

City Proud of Role in 'Friendship 7'

Torrance city councilmen last night added their praises to the rest of the nation's in complimenting Marine Lt. Col. John Glenn upon a "truly remarkable accomplishment," and then took a short bow for the en-

gineering members of the community. During the unusually short session the council devoted a large portion of the time to discussing the triple circumnavigation of the globe by the United States' latest astronaut.

Councilmen unanimously approved a resolution commending Glenn on his remarkable feat, a copy of which will be sent to the space traveler. Addressed to Lt. John Glenn, USMC, Project Mercury, National Aeronautics

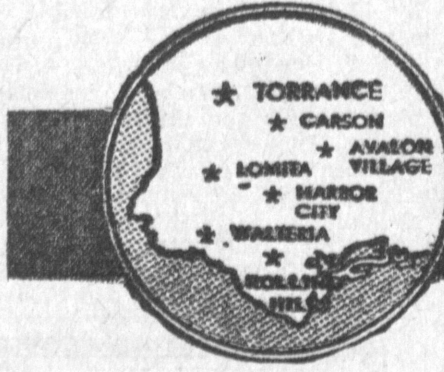
and Space Administration, Cape Canaveral, Florida, it reads in part: "Because astronaut John Glenn and the 'Friendship 7' capsule never came within . . . 100 miles of Torrance during space mission, we tend to feel somewhat

remote from this significant achievement. We are, in reality, much closer than it might appear. Our industries provided many of the components, modules and systems that were, at least in part, responsible for the success of this mission.

"Scientists, engineers and technicians who reside in our neighborhoods and work in other communities provided additional contributions. "Torrance can be justly proud of its part in this his-

toric event and, recognizing the orbital flight as a stepping stone in the exploration of space, we hope that Torrance will continue to be a functioning segment of this area of scientific endeavor."

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SPACE PROGRAM — Around majority of the nation's dinner tables last night the talk was of the triple circumnavigation of the globe by Marine Lt. Col. John Glenn. Custom wasn't changed much at Torrance city council meet, where councilmen excitedly

discussed the latest space exploit. Council unanimously approved drafting a resolution commending Glenn and taking a small bow for the city of Torrance for her industry's contribution to the space program.

ARREST TWO IN DEATH OF TORRANCE WOMAN

Autopsy Shows Victim Struck Before Dying

Two suspects were booked late Monday afternoon in the alleged killing of a 41-year old Torrance housewife during a drinking bout.

One of the suspects, Alexander Dainauskus, 45, told officers that he had been married to the victim, Nancy Joy McClure, 3556 Garnet St., last week in Tijuana. Other suspect, Clifford M. Thomas, 36, of Redondo Beach had apparently been a friend of the woman before she was married.

Apparently, police said, Dainauskus and the victim had made the rounds at several bars in the community when the woman decided to call Thomas, tell of her marriage, and invite him to join their party.

When the trio returned to the Dainauskus home the two men began to argue and, when the woman attempted to break up the fight, she was either hit or pushed.

Noting that something

was wrong with her, Thomas left, went to a nearby filling station and called police.

An autopsy, performed Monday, determined that the woman had died as the result of a blow. Police had earlier been in doubt concerning the cause of death when it was learned that she had recently been hospitalized with a severe illness and that death could have resulted from natural causes.

Woman Robbed, Assaulted Here

A Torrance housewife reported to officers yesterday that her car was forced off the road and that she was robbed and criminally assaulted.

The 47-year old woman told investigators that she was driving home from a bowling tournament in Pomona early Tuesday morning and that her car was forced to the side of the road near the corner of Del Amo Blvd. and Entradero Ave.

She reported that the suspect, who appeared to be about 25 years of age, grabbed her purse containing \$210 and then forced her to get into his car.



"COME OUT, COME OUT" — Torrance police and firemen spent more than two hours Saturday afternoon poking through storm drain pipes on Newton St. after a small boy reported that a young friend had gone in

and hadn't come out. Officers were getting wet and disgusted when it was learned that the supposed victim was at home having his supper. Comments of officers to the youngsters and their parents was not reported.

ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING . . .

Gunman Terrorizes Lomita Family, Steals Car, Finally Captured in Gas Station

Charged with terrorizing a Lomita family and forcing the husband at gunpoint to drive away with him, a Harbor City man was arrested Monday by Lennox Sheriff's deputies.

James E. Hillar, 27, was booked on suspicion of robbery and suspicion of kidnapping.

According to Roland S. Carter, 23, of 2362 Lomita Blvd., Hillar entered the residence, where Carter, his wife and two children were sleeping, at approximately 4:30 a.m. Brandishing a gun, Hillar

took \$11 dollars from him and demanded he go outside to his car.

Carter said he was allowed to return to his house after starting the car for the suspect. However, in backing up the auto, Hillar crashed into a power pole apparently killing the engine.

THREATENS It was then, related Carter, that the suspect returned to the house and began pounding on the door threatening to shoot through the windows if he was not admitted. The victim was told to

drive Hillar to San Diego. At Pacific Coast Highway and Normandie Ave., the suspect ordered Carter out of the car stating that he would drive himself to San Diego.

Through heavy rain, Carter ran to a service station where he called police and was picked up. The stolen vehicle was spotted by the victim and police officers while they were returning to Carter's home. Hillar was lying on the floor of the automobile and offered no resistance when officers apprehended him.

Fidgety Night Watchman Fires At Two Officers

The pursuers became the pursued Monday morning when a fidgety night watchman blasted away at two Torrance police officers who were busy checking out a possible burglary.

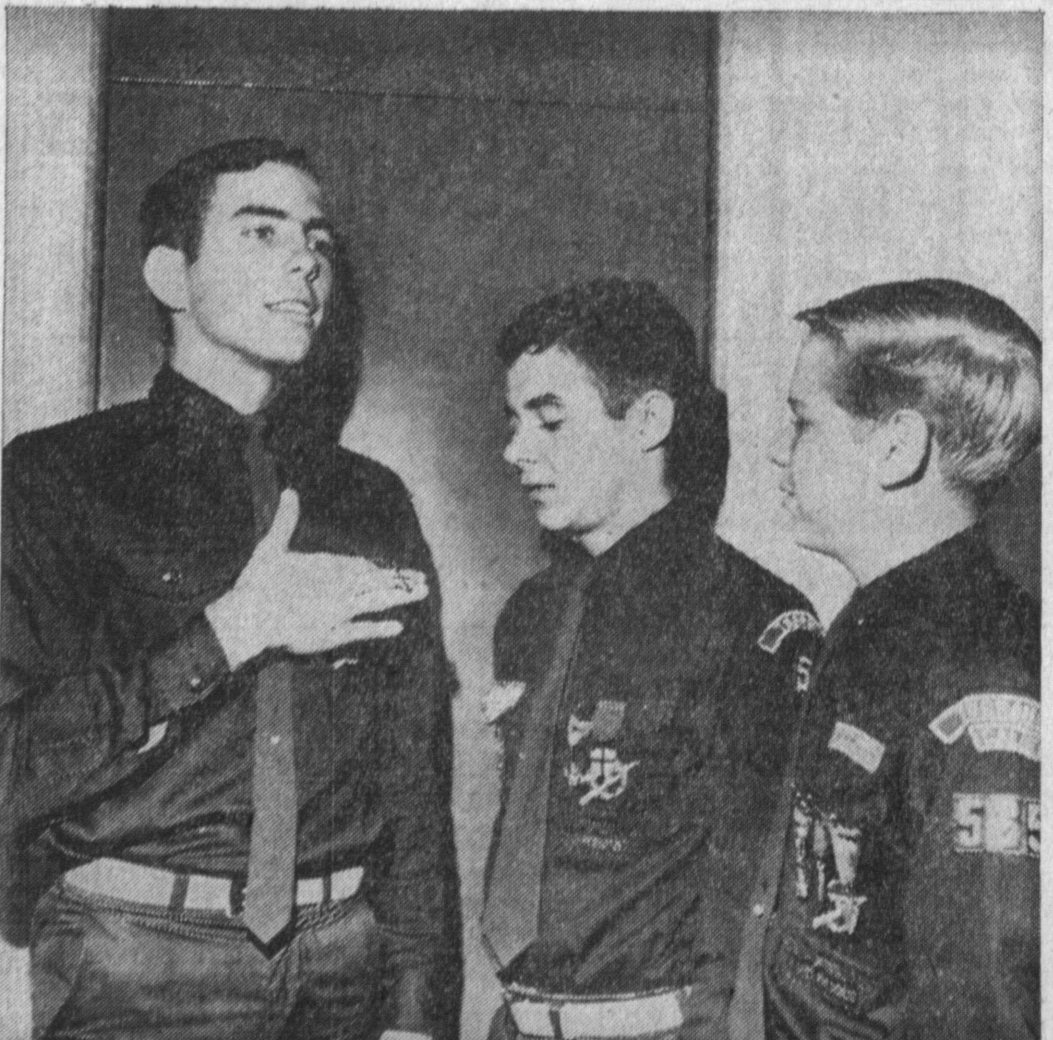
Reminiscent of a TV melodrama, the incident took place while officers William Poling and William E. Bornhoff were on the roof of Rancho Corner Market, Hawthorne and Artesia Blvds., checking for likely points of entry after being told of a possible break-in.

After feeling the concussion of three shots being fired beneath them, officer Poling returned to his car and radioed for assistance. Then, as he moved to the front of the market, the officer heard two more shots before spotting a man inside holding a revolver.

"GIVE UP" The man dropped his weapon in compliance with an order issued by Poling, then came to the front door demanding to know who the officer was.

The seemingly desperate incident was cleared up a few minutes later when store owner Jimmy Capellino arrived on the scene, along with another police unit. Capellino identified the man inside the store as janitor-watchman Stanley Flores.

Hearing a noise on the roof had frightened him, Flores explained to police. The janitor-watchman who lives at 4201 W. 170th St. went on to say he had fired three shots at the spot where he had first heard the noise, and fired twice more when he heard noises the second time.



GOD AND COUNTRY—Three young members of the Torrance Explorer and Scout groups, each exemplifying the ideal of religious and patriotic devotion, were presented with God and Country awards at recent ceremonies. Crowned award is one of the highest

presented in the Scout movement and the presentation to three members at the same meeting is unusual. Shown above, admiring the badge, are Steve Tidland, 15, 1434 W. 215th St.; Leon A. Carpenter, Jr., 16, San Pedro; and Dan Rickard, 14, 1577 W. 210th St.

Carson Skindiver Dies While Swimming

A Carson skindiver was fatally stricken over the weekend while swimming in children, 206 W. 232nd Pl., Long Beach. A coroner's inquest will be held to determine the exact cause of death.

Kenneth R. Madison, married and the father of three children, 206 W. 232nd Pl., was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach.

According to police, Madison

had been preparing to dive with his companion, James E. Gordon of Hollywood while Isidro Rodriguez, 1627 W. 251st St., Harbor City, remained in a small boat.

Suddenly Madison clutched his throat and screamed for help, said police officers.

All Candidates Invited to Speak

Aspirants to political offices in the April 10 Torrance municipal elections are invited to present their political platforms at a public forum in the Torrance High School auditorium, sponsored by the Torrance Education Association on Wednesday, April 4.

"This event has been scheduled by the Torrance Education Association as a service to the public," Jams Armstrong, TEA president, said today. "The Torrance Education Association, with approximately 900 members, is the largest professional organization in the South Bay area."

Members are politically minded, interested in their community and anxious to obtain the best elective officials," he concluded. Letters of invitation to participate in this forum have been addressed to all of the candidates for elective offices in Torrance. Public is invited to attend and participants have been requested to be prepared to answer questions from the audience.



TANGLED UP — Thoroughly shaken, but unhurt, was the driver of this car which crashed into a chain link fence on Hawthorne Blvd. last weekend. Scene of the accident was in front

of the Linde Chemical plant, south of 190th St. Shaken driver said that he would report to a private physician for a checkup.