

DEAR EDITOR....

How to Solve Parking Problem

Editor,
Torrance Press
I am writing both of you gentlemen about the Torrance parking problem as I feel if both newspapers actively take a hand the parking problem in

Torrance can be solved.

There are several ways to acquire parking and from the experience of other cities, it seems the solution of the parking problem is accomplished in the following manner:

1. Parking meters on city streets.
2. Assessment districts which

are paid for by the property owners in the district.

3. A bond issue.
The city of Torrance, has already acquired parking meters and a downtown assessment district is, as you know, being formed and this will, I am sure, be put over.

The assessment district will have less than \$300,000 to spend for parking lots. As your probably know, these lots have already been designated and are only a drop in the bucket.

The next way to acquire parking is by having the voters put

over an off-street parking bond issue, such as was just done in the city of El Monte. This is accomplished in the following manner: First, the City Council must allocate a portion of the sales tax money to repay the parking bonds.

I understand that Torrance this year will take in some \$200,000 in sales tax. The city Council should allocate from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year of this money for the repayment of the bonds. A \$1,000,000 bond issue should then be proposed to these bonds as they will be paid for through sales tax and possibly parking meters.

It is obvious to anyone that if more parking is made available in the downtown area the city will obtain more sales tax revenue and, therefore, the money the city allocates for these bonds will also come back to the city in the form of increased sales tax.

I believe the first step in putting over a bond issue is to have both newspapers come out in favor of the plan as first it will be necessary to get the City Council on record as being in favor of it.

If this plan is publicized, the parking committee, the chamber of commerce and merchants association all working togeth-

er, I am sure the City Council will go for the plan. Then it will be a job to call a special election and put over a bond issue with the voters.

This was done in El Monte by everyone putting his shoulder to the wheel and the bond issue was voted in by more than two to one vote.

Inasmuch as newspapers thrive on advertising and adequate parking in downtown Torrance will, in the long run, mean more advertising, I am sure both you gentlemen will be in favor of this plan.

I would like to hear your reaction.
Very truly yours,
GEORGE BINDER

Public Warned

A warning that the public should ask for proper identification before making contributions to the 1956 Heart Fund campaign, being conducted throughout February, was issued today by the Los Angeles County Heart Association.

Rolla R. Hays, Jr., 1956 Heart Fund chairman, said it has come to the attention of the Heart Association that a number of unauthorized persons have been reported to be "collecting for the Heart Fund" in some communities of Los An-



FOR THE TEENAGERS... A total of 29 historical novels arrived this week at the Walteria branch of the County library. The books were donated by the Walteria Business Women's club as one of last year's projects. Wrapped up in one of the books is Anita Wood, 15.

Standing by with some of the other copies are (l-r) Mrs. Loring Bigelow, who was in charge of the project, and Mrs. Dorothea O'Brien, past president. Filing the books away is Mrs. Molley Dowd, librarian.—Press Photo.

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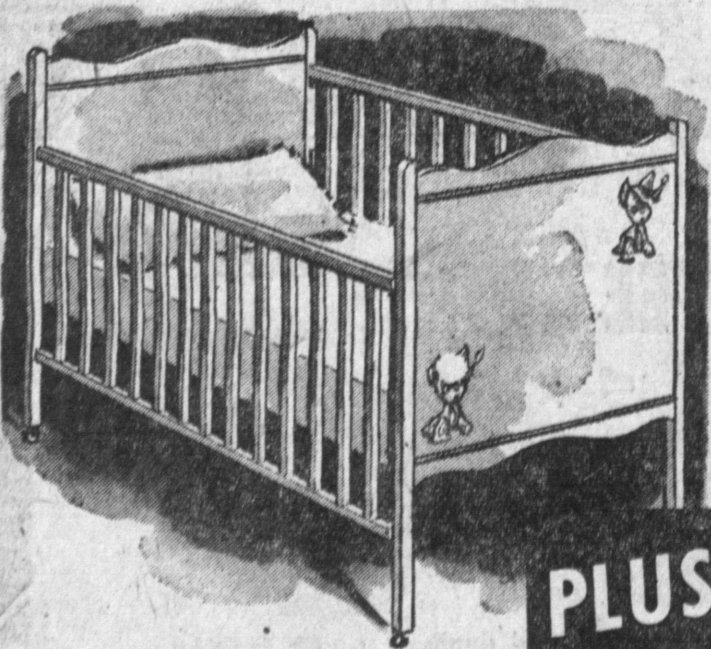
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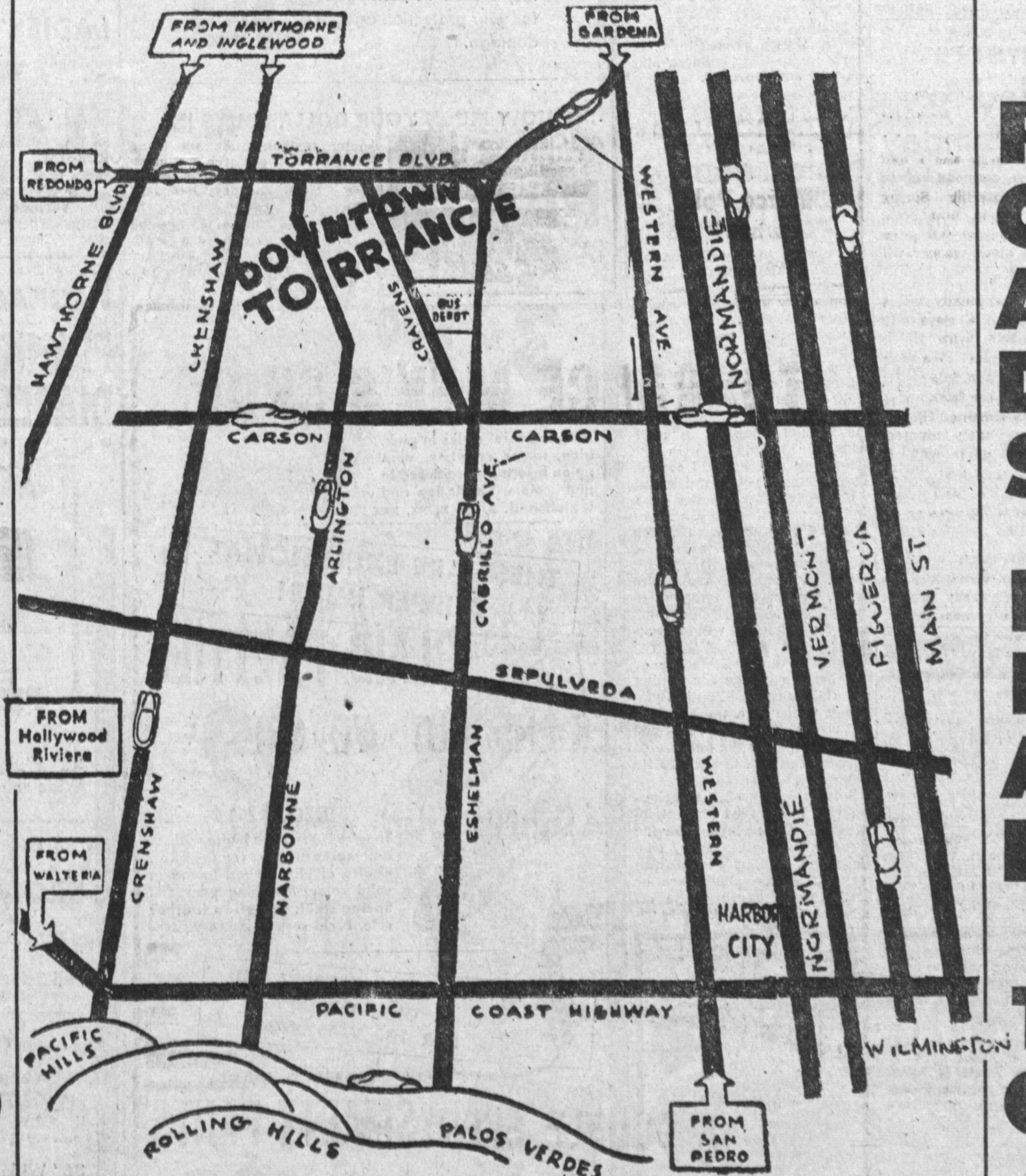
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