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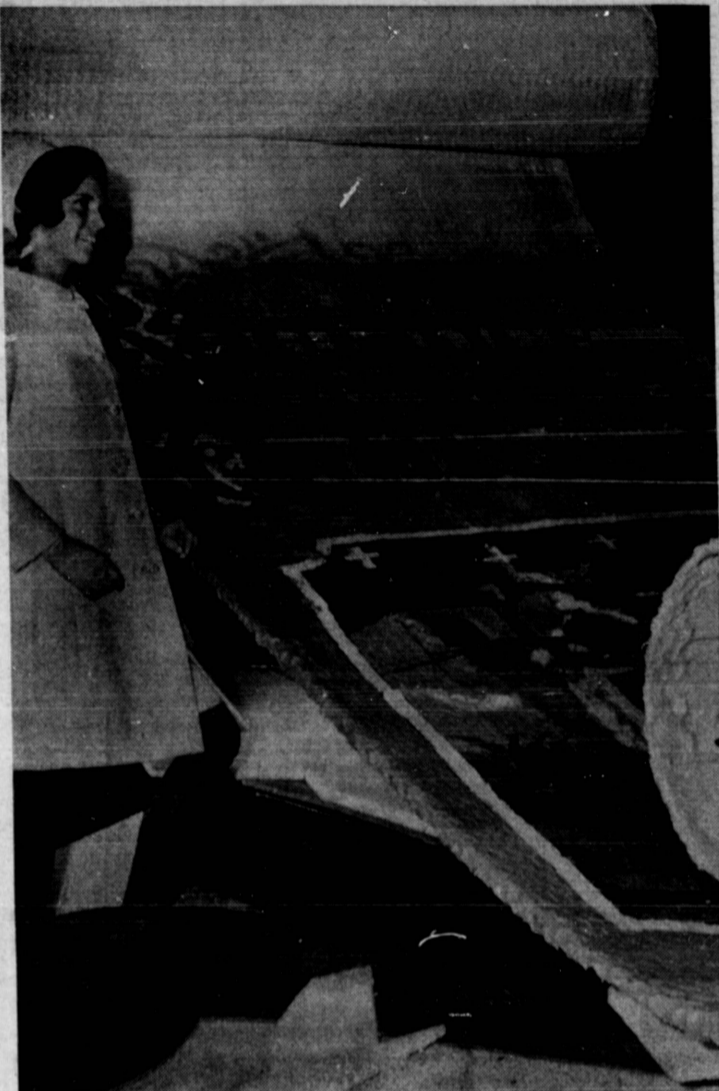


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INSPECT FLOAT ... Linda Strother, queen of the 79th annual Tournament of Roses Parade, inspects the Torrance entry in the parade during a visit to float construction areas. The city's float, "The Romance of Early California," will feature a huge flower-covered parchment scroll bearing a mosaic of a California mission. Flowers to be used on the float are gold chrysanthemums, vanda orchids, and red and yellow roses.

Woman Shoots Mate In Christmas Day Tiff

Noted Architect Will Speak at Planning Event

"Planning for the City of Tomorrow" will be topic of noted architect-planner Edgardo Contini when he addresses a luncheon to be sponsored by the Torrance League of Women Voters Jan. 10. The luncheon will follow a bus tour of the city and is part of a day-long program on urban planning. Charles Shartle, director of planning for the city, and James Hagaman, senior planner, will serve as narrators on the citywide tour. They will point out the city's development patterns, diversity of land uses, problem areas, and discuss prospects for the future during the tour.

BUSES WILL load at 9:45 a.m. at the upper parking area of the Del Amo Financial Center.

Invitations have been sent to more than 500 city officials and civic and business leaders in Torrance and neighboring cities, according to Mrs. James van Oppen, president of the Torrance League of Women Voters.

"Planning for the dynamic growth of Torrance and the interrelationships of cities in the planning process should be matters of community-wide involvement and concern," Mrs. van Oppen said.

"We hope to stimulate such interest by bringing all segments of the community together for an exchange of ideas," she added.

CONTINI, a partner in Victor Gruen Associates, is best known here as the designer of the Del Amo Financial Center, which is being developed by Victor Gruen Associates and Great Lakes Properties, Inc.

He is a graduate of the University of Rome and completed graduate studies at the New School for Social Research in New York. He served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and for two years was associated with the architectural firm of Albert Kahn in Detroit.

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TPOA Taps Phil Joseph As President

Officer Phil Joseph will serve again as president of the Torrance Police Officers' Association. He was re-elected Friday at the association's annual awards and retirement banquet.

The dinner-dance was held at the Elks Club for TPOA members, their wives, and many civic leaders.

Serving with Joseph will be Officer Hyman Fischer, vice president, and Officer Julian P. Lembke, treasurer.



MINISTER HONORED ... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (right) extends the appreciation of the Board of Supervisors to the Rev. H. Milton Sippel of Torrance for opening the board's meeting last week with the invocation. The Rev. Mr. Sippel is pastor of the First Christian Church of Torrance.

Victim Shot in Chest

An elderly Torrance housewife has been arrested by Torrance police in connection with the Christmas Day shooting of her husband.

Booked on charges of assault with intent to commit murder was Mrs. Beatrice L. Bonfield, 66, who admitted shooting David Bonfield, 61, with a .22-caliber revolver.

Torrance police said the shooting took place about 1 p.m. Monday in the living room of the couple's mobile home, Knolls Trailer Park, 23701 S. Western, space 193. When police arrived, they found Bonfield on the floor, barely conscious, with his head propped up on the sofa. He was bleeding from the bullet wound on the left side of his chest.

Mrs. Bonfield, who had summoned police, was sitting in a nearby chair. "I shot him. Take me," she said.

The suspect, who is 5-foot-3 and weighs 170 pounds, reportedly got up and said to her husband, "Tell them why I shot you." Bonfield was unable to answer, police said.

The victim was rushed by ambulance to Harbor General Hospital, where he was reported in satisfactory condition.

South High Senior Wins In Science

Trevor White, son of Mr. and Mrs. George White of 3650 Newton St., has been named the winner of the annual Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award at South High School.

The award was announced by Dr. John A. Lucas, principal, who said White now becomes eligible for scholarship awards to the University of Rochester, N.Y.

Manslaughter Verdict Returned

Ralph Rodriguez, a 27-year-old Torrance sign painter, was convicted of one count of voluntary manslaughter Tuesday in the hatchet slaying of Karlina Lee Robinson, a prominent Los Angeles sportswoman. Rodriguez was ordered to return to Long Beach Superior Court Jan. 16 for sentencing. Judge Donald Dunbar heard the case without a jury. Miss Robinson, 21, was slain after her car and one reportedly driven by Rodriguez collided in the Carson area.

El Segundo Fire Burns On

An oil fire at the Standard Oil Refinery in El Segundo, ignited by lightning eight days ago, has defied all attempts by firemen to extinguish the blaze. Fire officials said both sand and foam have been used in an attempt to put out the blaze without results. A light water spray was cut off yesterday after smoke flared up again. Refinery officials say the fire probably will burn itself out in another two to three days. The loss is estimated at more than 29 million gallons of fuel oil, valued at more than \$1 million.

Torrance Soldier Killed

A Torrance soldier was among seven Southern California men listed Tuesday by the Department of Defense as killed in action in Vietnam. He is Army Pfc. Larry K. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Williams of 4130 W. 179th St. Details of his death were not announced.

First College Buildings Under Way in Dominguez

Grading has begun for the first permanent buildings at Cal-State, Dominguez Hills. Dr. Robert M. Bersi, assistant

to the college president announced this week. Preliminary grading began a day before the last rain forced a temporary delay on the \$1,773,539 project by the J. A. Campbell Construction Co. of Long Beach.

Completion of the first increment is scheduled for September, 1968. Capacity will be 600 students. Presently the school's enrollment is 400 and students are housed in temporary facilities west of the construction site.

The initial buildings will be one story structures utilizing laminated wood, concrete block and glass. They will house a library,

classrooms, administrative offices and laboratories. When other sections of the campus are completed the first buildings will become a "small college" within the larger one.

Master architects for the project are A. Quincy Jones, FAIA, and Frederick E. Emmons, AIA.

Future Teachers Practice

Twenty-four students from California State College at Long Beach and one student from the University of Southern California are serving as student teachers in Torrance schools this fall.

Thirteen of the student teachers are assigned to high schools and 12 to elementary schools, according to Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent, personnel.

High school student teachers include Bonnie Baker, Eda Colley, Jacqueline Moore, and Michael Simmons, South High School; Brenda Jones and Alice Perkin, Torrance High School; Richard Kingsbury, Lucia Ramirez, Enriqueta Valencia, and Will Field, North High School; and Jean Terry, West High School. Love Wharton is serving as student teacher at both South and Torrance High Schools.

Elementary school student teachers are: Sharon Barnes, Zorie Connors, Karen Pirslen, Carole Schmoel, and Gladys Shelver, Fern Greenwood School; Michael Hare and Michelle Kaufman, Flavian Elementary School; Mary Hedrick and Kathleen Hubbard, Levy Elementary School; and Carol Hardesty, Patricia McKevitt, and Sally Shafer, Hickory Elementary School.

Del Amo Will Be Extended

Del Amo Boulevard will be extended between Wayne and Prospect avenues. The Torrance City Council has accepted in principle a proposal for the improvement submitted by the city's engineering department.

Ron Beckman, senior civil engineering assistant, said that the recommendation calls for complete improvement, including paved roadway, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, a retaining wall, and drainage facilities.

Estimated total cost for the project is \$200,000. The city of Redondo Beach will pay \$20,000 for a traffic signal at the corner of Prospect and Del Amo, and the city of Torrance will pay the remainder.



PLAN LUNCHEON ... Harry Gorman, resident manager for Great Lakes Properties, Inc., developers of the Del Amo Financial Center, discusses plans for a luncheon with members of the Torrance League of Women Voters. The luncheon will follow a tour of the city during a day-long seminar to be sponsored by the League Jan. 10. Talking with Gorman are (from left) Mrs. William Geissert, general chairman; Mrs. Robert Leavitt, public relations chairman; and Mrs. James van Oppen, president of the League. (Press-Herald Photo)