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AIR MUSEUM STORY CONFIRMED AS DINNER INVITATION IS CANCELLED

Powder Puff Derby Flyers Will Compete July 7 to 11

"McDonald's Meat Wagon," a Beechcraft Bonanza plane, will be piloted by a mother of six children in the Transcontinental Powder Puff Derby, July 7 to 11.

She is Tracy Pilurs of Chicago. However, the plane she will be flying from Oakland to Wilmington, Del. is one owned by a firm which does business in Torrance, the McDonald chain of hamburger restaurants.

McDonald's has long been air-minded, using its fleet of four planes to maintain close contact with its 370 units spread throughout 40 states as well as to survey real estate sites. This will be the first year that the hamburger chain has sponsored an entry in the Powder Puff Derby. McDonald's has a unit in Torrance at 17305 Crenshaw.

CROSS-COUNTRY

It will be the first cross-country race for the McDonald's pilot, although she has done some distance flying for fun. Last winter Mrs. Pilurs flew to Denver to go skiing. She has flown from San Francisco to Chicago and the decision to enter the Powder Puff Derby forced her to postpone another long-distance flying venture — ferrying a plane to Alaska.

Flying is no mere hobby with the attractive suburban mother. She's a pro — holding a commercial certificate and ground and flight instructor's ratings. She pilots charter flights, and until January taught ground school classes at a small airport near Chicago.

MEAT WAGON

The "McDonald's Meat Wagon" — a Beechcraft Bonanza N-35 — has a speed of 159 knots per hour. In the Powder Puff Derby, Mrs. Pilurs, like all the other pilots, will be given a handicap based on the speed of her plane. After everybody crosses the finish line July 11, the winner will be computed — based on her ability to top the "par speed" for the make and model airplane she is flying.

Besides waxing the plane, Mrs. Pilurs and her co-pilot, June Basile, have another

plan for picking up speed. They are on diets, so that the plane will be carrying less weight.

"We want to lose eight pounds apiece before the race," Mrs. Pilurs says.

Mrs. Pilurs and her co-pilot plan to solve the lunch problems with a supply of McDonald's cheeseburgers, and their survival kit — required under the rules of the race — will include honey as a source of quick energy.

School Official Praises Savings

Two assistant superintendents were applauded by the Torrance Unified School District board of education Monday night for saving the taxpayers a total of \$100,320.23.

Dr. Barney Garen, assistant superintendent dealing in business, reported \$99,870.23 in additional revenue received from the investment of funds into short-term government bonds.

According to Dr. J. H. Hill, superintendent, this is the direct result of proper supervision of the accounts by the accounting staff and the business division.

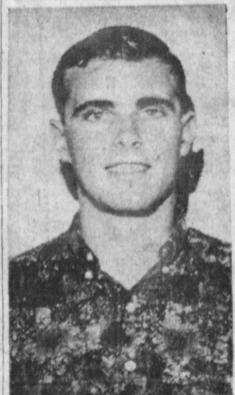
Research from Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent, revealed that elimination of the Iowa Algebra aptitude tests would not affect accurate prediction in the success in Algebra I and that the district would save \$450 per year by eliminating it.

Plan fireworks at Lake. A fireworks display will be featured at sundown today from the island in the Alondra Regional Park Lake.

Reserve seats for a close-up view are on sale at the park at 25-cents each.



MOBILE ELK — It's a sparkling July 4th for groups who are selling fireworks in the city of Torrance. Among the numerous organizations who set up fireworks stands were the Elks. The fraternal order created an Elk with horns sticking out of a car.



BOB BRITTENHAM ... scholarship winner

South High Grad Awarded UCLA Scholarship

Bob Brittenham, June graduate of South High, is the winner of a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship which is equivalent to approximately \$5000 in cash.

Brittenham, who resides at 444 Camino de Encanto, Hollywood Riviera, will receive \$50 per month per year plus books and tuition while he attends the University of California at Los Angeles.

Upon graduation from college, the youth, who plans to major in psychology, will enter the Navy as an officer.

At South High, the scholarship winner was president of the National Forensic League, activities adviser for Boys' League and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

Gas Leak Sets Car Aflame

Auto driver Murray Sands, 23248 W. Lomita Blvd., was not injured when his 1962 model car caught fire in the 2400 block last Sunday night.

Firemen said the blaze started due to a gas leak. A total of \$6000 damage was done to the engine, hoses and the dash board, they said.

Board and Commission Roster Furnished by City Clerk's Office

Revised rosters of municipal boards and commissions have been issued by City Clerk Vernon W. Coil. He reported standing of 10 committees as follows:

The Airport Commission meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at 8 p.m. in the council chamber.

Members are Joe Doss, president; Jack Brown, Homer B. Morgan, Robert C. Herrick and Thomas Abrams. City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier and City Manager Wade Peebles serve as ex officio members.

The Civil Defense and Disaster Commission meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Commission members are E. F. Schoonover, chairman; J. H. Burchett, Mrs. Margaret H. Clark, Gertrude E. Tooker, Sam A. Alberti, Wade E. Peebles, director of Civil Defense; Orin Johnson, assistant director of Civil Defense.

The Civil Service Board schedules session at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Members are Fred R. Stevens, chairman; George Morehart, vice chairman; Ted Donovan, secretary; Clifford Peterson and Lawrence Townsend.

The Library Commission meets the second Monday at 7:30 p.m. Members are George Kurtz, chairman; Mrs. Claire V. Crain, William C. Hoag, Mrs. J. B. Mosely and Mrs. Winthrop L. Saville.

The Park and Recreation Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday at 8 p.m. Members are Milton Sippel, chairman; Bernard Dougan, Rose Craig, L. A. Gitschier, Naomi McVey, Ambie Schindler and Eric Borner. Ex officio members are Mayor Albert Isen and City Manager Wade Peebles.

The Planning Commission meets the first and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the council chamber. Members are David Halstead, president; Harold La Mour, John Melville, Charles Kastner, Kenny Uyeda, J. K. Eardley Jr. and Roy C. Bayer.

The Torrance Beautiful Commission holds meetings

Brown Act Concern Causes New Decision At Council Session

An exclusive story in this newspaper last Sunday reporting that an Air Museum planned to relocate its facilities at Torrance Airport if the City Council gave its permission took on new credence at yesterday's council meeting.

Mayor Albert Isen termed the Air Museum yarn as "premature."

Then he admitted supporters of the air museum

plan had been invited to a City Council-Airport Committee dinner meeting, July 17—exactly as the Torrance Press story stated.

BROWN ACT

He, however, said the dinner session was not intended as a council meeting. He claimed in view of the article there was some apprehension that a full council meeting could be interpreted as a violation of the Brown Act. The Brown Act makes it illegal for a majority of the council to meet without inviting the public on public matters.

Isen said that he would direct a letter be sent to the Air Museum supporters informing them that they would not be invited to the dinner meeting.

NEW METHOD

Isen pointed out that the museum supporters would have to initiate their plan in another way—perhaps by going through the Airport Commission.

He said he favored the museum because it would bring the "cultural side" of community activities to Torrance. He expressed his only concern that the operation be conducted properly and that the profit motive be kept out of it.

Isen conceded the Air Museum supporters had planned to show motion pictures at the council dinner meeting, July 17.

The proposed Air Museum as reported last Sunday

would be a facility for housing outmoded planes dating back to the early days of aviation. In addition there would be aircraft which had been used by Japan, Germany and the United States during World War II.

Lynn Proposes Joint Cooperation

The traditional "keep kids out of politics" theme of school board and city council management was questioned by Bert Lynn, school board member, Monday night when he urged the city and board unit in joint ventures for the benefit of both.

The issue of "kids in politics" came up at the school board meeting when joint projects on the proposed Grace Wright school site and for sprinkler systems at Arlington, Riviera and Fern elementary schools were discussed.

City cooperation required for the Grace Wright school site, proposed at 236th St. and Ocean, would involve the closing of 236th St. between Ocean and Adolph and the extension of 238th St. to Anza.

Board members also indicated that the city may consider covering a flood ditch in the area to better safety conditions for the school children.

Firemen Become Fired Up Over Grass Blaze

A Torrance fire could have been worse, but firemen at Station 3 are glad it was just a minor Sunday afternoon incident.

Shortly after the alarm was sent, the firemen wheeled Engine Unit 451 to the scene, but the blaze was put out shortly.

All it was was a little old grass fire. "Hardly burned a 20 by 20 foot patch," said the firemen.

Just threatened a little old shack at Artesia St. and Crenshaw Boulevard. Little shack the Torrance Business and Professional Woman's Club took over, for the holidays.

Took over, that is, as a fireworks stand. Several thousands dollars worth of fireworks in there.



WHAT A LOOT! — Police Officer Don Hartel examines weapons confiscated from Torrance juveniles. All of the arms were picked up within city limits and found at scene of fights. The youngsters were caught in the act of violating the curfew law.

The weapons range from .32 caliber pistols and pellet rifles to brass knuckles and chains. They will be mounted into display form and used at presentations and talks presented by the Police Department.



BAA BAA — Nursery rhymes will be featured this week at seven parks and 22 playgrounds. The above picture shows Sheryl Brooks as Little Bow Peep and Richard Far as the lamb. The photo was taken at McMaster Park.