

# City Grows 60,000 in Six Years

# NARCOTIC RAID NETS NINE LOCAL YOUTHS; \$4000 IN DRUGS FOUND

## Cyclist Injured In Crash

A Los Angeles motorcyclist was injured seriously here Saturday when his two-wheeler skidded 159 feet, according to police.

Lawrence Cox, 36, told officers he failed to see a raised divider in the street on Crenshaw Blvd. at Pacific Coast Hwy. The cycle bounced off the asphaltic strip and slid along the pavement.

He was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a fractured shoulder, possible internal hurts, cuts and bruises.

A Wednesday night crash at Arlington Ave. and Carson St. resulted in possibly severe hurts for Ruth Schriba, 25, of 1715 W. 245th St., Lomita, passenger in an auto driven by Randall Witz, 30, of 2158 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

The driver of the other car involved drove away, Witz stated.

Peter and Dolores Kosmas, both 19, of Inglewood, suffered bruises in a collision Wednesday night on Hawthorne Ave., north of Spencer St. Drivers were Kosmas and James Bolles, 16, of 10311 Valerie Ave.

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## New Official Census 82,241

The city of Torrance gained exactly 60,000 persons between the regular federal census of 1950 and the special census of 1956, final tabulations of the Oct. 10 count here showed this week.

Official confirmation of the 1956 special census was received Friday by City Manager George Stevens and showed that the 1956 census was 82,241—exactly 60,000 more than the 22,241 official tally here in 1950.

The official figure of 82,241 marked one of the slightest changes over preliminary figures ever recorded here. The preliminary estimate announced at the conclusion of the county by Supervisor Benjamin Kundin was 82,238, just three persons short of the final total.

The 1956 census also turned up another interesting figure, the report to Stevens showed.

The city now has 22,653 dwelling units. This is about 400 more homes here now than there were residents six years ago.

Based on the October census figures, 3.63 persons live in each Torrance dwelling unit.

Further reports on the census, breaking the population down by sexes and into other patterns, will be sent to the city later, Stevens said.

## Dorothy Leatherman Rites Set Wednesday

Wednesday rites will be held for Mrs. Dorothy Mae Leatherman, 30, resident of Torrance for the past 27 years, at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel. The Rev. C. Miles Northrup will officiate, with burial in Green Hills.

A native of Garfield, Utah, she died Friday at her home, 803 Cota Ave. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Everett; daughter, Bonnie Mae; mother, Mrs. Ruby Backstrom; brother, Monte Backstrom; grandmother, Nellie Eckersley; aunts, Ethel Chandler and Doris Anderson; uncle, Ivan Eckersley; nephew, Lawrence Backstrom; all of Torrance.



SUSPECTS AND DOPE CACHE . . . Three of the suspects arrested by officers of the Sheriff's narcotics detail hide their heads while the collection of barbiturates and marijuana nabbed in a raid are in the foreground. Nine men, eight of them Torrance residents, and \$4000 in dope were taken by deputies who said they believed the suspects were part of a ring which had been furnishing dope for teenage users here.

## Third Grader Asks for World Peace in 'Letter to Santa'

Letters to Santa Claus are already piling up on the desk of The HERALD'S Christmas Editor following the announcement here Thursday that writers of four prize-winning letters would be awarded \$15 merchandise certificates.

Young writers in Harbor City, Lomita, and Torrance have begun sending in letters to be entered in the contest.

Brenda Diane Stewart, of 1650 W. 259th St., a second grader at the Harlan Shoemaker School, wants "a sewing machine and some cloth to sew on," she said in her letter.

"Santa, since my two brothers are too small to write, I will tell you what they want. Bruce, he is 5 years old, he would like a ballgun and a tool set. Guy who is 10 months old would like a high chair and a slinky worm," Brenda told Santa.

Brothers Enter  
Other early entries included Jimmie and David Stoneberg, of 606 Acacia Ave. David wants a Johnny Jeep so he can learn safe driving. He said he had wanted one for about two years.

Brother Jimmie's requests might be harder for Santa to fill: "I'm glad that our family has lots of food, money, and clothing, and I wish that other countries would have freedom like we do. This is what I want more than anything else for Christmas," Jimmie said. He is a third grader.

Watches Budget  
Eleven-year-old Ruthan McFarland, of 3615 W. 190th St., addressed her letter to "Dear Santa Dad."  
She wants a bicycle "if it doesn't stretch your budget too much."

Fourth grader Kay Roberts, of 1225 Hickory, wants a camera for Christmas "because I am a Brownie and we are going on a trip. My pack is 566."

Several young writers for-

## Golf Course Slated In North Torrance

Plans for an 18-hole golf course, driving range, and a number of sports shops on the northeast corner of 190th and Hawthorne Ave., were unveiled at the Torrance Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., applied for a change of zone from agricultural to commercial zoning. At the first hearing, officials of the company discussed plans for the proposed recreation center. No one else appeared and the second hearing will be Dec. 5.

Golf Course Planned  
As presented, the plans would include a golf course somewhat smaller than the average. A driving range would adjoin it, as well as shops featuring sporting equipment.

In other action, the petition of K. S. Senness, Los Angeles for a variance to drill for oil on a triangle between Rolling Hills Rd. and the south Torrance boundary was sent to committee of Commissioners Elvin F. Schoonover, Laurence Wing, and Burt Lynn.

Also sent to the same committee was the Planning Commission request for a zoning for a planting buffer, zone on 300 feet of property along the northern line of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. First hearing will be Dec. 5.

The petition of the Planning Commission for parking zoning for certain lots in downtown Torrance was held over for two weeks. The lots would be reserved for possible future use for parking.

Petition Held Over  
Also held over was the petition of Wayne L. Nelson, Gar-

## Denial Recommended

The Commission recommended denial of a petition of Steele's Fixit Shop, 4813 Louise Ave., to operate a repair shop.

All other business licenses were held over until the next meeting. These included the Drapsle Manufacturing Co., 17026 Prairie; Vivian Johnston for child care at 22021 Anza Ave.; Mrs. William Haddock at 23727 Lucille Ave.; J. W. Walker for retail nursery at 3325 W. 174th St.

Sent to committee were R. A. Soulborg's plan for a pet shop at 24433 Hawthorne Blvd. and Mrs. Helen I. Pallas' request for a child care center at 2602 W. 163rd St.

L. G. Whitehead, 1604 Maple Ave., was given permission to divide Lot 39, tract 2675, into three lots.

Lot Divisions  
Held over for two weeks were the proposed lot divisions of James Perkins, 4751 W. 173rd St.; C. B. Patton, 2321 W. 227th St.; and Juan M. Alderete, 23750 Pennsylvania Ave. The request of May Herbert and George C. Roraback, 2014 Torrance Blvd., was sent to committee.

The Commission also studied possible violations of the variance granted to Longren Aircraft Corp. at Carson and Date Ave., after nearby residents complained.

A change in the fence ordinance, allowing 36-inch open fences in front yards, also was recommended for approval.



JOINS PARADE . . . Wando K. Stanford (left), president of the Torrance Exchange Club, presents that group's check for \$40 to Harvel Gutfenfelder to be added to the funds raised in Torrance during the Christmas Parade of Cities for the City of Hope in Duarte. Gutfenfelder is heading up the service club solicitation for the drive at the suggestion of city chairman Glen Koger.

## To File Charges Next Monday

In a surprise raid Friday night, Sheriff's deputies picked up \$4000 in dope and nine men and youths described as members of a ring supplying teen-age dope users in this area. Led by Sgt. Jay Stroh, of the Sheriff's narcotics detail, deputies swept down on the nine suspects in two separate raids, one at a bowling center just outside of Torrance and in an alley in the 1200 block on Madrid Ave.

Stroh said the raid netted more than 7000 barbiturate pills, and a half-pound of marijuana, valued at about \$4000. The raid climaxed five weeks of investigation by members of the narcotics detail and the Torrance police.

## New DMV Office To Open Dec. 3

An informal ribbon cutting at the new Department of Motor Vehicles office at 1907 Border Ave. has been set for 4 p.m., Nov. 30, it was announced here yesterday.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, whose efforts were largely responsible for establishment of the office here, will be on hand to do the honors. He will be assisted by Gave Wilson, Miss Torrance of 1956, and city and Chamber of Commerce officials.

The new office will be opened for business at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, according to Paul Thorgrinson, district supervisor for the DMV.

He said increased public service and convenience would be afforded in the new quarters, which provide 50 off-street parking spaces.

The DMV office at 1317 Cravens Ave. will continue to serve the area through Nov. 30.

## Stores Stay Open to 9 After Parade

Stores in the downtown Torrance business district will be open each evening until 9 p.m. beginning Dec. 7, it was announced yesterday by Charles Gotts, president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Gotts said the increased schedule will be followed to offer better service to the many persons in this area who are unable to shop in daylight hours.

A record crowd is anticipated Friday evening, Dec. 7, when the official Christmas shopping season is inaugurated with a parade beginning at 6 p.m.

Stores will close at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24th, Gotts announced.

## Burglar Loots Home

Four men's suits, a wrist watch and a diamond ring were taken by a burglar who broke into the home of John Finiello at 4044 W. 173rd St., police reported Saturday.

## Found in Alley

Deputies then went to the alley on Madrid, where they found Smith and Boal in a car. They found some tablets in a jacket in the back seat and fragments, believed to be marijuana, in the car. At this point, Codd, Fields and one of the juveniles arrived. A marijuana cigaret was found in their possession. All were arrested and Torrance officers were called.

Torrance Lt. D. C. Cook, Stroh, and Deputy B. Hatfield accompanied Boal to a garage where he rented and found a four-ounce bag of marijuana and 600 tablets. At Smith's house, the officers found a bottle of tablets believed to be barbiturates in his dresser and another in the garage.

All nine of the suspects were booked at Lennox Sheriff's Station, and Codd, Boal, Smith, Fields, and the two juveniles were also booked at the Torrance Police Station.

Formal charges against some of the men will be filed in South Bay Municipal Court tomorrow, deputies indicated.

## Ladies to Take Over Services For Methodists

"Thank-Offering Sunday" will be observed at the First Methodist Church, Manuel and El Prado, today as the services are in charge of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Elsie Farris, world traveler and lecturer, will speak on the Church and New Freedom" at both the 9 and 11 a.m. rites.

## Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	85	41
Monday	71	41
Tuesday	70	44
Wednesday	79	41
Thursday	87	41
Friday	81	39

RECITAL SET . . . Dale Reubart, 4105 Mindora Dr., member of the music faculty at USC, will appear in a public recital and broadcast at SC's Hancock Auditorium next Monday at 8:30. A soloist with the Beach Cities Symphony, he will appear with that orchestra on Dec. 7 at Torrance High School Auditorium.

28 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS  
Christmas Greetings  
HELP FIGHT TB