

SHE BREATHE'S LIFE BACK INTO MAN, 68



WRECKED AUTO which crashed into a sump early last Sunday morning is hauled up by a tow truck. Driver of the auto, Marjorie Ann Roof, dropped her two children off at the Torrance police station and left without saying a word. Officers later found the woman lying beside her car, which was hanging over the edge of the sump. —PRESS photo by David Ranns

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Children Left With Police, Mother Crashes

For some unexplained reason, a Torrance mother dropped two children at the Torrance police station and a short time later was found lying seriously injured beside her battered auto, which was teetering on the edge of a sump.

Police were puzzled when Mrs. Marjorie Roof, 32, brought in the children, turned and walked out without saying a word.

Later, police received a report of a car crashing a fence near a sump and 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. When they arrived they found Mrs. Roof lying by the car.

She Mumbled

When she arrived at the hospital, Mrs. Roof mumbled something about a third child who had been thrown in the sump.

The sump was dragged in vain. A policeman, Donald Morrison, donned scuba diving equipment and searched the sump, but no body was found. Later, Mrs. Roof said she had only two children.

Neighbors told police that Mrs. Roof often took care of other children as a baby-sitter and that there was a possibility that one of those children could have been the third child.

The policeman must take anti-tetanus shots to protect him from possible infection from sump water.

C.H.P. Fails To Back Isen Story

Mayor Isen's assertion that an unidentified person drove a car so close to the mayor's that he was forced to hit a parked truck last Thursday night finds no support from the California Highway Patrol.

In the course of the Patrol's investigation at the scene of the accident, three witnesses were questioned. According to the South Los Angeles office of the CHP, not one of the witnesses saw any other vehicle in the immediate vicinity of the mayor's car.

The officer added, "Three witnesses indicate that no other vehicle was in the immediate vicinity of the accident. There was no vehicle close enough to the car of the mayor to interfere with the operation of his car," the officer said. "There is nothing that we can find to substantiate the report that any other car was in the area."

The results of the sobriety test given to the mayor are part of the evidence which will be disclosed at the trial and will not be divulged by the CHP until that time.

Magic Moments Can Happen in 'Leisure Land'

The talented entertainers who nightly perform in the Leisure Land of the Torrance area are among the best in the nation and are capable of weaving moments of magic for those who go to see and hear them.

For an account of two of those magic moments, turn to page A-10.

To keep up with what is going on in the fields of entertainment and dining out go with "Red in Leisure Land" each Wednesday and Friday in The Press.

Fire Department Training Pays Dividend in Two Days

Fire Department training in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation paid off within two days when Mrs. Jean West saved the life of a 68 year old man.

Howard Meyers of 3350 Dalemead Ave. collapsed in his car in front of the West home Saturday afternoon apparently in a reaction to medicine he had taken earlier.

While neighbors phoned for a Fire Department rescue unit, Mrs. West moved the man, who had stopped breathing, into the proper position and began giving mouth to mouth resuscitation.

In about six to eight breaths, Meyers began breathing weakly on his own.

In a few minutes the rescue unit and an ambulance had arrived and rushed him to a hospital.

Dr. Fewell Vollicelli, director of the emergency section of Little Company of Mary Hospital, said, in his opinion, the efforts of Mrs. West were definitely instrumental in saving Meyers' life.

Mrs. West of 24425 Winlock Dr. had just received instruction in the mouth to mouth method of lifesaving in a course designed for owners of swimming pools. It was given by members of the Torrance Fire Department.

Response Good on Teen-Age Smoke Ban, But the Ordinance Fails to Pass Council

Redondo Beach Councilman J. O. Lee Solomon reports that he has had a good response to his proposed city ordinance which would make smoking unlawful among teen-agers.

(However, the ordinance Monday night failed to get a second when proposed by Councilman Solomon.)

"The response has been terrific," Councilman Solomon told The Press. "I have had only two letters which opposed me. One was from a teen-ager, the other from a mother who said such

problems should be handled in the home."

Councilman Solomon added, "If every home would exercise an influence to prevent smoking, there would not be a need for such an ordinance."

Everyone agrees, he said, that a problem exists in the widespread smoking among teen-agers and they agree that something should be done.

It is in the area of what should be done that there is no action, said Councilman Solomon, "and this ordin-

ance is a matter of doing something about it."

The proposed ordinance stems from the councilman's work among young people. "One of the factors that lead to juvenile delinquency," he said, "is the attitude a young person gets when a cigarette is in the mouth."

Councilman Solomon said he is appalled by the number of youngsters 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 who are smokers. "It is the health of the youngsters that is at stake," said Councilman Solomon.

Downtown Ready for Gala Kickoff

The Mayor, Council, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants Assn. announced this week the commencement of operations of the public address system in the downtown area.

The system was first turned on at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, Sept. 28th and again Sunday, September 29th, during tests.

Monday morning it was put into play for extended day to day use for the information and pleasure of all who visit the downtown Torrance area.

A period of adjustment was necessary to verify that all parts were working correctly and that programming was the best possible.

The tuner will pick up both AM and FM broadcasts. Continuous loop tape recorder will play pre-recorded background music and a record player will play favorite records.

Broadcasts Aired
Since broadcasts will be picked up as received advertising not directly connected with Torrance will be heard. This will be rectified when continuous loop tapes and records are available.

Of special interest to all the citizens of Torrance is

the gala downtown revitalization kickoff party to be held Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

The program will be sponsored by the City of Torrance, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants Assn.

It will include entertainment throughout this section of the city and spot announcements by merchants to benefit shoppers.

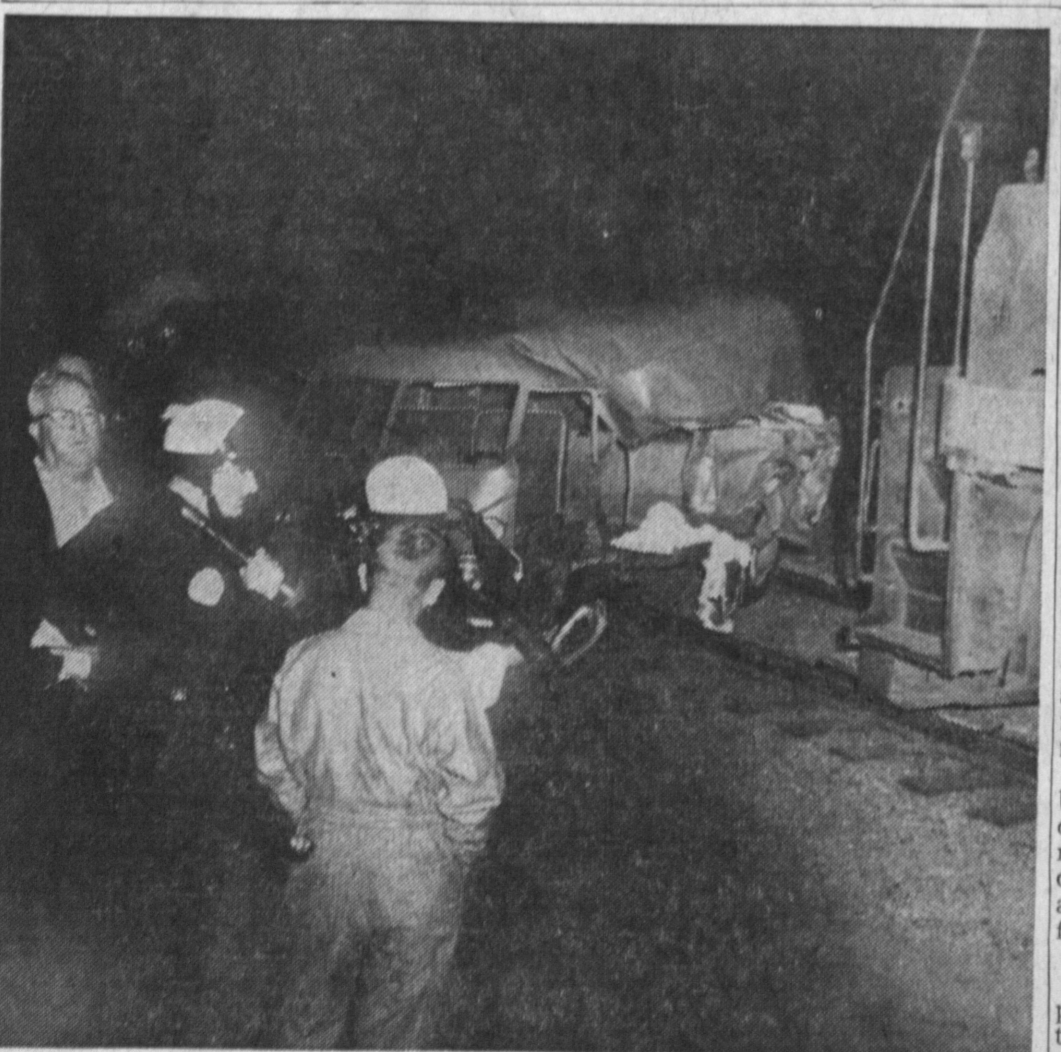
Final Stages
The streets in the downtown area are in final stages of improvement.

New street surfacing and striping for "on street parking" will be completed in time for the party. Lighting is complete and has been in operation for two weeks. All of the downtown area will take on a "new look" of which all Torrance can be justly proud.

This project is a first step in the revitalization of the downtown district. There is great hope that all merchants in the area will get behind the project so that our city can continue to boast of its fabulous population and economic growth and high public interest in self improvement.

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POLICE INSPECT badly damaged panel truck which was struck by a train early Monday morning. Driver of the truck Allen Ward Thore, 23, 2183 Sepulveda Blvd. was taken to

Harbor General Hospital with serious injuries. The huge locomotive received very minor damage. The accident took place at Santa Fe Ave. and Cabrillo.

—PRESS photo

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MAYOR 'ISEN

A BROKEN WINDOW is pointed out by owner Joseph Cappuccia. He said a brick was thrown and missed, then a second one was thrown with such force that it tore material on barber's chair and linoleum on floor.

—PRESS Photo

See Downtown 'New Look' (Section 'B' of This Edition)