

# Columbia-Geneva Recalling Crew for Third Furnace BUILDER ORDERED BEFORE CITY COUNCIL TO EXPLAIN HOME REPAIR PROGRESS

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### To Talk 'Turkey' Tuesday

A "cold turkey" talk with Builder Tony Paravano about fixing up Crenshaw Gardens houses on Patronella and Cerise in North Torrance has been scheduled for 7 p.m. next Tuesday by Torrance's five-man City Council.

The talk was suggested by Councilman Mervin M. Schwab after a number of residents of the tract had reiterated charges that the builder had not lived up to his agreement to repair the houses.

Homes under question were built by Paravano's Princeton Construction Co. and have been under fire for several months. City and State inspectors had ordered structural defects remedied, and Torrance Building Superintendent John Russell reported this week that those defects had been repaired in accordance with the Uniform Building Code.

Many complaints Residents, however, still have a long list of complaints against the builder and officials were quick to back them up in most instances.

Homeowners of the area told the Councilmen this week that workers came in and tore out plastered walls to make structural repairs, replastered the walls and then disappeared without finishing the decoration.

Others said wallpaper had been torn from the walls to make plaster repairs, and then left that way "for months."

Wants Clean Bill Joseph E. Kolb, of 18621 Patronella, who was named in a \$300,000 libel suit filed by Princeton Construction Co. last spring, asked the city for a letter stating that his house was "in A-1 condition so I can sell it."

Building Superintendent Russell said he could not write such a letter.

Others, such as Vernon Jones, of 16711 Cerise Ave., said the garage slabs had cracked, sagged, and buckled and that water ran into the garages in many cases. Building Inspector James West corroborated Jones' statement, but pointed out that non-structural slabs are not inspected by the City and that no inspections are required by the Uniform Building Code.

Charges which flew earlier this year concerning the construction of the tract resulted in the suspension and eventual dismissal of two city inspectors on the grounds that they permitted faulty construction.

Paravano, now building under a name other than the Princeton Construction Co., is still developing home tracts in Torrance.

#### Mailbox Blown Up

Someone blew up her mailbox, Nellie Temple Larsen, 25914 Oak St., Lomita, reported to sheriff's deputies Monday.

Pieces of the mailbox were found over the surrounding area. She reported hearing an explosion, but did not realize what it was until later.

### Man Found Dead In Gas Station

Funeral services for Joseph Picone, 79, of 1557 W. 218th St., will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Church of the Nativity, with the Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating.

Mr. Picone was found in a service station rest room Tuesday noon and was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Rosary is to be recited this morning in Stone and Myers Chapel.

A native of Italy, Mr. Picone was retired and had lived in Torrance only a short time.

He is survived by his wife, Cora.

Burial will be in the Calvary Mausoleum.

### Hot Time for Pirates Planned at Kid's Day

Torrance youngsters will have a chance to put on their pirate hats and look for treasure on Saturday, Sept. 25, as the Torrance Kiwanis Club sponsors its third annual Kid's Day. President Byron Shotton has announced.

Youngsters 10 and under can buy hunting tags for 25 cents, which entitles them to look for colored plastic discs in the grass of Treasure Island (El Prado Park). The discs entitle the youngsters to special prizes. Treasureless hunters will receive consolation prizes.

Hunting licenses will be issued to pirates of all ages, which en-

titles them to search through Torrance store windows for numbers corresponding to that on their licenses.

Persons who find the corresponding number in the store window can claim the prize offered by that merchant. Licenses cost \$1. More than 200 merchants have contributed prizes, for the hunt which will last from Thursday noon to Saturday noon.

On Saturday, a trip to Las Vegas for two, an automatic gas dryer, and a \$300 diamond ring will be given away, in addition to other prizes not found by treasure hunters.

### WEATHER

Weather picture for tomorrow: Early morning and late night low clouds and local fog. Mostly clear with little change in temperature. High Wednesday was 78, and low was 54.

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## 40 Steelworkers Asked to Return

Approximately 40 steelworkers were being recalled this week by Columbia-Geneva Steel as the company, operating on a reduced basis for much of this year, announced plans to place a third open hearth furnace in operation Saturday.

General Superintendent C. C. Morgan said the men being recalled had been laid off last spring when the mill production was cut down. The men to be returned include open hearth, engineering, and maintenance personnel.

Firing up the 60-ton furnace has been ordered to meet a demand for raw steel stock "resulting in an upswing in orders for semifinished steel, structural shapes, hot rolled bars, and other steel items produced at Torrance," Morgan said.

The mill will be operated at a three-furnace level as long as the demand for the current ingot capacity continues, he said. Pouring of the first heat from the third furnace is scheduled for Monday, according to Morgan. He said the plant employment would now be about 760 persons.

## MElo Phones Switch to DAVIS On September 25

MElo telephone subscribers, those residing in North Torrance and Gardena, will pick up a "new name" starting Saturday, Sept. 25, when the prefix DAVIS becomes the phone password for those sectors.

In keeping with the Pacific Telephone Company's county-wide dialing system, MElo just didn't fit in, according to Marvin Babbidge, manager of the Gardena telephone office.

Numbers, however, will remain the same. For example, MElo 4-1101, will become DAVIS 4-1101, on Sept. 25. Some 17,000 telephones will be affected in the change. Small directories have been distributed to MElo subscribers indicating all the changes.

## Play Boss To Attend Beach Meet

Possibilities of improving Torrance Beach will be investigated by City Recreation Director Harry B. Von Bellehem at a Shoreline Planning Association Conference at Santa Cruz on Sept. 24.

Von Bellehem was recently selected to attend by the City Council. He will discuss the possibilities of getting Tidelands oil money for development of the mile-long beach, which he said was "the last beach in Los Angeles County which would lend itself to scenic, recreational, and swimming development."

A development plan prepared by William Woollett, architect retained by the city to prepare plans for improving city recreation areas, will accompany Von Bellehem to the conference.

It shows a possible development of the beach, including an esplanade, swimming club, picnic grounds, parking lots, picnic facilities, and tennis courts.

If Tidelands money cannot be obtained, development of the beaches will be nearly impossible, Von Bellehem said. Neither the city nor the county have enough money to match state funds which would be put up for beach development, he said.

## LOCAL MERCHANT ON SICK LIST

Mr. Archie Ness, owner of Archie's Market, 1615 Cabrillo, is expected to be released from Torrance Memorial Hospital today. He underwent an emergency appendectomy operation last Thursday morning.

He resides at 1515 El Prado St. with his family.



ON CHAMBER BOARD... A. E. Thompson, manager of the General Petroleum Refinery here, has been named to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to succeed past president Robert I. Plomert Jr. Plomert resigned recently for reasons of health.

## Motorists Help Sought as Kids Start to School

Motorists who fail to heed the red blinking lights of a parked school bus will be dealt with severely, Police Chief Willard Haslam said yesterday, in a message beamed at Torrance drivers.

"Schools are opening again. This means an increased number of child pedestrians, and once again, school buses rolling on our highways, requiring drivers to be ever-alert," Chief Haslam warned.

The Vehicle Code states that all drivers must stop for the flashing red lights of a school bus, and remain stopped until all passengers have been loaded or discharged, and the lights have stopped blinking.

Drivers need not stop for buses halted in the opposite lane of a divided highway.

"School time means children are on the run—please drive carefully," Chief Haslam urged.

## Nearly 12,000 Students Expected Here on Monday

Nearly 12,000 Torrance youngsters will trudge back to school Monday to be greeted by the biggest school staff in the city's growing history.

Sixteen elementary schools and Torrance High School will swing open their doors to receive the deluge of students. High school starts promptly at 7:30, while most elementary schools begin at 9 o'clock.

Several new schools, now under construction, will not be able to accommodate pupils until later in the year, or next semester.

Record breaking enrollment, plus new highs in the number of classrooms needed, and the number of teachers now on the District staff, 430, continue to bring deepening furrows to the brows of administrators who foresee depleting tax revenues.

Of the 11,900 expected to enroll tomorrow, nearly 2000 are anticipated at the high school, where double sessions are planned.

Time schedules for the beginning of each school vary as to double session requirements. However, those on double schedule generally begin the morning session at 7:40 or 8 o'clock, and start the afternoon classes at 12:15 or 12:30.

## Shorter School Day Scheduled

More than 2000 members of the teenage set will troop back to Torrance High School Monday to find that their school day has been shortened.

This year, for the first time, the student body will be split into two sessions to meet the increase in the number of students. Enrollment last year was 1529. The completion of North Torrance High School in June, 1955, should alleviate the situation.

Each session will consist of five 44-minute classes, with a ten-minute snack period in the middle of the morning and afternoon. Sessions will run from 7:30 to 11:40 a.m., and from 12:40 to 4:50 p.m.

Seniors Go At 7:30 When classes convene Monday, seniors, athletes, and students living south of Sepulveda Blvd., or west of Madrona Ave. and south of Del Amo Blvd., will report at 7:30 a.m. All other students will report at 12:40 p.m.

Freshmen and other students new to the school will report to the High School auditorium at 1 p.m. tomorrow for an orientation program. A tour of the campus is slated after the program. Freshmen will consult with freshmen problems teachers at that time.

Pick Up Schedules Students in various classes will report to pick up their class schedules, as follows: Seniors will report at 7:30 a.m. at the new tennis courts at the rear of the main building.

Juniors will report at 7:30 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. at the Sunkens Gardens in front of the auditorium. Athletes and students in areas mentioned above will report at 7:30 a.m., with all others at 12:40 p.m.

Sophomores will report at the assigned time in the Science Patio, between the main building and the science building.

Freshmen students will report directly to their freshmen problems teachers.

Students who do not find their class cards at assigned areas, or new students who have not yet enrolled will report directly to the auditorium at the time they are scheduled to appear.

## Crenshaw Bid Call Listed

Bids for improvement of Crenshaw Blvd., south of Dalemead St. have been called for by City Manager George Stevens, it was revealed yesterday.

Official notices released by the City indicate that a portion of the highway to extend 898 feet south of Dalemead St. will be resurfaced.

Bidders must have filed prior to 8 p.m., September 28, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.



PUPPY LOVE... Pretty Nancy LaDuke has an armful with Jack, Doc, and Reggie, three of the more than 50 pups and bigger dogs that will be given away for the mere price of a license, Sunday, at the South Bay Humane Society, 20336 S. Earl St. Dog pounds throughout the county are cooperating in the start of National Dog Week by holding Open House ceremonies.



REPRESENTS COUNCIL... Ex-Mayor Mervin M. Schwab was seated this week as the Council's representative with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The Chamber by-laws are being studied and may be changed to allow addition of the Council's representative to the board membership.

## Car Flips On Figueroa St.

A highway dip at 182nd St. and Figueroa hit by a driver presumably traveling at a high rate of speed nearly cost the life of a Los Angeles man this week. Vance Holford, 39, was critically injured when his auto veered out of control after hitting the road dip. It flipped upside down, skidded into a fence, crossed the roadway and hit another fence, police said.

He was taken to Georgia St. receiving hospital, Los Angeles.



SET FOR SCHOOL... These 430 Torrance teachers got the jump on the 12,000 boys and girls who'll start back to school Monday as they met this week for special instructions and briefing by District administrators. A luncheon held in the

Civic Auditorium, Tuesday noon, gave each an opportunity to see his co-workers, and hear Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and other officials. The instructors will man Torrance's 16 elementary plants and one high school.