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# SCHOOL BOND VOTE TUESDAY

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What issue would you like to see Richard Nixon and Gov. Edmund G. Brown discuss on a television debate?" the Pennies photographer asked.

**Kathy Branstetter, 22966 Cabrillo Ave.:**  
"I would like to see them discuss teenage problems, such as glue sniffing, driving of automobiles, and automobile insurance rates. They should stress that kids should take driver education in school."



**Linda Foote, 2080 Reynosa Dr.:**  
"I would like to see them discuss the possibility of having more personal contact between the governor's office and the local municipalities such as Torrance. Government is getting too far detached from the people."

**Mrs. Stewart Westcott, 2806 Martha St.:**  
"Population growth and how to redistribute the population. They might also discuss how California can prosper while getting its large population growth, getting diversified industry instead of relying mainly on the aircraft and missile industry."



**Larry Helphand, 2109 Middlebrook:**  
"I think education would be a good topic and how we are going to cope financially with the influx of children bring to the schools. Any discussion of education should include elementary schools through college."

**Herbert Shannon, 5141 Zakon:**  
"I think everybody is interested in foreign policy. I think their idea in foreign policy would be about the same as in local politics. You could get an idea as to how they are thinking from their ideas on foreign policy."



### Burglars Hit New Business

The new White Front Tire and Automotive Center at 21230 Hawthorne Ave., has scheduled a grand opening celebration for Sept. 27, but somebody couldn't wait. Police were told Friday morning that someone pried open a double door to the large building recently constructed on the site and left with two stacks of tires valued at more than \$500. Sal Rosenberg, who reported the theft to police, said 25 tires, each 750x14 tubeless whitewalls, were taken.

OPERATORS of the J & B Laundry at 16916 Crenshaw Blvd. had reason to complain about after hour shoppers, also.

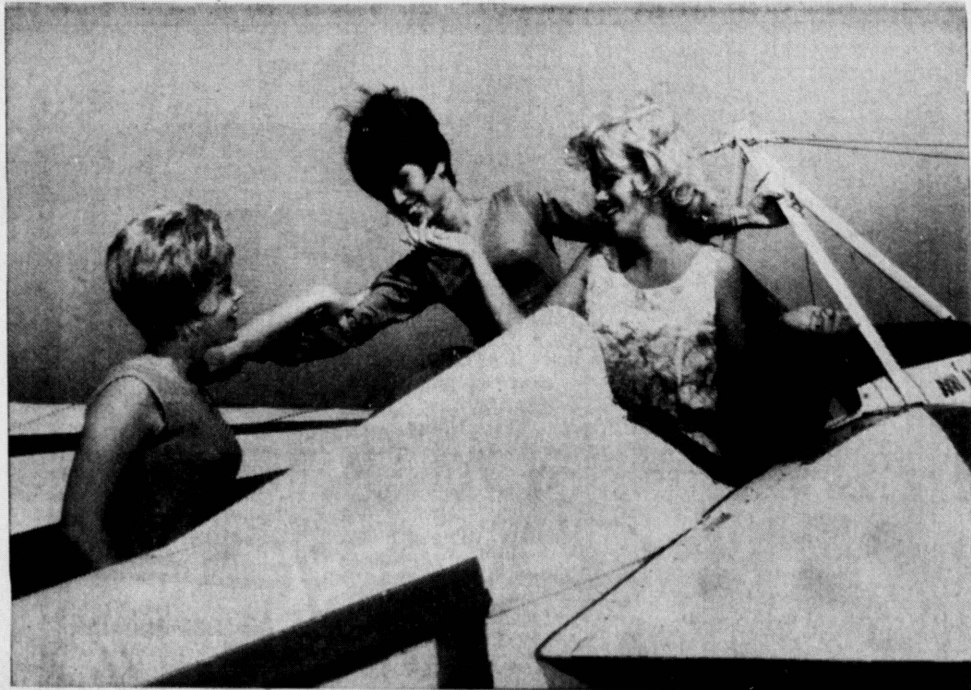
Detectives were called to the North Torrance business Friday afternoon when it was reported that coin meters had been pried open and about \$20 in coins taken. The burglars also took a time coin meter valued at nearly \$16.

The burglary might have fouled up the sweet deal someone else had worked out, however. Investigating officers said the theft disclosed that the coin box to another machine had been "hot wired" and that someone apparently had been getting free laundry service. It could have been going on for much of this year, officers were told.

ELSEWHERE on the burglary beat, officers reported that a variety of articles, ranging from guns to lawnmowers had been taken in a series of house and garage raids.

Fred Mendoza, 2729 Grand Summit Road, said someone crawled through the window of his home early Saturday and took a 30.06 rifle with a four-power scope valued at \$150. Carol Lee Wolf at 3866 Newton St., said someone pried a

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AIRPORT DAYS . . . Bobbette King, left, Miss Torrance Airport Days, is reluctant to climb aboard a 1930 Buhl "Bull Pup" with Judi McTee and Myra McCartney. The craft is typical of the private, antique planes and old military classic which will be on display during Torrance Airport Days, Sept. 29 and 30 at the municipal airport.

### Five Local Officers in Tournament

Five of the sharpest marksmen of the Torrance police force will be competing in Merced today in the California Peace Officers police pistol course competition.

The five-man delegation, picked after competition among the city's officers, left yesterday for Merced to enter the statewide match.

Representing Torrance will be Lt. Alex Thompson, Sgt. Jack Hahn, and Officers Roger Boston, Jim Daniel, and Wally Nitz.

Today's competition will be comprised of "combat-type" shooting, the officers said. Marksmen will be judged on their ability to hit silhouettes and moving targets.

### Ex-Councilman Has Low Overcrossing Bid

A bid submitted by the George A. Bradford Co. of Torrance was the apparent low bid for construction of a pedestrian crossing over Crenshaw Boulevard near 187th Street, according to J. O. Whitmer, traffic and lighting engineer for the city.

Bradford's bid of \$45,875 was nearly \$9,000 less than the next bid submitted by the firm of Sully Miller, Whitmer reported. He will recommend to the City Council Tuesday night that the bid be awarded to the firm owned by ex-Councilman Bradford on the condition that the city get and approves a set of detailed plans

and design from a registered engineer.

Other matters scheduled to come before the City Council at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday include a decision on change of zone from C-2 to R-3 at 3650-3720 Emerald submitted by the Argosy Corp., award of a contract for sanitary sewers in Flower Avenue

between Sonoma and Carson; award of a contract for printing the city's annual report; and a report from Fire Chief J. J. Benner on the weed abatement program in the city.

Members of the Planning Commission will meet with the Council Tuesday.

### Zone Cases Considered

Request for a zone change from light agriculture to neighborhood business for a rectangular 1.2 acre parcel on the east side of South Figueroa Street beginning 127 feet south of W. 215th St., has been held under submission for further study by the Regional Planning Commission.

The applicant, Jay Morein, of 233 S. Lake St., Los Angeles, amended his request to commercial-highway zone for the north 68 feet of the property.

In a zone case at Lomita, the commission recommended removal of an urgency ordinance and R-2, two family residences, for 45 acres on the east side of South Applan Way near W. 261st St.

The applicant is Will Bomersback of 26348 Fa. Ave., Lomita.

### Scooter Tosses, Hurts Passenger

A 41-year-old Compton woman, riding a motor scooter with a friend here Friday night, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of injuries after she was thrown from the small vehicle.

Police said Billie Dearman, 16700 S. Hoover, was riding a scooter with Ray Norris, 2655 Loftyview, on the hills near the old pistol range on Crenshaw Boulevard south of Pacific Coast Highway when the accident occurred.

Injuries to the woman were described as a fractured knee.



PLAN BREAKFAST . . . Scott Robinson (right), chairman of the monthly breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, talks over Tuesday's meeting with Walker M. Mahurin, chairman of the board of advisors, The Air Museum, who will be guest speaker. Mahurin will present Chamber members with the group's proposal for the establishment of an air museum at Torrance Municipal Airport. The breakfast will begin at 7:20 a.m. at the International House of Pancakes on the Del Amo Center.

### \$8 Million Issue Gets Top Support

An \$8 million bond issue to provide construction funds for Torrance schools will be put to the voters Tuesday with the strong backing of Torrance industrial and civic leaders. A predicated increase in school population over the next few years has given rise to the need for the new proposal, school officials report.

"It is my sincere belief that we are heading for overcrowded classrooms, double sessions, kindergarten and curriculum cuts if we fail to pass the school building bond issue next Tuesday," Albert Charles, president of the Board of Education said. He cited studies of city planning, building forecasts, and population trends which point with certainty to an increased school population. Estimates are that at least 6000 new students will be demanding classroom space soon.

"WE DO NOT presently have enough classroom space available, or even on the planning board, to take care of these new students," he said.

Bert Lynn, vice president of the Board of Education and often critical of spending policies, has endorsed the issue and urged "all to meet the challenge of increased enrollment." He pointed out that the proposal had been endorsed by labor, professional, industry, and business groups.

Endorsement of the proposal Tuesday will enable Torrance to "keep up" instead of having to "catch up," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, said. He said catching up is always more costly.

OTHERS issuing statements of endorsement have included Dr. Kurt Shery, William Hanson, and William Boswell, members of the Board of Education, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Adding his endorsement this week was Mayor Albert Isen.

"We have looked at the problem objectively and pose the question, 'What would be the best interests of the people of Torrance?'" he said. "It all adds up to a resounding 'YES' vote for the bonds."

Mayor Isen cited the fact that the payment would be extended which means new resi-

dents coming into the community will pay their share for the necessary school buildings, and warned that failure of the proposal would mean a return to the half-day sessions "which we wish always to avoid in the best interest of the children."

THIRTY-FOUR polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, with all but two of them in the city's elementary schools. Each eligible voter received a postal card showing his polling place. Those having a question about where to vote Tuesday can call the administrative offices at FA 8-8080 for information.

### Community Orchestra Organized

El Camino College extends an invitation to adult instrumentalists in the college district to participate in a College Community Orchestra.

Any individual, who has a background in instrumental music, is invited to participate.

The philosophy of the Community Orchestra will be that of an amateur group which gives an opportunity for musicians to work together in recreating fine orchestral music. Professional perfection at all costs will not exist in the beginning stages; however, the aim for quality as well as quantity will be of considerable importance.

Weekly rehearsals will be two hours each Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Ralph L. Mills, conductor, joined the El Camino College faculty this fall and has a rich background in orchestral literature.

Enrollment will be held each Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Music Building, Room 17.



BONDS ENDORSED . . . Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have endorsed the \$8 million school bond issue which will be on a special election ballot for Torrance voters Tuesday. Discussing the endorsement here are (from left) Milt Isbell, chairman school affairs committee; Mike Denn, Chamber president; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; and William Boswell, member of the Board of Education.

**PUNJABS**  
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