

# Freeway Plunge Kills Woman; Man Held

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# Two Boys Find \$2,600 Taken in Cafe Holdup

## Checks Found By Duo

Checks totaling some \$2,600 — part of \$3,900 taken earlier Friday from a South Torrance restaurant — were found by two teenage boys in a shopping center parking lot Friday evening.

The checks were turned over to security officials at a Del Amo Center store by David Gortez and Eric Blechinger, both 15, about 5:30 Friday evening.

Police said the checks were taken from a safe at the Latitude 20 Restaurant, 3901 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., sometime between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday. Some \$1,317 in currency and coins which also was taken has not been recovered.

GORTEZ, of 2213 Robinson Lane, Redondo Beach, told the Press-Herald he and Blechinger, of 18718 Billings St., were walking in the parking lot at the Del Amo Center when they spotted several money bags which contained the checks.

The bags had been stuffed behind bushes surrounding an oil well pump, Gortez said.

THE YOUTHS said they thought their find was worthless until they found a bank book in one of the bags. They took the checks to a nearby department store and officials there called Torrance police.

Police said the checks, along with the \$1,300 in cash, had been placed in the restaurant safe about 11:10 a.m. Friday. It was reported missing at 1:30 p.m.

Gortez and Blechinger are both students at Bishop Montgomery High School.



ON HOSPITAL BOARD . . . Mrs. John Shidler, known to television and motion picture fans as Rosemary DeCamp, has been appointed to the board of directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Shidler, pictured here with 23-month-old Abel Gavia in the pediatric ward, succeeds Mrs. Charles Curtiss, who resigned after 23 years on the board. The Shidler family has been associated with the hospital throughout its 45-year history. Her father-in-law, Dr. George Shidler, served on the original medical staff and all four of Mrs. Shidler's children were born at the hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Saxons To Lead Parade

Honor position in the prologue of the 8th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade next Saturday is assigned to North High School's 150-member marching band and drill team.

The Saxons won the Best Civilian Music Entry Trophy competition in last year's military parade. Back in 1960, they also won top honors.

Band Director Robert L. Jones indicated that his talented group again is well prepared to defend its title in face of stiff band competition being entered from other high schools and youth groups throughout the Los Angeles area.

Parade General Chairman George S. Wing explained that high school and youth group bands are used in an otherwise all-military parade to separate parade divisions and to provide music to military marching units without their own bands.

Last year's military parade of 6,000 marchers, display, and fireworks show at Torrance drew some 100,000 spectators.

T/Sgt. Howard W. Pederson of the Air Force Recruiting Office in Torrance previewed the Saxons' preparation for the coming parade. He reminded the students and school personnel of the immediate need for nurses, male or female, for the Air Force.

## Cited by College

Elaine Daszokoski, of 17004 S. Prairie Ave., has been honored for outstanding service to Cal State Long Beach. The award was presented at the annual Forty-Niner Awards Banquet held last week.

## ON TUESDAY

# Red Cross Plans Blood 'Train-In'

A "train-in" for new and prospective volunteers in the Red Cross Blood program is scheduled for Tuesday at the Red Cross Service Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro.

From 9:30 until noon, a concentrated course will be conducted to prepare volunteers for the important assignments accompanying each visit of a bloodmobile to a community or industrial site. Interested men and women are invited to the orientation. Registration may be completed at the door.

THE COURSE will be conducted by Mrs. Richard Bowler of Palos Verdes. She is vice chairman of volunteers for the Southern District of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter, including Gardena, Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, Palos Verdes, and Wilmington.

"Just as love-ins and sit-downs are held to prove a point, the "train-in" is being held to show how simple and challenging a volunteer job in the blood program can be," Mrs. Bowler said.

No previous training or special skills are necessary, only a willingness to learn and desire to be of service are required of Red Cross volunteers in the blood program.

AT PRESENT, the Red Cross blood program is able to provide only about 75 percent of the blood needs in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

"To increase our capabilities, we must have, not only more donors, but more well-trained volunteers who can assist the staff nurses and

physician at every blood collection," Mrs. Bowler said.

Volunteers in the blood program do a variety of jobs including typing, filing, providing shuttle service to do-

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## To Dedicate New Plant . . .

Corporate officials of the Hughes Aircraft Co. will gather here Wednesday morning to formally dedicate a new 165,000-square-foot facility for the Hughes Electron Dynamics Division of the firm. The new two-story plant, located at 3100 W. Lomita Blvd., includes 30,000 square feet of con rolled environment space for precision assembly, processing, and testing of microwave tubes, gas lasers, and related products. Dedication ceremonies will begin at 10:30 a. m. A tour of the plant will precede the ceremony.

## Police Memorial Rites Set . . .

Annual drill and memorial ceremony of the Torrance Police Department will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in front of the Torrance station at 3131 Torrance Blvd., according to Chief Walter R. Koenig. The ceremonies will honor those officers disabled or killed in the line of duty, and will usher in National Police Week. The week will be climaxed next Saturday with the Armed Forces Parade at 10 a.m. and an open house at the station from 1 to 4 p.m.

## Armed Pair Hold Up Bank . . .

Two bandits driving a car with stolen license plates held up the Security-First National Bank at 17124 Hawthorne Blvd. Friday noon, terrorizing 22 employees and more than a dozen customers before fleeing with more than \$5,000 from four tellers' cages. One bandit, armed with a shotgun, fired a blast into the bank wall when some of the patrons in the bank were too slow in reacting to his command to lie on the floor. None of them was injured. The bandits were described as tall, Negro, about 30 years of age. They wore striped coveralls, baseball caps, and sun glasses.

DEATH RIDE . . . A 62-year-old Huntington Beach woman, Mrs. Julia E. Pope, sustained fatal injuries Friday afternoon when her car plunged some 40 feet off the San Diego Freeway after it was struck. Mrs. Pope was trapped inside the car for a short time. She died shortly after 4 p.m. at Harbor General Hospital. A Gardena man, Glynn Travis McNemar, 23, was booked by California Highway Patrol officers, on suspicion of felony drunk driving and manslaughter.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## Plunges 40 Feet

# Police Hold Driver For Manslaughter

A Huntington Beach woman was fatally injured and one man arrested Friday afternoon following a three-car collision on the southbound San Diego Freeway south of the Harbor Freeway interchange in which one car plunged 40 feet to Figueroa Street.

Mrs. Julia Eastmond Pope, 62, of 5041 Caspian Circle, Huntington Beach, died at Harbor General Hospital about 4:10 p.m., nearly two hours after the 2:15 p.m. collision. The cause of her death

was listed as multiple fractures complicated by internal injuries. Glynn Travis McNemar, 23, of 1320 Compton Blvd., Gardena, was booked by California Highway Patrol officers on suspicion of felony drunk driving and felony manslaughter.

DRIVER of a third car, not injured, was not identified by Highway Patrolmen. His car sustained only minor damage, it was reported.

Officer Keith Alber and witnesses estimated McNemar

was traveling in excess of 80 miles per hour when his vehicle struck the rear of Mrs. Pope's vehicle on the Harbor Freeway overpass. Mrs. Pope lost control of her car and it plunged 40 feet down to the northbound lanes of Figueroa Street, ripping out some 50 feet of bridge railing and landing on its top.

SPILLED oil and gasoline ignited, but the flames were quickly quelled by firemen from County Fire State No. 36 and a passing State Road Department crew. Mrs. Pope was not burned, but firemen had to right the car to free her.

Alber said McNemar, who stopped and identified himself to CHP officers, probably would be arraigned on the charges tomorrow.

## Vacancy on Agenda for Torrance School Board

Torrance school board members will convene tomorrow evening for their first session since the death last Tuesday of Dr. Kurt T. Shery. Procedures for filling the vacancy created by his death are expected to be discussed.

Under state law, the local board has 30 days in which to appoint someone to the seat. If the local board is unable to agree on a successor, then the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools

will appoint someone to the board.

Dr. Shery had just been re-elected to a four-year term on the board. He died last Tuesday after he was stricken some 10 days earlier by a heart attack.

During tomorrow's meeting, trustees also are scheduled to discuss the district's policy toward dangerous drugs and narcotics. A presentation by school and police officials is planned.

Speaking before the board will be Police Sgt. Lee Ashman, commander of the Torrance Police Department Vice and Intelligence Division; Bert McKinley, deputy probation officer for the Los Angeles County Probation Department; and Robert J. Ellsworth, child welfare assistant for the school district.

## Bar Association Tournament Set

The Harbor Bar Association and the South Bay Bar Association will sponsor their annual Golf-Bridge Tournament Friday at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

The first foursome will tee off about 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served following the tournament.

## Motorcycle Hits Curb, Youth Hurt

A Redondo Beach teenager sustained minor injuries Friday afternoon when his motorcycle slammed into a curb near Bishop Montgomery High School.

Jimmy L. James, 18, of 1018 Avenue D, Redondo Beach, was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital about 5 p.m. and sent home.

James told police he was riding east on Torrance Boulevard when the kick-stand on his motorcycle fell and began dragging the street. He said he hit the curb as he tried to replace the stand.



POPULAR DISPLAY . . . Sparky, the talking fire dog, gives Janene Morris, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Morris of Redondo Beach, some tips on fire prevention during a visit to the "City of Care" exhibit at Harbor General Hospital. Sparky was voted the most popular exhibit at the hospital during Hospital Week festivities. Theme of the week-long observance was "Your Hospital — City of Care." More than 1,000 persons visited the exhibit Thursday. (Press-Herald Photo)