

Ex-Nurse Ordered to Trial After Hearing into Death of Divorcee

Superior Court Hearing May 23

A 50-year-old ex-nurse has been ordered to stand trial on a second degree murder charge for the abortion death of a 37-year-old Wilmington divorcee here March 31. Mrs. Mary E. Strong, of 2216 W. 236th Pl., was ordered to appear for arraignment in Long Beach Superior Court May 23 following a preliminary hearing here Friday before Municipal Judge John A. Shidler.

Dr. Harold Kade, autopsy surgeon and deputy medical examiner for the County Coroner, was the chief prosecution witness at the preliminary hearing here. He testified that his examination showed the death of Priscilla J. Young, 1218 Mauretania St., Wilmington, was caused by "cardiac and cerebral air embolism due to incomplete abortion."

Death Quick
Dr. Kade testified that the victim died within a few minutes following entry of air into the veins. Under cross examination, he testified that the abortion attempt could not have been self-induced.

Detective Captain Ernest Ashton was the only defense witness called by Atty. Ray Choate, of Wilmington. Ashton related details of his investigation at the home of Mrs. Strong on the morning of the death, and recounted his conversation with the defendant at that time.

In binding Mrs. Strong over to Superior Court for trial, Judge Shidler said there was inference enough in the case to hold her.
Bail of \$5000 was continued by Judge Shidler.

Three Hurt As Pick-Up Leaves Road

Three persons were injured when a pick-up truck left the road near the Nike base on Crenshaw Blvd., north of Pacific Coast Hwy., at midnight Friday, according to Torrance police.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment were Ralph R. Carrol, 39, of 4301 Paseo de las Tortugas, driver of the vehicle; and his passengers, Richard Fitzgerald, 34, 17004 Casimir Ave., and Harriett England, 33, of Hawthorne.

Carroll was thrown from the vehicle after it left the roadway, and Fitzgerald was found beside the vehicle when it came to rest. The woman was on the floorboard inside the light truck.

Investigating officers described the damage to the truck's right side as moderate.

Jr. Chamber Names Bartz

Robert Bartz, materials manager of the local Ryan Aeronautical plant, has been named the new president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bartz was elected to succeed Frank Dussel at the group's meeting Thursday night at the Alondra Club.

Others named to serve were Robert Monroe, vice president; Dick Florence, second vice president; David Cleveland, secretary; Vern Smith, treasurer; Tod Hill, state director.

Board members will be Don Lamone, Chuck Catterlin, Dutch Horlander, Robert Morris, Frank Dussel, Dick Fitzgerald, Dick Rankin, and Al Bjorkland.



WINS TITLE . . . Fifteen-year-old Judi Tye, a South High School student, was named "Miss Torrance Chamber of Commerce" in judging conducted here yesterday. Miss Tye, who lives at 3522 W. 228th St., is 5 ft. 4 1/2 in., and comes up in the statistic department with a pleasing 38-24-36 record. (Herald Photo)

Lockheed Union Approves Offer

Lockheed Aircraft workers voted overwhelmingly to accept the company's two-year contract offer yesterday giving hope that other Southland aircraft strike threats would be eased.

As thousands of union members filed through the Hollywood Legion Stadium yesterday to cast their ballots on the strike issue, a walkout of a Douglas Aircraft parts plant in Bell was termed a "wildcat" strike by ranking union officials.

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Fourth Music Festival Set At Torrance

The Fourth Annual Torrance High School Music Festival will be held in the Torrance High School auditorium Friday, at 8:15 p.m.

This spring music festival presents the high school orchestra, the girls' glee club, the concert band, and the Tartar choir. The students participating in this program number more than 200.

The orchestra will feature the selections of "Scheherazade" and "The Pear Fishers Overture," the girls' glee club, "It's Me O Lord" and "Hi-Lo, Hi-Lo"; the band, "Overture Militaire" and "Die Fledermaus"; and the choir "Saints Go Marching In" and "The Lord's Prayer."

An added highlight of the program is a Mendelssohn Rondo for piano played by Michael Mullen, Torrance High School junior.

The program is under the direction of James Nichols and Vincent Di Fiore, Torrance High School music directors.

DOES CIGARET IN HAND GIVE YOU MORE POISE?

Are you tempted to smoke because "the crowd does"? Do you feel more poised on a date when you have a cigarette in your hand? Are you afraid your parents will discover that you smoke?

If there's a smoke cloud on your horizon, you'll want to read Ann Landers' new booklet, "Teenage Smoking." As America's most consulted human relations columnist, Ann Landers has corresponded with thousands of teenagers. In her new booklet, she helps to clean away some of the doubts and misunderstandings on the subject of teenage smoking.

For details on how to get this booklet, turn to Ann Landers' column on Page 9.

A Penny for your Thoughts

In recent years, many people have voiced the opinion that it's ridiculous to observe Mother's Day as a special occasion. They say: "Every day is Mother's Day."

Ben Youngken, 1771 Marinette St., relief driver for a dairy farm:

"Mother's Day should be a special occasion. Should honor our mothers. They are not with us too long and we often don't realize how much they do for us."

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Doris Westall Booth, 348 Via Colusa, accountant:

"Being a mother should make every day a special occasion but it doesn't. Everyone needs a reminder. I know I neglect my mother at times, but this one day set aside helps make up for it. Mothers don't object to just the one special day."

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AUCTION SLATED . . . Officer H. G. "Zeke" Trez and Lt. Karl Friberg check over a daily growing stack of bicycles which will be auctioned by Torrance Police sometime next month. The bikes are tagged, and if unclaimed in six months, are sold at auction. Approximately 100 bicycles are now held by police. (Herald Photo)

5-Year-Old Turns up Safe; Just Wanted to Visit Dad

A widespread search by neighbors and police for a 5-year-old boy was called off Thursday night just as plans were being made to drag a nearby drainage sump. It all started because the boy wanted to see his hospitalized father.

Steve Astiazaran wanted to accompany his mother, Mrs. Norma Astiazaran, of 5026 Mindor Drive, to visit his father, Frank, who is recovering from an operation in a Los Angeles hospital.

His mother told him he couldn't go because he had become restless on a previous visit.

Not to be outdone, little Steve crawled beneath some beach mats in the back of the family car and went to sleep.

Mrs. Astiazaran drove to Los Angeles thinking the boy was in the care of a sister, Carol, 14, who believed the boy was playing with a neighbor youngster.

When Steve failed to return at dinner time, Carol became alarmed and touched off a search in which scores of people scoured the neighborhood.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Astiazaran finished visiting her husband and returned to her car. There was Steve crying lustily.

Mrs. Astiazaran comforted the boy and then called home to call off the search.

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City Plunge Opening Set

June 14 has been set as opening day at the city plunge, it was announced here yesterday by Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation for the city.

The pool circulating system has recently been revamped and the pool will be filled next week to test out the system, Van Bellehem said. Tests for pool manager and other attendants have been scheduled for Saturday, May 24.

A "learn to swim" class will begin two days after the pool opens and will run for six weeks. Advance reservations will be taken at the pool beginning May 29. Other information on swimming classes will be available later.

New Legal Aid Office Opened

Inauguration of a legal aid and lawyers' reference service by the South Bay Bar Assn. was announced today by Mark Wood, president.

"Purpose of the aid program is to furnish legal aid service to persons in need of immediate assistance but who are too poor to engage private counsel," Wood said.

Two offices to serve residents of the South Bay Judicial District were opened Thursday in Torrance and Hermosa Beach.

Wood said that the offices will refer cases to participating attorneys or to social or civic agencies as required.

In combination with the legal aid function, the offices will maintain a lawyers' reference service for persons who are financially able but are not acquainted with local legal services.

The Torrance office, which also will serve Gardena, Lomita, and Lawndale, is located at 1511 Cravens Ave., with Mrs. Gerald Smith serving as volunteer interviewer-counselor.

A volunteer attorney, Mrs. Margaret V. Woolley, will be on duty at the Torrance office. Office hours at Torrance are Thursday at 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Wood emphasized that legal aid will not be furnished to any applicant unless he is financially unable to pay for the service.



LEGAL AID OFFERED . . . A new legal aid office here was opened this week by volunteer Torrance attorneys under the auspices of the South Bay Bar Assn. Mrs. Margaret V. Woolley, who has volunteered her services as an attorney, is aided here by Mark Wood (seated left), president of the bar group; and Judges John A. Shidler (left) and Otto B. Willett. The Torrance office will be open each Thursday in the city court building. (Herald Photo)