

Two Men Die in Separate Auto Crashes

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Felony Hit-Run

Police Seek Male Driver

Torrance police began a search for a hit-run suspect Friday after a 50-year-old Torrance man was run down at 840 Van Ness Ave.

Nicholas Fuscardo, 50, of 4807 Scott St., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with severe head lacerations after he was struck by a light blue sedan. Fuscardo was thrown nearly 60 feet after he was hit.

Three witnesses told police Fuscardo was crossing Van Ness Avenue in a cross walk when he was hit. The driver of the car hit the brakes, then sped away from the scene.

Leonor Zavala, 42, of 4162 W. 153rd St., Lomita, and George Brown, 2521 Sierra St., told officers there was one male occupant in the car. The driver apparently made no effort to stop.

Police issued a felony hit-

run complaint against the driver as they began their search for him.

IN ANOTHER pedestrian accident Friday, Howard Donald Kline, 35, of 14905 S. Lemoli St., Gardena, suffered head lacerations when he was struck by a car while crossing Hawthorne Avenue in mid-block.

Howard Bruce Thomas, also 35, of Palos Verdes, told police he was unable to stop when Kline suddenly darted from the center divider on Hawthorne about half a block north of Pacific Coast Highway. Kline was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Charles W. and Louise Rogers, both of 2020 El Segundo Blvd., Gardena, witnessed the accident, as did Joel Schneider, 14, of 4426 W. 233rd St.

ALL THREE witnesses told officers Kline started across the multi-lane highway without regard for his own safety. Kline was staggering, the witnesses said.

Officers reported Kline was intoxicated and did not hold Thomas.

In a third one-car accident, Serge Dick Rostov of Los Angeles told police he would seek treatment from his own physician after he hit a railroad crossing standard at Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Lomita Will Coordinate Family Aid

Efforts to help the widow of a construction worker killed during a construction cave-in in Torrance are being coordinated by the City of Lomita, Stanley Greene, city administrator, has announced.

Greene said several persons have called the Lomita City Hall to offer aid to Mrs. Rudolf Gastelum and her 2-year-old daughter.

Gastelum was killed when a construction ditch caved in at 2539 Torrance Boulevard.

Organizations or individuals wishing to aid the family have been asked to call the Lomita City Hall, 325-7110, or visit Greene's office at 2049 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Area Youths Held in Stabbing of Student

15-Year-Old 'Doing Well' At Hospital

Three youths were taken into custody by Torrance police Friday evening after a Torrance High student was stabbed while walking with friends in the downtown section.

D'Royce Porter Peterson, 15, of 3309 W. Carson St., was reported "doing well" at Torrance Memorial Hospital yesterday. He was stabbed in the stomach about 9:30 Friday.

Later in the evening, officers arrested three juveniles and booked them on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Taken into custody were Steven Arthur Zawacky, 15; Stanley Anthony Zawacky, 16; and James Arnold Patchett, 16. The Zawacky youths live at 22820 Brighton Ave. Patchett resides at 22203 S. Harvard Blvd.

OFFICERS found a small pocket knife on Stanley Anthony Zawacky.

George Minott LeBlanc, 17, of 815 Cranbrook Ave., and Vance Allen Johnson, 15, of 2759 Monterey St., were walking down El Prado with Peterson when the incident took place. The three suspects were walking toward the victim and his companions, according to the report.

When the two groups confronted each other, the youths stopped and refused to move. Peterson and his friends then brushed the suspects while passing them. Peterson turned and was stabbed in the stomach.

THE SUSPECTS began running down the street as a friend of Peterson, John McClure, drove up. All three (Continued on Page A-9)

City Nears Quota for 'Crusade'

Torrance Unified Crusade volunteers are nearing the city quota of \$27,611 with a return of \$21,997, or 79.67 per cent of the goal, according to James Becker, city chairman.

Breakdown of division appeals are: commerce and industry total \$8,047, with a \$13,209 goal; advance gifts, \$5,240, goal of \$4,365; business \$247, goal \$233; residential \$5,802, goal \$7,545; and schools \$2,662, goal \$2,259.

United Crusade is the coordination of 35 community chests representing 310 agencies serving county residents. Reduction in costs of separate appeals and number of individual appeals motivated the merger.

The first United Way appeal raised \$15½ million. This year, United Crusade is driving for a county-wide goal of \$22 million and to date has collected more than 80 per cent of the quota.

"Torrance will toe the mark," stated Becker, "but each and every worker will have to drive hard."

Carlson Aid Fund Planned

Mother Learns Doctor Is Dead

While friends and associates of the murdered Dr. Paul Carlson worked to set up a memorial fund this week, the news of what red-backed Congolese rebels had done to her son was broken to Mrs. Ruth Carlson in her hospital room.

Mrs. Carlson was hospitalized 14 days ago when she suffered a heart attack as the Congolese rebels made their first threats to kill her missionary son.

An attendant at South Bay Hospital said the news upset Mrs. Carlson, who is 62, but the hospital listed her condition as fair.

ANOTHER son, Dwight, a daughter, Sharon, and Dr. Carlson's father went to the hospital room with a doctor and a minister. The daughter said the physician broke the news to the elderly mother.

Meanwhile, wires, letters, and cards began pouring in from all parts of the nation. Among those expressing their sympathy were President and Mrs. Johnson.

WHILE NEW massacres and horrors were being committed in the Congo, former associates of Dr. Carlson, established a memorial fund to aid the widow, Mrs. Lois Carlson, and her two children.

Dr. Richard J. Lescoe, president of the Southwest Medical Association, announced Friday that a Physicians' Aid Carlson Fund had been established. Dr. Lescoe will serve as chairman, and all monies contributed to that fund will be given to Mrs. Carlson.

Contributions may be mailed to the Physicians' Aid Carlson Fund, 1234 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 29.



SAFETY AWARD . . . "Safest steel plant for its size in the country"—that's the first place award earned by employees at U. S. Steel's Torrance works. Don H. Hyde, right, superintendent of personnel services, is shown accepting the top national award from Howard Pyle, president, National Safety Council, at special presentation ceremonies in Chicago. The award is the third in a row and the fourth time in seven years that the U. S. Steel plant has ranked No. 1 nationwide. Torrance employees have worked more than 5 million hours since Oct. 1960 at "frequency zero"—perfect score in preventing disabling injuries. Ray Matzuak and Ed Ahlstrom head the plant's Joint Union-Management Safety Committee.

Three Passengers Hurt In Long Beach Collision

A 70-year-old Torrance man was killed Thanksgiving evening and a motorbike rider suffered fatal injuries Wednesday in two separate traffic accidents.

Dead are: L. D. Stage, 70, of 1511 W. 215th St., and Willie Alfred Shelton, 36, of 5505 Laurette St.

Stage was killed Thursday evening when his car collided with a car driven by Dr. John H. Gauger of Long Beach. The accident occurred about 6:30 at Pacific

Coast Highway and Clark Avenue in Long Beach.

Dr. Gauger was on his way to deliver a baby when the crash occurred. He was uninjured and was not held responsible for the accident.

Stage's wife, Christina, also 70, was taken to Long Beach Community Hospital in serious condition. She sustained a fractured arm, fractured ankle, crushed chest, and lacerations. A hospital spokesman said she was in fair condition yesterday.

Two other passengers in the Stage vehicle were in fair condition. They are Karl E. Avera, 70, of 21425 S. Terminal Island Navy Hospital Blvd., and wife, tal.

Thirsty Thief

Television, Radio, Soft Drinks Taken

Three homes and a market were looted Friday by bandits who included an electric guitar, a portable television set, two radios, and 18 bottles of soft drinks in their hauls.

Harry Saldamando, 16518 Wilton Place, told Torrance police Friday that some one had entered his home in the early afternoon and got away with items valued at \$425.

Saldamando said a portable television set and a transistor radio were taken, along with an electric guitar and amplifier. The thieves also took the guitar case and \$4.50 in cash. Entry apparently was gained through an unlocked door.

Early Friday, Norwood Leonard, 16020 Van Ness Ave., told officers thieves had entered his apartment. Leonard reported a AM-FM radio, a man's wedding band, and a \$200 check made out to him missing. A checkbook also was taken.

Shortly after Leonard reported the theft in his apartment, police were called to 3505 Artesia Blvd., where Dan D. Dillard and Henry D. Tyhuis reported the theft of a pair of slacks, two wallets, and \$98 in cash from their apartment. The thieves went through the front door sometime between 2 and 9 a.m. Friday, police said.

Thirty minutes later, Mavis Cook called police to the Food Fair Market at 2121 W. 182nd St. An unknown thief with a thirst for soft drinks had taken 18 bottles of Coca Cola.

Fireman Burned as Roof Falls

A Los Angeles City Fire Department captain was taken to Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital in serious condition as a result of burns he sustained when a flaming roof collapsed.

Larry Schneider of San Pedro was taken to the hospital with second and third degree burns Wednesday morning.

Schneider, 36, was standing on the roof of a blazing home in southwest Los Angeles when the structure suddenly gave way, plunging the fireman toward the flames.

Firemen trying to pull Schneider to safety said he hung from a rafter while flames leaped up at his legs. He was pulled from the flames and taken to the hospital.

Schneider's two brothers, Howard and Paul, also are firemen. His father is a retired fire captain.



BALANCE CITY BOOKS . . . Tom De Floria (seated) and Cynthia Somerset get a look at the city's books as City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert and Finance Director William Dundore explain the books to them. Cynthia replaced Rupert and De Floria took Dundore's position yesterday as the city hosted high school student for the eighth annual Junior Citizens Day. (Press-Herald Photo)

No Cut-backs in City . . .

Torrance is fortunate that the men who have worked so hard to attract diversified industry to the city were successful, a Press-Herald editorial says today. Diversification means the city's economy is not tied to any one industry, thus maintaining stability. Read these comments and other Press-Herald features in today's editions on pages A-4 and A-5.

Senior Citizens Dance . . .

All senior citizens in Torrance have been invited to attend a Yuletide dance at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Torrance Recreation Center. Moe Garland and his band will provide the dance music. Games, door prizes, and other special events are planned. Local senior citizens clubs have tickets, which are 50 cents each.

Thugs Get Tax Money . . .

Three gunmen robbed a trio of men of more than \$700 early Wednesday, but were scared away from the market's safe by a fire alarm. The robbery occurred at the Food Giant Market, 4848 W. 190th St. Biggest loser was Paul Reider, 50, of Sherman Oaks, who handed over \$660—his 1964 tax bill. It was Reider who tripped the alarm which scared the bandits away.

Advisory Group Planned . . .

A Citizens' Advisory Committee to assist in the development of plans for the Airport Redevelopment Project is expected to be appointed Tuesday by the City Council. The council will meet for a pre-meeting session on the urban renewal project at 5 p.m. A representative of the Housing and Home Finance Agency will meet with the council to discuss the early stages of the plan.