

Trustees Flay School Brass for Tax Boost

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GUNMAN HITS 72-YEAR OLD

A Penny for your Thoughts

At a meeting this week of the League of Women Voters, the Pennies photographer asked several women, "Do women vote more or less logically than do men?"

Mrs. Robert Clouse, 3903 W. 23rd Place:

"Whether the voters are male or female, I think they will vote logically if they are informed. It is up to the individual to become informed — there must be a real desire to be informed on the issues."

Mrs. Henry Fink Jr., 3916 Newton St.:

"Whether we know it or not, if a man is running for office he will have some personal appeal and as a result women will vote more on emotion than logic. We may think we are logical, but we are affected by personalities."

Mrs. Charles Howey, 5032 Ruby St.:

"I think all people are affected by emotional factors when they vote. Sometimes it is hard to differentiate between feelings and value judgments. Women have a different emotional background than men, and I think this might affect their voting habits, but not necessarily make them any less logical."

Mrs. John Toews, 437 Calle Mayor:

"Men and women vote on the same basis. Perhaps more women have the freedom and time to sift through information on the candidates and issues, but ultimately both men and women are becoming better informed and less emotional in their voting."

Mrs. Barton Peters, 2911 W. 168th St.:

"I think women are more illogical than men. Women are by and large swayed more by emotions than men. It's not good, but it's a fact. As women study the issues more and more, voting will become more logical—but whose logic are we talking about?"

Board Claims All the Data Not Disclosed

What happened? That question was very much on the minds of the trustees of the Torrance Unified School District when they convened Monday evening.

It was directed at Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, by all five board members. What they wanted to know was why the school bond redemption tax rate jumped 17 cents when they weren't told it might go up.

Trustee Albert Charles, who began the discussion early in the four-and-a-half-hour meeting, put it this way: "I'm concerned why there wasn't some indication as to what was going to happen from the people with experience that we have here. It would have influenced my actions. We are left with egg on our face."

OTHER BOARD members indicated their votes might have been influenced when the budget was adopted if they had known the bond rate would jump so much. Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts flatly declared she would "never have voted for a 13 cent increase in the tax rate if I had known the bond rate would increase by 17 cents."

The trustees voted a 13-cent increase in the general purpose tax rate and a 6-cent hike in the community services tax rate when it approved a final budget of \$16.6 million. The board has no control over the bond rate, which is governed by the amount which must be paid and the available tax base.

Dr. Hull, defending his staff, said he had given the board "everything which I knew anything about." Both he and S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business, said they did not expect the big jump.

THE TRUSTEES agreed that speculation was about all that could have been offered before the budget was adopted. But they all agreed that the possibilities — especially with County Assessor Phil

Approved a change of zone from A-1 to M-1 for property on 190th Street adjacent to the San Diego Freeway.

Approved a tentative tract map for 13 lots north of Pacific Coast Highway near Ocean Street.



HEADQUARTERS OPENED . . . A new Citizens for Johnson headquarters has been opened in Torrance at 4407 Torrance Blvd. Shown here at the opening celebration are (from left) P. L. (Bud) Fumner, field secretary to Congressman Cecil King; Torrance Councilman David K. Lyman; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 68th District; Assemblyman Clayton Dills, 67th District; and W. Eugene Holley, Assembly candidate in 46th District.

High Rise Possible, City Council Hears

Construction of high-rise apartments on property located across the city boundary in Redondo Beach is both "possible and profitable," City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said last night.

Ferraro, in a report handed to councilmen, summarized results of a meeting which he held with representatives of the Sovereign Development Co. and the Riviera Homeowners Association. Councilmen postponed discussion of the report until next Tuesday.

The report concludes that the engineering problems are not difficult, and says that arrangements with the County for a lease on parts of a County parking lot adjoining the property could be made.

The property, located in both Torrance and Redondo Beach, has been the subject of much debate in recent weeks. Torrance turned down a proposal for a 16-story high-rise apartment, but Redondo Beach apparently is standing with open arms. Sovereign Development Co. has proposed a 22-story tower for a 70-by-100 foot section of the lot which is within the City of Redondo Beach.

Ferraro also said the city would lose about \$28,000 in annual property taxes if the tower is built in Redondo Beach. He added that neither the intentions of Redondo Beach, nor of the Sovereign Development Co. could be determined at this time.

Stanley Dunn, who represented the Riviera Homeowners Association at the meeting, said the Redondo Beach council would have to grant a number of waivers and variances for high-rise construction on the site.

Ferraro, however, noted that "if Redondo Beach 'considered' adjacent Torrance land as an integral part of Sovereign's proposal the relief measures 'could' be easily rationalized and recommended." Ferraro concluded, "Whether Redondo Beach will or could do this is beyond the knowledge of your City Manager."

Two former Torrance police officers who resigned from the force after admitting they falsified a report on a narcotics case will seek reinstatement to their jobs through the city's Civil Service Commission.

Attorney William J. McCabe, who represents the two men, told the Press-Herald last night he would file an application for a civil service hearing on the matter after City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer submitted an opinion on the case.

The men — Stanley Ray Martin and John Paul Brady — say their resignations were submitted "under duress and threat of criminal prosecution."

REMELMAYER, whose opinion was requested by the City Council last week, ruled the Civil Service Commission had primary jurisdiction to determine if the resignations "were obtained under duress and to reinstate the officers."

Councilmen, handed the opinion only moments before they were to consider the case, postponed consideration for one week. McCabe, however, said he would instigate civil service procedures on behalf of Martin and Brady.

CONTINUING with his opinion, Remelmeyer said that the two officers could be charged formally with the offenses which prompted their resignations if they were ordered reinstated. In that event, new Civil Service Commission hearings would be needed to determine guilt or innocence and any penalty, if they were found guilty.

In either case, Remelmeyer continued, the City Council acts as an appellate body.

Ferraro, in voicing his disagreement with Remelmeyer, said the "duress part is stressed here. It is merely a self-serving statement by Mr. McCabe," Ferraro said. "Why doesn't Mr. McCabe take this to a court of law and have the 'duress' examined?"

COUNCILMEN gave Ferraro his week on motion of David K. Lyman, approved 6-1, over the objections of Mayor Albert Isen.

Storekeeper Slugged by Lone Bandit

A lone bandit pistol-whipped a 72-year-old woman and robbed her small grocery store of \$300 as she was closing last evening, Harbor Division police were told.

Mrs. Pantaleona Oses told investigating officers that she was closing her market at 25621 S. Normandie Ave. about 7:30 last evening when the bandit entered, pulled a gun, and told her to hand over the store's money.

Mrs. Oses was struck on the head with the gun when she did not open the cash register, she told investigating officers.

"I'll kill you if you don't give me the money," the bandit yelled at her, she told officers.

The gunman scooped up the money and fled after she had opened the register, she said. His victim was treated for a minor head cut.

Skunk, Pigeon War Declared

Pigeons, doves, and skunks have been creating problems for city fathers.

The pigeon and dove problem was solved last night by a new city ordinance. Henceforth, if you have more than four pigeons and doves on one parcel of property you're subject to a fine of \$500 or six months in a cage yourself.

The skunk problem is on its way to being solved — with City Manager Edward Ferraro in charge.

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Crossing Guard Approved - - -

A temporary crossing guard has been approved for 225th Street and Anza Avenue. The guard will remain on duty for school children crossing the intersection until a study now under way is completed and a permanent recommendation on the problem is made. The crossing guard was requested by parents living in the area.

Junior Citizen's Day - - -

Junior Citizen's Day will be held Nov. 24 this year. The annual event, co-sponsored by the city and local high schools, gives high school students a chance to participate in city government by taking the place of city officials for the day. The city manager's office will coordinate plans.

YMCA Groundbreaking Due - - -

Plans for the 17th annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast and building groundbreaking ceremonies will be discussed Sunday at the annual fall planning meeting of the YMCA Board of Managers. The meeting will be held at the home of Dr. Rollin R. Smith, National Council YMCA member. New officers to be installed are Dr. Wing Mar, board chairman; Rod A. Swartz, vice chairman; Marshall Stewart, vice chairman; Mrs. Jean Clawson, secretary; and Robert T. Reid, treasurer.

Salinger Here Sunday - - -

U. S. Sen. Pierre Salinger will be the featured speaker at a political rally and picnic Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Torrance Park. Torrance area Democrats, headed by Councilman David K. Lyman, have arranged the event to greet Salinger as he visits Torrance in his drive to win election to a full term as U. S. Senator.

Food Tie-up Continues - - -

Dispute between Teamsters and the Food Employers Council continued into its second week today with no hints of an early settlement. Housewives continue to find stores well stocked with most foodstuffs although some shortages are reported in other lines.