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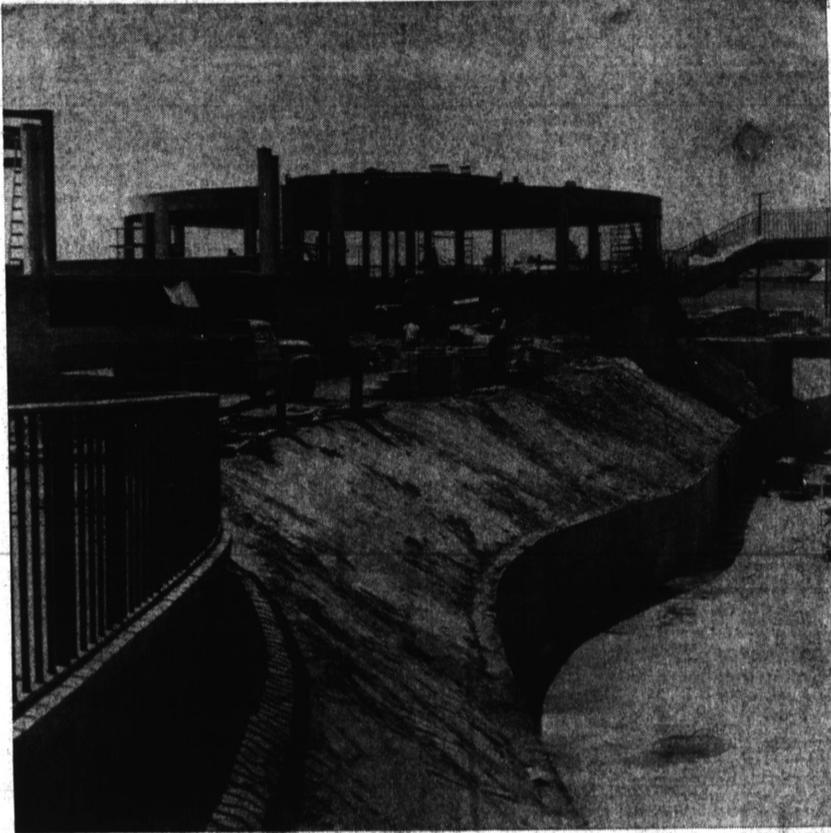
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**NEARING COMPLETION** Construction work on the first phase of the Del Amo Financial Center is nearing completion at Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street. Grand opening ceremonies are scheduled during the week of Sept. 18 through 22 and will include tours of the new center. Formal dedication ceremonies for the Union Bank Tower, major structure in the first phase of the \$30 million development, are scheduled Monday at 4 p.m. Construction crews have begun landscaping and work is continuing on three of the four pavilion buildings which are included in the first phase. (Press-Herald Photo)

## City Settles First Renewal Area Suit

### Funds Approved For Five Lots

By TIM O'DONNELL  
 Press-Herald Staff Writer  
 The first suit against the city of Torrance directly connected with the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project has been settled out of court.

City councilmen last night allocated \$157,250 for the purchase of five lots from Jack M. Roth as part of the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project. Four of the lots are on Hawthorne Boulevard and the other lot is on Park Street.

In late May, 1966, Roth commenced an action against the city for damages for "inverse condemnation" of his land growing out of a city-imposed moratorium on construction in the renewal area.

on Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd and 190th streets and on the west side of Atkinson Avenue some 650 feet south of Artesia Boulevard.

- Approved an ordinance requiring all oil tanks in the city to be fenced as a public safety measure.
- Awarded a contract for \$7,232 to purchase carpeting for offices in the city hall.
- Approved a contract with Professional Library Services of Santa Ana for preparation of a catalogue of books to be available when the city takes over operation of the Torrance Public Library system and for processing and cataloging of books as they are purchased.

### Torrance Leads in Building

Torrance continues to pace construction activity in the Southwest area, according to figures compiled this week by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The city ranked well ahead of the second place city, El Segundo, during July, the report indicated. Torrance reported new construction valued at \$3,357,915 during July, compared to \$1,289,366 for El Segundo.

Redondo Beach was third on the list, with \$697,530 in new construction during July, the chamber reported.

Total valuation of all new construction during July in the South Bay-Torrance area was more than \$7.5 million, according to James Scoufos, president of the Redondo Beach chamber.

## O'Brien Remains In Utah

The man accused of killing Torrance Police Officer David N. Seibert last Aug. 10 has regained consciousness and has been removed from the critical list, Torrance Police were told yesterday afternoon.

Sheriff Ray Gillette of Tooele County, Utah, said Jerry Lee O'Brien, who has been in the Tooele County Hospital since Aug. 25, also has refused to waive extradition to Torrance.

Torrance officials already had begun extradition proceedings in anticipation that O'Brien would not waive his rights and return voluntarily to this city.

OFFICER Seibert was killed Aug. 10 while trying to halt a robbery at a North Torrance market. O'Brien has been formally charged with murder in a complaint filed here.

O'Brien was injured seriously Aug. 25 when he lost control of his car while driving about 35 miles from Salt Lake City, Utah. He was taken to the Tooele County Hospital where he remained in a coma until yesterday.

Torrance Police Lt. Myles Hamilton and Officer James Farrar will go to Utah to accompany O'Brien back to Torrance when extradition proceedings have been completed, it was reported.



DOUGLAS L. GOULD  
Area Chairman

## Crusade Chairman Appointed

Douglas L. Gould, manager of the East View Branch of the Bank of America in San Pedro, has been named the chairman of the Professional Division of the Harbor Area United Crusade campaign for 1967-68.

Gould will be chairman of a committee of professionals—attorneys, dentists, physicians—which will solicit individual donations from members of their own professions in the Harbor area, which includes Torrance, Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita, and Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Torrance committeemen of the Professional Division of the United Crusade for this year are Donald Hitchcock, attorney, who will solicit funds from Torrance attorneys; Dr. Robert Jackson, DDS, who will solicit from Torrance dentists; and David Dickey, MD, who will solicit from physicians in this city.

Gould has made solicitations for United Way and the old Community Chest and Red Cross for which he was chairman in San Pedro in 1964. He has been a regular blood donor through Red Cross for 20 years.

A member of the San Pedro-Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch Red Cross board for two years, Gould is both a member of the board of managers of the San Pedro-Palos Verdes Peninsula YMCA and chairman of its program committee. In addition, he is a member of the board of the San Pedro Kiwanis Club.

Gould lives in San Pedro with his wife, Mary Jean, and their three children, Piper Lee, 13; Jeffrey Glenn, 11; and Carrie Lynn, 8.

## Burglars Get \$1,000 Haul

Office machines and three television sets with a total value of more than \$1,000 were reported taken from the home of George J. Watts, 50, at 139 Via Alameda Tuesday.

Torrance police said the burglars gained entry by climbing through a bathroom window. The haul included a color television set, two portable television sets, an adding machine, and an electric typewriter.

## 11 Persons Injured in Holiday Traffic Crashes

By HAL FISHER  
 Press-Herald Staff Writer

The traffic accident box score for the Labor Day weekend in Torrance is as follows: none killed, eleven injured, four cars totaled, two cars with major damage, and three cars with minor damage.

A few hours after the end of the holiday weekend, however, 18-year-old Sergio Palacios was killed when his car went over a bank in the Palos Verdes area near San Pedro.

Two passengers in Palacios' vehicle were treated for injuries at San Pedro Community Hospital then transferred to Harbor General Hospital. They were Gilberto M. Orona, 25, of Harbor City, and Armando Hernandez, 20, of 220 Dominguez St. in the Carson area.

CALIFORNIA Highway Patrolmen told the Press-Herald the accident occurred about 4:20 a.m. Tuesday. Palacios, who carried no identification, was not identified until late Tuesday and no address has yet been established, patrolmen said.

Torrance police logged the first injuries in this city during the weekend when a car

driven by LeRoy Grady Moore, 21, a Marine stationed in Long Beach, apparently ran a red light and collided with a car driven by Ronald W. Flynn, 16, of Manhattan Beach at Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards.

Flynn was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released. Kristina Inez Shepard, 20, a passenger in the Moore car, and Ruth Ann Raye, 19, a passenger in the Flynn vehicle, were admitted to the hospital for observation. Both were released Monday.

INJURED in a three-car accident at Torrance Boulevard and Hickory Avenue about 1:30 p.m. Sunday were Dennis Ogren, 19, of Torrance, and Marjorie Ann Guzzardo, 52, of Los Angeles.

Torrance police said a car driven by Christopher Patrick Hurley, 19, of 804 Patronella Ave., collided with a car driven by the Guzzardo woman when the brakes on the Hurley vehicle apparently failed. The third car, a station wagon, was driven by Margaret Rita Limoges, of 21111 Dolores St. Mrs. Guz-

zardo's vehicle came to rest against a garage door at 1121 Hickory Ave.

Both Ogren and Mrs. Guzzardo were treated for their injuries and released from Little Company of Mary Hospital.

A COLLISION involving cars driven by Gordon Tween, 24, of Hawthorne, and Jimmie Dean Guy, 26, of Lawndale, sent Betty Wayne Tween, 21, to Little Company of Mary Hospital. She was treated for minor abrasions and sent home.

The crash occurred at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard about 10:30 p.m. Sunday, police reported.

Two more drivers were treated for abrasions and lacerations at Little Company of Mary Hospital following a crash at Western Avenue and Torrance Boulevard about midnight Monday.

They were Eleanor A. Jenkins, 27, of 1007 Arlington Ave., and Anton Srsen of San Pedro. Both were treated and released. Three passengers in the Srsen vehicle—Tomisava Srsen, Peter Srsen, and Thelma K. Juncich, also were treated and released.

## Get Added State Aid

# Board May Restore Cuts

Torrance schools have a unique problem—what to do with some \$1.6 million in "extra" money.

The \$1.6 million in extra funds is the result of new legislation approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan.

But the extra funds came to Torrance after the school board had completed action on a \$22.3 million budget early in August—by slicing some sizeable chunks from the district's preliminary budget.

MOST OF the district's capital outlay program was cut from the 1967-68 budget, according to Dr. Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business affairs.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, last night asked the board to consider restoring some of the budget cuts "directly affecting the school program and school plants."

Among the items Dr. Hull suggested be reviewed by the board were cuts affecting

textbooks, supplemental books, general instructional materials, and the replacement of instructional equipment. He also suggested that improvements to several schools which were cut be restored.

TRUSTEES asked for a complete report on the cost of restoring such items to the budget. Dr. Hull said the report would be submitted to the board at its next regular meeting.

In a related action, the board voted to continue for at least six months the district's special communications skills program—despite a loss of some \$19,000 in federal funds for the program.

Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent for educational services, in a letter to the board, said trustees could either continue the program with local funds or begin to phase it out.

DR. POSNER said state funds may be obtained for funding the program under provisions of the new school

## No Cash, No Chicken For Would-Be Bandits

Two armed men attempted to hold-up a Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant Monday, but this time the men got neither cash nor chicken.

The incident occurred just as the restaurant, located at 16422 Crenshaw Blvd., was closing Monday after the long Labor Day weekend, police reported.

The same restaurant was robbed of \$735 by a lone gunman Aug. 22 and another bandit got \$1,059 from an outlet in South Torrance Aug. 26, according to police reports.

tempt involved two men in their mid-20s who entered the store through a side door while Steve Kuester and three other employees were cleaning in preparation for closing Monday.

When the would-be bandits demanded the day's receipts, they were told the money had been locked in the safe. The robbers then herded the four employees into a hallway and ordered them to stay or they would "get your heads blown off."

Kuester telephoned police about 10 minutes later, he reported.

Officers said the latest at-