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# POLICE SEIZE \$2000-A-DAY BOOKIE

## Local Man 'Critical' After Crash

A stolen car, driven by an unknown male suspect, brought near-tragedy to a 30 year old Torrance man early Friday morning as police followed in a 90-mile-per hour chase.

Victim of the hit and run crash, Michael R. Davidek, 20849 New Hampshire Ave., Torrance was listed in fair condition at Gardena Hospital.

Chase, according to Hawthorne officers Edward Creede and Robert Jackson, began when they spotted a car traveling with no lights at Hawthorne Blvd. and Rosecrans Ave.

Following the auto up Rosecrans until it turned on Inglewood Ave. the officers switched on their red lights and siren as the vehicle raced forward at speeds in excess of 90 miles an hour.

### DUST CLOUD

As the two officers neared Inglewood Ave. and 163rd St. they could see the pursued car kicking up a cloud of dust. Immediately thereafter came the crash, the story of which was later pieced together from reports of witnesses.

Hermosa Beach resident, Robert W. Boatman, 23, said he had pulled over to the side of the road when he heard the police siren. Behind him was Davidek's car. Passing Boatman, the suspect's vehicle crashed into the victim's vehicle, blowing out the rear motor of Davidek's car and sending it hurtling against Boatman's car.

Victim's car was knocked nearly 200 feet by the impact of the crash. Davidek was hanging out of the vehicle's window, a seat belt clamped around his legs. The back of the car was ripped open and twisted parts of metal were scattered about the street.

Officers said they chased the stolen vehicle which he the man, who abandoned was driving and ran on foot down Blaisdell Ave., but that they had to return to the scene of the accident to give aid to the victim.



**HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES**—Torrance councilmen and county officials discussed current highway and freeway problems in this city Thursday during the regular meeting of the Inter-City Highway Commission. Held at the Cockatoo Restaurant in Inglewood, guest speaker was Robert Bradford, state director of public works.

Above, Councilman J. A. Beasley, Supervisor Burton W. Chace, E. T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer, and Councilman Willys Blount discuss present and future highway problems in Torrance.

## Bradford Outlines Future Plans for Artesia Freeway

City officials from 13 member communities, Chamber of Commerce officials, County representatives, interested citizens and members of the press, packed into Thursday night's meeting of the Inter-City Highway Committee to hear plans for the immediate development of area freeways.

City Councilman J. A. Beasley of Torrance, who is currently president of the committee, introduced guests including Councilman Willys Blount, Supervisor Burton W. Chace, E. T. Telford, ass't state highway engineer, and guest speaker Robert G. Bradford, state public works director and chairman of the California Highway Commission.

Bradford pointed out that the route of the Artesia Freeway extension has been adopted and that the state is presently acquiring rights-of-way. Plans for the new Century Freeway were also outlined.

## Torrance Vice Squad, Deputies Cooperate In Smashing Ring

Torrance vice squad officers Friday afternoon closed in on an Evelyn St. apartment and arrested a San Pedro man on charges of bookmaking.

Taken into custody was Walter Vallivero, 48, who was charged with bookmaking and conspiracy. He was taken immediately to Los Angeles County Jail.

Local police and sheriff's deputies cooperated in the stakeout on the apartment, located at 22721 Evelyn St. However, actual arrest of the suspect was made by Torrance vice squad officers under the direction of Lt. Douglas C. Cook.

### \$2000-A-DAY

Officers estimated that the operation was handling bets in the neighborhood of \$2,000 each day. Estimates were made from the number of \$100 and \$50 betting markers found in the apartment.

Arrest marked the second known attempt by San Pedro bookmaking circles to invade Torrance, largest and most lucrative target for their operations in the entire Harbor area.

Officers had been aware for several months that the San Pedro ring intended to invade the area.

First try, tipped off by informants, was broken up on Dec. 5 when mem-

bers of the newly established vice squad and deputies raided a Welteria apartment and arrested Edward Kay, 50, also of San Pedro.

Officers found a number of large betting markers and \$3,300 in cash in the Welteria apartment.

Suspect Kay, taken to Los Angeles County Jail, immediately posted bail and was released.

At the time of the Welteria raid, it was known that Kay had given notice that he intended to move. Officers are not discounting the possibility that the Evelyn St. address is the same operation, under new management.

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN

## City Clerk's Office Warns Voters That Deadline for April Election Is Near

Registration of voters for the coming elections is now in progress. Deadlines for registration for the general municipal election April 10 is Feb. 15 while April 12 is the last day persons may register to vote for the direct primary election to be held June 5. All eligible residents are urged to register early for these elections.

Torrance city clerk's office yesterday listed six classes of persons who should register or re-register for the elections. They are: Those who have

changed their addresses since they last registered; those who have changed their names; those who wish to change their political affiliation; those voters whose registrations were cancelled because they did not vote at the general election in 1960 and who have not re-registered; those who have become of age, and have not registered; new residents of Los Angeles County who will have the required qualifications by the date of the election. These qualifications are: one year residence

in the State; ninety days residence in the county; twenty-one years of age; a naturalized citizen must have been a citizen for at least ninety days prior to the date of the election, and must show his naturalization papers to the deputy when registering for the first time; all voters must be able to read the English language and sign their names, and must not be disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction.

Persons may register at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. They may also register at the homes of field deputies in their neighborhood during reasonable hours throughout the week, including Saturdays and holidays. Field deputies qualified to register voters are:

**DEPUTY REGISTRARS**  
Hollywood/Riviera: Mrs. C. Anastassiou, 211 Paseo de Granada; Mrs. W. Sheffield, 415 Camino Encanto; Mrs. M. L. Livingston, 5313 Highgrove.

Kettler Knolls: Mrs. A. C. Scates, 23701 Western Ave. Southwood: Mrs. R. M. Rounsefell, 21501 Anza Ave.; Mrs. E. K. Forbes, 21629

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## Nomination Papers For April Ballot

Nomination papers for candidates in the coming Municipal Election to be held April 10 will be issued by the office of the City Clerk beginning Jan. 25, it was reported Friday. Deadline for filing is twelve o'clock noon, Feb. 15.

Offices to be filled are those of mayor, three councilmen, city clerk, and city treasurer.

## Board Meeting

Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held tomorrow night 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Office, 2335 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.

## City Will Deny Damage Claims In Boy's Death

City councilmen are expected to deny damage claims for \$500,000, filed early this week by Mr. and Mrs. Jules Anongoes.

Couple are the parents of Jules Anongoes Jr., 4, who fell into the Dominguez Channel near Arlington Ave. and 169th St. in November, touching off a prolonged controversy between city and county flood control officials over which governmental body had control of, and responsibility for the flood control overpasses.

No suit has been filed in the case, city officials reported, although parents will probably go to the courts after the claim is denied.

Los Angeles firm of Manibog and Meissner is representing the Anongoes.

## Award Contract For Restoring Local Beaches

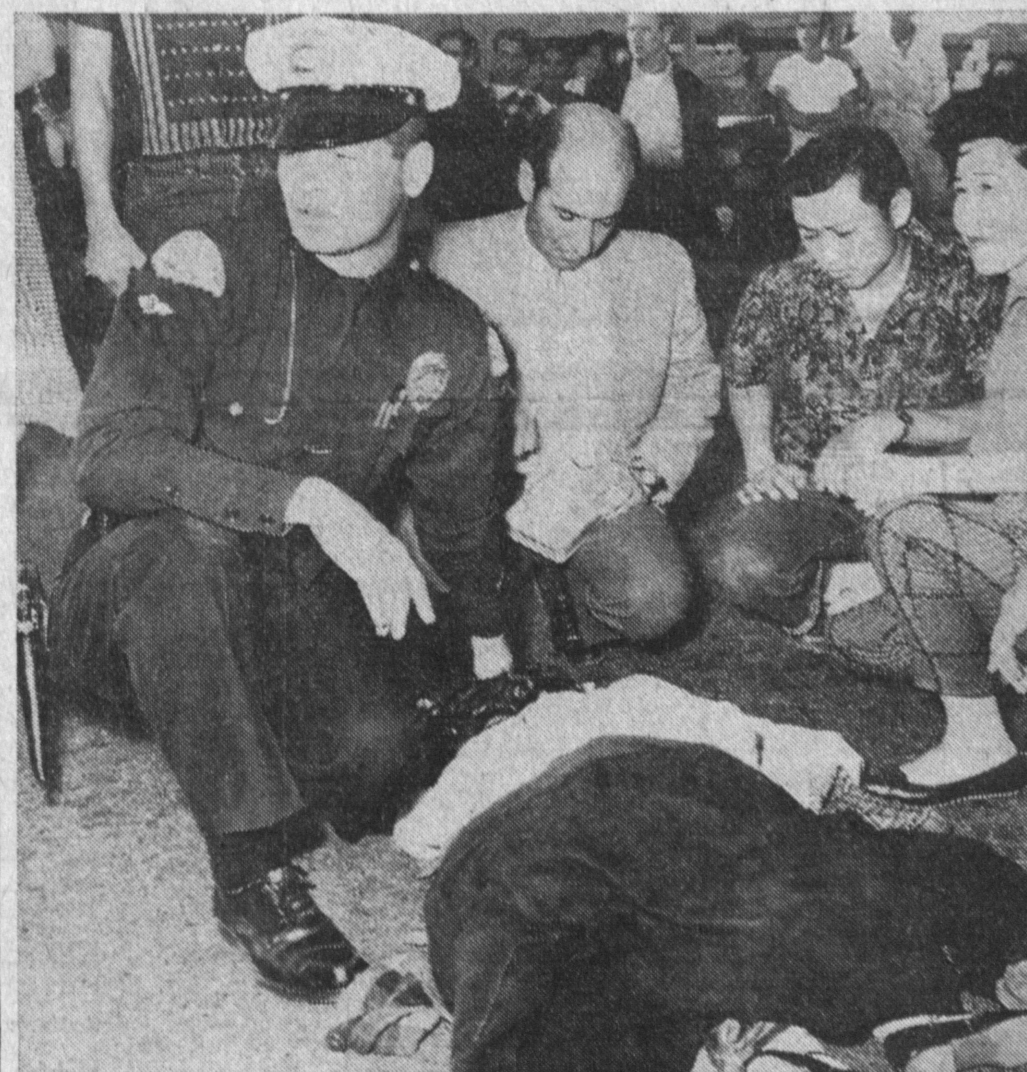
A. S. Brown, Van Nuys, this week was awarded the contract for the Redondo-Clifton County Beach restoration project, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced. There were a total of 12 bids but the \$47,000 submitted by Brown, landscape contractor, was the lowest. Chace said. It is also \$21,000 below the county engineer's estimate.

Plans and specifications which were approved by the board on December 12, call for excavation, transportation and placement of 100,000 cubic yards of inland dune sand on the eroded portion of Redondo-Clifton County Beach adjacent to Torrance Beach.

Chace said the work will fulfill pressing protection needs for County improvements and will also make a wide and more pleasant recreation area, thus enhancing the value and use of these beaches.

## Now Operating

Commencing at 6 a.m. Thursday, the FAA took over air traffic control of aircraft at the Torrance Airport. Operating hours will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day throughout the year. Pilots and other interested in the operation are invited to inspect the FAA's facilities in the new tower building.



**INJURIES INCREASE**—Torrance police this week noted a decided increase in the number of injury accidents within the city. Top, Officer Don Hartel comforts five-year-old Frances Katsuki, of 21027 Madrona, who was hit as she crossed the street near Torrance Blvd. Driver of the car, Martha A. Chappell, 36, of 20717 Madrona,

was not held. Below, Mrs. Anna M. Gagnon, 43, of 3609 Newton St., is lifted into the stretcher after a collision Thursday. Mrs. Gagnon's auto mobile struck a parked car on the 400 block of Calle Mayor. Both victims were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.



**LAUNCH SAFETY PROGRAM**—Torrance safety officer Don Hartel this week initiated the bike safety program at Madrona School. Shown here, Hartel and R. K. Petrat, of the local school district, watch as youngsters David Starr and Mary Beth

wend their way through the bike safety course. Youngsters will be taught traffic safety in the hope of reducing the number of injuries from autos each year. PTAs, school officials and police are cooperating on the program.