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LOCAL BOY DIES IN AIR CRASH

Father Flies To Denver for Identification

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Tragedy struck hard at a Torrance family late Tuesday evening when United Air Lines officials listed their son as missing and presumed dead in the crash of a DC-8 jetliner enroute from Philadelphia to Los Angeles.

Believed to have died in the fiery crash at Denver is

John Jason Gale, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Gale, 4614 Paseo de las Tortugas. Sixteen others have been listed as dead, but coroner's officials and UAL spokesmen are awaiting positive identification.

THE BOY'S father left early Wednesday morning to go to Denver, after waiting most of the night at the airport for a report of his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale waited at International Airport for more than four hours for word of the boy. Each time the parents approached the desk they were told that their son was not listed on either the injured or uninjured passenger lists. Finally Gale asked, "What about the other list?" He was told no official death list would be issued until sometime Wednesday. United has still not confirmed any of the deaths, pending positive identification.

YOUNG GALE was returning from a vacation in Omaha. He was traveling with Lee Sloan, an Omaha boxing promoter, and the boxer Lou Cappellano. Because of the heavy passenger list at Omaha—94 of the 120 seats had boarded there—Gale sat in the plane's mid-section. Sloan was seated six rows to the front. He survived the crash. Cappellano escaped with burns.

The boy is a student at St. Lawrence Martyr Parochial School. He has a brother, Steven, 9, and a sister, Janice, 12.

Passengers were first warned of trouble about 10 minutes

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JOHN JASON GALE
Believed Dead in Air Crash

Two Men Arrested On Drugs Charge

Two men were arrested by Torrance police Sunday afternoon and are being held on a misdemeanor charge of possession of dangerous drugs following a minor traffic accident.

Being held are Floyd Lawrence Rust, 24, 4004 W. 161st St., Lawndale, and Jack Raymond Todd, 19, of 4820 W. Slauson Ave., Inglewood. The pair were arrested after they fled on foot when their car rammed into the rear of another auto on Hawthorne Blvd. at 190th St. about noon.

POLICE SAID the pair entered the market and demanded that the clerk, Miss Doris Marsh, 40, place all the currency in a paper bag. They fled after ordering the clerk to lie down on the floor.

A blonde woman, described as about 30, was at the wheel of the car. The bandits were thought to have gotten more than \$1000.

THE BODY of William Wesley Baker, Jr., 23, of 1830 Torrance Blvd., was found in the car, but police have apparently ruled out murder. The cause of death is still being investigated.

Also over the weekend a market at 23401 Western Ave. was held up by two bandits using a sawed-off shotgun. The bandits escaped with an undetermined amount of cash.

Council Approves Plaza Plot Plan

City Council approved the Airport Plaza plot plan calling for construction of a major discount store at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The store will be 60,000 square feet in area and will cost about \$315,000, according to the developers.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Five parents of twins attending a contest at El Retiro Park Sunday were asked this question.

"What were your thoughts when you learned the baby you were expecting was twins?"

John Farmer, 879 - 20th St., father of Deborah and Denise, 23 months old:

"It was a big surprise for me as we did not know we were getting twins until they arrived. They had to pick me up off the floor. We had to double our plans in a hurry and it took three months to get adjusted."

Mrs. John Layton, 2023 Ernest Ave., mother of Amaris and Amber, eight months old girls:

"People who have twins are doubly blessed and we certainly were. Of course getting two babies is always a surprise when you are expecting one. We had to buy extra clothing and toys, but it has been twice as much fun."

Ron Strawn, 26643 Indian Peak Road, father of Barbie and Debbie, 4 years old:

"We knew a week ahead and that gave us a little time to get the extra things we needed. All of our friends were excited when they heard the news. My wife was the most excited of all."

Mrs. Howard James, 716 Ave. C, mother of Susan and Dian, 3 years old:

"We were over-whelmed although we knew two weeks ahead. We were ready for one so we had to buy one more of everything. At first, taking care of twins is twice as much work. My mother helped until I got used to them."

Ted Morgan, 22349 Anza, father of Janice and Janet, 4 years old:

"I was in the Air Force stationed in New Foundland. We had to do a lot of hustling to get the extra things we needed. It was well that we knew two weeks away. All of my buddies threw a big blow-out for me."



EFFORTS FAIL . . . Police and firemen from Redondo Beach are shown here in efforts to revive an early morning fisherman who was struck by lightning on the beach Wednesday morning. The 46-year-old man, identified as Robert Lindenburg of Redondo Beach, was dead on arrival at the South Bay Hospital. (Herald Photo)

Freak Electrical Storm Blacks Out Large Areas

Lightning claimed one victim and injured two other during a brief electrical storm Wednesday morning. Other incidents were reported by the fire department and the Southern California Edison Co. involving power lines.

Dead on arrival at the South Bay Hospital was Robert Lindenburg of Redondo Beach. The 46-year-old man was struck while fishing in the surf in the 700 block of the Esplanade.

TWO OTHER persons in the same area were also struck. Dorothy P. Parks, 44, of 23126 Huber Ave., was stunned by the bolt. She reported her legs numb and she had a headache. She was treated at the South Bay Hospital and released. Lee J. Scott, Redondo Beach, was also stunned by the lightning.

W. H. Greenawalt, manager of the Torrance office of the Edison Co., reported that lightning struck a power pole in the Southwood tract and burned out the main transformer in that area. Calls came in from residents in the area during the first few minutes of the power blackout.

Sales Tax Funds Show Increase

Distribution of second quarter sales taxes has been completed, according to the State Board of Equalization to those cities which contract for state collection of the taxes.

Torrance received a total of \$290,583 for the second quarter, bringing the total for the year to \$1,255,695. This represents an increase of 23.9 percent.

and Edison Co. repair teams were dispatched.

THE OPERATIONS division of the company said the power blackout was about two hours duration.

The Torrance Fire Dept. reported power lines down in the vicinity of 5024 Torrance Blvd. The incident was referred to the Edison Co.

An electric clock at 21326 Marjorie Ave. shorted out, but firemen were reluctant to blame the lightning.

Three Projects

\$1.5 Million in Storm Drains to Start in Fall

Approval of three major storm drain projects for the city with an estimated construction cost exceeding \$1.5 million has been granted by the County Board of Supervisors, it was announced yesterday.

Included will be a line in Arlington Ave. and 190th St. to drain the 190th and Crenshaw area; a south Torrance project to drain the Paseo de Gracia area of the Riviera and Madison area of Waleria; and a north Torrance drain system which would drain most of the area north of 174th St. into the Dominguez Channel.

A segment of the latter project will include a line in Torrance Blvd. between Madrid Ave. and Engracia Ave to drain that section of the downtown area.

THE 190th AND Crenshaw project (No. 587), has been estimated at \$600,000 by the private engineering firm which did all the design work

under the direction of City Engineer Walter M. Nollac. It will begin at 188th St. and Crenshaw, go south on Crenshaw to 190th St., east to Arlington Ave., and south to Del Amo Blvd., and east to intercept an existing channel.

A SECOND line of the project will extend from Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd. northwesterly under Torrance Blvd. to connect with the channel which now exists.

Bids for this project will be opened by the County Flood Control District on Aug. 4. Contracts should be awarded within 10 days, and construction completed in about 11 months, Nollac said.

PROJECT NO. 585, with a price tag estimated at \$450,000, will be bid Aug. 11 and work should start shortly thereafter, Nollac reported. It will include lines in the Riviera area to relieve the flooding conditions at Paseo de Gracia. A second line of this project

will improve the long notorious Madison St. ditch in the Waleria area.

Project No. 586, estimated to cost \$513,000, will include a line in Crenshaw Blvd. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to the Dominguez Channel, another line on Crenshaw south of the channel and westward to Elgar and 170th St., and another line on Glenburn Ave. south of 174th St. which extends to 182nd St. and Prairie Ave. Part of this line is being built in conjunction with the construction of the San Diego Freeway in the area.

BIDS FOR this project will be opened also on Aug. 11, Nollac said.

One other major project—drainage of the Waleria Lake area—is still to be bid. Nollac said yesterday that the city hoped to save considerable money over the original estimates because of the vast amounts of excavation that has already been completed on the sump.



NEAR MISS . . . Driver Daniel Arellano Hernandez escaped uninjured yesterday when his huge earth truck skidded on wet pavement and jack-knifed as he approached the railroad underpass on Hawthorne Ave. Arellano told Officer J. O. Arnold that he set the brakes on the rig to avoid a flatbed truck parked on the roadway ahead of him. The huge truck was heavily damaged. (Herald Photo by Bill Brown)