

Predict Approval of Bond Issues in Tuesday Vote

But Light Balloting Expected

Confidence that Torrance voters would approve the \$3,000,000 Park and Recreation and \$1,000,000 Airport bond propositions on the ballot in Tuesday's special election was voiced this week by city officials and civic leaders.

A two-thirds vote of the city's 33,318 registered voters is necessary for adoption of the two bond issues and the two amendments to the city charter that will also appear on the ballot.

One amendment provides that airport revenues would be used to retire airport bonds, and the second expands the city council to six members and calls for direct election of the mayor.

Mayor Albert Isen predicted that all four measures on the ballot would be approved by the necessary two-thirds margin, even though the vote was expected to be light. He said the support of all the major civic, church, fraternal, labor and business organizations in the city had been registered in the pre-election campaign.

LITTLE OPPOSITION
Isen declared that little opposition had developed in the discussions of the issues at meetings of neighborhood groups and civic organizations. This lack of opposition, he said, indicated that Torrance voters in the main were backing the proposals to improve and extend the city's park and recreational facilities and increase the safety of the airport.

With Isen in the drive to win approval of the issues and amendments are members of the city council. They have been stumping the city, appearing before neighborhood groups and civic organizations to explain the need for the special election.

Councilman Willys Blount said passage of the Airport Bond issue is necessary at this time in order to insure a grant of \$1,000,000 from the Federal government to match the funds voted by the city. The Federal appropriation runs out on December 31, and the city must make known its ability to match the grant before that time, Blount said.

The city council will meet on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for its regular meeting despite the fact that the city hall will be closed on election day. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled that it is legal for the council to meet.

Polling places in the city are to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lomita Votes On Cityhood Tuesday

Close to 3000 registered Lomita voters are expected to go to the polls Tuesday to choose between incorporation and non-incorporation in the 2.4 square mile area.

Polls in seven precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to call a half to the lengthy and bitter incorporation fight that has split area residents into two camps.

On one side were backers of cityhood, led by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce City Committee of 1000 for Incorporation. On the other were Lomita residents supporting the Lomita Civic League and the Lomita Registered Voters and Property Owners Association.

Most of the 13 candidates for city councilman were supporting the incorporation move.

Returns will be tabulated and announced at the Alexander Fleming High school, 25425 Walnut ave., as fast as reports are received from the precincts.

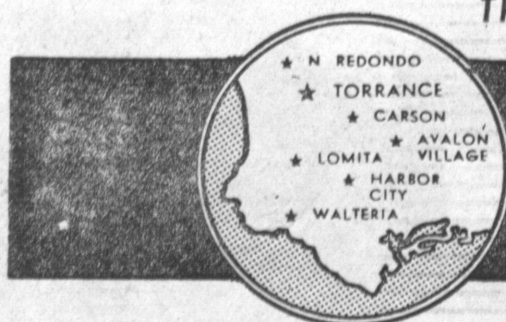
Third-Grader is First Rate Midget Racer

By Ken Swan
Seven-year old Ronnie Marr, a third-grade student at Howard Wood Elementary school, has raced himself to the front ranks of Southern California midget car racing drivers from a standing start.

Eight months ago, young Marr, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marr, of 2426 West 236 place, stepped into the one-quarter midget racer his father purchased for him and received his first driving lesson. A few weeks later, he entered his first race at the Lawndale Optimist midget track.

Since then, Ronnie has run off with 19 trophies in competition with Class B drivers in the Lawndale races, held every Sunday afternoon. The midget cars race around the dirt track at speeds as high as 30 miles per hour.

Ronnie's exploits have spread around the neighborhood and led



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TORRANCE POLICE SMASH RING OF BURGLARS WHO ROAMED COUNTY AREA



HOMECOMING QUEEN Joyce Cannon, 17-year old Torrance high school senior, accepts the crown from Mary Yoshioka, last year's queen. Miss Cannon's escort, Gene Crenshaw, looks on.



BACKS TO THE WALL, Torrance High's line-men stop Mira Costa's on the two-yard line in the final seconds of the Homecoming game Friday night. Torrance won 7 to 0, for its first Bay League victory. —Press Photo

Allocate \$8,700,000 To Extend Freeway

Extension of the Harbor Freeway from 124th st. to 190th st. was virtually assured this week when the State Highway Commission allocated \$8,700,000 to construct the five-mile long section.

At the same time, the commission approved a \$9,500,000 appropriation to acquire land on the right of

way of the San Diego Freeway from 190th st. to International Airport.

Both projects had been sought by Torrance's representatives on the Inter-city Highway Committee. The five-man group, headed by City Councilman Nick Draie, joined in presenting the case for extension of both freeways at a commission budget hearing in Sacramento last week.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced the allocation of funds and reported that State Director of Public Works, Frank B. Durkee, would advertise for bids the first week in January.

Hahn led a group of about 40 representatives from the Southeast and South Bay sections of the county to the budget hearing. With Draie at the budget hearing were A. E. Thompson, president, and Richard Fitzgerald, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; John J. Barton, Walteria attorney; and Reid Bundy, a member of the Inter-city Highway Committee.

Plans for the Harbor Freeway extension are already completed and rights of way have already been secured, Hahn reported.

Downtown 'Gold Rush' Has \$100 Drawing Today
Continuation of the \$100 Gold Rush Drawings every Monday evenings for shoppers in downtown Torrance was voted by the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce this week.

Shoppers may obtain their tickets from downtown Torrance merchants. The tickets are good for each Monday drawing.

Tonight's drawing will be conducted in front of the Gay Shop at 1319 Sartori ave. at 7 p.m. Ticket holders must be present to win.

Anti-Rabies Shots

Free anti-rabies inoculations will be given dogs and other household pets by the South Bay Humane Society on November 4 at 7 p.m. in McMaster Park and in Redondo Park, near the library, manager Francis Fallon announced this week.

Report Polio Case

One case of polio was reported in Torrance during the week ending October 19, Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles County Health Department officer, said this week.

Tartars Grab 7-0 Win From Favored Mustangs

By DICK RICE

Bedlam broke loose at Torrance High Friday night as the Tartars ran off a 7-0 victory over favored Mira Costa. Playing before a Homecoming crowd of 4,000, the Tartars came out on the long end of a score which could have easily gone the other way.

The game's lone touchdown came early in the first period when a Torrance drive materialized on Micohi's 45, and pushed all the way to the nine-yard line. A pass from quarterback Ron Veres to right end Harold Davis, who smothered the ball in his long arms and barged into the end zone brought the tally. Jack Tippen booted the extra point.

The remainder of the game was controlled by the defense, although the Torrance defenders showed signs of weakening several times. At the close of the first half the Mustangs

were knocking at the door of the Tartar's three-yard line when the gun sounded.

In the second half the Mustangs controlled the ball most of the time, and in the last minute of play they pushed to the Torrance two. An offside penalty moved the ball out to the seven, and the clock ran out before Mira Costa could gain back the lost yardage.

Next week Coach Dick Turner will send the Tartar crew into action against Inglewood, who lost to Mira Costa two weeks ago, and topped lowly Leuzinger 27 to 6 this Friday.

Youth Band Boosters Ring Doorbells Sunday

Torrance area residents will be glued to their television sets Sunday at 5:30 p.m. when the Torrance Area Youth Band makes its TV bow over KRCA-TV (channel 4).

As soon as the band ends its show at six p.m., the band's rosters will begin knocking on doors throughout the city in their campaign to send the band to the Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago.

Close to \$15,000 of the \$25,000 needed to finance the trip has been raised. The Citizens Committee directing the fund drive hopes to collect a large part of the \$10,000 still needed by the end of "Youth Band Week," on November 3.

Actress Rosemary De Camp will act as mistress-of-ceremonies on the telecast and will introduce Postmistress Clara Conners and Mrs. W. C. Boswell, public relations director for the band.

Mrs. Conners, Citizens Committee chairman, said the door-to-door drive should go over the top in a matter of hours, if there is any spirit of appreciation in the area.

FREE TV TIME

The National Broadcasting Company has provided video time for the youth organization in recognition of the band's selection to represent the West at the annual convention of music teachers of Central America.

The \$25,000 collected will be used to fly the entire band to the Windy City on December 15, house and feed them while there, and return them December 22. Several engagements have been booked in the Chicago area, along with the concert appearance before the 5000 delegates to the clinic.

Mayor Albert Isen proclaimed the week of October 27 to November 3 as "Torrance Area Youth Band Week," with the hope that the band will meet its goal. He pointed to the activities of the Youth Band as supplying some of the "answers to why Torrance is called 'All America City.'"

In addition to providing regular instruction and performance opportunity for hundreds of South Bay youngsters, the Youth Band annually sponsors the Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant, the Youth Band-Artist Concert series, and the Student Music Scholarship competitions.

ONE OF EIGHT
After an audition before two nationally-accredited musical authorities, the band was chosen as one of eight organizations from the United States and Canada to appear at the Chicago Clinic. It is the only group west of the Mississippi which has been so honored.

Others serving on the Citizens Committee to help raise the \$25,000 are: Robert Lewellen, Jerry Alter, Eldon Bowen, Judge John Shidler, Dr. Joseph Bay, John Melville, W. E. Bowen, J. W. Davidson, Calvin Greer, Glenn Pfeil, Nick Draie and Tommy Thompson.

Also, Mrs. Sylvia Ranns, LaDeen Chamberlain, Marjorie Wells, Bernice Arnold, Dorothy Hurford, Alma Smith, Virginia Beck, Maxine Hahn and Charles Stuart.

Air Pollution Center Moves to Torrance

County supervisors this week ordered the transfer of an air pollution sampling station from Artesia to Torrance on November 1.

The station will be set up on 7500 square feet of unimproved property at 21605 S. Avalon Blvd., and a 10 by 20 foot county building will be moved from Artesia.

Youths Confess Score of Thefts

A four-man team of teenage burglars, three of whom were caught in the act of breaking into a WALTERIA restaurant, this week confessed to a score of burglaries in Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

The three youthful burglars, two from Compton, implicated a fourth member of their band, Leroy Langeston, 19, who had resided at 23816 Ward st., in WALTERIA for three months.

Caught by Torrance police as they fled from the Ozark Bar-B-Q, at 3124 West Pacific Coast hwy. were: Larry Cook, 19, and Gary Tippens, 18, who gave 539 Carlin st., Compton, as their address; and Ronald Cline, 19, of 462 Acacia ave., Hawthorne.

The three youths were surprised by police as they were trying to smash a cigarette vending machine in the restaurant. Police had been called by John Stretch, owner of the restaurant, who reported hearing unusual noises in the restaurant from his nearby home.

Two of the youths fled across vacant fields and were caught only after seven police officers converged on the area and closed in on them.

Questioned at Torrance police headquarters, the youths confessed to taking about \$130 in cash, and an undetermined amount of tools and gauges from the Sheridan-Grey, Inc. engineering research laboratories at 24701 Crenshaw Blvd. earlier in the morning.

Then, according to Sgt. Ted Morris, the youths admitted burglaries in Culver City, Lennox, Redondo Beach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Downey, Firestone and San Bernardino.

"They committed so many, they couldn't remember them all," Sgt. Morris reported.

Detectives from these areas came to the Torrance Police

headquarters Friday to question the youths further. On Saturday, the boys were arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court and bound over for a hearing later in the week.

Operating mostly at night, the youths said they broke into coin boxes on cigarette and soft drink vending machines throughout the area, and also broke open the coin boxes on newspaper stands.

Their car, a souped-up 1949 model, was full of odds and ends of loot, including several bottles of whiskey.

Except for the Sheridan-Grey burglary, the youths denied any involvement in five other burglaries reported in Torrance during the week. These were:

The theft of a wallet containing \$35 from the home of Robert McMaster, of 918 Cota ave.;

The removal of a radio phonograph, a coffee maker, and toaster and a piggy bank containing about \$5 in coins from the home of Donald Allen, of 18436 Roslin ave.;

The theft of \$215 taken from the register of the Smith Brothers Fish Shanty, at 4020 Pacific Coast hwy.;

The theft of \$83 from a cash box in the office of Dr. Rodney W. Stetson, of 2406 Torrance Blvd.;

And the theft of articles still to be determined from the home of Sam Levy, of 1503 El Prado.

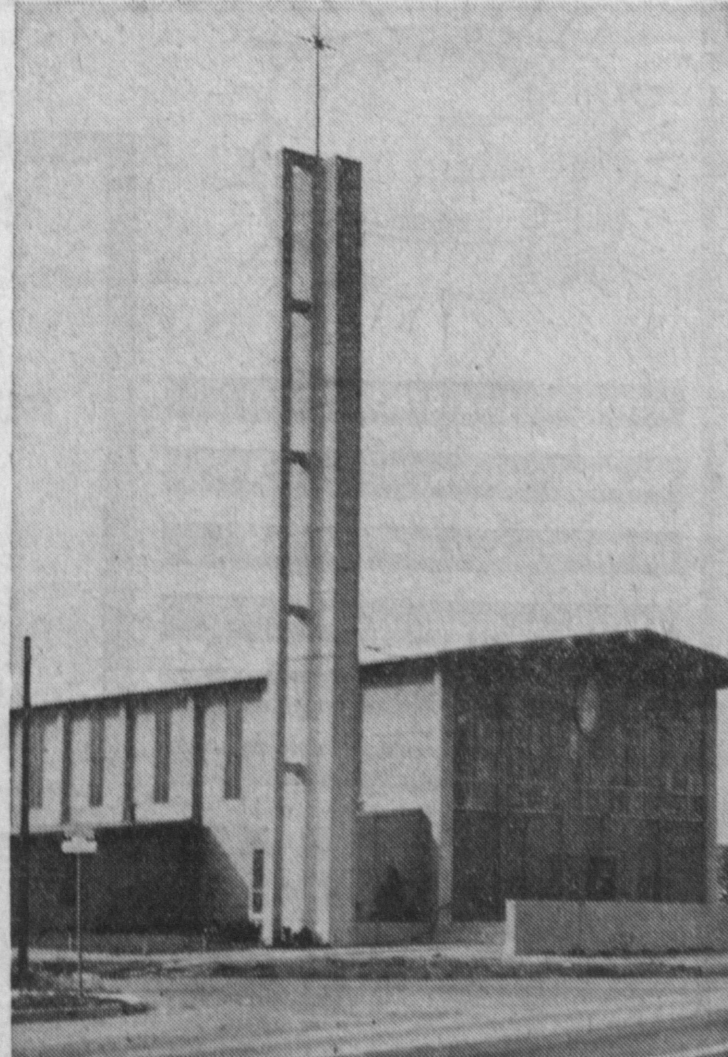
Dedicate New Torrance Catholic Church Sunday

The new St. Catherine Labourer Catholic church in North Torrance, will be formally dedicated by His Eminence J. Francis McIntyre on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

The recently completed concrete church is of contemporary architecture. The alters are of Italian marble. The statues and stations of the Cross, of hand carved wood, are also from Italy. The great stained-glass window facade displays numerous symbols of the Blessed Mother.

St. Catherine's parish was established just ten years ago this month. The first Masses were held in a roller-dome in Lawndale by the late Father Patrick Masterson, the first pastor. He purchased the present property at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie ave., and converted an old winery and house into a temporary church and rectory.

Since that time, under the guidance of the present pastor Father Raymond J. Tepe, a concrete school of 13 classrooms, a convent for ten teaching sisters, and the new 900-capacity church have been added.



TORRANCE'S NEWEST CHURCH, the St. Catherine Labourer Catholic Church will be dedicated Sunday by Cardinal McIntyre. Its striking campanile rises 100 feet above Redondo Beach Blvd.