

\$32.6 Million Budgeted for San Diego Freeway

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TEENAGER DIES IN AUTO CRASH

Three Other Youths Hurt In Collision

A Compton girl was killed and three others injured critically here early yesterday when a car in which they were riding careened out of control on Pacific Coast Hwy. and slammed into a power pole just west of the Lomita boundary.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital after the crash was Sharon Lee Gabbert, 18, who was identified as driver of the car which apparently skidded out of control during a drag race. It was wrapped around the power pole, pinning the driver.

HOSPITALIZED were Roberta Blanchard, 20, and Patricia Culbertson, 18, both of Compton, and Truman Taylor, 33, of Paramount.

Torrance police said the Gabbert girl was apparently racing with at least one other car just before the crash. A search for the other car has been launched by officers.

LESS THAN an hour later, two men were killed when an Army panel truck plunged more than 70 feet down a Palos Verdes embankment. California Highway Patrol officers said the Army vehicle, driven by a 17-year old soldier, was enroute to a point atop the hill where the auto of Joe Gomez Sanchez, 23, civilian of 14827 Crenshaw Blvd., had been stalled. The soldier was identified later as Stanley J. Furlong, attached to the Nike radar base at the crest of the Palos Verdes hills.

Jaycees Schedule 3rd Polio Clinic

The third in a series of polio inoculation clinics sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Security First National Bank at Cravens and El Prado in downtown Torrance on Saturday, residents were reminded yesterday by Jaycee president Bob Vroman. The clinic will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost of the shots will be \$1.

Sanchez was dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital, and the soldier was pronounced dead at Fort MacArthur Hospital, San Pedro.

Council Says No to Street Repair Plan

Suggestions that the city participate in a program to rehabilitate streets in a new manufacturing district were rejected by the city council at a special meeting Monday morning.

A proposal that the city share the costs of the project planned for the Central Manufacturing District north of Maricopa Ave. was turned down because, councilmen said, the city had not accepted the streets although city officials approved the paving work.

The streets, installed last year, have deteriorated badly, the councilmen were told. Total cost of rehabilitating the streets would be about \$48,000, Public Works Director Wade Peelle estimated. The proposal was for the city, landowner, and the contractor to share the expense of the project.

City Atty. Stanley Remel-meyer said it was his opinion that the streets had not been accepted formally by the city, "although it is not 100 for and nothing against opinion" he added.

The streets were constructed by a contractor for the developer of the tract, now occupied by Magnavox, Kentile, and others.

Local Groups Hail Freeway Fund Action

An allocation of \$32.5 for construction on the San Diego Freeway was voted by the California Highway Commission for the fiscal year 1961-62 in Sacramento Tuesday, part of a record budget of \$633,460,812 for construction and maintenance.

The funds, long sought by city and civic leaders of the Torrance-South Bay area, will extend the freeway westward

from Alameda to link up with the section now constructed in West Los Angeles, and eastward to Signal Hill.

TOGETHER with current projects; six other construction jobs will complete the link from Signal Hill to the San Fernando Valley.

The freeway will pass through North Torrance, entering near Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave., curving eastward across 182nd St. and on to an interchange with the Harbor Freeway in the 208th St., Figueroa Ave. area.

WHILE THE money in the new budget will not be available until next July, officials said that construction can be started legally before that time to take advantage of the full construction year.

"That's wonderful," Mayor Albert Isen said yesterday when apprised of the Commission's action.

"NOW ALL WE have to do is hope that the freeway will be constructed with all haste, and that the state puts some 'Torrance' signs on the Harbor Freeway," he added.

Councilman Nick Drake, who led the fight for the freeway funds for many years, was cheered at the announcement yesterday.

"THIS IS WHAT we've been trying to accomplish for several years," he said. "Groups of Torrance area officials and civic leaders have appeared before the Highway Commission several times in recent years pressing for construction of the vitally needed San Diego Freeway in the industrially important Southwest area," he explained.

"This is really good news," he added.



RESCUE EFFORTS . . . Police Sgt. H. B. Ingram checks as Torrance firemen seek to release 18-year-old traffic victim from auto which slammed into power pole on Pacific Coast Hwy. early yesterday. Rescue efforts were in vain—the 18-year-old driver was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

Widow Seeks \$330,000 for Traffic Death of Husband

Damages totaling \$330,000 have been asked in a Superior Court lawsuit as the result of a traffic accident which resulted in the death of a Torrance man earlier this month.

Mrs. Walter Whitley, whose husband died Oct. 4 after he was struck by an auto at 233rd and Crenshaw Blvd. on Sept. 27, asked for the sum through a suit filed by Attorney Boris

Woolley of Torrance.

Whitley, 68, was crossing Crenshaw Blvd. at 233rd shortly after 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 when an auto struck him.

The suit alleges that Virgil

Best, 54, was negligent in the operation of the vehicle.

Mrs. Whitley, who lives at 2597 W. 235th St., asks for \$5000 medical and other expenses and \$325,000 general damages.

City Continues High Ranking in Building

With an imposing \$3½ million of building permits in September, Torrance continued a strong third place ranking in Los Angeles County, according to the statistical department of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President R. S. Pyle said the nine-month total of \$29,412,124 is almost \$4 million over the 1959 figure for corresponding months.

Interesting to note, Pyle added, is the fact that the close to \$300 million amount is close to the entire Fresno County (\$45 million) and Kern County (\$33 million) figures, and far ahead of the valuation of permits in Imperial County (\$3 million), Inyo County (\$½ million), Kings County (\$10 million), San Luis Obispo County (\$17 million) and Tulare County (\$14 million).

Los Angeles continues to lead in the County with \$466 million, although \$51 million behind 1959 figures. Long Beach is a distant second place with \$53 million, up \$9 million from 1959. In fourth spot, over \$8 million behind Torrance, is Glendale, followed by Pomona, Santa Monica, Ingle-

wood, Montebello, and Pasadena.

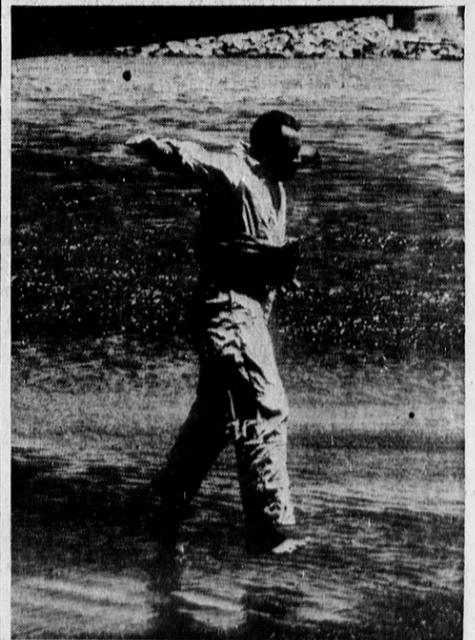
Other area cities in the top-ranked 40 cities are Gardena, \$9,059,000 (20th), Hawthorne, \$7,319,696 (15th), Hermosa Beach, \$1,938,496 (36th), Manhattan Beach, \$3,364,120 (28th), and Palos Verdes Estates, \$4,072,850 (26th).

Child Hurt In Accident

A 4-year-old passenger of an auto which struck a parked pickup truck was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for injuries received in the crash Sunday, according to Torrance police.

Taken to the hospital after the crash was Gene Neuenswander, who was riding in an auto driven by Mervin Neuenswander, 32, of Redondo Beach, when it struck the vehicle parked on Talisman Ave. north of Halston.

The truck was registered to Harold Henry of 3731 Emerald Ave., police reports indicated. Neuenswander told officers his auto hit a dip in the roadway just before it struck the parked truck.



WALKING ON WATER . . . Brian Lauffer, Survival Equipment Specialist of North American Aviation's Los Angeles Division, appears to be walking on water as he tests a self-inflating life belt for a pilot ejection seat program. To learn how Lauffer, a resident of 3829 W. 185th St., does it, turn to page 2.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about the modern 'Trick or Treat' observance of Halloween?"

Replying were:

Mrs. Vita Paxton, 1301 Crenshaw Blvd., housewife:

"I think it's a real good idea. A lot of the kids don't have much and this is a real treat for them . . . sort of like another Christmas. Also at our house, it's rather like a homecoming for our friends' children now bring their children and many come back for a short visit even though they are now grown up and too old for 'trick or treating' themselves."

Mrs. Eula Ely, 2065 Middlebrook Road, housewife:

"I think it's a wonderful idea for it gives children of all ages a chance to get out. It's much better than the old fashioned way when things were apt to be destroyed. I especially enjoy the little ones and their costumes. I think the planned programs at the parks and churches are real good for keeping the older children out of mischief and off the streets."

Mrs. Theresa Schuster, 3954 W. 182nd St., housewife:

"I don't think 'trick or treat' is to good of an idea because the little ones are apt to eat too many of the sweets and get sick. The little ones are usually supervised by the parents so they aren't too bad, but some of the older ones get pretty destructive at times. I think the planned activities such as those sponsored by the schools and parks are a real good idea and do a lot to prevent destruction."

Mrs. Beverly Hawkes, 2216 W. 229th St., reproduction dept. at Ryan:

"I like the idea. Of course, I have never known anything else, but I think it's cute to see all the kids in their costumes. I think it's something they look forward to every year. It's so much better than letting them just run and possibly getting into trouble."

Gudrun Schau, 297 W. Heath, Long Beach, County Health Dept. worker:

"I think the trick or treat idea is fine but I do think it would be better and certainly wouldn't cost any more to give the children a penny instead of sweets. Cookies get all squashed and the excess of sweets just make the children sick. The organized parties are good for the older children."

Kennedy Here on Nov. 1

Senator John F. Kennedy will become the first presidential candidate ever to appear in the South Bay area when he speaks at South Bay Center, 174th and Hawthorne Blvd., Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The Democratic Candidate is scheduled to appear at 2:30 p.m., in the parking area just west of May Company and south of Newberrys.

The Senator will motorcade into the shopping center from the East Los Angeles area and after his stop at South Bay, will address employees of the Douglas, Long Beach Plant.

The major rally of his Southern California Tour will be Tuesday night at East Los Angeles Stadium.

A crowd of 30,000 partisans is expected at South Bay Center, and local police urge those attending to arrive early to avoid traffic congestion.

Bradford Given Leave of Absence

A 30-day leave of absence was granted to Councilman George Bradford by his colleagues during Monday's special meeting. Bradford requested the leave, saying his physician had recommended a rest.



BEAUTIES VIE . . . One of the above El Camino College coeds will be judged Homecoming Queen and will be crowned along with two runners-up at campus rally next Tuesday. From left: Rosalie Murray, 19, Torrance; Thenall Mann, 18, Hermosa Beach; Ricki Fraboni, 19, Gardena; Susan Steele, 19, Inglewood; Loretta Schultz, 18, Gardena; Shari Boles, 18, Torrance; Nancy Wilkie, 18, Inglewood; Phyllis Dunn, 19, Inglewood; Jackie Nixon, 18, Gardena and Judith Scott, Wilmington. (Herald Photo)