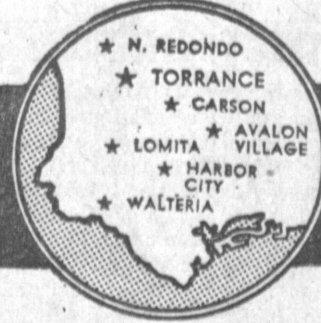


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All Candidates Promise Talks for Voter Crowd

All City Council candidates have declared they will appear at a mass rally sponsored by Torrance Democrats, Inc., at the patio of Higgins Brick Yard Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

The patio is located at 2217 174th St.

Moderator of the evening will be Ed Edwards, former mayor of Hermosa Beach, and a widely known civic leader.

This will be the final mass appearance of candidates before election Tuesday.

Each will be given an opportunity to present his platform, and time will be allowed to answer questions from the audience.

Refreshments will be available after the political part of the rally is completed, it was announced by Junette West, Democrats' secretary.

Vico's Efforts Provide Fields for City Youth

Four sites for parks and playgrounds have been given to the city through efforts of George Vico, City Council candidate who in the last election pulled a heavy vote from throughout the city.

At his behest, Dominguez Field at 190th and Beryl was donated five years ago for two Little League parks.

Dominguez Estates Co. recently gave the Entradero sump, comprising 28 acres, for 10 Little League fields. Vico also arranged to have the sump leveled and graded without charge.

Dominguez Water Co., it was revealed, provides water free for these sites.

Bob Jahn Running on Record of Representing Majority, Flatly Opposes Ward System

Councilman Robert B. Jahn, whose performance during the past four years has reflected the intensive study of all issues that come before the council, today said he is running principally on his record.

"I don't think it can be argued that my voting always has been for the people as a whole," he said.

Jahn also strongly opposed creation of wards in the city. "It has been my observation that they do nothing but lead to horse trading and corrupt politics. I have seen the result of councilman districts in other cities, and the result has not been of any benefit to the whole."

Jahn has been the leader in locating desirable industry and commerce at the Torrance Airport. As a pilot himself, he has shown a keen interest in development of the facilities. He is a member of the council's airport committee.

His engineering and building background has been of great help in deciding his stand on commercial and tract development in Torrance.

Jahn declared it is impractical to take a firm stand on many concepts of civic development, since the city is changing and growing at an explosive rate.

"Today we may need one library at the Civic Center," he observed. "Tomorrow we may need three throughout the city." He said a councilman's outlook must be flexible to keep pace with times and conditions, which are changing here more rapidly than anywhere in the nation.

No complaint successfully has



ROBERT B. JAHN
The Record Speaks

been lodged against his representation of the majority on any issue.

Easter-Egg Hunt Being Arranged by Moose Lodge

Plans for the annual Easter-egg hunt to be held on Saturday, April 16, were announced today by Mike Cicero, committee chairman of the Torrance Moose Lodge.

This year's egg hunt for the children of lodge and chapter members will be held at Torrance Park. All children will receive candy baskets.

Three principal awards will be made to lucky youngsters. The hunt will start at 1 p. m.

Municipal Crews to Do Most of Work

Bids to be Called for Construction of Cement-Block Walls

After an opinion by Stanley Remelmeyer, city attorney, the City Council approved building the bus station and comfort facility downtown with city labor.

Wade Peebles, director of public works, asked that the cement-block work be put out for bids and said city crews will handle the remainder of the job.

Since block work should be under \$2000, bidding will be informal, and it was believed work will start in two to three weeks.

The facility will be located on a city-owned parking lot at Cravens and El Prado.

Peebles said work can start at once and construction should take no more than 45 working days.

Remelmeyer's opinion said, in part:

"The value of the work to be performed was estimated at \$4,361.84. Some members of the Council questioned whether the City could legally construct improvements costing more than \$2000 without violating the Charter provision requiring competitive bidding for public works contracts.

"In my opinion it is lawful for the City to construct this and other public works by its own forces without taking competitive bids. However, the question cannot be answered with certainty without an adjudication by a court or an amendment to the Charter expressly so providing."

PHONE PRESS FOR RESULT OF ELECTION

On-the-spot election results will be available by phone from The Torrance Press Tuesday night.

For immediate, latest figures on candidates' standings, call The Press at DA 5-1515.



CITY HALL PLANS—Jerry Scharfman, director of finance, runs over plans for City Hall expansion with Fred G. Adams,

AIA, who presented the design for City Council approval Tuesday. Plans call for additions to first, second stories.

Preliminary City School Budget Tops \$11,600,000

A preliminary budget study indicating that Torrance's 1960-61 school budget will be more than \$11,600,000 was presented Tuesday night to the Board of Education.

This would be an increase of about \$1,100,000 over last year's budget, but would represent no increase in the tax rate.

Reason for the higher budget would be an expected increase of more than 2000 youngsters, inflationary costs, increased maintenance costs on older buildings, and raises for employees. No new programs are proposed in this study.

Trustees, however, may revise

many items before the tentative budget is adopted in June and the final budget in August.

They have indicated they will seek to keep Torrance's salaries competitive. They noted, for instance, that several districts have raised beginning salaries to \$4900 or \$5000 while Torrance's are \$4740. The maximum here also is lower than many, it was declared.

Supt. J. H. Hull told the board the budget is based on a \$30,000,000 assessed-valuation increase, "which may be very optimistic."

An additional financial problem next year will be the fact that Torrance taxpayers must

provide 56% of the total budget compared with 51% this year. Under state law, state support decreases as total volume of local support increases.

"The time is rapidly approaching" when the board should consider an override tax election, declared Hull. "It may be necessary to use a portion of our reserves to finance any salary increases."

He declared higher budgets in the future probably cannot be met without additional money from some source. Since there seems little likelihood of more state or federal aid, the only available source is the local tax rate, he said.

He noted that the district cooperates with the community in providing facilities for use of various groups—youth organizations, recreational groups, and others. This represents a hidden cost of up to \$200,000 he noted, and may require study.

At this point, more than 80 percent of the budget would go for salaries.

Boy, 10, Found; Ran Away After Hair Was Cut

Bill Malin Jr., object of an intensive search through Torrance storm drains Sunday, has been returned home.

Bill, 10 years old, was found by police a few blocks from his home on Tuesday.

He said he had run away because he was forced to get a haircut he didn't want. He said he had stayed in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, at the observatory. He slept in the bushes.

Torrance police looked into five miles of sewers and drains when it was reported he had entered the underground system with two other boys.

Council OKs Building Plan for City Hall

Preliminary plans for additions to the City Hall were approved Tuesday night by the City Council.

The specifications comprise expansion for public works, accounting, building inspectors, a covered walkway, and covered parking.

The estimated total expense will be \$170,109, broken down as follows:

Building inspectors \$7392, recreation survey, duplicating \$8533, accounting \$18,200, public-works building \$111,800, remodeling of existing facility \$5000, covered walk \$4400, and covered parking \$14,784.

Dr. Pyeatt Goes to Eye Seminar

Dr. Allan Pyeatt of Torrance, a member of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society, attended the 12th annual three-day seminar on Children's Developmental Vision which concluded yesterday in Pasadena.

The seminar dealt with diagnosis and treatment of children's vision problems.

HOSE BLOWS, FIREMAN BADLY HURT

Engineer Gordon Clark of the Torrance Fire Department was painfully injured when a hose blew during training Monday.

Firemen were on routine practice in a lot at Sepulveda near Vine when a coupling parted in the line. Clark was slashed across the stomach and injured internally.

The blow knocked Clark sprawling more than 20 feet. Doctors at Harbor Hospital said he was out of danger by Tuesday, but it will be about four months before he can return to work.



BIGGEST IN U.S.—The enormous Del Amo Shopping Center bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Carson St., Sepulveda and

Madrona, promises to be the largest in the nation, according to the developers. Here workers lay foundations in mall.

—Press Photo

Applicants Outnumber Leases at Enormous Del Amo Center

There are three times as many applications as spaces available in the Del Amo Shopping Center, according to Coldwell, Banker & Co., exclusive leasing agents, in a statement to Torrance Press.

The leasing program is from 90% to 95% completed. Completion of all stores on the Hawthorne or west mall is scheduled for November of this year, while those on the east mall will be finished in summer of 1961.

A complete city on 250 acres will rise when the entire building project is finished. It is expected to be the largest shopping center in the United States. Some of the stores now are functioning, including Sears, Broadway and Thrifty stores.

On May 15, Food Giant Market is expected to open. Food Giant will occupy 60,000 square feet. Other large stores are the Broadway, 225,000 square feet; J. C. Penney, 70,000 square feet; Sears, 284,000 square feet.

Three more prominent firms will be established at the center. J. J. Haggarty's of Los Angeles

and Fashion Fair in Santa Ana will be situated at the northeast corner of east mall, occupying 20,000 square feet with 110-foot frontage and basement. It will specialize in women's apparel.

Gold's Furniture, with stores throughout Southern California, will be located east of Sears. It will be designed along the lines of the Valley Plaza store.

The famous International House of Pancakes will open at the corner of Carson St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

Stores already on the west mall or slated are:

Broadway, Silverwood's, Weatherby-Kayser shoes, Ontra cafeteria, J. C. Penney, Lerner Shops, Lead's Shoes, Woolworth's and Sears.

On the east mall will be the following:

J. J. Haggarty's, C. H. Baker, Judy's, Slomann's Men's Store, Mandel's Shoes, Bank's Ready-to-Wear, National Shirt Shops, Thom McAn, Gallenkamp Shoes, Foreman and Clark clothes, LeRoy's Jewelers, and Sherwood's Junior Shop.

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