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COUNCIL GOES AHEAD WITH PLAN TO BUY WATER COMPANY FOR CITY



CITY VISITOR—Michael J. Shmueli, left, city engineer of Herzlia, Israel, is shown in office of Walter M. Nollac, Torrance city engineer, during brief visit to this area. Shmueli chose Torrance as one of the few places to visit during his sojourn to the United States. —Press Photo

3 Bandits Kidnap Man, Rob Market

Three armed bandits wearing stocking masks kidnapped a grocery manager at his home in Torrance late Monday night, drove to the supermarket where he worked in San Pedro, forced him to open a safe and escaped with an estimated \$20,000.

The manager, Lawrence Schropp of 2330 234th St., told Torrance and Los Angeles sheriff's department detectives that he was apprehended by the bandits about 11 p.m. Monday when he was driving his car into his garage after coming home from work.

He said two of the bandits forced him back into his car at gunpoint and drove to the supermarket while a third man followed them in another car.

He said both bandits pointed guns at him all the way to the store and one threatened, "I'll kill you if you make a false move."

Schropp stated that he was forced to open the safe. He told detectives the bandits were in the store for only about 10 minutes.

No trace of the armed robbers was reported.



CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP — Elizabeth Anne Alingham, left, Lynda Draper, center, and Lorene Solmen, right, urge all boys and girls, 9 to 15, to sign up now for the Creative Arts Workshop held at El Retiro Park. The Workshop will write, build, paint, and choreograph productions under the guidance of instructors.

City Officials Reject Proposal to Buy Stock of Moneta Firm

City of Torrance is going ahead with its condemnation suit to acquire the Moneta Water Company although the suggestion was made the council might buy the stock of the company instead.

City Attorney S. E. Remelmeyer reported last night to the council he had filed condemnation proceedings yesterday in Superior Court. He stated he had talked with attorneys representing Moneta and Dominguez Water Co. The latter had been reported as ready to buy the majority of stock of the Moneta company.

Remelmeyer said Dominguez intimated it may not go ahead with its plan to purchase stock in view of the city's condemnation filing. He added that the at-

torney for Moneta suggested the stock purchase as a possibility.

Mayor Albert Isen and other councilmen were opposed to the proposed stock deal. Isen said the "City of Torrance is vitally interested in expanding its water system and we want a solid title to the operation."

In other action:

The Council approved a tract by Don Wilson builders for erecting garden type apartments on the south side of 190th St., west of Entrado.

Mayor Isen favored the idea of a first class motion picture theater for the area as included in a request for approval of Rolling Hills Plaza leases by Jefferson Incorporated. The request was referred to the council airport committee and Airport Commission.

The council heard a report that Torrance topped all cities in the United States for lack of traffic accidents during he year.

Lights Go Out But Shoppers Not Disturbed

All electricity in the block of buildings at Del Amo Center where Magic Chef and Thrifty Drugs are located was shut off at 7:30 last evening.

Thrifty closed down but Magic Chef decided to stay open. Employees broke open cartons after carton of candles and handed them out to customers to help them pick out their items.

Young male employees showed a decided tendency to aid young female shoppers and, when the candles inadvertently went out, an unusual amount of giggling seemed to come from the dark aisles.

Store manager said that he didn't think that power being shut off for four hours hurt business appreciably.

Some shoppers mounted two candles on the front of shopping carts like headlights. Kids with parents seemed to be having a ball.

Baby Chimp Born

A new addition arrived at Griffith Park Zoo last Monday when Susie, a 15-year-old chimpanzee, gave birth to a baby of undetermined sex at the municipal menagerie, it was announced yesterday by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department.

It was a natural birth, according to Dr. W. A. Young, the Zoo's supervisor, who said there was no one in attendance at the time Susie presented her mate, To To, with his offspring.

'64 Production Is Assured at Torrance Plant

Ryan Electronics will supply Doppler automatic navigation sets and spares in three new contracts totaling \$830,983, it was announced yesterday.

One order calls for navigation systems for the HSS-2 Navy anti-submarine warfare helicopter, assuring production into early 1964 at Ryan's Torrance plant.

A second contract has been received from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation for spares for Navy P2V anti-submarine warfare aircraft, with deliveries to be completed by the end of this year.

The Australian Consulate General in Washington, D.C., has also ordered spares for the Royal Australian Air Force P2V-7 anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

Ryan Electronics Doppler airborne navigation sets are the most widely used of their type in the world.

Erect \$2 Million Carson Center in Torrance Area

Construction has begun here on a \$2,000,000 Carson Shopping Center at Carson St., and Normandie Ave., which will serve residents of Torrance and surrounding communities.

Developers of the seven-acre project are Arthur N. and Norman A. Reicher. Completion of the major portion of the project by Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., general contractor, is scheduled for September 15.

Included in the 100,000 sq. ft. shopping complex for which Leach-Cleveland Associates are project architects is a Boys' Market; Thrifty Drug; W. T. Grant's department store; Pacific State Bank branch; Union Oil Service Station, and auxiliary stores.

All buildings are of precast concrete and steel construction with the exception of the market and the

bank, both of which will be brick structures.

Overall design of Carson Center is contemporary with broad use of glass and stone in all buildings. Liberal landscaping will accent the concrete and brick facades.

Parking at the center, which is located on block west of the new Harbor General Hospital, will accommodate 440 cars. The center is rectangular and faces Carson St., with the exception of the Bank, which is on Normandie Ave.

General contractor for the boys' Market is Stanley Construction Company. Other architects involved on the project include Robert H. Peterson, A.I.A., who designed the market, and George T. Nowak, architect and associates, designer of the Pacific State Bank branch.

All-Numeral Phone Prefix Ready July 8

Another all-numeral prefix will be ready for assignment to South Bay area telephones July 8, according to R. S. Pyle, Pacific Telephone manager.

He said equipment for the "830" prefix has been installed in the company's office at 1418 N. Broad Ave., Wilmington, and is being tested to ensure smooth operation.

Business and residential subscribers with "830" numbers will have access to direct Distance Dialing, which enables a person to dial long distance calls without going through an operator.

"The most important thing in DDD is the area code," the manager said. "For example, to call into Orange County, you would dial '714' prior to the called party's number. To reach 555-2368 in that county, you'd dial 10 digits—714-555-2368—instead of the seven needed for a local call."



NEW CENTER — This art rendering depicts the \$2,000,000 Carson Shopping Center, Carson St., and Normandie Ave., Torrance, upon its completion in September. E. W. Hahn, Inc., is general contractor

on all stores except the Boys' Market, being built by Stanley Construction Co. Project architect is Leach-Cleveland Associates. Mayor Isen and members of city council commemorate event this afternoon.

Mike Denn Is Named President of Chamber

Mike Denn was elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce last night to succeed Harold G. Frenz.

Other officers are George Post, first vice president; Art Woodcock, second vice president, and Bill Belding, treasurer.

Frenz announced the results of the recent election for the Board of Directors of the Chamber for 1962.

Elected to three-year terms expiring in 1965 were Post, manager of United California Bank; Woodcock, CPA; Frederick (Ted) Green, general manager, Paul's Chevrolet; and Bruce Jones, manager of Bank of America. Downtown Torrance branch. The fifth director, appointed for the same three-year term, was G. S. Williamson, plant manager, Shell Chemical Corporation.

AREA DIRECTORS — Also announced were area directors appointed to serve one year beginning July 1, 1962, as follows:

Del Amo: Charles T. Cederlof, assistant vice president, Glendale Federal Savings.

Downtown Torrance: Dr. Rollin Smith, D.V.M., Harbor Animal Hospital.

Hollywood Riviera: William Moss Jr., president, M & M Transfer Co.

Northwest Torrance: Arthur Reeves, public relations director, Dominguez Water Corporation.

Southwood: George Ebert, vice president and general manager, Aeronca Manufacturing Co.

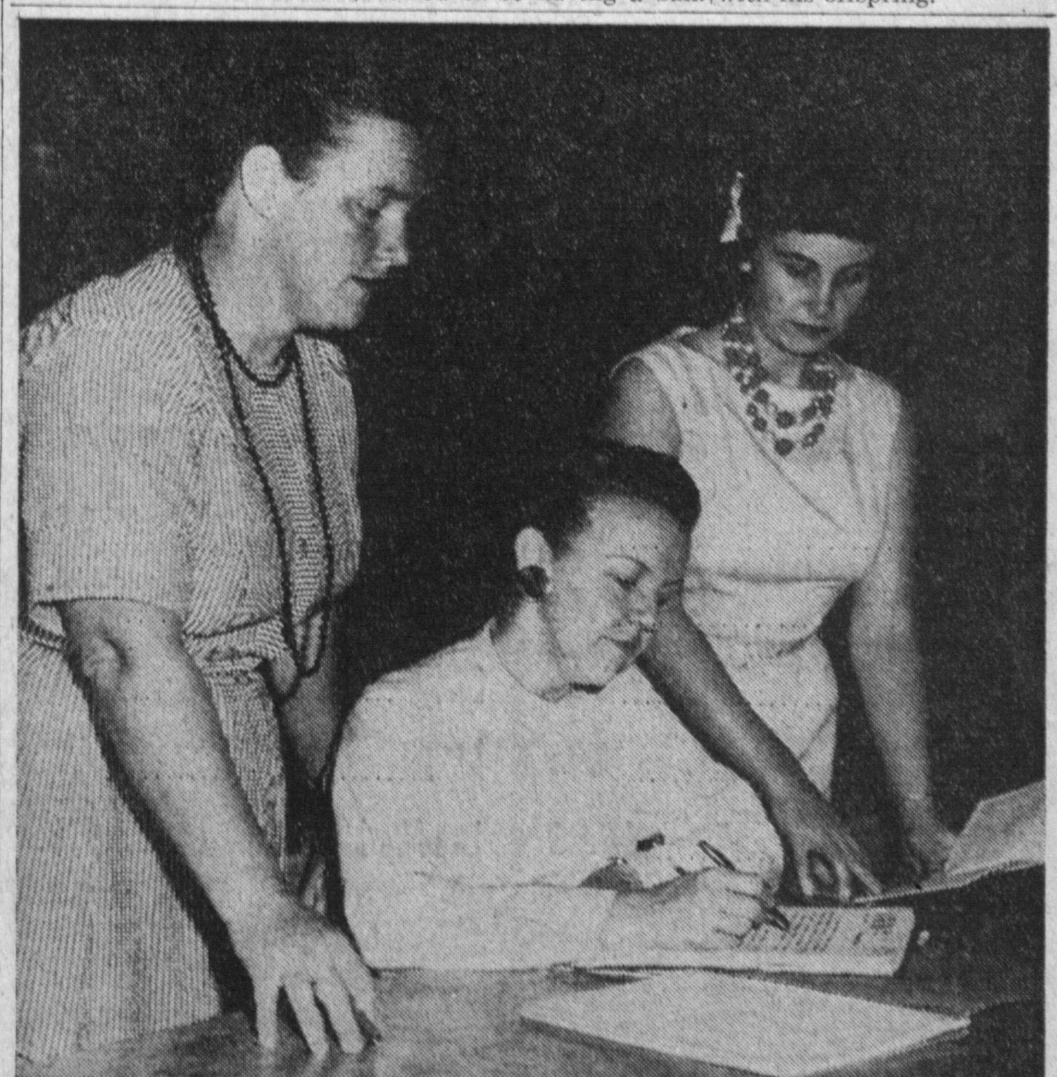
North Torrance: Robert Richardson, personnel director, AiResearch Manufacturing Co., Garrett Corporation.

Walteria: Jack Rogers, owner, Jump 'N Jack Restaurant and Motor Lodge.

George Brewster, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, is an additional member of the board.

"With the addition of these outstanding business and professional men on our board, we have every reason

to look forward to what may well be one of the best years of progress in the Chamber's history. Each of these men is already well-known to the community not only for successfulness in his own line of business, but also for his extra efforts on behalf of Torrance in community projects," Frenz added. "We are proud to welcome them in their new capacity as directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce."



PTA WORKSHOP — Incoming PTA publicity chairmen for all schools in Torrance Council met at Fern School for a workshop Tuesday morning. Mrs. Eugene Laxton, left, publicity chairman for the 33rd District, Mrs. Leon-

ard H. Bradford, Madrona PTA publicity chairman, and Mrs. William Jackson, incoming publicity chairman for the Torrance Council, prepare for the meeting.