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# HILL SITE TO GET COLLEGE?

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about men wearing bermuda shorts in public?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Dale Brubaker, 2906 Onrado Ave.

"If they have good looking legs it's okay for them to wear them but I don't think they should wear them to the store or shopping. Bermuda shorts are fine for golfing or mowing the lawn. Men should stay close to home wearing them except for sports events."

Mrs. Herb Dugger, 1104 Felbar Ave.

"I think there is a time and a place for everything including bermuda shorts. I don't think my husband would leave the house with them. If women wear shorts shopping I guess men should be allowed to wear them. I think men should be comfortable if it's an informal affair. I feel sorry for a man who has to wear a suit on a hot day so it's fine if he wants to be comfortable when he gets home and has a beer."

Mrs. Lloyd Goddard, 1735 Elm Ave.

"My husband wears them for picnics, to the beach and at sporting events. I like them and think he looks just fine. I think it's okay for men to wear bermuda shorts in public at sporting events but they shouldn't be worn downtown shopping. My husband has worn them ever since they first became popular."

Mrs. Dan Schrup, 3410 W. 224th St.

"I think the same rule should apply to both men and women. If men look nice in them then I think it's okay, but bermuda shorts should not be worn while shopping. They are fine in the privacy of the home. I think it's a matter of good taste as to where, when and how they wear them."

Mrs. Dwight Preston, 3821 W. 183rd St.

"I don't think they should wear them shopping but they are okay for picnics and beach excursions. They are fine for around the house, preferably in the back yard. I think it looks perfectly fine on the young boys or young men up to 17."

## Thieves Take 3 Golf Sets In Burglaries

Thieves with a penchant for golfing have helped themselves to three sets of golf clubs here, according to reports filed with the Torrance Police Department. Louis Diamond at 333 Palos Verdes Blvd. reported that someone broke open a storage locker in his garage at that address and took two matched sets of clubs with a total value of \$300. Another set was taken from the garage of Joe Knight at 24244 Walnut Ave. Knight set the value of his clubs at \$175.

## 'Rocket' Explodes; Boy Hurt

An exploding experimental rocket inflicted injuries to the left hand of a Fern-Greenwood Elementary School eighth grader here Thursday.

Jesse Heckenlaible, who resides at 2666½ W. Carson St., was reportedly making a rocket by stuffing match heads and gunpowder from shotgun shells into a carbon dioxide tube when the device exploded.

He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where part of his left index finger was removed.

A cousin, Jerry Kuhr, who resides at the same address, was in the yard adjacent to the house when the experimental rocket detonated in the victim's bedroom. Heckenlaible was in the room alone.

He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital by private vehicle.

## Intersection Signal Work Bids to Open

Modification of existing traffic signals at Palos Verdes Drive North - Western Avenue intersection was authorized this week by the board of supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said bids for the project, which also includes installation of pre-timed signals at 120th Street and Felton Avenue, will be opened June 18.

Work to be completed in September, will include vehicle-actuated traffic signals and pedestrian signals. "Palos Verdes Drive North and Western Avenue are both major county highways carrying more than 30,000 vehicles daily," Chace explained.

## Local Cadet To Graduate

David Eugene Taylor, son of Mrs. Marcel Gauthier of 19317 Flavian Ave., will be among 44 cadets of the ninth grade graduating class at the Southern California Military Academy Thursday.

Graduation exercises will be at 7 p.m. in the academy gymnasium, 2065 Cherry Ave., Long Beach. Speaker will be John Cardall, Southern California Gas Co., division sales manager.

## Chamber to Meet

The Harbor District Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday evening at 7:30, in the office of Judge Irving P. Austin, 215 Acacia St., Compton.

## WHILE KNIGHT lost only the set of clubs, Diamond told investigating officers that the thieves also took a woman's car clothes bag and a man's car clothes bag, each valued at \$25, a man's valise valued at \$35, a piece of airplane luggage worth \$35, a television stand with a swivel base he valued at \$15, and several handblown chandelier bulbs valued at \$18.

Thieves were busy elsewhere in the city Friday night and early yesterday, police reports show.

A PHONE receiver was yanked from a pay telephone adjacent to the Big Bear Market at Sepulveda and Hawthorne early yesterday; patrol officers discovered the real estate offices of developer Dan Butcher had been entered at 2371 Torrance Blvd.; and Richard Goetz at the Adli Swim School, 24444 Hawthorne Blvd., reported that someone entered a high window and left with a portable electric heater and a small hi-fi set.

Mrs. James Wallace, 2077 W. 238th St., returned to her house Friday afternoon and surprised an intruder who was in her kitchen. He fled out the back door as she fled from the front door to summon help.

PARTS OF the house had been ransacked by the intruder, and he apparently had taken a bottle of vodka from a kitchen shelf. The man, described as dirty and wearing a baseball cap, was eating when first observed.

Elsewhere on the crime beat, police were told by Mrs. Alexander J. Richards that her mailbox was blown up, presumably with a large firecracker and police observed the car of Charles Morrison, 17014 Cordary, had been covered with about two gallons of masonry paint. The owner was able to clean much of it off with the garden hose following the 2 a.m. discovery yesterday.

## Nathan Smith Jr. College Man-of-Year

Nathan Smith, Harbor College man of the year, was chosen man of the year for the seven Los Angeles junior colleges at a luncheon at the Statler Hilton Hotel last week.

Smith, who lives at 26428 Ozone Ave., Harbor City, has served as president of Alpha Gamma Sigma, honorary scholastic society, coordinator of assemblies, on student council, as chairman of a community youth forum at Harbor, and was awarded the school's leadership award.



NOTING CENTENARY . . . Officials of the Torrance chapter of the American Red Cross discuss forthcoming centenary observance for the organization. From left are Mrs. Mary Pagac, newly elected chairman of the Torrance branch; F. Gerald Anderson, branch treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Heiman, secretary; and George Post, retiring branch chairman. Officers and new directors were elected at the annual meeting of the local Red Cross organization Thursday.

## Shooting Victim Remains In Intensive Care Unit

Officials at Harbor General Hospital reported yesterday that the condition of a Torrance mother of four who was shot near the eye Tuesday night was "fair," an improvement over the previous critical condition listed by hospital attendants. The victim still is

under intensive care, and the bullet which stopped in her throat has not been removed.

Mrs. Dorothy Metzler, who has remained conscious since the shooting, told police she was shot at her home at 3127 W. 177th St. Tuesday night by Robert A. Ryan, 34, of 2818 W. 182nd St., after telling him she was returning to her estranged husband, Robert, of Hawthorne.

Mrs. Metzler said Ryan shot her and then shot himself in the head with the .32-caliber

pistol. Ryan died about three hours after the shooting.

The bullet which struck Mrs. Metzler near the right eye coursed downward and lodged in her throat. Doctors at Harbor General Hospital have been reluctant to attempt surgery yet.

The four children of the Metzlers have been taken to their grandparents' home for care.

## Festival Held at Hamilton

More than 300 parents and friends of Hamilton Elementary School students attended the annual Festival of Arts and Sciences held at the school recently.

Every room from kindergarten through eighth grade presented a variety of demonstrations in music, art, science, dramatics and debate.

Social studies and history presentations ranged from a dramatization of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, to a debate on the subject of "Segregation and Integration."

The knowledge and technical ability of students who presented science projects in weather, human body, conservation, solar system, and electricity and electronics received praise from both parents and teachers.

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## Area Council Elects New Board Panel

Recently elected officers of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, local branch of the Welfare Planning Council, Los Angeles region, include: the Rev. Kenneth E. Reeves, president, Portuguese Bend; Dr. Glenn G. Gooder, first vice president, Wilmington; Mrs. J. Carroll Monfort, second vice president, Rolling Hills; Mrs. Edna Hagerty, secretary-treasurer, Torrance; and Victor Davenport, immediate past president, San Pedro.

Executive director of the HAWPC is Clyde E. Madden. The local council serves the cities of Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Harbor City, the South Bay area, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula area.

## Scarlet Fever Cases Reported

Three cases of scarlet fever were reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department from the Torrance area the week ending May 25. Two cases of syphilis and one of hepatitis also were reported.

## Sabin III At Center Thursday

Type III oral polio vaccine will be offered to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., Thursday.

A 25 cent donation will be requested of persons who can afford to pay to cover cost of materials.

This clinic will be held in conjunction with 41 others throughout Los Angeles County.

Officials of the Los Angeles County and City health departments urge persons who missed the Type I and Type II clinics, to take advantage of the Thursday polio vaccine. The other doses may be obtained from a private physician later.

## D. Rafferty Area Speaker

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, will speak on "Education in California" Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty, Pacific Coast Hwy., under the co-sponsorship of Southwest Republican groups.

## Board Rules 4 Conditions Must Be Met

Approval of the Palos Verdes site for the South Bay State College voted Friday by a split Board of Trustees for State Colleges may have come too late and now prove too expensive, an optimistic Mayor Albert Isen reported yesterday before winging off to the National Conference of Mayors in Hawaii.

Speaking on the 10-3 vote of the board to approve the Palos Verdes site if a list of conditions can be met by next month, Mayor Isen said Torrance's "stock is now up higher than it ever was" in its efforts to land the four-year college.

## Text of Navy Site Letter

Text of letter of Kenneth E. Belieu, assistant secretary of the Navy, to Congressman Cecil R. King on availability of the Naval Annex site in Torrance for state college purposes:

My dear Mr. Congressman: Thank you for your May seventeenth memorandum about the Naval Supply Depot's Torrance Annex and the letter from the Torrance Citizens Committee for the South Bay State College. I am also pleased to receive the views on this subject expressed by Mayor Isen and Councilman Draie in their letter to you of May twenty-seventh.

Since that correspondence arrived, my Executive Assistant for facilities, Mr. Gregg, returned from his trip to Torrance. The information he brings together with the useful background you have furnished leads me to conclude that it may be possible for the Navy to agree on future disposal of the 26-acre portion of the Annex. However, any such agreement would have to recognize the following as conditions of the disposal:

a. The 26 acres for the college site must be formally requested by the State and approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the property must be found to be no longer required for Naval or other Federal purposes.

b. The selection of Torrance as the site for the South Bay State College must be made firm.

c. The Navy must obtain the continuing right to use a required portion of Reeves Field after the expiration of the current lease (1970) as a possible site for the 26-acre portion of the Annex and other naval activities.

d. The City of Torrance must make satisfactory arrangements for the costs of relocating the displaced activities and re-erecting the security fence on what would be the new common boundary.

I would be pleased to give careful consideration to a proposal in these terms by the City.

I appreciate the suggestion (Continued on Page 2)

AS EXPECTED, the Board of Trustees Friday adopted a resolution to authorize an investigation into the cost and availability of the Palos Verdes site after indicating that it was their choice for the college location.

Opposition to the Palos Verdes site was indicated by the votes of three trustees, and Gregson Bautzer voiced his opposition by referring to Palos Verdes as the "reluctant bride" in the matter.

The split community attitude on the Peninsula was cited during the hour-long discussion as a deterrent to successful operation of a large college on the hill.

"ONE PENINSULA spokesman indicated earlier that residents thought we were going to get a 'junior Cal-Tech' type operation," Mayor Isen said. When residents found that the college is being planned for 20,000 students and that a vast majority of them would arrive at school in automobiles, the willingness to accept the college vanished, he added.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again in the Los Angeles State Building during the second week in July at which time the conditions set forth in the resolution adopted Friday must be answered.

Leaders in the fight to obtain the college for Torrance are agreed that the conditions very likely can not be met.

FOLLOWING recommendations of the site selection committee drawn up following a meeting in Westchester Wednesday evening, the trustees asked that the following conditions be met on the Peninsula:

1. Adequate land must be available with the funds made available by the Legislature (\$5 million).

2. Zoning and access problems with agreements reached between the state, Los Angeles County, and any cities involved.

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