

# To Start 520 More New Homes Here Within Six Weeks

# Pancake Feed Saturday

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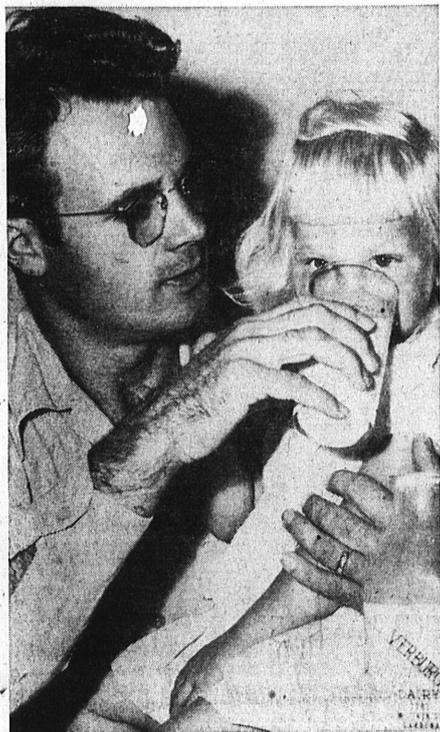


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**SKOAL!** . . . Blond Beverly Dianne Gresham accepts a "chaser" from her father, Dick, to soothe a burning tummy after she tried to help some boys clean their bicycles earlier this week. (Herald photo).

### Says Little Tot:

### If Your're Three, Solvent Looks Like Ice Water

Three-year-old Beverly Dianne Gresham discovered this week that she is much too young to drink. Especially cleaning solvent.

The tow-headed little girl was watching some kids clean their bicycles near her home at 23110 Huber avenue last Monday. It was hot. And Beverly was thirsty.

At the Harbor General Hospital attendants did a quick pumping of her tummy.

Her daddy, Dick Gresham, was asked by the attendants if he had any milk at home. It so happens he had a whole truckload. Her daddy is a milk distributor for the local Verburg's Dairy.

"Drink all you want," said the little girl's dad as he handed her a second glass of milk. "It's on the house."

### Southwestern Section to Get 520 New Houses

Within six weeks 520 new homes are to start rising on a 100-acre site in the southwest section of the city, near the Torrance-Redondo Beach line.

Approval of the final tract map of the proposed development was expected during last night's meeting of the City Planning Commission.

The new two- and three-bedroom homes will be located on a tract being developed by the Bowles and Company of Hollywood. The site is bounded by Sepulveda boulevard, Seaside Ranchos, the Truman Browne tract and the western boundary of Torrance.

The homes, ranging in price from \$7,000 to \$12,000, will be constructed by the Bowenbeckler and Kelton Company.

California Water Service Company will provide water to the tract. Sanitary sewers are included in the subdivision plans.

### The Weather

Temperature to remain in the 80s after early morning fog burns off along the coast.

The high recorded in Los Angeles yesterday was 88 degrees.

## Enrollment Soars; Up 30% Over Last Year

### 30,000 Invited To Kid's Day Pancake Feed

Torrance's 30,000 residents were invited to put on the feed bag Saturday morning by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the Kid's Day Pancake Breakfast to be held in the Civic Auditorium.

Wrestling's long-haired, boo and hiss champion, Barof Leone will be there to greet his fans and to pass out vitamin-packed lollypops to the kids.

All proceeds from the affair will be used to finance transportation for this city's kids to Alondra Park, where they receive swimming instructions during the summer months.

Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 a.m. and will continue to be offered until 11 a.m. The menus will consist of pancakes, orange juice, bacon, syrup, butter and coffee.

Price is 50 cents per person. Starting at 2 p.m., some 20 local boys will participate in a soap box coaster race down Sepulveda boulevard west of Hawthorne avenue. An up-hill race between a 1923 Chevy driven by Paul Loranger, and a 1910 Ford to be piloted by Charles Schultz Sr., will be staged to signal the start of the coaster heats. All boys in the race will receive some kind of prize. The winner of the day's racing will receive a trophy donated by the Torrance Herald and a Longine Wittnauer wristwatch. First heat winners will receive a diving mask, while the losers will receive a flashlight and batteries. Second heat winners will receive swimfins and third heat winners a baseball glove.

General chairman of the Kid's Day affair is Don Hitchcock. Baron Leone's appearance was arranged for by Dr. Howard A. Wood, who was also in charge of this summer's swimming program.

### Petitions Short On Signatures

Obviously lacking the full 1000 signatures, petitions calling for a \$2,000,000 water bond election later this year will not be received by the City Council as was originally planned last week.

George Powell, assistant director of the city's civil defense program and thusly vially concerned with the city's water supply, has been appointed coordinator of the effort to obtain the necessary signatures to the petitions.

"We had approximately 500 signatures as of last night (Wednesday)," Powell said. "We have put out a few more petitions and are making concerted efforts this week. I feel certain that we will have the required signatures by Tuesday night."

If the petitions are fully signed by Tuesday night, the next meeting of the City Council, they will be received and handed to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett for verification. Following the verification of the signatures the council will then pass an ordinance setting up a hearing and declaring the date of the proposed election.

Assisting in the task of obtaining the required 1000 signatures to the petition are members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Name Chosen for Show

"Three Nights in Torrance" was chosen for the name of the variety and minstrel show to be staged in the latter part of October under the sponsorship of the Junior and Senior Woman's clubs of Torrance.

### Aluminum Plant Plans Hit Snag In Washington

Plans of the Harvey Machine Company to build a 50-million-dollar plant in Montana to produce aluminum for processing at the Torrance plant ran into a snag in Washington this week.

A loan of \$46,000,000 had been approved by the government for the construction of the processing plant at Kallspeil, Montana but the loan was withheld while an investigation was launched to determine if enough electrical power was available to operate the plant.

Officials of the local plant said that the project would create a source of raw material which would keep the Torrance extrusion plant in steady operation.

Leo M. Harvey, president, said that "shortages and the need for material with which to keep our 1400 employees at Torrance gainfully employed offer the principal reason for building a plant during these times of extremely high construction costs. The raw material coming into the local market will help stabilize numerous manufacturing concerns in this area who are now suffering from lack of aluminum metal."

The Kallspeil plant was to have been an alumina and aluminum reduction plant and would have helped overcome the

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### Red Cross Hopes For New Record Of Blood Donors

Red Cross's largest mobile blood collection unit will visit Torrance next Thursday afternoon to collect what is hoped will be a record donation of blood for shipment to the Korean war front.

"In spite of peace talks in Kaesong American boys are still being wounded at the front and some are dying because of a lack of plasma and whole blood," Mrs. Clifford Easley, Torrance's blood recruitment chairman, said this week.

Blood donors are asked to phone Torrance 3447 or 3448 for an appointment to give blood.

The Red Cross blood gathering unit will be stationed in the Civic Auditorium from 3 to 7 p.m. on September 27.

To assure each soldier, sailor, airman and Marine an adequate reserve of this vital fluid for use when and where he needs it, the Department of Defense has financed the expansion of blood

processing laboratories, and asked the Red Cross to collect for the Defense Department nearly three million pints of whole blood, to be processed into more than a million plasma units between July 1, 1951 and July 1, 1952. This means that 270,000 pints per month must be collected during this fiscal year for the Defense Department plasma reserve.

Those persons who are unable to donate blood next Thursday are asked to plan to donate on December 3, when the Bloodmobile again will visit Torrance, Mrs. Easley suggested.

### 6743 Now Enrolled In School

School officials were taking a second look at their earlier enrollment predictions this week when the total registration in Torrance schools after the first two days turned out to be nearly 30 per cent higher than last year's total.

Estimates by officials that the Torrance Unified School District would have an enrollment of possibly 6400 or 6500 students this year were considered generous. Tabulation of the total registration after the first two days of school revealed that 5608 students had entered schools here.

The 5608 total compares with a total of 4339 at this time last year, according to Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the district.

A grand total of 6743 students have enrolled in Torrance area schools. In addition to the 5608 enrolling in Torrance schools, 385 have enrolled in the Nativity Catholic school, and 750 in the Halldale Elementary school.

Leading the back-to-school parade were the young tots who were entering school for the first time. Total kindergarten enrollment was 826 as of Tuesday night, compared with only 476 at the same time last year.

### NEW SCHOOLS

Three new schools added a total of 677 new students to the roster. Greenwood Elementary, which took the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades out of Fern Avenue Elementary, had a total enrollment of 375. In spite of losing four of its eight grades, Fern avenue dropped only 11 students in total en-

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**PROOF POSITIVE** . . . Showing up at the new El Nido Elementary school for his first day, this young resident brought along his life-size birth record to show he was old enough. The record says he is Stanley Walter Klaja Jr., and that he was born at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on January 26, 1947. He got in school. (Herald photo).

### Two Phone Calls End Mystery of Bloody Mattress

### Couple Fined \$25 Each For Dumping Rubbish

Two phone calls last Thursday morning by Police Chief John Stroh solved the mystery which shrouded the finding of a bloody and bullet-riddled mattress on a lovers lane near the ocean last week.

The gruesome find turned out to be week-old evidence of a murder and suicide of a middle-aged Hawthorne couple two weeks ago.

Hawthorne authorities had ordered relatives of the slain couple to destroy the bloody and bullet-torn bedding. Instead, the relatives dumped the stained sheets, pillows, blankets and mattress a short distance off the Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway.

Fined for dumping rubbish were James Wilson and Theodore Gibbons, relatives of the Hawthorne couple. Wilson and Gibbons admitted to City Judge Otto B. Willett dumping the gory remnants of the tragedy in the roadside spot. They paid fines of \$25 each. They had been ordered to burn it. Judge Willett again reminded them of this ultimatum and had the bloody find turned over to them for disposal.

Chief John Stroh made two phone calls to solve the mystery. A call to the Lennox sheriff's substation revealed that the City of Hawthorne had a recent murder-suicide. Another call to Chief Parker of Haw-

### Torrance Infant County's 18th Polio Victim

Only 23 hours after being rushed to the General Hospital in Los Angeles, 1-year-old Patricia Mahaffey, daughter of a Torrance couple, died of polio, thus bringing the county's polio death toll to 18 persons for the year.

The small child was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mahaffey of 4328 Sharynne lane, Seaside Ranchos. The infant was brought to the hospital at 9:30 a.m. last Wednesday and died the following day.

Other children in the family, of whom there are four, were given precautionary examinations at the hospital.

### Construction of New Schools to Start

Power equipment will move onto the Madrona and Hollywood Riviera Elementary School sites on Monday to start construction work on the two projects, Emmett W. Ingram, business manager of the local district, told School Board members Tuesday night.

Contractors on the projects have 150 days to complete the construction of the fill-up, pre-cast concrete schools.

Hawthorne Police Department yielded a description of the bedding involved in the Hawthorne tragedy and which matched the bedding in the hands of the Torrance Police Department. Victims of the murder-suicide pact were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wilson, of 310 East 132nd street, who died September 5.



**CHIEF CHEF** . . . Pretty and adventurous Ann Olson accepts a flapjack from Chef Parke Montague, president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, who was practicing the art of flipping flapjacks in preparation for the morning-long Kids Day Pancake Breakfast this Saturday morning at the Civic Auditorium. Wrestler Baron Leone will be honored guest. (Herald photo).

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Torrance Civic Auditorium  
SEPT. 27 3-8 P.M.

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**YOUR BLOOD OR HIS LIFE**

**REMINDER** . . . Mrs. Clifford Easley, chairman of the Torrance blood recruitment program, lends a hand to George Powell, assistant director of the city's civil defense efforts, as he holds a sign reminding local citizens of the visit to Torrance next Thursday of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. (Herald photo).