

South High Students Will Hold Car Rally

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GETTING READY . . . Going over one of the entries in South High School's "Hot Wheels" car rally, to be held Thursday, March 13, are (clockwise, from top left) Bob Commings, 17; Randy Thompson, 16; Terrill Labit, 16; and Keith Cairncross, 17. Watching the boys is Charles E. Drupp, auto shop instructor at South High. The rally will cover a 24-mile route laid out by Chris Bebbler, a senior, and Bill Till, a Long Beach college student. The Torrance Safety Council and the South High PTA are co-sponsoring the rally with the school. (Press-Herald Photo)

'Hot Wheels' Rally Scheduled March 13

Plans for a cooperative car rally, to be staged by South High School students in cooperation with the Torrance Safety Council and the South High PTA, were revealed today.

The rally will be held Thursday, March 13, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Route of the rally, which covers 24 miles, was set by Chris Bebbler, a South High senior, and Bill Till, a Long Beach College student.

SIGN-UPS for entries and departures will begin at 7 p.m. in the student parking lot at South High. All cars must return to the school by 11 p.m. Several check-points have been designated along the 24-mile route and will be manned by students and adults.

Entry fees are \$2 per car, with a \$1.25 fee set for South High

seniors who hold a class card. Funds raised from entries will go to the senior class to finance graduation activities.

Only South High students are eligible to enter the rally. A car must have a minimum of two persons (driver and navigator) and a maximum of four persons. Each driver must present a valid driver's license and insurance identification, while navigators must have flashlights.

FOUR TEAMS of advanced automotive shop students will give each car a safety check prior to the rally. Charles Dripps and Dave LaBriere, auto shop instructors, are directing that phase of the program.

Faith Halestad, senior class president, is chairman of the credentials committee, and Jeanne Money is safety chair-

man. Publicity is being handled by Lyn Thomas.

Coordinators of the rally include Officer Ted Bradley, California Highway Patrol; Mrs. Douglas Ingle, PTA safety chairman; Dr. John Lucas, principal; Miland Annis, director of student activities; and Mrs. Fred Burdette, PTA program chairman.

REFRESHMENTS will be on sale from 6 to 11:30 p.m., with profits going into the associated student body treasury.

A dance will be held from 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m., with the presentation of trophies scheduled for midnight.

A brief PTA business meeting is planned during the evening and a film on sports car rallies will be shown.

Ban on Jets at Airport Reaffirmed by Council

Memorandum on Master Plan at Airport 'Filed'

By a 4-3 vote, City Councilmen last night reaffirmed their policy of discouraging jets at Torrance Municipal Airport by voting to file a statement from Councilman Orin Johnson which called for the eventual development of a master plan for the airport.

Voting to file the statement and stick with the long-time airport policy were Mayor Alvert Isen and Councilmen Jay Beasley, Ross Sciarrotta, and William J. Uerkwitz.

Those favoring the development of a master plan were Councilmen Donald E. Wilson, Ken Miller, and Johnson.

flights is sufficient for the time being.

Councilman Uerkwitz agreed with the mayor, stating that council policy is firm in regard to the airport. He said the council should take steps to drive this message home to city management officials and airport commissioners.

TURNING the discussion to the current hearings against suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac, Councilman Beasley said that the Civil Service Commission

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JOHNSON'S plan spells out a step-by-step procedure for developing guidelines for the airport's growth. The Airport Commission would have been charged with developing preliminary guidelines after surveying the community and studying the situation.

Finally, a professional planner would have been hired to draft a master plan of development.

Before moving for the adoption of his plan, Johnson commented that it contained sufficient checkpoints along the way to allow for corrective action if needed.

COUNCILMAN Wilson defended Johnson's plan, stating that it will be impossible for the city to hold down the airport's growth and that the city will be pre-empted by other agencies if it doesn't forge ahead with its own plans.

"We're sitting back and letting others do our planning for us," Dr. Wilson said.

Mayor Isen objected to the proposal for a master plan in the belief that the city's current policy of discouraging jets and banning commuter and freight

West High Plans Win Approval

The Robert Tebbe Corp. Monday was awarded a \$475,000 contract for construction of a new classroom building at West High School.

The bid was accepted by the Torrance Board of Education during Monday's regular meeting.

The building, to be located on the Spencer Street side of the campus, will raise school capacity to 2,510 pupil stations, a district spokesman said. Enrollment at the school is expected to be near 2,350 next September.

Plans also were approved for replacing and enlarging the Torrance High School boys' gymnasium, heavily damaged by fire last year. The board, however, delayed a call for bids to include an alternate construction plan which would include additions to the District Service Center adjacent to the Torrance High campus.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS . . . Offering congratulations to each other after being named to the Board of Directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital are John A. Barrington (left) and John F. Nursall, M.D. Barrington is president of Barrington Welding Machine Works and Mobar Industrial Supply Co. Dr. Nursall has been a member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff since 1955. (Press-Herald Photo)

No Court Reporters

Nollac Hearing Delayed Because of Legal Snafu

A scheduled Monday night session in the Civil Service Commission hearings against suspended city engineer Walter M. Nollac was called off after 90 minutes because official court reporters failed to appear.

While witnesses, attorneys, and commissioners twiddled their thumbs for an hour and a half, city officials busily made phone calls to try to locate a reporter — or at least find out why the scheduled reporter failed to appear.

At 9 p.m., Civil Service Commission Chairman Larry Bowman adjourned the session to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 10. Both sides agreed that to continue without an official reporter would be unwise, even though a minute secretary and a tape recorder were available in the hearing room.

Attorney Walter N. Anderson was supposed to have completed

the case for the prosecution Monday.

At Saturday's session of the hearings, former Deputy City Attorney Richard L. Knickerbocker took the witness stand.

Knickerbocker testified that he and Nollac had had differences. (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)

Wives Picket at U. S. Steel Plant

Some 40 wives of United States Steel employees picketed the Torrance plant Tuesday in an attempt to obtain higher wages for their husbands.

The demonstrators, many of them with children in tow, took up their vigil at 9:30 a.m., marching in shifts until past 4 p.m.

Picket signs and placards bore such slogans as, "It's Hard to Raise Children on Promises."

A SPOKESMAN for the group, Mrs. Newell (Charlene) Robison, told the Press-Herald that about 64 men at the plant have been working for more than a year at a low rate of pay on the continuous caster installation, a new automated facility.

Mrs. Robison said all the men left other jobs within the company (at which they were paid \$5, \$6, or \$7 per hour) in order to take special training for the caster. She said they were told they would only have to take the lower wage (less than \$4 per hour) for a few months. The men were led to believe the change would eventually upgrade them to a higher salary than before, she stated.

Mrs. Robison said that many of the men have large families, up to seven children, and the low rate of pay has severely

pinched their budgets. "Some of these families are really in trouble," she exclaimed.

PURPOSE of the march, Mrs. Robison said, is to "embarrass the company into moving along or embarrass the union into doing more than they are doing." The International Steelworkers Union is the organization involved.

The march will continue today, and possibly every day until the demonstrators achieve their goals, Mrs. Robison added.

Most of the men involved live in Torrance or Gardena.

AN OFFICIAL statement from the United States Steel Torrance plant at 840 Van Ness Ave. remarked Tuesday that the march is not authorized by the union at the plant.

William G. Davis, general superintendent, stated that normal grievance procedures available to the employees have been exhausted. He said the caster employees volunteered for, and bid on, their positions with full knowledge of the rates of pay established for them.

The statement said that a grievance filed by the employees was submitted to arbitration and that their request for higher pay and an incentive plan were denied in September, 1968.

No Progress Made In Harvey Strike

A strike by the United Steelworkers of America against Harvey Aluminum, Inc., entered its sixth week yesterday with both sides reporting no progress in the negotiations.

Representatives of the company and the striking steelworkers have, however, been meeting. Negotiations were reported as "sporadic."

Spokesmen for the union,

which represents about 1,800 of the 2,000 workers employed at Harvey, said the company has not altered its offer of a 50-cent hourly wage increase over a three-year contract.

The offer has been called "ridiculously low" and not nearly equal to wages being paid employees at other major aluminum producing firms.

Harvey has been maintaining limited production with the use of supervisory personnel, nonunion workers, and some union workers, it was reported.

Festival Planned

First in a series of Spring music festivals to be presented by students in the Torrance Unified School District will take place Friday evening at South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy.

A combined orchestra and nine elementary schools will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The public is invited and there is no charge.

Elementary schools participating will include: Parkway, Riviera, Newton, Calle Mayor, Seaside, Meadow Park, Arnold, Hillside, and Watteria Schools.

Redondo Beach Soldier Killed In Vietnam War

A Redondo Beach soldier was killed in Vietnam, the Department of Defense announced Monday.

He was identified as Pfc. Allen M. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sharp of 2005 Rockefeller Lane.

Pfc. Sharp was one of 11 Southern California servicemen reported killed last week.



RETIRING . . . Dr. Owen Griffith (right), president of the Torrance Board of Education, presents certificates of service and leadership to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Wittenburg of 2616 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach. The Wittenburgs retired March 1 after nine years with the Torrance schools. Wittenburg was employed as a grounds maintenance man, while Mrs. Wittenburg was a cafeteria manager.