ANNIVERSARIES MARKED BY GP **EMPLOYEES**

tion in the refining department. He currently is employed as a boiler engineer at the company's Torrance Refinery. Smith has been a member of

Two Torrance residents mark the engineering-construction deanniversaries with General Pe- partment at Vernon and the troleum corp. this month. They Torrance Refinery. He is emare Harold G. Bogel, 1216 Elm ployed as a pipefitter at the reave., who has been with the finery.

company for 35 years; and Both men will receive the H. Smith, 17315 Ardath ave., commendations of the board of who marks a quarter of a cen- directors of General Petroleum tury with GP. and diamond lapel emblems sig-Bogel has held various posi- nifying their length of service.



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THROWN BY COLLISION Geoffrey Hunton (circle) was thrown from a car driven by his mother Mrs. Bernadine H. Hunton, 23, (standing by car) of 19406 Stergero dr., when her car and a bus collided at Lincoln and Cabrillo last week. Landing in the street, the 11/2-year-old child got up and walked away .- Press Photo.



FUTURE JOURNALISTS Frank Rutherford smiles approvingly on his journalism delegation from Torrance Hi which attended Press Day at El Camino College Friday. Lee Day, sixth from the left, was named first place winner in the sports writing tournament. Some 25 entrants were registered in the division with Day. Other winners included Liela Santor, North High (third place, editorial) and Barbara Partsch, North Torrance (honorable mention, feature).

Final Plans for Improving Dominguez Channel OK'd from the excavation of the new channel to be used in filling in the old channel and most of the sumps and sloughs, Supervisor Hahn pointed out.

Final plans and specifications Vermont avenues, estimates to for permanent improvements to cost nearly \$2,000,000, were ap of a program to permanently improve the channel with con-alignment between Denker and of supervisors and a call for vertice sides and bottom from

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visor Kenneth Hahn reports. Bids will be opened on April

26, and construction is scheduled to begin before the end of May, provided satisfactory bids are received.

"This is one of the most important improvements ever made to Dominguez channel and it should go a long way toward providing flood control and protection to the people of Gardena and Torrance," Supervisor Hahn stated.

He explained that much of the flooding in the wake of the January storm last year was caused by the small culverts under Normandie and Vermont avenues, which damned the water, causing it to back up.

New Bridges "New bridges will be built across Normandie and Vermont on the new course of the channel. Water will pass under these two streets through huge concrete boxes, totaling 75 feet in width and approximately 18 feet deep," Supervisor Hahn said.

Permanent improvement of the channel will include the construction of a concrete bottom, with a depressed area for low water flow, and concrete walls, 18 feet in depth.

Project will require 15 months to complete.

The new concrete channel will be 75 feet wide on a right of way of 125 feet.

The project will also include the extension of the Normandie ave. bond issue storm drain, which was recently completed at a cost of \$1,120,000. The drain will be lengthened from its present outlet at approximately 170th street to the new channel.

New Course

New course of the channel will be an extension of its alignment at Denker, parallel to, and approximately 600 feet south of Artesia blvd.

It will eliminate two crossings of the channel under Artesia, near Halldale ave. and between Normandie and Vermont.

from the excavation of the new channel on the new course will shorten the length of it and save the taxpayers \$500,000, and will also make possible the elimination of several of the sloughs between Denker and Vermont," Supervisor Hahn stated.

After crossing under Ver-mont, the channel turns south to connect to the present alignment.

Plans call for excess earth