

# Harbor Man Uncovers Murder Plot

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**CANDIDATE WELCOMED**—Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic candidate for president, was welcomed to the South Bay area Tuesday by more than 30,000 residents. Here the presidential aspirant is greeted by Trudi Owens, of local Democratic circles, and (right) speaks briefly to those assembled.

### 30,000 SUPPORTERS . . .

## Kennedy Rooters Turn Out to Greet Demo Candidate

Thousands of joyous Harbor area Democrats turned out Tuesday afternoon to greet their candidate during a special appearance at the South Bay Shopping Center.

Senator John F. Kennedy, who arrived at the meeting late, spoke briefly and spent the balance of the half-hour visit shaking hands with enthusiastic supporters.

Inspiring police officers, who had their troubles directing the mass of traffic and keeping order among the boisterous crowds, estimated that nearly 30,000 local residents showed up to pay their respects to the presidential candidate.

Plane carrying Kennedy on his last minute tour of the United States, had been delayed because of foggy conditions at local airports.

Governor Edmund G. 'Pat' Brown, travelling with the candidate's entourage, also made an appearance.

This is the second visit to this state by Kennedy, who made a plane and whistle-stop train tour of California six weeks ago.

The Democratic party candidate was greeted at the shopping center, located at 174th St. and Hawthorne Blvd., by Congressman Cecil

King, Assemblymen Clayton Dills and Vincent Thomas, and Charles Sehner, candidate from the 46th Assembly District.

Kennedy's appearance in the South Bay area climaxed a tour of Los Angeles and nearby communities. Tour included visits to local aircraft plants and with partisan groups throughout the area.

Whirlwind visit to California, was climaxed yesterday with a major campaign speech before a Democratic rally in the Los Angeles Junior College stadium.

### Dead of Crash Injuries

A Harbor City woman Mrs. Clara Jankevics, 51, died Monday from injuries suffered Oct. 18 when her husband's car collided with another auto at Western Ave. and 253rd St. in Lomita.

## C-of-C Slates Drew Pearson; Tells Band's Rose Parade Appearance

Drew Pearson, noted columnist will be the speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Torrance-Konya City to City Committee, Nov. 12 at the Jump 'N Jack restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Highway.

Chairman John Barton of the sponsoring organization, in making the announcement, said that the affair is entirely non-partisan and that Pearson was invited to be guest in Torrance many months ago.

Barton said that Pearson is largely responsible for the State Department's decision to allow Mayor Sitki Bilgin of Torrance's sister city, Konya, Turkey, to visit here last February. In addition, Pearson authorized three tremendously flattering articles in national publications praising Torrance and its aggressive "city to city" program which he rated as the nation's finest.

Barton said reservations can be secured at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1511 Cravens Avenue (FA 8-2814). Tickets are \$4 per person for the dinner which starts at 8:00 p.m.

In a second action, Chamber officials announced today that for the first time in "modern" history, Torrance

will be represented by a band in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena by chairman George A. Bradford, who represented the sponsoring group.

Bradford said the entry will be an "All Star" entry, composed of the finest musicians from each of Torrance's three high schools—Torrance South and North High Schools. The hard-working chairman, also a city councilman, added that exact details as to selection of entrants, music to be played and all marching details will be entirely the prerogative of the Torrance Unified School District officials. Bradford said an announcement would be forthcoming from them soon.

The victory concludes a four-year "battle" by Chamber officials to secure the honor for Torrance musicians. Parade officials estimate over 100 million will view this year's parade—the nation's largest television audience.

Chamber President R. S. Pyle is hopeful that "this great news" will spur local residents and businesses to support the fund-raising drive of \$5,000 to insure proper representation by the Torrance float.



### Population Gain Noted

Population of the city of Torrance jumped from 103,102 to 104,437 during the last three months, a gain of 1,335. Comparative figures, released by the Regional Planning Commission, indicated that the increase was much larger than in any of the surrounding communities.

### Name Chairman

Twenty-seven Southern California junior colleges were represented at the annual Associated Men Students Conference yesterday at ElCamino College.



**POLICE SHOW DUCATS**—Chappie Bone, assistant city manager, this week received the multiple honor of being stopped by the three most attractive policemen in Torrance and

# Reverse Decision on Rezoning Issue

## Council Action Follows Stormy Open Hearing

The City Council Tuesday night agreed to reverse their own decision and follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission concerning a controversial zone change for industrial property in East Torrance.

Action followed the brief appearance of Bert Lynn before the Council. Property, formerly classified as industrial, had been rezoned to residential over the recommendation that it be continued in its M-1 classification. Council's decision to reverse itself followed heated discussions between councilmen and the head of the planning group.

Councilman J. A. Beasley told the Council that he had received numerous phone calls, both at home and at his office, requesting him to use his influence to retain the former zoning of the property. He added that persons calling had been asked to do so by members of the Planning Commission and said, "I was surprised to find members of the commission using their position to build up pressure groups. He added that it was needless pressure because he would have been more than happy to reverse the decision, which he had opposed from the beginning.

Commissioner Bert Lynn, in a short address before the Council, told the seven-member board that he was appearing at the unanimous request of the Planning Commission.

Lynn cited as reasons for requesting a reversal, police and fire protection for the area if it were reclassified as residential, problem of access to parks, and danger from trucks containing volatile chemicals driving through the streets.

The owner of a creamery and pasturage containing several hundred cows appeared before the Council and pointed out that, although he was located in correctly zoned areas, the presence of residential communities next door would present both

health and nuisance problems.

James W. Cassidy, owner of nearby property, submitted a petition containing 35 to 40 signatures requesting that the 70 acres of contested property be retained as M-1. He pointed out that, if the area were to be changed to residential, it would require the construction of additional school facilities.

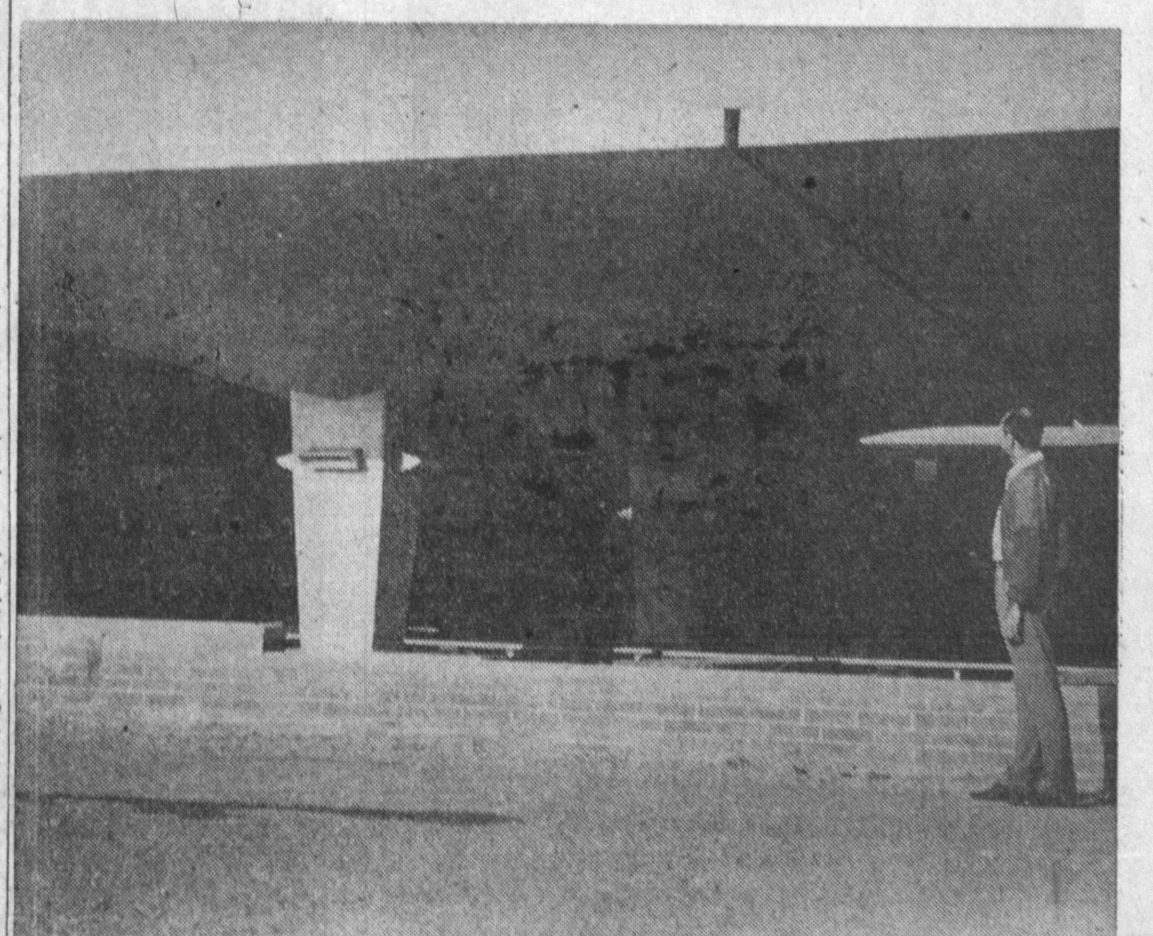
Motion to bring the matter to the floor and to reverse the former decision was made by Councilman George Vico. Motions were passed, 4-1, with Councilman Beasley abstaining.

## County Approves Widening Plans for Sepulveda

County officials this week approved plans and specifications for widening and improving Sepulveda Blvd., between Figueroa and Main St.

Modifications of the existing roadway, about one-half mile in length, is expected to relieve congestion during peak traffic hours and accommodate present and future traffic needs. Plans call for the street to be widened from one lane to two.

This portion of the street, which handles approximately 14,000 vehicles each day, is expected to become a major east-west arterial highway and will provide improved access to the Harbor freeway. Sepulveda between Vermont Ave. and Figueroa will be improved by the State Division of Highways as a part of construction work on the final link of the freeway.



**WHITE ELEPHANT?**—Bert Lynn, city planning commissioner, looks over a portion of the picnic shelters at South High School. Lynn appeared before the Board of Educa-

tion Tuesday night to inquire the cost of structures, Board reported cost was \$30,000. Lynn stated independent contractors pegged price at \$100,000.

## Cost of Shelters Debated at School Board Session

Bert Lynn, planning commissioner for the city of Torrance, appeared before the Board of Education Tuesday evening to ask for information concerning concrete shelters built at South High School.

Lynn told the board that he had received five estimates from cement contractors and that the average for building the 13 structures approximated \$100,000. He added that he felt that the cost was out of line in building shelters under which students could eat their lunches.

Cost of \$100,000, Lynn said, was based on actual construction costs, plus architects fees and inspection costs and did not reflect expenses buried, or written off in other budgets.

However, members of the board maintained that the cost of the concrete umbrellas which cover the lunch patio totalled about \$30,000.

"The umbrella-type covering for the patio is a new type designed by a Mexican architect. It has just recently been introduced into the United States and is not common yet, although you will probably be seeing more of it because it is economical and fireproof," stated Dr. Bernard Garen, who heads the schools' construction program.

"This type of architecture has been built by very few contractors and looks much more expensive than it is," he added.

In a second action, the Board of Education set a Feb. 14 date for a school override tax election, but said that further study will be given to the amount of the issue.

Torrance voters two weeks ago turned thumbs down on a proposed tax override.

### Host Junior Colleges

Charles Dresser, long active in Harbor Scout activities, has been appointed arrangements chairman of the annual banquet of the district. Dinner will be held at the Hacienda Hotel, Nov. 9.

### OFFERED \$2000 . . .

## Harbor City Man Reveals Bizarre Murder Scheme

Attempts to hire a Harbor City man to kill his wife this week proved disastrous for a minor film producer.

Bizarre plot came to light Tuesday following the arrest of the producer, and police commendation of the 'hired killer,' Henry Lucero, 32, of 1654 W. 255th St.

Booked at Glendale jail was 64-year-old James R. Howlett, who reportedly confessed offering Lucero \$2,000 to beat his wife to death.

"I was fed up—my wife had control over all the money. Every time I wanted anything I had to ask for it," Howlett said.

Lucero, unemployed, said that he had placed a classified ad in a local newspaper saying that he needed \$1,000 and needed it "desperately."

In a few days, he said, he received a letter telling him to take another ad and to give his telephone number "if you are really desperate."

Within three days he received a phone call and the man agreed to meet him on a Glendale street corner.

When Howlett offered him

\$2,000 to kill his wife, Leone, Lucero stated, he agreed, but immediately told a police detective acquaintance who put him in contact with the homicide detail.

Lucero took a police examination two years ago and was placed on the eligible list, but was then rejected because of a heart murmur.

Police reported that they had learned that Howlett and his wife had made out identical wills, each leaving all of their possessions to the other.

## Arrest Torrance Man in Aircraft Equipment Theft

A 30 year old Torrance man and two aircraft company executives have been arrested for stealing more than \$10,000 worth of special alloy bolts.

Charged by the District Attorney's office with grand theft and conspiracy was Don Wilds of 508 E. 220th St.

Also arrested were Leon Johnson, 44, vice president of M and I Aircraft Co., in El Monte and Orville S. Salhus, 35, partner in the company.

According to investigators, Wilds stole the bolts from the Briles Manufacturing Co. where he was employed, and sold them to M & I Aircraft. He also gave the firm information on company bids which M & I used to undercut Briles' prices on the stolen bolts.

Deputy District Attorney David Aisensohn, said Wilds has admitted being paid \$10,000 for the bolts and information. Wilds received about half of the market value of the bolts, approximately \$24.

## Clinic Dates Announced

Polio Clinics scheduled for the Torrance area are:

Friday, Nov. 11 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., at the General Medical Center, 542 E. Carson St. Sponsors of the community service event are members of the General Medical staff in cooperation with the March of Dimes.

Saturday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Robert Delaplaine Medical Center, 198 E. Carson St.

Chairmen of the projects have pointed out that due to the emergency, the recommended interval between the shots has been shortened to obtain maximum protection for unvaccinated person.

All pre-school children are in the highest incidence category and should be fully immunized, warned March of Dimes officials.