

# DRUNK DRIVING JAILS MAYOR

## Isen's Auto Crashes Into Parked Truck

Mayor Albert E. Isen of Torrance last night was booked for drunk driving in the Los Angeles County Jail by officers of the California Highway Patrol.

The mayor was booked under section 23102 A of the California Vehicle Code which is misdemeanor drunk driving.

**Car Hits Truck**  
The jailing occurred following an accident in which, according to the CHP, Mayor Isen's car struck a parked truck at 228th St. and Petroleum Ave., in Los Angeles County.

The mayor's car went under the bed of the truck, struck the huge dual tires and bounced back about three feet.

The bed of the truck crashed through the right side of the windshield.

"It's a good thing that he didn't have a passenger," said Officer E. Adkins of the Highway Patrol at the scene of the accident, "because the

passenger probably would have been decapitated."

The mayor's upper lip was cut.

**Stitches Required**  
Highway Patrol officers took the mayor to Harbor General Hospital. He was given emergency treatment.

It was reported that five or six stitches were required to close the wound.

Blood also was taken for a sobriety test at the hospital. The blood was taken by Highway Patrol officers and the test was carried out in police laboratories, and not at the hospital.

The booking followed. The mayor was released on bail during the night, the booking office of the Los Angeles County Jail reported this morning.



**MAYOR ISEN** is shown as he left Harbor General Hospital last night after treatment for a cut lip. Five or six stitches were required to close the wound.

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## Police Gunfire Halts Fleeing Sports Car



**WITH HIS NAME** carried phonetically (ISN) on the license plate, the car of Mayor Albert E. Isen is shown following the accident last night which led to his being booked on a misdemeanor drunk driving charge.

## 19 Year Old Girl Stopped In 100 Mile An Hour Chase

Two Torrance police officers racing at more than 100 miles an hour were forced to shoot out the tires of fleeing sports car driven by a 19-year-old girl in order to bring the desperate chase to an end.

Speeds of up to 110 miles per hour were reached by five police cars, three from Torrance and two from Gardena, in pursuit of the sports car as it rocketed through two cities.

The car was finally brought to a halt, thumping along on flat tires, at 216th and Western Ave.

**Girl Unhurt**  
When it stopped, Miss Megan Desario, 19, of 5102 Called Ricardo, Torrance emerged. She was unhurt.

The chase began when officers in a Gardena cruiser spotted the sports car driven by Miss Desario as it ran

red light at the intersection of 135th St. and Western Ave.

At once, the chase began down Western Ave.

Down Western the cars raced until they entered Torrance past a roadblock of police cars set up by the local police.

**Shots Fired**

Through the road block raced the sports car and then the Torrance officers joined the chase punctuated by shots, the screech of tires, and the rise and fall of wailing sirens.

Miss Desario was booked in Gardena on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, alleging that she tried to ram a police car in the chase.

Other charges filed by police against the girl included red lights and reckless driving.

## Sheriff to Send Specialist On No-Charge Basis

Last Tuesday councilmen accepted an offer by the Sheriff's office to send several specialists to study problems of the Torrance Police Department on a no-charge basis.

Originally council had gone to Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess to hire a man full time to work with Chief Bennett in straightening out reported problems in the police department.

The specialists from the Sheriff's Department, on recommendation of City Manager Wade Peebles, will check various phases of the police department's operations and report to Council. Outcome of the report will help Council determine if a full time Sheriff's administrator should be hired.

Studies by the Sheriff's men should begin next week and will include the traffic, detective records, vice and patrol divisions of the police department.

## Jet Powered Boat Trial Runs Soon

"Trial runs for the jet-propelled Harvey Aluminum Hustler are being planned for the end of October," Lee Taylor, pilot and co-builder of the 29-foot speedboat, announced today.

"We're moving on schedule," said Taylor. "The aluminum cowling and cockpit are being formed by Jack 'Willie' Sutton, who has had many years of experience here and in England designing and developing racing cars and boats."

The two and one-quarter ton hydrojet, designed by Rich Hallett, one of America's top builders of "drag boats," is expected to touch the 300 m.p.h. mark in the American attempt. Because of a box-like tunnel built into the bottom of the hull, the jet boat will literally fly two inches above the water during the speed runs.



**MAUREEN O'HARA** and Chill Willis were among the stars shining at the opening of the United Artists Theatre last Wednesday night. Shown between the two stars is Carl Burns, the local manager of the theatre, beaming with pride at the success of his opening. Maureen starred in "McLintock," shown as a sneak preview opening night. —PRESS photo

## Voters League Fund Drive Set

Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula Leagues of Women Voters will kick off a joint fund drive Tuesday, Oct. 15, when representatives of the two organizations call on prominent civic and business leaders in Torrance, Palos Verdes, and Redondo Beach.

Purpose of the drive is to raise funds to enable the groups to continue to provide voters services to the local communities.

Concurrent with the drive will be distribution of peninsula residents of a booklet recently compiled by the Palos Verdes League: Facts for Voters.

Members of the Torrance League are presently engaged in writing a booklet called Know Your Town, which will deal with Torrance history and government.

Voters services provided free of charge to the public by the leagues include publication of impartial pros and cons of ballot measures preceding elections and speakers bureaus which provide qualified speakers in any field of league study. Preceding election, public

candidates' meetings are held at which all candidates are invited to appear.

Co-chairing the drive are Mmes. S. J. Conrad of the Palos Verdes League and Ernest Knapp of the Torrance League.

Committee members include: Mmes. R. J. Calbert, John Crowther, Ralph Wuerner and Yoshimaro Shibuya of the Palos Verdes League and Mmes. Gene Mabry, W. H. Sandstrom, C. A. Van Oppen, Howard Walker, and Russell Burwanger of the Torrance League.

## Letters

Editor:  
This is to express my appreciation for your fine paper and especially for the quotation of 'government' by Mary Baker Eddy that appeared in your issue of Oct. 9, 1963.

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**OVERTURNED VEHICLE** awaits a tow-truck while the driver, at the rear, explains to police what happened. Edward Grooy, 1938 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, told investigating officers he was rounding the curve in the

25200 block of Crenshaw Blvd. when something apparently went wrong with the steering on his car and he lost control. The car struck the center divider, skidded broadside to the East curb and overturned.