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NEARBY BANK HELD UP AGAIN

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked several residents of the Hollywood Riviera section of the city: "What is your attitude toward the proposed high-rise development on the old Hollywood Riviera Club site?"

Mrs. Norman Kirk, 337 Calle Mayor:
"I am very definitely against it. If people are paying for a view, then they should get their view. That is what the lots and homes are valued on, and I don't think the taxes would be lowered if they built a high-rise apartment in the area."

Mrs. Paul L. Baker, 144 Via La Soledad:
"I am against it. A high-rise apartment would suggest a big city skyline and atmosphere. Here in Torrance, this isn't the type of community we want to live in. I would rather have the natural scenery than a lot of tall apartments."

Mrs. Frank C. O'Bannon, 137 Via La Soledad:
"I believe that high-rise apartments would destroy our family type of neighborhood. They would also ruin our lovely view of the coastline. Traffic would be congested and hazardous for the children who must walk to school. I am very much against it."

Tom Robertson, 525 Via Los Miradores:
"I feel that it is spot zoning in one place. If high rise is what they want then they should go about it in a logical approach and rezone the whole area. At present, this is a residential area and it should stay that way. It is unfair also to take a view away from the whole area and give it to a few in the front."

Majority Favors Change

A compromise plan to open examinations for police and fire chiefs to officers from outside the city failed Tuesday evening despite a majority vote by city councilmen. The new plan was defeated on a 4-3 vote. It required five votes to pass.

The new proposal, submitted by the council's police and fire committee, would have permitted local officers taking the examination extra points for each five-year period of service, provided they passed the examinations with a score of 70 or better. No one scoring less than 70 would be eligible for appointment.

Both examinations would have been opened to men in the first three ranks in departments of California cities of 80,000 or more population, as well as to the men of the first three ranks in each of the local departments.

THE PROPOSAL met with the same objections voiced by councilmen when the earlier ordinance was defeated some four weeks ago. Both Nicholas Draie and Ross Sciarrotta Sr. objected to combining the police and fire departments on the examination policy, and Sciarrotta again moved a substitute motion which would have covered only the fire department.

Sciarrotta asked that the examinations for fire chief be opened to men in the local department in the first three ranks below the chief. The substitute motion was defeated by the same 4-3 vote.

Draie said he was satisfied with the present policy and asked, "What is the hurry?" He drew a quick answer from Ken Miller. Miller told the council he was under "the impression that council is a policy-making body. What difference does it make if there are one or two vacancies? Personalities are not the issue," he added.

Sciarrotta said he was not satisfied with the present policy, but added that "these

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COURT UNVEILED . . . Architect's rendering of the proposed Superior Court building on the Torrance Civic Center shows a five-story building which will ultimately house 16 courtrooms. The design, by Adams, Latham, Kripp & Wright of Long Beach, is nearing final approval by county officials, and should go to bid early in 1964, Supervisor Burton W. Chace told The Herald yesterday. Opening of the court with nine Superior Court judges sitting here currently is projected for July, 1965. The city provided the land for the \$3.75 million structure.

New Bridge Opens on Nov. 15th

The recently completed Vincent Thomas suspension bridge connecting San Pedro and Terminal Island will be opened to traffic Nov. 15, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

Los Angeles County, the Supervisor said, contributed \$2 million to the cost of the \$21 million project, named for a veteran State Assemblyman.

In addition to the bridge structure, the project included grading and paving and construction of a toll plaza and an administration building.

Also included was construction of approach embankments between Pacific Avenue in San Pedro and east of Mormon Street on Terminal Island.

"The need of this crossing

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YMCA Buying Building Site On Sepulveda

Torrance YMCA officials announced the purchase of nearly 2.2 acres of land at 2800 Sepulveda Blvd. this week. The site will be used for a new building, according to Dr. Allen Pyeatt, chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors.

The purchase brought to an end a five-year search for a site which would serve all of Torrance. During that time, more than 50 locations have been investigated.

Pyeatt told The HERALD the search for less expensive or free land will continue, but he added the 'Y' could not af-

ford to lose the present Sepulveda site.

ESCROW WILL close Nov. 29 on the property. The YMCA board paid \$55,000 per acre for the land, for a total purchase price of \$120,000. The 2.1969 acre site was purchased from Pacific Sierra Corp. The site, located east of Maple Street, has a 200-foot frontage on the south side of Sepulveda Boulevard.

The YMCA will pay \$60,791 at the close of escrow. The balance will be financed through a loan from the Metropolitan Los Angeles YMCA unless gifts for the balance are received prior to the close of escrow. The \$60,000 down payment was donated by 44 Torrance families.

A BUILDING drive for \$600,000 to finance the first unit of the 'Y' facility will be conducted throughout the city. A 15,000 square-foot building will be forerunner of a complete YMCA program facility.

The first building will contain a number of meeting rooms, a multi-purpose hall, a game room, kitchen, an outdoor athletic area, and storage facilities.

The YMCA's present building near Arlington Avenue and Plaza Del Amo will be placed on the market in the near future, Dr. Pyeatt said.

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NEW YMCA SITE . . . Executive Secretary Joe Wilcox and Dr. Rollin Smith, a member of the Development Council of the YMCA, are shown looking over a plot plan of the land which the YMCA purchased this week. The 2.2-acre site, located at 2800 Sepulveda Blvd., was purchased from Pacific Sierra Corp. for \$55,000 an acre. A payment of more than \$60,000 will be made at the close of escrow from donations made by 44 Torrance families. The balance will be from a loan unless additional gifts are received. (Herald Photo)

Gun Duo Hold Up Tellers

Southland peace officers who arrested four men earlier this month as suspects in a \$204,000 robbery of a Torrance area bank have started the process over again after two gunmen robbed the same bank of \$5,800 this week.

A bandit team described as a "Mutt and Jeff" duo, entered Pacific State Bank at 21600 S. Normandie Ave. shortly after 1:15 p.m. Tuesday and held bank employees and about 15 customers at gunpoint while one of the pair scooped the money from two tellers' cages.

WITNESSES said the two men were wearing horn-rimmed sunglasses when they entered the bank. The tall bandit jumped over the counter at a teller cage and began emptying the cash drawer into a brown leather satchel while the short, stocky gunman held those in the bank at bay with a 45-caliber automatic.

Manager Keith Pischel, who was cut slightly by a razor-wielding bandit in the Oct. 4 robbery, said he was sitting at his desk when the bandits yelled "Don't move!" Tuesday afternoon.

"I JUST SAT there quietly, never knowing when one of the nuts might start shooting," he told The HERALD after the robbery.

The bandits were in the bank about 90 seconds, and the taller of the two who stood guard in the center of the lobby twice called out "Time!" as his partner looted the cash drawers.

They ran from the bank and drove away in a car which was found about 10 minutes later in the parking lot at Harbor General Hospital. It had been stolen in Gardena earlier this month.

Sheriff's deputies and agents of the FBI entered the case immediately.

Jury to Try Mayor Beginning Dec. 17

Mayor Albert Isen will appear in Department 3 of Compton Municipal Court Dec. 17 for a jury trial on a misdemeanor drunken driving charge.

The mayor was booked on the charge and released on bail following an accident Oct. 10 at Petroleum Avenue and 228th Street. His vehicle hit a parked truck.

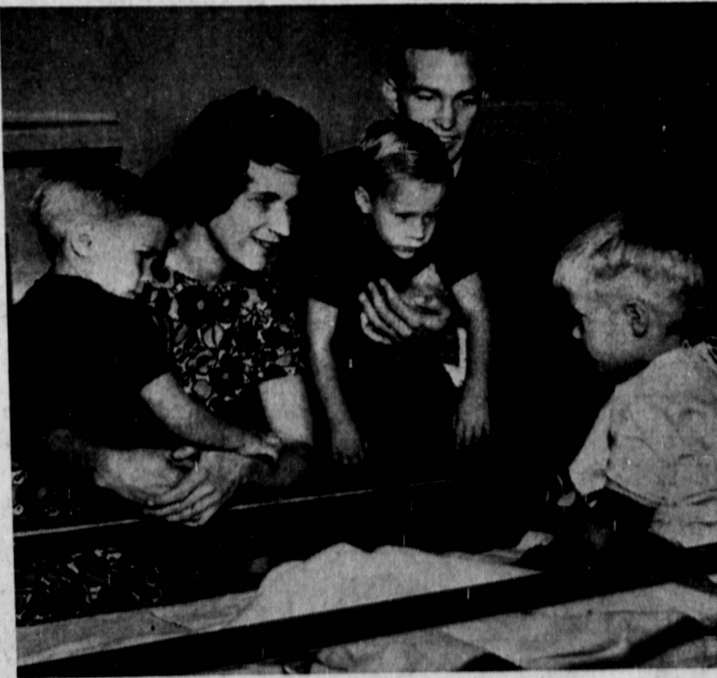
Isen has pleaded not guilty to the charge and will appear in Judge Richard J. Tobey's court for the jury trial.

Following the accident, Isen was treated at Harbor General Hospital for a lacerated upper

lip. California Highway Patrol Officers administered a sobriety test after the accident. He was booked at the Hall of Justice and released on \$262 bail.

The mayor has said he was forced into the accident by someone "who is trying to kill me." His late model sports car left between 30 and 40 feet of skid marks at the scene of the crash.

The accident occurred about 8:45 p.m. in the Carson area east of the Torrance city limits. Both the truck and Isen's car sustained major damage in the crash.



WELCOME VISITORS . . . David Watson, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson of 3126 W. 187th St., Torrance, welcomes his parents and two brothers at Harbor General Hospital where he is recovering after undergoing open heart surgery. The lad and his brothers Daniel and DeWayne, were born March 21, 1960, in a Long Beach hospital. The triplets' father is a route driver in the harbor area for a national parcel delivery firm.

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