

Marines to Stage Mock Viet Battle Here

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RINSE JOB ... Week-long rains turned the city's streets into excellent playgrounds for drivers with a little sporting blood and this "Bug" driver takes full advantage of the situation to rinse off a fellow motorist near Crenshaw and Lemita Boulevard. Looks like great fun. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance Man Tumbles From Boat, Disappears

Stormy Waters Searched for City Merchant

Stormy waters off Pt. Fermin were being searched by Coast Guard boats and planes yesterday in an effort to find 45-year-old Robert Dean Barkdull, longtime Torrance resident and businessman, who apparently tumbled from the stern of a 25-foot cruiser to disappear in the darkness Friday night.

Barkdull, who was known widely as Dean, was with three other persons aboard the Merry H. and was sailing between King Harbor at Redondo Beach and the Colony Dock on Terminal Island

when he went overboard about 9:30 p.m.

REPORTS made to Lennox Sheriff's deputies who were called on the case indicate that Barkdull had been piloting the boat until just a few moments before the mishap. He had been relieved, made his way to the stern, and a few moments later yelled from the water.

Boat owner Roy Schmidt Jr., 37, of 1612 W. 224th St., said Barkdull was seen in the water and that life rafts were thrown to him, but by the time the boat could be brought around, he had disappeared.

Aboard the vessel with Barkdull and Schmidt were Richard C. Baker, 35, of 1328 Marina; and Mary Jane Harvell, 39, of 1449 W. 229th St. Barkdull, who lived at 1612 W. 224th St. with Schmidt, was the operator of Quality Market at 2171 Torrance Blvd., a store started many years ago by his father. He was divorced and had two sons, aged 16 and 18.



THERE'S A BOOBYTRAP ... One Marine cautions his buddy against the dangers of boobytraps as they search a Viet Cong village hut. This scene will be repeated in Torrance when Marines stage a simulated attack on a Viet Cong village stronghold as part of the eighth annual Armed Forces Day celebration here May 19 and 20. The attack will follow the annual parade on Saturday, May 20.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

City Schools Plan Variety of Events

Public Schools Week will be observed in 34 elementary and four high schools in the Torrance Unified School District tomorrow through Friday.

Purpose of the national event, which began in California in 1920, is to focus attention on year-round activities in the public schools. Theme of this year's observance is "Insure America's Future — Know and Support Our Public Schools."

Highlighting activities will be science fairs at several elementary schools. Winners of school fairs will compete in the district fair May 3-5 at the Torrance Recreation Center.

OPEN HOUSE activities are scheduled at every school in the district.

A special program commemorating the 48th observance of Public Schools Week will be sponsored by the Torrance Masonic Lodge at the Masonic Temple Friday at 8 p.m. The Crenshaw Elementary School choir will perform for the masons.

Science fairs will be conducted at Anza, Adams, Arlington, Calle Mayor, Flavian, Hamilton, Hickory, Hillside, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madrona, Magruder, Meadow Park, Parkway, Riviera, Seaside,

Steele, Towers, and Victor elementary schools.

CONCERTS ARE planned at Arlington, Lincoln, and Madrona schools.

Discussions will highlight programs at Casimir and Newton Schools. At Casimir, questions will be tossed at a panel of adults by sixth grade students; and at Newton the school psychologist will discuss "Behavior and Discipline" at a parent meeting.

A physical fitness demonstration will be featured at the Hamilton School open house.

INCLUDED IN the special classroom programs planned at Jefferson School will be a mock supreme court by upper grade students.

Ice cream socials have been scheduled by Madrona, Perry, and Wood schools.

Marijuana Charges Jail Youth

A 19-year-old Los Angeles youth has been ordered to appear in South Bay Municipal Court next Friday for a preliminary hearing on charges of possession of marijuana.

Edward S. Atkinson, 19, of 2516 S. Lucerne Ave., was arrested about 2 a.m. Wednesday at the 4000 block of West 178th Street by Torrance police.

Police said they first stopped the car which Atkinson and a second youth were in for a traffic violation. One of the youths got out of the car and threw something under it, officers said.

Officers retrieved the object and found it contained what they believe to be marijuana.

Atkinson was arraigned Friday in South Bay Municipal Court. He was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$2,750 bail. Charges against the second youth have been dropped.

Seaside School, which has set its kindergarten round-ups for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, will conduct campus tours throughout the week.

SEVENTH and eighth grade shop and homemaking students at Carl Steele School will display their handwork for parents.

Parent tours at Torrance Elementary School will be broken down as follows: kindergarten, Monday; first and second grades, Tuesday; and seventh and eighth grades, Friday.

Special classroom presentations at Yukon School will include a poetry fair, two student plays, a round-table discussion, a Spanish skit and songs, taped recordings of kindergartners' stories, and social studies research projects.

IN ADDITION to daily tours at the high schools, an

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Two Held For Drug Violations

Two men arrested Wednesday on burglary charges also have been charged with narcotics violations after a routine search turned up what police believe to be heroin.

Jack Maynard Tullus, 34, of 14428 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, and Robert W. Smith, 23, of Los Angeles, were arrested about 7 p.m. Wednesday at Tullus' Lawndale apartment.

Torrance police had gone to the apartment in the course of an investigation into the theft of a color television set and some \$100 in cash April 14. During a search of the apartment, officers said they found an injection kit and what appeared to be heroin.

Officers said they also found a substance believed to be marijuana in Smith's vehicle.

Tullus was booked at the Torrance City Jail on suspicion of burglary and suspicion of possession of heroin. Smith was charged with burglary and possession of marijuana.

Congressman Bell Slated By Chambers

Congressman Alphonzo Bell will address a joint meeting of ten South Bay Chambers of Commerce Thursday it was announced today by Don H. Hyde, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The affair will be held at the Pen and Quill restaurant in Manhattan Beach, beginning with a no-host cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m.

Congressman Bell's subject will be a "Report on the 90th Congress."

Tickets for the dinner, which is open to the public, may be obtained at the Torrance Chamber office.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Marine Units to Attack Viet Cong Village Here

You learn fast to avoid boobytraps, interrogate prisoners, and search the area for weapons.

THIS IS the reality of jungle warfare as it is being waged in Vietnam by the U.S. Marines. A graphic demonstration of that reality—the capturing of Viet Cong village strongholds—will be brought to Torrance residents next month when the Marine Corps stages an attack on a simulated Viet Cong village.

The demonstration is part of the eighth annual Armed Forces Day celebration, May 19 and 20.

THE MARINE attack, to be staged in an open area behind Torrance Civic Center, will follow the annual parade Saturday, G/Sgt. C. J. D'Hondt of the Torrance Marine Recruiting Office said. Local recruiters are in charge of the display.

A helicopter assault team of Marines in jungle gear will attack the village of huts after a simulated helicopter landing. The Marines will establish a squad front in the jungle, and move through a mined rice paddy into the village proper, Sgt. D'Hondt revealed.

Aggressors, dressed in Vietnamese-type clothing, will defend the village. As they secure the area, Marines will search for and detonate

Youth Band Will March

The Torrance Area Youth Band will march in the International Beauty Pageant Parade this afternoon in Long Beach.

The parade, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30, will be telecast in color by KTTV, Channel 11.

also scheduled that evening.

THE ARMED Forces Day Parade will begin Saturday at 10 a.m., moving along Torrance Boulevard to the Civic Center. Military marching units, bands, and precision drill teams from through California will compete for honors in the parade. U.S. Congressman F. Edward Hebert, leading member of the powerful Committee on Armed Services, will be Grand Marshal.

Theme of the celebration, part of a nationwide program, is "A Report to the Nation." Rated one of the largest Armed Forces Day events in the nation, the observance is sponsored by the city of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

A full range of military equipment and space system hardware from all the services will be on display in the exhibit area at the Torrance Civic Center beginning Friday evening, May 19. An outstanding fireworks display is

Accident Victim Dies

Robert L. White, 36, of Fresno, who was injured here April 14 in a traffic collision at Crenshaw Boulevard and 181st Street, succumbed to injuries received in the accident. He died Friday afternoon in Little Company of Mary Hospital where he had been under treatment. White was injured when his delivery van and an auto collided, it was reported. He was thrown from his vehicle by the impact.

Fire Stations to Open

Firemen and the equipment it takes to offer fire protection to a city such as Torrance will be on display at the city's fire stations next Saturday as the Torrance Fire Department joins California fire fighters in observance of "Fire Service Day." Open house programs have been scheduled at each of the city's stations, including the new one at 3940 Del Amo Blvd., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Firemen will be on hand to explain the equipment to the visitors.

Industrial Tour Planned

Approximately 125 members of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee will visit Torrance and the adjacent communities Wednesday to view industrially zoned and developed areas in Southwest Los Angeles County, according to J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The group will be taken on a guided tour of the city's industrial and commercial areas and then meet city officials at a luncheon, Walker said.



INVITE VISITORS ... Mary Roberts and Joey Perry, both third grade students at Caroldale Avenue Elementary School, 22424 Caroldale Ave., invite parents and friends to visit the school this week during the national observance of Public Schools Week. Special activities are planned at nearly 600 Los Angeles City Schools during the week-long observance.

Housewife Jailed in Drug Case

A 26-year-old Torrance housewife was arrested Wednesday evening on suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs.

Irene Gasset Rodrigues, 26, of 2142 Del Amo Blvd., was arrested about 8 p.m. by Torrance police officers who went to the house with a search warrant.

Officers said they found several yellow tablets in the house. The woman also was charged with possession of paraphernalia used for injecting drugs.