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# WOMAN DIES IN TWO-CAR CRASH

## Torrance Has Ninth Traffic Death of Year

A 34-year-old Wilmington woman was killed Wednesday night in a two-car collision on Sepulveda Boulevard just west of Hawthorne Avenue.

Killed was Mrs. Betty Jo Haney, passenger in a car driven by Taputapu Ameperosa, 30, also of Wilmington.

Driver of the other car involved was Refugio Ortega Mungarro, 41, of 502 N. Elena, Redondo Beach, who was booked on suspicion of drunken driving and manslaughter.

Mrs. Haney was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital. A passenger in Mungarro's car, Virginia Griffith, 20, of the same address, suffered major injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary.

of injuries suffered in a two-car collision about 6 p.m. Thanksgiving day on Sepulveda Boulevard and Marjorie Avenue.

He was a passenger in a car driven by Samuel Montgomery Galloway, 19, of 3827 W. 227th St. Driver of the other car was Juanita Hughes, 39, of 22722 Marjorie Ave.

Noninjury accidents logged throughout the day included those at 166th and Crenshaw, Torrance and Hawthorne, Sepulveda and Crenshaw, 174th and Atkinson, Pacific Coast Highway and Rolling Hills Road, 235th and Crenshaw, and on Crenshaw south of Monterey Avenue.

POLICE SAID the Amperosa vehicle was making a left turn into a market parking lot when Mungarro's car, eastbound on Sepulveda, collided with the right rear of Amperosa's vehicle. Amperosa was westbound on Sepulveda.

The accident occurred about 11:30 p.m. This was Torrance's ninth traffic fatality of the year compared with seven for last year.

FUNERAL services for the victim will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. She was born in Kansas on Oct. 14, 1926, and had resided in this area for 13 years.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pico; a son, Charles Colvin; two half-sisters, Mrs. Cynthia Muncey and Mrs. Juanita McGuire; and a half-brother, Don Pico.

TWO PERSONS suffered major injuries Friday in a two-car collision on Hawthorne Avenue north of Emerald Street.

They were Mary Virginia Wolff, driver of a small foreign car, and Lyle Wolff, 8, both of Avenue E, Redondo Beach. Driver of the other car involved was Patty Bell Brown, 37, of 3427 1/2 W. 171st St.

Robert Waters, 17, of 22405 Evalyn Ave., was taken to a private physician for treatment.

## TORRANCE GETS OWN 'SIGALERT'

Opening of a new discount store, coupled with higher than normal traffic because of the holidays, brought so much traffic to the Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard area Friday afternoon that a "Sigalert" was issued, advising motorists to "use alternate routes."

Prime cause of the gigantic traffic snarl, police say, was the opening of the new Big Ben store near the intersection. All available Torrance police units were assigned to the area, still at one time there were more than 300 cars jammed on Crenshaw Boulevard near 250th Street.

## City Transit Authority on Proposal List

Establishment of a Torrance Transit Authority comprised of successful business people to oversee operation of the city's transportation facilities has been recommended to the City Council by the Citizens Bus Committee.

In a report prepared for the Council this week, Chairman Margaret Clark listed 10 recommendations drawn up by the committee in a program.

In addition to calling for establishment of the transit authority, the group asks for revised service on the Torrance-Long Beach route to accommodate visiting hours at Harbor General Hospital; extension of the Torrance - Los Angeles schedule for a year instead of the six months approved by the council and addition of Sunday runs; and establishment of a line from Lomita to downtown Torrance up Narbonne and Arlington avenues.

THE GROUP also calls for an extensive advertising and publicity campaign for the municipal bus system, impartial survey of the system by an outside expert, and investigation of the possibility of erecting a bus shelter at the Del Amo Center.

The committee's recommendations have been put on the agenda for consideration by the City Council Tuesday evening when it meets at 8.

OTHER MATTERS on Tuesday's agenda include two public hearings, one on Planning Commission Case No. 738, a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 for property on 230th Street between Hawthorne and Madison; the other, Case No.

736, a request for variance to construct multiple-family dwelling units on Madison Avenue between 227th and 230th streets.

Airport Manager Jack Egan will recommend that the Council insure the glass in the new airport control tower cab, and the Council will consider a letter from O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles legal firm, setting forth their offer to act for the city in the preparation of a revenue bond issue for airport improvement.

A RECOMMENDATION that a police matron and file clerk be added to the police department to handle criminal complaints will go before the councilmen with recommendations from the personnel assistant and city attorney.

Ordinances to be considered will include the new beach regulation, up to its final reading; an ordinance changing the personnel assistant title to personnel director and establishing a classification and salary range for senior airport attendant; and an ordinance providing for computation of payments into the drainage improvement fund and permitting waiver of the fee in certain cases.

## Hospitals Set Polio Shot Date

Polio clinics will be repeated at five community hospitals Thursday for persons who need polio booster inoculations, or who wish to begin or continue a polio inoculation series.

Five hospitals involved will offer the inoculations from 4 through 6 p.m. at a nominal charge of \$1, medical spokesmen said.

The program is under the auspices of the Southwest District of Los Angeles County Medical Assn. The Southwest district of LACMA will make physicians available during the designated hours.

Hospitals will provide space, equipment, nursing personnel, and serum. Auxiliary and volunteer units will provide secretarial aid and other assistance which may be necessary, according to Dr. William A. Taylor, president of the local district medical organization.

DR. TAYLOR also said clinics will be repeated at hospitals as a public service on the last Thursday of each month for an indefinite period. The first such clinic was May 25.

The hospitals: Gardena Hospital Inc., 1145 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena.

Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd.

Riviera Community Hospital, 4025 W. 226th St.

South Bay Hospital, 514 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach.

Torrance Memorial Hospital, 1425 Engracia St.



SNOWY MEETING . . . Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Alameda County chats with A2C Gary Thompson (left) and A2C Robert B. Mennealy of Torrance during visit to Elmendorf Air Force Base, headquarters for the Alaskan Air Command. The congressman spent several hours on the base visiting with California airmen. (USAF Photo)

## City Nearly Ready With Plans for Victor Park

Development of Victor Park could be started before the end of the year with \$35,000 which has been allocated for the project, City Manager Wade Peebles said Friday.

His report on the park development followed a request to the City Council last week that the Little League now using the area be asked to move. Plans for layout of the park are being completed by the recreation department and should be completed in December, Peebles said.

### Teacher to Talk At College Forum

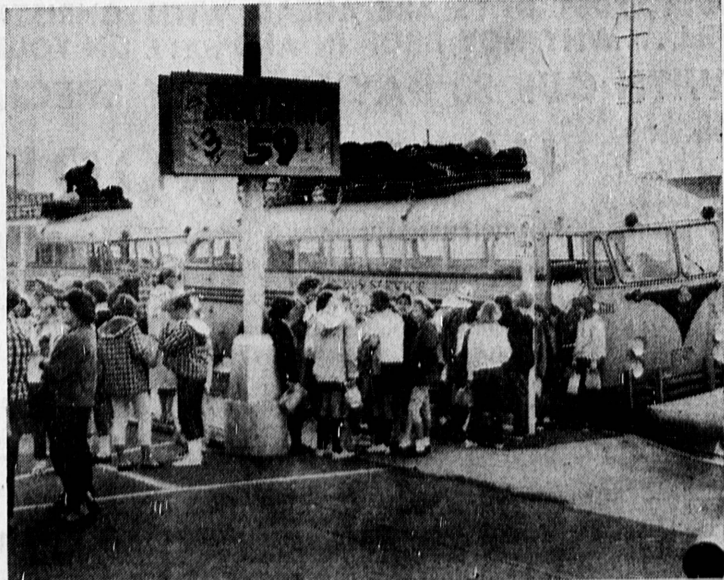
The third lecture in Harbor College's Forum series will feature Harbor instructor Dr. Laurence C. Welch, speaking on "Great Discoveries in Biblical Archaeology." The lecture will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the main gymnasium.

Dr. Welch will tell of the Stone Age men in the Mount Carmel area, the Walls of Jericho and King Solomon and his Megiddo horse stables.

## In The Herald Today

A powerful El Rancho team held the North Torrance Saxons scoreless as CIF playoff games began Friday night. The El Rancho team won 16-0 on their Pico Rivera field. Details in sports section.

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ON RAINY OUTING . . . Members of Central Torrance Girl Scout troops left here Friday morning to spend the weekend at Camp Au Ventura north of Glendora, and reported yesterday noon that it was wet, muddy, and that winds had blown down at least one tent. At one point the group considered returning to Torrance, but decided at noon to "stick it out." Area Brownie troops canceled plans to depart yesterday and spend last night in the camp because of the weather.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about the idea of having a Metropolitan government in which Los Angeles County's individual cities would fall under the authority of one governmental body?" the Pennies photographer asked downtown Torrance shoppers.

William L. Shanklin, 23701 S. Western

Ave.: "I wouldn't like it. Local control would be too far away and individual cities wouldn't have large enough voice in their own local affairs."

Mrs. Harry Rector, Lomita:

"I say it would not work too well here in Los Angeles County. I like it the way it is now with each individual city having its own city council. It's more like a democracy now."

Mrs. A. W. Whitlington, Redondo Beach:

"I think it's better to have individual city councils because too many little things which are important to a city come up and would not receive proper attention by a Metropolitan government."

Mrs. John Hunter, 3626 W. 226th St.:

"I don't think it would work because it is too much of a job for one governmental body. I like the present city council system. A Metropolitan government wouldn't take an interest in each city as much as an individual city council."

Mrs. Andy Pachao, 1221 El Prado Ave.:

"I think it's a good idea because as they say two heads are better than one. It would certainly be something different for this area."

## Hearing Set on Rezoning

Rezoning of property on both sides of 203rd Street between Denker Avenue and Western Avenue to a depth of 120 feet on the north side and a depth of 220 feet on the south side will be the subject of a Los Angeles City Planning Commission hearing to be held on Monday, Dec. 4.

The hearing will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Wilmington Branch City Hall, 411 Neptune

Heavy Industrial Zone to the CM Commercial Manufacturing Zone. The request was submitted by Kenneth Battram, one of the property owners in the area.

Although this street is predominately residential at present, a request for R3 multiple residential zoning was proposed earlier this year after several property owners raised objection.

The public hearing will be conducted by an examiner designated by the City Planning Commission.