

AREA AUTO CRASHES TAKE TWO VICTIMS



PASSINGER . . . or is it passenger?, wonders David Knight as he checks his faithful dictionary. The misspelled curb marking is in front of the old Grand Theater on Cravens Ave., in

downtown Torrance. Perhaps if David gets the correct spelling, he can help the city painters correct their error.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Opened on a prayerful note with an invocation led by Rev. Fred Shively, assistant pastor of the South Bay Church of God, Tuesday night's council meeting proceedings took on a different demeanor early in the evening when the civic body heard a petition from Dan Butcher for a zone change in the Waveria area.

Residents of the area packed city council chambers wearing lapel signs stating boldly, "Don't Butcher Torrance." The property lies along the Torrance-Palos Verdes boundary lines in the vicinity of Hawthorne Ave. and Newton St.

City Planners had recommended the council rezone the present A-1 parcel to a C-3 zoning. Objectors claimed that the sought after C-2 zone be granted only after a precise plan be approved by the city. The council denied the zone change.

The Socony-Mobil Oil Co. was granted a franchise to construct and maintain a petroleum pipeline through the city. Torrance is to receive \$1,215 annually for the franchise.

The council granted permission to Jack Curtis to enlarge a garage and workshop on his property at 2514 W. 170th St.

Sovereign Development Co. received permission to temporarily relocate its offices from 3300 West Carson to the site of the old Riviera Country Club located at Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar.

"Air Force Reserve Recruiting Week" was proclaimed by the group to be observed here during the week of Nov. 18 through Nov. 24.

Free use of a special municipal bus to transport persons who volunteer to work on Torrance's entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was granted unanimously.

Election costs for the General Municipal Election to be held on April 14, 1964 were authorized.

Stop signs were ordered placed on Anza Ave., at 226th and 230th Sts. despite strong opposition from the city Traffic Commission.

Under a recommendation

of the Water Commission, purchase of the Belvedere Mutual Water Co. was approved for \$3,577.40. Under the agreement the city is to install new lines and facilities in the district.

Conditional use permit for an automatic auto wash was granted for 20515 Hawthorne Ave.

Mayor Albert Isen proclaimed Nov. 18 through Nov. 25 as "National Retarded Children's week."

Councilman Nickolas Drale asked the council to consider the installation of Mercury Vapor street lights on Artesia Blvd. from Hawthorne Ave. to Yukon Ave.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta directed the city manager to study the feasibility of eliminating the office of city treasurer in Torrance. Such a move, he explained, would save taxpayers \$7,800 annually.

Area Girl Represents South Bay

North High senior, Pamela Tamanaha, will represent the South Bay area in the finals of a business contest sponsored by Los Angeles schools and businessmen.

Pamela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tamanaha, 2206 W. 180th Place, Torrance.

She will attend the contest as a result of being selected "Miss Business" in competition with girls from other South Bay area schools.

In these finals, which will be held December 12 at the Southern California Edison Company in downtown Los Angeles, she will be competing with winners from other regions in the county.

Senior Diane Turnquist will also participate in the finals as a result of taking third place in the business speech contest in which the topic was "Freedom to Succeed—The American Way." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Turnquist, 3435 Artesia, Torrance.



CLEANING UP around the YMCA building in preparation for the 16th annual Good Neighbors breakfast are Torrance City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer and Patrick Atha. The breakfast will be held at the "Y" building Saturday. Remelmeyer is active in the Torrance "Y" and Patrick is a member of the YMCA Indian Guides. —PRESS Photo

TV FAVORITE TO APPEAR AT NEWBERRYS

Favorite of the young folk, Miss Barbara of the TV show Romper Room will be at the downtown Torrance Newberrys Store Saturday, November 16 from two until four in the afternoon.

Boys and girls from all over the area will be able to meet and talk to the star of one of TV's most popular kids show.



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CAB Probes Air Crash

Four Killed In Tragedy

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Civil Aeronautics Board investigators joined by Federal Aviation Agency officials are continuing to probe Friday's air crash in Torrance which claimed four lives.

The dead who perished in flames were identified this week as Charles Orrin Ransford, 25, of Los Angeles; Harold Charles Vogler, 41, of Manhattan Beach; David Sachleford and Linda Clay. The craft, a twin engine

Navion, veered into power lines shortly after takeoff from Torrance Municipal Airport and crashed near an oil sump near 247th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

According to witnesses, the pilot apparently tried to return to the field after encountering engine trouble following takeoff.

The plane exploded into flames upon hitting the ground. Torrance firemen battled the blaze for more than an hour before extinguishing it. Rescue operations were severely hampered by the intense heat from burning magnesium aircraft parts. Acting Battalion Chief Donald Minor directed fire units at the scene which included a crash truck, engine truck and salvage companies.

Electrical service in the South Torrance area which was interrupted when the 16,000-volt lines were severed, was quickly restored.

Witnesses told police they had seen someone attempting to get out of the battered plane immediately after the crash. There was an explosion and the person fell back in the plane.

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Cityhood Controversy Continues

Carson cityhood controversy continued last week as proponents and opponents of the proposed incorporation move renewed their efforts.

The Carson Homeowners Association which is spearheading the protest drive against incorporation, says that the move will increase everyone's property taxes without improving the local services.

The homeowner's group has engaged Gold-Thompson and Company, management consultants of South Pasadena, to analyze possible cityhood prospects. The consultants have reported that it "was the wrong plan, for the wrong area at the wrong time."

Association officials have turned petitions into the county containing signatures representing an alleged 53% of the total assessed property valuation.

Sak Yamamoto, a spokesman for the Committee for Carson Cityhood which started the incorporation proceedings, told reporters this week that because of current heavy load of the year-end county tax bills, the County Assessor's office has been "unable to even scratch the surface" of checking the validity of the signatures that the association claims.

John Easton, of the Homeowners Association, has said that a large area incorporated as the "City of Carson" would be considered after the current attempt is defeated.

Accidents Kill Teenager, Man

Similar, yet separate traffic accidents occurring this week in the Torrance area claimed the lives of a local teenager and an Inglewood man, according to reports of the California Highway Patrol.

The dead were identified as David Jiro Ohara, 21507 S. Main St., Torrance, and E. T. Gualano, 3133 Hollywood, Inglewood.

CHP investigator G.E. Allison said Gualano was apparently northbound on Crenshaw near Silver Spur Rd. early Sunday morning when the car he was driving spun out of control and slammed into a power pole. Taken to Bay Harbor Hospital in San Pedro, Gualano was pronounced dead on arrival.

Patrolmen stated that long skid marks leading to the pole indicated that the In-

glewood man was traveling at an excessive rate of speed and failed to negotiate a curve just north of Silver Spur. Gualano's body was taken to Halverson, Leavell Mortuary in Torrance.

Ohara was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance where he was taken after the car which he was reported to be driving struck a bridge abutment on Main St.

A witness told patrol investigators, the Ohara auto appeared to be "flying through the air" after striking the center divider where Main intersects with South Broadway, finally coming to rest against the bridge railing.

Officers theorized Ohara was driving too fast South bound on Broadway to make the curve onto Main.

Homeowners Irate After Prolonged Zoning Fight

A group of Torrance homeowners have reached a brink of complete frustration in their fight with the Torrance Planning Commission to retain their R-3 property as originally purchased.

Twenty-two residents purchased their homes as R-3 property on the south side of 230th Street, just west of Crenshaw in August, 1960.

Early this year, the Planning Commission recommended rezoning of their property to R-1. On June 8,

the homeowners began their efforts to have their property rezoned as originally purchased because there was strong feeling that they had been "unjustly deprived of property value" as a result of this action.

The property owners petitioned for a rehearing for restitution of just property rights, and after many meetings and hearings the Planning Commission voted unanimously on August 21 for the property to be R-1.

The case finally reached the City Council on September 24. The Council immediately surmised that there existed considerable confusion as to the exact zoning. In order to clarify and establish legal zoning for the property, they decided it would have to be zoned R-1 in accordance with the Planning Commission's recommendation. By an additional motion however, the Council instructed the Planning Commission to immediately institute proceedings to rezone the property to R-3 with a precise plan.

At the request of William E. Foster, resident and spokesman for the group, on October 15, Mayor Isen officially instructed Planning Director Shartle to take immediate action on this matter. A work session of the Planning Commission on October 30 resulted in reluctance of the Commission to take action. Continued interest managed to get the matter on the formal agenda of the Commission on November 6. The homeowners attended this meeting.

At 12:45 a.m. when the matter reached the Commission's attention that night, Chairman Halstead indicated that he was "too tired to think about the matter." No action was taken and Foster was invited to attend a study session to be held today. Chairman Halstead instructed Foster that he could not speak but could listen.



A TORRANCE woman escaped uninjured Tuesday night when her station wagon struck the rear end of a large truck, then overturned. Miss Mary Perez Banda, 20, 2128 Del Amo Blvd., told police she didn't see the

truck until it was too late. Driver of the truck was Donald W. Cook, 42, Compton. The accident occurred in front of 501 Van Ness Ave.

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