

# Dog Attacks Three Children at Torrance Beach



**SORE SUBJECTS**—All three children of Mr. and Mrs. George Savage suffered bites when a dog lunged at them while they were playing at Torrance Beach Wednesday night. Showing their wounds are Nancy 5; Carol, 1, held by her mother, and Mike, 9. —Press Photo



**BOOTLEG DUMP**—Neighbors are protesting the unsightly mess caused by dumping on private property on Arlington Ave. between 166th St. and 166th Place. City officials have now posted the site and will order the property owner to clean it up. —Press Photo

## City Orders Cleanup of Illegal Dump

A property owner faces prosecution for illegal dumping unless a mountain of rubble is removed from a North Torrance site.

The pile of rubbish has aroused the protests of residents neighboring the unauthorized dump located on private property on Arlington Ave., between 166th St. and 166th Place.

One resident charged that phone calls have been made to city and health department officials for four weeks and no action was taken.

"It isn't healthful. People have dumped garbage and old furniture and children play in that mess," said Mrs. H. J. Lauer, of 16633 Haas Ave.

But Douglas Horlander, assistant to the public works director, said that most of the rubble consists of broken building materials presumably dumped there by a contractor.

He added that a city inspector has posted signs on the property and a check is made on ownership of the land. Horlander said the owner will be notified to clean up the mess and can be prosecuted for illegal dumping.

## Assault Charges Dropped Against Petite Housewife

Charges that she shot her husband were dismissed against a petite housewife Friday, after her mate refused to testify against her.

Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett dismissed a charge of assault with intent to commit murder against Mrs. Martha Schultz, 42, of 2654 W. Carson St. and exonerated her bail.

She was accused of shooting her husband, Duane, 46, "on a dare" last April 22 in the couple's home.

## Takes Own Life

A gardener who apparently died in Harbor General Hospital Tuesday after taking insecticide, was listed as a suicide by police.

Dead is Harry I. Sarkich, 53, of 3621 Garnet St., who police said, reportedly took his life after a quarrel with his wife.



**PUPPET PALS**—Glenn Wescombe, 9, inspects the marionette he made in crafts class in order to participate in puppet plays to be given during the next few weeks, beginning Thursday.

## Puppet Plays to Be Staged at City Parks

Puppet plays will be performing at Torrance parks during the next few weeks, starting Thursday, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Young marionette masters enrolled in a puppetry class sponsored by the department are putting finishing touches on their characters for fairy tale and story-book dramas.

They have been laboring at the Arts and Crafts Center for the past month on the life-like creations.

The initial presentations on Thursday will be at McMaster, El Nido and Torrance parks.

Construction of the puppets, portable stage and setting has been carried on by the boys and girls under the direction of Miss Amy Ferrone.

**Hearing Slated**  
Final hearing on a proposal to rezone 97 acres at the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. for residential and commercial uses will be held by the City Council Tuesday.

## Council Approves Army Air Lease

Councilmen agreed "in principle" to grant a lease to the Army Corps of Engineers for hangar space at Torrance Municipal Airport.

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# Police Probe Death in Narcotics Case

## Children Bitten by Dog at Sea Shore

Three youngsters suffered painful injuries Wednesday afternoon when a dog attacked them while they were playing at Torrance beach.

The children, all brothers and sisters, were treated by doctors at Pacific Medical Center, while the dog, owned by a Palos Verdes woman, was placed under observation for rabies.

Mrs. George Savage, 102 Calle de Arboles, said that while her children were playing at the water's edge, the boxer dog suddenly lunged at her daughter, Nancy, 5, and bit her at the waist.

Her husband, who was holding onto their daughter, Carol, 1, tried to scoop her up, but the dog sank its teeth into the baby's thigh.

Savage and three other men finally managed to beat the dog off with sticks and stunned him, but not before he had bitten Mike Savage, 9, on the leg while he was standing at the scene.

Mrs. Savage said that the dog's owner, who arrived at the scene, told her that the boxer had received a rabies inoculation last year.

"I wish people would realize the danger of bringing dogs to the beach," the mother declared.

## Land Deal Held After Jails Head of Firm

The head of a real estate firm who reportedly had opened an office in downtown Torrance, was arraigned Wednesday on grand theft charges.

Los Angeles police charged that Alexander Bell, 49, of Inglewood, and his secretary, had received a \$23,000 loan by forging ownership of a \$42,000 real estate property.

Detectives said that the suspect paid the owner of the two lots and a house \$12,000 cash and gave her a first trust deed for the balance.

According to the charges, he had then transferred full title to the property to himself through his own escrow company, and later conveyed title to his secretary who obtained the loan.

License Inspector Gale Whitacre said that he was informed that Bell headed a firm which had opened an office in downtown Torrance.

Bell is free of \$5000 bond pending preliminary hearing on charges of grand theft, conspiracy and recording a forged document in Los Angeles Municipal Court on Aug. 4.

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## Mercury Soars to 97 Friday, Hottest of Year

The mercury climbed to a blistering 97 Friday, making it the hottest day of the year to date.

From a low of 60, the heat started up early, reaching its highest mark sometime between 10 and 11 a.m. A freshening ocean breeze drove the mercury down to 83 degrees at noon.

But as the afternoon continued, the temperature rose once more, pushing the mercury up to 87 at 5 p.m.

Thursday was not quite as hot, a mere 94 degrees, but smog contributed to the discomfort of residents.

## Ten Youths Held After Beer Party

Ten teenagers, including three girls were held on curfew violations as juvenile officers launched a drive on youthful drinking parties.

The group was rounded up Wednesday night at Torrance Beach after they allegedly drank beer and smashed the empty bottles on the beach.

Police collared 10 of the youths at Paseo de la Playa and Via Riviera after they had been summoned by residents who complained of a seashore disturbance.

Officers said that they learned that a fight had taken place earlier but that the participants had left.

The boys and girls who were brought to the station were held until picked up by their parents from Inglewood, Lawndale, Gardena and Culver City.

Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the juvenile bureau, said that his men will continue to crack down on curfew violators and youngsters consuming alcoholic beverages.

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**PLAYING IT COOL**—Mickey, Palos Verdes Bird Farm chimp, seems to have the solution to beat the heat. He's making himself comfortable in a deep freeze and cools off his insides with an ice cream cone. —Press Photo

## Toddler's Death May Reopen Probe into Auto Accident

An investigation into a March 20 traffic accident may be reopened as result of the death of a toddler injured in the crash.

Brian K. Laugherty, 20 months, died Tuesday in General Hospital of shock and circulatory trouble, police said.

Traffic Investigator Bill Winters said that he will seek additional information to determine if the boy's death was attributable to the injuries he suffered in a collision at Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo Ave. three months ago.

George Souder, 21, 1940 West 145th St., Gardena, driver of the car which struck the vehicle in which the tot was riding, was booked on drunk driving charges by police.

Four other members of the Laugherty family of 627 Harbor Hills, Lomita, were also injured in the crash.

They included his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Laugherty, 27, two brothers, Steven, 7, and Tony, 9, a sister, Margaret, 12, and Mrs. Mary Grissom, 58, a neighbor.

**STEARL COINS**  
Burglars who crawled through an open window at Mary's Little Lamb Drive-in Restaurant, took an undetermined amount of cash after prying open a juke box, police reported.

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## Narcotics Overdose Suspected

Mysterious death of a 27-year-old man was under investigation by police and sheriff's narcotics officers today.

Garrett Joseph Eustace, of 5320 Bindewald Ave. died suddenly in Harbor General Hospital where he had been treated for a week for what was believed to have been an overdose of heroin.

He was in a coma when brought to the hospital July 2, but appeared to be improving until Thursday, when he suddenly suffered a relapse.

Eustace was to have appeared Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court for preliminary hearing on charges of narcotics possession.

Sgt. Ben Hatfield of the sheriff's narcotics detail said that Eustace had been a user of narcotics for the past two years.

Officials at the coroner's office said that they expect that complete autopsy tests will probably not be completed for two or three weeks.

Eustace was brought to Harbor General Hospital by ambulance summoned by his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Eustace, an employee of the hospital.

Police were also puzzled by bruises on his abdomen and swelling of his right arm and leg. They speculated these injuries might have been received in an accident.

Eustace, who was unemployed, had been out with a friend the night before he was checked into the hospital.

## Award Channel Contract

Supervisor Burton W. Chace reported today that the Griffith Company of Los Angeles has submitted a low bid of \$1,418,780.63 for channel construction along Dominguez Channel from Redondo Beach Boulevard to Gramery Place in Torrance.

A total of 10 bids were received for the project, the contract for which is expected to be awarded within a week, Chace said.

Work calls for the concrete improvement of the channel from a point about 100 feet upstream from Redondo Beach Boulevard southeast approximately 5700 feet to a completed section of the channel about 100 feet west of Gramery Place.

Also planned are reinforced concrete crossings at Redondo Beach Boulevard, Cherry Avenue, Crenshaw Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

The work is expected to take 17 months to complete.

## See Torrance Press for Dollar Days Ads

If you have been waiting for a special sale to save money—your patience will be rewarded this coming weekend when Downtown Torrance merchants will stage Dollar Days.

The event will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with most downtown stores participating.

The growing importance of Torrance as a regional shopping center will be demonstrated by spot commercials to be given regularly, beginning today over Radio Station KBIG, which is cooperating in the merchandising event.

Special parking arrangements to help provide space for the large anticipated crowd have been made by businessmen. In addition to that, plentiful parking is available on municipal parking lots which ring the downtown area.

Local business leaders have announced that they expect the Dollar Days to be one of the most successful ever held here.

To find out the values to be offered here, read Thursday's Torrance Press where their advertisements will appear and tune in to Radio Station KBIG.