

City Again Defers 'Cemetery' Land Decision

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New School Bond Vote Scheduled for June 7



READY TO GO . . . Harry Gorman and D. Loring Morlett of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., and Mayor Albert Isen at site of new \$30 million Del Amo Financial Center. Ground will be broken Friday for center, first phase of company's 200-acre development in the center of Torrance.

May Put Hospital On Site

City Councilmen have delayed a final decision about the zoning of a 100-acre parcel of land in south central Torrance pending discussions about a possible hospital site in the area.

Builder Don Wilson, owner of about half the 100-acre parcel, asked for a 60-day delay last night. Wilson told councilmen he has been approached by representatives of Torrance Memorial Hospital regarding a possible 10-acre hospital site.

"I would like to study my property to see if we can accommodate the hospital," Wilson told the council.

THE LAND, located south of 235th Street and west of Crenshaw Boulevard, has been the center of a six-months controversy which began when Dan E. Butcher proposed a cemetery for the site. Butcher owns the western 50 acres of the parcel.

Councilmen first delayed a decision on the cemetery while the city considered using a portion of the property for a golf course. The golf course was rejected and councilmen then ordered the Planning Commission to conduct a full study of the area.

In the meantime, the council denied Butcher's request to develop a cemetery.

THE PLANNING Commission, in recommendations given to the council last night, asked that the present M-2 (light manufacturing) zone be retained. The commission did submit, however, alternate plans for residential-Lakes Properties' spokesman.



TOP NURSING STUDENT . . . Mrs. Darlene Turner of Lomita has been chosen as Harbor College's "Registered Nurse of the Year." Here she relaxes from her busy schedule after the announcement was made by Mrs. Mary Stanley, psychiatric nursing instructor and adviser to the college's Student Nursing Association.

Trustees Delay Fixing Amount Of New Proposal

A general school construction bond issue will be submitted to voters here at the June 7 primary election, the Torrance Board of Education decided Monday.

Trustees, however, took no action on the amount of funds which they will seek to have authorized by the voters.

Monday's action by the local board is subject to approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, said.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, cast the only dissenting vote on the June 7 date. She said the turnout at primary elections is usually high and she fears the district will not be able "to tell our story" to the voters.

TRUSTEE Bert M. Lynn told the board he would favor a \$9 million bond issue—some \$3.5 million less than the issue just rejected. Discussion of the amount was delayed, since final action is not necessary at this time.

"We've got to show the people we are serious," Dr. Donald Wilson said. It was Dr. Wilson who suggested that the new election be held June 7.

In the meantime, the district will proceed with plans and specifications for major projects at Torrance and West High Schools. Approval of such plans normally requires nine to 12 months. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the board.

THE PROJECTS involve renovation of the main building and cafeteria at Torrance High and a new classroom wing, music building, and student services center at West High. General fund monies will be used to pay fees of about \$115,000 if no bond monies are available.

The district also is proceeding with two new elementary schools and additions to the North High physical education facility. Cost of the three projects is estimated at \$2.2 million.

Dr. Hull said \$1.9 million in bonds currently is available for the three projects. That will be adequate, he said, to meet payments pending the outcome of the June 7 election.

The two elementary schools—Grace Wright and Sam Levy Schools—are expected to open in February, 1967.

Ceremonies to Start Huge Finance Center

Supervisor Burton Chace and Torrance Mayor Albert Isen will speak at groundbreaking ceremonies Friday for Del Amo Financial Center, a \$30 million office building complex to be constructed at the northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street.

More than 250 civic officials, local merchants and Southern California business leaders are expected to attend the event. Torrance city councilmen and the mayors of surrounding cities will be among the participants.

Serving as master of ceremonies will be D. Loring Morlett, vice president and general manager, of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., and Gullford Glazer & Associates, and is the first phase of the company's 200-acre commercial development in downtown Torrance.

At that point, Remelmeier told the council it "has given jurisdiction to the Civil Service Commission under the present ordinance."

Councilmen compromised and waived the requirements, subject to approval of the civil service commission. The impairment would not dis-

vote was unanimous.

Industrial Arts Fair Slated at South High

"Green Grass Near Home" is the theme of an industrial arts and homemaking fair to be staged at South High School tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Student projects will be displayed in the library during the fair, according to Dr. John A. Lucas, principal of the school. All entries have been judged for first, second, and third place awards in electronics, metal and ma-

chine work, wood shop, drafting, and auto shop.

Judges for the fair include Hag Marashlian and Carl Benson, assistant principals; Franklin Anderson, a counselor, and Dr. Lucas.

Homemaking projects, including dresses and suits made by the girls, will be displayed in the homemaking classrooms.

Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting of the South High PTA.

and Harry Gorman, Del Amo resident manager.

To be constructed initially will be a 13-story office tower, a four-story ring building, and four circular pavillion structures. When fully developed the center will have three 13-story towers which together with the satellite buildings will provide 1,000,000 square feet of office space and a like amount of garage parking area.

Banks, savings and loans, brokerage houses, insurance companies, and legal and accounting firms are among the businesses slated to occupy the center. The first major tenant is expected to be announced within a few days, according to a Great Lakes Properties' spokesman.

SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING

Role of Poison Center Explained by Director

Aspirin is a good drug—and a highly dangerous one unless taken only by direction.

That's the feeling of Mrs. Clair Barton, assistant director of the Poison Information Center at Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Mrs. Barton said the center received more than 500 calls last year as a result of failure to follow directions for the use of one of most common drugs.

Mrs. Barton explained the function of the Poison Information Center Monday before the Torrance Safety Council.

She called special attention to candy-flavored medicines and boric acid. Both, she said, have no place in the home.

THE CENTER, organized in 1957 in Los Angeles, is regarded as the biggest and best information center of its kind in the United States. Mrs. Barton said the center receives between 1,500 and

1,600 calls each month. Most common culprit is arsenic—contained in many insecticides used by today's homeowners. Drugs form the largest single group of poisons about which the center supplies information to doctors and hospitals.

The majority of calls, Mrs. Barton said, involve youngsters between 2 and 5 years of age—and the calls are received mostly between 10 a.m. and noon and between 4 and 7 p.m.

IN 1965, the center received 18,329 telephone calls, most of them from doctors and hospitals.

The center maintains files and telephone numbers in order to determine the components of almost all types of poisons. Doctors are able to quickly determine antidotes for most common poisons by calling the center. The average person reaching the "age of reason" regarding poisons somewhere

La Puente Man Offered Local School Office

An assistant superintendent of schools in La Puente Union High School District has been offered a job as as-

stant superintendent of Torrance schools.

Frank LeRoy Mattox, 40, who now is in charge of the business operations of the La Puente High Schools, was offered the same job in the Torrance Unified School District Monday evening by the Board of Education.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools here, said Mattox would probably make his decision this week.

Mattox would succeed S. E. Waldrip, who became assistant superintendent of schools for business in Inglewood Monday.

A graduate of Fresno State College, Mattox received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1949. He has held his present post since 1962 and previously served in similar capacities in the Clovis Unified School District and in the Porter Valley Union High School and Junior College District.

Mattox began his career in education as a teacher in the Porterville Union High School District. He became director of business service at Porterville in 1954 and was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1958.

He and his wife are the parents of three children.

BULLETIN

The Torrance High basketball team defeated Compton last night to move into the semifinals of CIF competition. Details today on Page C-12.

Candidates Night Set

The first public chance to meet all of the candidates for city offices will be offered Torrance voters tomorrow evening at the Womens Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. Sponsored by the Torrance Junior Womens Club, tomorrow's "Meet the Candidate Night" will begin at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Vernon Purchase of the sponsoring group. Each candidate will be given a chance to state his views, and a question and answer period will follow.

Mother, Daughter Killed

Mrs. Hubert N. Jones Jr. of 5503 Tower St. and her daughter, Toni, were among the 124 persons killed Saturday when a BOAC jetliner crashed into the side of Mt. Fuji near Tokyo. Mrs. Jones and her daughter were enroute to Vietnam, Laos, where Jones is employed by Continental Air Services. Fifteen other Californians were killed in the crash.

Kidnaper Shot, Killed

A sheriff's deputy Tuesday night shot and killed William John Zimmerman, 24, of Hawthorne who had forced Anita Diane Hoefler, 19, of Redondo Beach into his car with her 13-month-old son in an effort to obtain money from her. Zimmerman had crashed into the Hoefler residence, and had then forced the young mother to drive to Lawndale where her husband, Newton, was working. Hoefler had called the Lennox sheriff's station and deputies intercepted Zimmerman nearby. Zimmerman was shot as Mrs. Hoefler and the tot cowered in the car beside him. He was dead at Gardena Hospital about 6:30 p.m.