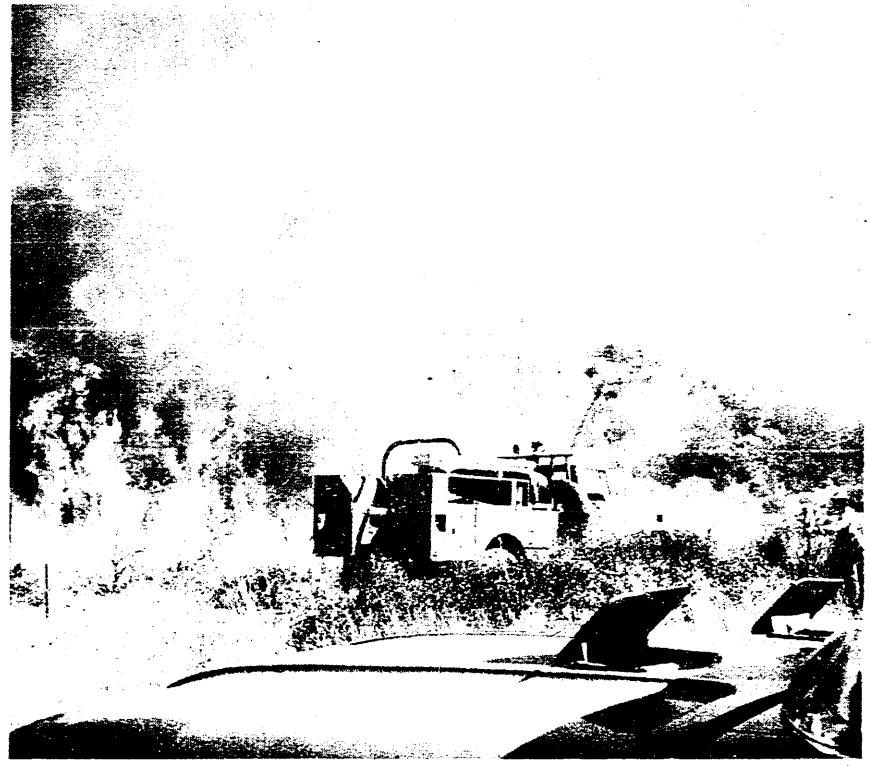




— Staff Photos by Dennis Huls

Mrs. William Arterberry surveys remains of a \$100,000 racing car and other equipment destroyed by a brush fire in De Luz Canyon yesterday.



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Fire fighters ignite grass and brush in the path of the De Luz Canyon fire to stop its progress toward citrus and avocado groves in the area.

City Temperature Of 96 Again Sets Day's Record

For the second straight day, the temperature in downtown San Diego yesterday peaked at a record level.

But a cooling trend has set in. Ray Robben of the National Weather Service said temperatures in coastal and inland valleys today should drop by up to five degrees as Santa Ana winds diminish, with further cooling along the coast tomorrow.

The high at Lindbergh Field yesterday, after a low of 69, reached 96. This was three degrees above the previous record for Sept. 24 set in 1968. The current heat wave, which began Monday, produced a high of 103 on Tuesday, also a record.

The highest reported temperature in the county yesterday was 105 in Spring Valley. Escondido recorded 104; El Cajon and Fallbrook, 103; La Mesa and Lemon Grove, 102; Lakeside and Vista, 101; Montgomery Field, San Diego State University and Poway, 100.

Borrego Springs checked in with 99; Alpine, 98; Chula Vista, Coronado, Ramona and Carlsbad, 96; National City and Oceanside, 94; Point Loma, 93; Del Mar, 90.

It was a cool 70 on Mt. Laguna, and 78 on Palomar Mountain.

The heat prompted many elementary and high schools to send pupils home early.

The county Air Pollution Control District reported that smog, or ozone, levels yesterday were .16 in Ocean-

STORE EMPLOYEE ROBBED, LOCKED IN CAR TRUNK

Two men and a juvenile were arrested yesterday in connection with the robbery of a College Grove store employee who was locked in the trunk of her car for about 15 minutes, police said.

Booked in county jail on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy were Lonnie Lee Ford, 18, 5216 Solola Ave., and Darryl Edward Mason, 19, 5065 Reynolds St. The juvenile, 17, was taken to Juvenile Hall.

Sylvia Uruchurtu, 18, a clerk at the Walker Scott Department store, told police she was accosted at gunpoint by three men about 12:30 p.m. as she was preparing to leave her car in the parking lot en route to work.

After taking her purse, three persons forced her into the front trunk of her small foreign car and ran.

Police said two shopping center security men saw three persons running from the car and gave chase. Two of the suspects were arrested in the lot, and the third was apprehended later at another location.

Miss Uruchurtu was released from the car when an unidentified woman shopper heard her calling for help and located the voice.

side, .10 on Kearny Mesa, .09 in downtown San Diego, .08 in Chula Vista and .05 in El Cajon. Levels of .09 or higher exceed the federal standards for clean air. At .20, a health advisory alert is issued.

For today, the APCD forecast ozone levels of .18 in Oceanside, .16 on Kearny Mesa, .14 in Imperial Beach, .10 in Chula Vista, .09 for downtown San Diego, .06 in El Cajon and .05 in Escondido.

The surf forecast for today calls for swells and breakers of up to 8 and 10 feet on south-facing beaches. Life-

guards said most local beaches face west, with only Imperial Beach and La Jolla Shores also facing slightly south. The Los Angeles area counts many south-facing beaches. However, San Diego beaches should see high waves today, decreasing by tomorrow or Saturday. The heavy swells are expected to cause dangerous rip currents.

Lifeguards reported that attendance at the beaches here yesterday was "just like in the summertime," with 15,000 at Mission Beach alone. The water temperature there was 66.

Unions Seek Agent Role Of Teachers

By DIANE CLARK
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Rivalry between San Diego's two major teachers' organizations began yesterday over which one would gain the right to be the exclusive bargaining agent for the city's 6,076 teachers.

Under provisions of a bill (SB 160) signed this week by Gov. Brown, teachers will be allowed for the first time to participate in collective bargaining. But only one organization can be designated to represent them.

Teachers currently voice their negotiating demands through a council comprised of four members of the larger San Diego Teachers Association and one member of the San Diego Federation of Teachers, an AFL-CIO affiliate.

PRESS TALK

Yesterday, SDFT President Francis Slowiczek called a press conference during which she said she was confident her organization would be voted sole bargaining agent by teachers in a representation election scheduled for early next year.

Meanwhile, SDTA President Hugh Boyle said in an interview that he was sure his organization would win the election.

The SDFT has about 800 members and the SDTA has about 3,800 members, according to their respective leaders.

4 Brushfires In County Still Uncontrolled

By ESTON McMAHON

Fanned by gusty Santa Ana winds, four brushfires, one of them on the North County boundary line and another to the extreme south near Tecate, were burning out of control late last night, officials said.

The latest brush and grass fire started at 3:30 p.m. yesterday on State 94 between Barrett and Tecate Junctions and within a few hours burned over 2,000 acres.

The California Division of Forestry said some families in homes near State 94 and between the two junctions were evacuated and taken to Las Flores School on Lyons Valley Road in the Jamul area.

More than 300 state forestry and U.S. Forest Service fire fighters were on the fire lines. About 100 families in the Barrett Lake trailer park were advised to leave when flames threatened the park.

At one time last night, flames were reported burning almost completely around the 1,000-acre Grapevine Ranch just off State 94. The ranch is owned by Dick Martin of San Diego, who also owns the San Diego Coin Exchange. No buildings on the ranch were reported burned.

The fire was on both sides of State 94 and the California Highway Patrol closed the highway and admitted only emergency vehicles. Sheriff's deputies were standing by to assist those who wished to get out of the threatened areas.

Late last night Bob Robeson, one of the state forestry fire bosses, said the wind had lessened but if it shifts and gets stronger "we could be in real trouble."

State 94 was closed from Barrett Junction to Tecate for a period but was later opened to traffic.

Some animals and poultry, including 300 sheep, were taken out of the area of Round-Potrero Road.

According to last reports, the fire was burning in two extensions, one around the Tecate Peak fire lookout and the other up to the Grapevine Ranch.

Fire officials could give no estimate on when the blaze might be contained.

Another major brush fire Monday still burning started in De Luz Valley just off the Tenaja Truck Trail in the northwest section of the county.

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