

... Deaths

(Continued from Page 1) Torrance High senior was reported unchanged Tuesday. Relatively fortunate victims of the crash were 18-year-old Larry Craig Sufficool, 1975 W. 230th St., and 16-year-old Larry Bingham, 1514 Engracia Ave.

Bingham escaped with a broken ankle and a few cuts. He expects to return to classes at South High School on Monday.

Sufficool received multiple bruises and several deep cuts on his arm, but suffered no broken bones.

DESCRIBING THE accident, Bingham said the group was headed toward Parker, Ariz., when the carry-all hit a soft

shoulder and ran off the road. "We flipped and rolled a couple of times," Bingham stated.

The California Highway Patrol later estimated that the boys were doing 90 to 100 miles per hour when the vehicle went out of control.

Bingham, under whose name the carry-all was registered, stated that the vehicle landed upright with its top sheared completely off.

"I DON'T know whether I was knocked out or in shock," the dazed youth said Tuesday. He mentioned that all memories are vague between the time the car flipped and the time he got into the ambulance.

Two ambulances were dispatched from the town of Blythe, some 50 miles away

All the boys except Branletter were taken first to Palo Verde hospital in Blythe. Mrs. P. E. Sufficool, mother of Craig Sufficool, described the accident as a "nightmare." She was sitting at home Saturday night at 9:40 p.m. when Torrance police officers came to the door and mistakenly told her that her son was dead.

"I just couldn't believe it," she related. The mix-up apparently occurred when her son's wallet was found in one of the dead boys' pockets. It was not until 45 minutes later that Highway Patrol officers called to explain the case of mistaken identity.

MRS. SUFFICOOL said that when Craig regained consciousness, he was sitting in the front seat of the vehicle, looking up at the sky through the shredded roof. One of several teenage girls who had stopped to help was looking at him.

Craig told his mother that he had been placed in the second ambulance along with Tim Fraser. He vaguely remembers Fraser repeatedly gasping, "Craig, I can't breathe."

When news of the tragedy reached fellow students congregated at Big Ben, most of the young people returned home immediately, abandoning plans to camp out at the Colorado River site during Easter vacation week.

... Rites

(Continued from Page 1) his parents, are his sister, Linda Morrison, and brother, Gary Huffman, of Torrance; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fraser of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Slanes of Fort Wayne, Ind.

DEATH claimed the latest victim Tuesday afternoon. He was Don Dupuis, 18, son of Maj. and Mrs. Arthur Dupuis, 3231 Antonio. Rosary will be recited Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Funeral rites are scheduled for Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church of the Nativity.

He is survived by a brother, William Dupuis of Manhattan Beach; two sisters, Arlene King of Torrance and Marilyn Jean Lane of Santa Ana; and his grandfather, Reuben Holdsworth of Torrance.

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Charges Lodged

An unemployed laborer was arraigned Tuesday on charges of second degree murder following the Palm Sunday shooting of George Edward Powers, 36, of 20900 Anza Ave.

Facing preliminary hearing later this week is Leonard Neilson, 27, of 21501 Palos Verdes Blvd.

Investigating officers from the Torrance Police Department said the shooting occurred about 8:30 p.m. as the victim was attempting to enter the home of his estranged wife, Anita Powers, at 23830 Park St. Powers was shot at least nine times with a .22-caliber automatic, reeling back from the threshold onto the porch, police said.

The suspect summoned police to the scene, where the weapon was found and taken as evidence.

Police said Mrs. Powers and her four children, ages 1 month through 11 years,

were in the back bedroom when the shooting occurred.

Powers was employed as an electrical design engineer in Alhambra. He and Mrs. Powers had been estranged for 17 months.

Election of Mrs. Lucile Brown as secretary of the California Association of School Librarians has been announced. Mrs. Brown is the librarian at West High School.

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