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WOMAN DIES IN CAR CRASH

Auto Jumps Curb, Rams Into House

A Riviera woman was killed and two other persons severely injured about 6 p. m. Friday when the car in which they were riding jumped a curb and hit a home.

Dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Mrs. Mary Louise O'Jibway, 46, of 250 Paseo de Granada. William Richard Overlin, 45, driver of the car, is in fair condition at the hospital. Another passenger, Marion Nichols, 74, is in critical condition.

The accident occurred about 6 p. m. at the intersection of Paseo de Granada and Via Pasqual. Police officers investigating the accident said the car failed to make the turn, either because of excessive speed or mechanical failure.

The brake pedal was frozen, officers said, but the car was so badly damaged that it was impossible to determine if the frozen pedal was the result of the impact or a mechanical failure.

MRS. DOROTHY DAVIS, 45, of 3332 Via Pasqual, told officers she heard a "skidding" sound and saw the car jump the curb, then hit an 8-inch brick wall at 340 Via Pasqual. The car came to rest against a house at 336 Via Pasqual, damaging the fireplace and the porch.

Officers at the scene attempted to revive Mrs. O'Jibway, but were unsuccessful. She was pronounced dead at Little Company of Mary Hospital about 6:30 p. m.

Both Mrs. Nichols and Overlin suffered major injuries in the crash. Overlin sustained head and chest injuries. Mrs. Nichols had a deep laceration on the top of her head.

Police Trio Quit Force Under Fire

Three Torrance police officers have admitted substituting evidence in a narcotics case and resigned from the force, Police Chief Walter H. Koenig announced last Thursday.

John Paul Brady, 34, Stanley Ray Martin, 32, and Michael William Watts, 22, resigned following a departmental investigation. Their resignations were submitted at the suggestion of Koenig and became effective Tuesday.

Whether criminal complaints will be issued against the three officers will depend on an investigation now being conducted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Manley J. Bowler and Deputy District Attorney Lynn Compton.

The departmental investigation and the resignations followed arrests made last week during which evidence was lost and evidence substituted to cover the loss, according to Koenig.

THE EPISODE began when Martin stopped a car about 1:45 a. m. The occupants of the car, Jasper Smith, 23, and a 17-year-old girl appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. (Continued on Page 2)

Jury Group Will Convene For Hearing

Testimony that former City Manager Wade Peebles may have improperly received a \$2,700 swimming pool will be presented to the Criminal Complaints Committee of the Grand Jury Monday.

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk and Chief Deputy District Attorney Manley J. Bowler will meet with the committee tomorrow to present the evidence which their officers have compiled. Bowler said the decision to meet with the Grand Jury group was reached after a meeting Thursday with Mosk.

Mosk, deputy Attorney General Jack Goertzen, and Bowler submitted the third and final report in their investigation of the city to city councilmen Tuesday. The report ended a year-long probe triggered when three Torrance police officers were arrested on felony charges last year.

PART OF the report criticized Peebles, who resigned his post after the first report was submitted early this year. Bowler said that 20 witnesses would be called if the Grand Jury committee decides to listen to a full presentation.

Goertzen told the Press-Herald Friday that the decision would be made by the committee after his office and Bowler's office present their evidence.

Table Collapses, Workman Hurt

Jerry Thompson, 3363 134th St., Hawthorne, was treated at Harbor General Hospital for head lacerations about 10 p. m. Thursday following an accident in a local plant.

Thompson, a bandsaw operator at T. P. Industries, was injured when a metal table collapsed while he was attempting to straighten the table legs.

Alternate High-Rise Plan Bared

An alternate plan for the development of a high-rise apartment building on the site of the old Riviera clubhouse is now being reviewed by the Sovereign Development Co., according to Robert D. Keillor, president of the firm.

Keillor said the denial of the zone change and variance by the Torrance City Council last week had caused the firm to revive plans which were considered early in the development stages.

Foremost of the alternatives now being considered, said Keillor, is the location of a 22-story tower structure on a portion of the site which is in the City of Redondo Beach. The tower would be considerably smaller in width but the added height would enable the firm to construct about 80 apartment units.

A GLASS enclosed restaurant would be built on the top level, with large dining and banquet rooms on the level immediately below. The remaining portion of the site, located in Torrance, would be used for the swimming pool and a four-story apartment complex with parking facilities.



QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . Candidates for queen of the Walteria Roundup Days. From left to right up the ladder are: Carol Daywalt, 16; Audrey Mosby, 15; Celia Hawley, 16; Sharon Gunther, 16; Maxine Baer, 17; Val Vergith, 16, is right on ground. Roundup days are Sept. 12 and 13. The queen will be named on the 12th. (Press-Herald Photo)

FROM SISTER CITY

Turkish Lawmaker Will Visit Torrance Tuesday

Faruk Sukam, a member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, will visit Torrance Tuesday as he completes a tour of the United States.

Sukam represents Konya, Torrance's sister city, in the Turkish assembly. He is vice president of the Justice Party and foreign affairs spokesman for that party.

He is presently touring the United States as a guest of the government and asked that Torrance be included in his itinerary. He will be accompanied by Ahmet Dudas, a U. S. State Department interpreter, and Ronald Olmsted, director of the Center for International Welfare of the University of Southern California.

Sukam's official party will be greeted by Mayor Albert Isen and other city officials at the City Hall about 10:30 a. m. Sukam will hold a press conference at 10:40 and then tour the Torrance Civic Center.

THE OFFICIAL party will have lunch at the Konya Room of the Palms Restaurant, then tour the city. Sukam will attend the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 p. m. He will receive a key to the city during brief ceremonies before the council begins its business session.

In addition to his duties and activities in the Justice Party, Sukam is an active member of the Turkish Red Cross. He is a former mayor of Eregli, a city in Konya Province.

Sukam, who has been touring the United States since the end of July, is married and has four daughters. He is 43.

Kidnaping Charge Filed Against Torrance Man

A 25-year-old Torrance man was arraigned on charges of kidnap, assault with a deadly weapon, and burglary Friday morning in South Bay Municipal Court.

Gordon E. Statterfield, 18520 Mansel Ave., was arraigned following his arrest by sheriff's deputies in Rolling Hills early Thursday morning. Statterfield's arrest ended

four hours of terror and death threats which began Wednesday about 9 p. m. at the Lawndale home of his estranged wife.

Sheriff's deputies said Statterfield forced his way into his estranged wife's home and waited for her return. A 16-year-old baby-sitter said Statterfield removed all but one

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a college education is as important for a girl as it is for a boy?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Randi McGraw, 2815 W. Carson St.: "Yes, because if a wife is left a widow she might have to support a family and she should have or know an occupation which she can go into. A college education is not as important for a girl, especially if she is going to get married."

Susan McDuffee, 1442 W. Carson St.: "I think girls should have at least two years of college because you never know when you will lose your husband or have financial difficulty. It is more difficult to get a job without some college education."

Jeri O'Donnell, 1755 Santa Fe: "Yes I think it is if they plan on supporting themselves or if there is some special field they would like to go into. If she is not going to work after being married then I don't think a college education is too vital."

Mrs. L. J. Molder, 1115 Patronella: "I think at least two years of college should be obtained by a girl because it puts the finishing touches on her and she is better prepared for the business world. Almost every girl works now whether she is married or not."

Mrs. Sam Major, San Pedro: "I believe if it's possible a girl should get a college education because it aids in making her a better wife and mother. She can offer her husband more if she has a college education."



CONCERT TODAY . . . Joanie Cahn, Stephanie Irving, and Charles Reinhardt practice for the concert which the Torrance Recreation Department will present today at the Torrance Park Bandshell. The "Fun Through Music" program begins at 2 p. m. It is one of a series of concerts being held throughout the summer.

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