

# Youth Buried Alive in Beach Cave-in

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# LOCAL GI DIES AT FT. ORD

**You Still Have Time For Coffee**

It may not be as late as you think!

Californians regained the hour they lost last April when the clock struck 2 a.m. this morning—if they remembered to turn their clocks back an hour.

Daylight savings time came to an official end, leaving the state until next April.

So, grab another cup of coffee. You can still get to church on time.

## Dominguez Water Co. Rates Up

Authorization for a rate increase totaling nearly \$123,000 has been granted the Dominguez Water Corp. by the California Public Utilities Commission. The increase is effective Nov. 16.

Dominguez Water Corp. serves some 22,000 customers in the Southwest area. The increase, granted to offset higher operating costs, is about \$204,000 short of the \$327,000 which the company sought.

Officials of the Public Utilities Commission said the increase would add about 5 cents to the average household's water bill each month. The company had proposed an increase which would have added about 60 cents to the average bill each month.

**THE DECISION** by the PUC was signed by president Frederick B. Holoboff and commissioners Peter E. Mitchell and George G. Grover. Commissioner Everett C. McKearney dissented, saying the "return allowed is excessive."

Public hearings on the request were held in the Torrance City Hall.

Dominguez Water Corp. serves a 35-square-mile area.

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## Girl Friend Calls Doctor To Help Boy

A 19-year-old Harbor City youth remains in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital after being buried for 10 minutes under a Torrance Beach cliff.

Robert Edward Henderson, 1340 W. 253rd St., was taken to the hospital Thursday after rescuers unearthed his seemingly lifeless body at the base of the beach cliff. Henderson did not begin breathing until nearly 20 minutes after he was uncovered.

A team of surgeons, including Dr. James Casey of 449 Paseo de la Playa, who helped uncover Henderson, operated at the hospital to repair a collapsed lung. The mishap created such a deep coma that Henderson had no pulse when he was first dug from under the cliff.

IT WAS feared he may have suffered brain damage and a brain specialist was called in to examine Henderson. Doctors said his condition remains "very critical."

Miss Verna Staton, 19, Henderson, and the youth's 20-year-old brother, Richard, had gone to the beach together. Richard remained in his car atop the bluff while the couple went exploring along the beach.

Miss Staton said they spotted the cave on the high bluff and young Henderson began gouging the sand to enlarge the cave. He was inside the cave alone when it collapsed.

**THE GIRL**, who narrowly missed being caught in the cave-in, ran for help. Richard and Miss Staton went to Dr. Casey's home to call police.

Dr. Casey and Richard began clawing at the loose sand and were joined by Torrance Police Officer Robert Lydon. They uncovered the youth's head and arms and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

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## In Lomita Council To Manage Own Parks

Savings of \$15,000 a year for Lomita have been predicted with the establishment of a city parks department.

City Administrator Stanley D. Greene presented a take-over plan to the Lomita council last month, and the council has now asked the Board of Supervisors to transfer title to Lomita Park to the city on Jan. 2, 1965.

Greene, in his report to the council, said the contract with the county for operation of the park costs \$55,996 per year. He estimated the city could maintain the park with its own department for \$46,000 a year.

The establishment of a Parks Department will require addition of four city employees to operate the park, located at 24428 Eshelman Ave. Greene noted the city operation would have additional advantages.

Complete local control, the ability to set standards and programs under local philosophy, and the freedom to hire personnel subject to city rules were cited by Greene in his report.

**Realtors to Meet**

The Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors will hold a membership luncheon Wednesday at the Board Hall.



REGISTERING VOTERS . . . Student Council elections were held last week at Newton Elementary School as part of study of elections. Prior to balloting, voters were required to register and here Stephen Port (center) completes the procedure for Bruce McKaig and Lyn Thomas.

## Newton Students Elect Officers—the Real Way

Some people might remember school elections as a popularity contest between the best-looking boy or the prettiest girl. If the elections were sophisticated, then students voted by secret ballot instead of by a show of hands.

But for today's youngsters all that has changed—today's campus elections are a lesson in democratic processes.

While their parents have been keeping their fingers on the nation's political pulse this past month, students at Newton Elementary School have been dangling their fingers—and toes—in a political pot of their own.

**ON ELECTION** day, voters reported to their precinct and voter rolls were checked as registrants signed the rolls once more. At the end of the day members of the election

## Council Will Get New Pigeon, Dove Ordinance

City Councilmen will get a new proposed ordinance on the keeping of pigeons and doves in the city when they convene Tuesday at 8 p.m.

An earlier ordinance, adopted on the first reading, was delayed when several owners of racing pigeons protested the flat ban on more than four birds.

The ordinance will be recommended to the council as an emergency measure by Remelmeier and the members of the Harbor Area Racing Pigeon Association.

**THE COUNCIL** also is scheduled to consider a new ordinance regarding the hours of business for billiard parlors and pool rooms. Action on a new ordinance has twice been delayed because independent operators want no distinction made between the independent parlors and those in bowling alleys.

A revised ordinance to be presented would specifically include the bowling alley operations, and require all billiard parlors to close at 2 a.m.

Three alternate ordinances will be submitted for consideration. One proposal would permit all-night operations and the third proposal would require the independent operations to close at 2 a.m.

**THE PERMIT** system will enable the city to abate any nuisance caused by the pigeons while allowing those owners of racing pigeons to maintain their lofts.

A permit fee will be required by the city and no permits will be issued until the pigeon lofts have been inspected by a health officer.

## 15th Victim Claimed by Meningitis

Pvt. Jack C. Thomas Jr., a 17-year-old former South High student, became the 15th victim of meningitis at Ft. Ord early yesterday morning.

Thomas was admitted to the base hospital about 5 p.m. Wednesday with a "cold." The doctors later diagnosed the illness as spinal meningitis and placed Thomas on the critical list.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Thomas Sr. were with their son when he died at 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

The Thomas family, now living at 608 Mission Drive, Camarillo, had resided in Torrance until about two years ago. Thomas attended South High during his freshman year of high school. He had entered the Army about eight weeks ago.

**THE BOY'S** father, Jack Sr., is a graduate of Torrance High School and an Army veteran, having served in World War II and in Korea.

Young Thomas' maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Everly, reside at 1357 N. Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Harold Williamson, resides at 704 Madrid Ave., Torrance. Delbert Thomas, his grandfather, now lives in Gardena.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, the youth is survived by a sister, Lori, who is 7 years old, and an uncle, Robert Thomas of Buena Park.

**FUNERAL** arrangements have not been completed.

The 17-year-old soldier was the 87th victim of the deadly spinal meningitis at Ft. Ord. He was the 15th person to die.

Pvt. Robert G. McGready, 19, of Centralia, Wash., was admitted to the base hospital shortly after Thomas Wednesday. He became the 88th victim of the disease, but his condition is reported improved.

**COGGESHALL**, Clifton Michael Holland, 28, and Robert L. Gay, 30, escaped from Soledad prison Friday, Oct. 16. Last Sunday, the trio allegedly robbed a pharmacy at 5003 Pacific Coast Hwy. and got away with a large quantity of drugs.

Holland's body was discovered in an alley behind 3002 W. 242nd St., and Gay's body was found in a motel room at 3690 Pacific Coast Hwy. later. Preliminary autopsies disclosed that both men had died of an overdose of narcotics.

An all-out search for Coggeshall was begun after the two bodies were found. He was spotted by Los Angeles Police Sgts. L. F. Holm and J. J. ...

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## Police Get Third Man In Robbery

Bruce Terry Coggeshall, a 29-year-old escapee from the Soledad Prison allegedly involved in the robbery of a Torrance pharmacy, was arrested Wednesday afternoon after he was discovered walking down a West Hollywood street.

Coggeshall is the only one of a trio allegedly involved in the Torrance robbery who is still alive. Two other escaped convicts died as a result of an overdose of narcotics.

"I am just lucky, I guess," Coggeshall surmised from his Torrance jail cell Wednesday evening.

## \$35,000 Fire Planned

## Bishop Will Spark Blaze During Worship Services

Members of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church think there will be a fire at the church this morning.

In fact, they've been assured that it will be a \$35,000 fire and that it will begin about 9:30 a.m.

The occasion will be a mortgage burning, at which time a \$35,000 note pledged by the congregation more than four years ago will be burned as a symbol that the obligation has been cleared.

**LAST PAYMENT** on the note was made in September, the retirement of the obligation being accomplished along with the purchase of a new parsonage and with maintenance of current and missionary expenses, the Rev. Walter M. Stanton, pastor, reports.

Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, presiding bishop of the Pacific Area, will join in services this morning to celebrate the occasion. He will speak on the topic, "The Glory of Zion," at the 11 a.m. services.



BISHOP SPARKS To Light Fire

**IN CONJUNCTION** with the service, Bishop Sparks will officiate in the burning of the note, which is a tradition in Evangelical United Brethren history. He will be assisted in the note burning by the Rev. M. Stanton; George Culley, chairman of the board of trustees, and W. E. Bowen and Willard Haslam, co-chairmen of the building committee.

Following the morning service, there will be a fellowship dinner in the Guild Hall, after which the bishop will speak on the progress in church union. An opportunity will be given to ask the bishop questions on the subject of union.