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CITY'S RENEWAL BID OKAYED



SPEEDY RESCUE . . . The "victim of a boat explosion at sea" is unloaded at Harbor General Hospital as the U.S. Coast Guard inaugurates a new landing pad for emergency use at the hospital. The simulation was done to test the newly completed facility. Hospital Administrator Leslie R. Smith said the new facility was another in the many services the hospital was offering to the communities it serves. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Heli-stop in Service At Harbor Hospital

A new heli-stop to serve the harbor and southwest areas was inaugurated at Harbor General Hospital Tuesday with the simulated landing of a boat explosion "victim" by a Coast Guard helicopter at the hospital. The new landing pad, constructed just south of the hospital's eight-story acute unit, will provide rapid emergency care for victims of maritime accidents in the coastal area, hospital spokesmen said. The new facility will be operated in addition to the one which has been operated for several years at the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance.

All police and military services are being notified of the new facility. This is another of many services we at Harbor General are offering the communities we serve," Leslie R. Smith, Harbor General Hospital administrator said. "The Coast Guard has advised us that its policy is not to select any certain hospital for this service, but the one that is nearest the area of the emergency with the proper facility to meet the needs," Smith added. Lt. M. W. Lonsberry declared that Harbor Hospital's new facility was "ideally situated for such landings."

IN TUESDAY'S mock emergency, a doctor-nurse team and an ambulance were put on standby at the landing site when the helicopter pilot radioed his base that he had

"picked up a survivor of the explosion and was rushing him to Harbor General Hospital." The "patient" was taken (See HELI-STOP on Page A-2)



POPULAR SPOT . . . The real "in" place, or the "camp" spot in town these days? This photo by Press-Herald staffer Mike Eggers indicates it well could be the lobby of the nearest U. S. Post Office. This one happens to be the Post Office at Monterey and Crenshaw in Torrance, but the scene is being repeated thousands of times a day as the frantic rush to get Christmas gifts in the mail reaches its peak. (Press-Herald Photo)

'Phone Santa' Lines Open

The ninth annual "Phone Santa" project which annually enlists the aid of businessmen, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and others will be held today, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored each year by Roger Wright and Wright Answerphone, the event reached a peak last year when more than 4,000 Torrance area youngsters called to pass on their suggestions to Santa. Four phones will be in operation again this week and the youngsters may talk to Santa by calling

320-1311

anytime today, tomorrow, or Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR SERVICE

Sertoma Club Honors Woman

The Sertoma Club of Torrance today named Mrs. Paul Carlson winner of its "Distinguished Service to Mankind Award" at a special awards luncheon.

Mrs. Carlson, whose missionary husband was slain by Congolese rebels in November, 1964, accepted the Sertoma Club award from Dr. Edward O. Mitchell, president.

The award honors Mrs.

Carlson for her meritorious service to the community, the nation, and to God, Dr. Mitchell said. . . .

ON HAND for the presentation were Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Carlson, Gust Carlson, father of the slain doctor, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Honnette, Robert Mallicoat, vice president of Sertoma International; John Jamar, district governor of Sertoma, and Mayor Albert Isen also attended the awards luncheon.

Entertainment was provided by the Las Vecinas Choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Harvey. Selections included "Sing to the Lord All Ye Nations" and "Gift of Love." . . .

PURPOSE OF the Sertoma "Service to Mankind" award is to give recognition to an outstanding citizen in each Sertoma Club's community for his humanitarian, heroic, civic, and other service, Dr. Mitchell explained. A district winner will be selected from among the club winners and an international winner will be named, he added.

The Torrance Sertoma Club was chartered in January of this year.



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Suggest Freeway Routing

A general route following the Torrance-Redondo Beach boundary has been selected for the proposed Coast Freeway by a committee of the Inter-Cities Highway Commission.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, who represents Torrance on the commission, said a special eight-man sub-committee had selected the route which is

Beasley said the proposed route should follow along in the vicinity of the Torrance-Rolling Hills Estates boundary on the southern side of the city.

He told councilmen the inter-city group did not draw specific lines, but selected only a general area for the freeway.

State highway officials are expected to announce their selections for a freeway route and an alternate route in late January or early February, Beasley said.

Board Ignored Will of Voters, Teacher Says

A Torrance teacher has accused the Board of Education of ignoring the will of the city's voters in lowering the school tax rates.

Darold Kusch, president

of the Torrance Education Association (TEA), made the charge in a speech before the TEA Representative Council, last week.

Kusch charged that lowering the tax rate "has had a detrimental effect on the educational program" in the Torrance schools.

PRESENT policies of the Board of Education "could be questioned by those interested in the education of Torrance's Children," Kusch said. He said the board's efforts to keep the tax bill as low as possible are to be commended, but added, "I feel that the board has not

kept in tune with the majority of the taxpayers in this community."

Kusch said an override tax was approved by voters three years ago "with the intent that the monies would be spent to improve the educational program of the Torrance schools. They (the voters) said, 'If you need the (See BOARD on Page A-2)

Plants May Go On Site

Approval of a \$3 million federal grant for the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project was announced last night by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

Ferraro told City Councilmen he was notified of the action in a telegram from Congressman Cecil R. King (D-17th District) which was received about noon yesterday.

Approval of the grant by the Department of Housing and Urban Development clears the way for final planning of the project, which involves some 56 acres of land at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

NEXT STEP in the project will be the first of two public hearings, Ferraro said. The first hearing will be held mid-January, he added.

Actual purchasing of property in the project area may begin within six weeks, Ferraro told the council.

The urban renewal project, begun in early 1965 in an effort to provide adequate safety zones near the airport, will cost an estimated \$5 million, of which the city will pay some \$1.7 million under the federal urban renewal program. . . .

PRELIMINARY plans call for the development of an airport-oriented industrial park. Some of the proposed plans would have direct access to the city's airport through taxiways.

Lawrence Irwin, deputy director of the city's Redevelopment Agency, told the Press-Herald industrial firms are enthusiastic about the proposed plan.

Property included in the project area is bounded by the airport, Pacific Coast Highway, Hawthorne Boulevard, and the city's airport through taxiways. (See RENEWAL on Page A-2)

Head-On Crash Kills Driver - - -

A head-on automobile collision on Highway 395 near Colton inflicted fatal injuries on Julian Bliss Jr., 52, of 20617 Tomlee St. California Highway Patrol officers reported that the Bliss vehicle crossed the highway and collided with a car driven by Robert Thomas, 24, of Phoenix. Thomas and a passenger, Victor Brown, of Las Vegas, were taken to Loma Linda Hospital after the Friday night accident.

Torrance Captain Rescued - - -

Air Force Capt. James J. Doherty, 29, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Doherty, 2737 W. 225th St., was one of three officers rescued after two F101 Air Force jets collided in the air early Tuesday while on a training mission over the Atlantic Ocean off Long Island. Capt. Doherty is a pilot with the Air Defense Command's 98th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and was flying as radar officer in one of the two jets when the collision occurred. The Air Force said the three officers suffered minor injuries.

Twelfth Feast of Lights Set - - -

The 12th annual Feast of Lights, traditional holiday program of music, will be presented at Torrance High School auditorium Thursday evening at 8 with nearly 275 students participating in active roles. Groups to be presented include the wind ensemble, Tartar choir, the girls glee club, the school orchestra, the Troubadours, and the modern dance group. In addition to seasonal and traditional music, selected works of Handel, Mozart, and Bach will be offered. Musical directors for the event are Bob J. Webber and John Spence. The dance group instructor is Mrs. Lee Werner. The program is open to the public without admission charge.

This Job Pays \$400 Per Hour

Directors of the city's Redevelopment Agency—who also are members of the City Council—held their regular weekly meeting night.

Unlike recent sessions of the directors, there was some business to be transacted this time—the award of a contract to Title Insurance and Trust Co. for services to be rendered when actual purchasing of project begins in the project area.

That, approval of the minutes of past week's meeting, and a couple of other formalities took exactly 2 minutes and 15 seconds—for which each director collected \$15.

And that figures out to and even \$400 per hour!