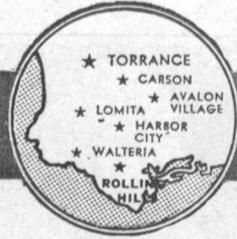


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# TEENAGER SURVIVES FREAK HEAD-ON BIKE-CAR COLLISION



AFTERMATH—A hole smashed through a windshield and a twisted bicycle bear mute evidence of tragedy as young Harry Walter Zimmerman is borne off to the hospital. Officers consult a young witness at Crenshaw Blvd. and 190th St., where car and bicyclist met head-on. —Photo by Harry Miller

## Accident Throws Teenager Through Auto Windshield

By sheer luck, 16-year-old Harry Zimmerman does not have a fractured skull today, following a freak head-on collision.

Teenager Harry Walter Zimmerman, 16, 18402 Billings Ave., Gardena, is spending the Labor Day weekend at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, following a smash-up Thursday afternoon, 4 p.m., when his bicycle crashed head-on with a Ford at Crenshaw and 190 St.

West bound on 190 St. in heavy traffic, young Zimmerman plowed into the late model car driven by Cecil B. Parr, 60, 1725 Greenwood, Torrance. Parr was turning south on Crenshaw from 190 St., when the young cyclist flew head-on into his windshield. Parr did not see the boy. According to witnesses, the boy was pedaling swiftly.

Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Zimmerman, was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where Drs. J. H. Van Adelsberg and Thomas R. Brown worked 2 hours sewing up the boy.

The boy suffered severe multiple facial lacerations, from his eye to the back of his head. Extensive lacerations on his neck and arm were also inflicted.

In addition, his skull protruded where the skin had been ripped. Fortunately, doctors reported, despite the fact that all major vessels were exposed in his neck, the boy did not have a fracture of his skull.

Officials at Little Company of Mary Hospital reported in spite of the violence of the smash-up, young Zimmerman was "doing well." He will be kept in the hospital for further observation.

"Kids on bicycles darting into traffic are one of our biggest headaches," Torrance Police Captain John Maestri reported.

"We do not expect a five or six-year-old to ride out in the streets," Captain Maestri said. "However, we expect all older youngsters to ride in a proper manner. All bicycle riders must ride with the traffic laws, or be cited as any operator of any vehicle."

Police officers cite bicyclists for not having proper lighting, running boulevard stops and all other vehicle code violations.

"It is wise for bicycle riders to get off their bicycle and walk them across the street at an intersection," Captain Maestri suggested. "If a car were bearing down, they could drop the bicycle and get out of the way. Better a smashed bicycle than a kid's head," he added.

Since the first of the year, there have been 40 bicycle vs. auto crashes in the city, and 616 auto vs. auto accidents, police officials declared. Latest count shows 217 injured here.

## Editorial

When it comes to voting, the time to register is NOW. Elections, unlike grade B westerns, don't come back for re-runs.

If the federal government suddenly doubled your income tax, if Torrance's city hall officials tripled your rubbish collection charge, if the school board issued an order that parents had to pay an extra charge for each pupil—citizens would be up in arms in protest.

The illusion is not too far-fetched. Where a man's vote is lost, either through indifference or negligence, dictatorship walks in. Nature not only abhors a vacuum, it hands control to tyrants when the population is too cowed, casual or content, about its greatest privilege—voting.

For want of a vote, heads have rolled and governments have toppled. Rallied about the battle-cry "no taxation without representation," a handful of colonial settlers pitched the mighty British empire into the sea.

In man's dramatic struggle through the centuries, forcing the state to be his servant, not his master, the ability to cast one's vote for the man of his choice has lifted men from serfdom and slavery.

Without voting, a man is no better than a cow. He can be roped and branded, milked and butchered.

If Torrance is to maintain its hard-won title of "All-American" city, it is absolutely imperative that each and every one of the residents in this area get out and vote.

Nothing less than a 100 per cent turnout of voters in Torrance can be countenanced. Whether you cast your vote for Nixon, Kennedy, Melvin Miller or your mother-in-law, your vote is important.

If you want to live in a free land and want your children to live in freedom, REGISTER AND VOTE.

## Prominent Woman to Address Local Republican Club

Mrs. Valley Knudsen, prominent Southern California clubwoman and national co-chairman, Citizens for Eisenhower-Nixon Committee, will address a gathering at the Torrance Republican Headquarters, 1406 Cravens, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kay Smith, program chairman, aided by Tom Brewer, president, and Mmes. Anita Sharpe and Marian Carter, announce the meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Knudsen, who has been named "woman of the year" by varied organizations, and received medals from the King of Denmark for her war efforts, will discuss "Get out the Vote."

## Democrats Slate Kick-Off Rally to Aid Kennedy

Democrats in the Torrance area are invited to a mass meeting at local party headquarters, 1907 Cabrillo, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 8 p.m., kicking off a "dollars for democrats" rally. Jeannette West, publicity chairman, announced today.

Democrats will also board a chartered bus, from the Democratic Headquarters Friday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. for the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, where Senator John F. Kennedy will address a mass audience.

Bus fare for the round trip is \$1 with reservations available through Miss Kay King at the headquarters, FR 6-3647.

## Torrance Adult Classes Offer 57 Variety Courses

Fifty-seven courses, ranging from English and history to blue print reading and carpentry, will be offered in Torrance Adult Schools classes starting Monday, Sept. 21, according to R. E. Collins, principal.

Students who plan to take courses for high school credit may register daily from 1 to 5 p.m., starting Sept. 6, or between 7 and 9:30 on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 15. Registrations are at the adult school office, 2200 W. Carson St. Those who are not taking courses for credit may register at the first class meeting.

Enrollment this year is expected to exceed the 8300 persons who signed up last year. Nearly 200 persons won high school diplomas last year.

Veterans may get high school diplomas by passing General Educational Development Tests and completing 15 credits in U.S. History and Government. Non-veterans over 21 years old may take the G.E.D. Tests for partial completion of diploma requirements.

A 50-cent fee for students is charged, although there is no tuition. Students buy their own textbooks and any other material needed for the class.

New courses scheduled this year include Bookkeeping and General Records Keeping; Stenography; Industrial Trigonometry; Electronics, Circuitry and Schematics; Piloting and Aircraft Safety; and Family Law.

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## Free Bus Trips Offered During City-wide Sale

Torrance's "Back to School" sales event offered by the Torrance Downtown merchants, and the City Council, is welcoming everyone to ride inbound free on the city-operated cream and green buses during sale days.

The Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, sparked by its president, Abe Robinson, promises the public "genuine sale prices" on a great variety of, back to school items.

Shoppers will not only save by riding the city buses downtown free, but by substantial savings on their purchases during this great sale, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 and 10, the chamber announced.

Bus drivers will greet each passenger with a friendly "Welcome Aboard." Supervised by Marshall Chamberlain, each driver has been instructed to explain schedules, routing and the soon-to-start transfer system to inquiring passengers. "We want the people of Torrance to know more about the services offered by their city-owned bus line," he added.

## Downtown Stores Polish Up for 'Back to School'

One week remains to enter the Back to School contest sponsored by the Downtown Retail Merchants, Torrance residents and area shoppers were advised today.

Downtown merchants, co-operating to make this promotion a success, are offering a \$50 merchandise certificate to a boy and a girl to help with their back to school shopping needs.

Entry blanks may be obtained throughout the downtown Torrance area. Prizes will be awarded Sept. 10.



GET OUT THE VOTE CONTEST—Kiwanis leaders assemble a bicycle, one of many valuable prizes offered by the Torrance Kiwanis Club in voting contest sponsored by the group. Youngsters 7 to 14, writing 25-word essay on importance of getting out the vote this year, are eligible. Members camera-viewed here include (left to right) Steve Stevens, Dudley Cook, Dr. Kurt Shery, Paul Shinoda, Tom Wilkes. Contest ends Sept. 17.

## Labor Day Week-end Adds Another Smash-up

The dinner hour Friday evening brought another smash-up in Torrance as Roland Joseph Hettig Jr., 35, 1233 23 St., Manhattan Beach crashed his car into a 1960 automobile driven by Hildred Gertrude Davis, 66, 2364 W. 231, Torrance at Sepulveda Blvd. and Madrona Ave.

Mrs. Davis, pinned under the dash, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of a broken wrist, multiple abrasions and concussion. Hettig was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. He refused examination or treatment. He suffered lacerations on the elbow.

## Torrance Tourist Reports on 10-Day Trip in Russia

Editor's Note: Torrance Schools' information coordinator, Tom Rische, recently made a 10-day visit to Russia, accompanied by his wife. The Torrance Press asked Rische to recount his impressions for our readers. The following is Rische's account:

Americans are okay, but their government is not. That seems to be the prevailing feeling among the Russian people, or at least that is the impression we got from visiting Russia's three largest cities—Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev—and talking to some of the people.

Based on what they read in Pravda, Izvestia, and other newspapers and magazines, most Russians seem convinced that Eisenhower, Nixon, and Herter are evil warmongers responsible for sending the U-2 over Russia and otherwise threatening the peace.

Favor Kennedy

People we talked to said that they considered John Kennedy "the best of two evils" as U.S. president. They were not very familiar with his record, but seemed sure that he would be an improvement. Everywhere we went, we found a great deal of curiosity about the results of the presidential election.

Any discussion is limited by the fact that our way of life is as foreign to the Russians as theirs is to us. Their knowledge of us is interpreted—and warped—by what they read in the newspapers. Our guide asked us how the two-party system worked in America and why we found it necessary to have two parties. After my explanation, she seemed as puzzled as ever and her reply indicated that she found our customs very strange indeed.

One reason, perhaps, that Russians are generally friendly to the American people is that they cannot conceive of our having any more say in government than do the Russian people, who go to the polls only to cast their ballot for the candidates of the Communist party. Many seem to feel that we, like they, are merely pawns moved here and there by our government.

Nonetheless, Russians seemed very curious about the west.

We were most efficiently moved from place to place by Intourist, the official tour agency of the Soviet Union. Aside from the guides, we found few people who spoke English. Some of the guides spoke no English and some spoke it rather poorly. Some deliver only the prescribed lecture, but were hard put to answer any questions in English.

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## Explosion Burns Firm Employees

Explosion of an electrical box at Garret Corp. Air Research Center, 190th St. and Arlington, injured three employees Tuesday at 2 p.m.

The victims, Bill Priest, 64; O. W. MacHenry, 63; and F. D. Choate, 37, were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

All three men were burned about the hands and Priest was burned on the face.

## Torrance Leads Building Permits

Torrance building permit valuations soared to a new high for the first seven months of 1960, a Chamber of Commerce report announced today.

Total valuations were an impressive \$21,814,316 compared with \$17,757,443 for the similar period last year, a gain of more than \$4 million.

## Lawyer Ferrets Out Legal Loophole on Drunk Driving

A legal loophole benefiting drunk drivers may be in the making, if Walter Kroneberger, attorney, is right.

If there is a way for drunk drivers to hang on to their operators' licenses, despite the ruling for mandatory suspension, Torrance attorney Walter L. Kroneberger, 1405 Marcelina Ave. thinks he has the answer.

Pleading guilty in Torrance's Municipal Court to Section 367-D of the State Penal Code, two of Kroneberger's clients recently were fined \$263 each. Neither, however, will have his driver's license suspended.

The Penal Code section is an almost virtual duplication of the California Vehicle Code's Section 23102 on drunk driving, Kroneberger said.

Penal code violations are not reported to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, Kroneberger added. Despite a ruling by Robert I. McCarthy, Director, State Department of Motor Vehicles, ordering license suspension for drivers convicted of 23102 driving, apparently Kroneberger has found a legal loophole.

## Condemnation of Sump Area Begins

Condemnation proceedings to acquire 26 acres of property for the construction of a vast storm drainage basin in the Walteria Lake section was given approval this week.

The proposed catch basin includes four land parcels owned by seven persons. The area is north of Pacific Coast Highway and east of Ocean Ave. Don Wilson, builder, brought in formal permission to start excavation of the Walteria Sump area Saturday morning.



BACK TO SCHOOL—With downtown stores in Torrance going all-out to display a harvest of bargains, well-known merchants Abe Robinson and Merle Shoemaker remind residents and area shoppers of free bus trips to town.