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# Industry Group Opposes City Dump

## Are We Merely No. 4?

Torrance officials, talking up the city's ranking as No. 3 in the county, may have to resign themselves to a fourth ranking behind Glendale if preliminary special census figures reported Friday are confirmed.

The city, using 139,000 as its official count for state subventions and in lieu distributions, hoped to raise the figure nearer 150,000 by the special census.

Planning Director C. M. Shartle, in a report prepared for Tuesday's council meeting, reports that preliminary figures show the city's population now is only 131,267.

TO CERTIFY that figure would mean the city would lose \$104,000 in gas tax and other funds from state programs, Shartle said.

Assistant City Manager J. I. Scharfman Friday told the Press-Herald that the difference apparently had to be attributed to a lower figure for family units that had been used heretofore.

"There must be fewer people in each dwelling than we have been estimating," he said.

SCHARFMAN said figures showed the vacancy factor in the city was low, and said the special census enumerators came up with about the same number of dwelling units which had been used for earlier estimates.

The chance that an error of any magnitude has been made on the preliminary count was discounted by city officials.

THE QUARTERLY bulletin of population and dwelling units issued this week by the County Regional Planning Commission gave Torrance a population of 139,414. The (See CENSUS on A-2)



BEACHY KEEN... The surf provided the Easter vacation attraction for Kathy Harris, Leslie Pagett, and Susan Strauss, all South High students. Although beach crowds were held down by chilly weather through much of the week, those hitting the sands report that everything really was "beachy keen." (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

## Auto Strikes Tree, Flips; Man Unhurt

A Torrance man escaped serious injury early yesterday when his car struck a tree and flipped.

Charles F. Knight, 31, of 1360 Torrance Blvd., refused any medical attention at the scene of the accident, police said.

Officers said the accident occurred on Western Avenue at 209th Street about 1:30 p.m. Knight was sitting on the curb near his overturned vehicle when they arrived at the scene, officers reported.

Police said a witness to the crash told them Knight was

driving north on Western Avenue and had been "weaving all over the road." The car suddenly crossed the southbound lanes and hit the tree, it was reported.

A 44-YEAR-OLD woman was hospitalized briefly yesterday morning after her vehicle hit a traffic signal at Crenshaw and Artesia boulevards.

Police said Virginia J. Aschner, of 2013 W. 177th St., was driving south on Crenshaw Boulevard when her vehicle collided with the traffic signal in a median strip at Artesia Boulevard.

The woman was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital then transferred to Harbor General Hospital. She was released later yesterday morning.

A SECOND Torrance woman sustained minor injuries when she was involved in a two-car collision about 6:15 p.m. Friday.

Helen Faye McGuirk, 47, of 4634 Milne Drive, was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and sent home.

Police said she was hurt when her vehicle and a vehicle driven by Raymond D. Pious, 32, of Gardena, collided at Del Amo Boulevard and Anza Avenue. Pious was not hurt.

### In Sacramento

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, and Bert M. Lynn, vice president of the Board of Education, attended the annual conference on industrial education held by the California Department of Education in Sacramento last week.

## Called A Last Resort

Operation of a city dump on a 42-acre site adjacent to the Torrance Civic Center is not economically feasible unless it is a "last resort" operation, a special Chamber of Commerce committee declared yesterday.

The Chamber group, a subcommittee of the Industrial Development Committee, sharply questioned the advisability of establishing the proposed landfill operation in a report issued yesterday.

The report is to be considered by the Chamber's Board of Directors at a special meeting slated for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

THE CHAMBER group disputed cost estimates included in a feasibility study prepared by the city, citing several factors which were omitted from the city's study.

Total costs of the operation will amount to more than \$2.8 million, the Chamber committee declared, compared to an estimate of \$1.3 million made by the city. In addition, the Chamber report added, nearly \$2.5 million in tax revenues would be lost.

The Chamber group, however, said it agrees "with the intent and reason for the (city's) report." The problem of rubbish disposal is going to be serious in years to come, the committee said.

BUT, THE Chamber report added, the assumption that only one county landfill—located in the Santa Monica Mountains—will be available "is unrealistic." The committee said the entire report issued by the city is based on this assumption.

"Unless it is a 'last resort' type of situation, we disagree with the premise of the (city's) report—that it is economically feasible to create a landfill on a parcel of industrial land which has the potential of becoming a source of maximum and continuing tax revenue," the Chamber report said.

The Chamber group also said it questioned the location of the proposed landfill "in close proximity to the city and county building complex" and suggested that opening of a dump in that area to "more than city trash pick-up service" might create added traffic problems in an already congested area.

CITING THE Los Angeles County Sanitation District budget for purchase of future landfill areas, the Chamber report said the city, which is a member of the sanitation district, could become involved in a "parallel operation" by opening the proposed dump.

In a series of recommendations to be considered by the Chamber's board Tuesday, the report suggested that "serious consideration" be given to operating the proposed facility privately if "it is determined that... the site must be used for landfill purposes."

In other recommendations, the committee urged that no positive action be taken until new cost studies are made which reflect the availability of other landfill sites.

IF THE PROPOSED dump is developed, then it should (See DUMP on A-2)



AT BIRTHDAY PARTY... Maria Quinones, whose birth weight of 1 lb., 4 oz. established medical history, blows out candles on birthday cake at party for her sixth birthday at Torrance Memorial Hospital. From left are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Quinones; Mrs. Lucille Meyers, RN, nursery supervisor; and Dr. Milton Arnold, M.D., pediatrician. Dr. Arnold gave Mrs. Meyers much of the credit for Maria's survival Wednesday. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Maria Cuts a Cake For Doctor, Nurses

The world's lightweight champion celebrated her sixth birthday Wednesday with the staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Six years ago on March 22, Maria Delores Quinones arrived in the world two-and-a-half months prematurely weighing a scanty 1 lb. 4 oz. and measuring only 12 1/2 long.

Chances of survival were much less than slim.

World wide attention was focused on Maria as doctors, nurses, and the entire Torrance Memorial hospital staff struggled to save her. Leading the fight for her life was Dr. Milton Arnold, pediatrician and Mrs. Lucille Meyer, RN, supervisor of the nursery.

DR. ARNOLD said Wednesday there was no question in

## Orphanage Gets Easter Candy, Toys

More than 200 pounds of Easter candy has been sent to The Door of Faith Orphanage in San Ysidro, Calif., by students at Bishop Montgomery High School.

The project was sponsored by the Students' Spiritual Council at the school. Toys also were sent to the orphanage.

The Door of Faith Orphanage is a protestant orphanage under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Freege. A total of 90 youngsters live in the orphanage.

### Meet Tomorrow

Members of the Lomita Traffic Commission will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The session will be held at the Lomita City Hall, 25332 Narbonne Ave.

his mind that Maria's survival was due to the fantastic devotion and superb nursing skill of Lucille Meyer.

"I think Lucille was with Maria every minute for five months," he said.

Maria is one of the smallest surviving infants in recorded medical history.

Today Maria, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Quinones is a healthy happy 6-year-old participating in the Head Start program at Torrance Elementary school.

MARIA LIVES with her parents in Torrance but has been known to answer Torrance Memorial hospital when asked where she lives.

Maria was excited about the birthday cake she shared with her friends at the hospital.

Six years ago her feeding consisted of one-tenth ounce

of glucose and water administered by a tube method. It was June 1 before she could take half an ounce of formula from a bottle.

Like all little girls Maria likes pretty dresses. Six years ago finding a diaper to fit her presented a real problem. Nurses resolved it by using a 4 x 4 gauze sponge.

BY THE TIME she was four months old, Maria weighed a remarkable four and 1/2 pounds.

Leonard A. Ensminger, hospital administrator said Maria remained in the hospital another month until August 7 to be sure she was out of danger.

Maria's friends on the Torrance Memorial staff stopped by her party to wish her "Happy Birthday." They still marvel at the miracle of her survival.

### Salary Hikes on Agenda - - -

Torrance councilmen will convene at 7 p.m. Tuesday for an informal pre-council session to discuss wage and fringe benefit proposals with representatives of the city's employe associations. A special committee of the City Council is expected to make its report on proposals submitted by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro at the session. Tuesday's regular council meeting will get under way at 8 p.m.

### Senator Murphy to Visit - - -

Senator George Murphy will visit TRW, Inc., tomorrow morning during his first tour of this area since the November election. Murphy, chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, will tour TRW facilities and meet newsmen during a morning press conference.

### Sepulveda Bids Studied - - -

Eight contractors submitted bids ranging from \$185,000 to \$213,478 for construction of an 80-foot roadway on Sepulveda Boulevard between Normandie and Western Avenues. The project will include traffic islands, sewers, drainage facilities, street lighting, and traffic signal improvements. The project will eliminate a major flooding area near Normandie Avenue, Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. said. Award of contract is expected soon.



DRIVING LESSON... Jacqueline Lee Little, 15 1/2, who has just begun to drive, got a lesson in cornering yesterday: Miss Little, accompanied by an older sister, Dena Jo, attempted to turn left from Entradero when her vehicle jumped the curb and slammed into the home of Harold E. Shawgo at 3219 Deelane St. The Little girls, who live at 20705 Osage, were taken to the family doctor with minor injuries. Officer Arthur R. Fuller said the house may have received structural damage. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)