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SEPTEMBER BOND VOTE SET

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a filing fee should be required of candidates for city offices?" the Pennies photographer asked shoppers in Rolling Hills Plaza.

Mrs. Robert Crow, Redondo Beach:
"Yes I do. I think wherever there is a fee involved there is more incentive. I'm all for the idea."

Mrs. Sylvia Howison, Wilmington:
"Sometimes a candidate has the means and money and other times they don't, so I'm neutral in it. If the candidate can afford it I think he should pay a filing fee."

Mrs. Robert Foster, Palos Verdes Estates:
"I have not given it much thought. Requirement of a filing fee might eliminate a few candidates who would be willing to do a good service if they were elected."

Mrs. Fay Peerson, Lomita:
"I think it would be a good idea. Not an exorbitant fee but a reasonable one to cover the costs of having them file. There is clerical work involved."

Mrs. Richard Elkins, Lomita:
"Off hand it doesn't sound democratic to me. To me it would be comparable to asking for a voter to pay a fee. It might eliminate some good people from running for office."

City to Buy Parking Area For Downtown

A program to rehabilitate downtown Torrance was launched Tuesday with the allocation of \$100,000 by the City Council for acquisition of an off-street parking lot, and announcement by major property owners that an assessment district would be formed to acquire several additional parcels for parking.

Revitalization of the downtown area, a topic often discussed in recent years, was held by councilmen to be an important project to the city on matters of property valuation (and taxes) and the generation of sales tax revenue for the city.

PROPERTY owners, represented at the meeting by George Binder, Sam Levy, and Lou Schlanger, pledged to start formation of an assessment district immediately. Its success was nearly assured when Binder and Levy agreed to sign, representing nearly 40 per cent of the property involved. Schlanger said he and

his father, businessman Jack Schlanger, would go along with the proposal.

Action of the council came on a recommendation by City Manager Wade Peebles, who said this first step would be toward formation of a parking district and eventually a "beautiful parking mall within the shopping district."

BINDER SAID redevelopment of the area should bring an upsurge in business activity, and pointed out that a \$112,000 expansion program for the J. J. Newberry Co. might hinge on approval of the redevelopment plan.

Peebles' report and recommendation climaxed a series of meetings held with businessmen and property owners who formed a redevelopment committee earlier this year at the suggestion of Mayor Albert Isen.

Students Get No Reprieve In Bomb Call

Authorities Monday morning decided not to evacuate South High School after a clerk reported receiving a telephone call from a child claiming there was a bomb planted in the school.

Clerk Neta Berry reported receiving the telephone call about 7:39 a.m. The caller stated "Everyone is in danger! A bomb is set to go off between 8 and 10," and then hung up.

A group of teachers searched the campus and noticed no signs of entry or anything else that would indicate the presence of a bomb. Police and firemen stood by until 8:30 a.m.

111,000 Now, County Reports

Torrance registered a gain of 1,738 residents during the first quarter of 1962 to record a population total of 111,707, according to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission.



RECOUNT RESCUE . . . Nap A. Bilodeau (left) discusses rescue in Little Tujunga Canyon Saturday afternoon with fellow Scout leaders from Troop 728 during meeting Tuesday at the Fern Avenue School. Right from Bilodeau are Otto Lippoldt, Scoutmaster William Raines, and assistant, C. E. Tyler. (Herald Photo)

Local Scout Unit Lauded In Daring Canyon Rescue

Actions of a Torrance Boy Scout troop in rescuing a Saugus lad who had fallen down a 30-foot mountain canyon will receive official recognition here next week when the City Council presents a commendatory resolution to leaders of the organization.

Presentation of the resolution was ordered Tuesday after members of the Council learned of the actions of members of Boy Scout Troop 728 sponsored by the Fern Avenue Elementary School PTA in Little Tujunga Canyon Saturday.

Larry W. Combs, 11, of Saugus, a member of Boy Scout Troop 48 of Mint Canyon, was among a group of 15 boys and their leaders on a

trip in the mountains when he fell 30 feet from a trail into water, seriously injuring himself.

MEMBERS OF THE Torrance troop, under the direction of Scoutmaster William Raines, hiking in the area, came along just after the Combs boy fell.

Nap A. Bilodeau, 923 Cerise Ave., institutional representative of the troop, rushed down to the boy's side and pulled him from the water. He had landed face down and would have drowned, witnesses said.

The boy was lifted to the roadway with a stretcher im-

posed by the local boys, and was placed in a pick-up truck belonging to Otto Lippoldt, camping chairman of the Torrance troop.

THE INJURED boy was taken to a ranger station nearby and then to Pacoima Community Lutheran Hospital where he was admitted for treatment.

Twenty-four members of the Torrance troop were on the hike, according to Scoutmaster Raines. Other adults on the trip included S. E. Tyler, assistant scoutmaster, and J. V. Lundblad, committeeman and troop treasurer.

Schools Ask \$8 Million For Growth

Torrance voters will decide on an \$8 million bond issue to finance school construction at a special election Sept. 18.

The date was approved by the Torrance Board of Education Monday night.

Board members had previously considered combining the vote on the bond issue with the board of education election to be held next April.

However, warnings from S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent in charge of finance, that the district would run out of construction money before April prompted the board to select an earlier date for voters' decision on the bond proposal.

According to Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent, more money is needed for school building to avoid double sessions. With approval of the \$8 million bond issue, Torrance could probably meet its classroom needs indefinitely, Dr. Hull said.

State aid for school construction was by-passed this year by Torrance when Waldrip asserted that building could be done cheaper with local money.

He claimed that area contractors and architects would be more willing to give lower prices if their fees were paid by the district and not through involved state processes.

Gunmen Take \$567 From Store Clerk

Two men robbed a liquor store at 25505 Crenshaw Blvd. Sunday night after one of them threatened the store clerk with a pistol.

The robbers took \$567 from a cash drawer and made the clerk, Sid Miller, lay on the floor in rear of the establishment as they ran to a waiting car occupied by two other men.

Record Budget On Tap

A record budget which contemplates no increase in tax rates was presented to members of the Board of Education Monday night, and Board members immediately called for a committee of businessmen from the community to give it the once over.

Proposed for the 1962-63 school year is a budget of \$13,672,624, the biggest ever presented by the school district. It was drawn up on the basis of the district's present \$3.1768 tax rate applied to an assessed valuation about 10 per cent higher than that currently in force.

Under provisions of the new budget, a limited amount of money should be available for salary increases without dipping into reserves, according to S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.

An immediate cut of \$2,500 was ordered by Board members when they blue-penciled the job of research director from the payroll. The post had been occupied on a retainer basis by Dr. Irving Melbo, USC School of Education dean and a consultant since the early stages of the district's formation 15 years ago.

A tentative budget must be adopted by July 1.

Las Vecinas Gives \$1,000 Check to Y

Philanthropic projects play a principal role in the activities of the Las Vecinas Women's Club, and Torrance YMCA received a mighty boost this week when the Club contributed a check for \$1,000 to the local youth agency.

Dr. Allen Pyeatt, chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA board, stated that the Las Vecinas gift will be used in the advance preparation for the future construction of a new and adequate program center in Torrance. Pyeatt indicated that this generous contribution will bring the day closer when the YMCA can launch an all-out capital drive to build a \$300,000 building to serve boys and girls of Torrance, Hollywood Riviera, Waveria, and Lomita.

In accepting the check, Pyeatt and Joe Wilcox, executive secretary, commended all members of Las Vecinas for their significant assistance and vision in aiding this major development of the future for the youth of Torrance.

Mrs. Nicholas S. Gregory, philanthropy chairman, stated that the club also voted to give \$1,554.80 to the Pasadena Medical Foundation for medical research for the purchase of a cryostat machine to be used in the research for treatment of cancer. Presentation of this check will be made at a later date, when Las Vecinas Club board members will attend a board meeting at the Medical Foundation.



A BOOST FOR THE YMCA . . . Mrs. Don Malone, treasurer of Las Vecinas, signs check for \$1,000 from her club for the YMCA as Mrs. Frank E. Carroll, second vice president, and Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Y, look on. Members of the women's club were commended for their gift to the local youth group. (Herald Photo)



BEGINS CAMPAIGN . . . Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson opened his campaign for re-election here Monday morning, addressing a gathering of area Democrats at a breakfast meeting in the Del Amo Center. Here, he talks with Councilman J. A. Beasley (left) chairman of the breakfast who will direct Anderson's campaign in this area. (Herald Photo)

PUNJABS
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