

Residents Seek Exclusion from Poker City Proposal

Need For A Change

An Editorial

Last week, members of the City Council spent almost eight hours conducting what was by and large routine city business. They sat through more than four hours Tuesday night, and with most of the agenda still not acted on, returned for a second session Friday evening which lasted three hours. That's a lot of time, and with a growing city, the work load is going to become heavier.

One of the major problems, it seems to us, is that City Council meetings are held in the evenings, alternating between 5:30 and 8 p.m. on succeeding Tuesdays.

Since all the council members have full time jobs, the evening sessions which at times drag on for several hours, cause them to become tired, hungry and on occasion even irritable as the sessions lengthen.

Another problem with evening council meetings is that information is not easily available since city offices close at 5 p.m. If a question arises that a department head can not explain, the item is postponed for a week, resulting in an additional subject on the succeeding agenda.

If council meetings were held in the daytime, and we suggest Tuesday afternoon at 1 or 2 p.m., there would be several advantages.

First off, any information needed for discussion could be readily obtained from city offices.

In the second place, councilmen themselves would be in better physical condition at that time of the day.

Third, department heads will not be fatigued the day after a long meeting.

These are some of the reasons. They must be valid since all the larger local governments in the county hold daytime meetings. These include the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena and Inglewood City Councils, to name some.

There is one valid objection to daytime council meetings. It will be argued that some residents will not have an opportunity to attend daytime sessions because they are working.

But people in these other cities are also working, and somehow still manage to attend these meetings if it is a matter of vital concern.

Besides, the City Council could set one night a month aside to conduct public hearings at which a number of residents would like to appear.

We believe that Torrance's city government now is important enough to meet at business-like hours.

Rivierans in Wider Split on Post Office

Hollywood Rivierans, apparently not content with a two-way battle over post office addresses, are headed for a four-way split following a meeting Monday.

Both proponents and opponents of changing the mailing addresses for the area from Redondo Beach to Torrance voiced their arguments at a meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association.

In addition to the Torrance vs. Redondo Beach groups, others suggested that a Hollywood Riviera Post Office sub-station be established.

However, the spokesmen for this move divided themselves over whether Torrance or Redondo Beach should have jurisdiction over the branch station.

Because of the divergent feelings, William J. Hansen, president of the association, said he expects no immediate changes of any kind.

"Our whole strategy will be to work slowly. This should be solved intellectually rather than emotionally," he declared.

The change to Torrance mailing addresses of all areas of Torrance which now receive their mail through "foreign" post offices, was advocated by Mayor Albert Isen, and endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Riviera businessmen are among the most vocal opponents to the change on grounds that the change would hurt their business.

They also claim that the changes would cause expense and work in notifying correspondents.

Opponents also point out that Rivierans now receive service from Redondo Beach phone exchange, water, and other utility companies, attend church and scout activities there, and patronize Redondo merchants.

Those favoring the change point out that municipal services are rendered by Torrance, and warn that a delay may occur if someone gives a Redondo Beach address to a telephone operator in an emergency.

They say that legal addresses should be the same as postal addresses, and that they will shop in the new Del Amo Shopping

Center and take more and more part in Torrance where their children attend school.

Proponents say of the change that the WALTERIA branch of the Torrance Post Office is actually closer to the area.

Joint Council Meet Slated on Drain 'Error'

Torrance councilmen and engineering officials will meet with their Redondo Beach counterparts next Wednesday to discuss what to do about an apparent error in the jointly financed Hollywood Riviera storm drain.

City Manager George Stevens also promised to report on his investigation of who was responsible for altering the elevation of the project from the plans made by the Torrance engineering department which were also approved by Redondo Beach.

Residents of the area claim that the \$27,000 drain does not work properly because it is too high.

Double Sessions Nipped Sharply in North Area

The number of north Torrance students on double session was cut from 47 to 10 per cent of the total enrollment with the opening of Hamilton, Magruder, and Yukon Schools Monday.

A check indicated that only 16 of 151 elementary school classes is now on double session, compared with 72 before the opening. Officials reported that the transfer of the 1360 students to the new schools went as smoothly as could be expected.



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Auditorium Bond Issue Seen in Coming Election

Trash Pickup Cost Hit Inefficiency Charge Levelled at Meeting

Almost all exemptions from the municipal rubbish charge will be eliminated, the City Council decided Tuesday after it had studied a report which showed the city had gone almost \$160,000 in the red last year in that department.

Councilmen also complained the municipal trash pickup is handled inefficiently and charged that "featherbedding" is going on in the department.

Mayor Albert Isen termed the collection program as a "horrible expense," and insisted that it should be "run like a business."

While many cities only use two-man rubbish crews, Torrance uses three. Councilman Willys Blount asserted that the city's costly operation was due to overstaffing of the trucks.

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"Some crews are just featherbedding," charged Councilman George Bradford.

While praising Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins, he advocated that greater supervision be conducted over the program.

The Council finally ordered another report on the rubbish problem to be submitted within 90 days.

North High Students Get Break from Break

A collision between a bulldozer and a water main gave North High students a half-holiday Monday, but cafeteria workers got nothing but headaches as a result of the mishap.

During excavation work on new buildings at the school Monday morning, a bulldozer ruptured the water main which serves NHS. Gushing waters made the ground so muddy that the bulldozer got stuck over the broken spot in the main. Special equipment to free the huge machine had to be called in before the break could be repaired.

Because of lack of water for restrooms and fountains, students had to be released about noon Monday.

Although the students didn't protest, cafeteria workers were left with large quantities of food which they had prepared for the noon meal. Furthermore, there was no water to wash dishes.

The break was repaired during the afternoon.

Torrance Elks to Lasso Strays

Torrance residents who are members of out-of-town Elks lodges, will be invited to the Torrance Elks during February, which has been designated Stray Elks Roundup month, Herman Sneskin, chairman, announced.

The local lodge is also planning a musical show with profits to be put in the building fund. Roger Holmes, Exalted Ruler, announced. The event will be held Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

New South Bay

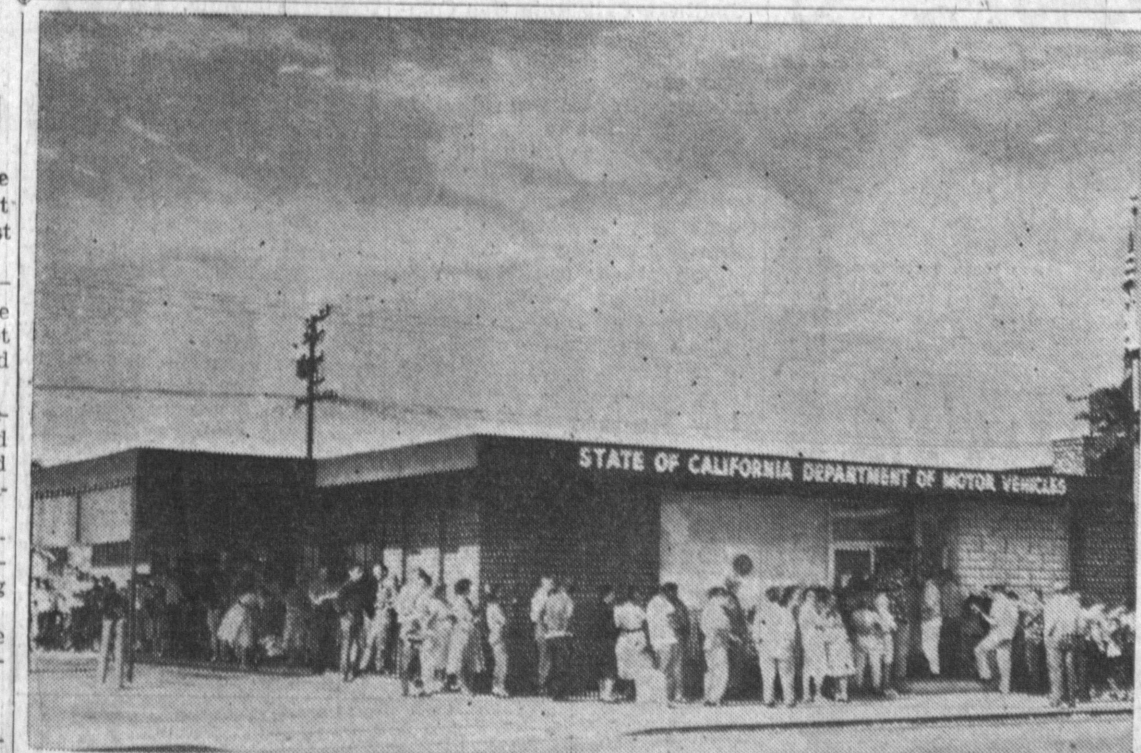
A big day for the residents of the South Bay Area will be Monday when May Company's seventh and newest store May Company South Bay opens its doors. The announcement was made by Tom May, Executive Vice President of the May Company Department stores.

The big 351,000 square-foot store will be the keystone unit of the 55-acre, 37 store South Bay Shopping Center located at Hawthorne Blvd., and 174th St.

Highlighting the grand opening program beginning at noon will be the appearance of top May Company executives including Morton J. May, Chairman of the Board of the May Company Department Store, and many local and state civic officials.

Opening ceremonies will be conducted on a large stage set up at the West entrance. The grand opening will be climaxed at noon as Mrs. Gloria May, granddaughter of Tom May, breaks a bottle of champagne on the prow of the simulated S. S. May Company South Bay.

In addition to Morton J. May, those participating will include Tom May, executive vice president of the May Department Stores, Morton D. May, president of the May Department Stores, David Jay, vice president of the May Department Stores; Walter J. Brunmark, vice president and general manager; Albert Rosenberg,



LONG LINE—By the long queue in front of the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, one might suspect that something was given away for free. But in fact, motorists lined up to obtain their 1959 license tags before yesterday's deadline. Starting today, penalties will be imposed on those vehicle owners who did not renew their license in time.

—Press Photo

Officers Take Over From Gal in Chase of Hit-Run Car

A driver and his two passengers were arrested Saturday evening after he allegedly struck two cars several miles apart from each other.

Edith June Cassinelli, 16, of 4017 Emerald St., pursued the car which allegedly struck her on the rear bumper at 390th St. and Hawthorne Bl. and took off.

She followed the asserted hit-run car south on Hawthorne Blvd. and east on Torrance Blvd. until she reached the Torrance police station where she informed desk officers of the incident.

Sgt. W. R. Lewis and Officer Tom Woolbridge mounted their motorcycles and roared off after the suspicious car.

When they reached Torrance and Crenshaw Blvds., they found a car, driven by Inez E. Clayton, 36, of 1215 Cranbrook Ave.,

Three Torrance Residents Get Demo Club Posts

Three Torrance residents were elected officers of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council at an election Jan. 25.

These include Richard Floyd, of 4010 W. 184th St., vice chairman; Roy R. C. Sanderson, 337 Via Pascual, vice chairman and Mrs. Rene D. Pekrul, 1443 Post Ave., corresponding secretary.

Archie O. Ewing of Redondo Beach is the new chairman, Mrs. Blanche Stroup of Gardena, recording secretary and Paul Jacobs of Inglewood, treasurer.

Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, was ordered to make a summary of comments and submit them for further discussion at a future council meeting.

May Company Opens Monday



OPENS MONDAY—The new South Bay May Co. will open Monday in the South Bay Shopping Center, Hawthorne Blvd. and 174th St. The modern new store will have three floors and contain 351,000 square feet of floor space. (More pictures on page 8)



TOM MAY
Executive Vice-President

size the indoor-outdoor quality of casual California living at its best.

The store has three floors, plus a lower level (basement) and mezzanine. The main or street floor has four entrances.

The main floor includes the women's fashion accessory shops, the Boulevard or Budget ready-to-wear shops, and the men's shops (including clothing and furnishings). Here also are cameras and photo accessories, clocks and fine jewelry, drugs and toiletries, liquor and gourmet shop, and a number of service shops.

From the main floor elevators or escalators provide easy access to all other floors. On the lower level is the Bay Shore Tea

Room and fountain, as well as the book department, garden tools, housewares, luggage, major and small appliances, paints, sporting goods, toy department, shoe repair department, and the auditorium.

The lower level, including the Bay Shore Tea Room which has a capacity of 216 in the dining room and 52 at the fountain, was designed by Albert C. Martin and Associates, while the balance of the store's interiors were designed by the firm of Chaix and Johnson.

Women's Fashions Featured
The second floor is a fashion world. Here are all Milady's fashions in beautifully styled specialty shops. The decor features hand painted Sho-Ji silk wallpaper, charming wormwood chestnut woods, and marbleized glass mirror walls. Coats and suits for juniors, misses and women; dresses, furs, and millinery are here; also the bridal salon, a special shop for maternity clothes, a tall shop, a secluded corset salon, lingerie, and sportswear for all sizes. Here too is located the Youth Center, featuring Boys', Girls' and Infants' wear and furnishings, as well as a complete Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Campfire Girls department.

On the third floor the use of color and special woods is ingeniously worked out to provide appropriate settings for furniture, housewares, lamps, curtains, electrical appliances, and floor coverings. The decor is cleverly designed to give maximum departmental separation, thus simplifying shopping. An entire corner is devoted to music on the third floor so that television, radios, phonographs and records are available in full selection.

The third floor also includes the beauty salon, which utilizes subtle shades of white metal and silk paneled screens. Here feminine sophistication is enhanced by use of charcoal silk walls and ice blue foil screens to set off the appointment counter of white formica and vinyl grass cloth.

One Stop Shopping
The interior arrangement of the store has been planned to simplify the shopper's problems and save her time by setting up related departments near each other. All children's needs are on one floor, all men's shops are grouped together. In addition, a score of special service departments enable the shopper to solve many problems in one trip, and under one roof. Home decorating consultants are available on the home furnishings floor; a bridal consultant to solve all wedding problems offers service in bridal salon; and fur storage and watch repair departments are all conveniently located.