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# WINDS AND HEAT BLAST CITY

A Penny  
for  
your  
Thoughts

The Public Utilities Commission approved all-digit telephone numbers this week, so the Pennies photographer asked five young ladies who are proficient telephone users, "How do you feel about all-digit numbers?"

Eileen Banks, 1751 Martina Ave.

"We have an all-number number now, and I don't like it at all. The new numbers make things more complicated and the numbers are much harder to remember. The prefix names were more colorful, too, and I liked them much more."

Ellie Westfall, 2047 Reynosa Drive

"I don't like the new telephone numbers. They are a lot more confusing than the old numbers and a lot harder to remember. It seems much easier to say DA or Davenport. There are too many numbers to remember already."

Jeri O'Donnell, 1755 Santa Fe Ave.

"I like the telephone numbers better with the prefix in front. They are much easier to remember and they sound a lot better than a string of numbers. You also know what area you are calling with the prefix."

Cathie Wilson, 2826 Gramercy Ave.

"I like the new numbers very much. It is much easier for me to remember 32 than a word such as Davenport. I think the telephone company is justified in changing the numbers to get room for all the numbers they will need."

Judi Robison, 2256 W. 230th St.

"I like the all-digit numbers very much. I think they are much easier to remember. It is hard for me to remember the long names so I usually make my numbers all digit anyway."

## New Manager Wins Solid Council Nod

City Councilmen voted unanimously Tuesday evening to appoint Edward J. Ferraro City Manager of Torrance. Ferraro has been acting city manager since the resignation of Wade Peebles.

The council must adopt a resolution to make the appointment final. The resolution is expected to be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

The move came at the end of a long routine session when Councilman J. A. Beasley asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to prepare the necessary resolution to make Ferraro's status permanent. The motion was adopted without debate.

Ferraro, 35, was named acting city manager following the Feb. 4 resignation of Peebles. Peebles resigned after he was severely criticized in the first report of the attorney general's office on the investigation of the Torrance Police Department.

Ferraro was saluted by city hall regulars when he reported to work yesterday. One employe had dug up a bull-whip for him, another had written a "we love you" poem, and a huge bottle of aspirin awaited on his desk.

"I am very grateful for the chance in this very important post," the new manager said. "I BELIEVE that city government exists to serve the people and that local government is nothing more and nothing less than the sum total of the people it serves," he said.

"The success of the city manager plan of government depends on an effective communication between the manager and the Mayor-City Council. I have several ideas in mind how we can improve these communications channels," he concluded.

IN ADDITION to Ferraro's appointment Tuesday night, the City Council approved two zone changes and approved plans for two new subdivisions in the city.

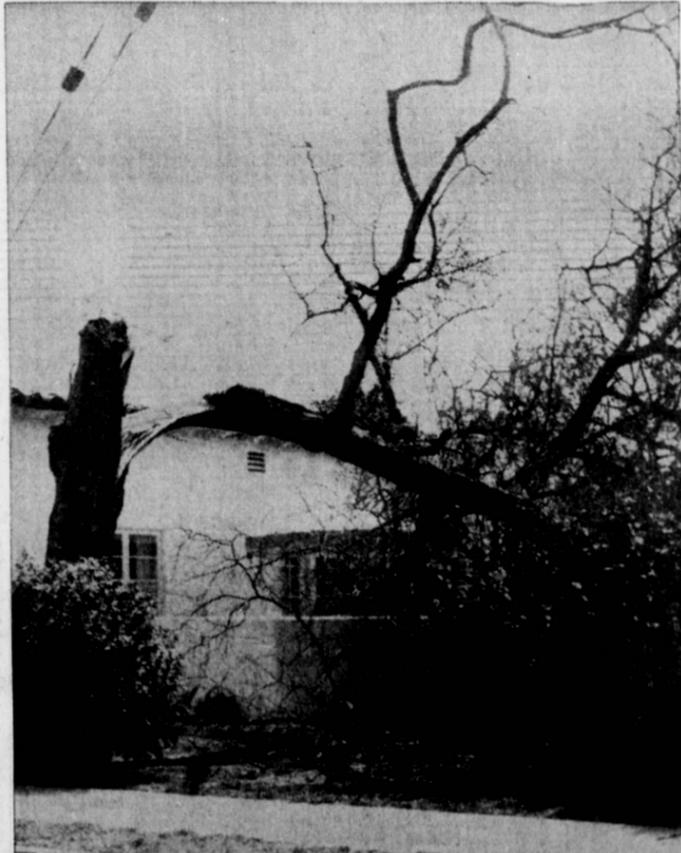
Zone changes were granted to Eldorado Estates, Inc. for area on the hillside above Bluff Street in Walteria and to the new area along Pacific Coast Highway annexed to Torrance recently. The area was automatically rezoned R-1 upon annexation, and was being returned to commercial zoning. The area includes several restaurants, motels, and other commercial properties.

Tentative tracts were approved for Sunnyside Construction Co. east of Cabrillo Avenue and south of 237th Street and for Mertz Land Developers for a small tract south of 238th Street between Cabrillo and Walnut avenues.

REQUEST OF the Walteria Business Men's Club to use a short city street as a fireworks stand location was denied without prejudice and the club was asked to look elsewhere for a site.

A study of a proposal to limit the raising of pigeons in the city is being started in the

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WIND CASUALTY . . . A valuable tree at the corner of Madrid and Sonoma avenues was among the casualties of Monday's strong winds which whipped through the Southland. Other damage was reported to city trees, to patios, and signs, although Torrance fared better than many Southern California cities. (Herald Photo)

## Temperature Reaches 88° In Downtown

Gale force winds raked Torrance and much of Southern California Monday, was replaced by a scorching heat wave Tuesday, and turned to a breezy, cool day yesterday. Forecasts were for gusty winds to continue through today with some cloudiness. One casualty of Monday's wind was a large tree at Sonoma and Madrid (see photo), broken off by the strong gale and toppled across Madrid Avenue. The tree missed an adjacent house.

A sailing patio cover didn't miss a south Torrance house at about the same time Monday forenoon. The patio roof, constructed of timbers and plastic sheeting, was lifted from the yard of Mrs. Katherine Hendrix at 2755 Portobello Drive and slammed into the Jack W. Lamont home at 2759 Portobello Drive. Lamont estimated the damage to his home at \$3,000.

MONDAY'S winds quieted down in Torrance and the thermometer shot to a stifling 88° in downtown Torrance. An official high of 86° was logged at Torrance Municipal Airport. The temperature wavered through the day, hovering around 85° during the early afternoon, and then shot up to 88° shortly after 3 p.m. when a dead calm settled on the area. An hour later, the temperature had dropped to a chilly 71°.

Yesterday's temperature reading in downtown Torrance stood just 30° cooler at 3 p.m.—a brisk 58°.

Weather officials continue to report low humidity readings

and warn against fire dangers. A brush flare-up Tuesday evening burned over five acres of canyon area on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, but was brought under control quickly by County fire units.

Homes adjacent to the blazing area were protected by fire forces directed by Battalion Chief Paul Schneider.



HONORED . . . William T. Holt, 24264 Neece Ave., was honored recently on the 20th anniversary of his employment with the Garrett Corporation's AirResearch Manufacturing Division.

## Second Police Officer Dismissed from Force

Lt. Douglas C. Cook, a 17-year veteran of the Torrance Police Department, was dismissed from the force by assistant chief Mervyn H. Porter shortly before noon Tuesday.

Cook was accused of perjury and misconduct in a five-count document delivered to him and the city's Civil Service Commission about 3 p.m. Tuesday. His dismissal followed by four days the dismissal of another police veteran, Lt. Donald S. Hamilton.

Both Cook and Hamilton were suspended from the department on March 6, following the second report of the attorney general's office on their investigation of the Torrance Police Department.

Cook has appealed the ruling and will get a hearing before the Civil Service Commission. Hamilton, dismissed from his job last Friday, told The HERALD yesterday he will appeal to the commission. He is preparing an answer and will file it this week.

Porter, in his report, said Cook "did knowingly use his office for an improper purpose and thereby diverted himself and other officers of the Torrance Police Department from the performance of their proper duties."

The veteran police officer, former head of the department's vice squad, also is accused of giving false testimony before members of the attorney general's office conducting the Torrance investigation. Cook was to meet with his attorney to discuss his future action late yesterday afternoon.

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City Parks, Playgrounds Plan Extra Hours, Events

Torrance parks and school playgrounds will offer everything from a tennis tournament to a puppet show and an Easter Bunny Club during the week-long spring vacation. Beginning Saturday morning the parks and playgrounds will operate on a longer schedule to take full advantage of the vacation.

The city plunge will open at noon Monday and remain open daily from noon to 5 p.m. during the week. The plunge will operate from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until June 14.

THE SECOND annual spring youth Tennis Tournament will begin at South High Tuesday. Finals will be at El Retiro Park Friday, March 27.

The Arts and Crafts Center, 22730 Lupine Drive, will sponsor an Easter Bunny Club Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee for youngsters 6 to 12 years old is 75 cents. A party will be held Friday at 2 p.m.

"The Happy Wanderer" puppet show will be at Seaside School Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. Children who participate in the program will construct puppet heads, build scenery, and prepare scripts for a show to be held March 24.



FIRE TOWER . . . Deputy Fire Chief Robert Lucas and Fire Chief J. J. Benner are shown here following dedication ceremonies for the new Torrance Fire Department training tower at the Torrance Municipal Airport. The training facility, dedicated Monday, was officially named the J. J. Benner Tower Tuesday evening by the City Council. (Herald Photo)

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