

Blaze Guts Supermart



SURVEYING RUINS after \$65,000 fire last night at Farmers Outlet, Carson and Wilmington, is this county fireman. Six fire units, 25 firemen, battled blaze for nearly two hours, spent three more hours mopping up.

Capt. Don Beckman fell, broke his leg, and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. The 15,000-square-foot building was three-fourths destroyed, firemen said. Cause of fire was undetermined as of this morning. —PRESS photo



HUDDLED ABOUT watching remains of Farmers Outlet blaze last night are employes and nearby residents. Fire was under way when firemen arrived at 7:45 p.m. under direction of Bat-

alion Chief Paul Schneider. By 9:30 p.m. fire was controlled, but firemen were cleaning up at site until after midnight. —PRESS photo

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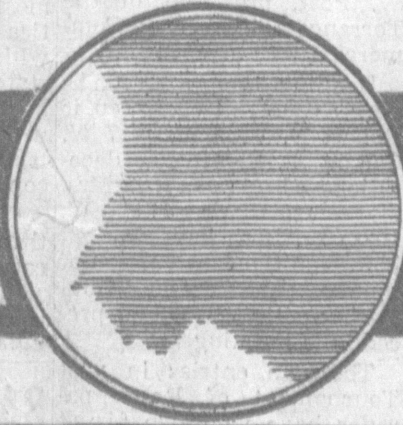
JAZZ IN THE WOODS — Hot trio tunes up in sylvan setting. From left, clarinetist John Gall, trombonist Bruce Richardson and guitar player Fred

Feldon, work out new arrangement of "Saints Come Marching In." For more about this campfire combo, turn to Page A4.

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STABLE FIRE KILLS HORSE; 3 SAVED

Quick action by a neighbor saved three horses from their burning stable last night but a fourth perished, in the fast moving fire before it could be reached.

Mrs. Dolores Anderson, 2043 W. 238th St., noticed smoke coming from the hay located in a stable at the rear of 2040 W. 237 St. and rushed from her house to release the four horses she knew to be inside.

When the Torrance Fire Dept. reached the scene the framework and lean-to building, owned by Selmar Langerud, was completely involved in flames.

Two engine companies, a truck company, and a salvage unit under the direction of Acting Battalion Chief Sam R. Dial succeeded in stopping the blaze before it spread to nearby structures.

SIX INJURED IN 3-CAR CRASH AT INTERSECTION

Six persons were injured in a three-car collision Sunday morning at Sepulveda and Hawthorne.

A car driven by Laura Adeline Sanders, 70, of Oakview, apparently made a left turn from the wrong lane, according to police, and struck a vehicle in the center northbound lane. Arnold A. Duke, 41, of 24450 Hawthorne Blvd., was the driver of the struck car.

Both cars then collided with a vehicle stopped in the intersection waiting for a red light. Its driver was David B. Coats, 35, of Gardena.

Duke and Mrs. Sanders were injured, as were Gary Coats, 8, and Brian Coats, 4. John Alexander, 31, of 25719 Walnut Ave., Lomita, a passenger in Duke's car, and Julia Fulks, 71, of Gardena, a passenger in Mrs. Sander's car, was also injured. The two children had bloody noses, and Mrs. Fulks, possible broken ribs.

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ABSORBING SPACE DRAMA SLATES SHORT RUN HERE

A major theatrical production will be unveiled Friday afternoon in Torrance.

The play, "The Bird From Outer Space," will be presented at 2 p.m. in the Caroldale School auditorium. The production will close the school playground's summer schedule. The playground will re-open Sept. 17 for its regular school year 3 to 5 p.m. schedule.

Friday's play is directed by Robert Bee, assistant playground director.

Youngsters built the scenery, will do all the special lighting and sound effects, and are the star actors in the production.

The play is about an astronaut from another planet who gets lost and lands on earth.

Among the actors are Rue Harris, 11; Don Allen, 11; Randy Allen, 13; Bob Harmel, 14; Linda McKinney, 12; Doris Hilburn, 18.

The play won't have a long run — just one performance, and only 12 minutes at that.

But an audience would be appreciated.



REHABILITATION of downtown Torrance business area continues under city direction. Completion of public address system (see arrow) and new lights is expected in about two weeks, according to city manager Wade Peebles. Robert Forsyth, left, and foreman Vern Minke examine progress.

New light poles in center of streets 50 feet apart will have two mercury vapor lights on each pole. Each pole is equipped with Electro voice speaker for music and taped announcements to be played daily.

PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

Property Owner Hits 'Gerrymandering'

Downtown Torrance's new parking district was officially approved by the city council last night after a stormy session in which one property owner accused the city of "gerrymandering" the assessment district.

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most of the people were from a trailer park across the street from Rolling Hills Plaza. The 200-plus senior citizens called for intersection traffic signals to permit them to cross Pacific Highway on foot to get to the shopping center.

The council appointed Herbert Olson Jr. to the planning commission to replace John Melville, who had resigned. Olson is a Union Carbide official.

Chief Plan Studied
Councilmen also referred to the civil service commission for study a proposal to open up police and fire chief promotion examinations to some lower ranks in the departments and to qualified outsiders. Police and fire representatives at the meeting opposed the council plan. At present only one man is eligible for the fire chief job and two for the police chief position.

Charles Oates, however, representing the Torrance police officers, urged opening the exam to anyone on the force.

Councilmen, generally, indicated they favored allowing the next three ranks in the department plus qualified men from other departments in the state to take the exams.

Only Token Picketing To Remain

The Southwood racial situation has simmered down to a subdued murmur, but the surprise outcome this week of the 193 court cases against sit-in demonstrators has left everyone wondering who won, if anybody.

Torrance city prosecutor C. F. Catterlin went into court Monday and obtained dismissal of all charges against the CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) demonstrators. An agreement reached over the weekend between CORE attorneys and the city was announced.

Under the agreement CORE will limit its picketing against developer Don Wilson to two token pickets once a week, and will discontinue all demonstrations, picketing and sit-ins, except for the token picketing.

Could Resume

If a court "of competent jurisdiction" finds that Wilson or his company has refused to sell a home in the Southwood tract on the basis of race, creed or color, CORE will resume picketing in the manner permitted in the restraining order issued by Judge Alfred Gitelson: pickets 10 feet apart, using half the sidewalk, during daytime hours only.

CORE agreed that it would not resume such picketing until at least 30 days after a court finding that Wilson was discriminating in sales, and only if Wilson did not remedy the situation by opening an escrow with the person he were found guilty of discriminating against.

The city is proceeding with its attempt to secure a permanent injunction limiting picketing. That hearing is now set for Oct. 2 before Judge Gitelson.

Five Sign Part

Five Torrance councilmen — Mayor Isen, and Nick Drale, Jay Beasley, Ken Miller and Ross Sciarrotta — signed the agreement, along with city attorney Stan Remelmyer. The agreement was ratified last night, 5-2, by the city council, with George Vico and Victor Benstead voting against the agreement.

Just a week ago the city hired five attorneys to push the cases through the courts, and gave Remelmyer permission to hire whatever legal help he needed.

Last night the need was reduced to one attorney, Jim Hall, to continue handling the injunction matter.

Democrats Schedule A Harbor Cruise

Annual harbor cruise of the Democratic Council of the 17th Congressional District is scheduled Friday, Sept. 6, aboard the Princess. The group will leave from the Ports O'Call.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and other dignitaries will be guests. The public is invited. Phone DA 9-3581 or DA 9-3924, and ask for Harmon Belcher or Thirvin Fleetwood, to get more information.