

Obituaries

VICTIM OF EXPLOSION IMPROVING

Injured in an explosion, Orio Brown, 40, of San Gabriel was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Brown received second and third degree burns on his face, chest and arms when an explosion ripped the metal building at Hi-Shear River Tool Co., 2600 W. 247th St., last Thursday.

Earl Hyde, 22, of Inglewood, was treated for minor burns. Plant officials said the number of injuries was so low because most of the employees were out of the building on their lunch hour when the blast occurred. Brown is the plant's chief metallurgist.

The explosion reportedly was set off by chemical activation in the tanks. The plant manufactures aircraft and missile parts for the Air Force.

Gregory John Lessman

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Han 1412 Crenshaw Blvd., this week reported the death of their grandson, Gregory John Lessman, who resided with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lessman.

The 4 1/2-year-old boy died June 27.

Mass of the Angeles was celebrated at Our Lady of Refuge at Los Altos, and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister Christine, and two brothers, Stephen and Mar.

Mary C. Gately

Rosary was recited Tuesday at Halverson-Leavell Chapel for Mary Cecile Gately, 83, who died Monday in Manhattan Beach. Mrs. Gately, a native of New York, resided at 342 E. 219th St.

The Rev. Father Frederick Callahan officiated at the local services and interment will be in New York.

Surviving are three sons: Francis of Torrance, Alphonso and Thomas of San Pedro; two daughters, Carcella McGuire and Elizabeth Pettis, both of Charlotte, Va.

Wellis L. Skinner

Funeral services for Wellis L. Skinner, 53, of 618 E. Carson St., will be conducted at Halverson-Leavell chapel Saturday, 1 p.m. with Major Angelo of the Salvation Army officiating. Interment will be in Green Hills Mortuary.

Mr. Skinner, who was born in Copperton, Okla., had lived here 18 years. He died Monday following a possible heart attack while he was bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Mahalia; two sisters and an uncle.

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GRACIOUSLY MET BY a reception team last night, Orio Brown, 41, inventor, manufacturer, and sportsman, will be celebrated at St. Lawrence Church tomorrow at 10 a.m. La Torre, a member of the Torrance Mounted Police, and president of Lok-Fast, Inc., 2287 Border Ave., died Saturday evening after he collapsed near Portuguese Bend where he had been skin diving. He is shown here at Torrance Municipal Airport where HERALD photographers and reporters greeted him last year on his return from a solo flight to New York and return. (Herald Photo)

Dodger, Phillie Tilt Ducats Ready for Torrance Night

Tickets are moving at a fast clip for "Torrance Night" at the Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Philadelphia Phillies baseball game scheduled for Saturday night, July 19, at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

President Fred Mill of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce urged Torrance business and industrial firms to encourage employees to attend the affair to properly represent the "All America City". Mill said Chairman J. H. Papet had arranged for Mayor Albert Isen to throw out the first ball at the game. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at the Chamber office, 1945 El Prado. A special section for groups of six youngsters will be available at no charge for youths 8-17 inclusive who are accompanied by an adult. The adult will also be admitted free under this plan but must make reservations at the Chamber office to qualify.

Rezoning

(Continued from Page 1) Ramo-Woolridge is currently clearing zoning matters for a 63-acre research installation here and that Magnavox Corp. was planning to consolidate their research plants into a new multi-million dollar plant here.

"All of this has been announced in the past 10 days," Planning Director George Powell said. Other city officials commented that the announcements did not sound like disinterest to them.

The planning commission's recommendation that the rezoning petition be denied was backed by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, and the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Breaks Tie Vote on concurrence with the planning commission came on the motion of Councilman Willys Blount which was seconded by George Bradford. Nick Draie voted to uphold the planning commission while J. A. Bessley, Victor E. Benstead, and Robert Jahn, opposed the motion. Isen broke the tie by voting with Blount, Bradford, and Draie.

"I want it to be more than a campaign promise that our people will benefit from the advantages of having industry in our city," Isen said. He also refuted statements that industry was not interested here. "Industry is clamoring to get into our city," he said.

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