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

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

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- ness." 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 a reference to private collectors, eration was due to overstaffing addresses for the area from Redondo Beach to Torrance voiced their arguments at a meeting of

Owners Association. In addition to the Torrance vs. Redondo Beach groups, others suggested that a Hollywood Riv-

established. However, the spokesmen for closer to the area. this move divided themselves over whether Torrance or Re-

Because of the divergent feel. Meet Stated on ings, 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.

Oppose Change Riviera businessmen are

among the most vocal opponents to the change on grounds that the change would hurt their busi-

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. Favor Change

point out that municipal services opening of Hamilton, Magruder, Torrance Elks during February, are rendered by Torrance, and and Yukon Schools Monday. warn that a delay may occur if A check indicated that only Elks Roundup month, Herman someone gives a Redondo Beach 16 of 151 elementary school Sneskin, chairman, announced. address to a telephone operator classes is now on double session. The local lodge is also planin an emergency.

should be the same as postal de the transfer of the 1360 students Roger Holmes, Exalted Ruler, dresses, and that they will shop to the new schools went as announced. The event will be in the new Del Amo Shopping smoothly as could be expected, held Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

the Hollywood Riviera Home Center and take more and more part in Torrance where their

Proponents say of the change iera Post Office sub-station be that the Walteria branch of the pay twice while others pay noth- George Bradford. Torrance Post Office is actually

dondo Beach should have juris Joint Council

children attend school.

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.

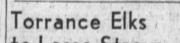
.City Manager George Stevens also promised to report on his investigation of who was responsible for altering the elevation of the project from the plans made by the Torrance engineering department which were also approved by Redondo Beach.

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

Double Sessions Nipped Sharply in North Area

The number of north Torrance students on double session was

compared with 72 before the ning a musical show with profits They say that legal addresses opening. Officials reported that to be put in the building fund,



in before the break could be repaired.

students had to be released about noon Monday.

to Lasso Strays Torrance residents who are cut from 47 to 10 per cent of members of out-of-town Elks Those favoring the change the total enrollment with the lodges, will be invited to the which has been designated Stray

OPENS MONDAY-The new South Bay May The modern new store will have three floors Co. will open Monday in the South Bay Shopping Center, Hawthorns Blvd. and 174th St.

and contain 351,000 square feet of floor space. (More pictures on page 8) The Largest Circulating Newspaper between Los Angeles and Long Beach



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Auditorium Bond Issue Seen in Coming Election

Trash Pickup Cost Hit

Inefficiency Charge Leveled at Meeting

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

Get Break from Break

North High students a half-holiday Monday, but cafeteria

workers got nothing but headaches as a result of the nishap.

Monday morning, a bulldozer ruptured the water mair 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

Beause of lack of water for restrooms and fountains,

Although the students didn't protest, cafeteria workers

were left with large quantities of food which they lad pre-

pared for the noon meal. Furthermore, there was ro water

The break was repaired during the afternoon.

A collision between a bulldozer and a water main gave

During excavation work on new buildings at the school

the municipal trash pickup is Nickolas O. Drale, only those handled inefficiently and charged cases where the city can not that "featherbedding" is going supply service, will be exempted on in the department.

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Mayor Albert Isen termed the collection program as a "hor-

"If we can't cope with it, may-A report by City Manager of the trucks. George Stevens showed that While many cities only use while the city charges a \$1 fee two-man rubbish crews, Tormonth for the service, it rance uses three. costs the city \$1.82.

"This is a funny way to do business . . . to let some people bedding," charged Councilman ing," grumbled Councilman J. A. Beasley after learning that the city can't collect from residents vocated that greater supervision who have failed to pay their bills because the city has allowed many exemptions in the past.

New Department On motion by Councilman 90 days.

in the future.

Beasley suggested that a department of sanitation be created rible expense," and insisted that to be in charge of rubbish, weed it should be "run like a busi- abatement and sewer mainten-

Councilman Willys Blount asbe someone else can," he said in serted that the city's costly op-

Featherhedding

"Some crews are just feather-

While praising Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins, he adbe conducted over the program. The Council finally ordered another report on the rubbish problem to be submitted within



LONG LINE-By the long queue in front and the side 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

Officers Take Over From Gal North High Students In Chase of H

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 190th St., and Hawthorne Bl. and took off.

She followed the asserted hit- which had been struck on the run car south on Hawthorne left door. Blvd. and east on Torrance Blvd. until she reached the Torrance

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

When they reached Torrance

police station where she in- found the suspect's car parked Mrs. Rene D. Pekrul, 1443 Post be the first order of business in ormed desk officers of the inci- at the intersection, and its three Ave., corresponding secretary. occupants in a service station at the corner.

Morgan, 43, of 23714 Lucille cording secretary and Paul Ja-Ave., an suspicion of drunk and cobs of Inglewood, treasurer. hit and run driving charges, and and Crenshaw Blvds., they found James Howard Elkins, 37, of Ave., on drunk charges. a car, driven by Inez E. Clayton, 2274 E. 237th St., and Charles | Morgan later pleaded not guil-

Three Torrance **Residents Get Demo Club Posts**

Three Torrance residents were elected officers of the 17th Con- there." gressional District Democratic Council at an election Jan. 25.

These include Richard Floyd, of 4010 W. 184th St., vice chair-. Searching the area, the officers Via Pascual, .vice chairman and man; Roy R. C. Sanderson, 337 Arlie O. Ewing of Redondo

Beach is the new chairman, Mrs. Police booked William Edward Blanche Stroup of Gardena, re-

36, of 1215 Cranbrook Ave., Julian Webb, 46, of 23721 Lucille ty to the charges.

Prospects are good that the City Council will call for a \$1,500,000 bond issue for a new civic auditorium in the 1960 elec-

That was indicated Tuesday night during an informal discussion on what to do with the old civic auditorium and city hall at Cravens Ave. and El Prado.

Informally, the city fathers decided to offer the old city hall for sale again, and if no acceptable bids are received by March 7, to let it be used by the Recreation Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber and the department have both asked to use the building which will shortly be vacated by the municipal court. The council also ordered an appraisal be made on the 223 year-old civic auditorium.

City Manager George Stevens said that space in the new city hall is already cramped, and will be even more congested as new employes are added.

But Mayor Albert Isen was cool to a suggestion by Councilmam Nickolas O. Drale that he give up his city hall office and let it be used for full time "work-

ing space." Councilman J. A. Beasley replied that the "dignity" of the city require the mayor to have

Criticizing a move of offices downtown, Councilman Willys Blount opposed this on grounds that he does not want to "see a bunch of empires built down

Councilman Victor Benstead urged that if room is needed. the old buildings downtown be sold and the money used to add to the civic center.

Drale declared that a bond issue for a new civic auditorium the next election, and urged that the present buildings be sold and used for commercial purposes.

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

New South Bay May Company Opens Monday

seventh and newest store May South Bay, Frank Vice President of the May Com- vice presidents. pany Department sores.

civic officials. granddaughter if . Tom May breaks a bottle of champagne Center. on the prow of the simulated S. S. May Company South Bay.

Participants

A big day for the residents of general merchandise manager the South Bay Area will be John J. Preis, general manager Monday when May Company's of the new May Company Company South Bay opens its Vice President, May Company, doors. The announcement was Real Estate Division, Frank made by Tom May, Executive Swensen, and Alfred Zink, both

Those invited to participate The big 351,000 square-foot in the ceremony are Lt. Gov. store will be the leystone unit Glen Anderson, Eugene Biscaiof the 55-acre, 37 store South luz, Supervisor Burton W. Bay Shopping Cener located at Chace, Supervisor Kenneth Hawthorne Blvd., ind 174th St. Hahn, Assemblyman Charles Highlighting the grand open- Edward Chapel, Congressman ing program leginning at Cecil R. King, Mayor Leroy L. noon will be the appearance Center of Redondo Beach, of top May Company execu- Mayor Edward J. Edwards, of tives including Morton J. May Hermosa Beach, Mayor Foster Chairman of the Board of the S. Dean, of Manhattan Beach, May Company Department City Manager Joy M. West of Store, and many peal and state Hawthorne, Mayor H. F. B. size the indoor-outdoor quality Roessler of Palos Verdes Es- of casual California living at Opening ceremnies will be tates, Mayor Adams W. Bolton its best. conducted on a large stage set. of Gardena, Mayor Albert Isen up at the West Intrance. The of Torrance, Sidney Brody, degrand opening wil be climaxed veloper of the South Bay Shopat noon as Mis Gloria May, ping Center and Frank Shaw, general manager of South Bay

Ultimate in Design Designed by Albert C. Mar-In addition to Morton J. May, structed by Lindgren and Swinthose participating will include erton, Inc. the May Company and furnishings). Here also are turing Boys', Girls' and Infants' and under one roof. Home de-Tom May, executive vice presi- store is considered the ultimate cameras and photo accessories, wear and furnishings, as well as consultants are availdent of the May Department in present day department clocks and fine jewelry, drugs a complete Boy Scout, Girl able on the home furnishings Stores, Morton D. May, presi- store architecture and design, and toiletries, liquor and gour- Scout and Campfire Girls depart- floor; a bridal consultant to solve dent of the May Department The building is contemporary met shop, and a number of serv- ment. Stores, David May, vice presi- in mood, completely air con- ice shops. dent of the May Department ditioned, and the choice of ex- From the main floor elevators color and special woods is in- ice in bridal salon; and fur stormanager; Altert Rosenberg; ments all combine to empha-lower level is the Bay Shore Tea ture, house vares, lamps, cur-cated.



TOM MAY Executive Vice-President

The store has three floors. and mezzanine. The main or

Stores; Walter J. Brunmark, terior and interior colors, the or escalators provide easy ac- geniously worked out to provide age and watch repair departvice president and general landscaping and window treat- cess to all other floors. On the appropriate settings for furni- ments are all conveniently lo-

Room and fountain, as well as tains, electrical appliances, and tools, housewares, luggage, major and small appliances, paints, sporting goods, toy department, auditorium.

a capacity of 216 in the dining room and 52 at the fountain, was designed by Albert C. Martin and lection. Associates, while the balance of The third floor also includes the store's interiors were de- the beauty salon, which utilizes signed by the firm of Chaix and subtle shapes of white metal and

Women's Fashions Reatured

specialty shops. The decor fea- formica and vinyl grass cloth. tures hand painted Sho-Ji silk wallpaper, charming wormwood chestnut woods, and marble the store has been planned to ized glass mirror walls. Coats simplify the shopper's problems plus a lower level (basement) and suits for juniors, misses and and save her time by setting up women; dresses, furs, and milli- related departments near each street floor has four entrances. nery are here; also the bridal sa- other. All children's needs are The main floor includes the lon, a special shop for maternity on one floor, all men's shops are women's fashion accessory clothes, a tall shop, a selcluded grouped together. In addition, a shops, the Boulevard or Budget corset salon, lingerie, and sports- score of special service departtin and Associates and con- ready-to-wear shops, and the wear for all sizes. Here too is ments enable the shopper to men's shops (including clothing located the Youth Center, fea- solve many problems in one trip,

the book department, garden floor coverings. The decor is cleverly designed to give maximum departmental separation. shoe repair department, and the thus simplifying shopping. An entire corner is devoted to music The lower level, including the on the third floor so that tele-Bay Shore Tea Room which has vision, radios, phonographs and records are available in full se-

silk panelled screens. Here feminine sophistication is enhanced The second floor is a fashion by use of charcoal silk walls and world. Here are all Milady's ice blue foil screens to set off the fashions in beautifully styled appointment counter of white One Stop Shopping

The interior arrangement of all weddign peoosrlbmfnfgETT On the third floor the use of all wedding problems offers serv-