

# Red Cross Bloodmobile Visits Here Monday

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## New Sheriff's Station Hinted Near Torrance

Construction of a \$700,000 sheriff's substation in the Carson-Dominguez area, will be proposed to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in the county's 1967-68 budget plans, according to the sheriff's department.

Inspector J. N. Denis, speaking to members of the Dominguez Hills Homeowners Association, said the

county administrator's office is reviewing a study submitted by the Firestone substation indicating growing population will make police protection increasingly harder in the next five years.

THE SHERIFF'S department now serves the area from its Firestone station. But, said Denis, it is anticipated that the increase in sheriff's personnel at Firestone will create overcrowding and the need for a new station.

Although no site has been officially proposed, Denis said, it has been suggested that the station could be built on two-acre sites at Carson and Main Streets or Carson Street and Avalon Boulevard.

THE INITIAL study indicates the need for a station with approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space to handle the periodic increases in personnel, said Denis.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, Denis said, the station would be built within three years.

## Two Men Hurt in Crashes

Two men were hospitalized Friday evening and early Saturday morning following separate traffic accidents in the city.

The first crash occurred about 10 p.m. Friday when Alan Duane Parrott, 32, of 24621 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, apparently lost control of a motorcycle he was riding and crashed.

Parrott was driving north on Cravens Avenue when he apparently lost control of his motorcycle in a curve and hit the curb. Parrott was thrown from the motorcycle, police said.

## Four Held In Sale of Marijuana

HE WAS treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and transferred to Harbor General Hospital.

The second man, a passenger in a car driven by John M. Cross, 20, of 18009 Ardath Ave., was hurt when Cross lost control of his car and hit a house at 2065 W. 186th St. about 2:15 a.m. yesterday.

Walter John Bulacan, 20, a sailor whose home is at 2037 W. 186th St., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and transferred to the Long Beach Naval Hospital.

POLICE SAID Cross was driving east on 186th Street near Taylor Court when he swerved to avoid hitting a barricade and lost control of the car. The vehicle jumped the curb and hit the home of Salvador Arguello.

Bulacan struck his head against the windshield and sustained multiple lacerations about his face and head.

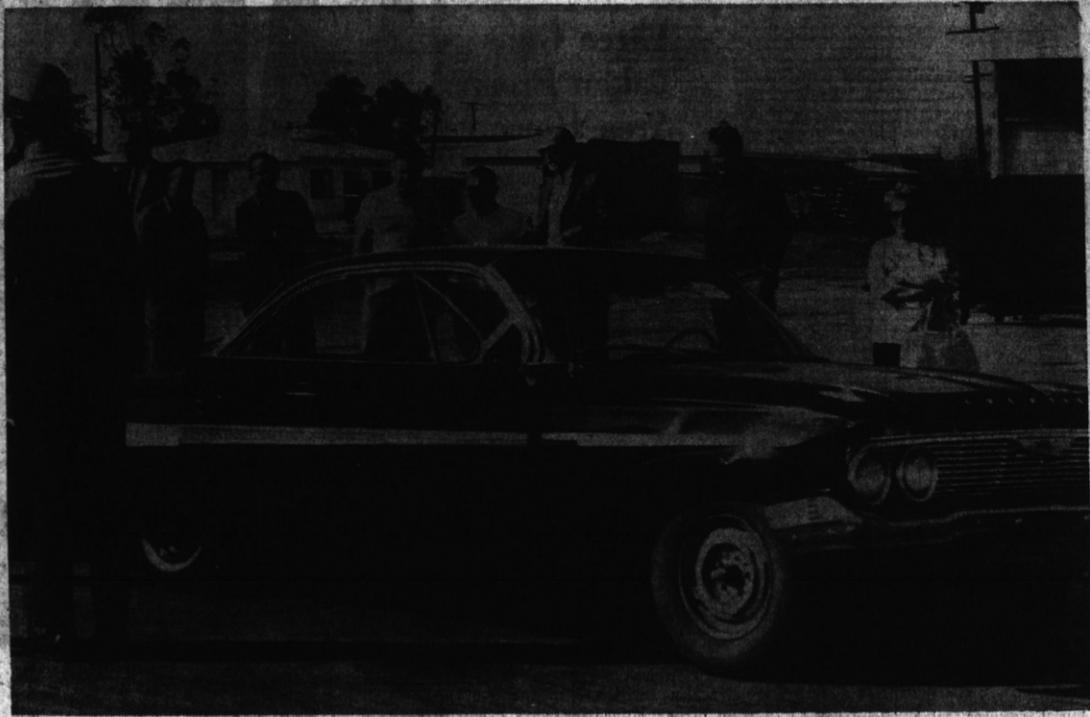
## Typewriter, Gifts Taken

A North Torrance home was ransacked by thieves who took a typewriter and several wedding gifts Friday evening, Torrance Police reported yesterday.

Officers said the thieves ransacked the home of Goar-nick Babajian at 17309 Atkinson Ave. after they crawled through a window which had been left open.

Several old silk stockings belonging to Mrs. Babajian also were taken, police said.

# Driver in Run-Down Faces Attempted Murder Charge



VEHICLE IN RUN-DOWN . . . Police officers and bystanders look over vehicle which Torrance police allege was used to run down Detective Lee Graber Friday morning north of El Camino College as he attempted to check it out as a suspected stolen vehicle. Driver

of the car was identified as George Sloss, who was shot by Graber's partner, Robert Such, during the encounter. Graber is hospitalized with serious injuries. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

## Officer Dragged By Auto

A charge of attempted murder will be sought against the driver of a stolen vehicle which ran down and dragged Torrance detective Lee Graber nearly 100 feet seriously injuring him Friday morning.

George Sloss, 20, of 3835 W. 144th St., was booked on the attempted murder charges by Lennox sheriff's deputies and then taken to Los Angeles County General Hospital where he was placed in the prison ward.

Sloss was injured when a shot fired by Graber's partner, Robert Such, struck him in the lower jaw. His condition was listed as satisfactory.

POLICE Lt. Robert Wright told newsmen at the scene Friday that Graber and Such were checking out suspected stolen vehicles in the vicinity of 146th and Cerise north of El Camino College about 9 a.m. Friday when they saw several suspects working on a vehicle which had been reported stolen.

Suspects got into two vehicles as Graber and Such approached and identified themselves as police officers.

WHEN GRABER attempted to approach the lead vehicle, the second car, which officers said was the one driven by Sloss, jumped forward, struck Graber and dragged him with the undercarriage for nearly 100 feet before it crashed into a stone wall and stopped, with Graber pinned beneath.

When he saw the car strike his partner, Such fired a shot into the left rear tire and then fired a second shot which struck the driver in the face.

THE DRIVER of the vehicle Graber was approaching sped (See OFFICER, Page A-2)

## City Pays Its Dues In Group

Torrance is now a dues paying member of the South Bay Councilmen's Association.

The City Council voted to pay the \$25 annual dues in the new organization Tuesday night. Councilmen H. Ted Olson and David K. Lyman represent the city on the group.

The new organization includes the cities of Gardena, Torrance, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo.

Purpose of the group is to provide a forum for the discussion of problems common to all cities in the area, Olson said.

## Institute Slated

Attending an in-service training institute for cooperative school program staff in Los Angeles, March 3 and 4, will be 10 Torrance educators. They include: Lawrence Kessler, Delmar Smith, Marvin Ard, Robert Little, Mrs. Martha Leedy, Mrs. Loa Hotchkiss, Miss Beverly Liberty, Mrs. Josephine Keegan, Mrs. Rosemary Hamel, and Miss Mary Stoess.

## Hahn Asks State Ban On Topless

A statewide ban on topless entertainment has been urged by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

"The real answer to this serious problem," Hahn said, "is a uniform statewide law."

With 58 counties and 399 cities in the state, Hahn said topless establishments can operate in one jurisdiction in the state and cannot operate across the street because they are outlawed by another jurisdiction.

"If a statewide law is not adopted," he added, "local jurisdictions should be given permission to adopt their own ordinances to control the problem."

Law enforcement officials are being seriously and continuously handicapped in their efforts to deal effectively with the topless problem, Hahn said.

The Board of Supervisors, on Hahn's motion, voted to go on record in favor of Senate Bill 121 by Senator James Wedworth (D - Hawthorne). Hahn said the bill would be of "substantial assistance in coping with this problem."

## \$54 Haul Taken in Robbery

A gunman escaped from a West Torrance liquor store with \$54 shortly after noon Friday.

The man walked into the store at 4719 Torrance Blvd. and handed Mrs. Suko Nishihira a note which read, "Get a bag and put the money in it," police said.

The man then pulled a blue steel revolver out of his coat pocket, officers said. Mrs. Nishihira did as she had been instructed and the man left the store. He fled on foot.

## New County Statutes on Teens, Topless Enacted

New county laws aimed at combating the problems of topless entertainment and teenage conduct have been adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.

The board approved the laws, which were recommended by the County Delinquency and Crime Commission, last Tuesday on motion of Burton W. Chace.

The new ordinances replace all existing county laws which have applied in the area, Chace said.

"THE OLD laws were confusing, impractical, and difficult to enforce," Chace said. He lauded the commission for its efforts "in coming up with realistic solutions to the topless and juvenile problems."

The new laws do not ban topless entertainment but place tight restrictions on bars and cafes which feature such attractions, Chace said. He pointed out that county legal authorities have held that a topless ban would not withstand a test in courts.

The teenage problem, which erupted in civil disorder on the Sunset Strip and other

sections of the county, revolved around entertainment spots for teenagers and young adults, Chace pointed out.

UNDER THE new laws, teenagers are permitted to dance in licensed establishments, but not in areas where liquor is served. Basically, the ordinances provide for individual attention for specific types of nightspots which present special problems, such as coffee houses.

## Bicycle Licenses Offered

Students at 21 Torrance elementary schools will have an opportunity this month to buy bicycle licenses at their schools. Members of the Torrance Police Department will issue the licenses for a fee of \$1 each.

Sepulveda and Arnold schools will be visited tomorrow, while students at Meadow Park and Seaside schools will be able to buy licenses on Tuesday.

Hillside and Parkway schools will be visited by officers next Wednesday and Riviera and Newton schools are to be visited on Thursday. Friday, police will issue licenses at Walteria and Call Mayor Schools.

Next week, police will visit Hickory and Torrance Elementary schools Tuesday, Fern - Greenwood and Madrona (Wednesday), and Adams and Wood (Thursday).

Earlier this month, bicycle licenses were issued at Steele Towers, Flavian, Victor and Jefferson schools.

## No Water, No Court, Judge Says

A shortage of water Friday temporarily interrupted the administration of justice in Torrance.

The Torrance branch of the South Bay Municipal Court was ordered closed Friday after a water pipe supplying the building was severed.

The pipe was accidentally cut early Friday morning during construction work on the new Southwest Superior Courts Building, the Press-Herald was told.

## Population Growth Noted - - -

Population of the shoestring strip area of the city of Los Angeles—those areas with Gardena and Torrance mail addresses—has been estimated at 27,600 as of last Oct. 1 by the Los Angeles City Planning Department. A report just released by the department places the population of the area east of Torrance at 12,300 and that of the area with a Gardena address at 15,300. Total population of the South Los Angeles Area—including Wilmington and San Pedro—was estimated at 138,000 as of Oct. 1, 1966.

## Board, Council to Meet - - -

Members of the Torrance Board of Education and City Council will hold regular meetings this week. Trustees will convene tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Councilmen will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. Agendas for the Board of Education session are available at the city's five branch libraries. Copies of the council agenda may be examined in the city clerk's office.

## Renewal Hearing Tomorrow - - -

The first of two public hearings on the city's Meadow Park Urban Renewal project will be conducted tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers at city hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Members of the City Council will conduct the hearing in their capacity as directors of the city's Redevelopment Agency. Full data on the proposed project—which will include the redevelopment of some 50 acres at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport as an industrial park—will be presented at the hearing. Residents will be given a chance to discuss the renewal plan. A second hearing before the City Council must be held following a review of the plan by the city's Planning Commission.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile Visits Here on Monday

Quarterly visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile has been scheduled here Monday from 2 until 6:30 p.m. at the Torrance Elk's Lodge, 1820 Abalone.

A special appeal has been issued for donors to make up the 220-point quota as a "valentine" for those needing blood.

"Those who are ill or injured or in need of many

pints of blood for heart surgery, will certainly consider a blood donor's gift as the handsomest valentine of a lifetime," said Mrs. James Rayner, bloodmobile chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch.

She pointed out that the Red Cross acts only as a "go-between" by collecting, processing, and delivering blood.

"The life of a patient may well depend on whether there are any blood donors from which to collect the needed blood," Mrs. Rayner said.

Persons between the ages of 18 and 60 who are in general good health are eligible to make a blood donation and may make an appointment by calling the area's Red Cross office in San Pedro.