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## Turkey Mayor's Flight Here Seen Certain; Konya Events Sell Out

### Boy, 10, Drowned in Torrance Sump



SNOOPY—Torrance has spruced up its sidewalk trash cans and painted them yellow, stuck on a big litterbug decal, and attracted attention of Jimmy Sweet, 3, of 21311 Lynnton Ave. Jimmy poked in cute and curious nose to see what's shaking.

### Police, Fire Department Rescue Fails

South High School Area Fenced; Final Rites Being Arranged

Funeral arrangements were being made here yesterday for Ronald Middlekauff, 10, of 4834 Thea Ave., who was drowned in the South High sump at about 1 p.m. Friday.

The boy apparently entered the sump with two companions. The area is enclosed by an eight-foot chain fence with three strands of barbed wire along the top.

Ronald fell into the sump after entering the premises with Ronnie Brenden of 4802 Louise and Dwane Day, 5232 Doris Way.

The other boys said Ronald fell accidentally. Dwane ran to his house to get help.

Two high-school boys who were pole-vaulting near by started to fish for the body but were uncertain whether or not it was a joke.

By the time recovery was made by police and firemen, about 20 minutes had lapsed.

The tragedy brought an immediate reaction from the Torrance Fire Fighters, members of which have served at many rescues and deaths under similar circumstances.

Directors of the organization are preparing a proposal which will request low-ampere live wires round sumps, making it virtually impossible for anyone to enter.



TRAPPED—Police Chief Percy G. Bennett is snared in parking lot to be honored with first ticket to gala Konya banquet Feb. 27. Costing him \$5 are Konya Days advance guard in person of Bernice Florence and Beverly Fossum, president and vice president of JayCottes. Banquet, highlight of this city's top annual celebration, is a virtual sell-out.

### Beasley Gets Wire of Hope From Pearson

State, Defense Units Still Content to Let Friendship Event Die

Torrance today appeared to be winning the Battle for Brotherhood with a virtual assurance that Konya's Mayor Bilkin and his wife will be flown from Turkey to be guests of this city during Konya Days Feb. 26-27.

While the nannies in the State Department and Department of Defense sit aloof and permit President Eisenhower's City-to-City friendship program to be sabotaged for want of two plane seats, Drew Pearson, nationally syndicated columnist, went into action again.

In a telegram to Councilman J. A. Beasley, who is acting as chairman of the Konya Days celebration in absence of John Barton, Pearson said he will try to prevail on Trans World Airline to fly the Konya couple to this country.

He will have an answer on that prospect tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Beasley talked to the Turkish political desk officer at the State Department Friday.

This official hadn't the vaguest notion what the transportation fuss was all about. Never, he said, had it been brought to his attention. He said he will look into the matter.

A call to the Turkish Embassy in Washington disclosed that the ambassador is on a six-month sick leave. A subordinate said he will ask Ankara and return Beasley's call tomorrow.

Although through their inactivity and inutility the State and Defense departments have taken giant strides toward wrecking the City-to-City friendship program on which the U.S. Information Agency has worked so hard, it became evident today that the Torrance committee has an ace in the hole in Pearson and TWA. From a public-relations and good-will standpoint, the airline would come out far ahead.

Forty-two Turkish newsmen are standing by in San Francisco as guests of the State Department, hungrily waiting to send news of the entire high-government foul-up back home.

Meanwhile, the mayors' and councilmen's breakfast scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Plush Horse, is a sellout. Top officials from 18 cities, plus Attorney General Stanley Mosk, will witness presentation of the keys to the city to the Turkish Mayor by Mayor Albert Isen.

County Supervisors Burton Chace and Kenneth Hahn also will attend.

The gala Konya banquet, scheduled the same evening at the Jump 'N Jack, likewise is a near sellout, although a few tickets are still in the hands of committee members. The price is \$5, and first come, first served.

### Legion Planning Breakfast for Scout, Cub Units

The first George Washington breakfast for members of Boy Scout Troop 996 and Cub Pack 996-C is being arranged by Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion.

The event will take place at the Legion hall, 1109 Border Ave., Sunday, Feb. 21, at 8 a.m., it was announced by Earle Sumpster, service-officer.

### CITY BUS RIDES FREE THIS WEEK

Tomorrow through Feb. 20 has been declared "Ride the Bus Week" as proclaimed by Mayor Isen and approved by the Torrance City Council. Riders will board free all week on inbound trips.

Free rides will be offered between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Torrance bus schedules are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office or will be given at the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines office, FA 8-7402.

### Torrance's Barbara Zelazny Queen of Sweetheart Ball

Barbara Zelazny, 18, reigned at El Camino College as Queen of Hearts at the Sweethearts' Ball last night.

Miss Zelazny, of 3730 W. 180th Place, Torrance, is a graduate of St. Michael's High School, Los Angeles.

She is a music major and co-editor of the student section of the yearbook, the Warrior. She is treasurer of the a capella

choir and sales manager of the yearbook.

A member of Gama Mu Gamma, a music honor society, Miss Zelazny plans to be a professional singer.

Princesses were Louette Martello, 18, of Inglewood, and Rickie Fraboni, 18, of Gardena.

Miss Zelazny was crowned by Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, college president, before the dance.



PRESENTING HER SWEETNESS, MISS BARBARA ZELAZNY Torrance girl named by students as Queen of Hearts for Sweethearts' Ball

### Three Torrance Democrats at Fresno Parley

Three delegates of the Torrance Democrats, Inc., are attending the California Democratic Council convention in Fresno this weekend.

Main purpose of the gathering is to establish issues for the 1960 political battle. State officers are being elected.

Those attending from Torrance are Rose Craig, John Barton, and Rene Pekrul, it was disclosed by Roger West, president of Torrance Democrats.

Importance of the CDC in California politics is being underscored by presence at the convention of Sens. Hubert Humphrey, Jack Kennedy, and Stuart Symington.

### Employment Falls Off

Employment in the Los Angeles metropolitan area dropped to 2,634,000 in January from 2,676,900 in December. Manufacturing employment declined for the fourth consecutive month because of further retrenchment in the aircraft industry and reductions in food processing. The automobile industry recalled several thousand workers to jobs as steel became available.

### Judges Listed for Torrance 'Citizen of the Year' Award

Judges to select Torrance's "Citizen of the Year" for 1959 were announced today by officials of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

They are the president of the Torrance Ministerial Association, the Rev. Monrad Bergesen, Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, Torrance Unified School District; George Stevens, city manager; King Williams, publisher, Torrance Herald; William Zappas, publisher, Torrance

Press; J. H. Paget, president, Chamber of Commerce; and past winners, Mervin M. Schwab (1953), Dean L. Sears (1955), Sam Levy (1956), Dr. Howard Wood (1957), and Glenn Koger (1958).

The award will be presented as a highlight of the chamber's annual banquet at the Statler-Hilton March 30. James Becker is general chairman. Nomination blanks are available at Torrance newspapers and the chamber office. Deadline for entries is March 15.

### Chamber Manager Unit Picks Fitzgerald as Vice President

Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected vice president of the California Association of Chamber of Commerce Managers at the group's 47th annual convention in Santa Barbara Friday.

Fitzgerald was a member of the board of directors three years and has been parliamentarian two years. David B. Owen (Santa Cruz) was elected president for the 1960-61 term. George C. Gerwing

(Riverside County Board of Trade) and James M. Park (Fairfield - Suisun) were elected vice presidents by delegates from 182 California chambers.

Frank King (San Leandro) was elected treasurer and Phillip Nutzman (Alameda) secretary. New directors elected are William Adams (Los Angeles), James Cooper (Palm Springs), Sam Porter (Santa Monica), Wesley D. Bush (Antioch), and John Burns (Red Bluff).

### Voter Registrar to Operate at Chamber Office

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce office will be temporary quarters for the registrar of voters, it was announced today by Chamber President J. H. Paget. The schedule:

Feb. 15 through Feb. 18 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mrs. E. C. Wright, Deputy Registrar of Voters).

Deadline for registration to vote in South Bay municipal elections is Feb. 18.

Election of councilmen in the City of Torrance will be held on April 12. April 14 is deadline to register to vote in the June 7 political party primary for state and national election candidates.

Those eligible to register are persons 21 years of age, residents of California at least one year, residents of the county 90 days, and citizens of the United States.

Foreign-born citizens, when they vote for the first time must take naturalization papers to the registrar.

Persons in Torrance who are deputy registrars of voters and may accept registrations are: Mrs. M. L. Livingston, 5313 Highgrove St.; Mrs. C. S. Peters, 425 Via Anita; W. A. Mason, 204 Via La Circula; Mrs. N. K. Racita, 4605 Paseo de Las Tortugas; and the city clerk's office, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

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