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KIDNAPER GETS PRISON TERM

Psychiatric Care Urged For Trucker

A 250-pound Torrance truck driver, convicted earlier this month on charges of kidnaping a 14-year-old Long Beach area girl in August, has been sentenced to state prison for a term of 1 to 20 years, with a recommendation that he receive psychiatric care while imprisoned.

William Joseph Brunner, who lived at 2217 Sepulveda, was sentenced to state prison after he pleaded guilty to the kidnaping charge before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling in Long Beach.

Brunner was arrested early in August after his 14-year-old victim gave police a license number she had copied down as her attacker drove away from a Signal Hill oil field. The girl told officers her abductor had warned her not to look back as he drove away, but she defied the warning to copy down the license number.

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Jobs Open in County Office

Thirty career jobs, starting at \$608 a month, are open to men with accounting experience in the business division of the County Assessor's Department, it was announced by Phil Watson, county assessor.

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Gilbert Tops All Records On Weigh-In

Little Gilbert Mendoza isn't little. He's big. In fact, he's very big for this world already, and he is only 3 days old today.

Gilbert, the son of Alfonso and Jennie Mendoza of South Artesia, weighed in at 14 lbs., 7½ oz. at Harbor General Hospital shortly after his birth at 1:50 p.m. Thursday.

Sentence Date for Trio Set

Three men who pleaded guilty to charges of disturbing the peace during an attempt to break up a civil rights meeting here in August will return for sentencing on Nov. 13 in Torrance Municipal Court. Jacob Sacks, 38, a Palos Verdes Estates engineer; James Rea, 40, Rolling Hills industrialist, and Robert Cadle, 32, of 21605 Ocean Ave., were ordered to return for sentencing after pleading guilty to the charge before Municipal Judge William B. Keene.

The August meeting in the Torrance High School auditorium was sponsored by the Centinela Bay Human Relations Committee. A subsequent meeting was held without incident.

Council Meets

The City Council will meet Tuesday evening at 5:30 in the council chambers. There was no meeting last week because members were attending the League of California Cities conference in San Francisco.

It's probably an all-time record in the county's general hospital system, officials believe. It certainly is the largest baby born in the 17-year history of Harbor General Hospital, according to Dave Gershon, hospital spokesman.

Dr. Leonard Klay, M.D., obstetrics resident at the hospital, and Dr. Peter Weiner, M.D., obstetrics intern, attended the birth.

"THERE WERE no problems relative to delivery, the baby is normal, and delivery was normal," Dr. Klay said.

Average weight desired for new-borns is around 7 pounds, he said.

Gilbert's parents are not large—each is 5 ft. 5 in. tall—but his brothers and sisters have all been large at birth.

Alfonso Jr., now 7, weighed 10 lbs. at birth. Lisa, 4, weighed 10 lbs. Ronald, 2, weighed 10 lbs., 8 oz.

GILBERT WAS 24½ inches long at birth, or about 5 inches longer than the normal new-born.

"Oh, my goodness," the mother gasped when told of (Continued on Page 2)



HEAVYWEIGHT . . . Mrs. Alfonso Mendoza, 31, proudly shows her 14 lbs., 7½ oz. baby boy to Nurse Mrs. Lorraine Ellis, of Torrance, at Harbor General Hospital. The baby, largest ever born in the hospital's 17 year history, was named Gilbert Mendoza, and is 24½ inches long. Mrs. Mendoza has two boys, one 7, and the other 2 years old, and a daughter 4 years old. Her husband is a washerman for a Whittier laundry. The couple reside in South Artesia. (Herald Photo)

City's Street Names Echo Romantic Past

By DARRELL MADDOX
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Torrance's Hollywood Riviera is an area consisting of exquisite homes and romantic-sounding street names — romantic that is if a person can translate them from Spanish into English.

With the aid of a translation list compiled by the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn., a drive through the area can take the traveler down the tree-lined way (Via Alameda) over the avenue browned by the sun (Avenida Atezada) to a view of the sea (Vista Del Mar).

If the traveler is weary of the freeways and smog, he might take the way of solitude (Via La Soledad) to the secluded place (El Retiro Park).

is taken at night, it might take the traveler over a drive of dreams (Paseo De Suenos) to a drive of the stars (Paseo De Las Estrellas).

Depending upon the traveler's likes, he might take an avenue of the flowers (Avenida De Las Flores) or a pretty way (Via Benita) and continue on to a street of trees (Calle De Arboles). But if the beach is more to the liking of the traveler, he might take the drive of the shell (Paseo De La Concha) and the drive of the delights (Paseo De Las Delicias) through sea view street (Calle Miramar) to a waterside promenade (Esplanade).

While there, the traveler might take the drive of the beach (Paseo De La Playa), but he shouldn't expect to see any mermaids even if he's on the street of the mermaids (Calle De Sirenas).

Hollywood Riviera also abounds with green woods for which a boulevard is named (Palos Verdes) and boasts of an extensive view way (Via Los Miradores).

Heading back to the city, our traveler would probably take the way of the cut-off (Via Sego) and emerge feeling like he had been on the drive of the kings (Paseo De Las Reyes). For residents who live there, it's undoubtedly like the way of good fortune (Via Buena Ventura).

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