



LIKE A PAGE FROM HISTORY, colorful Spanish regalia and dons of old feature opening Monday of new Buffums' fashionable store at Peninsula Center, Palos Verdes. Old California Spanish families

flocked to "reunion" staged by Harry Buffum of famed department-store family.

Gala Aquacade, Carnival, Open House Begin Here

(See picture on page A1) "What's his name?" "George." "You can't call him George! That's the guy who slew the dragon. Think of another name."

And the bright-eyed, be-jowled (a dragon with jowl?) fire-breather continues to take shape under the skillful hands of Torrance recreation personnel at Sea-Aire Arts and Crafts Center in preparation for one phase of the recreation department's eighth annual aquacade.

Dubbed a "Castle Hassle," the joint Aquacade-Carnival - Open House event, which will be held Friday and Saturday at the city's Benstead Plunge and the Recreation Center, busily involves many of the recreation staff and facilities in the closing weeks of preparation.

Carnival booths, water-show sets typical of the knightly theme, Open House displays and demonstrations featuring Torrance's summer recreation programs — all are nearing their final colorful stages.

Meanwhile, the nameless dragon, destined to emerge

from his underwater home to capture the Fair Maiden — and probably also to steal the whole show — grows more Grendelish by the day.

"In Daze of Knights" has been chosen as the theme of the recreation department's eighth annual Aquacade Carnival and Open House. Tibby Bova and Jean Gregory, whose synchronized swimming classes at the plunge will participate in the aquacade, are in charge of the choreography and direction of the water show.

Jim Armstrong, whose efforts are also providing the "Music for a Summer Sunday" series at Torrance Park, will direct staging and variety aspects of the event. Dee Manning and Joseph Guarrera, Recreation Center supervisors, will coordinate all of the efforts involved.

For further information concerning the event, call

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CIVIL RIGHTS FORUM DUE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Impact of the national civil rights struggle on the local scene will be the subject of a public forum scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17, it has been announced by the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee. The human relations group will sponsor the meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Torrance High School auditorium, 2200 Carson St.

"Our area has already been touched by this issue," said CBHRC chairman Robert Brigham, "and it would be naive to feel that we will not become more directly involved in the months ahead."

"The question of equal opportunity in employment, housing, education and public accommodation is America's most pressing domestic challenge," according to Brigham, "and as American communities we must be prepared to assume our responsibilities in the matter."

Catterlin Moderator
The forum will feature speakers representing the office of the California attorney-general, the state real estate commission, the Mexican-American Community Service Organization, the California State Fair Employment Practices Commission, the National Association of Colored People and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

Moderating the forum will be Charles F. "Monte" Catterlin, president of the South Bay Bar Association. Serving as general chairman of the event for the CBHRC is Carl Pearlston, Torrance resident and an engineer at Northrop Corporation.

"Nearly everyone, regardless of their views on this question, recognizes the need for education in human relations," said Pearlston.

"Our organization sees education as one of its functions and we hope that this meeting will meet that need."

Housing Key Issue
Brigham, who lives in Manhattan Beach and is a teacher in the South Bay Union High School District, explained that housing has been the most important phase of the civil rights issue for the Centinela Bay area during the three years of the organization's existence and expressed the opinion that Negroes seemed to have more difficulty in securing their rights than any other minority group.

"This does not mean that we are not concerned in areas other than housing and with the human relations problems of persons who are members of other minority groups," he said. "Our experience has been that Negroes seem to be more concerned at this point about their right to live anywhere they can afford to live than about actually securing a home in this area," said Brigham.

"although several families have done so and generally the ease with which they have become a part of their new community represents real progress."

Regret Expressed
Regarding families who genuinely prefer to live in the metropolitan area, Brigham says his group has no desire to induce them to move to suburbia.

"But to families who are financially qualified and whose only reason for not making the move is the fear of social ostracism or worse, it is the responsibility of all of us to assure them that they will be as safe as anyone else in our communities."

"Beyond that," Brigham added, "there are many who have already proved that they will welcome persons of ethnic groups not heretofore represented in our neighborhoods."

Pearlston expressed regret that most people have remained silent and inactive on the civil rights front too long.

"We have acted as if we thought it might go away if ignored. It now appears that it will not go away and the ease with which we solve our problems in this field will depend upon how prepared we are to put our convictions on equal opportunity into action."

No Charge
The Aug. 17 forum is open to the public at no admission charge.

Speaking for the office of the attorney general will be Robert Burke, state deputy attorney general. The county human relations commission will be represented by Julius Klein. Anthony Neumann will be the spokesman for the Los Angeles NAACP-UCRC, and Mr. Rodriguez, who is chairman of the Los Angeles chapter of the Mexican-American Community Service Organization, will represent that group on the panel.

The goal of the forum is to stimulate discussion and provide the residents of the South Bay area with factual information on the problems of integration. An extensive audience discussion period will be held. This is being presented as a public service, sponsors say.

Romance of Old California Lives Again as Buffums Opens New Palos Verdes Store

The romance of Old California and a reunion of its "first families" featured the opening of a major new enterprise Monday in Palos Verdes.

Host at the reunion was Harry Buffum, chairman of the board of Buffums' Department Store of Long Beach, which opened a high fashion sportswear store Monday on land once owned by the Sepulveda family, at the Peninsula Center.

Buffum, whose stores are celebrating their 59th anniversary this year, has long been interested in early California history. The Buffums' Pomona store has a dining room dedicated to the Palomares family which helped settle Pomona Valley. Another Buffums' dining room in Santa Ana honors

the pioneer Yorba family.

Old families from every section of Southern California were represented at the cutting of a garland of flowers Monday at the entrance to the Peninsula store and at a luncheon that followed.

Elma Yorba Grier, Marie Yorba Vejar and Thesa Vejar Evelenko were there and so was Inez Yorba Nicolas. Another was Nena Marquardt del Valle Roswell, on whose del Valle family ranch gold was first discovered in California. Other families represented at Buffums' opening were the Palomares, the Verdugos, the Machados, the Sepulvedas, and the Dominguez family, as well as the Avilas.

What inspired the Monday reunion was a chance remark Rose Palomares made to Buffums' in Pomona that she had never met members of the Sepulveda family in Palos Verdes despite the roles their respective families played in California history. Buffum offered to arrange the meeting and the gala opening was the result of that offer.

One minor flaw marred the opening—a stagecoach was supposed to bring the assembled guests to the Buffums' store site. The stage

never arrived—evidently it was ambushed by Indians, Buffum said. The guests, however, were not ambushed. They arrived, sans stagecoach, and created another new moment in California's colorful history.

Pastor Feted by Methodists

Honoring the new pastor, Rev. Arthur Nagel, and associate pastors, Rev. E. D. Goodell and Rev. Richard Wong, a family potluck dinner was held Friday, July 19 at the First Methodist Church in Torrance.

The dinner was sponsored by the commission on education and the Women's Society of Christian Service. Families attending were introduced to the new church leaders during a "get-acquainted hour" following the potluck.

Man, 32, Shot in Dispute Here

Paul D. Hodgkinson, 32, was shot Sunday morning at 18535 Ashley Ave. after an argument over record playing, Torrance police reported.

Hodgkinson, who was in shock, was found by officers at 3:10 a.m. on the ground, his head held by Antone Ley, 24, a sailor who told officers he shot Hodgkinson. "I didn't mean to shoot him," Ley said. Hodgkinson was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. The bullet was reported to have passed about three inches below the heart. It was discharged accidentally, according to Ley.

Great Books Chapter Examines Satire
The Torrance Great Books Discussion Group held a summer social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Witt, 408 Via La Selva, Hollywood Riviera.

The group discussed the political satire, "Voice of the Dolphins," by scientist Leo Szilard.

Dr. Donald Salk of Torrance was moderator for the evening.

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