

New YMCA Facilities to Open Sunday

A traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday will mark the opening of the new 28,000 square-foot YMCA facilities at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, charter member of the board of directors, will accept the keys from representatives of the Kiely Corp., builders of the new structure, while city officials, civic leaders, YMCA laymen, and friends from the community look on.

The Rev. Edward Goodell, Torrance YMCA Chaplain and the 1965 "Good Neighbor" award winner, will light the central torch, a light which will burn "to remind youth and adults to express concern for others each day in the spirit of Christ."

Tours will begin through the facilities immediately after the initial ceremonies. Refreshment will be offered throughout the afternoon and evening, according to Secretary Joe Wilcox. The Torrance Area Youth Band will play during the afternoon and a guest artist will perform on the Chapel Organ.

The giant Signature Tile Wall will be dedicated in ceremonies scheduled for 4 p.m. The Wall is 22 feet long and more than 10 feet high, and bears the names of 2,008 major donors who contributed to the project.

Triangular shaped ceramic tiles, each containing the

name of a major donor, are arranged in an abstract Indian design in tribute to the important part Indians play in the local YMCA programs.

Harold A. Wagner, general manager of the YMCA of Los Angeles, will be a special guest at the ceremonies Sunday. Others for whom special recognition is being planned include Marshall Steward, building chairman throughout the construction, Edward Escovar, interior design chairman; Lillian Adams, Tile Wall chairman; Alpha Renz of the Torrance YMCA staff; and the Rev. Francis Rath, pastor of the Seaside Community Church. Also recognized Sunday will be Andrew Adkison and Jack Barnick, interior designers for the YMCA national furnishing service.

A formal worship service is planned in the Chapel at 6 p.m. Wilcox will guide the service with Dr. Wing Y. Mar, board chairman; Frank Renz, Torrance Y's Men's Club; and

Jeff Binford of the YMCA Leaders Club assisting.

The new facility is designed to carry out the three principal functions of the organization Wilcox reported. They are to train leaders and parents, to house more than 25 interclub councils of teenagers and adults, and to provide space for the interclub events. These include such affairs as banquets, game nights, campfire programs, inductions, workshops, dances, and ceremonies.

A fourth purpose is to provide office areas to serve as "nerve centers" for the several age-level groupings for boys and girls in the YMCA programs.

The area to be opened Sunday is the first phase of a master plan which currently includes a huge geodesic dome and physical fitness building which will include an indoor Olympic size pool, a gymnasium, and other athletic facilities.

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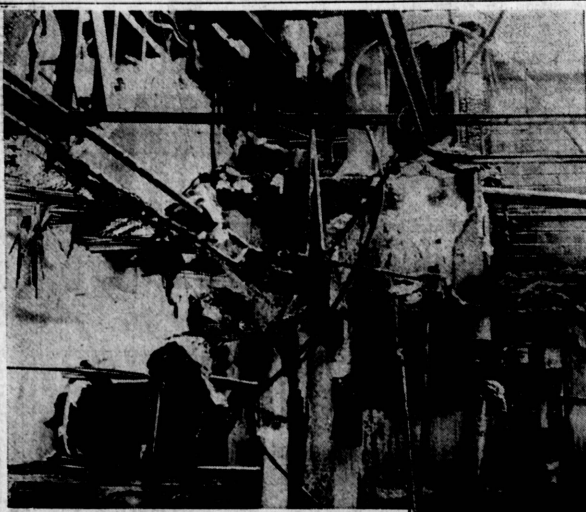


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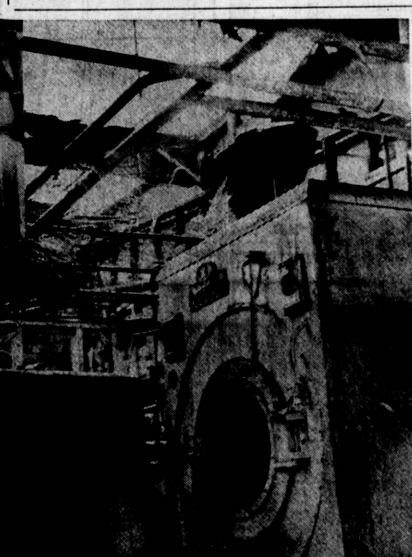
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Hiring Dispute Sparks Council-Manager Feud



CLEANING SHOP DESTROYED . . . Flames which roared through the Pacific Plaza Shopping Center at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor Sunday afternoon did heavy damage to several stores in the complex. Pictured here are two views of the Pacific Plaza Cleaning and Laundry which was destroyed by the flames. Kucharik's Bike Shop was a total loss as was The Corner Shop, a hobbies and toy center. Smoke damage was reported to Lough's Bakery. Firemen under the command of Deputy Chief Robert Lucas controlled the blaze after more than an hour on the scene. Von's Market on the west end of the long shopping mall and the W. T. Grant department store at the other end were not damaged. (Press-Herald Photos by Gordon Akers)



Garage Chief's Job Center of Policy Debate

A smoldering feud between City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and the Torrance City Council came to a head last night amid charges that political pressure is being used to force the demotion of a city employee.

The hour-long debate marked the first serious breach between the council and the city's chief executive officer in Ferraro's two-year tenure.

The issue, which involves the appointment of firing the third-ranked candidate in a civil service examination to the post of garage foreman, flared again last night as councilmen took up a "rule of one" policy on promotional examinations.

At one point, Mayor Albert Isen moved "to suggest" to Ferraro that he remove the current garage foreman and appoint the man who ranked at the top of the civil service list—a 17-year veteran employee.

When Isen was told the city charter forbids the council to instruct the city manager on matters of employe promo-

Council Acts on Renewal

Preliminary plans for the redevelopment of the Meadow Park Urban Renewal area were approved by the City Council Tuesday night.

The plans, outlined in a massive study of the urban renewal area, call for development of an "airport oriented industrial park," along with limited commercial development along the Pacific Coast Highway frontage.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, in submitting the plan to the council, said it will not become final until public hearings are held.

The hearings will be scheduled following approval by the federal government of the city's Part I application.

The report was prepared by the city's Airport and Planning commissions and the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Improvement.

In other action last night, the council:

- Voted to end parking restrictions along the west side of Paseo de la Playa from Via Riviera to Paseo de la Concha. Parking has been prohibited along the street from 2 a.m. until 5 a.m.
- Established a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on Highway 97.

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Torrance Chamber Sets Salute to Supervisors

Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn will be honored Friday by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a special "Meet Your Supervisors" luncheon. The event will be held at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., beginning at noon, according to program chairman Charles T. Cederlof of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Police Ask For Kitchen

A proposal to include a kitchen in the police station addition currently under construction was referred to the City Council's police and Fire Committee last night.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro told councilmen a kitchen could save about 45 per cent on the cost of meals for prisoners in the city jail during a one-year period.

Councilmen referred the proposal to committee for more study.

A few tickets still are available, Cederlof said. Attendance will be limited to 200 persons. Reservations may be obtained from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens Ave., and are priced at \$2.50 per person.

Chace, now serving as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, represents the fourth district on the county board. Hahn represents the second district.

"We are pleased to give local businessmen the opportunity to meet Supervisors Chace and Hahn," Cederlof said.

School, Women's Clubs Set Viet Nam Aid Drive

U. S. Servicemen in Viet Nam will receive a variety of small personal items from Torrance school children. The project is being sponsored by the Torrance Junior Women's Club and the Redondo Beach Dianas.

Items being sought for shipment to Viet Nam include deodorant soap, tooth brushes and toothpaste, combs, tissues, after shave lotion, paperback books, instant coffee and tea in individual packets, gum, playing cards, note paper, envelopes, and pens and pencils.

Members of the two women's clubs will package the items in kits for individual servicemen. The boxes will be transported to Viet Nam by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Individuals wishing to donate any of the above items may call Mrs. Don McKenzie at 325-0335 or Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson at 371-2865.

HUGH SNUDDEN WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS



Hugh Snudden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snudden of 1567 W. 213th St., has been named Press-Herald Carrier of the Month for February. Circulation Manager Darrell Wescott announced today.

He is a student at Halldale Elementary School. Hugh enjoys baseball and also is a collector of rare rocks and gem stones.

"Hugh is rapidly learning the value of good service and is steadily building up his customer list," Wescott said in announcing the selection. "We predict he will continue to increase his route earnings."

When young Snudden isn't playing baseball or delivering his Press-Herald route, he practices Spanish.

Beauty Plan For Railway

Efforts to clean up the Santa Fe railway right-of-way along Madrid Avenue in central Torrance moved a step closer to reality last night with the approval of a lease agreement with the railway.

Under terms of the lease arrangement, the city will clean up the area, plant trees and shrubbery, and maintain the right-of-way.

Councilmen unanimously approved the lease agreement and authorized City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to draw up specific plans for the beautification of the right-of-way.

The city has received numerous complaints about the right-of-way from residents in the area.



FOR VIET NAM . . . U.S. servicemen in Viet Nam will receive boxes of soap, tooth brushes, combs, books, and stationery from school children in Torrance. The project is under the direction of the Torrance Junior Women's Club and the Redondo Beach Dianas. Pictured packing boxes for shipment to Viet Nam are, from left, Mrs. William Burchfield, Torrance Junior Women's Club; Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson; Dianas; Mrs. Robert Long, Torrance Junior Women, and Mrs. Paul Mitchell, Dianas. (Press-Herald Photo)

Biting Dog Hunted . . .

A search for a large, lean, German Shepherd-type dog which bit a 3½-year-old Torrance girl has been launched in the Torrance, Shoshone Strip area. Mrs. Alicia Taylor said her daughter, Angela, was bitten Tuesday afternoon by the dog, receiving a severe puncture wound on her right arm and scratches about her chest. The dog was wearing a chain but it could not be determined if it wore tags, she said. Police and human society officers had the auburn-colored animal cornered once but it escaped, she said. Information may be called to Mrs. Taylor at 329-6624.

Torrance Driver Killed . . .

A two-car collision near Klamath Falls, Ore., Monday claimed the life of Richard L. Hough, identified as a 49-year-old Torrance man. Officers investigating the crash said Hough was attempting to turn off U.S. Highway 97 when his car collided with one driven by a Medford, Ore., man.

College Funds Voted . . .

Approval of a bill appropriating an additional \$6 million to purchase the Dominguez Hills site for a four-year state college was passed by the California Assembly Monday without a dissenting vote. Quick passage of the bill in the Senate is expected. The bill for the additional funds was authored by Assemblyman Joseph Kennick (D-14th) of Long Beach.