

# Record List Draws Positions for Powder Puff Derby

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# BLOOD DONORS SOUGHT FOR GIRL

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you think TV affects children?"

Answering were:  
Mrs. Doris Myers, 1516 W. 223rd Street, housewife:  
"I think a great deal depends on which programs are watched. I try to keep my own children from watching those with a lot of violence and prejudice in them, because it's bound to get them keyed up. We try to stick to the children's programs."



Mrs. Warren Peterson, 1645 W. 207th St., housewife:  
"Right now ours is broken and we have no desire to have it fixed. Both my husband and I think children spend entirely too much time in front of it, especially those cartoons. Some of them have violence and rough stuff in them, such as when one of the characters hits another over the head, etc. A lot of people use it as a baby sitter to keep the children occupied and out from under foot."



Mrs. Lois Daniel, 1511 West 204th Street, housewife:  
"I think some of the programs aren't fit for children to watch. Ours only watch the cartoons meant only for children. I think a program such as 'Romper Room' is real good because the youngsters learn something from it. It sorta prepares them for kindergarten and makes them want to go. You can tell that it definitely affects children by the way some of them act."



Mrs. Ivan Goodwin, 25344 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, housewife:  
"I think children watch TV too much. It interferes with their school work and I don't think it's any too good for the eyesight. My children are all of school age so I'm not qualified to say how it affects the pre-school children, but I don't think it's too good for them either."



Fabian Abram, 210 S. Guadalupe, Redondo, retired:  
"I think it depends on the parents, and whether they have taught a child what is right and what is wrong. I think it gives some ideas of doing things that aren't right, but if the child has been taught right, it won't hurt him. Parents should monitor the programs their children watch so they don't see the ones with so much crime and violence in them."



**PATHETIC SCENE . . .** Mrs. William Frantz consoles her five year old daughter, Christy who was hospitalized when a match she lighted set her dress on fire Easter Sunday. The little victim, whose mother has appealed for blood donors, was rescued by George Westbrook from in front of her home at 2425 1/2 - 248th St. Herald Photo

## Child Lights Match, Burns Self Badly

By BOB WILTON  
Herald Staff Writer

Little Christy knew she should not play with matches, but when she found a book of paper matches she could not resist the temptation to light one. The next second she was a flaming torch.

Five year old Christy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frantz, of 2425 1/2 W. 248th St. It was Easter Sunday and after all of the fun of dressing up for the occasion, Christy became bored after her mother had put her in a play dress and sent her out to play with her three-year-old sister, Karen.

She put Karen in her parents' car parked in front and started looking for something to do.

IT WAS THEN she picked up the book of matches and got into the automobile. Striking the match was not easy, but she finally succeeded and as it burned close to her fingers Christy dropped it into her lap.

She was engulfed in a searing blaze.

SHE REMEMBERED someone pulling her from the car and rolling her over and over on the ground—that was all she remembered.

The someone who pulled Christy out of the car and smothered her fiercely burning dress was G. E. Westbrook, of 25930 Cayuga. He just happened to be walking by when Christy's dress caught on fire and just happened to save her life. Doctors stated that her burns, which are third degree and cover 75 per cent of her body, could not have been more severe and still allow her to survive.

CHRISTY HAS been in Harbor General Hospital since Easter. She is a good little patient even though she whimpers at times when the pain of her burns grow worse, children's ward nurses report.

She has had 15 pints of blood given her in transfusions and will need 30 more in the next few days if she is to win her courageous battle.

CHRISTY IS sorry she lit



**RACING TEAM . . .** Kathie Braithwaite (left) of El Segundo and Frances Heaney of Torrance will be teamed up when the annual Powder Puff Derby takes off from Torrance Municipal Airport July 9. They drew position 28 from the helmet here Thursday. (Herald Photo)

## Torrance Man Arrested As Forgery Ring Suspect

A Torrance man who operates a bail-bond business in Long Beach was arrested by Los Angeles and Long Beach police Friday as a participant in an alleged Southland forgery ring.

Harry Simons, 48, of 834 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, was taken into custody on charges of conspiracy and forgery. He was released on \$2,625 bail Friday evening.

Simons' arrest came as part

of a crackdown on what was described as a large scale forgery ring. Officers said that Simons—whose business is located at 457 W. Broadway—was the "middle man" in a bogus payroll check ring.

Officers said that several other persons were also involved in the operation, which is still being investigated. Police said that Simons' office

supplied checks and identification papers to "passers" who would cash the checks at supermarkets or a similar business during the weekend when the banks are closed.

The passers would later return the checks which they were unable to cash to Simons' office along with the money they had received in their successful attempts.

## Rain Delays Opening Of Freeway Section

This week's rainstorm has forced a postponement in the opening of the northbound lanes of the Harbor Freeway between Alondra Blvd. and 124th St. for at least three days, possibly more, it was announced yesterday.

The freeway section had been scheduled to open to northbound traffic on May 3, but minor storm damage made

it impossible for the schedule to be maintained.

SUPERVISOR Kenneth Hahn, who has pushed for opening of the freeway section at the earliest possible date, stated that he had been informed that opening of the section may be postponed to as late as May 9, and that if further rains occur the opening might even be delayed beyond that point.

He pointed out that the southbound lanes are not scheduled to be opened to traffic until about two or three weeks after the northbound lanes are opened. Limited traffic will be allowed on southbound lanes until the temporary off-ramp at 124th St. has been removed.

AS A MEANS of preventing traffic congestion near the Alondra Blvd. terminus of the freeway, Supervisor Hahn has had a number of major road improvements completed including widening of the intersection of Broadway and Alondra, and widening of Alondra between Figueroa St. and Broadway from two lanes to four.

He has also urged the State Highway Department to install a permanent off-ramp at Redondo Beach Blvd. as an alternate exit for traffic headed directly to Torrance and the South Bay areas.

## Hearing for Dual Murder Suspect Set

Twenty-six-year old Marvin Joseph Taylor, who is charged with the dual slaying of his wife and child, was ordered held without bail for preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong here on May 17 when he was arraigned Thursday.

Another Torrance man, William Fitzpatrick, 28, who has been charged with the fatal beating of his wife, was ordered held without bail to face arraignment in Inglewood Superior Court on May 20.

Both men were heard by Judge Armstrong Thursday. Taylor is accused of slaying his wife, Carol, with a gun early last Tuesday after a family quarrel in the couple's home at 23304 Falena Ave. The couple's expected child, born about 30 minutes after the mother died, succumbed after a 23-hour battle to save its life.

Fitzpatrick is charged with beating his wife April 17 at the couple's home at 2021 W. 177th St. Her body was discovered by Fitzpatrick the following morning. He told police he had spent the night in a motel.

## Stu Buckalew Eliminated from Olympic Trials

Torrance's Stuart Buckalew was eliminated from the United States Olympic Wrestling Team Trials in Ames, Iowa Friday in the third round by Bob Sheppard of Evanston, Ill.

Buckalew took his first match on Wednesday, then wrestled to two successive ties before being eliminated in the 147 1/2-pound class.

The 18-year-old El Camino College student will stay over for the Greco-Roman style eliminations, beginning Monday.

Jun Watanabe, 115 pound El Camino student, was eliminated on the first day.

## State Cool To Bid for Off-Ramp

Appeals of a local delegation that an off-ramp be constructed at Redondo Beach Blvd. to handle Harbor Freeway traffic was taken under advisement in Sacramento Thursday by members of the California Highway Commission.

The delegation, headed by Arlyn Weber, deputy Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, appeared before the commission to point out that Alondra Blvd., the only scheduled exit to the new terminal of the Harbor Freeway which will be put into operation sometime next week, was a short, narrow residential street which would not be able to handle the expected traffic.

Weber pointed out that Redondo Beach Blvd. is a more logical point for the off-ramp, and that such a facility could be installed at a minimum cost.



**LOCAL ENTRANTS . . .** Airport Commission President Tom Abrams chats with local entrants in the annual Powder Puff Derby during a lull in the proceedings Thursday. Lady pilots (from left) include Patricia Ann Weaver, Palos Verdes; Iris Critchell, Palos Verdes; and Mary Plukney, Torrance. (Herald Photo)

## Powder Puff Pilots Draw Starting Position Numbers

A pilot's helmet was the center of attention for a few minutes at Torrance Municipal Airport this week as starting positions for the 1960 All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) were drawn.

Pat Gladney of Los Altos and her copilot, Margaret Standish of Mountain View, drew the coveted No. 1 spot. Early starting spots are treasured although the winner is determined on an elapsed time basis, race officials explained.

THE PILOTS will fly from Torrance Airport to Wilmington, Del., for this year's event. It is being sponsored by the Long Beach chapter of the

Ninety-Nines, Inc., an international organization of women fliers; the city of Torrance, and the Chamber of Commerce.

On hand for Thursday's drawing were Airport Commission President Tom Abrams; Commissioner Joe Duss, chairman for the city; Councilman Nick Dralle, and other city and sponsoring officials—all in addition to many of the participating pilots and co-pilots who flew in from various California airports for the event.

MORE THAN 80 airplanes are expected to participate in the annual event this year, officials report. Torrance area entrants

placed No. 8, No. 18, and No. 28 in the drawing.

The team of Iris Critchell of Palos Verdes Estates and Mary Plukney of Torrance drew the No. 8 position, Pat Weaver of Palos Verdes drew No. 18, while Kathleen Braithwaite of El Segundo and her co-pilot, Frances Heaney, of 22732 Madison St., Torrance, drew the No. 28 post.

A total of 48 positions were drawn Thursday, but as many as 80 planes and 160 women are expected to be in the race when it leaves here next July 9.

INCLUDED IN the entrants so far are two doctors, a golf (Continued on Page 14)