

# Renewal Area Land Acquisition Near End

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**CITY'S ENTRY** ... A Gay 90s bandshell will be the central part of the city's entry in the 1969 Tournament of Roses Parade, shown here in the first sketches to be released by the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association. Members of Torrance Area Youth Band will present a concert from the

bandshell. Miss Torrance, Darcy Jo Barcraft, and her princess, Etta Cumiford, will ride on the float. The Torrance group is hopeful Sharon Kay Terrill, former Miss Torrance and now Miss California, also will ride the float.

## Plan Delayed for Community Patrol

### Court Cases Filed

Project activities at the Meadow Park Redevelopment Agency are proceeding at a rapid pace, Agency Director Lawrence P. Irwin announced this week.

Only 20 parcels of a total of 204 parcels remain to be acquired. Irwin said the 20 parcels, which belong to 15 property owners, must be obtained through condemnation actions in court. All other parcels were obtained through negotiations.

Irwin also said most of the court action involves disputes about the price of the property. There is roughly a 10 per cent discrepancy between the prices offered by the agency and those asked by the owners.



ERNE WILBANKS Gets Chamber Post

### Chamber Appoints Official

Appointment of Ernest (Ernie) Wilbanks as assistant manager for membership and public relations of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce has been announced by J. Walker Owens, executive vice president.

Wilbanks, Owens said, has broad professional experience in the fields of public relations, administration, management, sales, and personnel relations.

Prior to joining the Torrance Area Chamber, Wilbanks was associated with the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce as a staff assistant for membership and public relations.

A NATIVE of Texas, Wilbanks has lived in Southern California since 1950 and has been employed by Continental Airlines, Osbrink Manufacturing Co. of Los Angeles, California Central Airlines, and Forest Lawn Memorial Park. He also was a (See CHAMBER, Page A-3)

### Police Refuse To Sponsor or Endorse Patrol

Operation of an anti-crime citizens' patrol in the North Torrance area — originally scheduled to begin last night — has been delayed until at least next week, the Press-Herald learned this morning.

Carl Ball, chairman of the project, said a meeting has been scheduled Sunday with members of the patrol to discuss communications requirements and Federal Communications Commission rules.

Ball also said guidelines which the Torrance Police Department has agreed to supply for the patrol have not been received by his group.

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THE AREA involved is bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard, 176th Street, Van Ness Avenue, and 166th Street.

Torrance police, who have opposed the idea of the patrol since it was first announced last Aug. 27, have refused to sponsor or endorse the program. Police

have indicated, however, they will cooperate by providing guidelines for the patrol to follow.

THE GUIDELINES, however, are "for informational purposes only" police spokesmen have said.

Police officials said they fear possible civil liabilities which may be involved and suggested that residents may assist police in more effective ways.

One suggestion has been that foot patrols be used. The current patrol involves a two-man team operating by private automobile.

Hunter and Ball, patrol chairman, said they have come to an understanding with police as a result of several meetings. Foot patrols may be added later, Hunter added.

MEMBERS of the patrol will cruise through the area and report anything which appears suspicious to Torrance police.

In addition to the 50 residents who have signed up to take one turn each month, a number of residents have indicated they will be available as reservists, Hunter reported.

The idea for the patrol originated after residents of the area became concerned about increasing crime—particularly in the number of burglaries, narcotics incidents, car strappings, and child molestations.

### Quarter-Inch of Rain Falls ---

A brief storm which moved through the Torrance area Sunday evening and Monday left .26 inches of rain on the city in the first major rainfall of the season. The rain gave way to clear skies Tuesday as wind gusts up to 23 miles per hour blew through the area. Some minor wind damage was reported throughout the area yesterday and minor flooding — mostly in low-lying intersections — was noted during Monday's storm.

### Mrs. Rafferty to Appear ---

Mrs. Max Rafferty, wife of Republican Senatorial candidate Dr. Max Rafferty, will make her only appearance in this area tomorrow evening at a reception sponsored by the Palos Verdes Republican Club, UROC. The reception is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Western Federal Savings Community Room in the Del Amo Financial Center. The meeting is open to the public and no reservations are required. During the evening, a discussion of Proposition 9, the Watson Amendment, will be held. The speaker will be Clifford Bertrand, a Redondo Beach fire captain and member of the city school board.

### One Hurt in Collision ---

A 54-year-old Torrance man was injured early this morning when he was involved in a three-car collision on Western Avenue at the entrance to the Douglas Aircraft plant. Charles Edward Keeney, 18420 Van Ness Ave., was treated for minor injuries at Harbor General Hospital and released. Police said a car driven by Keeney collided with cars driven by Albert E. Cook, 48, of 21814 Scannel Ave., and James Palmer Mathison, 33, of San Pedro, about 12:35 a.m. Cook and Mathison were not seriously hurt. Officers investigating the crash said the Keeney vehicle, headed north on Western Avenue, apparently ran a red signal, triggering the accident.

## Four Arrested for Attack on Officers

Two Los Angeles policemen were beaten by an angry mob of teenagers Friday night at the McDonald's hamburger stand, 5019 Torrance Blvd., before Torrance police units could come to their assistance.

The altercation, which began when the officers attempted to arrest a youth for disturbing the peace, resulted in the arrest of four Torrance boys.

The problems developed about 11:15 p.m. when the officers observed George T. Hagerman, 18, of 3611 St., challenge other bystanders to a fight. Hagerman also used obscene language in front of women and children at the stand, police said.

The two Los Angeles policemen said they asked

Hagerman to leave five times but he refused and became belligerent. The officers attempted to handcuff him but Hagerman pulled away and struck one of the policemen, they reported.

At this point, the officers said, 30 or 40 teenage boys mobbed them, stating that they wouldn't allow the police to arrest Hagerman.

The officers asked the crowd to disperse and attempted to take Hagerman inside the McDonald's building. Hagerman lurched away, assisted by several of the boys, and was not picked up until 12:20 a.m. Saturday.

IN THE fray that followed both policemen were bruis-

## Teenager Stabbed To Death

A Torrance man stabbed Sunday during a fight in Hermosa Beach was reported in satisfactory condition late last night at Harbor General Hospital.

Richard Safford, 23, of 206½ Torrance Blvd., underwent surgery at the hospital following the incident, which occurred about 9 p.m. Sunday.

A Redondo Beach teenager, Jerome Arthur Marken, 19, died shortly after he was stabbed once near the heart. He was pronounced dead on (See FIGHT, Page A-3)



**CLOWNING COOKS** ... Ralph Marzullo (left), chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA's annual Good Neighbor Breakfast, is looking for a lost pancake after flipping it clear out of the picture. With Marzullo are Marshal Stewart, chairman of the YMCA Board of Managers, and Gary Kuenzli, executive director of the Y. Marzullo has promised there'll be no clowning around when it comes to cooking and serving Saturday morning. The annual breakfast will be under way at 6 a.m. and conclude about 10 a.m. with the presentation of the Good Neighbor Award. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Saturday at YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast Set

Presentation of its 21st annual Good Neighbor Award will be made by the Torrance Family YMCA Saturday morning.

The award ceremonies will highlight the annual Good Neighbor breakfast, scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. at the YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

An estimated 3,000 persons will attend the event, a fund raising breakfast to benefit the Y's youth programs. Pancakes, sausage, milk, chocolate milk, coffee, and orange juice will be served. Tickets will be available at the door.

THE TORRANCE Area Youth Band will provide continuous entertainment beginning about 8:45 a.m. Gary Kuenzli, new executive secretary of the YMCA, will be introduced during the breakfast. Kuenzli suc-

ceeded Joe Wilcox Jr., who became fraternal secretary at the Bangkok, Thailand, YMCA Oct. 1. Kuenzli previously served as secretary at the Pacific Palisades YMCA.

Highlight of the program will be naming of the YMCA Good Neighbor of 1968. The award, a perpetual trophy originally presented to Al (Pop) Turner as the winner of the first Good Neighbor award, will be presented by J. B. Mosley, 1967 winner.

THE TROPHY has been presented annually as a memorial to Turner since his death.

Scott Albright, chairman of the Good Neighbor selection committee, said numerous nominations have been made for the award. The name of the winner is traditionally kept secret until the actual ceremonies begin.