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# HEROES BRAVE BLAZE TO RESCUE PV OFFICER

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

Members of Torrance's City Council this week with the aid of local students participating in Junior Achievement Day, considered 38 items at Tuesday night's council meeting. The city father's young counterparts discussed the agenda and voted on several items before the senior council took official action.

Extension of city employees' group insurance contract between the city and Washington National Insurance Company was authorized by the body. A study was asked and other coverage plans will be discussed at a council meeting in the near future.

A letter has been sent to the State Division of Highways requesting a study of the signal systems at Torrance Blvd., and Hawthorne Ave; and Sepulveda Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. to determine the feasibility of installing left-turn phases in existing signal systems.

Councilmen and the Mayor have been invited to tour park and Recreation Dept. facilities on the department's annual field trip itinerary includes a box lunch at El Retiro Park.

An ordinance patterned after one in effect in the city of Burbank, was drafted to place tighter controls on "litterbugging" in this city.

In reply to a request of Police Chief Percy Bennett, the city attorney presented

an ordinance regulating licensing of bicycles for protection against theft.

The city authorized a check be drawn in the amount of \$4,800, payable to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to help finance construction of the city's entry in the Tournament of roses parade.

The council concurred a recommendation of the head custodian to purchase an automatic floor scrubbing for \$2,095.

Two street easement deeds were accepted by the city council. One, dated Nov. 14, will allow for the widening of a section of 233rd street and 234th street between Eshelman and Arlington Aves. The other is for construction of a storm drain over a portion of a residential lot in the vicinity of Crtnshaw and Rolling Hills Rd.

A resolution asking the Metropolitan Transit Authority to invite proposals for private financing and construction of a mass transportation system was approved Tuesday. Several inquiries were made into the resolution by Junior Achievement participants.

An ordinance regulating the placement of newspaper vending racks on city property was enacted. News papers of the area, including THE PRESS assured the

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## Safety Exhibit Tour Opens Here Monday

"Safety Showcase," a story of the research and development behind today's cars, told in exhibit form, will be here Monday, Dec. 2, as part of a nationwide tour.

Sponsored by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, the six-part exhibit series provides an inside look at the complex safety engineering work conducted at the industry's vast research and testing centers.

Containing both static and mobile displays, the Showcase is housed in two-colorfully-painted aluminum vans.

The vans, parked at Sepulveda and Hawthorne, at the Del Amo Annex, will be open to the public at 10 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m.

Arrangements for the local showing have been made by the Torrance Traffic Safety Council.

The displays were audience-tested at the National Automobile Show last year and at the annual meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers in January. Visitor interest was rated as extremely high with up to 1,000 persons an hour passing through the Showcase.

"While the complete story behind the safety built into today's vehicles cannot be told in so small a package, the showcase does contain outstanding examples of the elaborate research and testing involved," Henry M. Vanderstek, showcase manager, pointed out.



FIRE HERO  
Vernon Carrier

FIREMEN DOUSE a gasoline fed blaze that completely destroyed the truck and camper of a Palos Verdes Police Sergeant. Leon Blizzard was rushed to the hospital with burns over 70 per cent of his body after the pick-

up truck he was driving overturned and caught fire, trapping him inside. Two men pulled the officer from the flaming wreck and are credited with saving his life.

—PRESS photo

## Pickup Tips; Fuel Explodes

Two men braved flames and intense heat to pull an off-duty Palos Verdes police sergeant from his overturned truck in a Torrance intersection late Tuesday afternoon.

Vernon Carrier, manager

of Alpert's Trend Maker, 20502 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, and Robert C. Drew, of 8933 Spencer St., Torrance, kicked out the windshield of the flaming camper in which 48-year-old Leon Blizzard was trapped. The truck was sideswiped by another automobile on Hawthorne Blvd. near Spencer St., Torrance Police reported.

## Hearing May Include Other City Branches

The appearance of two Torrance city building inspectors at Attorney General Stanley Mosk's investigative hearing into alleged irregularities in the police department led some observers to speculate that the probe would widen to include other municipal departments.

Dep. Atty. Gen. Jack Goertzen said building inspectors John McKinnon and Harold Walsh appeared without being subpoenaed and were questioned on "matters other than those involving the police."

Goertzen declined to specify what matters were taken up with McKinnon and Walsh until the investigation is completed. The probe was requested by the Torrance City Council following the arrest last summer of three police officers for major crimes.

Torrance city engineer Walter Nollac, Goertzen said, is being subpoenaed for interrogation next week, after which several city officials including Mayor Albert Isen will be requested to give statements.

Blizzard who is a 16-year veteran of the Palos Verdes Estates Police Dept., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with second and third degree burns covering more than 70 percent of his body. An emergency call was put out over the South Bay Police Radio Network requesting blood for transfusion for the injured officer.

Blizzard was rushed to surgery where doctors battled for several hours to save his life. The officer's pet bulldog, Buster, was cremated in the wreckage.

Witnesses told police that the officer was northbound on Hawthorne when a car allegedly driven by Bernice T. Severin, 58, of 5703 Ave. A, Torrance, struck the camper. The truck then skidded out of control and came to rest on its side. Spilled gasoline immediately exploded, police said, making rescue extremely dangerous.

The truck and its contents were listed as a total loss by firemen. Blizzard lives at 22626 Hickory Ave., Torrance.

## Trash Collection Days Change

Torrance residents who have their rubbish stacking up in their yards will be happy to learn that the city hasn't forgotten. They are just a few days late because of the National Day of Mourning, Monday and Thanksgiving, Thursday.

The city trucks will make Thursday's collections on Saturday, Friday's on Monday.

Final collection before returning to a regular schedule will be on Saturday, Dec. 7.

## WEATHER

### HAZY SUN

High temperature today predicted to reach 75; low tonight, 52. Water temperature at Torrance Beach, 60.



TAKING OVER the desk of Mayor Albert Isen for the day is Bruce Cole of North High. Bruce and other juniors and seniors from the five local high schools acted as counterparts of the

elected officials of the city as a part of Junior Citizens Day last Tuesday. Assisting the "Mayor for a day" is Marilyn Nincevic, secretary to Mayor Isen.

—PRESS photo



CITY MANAGER Wade Peebles goes over the problems of running a city with Linda Knox, West High student. Linda was selected to be City Manager for the day as part of the Junior Citizens Day program. Students participating in the day-long event worked with their counterparts, went on a tour of city facilities, and were honored at a banquet. Following the dinner, the students attended and participated in a city council meeting.

—PRESS photo



NUMBER PLEASE? ask Shirley Loyd (right) and Bonnie Biffle, as they take over the operation of city hall switchboard. Shirley, from West High, and Bonnie, from North High, spent an hour trying to figure out the complicated board before being relieved

of duty to go on a tour of city facilities. At a banquet later in the day students heard a speech on "The Opportunities for Junior Citizens" given by Fresno Mayor Arthur L. Selland.

—PRESS photo