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# STUDENTS NABBED IN DOPE RAIDS

## 3 Schools Open Monday

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you think Little League is a good thing or do you think we should go back to sandlot baseball?"

That was the question the HERALD asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures follow:

Homer Pickett, Long Beach, filling station attendant:

"Little League is all right by me. The children seem to enjoy it. I think it does them good to put on uniforms and learn the rules. I'd just as soon watch them play as an 'it team.'"

Donald Mathel, 823 Cota Ave., student:

"Basically, I think it's a good thing. It provides teamwork and competition for the boys in an organized framework. I played sandlot ball when I was younger, and I would have gained a great deal from the supervision and coaching provided by Little League."

Bob Hawley, 1521 W. 224th St., steelworker:

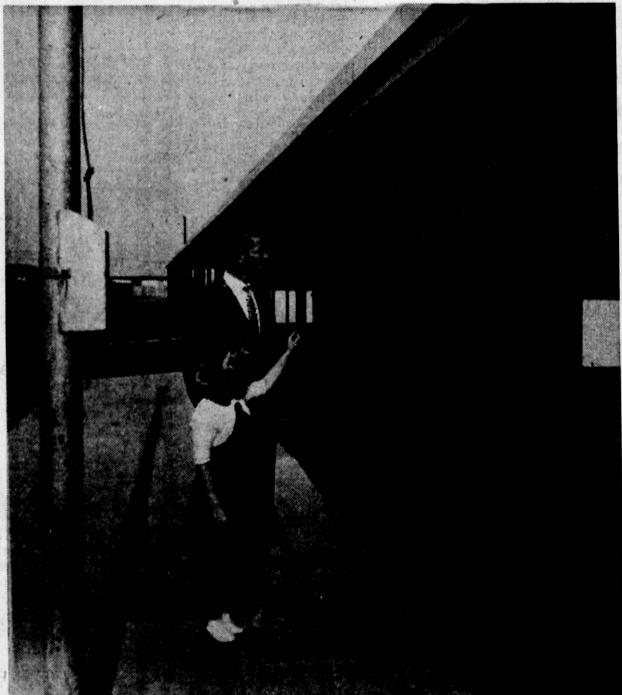
"I think it's nice for the kids. It teaches them how to play the game at an early age, and makes better athletes and sportsmen out of them. In a lot ball we missed out on good coaching, and often had trouble getting a team organized."

Maureen Bereskin, 17146 Delia St., student:

"I think Little League is a much better idea than sandlot ball. The boys are under supervision and get excellent training. I have a brother who was in Little League. He got a lot out of it."

Mrs. Catherine Warren, 20837 Dalton Ave., housewife:

"It's the best thing in the world. I have my second son in it already. It can't be beat. I go to all the games my boys play in. They have learned sportsmanship and the right way to play, and I've learned to enjoy the



**SNEAK PREVIEW . . .** Taking a sneak preview of the new Philip Magruder Elementary School which will open next Monday are Principal Edwin Brown and Barbara Freeman, a fourth grader. The school, one of three new schools which will open Monday, is named after Philip Magruder, executive vice president of General Petroleum, in honor of his services to education.

### After Lengthy Hearing

## Area Building Ban Eased By Council

Building restrictions which had been placed on the south Torrance area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3 were eased slightly Tuesday by the city council.

Following a lengthy hearing on the water situation in the area bounded roughly by Walnut, Sepulveda, Crenshaw, and

236th St., the council ruled that building permits could be issued if:

1. The new construction involved no plumbing changes;
2. The applicant can satisfy the council that he made substantial expenditures on building plans prior to the Dec. 16 ban on the area.

### Benefit Party Reservations Are Still Open

Reservations are still available for the Champagne Benefit Party to be held at the Broadway Department Store in the Del Amo Shopping Center, Hawthorne and Sepulveda, scheduled for Sunday evening, Feb. 15. Proceeds from the benefit will be used to purchase needed equipment for children's heart surgery at Harbor General Hospital.

The affair, to be the first public preview of the modern new department store, is being sponsored by the Women's Clubs of the area who have sent out hundreds of invitations. Those who have received invitations are being asked by the sponsoring clubs to acknowledge them immediately.

Those who have misplaced their bids may call the Broadway at FR 8-0421; Mrs. Don Wolf at FA 8-0793; Mrs. J. G. Louvier at FR 5-7539; or Mrs. Thomas O'Malley at FR 5-4762.

**A MOVE** by Councilman George Bradford that applicants be granted permits if they could show their property was served by water with pressure of not less than 15 pounds during the 24-hour period was defeated.

Further hearings into the matter were scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10.

**IN SEPARATE** action, the council approved the request of Mrs. Marguerite Givens to rebuild her home in the area which was destroyed by flames last November. Mrs. Givens had been precluded from obtaining a permit under the terms of the Dec. 16 building ban.

### Pair Arrested In Bunco Pinch

Two men were arrested here Tuesday night by the district attorney's office on charges of trying to bilk a local man out of \$4000 on a bogus gambling fix in Las Vegas.

Facing grand theft charges because of the plot are Douglas R. Anderson, 34 of Las Vegas, and Fred Padilla, 47, of Los Angeles.

The council also heard Water Superintendent Angus McVicar say that it would cost about \$246,000 to put a new

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## Deadline Beat on Opening

Moving day for nearly 1400 Torrance elementary school students has been moved up a week with the announcement that three new schools in the North Torrance area will be opened next Monday instead of the following week as previously scheduled.

Opening of the Magruder, Hamilton, and Yukon schools is being hailed as one of the school district's biggest single steps against the double session problem. The Monday move is being made possible by an earlier than expected completion of the construction work on the three new school plants.

**CHILDREN ON** double sessions in the North Torrance area will be reduced from more than 2800 to about 900, according to a school district announcement. The three new schools and the Crenshaw Elementary schools will have no double session classes, and the number of students on the half-day class scheduled at Edison, Perry, Arlington, and Carr will be reduced.

About 456 students will report to the new Magruder School at 4100 W. 185th St. to greet their new principal, Edwin Brown. The students at Magruder will include about 300 from El Nido and 150 from Edison.

**GREETING STUDENTS** at Hamilton School at 2606 W. 182nd St. will be Principal Dale Wickstrom, who expects about 430 in his opening classes. These will include students from part of the former Crenshaw and Arlington School attendance areas.

About 480 students are expected to show up at the Yukon School at 17900 Yukon Ave. Principal Richard Brown Jr. will greet the students who will be transferring from Carr,

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## STORE PACTS VOTED

Torrance housewives will be doing their week end shopping in local supermarkets this morning as chain stores throughout the city re-open following a 28-day strike-lockout that was settled yesterday.

Forced to patronize understocked neighborhood grocery establishments and jammed independent markets for almost a month, bargain-happy food shoppers are expected to throng to merchandise-filled supermarkets to stock up on dwindling supplies for depleted kitchen shelves.

**THE FIVE** year contract was signed by Robert K. Fox, president of the Food Employers Council, and Joseph T. DeSilva, executive secretary and chief negotiator for the Retail Clerks Union at 5 a.m., Wednesday, after a 17-hour session with economist Hugo Morris and Dr. Michael Wermer, Caltech economist. Also sitting in on negotiations was William Gilbert, AFL-CIO regional representative.

More than \$100 million in gross revenue was lost by market owners in the Los Angeles area during the prolonged dispute which began New Year's Day. Idled by the strike lockout were 16,000 clerks and an estimated 10,000 allied workers.

**HALTING** progress in negotiations during the four-week shutdown was a 13-day deadlock during which both sides hurled charges and countercharges. A rash of lawsuits and libel actions drawn up at the height of verbal hostilities appear to have been dropped with the signing of the new contract.

Called in during the dispute to ease the problems of collective bargaining were the National Labor Relations Board and the California State Conciliation Service.



**SEEK RECREATION FACILITIES . . .** Petitioning the city for more recreation facilities for Torrance are two Junior Chamber of Commerce officers. Left to right are President Robert Cramer of the Recreation and Park Commission, Jaycee President Bob Bartz, Mayor Albert Isen, and Jaycee Vice President Dave Cleveland. (Herald Photo)

## Neighboring Schools Hit

Arrests continued last night in a roundup of harbor area teenage narcotics addicts by the Los Angeles Police Dept. which began here Monday.

With 52 youths already in custody, Police Sgt. John McKay stated that the police department expects to haul in more than 100 juveniles and young adults in connection with marijuana traffic on high school campuses and at teenage parties.

Hotbed of dope-peddling in this area, among minors arrested to date has been Narbonne and Banning High Schools in Wilmington and Gardena High School. Other students in custody attend junior high schools and reside in Harbor City, Carson, Wilmington, and Gardena.

**WIDESPREAD** use of narcotics among minors here came to light when the mother of a 15 year old girl intercepted a letter to her daughter from a 17-year-old Marine at Camp Pendleton which mentioned "reefer parties."

After the mother turned the letter over to the police, the authorities got names of others involved from the girl and the Marine, and the roundups began. Additional names were gained with each arrest made, as the clamp-down snowballed.

Among the first 50 persons arrested were 41 juveniles

### By Council

## Slide Relief Sought

Promise of some relief in the Portobello Drive area of Victoria Knolls where several homes are threatened by slippage was seen this week in action of the city council in ordering drawings and a cost estimate of drains recommended recently by an independent engineering firm.

Acting on a motion by George Bradford, the council voted to appropriate \$10,000 for the job, the figure reportedly suggested by the surveyed firm last year. The appropriation is to include costs of engineering and bid expenses.

**THE COUNCIL'S** decision came at the end of a formal hearing into the problems of the area above Crenshaw Blvd. south of Pacific Coast Hwy. An earth filled ravine on which homes have been built has shown signs of slippage, probably caused by an underground water seepage problem, the city has been told. While the city denies legal responsibility for the matter, members of the council have admitted that the city may have a moral responsibility.

Mrs. Conrad Berwanger, of 2743 Portobello, one of the homeowners threatened in the slide area, told the council that it was not a question of liability but one of responsibility.

**THE CITY** needs to figure on what is going to happen in the future," she said.

"You can't put up barricades and let sewer lines and water lines burst—the city should face the problems now," she added.

Other residents of the area indicated that although the

### A PROMINENT 17-year-old

A check of local high schools indicated that no students currently enrolled in Torrance were among the nearly half a hundred arrested this week as Los Angeles police cracked what they called a harbor area narcotics network.

Students arrested by the police were principally from Narbonne in Lomita, Gardena High School, and Banning High in Wilmington, police said. Other arrests were made of students in junior high schools and residing in the Harbor City, Carson, Wilmington, and Gardena areas.

At least one of the adults arrested was a former Torrance student, and one other lived in the Shoestring Strip of Los Angeles, which carries a Torrance mailing address.

student body officer and Gardena High School football star were among those arrested. Awaiting arraignment in Los Angeles County Jail on a narcotics theft from Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles was 21-year-old Heber Themm.

Other adults in custody are Jerry Espinoza, 23, of Harbor City; Armando Ocampo, 20, of Wilmington; Warren Clemmer, 22, of 1516 Crenshaw Blvd.; John Early, 19, of Los Angeles; Donald Colclasure of 1511 W. 214th St.; and David Lee Kelly, 26, of Hermosa Beach.

Adults arrested will be prosecuted as criminals, according to McKay, who stated that the minors will be bound over to juvenile authorities. McKay indicated that it would be up to the courts as to whether or not any parents would be prosecuted.

## Rivierans To Discuss Addresses

The question of whether or not the Hollywood Riviera should change its mailing address from Redondo Beach to Torrance will be discussed at a meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. to be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Riviera School, 365 Paseo de Arena.

Advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change will be discussed by Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance and Joe Wall of Redondo Beach. Also present will be Postmasters Connors and Durant.

A solution to the threat of salt water intrusion into ground water supply will be proposed by Mr. McVicar.

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