

ABOLISH JURY TRIALS FOR TRAFFIC TICKETS?

Downtown Revitalization Begins

First Petitions Signed

TORRANCE — Backers of a \$235,000 downtown parking district began the mammoth task of circulating petitions this week, hoping to submit the completed forms before Christmas.

Fifty per cent of downtown property owners with 51 per cent of the property value must sign petitions to signal approval of the project.

If adopted, an estimated 26 per cent more parking spaces will be added downtown, along with a wide variety of other revitalization projects designed to increase the shopping benefits of downtown Torrance.

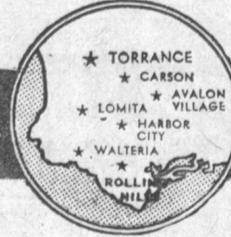
City officials already have pledged \$100,000 in additional construction funds if the district wins approval.

At a meeting Friday, members of the council-appointed Downtown Redevelopment Committee agreed to temporarily abandon plans for federally-administered urban renewal in the downtown area, but to reconsider such a project six months from now in sections adjacent to downtown.

Committee Chairman William Tolson met recently with Urban Renewal Administration spokesmen to discuss participation here.

Officers of the Downtown Merchants Association, however, said such a project is not needed because of the parking district currently contemplated.

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FIRST SIGNERS of petitions to establish \$235,000 downtown parking district are Sam Levy (left) and Abe Robinson, two principal backers of project. Robinson is president of Downtown Merchants Association, which is primarily responsible for getting district into initial stages of planning. New district will provide 26 per cent increase in free customer parking. —PRESS photo

Abolish Traffic Juries?

TORRANCE — City Prosecutor Charles Catterlin has recommended abolishing jury trials in cases against traffic violators.

His remarks were directed to members of the city's Traffic Safety Council, which met in luncheon session here Monday.

Catterlin, whose office prosecutes traffic violators, said the expense of jury trials in such cases far exceeds the benefits.

It cost at least \$200 to try a traffic case before a jury," said Catterlin, "but we often get only an \$11 fine."

Then he added: "Of course, we're not in the money making business."

Catterlin said some three states currently do not try traffic cases before juries, but instead call upon judges to make the final determination.

In other related comments, Catterlin called radar "one of the greatest tools ever found to fight traffic deaths." He said speed is the major cause of accidents, and emphasized "traffic enforcement is not a game."

The city, he said, has never lost a case involving radar speed enforcement.

Catterlin also called for a new system to test suspected drunken drivers. The system would utilize motion picture film shot at police headquarters following a suspect's booking on drunk driving charges.

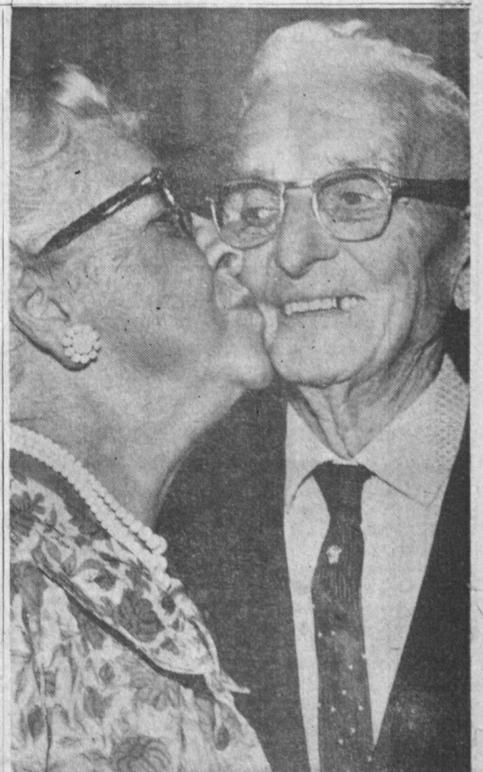
Heart Attack Claims Life Of Twister

TORRANCE — A 45-year-old aircraft worker died from a heart attack Saturday while dancing the twist, the county coroner's office says.

He is identified as Roy Puffpaff, 12919 Ronald Ave. Police said Puffpaff and his wife, Rosemae, were dancing in North Hollywood when Puffpaff collapsed and stopped breathing.

Two police detectives applied mouth-to-mouth respiration in an unsuccessful bid to save the dying man's life, investigators said.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital.



BIRTHDAY BUSS from his wife brings grin to face of Harvey Welborn, a spry 96 years young last Friday. Born in 1866 in Kentucky, Welborn and his wife live in mobile home park at 20565 Hawthorne Blvd. His secret of long life: never worry, take everything in stride. Doctors say Welborn's health is perfect. —PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

A REQUEST FOR SANTA

By OFFICER PAUL JACKSON
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Traffic Education

Dear Santa,
I realize that I'm asking for an awful lot this year; perhaps more than even you can give. But since this is not a selfish request, I'm sure you'll do your best to fulfill it.

As we once again celebrate the birth of The Prince of Peace, bring to every driver the Spirit of Brotherhood to make him considerate and thoughtful of his fellow motorists, now and in the new year just ahead.

Fill his Christmas stocking with great driving skill, good judgment and patience. Leave him a bright candle of understanding to help him see the other fellow's needs, as well as his own, behind the wheel; and to light his way safely over the highways in the darkness of the night.

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FIND YOUR NAME AND WIN

It's "Find Your Name Time" again with today's issue of the Torrance Press.

And you may be the lucky winner.

Readers whose names appear anywhere throughout the paper in contest form will win a free classified ad, good any time up to 30 days.

Simply clip the name and bring it with your ad to the Torrance Press, 3238W. Sepulveda Blvd. Good hunting!

Beasley Named to Post On County Study Group

LOS ANGELES — Supervisor Burton W. Chace today announced appointment of Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley as a member of the new Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Improvements. Chace spokesmen said the

1-year appointment was given to Beasley because of his "long and diligent work in the field of community planning."

Beasley currently is president of the Inter-city Highway Committee, of which he has been an active member since the group's inception nearly 10 years ago.

According to Chace, committee members will advise and assist the Board of Supervisors in planning and developing County capital projects and construction programs.

The committee begins its official duties Jan. 1. Said Beasley: "I am proud of the recognition Supervisor Chace has bestowed on me, and I look

forward with real anticipation to activity on a committee where the newness alone offers wide opportunities for achievement."

Carrier Boys Wanted

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HAIR STYLE typical of that being awarded "Girl Who Most Deserves to Be a Blonde—for Christmas" is fashioned by Tony Gainey (left) and Ric Saglian, beauty operators at La Camille Beauty Salon. Winner of current contest, co-sponsored by Torrance Press, will receive complete beauty styling at La Camille salon, operated by Joseph Lombardo.



HIGH FASHION for milady will be included among awards to contest winner. Showing dress ensemble at Joyce's Clothes Horse shop in Hollywood Riviera is Joyce Oursler. —PRESS photos

Traffic Scoreboard

Accidents	Last Week	This Year	
		So Far	Last Year Total
Fatal	0	3	10
Injury	7	460	486
Non-injury	8	599	692
TOTAL	15	1062	1188

Are You 'Christmas Blonde?' Unique, New Contest Will Tell

Beauty experts in Torrance are going into the final week in their search for the girl who most deserves to spend Christmas as a blonde.

A \$150 wardrobe and complete styling, including a new blonde hairdo are waiting for the woman named "Miss Blonde for Christmas."

Deadline on entries is Monday.

Judging will be based on photographs submitted by contestants. Winner will be determined on the basis of adaptability of features, coloring and complexion to blonde hair.

Miss Blonde for Christmas will have her personally tailored ensemble se-

lected for her by specialists at Joyce's Clothes Horse.

Her cosmetician and hair stylist will redo her facial appearance and hairdo at La Camille Beauty Salon.

Co-sponsoring the contest with Joyce's Clothes Horse and La Camille Beauty Salon is the Torrance Press.

Contest is open to all

women over the age of 18. Both blondes and brunettes are invited to participate.

Would-be blondes are asked to fill out the entry blank in this paper and mail it to The Torrance Press, 3228 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

Postmark must be no later than midnight, Dec. 10.