

POLICE QUIZ SUSPECT IN SLAYINGS OF GIRLS

Where's She Going?



IN A HURRY — This young lady has a lot on her mind. To find out who she is and what she's doing, turn to Page C2 in today's Press.

PRESS photo.

Warren Heaton Held for Trial Without Bail

Warren R. Heaton, 22, of 814 Sartori, accused of killing Cruz G. Guerra, of 1312½ W. Carson St., in an argument in a Torrance bar over a \$5 shuffleboard bet, being held without bail in county jail awaiting trial.

Guerra was shot in the head May 22 with a .22 deringer. Police said Heaton admitted the gun was registered to him, but said the youth denied any part in the shooting. It was incorrectly reported in several newspapers, including The Press, that bail had been set at \$5,250. There is no bail on a murder charge.

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FREE CARTOONS FOR CHILDREN AT CITY PARKS

Each week the Torrance recreation department offers cartoons of Buster Keaton, Mighty Mouse, and others at their weekly cartoon shows held at the various parks and playgrounds throughout the city. There is no admission charge and everyone is invited. As an added attraction, the shows on the park areas are scheduled in the evening so that the entire family can attend.

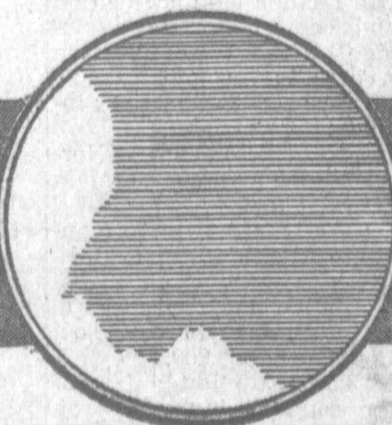
Park cartoon schedules are:

- Monday — Torrance Park.
 - Tuesday — El Nido Park.
 - Wednesday — Walteria Park.
 - Thursday — McMaster Park.
 - Friday — El Retiro Park, Paradise Park.
- Playground cartoon schedules are:
- Monday — Hillside, Madrona, Greenwood, Howard Wood, Hickory
 - Tuesday — Meadow Park, Seaside, Parkway, Riviera, Newton.
 - Wednesday — Hamilton, Arlington, Casimir, Lincoln, Carr.
 - Thursday — Towers, Flavian, Magruder, Perry Madison.
 - Friday — Victor, Jefferson, Sepulveda.
- As each area develops its own schedule, it is well to contact the park or playground recreation leader for the exact movie time.

Republican Women To Meet Tuesday

The July meeting of the Torrance Republican Federated Women will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at 4150 Pacific Coast Hwy., Walteria, behind the Fish Shanty. Guest speaker will be Bryon Hardwick. Party principles will be the topic. The public is invited.

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Peace Offer by NAACP

Charges On Sit-Ins Dismissed

BULLETIN

Charges of trespassing and disturbing the peace against 39 CORE sit-ins were dismissed today by Municipal Judge William B. Keene in Torrance.

The 39 plus one juvenile were arrested in two weekends at Don Wilson's sales office in the Southwood tract. Judge Keene dismissed the case on his own motion with concurrence of Wilson's attorney after the judge denied a motion for dismissal by A. L. Wirin on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Torrance city officials, police and Southwood Riviera residents today were anxiously awaiting anticipated demonstrations by CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) this weekend in a test of the city's new curfew as passed Tuesday night by city council.

At the same time, NAACP officials indicated a desire to talk with developer Don Wilson, whose alleged discrimination in sales to Negroes, triggered the year-long demonstrations.

"Perhaps everything has been going so fast that everybody is exhausted," Dr. George Taylor of Los Angeles, chairman of UCR (United Civil Rights Committee), told a newsman this morning.

He said he wanted to talk to Wilson and would halt plans for a scheduled July 28, mass demonstration until after the talk.

"We need to talk," Taylor said, and said he hoped CORE's planned showdown this weekend could be averted.

Taylor said "I think this thing might have been settled if I hadn't had to leave town for a week to attend the NAACP convention in Chicago. The last time we had contact with Wilson, he indicated he wanted to negotiate."

Wilson has issued statements saying it is not his policy to discriminate and denying that he has refused to sell to a Negro.

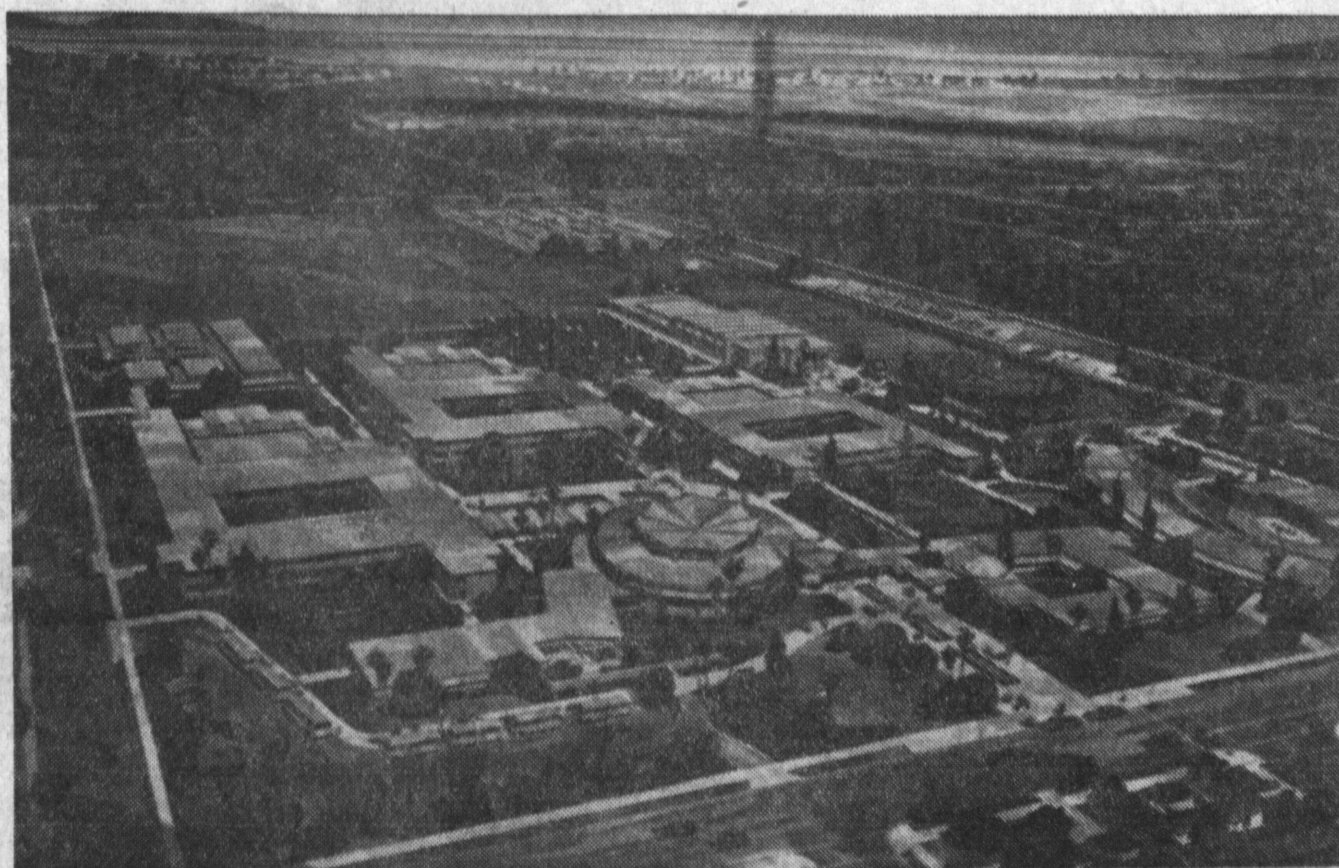
Wilson's salesmen say no bona fide qualified Negro buyer has ever attempted to buy a home in Southwood.

The curfew law would prohibit outsiders from being on Southwood streets in the Anza-Calle Mayor area from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday nights, and would not permit parking overnight on tract streets.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), meanwhile, said the law was unconstitutional, and was debating an attempt to get a court injunction against enforcement.

Surveillance Slated
Police chief Percy Bennett said yesterday he will reinstitute the full-scale weekend surveillance that was in effect at the tract June 29 during the UCR demonstration-march.

WEST HIGH BUILDING GETS GO-AHEAD



FULL SCALE MODEL now on display at West High library shows how school will look when construction is completed. School will be able to handle 2000 pupils by September, 1964.

Completion of the major remaining portion of West High School was a step nearer today with announcement of the purchase by Bank of America underwriting syndicate of a \$1,500,000, 20-year bond issue of the Torrance Unified School District.

The bond issue, authorized by the voters in 1958, will, together with other monies, finance a large two-story classroom building, gymnasium, home economics building, and reconversion of shops.

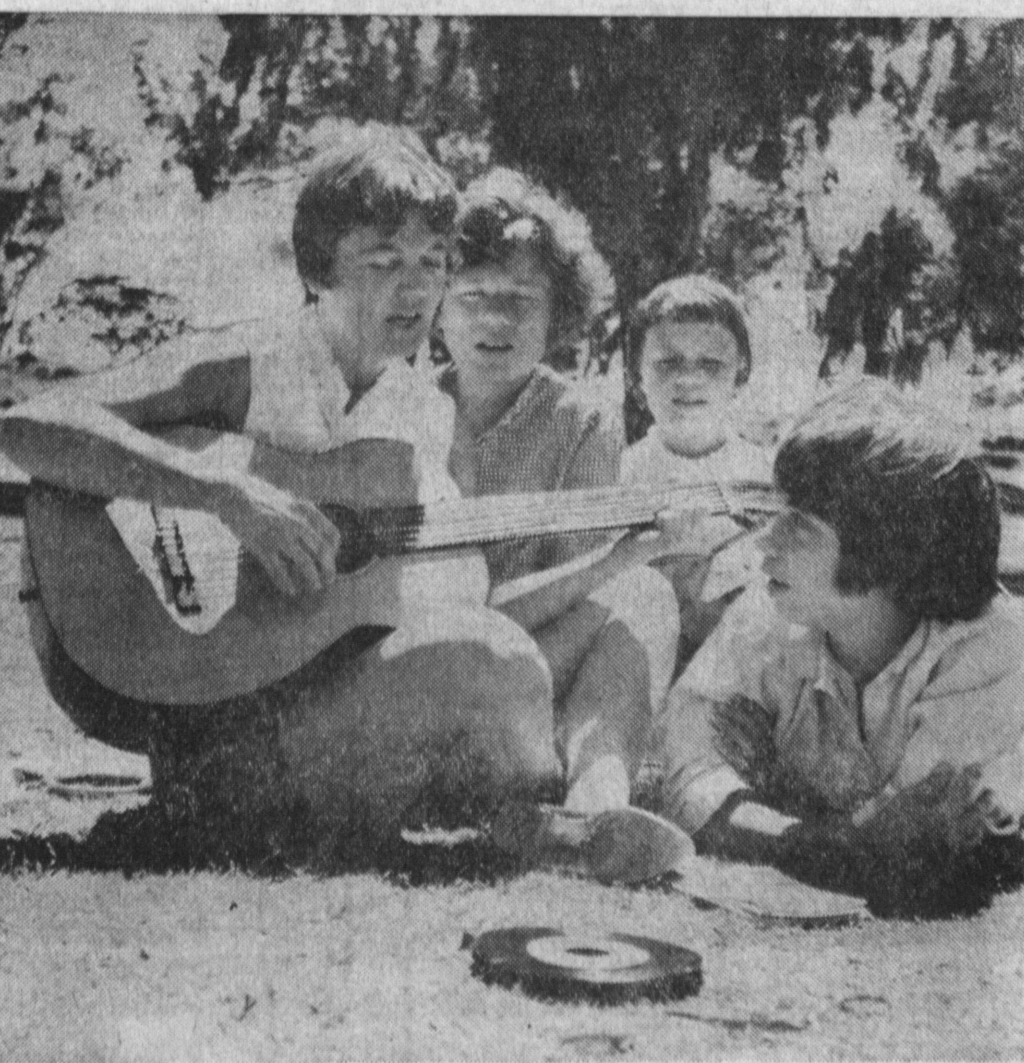
Total cost of the construction will amount to more than \$2 million, and will be completed before classes begin in September, 1964.

Bids will be opened Friday and the contracts let, said Assistant Superintendent Sam Waldrip. When the work is completed, the school will be more than two-thirds completed, he said, and will accommodate 2,000 pupils. Ultimately the school will house 3,000 pupils, by 1968, Waldrip added.

The shop conversion will restore the shops to their original use. They have been used as classrooms and a gymnasium, Waldrip said.

The large two-story classroom building will have room for 1,000 students at one time.

The Bank of America group paid a premium of \$1,594 for a combination of 4½%, 2-¾%, 3% and 3.20% bonds. Net interest cost to the district was 3.02%. The bonds were reoffered to investors to yield from 1.75% to a dollar price of par on the 3.20% bonds, according to maturity Aug. 1, from 1964 to 1983.



INFORMAL GATHERING at city park El Nido city park typifies varied summer recreation program in Torrance. From left, Helen Brown, instructor, strums guitar for folksinging pupils Carol Miller, 13, Kelby Kirby, 6, and Donna Paine, 14. (See recreation column on Page B1).

Victim Was Shot 3 Times — Doctors

Chauncey S. Mitchell, 59, found shot Tuesday evening, in a field near the Redondo Beach-Torrance city line, was still clinging to life today, but without having regained consciousness at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Doctors discounted possible suicide, pointing out that it was almost impossible for a man to shoot himself three times in the back of the head.

There has been no surgery on Mitchell, because doctors fear brain damage, but cleaning of his head disclosed he had been shot three times instead of once. This also accounts for the three discharged cartridges found in the gun by Mitchell's body.

Redondo police and sheriff's officers have learned Mitchell is a retired Los Angeles school custodian, and that he has an estranged wife, Frankie Williams, of Los Angeles. She told officers Mitchell was a jovial type, but a loner, and that she had not seen him since July 3, when she drove him to a room in Gardena where he has been staying.

Mitchell had been seen around Redondo Beach and Torrance for two days before he was found unconscious at the field near Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Police have been unable to unearth any clues to the shooting. They think the gun may have been one Mitchell obtained from a friend, which would cut into the murder theory, but they have not been able to determine this positively.

It was the first time Torrance policemen had ever been accused of a crime. Captain Maestri said both officers had excellent records up to the time of their arrests.

Dorothy, Karen Cases Revived

Torrance police today were hoping for new leads that might unravel the mystery slaying of two young Torrance girls, one last year and one the year before, as the result of an arrest yesterday of a Torrance construction worker.

William Joseph Brunner, 38, of 2217 Sepulveda Blvd., divorced father of two, was being quizzed in Signal Hill police station as a result of his arrest on charges of kidnaping and assaulting a 14-year old girl there who identified him as her assailant.

Quizzed by Police

Lt. Don Hamilton and detective Walter Nitz of Torrance police questioned Brunner at some length in an attempt to learn if the suspect was in the vicinity at the time of the disappearance of Karen Lynn Tompkins, 11, in 1961, who was never found, and the kidnap - murder last year of Dorothy Gale Brown, 11.

The Brown girl lived in Torrance, and the Tompkins girl in the Torrance-Los Angeles "strip." Neither case has been solved.

The Brown girl's nude body was found in the surf off Corona del Mar. She apparently was attacked and hurled off a cliff.

The girl in Signal Hill, an honor student, identified Brunner as the man who attacked her with a knife and criminally assaulted her. She picked him out of a lineup.

SIMILAR CASES

Hamilton pointed out the Tompkins and Brown cases and the current one, happening about a year apart each, were similar both in nature and vicinity. The two Torrance girls lived within two miles of the Signal Hill attack.

Brunner, divorced for five years, and the father of a boy, 14, and a girl, 10, freely admitted the assault in Signal Hill, police said. He denied any part in the two Torrance cases, and said "I can't understand why they would suspect me of murder."

"I've got a family, too, you know."

Hamilton said Torrance police, Los Angeles police and Sheriff's deputies were all checking Brunner's stories. He said Brunner must be considered a suspect in the Brown and Tompkins cases until his stories as to his whereabouts at those times are checked out.

OFFICER PLEADS NOT GUILTY — ERROR CORRECTED

Two Torrance police officers — scheduled for arraignment Wednesday in Inglewood on holdup charges — went into court instead this morning.

Officer Robert Keith was expected to enter a plea of not guilty. It was not known what his fellow-officer, Roger L. Jacobson, would do.

It was erroneously reported that Keith had admitted his role in the \$1,700 Los Angeles holdup in which receipts from a dress shop were taken last Saturday night.

Jacobson, captured after a chase by Los Angeles police, reportedly blamed gambling losses for his need for money. Keith has to date said nothing. He was arrested in a cafe about 20 minutes after the holdup. Jacobson had implicated him in the robbery, police said.

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