

VANDALS HIT CRENSHAW SCHOOL

Car Hits Girl, Parked Vehicle

An 8-year-old Pacific Hills girl escaped with minor injuries Friday evening when a car rolled out of a driveway, over her foot, and into another car parked across the street.

Trudie Lynn Fitzpatrick, of 3321 Danaha, was playing on the sidewalk when the car belonging to Billie Douglas Lighter, 34, of 3318 Danaha, rolled out of the driveway. A wheel rolled over Trudie's foot, officers said.

The Lighter car rolled into the street where it collided with an auto owned by Torrance Police Sgt. William Mitchell, 28, of 3317 Danaha.

No Bones Broken
A check of Trudie's foot showed that no bones were broken, and that she had sustained bruises and a sprain only.

In an earlier accident Friday, cars driven by Frances Alonge, 39, of 1641 W. 255th St., and John Mann Vanderlip, 40, of Rolling Hills, collided at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Madison St. Vanderlip and his son, John Jr., were treated by private physicians. The Alonge woman was taken to Harbor General Hospital with minor injuries.

Torrance High School student Robert Eugene Clifford, 18, of 2822 Eldorado, and a passenger, Ruth Himes, 14, of 609 Paseo de los Reyes, were taken to Harbor General Hospital for bruises and abrasions after an auto driven by Clifford struck a parked car belonging to John W. Wakefield, 4904 Calle de Arboles.

Extensive damage was sustained by the front of the Clifford car while the Wakefield auto received moderate damage to the left rear section. The accident occurred near Calle de Arboles and Paseo de las Tortugas.

Charles Joseph Williams, 45, of Long Beach, sought private medical aid after his car slammed into a traffic signal at 174th St. and Crenshaw Friday evening. He was reported to be suffering from bruises and abrasions.

Parents are particularly urged to have their pre-school children and children who have missed the immunization when the schools were visited, immunized at these special clinics.

Grass Fire Reported
A small grass fire caused when ashes from a trash fire spread was extinguished by Torrance firemen Thursday at the home of Anthony DiBartolo, 3133 W. 178th Pl.

Men Leap as Boat Burns
A Torrance man and three others leaped to safety as the engine in their 30-foot fishing boat exploded.

Warren B. Gray, 26, of 5532 Sunnyview Ave., owner of the boat, told officers the engine died just as they approached the terminal. He stepped on the starter and the engine exploded.

The four men leaped to the nearby pier. Long Beach fireboats brought the flames of the sport-fishing boat, the Johnny Boy, under control.

Damage was estimated at \$1500.
Aboard the ill-fated craft with Gray were Chris Haman, Robert and Wes Bitney, all of Hawthorne.

Homeowners to Discuss Price of Sewer Lines
Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn. members will hear a report on revised figures for sewer installation in District 2 tomorrow, 8 p.m., at Riviera Elementary School.

The estimated cost per lot to be presented in the report is \$55 lower than the approximate \$684 given by the Torrance engineering department.

John Watt, chairman of the sewer committee for District 2, will present the estimated cost of \$589 per lot as a part of a report on the two remaining districts still without sewers.

Battalion Chief Neil Whitney, chairman of Sewer District 3, is expected to report on petitions for sewers in his district, according to Ben Russell, president of the association.

Final plans for the homeowners' vacation dinner June 20 at the Redondo Beach Elks Club also will be discussed.

Neighborhood parties to precede the event are now being planned.

PRIZE SHOWN . . . The new automobile shown here by Gaye Wilson, the current "Miss Torrance" will be the grand prize in the Torrance Area Youth Band fund raising campaign which will be climaxed at the Torrance Ranchero Days celebration in July. The funds will be used to send the band to Chicago for an appearance before national music associations.

Torrance Man Hospitalized By Explosion

Wayne B. Ihde, Torrance man who was critically injured during an explosion aboard a tanker at Terminal Island, was reported slightly improved yesterday by St. Mary's Hospital authorities in Long Beach.

Ihde's condition, however, remained "serious." He received third degree burns of the head, body and hands during the explosion which killed one man and injured five others.

The tanker was being repaired at the Bethlehem Steel Co. yards in San Pedro. The men were working in the forward hold when an acetylene torch ignited a pocket of gas, according to reports.

Ihde, who is 23, lives at 23628 Ward St.

Polio Shots Continue at Health Center

With a sufficient supply of anti-polio vaccine coming in from the State, the County Health Department is continuing with its polio immunization program for persons under 40 years of age according to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles County health officer.

Clinics have been set up in the 14 county health districts where residents of the area may avail themselves of this tax-supported service.

The anti-polio shots are given in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We are endeavoring to reach everyone under 40 years of age in this program," the health officer said, "because polio strikes young adults and children harder and more often than persons in the older age bracket."

Grading work on the huge development is expected to start in late summer, he reported, with work on foundations to start in September. Work on the Broadway Department Store will begin first, with development of Sears to follow in the fall, according to current reports.

Schlens said that preliminary layouts of stores had been presented to his office, with detailed building plans to be presented later.

Construction of the three-story Broadway is expected to take about a year, while Sears and smaller stores will require less construction time.

Dirt from the basements of Sears and Broadway will be used to grade the parking lot and other parts of the 84-acre shopping center, which will be the biggest of its type in the world.

Parking facilities at the center will be "more than adequate" according to present plans, Schlens said.

New Finance Officer Named by City Manager
Appointment of Jerome I. Scharfman, presently employed by Daly City, as the city's new finance officer effective Aug. 1, 1957, was announced this week by City Manager George W. Stevens.

Scharfman was No. 1 on the civil service eligible list following examinations held earlier this year.

The position was approved by voters at the April, 1956, municipal elections.



TROPHY COLLECTOR . . . Tartar Eddie Shaw is congratulated by his parents here Friday night after winning a number of top honors at the annual Fine Arts Banquet. He was named best thespian, best actor, best supporting actor, and best producer.

First Layout For Shopping Center Eyed

Preliminary layouts for the huge new \$40,000,000 shopping center northeast of Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd have been presented to Lee Schlens, Torrance building superintendent.

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Fluoridation of Water Offers Better Health, Better Looks

By ROY O. GILBERT
Los Angeles County Health Officer

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Police Report Severe Damage

Vandals who gained entrance to Crenshaw Elementary School over the Memorial Day holiday tore up classrooms, scattered materials, and damaged a number of classroom projects, it was reported to Torrance police Friday morning.

Custodian Howard Bales discovered the vandalism early Friday when he returned after the holiday to open school for that day's classes.

Juvenile Sgt. Gus Rethwisch reported that 18 windows in the school, measuring 55 by 15 inches, were broken and that windows in classroom doors had been broken to gain entrance.

Obscenities were scribbled on the classroom blackboards, and writing materials, inks and papers were scattered throughout several rooms.

Officers of the juvenile department are checking out a number of leads on the matter.

Aero Squadron Nabs Man for Buzzing Homes

Formal complaints against a low-flying aircraft will be sought Monday by the Sheriff's Aero Squadron after a plane aroused residents of the Allied Gardens area early yesterday.

After Torrance police had received an estimated 30 to 40 calls from residents in the west Torrance area, Sgt. Hackley of the Aero Squadron flew in to investigate the matter.

Pilot of the plane was identified by police as Lee Carper of Los Angeles, who was reported to be taking instruction in dual engine flight from a Vegas Airways instructor.

Several residents who called the HERALD Saturday thought the plane was stunting, saying the pilot was cutting out one engine over the houses.

Four Grants Won by June Nakawatase

June Nakawatase has walked off with four scholarships and two special awards to lead the list of graduating honor-winners at North High School, according to school officials.

Miss Nakawatase won a \$600 Torrance Education Assn. scholarship, \$100 Girls' League scholarship, \$100 Torrance Lions Club scholarship, \$50 Bank of America scholarship, medalion for a Bausch-Lomb Science award, and a one-year subscription as winner of the Reader's Digest award.

Ikuko Kato was named winner of a \$200 PTA scholarship and a \$150 National Supply Co. grant.

Winner of the \$150 Torrance Woman's Club Scholarship is Sandra Ford, while Judy Cummings was presented a \$200 Las Vecinas Woman's Club scholarship. John Birdges was given a \$100 grant by the Torrance Lions Club.

94 Per Cent Go to Parent Conferences

More than 94 per cent of parents of Torrance school children attended conferences with their child's teachers this spring, according to a compilation by school officials.

Figures indicated that 15,068 of the 15,908 parents who were invited showed up for the conferences. Written reports were sent to the remainder of the parents, officials said.

During the past six years since the system was initiated, an increasing number of parents have been attending the individual conferences. The 1957 figure is the highest percentage yet. In 1951, only 83 per cent of the parents attended conferences.



BLOODMOBILE SLATED . . . Earl Sumpter, president of the Torrance Letter Carriers, gets ready to give blood as Mrs. Gordon Jones prepares his arm for the needle. The June 10 Bloodmobile will be heralded as Post Office Day, with 100 per cent participation by the mailmen. A gallon donor himself, Sumpter urged all residents to give blood between 2 and 6 p.m. on June 10 at the Civic Auditorium.