

# Eight Candidates Seek School Board Seats

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**STUDENTS HONORED** ... Students at Torrance High School were selected to receive the Downtown Torrance Lions Clubs' second annual Community Service Award. Tartars were honored for their service through a series of special projects, including the Papago Indian visit of last year, Christmas toy and food drives, and participating in a Head Start project. A representative group of students were guests of the Lions Club yesterday for the award ceremonies. Robert Williams, president of the Lions Club, presented the award plaque and check. Pictured here during the award ceremony are (from left) Jesse Cox, freshman class president; Leah Shirejian, sophomore class president; Kim Brooks, student council president; Dr. Carl Ahee, principal; Williams; LuAnn Schultz, senior class president; and Lisa Stanley, junior class president. (Press-Herald Photo)

## In Nollac Hearing Finance Director Called to Testify

Testimony in the Civil Service Commission hearing for suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac continued Monday night with Finance Director William W. Dundore taking the stand. Prosecuting attorney Walter Anderson asked Dundore to verify three documents pertaining to billing of South Bay Realty Co. for city inspection services and the receipt of money from the company for inspection work. South Bay Realty Co. is one of the firms of which Nollac is accused of granting favors in his capacity as city engineer. Kenneth Battrum, an officer of the firm, owned a fishing boat in common with Nollac. DUNDORE testified that his department computes the bills for city inspection services and sends copies to the engineering department. He said the two bills to South Bay Realty and one receipt of payment from the company had been computed and received by his department.

Anderson said that the documents showed Nollac was requesting drainage reimbursements for the company while inspection fees due from the company were still outstanding. Attorney for Nollac, Walter Young, questioned the materiality of Anderson's point, but the three documents were admitted as evidence.

**GOING ON** to a charge involving allegedly improper reimbursements of drainage funds, Anderson asked Dundore how many reimbursements had ever been made in connection with Drainage District 7-A. Anderson said he was trying to prove that only four such reimbursements were ever made: two to the Torrance school board (R. A. Watts Co.) and two to Prairie Subdividers and South Bay Realty (Battrum interests). Attorney Young said he would stipulate that Anderson's facts on the matter were true. This occurred before Dundore could answer.

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stanley Remelmeyer again took the stand, testifying that he never rendered an opinion stating the city charter is not specific enough in regard to competitive bidding for public works projects.

One charge against Nollac al-

### Heart Patient Progresses

Richard Charles Newell, the 58-year-old Oxnard grocer who received a new heart last Thursday at Harbor General Hospital, was reported in "satisfactory" condition late yesterday. Newell, who received the heart of 23-year-old Shirley Ann Highhouse after she reportedly shot herself fatally, is alert and oriented, hospital officials reported. Hospital spokesmen said Newell's vital signs remain stable and added that his blood pressure was normal with no circulatory support.

## Bank in Lomita Robbed

An armed man held up the Gateway National Bank in Lomita early Tuesday, escaping with \$2,300 currency. Lennox Sheriff's deputies said the man, between 30 and 40 years of age and about 5-foot-6, entered the bank about 10:15 a.m. and handed a teller a blue plastic zippered case. When the teller opened the case, she told the man, "There's no money in here." "This is a holdup," the man answered. "Get the money and hurry." The teller placed money from her work area in the case and was then ordered to move to the adjacent work area and put the money from there in the case. The man was seen getting into a red sports model car after leaving the bank through a rear door. The bandit wore a dark blue parka with the hood up. Deputies said he wore flesh-colored tape under each eye.

# Newest Storm Leaves 4 Inches of Rain Here

## Three Seats Open

Eight candidates, including two incumbents, have officially filed nomination papers for the Torrance Board of Education election April 15. Three seats on the board will be at stake in the balloting. They currently are held by Bert M. Lynn, Burton E. Belzer, and William J. Hanson. Hanson is not seeking re-election.

**LYNN AND Belzer**, however, have filed nomination papers. Lynn, of 1208 Greenwood Ave., is seeking his third term on the board. Belzer, of 2926 Sonoma St., will be seeking his first full term on the board. He was appointed in 1968 to fill a vacancy created when Dr. Donald E. Wilson was elected to the Torrance City Council.

Other candidates are:  
 • Stanley L. Dunn, 505 Via la Selva. Dunn is a commercial printer making his first bid for elective office here. He has served on a number of advisory groups, including the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission.

• John Kirby, 2403 W. Carson St. Kirby is an anti-narcotics educator and finished third in the balloting for school board seats two years ago. At that time, only two seats were open.

• Leroy Hovey, 109 Paseo de Los Delicias, an applications engineer.

• Mrs. Marjorie Jones, 4813 Laurette St., a teacher. Mrs. Jones does not teach in the Torrance schools.

• Rev. John Nagel, 4515 Graan Meadows.

• Edgar Stevers, 3503 W. 228th St., an industrial engineer.



**AT CHAMBER MEET** ... Officials of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce were hosts yesterday at a series of meetings, mixers, and seminars as the Chamber observed Chamber of Commerce Day here. Checking out gifts to be awarded to members who sign up the most new members during the day are (from left) Robert L. Ries, vice president for membership affairs; Mayor Albert Ison; George Ebert, Chamber president; and Ernie Wilbanks, assistant manager of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. The program recognized the Chamber and its leaders for its contribution to the growth and progress of the city. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Councilman Urges City To Begin Airport Study

By NATALIE HALL, Press-Herald Staff Writer

Is the Torrance Municipal Airport living up to its potential of service to the 600,000 persons living in the South Bay area? Councilman Donald E. Wilson isn't convinced that it is. In an interview with the Press-Herald this week, Dr. Wilson called for

a city study to determine who the airport should serve and what its functions should be.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are each working on airport studies, Councilman Wilson pointed out. "We need to make a study of our own," he said.

**DR. WILSON** noted that the airport's 500 acres would probably bring \$25 million on the open market, adding, however, that the city doesn't have the authority to sell the land. It must be used as an airport under terms of the federal government's quitclaim deed.

To clarify the point of his remark, Dr. Wilson said, "Are we offering service to a privileged few?" He pointed out that only 700 aircraft and some 2,000 to 3,000 flyers use the airport. The airport could be of greater service to the area than simply housing private planes, he said.

"SHOULDN'T we at least investigate the possibility of having our airport service the area

### Area Man Dies; Cause Unknown

A 44-year-old Torrance man with no history of heart trouble was found dying on the living room couch of his home Saturday afternoon.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital was John W. Reynolds of 2401 W. 177th St. The victim's wife Vera first called the Torrance Fire Department for a resuscitation unit when she discovered her husband's condition about 2 p.m.

## Damage In City Minor

The newest front in what has become the worst rain storm to hit Southern California in more than 80 years dumped 4.25 inches of rain on the city in a four-day period.

And there's more to come, according to forecasts from the U.S. Weather Bureau.

The four-day storm brings to 21.81 inches the amount of rain recorded for the current season. A year ago today, only 9.28 inches of rain had been recorded at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Damage in Torrance, however, was slight compared to that in other Southland areas.

**TWO STREETS** — Madrona Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street and Arlington Avenue at 231st Street — were closed by the city. Numerous other streets had water in them, but they remained passable.

Mud blocked off Pacific Coast Highway at Ocean Avenue for a short time about mid-day yesterday, but it was cleared and the street remained open.

City officials reported no mudslides of flooding involving homes and other structures in the city, although some basements were reported flooded. The almost constant rain has caused large chuckholes in secondary streets throughout the city.

**MORE THAN** an inch of rain has been recorded for each of the past four days. Officials at the Torrance Municipal Airport said 1.04 inches fell Saturday, 1.11 inches Sunday, 1.07 inches Monday, and 1.03 inches yesterday. Measurements were made at 3 p.m. each day.

A new storm, lingering over the Pacific, is expected to hit the area the end of the week. Scattered showers are expected today.

Throughout the Southland, more than 8,000 have fled from their homes. Hilly areas were continuing to experience mudslides and the mountains were struck last weekend by a savage snow storm which marooned many weekend visitors.

### Cancel Meeting

Tonight's regularly scheduled meeting of the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission has been cancelled. A quorum of commissioners will not be able to attend the meeting.

## Search Continues For Downed Plane

Searchers continued combing the snow-covered mountains of southwestern Nevada Tuesday in their fruitless search for a downed DC-3 airplane with 35 persons aboard.

The craft disappeared early Feb. 18 after taking off for a flight from Hawthorne, Nev., to Burbank and Long Beach.

Five Torrance residents were among the 32 passengers on the plane when it left Hawthorne about 4 a.m. Feb. 18. They included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paiget, 32207 Victor St.; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Preder, 804

Portola Ave.; and Mrs. Preder's brother, Clarence Pinkham.

There is little hope the 32 passengers and three crew members could have survived the week-long ordeal, even if the pilot managed to set the aircraft down intact.

Severe snow storms have hampered the search, which has been concentrated in the mountainous region around Dyer, Nev.

The plane, making a "Gambler's Special" flight, was last heard from at 4:06 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18.



**UP, UP, AWAY** ... Six Press-Herald newsboys, winners of the February new subscribers' drive, wave bye as they prepare to take off for a half-hour flight over the Los Angeles area in the Goodyear blimp Columbia. The boys were the top winners in the monthly contest conducted by Clint Davey, Press-Herald circulation manager. On board are (from left) Bobby Davey, 2450 W. 238th St.; Rod Roe, 1123 Desford St.; Andy Fitzgerald, 3856 W. 181st St.; Jim Hunt, 18413 Haas Ave.; Mike Mauno, 1219 Teri Ave.; and Mark Hays, 1620 Juniper St. The blimp ride was arranged through the courtesy of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. (Press-Herald Photo)