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SURPRISE STORM HITS AREA BRINGING HIGH WIND, RAIN

Storm Brings 1.06 Inches Of Rain Here

Heavy winds flailed Torrance Friday night and early yesterday morning, and the skies emptied 1.06 inches of rain on the city.

The winds blew down a street light in front of 1326 Sartori Ave. early Saturday morning, and power officials had to shut off some electricity in the downtown area to repair the break. Torrance firemen spent two hours watching the downed light, which was forming an arc at the location.

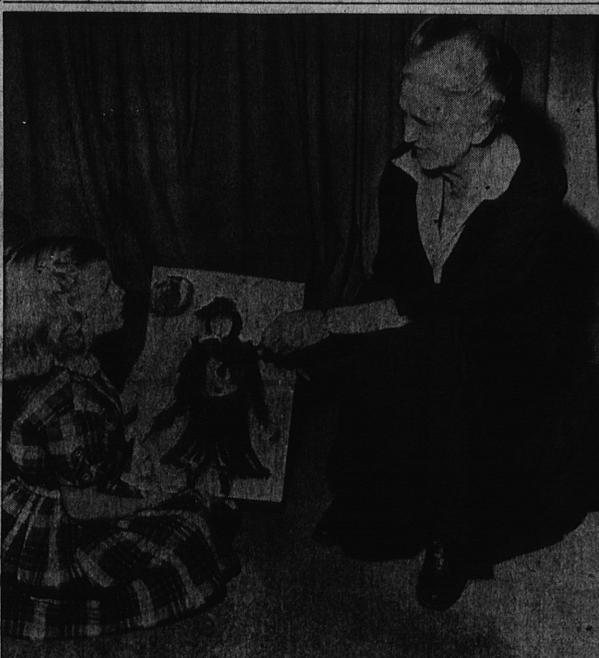
Firemen, meanwhile, got little sleep throughout the night. Since the firefighters are accustomed to hopping out of bed whenever the phone rings during the wee hours, to be ready for any emergency, they were kept busy as the phone rang 13 times with inquiries by residents about the storm.

One woman just wanted to know the time.

4 TO ENTER MATH DERBY

Four students from Torrance High School will compete with some 300 students from other Southern California secondary schools in a Mathematics Field Day at Occidental College Saturday, according to Elroy Iversen, advisor.

Entrants will be Carol Brier, Richard Bentwood, David Burdick, and Tom Carter. They will compete in mathematical derbies.



ART FOR YOUNGSTERS . . . Ann Nelson, 6, gets some tips on art from Moni Gillett, Torrance artist, who will teach a series of art classes for children from 6 to 15 years. The classes, sponsored by the Torrance Art Group and Recreation Dept., will begin Saturday, from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Civic Auditorium. Mrs. Gillett will speak to parents of youngsters at 8:30 Friday night in the Pool Shelter House. Further information can be obtained at FA 8-4108.



EL CAMINO'S SWEETHEARTS . . . Queen of the Sweetheart Ball, Barbara Becker, (center), 18, of Inglewood, will reign over the ball Saturday night, March 2. With her are her princesses, Gaye Wilson, of 3960 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., and Sharon Stewart, 1917 Middlebrook Road, both of Torrance. The queen and her court were chosen by Student balloting on the campus this week. (Herald Photo)

Inglewood Coed To Reign Over Sweetheart Ball

Reigning over the tenth annual Sweetheart's Ball of El Camino College March 2 will be Barbara Becker, 18, 8235 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood.

Elected to serve with Queen Barbara as princesses were Sharon Stewart, 17, 1917 Middlebrook Rd., and Gaye Wilson, 18, 3960 Pacific Coast Hwy. The trio of coeds was selected by popular election of the Associated Students, who recorded a heavy vote in the two-day balloting.

The new queen is an education major with plans to attend Long Beach State College upon graduation from El Camino. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Chi sorority. Miss Stewart is a member of (Continued on Page 2)

Extensive Person-to-Person Drive for Hospital Starts

The most extensive person-to-person philanthropic endeavor in Torrance history will begin Wednesday when more than 500 women volunteers of all faiths launch a campaign for \$100,000 from the general public for the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

The effort, according to hospital campaign headquarters, will not be the usual door-to-door solicitation, but will be a series of some 20,000 selective calls upon families in Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes. Volunteer workers will have an opportunity to select personal pledge cards for individual families with whom they are personally acquainted, and will then make individual calls on these families to explain the non-sectarian nature of the project and the urgent need for high-level giving.

Meeting Set
Fred A. Kraus, campaign director, announced today that kickoff meetings will be held for Torrance volunteers Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Torrance Civic Audi-

torium, for Redondo Beach workers at St. James Parish Hall at 2 o'clock that afternoon, and for the Palos Verdes volunteers Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

George W. Post, director of the general gifts effort, expressed confidence that the \$100,000 goal will be met.

Response Good
"The response from ladies who have volunteered to work on this worthwhile project has been extremely gratifying," Post said. "Mrs. Elaine Tweedy, chairman of the women's group, has done a magnificent job of organization and has found an extensive willingness on the part of women to help this cause. I feel sure that the people of Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes will meet this challenge and achieve—and probably exceed—the \$100,000 general gifts goal."

Harvey Machine Gets Contract For Projectiles

The Navy announced yesterday that the Harvey Machine Co. has received a contract for approximately \$1,600,000 for 20 MM projectiles.

The contract covers both armor piercing tracer (APT) and armor piercing incendiary (API) projectiles. They are of new design and are used in the latest model 20 MM aircraft guns. The 20 MM is the primary gun on all naval aircraft.

The award was made to the low bidder as a result of formal advertising.

Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, stated that the 20 MM APT projectile is designed for armor penetration as well as tracing. It permits evaluation of hits in both test and combat runs. Tracers are used extensively in the fleet for fire control evaluation.

The 20 MM API projectile, in addition to its armor penetration qualities, is designed to set fire to the target. Its principal damaging effect is the fire created by the explosion.

Parents Ask \$213,500 for Oct. 13 Crash

A \$213,500 suit against the city of Torrance, Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins, and the Sheets Construction Co. has been filed in Superior Court by the parents of boys killed and injured in a car accident last Oct. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bledsoe, 3637 W. 180th Pl. asked in a suit filed by Atty. Boris S. Woolley, asked for \$202,500 for the death of their son, Alan Harold Bledsoe, 16, driver of the car which went out of control and crashed into a tree at 177th and Yukon Ave. They asked \$100,000 for the loss of their son and \$100,000 for the loss of future earnings.

Bledsoe was captain and center of the North High football team last year.

Mrs. Pauline Swortfiguer, 3617 W. 182nd St. asked for \$11,000 on behalf of her son, John, who was a passenger in the car in which young Bledsoe was killed. He received body injuries, cuts, bruises, and shock in the crash, she said, resulting in permanent injuries. The request included \$1000 for hospital and doctor bills.

The parents charged that

City Opens War Against Noise

Things may or may not be a little quieter in Torrance if a noise ordinance sent to the City Council by the Torrance Planning Commission is adopted.

At their meeting Wednesday night, the Planners studied an ordinance to regulate noises around schools, churches, homes, hospitals, and who could make them and when. It includes regulation of horns, carnivals, public address systems, and other noise-makers.

Commercial zoning for property along Hawthorne Ave. between 182nd and 186th Sts. was recommended for approval by the Commission.

Hawthorne Included
The Planners originally had studied plans to rezone the entire area from Hawthorne to Ashley Ave. between 182nd and 186th, but after hearing protests from residents decided to include only land along Hawthorne. Controlled commercial zoning was recommended.

The proposal of the Columbia Broadcasting System for commercial zoning on adjoining land on the northeast corner of 190th and Hawthorne Ave. was held over for another two weeks, awaiting agreement of street alignments. CBS has announced plans to build a

Bail Accounts To Be Checked

An investigator from the District Attorney's office will arrive at South Bay Municipal Court tomorrow to check the bail accounts of Jack Gee, a warrant officer hired by the city of Torrance, and the Torrance Bail account system, according to Deputy District Attorney William B. Keene.

Gee was suspended as a warrant officer this week by Police Chief Willard H. Haslam, after it was revealed that he had failed to turn in on time bail monies which he collected.

Accounts Late
Although the law requires that bail money be turned in on the next business day after it is collected, South Bay Clerk Ernest B. Stout said that Gee's accounts had been turned in as much as 200 days late.

Gee resigned as a warrant officer for Torrance in May, 1956, after court officials notified Torrance police officials that the law was not being complied with. He was, however, rehired under a "verbal agreement" in August, 1956, on a "per diem" basis.

"We asked, warned, and told the city of Torrance about the situation and they didn't do anything," Deputy District Attorney Keene told the HERALD yesterday.

Probe Set
Keene said Tom Harris, head of the accounting division at

the district attorney's office would go back through the court accounts and recall warrants issued by Torrance officers, possibly as far back as 1946. Criminal complaints may be issued if the evidence warrants it, Keene said.

As reported in last Sunday's HERALD, charges that money posted with Gee had never reached the court were aired at an informal hearing before Judge Otto E. Willett.

A Los Angeles man, Eugene Aulicino, told the court that he had paid Gee \$91 in three installments on a traffic violation. Arrested again on a traffic count, no record of the Aulicino's payments to Gee could be found. Aulicino produced witnesses to indicate that he had paid the money.

Other Instances
Keene said that it appeared that there were several other instances, in which Gee had produced the bail money until the traffic violator was arrested a second time and court records showed no record of payment on the first offense. Gee then came forward with the money, he reported.

The Torrance system was revised last summer and Aulicino's case occurred before that time.

Served Other Cities
Gee formerly served also as a warrant officer for Hermosa Beach, Culver City, Inglewood, and El Segundo.

Gee's duties with the Torrance police department were to serve warrants on out-of-town violators who could not be contacted in the normal routine by regular members of the Torrance Police Department. Often these warrants were held for servicemen from West Coast bases and camps, and other persons whom the court was seeking.

He was paid \$10 commission for each successful service of a warrant. Police Chief Haslam told the HERALD last week.

BOMB EXPLOSION SHAKES RIVIERA

A home-made bomb exploded with a roar in the 800 block of Calle Miramar on Friday night, according to police.

The bomb caused no damage, officers reported.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	59	53
Monday	63	54
Tuesday	75	41
Wednesday	61	51
Thursday	64	44
Friday	67	50