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# COWS WANDER 5 MILES THROUGH STORM DRAINS UNDER THE CITY

## Teams Rescue Strays

**By BOB WILTON  
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Dairy cows went underground in Torrance Friday night and it took the combined efforts of the police, fire department, humane society, and a veterinarian to get the otherwise docile beasts back to the surface from the storm drain they had wandered into.  
The last of the three cows was brought out of the catch-basin of the subterranean flood water conduit located at Plaza Del Amo and Martina Ave. shortly before noon Saturday. An "A" frame was used to hoist them out after they were finally coaxed into the open area.

**THE BOVINES**, belonging to Francisco Pires, 21417 Berendo, wandered into the opening of the drain at Western and Torrance Blvd. late Friday afternoon. When he missed them at his usual roundup time, Pires called Torrance police and asked for help.

Aided by a map of the course of the storm drain furnished by office of the Los Angeles County Flood Control, Robert Corrao and Don Carlson, members of the South Bay Humane Society rescue team, were able to go below a block from the point where the cows were huddled in the drain. After working most of the night and still unable to get the last of the frightened beasts out, the two men had to give up and wait for daylight to continue their operation. Lack of oxygen handicapped their work during the night, Corrao said.

**BOSSIE**, the third of the maverick cows and who is expected, was coaxed to within 300 yards of the Plaza Del Amo opening of the drain, but there refused to take another step after wandering over five



**BOVINE RESCUE . . .** After spending Friday night underground and traveling over five miles in the subterranean flood control network, Bossie was finally brought to the surface at noon Saturday. The cow, one of three belonging to Francisco Pires, 21417 Berendo, who went below ground at Western and Torrance Blvd., was saved by the combined efforts of Torrance firemen, policemen and members of the South Bay Humane Society. The victim was raised out of the catch-basin located at Plaza Del Amo and Martina Ave. Pictured aiding the dairy cow are Robert Corrao and Don Carlson, of the Humane Society. (Herald Photo)

### Fifth Fatality

## 8-Year-Old New Victim

Eight-year-old Lyle Travis Johnson who was struck by an auto Monday at Crenshaw and 236th St. died last Thursday without regaining consciousness.

The lad, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson at 24671 Pennsylvania Ave., became the city's fifth traffic fatality in 1959.

He was fatally injured when struck down by an auto driven by Renee Radinsky, 31, of San Pedro, as he was attempting to cross Crenshaw Blvd. at the 236th St. intersection.

Funeral services were held for the boy yesterday in Redondo Beach.

**LESS THAN** a week before, 51-year-old Warren W. Reynolds, of 24405 Neece Ave., died of injuries he received when struck by a car on Hawthorne near Pacific Coast Hwy.

Other traffic victims of the year have included: Joseph Medrons, 6, of 263 Plaza Del Amo, killed when struck by a car near his home Feb. 20.

Fred F. Burdick, 27, Wilmington, succumbed Jan. 23 to injuries received the day before when his cycle collided with an auto at 230th St. and Hawthorne.

Miss Manola Thomas, 20, of 18903 Hawthorne Blvd., killed Jan. 2 when she was thrown from a car at 190th St. and Hawthorne.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you feel about 'metered' television, in which you would pay to see T.V. programs such as sports events, spectaculars, and recent movies on your home television screen?"

**LES KING**, 705 Yarmouth Rd., P.V.E., insurance agent: "For superlative programs I would be willing to pay. However, I do feel that the run-of-the-mill program should remain free to the public, financed by the sponsor."

**DANA MURPHY**, 24002 Huber Ave., Lomita, life insurance salesman: "I am for it. The movies we would see would be a whole lot better than the ones they are showing now. And there's always bound to be a certain number of sponsored programs which would continue to be free."

**ARCHIE FISHER**, 2722 Arlington St., car salesman: "I am in favor of it. It would eliminate commercials, enabling the viewer to enjoy full-time entertainment while he watched a program without constant interruptions by advertisements."

**LARRY MAINWARING**, 18021 Glenburn Ave., marines: "I am not in favor of it. It would result in another big bill coming in each month, adding to the cost of living. I prefer having entertainment in my own home remain free."

**MRS. WILLIAM CLEMENGER**, 1211 Felbar Ave., homemaker: "I am opposed to it. If first-run entertainment was available for armchair enthusiasts, the result would be empty stadiums and empty theatre seats. Let's enjoy the excitement of live entertainment in person and keep our television viewing free."

## Koger Elected As Rotary President

Glen Koger, named Wednesday night as Torrance's "distinguished citizen of the year," was elected president of the Rotary Club of Torrance the following evening.

The Board of Directors of the club at the same time elected Attorney John Foley first vice-president. They will lead the club through the 1959-60 fiscal year.

## Saxophone Quartet to Perform

With the location of the third concert in the current Youth Band-Artist Concert series shifting to Torrance Civic Auditorium, El Prado at Cravens, the Torrance Area Youth Band and Torrance Junior Women's Club will bring to music-lovers of this area Wednesday at 8 p.m. the talents of the well-known Hollywood Saxophone Quartet, which records on the Liberty label.

Preceding the appearance of the saxophone quartet, the Youth Band will be featured. Highlighting the band program will be a presentation by a woodwind quintet comprised of Tom Scanlon, flute; John Mouzakis, oboe; Duck Ducar, clarinet; Tom Greer, french horn; and Terry Hart, bassoon.

Culminating the present series May 23rd will be the awarding of four \$100 scholarships to four youthful musicians who will perform on the final program.

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tion of the freeway, since the area it will serve has one of the most severe problems of traffic congestion in Southern California.

"CONSTRUCTION of the San Diego Freeway from Manchester to the Harbor Freeway is vitally important to all of Southern California, since it will serve the Los Angeles International Airport, the City of Los Angeles, Westchester, Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, the South Bay beach cities, Torrance, and Gardena.

"There is at present a serious problem of traffic congestion in this area because of the International Airport and a high concentration of important defense manufacturing industrial plants and aircraft companies. The public safety and welfare makes it imperative that this segment of the San Diego Freeway be built as soon as possible," Hahn declared.

**MCCOY'S REPORT** to Hahn was made as a result of the conference with Bradford and a subsequent letter which the Supervisor sent to Bradford asking for additional information on the current status of the San Diego Freeway.

In his reply, McCoy stated: "As you know the route has been adopted, most of the right of way has been acquired or budgeted, plans have been scheduled for completion in 1960, and the structures at Manchester Ave. have been scheduled for advertising this summer.

"WE ARE concentrating major efforts on completing the plans for the 1.3 mile section



**UNHAND THAT GAL . . .** Lyle Van Dyke, a true Western hero, points his shootin' iron at Don Brannon, who as the bad man is trying to force Jackie Campbell to leave the "Long Branch Saloon" with him. This was all part of the "Gunsmoke Days" celebration held at Walteria Park yesterday. (Herald photo)



**RECEIVES TROPHY . . .** Glenn Koger, selected as Torrance's "Citizen of the Year," accepts his trophy from Mrs. William L. Laughon (left) and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte (right) at the Chamber of Commerce banquet here Wednesday night. Mrs. Koger is holding the replica which will be retained by her husband as a symbol of his award. (Herald photo)