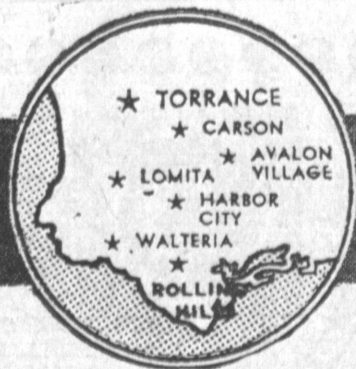


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## Spectacular Truck Crash Hurts Two

An out-of-control gravel truck plummeted down Hawthorne Ave. in the Rolling Hills area yesterday, then rammed a second truck and forced it off a 40-foot embankment.

Miraculously, California Highway Patrol officers said, there were no major injuries.

Investigators said the gravel truck driver, 49-year-old William Richardson of Glendora, lost control of his truck after experiencing brake failure south of Via Riviera.

He sounded his truck's air horn as he approached a second southbound truck, Richardson said, but the other driver, identified later as 34-year-old Donald Evans of Laguna Beach, pulled into the same lane in which Richardson's truck was traveling.

Richardson's truck crashed into the rear of Evan's truck, forcing it off the road and down a steep embankment.

## Police Show Site Selected

TORRANCE — Long Beach Arena, a new, multi-million dollar facility, will be the site of the 1962 Torrance Police Show.

Officer Don Hartel, chairman, said the show and dance location has been changed this year due to the phenomenal reception given the 1961 show.

He said the new location will insure excellent seating. Tickets, each one good for a family, are \$3 each.

Proceeds from the show, which is to be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m., will be used for the association's campaign against juvenile delinquency.

ment. Although Richardson said he was able to keep his truck on the roadway, it jackknifed and overturned several hundred feet from the original impact, officers said.

Ironically, a 15-year-old Palos Verdes Estates hitchhiker had jumped onto the rear of the gravel truck only minutes before the crash and was thrown to the pavement by impact.

Identified as Donald Hurreizer, the boy was taken to San Pedro Community Hospital, where his condition is reported satisfactory.

A two-truck collision on an unopened portion of the San Diego Freeway injured two men Tuesday.

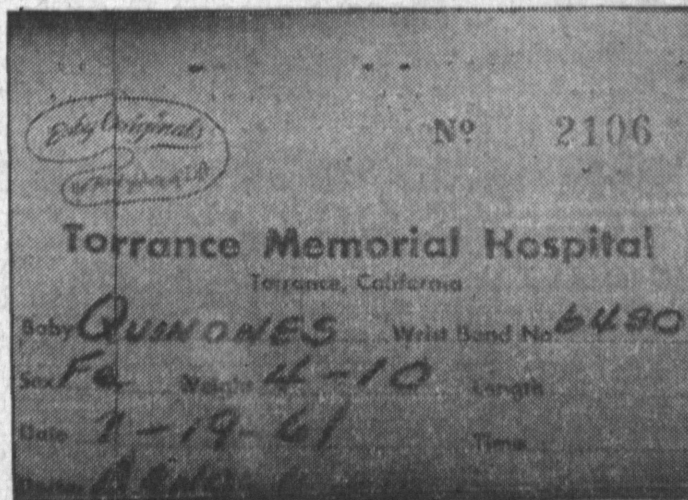
CHP investigators said the crash occurred between a state-owned construction truck and a vehicle operated by a private fencing contractor.

Injured were Aubrey Lee Scott, 57, of West Covina; Leon O. White, 39, of Garden Grove; and William Anderson, 40, of Inglewood. All were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

A 2-year-old Lomita boy suffered a skull fracture Tuesday when he darted into the path of a car on Pennsylvania Ave. south of 247th St.

CHP officers identified the boy as Samuel R. Cox, 24718 Pennsylvania Ave. He was taken to Bay Harbor Hospital. Driver of the car was identified as Marshall Lee Pulvers, 25, of 22704 Earl St., Torrance. He was not held.

## Tiniest Tot . . . Then and Now



**SMALLEST BABY** on record in March, 1961, was Maria Quinones (photo at left), daughter of Jose and Magdalena Quinones of Torrance. Maria weighed only one pound four ounces at birth, was less than 13 inches long. After spending two months at Torrance Memorial Hospital, Maria came home to join 11 brothers and sisters.



Today (photo at right) she's a bouncing 17 pounds, is 28 inches tall and apparently normal. With her is Nurse Aileen Wagner. Maria's "progress report" came from hospital officials, who have watched her growth carefully for the past 1 1/2 years.

## 'Drug Baby' To Undergo Bone Graft

TORRANCE—An infant victim of thalidomide, the notorious drug causing deformity in unborn babies, was scheduled to enter Harbor General Hospital today to begin a series of corrective operations.

William Joseph Webb Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Webb Sr., 1656 W. 166th St., Gardena, was born June 15 with one bone in each forearm partially or wholly missing. The infant also has no thumbs.

Following admission into the hospital today at 8 a.m., the infant will remain under observation until Aug. 23, when he will be operated on.

Specialists and doctors met in conference Friday and announced that they plan to graft bone structure from the infant's legs into his forearms.

The child's mother took the drug, prescribed as a sedative, while in Germany during the early stages of her pregnancy. Thalidomide attacks the bone structure in human embryos.

The infant's father, who met and married the German woman in her native country before getting out of the Army in May, said his wife was suffering from nervous exhaustion.

### INITIAL REACTION

He said the mother's initial reaction to the decision to operate was "Please don't touch my body." At Friday's consultation, she showed the strain of the ordeal by breaking into tears.

Doctors said they hoped to spare the mother some of the details of the coming operation but that it was difficult to keep a mother away.

### TERM IN HOSPITAL

According to hospital officials, the child may remain in the hospital for six weeks due to the operation. They declined to state the exact nature of the first operation.

The infant Webb, believed to be the only baby in California to be a victim of the drug, has one sister.

As a reaction to recent Thalidomide tragedies, the United States government has proposed testing regulations for new drugs, aimed at preventing tragedies in this country such as have occurred in Europe.

### ORIENTATION

South High School's annual picnic, designed to acquaint new students with each other and the school, has been scheduled for Sept. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the South High mall.

## Strongest Love Not for Female, Vows Loyal Surfer to Society

By SUSAN ANDERSON

"I'd climb the highest mountain or swim the deepest river just to be near you."

To most people this would present a picture of a young man whispering to his sweetheart. But as any Torrance resident can tell you, it's of a love far stronger

than that of a young man for a girl.

It's obviously a boy and his surfboard.

### LOVE-STRUCK

It's not at all unusual to see such a love-struck young man, more commonly referred to as a surfer, carrying his board for several miles to the beach and the priceless surf.

The mode of transportation can vary from the surfer's head to his bicycle, and for the more fortunate of the clan, a "surfer wagon."

He will trek across rocky fields, climb fences or take just about any route heading west.

Surfing, if nothing else, has promoted fellowship. Often two or even three boys can be seen sharing the load of a board. This is popular with the young surfers, as well as with the old-timers of 16 or 17.

### 'BIKE RACK'

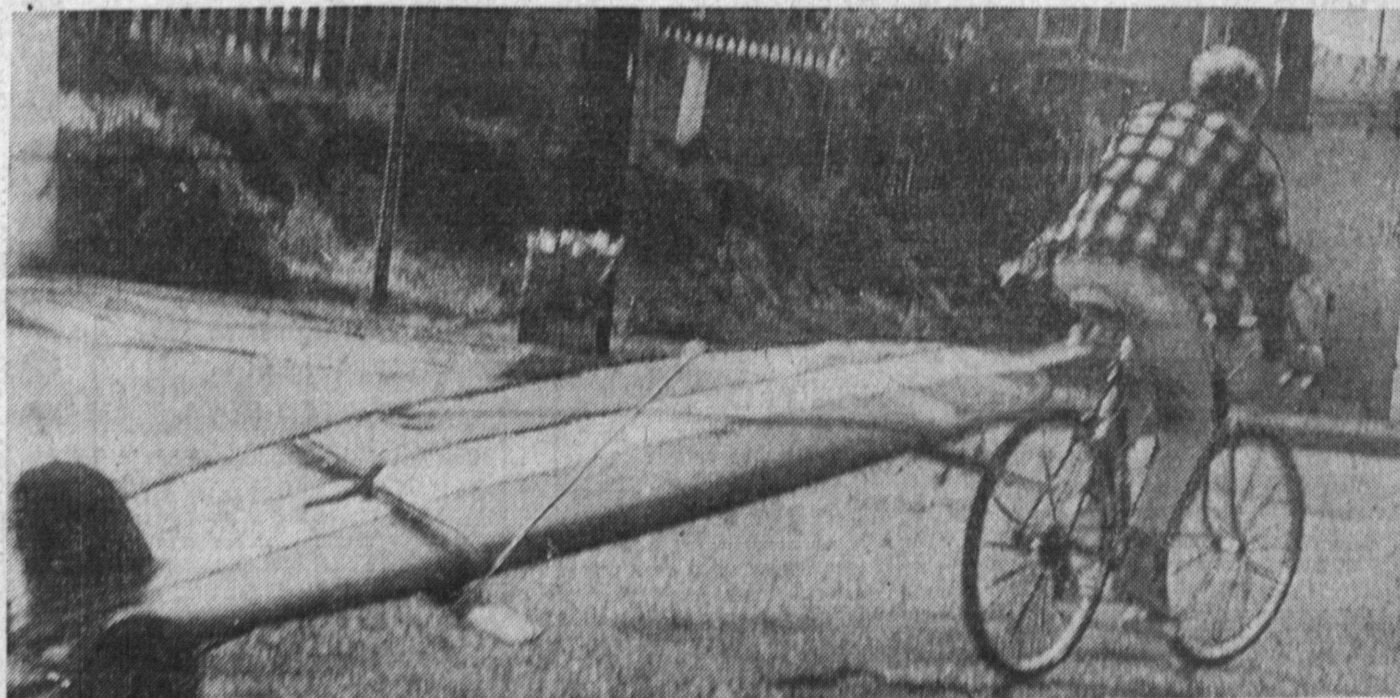
One of the most recent and popular ways of transporting the surfer's pride and joy is a two-wheeled device which can be hooked onto the back of a bicycle.

However, the ultimate is a "surfer wagon" or "woodie," obviously, the envy of any surfer from 9 to 90. It is an old station wagon with wood paneling—the perfect thing to carry the precious boards and their owners just about anywhere.

A surfer will beg, borrow or even work for one of these priceless badges of surferhood.

What is it about this ever-growing sport that makes it worth giving up almost anything for?

Ask a surfer.



WHETHER IT'S THE DO-IT-YOURSELF "SURF WAGON" . . .



OR THE REAL THING . . .



THE SURFER FINDS HIS WAY WEST  
—Press Photos

## CHP Honors Three Officers

Three veteran members of the California Highway Patrol have been honored in a retirement dinner program.

Cited for meritorious service during their Highway Patrol careers were Clyde G. Rohrback, Robert A. Zoll and Billie W. Box Jr. Their combined years of service total 82.

The men were assigned to the CHP's Southwest Los Angeles headquarters, 18220 S. Broadway, Gardena. The dinner was held in Gardena.

## Pot Luck Event Set by Oldsters

A pot luck dinner featuring slides taken of the recent McMaster's Senior Citizen's white elephant sale will be held Friday at McMaster's Park.

All interested may come and dance, according to club members.



**NEW AIDE** to City Manager Wade Peebles (center) gets official welcome Tuesday from Peebles and Orin Johnson (left), assistant city manager. Aide is Edward Ferraro, former city administrator in Lawndale. He will fill

newly-created post, also with title assistant city manager. Ferraro's duties will include wide variety of administrative functions previously shouldered by Peebles.

—Press Photo by Pat Neese