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PULL MAN FROM FIERY AUTO

Car Burns, PV Officer Pulled Out

A Palos Verdes police sergeant continued in grave condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon after being burned critically in a traffic accident here Tuesday.

Sgt. Leon B. Blizzard, driving a camper-equipped truck, was pulled from his burning vehicle after it was struck from the rear at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Spencer Street about 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Three passersby who witnessed the crash were credited with saving the officer from a fiery death in the burning vehicle when they rushed to the camper and pulled Blizzard from it, according to Torrance officer Robert Armstrong.

Robert C. Drew, 33, of 3933 Spencer St.; Vernon Carrier of Glendale, and Francis P. Dedrick of Venice rushed to Blizzard's burning truck and pulled him away from the flames, police said. Blizzard was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with first and second degree burns over much of his body. Attendants yesterday afternoon said his condition remained grave, and that he had not improved.

Driver of the auto which struck his truck was Bernice Thomas Severin, 58, of 5703 Avenue A. The driver was not held by police.

Mayor Asks New Name for City Airport

Mayor Albert Isen has suggested that the Torrance Municipal Airport be renamed in honor of President John F. Kennedy.

In suggesting the name John F. Kennedy Municipal Airport, the mayor told the City Council, "We have an airport which grew by leaps and bounds during the short administration of our late President."

The suggestion was referred to the Airport Commission for their recommendation by a unanimous council. In asking that the commission consider the new name, Isen also suggested that other residents who may have similar suggestions send them to City Hall.

Report Due On Torrance Auditorium

A report on the status of the proposed civic center auditorium will be presented to the City Council in about two weeks, according to City Manager Wade Peebles.

The matter of the auditorium first came up when Junior Councilman Martin Kehoe moved for the council to direct the city manager to begin work on the auditorium.

Councilman Nicholas Dale, pursuing the issue when the City Council took over the meeting, asked that reports be prepared so that a bond issue might be placed on the April ballot if it is decided to finance the structure through bonds.

Peebles said the council would receive the report within two weeks. He also said projected cost of the new civic center building is about \$3 million.

CAP Benefit Show Slated

A benefit show to help support the Torrance Civil Air Patrol has been scheduled for the Rolling Hills Theater at 10 a.m. Dec. 21, according to Commander W. F. Kirwan.

Tickets are now being sold for the show which will feature a filming of "Accent on Youth," a story of the Civil Air Patrol narrated by John Daly. Other films to be shown during the morning include cartoon and comedy sketches.

Kirwan pointed out that the Civil Air Patrol is self-supporting and that the fund-raising project is designed to provide money to defray costs of the training program.

Kennedy's Final Thanksgiving Message

The Thanksgiving Day proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy has been cited as one of the last official acts of the President before his Dallas assassination last Friday. President Johnson has asked that the proclamation be read in churches today. Here is the text of the proclamation:

The White House
Thanksgiving Day 1963
... By the President of the United States of America

Proclamation
Over three centuries ago our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts far from home in a lonely wilderness set aside a time for thanksgiving.

On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the laws which bound them together, and for the faith which united them under their God.

So too, when the colonies achieved their independence, our first President in the first year of his first administration proclaimed November 26, 1789, as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God" and called upon the people of the new republic to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions . . . to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue . . . and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

And so, too, in the midst of America's tragic Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November, 1863, as a day to renew our gratitude for America's "fruitful fields" for our "national strength and vigor" and for our "singular deliverance and blessings."

Much time has passed since the first colonists came to rocky shores and dark forests of an unknown continent, much time since President Washington led a young people into the experience of nationhood, much time since President Lincoln saw the American nation through the ordeal of fraternal war—and in these years our population, our plenty and our power have all grown apace.

Today we are a nation of nearly two hundred million souls, stretching from coast to coast, on into the Pacific and north toward the Arctic, a nation enjoying the fruits of an ever-expanding agriculture and industry and achieving standards of living unknown in previous history. We give our humble thanks for this.

Yet, as our power has grown, so has our peril. Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers—for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed and which we must seek every

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Burglars Bind Man, Rape Wife

Two men raped a 24-year-old area housewife early Tuesday morning while her husband lay bound and helpless on the floor nearby, according to police reports.

Following the attack, the two men bound the woman and left, taking a television set, wrist watch, and \$30 from the husband's wallet. The couple's two young children were sleeping in a nearby room, but were not awakened by the intruders.

The woman later told Los Angeles police that she was awakened about 2:15 a.m. when the two men entered the bedroom. The attackers apparently entered the home through an unlocked back door.

They bound the husband with clothing and tied the woman's hands and gagged her before attacking her. Police reported one man carried a knife, while the second intruder was armed with a pistol. As they left, they ransacked the house and threatened to kidnap the two youngsters if they were followed.

The woman worked free of her bonds and released her husband, then called police.

The attack occurred in the Los Angeles area east of the Torrance city limits.

Agajanian Plans Two Cars in '64

J. C. Agajanian, whose racing car won the 1963 Indianapolis 500-mile classic, told members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday he will enter two cars in the 1964 race.

Agajanian appeared along with Parnell Jones, the winning driver, at the regular breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber. He said he would enter both a rear-engine and a conventional front-engine car in the 1964 classic.

If the same car which won the race this year is entered, "we'll try to take as much weight from it as possible," said Agajanian. Jones said the car's tires would be designed to go the whole race.

"I can save plenty of time," Jones said, "if I can eliminate the 40 to 60 seconds I lose at a pit stop." He responded to several questions during the session. About the oil leakage in the Memorial Day race, Parnell said it had been built up too much.

Agajanian said Jones lost only a gallon and a half of oil, about average for the race.

Trash Crews Two Days Late

City trash crews will make their rounds two days late Friday and Saturday and will be one day late all of next week, City Manager Wade Peebles' office reported yesterday.

Trash scheduled to be picked up today under normal conditions will be picked up on Saturday. Monday's pickup schedules will be kept on Tuesday with next Friday's routes being covered on Saturday.

Letter of Grief, Sympathy on Way

A letter expressing grief and sympathy of the City of Torrance at the assassination of President Kennedy will be sent to Mrs. Kennedy.

The letter was proposed by the Junior Citizen's Day council, and will be signed by both the junior citizens and their official counterparts.



RUNNING THE SHOW . . . Tony Sequeira, a student at Bishop Montgomery High School, receives some pointers from city license inspector Gale Whitacre during Junior Citizen's Day Tuesday. Sequeira took Whitacre's place in running the city license department during the afternoon, while other students took over the mayor's office, all city departments and councilmen's positions during the seventh annual Junior Citizen's Day. (Herald Photo)

Future Is Bright, Mayor Tells Group

Mayor Arthur Selland of Fresno, addressing more than 125 students at a Junior Citizen's Day banquet Tuesday, told the students they were living in a period of great change. But the mayor added, "the future is yours."

"You are our richest natural resource," Mayor Selland said to the participants in Junior Citizen's Day, "you are the leaders of tomorrow, and it is your responsibility to be prepared." The Mayor also told the large group that he has the greatest confidence in a bright future.

Mayor Selland, president of the United States Conference of Mayors, began by telling the students they must begin "to think in terms of saving the world." He added, "You have the task of studying and learning about the things that have made our country shine in the eyes and in the hearts of peoples the world over."

Senior councilman Ken Miller summed up the evening when he winked at the pretty replacement, Jane Allen, and said, "I'm all for having more Junior Citizen's Days."

DURING the dinner meeting, attended by city officials and their junior counterparts, Torrance High student body president Mark Hart told the group, "This has been a lab in the functions of leadership." Hart spoke on behalf of the students who participated in the day's activities.

"We have seen that the business of city government is the business of people," said Hart

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked five area housewives, "On this day of Thanksgiving, what is the thing over the last year for which you are most thankful in your own life?"

Mrs. Clem Bolles, 2103 W. 183rd St.

"I am thankful that during the year I finally learned to cook a turkey and all the trimmings! I am most thankful though, that my family will be able to enjoy the day together and give thanks for all our blessings."



Mrs. Al Caputo, 18030 Glenburn Ave.

"I am most thankful this year for my family's health. Last year, my son was sick, but he and all my family have been well this year and I am so happy that they are. We will have a happy Thanksgiving."



Mrs. Tom Hennessy, 2108 W. 183rd St.

"I am most thankful for the dedicated teachers we have in the Torrance schools, and for the interest and concern which they express in my son and every child. My own son is in the fourth grade and has received wonderful attention."



Mrs. Arthur Stilwell, 18041 Gramercy Pl.

"During the past year, my sons have taken very definite steps forward toward maturing into good Americans. I am very thankful for that, especially in view of the tragic events of last weekend."



Mrs. Arthur Hanson, 3140 W. 177th St.

"I am most thankful for good health, happiness, and prosperity which my family and I've enjoyed throughout the past year."



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