

RTD Board Pledges Improved Services

Continued improvement and expansion of existing bus routes—within financial limitations was pledged today by Southern California Rapid Transit District directors with the hope that, in a future election, the public will approve public funding of rapid transit and bus service.

In expressing disappointment over the defeat of Proposition A in Tuesday's election, the RTD board said the real issue of Rapid Transit was "clouded" by unrelated ballot controversies and that late passage of the one-half cent sales tax enabling legislation further complicated the program.

RTD President Don C. McMillan said the transit agency board "remains convinced of the urgent

need for Rapid Transit in Southern California."

"IT IS unfortunate," McMillan added, "that Proposition A came at a time when controversy raged over property tax relief measures such as Proposition 1-A and 9, and the increase of the sales tax to 6 per cent in the city of Los Angeles."

"We believe the real issue of Rapid Transit became clouded by these and other related developments which had nothing to do with Rapid Transit but which, unfortunately, adversely influenced the public vote."

McMillan said that as alternative programs are being developed, "the district pledges to continue improving and expanding existing bus service within RTD's financial limitations with the hope that in a future election the public will realize the urgent need for a Rapid Transit system."

Bids for Road Work Scheduled

The Los Angeles Board of Public Works has advertised for bids for the improvement of a portion of a Harbor City street.

Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. said the board will open bids Nov. 27 for the contract to construct asphalt concrete pavement with concrete curbs, gutters, drive-ways, and the installation of storm drains and street lights in Palos Verdes Drive North (north side) from Senator Avenue to the west city boundary.

Cost of the project is estimated at nearly \$70,000.



NEW EAGLE . . . Bob Helstowski, a 15-year-old sophomore at Bishop Montgomery High School, will receive the coveted Eagle award at a court of honor to be held Saturday by Boy Scout Troop 997. The ceremonies will be held at South High School, beginning at 7 p.m. Rex Brown, assistant district commissioner for the South Bay District will conduct the Lighting of the Eagle Trail ceremony.

Jump 'n Jack To Celebrate Anniversary

Jack Rodgers' Jump 'n Jack Restaurant will mark its 10th and 11th anniversaries Tuesday evening with a gala party featuring the "Fabulous Footnotes."

The Footnotes are appearing at the Torrance evening spot nightly except Sunday.

The Jump 'n Jack Restaurant is located at 2900 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., across from the Torrance Municipal Airport.

South Side

By Lynne Alessio

"Chanson Hier" (song of Yesterday) will bring homecoming memories to South High tonight when alumni return to a Paris night at a sidewalk cafe at the dance immediately following the South-Redondo football game.

Top five candidates for Homecoming Queen are: Roberta Ayala, Lynn Crosby, Cathy Giarnelli, Carla Huyessan, and Sara Sanchez.

The surprise came two weeks ago when an announcement was made at the South-Santa Monica game that these were the girls picked from the top 15 candidates, elected a week earlier. Carla said she felt "they had made a mistake" and read the wrong name.

"AMIABILITY" and "sincerity" were the two attributes picked by the girls that they felt a queen should have. Lynn said, though, that a queen should not be picked because of one particular thing, but "she should be whoever they want her to be." For Cathy, "being princess is honor enough: I couldn't be

happier even if they picked me for queen."

All felt the seniors should have more to say about who is queen. As the voting system is now, juniors and seniors pick the top 15, then the whole school votes on the top 5 from these 15 girls. The one receiving the majority of votes is pronounced Homecoming Queen. Cathy and Carla felt there should be a third election where just the seniors would vote, picking the Queen from these top five girls.

THE ROYAL Court, consisting of these five girls, the two foreign exchange students, Riki Cotta and Toos Van Boetelaer, and escorts, will be presented a the half-time of tonight's game.

The escorts are: David Brenner, Spencer Durst, Gary Farmer, John Korbar, Jack Peterson, Decker Underwood, and Tom Zampas. There will be a special fireworks display at the half-time show, sponsored by the Torrance Lions Club. The "River Jordan" will play at the Homecoming dance in the cafeteria.



TURNING ON THE CHARM . . . Vi Coulter (left) has a startled look on her face as Pat Dempsey (center) turns on the charm for Virginia Dial in a scene from "The Silver Whistle." The comedy by Robert McEnroe will be presented by the Long Beach Community Players for six weeks. James Brittain directs the play, which will be presented at the Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. Performances are scheduled Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., with benefits scheduled Thursdays at 7:45 p.m.

A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce:

Somebody once told me, "Don't try to kill an ant with a shotgun."

Still that's what some people seem to be doing, as they aim their shotguns at things on college campuses that annoy them—demonstrations, radical ideas, and long hair, among others.

In recent months, we've heard repeated calls from high officials for investigation of the whole university system of cutting of the budget because of some radicalism. This shotgun approach might or might not solve the problems objected to, but it would hurt or kill lots of other things in the process.

It's pretty clear that budget cuts already are keeping students out of colleges. America's greatest national resource is its young people and failure to educate them—or give them a chance—could have disastrous results. (Why does America, with 6 per cent of the world's land and population, have 50 per cent of its wealth and power?)

Most students aren't involved in demonstrations, and only a few campuses have had riots. Most students aren't hippies.

Yet, some get worked up into a frenzy over the actions of a few people, based on what they read. A teacher friend of mine who had been on a year's leave commented that he was scared to go back to school this fall because of what he'd read, but found things little different than they used to be.

It's even possible some student complaints are justified. At the University of Nebraska, in 1951, I remember that we had a "riot" over the lack of student parking on campus. A police car was overturned, and traffic on the main street was blocked for a march on the Governor's Mansion. Students could not park, but big officials, who had their own special stickers, could have cared less until the students protested.

There's a great deal going on in colleges and universities and most of it is good.

Yours for perspective—YOUR DAD.

Reorganization Plan Set By First American Title

A corporate reorganization which would create a parent holding company and separate title insurance and trust subsidiaries will be voted upon by shareholders of First American Title Insurance & Trust Company at a special meeting Nov. 13.

The session is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the firm's home offices at 421 N. Main St., Santa Ana.

Under the proposed new

corporate structure, the holding company would be known as The First American Financial Corporation.

Christmas Recordings Offered

A special album of Christmas music performed by leading recording artists may be obtained at local Bank of America branches.

Specially recorded for the bank by RCA, the stereo record is valued at \$4.95, but is being sold at the bank for \$1.

Entitled "Christmas in California," the record can be played on monaural equipment as well as on a stereo player.

The album features such names as Vic Damone, Al Hirt, Ed Ames, Henry Mancini, the Robert Show Choral, Harry Belafonte and Leontyne Price.

Songs range from such traditional carols as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" to "Here Comes Santa Claus."

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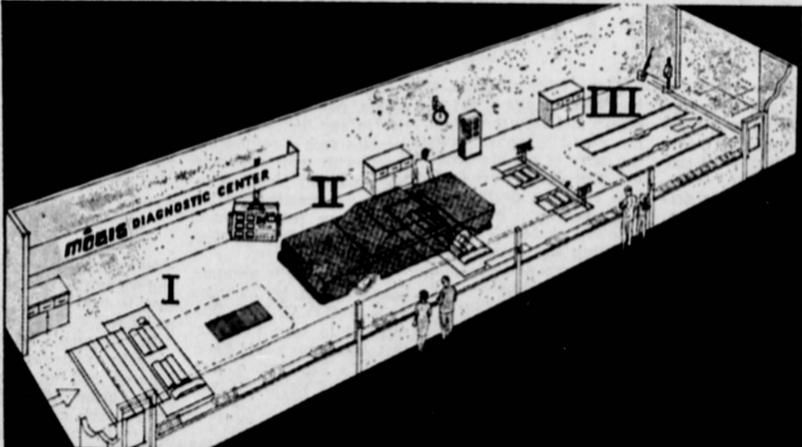
Santa Claus will make an early visit to many thrifty Californians this year, when nearly \$87 million in Bank of America Christmas Club checks—including funds for 2,573 residents—are distributed this month.

In making the announcement today, Bret A. Swartz, vice president and manager of the bank's Del Amo Financial Center branch, said the local savers will be presenting themselves with a \$650,668 gift.

He noted that the money will be distributed in plenty of time for the holiday shopping season.



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