

IT'S NEWS TO ME by Herb Caen

# A Hard Day's Day on the Bay

10 A.M.: "That's right," nods Ed Diran, boss of the Cow Palace. "The Beatles were offered \$50,000 if they'd do a Thursday matinee here, but they turned it down." . . . 10:30 a.m., and a call from Frank Werber, manager of the Kingston Trio: "You said we were about to buy the hungry—I and I hope you're right. We've been trying to buy that place for a year now, but it's a complicated deal. However, we won't pay any \$350,000. More like \$200,000" . . . 11 a.m., ex-madam Sally Stanford on the phone: "That's right, dear, Paramount is making a movie called 'Sylvia,' starring Carroll Baker—and I've been hired as technical adviser. Another one of those 'House Is Not a Home' things, for Heaven's sake. Oh, funny thing—Paramount asked me if I have a Social Security number, for my pay check. I gave it to 'em. I may not be social, dear, but I've got plenty of security."

12 NOON: "My book on the Ruby trial, 'Black Dates: Dallas' will be published January 15," Melvin Belli says as he takes the sun in front of his offices. "If it sells, it'll be the only dough I made out of the whole thing. So far, I'm thousands out of pocket. After the Ruby book, I've got one coming out on medical malpractice, called 'Scalpel, Sponge, Subpoena.' And stop calling me Melpractice Belli, will ya?"

3 P.M.: Actress Dolores del Rio, who's well over 50 and looks at least 32, tells how she does it: "Well, I apply a mask of dried fruits to the face and other parts of the body. It softens the skin, nourishes it and gives the glow of health. Sure it's a mess, but worth it" . . . 3:30 p.m.: In Maiden Lane, Actor Ken Murray, in town to show his fascinating home movies of H'wood stars, reveals, "These crazy movies have opened up a whole new career. I've also got a hot idea for a TV show called 'Surprise Divorce.' I pick a happy couple out of the audience and they get a divorce right on stage. Free. Can't miss."

7:30 P.M.: Andres Segovia, the genius of the guitar, and Mischa Elman, the 73-year-old concert violinist, walking along, arm-in-arm. Elman has recovered from his strange mishap: He walked between two parked cars in a garage—not realizing they were over a grease pit—and fell into it, breaking a leg. "For a violinist," he smiles, "a broken leg is nothing" . . . 8 p.m.: At Alfred's, Screenstar Dana Andrews leads the waiters in a medley of arias from "Boheme." Discloses Andrews: "Twenty years ago I began studying opera, but I still haven't made it."

THE OTHER DAY I stopped at a newsstand and bought a paperback copy of Dashiell Hammett's classic, "The Dain Curse," and perched on a sunny window ledge to read the first chapter. The flyleaf said it was first published in 1929 by Alfred A. Knopf. The dedication page read "To Albert S. Samuels."

I walked up the block to Albert S. Samuels, the jeweler. The venerable Albert, now 82, glanced at the book and nodded. "Hammett was my advertising manager when he wrote that," he said. "His first big success. He sent me the first copy off the press, autographed. 'This is dedicated to you for all the reasons in the world.' I loaned it to somebody and never got it back."

I found a sunny spot outside and thought about Hammett, the creator of Sam Spade and "The Maltese Falcon," the originator of the realistic detective novel, the godfather of Raymond Chandler and all the others who borrowed his style without improving on it. In his own way, as important and original a figure in American fiction as Hemingway.

Before he went to work for Albert Samuels, he was a Pinkerton here, writing such literate reports that a fellow agent told him, "You're wasting your time as a gumshoe. Dash." He served in the U.S. Army in both World Wars, and served six months in a Federal prison, during the McCarthy era, for refusing to testify about an alleged Communist-front group he belonged to. "Sam Spade wouldn't have answered those questions, either," he said after he got out.

## Garden Checklist

1. Plant shade trees now. The September sun should let you know where you need them. Specimen trees are available in containers at your local C.A.N. nursery. You can see what they look like in full leaf now.
2. Thin rank growth on grapes to admit light to the center of the vine.
3. Start planting stocks, snapdragons and other winter bedding plants.
4. Plant citrus, avocado, and all evergreen fruits now while the weather is warm. All these are available now in containers, ready for planting.
5. Many Indica Azaleas are getting set for a fall bloom. Be sure to water them frequently and feed them this month with an acid fertilizer recommended by your nurseryman.

## Obituaries

**REV. JOHN B. SPEED**  
Funeral services for the Rev. John B. Speed, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, were held yesterday afternoon in Banning, California. The Rev. Speed, who was 90, died Sept. 8 in a Banning hospital.

A minister for 53 years, The Rev. Speed served in several California cities before his retirement in 1958. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Torrance from 1930 until 1936. After he moved to Banning, he was associated with the First Baptist Church of Banning as minister of visitation.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Banning, with interment in San Geronimo Memorial Park in Banning. Wiefels and Son Banning Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Speed is survived by his widow, Helen G. of Banning; a son, John A. Speed of La Crescenta, Calif., and two granddaughters, Sandra and Cynthia Speed of La Crescenta. Also surviving are four sisters and two brothers, all in Texas.

A memorial fund has been established at the Banning First Baptist Church in his memory. Funds will be used for the training of ministers at the California Baptist Theological Seminary at Covina, Calif.

**STEPHEN A. WEREB**  
Requiem mass for Stephen A. Werab (Steve Weber), 66, of 5143 Carol Drive, was celebrated yesterday morning at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church. Rosary was recited Friday evening at the church.

Born in Alpha, N. J., Mr. Weber had been a resident of Los Angeles County for 42 years. He died Sept. 9 at the Veterans Administration in Long Beach.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Weber also was a former undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He also was a former member of the University Lions Club. He owned and operated the Weber typewriter Co. in Los Angeles.

Surviving are his widow, Helen E.; a son, Robert Werab of Sepulveda, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Stringer of Los Angeles and Mrs. Terry Gaugler of Torrance; a brother, Julius Werab of Ohio, and 10 grandchildren.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery with Missagel Mortuary of Los Angeles in charge of arrangements.

**SALLY F. SINGLETARY**  
Funeral services for Sally Friedonia Singletary, 34, of 847 King St., Wilmington, were held Friday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. D. S. Cahill officiating.

Mrs. Singletary, a native of Oklahoma, died in Compton last Wednesday as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in the Carson area.

She is survived by her husband, John; a son, Terrence, and two daughters, Mrs. Gloria Mathis and Deborah Lynn. Also surviving are her father, Harold Van Valkenburg; her mother, Mattie Pretty, and a sister, Helen Cullum.

Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

## ECC Circle K Club Honored

The Circle K Club of El Camino College, an organization college students sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs International, has been awarded top honors in the 20 to 34 member classification.

The local club was honored at the annual convention of Circle K International, Thomas P. Ewhank, a 20-year-old student from Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected international president.

## On Communist Tactics

### Venezuelan Observer To Speak at Meeting

Clair H. Johnson, who spent 17 years in Venezuela in daily contact with communist insurgency efforts, will address the kick-off meeting of the Naval Reserve Officers School 11-4 Thursday evening.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 in lecture hall 51 at the California State College at Long Beach.

More than 500 reserve officers from the Orange County and Long Beach and Harbor areas are expected to hear the detailed account of mounting efforts on the part of communist agents to take over Venezuela.

The meeting will be attended by all Naval reserve officers who plan to enroll in one of the graduate-level courses offered by the school during the fall semester.

Enrollment in classes will be accepted prior to the general meeting. Credit for attending the opening meeting will be given in all classes. A total of 21 classes will be offered during the year.

### Webb Named To Post on Committee

Robert L. Webb Jr., director of public works for the City of El Segundo, has been elected to the executive committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board.

Webb will serve as area chairman for the Southwest Area, which includes El Segundo, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Lomita, Compton, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Torrance, and Inglewood.

The board is the official consultant to the State Division of Highways in freeway studies and planning. The board also works in close cooperation with the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors Association in transportation matters.

### Volunteers for Driving Needed, Reports Bureau

Those who have a bit of gypsy in their blood will have an opportunity to help persons who need transportation.

Mrs. Phillip Buckler, in charge of the Volunteer Bureau, reports a need for drivers who can provide transportation for children and adults who have no way to attend school or take care of other chores.

Persons interested in driving during part of the day may contact Mrs. Buckler at TE 3-5227 any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 a.m. until noon.

### ... Defense

(Continued from Page 1) aside rations in remote areas. The shelters would be built by inmates of penal institutions (providing vocational rehabilitation) and stocked with food now "going to waste" because of overproduction in mid-western states.

"We have the tools, the manpower and the technical knowledge to prepare for any emergency. If we fail to use them, history may record ours as a very foolish era," Hahn said.

He commended Dr. Schade and Dr. Nolan and members of the Medical Association's Committee on Disaster Medical Care for continued interest in this field and for mapping definite plans of action for their profession in the event of an attack.

Capt. Harry B. Frishman, commanding officer of the school, said classes were open to officers in the Army and Air Force, although they are planned primarily for reserve officers in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Capt. Frishman said the primary objective of the school is to keep reserve officers "combat ready."

Additional information may be obtained by calling the school or visiting the central offices on the lower campus of the California State College at Long Beach.

### Jefferson Names New President

Charles M. Page, a member of the faculty of El Camino College, will resume his instructional program Sept. 14 following completion of a six week summer institution in radiochemistry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Sponsored jointly by the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation, the institute was conducted to give science teachers an opportunity to improve their professional competence in acquiring a theoretical and practical knowledge of radiochemistry, and especially of radioisotopes, adequate for teaching principles and applications of the subject and establishing basic laboratory facilities.

The institute started July 6, and encompassed lectures, laboratory experiments, the practical use of extensive radiochemical apparatus at the Philadelphia College, the viewing of appropriate Atomic Energy Commission and U. S. Army films, and field trips.

Help, for families in trouble, hospitals, clinics, children's homes, foster care, adoption services, home nursing care, and youth programs which is given through agencies of the United Way is well understood by Williamson.

### Group Sets Course for Inspectors

The Southern California chapter of the American Public Works Association has scheduled an in-service training course for public works construction inspectors during the fall.

The course will include 11 two-hour sessions beginning Oct. 2 and continuing through Dec. 11. The classes will meet each Friday evening at Los Angeles State College.

Certificates of completion will be presented to those participants who successfully complete the course.

Registration may be completed by writing to the Los Angeles State College Foundation for application forms. Tuition fee for the course is \$30.

### 'Culprit' Beats Speeding Police

The culprit was gone when police arrived on the scene Thursday afternoon. The culprit was a "large" snake in the garage of Hazel Alden, 17301 Crenshaw Blvd.

He also is familiar with the budget needs of United Way agencies in the Harbor area and how important it is that these be met.

"We're sold on this togetherness idea, and we hope people who live or work here will do their part to make this a truly United Crusade for United Way and Red Cross dollars," Williamson says.



PATRICK W. ZILLIACCUS To Head Firm

### Jefferson Names New President

Patrick W. Zilliaccus has been named president of Jefferson Electronics, Inc., of Torrance. The firm is a subsidiary of Jefferson Electric Co., Bellwood, Ill.

Zilliaccus assumes his position as chief executive of the firm immediately. The firm produces components for the aerospace industry.

The new president has resigned as general manager of the Anker-Holth division of McDowell Wellman Engineering Co. of Port Huron, Mich., to take his new position.

Zilliaccus was educated at the University of Pennsylvania. He also attended the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

### ... Crusade

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Again Black saw Red Cross in action when his young grandson needed and received some 20 pints of blood for open heart surgery.

Further information may be obtained from Chief Isaak at the Navy Recruiting Station, 1520 Cravens Ave.

### Rosecrans Work To Begin Soon

Improvement of a portion of Compton Boulevard in the Redondo-Hawthorne-Lawnlode area has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

Bids for the project, which will include widening of the roadway, will be opened Oct. 6.

### Ner Tamid Services Scheduled

Services for the Day of Atonement, climax of the High Holy Days and the most solemn day of the Jewish Year, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16, at noon for Congregation Ner Tamid.

The services will be held at the Mormon Stake, 2000 W. 174th St.

Services ushering in the Day of Atonement will be held Tuesday evening at 6:45. Yom Kippur services will continue Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Bernard Wechsberg and Cantors Daniel Chodos and Harry Sirulnick at the services, which will conclude at 7 p.m.

### Navy Sets Auditions For Band

Auditions for the U. S. Naval School of Music at Norfolk, Va., are currently being held at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, according to Chief Vandorne E. Isaak, local Navy recruiter.

The Navy maintains a 133-piece band at Washington, D. C., and the U. S. Naval Academy Band at Annapolis, Md., in addition to the School of Music. Chief Isaak also said many ships and shore installations also have concert bands and music groups.

Applicants selected for the program are given a 26-week course at the U.S. Naval School of Music. Applicants audition as civilians and have nothing to lose if they are not selected. Expenses for the trip to San Diego are paid by the Navy Department.

To qualify for the program, applicants must have a working knowledge of major and minor scales, and key signatures most commonly encountered in band literature, and be able to perform reasonably well, at sight, first chair parts in standard band literature.

Further information may be obtained from Chief Isaak at the Navy Recruiting Station, 1520 Cravens Ave.

### Church Will Open New Day Nursery

The Noah's Ark Day Nursery is being opened by the South Bay Church of God, at 17615 Yukon Ave., for children two-and-one-half to six years old.

The school, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Martz, will be staffed by qualified personnel in accordance with the regulations of the State of California.

The nursery will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will give training in art, crafts and rhythms. The nursery personnel will stress good manners, how to get along with other children and an appreciation of God, and will present the child with an opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Hot lunches will be served, with snacks in the morning and afternoon. The grounds feature large lawns, fruit and shade trees, flowerbeds and yards separated for each age group. The school is also equipped with an assortment of toys, games and books.

The first 28 students, the State law's maximum, will be granted special rates. Opening date is Sept. 14.

For further information call 333-3970 or 326-1836.

### 'Revival' Theme For Message at Lomita Church

The Rev. Hubert H. Lagasse, pastor of the Community Baptist Church in Lomita, will speak on the subject "We Can Have Revival" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

The sermon is the last in a series aimed at preparing the church for the "Eight Great Days" revival, scheduled to begin Sept. 20.

Sunday School classes will convene at 9:30 a.m., with classes for all age groups. An evening vesper service is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The church is located between Narbonne and Pennsylvania avenues on 225th Street.

### Lomita Storm Drain Approved

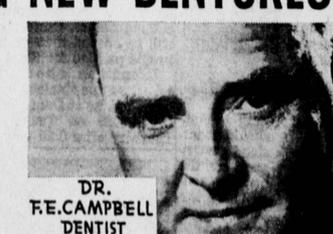
An agreement between the City of Lomita and the County Flood Control District for the construction of a Lomita storm drain has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The agreement provides for the construction of a drain on Narbonne Avenue from bond funds issued under the 1958 bond program.

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