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# MERCURY HITS SWELTERING 97°

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is your favorite formula for beating the heat?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons on the sun-drenched streets of Torrance one sweltering day this week. Their cool-headed advice appears with their pictures below.

**Emma Lee Cadbell, 4718 Carmelyn St., housewife:**  
"Keep calm and don't get excited. I think about cool things and cool places — and completely avoid activity."

**Catherine Schonau, 21613 Anza, housewife:**  
"I go to the beach, if possible. It isn't that it's much cooler there — just that it's much pleasanter there. For at-home heat-beating I'd suggest a tall cool drink and a shady patio."

**Bob Purviance, 1561 W. 223 St. office manager, Torrance Van and Storage:**  
"A nice cool electric fan or an air-conditioner. There's not too much you can do about the heat. Besides, I like it when it's warm."

**John W. Mathew, S. Pasadena, executive:**  
"I don't have time to think about it. If you keep busy, you're not as likely to be bothered by the heat. When you're relaxing, I recommend salt tablets and lots of liquids."

**Mrs. Virginia Reasbeck, 21430 S. Dolores St., housewife:**  
"I have just one suggestion — stay in the house out of the sun. It's much cooler indoors."

### Hearing on Getty Zone Bid Tuesday

A public hearing on Planning Commission Case 575, a petition of the Getty Oil Co. to rezone 97 acres of property at the southeast corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw from manufacturing to residential and commercial, is scheduled for 8 p.m. before the city council Tuesday.

Opposition to the petition has been expressed by the Standard Oil Co., which owns land adjacent to the Getty property.

### Overdose of Dope Blamed

A 27-year-old unemployed Torrance man, scheduled to appear in court on a narcotics possession charge, died at Harbor General Hospital Thursday. His death has been laid to an overdose of narcotics.



FRANK BLENKHORN  
... Named President

### Local Man Heads US Creditors

Elected president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, which represents 2500 recognized credit reporting and collection agencies throughout this country and Canada, at its convention in Dallas, Tex., last week was Frank M. Blenkhorn, president of the Credit Bureau of South Bay District and Santa Monica District.

Blenkhorn, who returned to this area this week, also holds the office of president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of California and Pacific Southwest, which covers the states of California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

Theme of the convention dealt with handling large multiple users currently extending nationwide credit plans.



**EAGER BEAVERS . . .** Gathering material already for a Recreation Department camping trip scheduled for the week of Aug. 22 to 29 are Mary Hurth, 10, and Raymond Koke, also 10. The campers will go to Big Bear Lake. Cost is \$30. Details are available at the Recreation Department office, 1511 Cravens Ave.

he lapsed into a coma at his home was Garrett J. Eustace IV, of 5320 Bindewald Road.

Reports that Eustace might have been the victim of a beating were checked by Torrance detectives. They were told that his right arm and leg were swollen and that his abdomen was heavily bruised on his admittance to the hospital.

He was admitted 10 days ago after his mother found him in a comatose condition and called an ambulance. He reportedly told attendants at the hospital that he had administered heroin to himself before he was hospitalized.

### New Telephone Manager Named

Thomas S. Turner, 24-year veteran in the communication business, has been named to succeed Y. C. Todd as district plant manager for Pacific Telephone in the area that serves Torrance, the company announced this week.

Turner will supervise all telephone installation, repair and maintenance work done by a force of 220 men and women

### Attempted Murder Case Dies; Mate Won't Talk

Charges of attempted murder which were filed against a Torrance woman in April were dropped here Friday when her husband, the victim of the shooting, refused to take the stand against her.

Mrs. Duane Schultz, 42, of 2654 Carson St., was released after her husband refused to testify in a preliminary hearing at South Bay Municipal Court.

Schultz, 46, was shot in the abdomen April 22 at the couple's home as a climax to a family argument. He was listed as critical for several weeks following the shooting, and the court hearing had been delayed for more than two months until he could be brought to the hearing.

At the time of her arrest, Mrs. Schultz said she and her husband had been arguing because she had not prepared supper. She went into the bedroom, took an automatic pistol out of a dresser drawer, and returned to confront her husband.

"I dare you to shoot me," she quoted her husband as saying.

She fired one shot, striking him in the abdomen. He called police after crawling to a telephone.



**HOT WEATHER AID . . .** When the temperature in Torrance soared to 97 degrees Friday, young merchants set up business on the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Cota Ave. complete with a sign advertising "Ice Cold Lemonaid." Business was good and by three o'clock in the afternoon 55 cents was in the till at a penny a glass. Co-partners Vicky and Kirk Casaban and Marty and Fay Cox were their own customers while Cliff Larson poured. (Herald photo)



**GETTING AHEAD . . .** in life is Allan Ferguson, of 2545 Lesserman, whose work will soon be exhibited in Canada as well as at Southland showplaces. The El Camino art student has turned his attentions from three-inch wood carved figures to 12-foot giants giving each individualized treatment.

### City Awaits Sea Breeze

Torrance along with the rest of Southern California sweltered under the blistering rays of a July sun here Friday as the temperature rose to 97 degrees, one of the hottest July readings logged in this city.

Prospects for cooler days ahead came Saturday as a few clouds knocked the edge off the sun's scorching rays, and the sea breezes stirred gently through the area.

Friday's high temperatures started early — almost at sun-up.

A waitress in a downtown cafe who works late and likes to sleep late in the mornings reports that she had a fright when she awakened Friday — jumped out of bed thinking her home was on fire.

It just seemed that way, she explained later.

The municipal plunge got a workout as nearly 1000 hit the water Friday in a "beat the heat" program.

For others, the thought of getting out to the plunge was too much. It was too hot to make the trip.

Traffic in downtown Torrance was extremely light for Friday, a traditional shopping day.

"But we had a pretty good day," one merchant told the HERALD. The people who did come downtown came to buy something — there were few "shoppers," he explained.

Official weather forecast is for continued sunny today with slightly cooler temperatures this afternoon.

### Coleman Gets New Test Job

Coleman Engineering Co., Inc. of Torrance this week was awarded an Air Force contract in the amount of \$1,640,000 for the fiscal year ending next June 30 to operate the Hurricane Supersonic Research Site in Southern Utah.

According to T. C. Coleman, president, the site is used to test escape systems for military aircraft in rocket propelled sleds along a two and one-quarter mile track ending at a 1,500 foot precipice. Certain missile and parachute systems are also tested at high speeds, he added.

### Miller Play to Be Presented At El Camino

Presentation of Arthur Miller's dramatic two-act play, "A View From the Bridge," will open the 1959 summer theater program of El Camino College Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the performance, which will be duplicated Saturday night, will be on sale in the theater box office. Also available at the box office for the final time on Friday and Saturday will be season tickets which will enable theatergoers to view the entire summer series of four productions for a special rate of \$2.

No seats will be reserved for the summer productions. Tickets for individual performances will be 75 cents each.

**DIRECTING** the opening play of the series will be Joe D'Agosta, who was the 1959 winner of the El Camino Thespian Club "Best Actor of the Year" award.

"A View from the Bridge" stars Chuck Cox and Vivian Rodriguez.

Other members of the cast will be Eric Morgan, Park Harriot, Tony Castano of Torrance, Winifred Mewborne of Torrance, Gary Shaffer of Torrance, Bill Ewing, Chuck Stratton and Jack Stockdale.



**M-M-M-GOOD . . .** Ricky Russell, 9-year-old third-grader, was one of the 100 youngsters who enjoyed a watermelon feed Thursday at the Halldale school playground. Mary Halverson, playground director, assisted by Halldale PTA members, served 15 watermelons for the occasion. (Herald photo)

### Art Student Leaves Teensy Work for Paul Bunyan Types

From a 3-inch wood carving of a dwarf to a 12-foot statue of Paul Bunyan is the giant step toward success accomplished by El Camino College art student Allan Ferguson of 2545 Lesserman St.

Ferguson, 33, who is spending the summer as sculptor for the Alan Hawes Amusement

Co. of El Segundo, landed the job by showing owner Hawes a hand-carved chess set made in ceramics class at El Camino College last spring which won a blue ribbon at the college's art show in May.

Expecting to be assigned some small item for his first assignment, he was taken back

Hawes ordered a statue of a bearded giant, 12 feet high and six feet wide—to be cast in a sitting position for a "Jack and the Beanstalk" exhibit, and then recast standing to serve as Paul Bunyan—which will be shipped to Canada to be exhibited at the Toronto Fair next month.