive treatment.

Eighteen-year-old Edward R. Donahue of 3544 Garnett Ave. was arrested last Sunday afternoon for possession of drugs and disturbing the peace after he harassed several neighbors.

One woman told police that when she refused to give Donahue a cigarette, he

poured salt all over her living room. At the same time, he was screaming that he had taken LSD and that he was Santa Claus, witnesses said.

When police arrived, Donahue gave them a plastic bag containing double-scored white pills. A roommate showed the officers 22 red

tablets in the bedroom drawer.

When asked who owned the pills, the defendant replied that they were his and God's.

Officers said Donahue was unable to hold a rational conversation and kept saying, "You can't kill me 'cause I'm dead."

## Wallace To Speak Tomorrow

George C. Wallace, former governor of Alabama, will speak tomorrow at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1424 Engracia, beginning at 9 a.m. Wallace is attempting to qualify his American Independent Party for the California ballot in his bid for the presidency.

Two other Wallace speaking engagements have been scheduled in this area. The former governor will be at the Hawthorne Elk's Hall, 4422 W. 115th St., Hawthorne from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday.

He will also make an appearance Friday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the American Legion Hall, 423 N. La Brea, Inglewood.

The public may attend these meetings free of charge.

## Honor Students

Two area students are among those chosen for the dean's list at Cal State Los Angeles. They are Richard Alan Paselk, 237 Los Miradores, and Bendicio Gonzalez, 3205 Merrill Drive.

## Girl Chokes to Death - - -

A 17-month-old Torrance girl apparently choked to death Friday evening after she was given half an aspirin tablet by her mother. Karen Brown, of 4805 Highgrove St., died at Little Company of Mary Hospital about 7 p.m. after being rushed there by police. The girl's mother told police she had given the girl half an aspirin tablet about 4:20 p.m. to combat a slight fever. The tablet apparently caught in the girl's throat and induced the fatal choking attack, police reported.

## West, North Defeated - - -

The football season in Torrance ended abruptly Friday night as both North High and West High were defeated in the first round of the CIF playoffs. North, competing in the "AAAA" division, was beaten by top-ranked Santa Barbara, 48-7, in a game played at Santa Barbara. West dropped a 14-7 decision to Bellflower in the "AAA" division playoffs. Details are on today's Press-Herald sports page.

## Parade Hearing Ordered - - -

A court order requiring the city to show cause why an anti-war parade should not be permitted here Dec. 16 was issued in Los Angeles Friday. Superior Court Judge Ralph Nutter issued the order on a suit by South Bay Vietnam Summer for a writ of mandate and an injunction. A hearing was scheduled for Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. The group earlier was denied a permit to parade down Hawthorne Boulevard and that street was subsequently declared off limits for parades in an emergency ordinance. The city's License Review Board is scheduled to meet this week to consider a parade down Torrance Boulevard. If the permit is approved, indications are that the court order will be dismissed Dec. 5.

## Crusade Drive Ends On Successful Note

One of the most successful United Crusade fund drives has been ended with a record-breaking \$23,022,919 in gifts and pledges.

Crusade chairman Victor M. Carter said more than 1,000,000 donors gave more than \$1.4 million more in 1967 than was raised in 1966. The Harbor area United Crusade raised a total of \$248,000 to exceed last year's goal by about 10 per cent, according to H. D. Holland, chairman of the crusade in this area.

"Although the public campaign is officially concluded," Holland said, "some employ and school campaigns are not

finished and follow-up letters are still being sent and telephone calls being made to past donors in the residential, professional, and small business divisions."

The successful drive was announced at a victory luncheon earlier this week in Los Angeles. Entertainment for the event was provided by the San Pedro High School Boys' Ensemble.

Members of the Ensemble include Ethan Samples, Brad Cole, Mike Franke, Robert Christenson, Mike Howe, Darrell Howe, Craig Neill, Thomas Grant, Robert Jensen, William Lichty, Albert Alcala, Chris Liscia, Rick Straight, Gary Bergstrom, James Barnett, Steve Snyder, and Rourke Finley.

Carter, in remarks at the luncheon gathering, said the "achievement by the generous people of Los Angeles County and the thousands of volunteers who gave both time and money surpasses every major city in the nation for percent-

age of increase over last year."

A total of 244 United Way agencies and 12 chapters of the American Red Cross will share the \$23-plus million raised during the campaign.

## THS Trio Commended For Scores

Three Torrance High students have received letters of commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1967 National Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The trio includes Michael H. Belzer, Scott D. Huston and Saul T. Weinstein.

Dr. Carl Ahee, principal, said the letters mean the three Tartars rank in the top 2 per cent of the nation's high school seniors. Some 40,000 students received the letters.

## JUNIOR CITIZENS' DAY

### West High Youth Named Mayor

Nearly 120 high school students from Torrance will take over the city government Tuesday when elected and appointed officials from the mayor down give up their seats in the city's 11th annual Junior Citizens' Day.

Schools represented are: North High, Torrance High, South High, West High, and Bishop Montgomery.

Mayor for the day will be Steve Bunch from West High. Student Councilmen will be Kent Blair and Kathie Kingston, North High; Lynn Curtis, South High; Ken Roberts, Torrance High; Dale Whitney, West High; Richard Cook, Bishop Montgomery.

City Manager will be Mike Belzer, Torrance High; City Treasurer, Michael Stehula, Bishop Montgomery; and City Clerk, Mike Maxsentil, South High.

Other students who will

participate in Junior Citizens' Day events include:

**Bishop Montgomery High School**—Brian Byrnes, Katie Roach, Carol Jacobsmeyer, Donna Beard, Ray Koke, Jim Roach, Dan Hogan, Robert McMahon, Kathy Nagle, John Van Hoven, Carmel Baird, Kevin Moore, Gabby Gonzales, George Prensaman, Colleen Cary, Phil Damburg, Judy Lewellen, Rita Roberts, Pat Gulick, Vickie Klein, and Jean Carr.

**North High**—Claudia Johnson, Mary Williams, Lynda O'Connor, Pat Schmidt, Ron DePalma, Leonard Folgarait, Annette Prentiss, Joe de Bock, Toni Ferriolo, Rose Hernandez, Rita Reis, Dawn Wells, Sparky Hubert, Dan Hansen, Christy Leachman, Tim Robertson, Chuck Cronin, Kathy Endo, Karen Long, Nancy Ogawa, and Don Blair.

**South High**—David Bren-

ner, Duncan Brown, Roy Campbell, Dan Carlson, Debbie Cello, Juliann Chang, Michele Chiappetta, Michelle DeArmitt, Mike Farber, Randy Kimose, Susi Levanas, Bunnie McAnally, Kathy Panoovich, Rich Peterson, Dennis Sosbee, Tom Zampas, and Erkki Leikoski.

**Torrance High**—Mimi Stued, Patsy Landerville, Diane Shigekuni, Susan Bundy, Steve Turner, Ken Waters, Saul Weinstein, Ramona Carlin, Pam Anderson, Barbara Moffit, Laura Echols, Sandy Fernly, Greg Perkin, Tom Summers, Cara Armstrong, Teri Bjorrell, Barbara Brentwood, Bjorn Gunnarsson, Sue Simmons, Kathy Nolan, and Jim Crew.

**West High**—JoDee Taylor, Rocky Westlake, Karen Sellers, Teresa Cunningham, Sam Falcone, Bill Fraser, Dan

## Crashes Kill Two Area Men

Two East Torrance men were killed in separate accidents Thursday and Friday and police said one of the men may have committed suicide.

Ruddy Rivera, 23, of 1648 W. 226th St., was found early Friday on the side of a cliff in the 1700 block of Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates. His car was found at the base of the 300-foot cliff.

Police said there were indications the car had been accelerated rapidly toward the cliff.

A cousin of the dead man, Sesario Banda, of 2128 W. Del Amo Blvd., told police Rivera had been despondent over the death of his brother, 20-year-old Johnny Rivera, who was shot to death at a birthday party Nov. 11.

The second man, Charles O. Bryant, 79, of 437 W. Carson St., was killed Thursday when his car and a second vehicle collided in the Dominguez area.

Bryant's car collided with a vehicle driven by Buddy E. Denby, 57, of Highland Park. Bryant's wife, Della, 76, sustained minor injuries in the crash. She was taken to Dominguez Valley Hospital.