

EDITORIALS

Speed Study Needs

The city council again this week authorized the installation of stop signs on a dozen city intersections, acting apparently in the belief that stop signs are the answer to the city's traffic problems.

What the council and its traffic commission seem to forget at times is that the function of streets is to move traffic at the fastest safe speed.

Putting stop signs at each of the city's intersections, which is coming closer to reality each week, not only defeats the traffic flow goals, but has a negative effect on the psychology of the driver. In today's modern autos, a driver can, and many of them do, attain speeds up to 50 miles an hour between stop signs—just to make up time spent in stop and go driving through the city.

What is needed more than stop signs are through arteries where traffic can be moved at a reasonable speed.

Open stretches of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvd. which are limited to 35 miles an hour do not seem reasonable. Traffic flows at an average at least 10 an hour above the posted speeds on those roadways because of the limited cross traffic.

Other thoroughfare should be studied throughout the city to assure that reasonable speeds are permitted—and then enforced rigidly. A 45-mile-an-hour speed limit on any of the several open areas of roadway in the city will be just as safe as the present 25 and 35 miles an hour limits if enforced with vigor.

The HERALD suggests that serious study be given to the problem of moving traffic—not stopping it. Stop signs are not the answer to all the city's traffic ills.

Rezoning Sought

A move to rezone 97 acres of property at the southwest corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds., which was defeated by a close margin in the city council last year, has been renewed by the Getty Oil Co., owners of the property.

Public hearings on the matter will start June 3 before the city planning commission and will be presented to the city council later this summer for a second decision.

With the heavy commercial development now under way in the city, the need for concentrated residential development is apparent. High density residential development such as apartment projects offer the most economical residential use of the land in the city—it provides the purchasing power for the city's burgeoning commercial structure, and concentrates the services required of the city.

The proposal now before the city calls for construction of multiple dwelling units along Sepulveda Blvd. and sounds like a logical development of land on major roadways leading to the huge Del Amo Shopping Center.

Unless it can be shown positively that the land has a greater value in other uses, the city should give serious consideration to the merits of the present petition.

The Luckless Legion by Irwin Caplan



Women drivers were involved in 16% of all accidents in 1958.

STAR GAZER

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo
MAR 21 2-9-28-31 22-45-52	MAY 21 3-6-8-34 45-59-70	MAY 22 7-11-16-19-36 40-48-81-82	JUNE 21 15-You 16-Interests 17-May 18-Interests 19-Should 20-Postpone	JULY 21 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	AUG 21 1-10-35 27-41-74
1-Your 2-Try 3-Give 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	1-Old 2-Try 3-Your 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	1-Old 2-Try 3-Your 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	1-Old 2-Try 3-Your 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	1-Old 2-Try 3-Your 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social	1-Old 2-Try 3-Your 4-Allow 5-Your 6-Generously 7-Time 8-Of 9-To 10-Far 11-New 12-Don't 13-Rush 14-Social

But I Just Came In For A Checkup



RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

Fascination for May's Beach

For the past five years my favorite month for enjoying the beach has been May. Maybe it's because that's the time of year when the water has usually warmed up enough for a pre-season plunge and the cold salty tang of the first swim of the season is always somehow new and exciting. Or maybe it's because the crowds have not yet begun to gather on the shore and the near-isolation makes it more of an experience between the sun, the sand, the water, and me . . . and less of a social encounter with the people one usually runs into in the stores, at parties, and on the streets of town.

Or maybe it's because my first encounter with the beaches of Southern California—five years ago—was in May. It was cold that month, colder than it's been many Decembers since then. The natives told me it was unusual weather—and yet coming from the East it seemed glorious to me.

While I waited for a moving van to bring a houseful of furniture from Ohio, I spent two weeks at a motel on the ocean in San Diego. Each morning when my husband went off to work, my then-two-year-old son and I headed for the beach, armed with sand buckets, blankets, sandwiches, and books. We had the beach to ourselves, or nearly to ourselves.

Most of the time we had to wear our jackets, but the sun and air felt refreshing and clean, and the waves were there to look at and listen to. We discovered kelp, and found it was almost as much fun to build with it as the damp sand. And the solitary pleasure of reading on a deserted beach as my tow-headed toddler sifted granules of moist brown sand and the sound of the waves sang in our ears was a memory I've tried to recapture every May since.

Just beyond Torrance Beach, there's a beach called Riviera Beach. I don't know if that's its official name, but

In Years Gone By

A world record was set by a Torrance athlete 25 years ago this week when Louis Zamperini swung around the Coliseum oval four times to finish in 4 minutes 21.3 seconds for the mile event, a record which stood for almost 20 years. The previous high of 4:23.6 had stood since May 20, 1916, and had been set by Ed Shields of Mercersburg, Pa., according to the HERALD files of May 24, 1934.

With charity rolls bulging their seams, a war on "chicklers" got under way here a quarter of a century ago with the hiring of 35 county employees to investigate rumors of outside income by several persons receiving relief.

Local citizens were also up in arms over action taken by the County Board of Supervisors in which the townships of Lomita (in which Torrance was located), Redondo Beach, Gardena, and La Rambla were consolidated with Inglewood township. A delegation from Torrance planned to storm a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to protest the consolidation. Purpose of the move was to have cases in all the affected townships heard in Inglewood Court.

Threats of violence growing out of a longshoremen's strike at the harbor were causing a reign of terror in Lomita, with many residents applying to the constable's office for protection against 11 unidentified men who had intimidated them.

The NRA "Code" Eagle, which had already been gracing the upper left-hand cor-

ner of the HERALD, made its first appearance in the business district in the window of the J. C. Penney Co. 25 years ago this week.

On the cultural front, the Arch Ness baby orchestra, comprised of children 2 to 5 years of age, was scheduled to appear in concert at the Torrance Union High School gymnasium as a benefit of the Torrance Forensic Forum of the school's junior class.

The new Chevrolet "Standard Six" line was introduced and prices were quoted from \$490 for the new roadster to \$520 for the phaeton. And no sales tax.

Manager Spud Murphy was awaiting arrival of new uniforms for his Torrance Bluebirds, the town's baseball team . . . the Tartars were tied with Gardena for the West Marine League leadership after beating Narbonne 6-3 . . . Sports fans who wanted to brace themselves against a chilly evening at the games could get in at 60 cents a pint . . . Torrance High's golf team, including Joe Disario, George Bradford, Roger McGinnis, James Grubb, and Kenneth Haslam, made a clean sweep of a match with Leuzinger to win the second consecutive golf championship for the school.

Joe Miles of Boy Scout Troop No. 4 was "given inspection and received his pass to the Torrance Theater."

The city council authorized purchase of a lot 25 by 73 feet in Walteria for \$250 to erect a fire station, estimated to cost about \$750.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Group Tours MWD System

Along with nearly three dozen city officials and Chamber of Commerce directors, we rode a Greyhound bus across the desert and up mountain trails last week end looking over the facilities of the Metropolitan Water District, including the aqueduct which brings the water to our Torrance homes from Parker Dam on the California-Arizona border.

Our congenial driver, Gordon Smith, who has been pushing a bus more years than he cares to remember, has been making special runs for the MWD into the Parker Dam, Lake Havasu, and Hoover Dam for 11 years.

Smith is a pro—he put that busload of visitors up and down trails that most of us would hesitate to drive our cars, and some of us wouldn't drive a jeep.

The veteran driver normally makes the Los Angeles-Bakersfield run for Greyhound and lately has been making the Los Angeles-San Diego run when not pulled out for special assignment with MWD.

In addition to MWD, Smith told us he had one other group for which he has been driving in recent years—a Long Beach Business and Professional Women's club. Last year the group went to Yosemite, this year to Colorado Springs—he doesn't know where the next one will be. But he's ready.

Our host, Ray Hudson, a representative of the MWD public relations staff, is sold on the merits of MWD's operations. He proudly pointed out the features of the aqueduct and the progress on the new multimillion dollar improvements as though he were chairman of the board. One of the highlights of the tour was a demonstration of the "pipemobile" being used to lay the huge 13-foot sections of pipe, and the concrete machine working in an open channel nearby.

Along on the trip was Atty. Charles T. Rippey, the city's first representative to the MWD when it was formed nearly 30 years ago. Torrance was one of the 13 original cities which formed this huge water supply facility, and Mr. Rippey's name is among the 13 city representatives on the bronze plaque to the side of the main entrance to the huge Gene pumping station near Parker Dam.

Making the trip to inspect the facilities were Mayor Albert Ison, Councilmen George Bradford, Jay Beasley, and Nick Draie; City Manager George Stevens, Assistant City Manager Chapman Bone, Water Superintendent Angus McVicar, and his assistant, Cecil Powell.

Representing the Chamber of Commerce were President Frd W. Mill, Jaycee President Bob Bartz, Manager Dick Fitzgerald, Glenn Koger, Cliff Nickle, J. H. Paget, R. S. Pyle, Dean L. Sears, William

Shawger, and Dr. Howard A. Wood. Water Commissioners on the trip included Mervin Schwab, John Melville, Jack Brooks, Roger Hogue, and and W. E. Ford.

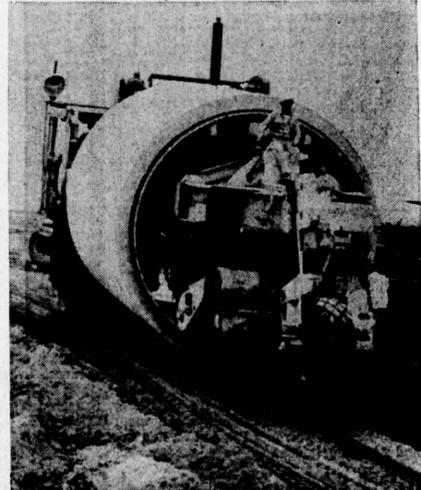
Others included Judge Donald Armstrong; Lee Blanchard and Stuart Avera of the Southern California Edison Co.; John Barton, Walteria attorney; James Becker, Southern California Gas Co.; Contractor D. A. Butcher; School Superintendent J. H. Hull; Developer Maxwell Rudolph, a n d n e w s m e n John Flynn, Baxter Omohundre, and the squirrel keeper himself.

For "Stu" Avera, it was his sixth wedding anniversary and he spent it with 36 guys in Las Vegas. But he had a note from his pretty wife Patty to remind him of the occasion—and to remind him of other things to remember while in Las Vegas

—like car payments, house payments, light payments, gas payments, phone payments and support of wife and family. And the advice is well given—for Las Vegas has a slick manner of making a guy forget some of those when he wanders through those plush spas with the gaming tables going full tilt.

It's the only place I know where you can spend \$5 in a slot machine while waiting for the drink to serve you a free drink—which Sam Landy, vice-president of the Dunes did for the gang as it bivouaced there Saturday night.

But if you want to know where 90 per cent of your drinking water comes from, ask any of the gents named above. After the informative trip last week end, they can tell you all about the fabulous Metropolitan Water District.



INTO TRENCH . . . The pipemobile, which crawls right into the huge water conduit, starts down the incline to the trench, where it will be added to the line bringing water from the Colorado River to Southern California cities. The machine was viewed by city officials during a tour of MWD facilities last weekend.



ONE MORE LINK . . . Ready for the matching is this huge section of concrete pipe which is part of the multi-million dollar improvement of the Metropolitan Water District system between here and the Colorado River. When the pipe is in place, the machine will back out, get another section and return to the trench.

LAW IN ACTION

Stolen Property

Journeyman thieves have to have somebody to market their thefts. So the law punishes a person who knowingly buys, receives, or hides stolen property. The punishment ranges from a one-year jail term to a ten year prison term.

In the trial, the district attorney must show that the accused (1) knew the property was stolen, and (2) that he possessed it, or allowed others to hide it on his place.

It may take "circumstantial" evidence to prove "knowledge and possession." So the jury may take a long look at suspicious circumstances: Did the accused buy the thing way below the market price? Did the seller have a bad name? What kind of property was stolen? (Diamonds and watches, for example.) When and where did the accused get the property? (e.g. at night, in the alley?) Did someone change the property's identifications?

Suppose you got the property but did not know it was stolen: But suppose you later

found out, and hid it. Then you are guilty of concealing stolen property.

The prosecution has to prove you knew the property was stolen, but the law helps: It presumes you knew it was stolen if you got it from a youngster under eighteen. A buyer deals with such a minor at his own risk unless he bought the thing at a regular fixed place of business.

The state can prosecute a "fence" who arranges with the thief to receive stolen property. As an accomplice he may also be guilty of conspiracy to commit theft, burglary, or robbery.

Certain dealers in second hand goods have an extra duty to find out, if they can, whether the seller owns the property. Otherwise the law presumes they knew it was stolen.

The owner's right to his property is not affected whether or not the buyer knew it was stolen.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN

- Purse
- Indolence
- Irish grape
- Master
- Evil
- Neckpiece
- Sun god
- Riverbank
- Massive
- Emerald
- Symbol for sulfurium
- Debate
- Baby's prison
- Inflexible
- Moment
- Free ticket
- Part of leg
- Metal married
- Sharp pains
- Organ of hearing
- Gilbert
- State (abbr.)
- Way of
- Queen's
- Printer's measure
- Monster
- Strips of cloth
- Edible vegetable
- Part of leg
- Roadside restaurant
- Drums
- Note of scale
- Courageous
- Lasso
- Roam
- Tense
- Turf
- Squeeze
- Collect
- Saltine solution
- Three-banded armadillo
- Opium
- Chest
- Carpenter's instrument
- Showered
- Conjunction
- Runs away to be married
- Satisfies
- Precipitous
- Measure duration
- Possess
- Merriment
- Label (colloq.)
- Man's nickname

ACROSS

- Trilled
- Mound
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- Spanish for
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