

# Herald Weekender

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## Boy 'Critical' After Surgery

A small boy remained in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday, after he was run over by a car while he was playing in a driveway at 1605 W. 208th St. Steven Maybee, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maybee, who occupy an apartment at that address, underwent major abdominal surgery at the hospital. His chest was crushed by the car which rolled over him.

Harbor Division Police reported that Bennie Boyd Ansley, 20, 21142 Harvard Blvd., was backing out of the apartment parking lot when he struck the tot. Ansley said he did not see the boy until too late.

### Four Firms Hit

Torrance police today were searching for a small adult or a juvenile who gained entry to four firms Friday night.

Within one hour yesterday morning, officials reported four burglaries — and mystified police began the search for the person who entered the buildings — in most cases through a small window.

### Fire Engineer Dies

Torrance Fire Engineer Harry George Drake, 39, died Wednesday night at the UCLA Medical Center of a heart attack.

A resident at 2830 Onrado, Drake had been in ill health since he was overcome by fumes at a fire at the United Sulphur Co., in June, 1953. He had been away from his job since January, when he suffered a first heart attack.

He joined the Torrance Fire Department in October, 1948, having previously served as a firefighter specialist in the Coast Guard during World War II. Born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada, he had lived in Torrance since 1945. He was a graduate of Puente High School.

Survivors include his widow, Mickey, and a daughter, Christine, 9.

### Dishwasher Dies

An unemployed dishwasher accidentally fell out of a window from the third-story room at a local hotel, killing himself Friday night.

Dear was James William Rhea, 38, who was recently discharged as a dishwasher at a Torrance cafe.

### On Flying Trip

A Torrance businessman who learned to fly nine months ago has decided that flying

his own plane is the best way to make business trips across country.

Joe LaTorre, president of Lok-Fast, Inc., manufacturers of aircraft fasteners, recently completed a solo business trip to New York and back that required two forced landings and had him dodging thunderstorms, tornados, and sandstorms. Nevertheless, he loved it.

### Job Hunter Hunted

A youth, reportedly looking for a job, didn't find employment but he did get \$60.

Mrs. Fern Nair, of Nair's Picture Shop, 1975 W. Carson St., told local police she was working in the rear store room when she heard footsteps in the front store.

She came out and asked the young man if she could help and he told her he was looking for a job, she related.

When he was told there were no openings, he left. Shortly thereafter, the woman told officers, she checked the money drawer, to make change for a customer and found all the currency, about \$60 gone.

### El Nido Zoning Set

Studying a busy agenda, the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night:

1. Recommended a zoning plan for the recently-annexed El Nido area.
2. Appointed a committee to study rezoning for the proposed "hotel" site of the Don-Ja-Ran Corp. from hotel to single-family residence.
3. Withheld action on the proposed rezoning of Torrance Beach property from apartment to single family residence.
4. Recommended approval of a controversial tract at the intersection of Newton St. and Vista Montana, with certain stipulations.

### Water Level Better

Shortage of water pressure was still a problem in Southwest Torrance yesterday, according to local water department officials.

The city reservoir, usually at 22 feet, remained far below normal as the water level was only 16 feet Friday afternoon.

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957

Twenty-one

## 2000 Children Learning To Swim in City Program



POOL LIFEGUARDS . . . Acting both as protectors and instructors at the Torrance Municipal Plunge are these members of the lifeguard staff. Shown are (front) Joe Rode, Cliff Graybehl, C. L. Underwood, Ken Wheat, (back) Phil Joseph, Monty Ormsby, and Bud Smith. All require special training and certification before they can assume their duties.



LET'S GO, COACH . . . That's what Barry Schumacher is telling Cliff Graybehl as he hands him his registration for the learn-to-swim program at the Torrance Municipal Plunge. Six instructors are teaching local youngsters the fundamentals of getting around in the water in two-week long sessions throughout the summer.

## Grass Fires, Smoke Scare Occur Here

Grass fires and a smoke scare at a restaurant furnished the week's activities for Torrance's firefighters this week.

A reported fire Monday at the Villa Capri, 5700 Redondo Beach Blvd., turned out to be nothing more than a short in

the wiring which caused a little smoke.

Firemen battled two separate grass fires at the southwest corner of 203rd and Arlington Sunday. Of undetermined origin, the first fire de-

stroyed a plot of 50 by 150 while another a short time later destroyed an area 150 by 200 yards.

A fire in some old power poles at Arlington and Border Ave. was also quelled by firemen on Sunday.

## City Plunge Expands Its Activities

A greatly expanded program at the Torrance Municipal Plunge this summer, will include helping some 2000 Torrance youngsters to learn to swim.

The pool, opened for the first time last year, is moving into full swing this year under the leadership of the new director of Aquatics, Joe Rode, long-time veteran of water programs.

### Programs Planned

Among the programs planned in connection with the pool are formation of junior life-saving classes, water ballet classes, and the Torrance Seahorses, a swimming team for youngsters. In connection with Rancho Days, the city's celebration to be held July 24 to 28, the pool will feature a swimming meet and aquacade on July 26.

According to Rode, every effort is being made to make the pool a Torrance facility run by Torrance people for Torrance people.

"Too often, pools are run by people who move from pool to pool and it is not really a community facility," he said.

### Local Lifeguard

Lifeguards at the pool this year include Torrance residents and several coaches from the local high schools. Rode hopes to set up a program by which local youngsters can move into lifeguard work through assuming other positions at the pool first.

Learn-to-swim classes are held each morning at the pool, Monday through Friday. Three series of one-hour classes are held each day, with the swimming instructions lasting for a two-week period. This program will continue all summer, with an estimated 2000 children participating in the program during the summer. This program is for children from 7 to 12.

### Recreational Swimming

Recreational swimming hours are from 1 to 5:30 daily, and from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday. The pool also is open for recreational swimming from 9 to 12 Saturday mornings. It also is available for special parties at special hours. One of the most unusual was the Baptist Youth Fellowship's after-graduation party held from 3 to 5 a.m.

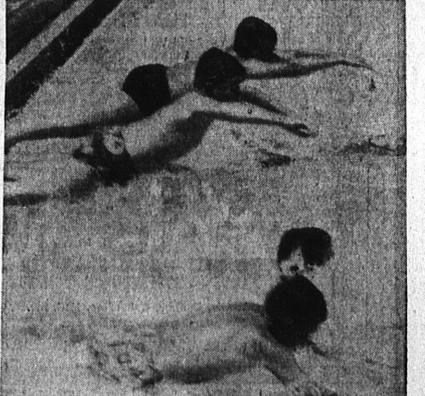
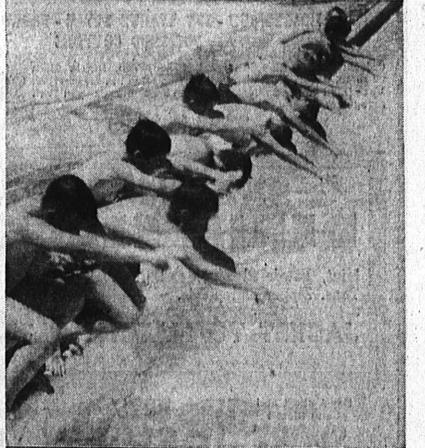
Recreational swimmers have numbered between 700 and 800 daily, and at the peak of the local hot spell last week hit 1090.

### Swimmer Rescued

There is generally about one lifeguard for every 100 swimmers, Rode said. So far in the young season, the guards have rescued one swimmer. Their duties also are to keep an eye on the young splashers to see that they don't create dangerous hazards.

Plans are being made to train personnel in the use of the resuscitator which is available at all times, Rode said.

The City Council has been studying plans to put a snack bar at the pool, as well as a windbreaker, which might make the pool available for year-round use. In its first year of operation, the pool was closed during the winter and opened only on week ends during the spring.



THIS IS THE WAY . . . Joe Rode, director of aquatics at the pool, offers a group of youngsters hints on the proper way to dive. As the eager group tried out what they learned, there were a few sore stomachs, but they were ready to try again until they glided smoothly into the pool.



SPLASH, KICK, KICK . . . Linda Lambertson, 10, gets instruction in the techniques of swimming from Lifeguard Phil Joseph, an expert. In the service, he served as an underwater demolition man. Other children get individual attention during learn-to-swim classes.



ENJOYING A DIP . . . Carole Fryback is one of many Torrance residents who enjoy recreational swimming in the Torrance Plunge every afternoon from 1 to 5:30 and evenings, Monday through Friday. Swimming is especially good, when temperatures hit 100 as they did last week, she declared.