

School Official Asks Closing of Plaza del Amo

A suggestion that Plaza del Amo between Carson and Arlington be closed to traffic on weekdays has been submitted to Police Chief Percy Bennett by Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District.

The school board offices and shops and a new library building will be the only structures along Plaza del Amo in the area, and Hamilton declared that Crenshaw could be used for through traffic, offering additional safety for pedestrians and heavy school equipment if the street were closed.

Reasons Given

He offered these reasons for the closing between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday:

1. Many parochial and public school students use this street as a route to school and there are no sidewalks or curbs.
2. There is a great deal of foot traffic from school personnel working in the area.
3. Normal school business, such as buses, mail delivery, library deliveries, etc., creates an added amount of automobile traffic in this area.

Traffic Cited

4. The great amount of foot traffic and school automobile traffic on the street makes it desirable to have a minimum of automobile traffic from the general public.
5. Plaza del Amo has become a less important traffic artery since Crenshaw has been opened to the south.
6. Closing this area off from general use during these busy weekday periods is a logical measure since it will separate the heavy pedestrian traffic from automobile traffic.

New Dogs Offered, But 'Lucky' Still Missing

Although the HERALD article about her children's missing dog brought many offers of other dogs, "Lucky" still has not turned up. Mrs. Mabel Wells, 2716 W. 185th St., said yesterday.

Due to a mix-up, "Lucky," which belonged to the five Wells children, was picked up by the humane society and sold. Now, the persons who purchased the dog cannot be located, but Francis Fallon, manager of the South Bay Humane Society, still is trying to locate the new owners.

Obituaries

Margaret Mae Fink

Funeral services for Margaret Mae Fink, 31, of 1313 1/2 W. Anaheim, Harbor City, will be held in Oklahoma City this week following her death here April 18.

Mrs. Fink, a native of Oklahoma City, had lived in Harbor City since the death of her husband, Arthur, in an Army air crash near Denver, Colo., in 1955.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane and Carol Crippen, of the Harbor City address, and her mother in Oklahoma City. A sister and four brothers also survive her.

Mrs. Fink's body was sent to Oklahoma City by Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

Arthur Harry Chute

Funeral services for Arthur Harry Chute, 82, of 907 Cota Ave., were held at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel here yesterday morning with Rev. John Taylor, of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

Mr. Chute, former employe of Pacific Electric, was a native of Ashburnham, Mass., and had lived in Torrance for many years.

He is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. George Willard and Mrs. C. H. Mum, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Redlands, Calif.

Henry Earl Monk

Funeral services for Henry Earl Monk, 67, of 117 E. 220th St., were held Friday morning at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with Rev. J. J. Walker officiating. Mr. Monk, a resident of this community for five years, died Wednesday.

He is survived by his widow, Maude, and two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Walker of Torrance and Miss Mary L. Hopwood of Long Beach.

Cremation was at Inglewood Crematory.

Mrs. Ellis to Attend Employment Meeting

Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the Department of Employment, will attend the Department of Employment annual management conference in Long Beach April 23, 24 and 25.

Theme of the conference will be "Public Service is Our Business."

Local representatives will hear state and national experts in employment security administration discuss most recent developments in the program.

Freeway Link Opening Set

Torrance residents who want to go to downtown Los Angeles may be able to get there just a little faster, starting next Wednesday.

A stretch of the Harbor Freeway, from 42nd St. to 88th Pl., is scheduled for opening after ribbon-snipping ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. Traffic previously has been channeled down traffic light-studded Figueroa St.

Traffic will go down Figueroa St. after 88th Pl. opens. Engineers are currently working on another stretch of the freeway from 88th Pl. to 124th St. The freeway eventually will come just east of Torrance and South Bay officials have sought a speed-up of plans to build the rest of the freeway.

Health Center Offers Classes for Mothers

Expectant mothers' classes conducted by the County Health Center, 2300 Carson St., started a week ago but it is still not too late to enroll, according to Miss Janice Hopkins, public health nurse-instructor.

The course of study is so arranged that each class is complete in itself and review sessions are held at the end of the course.

The classes meet Tuesdays at 1 p.m. There is no registration or other fee for the classes.

Pair Treated After Fight

Two Mexican Nationals were taken to Harbor General Hospital Friday night after they were involved in a knife and stick fight in a Torrance farm labor camp.

Mariano Pina Castro, 32, received a cut on his lip, extending from the nose to the mouth, while Richard Tapia Flores, 29, was stabbed twice in the back, police reported.

They were taken to the hospital in a police car after the fight, at 3801 Lomita Blvd., was reported by Friedrich Hiroshima.

The fight apparently started, police said, when one of the victims became angry and hit the other in the face with a stick.

Little League Sets Meeting

A general meeting to plan a program for boys who could not be placed on Pacific Coast Little League teams this year has been called by League President Truman Adkins for Wednesday evening, April 24, at 7:30 at the Newton Elementary School.

Parents of boys who still want to play baseball are being asked to attend the meeting to plan for this season and to prepare for another Little League in the Walteria, Ellinwood, and Hollywood Riviera areas.

Suspect Held For Burglary

George Barbosa, 24, 1963 W. 222nd St., was arrested by Torrance Police Thursday in connection with three burglaries in which more than \$3000 in loot was taken.

Barbosa was jailed on suspicion of burglary after he reportedly pawned some stolen jewelry in Long Beach. Torrance Police said he confessed the thefts after he was confronted with the pawned jewelry and the record that he had hooked the loot.

The three burglaries yielded \$3000 in cash and jewelry, and included \$2000 obtained from the home of Peggy Delaney, 1753 Arlington Ave., on March 23.

Committee Studies

The request of Harry L. Griffin, 20502 Hawthorne Ave., for a variance and conditional permit to permit light manufacture of power lawnmowers was sent to committee. The operation will be one of lawnmower assembly only, the commission was told.

The only tract on the agenda, at the southeast corner of Spencer St. and Amie Ave., containing 55 lots and presented by the Norris Construction Co., was held over for revised maps of the area, showing lot sizes, streets, and drainage.

The request of Harry Henderson Electronics, 17026 Purche Ave., for a business license to operate an organ repair and custom sound installation firm was moved from the agenda because of the failure of the petitioner to appear at the meeting.

... Planners

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for a variance and conditional permit for multiple units on the northeast corner of 240th and Neece Ave., now in an R-2 zone. The commission specified that the roof should be low-pitched to conform to other homes in the area.

Blast Wakens Residents as Garage Burns

A butane cylinder used for welding exploded with a boom that shook the neighborhood as the result of an early morning fire at the home of R. D. Bakker, 21614 Linda Dr., early Monday morning.

The 5 a.m. fire, which apparently started in a pile of painty rags, spread to a work bench on which the cylinder was setting. The cylinder heated and blew apart with such force that a large hole was blown in the garage wall which adjoins the kitchen. It extended into the kitchen where plaster was blown over the floor. Firemen quelled the blaze,

which spread through some baggage and mattresses stored in the garage, causing damage estimated at about \$250.

The cylinder blew with such force that Bakker and firemen were unable to find some of the pieces. The blast awoke Bakker and a number of the neighbors.

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