



**TAKING NO CHANCES** . . . These three bearded bachelors are taking no chances on getting snagged just because it is leap year. Left to right are George Houtz, Dick Pessin, and Fred Hecklinger, operators of Catalina Music and South Bay Electronics at 1907 S. Catalina Ave., who are growing the beards to ward off the perils of leap year. They expect them to be full-grown by Feb. 29 — D-Day among bachelorettes.

### Webbs Forced to Drop Column Duties for Now

After struggling for several months to keep up her new roundup of Riviera happenings, Mary Webb, 145 Calle de Andaluca, has asked for a leave of absence from her column. Round the Riviera.

Readers who have been keeping up with the Riviera events or many years with the Webbs will share the HERALD'S disappointment with the announcement that Mary feels she cannot carry on with the column in a letter to her readers, Mary wrote:

"It has become increasingly apparent in the past few months that my obligations at home are demanding all my time. What with my husband's illness and caring for my home and children I cannot do justice to the Riviera column. Consequently I have decided to turn the column duties over to someone who can carry the Riviera news and do an adequate job of turning out a column each week. I know you will all understand the situation. Perhaps when all things return to normal at the Webb's household I can resume the pleasure of reporting Riviera news to you.

From this week forward my successor will be Emmaline French, 340 Via Pasqual. Call her at FR 5-1390 with your news items.

Sincerely,  
**MARY WEBB**

### King Names Choices for Annapolis

Congressman Cecil R. King yesterday announced that he has named Don Elmo Collins, 600 Manchester Terrace, Inglewood, and Alan Eugene Lansdowne, 2134 Averill Ave., San Pedro as his principal 1958 appointments to the United States Naval Academy.

King also named four alternates for the annual appointments. Don Elmo Collins, 600 Manchester Terrace, Inglewood and Alan Eugene Lansdowne, 2134 Averill Ave., San Pedro and James Wuerth Stewart, 2217 Via Acalanes, Palos Verdes Estates and Anthony Miclas, 4519 Sharynne Lane, Torrance, fourth alternates.

**Laundry Hit Again**  
Thomas R. Marshall, proprietor of a laundry room at 1820 W. 256th St., Lomita, reported the second burglary of the establishment in a week, to sheriff's officials Thursday. He said someone entered the room and pried open the coin box on a washing machine, getting \$4 in change. The same laundry was burglarized less than a week before in much the same fashion, authorities said.

### Sportsmen Seek Land For Club

Possibility that a clubhouse might be constructed for the Riviera Sportsmen was discussed at last week's meeting of the organization. The discussion was highlighted by a report given by Robert Byrnes, member of the club, who had made inquiries about available property in the area.

President Robert O. Surber asked members of the club to continue their search for property.

Following the business meeting, the men saw General Petroleum film on speed boat racing in Puget Sound, Wash.

### Couple in Crash

A Torrance couple, Roy Bayar, 28, and Lois Bayar, 25, both of 2544 Sierra St., were hurt seriously last week when their car went out of control and hit an embankment on Palos Verdes Drive South.

### Narcotics Stolen

Burglars seized \$25 in narcotics Wednesday night when they bashed in the rear door to gain entrance to a medical-dental building in Lomita, sheriff's deputies reported.

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### New Phone Answering Firm Opens

A telephone answering exchange has opened at 1215 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. to serve residents and business firms in the Riviera, Palos Verdes and south Redondo areas.

The firm, known as the Riviera Answering Service, is managed by Mrs. Jean Thleme, formerly of the P & J Laundromat in the Riviera. She has had a number of years of experience in telephone communication work.

In addition to regular telephone service for business places, a new service is offered of interest to anyone leaving on vacation whereby any telephone calls are referred to this service and callers advised about the vacationers. In emergencies, contact can be made with vacationers according to their planned itinerary.

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