



A WAVING Santa Claus is bolted in place by city workmen on top of city hall. The jolly old gentlemen and his reindeer will be looking down from the roof from now until Christmas. Flood lights will light the display at night. —PRESS photo by Gordon Akers

Local Man Instructor In Underwater Program

Noted underwater photographer Don Morrison was named a trainer this week for the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's 13th underwater instructors' certification course, which gets underway in January, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Morrison, author of "Underwater Photography," resides at 4827 Narrot St., Torrance. A Torrance policeman, the local's after-hours hobby won him a Bronze Medal in the 1962 International Underwater Film Festival. He is co-owner of CAM-FILM Enterprises.

Morrison will be guest lecturer in February, and will discuss underwater photography.

The local's participation in the three-month underwater instructors training program is part of the county's effort to provide comprehensive and competent instruction for divers teaching SCUBA to amateur enthusiasts.

In the wake of the recent Catalina offshore tragedy which claimed the lives of two novice SCUBA divers, Warren M. Dorn, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, states that renewed efforts are being made by the county to see that such tragedies don't occur in the future.

"Competent instruction will provide amateurs taking up this sport with complete information regarding their own physical limitations while underwater and physical ocean hazards," Dorn states. "This instruction, followed by a period of supervised ocean check-outs, can safeguard the lives of amateurs."

"Few commercial diving equipment shops will rent or sell equipment to divers who don't possess proof that they have completed a county, YMCA or National Association of Underwater Instructors out."

75,000 Divers
"It is a remarkable fact that 75,000 sport divers who have completed a county

sanctioned course and been issued a certification card by our parks and recreation department's Underwater Unit have avoided loss of life while taking part in the sport," Dorn concludes.

N. S. Johnson, director of county parks and recreation, attributes his department's underwater record to the quality of training offered to certified instructors.

The training program features world famous underwater authorities, including Dr. Andreas Rechinizer, first man to dive to the deepest area of the sea in the bathyscap Trieste (35,800 feet); staff members of the Los Angeles County General Hospital, Scripps Institute in La Jolla and the Naval Electronics Laboratory in San Diego, among others.

Registration
Registration deadline for the underwater instructors certification course is Dec. 15, 8 a.m. Registrants should take their applications and \$75 registration fee to the Commerce Equatorium, 2535

Commerce Way.

Only certified divers, 21 years and older, possessing YMCA or Red Cross senior lifesaving cards, and presenting two letters of recommendation from certified diving instructors are eligible.

Registration forms may be obtained from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, 155 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, Richmond 9-6911, extension 567.

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OBITUARIES

ALBERTUS WICKER
Services for Albertus Wicker, 48, were held at the First Baptist Church Tuesday with the Rev. Robert Coburn and the Rev. Robert Dahn officiating. He died Saturday in Inglewood.

A resident of the area for 20 years, Mr. Wicker, of 1319 Kornblum Ave., was employed as a milk salesman for Arden Farms.

Survivors include his widow, Catherine Wicker; sons, Albert Wayne and John Darre Wicker, both of Torrance; Mother, Lillie Turnbow; daughters, Cynthia Cathleen Wicker and Linda Lee Kanaster, both of Torrance; brother, Willard Wicker of Torrance; sisters, Dottie Craig, Mrs. Irene Delaney, Miss Thelma Wicker, Mrs. Ruby Crawford, Mrs. Cleo Anderson, Mrs. Beulah Henry, all of Torrance, and Mrs. Pearl Jones and Mrs. Margaret Bolton of Alabama and Arkansas; and one grandchild.

Services at Green Hills Memorial Park followed the services. Stone and Wicks were in charge of arrangements.

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Additional Sea Barrier Unit Readied

Plans and specifications for another unit of the sea water barrier project in Redondo Beach have been approved by the Board of Supervisors and a call for bids has been issued, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Proposals to construct unit 1C of the project will be opened Dec. 27 in the offices of County Flood Control District Chief Engineer M. E. Salsbury. Formal award of a contract by the supervisors is scheduled about ten days later.

Chace said estimates place cost of the new unit at about \$90,000.

It will involve drilling an additional 13 observation-type wells to monitor the extent of sea water contamination and check effectiveness of the barrier which is designed to block further brine intrusion.

Twelve of the wells will be situated within the dedicated street right of way of South Prospect Avenue between Anita Street and Vincent Avenue, Chace said.

The other well will be drilled in Del Amo Street just west of Prospect.

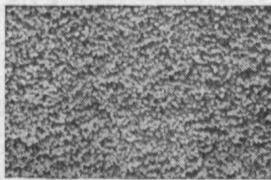
All of the sites are located within Redondo Beach city limits.

Supervisor Chace reported that three units of the overall project which will eventually stretch from Playa del Rey to the Palos Verdes hills currently under construction.

In addition, bids will be opened Dec. 13 on another unit which involves drilling (Continued on Page B6)

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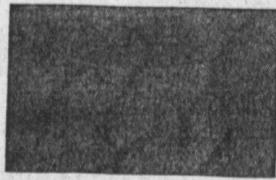


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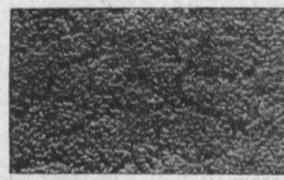
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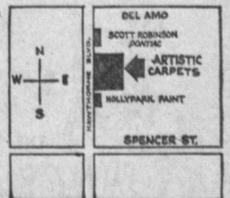
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