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DISARMED . . . Spec/4 Gerald Black of the 58th Ordnance Detachment Explosive Disposal Unit shows Susan Foster, reigning Miss Torrance, how to disarm a small missile. Susan "disarmed" the Army unit during her visit to Fort MacArthur to welcome units which will participate in the annual Armed Forces Day Parade here May 21. The bomb disposal unit answers some 200 calls annually and trains law enforcement officers in the handling and disarming of explosive devices.

Three Meetings Planned For City Office Seekers

Candidates in the April 12 municipal election have been invited to speak at three area meetings this week. The first session will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 this afternoon at the Carl Steele Elementary School, 19300 Inglewood Ave. The meeting is being sponsored by residents of Southwest Park. A second meeting will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at West High School under the sponsorship of the Victor Woman's Club. Dr. Robert Ford, West High

principal, will moderate the program, according to Mrs. John Reinhold, president of the Victor Women's Club. A question and answer session will be held following a short presentation by each candidate. The third session, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, will be held Wednesday evening at Torrance Recreation Center. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. All candidates have been invited to the three meetings.

Television Set Taken by Thief

Thieves took an \$800 television-stereo combination after walking through the front door of a Torrance home Friday. William Valdere, 40, of 2904 W. 228th St., told police someone entered his home between 2 and 3:30 p.m. Friday and removed the television set from his living room. Police said the front door was unlocked at the time. A guitar and a jacket were taken from a car parked near a South Torrance restaurant earlier Friday. J. D. Allan, 27, of 303 E. Javelin St. told officers he was in the restaurant at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard at the time.

The burglar forced open a window and removed the guitar and jacket. Allan placed a value of \$207 on the stolen items. Four wire wheel covers were taken from a car belonging to Mrs. Margaret J. Watts, 47, Thursday evening. Mrs. Watts said the car was parked near her home at 18821 Crenshaw Blvd. Seven personal checks, apparently intended to pay the monthly bills, were taken from a car belonging to Mrs. Mary L. Lenk of 2604 W. 233rd St. Mrs. Lenk, who had parked her car in the Del Amo Center parking lot, also said her husband's pay check was taken.

Voters will chose a mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, and three councilmen April 12. In addition, three amendments to the city charter will be on the ballot.

Medicare Forms Now Available

Acting Postmaster Carl L. Backlund announced today that application blanks for supplemental Medicare benefits are available at a window of the main Post Office, 2510 Monterey Ave. The application blanks are being made available as the Social Security Administration seeks to contact 3.1 million senior citizens before the March 31 deadline imposed by the Medicare law. President Lyndon Johnson has proclaimed March as "National Medicare Enrollment Month." He urged all federal agencies and all citizens to cooperate in enrolling senior citizens in the program.

INITIALLY, some 2.5 million application blanks were distributed to nearly 34,000 post offices throughout the 50 states. Additional forms will be available as needed. Through direct mailings and other means, the Social Security Administration has had contact with 16 million citizens who will be 65 or older on July 1. Of the 16 million who replied, less than

Four Injured in Crash; Drunk Driving Cited

Eight Accused Of Conspiracy By Grand Jury

A Torrance physician and seven other men accused of bilking a Long Beach bank of nearly \$700,000 were indicted on conspiracy and grand theft charges late Thursday by the county Grand Jury. Lester L. Sacks, M.D., of 5005 Pacific Coast Hwy., was named in the indictment which ended a two-year investigation by the District Attorney's office. Sacks and the seven other men are accused of obtaining loans on fictitious accounts receivable and of operating phony checking accounts. The eight men reportedly bilked the Coast Bank of Long Beach out of \$665,000 with the scheme.

INDICTED in addition to Dr. Sacks were: Gordon Her, an attorney of Santa Monica. Her is the president of Ramsay Industries, Inc., of Gardena. Ira Sacks of Bel Air, brother of Dr. Sacks and manager of Ramsay Industries. Dr. Sacks is secretary-treasurer of Ramsay Industries. Philip Sanders of West Los Angeles, an assistant to Ira Sacks. Samuel A. Longo of Garden Grove, a business consultant. Joseph Cvecko of Lakewood, former owner of Trinity Machine Co. of Long Beach. Luther Swink of San Pedro, former vice president of the Coast Bank, who resigned during the investigation.

THE EIGHTH man, Charles

Wall of Canoga Park, was named in a second indictment charging that a Pasadena investment company was swindled of \$47,000 with the same accounts-receivable scheme. Wall, described as an associate of Ira Sacks, the Sacks brothers, and Longo were named in the second indictment. Dr. Sacks, active in the Torrance B'nai B'rith chapter, has lived here for about three years. He currently is president of the B'nai B'rith chapter and has been active in Pop Warner Football programs here and in West Los Angeles.

HE FILED as a candidate for the Torrance Board of Education in 1965, but withdrew when he was elected president of the B'nai B'rith chapter. Sheldon Stein, an accountant-investigator for the District Attorney's office, reportedly combed bank accounts for nearly two years in preparation of the case. Stein was a key witness in the case, presented to the grand jury by Deputy District Attorney Michael J. Montagna. The grand jury began hearing the case March 1 and reportedly heard 40 witnesses and received some 6,000 documents. Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon ordered the eight men to enter pleas to the indictment Tuesday. He set bail for Ira Sacks, Longo, and Wall at \$25,000. Bail for the other five was set at \$2,500.



WILLIAM O'LEARY Seeks Nomination

Opposes King O'Leary Files for Congress

William "Bill" O'Leary, chairman of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Central Committee, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 17th Congressional District. O'Leary will be opposing incumbent Congressman Cecil R. King, who has filed nomination papers for re-election. Elected to the County Central Committee in 1964, O'Leary was in charge of the "Get out the vote" drive for the November, 1964, general election in the 68th Assembly District. He has served as chairman of both the South Bay and the Spirit of '76 Democratic Clubs.

An insurance agent, he is a former youth director for the Walteria Methodist Church. He and his wife, Patricia Ann, are parents of two daughters. O'Leary, 38, is a graduate of El Camino College and attended Long Beach State College. The family lives at 1821 W. 24th St.

"We are losing a vital part of our democracy by not having more competition for all elective offices," O'Leary declared in announcing his decision to oppose Congressman King. "Only by having more than one candidate for an office in the primary can the Voter truly express a choice," he added. O'Leary pledged to wage a strong campaign for the nomination to remain active in community affairs. "In this way," he said, "I would have an opportunity to stay informed as to how the people of the district feel about issues and problems."

Heart Attack Claims Worker

An aircraft factory worker suffered a heart attack while at work Friday and died before he could be taken to a hospital. Alanzo Perrault, 62, of La Habra, collapsed about noon Friday at the Douglas Aircraft plant here. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Driver Held In Hospital Prison Ward

A 24-year-old Torrance man was charged with felony drunk driving Friday following a six-car accident in which he and three other persons were injured. Samuel Bell, of 1912 Plaza del Amo, was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and then transferred to the prison ward at Harbor General Hospital. Police charged Bell with drunk driving and reckless driving.

Two other persons were treated for injuries at the hospital. They were Derek M. Harrison, 20, of Hermosa Beach, who was released, and Lora B. Lazar, 17, of 2504 W. 134th Place, Gardena. Miss Lazar, a passenger in Harrison's car, was admitted to the hospital for observation.

A FOURTH victim, Albert R. Doms, 59, of Culver City, said he would seek private medical attention. Officer James A. Fowler of the Torrance Police Department reported the accident at 7:50 Friday evening on Crenshaw Boulevard near 225th Place. The chain of collisions was started when Bell, driving north on Crenshaw Boulevard, lost control of his car in a curve and struck a car driven by Chris M. Smith, 44, of Rolling Hills. A blow-out apparently caused Bell to lose control of his car, Officer Fowler reported.

FOLLOWING the initial collision, the Bell vehicle struck Doms' car, careened into Harrison's vehicle, then struck a car driven by Okal F. Bowlin, 66, of 15032 Van Buren Ave., Gardena. All three vehicles were southbound on Crenshaw Boulevard. A sixth car, driven by Robert A. Church, 28, of 2324 W. 231st St., swerved to avoid

the collision and hit a curb. Church brought his car to a stop on the sidewalk. Police said Harrison's car and the car driven by Bell were both a total loss. The Torrance Fire Department was called to the scene to wash gasoline out of the street.

A TORRANCE police officer was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital early Friday morning after a collision in a parking lot near a South Torrance theater. Officer Richard H. O'Brien, (Continued on Page A-2)

YMCA Goal Pegged at \$100,000

A goal of \$100,000 has been set by the Torrance Family YMCA for its 1966 fund drive. Dr. Rollin R. Smith, general chairman, announced today. Dr. Smith said the funds would be needed to put the finishing touches on the new YMCA headquarters at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., and to underwrite the 1966 activities program.

The drive got under way Wednesday evening when the "Y" played host to 461 couples — all volunteers for the 1966 campaign — during the first banquet to be held in the new building. Spearheading the event were Ralph Marzullo and Ed Johnson, teams chairmen, and Mervin Schweb, special gifts chairman. "The program," Dr. Smith told the volunteers, "involves 270 youth clubs, councils, and committees and 4,763 families."

Tartar Stars Honored . . .

Torrance High basketball players Bart Johnson and Fred Carpenter were named to All-CIF basketball teams Thursday. Johnson, who scored 641 points during the 33-game season, was the only junior named to the All-CIF first team. Carpenter, a senior, was given a berth on the second team. Details are on today's Press-Herald sports page, A-6.

Wage Survey on Agenda . . .

A job classification and wage survey completed some two months ago by J. L. Jacobs of Chicago will be considered by the City Council Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Employee groups have been studying the report since it was completed. Action on employee salary increases was delayed in January pending receipt of the report. Councilmen, at that time, said any action which might result from the survey would be retroactive.

Mail Parley Called . . .

A meeting to discuss possible improvement of mail services in Torrance has been called for 3:30 Monday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce offices at 1510 Cravens Ave. Manager J. Walker Owens said the Chamber is "taking the leadership in trying to provide improved mail service to the city of Torrance." A committee comprised of George Post, Glenn W. Fleil, Charles Cederlof, Don Hyde, John Tweedy, Kenneth Garcelon, Bruce Jones, and Owens. They will meet with acting Postmaster Carl Backlund and other Post Office executives, Owens said.



ONE MORE WEEK . . . Dr. John Granger, a Medicare Alert Aide working in the Southwest area, and Miss Rosemary DeCamp of Torrance team up to remind citizens who are 65 that they must register for Medicare by Thursday if they wish to take full advantage of Medicare benefits. Citizens who fail to register by the deadline will forego benefits which begin July 1.