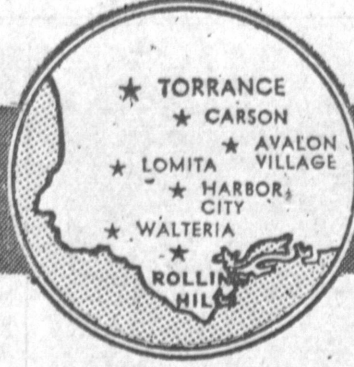


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First Shovel Opens Harbor Hospital Work

The first shovel of raw dirt, which will climax a \$11.5 million Harbor General Hospital within two years, was hoisted this week by civic spokesmen at an empty field at 1124 W. Carson St. in Torrance.

An eight-story, 600-bed hospital, providing for administration, general admission, laboratories, nursing units including pediatrics, obstetrics and psychiatric care and related services, Torrance's newest health facility is the result of a \$12,400,000 bond issue passed in 1956.

An out-patient building planned to serve 900 patients per month in varied clinics, including pediatric, dental, eye, ear, nose and throat; urology, orthopedics, occupational and physical therapy is also planned.

Welton Becket, Adrian Wilson, Paul R. Williams and Francis J. Heusel are the architects, with Robert E. McKee, Los Angeles, general contractor.

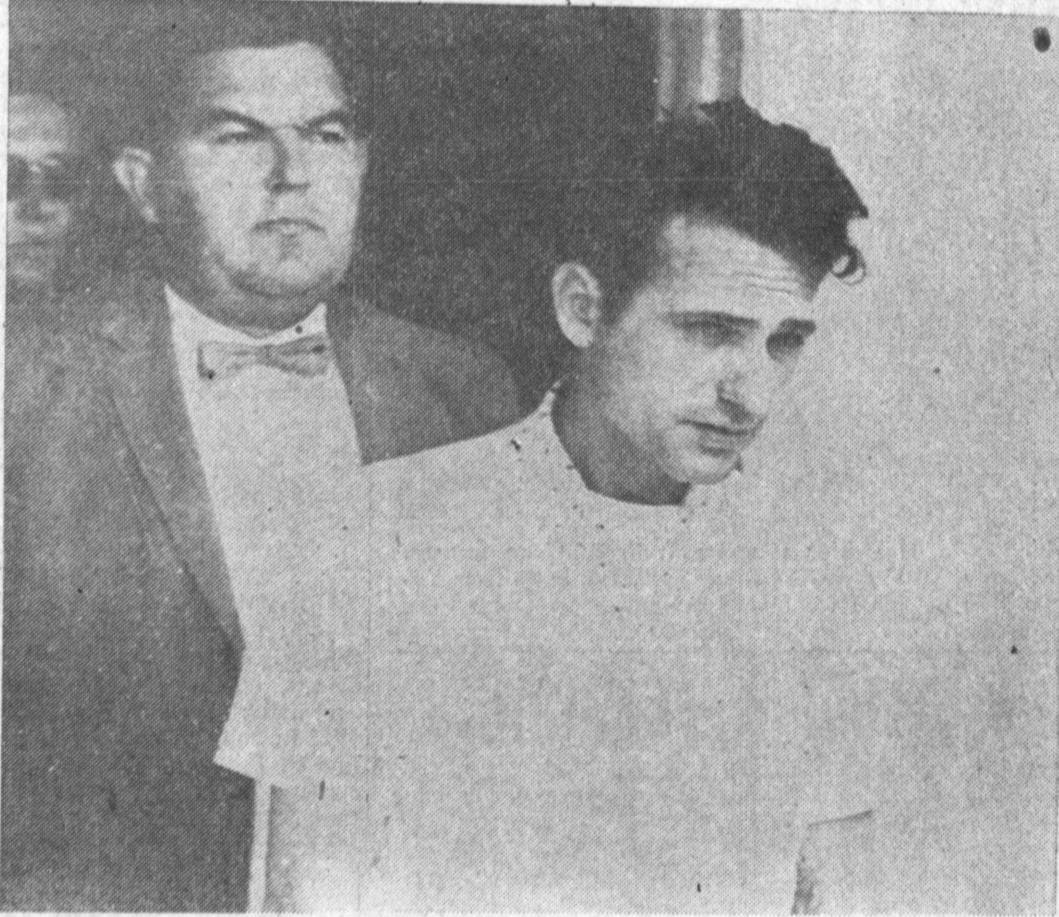
Low bids of \$10,034,100 for the acute unit, and \$1,550,850 for the clinic, made possible financing of both from the bond issue. Al J. Thomas is present director of Harbor General Hospital.

Stamp Denial Wins Support

The trading stamp fight, engendered by local gasoline dealers recently, has won the support of Helen Nelson, state consumer counsel, backing the efforts of the California Federation of Service Stations to discontinue distributing stamps.

In a letter to Sacramento she congratulated the organization for "determination not to increase costs in order to keep on providing customers with a dubious service."

She noted that much of the rise in the cost of living is blamed on the increased costs of services. When this occurs in services of "doubtful value," she told Duccini, it is time to ask, "Is it worth it?"



MURDER SUSPECT—Slated to be brought before the South Bay Municipal Court tomorrow (Friday) is Richard Caccamese, shown here with Gardena Detective Darrel Beatty.

Caccamese is charged with the suspected murder of a 23-year-old Torrance woman, Madeleine May Acevedo.

—Photo by Gardena Valley News

Editorial

In the exploding issue between the Torrance School Board and the City Planning Commission over twenty-six acres, once the property of the Navy Depot, now declared surplus, the Torrance Press finds itself siding with the School Board.

This property can be picked up for ten percent of the current valuation, roughly \$60,000 as opposed \$600,000 the School Board would have to pay were it to go out to purchase land on the open market.

Superintendent Hull of the School Board justifiably says Torrance needs the land for future expansion. The city planners maintain this area has always been zoned for industry, and industry is clamoring for building space.

Now is the time for action. Once this land has been turned over to private industry, the Torrance School Board will go scrounging to find suitable land for future sites. It will be forced to pay an exorbitant price, which will mean increased taxation.

The population growth in Torrance is far from stagnant. New citizens moving into the area, new houses, and an increasing number of children demand far-sighted planning. The twenty-six acre Navy Depot, by every reason, should be turned over to the School Board.

Despite the fact that the General Services Administration has turned down the School Board's bid for the land, saying it would serve the "greatest national benefit" to offer the property for public sale, decisions can be rescinded.

The Torrance Press urges its readers to write to Franklin Floete, GSA Administrator, to Vice President Nixon, Senators Thomas Kuchel and Claire Engel asking that this land be made available to the School Board.

Ryan Awarded Million Dollar Supply Contract

A one-million dollar contract for special support equipment for Ryan Doppler navigators, including spares and test sets, has been awarded Ryan Electronics of Torrance, John W. Wallace, personnel manager, announced.

The contract, released yesterday by the Army Signal Supply Agency, brings the total value of business the firm has received for these particular units to approximately \$5,000,000.

The Doppler navigators are currently in production at the firm's electronic manufacturing facility here, where 1200 are employed. The units will be delivered to the army for installation in several types of fixed-wing aircraft.

The Doppler is a fully automatic, self-contained, all-weather navigation set, which continuously measures aircraft ground speed, dirt angle, and true airspeed. It provides information as to the aircraft's present geographic position, distance, ground track, and heading.

In addition, the company develops and produces many types of Doppler navigational systems, ground velocity indicators, helicopter hovering devices and missile guidance systems for the army, navy, British Royal navy, and numerous aircraft, helicopters, and electronics manufacturers, Wallace declared.

Auto Strikes Boy Crossing With Bicycle

Kurt G. Mayo, 10, of 1104 Maple St., Torrance, was bruised and cut when he was struck by a car yesterday on Torrance Blvd. east of Maple.

Jean E. Branam, 22, of 1808 W. 235th St., Torrance, driver of the car, said she did not see Kurt start to push his bicycle across the street. She was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

City Completes South Torrance Water Project

The South Torrance Water District project, costing \$250,000, was reported finished at the City Council meeting Tuesday. Wade E. Peoples, public works director, announced the completion.

The installation follows more than a year's proceedings in which the Narbonne Ranch Mutual Water Co., which had severed sections of this city lying east of Crenshaw Blvd. for 60 years, was replaced by an involuntary assessment district.

HEARING ON MURDER SET FOR FRIDAY

Pakistan Man Observes City During Tour

Mirza Abdul Khaliq Beg, civil servant of Pakistan, was introduced at the City Council meeting Tuesday night as a visitor who is observing the American way in an attempt to bring some of our democratic innovations to his country.



Pakistani Visitor
The civil servant is spending six months in America on this project, five of which will be spent in Torrance. He is one of 17 taking the government tours.

Caccamese Case Stirs South Bay

Spotlight of area residents' attention will focus on South Bay Municipal court tomorrow (Friday), when one of the region's infrequent murders will be aired at a preliminary hearing.

Accused with the suspected murder of Madeleine May Acevedo, 23, of Torrance, Richard Russell Caccamese, 1450 W. Compton, will be brought before Judge John Shidler for the hearing.

Caccamese, 34, a part-time bartender, has been employed as a trimmer and die-sinker in the forge dept. for the Proto Tool Co., 2209 S. Santa Fe, since September 1958.

He was arrested Friday evening, July 15, by Sgt. Cal Bublitz, Sheriff's Homicide Division and Gardena Detective Malvin Wessel. A neighbor at Caccamese's apartment heard the shooting, saw Caccamese stagger out the door and called an ambulance.

Madeleine May Acevedo, separated from her husband, Leonard Acevedo, had been living with Caccamese at the time of the shooting, according to witnesses. She has resided in the Torrance area for the past twelve years.

With Deputy District Attorney Tom McNary filing a complaint charging murder, Caccamese will be held to answer the charge and bound over to the Superior Court in Inglewood, pending Friday's hearing.

"We believe we have sufficient evidence to convict Caccamese," Gardena Police Chief Roy E. Tracy, declared. "It does not appear to be a suicide because of the injuries sustained by Madeleine Acevedo. We believe we can show that it was impossible for her to shoot herself."

The police also claim that Caccamese shot the woman then shot himself in the arm to turn suspicion away from himself. Caccamese, who maintains he does not remember any of the details of the shooting, has refused a lie-detector test.

This is a matter which scientific investigation will decide, police department officials declared. Reports from the neurosurgeons, ballistics, lab-technicians and the autopsy will determine whether the woman was shot or committed suicide.

The hearing Friday, at 1231 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, is open to the public.

Pupils Study Math Lessons With Machine

Second and third graders at Lincoln Elementary School, Torrance, are learning their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division by a modern, mechanical method.

Students in Mrs. Mary Bromley's class get drills in math by taking dictation over a record player. To help pupils get the 390 basic arithmetic facts planted in their heads, the tapes can be used until facts are memorized.

This saves the teacher's time in drilling the students, while providing different levels of problems for the slower, average, and fast students.

With earphones clamped over their heads, the children hear the problems and have time to write down the answers on the papers. Students then can grade their own papers, since the answers are given at the end of the recording. There is little point to cheating, since the children are trying to improve themselves.



OUCH—Youngsters comfort pet as he gets his rabies inoculation.

Rabies Clinic Opens Tonight at Two Stores

A dog may be man's best friend, and worth a million to the children and family who owns him, but for a dollar and a half Lassie can get inoculated against rabies tonight.

Rabies vaccinations will be given to canines tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at Border Market, 643 E. 223rd St., Torrance, and Villa Market, 23011 S. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, for \$1.50 per animal.

Sponsoring the vaccination will be the Carson Chamber of Commerce, of which both markets are members. Pets will be vaccinated with

vaccine of chick embryo origin which offers immunity against the disease for not less than two years.

Los Angeles county law now requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies to protect the public. No dogs will be issued a license unless they have their vaccination tag and certificate.

The Carson Chamber and Southern California Medical Veterinary Medical Association have made arrangements for the two rabies clinics.

Local veterinarians who are members of the SCVMA are donating their services to

the pet owners of this area. The association urged that the public take advantage of this opportunity to have pets protected against the disease at a savings of from \$2 to \$3.50.

This is the only time the service will be offered in the area this year.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the issuing of certificates and tags and making change. The association urged persons interested in the project to call TE 4-8938 or TE 4-0977 before 10 a.m. today.

Torrance Goes Western as Rodeo Rips in Town

"They're ropin' and ridin', hoopin' and hidin' this weekend in Torrance.

It's Rodeo Time, and the whole town has gone Western with a bang. Cowboy boots, six-shooters, bullwhips, ten-gallon hats—why, man, there won't be a single ten-year old glued in front of a teevee set watching a western. It's the real McCoy.

Staged at the Torrance Civic Center, 3031 Torrance Blvd., between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds., the annual Torrance Rodeo rips off at 2:30 Saturday and Sunday. Young cowboys can get in for 75 cents, and old-timers must dig up \$1.50.

Coming directly from the world-famous Salinas Rodeo, the 1960 show is the "biggest and best" ever to invade Torrance, according to Lt. D. C. Cook, Rodeo chairman.

All proceeds of the Rodeo, sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will aid in paying for Torrance's entry in next New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, according to Rancho Days officials.

Tickets for the shoot-em up can be purchased at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1511 Cravens Ave., from Torrance Mounted Police, at the Torrance Police Station, from Electric Shaver Specialties on El Prado, or at the gate.

Reigning over the event will be 17-year-old Donna Stoeckle, North Torrance High senior. She will also lead the Grand Entry on both days.

Chairman Jack Phillips and Chamber of Commerce manager, Dick Fitzgerald, announcing less than half of the

Art Group Elects Officers
Officers recently elected to the Torrance Art Group are Lee Cummings, president; Marion Cummings, vice-president; Aileen Keeler and Lillian Baker, secretaries; and Jean Townsend, treasurer.

Summer Sessions Come to Close

Summer school classes for more than 700 Torrance youngsters will be out this Friday, July 29, according to Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, director.

The six-week sessions started on June 20. More than 2250 high school students were enrolled for various courses at the three high schools, with 1400 entering

freshmen getting the jump on their classes this fall.

Classes will resume again this fall on Wednesday, Sept. 14, with teacher orientation to start two days earlier, on Sept. 12. Schools will be closed until Aug. 25 when principals return to work to prepare for the fall term. More than 27,000 students are expected to be enrolled in local schools next year.



RIDE 'EM, COWBOY—Pert Rodeo Queen Donna Stoeckle of Torrance climbs aboard as Rancho Days Chairman Jack Phillips and

the horse, Third Strike, look on. The rodeo will be staged Saturday and Sunday in Torrance with a record turnout expected.