



NOW PLAYING . . . Darrell Kitchell (right) is about to get the brush-off from Susanna Tomecko in a scene from the comedy "Harvey," now being presented by the Long Beach Community Players. "Harvey," directed by John Williams, will run through June 28, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. Long Beach Community Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach.

COUNTY REPORT

Narcoban Field Test Kit Wins Approval of Board

By BURTON W. CHACE County Supervisor

A major breakthrough in the prosecution of narcotics offenders has been accomplished and endorsed by county supervisors.

The breakthrough is called Narcoban, a testing kit which can be effectively used to detect narcotics. Evaluation of the kit was ordered by county supervisors earlier this spring and has been proven effective.

Supervisors have endorsed and encouraged use of the kit by law enforcement agencies. This is an effort to unsmother the logjam of court cases delayed — and sometimes thrown out — because of the need for time-consuming laboratory analyses of evidence believed to be narcotics.

THE NARCOBAN kit allows law enforcement officers to make quick identification of dangerous drugs. A joint report of the county counsel, district attorney, and the chief administrative office indicates the kit has accomplished its purpose during a test period since February.

"Narcoban has increased the speed and efficiency with which the sheriff's department has been able to obtain formal complaints," the report said.

During February, March, and April, 113 tests were conducted under investigation conditions, using the kit to identify amphetamines, barbiturates, LSD, and heroin. Elaborate laboratory tests later confirmed the field tests.

In 80 OF the 113 cases, the positive results led to cases being filed in court at an earlier date than otherwise would have been possible. Some 35 tests were negative and permitted release of suspects in a minimum amount of time.

As a result, the Sheriff's Criminalistic Bureau has requested funds for 3,000 Narcoban testing kits in the budget for 1969-70.

Up to now, the problem of enforcing drug laws has been complicated by the long time necessary to have evidence tested in "formal" labs. This resulted in many cases being thrown out of court because the evidence had not been evaluated by the time the case went to court.

Supervisors took two steps to alleviate this problem. The first was to add four lab technicians to tackle the backlog of tests necessary; the other was evaluation of the Narcoban kit.

Both steps have paid tremendous dividends.

SENIOR citizens are now permitted to play golf for \$1 a round at any of the 15 county-operated golf courses.

To play at the lower fee, golfers who are 65 years of age and older will purchase lifetime identification cards for \$10.

The \$1 a round rate, established by the Board of Supervisors, will not be available on weekends. No reservations for play will be accepted from golfers registered under the plan.

Identification cards may be obtained at county-operated courses.

Law in Action

When you open an account, you expect the bank to keep your financial affairs confidential. A bank has a legal duty to keep your affairs private. If it breaches this duty the depositor can hold the bank legally responsible.

Yet because of our credit economy, the bank is often requested to give financial information to government agents or parties in a lawsuit. How far can the bank safely go?

As a depositor you can consent to the disclosure of information — perhaps when you apply for a loan. Then the bank has no liability to you. The bank may still refuse to give out the information, but, as a rule, the bank will disclose if it has your consent.

SOMETIMES a court will allow someone to look at your finances if you are in a lawsuit or have information which a court needs. If so, the court will issue a subpoena for the information, and the bank, as a rule, must turn it over. Because the customer may not want to disclose the information, the bank should inform the depositor about the subpoena before giving out the information.

A depositor may then challenge the subpoena in court as a "fishing expedition" or a violation of his freedom from "illegal search and seizure."

The fact that a person changes banks does not destroy the bank's duties to its former customers.

IF THE bank gives out wrong information, it may be liable if it harms the depositor's credit.

A bank may make business rules for supplying information. It may require forms for consent to disclose, for example, or require payment for gathering information which is costly to compile.

Michael F. Leone, 2220 Arlington Ave., has won the Alfred I. Mellenthin award at the USC Law Center for maintaining the highest scholarship during his junior year.

APPOINTMENTS to donate at the Torrance mobiles can be made by calling Mrs. Gordon Jones at 326-8929, or Red Cross, 831-0751. Appointments for the San Pedro mobile can be made by calling Red Cross at 831-0751.

For the convenience of employees of McDonnell Douglas Corp., a Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the plant Wednesday, June 18.

Wins Top Award

VFW Posts Set Mass Installation Saturday

Lloyd (Lindy) Linquist, commander of the Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, will install officers of 36 VFW posts during mass installation ceremonies Saturday in Long Beach.

The mass installation, oldest continuous ceremony in the United States, will highlight a meeting of the Fourth District of the VFW's Department of California.

Posts from Torrance, Lomita, and Gardena will take part in the program. The Fourth District is comprised of 36 posts and 29 auxiliaries. The public has been invited to attend the ceremonies, which will be held in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, beginning at 7:15 p.m. A dance, open to the public without charge, will follow at the Breakers Hotel.

Wins \$50 Bond

Ron Ogle, 22803 Fern Ave., has won a \$50 savings bond in the 1969 Key-Man Scholarship competition sponsored by Broadway Department Stores. Ogle is a senior at Torrance High School.

Public Works Study Asked By Official

A study of public works in the South Los Angeles area has been ordered by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Present and future needs of residents in the area will be studied with a view to qualifying certain waterworks, storm drain, and sewer projects for federal aid, Hahn said.

The study will include a look at existing works and will follow guidelines established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hahn added.

Blind Teenagers to Tour Long Beach 'Oil Islands'

Sixty blind teenagers and young adults from the Braille Institute will get a chance to tour the "Oil Islands" off the coast of Long Beach Saturday, June 14.

Accompanied by a group of sighted guides, the group will depart from the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach at 10 a.m. by boat to Islands A and B, which recently were renamed Grissom and White, after the late astronauts who died in the tragic accident at Cape Kennedy in 1967.

The group will don hard hats and get a thorough tour of the Wilmington oil island field

which has been a boon to the city's revenues. They will learn various methods of oil production and the technique of water injection which greatly increases production capacity.

Hosting the group are the city of Long Beach, THUMS (Texaco, Humble, Union, Mobil, and Shell oil companies), Pacific Telephone (Central, Harbor, and Orange divisions), and General Telephone Co.

The tour is part of regularly planned educational trips scheduled by the Braille Institute for the younger blind.

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