

Annual Christmas Lighting Contest Opens

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NEW GEMINI FLAG ... Employees of Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance accept new Titan-Gemini Team Flag from Capt. John Regenhardt (left), representing Air Force Systems Command's Space Systems Division. As one of 31 "critical parts" suppliers to the Gemini program in the nation, Hi-Shear was awarded the flag for its contribution to the success of the Gemini missions. Shown from left are Thomas Barnard, procurement quality representative of the Martin Company; Rose Deragon, who helped assemble Hi-Shear's "critical parts;" and David Osborn, ordnance inspector. (Press-Herald Photo)

Two Cyclists Injured; Crash Blacks Out Area

Jaycees Sponsor Contest

The annual citywide competition for homeowners' Christmas lighting displays has been announced for 1966 by the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce of Torrance.

Chairman James Strumpher reported that entry forms would be accepted in religious and novelty categories until Dec. 22 in the current contest. Judging will be on the evenings of Dec. 22 and 23, he said.

An entry blank for the contest is being published in today's Press-Herald on Page A-2. It can be clipped, filled in, and mailed to the Jaycees to assure of consideration for the judging.

First and second place winners in each of the two categories will be presented trophies at a dinner meeting to be scheduled by the Jaycees after Christmas, Strumpher said.

Contest information and additional entry blanks may be obtained by contacting Publicity Chairman Jim Clauson at 378-3714.

City Seeking Manager for Water System

An examination to select a new manager for the city's water system will be conducted Jan. 14, 1967, it has just been announced.

The new manager will succeed Angus E. McVicar, who left his post as manager of the water system last Sept. 19.

Deadline for filing applications for the post is Jan. 4, 1967.



PLAN CONCERT ... Members of the Gardena Boys Band tune up for a concert to be presented Monday evening at 8 in the Serra High School auditorium, Van Ness and Compton boulevards. From left are Rich Holt, 10, trumpet; Chris Pryor, 10, saxophone; Sean Pryor, 13, clarinet; and Richard Regalado, 13, trombone. William B. Power is director. (Press-Herald Photo)

Youths Hurt in Crash

Two 15-year-old boys were injured Friday evening when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided with a car at Van Ness Avenue and 182nd Street.

Tom C. Wentworth, 17127 Raymond St., and Don Rockwood, 1118 W. 186th St., were taken to Gardena Memorial Hospital after the 5:30 p.m. accident. Rockwood, a passenger on the small motorcycle, was treated for cuts and abrasions and sent home.

Wentworth, who suffered a broken jaw and cuts and lacerations on his lips and chin, was hospitalized. He was reported in good condition at the hospital.

POLICE identified the driver of the car as Lois B. Scrivner, 17039 Delia St.

Officers said the accident occurred when the woman, driving east on 182nd Street, turned left at Van Ness Avenue and apparently did not see the motorcycle.

TWO WOMEN sustained minor injuries early Friday morning when their cars collided on 187th Place at Falda Street.

Mary C. Robinson, 3133 W. 188th St., and Virginia H. Dennis, 18814 Florwood Ave., were taken to the hospital by ambulance. Both suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Police said the two cars collided at the intersection of 187th Place and Falda Street about 7:30 a.m.

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\$30 Millions Public Program Suggested

A \$30 million, six-year capital improvements budget for the city will be handed to City Councilmen Tuesday when they convene for the first time in two weeks.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will ask that his program be referred to the council's public works committee for a review. He also will ask that public hearings be scheduled to consider the 1966-67 projects.

Included in the capital

improvements program are projects totaling \$443,200 for the current fiscal year and a proposal for a \$2,350,000 municipal bond issue to finance a new library system.

MAJOR projects under the program include an expansion of the city hall, construction of a new fire station, and completion of the now unfinished second floor facility at the police department.

In addition, Ferraro will ask that a special lease financing arrangement be approved to finance construc-

tion of a \$800,000 addition to the city hall and a \$2 million acquisition program for a new city dump.

THE SIX-YEAR program includes, in addition to the library bonds which would be submitted to voters in April of next year, proposals for a \$2.3 million auditorium bond issue and a \$1.5 million recreation bond issue. Both would go to voters in 1968.

Councilmen will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Last week's meeting was cancelled since five councilmen were in Las Vegas for a National Municipal League convention.

San Pedro Pair Held For Theft

A San Pedro man and woman, arrested Friday for shoplifting by a department store detective, have been jailed on burglary and narcotics charges by Torrance police.

In custody are John Clifford Zagala, 29, and Beverly Jean Cubero, 24. Both gave their address as 2231 Cabrillo Ave., San Pedro.

The pair was apprehended by a department store detective after they allegedly took men's clothing valued at \$110 from the store. Police, who jailed the pair on charges of burglary, said the couple appeared to be under the influence of some kind of drug during questioning at the scene.

Subsequent checks at the Torrance City Jail revealed what appeared to be fresh needle marks on the arms of both suspects, police said. At that time, both were charged with illegal use of narcotics.

Miss Cubero told officers someone had telephoned her and told her they would buy certain items of clothing if she would steal them. She said the caller gave her sizes. Police seized three notes which they said were lists of clothing sizes.

Invitation Declined By Navy Chief

Admiral David L. McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations, has declined an invitation to serve as grand marshal of Armed Forces Day observances here and in San Fernando next May.

McDonald, in a letter to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, said he had accepted an earlier invitation to be the principal speaker at the Detroit, Mich., Armed Forces Day observance.

Hahn, as chairman of the county's Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs, had asked McDonald to be grand marshal of the local observances.

Bids Sought For Signal

The State Department of Public Works is advertising for bids to install left turn arrows on Torrance Boulevard at Hawthorne Boulevard, according to Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel (R-40th District).

A total of \$13,600 is available for the project, which will include the construction of traffic islands,



CITY MAP UPDATED ... A newly published map of the greater Torrance area, bringing street and freeway locations up to date, is being issued this week by the Chamber of Commerce. Here (from left) are J. Walker Owens, Chamber manager; John Tweedy, manager of Southwest Savings who is cooperating in preparing the new map; and Don Hyde, U.S. Steel and president of the Chamber of Commerce. (Press-Herald Photo)

Building Permits Exceed \$4.5 Million for Month

A single building permit issued last Nov. 4 and valued at \$3.6 million, accounted for more than two-thirds of all new construction begun in the city last month.

The permit, issued to Del Amo Properties, Inc., was for the foundation of a 13-story

high-rise tower now under construction at Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street. It is among the largest issued by the city.

Total value of all new buildings begun during November was \$4,543,035, according to a report just released by John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety. Highest previous total for a single month this year was \$4.2 million in March.

The November figure brought to \$28.5 million the value of all new construction begun here since last Jan. 1. Only four other permits valued at more than \$50,000 were issued during the month, McKinnon reported.

One of the four permits was issued to the R. G. Garland Corp., which plans to build 16 homes in the 18200 and 18300 blocks of Manhattan Place. The permit was valued at \$367,565.

The remaining three permits were issued to the city for its fifth fire station, to be located at 3940 Del Amo Blvd. (\$78,000); to K. L. M. Properties, which plans six store buildings in the 350 block of Artesia Boulevard (\$51,500), and to a manufacturing firm for a warehouse at 2305 Border St. (\$68,960).

McKinnon said 17 new single-family homes were included in the November totals, along with one duplex. A total of 147 new homes and 134 new apartment or duplex units have been started since the first of the year, he added.

Totals for the same 11

New Deputy D.A. Named - - -

Lynn W. Compton, popular member of the district attorney's staff for several years, has been named chief deputy by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger. Compton, a Palos Verdes resident and widely known in Torrance and South Bay circles, will take his new post on Dec. 19, Younger said. He will replace Harold J. Ackerman who has been appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Gov. Edmund G. Brown. Compton has been serving as assistant district attorney and has been supervising the department's legislative program. In his new assignment he will continue with this and will assume a major responsibility for prosecution of criminal cases, Younger said.

Driver Dies in Collision - - -

Fifty-two-year-old Lawrence Greengo, of 2025 W. 186th St., was one of three persons killed in a spectacular head-on crash in West Covina Wednesday. Greengo was driving a truck which smashed through the center divider on the San Bernardino Freeway, hurtled an oncoming car and smashed head-on into a car driven by Jose Lopez, 23, of Fontana. Lopez and his 5-year-old son, Alfred, were killed. Coast Guardsman Joaquin Camareno, 27, stationed aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Minnetonka, was killed Wednesday night in a crash at Anaheim Street near Sigsbee Avenue in Wilmington. He was dead on arrival at Wilmington Receiving Hospital.

Crash Kills Truck Driver - - -

Robert Eugene Freeman, 33, of 2036 W. 159th St., was killed Thursday when his truck hurtled off a 400-foot cliff on Highway 152 in Pacheco pass near the new San Luis dam project in central California. California Highway Patrol officers reported that Freeman's truck had plunged over the embankment after breaking through a guard rail on the mountain highway between Los Banos and Gilroy.