

A Vital Question

Is radar really doing a job in traffic enforcement? Or is its apparent success deceptive, its net worth measured only in dollar bills from the pockets of errant drivers.

These ARE legitimate questions — questions that need an answer now.

There is talk that radar may not be a factor in saving lives; that a good-sized reduction in the city's traffic death rate over 1961 is primarily coincidental.

Some say radar is legalized highway robbery. Other say radar speed control definitely is helping to curb the horrifying increase in highway slaughter.

There is no attempt here either to condemn or condone radar. We ask merely that its use be evaluated and, if found beneficial, that it be retained.

But let's make sure our city's use of radar for speed enforcement does not transform itself — perhaps unknowingly — into a moneymaking electronic monster rather than a vitally-important tool for saving lives.

A Hopeful Glance

There is great anticipation — and renewed hope — that South Bay State College will be built in Torrance. And what better spot?

This mushrooming community of 110,000 has become the hub of Southwest Los Angeles County. Day by day, state, county and federal agencies are closing the doors of their branch offices in neighboring communities and reopening them in Torrance.

Business and industry are looking to Torrance as a fertile new spot for expansion, opportunity and unlimited development.

Once a city classed categorically with the other "bedroom communities," Torrance now is a thriving metropolis well-suited to the location of a 4-year college.

Its intellectual climate has gained new heights, and its environs lend most favorably to the pursuit of higher learning.

In short, Torrance is the only logical spot for South Bay State College.

There is high hope that state college trustees will continue to carefully examine Torrance and, weighing its benefits over those of other proposed sites, select the All-America City for this new distinction.

Proposition B Meeting Set

A public education meeting on merits of Los Angeles County Proposition "B" in the forthcoming Nov. 6 general election will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Alondra Park 3650 W. Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale.

Invitations have been extended to civic leaders, service and fraternal clubs, youth groups, PTA's, and other organizations in Torrance, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Palms Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Westchester and Wilmington.

Other interested persons are welcome to attend.

Presiding at the meeting will be Harry Van Belle-



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'Redoubled Efforts' Urged In Child Safety Program

Motorist and parents this week were urged by Superintendent of Schools, J. H. Hull to redouble their efforts to assure maximum safety for pupils returning for the start of the new school year this week.

"All efforts of our school people, safety organizations, and law enforcement agencies in trying to instill safety will go for naught if individual motorists and parents do not cooperate," the superintendent said in urging a two-point program.

For motorists he asked that all possible caution be used in school neighborhoods and on routes customarily used by students coming and going to school.

For parents Hull stressed success of the program depends on their ability to impress children with proper safety habits, either walking or riding a bicycle to and from school.

In addition, the superin-

tendent suggested the following safety tips for parents who drive their youngsters back and forth to school:

1. Have children sit well back in the seat to insure safety in the event of sudden stops.
2. Have car doors closed tightly and locked; prevent children from playing with door handles.
3. Be overly cautious when approaching school; and watch for youngsters running into the street.
4. Have a designated location where the youngster is dropped off and picked up each day.
5. Have this prearranged spot on the school side of the street only; do not permit children to cross mid-block or from between parked cars.
6. Have respect for all traffic laws and school regulations; their observance contributes to the safety of all youngsters.

Letters

Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation not only to your paper for the fine coverage you gave traffic safety this past Labor Day weekend but to the driving public of Torrance for the manner in which they used our streets and highways. Over the holiday weekend we had but two injury accidents and eleven property damage accidents but most important of all no traffic fatalities. I'm very happy and pleased Torrance did not contribute in any way to the five-hundred and two persons who lost their lives across the United States as a result of traffic accidents. Thus far this year Torrance has had but one traffic fatality which is an improvement over last year by seven for the same period. Considering our rapid growth that continues each year I feel Torrance is making a fine showing in the field of accident reduction. I hope each of us continue to use the same type of caution and concern that was used this past Labor Day Weekend and keep our city streets and highways among the safest in California.

Percy G. Bennett
Chief of Police

Public Meeting Schedule Announced for September

TORRANCE — City officials this week released a list of public meetings scheduled during September. Residents have been invited to attend any open session among the following:

City Council, Sept. 4, council chambers, 5:30 p.m.

City Council, Sept. 11, council chambers, 8 p.m.

Civil Service Board, Sept. 12, room 21, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Sept. 12, council chambers, 8 p.m.

Library Commission, Sept. 12, room 209, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Airport Commission, Sept. 13, council chambers, 8 p.m.

Water Commission, Sept. 5, room 209, city hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission, Sept. 5, council chambers, 7 p.m.

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Library Commission, Sept. 12, room 209, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Airport Commission, Sept. 13, council chambers, 8 p.m.

Traffic Safety Council, Sept. 17, room 209, city hall, 7 p.m.

City Council, Sept. 18, council chambers, 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, Sept. 19, council chambers, 7 p.m.

Torrance Beautiful Commission, Sept. 20, council chambers, 7:30 p.m.

Civil Defense & Disaster Commission, Sept. 24, employees' lounge, 7:30 p.m.

City Council, Sept. 25, council chambers, 8 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Sept. 26, council chambers, 8 p.m.

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