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CONTROVERSIAL LETTER BLASTED

Councilmen Unamused O Newton's Monkey-Business

Supervisor Chace Denies Knowledge of Letter

While county officials apparently are unhappy that the matter ever arose, Torrance city councilmen showed themselves unwilling Tuesday to forgive and forget a controversial letter written by County Supervisor Chace's deputy, Richard Newton.

The letter, called everything city Sued from good-natured fun to irresponsible comment, tried to interpret a recent council action as meaning that the city For \$66000 wanted to secede from the county, as far as services were By Owens

It all started when the Torrance City Council went on record opposing the "Lakewood This plan permits new cities to contract with the county for services, rather than provide for their own services.

The council maintained that these cities benefit through cheaper service at the expense of the rest of the county's taxpayers.

Commenting on Newton's fractures of his left leg." letter suggesting the county discontinue its services to Torrance, Councilman Bob Jahn stated:

"I don't agree with Newton ter L. Kroneberger, Jr. or his attitude."

calling for an investigation of juries allegedly suffered in a the whole "Lakewood Plan" fall in an alley southeast of and its cost to the taxpayers, Sartori st. and El Prado. Jahn indicated that this proved that the matter was not to be ment.

trifled with. No Joke

"If Newton still thinks it's a joke," Jahn went on, "I think the council should send him another resolution. Somebody has to be paying the difference (in cost of these services) and don't like the 91,000 people in Torrance to pay the difference. I think we should inform both Newton and Supervisor Chace of our extreme displeasure."

Mayor Albert Isen, who rapped Newton earlier, declared that he stood "By all I've said." He said he was dumb-founded" by Newton's answer and "very amazed and very alarmed when a local Sunday newspaper had headlines suggesting that the county's health and library services were threatened."

'An alarming headline like that," the Mayor went on to say, "is uncalled for. Yet I did not receive a single phone call from anyone being alarmed." Isen referred to the "Lake-

Isen referred to the "Lake-wood Plan" as a means of "hav-NHS Will ing your cake and eating it too" and as a "cut-rate service plan." The rest of the council Open as felt similarly.

"Do we as taxpayers have to Scheduled finance this?" he asked. He indicated that Chace "did not know" of his deputy's letter plumbers strike, the new Narand that he would "send a let- bonne High school at 24300 S. ter of clarification."

Neither Chace nor Newton were available for comment, be full-day

Residents To Protest Pipeline

Residents of 203rd st. will protest installation of a 16-inch oil pipeline at a hearing August 13 before the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Trans-

Residents of 203rd st. from Normandie to Western ave. received notice Monday of the application of the Four Corners Pipeline co. for a franchise.

"Our street is too narrow to allow installation of such a large pipeline," Daniel Moore, 1629 W. 203rd st., said.

Damage claim, totaling \$66,-000 has been filed against the city by Robert A. Owens of 24239 Ocean ave. for alleged injuries received during a softball game practice session in Torrance Park, May 2.

Owens asserts that his left foot became wedged between a sprinkler head and a board while he was running. He fell, suffering "two severe spiral

The claim charges "dangerous and defective" park conditions

Attorney for Owens is Wal-A \$5000 claim was filed, also, Referring to action taken by by Mrs. Helen Vowles for a Supervisor Herbert C. Legg broken right arm and other in-

She blames a hole in the pave-

JEROME SCHARFMAN

. . . first finance officer

Western ave. will open as sched-

son, Wayne, of 1811 Torrance blvd.

be full-day.

for occupancy.



POLICE OFFICER TAKES PAINFUL SPILL Lt. Swayne Johnson of the Torrance Police department broke his pelvic bone last week when his horse bucked and Johnson hit the saddle horn. He is at Torrance Memorial hospital.—Press Photo

HE'LL BE **FIGURES**

Jerome I. Scharfman's job will be eyeing the figures around city hall-statistics, not gals, that is.

Scharfman, who came to work Monday, August 1, is the city's first finance officer.

He'll be dealing with the city's complex financial matters.

working with City Manager George Stevens, City Treasurer Harriett Leach and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Scharfman, 39, was director

of finance in Daly City for two years. Previous to that he was principal accountant at Burbank for eight years. He studied accounting at

UCLA after a four-year stint in the US Army during World War

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., he plans to make his home here with his wife, Diane, and their sons, Jay, 12, and Andrew, 1.

Man Jailed Following Collision

injury traffic accident at 168th A large portion of the plant, st. and Crenshaw blvd.

however, has been affected by So stated Los Angeles City's do Beach. Treated for cuts and \$90,000, Msgr. O'Dwyer said. | cil, said. Superintendent of Schools Ellis bruises was Berral Brown, 37, a A. Jarvis.

The Harvey Aluminum co., announced a \$25,000 gift to start

Officer Breaks Pelvic WATCHING Bone Horseback Riding

Despite a broken pelvic bone suffered while riding his horse, a Torrance police officer returned home still in the saddle, drove his truck to the doctor's office, and crawled to the door on his hands and knees, seeking treatment. "I didn't want to bother anyone," Lt. Swayne Johnson

declared, explaining his actions. Johnson, who lives at 2326 230th st., was riding his horse, Pat, in the oil fields when the animal suddenly bucked, throwing Johnson against the saddle horn, breaking

his pelvic bone. 'Johnson believes that the horse was not used to a double strap, which he was employing for the first time, and that the strap was not tight enough, causing irritation.

"I never left the saddle," the officer declared. "I rode her in and she was as gentle as a lamb. I think she knew she had hurt me. I knew I was hurt but I didn't want to get anyone excited so I drove the truck to the doctor's office. When I got there I couldn't get off my hands and knees and they came and picked me up off the sidewalk."

Johnson, who was anticipating his vacation this week, will be laid up about two months. He will probably have to stay at Torrance Memorial hospital a month. The officer is convalescing without a cast. He is permitted to have

Catholic Hospital Drive May Show \$42,000 Savings, If ..

If funds are raised immediately, the cost of adding 21 beds to Torrance's Little Company of Mary hospital will be \$42,000 less than had been anticipated, Msgr. Thomas Jailed on suspicion of hit-and- J. O'Dwyer, director of health and hospitals for the arch- Chace's motion, the Board of run driving was Frank Heard, diocese of Los Angeles, told the

27, of Inglewood, following an hospital's advisory council. . the expanded program, and the The enlargement program, remaining \$65,000 is expected to back recommendation as to the Heard was arrested at his which calls for 21 additional be raised by local industries and proper reward and also to conthe strike and will not be ready home. Driver of the other car beds above the original plans citizens, Robert I. Plomert, Jr., fer with the County Road De-Supervisors, but Chace in the A. E. Thompson. was Fred Brown, 43, of Redon. for 125, should cost about chairman of the advisory coun partment and the Sheriff's Of-

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EDITORIAL

NOW'S THE TIME

In just a few weeks the Torrance City Council will call for a special election to decide the fate of the airport and recreation bond issues.

This would be a perfect time to decide one other vital matter-increasing the City Council from five to seven men and having the mayor elected by the voters rather than by the members of the City

With Torrance's population soon to hit the 100,-000 mark, we believe that it is time to streamline these facets of city government.

We believe that these two measures would receive virtually unanimous approval, since individuals both in public office and outside it have expressed themselves in favor of such a move.

The councilmen, themselves, in a poll conducted by the Torrance Press, indicated that they were sym-

The reasons for such a change are compelling. With the city's population growing as it has, the problems have increased proportionately and are too

great to be distributed among five men.
Seven men could divide the load better between Furthermore, with a seven-man council, the possi-

bility of a tie-vote would be less likely, with fewer major issues to be decided by a single vote. By electing the mayor at large, two advantages

would be gained. First, the voters of Torrance would feel that they themselves have elected the mayor and secondly, the mayor would be less subject to politics and the necessity of pleasing council factions at whose pleasure he served. In short, choice of mayor would be

more representative of the people's wishes. There is a chance that such a law could go into

effect at this coming April election. We urge the council to consider placing these issues on the October ballot, along with the bond

REWARD: DEAD OR ALIVE

CHACE CALLS

Supervisor Burton W. Chace championed the cause of Goodness, Cleanliness, and Civic Duty this week when by the impact. he urged the county to offer "rewards" leading to the arrest of litterbugs.

Chace, displeased over the disgraceful condition of the county's roads, felt that the only way to stamp out the dumpers would be through a citizen-posse fighting litterbugs with the same intensity that frontiersmen fought outlaws.

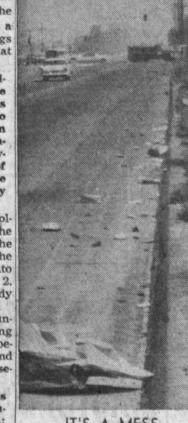
Chace's proposal unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors calls for the paying of a reward to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person unlawfully dumping any type of rubbish on public or private highways or roads or any public property.

Chace pointed out to his coleagues on the Board that the new law which authorizes the reward has been passed by the Legislature and enacted into law by the Governor on July 2. The illegal dumping is already a misdemeanor, Chace stated. "In every part of the coun-

ty," Chace said, "this littering of public roads and parks is becoming a serious menace and it can only be corrected by severe and drastic action." Chace said the problem is

almost out of hand, particularly in the Compton area; but he declared that complaints also are pouring in from almost every section of the county.

Following approval of Supervisors instructed the County Counsel to immediately study the problem and bring visions of the law. fice regarding the posting of discussion stated that he felt in the unincorporated area, call-ligure.



IT'S A MESS Chace is right . . . the roads are messy. This is Hawthorne ave., just north of Pacific Coast hwy, yesterday.

ing attention to the new pro-

Says 'Well, Good-Bye' On Leaving

A gunman with a mustache held up a Torrance liquor store Saturday night for the second time in less than a month and took \$344.

Co-owner of Don and Jons Liquor Store, 23739 Arlington Ave., and a clerk, unidentified by police, described the gunman as having a "Jerry Colonna" black mustache and black gloves.

One victim told police he and his partner were cleaning out the store ice box when the holdup man approached them with a revolver and said:

"Show me where the money Don't look at me and lie down on the floor."

Police said one victim was forced to crawl to where the eash was kept and give approxmately \$344 to the bandit.

The gunman also took a bottle of whiskey and a carton of

The gunman said, "well, coodbye now" when he left. The same liquor store was ield up last month by a gunman with a similar mustache, police said.

... Ardent Swain Woos In Vain?

Instead of saying it with flowers, Robert Maggard, 25, ried to win back his wife's affections with a motorcycle. In the light of what followed flowers might have been a bet-

Maggard is at Harbor General hospital recovering from internal inuries and lacerations he received when he tried playing tag on his motorcycle, with a car driven by his estranged wife, Christine.

He was circling the car at 50 miles per hour, when he apparently miscalculated the distance and rammed into the fender. He was hurled 100 feet

Maggard, who resides at 20617 Mariposa ave., told CHP officers that he was trying to get back in his wife's good

ONE MAN FREED IN DOPE PINCH

All charges against Virgil O. Sheeley, 32, of 7071 Olive, Long Beach, were dropped, while Roy Jennings, 33, of 4401 Emerald st., Torrance, will face a preliminary hearing August 12 on possession of narcotics.

Charges suspecting armed robbery were also dropped. The two men were arrested

when sheriff's deputies raided the Jennings home a week ago Tuesday. Officers found four paper bags containing a total of \$50 worth of marijuana and two bottles believed to contain barbituates.

A check on Sheeley showed that he was wanted by Torrance police on two traffic warrants.

CofC Brings Pressure on Freeway Here

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has approved a strongly worded resolution urging that construction of the No exact figure for the re- Harbor Freeway be expedited, ward aws set by the Board of it was announed by President

The resolution, in support of LA County Supervisor Kenneth "There are no state or federal signs along highways and roads that \$50 would be a workable Hahn and the Torrance City Council, points out that the Southwest area represented by he Inter-City Highway Committee comprises an area of approximately 100 square miles and has over 5,000,000 people who pay \$10 million dollars annually in gas taxes.

In face of these arguments, the Resolution adds, no funds have been budgeted for the comoletion of the section of the Haror Freeway from 124th to 190th although the design is completed and 98% of rightof-way is now secured.

Father and Son, Lost in Mountains, Emerge Safe A local man and his son emerged safe Whittington of the Torrance Recreation Sequoia so rugged that he realized on the hit a bridle trail. Following it, they arrived

and sound Monday out of the wild and department, had been vacationing since way down that it would be hard to find his at Crystal Cave from where they notified rugged Sequoia National park 24 hours Friday night, planning to return Sunday way back. after being reported missing. night. Undaunted and in good spirits were

John Whittington and his eleven-year-old son fishing. The two started out Satur- searched until 2 in the morning and re- was great. As fast as they put the line day afternoon. Even though Whittington sumed their search at 6.

When the two did not return Sunday rangers that they were safe. night, Mrs. Whittington, fearing that they

Whittington had promised to take his had an accident, notified rangers who afraid while lost. As to the fishing - it

The Whittingtons, including Mrs. Vie had done a lot of mountaineering, he found In the meantime, father and son had mountain trout they ever tasted.

in, they pulled up the biggest and the best

The two indicated that they were not