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# POLICE CHIEF NAMING NEAR

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

Diplomas were given to nearly 1,500 high school graduates here Thursday evening, so the Pennies photographer asked some of the South High graduates, "What now?"

**Walter Wald:**  
"I plan to attend El Camino College. My studies will most likely be in the field of engineering. I have enjoyed my years at South High and I am sure it has set me in the right direction. After El Camino, I'll go to Long Beach State College."

**Gerald M. Mann:**  
"I'm going on to college at Orange Coast Junior College. I am planning to get a high school teaching credential and I want to coach football and baseball in high school. I don't know where I'll go to get my credential, yet."

**Mary Jane Collins:**  
"I am going to Long Beach State College in the fall and will take a liberal arts major with a minor in business. I want to be an executive secretary. In the summer of 1965, two girl friends and I are going to Europe."

**Laurie Campbell:**  
"This summer a girl friend and I are going to hostel through Europe. When I get back, I'm going right into El Camino and then if I am accepted, to Cal Poly for two years to major in accounting. I hope to go into business."

**Robin Rector:**  
"Now I am looking forward to college, although much is expectation without knowing really what to expect. All I know is that I'm going to Pomona and I want to major in applied arts. I plan to spend a rather quiet summer."

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## Riviera Site Of High-Rise Stirs Debate

A proponent of a planned 16-story beachfront apartment building, which was turned down by a 4-3 vote of the Planning Commission Wednesday night, has charged that opposition to the development is based on erroneous information.

Robert D. Keillor, president of the Sovereign Development Co., has contended that many untrue statements have been made concerning plans by his firm to erect the condominium apartment building on the site of the old Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse in Torrance.

KEILLOR directed his charge at the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. rather than at the Planning Commission, which has twice within the past six months denied recommendation of the project. According to Keillor, the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. is "the only opposition" to three variances his firm has requested. He charges the organization has not presented a true picture of the facts.

Wednesday night's Planning Commission decision was reached following three hours of heated debate before an overflow crowd in the city hall council chambers.

Early next month, the commission's recommendation will go before the City Council for a final decision.

THE PROPOSED 140-unit building would feature 14 stories of condominium apartments with the top and bottom floors reserved for commercial purposes.

Construction of the building hinges on a zone change from R-3 (apartment buildings) to C-1 PD (commercial with planned development) and the lifting of a 35-foot height restriction on area building. The high-rise apartment is planned for 160 feet.

Cost of the project is estimated by Keillor at \$6 million and he believes the building would represent "progressiveness" in Torrance.

KEILLOR SAYS the following facts are true concerning the proposed structure:

• It is to be a condominium-type apartment building owned by the residents. It will be 160-feet high with a restaurant on top and will be 70 feet in width and cover 17 per cent of the land area. The other 83 per cent of the site would include tropical landscaping, a heated pool, and waterfall fountain.

• Homes, for an estimated 325 high-income residents, would be reached via an outside, glass-fronted elevator which would be open to the public. The glass-enclosed restaurant on top would also be open to the public.

• No children under 16 years of age would be living in the building. More than \$69,000 in tax money for the Torrance Unified School District would be added with a minimum demand for tax paid services.

• The project cost of \$6 million and an assessed valuation of \$1.5 million would provide tax income from real estate assessments of approximately \$129,663 per year.

## Flags to Fly In Observance Of Flag Day

Mayor Albert Isen and the City Council have asked all citizens of Torrance to join with them in observing Flag Day today.

The mayor said flags will be flown on Torrance Boulevard and throughout the downtown business district, in keeping with the city's policy to fly the flag on all holidays.

Flags will be put in place by local Boy Scouts, said Mayor Isen.



THE LAST MARCH . . . A small segment of the Class of 1964 at South High School is pictured here as the graduates marched into the Spartan stadium to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" Thursday evening. At South High, school officials awarded diplomas to a class of 596—the largest graduating class in the history of the city. (Herald Photo)



AT LAST . . . Diana Gerue, valedictorian of the Torrance High Class of '64, accepts her diploma from Dr. Kurt Shery, president of the Board of Education, while Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, waits to congratulate her. Miss Gerue led the parade of graduates when the diplomas were awarded during ceremonies at the Tartar stadium Thursday evening. (Herald Photo)

## Area Residents Take Class On Care of Sick, Injured

Nineteen Torrance residents are completing a course at South Bay Hospital on "Immediate Care of the Sick and Injured." The class is sponsored by the hospital as a public service.

A total of 105 persons are enrolled in the course, now being given for the sixth time. Dr. Albert E. Ackroyd, a Rolling Hills physician, is in charge of the series.

Of the total class enrollment, 48 persons are firemen and 24 are ambulance drivers. Others

include lifeguards, industrial safety employees, school employees, and policemen. The Torrance residents are: A. A. Altavilla, V. Douglas Bergen, Richard Berry, Roy L. Coop, James Fitzpatrick, Joseph E. Griffin, Edward Kennedy, Billie C. Lampela, and William Neal. Others are: Connie Notch, Richard O'Neal, D. A. Rapella, Ralph Rexford, Raul C. Rubacava, Gwen Shumway, Harvey Slaton, Michael Tague and Marilyn Utsteia.

## Four Survive Stiff Tests, Ferraro Says

Appointment of a new police chief for Torrance moved a step closer this week with the receipt of examination results and the names of four candidates who survived the testing. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will ask the City Council to approve the list Tuesday night so he can get on with the job of selecting a new chief.

"The new chief will have plenty to do," Ferraro told The Herald yesterday.

"We are going ahead with plans to expand the police building, we are holding examinations for two new captains . . . he's got a lot of decisions to make," the city manager said.

SIXTEEN candidates took the written examination, according to Robert W. Fischer, manager of the Cooperative Personnel Services Board. Nine survived the written, two failed to appear for the oral board sessions, and another three failed the board, leaving four eligibles.

Candidates completing the exams include two Burbank police captains, a Los Angeles Police Department captain, and a captain from the Los Angeles County Marshal's office.

Three of the officers have had a wide experience in command positions including traffic, patrol, vice, detective, and other police functions; the four range in age from 38 to 51; two have masters' degrees in public administration, and all are college trained.

"WE HAVE BEEN given a good selection of men to choose from," Ferraro said, "and I want the City Council to certify the list as soon as possible so I can get on with the appointment. These men typify balanced professional training, and are highly disciplined officers."

Ferraro indicated he had met with three of the officers and was meeting the fourth this week.

## Construction Fall Injures Local Youth

A 19-year-old youth was injured Thursday morning when he fell from a two story structure on which he was working. Ruben Madrigal of 13609 Klondike Ave. was taken to Little Company of Mary where he was treated for possible fracture of the left hip and elbow.

Tony Negrete, 24, Paramount, told police he and Madrigal had taken a coffee break when Madrigal attempted to dismount from a loft area by means of a ladder. The ladder started to twist and fall. Madrigal attempted to hang onto the loft edge but could not maintain his grip and fell to a concrete floor, Negrete said.

When police arrived at the scene they found Madrigal lying face down on the concrete slab floor. A temporary splint was placed on him at the scene.

## Plane Scares City Airport

A few anxious minutes were encountered at Torrance Airport Wednesday afternoon when a light private airplane lost power while landing.

Pilot George W. Gardner of 1419 W. 23rd St., Santa Monica, said the aircraft started to slide upon striking the runway but straightened course. The Cessna was registered to Rose Aviation of Hawthorne and was being used for training purposes.

## Local Plant Awarded Two Defense Bids

Marshall Laboratories of Torrance have been awarded contracts worth \$535,000 for production of components for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Navy.

The firm, a subsidiary of Marshall Industries, received a \$500,000 contract for the design, development, assembly, and testing of prototype flight instruments to be used in the Pioneer space project.

The instruments are to be used in the measurement of solar winds.

The second contract, worth \$35,000, is for the initial phase in the design, development, and fabrication of an order for guidance and control systems for the Navy.

## North High Seniors Win \$65,000 in Scholarships

Members of North High's Class of 1964 won more than \$65,500 in scholarships and grants, according to Miss Mary Montgomery, senior class sponsor at the school.

Winners and their awards include:

Barbara Alexander, North High GAA scholarship; June Bell, state scholarship; Bruce Cole, Elks Club Good Citizenship Award; Cathy Dean, Bank of America certificate winner, California Savings and Loan Assn. citizenship award, and the Robert Mason Memorial Award.

Craig Dearden, Brigham Young University athletic scholarship; Michael Dominguez, Bank of America certificate winner; Stanley Epstein, UCLA and USC honors at entrance; Bonnie Flynn, Flavio Beauty College scholarship.

Mary Fouquette, University of California at Santa Barbara scholarship, with honors at entrance, Bank of America cer-

tificate winner; Stuart Goodgold, Bank of America certificate and zone winner, Bausch and Lomb science award, Pacific Smelting Co. scholarship, and state scholarship.

Robert Grover, state scholarship; Sandra Hustad, Bank of America certificate winner; Dennis Ireland, appointment to the United States Navy Academy at Annapolis; Douglas Jackson, Beloit University academic scholarship, Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce award, Tee Solman award, and honors at entrance at the University of California at Riverside.

Michelle Kelly, Flavio Beauty College scholarship; Alan Lepper, University of Arizona athletic scholarship; Vicki Mongar, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship award, Torrance Education Assn. scholarship.

Judith Morgan, Elks Club Good Citizenship award, Bank of America certificate winner;

Susan Oldt, Torrance Woman's Club Scholarship, Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award.

Nancy Pennington, Matell Business Secretarial scholarship, Bank of America certificate and zone winner; Nancy Prior, Newberry Beauty College scholarship; John Rance, Michigan State athletic scholarship; James Reis, Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps appointment; Rick Richards, Torrance Police Officers Assn. and North High Boys' League scholarships.

Janice Shinkle, PTA scholarship; Susan Smith, Centinella Bible Church scholarship; Ann Taylor, Bank of America certificate winner; Steven Thomas, National Merit scholarship at Pepperdine College; Dyrck Van Dusen, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps appointment; and Joyce Weekly, National Supply Management Club scholarship.

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