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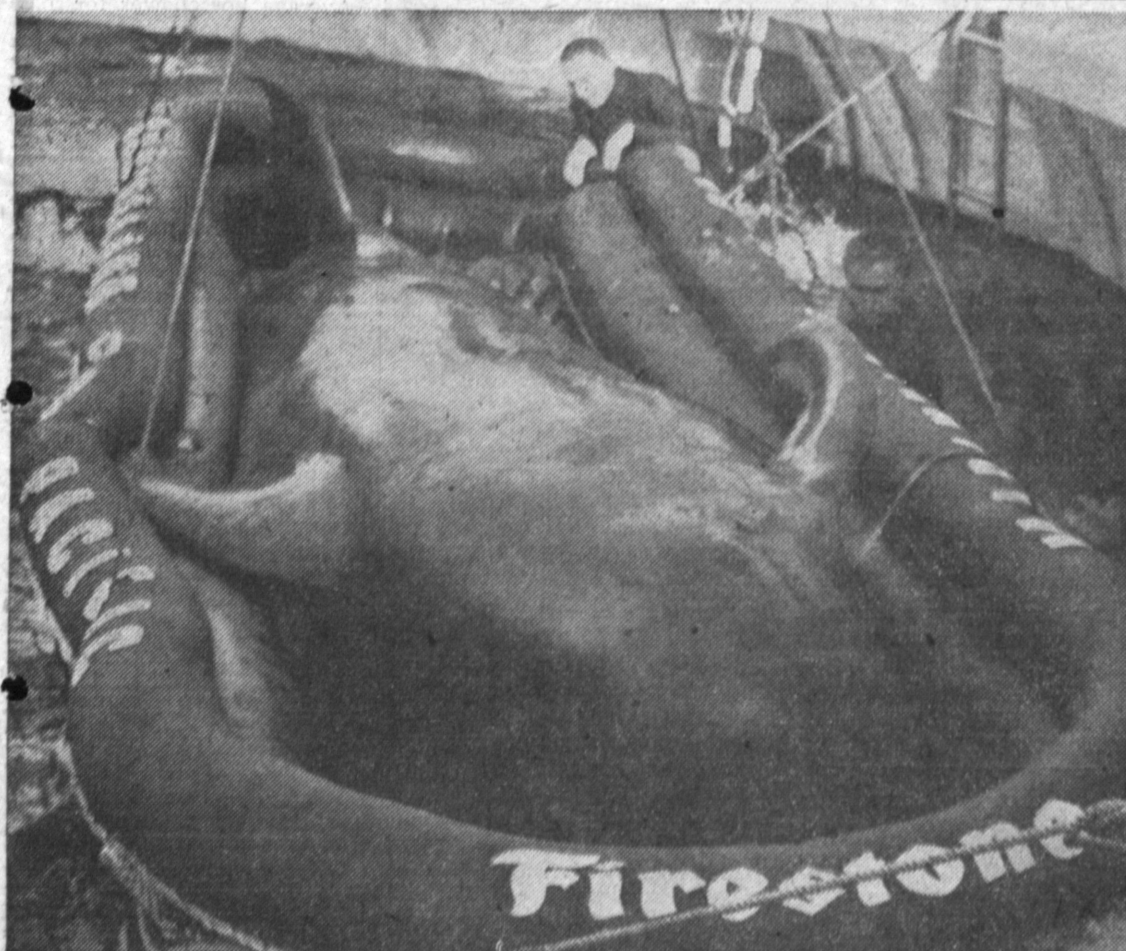
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**MATE FOR BUBBLES**—A husky 2500-lb. bridegroom was found this week for Bubbles, the star of the Marineland show. The male Pacific whale was captured off Cabrillo Beach and was towed to shore in this oversized life raft.

## Bubbles Honeymoons With New Mate After Capture of Groom

There's a whale of a big love affair going on at Marineland this weekend. But unhappily for Bubbles, the female whale which is the star performer of the oceanarium, she must share the honeymoon with her new mate in what might be considered an oversized goldfish bowl. Bubbles' new mate, a sturdy male Pacific whale who tips the scales at a husky 2500 pounds, was captured off Cabrillo Beach this week and towed to Marineland in a huge rubber raft. The two lovers will not be alone in their honeymoon quarters, a 640,000 gallon tank.

They must share their spacious abode with Squirt, another female whale, and four dolphins. "This will be the beginning of the biggest love affair in history. We are hoping that this fellow and Bubbles will perhaps be the parents of some little Bubbles one of these days," said William F. Monahan, vice president and general manager of Marineland. The husky male whale was snagged about five miles off Cabrillo Beach. He was netted and immobilized in a huge raft by Ken Norris, curator, Frank Brocato, chief collector, Frank "Boots" Calandrino, assistant collector and Don Hack-

ett, laboratory assistant. Bubbles' boyfriend was towed back to Marineland aboard a 24 foot rubber raft especially designed for the job by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. The collapsible raft was slipped underneath the body of the huge sea beast as it lay in the water after being captured. The raft was quickly inflated and the whale was dry-docked. When brought to Marineland's pier, it was hoisted into a waiting truck and carried 500 yards to the oceanarium. Marineland officials hope to develop their new addition to stardom along with his two female companions.

## Oldster Burned In Fire

An elderly Lomita resident suffered first-degree burns on his hands and face Thursday morning when he attempted to carry a flaming couch out of his trailer. William H. Gilbert, 83, resident of a trailer in the Orchard Trailer Park, 25433 Pennsylvania Ave., was taken to Hillside Clinic, where he was treated for the burns.

## Lomitans Ponder Merger

Possible counter moves to piecemeal annexations are being studied by the legislative committee of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, with a preliminary report due on Feb. 3. A committee headed by John Traub is investigating the sentiments of Lomita residents toward a recent announcement by Torrance that it is studying annexations in Lomita as well as Lawndale. Kenneth Gibson, manager of the Lomita Chamber, pointed out that two years ago the Chamber was on record as favoring incorporation of Lomita as one way to stop threats of annexations by Torrance and other cities. The cityhood plan was defeated by a large majority. Whether Lomita should try for incorporation once again is expected to be discussed by the legislative committee during its study.

County Fire Capt. A. A. Garrett said that Gilbert apparently dropped a flaming cigarette lighter on some papers under the couch, causing the upholstery to be ignited. He then tried to carry the couch outside and was burned in the process. Damage to the trailer was estimated at \$1100.



**SEVEN-UP**—Howard Webb, leadman of this city maintenance crew, looks down the row of newly transplanted palm trees as the other workmen add the finishing touches. The seven trees, which were planted on the city hall grounds at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Maple St., came from the old Dominguez office on Henrietta St. —Press Photo

## Councilmen Prefer Sump Sites Over Cash for Subdivision Park

Torrance councilmen are more interested in receiving real estate than cold cash for recreation sites, they decided Tuesday. They instructed Don Wilson, subdivider of a 430-acre tract in West Torrance, to give the city title to two sumps and \$7647 cash instead of a flat fee of \$38,595. The two sumps the city wants for future development as parks are a 7.1-acre basin on Henrietta St. in the new subdivision and the 11.92-acre Bishop Montgomery Sump on Torrance Blvd. Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nickolas O. Draie voted in fa-

# Motorcyclist Killed in Traffic Accident

## 'Hazard Hearing' Set Hearings Slated on Water

Two hearings on water in the South Torrance-Lomita area are scheduled this week. On Monday, the California State Public Utilities Commission will resume a hearing on allegations that the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 has not installed needed improvements in service to its customers. Tuesday the Torrance City Council will conduct a hearing on a proposed ordinance which would designate portions of South Torrance as a hazard area and prohibit construction in that section.

**PUC Hearing** The PUC hearing will start at 10 a. m. in the Lomita American Legion Hall, 24702 Narbonne Ave. At a previous session, Examiner Grant E. Syphers heard allegations by consumers that the water pressure is so low that at times it reduces supply to a mere trickle. There also were complaints of odor and poor taste. The commission had granted the private company a rate increase with provision that its service be improved. But A. E. Cook, manager of the company, said that most of the money had been spent in taking care of emergency breakdowns in the distribution system.

**Seek Annexation** In the meantime, property owners have started to circulate petitions for the purpose of annexing parts of Lomita to County Water District No. 13. At Tuesday's meeting before the Torrance City Council, the spokesmen for the South Torrance Civic Improvement Association are expected to demand to know why that area is to be declared a hazard. President Harold LaMour announced that the association will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Howard Wood School to discuss the proposed building ban. LaMour said that the building ban will prove a hardship to residents who want to build on their land and will be prevented from doing so by the proposed legislation.

**Hits Ban** One woman, Mrs. Marguerite Givens, has written a letter to the City Council in which she protests a building department prohibition against her rebuilding her home, which burned down several weeks ago. She said she was refused a permit to rebuild the house, which was gutted by a fire. She claimed that the reason the house burned down was because of low water pressure. Building and fire officials have advocated that a building ban be imposed on the area because of the low water pressure.

**Three Injured in Car Crash** A driver and his two passengers were injured in a three-car collision at Western Ave. and 190th St., Wednesday evening. Taken to Harbor General Hospital were Roscoe C. Payne, 55, of 4434 West 171st St., Lawndale, driver of the car, and Molly F. Gaspard, 15, and Nancy L. Liston, 74, both of Lawndale, police said. The other two cars were driven by Phillip O. Robinson, 53, of Compton, and James A. Dreyer, 38, of Inglewood, officers said.

**O.K. Pavement** Construction of pavement along the north side of 254th St. from Eshelman to 150 feet west of Walnut Ave., was approved by the Board of Supervisors this week.

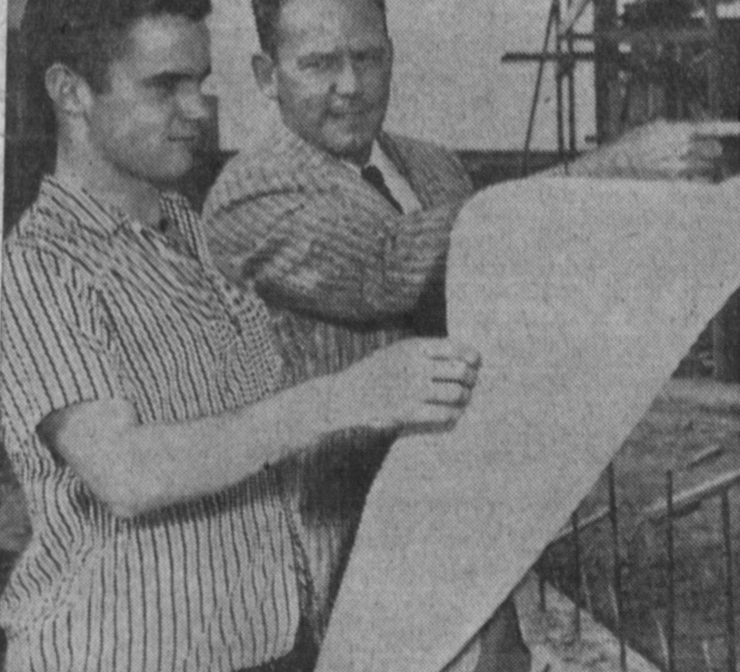


**NEW THS LEADERS**—Mapping plans for the coming semester are newly elected student officers at Torrance High School. President John Bentwood, seated, goes over plans with, from left: Merdell Clayton, commissioner of records; Carol Johnson, vice-president; Sally Mason, commissioner of finance. —Press Photo

## Steelworkers Petition NLRB to Represent Harvey Plant

The United Steelworkers of America today announced that it petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for representation rights in collective bargaining of the 1800 production and maintenance employees of Harvey Aluminum Co., Torrance. According to Jack Flannery, who heads the union's organizing drive, the Steelworkers' petition is supported by a majority of the employees "as evidenced by signed cards authorizing the union to represent them." He said that the United Steelworkers represent over 114,000 aluminum workers in the United States and Canada in such companies as Alcoa, Reynolds Metals and Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Co. The union, according to Flannery, asked the Harvey company for recognition or a consent to an immediate election "to determine the wishes of the employees on the question of union representation." He said the union was denied the request and then petitioned the U. S. Government agency to assume jurisdiction. It is expected that the Los Angeles regional office of the NLRB will act on the petition in a matter of days and will attempt to draw from the union and the company a mutual consent or will forward the case to its headquarters in Washington, D. C., for determination. This marks the third attempt of the United Steelworkers to gain recognition at Harvey Aluminum, now rated as the fourth largest company in the aluminum industry nationally and the first in the west in heavy press extrusions of the light metal used in defense industry. The union spokesman said that the organization drive has been going on for about three months and that the campaign centers on the issue "of extending the same labor agreement and wage schedules and benefits to Harvey employees as the union contract calls for at the Reynolds Metals operation in Phoenix, Ariz., which is engaging the same kind of operation."

**HARVEY GETS CONTRACT** Harvey Aluminum Co. of Torrance was awarded a \$54,878 engineering and fabrication contract by the U. S. Army Ordnance District.



**PRINCIPAL FOR DAY**—Comparing notes on building progress at South High School are Dr. Bruce Magner, principal, and Mike Robbins, student body president, who became the principal for a day Thursday when school observed Junior Administration Day. The students took over administrative posts to find out how a school operates from the administrators' point of view. —Press Photo

## Students Unhurt in School Bus Mishap

A motorist was fatally injured in a collision with an automobile Thursday night to become the city's second traffic death of the year. Fred Francis Burdick, 27, of 1523 Fries Ave., Wilmington, died approximately 10 hours after he was taken to Harbor General Hospital with head injuries.

Police reported that the motorcyclist was southbound on Hawthorne Blvd and collided with an auto driven by Marjorie Fritz Podgurski, 40, of 3527 W. 226th St. The driver of the auto was making a left turn at Hawthorne Blvd. and 230th St., officers said.

**Toddler Hurt** In another accident, Richard Shockley, 1 1/2, of 5023 Arvada St., was injured when the toddler was struck in a private driveway of a home at 5027 Arvada St. The car being backed down the driveway was driven by Wayne Reid Dennis, 30, of 309 S. Prospect Ave., a Redondo Beach fireman, officers said. He was not held. The youngster was treated at the Jones Medical Center.

**School Bus** Several junior high school age youngsters escaped injury Thursday afternoon when a Torrance Unified School District bus struck a traffic signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor. Robert M. Van Horn, 40, of 22740 Denker Ave., driver of the bus, told police he was attempting to avoid a collision with another vehicle.

**Esther Rose Chaiken, 55, of 105 Vista del Mar, was attended by a private physician after her car struck a pole at Calle Mayor and Via los Miradores, police said.**

**Senior class officers** are Ken Pevic, Mike Mullen, Carol Shindoda, Mimi Cowan, Sally Mason and Linda Ambrose; Junior class officers are Mike Walker, Bev Orend, Donna Moore, Charlotte McComas, Flora Watson, Tom Coleman and Kathy Taylor. Sachii Ishihara, Kimiyu Takeuchi, Joanne Carr, Diana Gambos, John Kohl, Cherrie Lacy and Tony Mavar are the new sophomore officers, and freshman officers are Donna Thistle, Sharon Clark, Judy Minor, Judy McTee, Leda Davis, Ray Bynum, Marcela Cook and Richard Woodward.

## Jaycees Demand Parks Victor Merger Approved

A demand that Torrance citizens do something to provide more adequate park facilities will be served on Mayor Albert Isen Monday by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. The service club will present the mayor with a resolution which calls on the people of Torrance to take an active part in providing more facilities for recreation. The document cites that there presently is not one adequate park in the city and points out that available land in the city is rapidly being gobbled up. Bob Bartz, club president, points out that the demand is served on the people rather than the City Council to take an active part in developing recreational facilities. A bond issue which would have provided \$3,000,000 for purchasing sites and develop existing land was twice defeated.

**Annexation of the Howard and Victor Tracts to the Torrance Unified School District, effective July 1, was approved Thursday by the Board of Supervisors. The Howard industrial tract is a small piece of land southeast of Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd., which has no residents, only industries. The Victor Tract is bounded by Hawthorne, Del Amo, Torrance Blvd. and the Redondo Beach boundary. It has 162 elementary and 50 high school students now, but large numbers of children are expected when a large housing tract is completed there later this year. Both areas were annexed recently by the city of Torrance, but had not been taken into the school district. The Victor Tract is the site of proposed West High School, and the school board last week announced plans to acquire a 15-acre elementary school site in the area. Children in that area now go to school in Redondo Beach, but will enter Torrance schools next September.**

## Legion to Give Student Awards

Awards medals will be presented to outstanding students at graduation ceremonies in June by Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion. David K. Lyman, Americanism chairman, said that the medals will be presented at the three Torrance high schools and at Stephen White Junior High School. The Torrance clubhouse will be the site of the 19th District meeting to be held Feb. 11. Plans for the Past Commanders Night, March 18, at which Department Commander Jack Flynn will be the speaker, were made by a committee headed by James H. Burchett. Other committee members are L. H. Deininger, Tom Babbit, Harry Green, William Kalbfleisch, Alex MacPhail, Bob Farren and J. R. Gateley. —Press Photo