## DEAR EDITOR ....

How Plane Crashes Might be Avoided Torrance Press

Several months ago I wrote the following letter to the Doug- lines. las Aircraft co. in Santa Mon-

that time—generally speaking—through a simple idea, like the I cared less about safety.

eral important things I wished greatly, if

"I have often wondered why several flights to Europe. At greatly diminished, maybe great difficulties.

following:

were built in the middle of the would travel via air, prefering tragedy. To my straight ques- once it was in fast motion. If It had modest contributions Needs Postcards plane, instead at the head. The a slower but safer plane, Please tion whether this incident could the plane would have had rotors from about 500 Lomita home- Editor propellers should be erected so let me know your opinion. as to move upwards and for- Yours very truly . . ."

to be turned upwards, so that rather evasive but the last para- answer: "very probably." the plane would not move for graph was a little more encour-Continent. I am, however, reluc- wards on the runway, but up- aging: tant to fly any more and I can wards straight into the air and "Your particular idea has been signs, however, I could not get can at least hope to have in a registered voter has more sam these cards. not afford the time to travel then they would be geared slow- proposed many times before any technical details, but I year or two, planes that will be ple ballots and more voting Also needed for the boys are via sea. I even refuse myself a ly to the forward direction un- and Bell Aircraft corp. has learned that finally not only 50 per cent safer. trip to the East Coast, simply til the full speed is reached. The built an airplane, designated the Douglas but also the other air-

because I do not trust the air. same procedure would be ap- XV-3, which utilizes tilting ro- craft companies are seriously plied for the landing. It would tors. You may be interested to taking into consideration the very much look like the helicop-know that conversion from ro-building of planes which will be ter movement. Personally I be tor to propeller attitude is com- launched from a "much shorter Lomita Incorporation "Up to 7 years ago I made plane, where the risks are lieve that there could not be pleted in 10 to 15 seconds . . ." space . . " which means that the "People are mostly afraid of this matter until the air catas which will allow a kind of heli-

"Among other occupations I As a matter of fact a very great when a Douglas airliner crashed You remember what the cap-However, today, for certain am also an inventor, however percentage of accidents occur in New York causing 20 deaths tain of the crashed airliner said is offered. not in your field. But I feel sure after the start or during land and a score of injured passen on February 1. "I just couldn't more, although there are sev- that safety could be improved ings. Millions more people, who gers.

to settle personally on the Old "The motors and propellers for the same reasons as I do, las for information about this not stop the plane any more without outside help or money

recy regarding new airplane de- the good result to learn that we will seem dull now that every boys who love to write home on

I did not do any more about planes will be built in a way landings on the long runways, trophe of February 1, 1957, copter maneuvers.

ings. Millions more people, who gers.

get her up . . . She just wouldn't today refuse to board a plane

The other day I went to Doug- go up . . ." Naturally he could pelled the January invasion more irritating than a smog.

have been avoided if the planes and if it would not go up, at owners. It hired no services ex- Torrance Press were built in the way as out least nothing could go wrong, cept printing. Its people believed wards. To start they would have The answer I received was lined in my letter, I received the They would simply have to in their cause. board another plane.

Sincerely yours. (S) Adolph Ernst

There seems to be abundant Lomita, but if it is necessary to councilmen with unlimited powmoney to force incorporation on bring in outside "experts,"

"Torrance raid" loses force now everything to me and advance that Torrance has disavowed it. thanks. Too many people know now that their signatures were clamped to a petition which called for election of five city

er to create and fill "city" jobs. something is wrong with what may not go so well. Lomita peo-A new invasion by outsiders ple want to be free from a po-The Lomita Civic League re- litical "inversion" that would be

Sincerely,
(S) May W. Ross 25022 Pennsylvania

## All Scouts Invited

Editor Torrance Press

All Boy Scouts appearing in uniform will be admitted as my guests at the Harbor Area Lions Club Associated Drag strip Sunday, March 31, between 10:30 a.m. and dark.

As President of the Associatit organization, we hope to fos. which is scheduled to be compromote safety and encourage organization. gas driven vehicles.

The Strip is located in Long ical staff. our guests for this Sunday.

### Puzzled

Editor

Torrance Press

I really must commend you on expressing your views ecutive committee members. Inhonestly, especially in your letters to the public. I wonder if you would answer a question John Woodruff as radiologist

As I am new to California, I have never heard of a "personal group will be on Wednesday property" tax, but have been evening, April 17, at the Torincluded when taxing personal by-laws will be adopted and property. The assessor, when committees formed to complete calling at our home, however, the organizational program. asked my wife what kind of a car we have and wrote it down!

Angeles about it and they advised that cars are not included Leads In and any tax on them is paid for when we get our license tabs Home Loans the beginning of the year.

asks them, also, what kind of a American Savings and Loan ascar they have!

property the less deduction I American Savings president. get on my taxes, so naturally, it and put it down! I understand the assessors are from Los Angeles County, and not from our City.

Will appreciate any informa tion you can put in your column about this. (Lived in Florida previously and was exempt first \$5,000 for being a veteran, so was quite surprised that California is only \$1000. Iowa vet crans are exempt from any taxes of any kind for life).

(S) Puzzled Citizen! (Editor's note: The county assessor's office indicated that these questions are asked to determine veterans' eligibility for exemption. The family car is not taxed at this time since it is taxed separately when the yearly license tab is obtained.)

## You're Welcome

Editor

Torrance Press On behalf of the student body and staff of Torrance High school, we wish to offer a long overdue commendation to you and to the Torrance Press newspaper for the wonderful assistance you have given us in publishing our school activities.

It is due to this fine assistance and spirit of cooperation that we are able to present a successful program of activities - a credit not only to our school, but to our community as a whole

With sincere thanks, (S) CARL R. AHEE, Principal L. L. BERESKIN.

Student Activities advisor

## GAS COMPANY **PERSONNEL INCREASED**

Figure just released by the Southern California Gas co. show 9,328 new customers were added last year here in the firm's Southwest Division. which serves the Centinela Vallev. Torrance and the beach

I need unused scenic postcards for Veterans in hospitals. The talk of people being de- Postage stamps are placed on Because of the military sec. So my visit to the plant had prived of the voting privilege each card, and left with the

places than he can attend to. foreign stamps to help them The dire warning about a pass the time. Please send

> (S) Mrs. Anna Seidenberg GI Mail Call San Pedro, California

## Flags

Torrance Press The Board of Education exresses appreciation to the Torrance Press for its part in providing "All-America City" flags for all the schools.

Yours very truly, (s) J. H. Hull, Secretary Board of Education

## Dr. Nielsen Hospital Statt

ed Lions Drag strip, a non-prof. Riviera hospital of Torrance. ter interest of youngsters in pleted in June, held its first competitive sports, and to dem- meeting on Wednesday evening, onstrate to them how hot rod March 20, at the Torrance Womyouth groups are organized to an's club, for the purpose of

sportsmanship in their com- A full program of business munities. The strip is holder of included election of officers for the world's record for cars on the 1957-58 year, a progress refuel at 166 miles per hour from port by Jack Saylin, adminisa standing stop, one-quarter trator of the hospital, and premeasured mile electronic tim- liminary discussion of the proing and 145 miles per hour for posed by laws submitted by the steering committee of the med

Beach on 223rd street, 1 block Dr. Robert F. Nielsen was east of Alameda blvd., and we unanimously elected chief-ofencourage all Boy Scouts to be staff. Functioning with him will be Dr. Fritz C. Westerhout as (s) A. W. Hinz assistant chief-of-staff, Dr. John E. Micks as secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Tom G. Halasey as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Drs. Richard C. Schaeffer, John A. Wilson Jr., and J. Bernard Rivo were elected as ex-

The appointments of for me that seems quite puz- and Dr. David Dickey as pathologist were announced.

The next meeting of the told that the family car is not rance Woman's club, when the

# I called the tax office in Los Savings-Loan

have asked around the loan associations in Southern Leading all other savings and neighborhood and the residents California in the number of on our street say the assessor home loans for the year 1956, sociation made a total of 4400 As I am a veteran and have loans during the year for a dola home under the GI Loan bill, lar total of over \$40,000,000, acthe more I pay on personal cording to Stuart A. Ripley,

American Savings operates if my car should not be includ- offices in Whittier, East Whited I don't think the assessors tier-Friendly Hills, La Puente, should take advantage of peo- Temple City, Montrose, Redonples lack of knowledge about do Beach and Manhattan Beach.



## JOHN S. GIBSON Jr. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

fices of the Traffic and Plan ning Departments in the har bor area, is hailed by Council President John S. Gibson Jr., as one of the outstanding achievements of 1956. These new offices, located

in the Wilmington Branch City Hall, provide all the services of the main officein Los Angeles with greater convenience to all persons living in the southern part of the 15th district.

"This move toward de-cen tralization of essential serv ices already has proved a marked convenience to residents of the district," Gibson said, adding "assignment of personnel to the branch of fices to handle all cases in the district also has materially reduced the time for pro-

cessing of applications.' Councilman Gibson, unopposed for re-election in his 15th district, made these assertions while reminding his constituents of the me nicipal election next Tues-

"Only by your expression at the polling places can the representatives of government know your feelings," Gibson said in urging every registered voter to exercise his right of

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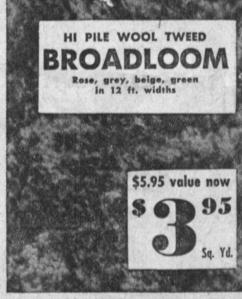




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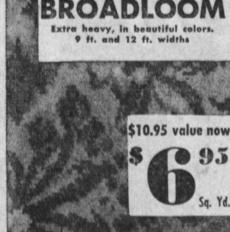
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