

# Election Eve Hearing on New Charter Hit

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**GRIM WRECKAGE . . .** The skeleton of a car gutted by flames (above) gives silent testimony to a traffic accident Monday which nearly claimed the life of a Torrance teenager. The car, driven by 17-year-old Pamela Fischer, collided with a dump truck (below) on Van Ness Avenue. The truck driver, Earl White of Los Angeles, shown standing by truck, was booked on suspicion of drunk driving. Miss Fischer is in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital with extensive burns and a fractured leg and pelvis. (Press-Herald Photos)

## Girl Badly Burned In Car-Truck Crash

A 17-year-old Torrance girl suffered burns over 65 per cent of her body Monday morning when the small foreign car she was driving collided with a dump truck on Van Ness Avenue.

The truck driver was jailed on suspicion of drunk driving.

In critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital is Pamela Fischer, daughter of Lieutenant Hyman (Mickey) Fischer of the Torrance Police Department. In addition to the burns, Miss Fischer sustained a broken leg and pelvis, possible internal injuries, and abrasions.

Arrested on drunk charges was Earl White Jr., 43, of 201 E. 101st St., Los Angeles.

Police are still investigating the accident, which occurred north of Del Amo Boulevard.

White was headed south on Van Ness Avenue and Miss Fischer was driving north when the collision occurred about 9 a.m. White told police his truck did not cross the double yellow line. Miss Fischer was unable to comment on the accident. No witnesses could be found.

Torrance firefighters had to be called to extinguish flames, which gutted the

small car. A passerby, Leslie Grubbs, of Huntington Beach, pulled Miss Fischer from under the flaming vehicle.

White's dump truck sustained major damage. Police

believe the truck lost its left front spring prior to the accident, causing the vehicle to bolt out of control. Miss Fischer, a graduate of Torrance High, worked at a local pharmacy.

### Criticisms Aired

## Second Hearing Set on Charter

The tentative first draft of the new City Charter met with mixed reactions Monday night at the first public hearing on the proposed document.

Chief points of discussion were selection of department heads, selection of a city clerk and city treasurer, City Council pay, and the degree of power that should be invested in the city manager.

However, the 10-member Charter Review Committee, which has spent 14 months in preparing the 126-page draft, concluded the hearing with plans to hold another public hearing Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

THE COMMITTEE had come under fire from the North Torrance Homeown-

ers' Association for scheduling the first hearing the night before Election Day. Association President William F. Hunter had implied that the committee had scheduled the hearing at such a time deliberately to discourage wide public participation.

The Charter Review Committee will also face the Torrance Board of Education tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the board room, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, for further airing of charter provisions.

Speaking first at Monday's meeting was John Kirkpatrick, who objected to new provisions that the city clerk and city treasurer should be appointed by the city manager. The two posts are now elective.

It is important that

the city clerk, especially, be responsible to the people, Kirkpatrick said, because it is his responsibility to maintain full, true city records. If the city manager controls the city clerk, he continued, the clerk might leave certain items off the city council's agenda if the city manager didn't want those items to appear.

Kirkpatrick said that, ideally, both the city clerk and city manager should be chosen through the civil service system. He also protested the proposed provision that the city manager should have absolute control over department heads' jobs. These jobs are now subject to Civil Service Commission review.

White praised the commit-

tee has stated as one of its primary goals in preparing a new charter the promotion of a strong city manager government, with an elected council formulating general policy. The actual administration of the city should be done by a professional staff, the committee believes.

Robert B. White of 3242 Torrance Blvd., echoed Kirkpatrick's hesitancy to put too much power in the hands of a city manager. "What we don't need in Torrance is a kingmaker," White said, adding that the city can have a good manager without giving him so much power that "he can build an empire."

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## Anderson Wins Seat in Congress in Close Race

### Incumbents Win Assembly Posts; Override Passes

Former Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson was elected to fill the 17th Congressional District seat being vacated by veteran lawmaker Cecil R. King in the balloting Tuesday.

Incumbents in all state Assembly and Senate races in this area retained their seats.

Anderson, a Democrat, won a 4,000-vote plurality in heavy and close voting in the 17th Congressional District, turning back a strong bid by Republican Joe Blatchford.

With all but nine of the 403 precincts reporting, Anderson has 74,697 votes to 70,798 for Blatchford. Peace and Freedom candidate Ben Dobbs received 1,677.

IN A SECOND Congressional race, Congressman Alphonzo Bell of the 28th District easily retained his seat. He outpolled Democratic challenger John McKee Pratt, 167,504 to 63,153 with 612 of 628 precincts reporting. Sherman Pearl, the Peace and Freedom candidate, received 4,478 votes.

All three Assemblymen who represent parts of Torrance were elected to new terms. In the 67th District, L. E. (Larry) Townsend was elected to his second term, turning back a bid by Fred Fredericks, a Republican, in the heavily Democratic district.

With 192 of 195 precincts reporting, Townsend polled 39,028 votes to Fredericks' 32,895. Lillian A. McDonald of the American Independent Party received 1,415 votes.

Robert G. Beverly was



GLENN M. ANDERSON  
New Congressman



L. E. TOWNSEND  
New Term

easily elected to his first full term in the 46th Assembly District. Nearly complete returns showed Beverly led 25,898 votes and Gerald

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## Federal Funds To Be Requested For Crime War

Plans to seek federal funds for an areawide war on crime have been announced by Police Chief Louis Sunyich of Redondo Beach, who is coordinating the effort.

Chief Sunyich said the

proposal calls for area cities to seek some \$88,000 in funds under the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. The funds would underwrite studies for the improvement of police services in three areas:

- Establishment of a regional crime laboratory.
- Improvement of area police communications.
- Establishment of a computerized criminal data information bank.

## Consultant Appointed By Schools

Dr. Edward J. Richardson, 36, principal of Parkway Elementary School for the past five years, has been named curriculum consultant for the Torrance Unified School District.

Dr. Richardson succeeds Dr. Lloyd Jones, who was recently promoted to the position of assistant superintendent.

Employed by Torrance schools for the past 10 years, Dr. Richardson taught at Seaside Elementary School and served as vice principal at Victor School before his principalship.

A NATIVE of Philadelphia, Pa., he received his bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of West Virginia. He did graduate work in business administration at the University of Pittsburgh, and received his master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Richardson served four years with the United States Air Force. He has traveled extensively throughout Germany, the British Isles, Spain, and Portugal.



ROBERT G. BEVERLY  
Retains Seat



VINCENT THOMAS  
Gets 14th Term

### Local Returns

Following are unofficial returns for local races in Tuesday's balloting:

#### Congressional

17th District (394 of 403)  
 Anderson (D) ..... 74,697  
 Blatchford (R) ..... 70,798  
 Dobbs (PF) ..... 1,677

#### 28th District (612 of 628)

Bell (R) ..... 167,504  
 Pratt (D) ..... 63,153  
 Pearl (PF) ..... 4,478

#### State Senate

25th District (568 of 593)  
 Stevens (R) ..... 139,140  
 Reichmann (D) ..... 66,380  
 Haag (PF) ..... 4,561  
 Doud (AI) ..... 3,574

#### Assembly

46th District (278 of 284)  
 Beverly (R) ..... 79,972  
 Roberts (D) ..... 25,893  
 Doud (AI) ..... 2,446

#### 67th District (192 of 195)

Townsend (D) ..... 39,028  
 Fredericks (R) ..... 32,895  
 McDonald (AI) ..... 1,415

#### 68th District (169 of 178)

Thomas (D) ..... 38,895  
 Lookinland (R) ..... 21,478  
 Anno (AI) ..... 1,732

#### Proposition T

Yes ..... 36,338  
 No ..... 13,520

### Rent Receipts Stolen . . .

Burglars entered the managers' apartment at Fralen Properties, 17575 Yukon Ave., sometime Sunday night and stole \$1,380 cash and more than \$1,000 in checks from the master bedroom. Manager Karen Tjosas told police the money represented rent receipts from the apartment house.

### Ask New Freeway Hearing . . .

Lomita City Councilmen Monday night asked Assemblyman Vincent Thomas to seek reopening of the hearings on the Torrance Freeway route. Lomita wants the freeway to be constructed around the city, noting that all 12 alternate routes now under study pass through some portion of the city. Mayor James Cole said his city would "have no legal representation at all" and noted the proposed freeway "could go in any direction" from its present terminus near Vermont Avenue and Anaheim Street. Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) also is seeking a new hearing on the freeway and has threatened to introduce legislation eliminating the route unless an additional hearing is held.

### Armed Bandit Gets \$160 . . .

A gunman escaped from a "7-11" Market at 21210 Anza Ave. about 11:15 Tuesday night with \$160 in cash. Clerk William Valles Jr. of Torrance told police the man, armed with a "western type" blue steel revolver, asked for two packs of cigarettes and then told him, "while you're doing that, put the rest of the money in the sack." The gunman was wearing a zippered Navy blue jacket, white knit shirt, and brown khaki pants. He wore a black glove on one hand.