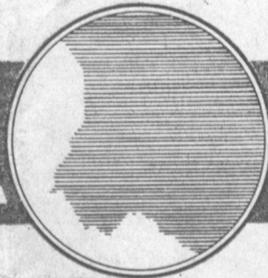


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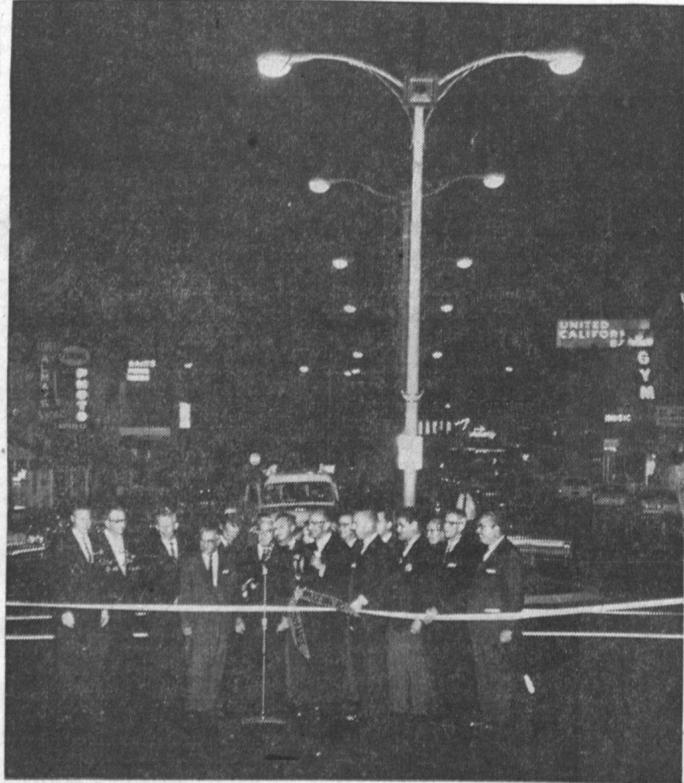
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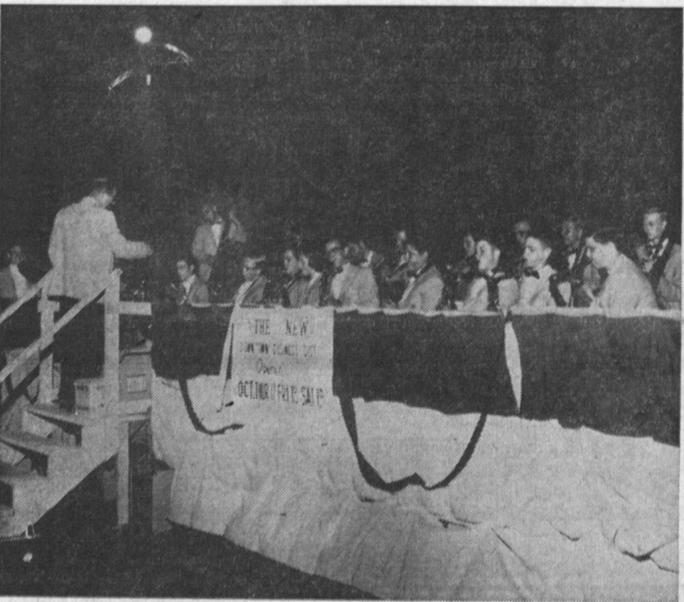
Commission Asks Denial of High Rise



TORRANCE DIGNITARIES gather in the middle of the intersection at El Prado and Sartori Aves. for the ribbon cutting which signifies the gala opening of the new downtown section. The ceremony marked the completion

of several months of construction, during which time streets were widened, parking increased, lighting improved and a public address system installed.

—PRESS photos



ACCOMPANYING RIBBON CUTTING ceremonies are members of "The Imperials" under the direction of James Davidson. The young musicians played from a band stand set up in El Prado

Park. Events coming this weekend include a merry-go-round, puppet show, concert by the Torrance Area Youth Band and vocalists touring throughout the shopping area.

Torrance Housewife Saves Wheelchairs

By RONNIE SAUNDERS

A Torrance mother who perpetrates private charities the way some people save stamps or raise rabbits has taken to collecting wheelchairs.

Mrs. Jack Diamond, 21814 Marjorie Ave., whose pet personal philanthropies range from clothing children at the St. Labre Indian School at Ashland, Montana to sending mission packs to the General Jewish Orphan Home for Girls in Israel at Christmas time, plans to contribute the wheelchairs to Rancho Los Amigos in Downey.

The red-headed housewife learned of the lack of wheelchairs for elderly patients at the rancho when her mother-in-law was confined to the sanitarium prior to her death from Parkinson's Disease last June.

During her mother-in-law's stay, Mrs. Diamond noted that the woman who shared her room was bedridden.

Following her mother-in-law's death, she learned that the other lady was confined to bed primarily because she had no wheelchair. She donated the chair of the deceased and helped a fellow human expand her world be-

yond the confines of a single bed.

Results were more than gratifying. The woman who had lost all interest in life before, renewed her interest in what was going on and in her own appearance.

Mrs. Diamond realized that wheelchairs could make a difference in the outlook of other bed-ridden patients.

She began to watch for newspaper advertisements of second-hand wheelchairs and took to phoning the persons who had put them up for sale and relating to them the plight of the inmates of Rancho Los Amigos.

She met a stone wall.

Undaunted, she told her story to THE PRESS. It is her hope that someone who reads this will somewhere have tucked away a discarded wheelchair, no longer needed by the person who had once relied on its wheels to substitute for their legs.

Are you that someone? If you are, please call FR 1-2226.

Two Thrown to Street in Collision

Two young North High School students received serious injuries Sunday afternoon when the motorbike they were riding skidded into the side of a mail truck throwing them to the ground.

George Frederick Shupe, 15, driver of the bike, was taken to the hospital with a severe head injury and lacerations to his knee. His passenger Robin Dube, 16, suffered a possible concussion and cuts on her legs.

Driver of the mail truck Aloysius J. Banken, 33, told police he was entering the intersection of 237th St. and Arlington Ave. and did not see the motorbike until it struck his truck.

Miss Dube, 2759 Monterey Ave. was reported in good condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Shupe of 18310 Prairie Ave., was reported in satisfactory condition.

In another accident Thursday a teenage girl was struck by a car as she attempted to cross the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Victor St.

Donna Louise Brower, 14, of 5020 Torrance Blvd. suffered a fractured pelvis, multiple cuts and abrasions and possible internal injuries.

Driver Clarence E. Mabry, 31, of 21733 Dewey Ave. told police he did not see the girl until he felt a bump and saw her lying across the hood of his car.

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Capacity Crowd Attends Meet

Torrance Planning Commission members voted 6 to 1 to recommend denial, by city councilmen, of a proposed variance to allow high-rise on the old Hollywood Riviera Club site.

In Wednesday's meeting, before a standing room only crowd, commission members heard residents of the area oppose the planned 13 story apartment building to be constructed at Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar by the Sovereign Development Company. Groups including the Riviera Homeowners Association stated they did not want a large building in front of their homes and the added traffic congestion caused by residents of the building.

Representatives of the Sovereign Development Company have stated they believe the proposed 13 story structure would be an asset to the area with its Tropical landscape and unique top floor restaurant. It would be a distinctive landmark to show off with pride and joy.

Following completion and approval of the commission meeting minutes the recommendation will be placed on the council agenda for their final decision.

Letter of Commendation Awarded Four North High School Seniors

Four North High School seniors have each been awarded a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, according to Dr. R. D. Guengerich, North High principal.

The four are William Feierabend, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Feierabend, 4041 W. 184th St.; Robert D. Grover, son of George Grover, 3807 Artesia.

Alan W. Kimball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kimball, 17103 Willie; and Robert K. Sander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sander, 4107 W. 175th Pl., Torrance.

These letters were awarded to the boys on the basis of their performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given to them as juniors last March.

To increase their opportunities to obtain financial assistance if they need it,

the Merit Corporation sent their names and test scores to the two colleges they indicated as their preferred choices.

The four boys were among among high school juniors from 16,500 schools that took the three-hour examination which covers five separate areas of educational development.

Of these, 32,000 students across the United States received Letters of Commendation.

"The Letters of Commendation provide tangible recognition of their high ability. We earnestly hope that the commended students will continue their education," John M. Stalnaker, National Merit Scholarship Corporation president, stated.

"By doing so they will benefit both themselves and the nation."

Out of Control Car Hits Store

An out of control automobile crashed through the front plate glass window of a Torrance liquor store Wednesday night sending three persons to the hospital with serious injuries.

Police report the driver of the car Stella D. Oyler, 24, 3536 Garnet St. Apt. 11, told them she was entering the parking lot of the Holiday Liquor store at 3531 Torrance Blvd. when she accidentally hit the accelerator instead of the brake.

Taken to Little Company of Mary hospital where they were treated and later released were Mrs. Oyler, and two customers in the store Mervin Green, 27, of 3610 Emerald Ave. and Marlene Caron, 23, of 22503 Meyler St., Torrance.

Sam Omatsu, owner of the damaged store could not immediately give an estimate of damages received to the store and its contents.



MRS. JACK DIAMOND



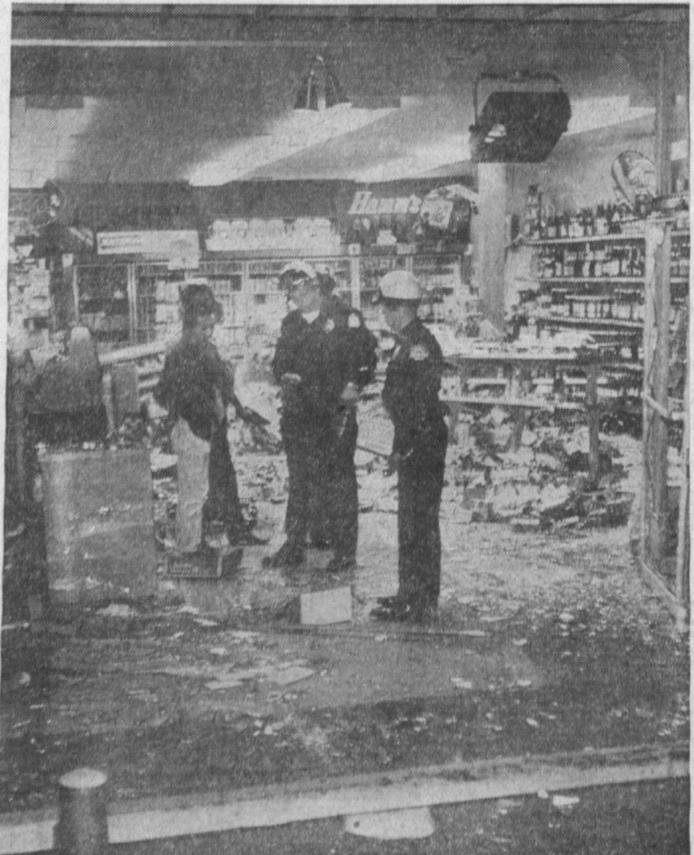
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TAKING TOP HONORS at recent Humorous Speech Contest, sponsored by the Toastmasters International is Mr. Rudy Hafernik of San Pedro (left). Next in line is Mr. Glenn Nye of Rolling Hills, winner of the impromptu speech, Miss California of 1963, Sherry Lynn

Roark, was the guest of honor, and Dr. Warren H. Low, area governor for Toastmasters International, was host of the affair held at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

—PRESS photo by David Ranns



POLICE AND OWNERS of the Holiday Liquor store inspect the damage caused by an out of control automobile that crashed through the plate glass front window and into the store. Three persons were hospitalized with injuries suffered in the crash.

Two of the injured were patrons in the store. Driver of the car, Stella D. Oyler, told police she accidentally hit the accelerator instead of the brake as she entered the parking lot in front of the store.

—PRESS photo