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A Penny for your Thoughts

Approaching youngsters in Torrance Park, the Pennies photographer inquired as to what they were doing with their summer, and whether they had any special plans during the three-month vacation.

Gloria Ella, 12, of 1717 Lincoln:

"My girl friend from Apple Valley came over and we have lots of plans. We are going to the show Thursday, and on Saturday we are going to Pacific Ocean Park. I go to the show every Saturday and spend lots of time at the park."

Glenn Hatfield, 12, of 2714 Gramercy:

"I spend a lot of my time down here at the park playing baseball. Also going to the beach. We went to Yosemite and camped out. We lived in a tent. Also, I play a lot of tennis at the park."

Margaret Powell, 9, 8383 Joel St., Wilmington:

"We plan to go camping later. I have been spending most of the time going to the beach with my family or the neighbors. I go in the deep water but my mother keeps calling me and makes me stay in the shallow water. This is the first time I came to the park this summer."

Joe Dubois, 12, of 2620 Apple Ave.:

"Well, I've been at the park a lot and also swimming at our pool. When I'm not at home I'm at the beach. I will be going to Boy Scout Camp up at Lake Arrowhead later this month."

Renee Hulin, 9, Las Vegas:

"We are visiting my grandmother and we are going to move to California. We are moving into a new house. I have been meeting new friends at the park. I help my mother do dishes and clean the bathroom. Tomorrow I'm going on a beach trip with the coach from the park."

City Council Gets Report From Ferraro

The on-again, off-again master plan proposals for Torrance are in the on-again stage this week with a comprehensive report on the subject headed to the City Council from the city manager's desk. A master plan for the city has been discussed for many years.

Circulation Figures Up, Says Geller

Circulation figures for the eight libraries serving the Torrance, Lomita, and Carson areas increased by nearly 8,000 last month, over June, 1963.

The five branches serving the City of Torrance reported the circulation of 50,178 books in June, compared to 45,946 during June, 1963.

Figures for other libraries are: Lomita, 5,635; Carson, 11,960, and Dominguez, 3,437. The largest class of books in circulation, according to County Librarian William S. Geller, was children's fiction. Adult fiction was the second largest category.

YR Delegate From ECC at Convention

Brenda N. Jones of 2822 Knode St., has been attending the Republican National Convention in San Francisco. Miss Jones is the secretary of the El Camino College Young Republicans.

More than 2,000 Young Republicans attended the convention, staffing information booths, serving as hosts and hostesses, and filling other key roles.

Young Republicans also were voting members of many state delegations.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, in his memorandum on the development of the master plan for the city, has recommended that action on the matter be delayed pending further study.

Ferraro also has recommended that the city council complete final action Aug. 4 and instruct the Planning Department to begin work on a master plan, using personnel in the department and temporary part-time help.

THE MEMORANDUM follows a request by several councilmen, among them H.T. "Ted" Olson and George Vico, for the master plan study. Olson asked for the report during a meeting April 29, saying "it is never too late to try," despite the present highly-developed character of the city.

Ferraro told councilmen a review of the state law providing for master plans shows the city will be unable to get money from the state or federal sources. Such aid in the master plan is limited to cities of 50,000 or less population.

THE CITY Manager cautioned against considering a master plan as a zoning map. The plan must be flexible, Ferraro said, and serves as a guide to future zoning and development.

A master plan for Torrance, said Ferraro, should include land use elements, updated street and transportation system development, a capital improvement program, and a long-range plan for the revitalization of the downtown business district.

Ferraro has asked the council to study the memorandum before final action.



HILLSIDE MISHAP . . . South Torrance provides the background for an accident on Hawthorne Avenue south of Newton Street Wednesday afternoon. Christine Lillian Myers, 41, of 19203 Ronald Ave., suffered lacerations and abrasions on her head, neck and legs when her auto overturned on the hill. She was taken to a medical center by a passing motorist and then to Little Company of Mary Hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)

To Fill Vacancies

Open Police Recruiting Program Before Council

An emergency ordinance repealing residence requirements for Torrance police officers will be considered by City Councilmen when they convene Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

The change was requested by Police Chief Walter H. Koenig and City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to permit non-residents to compete in police officer examinations.

In addition to the emergency ordinance, councilmen will be asked to adopt a regular city ordinance, to become effective 30 days after final adoption. The emergency ordinance will permit the Police Department to begin immediate recruiting.

THE CITY has been unable to recruit qualified applicants for available openings in the police department for the past three years. Recruits presently must have at least one year of experience as a police officer in a public agency or recognized law enforcement department, or have been a resident of Torrance for at least one year.

The new ordinance, if adopted, would require only that applicants be 21 years of age and meet the physical qualifications for the position. Chief Koenig has said he will be recruiting new officers as soon as the new ordinance is adopted. He tentatively plans to attend the National Association of Police Chiefs meeting in Louisville, Ky., in October for further recruiting activities.

DURING the 5:30 session, councilmen also are slated to get a recommendation that parking restrictions on Paseo de la Playa be reduced. The recommendation follows a ruling by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier that permit parking on the street would be unconstitutional.

The Traffic Commission will recommend that present 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. restrictions be modified to 2 to 5 a.m.

The section affected by the recommendation is between Via Riviera and Paseo de la Concha.

A contract for the construction and furnishing of the North Torrance Branch Library also is expected to be awarded. Parr Contracting Co. has submitted the apparent low bid for construction, while the furniture contract will go to California Structures. The Parr bid is \$65,890. California Structures has submitted a bid of \$8,594 to install fixtures.

Board Asked To Consider Taxes Again

A publication budget of \$16.1 million will be presented to the Board of Education Monday evening, accompanied by a plea from the superintendent of schools that the board reconsider its action setting the tax rate for 1964-65.

Dr. J. H. Hull, in a letter accompanying the budget, says the available monies will not finance the district's program during the next five years. "If a long-range view is taken," says Dr. Hull, "one must conclude that every available resource will need to be used in order to finance the program during the next five years."

The publication budget differs only in details from the tentative budget adopted in late June. It includes adjustments for significant salary hikes and projects a per-pupil cost of \$482 for the year.

A PROJECTED five-year budget study, requested by board members two weeks ago, also is being given to the board. In the projection, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, has predicted a five-year deficit of \$230,000.

Waldrip warned his figures are only estimates, but the projection shows expenditures in excess of available income during four of the five years.

"The reserve and additional taxing authority are now available to the Board," Dr. Hull adds, "(and) it is hoped that there will be additional assessed valuation and additional state support during the next five years."

DR. HULL said the projected budget shows that the 40-cent authorization above the present \$2.90 tax rate will not finance the district's operations.

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Puppet Week Set at El Nido Park

A puppet week is the special event planned for El Nido Park, July 20-25. The first two days, July 20-21 are scheduled for puppet building and script preparation. The remaining three days will cover preparation for a puppet show to be given Saturday, July 25, 2:30 p.m.

A sno-cone and candy sale will be the special events for WALTERIA Park, July 22 and 24, according to Ed Levy, leader-in-charge.

Herb Solomon, of Torrance Park has announced a Pet Fair as the special event for Thursday, July 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. "Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for winners in certain categories," Solomon said.

Guenser Park children will enjoy a "water day" Saturday, July 25. The special event will start at 11 a.m. "Balloons will be provided for the children and they will be allowed to run through sprinklers turned on for the occasion," leaders said.

A field trip to Jungland in Thousand Oaks is the special event planned by the staff of El Retiro Park for Thursday, July 23, at 2 p.m. Children should sign up for the trip no later than 1 p.m. on July 23, officials said. For more information call El Retiro Park, FR 5-9084.

Probation Center Planned

Plans for a new probation building to adjoin the Southwest District Superior Court building in Torrance are going ahead, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Architects Harold Johnson-Lindsey and Lindsey are preparing plans.

Witnesses Baptize 300

Members of the Torrance congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses joined with Southland Witnesses in Long Beach Friday as 303 persons were baptised in the ocean off Rainbow Pier. A crowd estimated at 2,000 watched from the pier and shoreline.

School Delegates Named

John Mock, Clyde Beck, and Mrs. Ethel Beck will represent the Torrance Chapter of the California School Employees Association at the group's 38th annual convention in Long Beach next week. It was announced here yesterday. Mock is president of the local chapter.

'Airport Lease on 'Agenda

Extension of the lease on airport property held by the Pacific Coast Little League will be discussed by members of the Airport Commission at its 8 p.m. meeting Thursday in the city hall.

Beach Program Approved

County participation in a beach erosion control project along the Redondo-Torrance beaches has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The County's share in the \$2.4 million project is \$600,000. The project will add 150 feet to the beach along a mile and a half section.



NISEI VETERAN MEMORIAL . . . An artist's conception of the new Nisei Veteran's Memorial Hall to be built in Gardena is shown here. The hall, designed by Kazumi Adachi for the Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center, is the first of a three-part cultural complex. It will be built on the southwest corner of Gramercy Place and 162nd Street at a cost of about \$80,000. Groundbreaking is slated for September, with completion now expected in early February, 1965. The structure will sit on the Gardena-Torrance city line, with part in each city.

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