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## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think Major League baseball is a success on the Pacific Coast?"

This is the question your HERALD photographer asked the people this week. Here are their answers and pictures.

F. C. Ripley Jr., Holling Hills, of business.

"I am not a baseball fan, but I do feel that major league baseball is a success here. The attendance has proved it and I think this will continue."

Elizabeth Hendrick, 16521 Ardath, housewife.

"I have actually only seen one game since the majors came out here to play but I think they are already a success. They make errors the same as our local players. It's fun going to see big time games."

Mrs. Mildred Jones, 4718 Darien St., Little League mother.

"I think they are a great success. The games have been good. I watch them on television. They should be even better next year. I am glad we have them now."

Jay Kimes, 11, 1992 Bernist Ave., Cardinal Little League player.

"Sure major league is a success here. I think they are great. Now more kids can see big league game and will have more interest in baseball. Maybe now more kids here can make those tears."

Fred Mosley, 19904 Entradero, Cardinal Little League team manager.

"The Major League baseball out here is coming into its own. They have been very successful so far, but they have to win to hold the crowds. It is no novelty now and is here to stay."

Mrs. Leo Fischer, 4721 Darien St., Cardinal Little League mother.

"It's a success and I love it. Major league baseball is here to stay and will be better next year with bigger attendance."

## Navy Recruiter Announces Test

Recruiter 16722 S. Vermont Ave. said today his station is now giving qualification tests for the months of September and October.

At present an applicant must score in the upper 50 per cent mentally in the United States to qualify.

The station has set up a shipping day on Sept. 10 when a large group of South Bay youths will leave for San Diego for training.

# COUNTY, CITY LEADERS BID FOR FREEWAY FUNDS TODAY

## MEET IN SACRAMENTO

### Supervisors Back Plea For San Diego Freeway

A strongly worded resolution co-authored by Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn urging an accelerated construction program for the San Diego Freeway from Jefferson Blvd. south, was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

The resolution, which will be presented by the two supervisors to the State Highway Commission today, points out that the freeway will serve 13 cities in the southwestern part of the county, with a population of well over a half-million people.

## Council Files Bid For Salary Boosts

A suggestion by a city employee that the councilmen put the mayor on a full-time basis at \$10,000 a year and pay themselves \$4000 a year plus half that much in expenses was ordered "filed" by the council Tuesday. Calling the move "incompatible with our city manager form of government," Mayor Albert Isen said members of the council offered themselves for the job in response as a civic duty—not as a means of earning a salary.

Councilman Bob Jahn indicated he might favor action to get an increase in council salaries—now \$100 a month, but said this represented "too great an increase, percentage-wise."

ISEN ADMITTED that he had taken "considerable razzing" on the matter since Dunmeyer's suggestion was made public by the HERALD Sunday.

In a more serious vein, the councilmen voted to drop the tax rate one-cent officially by adopting an urgency ordinance establishing the rate at \$1.214 for the city.

The approval came after two councilmen made a strong bid to keep the tax rate at its present level.

COUNCILMAN GEORGE Bradford, who was joined by Willys Blount in opposing the reduction, said the city should not be reducing the tax rate when it could not afford to employ an adequate number of police officers to patrol the city.

"We should take the money represented by the extra one-cent tax rate (about \$18,000) and apply it to salaries for new police officers."

In the first offering of the ordinance, Blount and Bradford voted against it while Mayor Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Jahn approved it. Absent were Nick Brais and J. A. Beasley, in Sacramento to meet before the California Highway Commission today.

TO avoid a possible situation where the city would not have a valid tax ordinance on file with the county by the Aug. 31 deadline, Bradford and Blount changed their votes to yes.

Both were reluctant to change their votes, and Bradford muttered that he was doing so "under duress."

IN THREE OTHER separate matters, the Council indicated that major expansions of the city's municipal water department might become a reality in the near future.

In the first action, they refused by a 2-2 vote to approve a subdivision map submitted by Don Wilson, calling for construction of 417 homes in West Torrance, after Wilson said his purpose was to service the homes with water from Dominguez Water Co., a private enterprise.

The city currently is involved in litigation with Dominguez over an agreement concerning water rights in the Southwest Park area.

IN THE SECOND action, the council agreed to provide water to a tract of 39 homes in North Torrance to be constructed by R. A. Watt after a representative for the builder said his firm would

"IN ADDITION," said Chace and Hahn, "this Freeway is the principal traffic artery for the International Airport as well as one of the largest concentrations of industry in the State."

Traffic checks made at just one major intersection on the freeway route, Sepulveda and Century Blvds., reveal the daily traffic count to be 48,000 cars, the Supervisors declared.

THE IMPORTANCE of the San Diego Freeway in the event of a major disaster or as a principal civil defense highway was stressed in the resolution.

The two Supervisors are heading a large delegation of public officials and civic leaders, who will argue the case of a rapid extension of the freeway, before today's meeting of the State Highway Commission in Sacramento.

Others in the Sacramento delegation include Councilmen Nick Drile and J. A. Beasley, Atty. John Barton, and Tom Brewer, representing the city; Richard Fitzgerald of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and nearly two score other Torrance area and South Bay cities representatives.

THE GROUP IS in Sacramento to make a specific bid for funds to construct that portion of the San Diego Freeway between Jefferson Blvd. in Culver City to the interchange with the Harbor Freeway east of Western Ave. here.

A similar delegation from Long Beach is in Sacramento at the same time to push for an extension of the project from the Harbor Freeway interchange to the Orange County line.

## OFFICE TO MOVE

The California Department of Employment will occupy new quarters at 2007 W. Carson St. on Sept. 2, it was reported here yesterday by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager.



CHARMING... Nancy Almond, 17, Miss Surland-Tujunga, is pictured in front of a plane at Torrance Airport Monday when she visited here to inspect facilities for the Air Race, highlight of Torrance Airport Day, to be held Sept. 6.

## Model Checks Site Of Annual Air Race

Charming Nancy Almond, former owner of Almond's Department Store, now Strung Department Store, was active in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club until he died in 1954. Nancy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Almond still reside here at 1415 Acacia Ave.

Miss Surland-Tujunga is an Adrian Model and hopes for a career in fashion modeling.

## TO STUDY FLYING PROBLEMS

### Senate Committee to Meet Here

A senate interim committee Monday School auditorium at 2474th and Normandie Ave. As Airport, Emory Edmonds, supervisor for Los Angeles City and county airports, will be questioned on Sept. 3 into phases of airport operation. The committee is headed by State Senator Stephen Teale of West Point, and the committee has scheduled two days of hearings, sitting with Teale on the committee are Senators Fred Parr of Carson and Don Perry of Pahrump. The hearings will open at 10 a.m. at the Lomita



CRASH SCENE... Officers check the station wagon (in background) which crashed through power pole, injuring Mrs. Janice Patnam, 31, of 29513 Entradero Ave., early yesterday. Mrs. Patnam received a possible fractured jaw in the smashup at 185th St. near Hawthorne Ave. when her vehicle went off the roadway on "Dead-Man's Curve."

## MAY FACE OTHERS

### Assault Charges Dropped in Crash

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon sought against a San Pedro motorist who allegedly tried to force a police vehicle off the roadway were refused this week by the District Attorney's office, but the motorist may not be in the clear on the case yet, the HERALD learned yesterday.

Robert B. Janer, 20, of San Pedro, was held on the assault charge and later released after he was accused of participating in a high-speed chase with an off-duty policeman which ended in a crash near here early Sunday. He may still face hit-and-run charges.

Officer Karl L. Miller, 32, said he was returning to his home in Torrance early Sunday after completing his shift at the 77th St. Station of the Los Angeles Police Department.

HE SAID ANOTHER vehicle struck his car at Carson St. and Normandie Ave.

Miller told investigating officers that he twice tried to halt the driver who took off at high speed.

When the other motorist attempted to force his car to the curb, Miller drew his gun and ordered him to stop.

The hit-and-run auto donned back toward Normandie Ave.

DRIVER HONORED... Wayne Braunton, Torrance school bus driver who has twice won the state championships in bus driving, is awarded the Chevrolet Safety Posture by Paul Loranger, left, owner of Paul's Chevrolet of Torrance, and William Chaves, center, vice president of the traffic safety division of the National Safety Council.