

YOUNGSTER RUN OVER BY AUTO

Water Pressure Better, But Still Below Normal

Shortage of water pressure was still a problem in Southwest Torrance yesterday, according to local water department officials.

The city reservoir, usually at 22 feet, remained far below normal as the water level was only 16 feet Friday afternoon.

Residents again were cautioned to water their lawns sparingly, especially during the early mornings and evenings.

Despite the fact temperatures dropped somewhat Thursday and Friday, localities continued to feel the warm weather and the heavy use of water kept the reservoir from regaining its normal level.

Areas most affected are the highlands in the southwest section of Torrance. Homeowners on the lower levels are using so much water, according to Angus McVicar, city water superintendent, that water pressure is practically nil on the upper levels.

This Must Be 'Animal Week,' Firemen Report

This was "Animal Week" at the Torrance Fire Department, as the firefighters rescued a cat and cleaned out a bird's nest.

Firemen Thursday received call from young Gail O'Neill, who reported that there was smoke in the attic of the Vic Aguilar home, 18030 Doty Ave. When they arrived they discovered that Gail's pet cat, not smoke, was what was in the attic. The little girl said she called because she needed help in retrieving her pet. Firemen obliged.

A bird's nest in the new Christ the King Lutheran Church, just east of 182nd and Crenshaw, puzzled workmen, so they too called the firemen. A sparrow had built its nest on the rafter 47 feet above the floor and all scaffolding had been removed. Firemen disposed of the bird's nest with a ladder truck.

Youth Searching For Job Finds Money in Till

A youth reportedly looking for a job, didn't find employment but he did get \$60.

Mrs. Fern Nair, of Nair's Picture Shop, 1975 W. Carson St., told local police she was working in the rear store room when she heard footsteps in the front store.

She came out and asked the young man if she could help and he told her he was looking for a job, she related.

When he was told there were no openings, he left. Shortly thereafter, the woman told officers, she checked the money drawer, to make change for a customer and found all the currency, about \$60 gone.



DEARIE, DO YOU REMEMBER . . . Their first reunion in 25 years was enjoyed Thursday at Torrance Park by the members of the Torrance High graduating class of 1932. Fourteen of the 36 girl graduates showed up to find out what had happened in intervening years. Shown are (front) Mmes. Ruth Wilhelm Clutter; Marie Batsch Beizch, Conetta Briganti Lupe, Virginia Harris-Rugg, all of Torrance;

Dorothy Wacker Kettle, Montebello; Wilma Motyka Perlewitz, Torrance; (back) Lola Coker Colmerauer, Garden Grove; Fern Clark Mathews, Torrance; Olga Jaunseum Noble, Tujunga; Arbelbe Kirchner Swim, Wilmington; Audrey Clark Adzovich, Covina; Rachel Wacker Phillips, Orange; Genevieve Guyan Johnston, San Diego; and Ethel Guyan Folts, Torrance.

Boy 'Critical' After Surgery

A small boy remained in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday, after he was run over by a car while he was playing in a driveway at 1605 W. 208th St. Steven Maybee, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maybee, who occupy an apartment at that address, underwent major abdominal surgery at the hospital. His chest was crushed by the car which rolled over him.

Harbor Division Police reported that Bennie Boyd Ansley, 20, 21142 Harvard Blvd., was backing out of the apartment parking lot when he struck the tot. Ansley said he did not see the boy until too late.

Three other accidents Friday resulted in injuries.

Mike Dalton, 9, of 1811 Gramercy Ave., was taken to Harbor General Hospital following a bicycle-car accident at 228th St. and Olive St.

Driver of the automobile was Edwin Martin Grate, 23, of 22621 Meyler St., who said he was unable to avoid hitting the youngster.

In Crosswalk
In a pedestrian accident, Donna Easley, 10, of 3306 Eldorado St., was injured when she was struck by Harry Chester Kaminske, 27, of Redondo Beach.

The youngster told police she was crossing Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave. in the crosswalk when the accident occurred.

Three Cars Hit
Douglas Goins of Gardena was booked on a drunk driving charge following a three-car collision in which one person received injuries.

Goins, according to police, hit a car which had stopped at an intersection on Crenshaw Blvd. near Redondo Beach Blvd. The second car in turn was pushed into a third car.

Martha West, passenger in the second vehicle, driven by Robb West of Gardena, was taken to a private physician.

Gilbert Alfred Reeve of Los Angeles was listed as the third driver.

Officers Report Four Burglaries At Local Firms

Torrance police today were searching for a small adult or a juvenile who gained entry to four firms Friday night.

Within one hour yesterday morning, officials reported four burglaries — and mystified police began the search for the person who entered the buildings — in most cases through a small window.

Nothing of value was taken at any of the firms, as far as police could ascertain yesterday. The suspect evidently was looking for money, officers reported.

The four burglaries, three on border Ave. and one on Cravens St., were similar and police stated they probably were committed by the same person.

Firms entered were John Wiley Jones, Service Associates Agency, Braucht and Barnes Welding Supply Co., and Williams Lumber Co.

MERCHANTS FEATURE HAWAII TRIP FOR 2

Tickets are available for a free trip for two to Hawaii at downtown Torrance stores.

Winner of the contest, sponsored by the Downtown Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be announced July 11.

No purchase is necessary to obtain the tickets, available at stores which are members of the Retail Merchants Assn.

5 Parks Plan Full Week of Recreation

"Buccaneer Days" will be the theme of the week's recreation program at McMaster, Torrance, Walteria, El Retiro, and Sea-Aire Parks this week, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

The program will run Monday through Friday. The schedule at the parks is as follows: McMaster Park, 3624 W. 174th St.; On Monday, the program will consist of the regular crafts program from 10 to 12. The rest of the day will be spent in signing up for the 10 inch baseball program and registration. At 10 Tuesday, the craft group will work with sand and play in the sand box. At 2 p.m. the craft specialist will be on hand to instruct in crafts appropriate to the week's theme.

The special activity on Wednesday at 2 will be a variety talent show practice. Thursday at 2 p.m. will feature a talent variety show and at the same time the story hour will be in progress, in charge of the specialist in creative drama.

Friday at 2 p.m. is "Captain Kidd" day and will offer such activities as a treasure hunt, "capture the flag," walking the plank and other games.

Torrance Park, Arlington and Santa Fe: On Monday at 11 will be the "Story Hour"; 2: tournaments. Tuesday at 3:15 will offer the crafts program specializing in buccaneer hats and sit-ups.

On Wednesday at 10:30 there will be tournaments; at 3 relays. At 10 Thursday, the regular crafts program will be held and at 3, a talent variety show. On Friday, there will be a watermelon feed at 3.

Walteria Park: there will be three tournaments every morning. They will vary from day to day.

As far as special events are concerned, on Monday there will be baseball sign-up and meetings for the pee-wee, midget, and other leagues. On Tuesday the Bicycle Club will meet at 10 where they will discuss safety, decorating and then participate in slow bike races. On Wednesday there will be crafts at 1; at 3 an art show featuring pirate hats, boats, and flags.

At 1 on Thursday, a talent variety show is scheduled; the story hour will be offered at 9:30. A treasure hunt is on the agenda for 1:30 Friday.

El Retiro, at 9 on Monday, the craft specialist will be instructing. On June 25 at 9:30 the story hour woman will be present; every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon will offer some type of myical activity.

A hamburger feed with punch is planned for Wednesday at 12, at a cost of 15 cents per serving; at 10 on that same day will be a talent variety show. Friday will be "Buccaneer Day" and at 12:30 there will be games a-hat contest and a treasure hunt. Punch will be available.

Sea-Aire, on Monday at 2, there will be tournaments. On Tuesday at 2 a watermelon feed at 10 cents a serving. The story hour will occur at 11:30 on Wednesday; at 2 there will be softball team tryouts.

LaTorre Makes Cross-Country Flights Alone

A Torrance businessman who learned to fly nine months ago has decided that flying his own plane is the best way to make business trips across country.

Joe LaTorre, president of Lok-Fast, Inc., manufacturers of aircraft fasteners, recently completed a solo business trip to New York and back that required two forced landings and had him dodging thunderstorms, tornadoes, and sandstorms. Nevertheless, he loved it.

Also Horseman
Although he has manufactured aircraft accessories for several years, he only recently learned to fly and has put some 300 hours on his Cessna-180 since he got it. Also an expert horseman, he is a member of the Torrance Mounted Police and president of Los Cchalleros, Rolling Hills equestrians.

He traveled across the southern part of the country, stopping at Dallas for a convention. A thunderstorm forced him to make an emergency landing at Webb Field, Big Springs, Tex. He moved on through the south, and had to make another emergency landing at an air force base at Dover, Del. He had run out of fuel due to headwinds. At Charlotte, N. C., he was grounded 1-2 days because of the weather.

Flying Blind
Finally arriving in New York he found himself flying blind at 6000 feet. "New York has more smog than Los Angeles," he reported.

Enroute to St. Louis, he got a tornado warning and headed instead for Springfield Mo. He had to battle two sandstorms between Phoenix and Albuquerque.

The worst hazard, he declared, was trying to land at Torrance Airport at night, with no landing lights.

Man Falls from Window, Killed

An unemployed dishwasher accidentally fell out of a window from the third-story room at a local hotel, killing himself Friday night.

Dead was James William Rhea, 38, who was recently discharged as a dishwasher at a Torrance cafe.

According to Torrance police, Rhea and two companions, Richard E. Miller and George Rowntree, had been drinking for the past two days in Miller's hotel room, 1210 El Prado. All three had worked at the same cafe as dishwashers and had been discharged, according to police, for continually being drunk.

Police theorized that Rhea and the others had passed out and that Rhea had awoken and walked over to the sink.

He probably had leaned or pushed against the window and then fell out the window, which is only a foot and a half from the floor, police said.

There was no evidence of a struggle and no witnesses, officers said. Rhea must have grabbed at the window as he felt himself falling through, according to the report, as the window was broken.

The accident was reported by the hotel manager.

Police booked Miller and Rowntree on charges of drunkenness.



HARRY G. DRAKE
Fireman Dies

Fireman Drake Succumbs After Heart Attack

Torrance Fire Engineer Harry George Drake, 39, died Wednesday night at the UCLA Medical Center of a heart attack.

Final rites were held yesterday at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary, with Dr. Earl D. Barnum officiating and members of the Fire Department appearing in full uniform. Acting as pallbearers were Battalion Chief Eugene Walker, Capt. William Johnston, Engineers James Wass, Wesley Christian, and Ralph Collins, and Fireman Leo Palumbo.

A resident at 2830 Onrado, Drake had been in ill health since he was overcome by fumes at a fire at the United Sulphur Co., in June, 1953. He had been away from his job since January, when he suffered a first heart attack.

He joined the Torrance Fire Department in October, 1948, having previously served as a firefighter specialist in the Coast Guard during World War II. Born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada, he had lived in Torrance since 1945. He was a graduate of Puente High School.

Survivors include his widow Mickey, and a daughter, Christine, 9.



CROSS-COUNTRY FLIER . . . Joe LaTorre, Torrance businessman, learned to fly nine months ago and recently made a cross-country business trip to New York and back. He dodged tornadoes, thunderstorms, and sandstorms on his flight. New York, he reported, has worse smog than Los Angeles.

HOPE SUNDAY DRIVE SCHEDULED TODAY

Car Clubs will make a door-to-door solicitation in Torrance today to collect funds for the City of Hope Hospital in Duarte.

The one-day drive, known as Hope Sunday, will provide funds for the non-sectarian medical center which provides free treatment to persons of all creeds, according to Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, local chairman.

The hospital does medical research in cancer, leukemia and heart diseases.

El Nido Zone Plan Gets Planners' OK

Studying a busy agenda, the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night:

1. Recommended a zoning plan for the recently-annexed El Nido area.

2. Appointed a committee to study rezoning for the proposed "hotel" site of the Don-Ja-Ran Corp. from hotel to single-family residence.

3. Withheld action on the proposed rezoning of Torrance Beach property from apartment to single family residence.

4. Recommended approval of a controversial tract at the intersection of Newton St. and Vista Montana, with certain stipulations.

Plan Told
As sent to the City Council for final action, the El Nido zoning plans is as follows:

Commercial—all of El Nido south of 186th St., except school property west of an extension of Burin Ave. All lots between 182nd and 186th, from Burin to Hawthorne and lots between Burin and Grevillea facing 182nd St.

Apartment zoning — land along 182nd, west of Grevillea.

Park — all land west of Kingsdale.

The rest is zoned for duplex use, except school property which was zoned for single-family residential use.

Beach Land Studied
Consideration of two separate rezoning problems along Torrance Beach received no final action.

A group of residents appeared, urging that the land south of Torrance Beach be rezoned for single residential purposes so that their views would not be cut off.

Fred Marlowe, owner of one of the lots, declared that he felt the area should be the site of unlimited development and that there should be 12 to 20-story apartments along the beach. He would, however, abide by the commissioner's decision, he said.

Commissioner Dave Figuredo opined that the land should be public beach.

Action Delayed
No action was taken on proposed rezoning for single residences until the next item on the agenda, the Don-Ja-Ran Hotel case was settled.

The question of whether land zoned originally for a luxury hotel should be rezoned for single-family residences was sent to committee. The City Council asked for the rezoning because of its feeling that Don-Ja-Ran intended to put up a motel instead of the luxury hotel the council had expected.

A new 81-home tract proposed on the hillside along Vista Montana was approved after apparent agreement between the developer, Harry Kissell, and the Palos Verdes Riviera Homeowners.

Requests Made
Homeowners' President Gene Pinski asked that proper

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