

Cab Driver Tells Tale Of Kidnap

A taxi driver with Checker Cab Co. has given Torrance police a hair-raising account of being kidnaped by two men for six hours Sunday afternoon and being robbed at gunpoint.

Cab driver John Mirko Carr, 33, of San Pedro said he had just dropped off a passenger at the corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards about 3 p.m. when the men got in the taxi and ordered him to drive.

After about two hours of aimless driving, the men forced him to hand over \$37 from the cab till and \$53 from his own pocket. At 9 p.m. the men finally turned Carr loose in downtown Los Angeles, he reported to police.

El Camino Hosts Play Festival

High school thespians in the El Camino College District will go to college for one day this Friday by participating in a One-act Play Festival to be held on the college campus.

Students from eight high schools in the El Camino district will present one-act plays in the Campus Theater.

One of the plays will be an original production written by one of the students, William Buck and Peter Henderson, El Camino theater arts instructors, are coordinating the program and will critique and grade the plays, giving merit awards to deserving productions.

Official host for the festival is Collegiate Players of El Camino.



FILES PAPERS . . . Dr. Donald E. Wilson (right) files his nomination papers for the April 9 municipal election with City Clerk Vernon Coil. Dr. Wilson, vice president of the Torrance Board of Education, is seeking one of three seats which will be vacant. Final date for filing is tomorrow.

DURING 1967

86 Contracts Awarded For Storm Drain Work

A record 86 construction contracts were sent to bid during 1967 by the County Flood Control District, according to a report submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

The output for the year exceeded previous highs by more than 25 per cent.

More than \$41 million was committed to the storm drain, flood control, and water conservation programs.

Supervisor Burton W. Chase said storm drain projects were completed in sections of Long Beach and Palos Verdes Estates in his district. The year saw additional contracts awarded for work in Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Signal Hill, Compton, Castellamare, Torrance, San Pedro, El Segundo, and Paramount, he added.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who represents the Second District, said drain projects were completed in sections of Hawthorne, Inglewood, Culver City, Lawndale, Lynwood, Gardena, and West Compton area. Additional contracts were awarded for work in Inglewood, West Compton, Lawndale, and North Torrance. Completed during the year on the district's regular program was the Avalon Boulevard drain near Gardena. A recap indicates that about \$25 million in various structures were completed and placed in service during 1967. Financing of all work was provided in 1958 and 1964 storm drain bond issues and revenues from the ad valorem tax levied within the district.

Bogus Bill Used

A counterfeit \$10 bill was passed Sunday afternoon at the United Artists Theater, 2735 Pacific Coast Hwy., according to Torrance police. A cashier noticed the suspicious bill about 6 p.m. but could not remember who had purchased a ticket with it.

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Obituaries

Kelly Zeigler

Funeral services for Kelly Sue Zeigler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Zeigler of 17108 Glenburn Ave., will be conducted at the Stone & Myers Mortuary Chapel Saturday at 10 a.m. The Rev. Alfred Cekena of the Full Gospel Church of Santa Monica will officiate.

Born March 20, 1966, in Torrance, she died Sunday. In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister, Cindy Elizabeth; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Albaya of Torrance; her grandfather, Kenneth G. Zeigler of Hollywood; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Violet Moore of Lakewood; her

great-grandmothers, Marian Flitcroft of Long Beach and Lillian Queen of Garden Grove; and a great-great-grandmother in Pennsylvania.

Nellie Nelson

Private services for Nellie Bly Nelson, of 15420 Spinning Ave., are scheduled today at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with Henry Moreau, Christian Science Reader, officiating. Private inurnment will follow.

Mrs. Nelson, who died Sunday, had lived in the area for more than 40 years.

Surviving are her husband, Darrel L. Nelson, and a sister, Marguerite Pequegnat of Torrance.

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Educator Seeks Seat on Council

Dr. Donald E. Wilson, vice-president of the Torrance Board of Education and the first candidate to announce he would seek a seat on the City Council April 9, has officially entered the race.

Dr. Wilson filed nomination papers with City Clerk Vernon W. Coil last Friday afternoon. He is seeking one of three seats which will be up for grabs in the municipal balloting.

The 44-year-old educator, elected to the Board of Education in 1965, is director of teacher education at the University of Southern California.

HE AND his wife, Alva, are parents of two daughters and a son and make their home at 17022 Kornblum Ave., in North Torrance. The children are Mike, 14, a freshman at North High; Donna, 17, a senior at North High; and Pamela, now 21 and married. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson just recently became grandparents for the first time.

Both Dr. Wilson and his wife have been active in civic affairs since moving to the city. Mrs. Wilson is chairman of the Torrance Safety Council.

Dr. Wilson is active in Boy Scout work, the Lions Club, PTA, and the Christian Church.

"FOR THE past two years, I have been serving as a trustee of the Torrance schools and I have been fortunate to have acquired a thorough personal knowledge of the problems and needs of the schools, the thousands of children we want to educate, the need for tax relief for homeowners, and the vital necessity for city government and the Board of Education to work together in total and effective harmony," Dr. Wilson said.

"I am convinced," he continued, "that my extensive knowledge of governmental affairs, plus my experience as a member of the Board of Education and my sincere concern for the well being and betterment of my community qualify me for the post of city councilman."

Dr. Wilson earned his bachelor's degree at Central Missouri State College and his master of science degree in education at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was awarded his doctoral degree by UCLA in 1951.

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