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CITY MAKES NEW COLLEGE BID

Site Choice Narrows to Two in Area

Reaffirmation of the city's desire to have a new four-year state college located in Torrance was ordered by the City Council Tuesday night and formation of a steering committee to push for selection of a Torrance site was authorized. Action of the Council followed disclosure in Sacramento that the selection of a site for the area college had been narrowed to one near Crenshaw and Sepulveda in Torrance and another on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Board to Study New Union Bid

THE TORRANCE site, submitted by Councilman Nickolas Drale, meets most of the criteria set down by the state for a college site, city officials pointed out this week. The land would require a minimum of site work, it is accessible from all parts of the district it will serve as it is not too far from the Harbor or San Diego Freeways, and it can be served adequately with public transportation and public utilities. "The site has everything they wanted," Drale told the HERALD yesterday.

Losing another bid for recognition, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), AFL-CIO, saw its offer to list its members with a state agency turned down by the Board of Education Monday night. A district policy which requires employe organizations to file membership lists with the district in return for recognition has caused considerable friction between the AFT and the Trustees in recent weeks.

AT FIRST, the union refused to submit membership lists to anybody because teachers said they feared reprisals. Glen Schwendemann, representing Torrance Local 1301, AFT, offered to turn over a membership roster to the Labor Conciliation Service of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Schwendemann said he felt this would remove the Board's doubt that the AFT truly represented Torrance teachers. BOARD PRESIDENT Albert Charles pointed out the district has a membership list of the classified employes' union on file. Schwendemann replied he felt no reprisals would be forthcoming, but other teachers did not share the belief and were afraid to join if their names were listed with the district.

BOARD MEMBER Dr. Kurt Shery asked, "Teachers are doing their best to be professional, why do they want to join unions?" In reply, Schwendemann said, "By joining a union and working for education, we are just as professional as anyone."

The Board delayed action on the matter until a series of December conventions during which the Trustees plan to discuss the matter with administrators and board members throughout the nation who had encountered two teachers' organizations in the same city before. The other local organization is the Torrance Education Assn. which is recognized by the Trustees.

James Barletta of the Better Foods Market at 16920 S. Prairie Ave., told police the caller claimed there were two accomplices outside the window with a gun. "Get your money and bring it outside," the caller said. Barletta said he went outside, found no one out there, and returned to the telephone but the caller had hung up. Barletta then took the money from the safe, placed it in a paper bag and started outside to meet the suspect when he was met at the door by the police.

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Molester Sent to Hospital

A Torrance steelworker and sometimes bartender, questioned as a suspect in the slaying of a Torrance girl and the disappearance of another, has been ruled a probable sexual psychopath for molesting two other Torrance children.

Robert Combs, 40, of 21115 Denker Ave., was committed to Atascadero State Hospital Tuesday for a 90-day observation when he appeared before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling.

Combs was arrested July 11, a week after the death of Dorothy Gale Brown, 11, and was questioned about the disappearance last year of Karen Lynn Tompkins, also 11, who often played in the Combs house. He was later cleared when alibis for the times involved in the girls' disappearances were substantiated.

SEARCH FOR the killer of Dorothy Gale continues without letup, Police Chief Percy Bennett told the HERALD this week.

"We have been checking boats which could have been in the area where her body was found in the ocean," Bennett said. He indicated that his detectives, with the aid of the Coast Guard and a Sheriff's deputy, had checked more than 200 boats and still had "a couple dozen to check" after a Coast Guard report indicated a boat was seen in the area early July 4.

Other leads, including letters from persons who have become suspicious of some person have been checked out as fast as they are received, but all have reached a dead end, Bennett said.

Zoo Trip For Elder Residents

San Diego Zoo is the destination of a bus trip for Senior Citizens. The special trip, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, is planned for Sunday, Sept. 16.

A bus will leave from the Torrance Adult Center at 1318 Cravens St., and from the McMaster Park building, 3624 W. Artesia Blvd. Both busses will depart at 8:30 a.m.

Reservations for the trip may be made by calling Jesse Saxton or Cora Scheffer at FA 8-9744. The fee for the trip must be paid by Sept. 10. Cost of the trip, which includes admission and a tour of the zoo, is \$5.

Housewives Swim Classes Planned Soon

Learn to swim classes for housewives will be held at the City Plunge beginning Wednesday, Sept. 19. The classes are sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Classes will be held twice a week, on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Class time is 45 minutes per session. A 15-minute free swim period will close the hour.

Classes are limited and interested housewives should make reservations at once. The fee for six lessons is \$1.75.



WATCHING INSTALLATION . . . Ken Miller (far right) watches carefully as members of the Torrance car clubs install seat belts in his car. Others in picture are George Brewster, president of the Jaycees, Councilman Ross Sclarotta, Bob Vroman, president of the Torrance Safety Council, and Mayor Albert Isen. The belts cost \$6 each, and installation is free at the Del Amo Center Annex. Area car clubs and the DeMolay are helping.

Welder Held Suspect In Knife-Point Assaults

A 30-year-old welder is being held to answer a total of 12 counts of rape, robbery, and perversion following his arraignment in South Bay Municipal Court yesterday.

Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett remanded Jose Flores Rodriguez of Long Beach to Torrance jail to await preliminary hearing Sept. 11. Bail was set at \$26,250.

Charges filed against the Long Beach welder include four counts of rape, three counts of robbery, four counts of kidnapping, and one count of sex perversion.

HE IS suspected of being the knife-wielding mugger who has robbed, kidnapped, and raped four Torrance area women since April.

Rodriguez was taken into custody by Redondo Beach police when he went to the station Monday to report his auto had been stolen. He was recognized from descriptions furnished by the Torrance rape victims, and identified through tattoos of a panther on his

Wife of Elks Ruler Dies; Rites Held

Funeral services for George, Jeanne Lease, 40 wife of Eldon H. (Lee) Lease, exalted ruler of the Torrance Elks Lodge, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Chapel with the Rev. Hugh Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Mrs. Lease, a native of Iowa, died Thursday in a Los Angeles hospital. She lived at 22038 Embassy Ave., Long Beach, and had been a resident of the Southwest-Long Beach area for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, a sheriff's deputy; a daughter, Lette Lease; her mother, Ruth Oakhill of Illinois; a brother, Ted Oakhill, and two sisters, Marsha Oakhill and Jeanne Fortag, all of Illinois.

Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Skateboard, Scooters Figure in Collisions

Four persons were hurt Tuesday in separate accidents on Torrance streets. The accidents involved two riders of motor scooters, a pedestrian and a boy riding a skateboard.

Suffering minor injuries and taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital about 6:10 p.m. was William Floyd Mitchell, 20, Redondo Beach. His motor scooter was involved in a collision with a car driven by George Oliver Smith, 62, of 402 W. 182nd St. The accident occurred at 182nd Street just east of Avis Avenue.

IN THE other motor scooter accident, Carl Lefowitz, 20, of Pittsburgh, Pa., suffered a cut on his left ankle after his scooter, eastbound on Pacific Coast Highway, encountered

Police Building Master Plan Okayed by Council

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The master plan, prepared by a private engineering firm, recommends that the station be expanded ultimately from its present 9,317 square feet to a total of 19,200.

Designed as a three-phase program, the expansion would not add to the cell space, but would add administrative and records space which is needed.

ing an attempted street robbery and attack on a 16-year-old Torrance girl near 175th Street and Atkinson Avenue Sunday evening.

loose rocks and went out of control, spilling Lefowitz.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Sandra Constantine, 3516 Apartment B Garnet St., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital by one of her parents after she was struck about 5:28 p.m. by a car driven by Michael Gary Miller, 18, of 5321 Reese Rd., police said. The girl was walking south across Garnet Street when the accident occurred just west of Eastwood Avenue.

A head injury, abrasions on his face and arms was suffered by Paul Anderson, 11, of 4216 Calle Mayor, when a wheel came off his skateboard causing the board to stop suddenly and throwing the boy to the pavement.

for various police bureaus, and would cost about \$8,000 if done with the wing, or about \$12,000 if done alone. Present administrative and detective bureau quarters would be utilized by the traffic division, according to the master plan. The budget for the current fiscal year contains \$60,000 for the project, according to Orin W. Johnson, second assistant city manager.

Johnson said city administrative officers were discussing inclusion of a fallout shelter under the first phase expansion with federal officials. There is still some chance that the city can qualify for federal aid for the shelter under certain conditions, Johnson indicated.

A CONNECTOR between the present building and the two-story wing could be utilized

Seat Belt Clinic in Last Days

Saturday and Sunday will be the final days of the Junior Chamber of Commerce seat belt clinic. The clinic is part of the statewide seat belt clinic proclaimed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Residents of the Southwest may have seat belts installed in their cars while they wait at a cost of \$6 for each belt. Installation is free by members of the Torrance Jaycees.

Belts are available in seven colors and have metal-to-metal clamps approved by the California Highway Patrol. They test to a minimum of 6,000 pounds.

The clinic will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at the Del Amo Center annex.

Kiwanis Breakfast

A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Southwest Torrance Kiwanis Club will be held from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday at Von's Market, Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor. Proceeds will go to Torrance youth activities.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you keep informed on current events?" The Pennies Photographer asked administrative coordinators and students at El Camino College.

Mrs. E. H. Sharmon, secretary:

"Since my work is connected largely with publications, I am prejudiced in favor of newspapers. I read at least one daily newspaper and always listen to the 11 a.m. news on television."

Dick Fowler, 9517 Fifth Ave., Inglewood:

"I often take advantage of the excellent news coverage available to me in the local newspapers and watch the news broadcasts on television. The radio provides a source of current events for me when I am in my car."

Barbara Hunting, 2220 W. 161st St.:

"I read both the local and metropolitan papers to keep up to date. The editorial pages, especially draw my attention. I also read a magazine and listen to current events on television and radio."

Jim Antonelli, College coordinator:

"Some of my information on events comes through television reporting, but the morning press and weekly news magazines provide the majority of my information on news in general."

Kathy Schwent, 4420 W. 234th St.:

"Radio, television and the local newspapers all give good coverage to current events. I enjoy reading the national news magazines and the editorial pages of newspapers for additional information."

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