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HONOR HEROES . . . Torrance Police presented engraved plaques to two men who were credited with saving the life of Pamela Fischer, 17-year-old daughter of Torrance Police Lt. and Mrs. Hyman (Mickey) Fischer last Nov. 4. The two men pulled Miss Fischer from under her burning car after she was involved in a collision with a truck on Van Ness Avenue. The awards were presented to Leslie Grubbs (left) of Huntington Beach and H. (Hap) Hartford (second from right) of Inglewood. Also pictured are Lieutenant Fischer (second from left) and Phil Joseph, president of the Torrance Police Officers' Association. Miss Fischer remains hospitalized at Little Company of Mary Hospital and is expected to undergo skin graft surgery shortly. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Engineer Faces Misconduct Charges

City Manager Files Charges Against Aide

Public Works Director Walter M. Nollac was charged with 17 counts of improper performance of his duties in a massive, 225-page document filed with the city's Civil Service Commission Monday.

At the same time it was revealed Nollac had been suspended from his \$25,000-a-year post last Dec. 6.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who filed the charges Monday, said he withheld making the charges public until Monday because of "an agreement which we made with Mr. Nollac's attorney not to make them public before Dec. 16, 1968, in the event that Mr. Nollac might decide to resign."

performing his duties. They were that he:

- Testified falsely before the Civil Service Commission at his first hearing regarding grading permits.
- Testified falsely before the Civil Service Commission regarding mooring fees paid for the boat which he owned in partnership with Bajji Enterprises.
- Improperly allowed Prairie Subdividers to begin grading in Tract 30376 without having posted the required bond.
- Improperly allowed Sunnglen Construction Co. to begin grading in Tract 23526 without obtaining permits.
- Improperly relieved Prairie Subdividers of requirements for grading specifications in Tract 22851.
- Improperly reduced drainage fees required of Prairie Subdividers for Tract 22851 in the amount of \$9,027.
- Failed to perform his duties with respect to the collection of Drainage Improvement Fund fees from South Bay Realty Co. for Tract 30376.
- Failed to obey a directive of the city manager and finance director regarding competitive bidding requirements in connection with public improvement by private companies.
- Improperly authorized occupancy certificates to Jewell Land Co. in Tract 28375.
- Failed to disclose to the city manager information concerning the lack of performance, non-payment of inspection fees, and the unauthorized granting of occupancy permits to Jewell Land Co. at a time when he recommended a six-month extension of time to complete requirements in Tract 28375.
- Failed to disclose to the city manager and city council information regarding a second six-month extension in Tract 28375.
- Failed to disclose similar information in recommending a third six-month extension for Tract 28375.
- Improperly directed that

NOLLAC was suspended from his job at 5 p.m. Dec. 6, "pending a hearing before the Civil Service Commission."

The city public works director was cleared of misconduct charges last Aug. 22 after a long hearing before the Civil Service Commission. He had been suspended after it was revealed he was co-owner of a small fishing boat in partnership with a prominent land developer.

Ferraro, in a letter to members of the City Council, said his office had conducted its investigation in cooperation with the District Attorney. He also said the investigation was begun after his office learned the District Attorney would not file criminal charges against Nollac as a result of the earlier investigation.

But, Ferraro added, "their (the District Attorney's) investigation disclosed ample evidence of acts of misconduct on the part of Mr. Nollac."

FERRARO explained that courts have ruled public officials cannot be removed from office by the Grand Jury if the jurisdiction—in this case, the city of Torrance—has civil service procedures for the removal of officers and employees in its charter.

Nollac was charged with 17 specific incidents of improperly



THREE-WHEELED CHRISTMAS . . . Cheryl Williams (left) and Paul Norrington try new Christmas gift tricycles donated to the center operated by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, Inc. Larry Bartlett (center), engineer for United States Air Force, Northrup Corporation, Norair Division, made the presentation on behalf of the employees who contributed funds to purchase 15 tricycles to be used by the children attending training classes at the Center located at 13515 So. Vermont Ave., Gardena. Colonel David E. Gales is in command of the unit.

Architects Given Approval of Plans

The large, modern City Council chamber which will become a part of the proposed City Hall addition was described in detail at last night's City Council meeting.

Wendell Mounce of Earl Heitschmidt and Associates, architects, described the spacious chamber as "masculine," pointing out such features as diffuse lighting, an elaborate audio-visual setup, and a complete heating and air conditioning system.

Mounce said that the councilmen's table, which is slightly above floor level, would be moved aside easily to reveal a movie screen when councilmen wished to present visual aids. Recessed blackboards are also

included in the audio-visual center.

COUNCILMEN were reluctant to give their complete approval of the chamber's proposed acoustical ceiling, which would consist of many box-like projections designed to absorb noise. However, Mounce guaranteed that the ceiling would be effective in cutting down unwanted echoes.

Councilmen gave the firm unanimous permission to go ahead with preparing detailed construction drawings. Torrance Boulevard frontage will provide the focal point for the civic complex.

IN FURTHER action, the council voted to purchase right-of-way property for the extension of Anza Avenue at a reduced rate in exchange for granting conditional use permit to a development company.

The company, J. F. & B. Development Co., wishes to purchase the entire segment of property near the corner of Anza Avenue and 238th Street, which now belongs to Dr. Lathrop Ellenwood. The firm needs the conditional use permit in order to build multiple dwellings on the property.

The city of Torrance had planned to acquire the Anza (See PLANS, Page A-2)

Teachers Felled by Flu Bug

The flu bug is hitting Torrance schools hard, but it's not the students who are staying home.

A total of 112 Torrance teachers were reported absent from classes Tuesday, up from 102 absent teachers Monday.

Absenteeism in both the high schools and elementary schools was reported higher than normal for this time of year.

The Hong Kong flu virus is the major culprit, it was noted. Health officials have predicted the flu epidemic will reach its peak in the Southland during the Christmas holidays.

Judge Bush To Preside Over Court

Judge Auten F. Bush has been elected presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Court, it was announced here yesterday.

As presiding judge, Judge Bush will be responsible for the master calendar for the calendar year 1969.

Other judges of the South Bay Municipal Court include Thomas P. Foye, Thomas W. Fredericks, and George R. Perkovich J.

Hospital Staff Director Named

Richard A. Sullivan M.D., active in general practice in Torrance for 10 years, has been appointed medical director of the merged Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals. It was announced by hospital board president Mrs. Boris Woolley.

Dr. Sullivan will assume his duties in the newly created position Jan. 1. He will direct and coordinate all medical and ancillary medical activities of both hospitals with the assistance and direction of the active medical staff both now and in the new Torrance Memorial Hospital when it opens in mid-1970.

An active member of the medical staff for 13 years, Dr. Sullivan received his medical degree from Northwestern School of Medicine in Chicago. His internship was served at Los Angeles County General, followed by a residency at Tulare County General Hospital.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, California Medical Association, Los Angeles County Medical Association, and served as delegate to the CMA in 1965.



DR. R. A. SULLIVANT
Hospital Director

Dr. Sullivan, his wife Sidney have three children: Leslie, 10; Richard, 8; and Charles, 7. They live in Torrance.

Lions Aid School Board Seeks Indian Television Station Project

Members of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club spend a lunch hour in jail last week!

But they went there to find out what's going on—not because of something they did.

Each Lion carried his own lunch to the jail—and the club donated the \$115 normally spent for a luncheon meeting to Torrance High School for use in the school's Arizona Indian Christmas Project.

Another \$200 was added by Joseph Mgrditchian, to provide a total of \$315 for the Torrance High School project.

Members of the club also agreed not to send Christmas cards to each other, donating the cost of cards and postage to a \$150 fund for Christmas baskets to be given to needy Torrance families.

The Torrance Board of Education has established a reserve fund of \$293,060 to pursue the acquisition of a 2,500 megahertz television license for the Torrance Unified School District.

The district is applying for four remaining channels available through the Federal Communications Commission.

The University of Southern California is also applying for the channels.

Members of the board have taken field trips to inspect closed circuit television used in other school districts.

Board member Mrs. Polly Watts said, "The four television channels are important to the district and it is important that we don't lose them."

Burton Belzer of the board said he has not decided whether

the television project is worthwhile or not, but he said only one system he has seen is good.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Albert Posner said advice was received from the legal firm handling Torrance's application, requesting information concerning financial evidence and capability of the board to construct the instructional television facilities.

The district has already appropriated \$33,000 for the project. The additional \$260,000 is necessary to cover the construction costs and first-year operating costs of the system.

The first phase is to provide a studio and service to 18 elementary schools. The second and third phases would be either the four high schools or the remaining 18 elementary schools.

At Dominguez Hills

Forum Probes Campus Violence

By DOUG HUFF
Staff Writer

Petitions are being circulated at Cal-State College, Dominguez Hills this week condemning both the administration and the students for the "state of war" which exists at San Francisco State College.

The petitions call for an end to hostilities, negotiation between parties involved, creation of black and ethnic studies programs, and for the governor and legislature to, in effect, "mind their own business."

The petitions are the result of a two-day forum held Thursday and Friday on the Dominguez Hills campus during which Russ Bass, student body president at San Francisco State; Pat Pritchard, a leader of the SFS Students for an Academic Environment; Dwight Harris, the CSCDH Black Students Union

president; Barry Boulette, CSCDH student body president; and Victor McKinny, a Black Student Union leader from Long Beach State College, spoke.

PURPOSE of the two-day affair was to discuss what is happening at Cal-State's sister campus and to find ways of preventing such violence from occurring locally.

An estimated 350 students attended the Thursday discussion, while Friday possibly 150 students returned out of an enrollment of 1,000.

The second session was designed to give the students a chance to voice their opinions and the result was a committee of 25 students, faculty and administrators, representing a large cross section of the campus, empowered to write the resolution.

The resolution is in sharp contrast to that demanded by the Black Students at Cal-State, a resolution which a BSU spokesman said, "We didn't think we'd get it passed, but we could hope."

The resolution "is a rather quiet resolution, a middle of the road position," Dr. Bill Hagen, Cal-State Dominguez Hills dean of students, said Monday.

THROUGHOUT the forums, two things became evident to the observer from off-campus.

● That the speakers agreed on the basic issues but differed on how to achieve them.

● That the majority of Dominguez Hills students did not attend and of those attending most were not interested in the issues as they were in making sure their education was not interrupted.

Among Pritchard's comments—which were interrupted briefly by the hanging of Dr. S. I. Hayakawa in effigy by CSCDH BSU members—were:

"This is a breakdown of communications between the administration and the students. The only conferences that have been held are with the news media."

"A black students program is necessary on the campus. But the Black Students Union has not told the public who must pay for it what it entails. The people are not going to pay any bills unless they have got some control."

"The strike is ill timed. It was predetermined prior to George Murray's suspension."

"ONE OF THE largest areas of disagreement is the Black Students Union demand that all

black people who wish to be admitted in the fall of 1969 be accepted. This is a pretty dynamic question. What about the rest of the students who desire admission? Somebody tell us also where the money is going to come from."

He said the police have never broken up a demonstration line of rally "unless it got violent."

"I agree the police have over-banged heads. But how many hours do you stand and hear yourselves called a 'pig.' To call a policeman a pig and expect him to take it indefinitely, you're asking him to be supernatural. How long would you take it?"

Bass said the BSU demand for a Black Studies Department was "a legitimate one. This country in some very real ways has been

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