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BEGIN CONSTRUCTION . . . Actual construction of the new Torrance Family YMCA began Friday morning as the 33-day construction industry strike-lock-out ended and heavy equipment operators returned to work. Gathered at the site, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., to mark the occasion were, (front from left) Contractor Paul D. Kiely; "Y" building fund chairman Marshall Stewart; Paul Schwartz, 10, of the

Jaguars Gre-Y; City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, a member of the YMCA board; Glen Metcalf, 9, Panthers Gre-Y, and architect Roy Donley. Meanwhile, equipment operator Jerry Clark explains what he will do to Patty Grossman, an Indian Maiden. Dr. Wing Mar, YMCA board chairman, said construction will be completed in about six months. (Press-Herald Photo)

'Play It Cool' Armed Duo Warns

FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Pilot Study Seeks New Classroom Challenges

Bright youngsters are getting extra help in learning how to do research and how to express themselves in a pilot program being conducted in Torrance schools this summer.

In a summer school experiment geared to find the most effective way to challenge the potential of the "academically talented"—or gifted—student, five different approaches are being tried. Involved in the project are seven teachers, 143 youngsters, and 12 elementary schools.

Two of the programs involve pooling resources from several schools. The other three experiments each take place at a single school.

EMPHASIS in all five pilot studies is on developing advanced communications and research skills. The program is aimed at fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. (Academically talented seventh and eighth graders have been spending their summers taking high school courses for several years.) Under the direction of teacher Philip Barretta, students at Anza School are sharpening their research skills on a study of the evolu-

tion of law from Aristotle's Gay to the present.

Economics is being highlighted in a program being conducted at Carr School by Carroll Newberry. Students are sent to the study center from nearby Casimir, Arlington, Hamilton, and Yukon Schools.

LOGIC AND deductive reasoning are being stressed by Hugh Brier, itinerant teacher, who travels to four schools each day. In special 55-minute classes at Wood, Adams, Torrance Elementary, and Fern-Greenwood Schools, students are learning the difference between the formal logic of the philosophers and the present day logic of the scientists with its stress on laws of probability. They are taught to apply these principles both in mathematical problems and verbal discussions.

At Riviera School a special class of academically talented students meets for two hours a day with Mrs. Sammie Logan to probe "great ideas of man." The fourth through sixth grade group is part of the school's regular departmentalized program. Research and problem solving techniques are applied to math and science studies as well as the social sciences.

THE PILOT program which perhaps least resembles an outward departure from the traditional class pattern is the "cluster grouping" at Victor School. In this program there are several academically talented young-

sters grouped within three regular classes conducted by Mrs. Sally Orr, Miss Alice Stone, and Miss Joyce Wayt. The students follow the regular program, but they work as a group on in-depth studies with advanced materials.

How are the students reacting to the special programs?

Typical reactions were those of a group of students queried at Fern-Greenwood School:

Said one girl: "We're not as concerned about getting grades as we are in learning."

Another girl commented: "We're learning interesting things. They make us think hard—but we're able to grasp them."

BUT PERHAPS the most universal comment was that of the student who said, "It's more of a challenge than anything I've ever done anywhere."

In commenting on the program, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said, "It is our job to educate all the children. Just as we provide for the needs of the very bright or very slow student, so do we take care of the average child. We don't neglect one at the expense of the other. Since most of our children are average, we are constantly seeking ways to improve the education of the average child."

Councilmen at Detroit Meeting

Three Torrance City Councilmen are now attending the National League of Cities Annual Meeting, being held in Detroit, Mich. The conference began yesterday and will continue through Wednesday.

Representing Torrance are J. A. Beasley, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico.

Fire Cause Probed

An apartment fire at 22063 S. Vermont Ave. Thursday afternoon is being checked for possible arson after firemen from Engine Co. 36 reported the fire had seemingly started in three locations. The fire was discovered by a man and his wife who were just preparing to move into the apartment. An apartment bedroom was damaged and smoke damaged the kitchen and bathroom.

Freeway Route Picked

A freeway route closely paralleling Anaheim Street and extending for 11.6 miles through the Wilmington-Long Beach areas has been picked by the California Highway Commission. The route, known as the southern or "orange" route in studies prepared during the selection procedure, extends from Vermont Avenue just north of Anaheim Street to the Orange County line and the Los Cerritos Channel. The eight-lane highway will cost about \$107 when constructed later.

City to Honor 'Kegs'

City Councilmen will honor the Tappa Kegs, who won their 300th slo-pitch victory Friday evening, during the regular session of the council Tuesday. The council will convene at 8 p.m. for what will probably be a short session. With three of their colleagues in Detroit for the National League of Cities annual meeting, the four remaining city fathers face only a light and routine agenda.

City Asked For Study Of Charter

Specific changes and extensive study of the city charter have been recommended by the Torrance League of Women Voters following a study of the provisions of the charter.

In a report just issued, the League called for the deletion of six specific sections of the charter which are no longer applicable. The six provisions cited have been pre-empted by state law or declared unconstitutional by courts, the League reported.

The League also called for strict enforcement of a provision in the charter which requires the various city commissions to issue an annual report of their activities. In a second recommendation, the League declared it felt the "need of an annual progress report from the City Council to be directed to the voters."

IN A MEMO handed to City Councilmen last week, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro asked the council to consider setting a meeting with representatives of the League to discuss the proposed changes in the charter. Ferraro also said a professional staff study should be considered.

A spokesman for the League of Women Voters has suggested that a citizens committee for charter study be appointed by the council. Ferraro supports the citizens committee provided a detailed staff analysis is first completed.

Councilmen will consider the memo during their regular meeting Aug. 3.

THE SIX specific parts of the charter which the League has recommended be deleted govern political activity of city employees, appointive offices in the city, conflict of interest, special meetings, a city court, and a city judge. All are obsolete or have been found unconstitutional by court review.

League spokesmen also said specific salaries should be deleted from the charter.

Support for the present charter and for the city manager form of government was voiced by the League in its

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Excitement of Carnival Adds Rancho Days Lure

One of the West's outstanding carnival shows will join the rest of the Western-style excitement Aug. 4 through 8 at Torrance's annual observance of Rancho Days.

Co-sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Mounted Police, the event will have its five-day run headquartered at Del Amo Center, Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards.

There, Jaycee members will hold their fund-raising carnival in cooperation with SJM Fiesta Shows and at least 17 other local service clubs and churches.

The carnival, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, and continues through 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, features 15 rides, including ferris wheel, merry-go-round, loop-a-plane, octopus, tilt-a-whirl and the fantastic Trabant—an all-new concept in carnival rides operating on seven axes.

ALTHOUGH THE show is new to Torrance, it is a familiar name in many other California cities, where 16 chambers of commerce, 12 junior chambers, and the Naval Air Stations at San Diego and Pt. Mugu utilize its services regularly.

Money raised by the Junior Chamber goes to help promote programs of civic and community development, to the Tournament of Roses Pa-

Bike Rider Injured In Collision

An 18-year-old bicycle rider was taken to South Bay Hospital Friday afternoon following a collision with an automobile on Sepulveda near Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Injured was Kerry Jay Steed, 2108 W. 230th Place. He was taken to the hospital after he complained of head pains.

Driver of the automobile was Kenneth William Roth, 46, of Long Beach. Roth told police he was attempting to turn right into a service station when Steed hit the right front fender.

Operating booths at the carnival site will be Jaycees, Cub Scout Pack 706, Scout Troop 706, Civitans, Welcome Wagon, Royal Neighbors, North Torrance Lions, Cub Pack 951, Central Torrance Lions, Oddefellows, Torrance Rebeccas, Redondo Beach Rebeccas, Dancing Silhouettes, Wagon Wheels and Tumble Bugs, Torrance Junior Women's Club, Constitution Defense Committee and Torrance Youth Band.



RANCHO DAYS, PLUS . . . Joining the Western-style entertainment of the annual Rancho Days celebration, Aug. 4 through 8 at Del Amo Center, will be one of the West's outstanding carnival shows. Jaycee carnival members, from left, Ralph Gansemmer, carnival chairman; Douge Hedde, Jaycee president; and David Nair, publicity chairman; map plans for event. Co-sponsors of the celebration are the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Mounted Police.



GREG BRYAN Second Place

YFC Speech Winner Back For Rally

Attending the Youth For Christ Rally yesterday was Greg Bryan, who placed second in an international speech convention at Winona Lake, Ind. Greg represented the West Los Angeles - Bay Area Youth for Christ at the convention. The speech award brought an offer of 37 scholarships to colleges through

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