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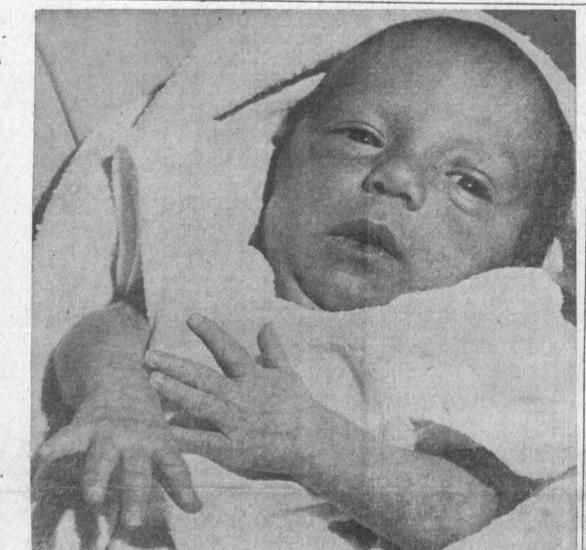
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# **Rash of Traffic Accidents Hits Area This Weekend; Four Hurt**



as a \$600 deduction on her father's 1960 in-ROYAL HIGHNESS- Diane Saba, first

### POLICE PROTECTION .... **Council to Consider** Businessmen's Plea

A letter, circulated and signed by the directors of the Downtown (Torrance) Merchants' Association, was presented to the City Council last week, and will probably be placed on Tuesday's agenda.

In an editorial printed in last Thursday's Torrance Press it was pointed out that

merchants were upset at the there have been numerous rush of burglaries and armed robberies, including one robberies that have beset the armed robbery in broad daylocal business districts and light.

would demand immediate GREAT RESPONSIBILITY Council action and more po-"We realize the tremendous lice protection. responsibility of protecting a

In an interview with Press city of this size with inadreporters, Chief Percy Ben- equate number of police offinett stated: cers. However, as business-

AWARE OF PROBLEM men, we sincerely believe we "We are well aware of the are entitled to more protec- Hospital. problems that beset this com- tion."

munity. Last July we request-| Letter was signed by Abe ed the addition of more Robinson, president, and distrength to the department rectors of the merchants asand the Council authorized sociation.

the employment of six addi- A detailed report, showing Lawndale. Bell received tional officers .The interim the disposition of the present lacerations of the face and period has been spent re- Torrance police force, and its cruiting, screening, and train-present status compared to ing candidates." other cities of similar size,

"I would also like to point was authorized several weeks out that many of the burg- ago and is now being prelaries of businesses took place pared.

after repeated warnings of Captain John Maestri, who police officers that ladders is preparing the report, against the side of the build- pointed out that the departing, or high windows left ment will ask for more men open, were an invitation for at the next budget sessions. such crimes to be committed." He said that, although the Letter submitted to the city personnel roster shows that

# **Three-Car Collision**, **Two Injured, Friday**

ties.

Four persons were hospitalized Friday night and Saturday morning as a rush of traffic accidents hit the Torrance area.

Local traffic enforcement officers gloomily predicted that this weekend would provide no letup from the battering Christmas and New Year's weekends just ended.

11518 Spinning Ave., Tor-Torrance police late Friance, and Sara Marie Em day night reported a three mi, 32, of 2602 Ralston Lane, Redondo, were not car collision at the corner of 182nd and Hawthorne cited. Two hospitalized perthat sent two persons to sons were both passengers. Little Company, of Mary

HOSPITALIZED

ifornia Highway Patrol, two Hospitalized were Doris injuries were logged follow-Spaulding, 11518 Spinning ing traffic accidents on Fig-Ave., Torrance, and ueroa Thomas Bell, 16221 Prairie, 1208 W. "G" St., Wilmington, was taken to Kaiser

possible internal injuries while Mrs. Spaulding was under observation for possible fractures. Both were said to be in "fair" condition by hospital authori-

Drivers of the three

cars, Martin Russell Bell.

Jr., 25, 11631 S., Figueroa.

Sara Jane Spaulding, 16,

CHP REPORT

In a report from the Cal-

Alfredo Pacheco, 27, of

Medical Foundation after his car rolled over at the corner of Figueroa and Sepulveda. Pacheco said that he lost

control of his car when he swerved to keep from hitting pedestrian Gary Lee Nauman, US Navy, who was standing in the middle of the intersection waving it him.

Nauman was booked as common drunk by invesgating officers.

Second accident, at the orner of 230th and Figieroa, took place when the automobile driven by John Ellis Usher, 31, of Hermosa Beach, crossed the dividing line and was hit by another driven by Hall Edwards, 27, of 21812 S. Figueroa. Torrance, Usher was taken to Harbor General.



baby to be born in Torrance in 1961, poses regally for this exclusive Torrance Press portrait. Arriving at exactly one second after midnight, Jan. 1, she just missed splitting the starting wire which might have qualified her as the "First Baby of 1961," which she is, and

come tax return, which she is not. Diane, who weighs in at a strapping four pounds, 12 ounces, was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saba, 1314 Fonthill Ave.

ONE SECOND AFTER MIDNIGHT . . .

# Diane Saba, 'First Baby of 1961, for **Torrance, County, Is Contest Winner**

Torrance's "First Baby that will be awarded the 1311 Post; a surprise gift of 1961 " arrived just one jump behind the starting gun, it was learned last week from Little Company of Mary Hospital officials.

The first lusty cry of the new infant, Diane Saba, was heard at exactly one second after midnight, qualifying her not only for the Torrance title but as the first arrival of the year in Los Angeles County. Although records have not been checked it is quite likely that she was the first arrival of 1961 in the United States. Arrival time is clocked by the first cry after birth.

NAMED WINNER

Judges picked Diane as as the winner of the Torrance Press' annual competition to determine the first baby of the year after they discovered that the nearest local contender arrived at the finish line more than four hours later.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Saba, 1314 Fonthill Ave., Torrance, the infant weighed four pounds. 12 ounces at birth.

Timing on her arrival was so close that off-duty hospital attendants crowded around the delivery room with watches in their hands waiting for midnight to pass.

As winner of the competition, Diane will gain a host of "godfathers." Torrance merchants, who anxiously awaited her arrival. have contributed a list of valuable prizes for the first baby and for its parents. LIST OF PRIZES

Heading the list of prizes

newcomer are a General from Verberg Dairy, 2093 Electric Baby Food Warm-W. 174th St.; and the er, donated by McMahans baby's first set of Red Cross Furniture, 1306 Sartori: three dozen Birdseye diashoes from the Torrance pers from Foods Co. Mar-Bootery, 1333 El Prado. ket, 17500 Crenshaw; a \$5 For the new mother there

CONGRATULATIONS-Mrs. Clara A. Conner, superintendent

of the Torrance post office, was one of the first county postal

officials to extend congratulations to J. Edward Day, named

postmaster-general in the cabinet of President-elect John F.

Kennedy. Here Mrs. Conner and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn offer

their their best wishes to the new appointee.

savings account in her will be a cologne or pername from Southwest Savfume set from Ruth Davis, ings and Loan, 1603 Cra-1331 El Prado; and for the vens; a surprise gift from new father a carton of his McCown Drug Stores, 1327 favorite cigarettes from El Prado; a free portrait Holiday Liquors, 3531 Torfrom Photo Arts Studio, rance Blvd.

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### SITE SELECTION STUDIED . . . **Planning Budget Submitted** For South Bay State College

State Superintendents of Public Instruction, Dr. Roy E. Simpson, last week confirmed the fact that the Department of Education has submitted budget request to the finance department to provide planning staffs for the new South Bay State College, on top of the priority lists for two years., for the 1961-62 school

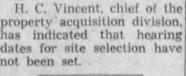
tion was also given to the

Budget requests for the ney law which states .... project is \$183,025, and will the college is to be "located in provide the majority of the Los Angeles County in the planning necessary for the vicinity of the Los Angeles opening of the college in International Airport." Howrented facilities in the fall of ever, I want to emphasize 1962. Provision is also made that this is interpreted to for necessary operating ex- mean within twenty miles of the airport.' penses and equipment.

Additional planning funds Simpson stated that the will be available after the major consideration in college start of the 1961-62 fiscal site selection is the location of the population to be vear. Assemblyman Charles Cha- served. The recommended

pel, who interviewed Simpson area previously mentioned in press releases is the "desiralast week said: "The property acquisition ble area within which the col-

board has always considered lege should be located in the effect of air traffic in con- order to best serve the popunection with the selection of lation of the primary service state college sites. Considera- area.



#### BOAT THEFT

A boat, valued at \$4,000 by investigating officers, was stolen from the carport of an apartment house last week. Thieves cut the chain that linked boat and trailer to the garage, and wheeled it away,

CARRIER BOYS WANTED CALL CIRCULATION DA 5-1515

WEEKEND DOUBLE-HEADER-First collision of this accident filled weekend took place Friday evening at the corner of Hawthorne Ave. and 182nd St. In top photo, Marlin R. Bell, driver, and Thomas Bell, wait for the ambulance to arrive following the three-car

crash. Below, ambulance attendants life injured Mrs. Doris Spaulding from the wreckage of her car. Both Mrs. Spaulding and Thomas Bell were confined for observation at Little Company of Mary Hospital, where their condition was described as "Fair."