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# \$15 MILLION IN NEW HOMES SLATED

## Local Schools Slate Displays

Open houses, special displays and programs of all kinds will be presented this week at local schools, as the students and teachers prepare for the observance of Public Schools week.

Both Torrance Schools and Los Angeles City Schools

## Civic Leaders Hail Reynolds Metal Story

The announcement carried exclusively by the Torrance Herald Thursday that Reynolds Metals Co. was completing the purchase of the Pacific Electric Shops here was hailed by local city and civic officials as a "great thing" for Torrance.

Plans are being prepared to convert the 44-acre shop area at Dominguez and Crenshaw into a fully integrated manufacturing center for the large aluminum processing firm.

This is the first huge industrial development announced for Torrance this year. Others—some now beyond the rumor stage—are expected to be announced within a short time.

Announcement of the Reynolds Metal Co. decision to locate in Torrance only strengthened the boom year predictions of Building Superintendent John Russell.

"Now I'm sure we'll have a \$70 million year," he said Friday.

## 'Pajama Mask' Robbers Held

Three "pajama leg" bandits have been turned over to sheriff's deputies, Torrance Police Capt. Ernie Ashton said Friday.

The trio were picked up in connection with the April 4 robbery of the Union Oil service station at 22955 Arlington Ave. when three men, their faces covered by pajama leg masks held up attendant Burt Smith.

Being held were two 15-year-old youths and Charles Layton, 18, of Wilmington. They were sought by deputies in connection with several other robberies.

In the robbery, the trio forced him to open the floor safe, and finding nothing, took \$46 from a cash register, Smith told Police.

## National Guard Has 'Successful' Alert

Wednesday's national guard alert for Torrance Bridge Company was highly successful, with the group establishing a command post at the Harvey Machine Co. in just 35 minutes according to Capt. Douglas Horlander, commanding officer.

Due to rush hour difficulties, the group had a 65 per cent turnout, with more men arriving later, he said.

## Knife-Wielding Pair Foiled by Shots, Screams

It was a bad week for knife-wielding bandits, local police reported this week.

A dark man of medium height entered Russ's Market, 803 Sartori Ave., Wednesday, asked for some cigarettes, pulled a knife, and informed Mrs. Russ-Cose, "This is a stickup!" Mrs. Cose ran screaming into the back of the store, and the bandit, apparently unnerved, fled through the front door.

On Thursday, two men entered Clarence Barajas' market at 1551 W. Carson St., asked for cigarettes, then pulled knives, and demanded money.

Albert Barajas, son of the owner, saw what was happening, grabbed a rifle, and started shooting. The pair ran out, jumped in a car, and fled while Barajas fired at the speeding car.



CENTER OF DISPUTE... This gaping hole near 177th St. and Gramercy Place in north Torrance has become the center of a controversy before the City Council. Application of the owners for permission to excavate an additional 10-acre site is being opposed by residents living adjacent to the operation. The soil mined here is used for making brick.

## Four Injured In Car Crash

Four persons were injured early Saturday morning as two autos collided on Pacific Coast Hwy., 600 feet west of Crenshaw Blvd.

Cars driven by Peter Ruiz, 19, of 24820 Oak St., Lomita, and Alexander K. Kane, 30, of 23877 Ward St., were involved in the collision. Ruiz was headed east, while Kane was going west.

Taken to the Harbor General Hospital were the two drivers and Liz Wilden Adin, 19, of 1636 W. 23rd St., Harbor City, a passenger in Ruiz' car, and Marilyn Nishihira, 28, of 23877 Ward St. None of the injuries was reported as critical.

## Boy Critical; Hit by Auto

Disregarding the crossing guard's warning, a six-year-old boy ran across 174th St. Wednesday and was struck by an auto which carried him 80 feet.

Nobel Craig, 6, of 17415 Elgar Ave., was reported in "critical condition, although improving" at Harbor General Hospital, after being struck by a car driven by Charles Orval Livingston, of Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Gladys Andrews, of 17310 Atkinson Ave., crossing guard, said she had warned the boy to wait for the cars to pass. The boy was enroute to school at the time of the accident, which occurred on 174th St., near Glenburn Ave.

## Official Due To Examine Office Sites

A member of the State Department of Employment Office in Sacramento is expected in Torrance this week to look over possible sites for the construction of a new office here.

Prompted by a trip to Sacramento last week by City Manager George Stevens and Mayor Albert Isen, the official's trip here this week is welcomed by city officials who hope to forestall plans to build the office at Cravens and Engracia on land now owned by the state.

This land is to valuable to Torrance businessmen as a parking lot, officials say. A plan to offer civic center property in exchange for the downtown lot has received cool response from state officials. Other sites are being explored by city officials prior to the visit here this week of the state official.

## Window Smashed

Somebody threw a balloon full of water through his window, breaking it, Charles Schultz, of 1304 El Prado, told Torrance Police Saturday.

## Residents Flay New Supermart

A showdown between nearby residents and the management of a huge supermarket now under construction at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. is scheduled before the City Council tomorrow evening on the matter of drive-ways, walls, loading ramps, and sidewalks.

Touched off before the City Council last week with a petition presented by residents of the area, the battle due tomorrow will involve the matter of dumping store traffic, including delivery trucks, onto Atkinson Ave. to the rear of the new market.

First move to stop the heavy traffic at least came on the part of the City Council last Tuesday when it ordered up an ordinance restricting vehicles load limits on the street. The limits probably will be set at 2½ tons.

## Minutes Searched

Move two ordered by the Council was a search for the minutes and other records of the Planning Commission and City Council with reference to the permit for construction obtained by the supermarket, which is due to open some time next month.

Councilman Willys G. Blount touched off this phase of the investigation when he said he knows the Council voted on a proposal which did not show plans for openings from the market parking lot onto the narrow residential street to the rear.

## Gets Support

He admitted, however, that the plans now on file with the city show the four driveways onto Atkinson although he has no recollection of these driveways on the plan shown to the Council. He was supported in this view by Councilman Nick Drahe.

Petitioners who live on 175th

## Group Slates Three Plays

The Teenage Drama organization, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will turn into a summer stock theater and will produce three plays this summer. This was announced by Joe Fazio, president.

The three plays will be presented during the summer months and are: "Sunday Costs 5 Pesos," "The Valiant," and a Western musical.

At present, the Guild meets regularly every Wednesday night. Members learn to do make-up, build sets, paint scenery, and act.

All those between the ages of 14 to 20 who would like to join the group this summer, should register at the Torrance Recreation Department, 1347 El Prado.

## Residents To Battle Brick Pit

Proposal of Henry M. Guenser to deed excavated brick pit land east of Arlington Ave. between the Edison Co. right-of-way and 178th St. to the city for \$1 an acre in return for permission to excavate an additional 10 acres south of 178th St. ran into a snag last week when residents

of the area indicated their disapproval of the plan with a petition presented to the City Council.

Opposition led by John K. Kesson, of 2015 W. 182nd St., whose home would be adjacent to the new mining operation, will be continued, Kesson pledged Saturday. He said the petition presented last week included only property owners in the immediate vicinity of the proposed clay mine. A second petition, slated to be presented to the Council tomorrow evening will include signatures of residents in the area who do not own their own homes, Kesson said.

## Planners Approve

The proposal was submitted to the Council on April 5 by the Planning Commission with a recommendation for approval with a list of stipulations.

Recommended by the Planning Commission were the installation of a 6-foot chain link fence, require operations to be set back not less than 10 feet from the property line, that trees be planted for screening purposes around the property line, that the city be permitted to start reclaiming the mined area immediately, that all future acreage be deeded to the city acre-by-acre as the mining progresses, and that the area so acquired by the city be used by the Recreation Department.

The Council delayed a decision on the matter at the April 5 meeting, and last week received the recommendation of the Recreation Department that the proposal be approved.

Recreation Commission Chairman J. H. Paget reported to the Council that the Commission "felt that this site might be used to solve the need for an industrial and community sports center."

The entire matter was returned to the Planning Commission last Tuesday for further study in light of the protests being received from nearby residents.

## Thieves Steal Fence

Someone stole a roll containing 100 feet of chain link fence, valued at \$100, from his property, Ernest A. Radice, of 813 W. 223rd St., told sheriff's deputies Thursday.

## 1598 Lots Get Planners' OK

Eight tracts containing 1598 new homes got a go-ahead sign from the Torrance Planning Commission Tuesday night as they were recommended to the City Council for approval.

Biggest of the tracts was Milton Kauffman's proposal for 791 homes between Torrance and Sepulveda Blvds., east of Anza Ave. The tract was approved with two stipulations:

1. That Carson St. be continued through to Hawthorne, with a 100 foot width.

2. That two proposed shopping centers be deleted from the tract.

## 387 Homes Set

Another Kauffman proposal, for 387 homes between 190th and Del Amo Blvd. in west Torrance, got a tentative approval, provided that certain oil equipment be moved and a sump cleaned, a six foot redwood fence be built between the subdivision and the Green Ranch, and that stipulations of city ordinances be met.

Tract 18379, between Palos Verdes Blvd. and the Pacific Ocean got a recommendation for approval after Don-Ja-Ran Corp. representative Norman Stearn assured the Commission that home buyers in the tract would be informed that apartment houses were to be built in the southwest part of the tract.

The apartment houses are to be built next to the Palos Verdes Estates city line and the ocean.

Lynn Dissents

Commissioner Burt Lynn cast the only dissenting vote, stating he believed the lots to be used for apartments should be designated R-3 in the deed restriction.

J. E. Kettler's proposal for 69 homes near 238th and Palena Ave. also was recommended after a letter was read from the Los Angeles County Flood Control district, stating that the tract would be "reasonably free" from flood hazards if lots are properly graded and filled.

A tentative approval was given to the Watt Construction Co. proposal for 63 lots southeast of 170th and Casimir Ave. The approval was recommended provided:

1. Turnarounds on Kristin and Armand Aves. have a 50-foot radius.

2. That the fence at 170th and Casimir be removed.

3. That the company obtain ten additional feet and pave it on 170th St. between Lots 12 and 63.

The Maag Holding Co. also got a green light on 50 proposed lots, northwest of 170th and Arlington Ave. It was recommended if:

1. A six-foot wire fence is put along the channel.

2. Turn-around driveways

## Auxiliary Gives Check To Hospital

A check for \$2796.94 to be applied toward the building fund of Torrance Memorial Hospital was presented to Henry Creeger this week by officers of the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital. Creeger is president of the hospital board and has been serving as chairman of the fund raising campaign.

Presenting the check was Mrs. Gerald Eastham, president of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. John Melville, past president of the Auxiliary and now a member of the hospital board of directors.

At the same time the check was turned over to the hospital, Mrs. Eastham announced that emergency equipment valued at approximately \$1000 had been ordered for the hospital by the Auxiliary. Included in the new equipment will be an aspirator and a Morris Clinical Defibrillator.

"We have enjoyed our hospital projects this year, and our sincere thanks must go to the nursing staff and Miss Hamnerstrom for their help on our nursery Identifoto work," Mrs. Eastham wrote the board. Miss Hamnerstrom is the superintendent of the hospital.

Creeger said the additional funds would add significantly to the growing hospital building fund which is nearing the quota set to permit construction of a new surgical and maternity wings on the hospital.

## Time Change and Bus Schedules to Agree

Pacific Greyhound Lines' bus schedules began operating on Daylight Saving Time effective yesterday in those areas observing the time change, according to an announcement by Glen G. Magnuson, general traffic and sales manager of the company.



ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL FUNDS... Henry W. Creeger, president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board of directors, accepts a check for more than \$2700 from Mrs. Gerald M. Eastham, center, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the hospital. Looking on at the left is Mrs. John Melville, past president of the Auxiliary and now a member of the hospital board of directors.