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# YOUNG CAR THEFT RING NABBED

## Six Youths In Roundup

A chase through residential streets of the city which reached speeds up to 80 miles an hour here Thursday resulted in the arrest of three youths on suspicion of stealing an auto in Anaheim, and led to the arrest of three others the next night. All are suspected of operating a car-stripping ring in the Southland.

The chase involved the trio and two police cars after Officer Darrel Lanham spotted the car near Lomita Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave.

A number of children, estimated to be as many as 50, were endangered by the speeding auto during the chase, officers said.

THE TRIO was trapped in a parkway at Anza Blvd. and Torrance Blvd. after officers had chased their auto along 230th St., Ladeene Ave., Sepulveda, Carson St. and Anza.

A 17-year-old Lawndale youth was driving the stolen car, police said. With him were a 17-year-old Redondo Beach youth and Robert A. Ebert, 19, of Redondo Beach.

INFORMATION gained from papers found on the trio and at their home led to the arrest

of the other three, ranging in age from 15 to 17.

Juvenile bureau officers here said the ring was wanted by authorities here and in Orange County, and possibly elsewhere.

Two of the three picked up Thursday have been turned over to Anaheim police for questioning on car theft charges.

POLICE said the ring would steal cars, drive them to such places as Malibu, Riverside... maybe even Reno, strip them down, and bring the parts back to the area, leaving the stripped car.

They may also have been involved in the theft of two cars in Hollywood Riviera last week led to the wrecking of one as it caromed into four houses when it failed to make a curve there.

The six youths, all residents of Lawndale and the beach cities, are still being questioned about the ring's activities, according to Officer Leo Gonzales. Several other Southern California jurisdictions want to talk to them also, Gonzales said.



KING AND QUEEN... Blake Jones, 18 months, and Christina Amonte, 11 months, were crowned Master and Miss Alondra Park in a baby contest held Friday in the recreation center. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jones, 12513 Tahoe, and Christina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Amonte, 1900 Parkway, competed for the titles with 108 other babies. (Herald photo)

## Dr. Moshos Better In Alaska Hospital

Dr. Don C. Moshos, hospitalized at Ellendorf Air Force Base in Alaska since he was seriously injured in an auto accident last month, was reported to be "improving every day" by Mrs. Moshos in a letter this week to Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald.

"After hanging to life by a thin thread for about 12 days, he suddenly began to get better," Mrs. Moshos wrote.

She also had praise for the Seventh Day Adventist church, in which the Torrance couple is active.

"They're just like one big happy family," she said. She has been staying at the home of the president of the Alaskan Conference of the church

while her husband was hospitalized.

The flowers and messages from their Torrance friends "make this nightmare of loneliness and pain much easier to bear, knowing folks back home are thinking and praying for his recovery," she said.

It is still not known when he might be returned to the Southland.

### Mrs. Tolson Hurt

Mrs. William T. Tolson, whose husband is a former city mayor and member of the school board, was cut severely Thursday when she fell on a milk bottle at her home at 903 Beech Ave.

## Letter From White House

A letter from President Eisenhower's office, plus a picture of him, made a fitting climax Friday to summer school studies of Mrs. Harriet Wilson's first grade class at Arlington Elementary School, Torrance.

Wilton B. Persons, special assistant to the president, wrote the letter thanking the class for sending the president a poster giving a reason from each student on why "I love my country." When they mailed their letter to Ike, the class visited the post office. The poster was part of Fourth of July activities in summer school.

## Shell Chemical to Install Cobalt-60 Unit This Week

A cobalt-60 irradiation unit, a research tool used in radiation process studies, will be installed this week at Shell Chemical's Synthetic Rubber Division research laboratory at Torrance.

The new unit, represents another step by Shell to promote the scientific application of atomic energy, Dr. John Anderson, research director at the local plant, said.

DR. ANDERSON said the radiation derived from the cobalt-60 source will be utilized in the study of improved rubber and plastics products and the development of radiation-resistant products for use in atomic power plants.

The 20,000-curie unit is being shipped to Torrance by truck from Philadelphia according to standards specified by the United States Atomic Energy Commission and other responsible agencies.

celerator already in use by Shell Chemical's affiliate, Shell Development Co. at Emeryville, Calif., in research activities for all Shell companies.

The cobalt source consists of 20,000 curies of radioactive cobalt which emits the gamma radiation necessary for experimental work. A curie is a measurement of the number of radioactive atoms disintegrating in one second in a given amount of radioisotope.

THE COBALT-60 in the shipment weighs about two pounds and is enclosed in 13 tons of steel-covered lead shielding—a portable package unit designed and constructed in Philadelphia by Nuclear Systems, a division of the Budd Co.

George M. Uhl, M.D., Los Angeles city health officer, said today that "Shell personnel are cooperating wholeheartedly with the Division of Occupational Health in complying with the provisions of the City's toxic chemical ordinance which safeguards the handling

of potentially dangerous substances".

"I wish to compliment the officials of Shell Chemical Corp. for efficiently planning with our department for the careful transportation and safe installation of South California's largest supply of cobalt-60 radio-active material," he said.

OVER 200 other industrial users of radioactive material are under Division of Occupational Health supervision, Uhl pointed out.

The unit will be installed in a specially constructed "exclusion room" adjacent to the recently completed radiation laboratory at the Torrance plant. Once installed, safety features will include special instruments, mechanical interlocks, and alarms to assure safe operation of the unit.

The unit is licensed by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and will be periodically inspected by that agency plus local authorities from the Division of Occupational Health.



CLOWN ACT... Les Breitenfelt, recreation department supervisor, applies the finishing touches to the clown for a circus day fete at McMaster Park. Activities such as these drew more than 100,000 to the city's recreation facilities during July, it was reported here yesterday by Harry Van Belleham, director.

## Youth Revived Following Rescue

Quick action by an alert lifeguard saved a 13-year-old Torrance boy who was nearly drowned at the city plunge here Thursday afternoon.

Police said Daniel Rossi, of 21405 Howard Ave., was spotted in the deep section of the pool by Lifeguard Art Sues, who plunged into the water and pulled him out.

Sues and other pool attendants began administering artificial respiration pending arrival of a fire department rescuer.

He was revived and told officers that he was standing at the edge of the pool looking for a friend. Whether he was pushed in, slipped, or jumped

## PUC Makes Change in Water Case

The California Public Utilities Commission announced Friday it has modified its decision on the Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2 to permit service to new customers who were issued building permits prior to May 4, effective date of the order.

The Commission, in an interim decision handed down April 14, prohibited the company from providing new service without approval. In a second interim opinion and order, effective August 17, the Commission noted that several parties had obtained permits to construct business buildings or residences within the company's service area and were without a water supply.

"New customers," the Commission said, "shall not be construed to include persons who had a bona fide issued building permit prior to May 4."

The restriction followed three days of public hearings in Lomita on service complaints, particularly low pressure. The company presently serves some 1100 customers in the Lomita and Torrance areas.

## Tries for Record



HUMAN FISH... Dolores Fisher, 23, is pictured after 24 hours under water at the Ocean Aquarium in Hermosa Beach. The local housewife, who lives at 117 Via Pasqual, plans to stay at the bottom of a porpoise tank for three days in an attempt to break the world's record. (Herald photo)

## Torrance Lady Seeking New Underwater Record

Still down and going strong was Dolores Fisher's reply yesterday afternoon when asked how she felt after more than 24 hours below the surface of the porpoise tank at the Ocean Aquarium in Hermosa Beach. A diver wrote the question on a slate and took it below and the answer was handled in like manner.

The 23-year-old Torrance housewife, an attractive strawberry blond, went under water Friday at 10:30 a.m. and plans to stay three days and is out to break the world's record of 50 hours, 2 minutes and 45 seconds set by Elberta Jones

in a Northridge pool last year. Mrs. Fisher, who is the mother of three sons and lives at 117 Via Pasqual, Hollywood Riviera, is being attended by her husband, Mel, and other skin divers who bring her fresh oxygen tanks and food in special containers. She is wearing a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus and a rubber diving suit in her attempt to break the underwater record. She has been diving for six years.

The event is part of the Hermosa Beach Aloha Days which will end today.

in himself was not determined at the time. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital where he was put under observation to forestall the development of pneumonia.

Recreation department officials who operate the plunge reported that Thursday's near drowning was only the second such incident in the nearly four years the pool has been in operation.

## Chace Names Paul Moore His Deputy

Paul M. Moore, 38, prominent Redondo Beach civic and business leader, was named by Supervisor Burton W. Chace as his deputy Friday.

Moore, whose appointment becomes effective immediately, succeeds Richard L. Newton and then at the other who transferred to the County Department of Real Estate Management earlier this month.

"Paul Moore has been an outstanding citizen in the South Bay for many years," Chace said in announcing Moore's appointment, "and I am sure he will prove to be a worthy representative of our office in the South Bay area."

"In his new capacity as my deputy, I know he will serve with outstanding credit to himself, his many friends in the South Bay, and to the County as a whole.

"THERE IS NO doubt in my mind that Mr. Moore will become a very valuable addition to our already capable staff," Chace concluded.

General Manager of the Walter G. Lynch Co. in Redondo Beach since 1948, Moore was chosen in 1955 as the outstanding young man of the year by the Redondo Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce and in 1958 won the coveted Citizen

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Why are you at the park and what activity do you like best here?" is the question your Penny Photographer asks five youngsters playing at Sa-Aire Park. Their answers proved that Torrance parks are a Godsend to working mothers.

Jeff King, 4: My momma brings me here every day and my brother plays golf here. I play on the slides most. I like the slides. I like everything in the big sand play lot. It's fun here. I like it."

Steve Harris, 11: "I have fun here at the 'Sea-Aire' Park. I like the playground and the merry-go-round. I go to summer school—well, I did go. This was the last week. Then I come to the park. I played on the Little League Dodgers, too."

John Tuttle, 10: "I play ping-pong, checkers and carroms. I went to summer school, too. I come to the park every day and like it. I played on the Little League Tigers and took the Harbor Cruise with the directors."

Robert Sewell, 9: "I play on the bars and the merry-go-round. I play ping-pong and most everything. I like the park and the grown-ups who take care of us. I like the story-telling and come every day to play with my friends."

Debbie Tetreault, 10: "I play on all of the playground things. I like it here. I come to the park nearly every day and my mommie said it was safe here at the playground for children. I like all of the games we play."

## 'Auto Flips Over Pinning Motorist

Injured when her car went out of control at 190th St. and Crenshaw early Friday was Mrs. Louise Coleman, 32, of 1830 Torrance Blvd.

Investigating officers said the victim was pinned in the car after it hit a dip in the pavement at the intersection and upset. Police and firemen extricated her and she was sent to Harbor General Hospital.

She reportedly suffered cuts and possible internal injuries.