

# Resorts Issue Warning on 'Easter Week' Revelers

A list of rules suggested by city and law enforcement officials of Southern California resort areas to govern Easter Week youngsters asks parents to keep a close check on their children during the annual spring vacation.

Gathered by the Thirty-Third District PTA, the officials suggest that parents know where their children are going, see that adult chaperones are included, that sleeping space is available, that food is available, and alcoholic beverages are NOT available.

Law enforcement officers at beach, desert, and mountain resort areas report that curfew laws will be enforced, and that sleeping in cars and on beaches will not be permitted.

In Palm Springs, Chief August Kettman said the curfew laws will operate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., and persons under 18 without a chaperone will be sent home or jailed.

Albert Bern, chief of police at Avalon, said teenagers planning to spend the holidays on Catalina Island

should have a letter in writing signed by the parents granting permission.

"Curfew is maintained here including periodical checks and visits to rooms and cottages," Bern said. Parents will be notified by phone in the event a teenager's behavior comes to the attention of his officers, Bern added.

John L. Upson, chief of police at Newport-Balboa, said the roving groups in autos would be strictly con-

trolled this year and that "party crashing" was out. An auto check point will be established, he said.

Chief Frank Bland of San Bernardino emphasized that students would be welcomed in the mountain resorts of the area, but that they would be expected to adhere to a rigid code. Extra deputies are being assigned to the Big Bear area, officials reported.

The consensus of the law enforcement officers' remarks about the Easter Week sojourns indicate that the teenagers are welcome—if they abide by the rules.

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### A Penny for your Thoughts

With Easter vacation week ahead and police chiefs of resort areas warning against teenage vacationers, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"What are your plans for Easter vacation?"

Sue Freeman, 2526 Brian St., North High student:

"I'm going to babysit this week, but I'll probably spend most of the money I make on clothes for Easter. I don't plan anything special."



Chuck Moffitt, 1434 Post Ave., Serra High student:

"I'll probably go to church on Easter Sunday, do my homework, and work part of the time too. Most of the kids I know aren't going to Balboa or places like that."

Donna Charen, 2945 Winlock Rd., North High student:

"I'm going to catch up on sleep I missed during the school year and I'm not going to do any studying for a whole week. I'll probably do some babysitting too."



Mike Ratterree, 1931 W. 262nd St., Fleming Junior High student:

"I'll just fool around all week. If I can not find anything else to do, I'll watch TV. I plan to stay in bed until noon. I'm real glad school's out."

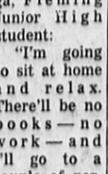
Sandy Price, 26211 Delos Dr., North High student:

"I'll loaf a lot and babysit too, I guess. About the only thing definite I've got planned is to go church on Easter. I wish I could go somewhere, but I don't plan to."



Carl Thompson, 25826 Cayuga, Fleming Junior High student:

"I'm going to sit at home and relax. There'll be no books—no work—and I'll go to a couple of parties or so. I'm not going anywhere special."



**SNAKE CHARMER . . .** This eight-foot boa constrictor makes professors and students at El Camino College scatter, but Ulysses doesn't faze Ellie Boys, 16920 Casimir Ave., lab technician in the Life Science Building. Although she's working here, she says there's no trick to handling a boa constrictor, if you move slowly. (Herald Photo)

### Men Quake at Big Snake; It Can't Annoy Miss Boys

It takes an eight-foot boa constrictor to separate men from boys.

Although professors and students scatter when the snake is taken out of its cage in El Camino's life science building, there's one person who isn't afraid of it—Ellie Boys, a demure, attractive 20-year-old lab technician who loves animals.

Known to his family (and they are few) as Ulysses, the snake allows Miss Boys to handle him and politely curb his

baser instincts. Everybody knows that boa constrictors just love to squeeze and hug people to death.

#### Squeezes Her

Only once has Ulysses tried to squeeze her, Miss Boys reports, and she soon put a stop to that. She does let him put his tail around her waist and once in a while around her shoulders, but it's all very proper and safe, she says.

"If you move slowly and gently so that you don't upset Ulysses, you're perfectly all right," she said. "Snakes are not very smart and they're easily frightened. A boa constrictor isn't poisonous, but he can give you a nasty bite. I have never been bitten, however."

#### Likes Live Mice

Most of the students and teachers at El Camino don't care to find out how gentle Ulysses can be, and when he comes out of his cage, they scatter fast—all except Miss Boys.

Ulysses' diet consists of some live rats and mice tossed in his cage periodically. He got chewed up a bit himself recently when one of the live rats turned on him and took some chunks out of his skin.

#### As the building's lab technician, Miss Boys has charge of all the animals used in classes.

Ulysses, however, is the property of another student, Don Warren, who asked the college to keep him temporarily.

The coed is working at the college during the day, attending classes at night. She hopes to be a medical technologist when she completes her schooling.

#### Nothing New

Handling snakes is nothing new for the coed, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boys, 16920 Casimir. As a little girl, she liked to pick up little animals, including snakes and lizards, while out at play. She recalls that she once brought home a gopher

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### Symphony to Give Concert Here Monday

A special free concert will be presented by the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony tomorrow night at 8:15 in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

Composer William Grant Still and Harpist Lois Adele Craft will be featured, with Elyse Aehle conducting the orchestra. Still will conduct his own "Little Red Schoolhouse," while Miss Craft will play "Concert Etude," her own arrangement of "Claire de Lune" and "Nordic Ballade."

The concert will close with the "Peer Gynt" suite by Grieg, played in memory of Fred U. Brown, former member.

Boy Scout Troop 732, sponsored by the Torrance Elementary PTA, will form the color guard, and School Superintendent J. H. Hull will offer greetings. Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club will usher and the members of the Symphony board will act as hosts and hostesses.

#### SHOWERS

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (65-50); Friday (67-43); and Saturday (67-46).

## MILLER DROPS BID FOR CLERK'S POST

### Says He's Backing Bartlett

Energetic Barney Miller, who claimed to have visited some 10,000 homes in Torrance in his campaign for the city clerk's office, announced his retirement from the race because it was determined that he did not meet the minimum residence requirements.

Miller announced his retirement from the campaign here Friday after his qualifications were challenged by Herma Tillim, another candidate in the race to unseat veteran City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

#### Miller Dejected

Obviously dejected by the turn of events, Miller said he had lived in Torrance about 30 months, but had lived in Long Beach during an interim period, returning here nine months ago.

Minimum residence requirements state a candidate for a city office must be a resident of the city for one year.

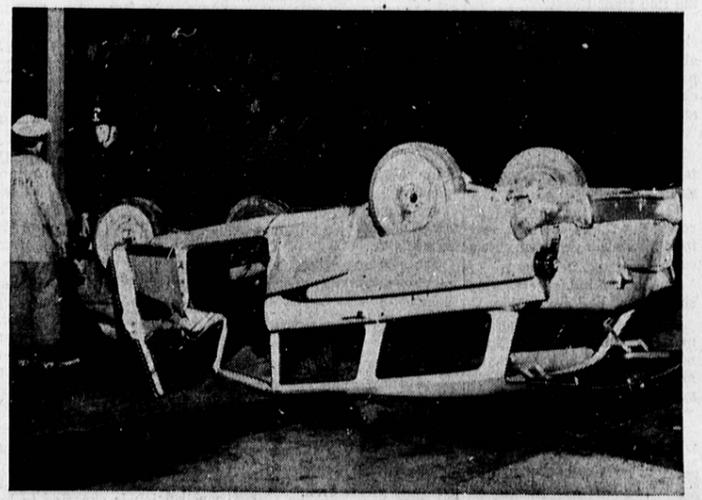
"At the time I filed for the office, I was under the impression that the requirement for residence was 90 days," Miller said.

#### Opponent Scored

Miller was critical of the tactics employed by Mrs. Tillim in checking his residential status. He told the HERALD that Mrs. Tillim even had detectives checking him.

Although Miller's name will be on the ballot, he will not be eligible to accept the office if elected, officials say. He said he would continue his campaigning, and ask those who had pledged to support him to give their support to City Clerk Bartlett, "who is competent, honest, and deals in fair play."

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**CRASH SCENE . . .** Firemen wash down the area where a speeding auto hurled over a 15-foot embankment early yesterday, seriously injuring the driver. Richard Vandenberg of Torrance was cut from the wreckage after his auto careened over the steep bank from Pacific Coast Hwy. in front of South High School.

### Driver in 'Fair' Condition Following Traffic Accident

Richard Abraham Vandenberg, 36, of 5413 Calle De Ricardo was in "fair" condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital following an accident in which his car careened off the roadway and flipped over a 15-foot embankment onto its top.

Vandenberg, who was being pursued by Torrance police officers at the time of the accident, was pinned in the wreckage.

According to officers Tom Pattishell and Bob Stone, the victim's car had passed their patrol car shortly before the accident at a speed estimated in excess of 80 miles per hour.

The officers started after the driver who was traveling east on Pacific Coast Hwy. Vandenberg's car left the highway, crossing the road divider and landed down an embankment near the service road for South High School.

Water department officials were called to repair a water pipe broken in the accident.

In other local accidents, Mrs. Dixie Overton, 40, of 22733 S. Main St., was killed Wednesday when her car struck the side of a slow-moving freight train at Normandie Ave. and Del Amo Blvd.

Witnesses said Mrs. Overton was traveling an estimated 60

miles per hour and apparently was unable to stop.

**Hits Pole**  
Hedwin Renbølb Nickelson, 48, of 2425 W. 227th St., was treated for multiple lacerations yesterday when his car left the roadway and hit a utility pole on Sepulveda Blvd. near Madrona Ave.

He was treated by a private physician.

### Final Rites Held for Gill

Memorial services for L. N. Gill, manager of the American Standard plant in Torrance, were held yesterday afternoon in the Neighborhood Church of Palos Verdes.

He died on March 22 in Venice, Italy, where he and his wife were inspecting his firm's facilities. Cremation took place in Italy.

The family requested that any memorial gifts be sent to the Heart Fund. Mr. Gill died of a heart attack.

### Selling Lions? Buying Chairs? See Want Ads

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### McKesson to Talk Here on Delinquency

District Attorney William B. McKesson will discuss juvenile delinquency at a town hall meeting, sponsored by the Torrance Coordinating Council, on Wednesday, April 16.

The meeting at the Torrance Civic Auditorium will be at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. John Mangano, vice president of the council, is in charge of the meeting. Harry Van Bellehem, Mrs. Vickie Feldon, H. G. Stephens, and J. A. Beasley also are members of the committee. Lt. D. C. Cook will be master of ceremonies.

The next general meeting of the Coordinating Council will be this Wednesday at the National Guard Armory at 7:30 p.m. Civic organizations are invited to send representatives.

#### Burglar Hits Office

Torrance police officers, investigating an open window in a doctor's office, 1321 Cravens Ave., yesterday morning, discovered the building had been entered by burglars.

An undetermined amount of money was missing from a cash box.

### Flood-Weakened Club Has Blaze

The Hollywood Riviera Club had another kind of water trouble early yesterday.

Partly undermined by run-offs from recent rains, the club suffered considerable water damage about 3 a.m. yesterday from water sprayed on a fire in the attic. Torrance and Redondo firemen answered a call to the beach club, but found that employees had put out the fire with garden hoses before they arrived. The firefighters spent more than an hour cleaning up the mess and ejecting the smoke.

**Started in Ceiling**  
The blaze apparently started in the ceiling near a flu from

a brazier in the cocktail lounge. It was confined to a 10 by 10 foot area in the attic, but there was considerable water damage to carpet, drapes, and other furnishings.

One wing of the club recently was undermined by heavy flood waters which gushed through a huge gully by the side of the club, enroute to the ocean. Norton Wisdom, club proprietor, has filed a \$36,800 suit against the city of Torrance, charging that negligence by city officials caused the damage.

#### House Fire

In other action, firemen were called to a house under construction at 2529 W. 164th St., where someone apparently had tossed a flarepot through a window. It started a fire which burned through the floor, then spread up through the walls and into the attic.

Builder of the house was Wayne Nelson, whose plans to build apartments in the area were bitterly flayed by nearby residents at the time they were proposed. This is the second fire recently in the area.

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