

Police Honor Pair for Saving Girl's Life

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PARADE REHEARSAL . . . Three lovely young ladies who will ride the Torrance entry in the 1969 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena Jan. 1 are surrounded by members of the Torrance Area Youth Band, who also will be on the float. The girls are Darcy Jo Bancroft, Miss Torrance; Sharon Kay Tel-

rill, Miss California; and (kneeling) Etta Cumiford, Torrance princess. Youth Band members are (from left) Larry Alston, 16, of West High; Rocky Farquhar, 15, of South High; Eric Lewis, 16, of South High; and Tom Aughenbaugh, 15, of South High. (Press-Herald Photo)

Ask 'Status' on Charter Group

Grass, Trees Win Praise of Fifth-Graders

Fifth graders at Yukon Elementary School are learning the importance of beauty at an early age.

When a civic beautification project at the corner of Yukon Avenue and 181st Street caught the attention of youthful eyes, word soon reached the ears of fifth grade teacher Mel Schultz. Schultz discussed the landscaping project with his pupils and discovered that some 50 percent of them passed the intersection every day on the way to school. He promptly organized a hike to scene of the project to

Committee Asks Study Session With Council

The city's Charter Review Committee is expected Tuesday to seek a meeting with a special City Council sub-committee to determine the "status" of the current review of the city charter.

The charter group, ordered to meet a Dec. 31 deadline and then disband during a council session Nov. 19, decided to seek the special meeting Wednesday following a workshop session.

During Wednesday's meeting, the Charter Review Committee agreed the study of the charter must be completed and voted to request the meeting with the council group.

"No one outside of the council has urged any such action for dissolving the committee," Larry Bowman, an attorney and chairman of the charter group, said. "We made it clear this committee would be non-political and the study wouldn't be influenced by political considerations."

The committee is expected to ask again for an extension of its deadline — that request on Nov. 19 precipitated the action dissolving the group — to complete the study. Members also have indicated they will consider questions raised in two public hearings if the extension is granted.

Hit-Run Driver Sought

Torrance police are seeking the driver of a light blue, old model car which collided with another car and a motorcycle Tuesday at 7:20 p.m. on Del Amo Boulevard near Victor Street. Felony hit-run charges will be sought.

Soldier Dies In Vietnam

A Torrance soldier has been killed in action in Vietnam, the Department of the Army reported yesterday.

He was identified as Pfc. Tullie R. Smith Jr., of 1640 W. 220th St. Army spokesmen said Pfc. Smith was killed Dec. 1 while engaged in combat against hostile forces.

Meet by Chance

Ex-School Chums Cited

Two former school chums, Mrs. Hyman (Mickey) Fischer, is still in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Sgt. Ray R. Ouellette, TPOA awards committee member, said Grubbs and Hartford "without a doubt saved her life."

Grubbs, a self-employed carpenter, told police he was driving to work when he saw "a ball of fire" on the road ahead and realized it was a car in flames.

scene. The two then rendered first aid.

Grubbs suffered a minor burn on his right arm during the heroic act.

Hartford, an employee of Sam Levy Department Store, was uninjured.

Police said Grubbs and Hartford recognized each other as old schoolmates, although they hadn't seen each other in years.

To Get Grafts Crash Victim Still Critical

Pamela Fischer, the 17-year-old Torrance girl injured in a traffic collision Nov. 4, underwent major surgery this week at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Still in critical condition, Miss Fischer is also expected to continue receiving skin grafts. The daughter of Torrance Police Lt. and Mrs. Hyman (Mickey) Fischer was badly burned over 65 per cent of her body when her small foreign car collided with a dump truck on Van Ness Avenue and then burst into flames.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Latitude 20 Restaurant.

Receiving handsome award plaques will be Leslie Grubbs, 35, of 9758 Argyle Dr., Huntington Beach, and H. (Hap) Hartford, of 3857 1/2 W. 109th St., Inglewood.

Grubbs and Hartford are credited with saving the life of 17-year-old Pamela Fischer Nov. 4 immediately after Miss Fischer's car collided with a dump truck on Van Ness Avenue.

THE TORRANCE teenager, daughter of Police Lt. and

Robert Stoltz Named 'Carrier of Month'

Selection of 10-year-old Robert Stoltz as the Press-Herald's Carrier of the Month for November was announced today by Clint Davey, circulation manager for the Press-Herald.

Young Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Stoltz of 1607 W. 213th St. He first began delivering his Press-Herald route in late October after a friend told him of the opportunity to earn extra money through the newspaper route.

A fourth-grade student at Hall-dale Avenue Elementary School, Robert is a native Californian and lived in Redondo Beach until about 18 months ago.

During his spare time, he enjoys playing Little League baseball, building models, and playing the recorder, as well as bicycling.

Robert's father is employed by Bill Hopkins Lincoln-Mercury in Torrance. His mother stays busy caring for three brothers and two sisters. They include Darryl, 8; Timothy, 7; Tyler, 4; Shirleen, 3; and Jennifer, 1.



ROBERT STOLTZ
 Top Newsboy

Open Bids For Drain Facilities

D G Concrete Construction Co. of Compton has filed apparent low bids of \$777,778 and \$875,688 for construction of a Carson storm drain project, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The offers were low among eight submitted to the County Flood Control District.

All bids will be checked by District engineers and the Board of Supervisors is expected to award a contract, based on funds available, in about 10 days. Offers were required on two proposals involving various drain lengths, Chace said.

Due for construction is Project No. 1201 and a lateral drain below Carriagedale Drive involving nearly two miles of storm drain conduit.

Christmas Contest Planned

Entries for the Torrance Jaycee's annual citywide Christmas lighting contest currently are being received by the Jaycees. Deadline for entries is Dec. 21.

Judging is scheduled for the evenings of Dec. 21 and Dec. 22, contest officials have announced.

Two categories are open to all residents of the city. They are a religious division and a novelty division.

An entry blank for the contest is published in today editions of the Press-Herald. It appears on Page A-2. The entry blank should be clipped and mailed to the Torrance Jaycees prior to the deadline.

Council to Meet

Members of the Lomita City Council will hold a regular meeting Monday at 7 p.m. The improvement of 262nd Street between Eshelman and Western avenues is scheduled for discussion.

Police said the suspect vehicle first collided with a car driven by Rosalie Ellen Kellogg, 30, of 2336 W. 236th St. Witnesses related that the suspect car was travelling about 50 to 60 miles per hour on the wrong side of the street.

The unidentified car continued on without stopping only to collide with a motorcycle driven by 16-year-old John Walton Linehan, 6504 Michelle Dr. The West High student was treated for a head laceration at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Policemen To Install Officers

New leaders of the Torrance Police Officers' Association will be installed Monday night at the group's annual installation and awards dinner at the Latitude 20 Restaurant. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

New member of the board of directors is Ernie Smith. Re-elected to the board were Vince Davey and Phil Joseph. Lieutenant Charles Oates was re-elected secretary of the association.

Board members, in turn, elected Joseph president of the group and Davey vice president.



PLAYING SANTA . . . Getting caught up in the busy telephone lines which have connected Torrance youngsters with Santa Claus this week are Police Lt. Gus Rethwisch of the Torrance Police Department; Dr. John A. Lucas, principal of South High School; and John A. Atkinson, city sanitation superintendent. The trio have been joined by dozens of volunteers this week to answer calls to Santa being placed by thousands of Torrance youngsters. Children may place calls to Santa until 6 p.m. today by calling 320-7660. (Press-Herald Photo)