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Special Census Ordered by City

Torrance is about to have its noses counted. By action of the City Council Tuesday night City Manager George W. Stevens was authorized to spend approximately \$5000 for a special census to determine the present population of the "growing like a weed" City of Torrance. Stevens calculates that the return on the city's \$5000 investment will amount to approximately \$70,000 yearly. This amount is the sum the city officials figure the city will gain in additional funds due to it from in lieu and gasoline tax funds.

Councilman Hurt In Leap From Runaway Trailer

Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. received a severely bruised leg as he leaped from a utility trailer in which he was riding Saturday morning when the furniture-laden trailer broke loose and smashed into a tree on Torrance Blvd. east of Madrona Ave.

The city official was riding in the two-wheeled trailer attempting to steady some furniture when the hitch broke as the car, being driven by Bud Mewborn, local attorney, crossed the railroad tracks at Madrona Ave. Investigation after the mishap showed that the safety chain had not been properly attached to the car's frame when the trailer and car left the trailer rental agency.

Spelman was taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital for X-rays. The city councilman was moving from his former residence at 23145 Doris Way to 2326 Dominguez St. when the mishap occurred.

Paul Roetgers, a passenger in the car, said that the car slowed to about 15 miles per hour after crossing the tracks when the hitch snapped. Damage to the furniture amounted to approximately \$100.

Set New Hearing Date on Riviera 'Coal Town' Plan

A plea that a hearing on the proposed 350-lot housing development in the Hollywood-Riviera section be continued until the next City Council meeting on Aug. 11, was granted to representatives of the tract developer at the Council meeting Tuesday night over the protests of a group of Hollywood Riviera homeowners.

Attorney Donald Armstrong, representing the tract developer, asked for the continuance of the grounds that his main witness — not identified — was out of town and would not be available until the August date. Armstrong assured the Council that he would be ready for the hearing on Aug. 11 and asked that it be made a matter of public record that he would ask for no more continuances.

The Hollywood-Riviera homeowners group contend that the street layout in the proposed tract should follow the contours of their hilly land while the tract developers say that an engineering survey has shown that the streets should run perpendicular to the contours.

In the Aug. 11 meeting, Attorney Armstrong will appeal a Planning Commission recommendation denying the tract maps to the City Council on grounds that the street layout does not conform to the present zoning pattern of Hollywood Riviera.

C. W. Key, of 416 Calle Mayor, chairman of the Art Jury of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners organization, asked that the hearing be held Tuesday night, but the Council said that in "fairness to all parties" the attorney should be granted his continuance.

The Planning Commission said that it denied approval of the tract maps to the City Council because there had been no apparent attempt to align the streets in the tract with existing streets and because the proposed tract was "laid out like a coal mine town" and might tend to devalue adjoining property.

The property in question is owned by Louis B. Mayer, Hollywood motion picture producer, and the tract is being undertaken by the Don J. Ryan Construction Co. The land is located easterly of Palos Verdes Parkway, southerly and westerly of Via Monte D'oro and north of Palos Verdes Estates.

Eighteen of the houses in the tract would have double frontage — that is, the front yards of some houses would face on the back yards of others, rather than a front-to-front and back-to-back arrangement.

Attorneys representing the land owner and tract developers have demanded that the case be reheard on an engineering basis rather than on an aesthetic one.

The recitation of the invocation is to be a regular agenda item of future council meetings.

"This is an opportunity for each of us to do something for the boys who will have to stay over there," Rev. Wenske stated.

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TO VIE FOR MISS TORRANCE... These 14 candidates for the title of "Miss Torrance" were officially signed up for the contest this week. Standing, left to right, are Gail Thompson, Maureen Monahan, Aline Sparks, Jo Ann Harlan, Karen Dean, Mary Ann Nofman, and Betty Weller. Seated, left to right, are Margaret Epitonto, Sandra Lea Constance, Anna Firilt, Ella Mae McLeod, Jo Ann Howard, Frieda Kittrell, and Dolores Patronsky.

Queen Deadline Set for Monday

Deadline for entries in the "Miss Torrance" contest which will be judged Tuesday night, Aug. 18, has been set for Monday, Aug. 8, it was announced yesterday by W. E. Bowen, president of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Bands.

Fifteen hopefuls had signed up at the Chamber of Commerce by noon yesterday, according to Dale Isenberg, executive-secretary of the local Chamber. Others wanting to enter the contest were urged by Isenberg to call at the Chamber office, 1346 El Prado, before 5 p.m. Monday.

On tap for the winner of the contest is an expense-paid weekend stay at the fabulous Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas for the couple, arranged through the courtesy of proprietor Marty Hicks. The winner and her escort will be flown to Las Vegas by Western Airlines for the weekend sometime after the coronation ball at Club Alondra on Aug. 22.

Prizes Listed
Among the other prizes offered for the contest are included a \$35 Rose Marie Reid bathing suit from the Gay Shop, a pair of DeLisa Deb shoes from Bernard's Family Shoe Store, and an album of popular records from Ray's Appliance.

Entry blanks are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Entry fee is \$5, and is to be paid by the candidate's sponsor. Several sponsors are still looking for candidates, according to Isenberg.
Entrants to date and their sponsors include:
Sandra Lea Constance, 16, La Celia Florists.
Jo Ann Harlan, 16, A-1 Photo Service.
Aline Sparks, 18, Torrance Heating and Appliance.
Frieda Kittrell, 17, B & R Cleaners.
Ella Mae McLeod, 16, The Gay Shop.
Dolores M. Patronsky, 16, Daniels Cafe.
Gail Thompson, 17, J. J. Newberry Co.

Baby Choking on Piece of Metal

SAVED BY TWO NURSES

The alertness of two Public Health nurses can be credited with saving the life of a five-month-old baby Friday morning, who had turned purple and was slowly choking to death on a small metal clamp wedged in her throat.

Mrs. Mary Guzman of 1106 W. Maple St. came running from her home carrying the gasping child in her arms, screaming for help. Her cries attracted the attention of two Public Health nurses who were canvassing the neighborhood reminding residents of the forthcoming chest X-ray program.

The two nurses, Mrs. Mary Ulmer and Mrs. Ann Wood, grabbed the child and headed for the Harbor General Hospital in their car. Enroute one of the nurses turned the child upside down and patted her on the back. The metal clamp and screw, nearly an inch long, popped out of the choking baby's throat.

At the hospital doctors treated the infant for a torn and scratched throat and released her to the mother.

Suggests Legion Name New Schools After War Dead

The local American Legion Post is going to ask the Torrance Board of Education to consider naming future schools after war heroes killed in the service of the country rather than after former members of the Board.

A three-man committee was appointed at an Executive Board meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post Monday night to meet with the school trustees next Tuesday to present the Legion's petition. Named to the committee were Bob Lewellen Jr., Vernon Coil, and Ben Youngkin.

The executive committee suggested that the special committee submit the names of John Pess, who died in the bomb-sinking of the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, and Louis Madore, lost in a plane crash in Alaska.

A spokesman for the committee stated they were inviting letters from residents of the community expressing their opinions on the matter. Anyone wishing to express themselves may write to "School Committee, American Legion, P.O. Box 497, Torrance.

The local school district at present has two schools named after former members of the Board of Education: Evelyn Carr and Dr. Howard A. Wood, both of whom are current residents of the city.

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There are many reasons why subscribers have difficulty finding their newspapers. Sometimes a dog carts it off. The wind plays tricks with newspapers and so do small children. But whatever the reason, if you have not received your copy of the Torrance Herald on Thursday and Sunday mornings, just dial FAIRfax 8-4004—the circulation department.

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Jack C. Hart Rites Today

Funeral services and interment will be held today in Lindsay, Calif., for Jack C. Hart, 39, of 1445 W. 219th St., who died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital following an illness.

Hart was an employee of Pacific Perforating Co., and had lived in the Torrance area for nine years. He was a native of Stratford, Okla.

Survivors include his widow, Claudine Hart, and a son, Bob, both of Torrance; two brothers, Jess Hart of Oklahoma City and Winifred Hart of Pensacola, Fla.; and a sister, Kathryn Colley, also of Oklahoma City.

WEATHER

Morning low clouds and a sunny afternoon with little change in temperature is predicted for today in Torrance and vicinity.

Beach Residents Complain of Wild Nightly Orgies

Complaints from Hollywood Riviera homeowners of midnight riotous drunken orgies prompted the City Council Tuesday night to appeal to County Supervisor Burton Chace to order county sheriffs to patrol the area and abate the nuisance.

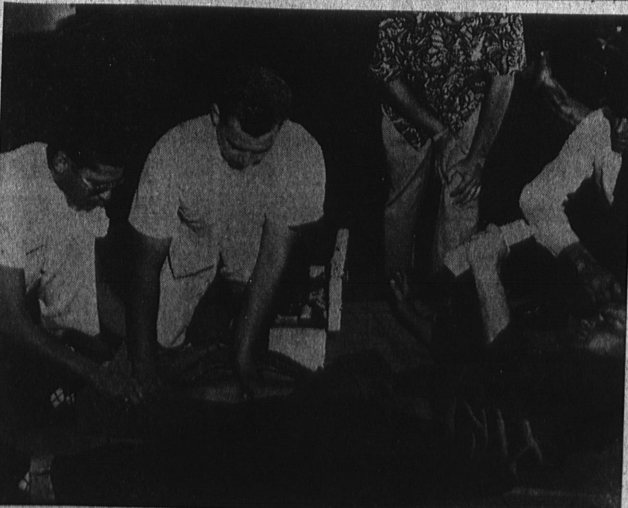
Commander William A. Mason, prominent civic leader, told the council that "bums and drunks raising hell" on Torrance Beach at all hours of the night were making life unbearable for residents of the area.

He said that in some cases property owners are attempting to sell their homes to get away from the noisy nightly bacchanals, but are having trouble selling because prospective buyers learn about the nuisance and will not buy the property.

Commander Mason said that he thought that the "wild beach parties . . . beer cans . . . and cars running in and out" were a result of beachgoers pouring onto the local sands because Torrance beach is open all night.

Other county beaches have fences around them and close at 1 a.m., while Torrance Beach does not, he said.

Since the beach is county property, local police are powerless because the area falls under the jurisdiction of the county sheriffs. The county officers reportedly told Torrance police to stay out of the area and let them handle the problem, but the homeowners group, represented by Mason, say that they are not handling it.



LOSES TO AUTO . . . Thomas Conway is checked by South Bay Ambulance attendants Dick Sanders and Frank Frommer and by Torrance Police Officer Don Nash following a beef with his wife at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Cota Ave. here Monday. He said his wife hit him with a car, but declined to press charges against her.

Family Beef Sends Hubby To Hospital

A family beef that spilled out onto the busy intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Cota Ave. with the husband accusing his wife of running him down with a car was scratched off the Torrance police blotter with a "No Action" report Monday evening.

When the victim refused to press charges against his wife.

Treated for bruises at Harbor General Hospital was Thomas Conway, 23, of Hollywood.

Police were first told that his wife, Virginia, had tried to run him down in the street with a car; then were told that he fell out of the car and finally that he had fallen off the car.

Mrs. Conway told police that she accidentally hit her husband with the car. Police said the pair was still arguing when they left town.

ROTHS LOWER PRICES