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WEATHER

It is expected to be cloudy today with occasional drizzles which will become light rain this afternoon and who knows? May be a downpour by tonight — but just maybe. Little change in temperature today with a high near 58 and a low this morning of around 48 degrees.

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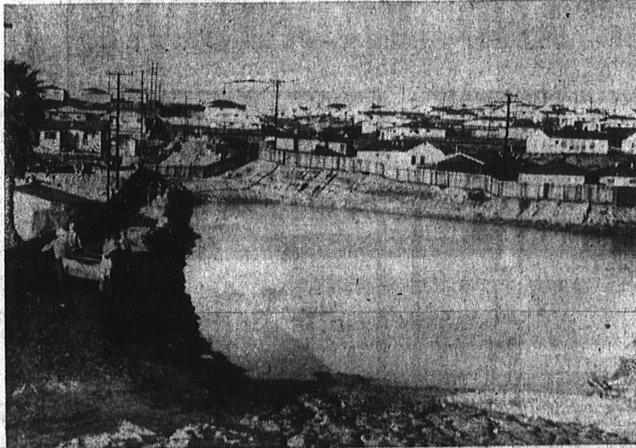
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Police of Two Cities, Lifeguards Probe Sump for Missing Boys; Found Elsewhere



SCENE OF ACTIVITY . . . Lifeguards carry boat out of sump area as the search for two missing Redondo boys is called off when the pair are found safely nearby. Police and lifeguards had spent several hours probing the sump looking for the boys when they disappeared Friday.

Boys Spent Hours Playing On Sand Pile

Torrance and Redondo police officers and County lifeguards from as far away as Zuma Beach converged on a drainage sump at the end of Avenue F, at the Torrance-Redondo boundary Friday afternoon when two Redondo lads were feared to be in the sump.

The boys, five-year-old Dave Darman, of 1229 Helberta; and Jimmy Donaldson, 4, of 1235 Helberta, had been missing since 10:30 a.m. Friday, and officers followed a trail which led to the huge sump of water which had collected during the recent rains.

County lifeguards were called and the sump was searched for the pair. The steepness of the banks and the cold water forced the lifeguards out of the water. A boat from Zuma Beach was called in to start grappling operations.

During the minutes the boat was being unloaded, Officer Joe Wysocki, of the Redondo police, heard reports that two boys had been seen earlier in the Hollywood Riviera area. Accompanied by a neighbor who knew the pair, he cruised the area.

Just as the boat was being launched, Wysocki radioed units at the sump that the boys had been found near the Jim Dandy Market. They had been playing in a sand pile nearby.

The boys were taken home "Code 3" (with red lights and sirens).

Police Car, Chasing Speeder, Hits Woman

A West Torrance housewife, miraculously, was listed in "fair" condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital after she was hit and flung 47 feet Thursday afternoon by a Torrance police car that was chasing a speeder down Pacific Coast Hwy. with red light on and siren screaming when the accident occurred.

The police cruise car, driven by Officer "Buck" Ingram, 29, skidded broadside into Mrs. Charlotte Hough, 33, of 22520 Linda Dr., knocking her "spinning" 47 feet through the air.

The woman was hit as she was crossing Pacific Coast Hwy. at Avenue H, one block inside the Redondo Beach city limits. Harbor General Hospital spokesmen said her condition was not critical and she is listed as "fair." They said she received a possible concussion and head lacerations.

Light Siren Working
Ingram, who was alone in the police car at the time, said his siren was wailing and his red light was on when he wheeled around the curve out of the Hollywood Riviera district in pursuit of a speeding passenger car.

When he saw the woman, he slammed on his brakes and skidded 60 feet, and around sideways, striking her broadside. Witnesses said that Mrs. Hough was crossing the highway from east to west with the green light in her favor, and had almost reached the centerline when she appeared to become confused by the rapidly approaching car and turned as if to go back.

Eyewitnesses confirmed Ingram's story and said that Mrs. Hough apparently did not see or hear the police car until it was almost upon her.

Groceries Scattered
After the impact, milk, fruit and other groceries which the woman was carrying were strewn across the intersection and splattered against the cruise car. Roy Marsh, witness who

Sepulveda to Be Closed

Sepulveda Blvd. between Cranshaw Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. will be closed to everything but resident traffic beginning tomorrow and until further notice, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The street is being widened and graded.



MICKEY FISCHER
Police President

Fischer Elected Head of Police Officers' Assn.

Officer Hyman "Mickey" Fischer has been elected president of the Torrance Police Officers Assn., it was reported this week. He succeeds Officer Gus Rethwisch.

Named vice-president of the association was Sgt. John Macgregor. Officer Bob Lewis will be treasurer, and Matron Maxine Herman is secretary.

The association was formed by the officers of the local department to work with the youth of Torrance. Among the activities for youth sponsored by the organization has been the Torrance Auxiliary Police, made up of teenagers, who usher at civic affairs and attend skating parties, snow trips, and other affairs sponsored by the officers. The group also sponsors a Little League baseball team.

Money to finance the activities is raised each year by the Annual Police Show. The funds of the group are used exclusively for youth activities.

YMCA Fund Drive Opens Tomorrow, Goal—\$12,500

With a goal of \$12,500 and \$2500 for Camp Round Meadow, the YMCA fund drive will open tomorrow with the commercial section of the campaign, according to Charles Mullen, chairman of the drive.

Chairmen of the commercial section are Paul Diamond and Ed Raphael, and commercial workers are Herb Cohn, Frank Dominguez Jr., Milt Isbell, Bernie Lee, George Post, Al Ewalt, Irving Lessin, Joe DeJaifre, Abe Robinson, Louis Arbetter, Mott Farrell, Roy Peterson, Charles Schultz Jr., Bob Almond and Van Wagner.

They will meet tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Bernie Lee to receive their cards and begin their week of canvassing for funds, Mullen reported.

The field and professional sections will get under way this week also, Mullen said. Heading the various sections of the drive are Walter Inman and Bill Speck, field; Diamond and Raphael, commercial; Albert Isen, professional; and Mrs. Ella Schwartz, home.

In addition to these leaders, another 100 men and women are needed to carry out this campaign," the chairman said. "Those who want to volunteer should call the 'Y' at FAir-fax 8-1272."

All funds will be spent for Torrance YMCA youth programs that serve more than 1135 youngsters from eight to 18 years of age, Mullen announced.



CITIZEN AWARD . . . Paul Loranger, president-elect of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Grover Whyte and Mrs. William Langdon-Grover Whyte Memorial Trophy, to be presented to the Outstanding Citizen of Torrance at the Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Civic Auditorium. Nominations for the citizen to receive the award can be made by mailing a letter to the Chamber, which can be postmarked no later than midnight tonight.

Escaped Con Returned to North Carolina

John Monroe Weaver, 37, an escaped convict who had served 10 years of a 14-year sentence in North Carolina, was returned to serve out his sentence here by two Torrance police officers.

Weaver and three others were arrested Jan. 12 by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton and Sgt. Percy Bennett on a tip from North Carolina that the four were in the area. The three with Weaver were later released when it was determined that they were not wanted.

North Carolina authorities arrived here this week to return Weaver to prison after he had signed waivers for his extradition.

The four told police they came to California to look for work.

Income Tax Aid Available March 3, 4, 5 at Chamber

Representatives of the Internal Revenue Department will take up offices in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on March 3, 4 and 5 to help local residents with their Income Tax forms, it was announced this week.

Income tax forms, state and federal, can be obtained at the Chamber, 1245 El Prado.

100 'Y' Club Members To Attend Skelton Show

One hundred members of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs of the Torrance YMCA will attend the Red Skelton TV show tomorrow, it was announced this week.

Stan Roberts, executive secretary, said that the original order of 50 tickets had been exhausted before the tickets were mailed, but another order brought the total to 100.

This is the first time Torrance YIMCA groups have attended a television broadcast and they are doing it this year as a part of their YMCA Week celebration.

Youth Pulls 'B' Movie Artifice, Makes Getaway

A 15-year-old auto theft suspect, using a "B" movie escape trick, outwitted a Torrance desk officer and flew the coop this week—and embarrassed millions of the law are still searching for him.

The boy was brought to the station by a police officer after a local citizen caught the youth attempting to make off with his car.

The suspect waited until desk officer Tom Pattishall was distracted by the police radio, the telephone and a group of people. Then he made his move. He bolted down a hallway, turned a corner, hid and waited.

Then, just like in the movies; Pattishall came bounding down the hallway, ran past the boy's hiding place and out of the building. The suspect then took off in the opposite direction. And that's about the size of it.

Alert Police Officers Nab Robbery Team

Jailed here early yesterday morning after the sharp eyes of a police officer had picked up numbers on a license plate of an auto in a filling station were two Los Angeles men accused of robbing a North Torrance man at the point of a toy pistol a few minutes earlier.

Less than five minutes after a call came through from John P. Mauro, of 18332 St. Andrew's Place, that the pair had robbed him at gunpoint, Sgt. Swayne Johnson and Officer A. L. Jackson had the pair in custody several miles from the scene of the reported crime.

Arrested were Eldon Anderson, 25, of 2100 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles; and Floyd James Vincent, 32, of 965 W. Vernon St., Los Angeles.

At Gardena
Mauro told police that he had been playing cards at a Gardena poker place and that he and several others left shortly after 4 a.m. yesterday. The victim said Anderson offered to take anyone into Los Angeles for \$1—but he found no takers. Mauro then said he told Anderson he would give him \$2 to take him to Western Ave. and 182nd St. When they got in Anderson's auto, a second man, Vincent, was asleep in the rear.

On the pretext of getting himself a drink, according to Mauro, Anderson opened the glove compartment of the auto and pulled out what appeared to be a German Luger. Anderson said he was forced to give up about \$40 at gunpoint.

Dumped Out
After being dumped out of the car at 182nd and Western Ave., Mauro called police and gave them a partial license on the auto. Less than five minutes later, Officer Jackson spotted the license at Redondo Beach and Hawthorne Ave. as (Continued on Page 6)



OPENS OFFICE . . . Richard Newton, seated, field deputy for County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, is waved into his seat by City Manager George Stevens as Newton opened an office here for the supervisor Friday. Newton will be in the City Hall each Friday from 9:30 until noon.