

Rushin' Roulette by Chon Day



Drivers under 25 were involved in more than 25% of the personal injury accidents in 1962.

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in cooperation with the Traffic Education Bureau of the Torrance Police Department

Each week at least two or three calls are received at the Torrance police station complaining about a traffic citation being given to a boy or girl for a violation while riding a bicycle.

Far too many parents fail to realize the hazard caused to the driving public by those who ride their bicycles in a reckless manner or with no regard for traffic laws. Last year, nearly every elementary school in Torrance took part in a citywide safety program designed to teach children what is required of them when they ride their bikes, and to alert them to the hazards they create when they fail to observe traffic laws.

STUDENTS WHO took part in the bicycle program received instruction in the classroom. The instructions covered pupils from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Parents should be reminded that with the city streets crowded with vehicles, more must be expected from the bicycle-riding public than was required when the city and the state were not so heavily populated.

With each passing year the concern for our bike riders has increased. This year new laws covering the operation of bicycles were enacted in Sacramento. Parents are being urged by traffic specialists with the Torrance Police Department to make themselves aware of what is required of their son or daughter when riding a bicycle, and how the bicycle is to be equipped.

IF YOPU SON or daughter does receive a citation, remember that more than 95 per cent of all accidents involving bicycles produce an injury. It is the aim of the police department to prevent these accidents.

Under terms of the California Vehicle Code, every person riding a bicycle "has all the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle." A bicycle is defined as a device "propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is 20 inches or more in diameter."

AMONG THE equipment requirements for bicycles are brakes which will enable the rider to slide at least one wheel on dry pavement; handlebars below the level of the shoulders, pedals no more than 12 inches above the ground at the lowest point, and lights at night.

LIGHTS FOR night operation of bicycles must include a white lamp visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of the bicycle and a red reflector visible for 300 feet from the rear or a red lamp visible for that distance.

Bike riders must keep as near the right side of the roadway as practicable, and no person riding a bicycle, coaster, skates, sled or other toy vehicle may hitch rides behind a streetcar or other vehicle.

Bike riders may not carry passengers on the handlebars, and "shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto."

PACKAGES, bundles and other objects must not be carried if they prevent the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

In general, bicycle riders are subject to the same traffic laws which govern the operation of motor vehicles. These regulations include turning signals, left turns, right turns, stop signs and other traffic control measures.

Water's Boiling Again on Legislative Front Burner

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Once again the water problem has been hauled from the back of the legislative stove to the front, and once again it is shooting jets of hot steam in several directions. Cause of the present pot-boiling in the "Pacific Southwest Water Plan" developed by the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior. This proposed Plan was transmitted to the governors of five Colorado Basin states, including California, with the request that formal comments on it be returned by Nov. 28.

The Assembly Interim Committee on Water and the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Water recently held a joint meeting, at which they received information about the public policy questions involved in the proposed plan from the State Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation. Members of both committees then raised a number of questions.

THE PLAN was summarized briefly at the meeting. Its purpose is to provide sufficient water to meet the growth needs of the Pacific Southwest

Area, about 190,000 square miles in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. In this region, the present water shortage is estimated at 1,340,000 acre feet annually, which shortage is figured to reach about 7,000,000 acre feet by the year 2000. To meet these deficiencies, the plan proposes two phases of construction, each costing roughly \$2 billion. The first would involve primarily further development of Colorado River water and power, but also includes doubling the size of the aqueduct to southern California.

The second phase would involve tapping the water resources of our northern California rivers so as to provide 1,200,000 acre feet annually for Arizona needs. Potential loss of Colorado River water to Southern California resulting from the recent Supreme Court decision regarding allocation of such water between states, which could limit our supply of it, would be offset by sending another 1,200,000 acre feet of northern water to our southern counties.

MEMBERS OF both committees were open in their critical questioning of state and

federal spokesmen that he did not believe the interior department could go all the way with these demands.

He outlined his three points as being: 1) proof that California has a water supply to last beyond the foreseeable needs of the whole state; 2) granting of firm authority to halt water shipment out of the state when a surplus no longer exists; and 3) guaranteed access to water from the Pacific Northwest in time of need. The federal

spokesman commented that he did not believe the interior department could go all the way with these demands.

THE REPRESENTATIVE of the California water department said there are three possible courses for California to follow. We can ignore the whole problem. We can build additional aqueduct capacity with our own resources. Or we can participate in some regional plan.

One thing was made very clear at this hearing. The plan faces very rough going here in California, legislatively and otherwise.

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Sports Writer Will Speak At Manuscripts Meeting

Steve Gardner, Southern California sports writer and author, will speak to the Southwest Manuscripters tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

Gardner is co-author of "It Pays to Steal," the autobiography of Dodger shortstop Maury Wills.

The mechanics of writing an autobiography will be the topic for Gardner's talk. He will talk about promoting the book after publication as well.

The writers group meets on the third Friday each month.

My Neighbors



"There—take a good look. That's why mommy won't buy you a wig."

Membership is open to both professional and beginning writers. Membership information may be obtained from Mrs. Florence Hancher, FR 2-2897.

Orchestra Sets First Concert

Directed by Sven Reher, nationally known violinist, the Marymount College Chamber Music Orchestra will present its first concert of the season Monday evening at 8:15 p.m. in the student faculty center on the Palos Verdes campus. There will be no admission charge.

The orchestra, composed of Sandra Karol, Dianne Plummer and Cathy Ucker, violins; Anna Meyer, viola; and Lois Blackburn, cello, will present selections by Handel-Halverson, Haydn, Paul Hindemith and Beethoven.

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