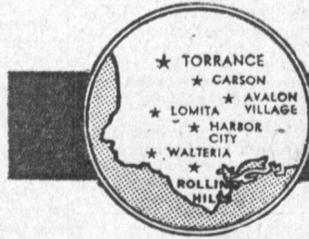


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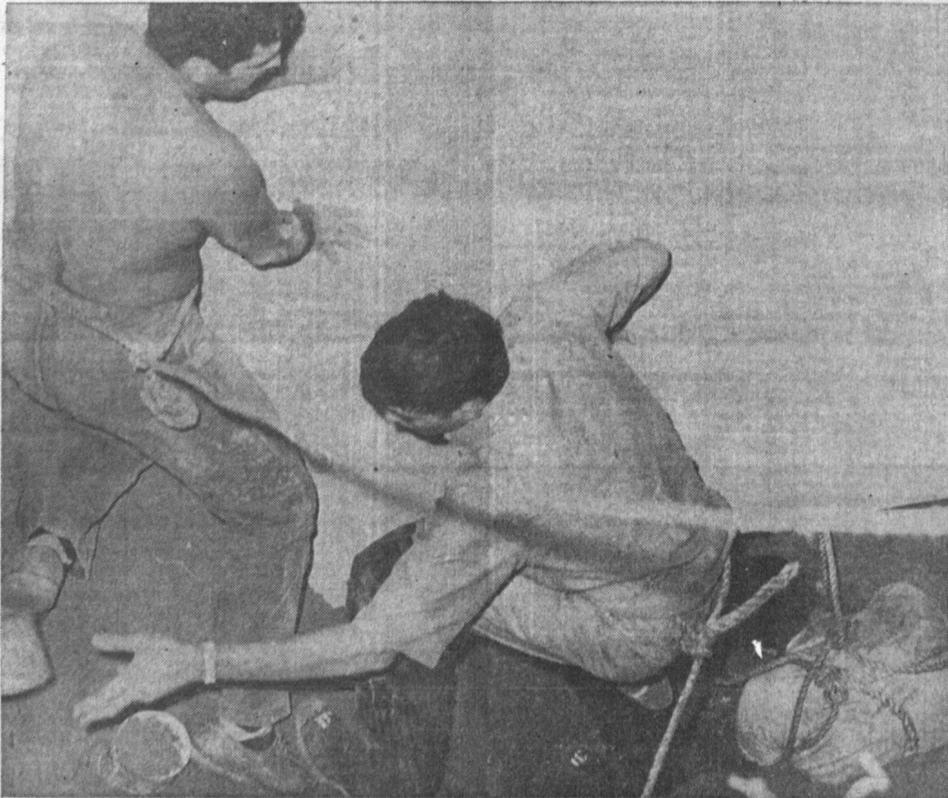
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DANGEROUS MISSION—Two volunteers, Thomas Martinez, 25, of Torrance, and PV fireman James V. Snebold, 18, a part-time student at El Camino College, labored for 7½ hours trying to extricate the body of Raul Marquez, 37, after he was trapped in an excavation cave-in. Here Martinez braces

a sheet of plywood, commandeered to keep sand from sifting into the hole, while Snebold uncovers the trapped man. Rescue workers had to be tied together with ropes so that if the sand collapsed around them they could be dragged to safety.

Local Workman Killed in Cavein

Firemen Labor For 7½ Hours To Free Body

Volunteers and Palos Verdes firemen labored for more than seven hours Monday evening to extricate the body of a Torrance workman, buried alive in an excavation cave-in.

Raul Marquez, 36, was killed when the 15-foot excavation in sandy soil, dug to replace a faulty sewer coupling, caved in around him and fellow-worker Harold Hoffman, 28. Scene of the accident was at 3916 Palomino, Palos Verdes.

Hoffman was pulled to safety by his father, Lewis Hoffman, 63, who was working above the ground.

Marquez, who is survived by his wife, Alice, and a son, Manuel, 46, lived at 4360 W. 173rd St. The two Hoffmans, owners of Hoffman and Son Construction Co., make their home at 4443 W. 161st, Lawndale.

was so dangerous that they had to be linked together with ropes so they could be yanked to safety if the sides caved in again.

A priest, summoned to the site, administered last rites at the edge of the excavation, after workmen and firemen refused to allow him to descend into the pit.

First people on the scene dug with shovels, tin cans and their hands in a vain attempt to reach the doomed man.

The younger Hoffman told reporters that only a few months ago, Marquez had saved his life under almost identical circumstances.

DANGEROUS

Workers digging for the body reported that the sand



STRICKEN FACES—Lewis and Harold Hoffman, other workers on the tragic project that took the life of Raul Marquez, show their horrified reaction when the body of their fellow worker is uncovered. Younger Hoffman, 30, was further up the side of the excavation when the cave-in occurred, and his father was able to pull him to safety. Two men worked frantically to save the man, but in vain.

Five Torrance Area Hospitals to Sponsor \$1 Polio Clinics; to Be Repeated Later

"Polio clinics" will be repeated at five greater Torrance area community hospitals Thursday, June 29, for

persons who need polio booster inoculations, or who wish to begin or continue a polio inoculation series.

Five hospitals involved will offer the inoculations Thursday from 4 through 8 p.m. at a nominal charge of \$1, medical spokesmen said.

The program is under auspices of Southwest District of Los Angeles County Medical Association. The Southwest district of LAMA will make physicians available during the designated hours.

ALL PROVIDED
Hospitals will provide space, equipment, nursing personnel, and serum. Auxiliary and volunteer units will provide secretarial aid and other assistance which may be necessary, according to Dr. William A. Taylor, president of the local district medical organization.

Dr. Taylor also said clinics will be repeated at hospitals as a public service on the last Thursday of each month for an indefinite period.

The first such clinic was held May 25.

The hospitals: Gardena Hospitals Inc., 1145 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena.

Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Riviera Community Hospital, 4025 West 226th St., Torrance.

South Bay Hospital, 514 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach.

Torrance Memorial Hospital, 1425 Engracia St., Torrance.

Rabies Shots to Be Given Here On June 20

South Bay Humane Society will sponsor two sessions of rabies inoculations for dogs on June 20, one at El Nido Park and the other at Wateria Park.

Humane officers noted that all dogs over four months of age must have a rabies certificate before it can be licensed. Licenses will be due July 1.

Both sessions are scheduled at the same time, 7 to 9 p.m. El Nido Park is located at 182nd and Kingsdale and Wateria Park at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Blvd.

'Master Plan' for Torrance HS to Allow Expansion

A master plan for Torrance High School, incorporating Torrance Elementary School into the present T.H.S. campus and providing for a new elementary school on the Navy site, was accepted by the Torrance Board of Education last week.

Plan was developed by school officials and Architect Roy Donley to expand Torrance High from its present 17-acre site. With recent acquisition of a 26-acre Navy site about two blocks away, school officials had been studying various possibilities for expansion.

Master plan recommended that Torrance Elementary School, on an adjoining site, be incorporated into Torrance High School's campus and that a new elementary school be built on part of the Navy site. Torrance High's athletic facilities also would be located on the site, but not the physical education classes.

Narbonne Ave. Work Approved

The Board of Supervisors last week allocated \$1250 for the improvement of Narbonne Ave. southerly of Pacific Coast Highway, Harbor City.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who represents the area, reported the work will consist of extending the pavement to join curb and gutter constructed by adjoining property owners.

Supervisor Chace said Narbonne Ave. is a County Master Plan secondary highway. Recent traffic surveys by the County road department show more than 5,000 vehicles per day travel on this segment of highway.



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS . . .

City Employees Ask Wage Increases From 5 to 11%

Torrance City Council last night opened the first of its public hearings on the 1961-62 budget and heard spokesmen from city employee groups request pay raises from five to 11 percent.

With a bare quorum of councilmen present, Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Willys Blount were absent from the city on business, the city's elected body heard arguments in favor of increases by John Simmonds, representing city personnel, Officer Tom Woolridge, of the Police Officers Association wage committee, and Howard Schneider, of the Torrance Fire Department.

1500 POSTCARDS
Councilman J. A. Beasley reported that the city has received some 1500 postcards and letters commending the departments of city service and that virtually all of the communications felt that pay raises were needed. He pointed out that the City of Los Angeles, the County, Culver City and Burbank had each indicated that their police and protection agencies would receive an 11 percent increase in salary at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Police Captain John Maestri reported on the salary problem from the administrative standpoint, indicating that departments were having difficulty finding qualified men at the going salary scale and that the dropout problem was becoming severe.

Councilmen indicated that they felt a blanket raise was indicated but would withhold judgment until the full council was present.

'NO MORE TEACHERS . . .'

Vacation Starts Friday For Torrance Youngsters

Some 27,000 Torrance youngsters will get out of school for their summer vacations Friday, June 16, although nearly half of them have signed up for the six-week summer sessions which begin on June 26.

School will be officially out Friday, with graduations of high school seniors on Thursday night and eighth graders on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Slightly different hours may be in effect at many Schools Friday to allow for checking-in of equipment and completion of many other activities. In such cases, notes will be sent home with children or parents otherwise notified.

Summer school sessions will begin on Monday, June 26, and will end on Friday, Aug. 4. Hours of attendance will vary at different schools, although high school sessions will be from 8 to 10 and 10 to 12.

An increase of 1800 to 2000 students is expected when school re-opens in September.

CONSTRUCTION DELAY

Continuation of the reconstruction of the pavement on Eshelman Ave. northerly of Lomita Blvd. in Lomita is being postponed due to the relocation of a waterline. Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced last week.

Work will be rescheduled by the County road department as soon as the relocation is accomplished, he added.



ANOTHER HAZARD—Golfers at Palos Verdes Golf Course Monday afternoon were confronted with another hazard when a runaway grass and brush fire swept through one of the nearby canyons. Here Bruce Smith, 17, a senior at Narbonne and a caddy at PV links, who discovered the fire, waits for hurriedly summoned fire department apparatus. Damage to the course and to other property was minimal, fire department officers reported, although it took more than an hour to extinguish the blaze.



CRENSHAW CRASH—Ruth Davenport, 21, of Garden Grove, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital early Monday morning when the auto she was driving was hit by dirt truck at the corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda. Clovis Meekins, 34, of Costa

Mesa, driver of the truck, was not held. Trucks hauling fill dirt for nearby freeway construction projects have been using Crenshaw as a route to and from the projects. Approximately 700 truckloads of dirt are hauled along Crenshaw each day.