

# Toddler Drowns in Family Pool

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**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you think husbands should wear wedding bands?" the Pennies inquirer asked persons at the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Mrs. Esmond Kronick, Gardena: "My husband does. I think it's a matter of personal preference on the husband's part. I don't think it's a matter of trusting your husband, but if he is exposed to the public a lot, it's sometimes best for him to wear a ring."

Mrs. Robert Scott, Rolling Hills: "Yes, I think it's optional on the husband's part. I think it is a good idea for him to wear a wedding band. My husband wears one. It's his idea not mine. Most fellows I know wear them."

Mrs. Curtis Kelley, 801 Calle De Arboles: "Of course, if a husband was not going to be true it would not make any difference whether he had a wedding band or not; but I guess it is an aid to unmarried girls looking for a husband. I think it's best for husbands to wear wedding bands."

Mrs. Roger Lane, 22616 Hickory Ave.: "It should be up to the husband whether he wanted to wear a wedding band or not. And if a wife thought it was a good idea for him to wear one so he wouldn't be unfaithful, it wouldn't stand in his way anyway."

Mrs. Elvera Ratzka, Gardena: "I don't think it hurts. Personally I think it's a nice gesture on the husband's part. I think if he were going to cheat he could always take the ring off."

**PUNJABS**  
*by gumparty*

COMMITTEE FOR NON VIOLET ACTION

## Brother, 14, Fails in Try To Revive Her

Valiant efforts by a 14-year-old HERALD carrier boy to save the life of his young sister who had fallen into the family swimming pool proved futile Monday afternoon. The child was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital despite efforts of her brother and members of the fire department rescue squad to revive her.

## Bandits Take \$23,000 in Armed Holdup

Certi-Bond, 501 S. Arlington Ave., was robbed of \$3,000 in cash and \$20,000 in checks about 5 p.m. Sunday. Customers in the store were unaware of the holdup in which two armed men lined employees up against a wall and looted cash drawers in the store's credit office. The two men left through a rear door after telling the employees to face a wall.

## Civic Symphony Concert Slated Here on Nov. 24

A concert by the Torrance-South Bay Civic Symphony with pianist Jimmy Howard as featured soloist has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, in the Torrance High School auditorium. The orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Elyse Aehle, will present a "pops" concert including a suite from "Carmen," and selections from "My Fair Lady."

Young Howard, a talented Torrance pianist who has performed with the orchestra on previous occasions, will play Kassern's Teenage Concerto.

Dead was Toni Keating, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin Keating, 21729 Grace St. She had apparently slipped into the pool only a few moments before she was discovered by other members of her family.

THE TOT'S father told the HERALD yesterday that the child had been left asleep at the family home in care of three of the other Keating children: Edward 14, Milke 10, and Joan 11. Mrs. Keating had been in Torrance to keep a dental appointment and arrived home while firemen were racing to the house.

The father said the baby had awakened and had been taken outside by the younger children. When they returned to the house without the girl moments later, Edward asked about Toni, then rushed out to find her in the pool.

HE INSTRUCTED the other children to call the fire department while he began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation—something he had learned from firemen during a Boy Scout training program. Firemen took over the resuscitation efforts upon their arrival and continued for another 15 minutes until an ambulance took the toddler to Harbor General Hospital.

"TONI WAS everybody's little doll," her father said (Continued on Page 3)



**BUSY STUDENT . . .** With a cup of coffee at hand Sharon McKaig, 16, tries to figure out a slide rule as City Engineer Walter Nollac "pours" on the work. Sharon served as acting city engineer Tuesday during Junior Citizens' Day. The South High senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McKaig, 108 Via Sego. Sharon is a member of the school Student Council, Girls' League, and Order of Athena, scholastic and service honor organization. (Herald Photo)

## Four Enroute To Las Vegas When Killed

Three bachelor engineers and a 60-year-old neighbor lady who had taken an interest in their careers were killed over the weekend when their light plane crashed in the desert near Baker. The quartet was enroute to Las Vegas in a plane piloted by a Torrance man. Searchers found the bodies of the four victims Sunday morning after an overnight search. The dead were identified as:

Douglas A. Smith, 24, of 5024 Reese Road, an electrical engineer with an aircraft company.

Bernard G. Kanthak, 27, of 5024 Reese Road, an aviation company engineer.

Mike Capicotto, 26, Hermosa Beach, aviation company engineer.

Mrs. Della Dee Kruger, 60, 5018 Reese Road, neighbor to Smith and Kanthak, who had befriended the young engineers.

The plane carrying the four local passengers was bound for Las Vegas where the three (Continued on Page 3)

## City Chest Drive Hits Half Mark

Community Chest volunteers in Torrance have pushed the city's collection over the half-way mark in its \$28,284 quota, it was revealed by last-minute completions yesterday.

Collections turned in by the city's residential teams was given credit for boosting the Torrance total to \$14,505 as the drive entered high gear.

Volunteers have been making a special effort this week to assure a good showing at today's report meeting to be held in San Pedro.

## Vets Service Center Here Sets Closing

The Veterans Service Center at 1622 Gramercy Ave. will be closed after Nov. 30, it was reported here yesterday by C. J. Meadway, president of the center's directors.

Selective Service activities will be transferred from the office to Los Angeles and Long Beach, Meadway said. He said those required to register for Selective Service should report to Board No. 117 at 5803 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, or to Board No. 126 at 532 E. 4th St., Long Beach, after the Nov. 30 closing.

The local office is being closed because the Community Chest has withdrawn its support from the project, Meadway said.

## Redondo Driver Hurt in Crash

Marshall Lee Presson, 70, Redondo Beach, suffered major injuries Tuesday when his sedan collided with the rear of a flatbed truck pulling a forklift. The truck was driven by Albert Geeter, 42, Compton. The accident happened in the 2900 block on Sepulveda Blvd.

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## West High Coed Mayor for a Day

Students from the city's five high schools, headed by Nancy Shartle of West High as mayor, took over the reins of the city government Tuesday afternoon and concluded with the regular session of the City Council Tuesday night.

More than 100 students from the city's four public high schools and from Bishop Montgomery (parochial) High School took over various city positions, filling in for members of the City Council, the administrators, department heads, and city commissions.

SERVING AS members of the City Council with Mayor Nancy Shartle were Rick Coulter and Linda Anderson of South High, Danny George of Torrance High, Linda Kennedy and Bruce Cole of North High, and Tom Monaghan of Bishop Montgomery High.

Beverly Albert of Torrance High was city manager, Tim May of West High was city attorney, Ron Reeter of West High was fire chief, and Steve Waters of Torrance High was police chief.

THE GROUP MET at 1:30 in the City Council chambers at the city hall for a short briefing session and then reported to their respective offices for "work."

James Nicklin, city attorney for Arcadia, was principal speaker at a banquet at the South High School cafeteria before students returned to the city hall from the 8 p.m. meeting of the City Council.

South High students participating in the day's program included Rick Coulter, Linda Anderson, Sharon McKaig, Raul Matute, Sue Steele, Helen Marich, Chris Boggs, Sherrie Reed, Pat Palmquist, Kathy Faller, Nancy Baker, Kathy Kimes, Sue Klein, Tom Adkins, and Bill Cosby.

Participants from North High were Linda Kennedy, Bruce Cole, Phyllis Jorgenson, Don Aimar, Jeanne Kurz, Aracely Blanco, Mike Jacobs, Dave Shilling, Dan Ferrier, Pete Gregore, Judy Wolford, Bill Mangiagli, Richard Parker, Howard Phillips, Charla Myren, Carol-Su Creekmore, Susan O'Black, Barbara Mazzola, Carol Miller, Linda Barnum, Mike Jones, Bud Baumgarten, and Yvonne Colletti.

FROM WEST HIGH were Nancy Shartle, Richard Grossman, Tim May, Ron Reeter, Martin Kehoe, William Rogers, Don Crane, Max Ritsema, Dave Yeskin, Mike Johnston, Donna Jean Adams, Lauren Siegel, Nina Gluharoff, Gaye Kirkland, Phyllis Gaer, David Lee, Bill Arndt, Cynthia Gerodot, Kathy Coudon, Peggy Hasagawa, Naomi Swartzman, Delaine Couchman, Eddie Hamilton, and Steve Irving.

Bishop Montgomery High students were Tom Monaghan, Shirley Hanson, Michael McGuire, Jim Gilles, Michael Appleby, Richard Scott, Mary Frances Campbell, Maurita Owens, Michael Ryan, Marlene Foster, Pat MacLean, Mary Ann Davis, Lynn Fekete, Patricia Fisher, Jennifer Ryan, Patty Stetson, Michael Cafaricia, Vickie Podgurski, Gary Klauer, Roger Batty, Carlos Medina, James Wellman, and Virginia Moffitt.

## Councilmen Sign Up for Can-Can

A rare opportunity to hear Mayor Albert Isen read poetry, or to see members of the City Council in a can-can performance, will be offered Torrance area residents as a part of the show, sponsors report.

A variety show sponsored by the club to raise funds for a recreation building on Victor Park in West Torrance will be presented at the former Grand Theater in downtown Torrance on Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 23 and 24.

THE SHOW will include a selection of olio acts, including those in production now by city and school district officials, singing groups, skits, and a heart-tugging melodrama being put together by a professional actor and director.

Scheduled to perform in the can-can line are Councilmen Ken Miller, Nick Drale, and Ross Sciarrotta along with City Manager Wade Peebles, Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem, and School Board member William Hanson.

CASTING FOR the olio acts for the show is under the direction of Ivar Lundeen. Members of the Torrance Women's Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph P. Bay, president, are laying aside the pearls and basic black to appear in an act billed as the Jill Billies, a comedy.

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in the show, sponsors report.

Others scheduled to participate include Jim Draper, Dorothea Acampora, Jane Bosco, Harry Capen, Don McCabe (who will lead community singing), and four barbershop quartets. The Manhattans and Classagals will perform on Friday night and the Enchords and Surf Chords on Saturday night.

Jay Kude, who is directing the melodrama and playing the villain, is a professional actor and director who won the 1957 Shakespearean Festival award for his portrayal of Othello. He spent two seasons producing and directing "The Drunkard" in Phoenix and San Diego, and has appeared in a number of motion pictures, including "The Ten Commandments." He now resides in Torrance.

TICKETS FOR the affair are on sale for \$1.75 each and may be obtained by calling Doris Griffiths at FR 4-5064, Sandy Orman at FR 1-1761 or Beverly Appel at FR 1-5684.

Tickets will be available at the Better Foods Market in West Torrance and at the door. Plans to conduct ticket sales in various shopping centers of the city are now being worked out, club officers said yesterday.

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FITTING ROOM . . . No matter how they measured it, the dancing gown selected for Councilman Nick Drale (center) just wouldn't fit. Here Harry Van Bellehem holds up the attire while Carol Champion double check with the tape measure. Show backers immediately began discussion of other arrangements for costuming the "dancers." (Herald Photo)