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CITY RENEWS COLLEGE PLEA

A Penny
for
your
Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked several teenagers, "What is the most important of the mass communications media, and why?"

Beverly Albert, 2217 Border Ave.:

"I think television is the most important. Almost everyone watches it for news or entertainment and they always get a message from it. A good example of the work it can do is the coverage of the death of the President which all the people could watch."



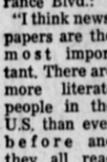
Karen Keller, 3225 Antonio St.:

"Radio, I think. Not everyone has television, but almost everyone has a radio of some kind. There's always news on any station, and there is a good variety of entertainment, too. Radio is more versatile than television."



Candace Meeker, 3002 Torrance Blvd.:

"I think newspapers are the most important. There are more literate people in the U.S. than ever before and they all read newspapers. They can always be referred to, and by the time they are written the facts are in, so there is less confusion than if you hear something."



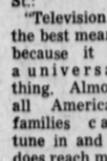
Nanci Barnard, 1219 Fern Ave.:

"Television is most important. It presents the news as it happens. When you can see something, there is little chance for using it as propaganda. You can see the news in its true form and draw your own conclusions."



Mark Hart, 1414 W. 237th St.:

"Television is the best means because it is a universal thing. Almost all American families can tune in and it does reach millions of people. It is such a common thing people turn to it almost naturally, at least much more than newspapers, radio."



Council Sets Hearing Date For February

Jet aircraft and Torrance Municipal Airport are shaping up as the central figures in a battle between homeowners in the Southwood Riviera area and the federal government—with the Torrance City Council sitting squarely in the middle.

The City Council received a report it had ordered at Tuesday's meeting which declared the city "is obligated to keep the airport open to use by all types, kinds, and classes of aircraft unless such use, by a particular type, kind or class

would constitute a hazard to the safe operation of the airport."

Southwood Homeowners Assn. President William Uerkwitz told The HERALD prior to the meeting his group feels it can prove use of the airport by jet aircraft does constitute a hazard. "They have left the door open," Uerkwitz said.

City Puts New Buses In Service

Two "new look" buses will be put into service by the city today, according to officials of the city bus lines.

The new motor coaches, built by General Motors, include many features which heretofore have been included only in cross-country buses, says Marshall A. Chamberlain, bus superintendent.

Increased eye appeal, better visibility for both driver and passenger, smart new interior decor, and better heating and ventilation are among the comfort features to be found in the new buses.

The buses have extensive bright-finish aluminum siding, streamlined windows, and smart body lines. They also boast decorator styled interiors, and feature extensive use of aluminum and stainless steel panels. The lighting system is fluorescent. Steps have been lowered nearly two inches to make boarding easier.

The buses were delivered to the city by General Motors in Michigan and are expected to make their first runs today. A new transmission and a quieter, more powerful engine have been installed in the new buses.

UERKWITZ asked the council to place the report on the agenda for an 8 p.m. meeting. "We realize that no action is necessary on the report, but we want to be heard," Uerkwitz told the council.

The report will be discussed at an informal session to be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 in the council chambers. At that time, the homeowners association said it would bring in two pilots to testify on the matter.

The matter first came before the council when the Southwood Homeowners Assn. asked the council to adopt an ordinance prohibiting use of the airport by jet aircraft.

THE FEDERAL Aviation Agency, in its letter to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier on the matter, said, "if jet or turbo-prop aircraft are operated within the limits of the specifications established for the individual aircraft concerned, as applied to this airport, such flights should be in no way less safe than similar flights by piston powered aircraft under similar conditions."

The letter continued, "In view of the foregoing determination regarding the safety factor, we must necessarily conclude that should the City

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VICTIM AIDED . . . Firemen check Geraldine Manjuran, 32, of 3737 W. 227th St., while awaiting ambulance following a traffic collision on Pacific Coast Highway near Torrance airport Tuesday afternoon. She was taken to South Bay Emergency hospital. Driver of the other auto was Clarence Donald Bashaw, 52, of Anaheim. (Herald Photo)

The Tax Override

The End Product: Is It Worth the Price?

(Note: This is the third of several articles which The HERALD will publish on the special tax override election called by the Torrance Unified School District. The series will explore the reasons behind the override election in an attempt to uncover all the facts which surround the election.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Herald Staff Writer

"We are producing a quality product at the lowest price in our industry."

The speaker was S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of school for business, during an interview with The HERALD. The quality product is the average graduate of the Torrance schools, and Waldrip's contention has much support. But just how good is that product? And is the price a good one?

To find the answer to those questions, The HERALD has interviewed a number of local parents, and educators from several universities and colleges. A great many statistics on the cost of education in Torrance have been studied and digested. The results of our search have been impressive.

LET'S BEGIN with the more difficult of the two questions: How good is the product?

Post-graduate studies of students are difficult to make. There are, never-the-less, some general impressions available. Graduates of the Torrance schools have compiled some excellent records. Business and industrial leaders, as well as college and university officials, are impressed with the general ability of the Torrance graduate.

"We have a very good impression of the Torrance schools," says Dr. Vern W. Robinson, director of the Office of Relations with Schools for the University of California at Los Angeles. "Their students have good records at the University." Dr. Robinson also said one of the district's high schools has twice received an award of merit from the state-wide university. The award is based on the academic achievements of all of the graduates of the particular school who attend the University of California.

ANOTHER NOTED educator, Dr. J. Wesley Bratton, dean of

Public Works Board Report On Site Due

Councilman Nicholas O. Drale will represent the city at a meeting of the Board of Public Works in Sacramento Monday when the board is expected to make a decision of the site of the California State College.

"I think things look very favorable for Torrance,"

Drale told The HERALD yesterday. Drale based his statement on reports that land costs in the Peninsula may torpedo construction of the college on the Peninsula site selected by the State College Board of Trustees.

Appraisals for the land within the 300-acre area marked for the college site have been given to the Board of Public Works. The college trustees asked the board to acquire at least 175 acres in the area for the college site.

THE CATCH to land for the site seems to be the price tag—the \$5 million appropriated by the legislature for the site may not stretch far enough to acquire adequate land for the college.

The board will have two alternatives. It may recommend the college trustees restudy the location of the college, or it may approve the Peninsula site and ask the state to provide more money for land acquisition.

Drale also said land owners in the Peninsula are less than willing sellers. He added that while condemnation is possible, the cost may be too high.

CITY COUNCILMEN voted Tuesday evening to send letters to all members of the college Board of Trustees reiterating the offers made by Torrance. The trustees are meeting today and tomorrow in San Francisco.

Regardless of the action by the Board of Public Works Monday, a final decision on the college site will probably be delayed for some time. Approval of the Peninsula site would, in all probability, have to await the actual acquisition of land. Sending the matter back to the trustees would reopen the entire question of site selection.

R & M Buys Control of The Herald

Rodgers and McDonald Publishers today announce the purchase of The Torrance HERALD.

The pioneer Los Angeles-based firm has acquired a majority of the stock interest of King Williams and Glenn W. Pfeil in King Williams Press, Inc., parent publishing unit of this 50-year-old newspaper since 1954.

Both parties to the transaction made the move to further strengthen The HERALD's role of leadership in this important, expanding area.

Glenn Pfeil will remain as publisher under the new ownership. King Williams will devote his time to other business interests.

Name Commissioner

Leo Salisbury was named to the city's Planning Commission Tuesday evening by the City Council.

PEEBLES SAYS

He's Not Barring Probers

Reports that he has not been cooperating fully with state investigators were denied vigorously by an indignant Wade Peebles this week. In a statement issued Monday morning, Peebles said he had "never refused to answer any questions put to me and have even volunteered information."

Peebles was obviously irked at statements attributed to Jack Goertzen, a deputy attorney general, carried in The HERALD and other newspapers over the weekend saying a Friday session with Peebles was halted when the city manager walked out. Goertzen had told a HERALD reporter Friday afternoon that Peebles had refused to answer questions put to him by an accountant brought in by the attorney general's office.

"I WAS SHOCKED and surprised on reading these releases," Peebles's Monday statement said. "I stated, and it is a matter of record, that I would give his accountant all of my records and cooperate fully with him on any questions he may have regarding my finances, providing I could have my records available for reference."

Peebles told The HERALD that he had refused to answer questions about his finances from memory, on the advice of his attorney.

THE CITY manager said an accountant connected with the current investigation into city affairs appeared at the offices of his attorney several hours after Friday's two-hour meeting and was provided with records and further information. "Is this what Goertzen calls a walkout and lack of cooperation?" Peebles asked.

"I have cooperated and will continue to cooperate. A hearing or investigation does not give Deputy Attorney General Goertzen the liberty to threaten, to harass, to release half-

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NEW LOOK . . . Bus superintendent Marshall Chamberlain (with his head out the window) talks with Councilmen J. A. Beasley and Ken Miller about the two new buses which the city has purchased. The modern "new look" buses were built by General Motors and will be used on the Long Beach and Los Angeles routes. They will be put into service today. (Herald Photo)

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