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What is it like to talk to TV and recording stars? This week Sharon Mondschein tells of her meeting with the stars at the recent Music City opening. Read her interviews in 'Today's Teenagers' column on page A-9 in today's PRESS.

# PATROLMAN INJURED IN SPEEDER CHASE

## Lower Age for First Graders

Members of the Torrance School Board unanimously approved a proposal this week that will allow five-year-olds to begin the first grade under an accelerated education program.

Previously only youngsters six years of age were admitted to first grade curricula. The new administrative policy approved Monday night states: "Kindergarten pupils who have attained the age of five years may be admitted to the first grade when they have displayed such advanced achievement and general maturity that acceleration appears to be the best means of meeting the individual need of the child."

In order to be eligible for the program the child's physical development and

social maturity should be consistent with his advanced mental ability.

The kindergarten will be accelerated when he has met the established criteria and it is the professional judgment of the principal and his staff that acceleration would enhance the educational potential of the child.

Parental consent must be given before the youngster is promoted and the child must have attended a public school kindergarten for a long enough period to enable school personnel to make an evaluation of his abilities.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce attended last night's city council meeting. The young man's organization, headed locally by Harold L. Smith, invited the council members to be its guests for dinner following the meeting.

The council, following a hearing, adopted a resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of Lincoln Ave. easterly of Border Ave. The property formerly owned by the city was returned to the property owners whose lots adjoin the parcel.

Jack Emerzian won a request for a variance to allow him to omit garage doors on an eight-unit apartment he is constructing at 20704 Osage Ave. The garages the council was told, are below street level and do not face the street.

Final tract maps for three developments were approved by the group. The subdividers are Kenland Development Co., Bartlett Development Co., and Meine Construction Co. Approval of the three maps was recommended by the Planning Commission.

Claims totaling \$10,000 for personal injuries brought against the city by Josephine Brittain were denied by a vote of the council. The claim alleges that Miss Brit-

### Special Edition

This week only, to allow for our annual Thanksgiving edition, the PRESS will not be published Friday, but will be delivered on Sunday afternoon.

Watch for this special issue which will be chock full of places for you to save money while shopping for that Thanksgiving dinner.



ADMIRING ARTIST'S DRAWING of the 1964 Torrance Rose Parade float is Miss Torrance, Marlene Norsoph. In previous years the floats have been too small to accommodate any persons but this year the planned 40-foot float will have Miss Torrance as well as her two princesses aboard. The overall parade

theme will be "Freedom Symbols" and the city's entry will be titled "Freedom from Want." The float will be of white chrysanthemums, outlined in lavender chrysanthemums. Roses, orchids and gladioli will also adorn the float.

—PRESS Photo

## 'Cycle Smashes Into Car's Side

A 29-year-old California Highway Patrolman was injured critically Sunday evening when the motorcycle he was riding crashed broadside into a local resident's auto in a Torrance intersection.

According to CHP reports, Officer Henry C. Hopkins was pursuing a speeder west-bound on Carson St. when a car driven by Rosella Ann Bondringer, 50, of 736 W. 219th St., Torrance,



INJURED  
Henry Hopkins

pulled into the motorcycle's path. Mrs. Bondringer, officers said, was east-bound on Carson, attempting a left turn onto Figueroa when her auto was struck.

Hopkins' partner, Officer Veale J. Fonville, was leading the chase and escaped the collision. Both motorcycles were displaying red lights when the accident occurred, it was reported.

The injured patrolman was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood. He is reported to be suffering from substantial head injuries, a concussion, compound fractures of the upper leg and a smashed lower leg. CHP officials said it would be some time before Hopkins would be able to return to his duties.

The officers are assigned to the Patrol's South Los Angeles area office.

## Lynn Tells Unique Plan For Stands

Bert Lynn, president of the Torrance School Board, this week proposed a unique plan to construct concession stands at West High School using volunteer labor, thus saving the district an estimated \$10,000.

Lynn told THE PRESS that offers for help had already started to pour in after he offered to work on the project himself at Monday night's board meeting.

"I'll bet my reputation on it," Lynn told his colleagues. "I'll stick with it personally from the time it's started to the finish."

The board prexy suggested that the contractor constructing gymnasium buildings at the school could be asked to do the foundation and plumbing. Then the vol-

untary fund drive. James Bell, of the national organization's building service, will evaluate the space budget needs for the

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### WEATHER

Showers with gradual clearing today and tonight. Gusty winds with scattered clouds and some sunshine on Thursday. High expected 63, low 50.

## Realtors Elect Delmar Wright As President

A record 60 percent of local realtors turned out this week and elected Delmar Wright the new president of the Torrance Lomita Board of Realtors.

Wright, owner and operator of Frontier Realty Company in Torrance was Chairman of the Multiple Listing Service in 1958 and has been active on many of the board's committees presently serving on the board's Board of Directors.

He entered the real estate business in Long Beach in 1949, leaving a supervisory position with a construction company at that time. He opened offices in Torrance in 1954 and joined the Torrance Lomita Board one year later.

Wright has been a member of the Lions Club for the past six years and served on the organization's board of directors. He was appointed Chairman of the White Cane Drive for 1963.



DELMAR WRIGHT

## Forty Separate Decisions Face Board of Directors

Tonight's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Torrance YMCA, in all probability, will be the most important ever held by the organization, Joseph Wilcox, executive secretary, said this week.

Forty separate decisions face the directors when they convene at the Plush Horse Inn at 6:30 p.m. Headlining the session will be discussions and planning for the proposed YMCA building to be built locally.

Negotiations are underway to purchase a 2.2 acre parcel of land on Sepulveda Blvd. near Crenshaw Blvd. Escrow proceedings have been started for the property and, according to Wilcox, will be completed on Nov. 29. Purchase price is reported to be \$120,000.

"We still need \$12,800 to purchase the land," Wilcox said. "The amount has already been pledged and should be collected by the 29th."

The active "Y" secretary stated that April 1 would be the kick-off date for the group's \$600,000 building fund drive. The facility is expected to be completed in about two years.

Ed Socolofski, national "Y" campaign director, will outline to tonight's assembly what steps should be taken to insure a successful

## Incorporation Backers Issue Appeal to Voters

With the prospect of anti-incorporationists being granted an additional 10 days to obtain 51 percent signatures needed to stop the Carson cityhood movement, Sak Yamamoto, one of the original committee members, this week made an appeal to property owners.

Today's scheduled hearing in the County Board of Supervisors' hearing room, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, will, no doubt, be set back to Thursday, Dec. 5, according to Chief Clerk Gordon T. Nesvig. Nesvig said the county assessor's office had not been able to completely check the anti-cityhood petitions turned in by the Carson Homeowners Association. Under a new State law, the association will automatically get the extra time even though they may not yet have the required 51%.

Yamamoto said: "John Easton, spokesman for the Carson Homeowners Association, has said that a larger area incorporated as the City of Carson will be considered after this attempt is defeated. It appears that we all have the same goal in mind except that we differ on the initial size. Inasmuch as the current incorporation move has progressed this far, I feel we should

incorporate this area first, regardless of size, and then all work together to eventually include the entire 26 square miles of unincorporated county area.

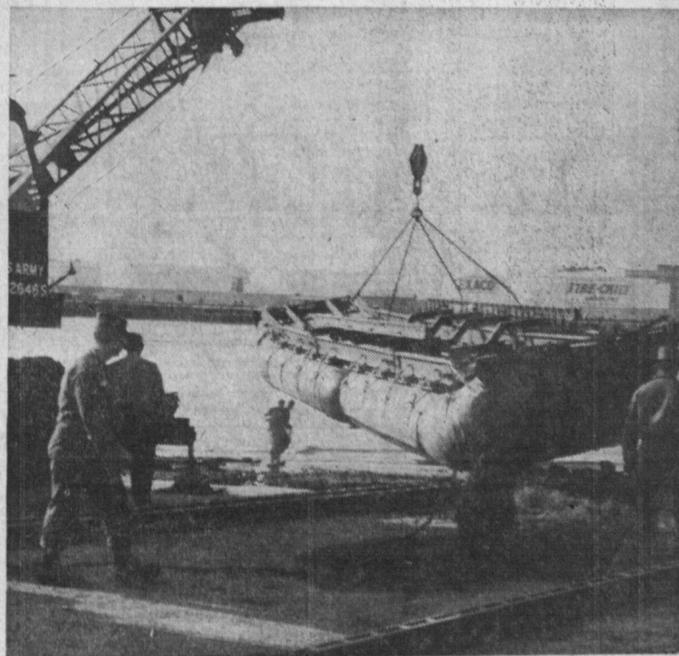
"Now that we are so near incorporation, which would give us protection against the higher taxes we would suffer from being annexed to Long Beach, Los Angeles or Compton, I sincerely urge the people of the Carson area not to sign any petitions against city hood until the entire matter is brought to an election — the only democratic way to decide such a vital issue.

"It will be two years before another incorporation move will be permitted. In the meantime, we will be at the mercy of the five-man committee and the city fathers of surrounding communities who have long realized the rich 'plum' that is our Carson area."

"Moves to annex portions of the Carson area to adjoining communities are not new to any of the councils of neighboring cities. Los Angeles has had several such annexation attempts in the mill for several years, some of them recently accomplished along the L.A. 'City Strip.' Long Beach was barely defeated by quick-think-

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HUGE RUBBER FLOAT is lowered into the water by members of the Torrance National Guard unit during a recent raft building project on Terminal Island. The men of E Company, 132nd Engineer Battalion, spent two days building a four-float reinforced raft. The raft is powered by a

27-foot erection boat and is used in combat to ferry military vehicles over otherwise impassable waterways. The unit, commanded by Capt. Earl Hurley, has inaugurated its new weekend drill schedule allowing guardsmen more comprehensive training.