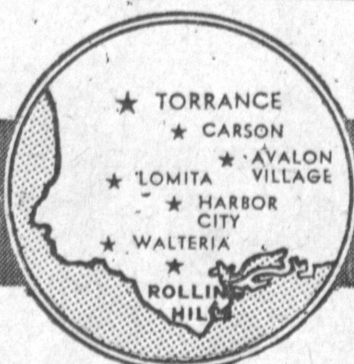


# No Freeway Signs to Torrance Says Mayor Isen

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WHERE'S TORRANCE? All roads may have led to Rome when Caesar was sitting high in the saddle, but that has been a few years ago, before the era of western civilization, says Mayor Al Isen. Up and down the Harbor Freeway, "Main Street" in the county, there is not one sign telling the visitor or

the native where to turn off to get to Torrance. "Letters go back and forth to the State Department of Public Works, but all we get is promises," says the Mayor. "More than 100,000 people live in Torrance and another 100,000 come here every day to work—but where are the directional signs?"

# ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATES LOCAL SCHOOLS' HOODWINK

## Doctors Hold Crash Program of Polio Shots

A "crash program" of Polio shots have been urged as an emergency measure due to the number of Polio cases this year which is approaching an epidemic level. There have been 104 cases thus far and most of these have had no vaccine. The peak Polio season is upon us, however, two shots during the next two weeks can still give 90 per cent protection during September and October.

Innoculations will be given at 4193 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, Aug. 23, Sept. 6 and 20, and Oct. 4, from 2 to 8 p.m. for \$1. The shots will be given to persons with no previous shots, who are to receive two "sensitizing" shots two weeks apart and a third four weeks later.

## An Open Letter to Gen. Services Adm.

AN EDITORIAL

This Tuesday, the General Services Administration is sending a representative to Torrance, to reevaluate the 26-acre Naval Surplus land.

In the southwest corner of Los Angeles County sprawls a burgeoning community of more than 100,000 residents. The city is called Torrance. Since its incorporation in 1921, it has exploded with population growth, as has every other part of Southern California.

The young city has more children per capita than any other area in the county. More than 27,000 youngsters are expected to enroll next month when the school session opens.

In the heart of the city lie 26 acres, used during the war years as a Naval Depot. Now this land has been declared surplus.

It is the prerogative of the General Services Administration to decide whether to make this land available to the Torrance Unified School Board, for future expansion, or to throw it on the open market, going to the highest bidder.

The General Services Administration has chosen the latter road, declaring it would "best serve the national interest" to open the land to industry.

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## Price-Fixing on Bleachers Cited

The possibility of hoodwinking of the Torrance Unified School District, through collusion by manufacturers of bleachers, is under investigation by the state Attorney General Stanley Mosk.

Unanimously approved by the School Board, the investigation, launched by the attorney general's office, is attempting to prove whether or not financial injury was suffered by Torrance schools, as well as other county schools, through the purchase of "artificially high priced" bleachers.

According to J. H. Hull, school superintendent, and Alward H. Fuller, purchasing agent, Torrance schools purchased the following bleachers:

In August, 1955, 11 sections of portable, outdoor bleachers were purchased from Roney Tubular Equipment Co., 1060 N. Lillian Way, Hollywood, for \$1529.55; in January, 1956, bleachers for the gymnasium in North High School were purchased from Paramore-Baier Co., through Fred Medart Products, Inc., 146 S. Robertson, Los Angeles, for \$16,454.

In July, 1957, exterior portable bleachers for North and South High Schools were purchased from Industrial Tubular Equipment Co., 12906 Saticoy St., N. Hollywood. The amount paid was \$15,210. The last purchase for bleachers covered rolling-folding gymnasium stands, for the South High School gymnasium. Ordered from Crown Construction Co., 5039 W. Pico, Los Angeles, the manufacturer of the bleachers was the Narragansett Co., Centralia, Missouri. This purchase amounted to \$17,710.

The attorney general's office informed the Torrance Press that the U.S. government has filed a suit against the Brunswick Company and five other companies manufacturing bleacher equipment. These include the Wayne Iron Works, Wayne, Pa., Universal Bleachers, Champagne, Ill., Fred Medart, manufacturer, St. Louis, Mo., Consolidated Foundries, Chicago, Ill., and Safeway Steel Products, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The government's suit alleges price-fixing.

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## No Tax Rate Jump, Manager Claims

The tax rate within Torrance is expected to remain the same as last year, even though an increase in tax revenue for the 1960-61 fiscal year is expected, City Manager George M. Stevens announced recently. The municipality will receive \$60,000 more in tax revenues because the Torrance assessed valuation will be approximately \$6,000,000, higher than last year, the city manager continued. Stevens' estimated assessed valuation was \$208 million,

the valuation figures recently announced by county officials.

Currently, the tax rate is \$1.288 per \$1000 assessed valuation. Councilmen plan to establish a new rate during Tuesday's council meeting.

At the meeting, Stevens recommended that no change be made in the tax rate, even though tax revenues are expected to increase.

His statement that additional tax income be placed in a fund for capital improvements was agreed upon by the City Council.

## Huge Tract Approved on 88-Acre Site

Tract maps covering 252 new homes and 26 industrial sites have been approved by city officials, to be constructed on an 88-acre site near Western Ave. and Narbonne High School.

Expected to house an estimated 1000 residents, the development is under construction by the Ray A. Watt Construction Co. of Gardena. The homes will average 1450 square feet, a spokesman for the firm announced, and sell in the \$19-\$21,000 price range.

Red brick and concrete will comprise the industrial building, ranging from 10,000 square foot minimum to 40,000 square feet, Watt declared.

The 88-acre site is composed of three tracts—two designated for homes and an elementary school, and one set aside for industrial usage.

Ground-breaking for the project is expected in October, Watt announced, with completion set for 1961. Now under farming, the land will eventually have paved parking areas for the industrial sites, with a railroad spur through the area.

## Report Reveals Population Hike for Torrance

Torrance and three South Bay peninsula communities have shown substantial population gains, the Regional Planning Commission reported today, in a total estimated population of 11 South Bay Cities.

The estimated number of residents total 324,444 the Commission announced.

The new figure released by the Commission reflects an adjustment which includes the preliminary field count from the 1960 census.



## Foster Named to Advisory Council

A seat on Bank of America's statewide Junior Advisory Council has been pre-



ROBERT L. FOSTER  
... bank advisor

sented to Robert L. Foster, 22927 Broadwell Ave., Torrance, Jesse W. Tapp, board chairman, announced today.

Foster is operations officer at the bank's Broadway and Seventh St. office in Los Angeles.

The Junior Advisory Council is a 12-member forum of younger bank officers, formed to aid senior management with new plans for bettering service submitted by the bank's 26,000 employees.



POTENTIAL QUEENS—With eleven lovely girls from South High School entered in the forthcoming Waverly Roundup Days beauty contest, interest in the Sept. 9-11 event is gaining community support and interest, according to John Barton, overall chairman. The annual event is sponsored by the Waverly Businessmen's Club. Ready for the big day are (left to right) Marilyn Wallace, Dee-Anna Harper, Susan Johnson and Donna Dreiling. The beauty pageant is slated Friday evening, Sept. 9.

## School Board President Gives Poll Locations

Locations of polls, to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 11, for the Torrance Unified School District tax override election was announced today by William Boswell, president of the school board.

Polling places and officers officiating are: Madison Elementary School, 17515 Amie St., with Genevra Dohner, inspector;

and Betty J. Hiner and Dorothy Stout, judges.

Casimir Elementary School, 17220 Casimir St., Dolores Long, inspector; and Mary Potter, and Annie Milton, judges.

Lincoln Elementary School, 2418 W. 166th St., with Dorothy Habbs, inspector; and Fern M. Jensen, and

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## Downtown Retail Stores Give \$100

The Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants will give away \$100 in merchandise, to outfit a boy and girl going back to school this fall, it was announced by local stores. Entrance blanks to qualify for the awards may be filled out and deposited at any of the retail stores cooperating in this event. Drawing for the lucky winners will be held Sept. 10.

MONEY, MONEY—With free samples for the neighborhood, balloons for the children and punch and cookies for their parents, Security-First National Bank opened its newest branch at 190th and Anza in an all-day open house Friday. On hand to welcome the sightseers and the future depositors were (left to right) James E. Shelton, Security's board chairman; Torrance Mayor Al Isen; Dick Pyle, president, Chamber of Commerce, and Gilbert Pando, new bank manager.



OLD GRAY MARE—No longer turned out to pasture, horses in Torrance have a new job—hauling ice cream wagons up and down the swinging tracts. Here the three Henderson

boys of 22628 Island Ave.—Ronnie, Lonnie and Tony—latch on to ice cream bars sold by driver Bill Williams, while the ponies, Maple and Sugar, dream of the good humor man.