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FREEWAY LINK OPENS FRIDAY

Historic Event To Be Marked By Ceremony

Opening of the Harbor Freeway link from 161st St. to 190th St. to traffic has been set for Friday morning, July 15, state highway engineers reported this week. The long awaited project will connect Torrance to the downtown Los Angeles area via a direct route.

Cops Turn Cook To Rescue Pie

Torrance police Sunday found a quick solution to what might be termed "The Case of the Absent-Minded Baker."

It seems Mrs. Toni King of 4923 Marion St., was visiting in Santa Monica when she suddenly remembered leaving a pie baking in the oven at home. She called the local police station and officers were dispatched to the King home. The policeman turned off the oven and removed what they described as "an extremely well-done pie."

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in whose district the route lies, announced that formal ribbon cutting ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Artesia Blvd. interchange on Thursday. The state division of highways will then open the section to southbound traffic early Friday and the northbound lanes will be opened shortly thereafter.

THE OPENING of the section between Alondra Blvd. and 190th St. will extend the freeway 15.3 miles south from the civic center interchange and complete that part of the project in Supervisor Hahn's district. Funds for the remaining two gaps have been allocated by the State Highway Department. The freeway will ultimately extend into the San Pedro harbor area.

The Harbor Freeway presently carries a daily average of 195,000 vehicles. This is the highest traffic count of any road, bridge, or turnpike in the world.

THE COMPLEXION of the freeway to Torrance marks the culmination of the efforts of a number of Torrance residents who have served as members of the Inter-City Highway Committee including Reid Bundy, Managing Editor of the HERALD.

In a letter to Bundy yesterday Supervisor Hahn said: "I recall that you were among those who gave active support to getting this important segment of the Harbor Freeway completed so that it would serve all of the south section of Los Angeles county."

PARTICIPANTS in the ribbon cutting on July 14 include Mr. George Glassoff, president of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce; Eugene Rossi, president of the Southside Chamber of Commerce, members of the inter-city highway commission; John S. Gibson, president of the Los Angeles City Council; and Supervisor Hahn.

Mayor Albert Isen and the Torrance City Council are being asked to participate along with representatives of the Gardena council.

Need More Help Fire Lads Say

Torrance's Fire Department is seriously undermanned, it is claimed in a firemen's petition submitted to the City Council on Saturday. It asks reconsideration of the department's manpower requests.

The petition cites a National Board of Fire Underwriters' standard that indicates Torrance should have 150 men on its fire department. It currently has 79.

Also urged in the petition is appointment of an Assistant Fire Chief, as recommended by the underwriters.

The firemen's communication points out that Fire Chief J. J. Benner made a "conservative request" for 16 new men this year, got but four.

"HOW CAN a man be expected to continually provide top protection for the city without adequate tools to do the job?" the petition asks.

Eighty members of the department signed the petition. Eight others were listed as on vacation when it was circulated.

Engineer Al Salcido is chairman of the firemen's committee that circulated the petition.

Thief Swaps Bike For Fishing Gear

A young thief swapped his bicycle for fishing gear here Thursday, according to police.

Walter Gilliard of 918 Crenshaw Blvd. said he saw the garage with stolen fishing equipment.

Gilliard said he gave chase as the lad fled on his bicycle, but abandoned the two wheeler and escaped on foot with the angling equipment.

Police impounded the boy's cycle.

3 Boys Admit Dozen Crimes

Three boys, aged 14 and 15 years, have admitted committing a half dozen burglaries in the Madrona Square area here, police reported.

Officers said the lads admitted taking money and other property from homes, into which they forced entry after determining that the occupants were away.



HOWARD HOOD
 ... A past Grand Knight of the Redondo Beach-Torrance Knights of Columbus, Hood has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern California chapter. The election took place at last week's meeting of the chapter.



BIG HEADED COWBOY... Harry Van Bellehem, Director of the Torrance Recreation Department, and Paul Salzburg inspect a 700 pound cowboy head which was presented to the department by Salzburg. Sculptured in concrete by Salzburg, the head will be placed in Sea-Aire Park where it will be used as a climbing toy for youngsters. Salzburg, a native of Germany and resident of this country since 1927, has attracted considerable acclaim for his technique of creating art objects from cement.

Torrance Six Months Rate \$20 Millions

Torrance's building permit valuations for the first half of this year were among the highest of any like period in the city's history, it was announced Friday. Building Inspector Lee Schless said his office issued permits representing a construction value of \$20,038,722 through the end of June.

The first half of 1960 was exceeded only by the same period of 1956, when construction values were estimated at about \$25,000,000.

About a third of the 1960 total was for industrial and commercial units while the balance was for dwellings, Schless said.

He pointed out that the proportion of industrial and commercial permits has been increasing during the past two years.

March, when permits with values of \$6,638,340 were issued, thus far is the high month of this year.

79 Planes In Easy Takeoff

Delayed by coastal fog 76 pilots and their assistants took off yesterday into a blue-grey mixture of horizon in the Annual All-Woman Continental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby, if you please) from Torrance municipal airport.

Feted, as some of them said, like they never had been before, the women pilots left almost reluctantly on their handi-capped course across the country to Wilmington, Del., in quest of \$2500 in cash prizes and thrills of accomplishment.

POWDER PUFF DERBY (Pictures on Page 11)

Hopefully anticipating California sunshine, the women spent Friday going over their light aircraft in preparation for the long flight after enjoying several days of receptions and social events that reached a climax on Thursday night with an authentic luau party at the Polynesian.

YESTERDAY the weather was anything but favorable for the scheduled departure at 9 a.m. and the women stood around awaiting Honorary Starter Bob Cummings' signal until 10:27. Then, in short intervals, little planes of all varieties taxied out and embarked on the adventure leading to fame and, perhaps, some fortune.

Contestants were strong in their praise for the treatment accorded by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, Manager Dick Fitzgerald, of the Chamber of Commerce and Joe Doss, chairman of the Chamber's own aviation committee. Many were housed at the Plush Horse Inn, opened especially for their convenience, and joined in several luncheon and dinner engagements sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

First to report in at Needles was a Cessna 172 piloted by Selma Cronan with Kathleen Hilbrandt of New Jersey, who landed at the first scheduled stop at 2:09 p.m. Ten minutes later Pilot Frances Bera of Long Beach, flying a twin-engine Piper Apache reported in at Prescott, Ariz. Scheduled but not mandatory stops along the entire route included in addition Winslow, Albuquerque, Fort Smith, Memphis, Chattanooga, Jackson City, Roanoke and Wilmington.

Victim Treated For Severe Cuts

Shards of glass severely cut a 14-year-old boy when he accidentally put his right arm through a window pane Sunday, police reported.

Christopher Smith was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment of cuts suffered in the mishap at his home, 2240 W. 236th Pl.

Merchants To Discard Stamp Plan

Reports that a number of service stations in the Torrance area are discontinuing the practice of giving trade stamps with purchases was received by the HERALD this week.

In checking one of the Downtown stations, located at the corner of Marcelina and Cravens, the owner of the independently operated service station, George Mikie, said he had stopped issuing the stamps and added that he did so after talking with other owners of the same type of businesses.

A sign on Mikie's station window stated that "as of July 11 this station will discontinue giving trading stamps and that stamps previously issued would be redeemed at 2153 Torrance Blvd."

Mikie said that the ruling of the Attorney General's office makes it mandatory for service station owners to post the price of gasoline, plus the value of stamps issued, on their pumps. He added that this would be confusing to customers and that it would create a hardship in bookkeeping and for these reasons he had stopped issuing stamps.

Will Ponder Three Sites For Drain

Which of three possible sites should be acquired as a sump for the Waleria Lake drain, will be discussed Tuesday by the City Council.

The talk was called after City Mgr. George Stevens said appraisers' estimates on the probable worth of the sites were "far apart."

A sump is an integral part of a drainage plan conceived to drain hundreds of acres of land north of Pacific Coast Hwy., near Hawthorne Ave. The land is subject to severe seasonal inundation.

County Flood Control District bonds will pay for the project.

POWER TOOLS GONE

Power tools valued at \$115 were taken from the garage of his home, police were advised Friday by R. L. Palmer of 1007 Arlington Ave.

Check Rating of Rubbage Job Bidders

Checks into character and financial ratings of bidders for rubbish collection contracts here are being made, according to City Manager George Stevens.

He indicated that the investigations may be completed so that the proposals from nine firms might go before the City Council next week.

The bids were received last month after the Council decided it might contract more of the city's rubbish collection. Currently, city forces collect combustibles while a private operator picks up non-combustibles and rubbish.

Group Plans For Affiliate Torrance YWCA

The Provisional Committee of Torrance YWCA met Thursday evening with Miss Noxwell of the Western Regional Office of the National YWCA to formulate plans for organization of an affiliated association in Torrance. This committee has for the past year explored the needs and resources of the community, and the desirability of a separately affiliated Torrance Association.

The YWCA offers a wide variety of activities to women and girls of all ages, irrespective of race or religion. As a Branch of the Harbor Area YWCA, Torrance has been active primarily in Y-Teen and Young Adult program; and the Harbor Area YWCA is cooperating with the Torrance group in continuing and expanding the program during the organizational period.

The Provisional Committee is being increased to reflect all interests in the community, and a membership committee will soon begin its drive for Charter Members to the new Association.

Beasley Appoints Rabbi to Committee

Councilman J. A. Beasley today announced he will appoint Rabbi Henri Front to the Committee for Decent Literature at Tuesday's council meeting.

The committee, operating three years, had been without official sanction due to an oversight. A resolution creating the body, which the council meant to pass at its inception, was approved last week.

"I AM against censorship in any form," Beasley told The Herald, "and but for the fact that the resolution limits the committee to an advisory status I would not have approved it."

He implied that the group will have to cease its practice of bringing pressure on dealers to offer for sale only publications the committee approves.

"THE ONLY proper control is by law, through the courts," he said. "Bad reading can be replaced only by good reading, and it is with the concept of education in mind that I asked Rabbi Front to serve."

Torrance Demos Charter Buses

Reservations are being accepted by the Torrance Democrats, Inc. for bus transportation to the Los Angeles Coliseum Friday, July 15, for the closing session of the Democratic National Convention.

The buses will leave the Del Amo shopping center at 2:15 p.m. sharp. The round trip fare is \$3.00 per person and includes a cold box supper.

Individuals must have their own admission tickets. Further information and exact point of departure can be obtained by calling Junette West at FRontier 6-3647.

A Penny for your Thoughts

In keeping with its annual tip to its readers, the HERALD this week asked several persons at random what their favorite "keeping cool" trick was.

Responding were:

Mrs. June Geesey, 157 W. 253rd St., Wilmington, housewife:

"I think if I can just relax and have a big glass of iced tea, that I'm more cooled and refreshed than any other way. It seems that just slowing down my activities for a little while, along with the iced tea, does the trick."

Mrs. Alice Grandstaff, 1750 Arlington Ave., saleswoman at Newberry's:

"I work all day and of course the store is cooled so I don't notice the heat until I go home in the evening, then I like to relax in a comfortable chair, take my shoes off, sip a cooling drink, and watch TV. For me that is my favorite way of cooling off."

John Frame, P.O. Box 464, retired steel worker:

"I stay pretty close to the house and keep the shades pulled down to keep out the sun and some of the heat. If it gets too hot, I turn on the fan. Other than that, I have no favorite trick. I just do like I always do."

Mrs. Gertrude Orman, 2073 1/2 W. Carson St., housewife:

"I came from Seattle where it is much cooler than it is here, so I enjoy the climate in Torrance very much. In the two years that I have lived here, it has never been uncomfortably warm for me so I do not have any special ways of keeping cool."

Susan Acord, 1534 Marcelina Ave., 10 years old:

"When it gets real hot, I put on my bathing suit. I go to the pool almost every day but if I don't get to go there sometimes I run through the sprinkler. If it gets too hot outside, I stay in the house and drink ices and watch TV."

Burglars Ransack N. Torrance Homes

Burglars escaped with cash after ransacking two North Torrance residences, police reported Saturday.

R. M. Burrell said he lost \$36 to thieves who entered his home at 3952 W. 187th St. Melvia Hensley said a piggy bank containing \$6 was taken from her apartment at 2515 182nd St.