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## THREE CYCLISTS HURT IN TRAFFIC

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# CLEAR POLICE LIEUTENANT

A Penny for your Thoughts

Members of Boy Scout Troop 62 will leave Torrance Sunday to attend the National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pa., so the Pennies photographer asked several of the boys, "What do you hope to gain from this trip?"

Travis King Jr., 18803 Ambler Ave., Gardena:

"I feel we will gain much because we will have an opportunity to visit many historic places and to see scouts from all over the free world. If I have the opportunity, I'll go again. As troop scribe, I'll have a chance to work with a lot of people in getting news together."

Clark Nakashita, 1406 W. 187th Place, Gardena:

"There will be a lot to learn at the Jamboree in getting along with other boys and finding out how they do things. I hope to make a lot of friends and see some other parts of the nation."

John Moore, 2047 W. 261st St., Lomita:

"I like to see the places where some of the history was made when we were a young nation and see what they are like. I plan most of all on having a lot of fun."

Pete Pollard, 121 E. 232nd St., Wilmington:

"I think the biggest advantage is the new friends I can make. We all will learn how to get along with other boys and be able to see a lot of the East Coast. I plan to have a lot of fun and enjoy the Jamboree."

Ken Shattuck, 1434 W. 216th St.:

"More knowledge of scouting will be available to all of us at the Jamboree and we will be able to meet a lot of new friends. This is my second Jamboree and I know what it's like, so I plan to enjoy the activities and see a lot of the East Coast."



RARE INFANT . . . Holding the rarest of monkey infants is Charmain, 7-year-old, 11-pound rhesus monkey whose offspring, Albert Junior, is cited by Harbor General Hospital researchers as the first monkey ever born as the result of artificial insemination. The 1-pound Albert Junior was born sometime Saturday morning. (Press-Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

## Finding of Not Guilty Voted, 6-1

A split City Council Tuesday night determined that Police Lt. Donald S. Hamilton was not guilty of giving false information to an attorney general's investigating committee during inquiries into Torrance Police Department procedures last year.

Councilmen voted 6-1 to overrule a Civil Service Board recommendation that he be found guilty of one count of giving false testimony and suspended for 30 days from the force. The ruling came after a 40-minute hearing with only junior Councilman David K. Lyman opposing.

Hamilton told the Press-Herald after the action, "I'm quite happy about the decision."

THE ACTION closed the books on the long investigation into the Torrance Police Department begun nearly a year ago by the district attorney and attorney general. The investigation was launched after three Torrance police officers were arrested on felony charges.

The Civil Service Commission had found Hamilton guilty of making a false statement to the investigating committee under oath. The commission then recommended a 30-day suspension of the officer. Council action overruled the commission's decision and means Hamilton will collect his back pay.

The move to overturn the (Continued on Page 2)

## All City Aides in Jeopardy

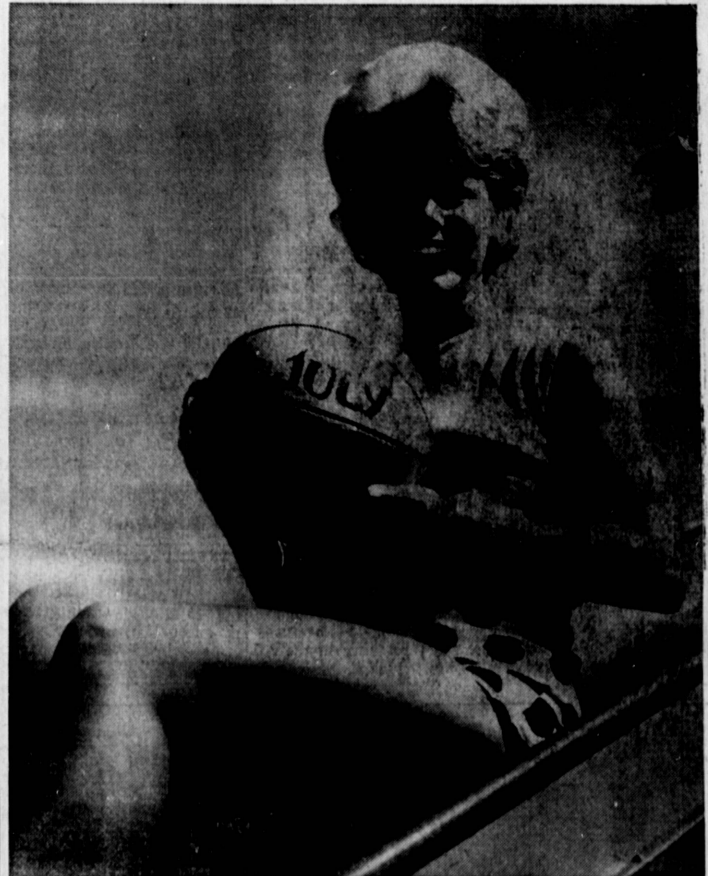
No city commissioner can feel secure in his job but is subject to dismissal at the pleasure of the City Council, it was indicated by councilmen last night.

Indications that councilmen would continue to appoint and dismiss commissioners according to long-established practices in the city came in response to a series of four questions about the procedure for dismissing commission members which had been placed before the councilmen.

The questions were posed by four homeowners' groups following the dismissal of John D. Haidinger from the Planning Commission last week. Haidinger was charged with "lobbying" by councilmen and dismissed on a 4-3 vote.

William Uerkwitz, presi- (Continued on Page 2)

## It's Recreation Month



RECREATION BOOSTER . . . Kris Whitley of the Torrance Recreation Department reminds all that July is Park and Recreation Month and that Torrance has 42 recreational facilities, parks, playgrounds, and special areas available throughout the city to handle off-time recreation pursuits of its citizens. The facilities range from a nine-hole golf course to ball diamonds and the city plunge.

## Cyclist Suffers Major Injuries

Three persons, all motorcyclists, were injured in separate traffic accidents early this week.

Major injuries were suffered by Raymond Hammond, 64, Los Angeles, when his motorcycle went out of control on Hawthorne Avenue near 242nd Street and threw her into the path of a small foreign model car driven by Natl Frederick Jamieson, 85, of 1304 Gramercy.

The accident happened about 10 a.m. Monday. The injured woman suffered a facial laceration and cuts on her mouth.

MINOR INJURIES were suffered by the other two motorcyclists who were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

They were Robert John McKelvey, 25, of 1516 Crenshaw Blvd., whose motorcycle was involved in a collision with a sedan driven by Gerald Francis White, 21, of 3729 W. 171st St. The accident happened 8:15 p.m. Monday just north of Sonoma near McKelvey's home.

In the other motorcycle accident, Constance Mae Mayo, 23, Paramount, a catering

## Valuations, Pegged at 1963 Levels—Waldrip

Preliminary figures on the assessed valuation of Torrance indicate no increase over the city's valuation in 1963, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, told members of the Board of Education Monday evening.

Waldrip said the figures, compiled by the office of County Assessor Phil Watson, show an increase of \$9.3 million in the secured rolls (property and improvements) and a decrease of \$9 million in the unsecured rolls (personal property).

A loss of revenue totaling more than \$125,000 is indicated for the school district, said Waldrip. He told board members the administrative staff estimated a gain of about \$4 million for the city when estimating revenue from local property taxes.

Virtually no increase is in sight if the tax rate of \$2.90 per \$100 assessed valuation is maintained.

TRUSTEES voted to hold the tax rate at the \$2.90 figure during a special budget session of the board June 29. At the time, Waldrip said, the reserve, which will be

used to balance the budget for fiscal 1965, would not fall below \$2.4 million.

Waldrip told the Press-Herald yesterday the reserve will fall to about \$2.2 million if the preliminary figures are correct and the tax rate is not increased. The reserve, however, will remain considerably higher than the 10 percent which Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said he considers safe.

In addition to the loss of revenue from the local property tax, Waldrip said about \$42,000 in federal money will be lost because a local aircraft and electronics firm has purchased property previously owned by the federal government. Purchase of property returned it to the tax rolls, but the district is no longer eligible for federal monies under Public Law 874.

HANSON ASKED Waldrip to prepare a budget showing costs over the next five years for the board's examination. Waldrip said such a document would be ready, but warned that any prediction beyond two years is "only a guess."

When the preliminary budget is returned to the board, it may re-examine the tax rate and order it changed. The board, said Waldrip, is limited only by the voted maximum of \$3.30 per \$100 until the final budget is adopted in August.

## Neighborhood Market Robbed . . .

Two bandits escaped Tuesday after robbing a Gardena market of \$100. Police said the men, about 23 to 24 years old, held up the Neighborhood Market at 1538 W. 166th St., and were last seen southbound on Dalton towards Artesia Boulevard in a car reported stolen from Los Angeles.

## Burglers Hit City Plunge . . .

Would-be thieves failed in an attempt to open a floor safe Tuesday night after they broke into Benstead Plunge offices at 3331 Torrance Blvd. Entry was gained by removing panes from a lowered window at the rear of the building.

## Cleaning Shop Entered . . .

Burglars were believed to have been frightened away last night after they broke into the Sherwin Cleaners at 328 Ave. I. Entry was gained by breaking a window on the side of the building.

## Master Plan Study Due . . .

The initial draft of a master plan study of city zoning will be handed to the City Council in about two weeks. City Manager Edward Ferraro told councilmen last night the planning department is now writing the report.

## Settlement Authorized . . .

Trustees of the Torrance schools have authorized Attorney General Stanley Mosk to settle a suit against the Brunswick Corp. out of court. The suit alleges price fixing for roll-out bleachers used in the gymnasiums at North and South High Schools.

## City Gets Road Funds . . .

Torrance will receive \$87,200 from the aid-to-cities for use on streets, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Chace said a total of \$32 million will be distributed to southwest cities.

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