

# Press-Herald Wins 'Best in State' Award

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**FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE** . . . Glenn W. Pfeil (right), publisher of the Torrance Press-Herald, accepts top non-daily newspaper award from Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke Saturday in San Francisco. The first place award among

California's newspapers was made to the Press-Herald for "general excellence," the top award conferred annually by the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. (UPI Newspicture)

## Publisher Accepts Plaque

The Press-Herald has again been judged California's top non-daily newspaper in the statewide "Better Newspapers Contest" conducted yearly by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

This year, the Press-Herald received the prized "General Excellence" plaque for the best

all-around newspaper in the large non-daily classification. The San Jose Mercury and its sister paper, the San Jose News, was judged best in the daily field.

IT WAS a repeat win for the Press-Herald which has been in the top ranking of California

newspapers since it first won the "General Excellence" award in 1956. The plaque presented to Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil in San Francisco Saturday was the sixth first place award in the past decade.

"I was particularly pleased to accept the top award again this year," Pfeil said after receiving the handsome bronze plaque from Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke.

"The award is recognition of the Press-Herald's position of leadership among California's non-daily newspapers," the publisher added.

PFEIL commended the efforts of Co-Publisher Reid L. Bundy, City Editor Jerry Reynolds, and Women's Editor Edna Cloyd for the statewide honors.

Judges were strong in their

commendation of the Press-Herald, commenting on its "imaginative make-up, attractive format, good local coverage," and the fact that the paper was "highly readable."

The panel of judges also commended the paper for its "outstanding women's coverage" and general content. They called it an "outstanding community newspaper."

HONORABLE mention in the field went to the Cupertino-Mont Vista Courier in Cupertino.

Announcement of the award and presentation of the plaque was made in San Francisco Saturday morning as the CNPA met for one of the highlights of its 81st annual convention.

The "Better Newspapers Contest" attracted 1,100 entries in the various divisions.

## Elderly Woman Is Scalded to Death

### Refinery Worker Killed

Scalding hot water from a bathroom shower caused the death of an 81-year-old Torrance grandmother, and an industrial accident took the life of a workman over the weekend. Two natural deaths were also reported to local police.

Katherine Brookman, 81, of 2720 W. 235th St., died of severe burns at 6:35 a.m. Sunday at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Mrs. Brookman sustained the hot water burns Saturday morning while taking a bath at her home.

Mrs. Brookman's grandson, Kenneth Boyd, said he heard his grandmother screaming and ran to the bathroom, where he found her sitting in the bathtub with the shower water on. He said he turned off the water, helped her out of the tub, and called an ambulance.

IN ANOTHER accident, Melvin Andrew Fryer, 57, of the City of Commerce, lost his life while loading coal at the Mobil Oil Refinery, 3700 W. 190th St. Police said Fryer got his arm caught in a belt loader cat.

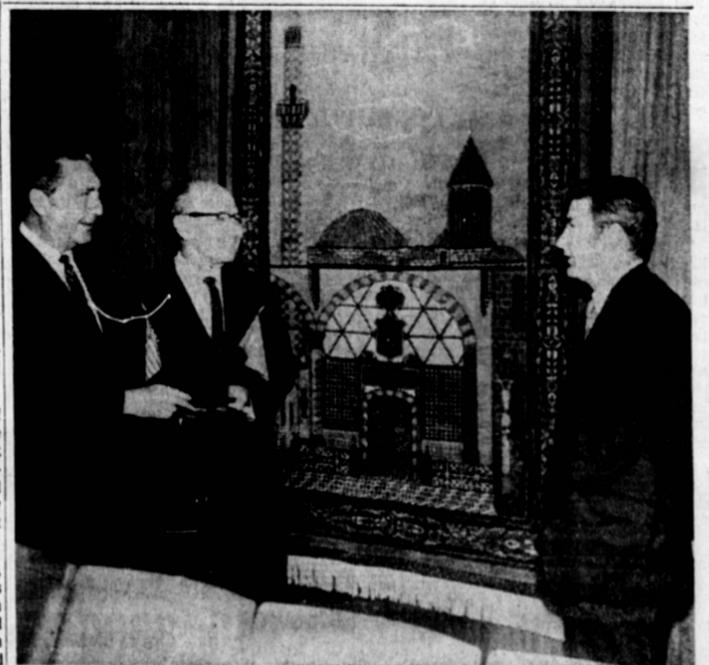
The victim was rushed to Harbor General Hospital and then taken to Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital, where he died Saturday morning.

POLICE SAID the body of Navy recruiter Bryce Streit Taylor was discovered at 4:30 a.m. Sunday in a parking lot at 1625 Cabrillo Ave. There was no evidence of foul play, police said.

Streit, 40, who lived at 6900 E. Central St., Long Beach, worked in the Navy recruiting office at 1520 Cravens Ave.

Mrs. June Billy Chambers, 47, of 20550 Earl St., Apt. 17, died Monday at 1:30 p.m. The victim's mother, Mrs. Sally McCallum, discovered the body on a couch at the home.

Mrs. McCallum said her daughter had been suffering from a respiratory ailment.



**TURKISH OFFICIALS VISIT** . . . Mayor Albert Isen points out a tapestry which hangs in the Torrance City Council chambers as a reminder of the Sister City ties between Torrance and Konya, Turkey, to visiting Turkish officials. Dr. Julat Kulay (left), Counsel General of Turkey, and Hatay Savasci (right), vice counsel, were in town yesterday for a meeting with the city's Sister City Committee. The meeting was arranged by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Rupert, chairman of the local committee. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Keep It Small

### Citizens Have Definite Ideas on Airport Plans

(Editor's Note, This is another in the Press-Herald's series of articles exploring the history, development, and potential of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Today's article, and one to be published Friday, are concerned with the attitudes of some of the people who live near the airport.)

By NATALIE HALL  
 Press-Herald Staff Writer

Torrance residents have definite ideas about their municipal airport and its future development:

- No commuter traffic;
- No freight;
- Discourage jets;

• Create a haven for the small plane owner. "We support the status quo," was the simple statement of Len Wyngarden, president of the Southwood-Riviera Home owners' Association. And that simple statement just about sums up the thinking of 99.9 per cent of the people of Torrance, especially those living in the south end and near the airport.

PRESENT NOISE levels don't offend most ears. Jet take-offs are limited to fewer than 10 per week, and no jets may be based in Torrance. Some folks even claim to enjoy the sound of the small "putt-putt" aircraft flying the skies above Torrance.

Exceptions to that rule are many of the people living in the Southwood section right below normal take-off patterns. John Judd, who lives at 23505 Evalyn Ave., bought his property on a rainy day in 1963. There was no indication that there was an airport anywhere in the vicinity and, ironically, he had moved from Westchester to escape aircraft noise.

Judd good-naturedly denies that normal day-time air traffic bothers him, although he notes that it is practically impossible for him to make tape recordings for his graduate studies with planes zooming overhead. Weekends, though, are a real trial, since air traffic is extra heavy.

IT'S JETS that Judd and his neighbors won't tolerate. "I've been blasted out of bed by some of those jets taking off," Judd exclaims, adding that it's not unusual for jet vibrations to shake the foundation of his house.

Judd points out that the airport must accept any plane which it can physically accommodate, but the city has exerted

its power to limit jet traffic by banning the storage of jet fuel at the airport. However, he fears that future developments may provide the airport with the facilities it needs to accommodate more and bigger aircraft.

The advent of freight planes is another of his fears. He stated (See AIRPORT, Page A-2)

## New Study Of Charter Ordered

A three-man subcommittee of the City Council last night decided to launch a new study of the city charter and, in effect, named themselves to conduct the study.

The group, organized as the council's Charter Review Committee, includes Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen William J. Uerkwitz and Dr. Donald Wilson.

Meeting prior to last night's regular session of the City Council, the group ordered City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to go through the present charter and search out the sections which no longer have relevance to the city government.

Remelmeier is then to compare the present charter with the "tentative" draft drawn by the controversial Charter Review Committee and point up the differences between the two documents.

The council subcommittee then plans to hold public meetings for discussion of the differences. The three-man group will draft a new charter once they have completed the hearings and submit it to the full council.

## Drainage Is Issue

### Nollac Hearing In Third Week

Which drainage structures are officially included in the city's "master plan" of drains? Which are not?

Argument over this technicality dominated the latest session of the hearings against Walter M. Nollac, suspended city engineer, who is currently facing charges of misconduct and incompetency before the Civil Service Commission.

Monday's session of the hearing centered around the charge that Nollac allegedly approved the collection of \$17,287.60 in drainage fees from Prairie Subdividers Inc. — a figure which City Manager Edward J. Ferraro claims is \$9,027 less than it should have been.

KENNETH Batrum, with whom Nollac jointly owned a small fishing boat, is an officer of Prairie Subdividers. Ferraro contends that Nollac performed "favors" for Batrum's land interests in exchange for favors in the maintenance of the boat.

Ferraro's argument against Nollac hinges on the question of whether or not the drainage facilities built by Prairie Subdividers in Tract 22851 were approved as part of the master plan of drains. The Municipal Code says that if a subdivider

puts in drains as shown in the master plan, a drainage fee shall be waived.

Walter Anderson, attorney for the prosecution, has argued that the tract is included in Drainage Districts 7A and 7B, approved by the City Council in 1962, and that these districts constitute a master plan of drainage facilities.

TAKING the witness stand again at Monday's hearing was Gene Bourbonnais, civil engineering associate with the city of Torrance.

In reply to a question from Anderson, Bourbonnais testified that the drainage structures within Tract 22851 did not appear on the maps of Drainage Districts 7A and 7B, which were prepared in 1962.

On cross-examination by Walter Young, attorney for Nollac, Bourbonnais stated that the subdivision drains were physically connected to the main lines of the district plans, and that these main lines are large, serving other subdivisions.

BOURBONNAIS also testified that these main drains were the only logical channels into which (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)



**LOOK FOR PRIZES** . . . Six Press-Herald carriers today were named winners in a January drive for new subscriptions. The boys, shown here looking through a catalogue to select their prizes, are (from left) Rod Roe, Art Lessing, Jerry Snowball, Joe Ricchio, Tim MacBride and Charlie Brown. MacBride, the top winner, earned a total of 1,700 prize points. Each of the boys will select his own prize from the catalogues, stated Clint Davey, Press-Herald circulation manager. (Press-Herald Photo)