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Final Selection Of Site Studied

Four prospective sites for installation of Nike guided missile launching bases on the Torrance Municipal Airport have been selected by the Army Corps of Engineers in studies of the area over the past two weeks.

The areas have been listed according to desirability and results of the surveys forwarded to a high defense echelon which will make the final site decision, the HERALD learned yesterday.

First choice for the site was a location being proposed for commercial development adjacent to the 35-acre triangle on the east end of the Airport, but a second choice on the southwesterly portion of the airport will be suitable if acceptable to the Defense Department, officials reported.

Such a site would not interfere with the commercial development of portions of the airport and would not hamper growth of the airport facilities, city officials said.

City Manager George Stevens, in commenting on the development, said yesterday that it appeared "very hopeful" that the city would be able to proceed with the development of regional shopping center on the triangle. The area is now under option to Store Properties, Inc., a development agency of Coldwell-Banker Co.

'Just Working,' Safe Cracker Tells Watchman

"You working here?" a private patrolman asked a fellow who was drinking a Coke inside the office of the Pacific Perforating Co., 1024 Engracia Ave., late one night this week.

"Yep, sure am," the man said, before he ran out into another office and jumped out the window.

The patrolman checked and found pry marks on an office safe, and another had been tampered with. Nothing was missing.

Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton said that the "workman" left a coat behind—stolen two days earlier from a Santa Monica doctor's office.

Careening Car Hits Auto, Man, Beach Building

Mrs. Charlotte Benavides was driving along the Esplanade near Paseo de la Playa in southwest Torrance the other night and blooey—everything happened!

1. She plowed into a parked auto.

2. The auto (once parked) jumped the curb and struck a pedestrian.

3. The woman's car then smashed into the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Taken to the hospital were: 1. Mrs. Benavides, of Palos Verdes Estates, and her four children—treated and released.

2. Allen Ferrin, 49, of 14612 Roxton Ave., Gardena, the pediatrician—treated by a private physician for a hair loss.

Then investigating police officers ran into a problem:

1. After Torrance officers summoned the ambulance, they discovered the auto had hit the beach club a few feet inside the Redondo Beach barrier line.

2. After Redondo officers arrived, they saw the need for a fire engine to wash down spilled gasoline. All of their fire trucks were tied up on a fire. They called for Torrance fire trucks.

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Chaced said the action was taken by the Board of Supervisors "to make more of this beach available to the general public." He pointed out that the county has been carrying on a continuing program that it will eventually acquire all of the privately-owned beach parcels in the Torrance county beach area.

An appropriation of \$10,000 was authorized for acquisition of the property purchased Tuesday.

Car Crashes Pole, Causes Blackout

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City Opens Hearings on Annexation

Herald Prints Workers' List

Appearing today for the first time are the names of The Torrance HERALD subscription campaign workers. The ladies and gentlemen, whose names follow have accepted the campaign as a means of earning a new 1955 automobile or spare time money. This newspaper sincerely

County to Keep Afternoon Hours For Incinerators

Late afternoon burning hours for backyard incinerators in the unincorporated areas of County of Los Angeles will be retained, according to action taken Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board indicated that following reports of the Air Pollution Control District the present burning hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. will continue to prevail in the unincorporated areas of the County, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Board members at Tuesday's meeting said they felt the late afternoon burning hours, started last November, definitely pointed up the fact that the backyard incinerators are contributors to air pollution.

Chace and other Board members said they felt that retention of late afternoon hours would contribute materially to rapid dissipation of backyard incinerator fumes and material, by lessening their contribution to air pollution particularly in the coming Spring and Summer months.

Morning burning hours are still in effect within the Torrance city limits.

Four Hurt as 3-Cars Crash

Four persons were injured in a spectacular three-car crash at Lomita Blvd. and Western Ave., Monday.

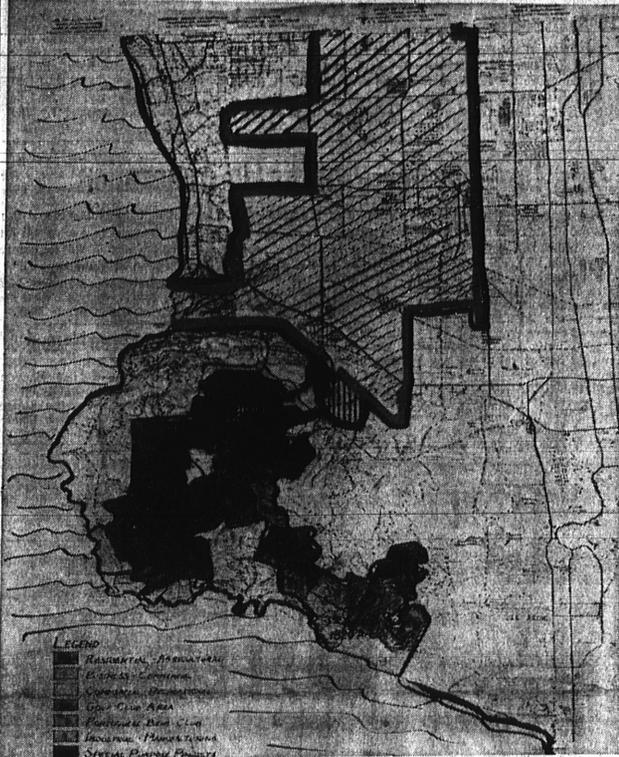
Most seriously injured was Mrs. Lila Kilma, 52, of Hermosa Beach. She suffered broken ribs. Others taken to Wilmington Emergency Hospital were Lois Parrish, 31, of 1658A W. Carson St.; Donna Cedarhold, 17, of 2201 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.; and Agnes Lillegren, 39, of Manhattan Beach.

Drivers were Fred Volgt, 21, of 1655 W. 166th St.; Arthur Lillegren, 39, of Manhattan Beach; and Henry Keehn, 44, of 1636 W. 204th St.

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A FUTURE CITY? . . . This map shows the areas to be included in the annexation proposal now before the Planning Commission. The lower portion of the map shows the jagged boundaries which would take in the nearly 10 square miles of Palos Verdes area.

Meeting to Look At Parking Set

A meeting of merchants and property owners in the downtown area has been called for 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Chamber of Commerce building to discuss formation of an assessment district in the area to purchase off-street parking sites, it was announced yesterday by C. T. Rippey, chairman of the committee studying the problem.

"We have already determined that the assessed valuation of the land in the downtown area exceeds \$900,000," Rippey told the HERALD. He said an assessment district could float bonds up to 35 per cent of the valuation. Rippey said, in this case, could provide approximately \$300,000 for purchasing parking sites.

To Study Lots
The committee has not determined which lots it will recommend to the Council for acquisition, Rippey said. He said that estimates on the valuation of a number of lots had been obtained by his committee and that a study of these lots would be made at the meeting tomorrow.

"We will also have to acquire off-street parking lots in the fringe area for employees of downtown businesses," Rippey said. The downtown assessment area will include all of the central shopping district between Carson St. and Torrance Blvd. Torrance Blvd., however, will not be included, he reported.

A report of the committee's recommendations is to be presented to the City Council next Tuesday.

Dr. Smith to Show Mexico Color Slides

Dr. Rollin Smith, member of the Torrance Board of Education, will show color slides on Mexico at the Adult Recreation Center behind the Torrance Library tomorrow evening at 7:30. The slides were made by Dr. Smith on a recent trip through Mexico.

Anyone is welcome to attend tomorrow's showing, members of the Adult Center staff have announced.

Two More Hearings Scheduled

First of three scheduled public hearings on the proposal to annex nearly 10 square miles of Palos Verdes hills to Torrance was slated to open before the Planning Commission here last evening at the HERALD's press time.

At last evening's hearings, according to an agenda prepared for the special session of the planners, Commission Secretary George Powell was scheduled to present a map of the area (shown at left) and President Beverly Smith was to set the procedure for the hearings.

Up to closing time for the HERALD last evening, Secretary Powell indicated that he had little response to requests for organizations to let him know if they wish to be heard at the meeting.

Proposed by owners of the 6800 square acres of hill area is the annexation of the whole undeveloped area to Torrance.

A formal presentation of the plan was made to the City Council some weeks ago by Ivan O. Hanson, general manager of the Rancho Palos Verdes.

Initial opposition to the annexation proposal which was voiced by various groups throughout the city, has quieted down recently, observers agree.

Outcome of last night's hearing will be reported in Monday's Torrance HERALD.

Ten-Year Old Wins Ribbon At Springs

Ten-year old Vickie Stevens, riding her Palomino Arabian mare, Little Princess, won first place in the Arabian horse class division at Palm Springs, last week-end.

Vickie rode in the annual Palm Springs rodeo-parade, sponsored by the Palm Springs Mounted Police Group. She was the youngest entry in the class.

Wearing a costume made by her mother, Vickie was given rounds of applause by the viewers, it was indicated.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens, of 22221 Moneta Ave. She is a fifth grade student at Carson St. School.

Woman Reports Bogus Cleaning Tickets Sold

A man has been selling counterfeit coupon books for the Quality Cleaners, 23642 S. Main St., Mrs. Lillian Orasco, of 429 W. 233rd St., told sheriff's deputies Monday.

Mrs. Orasco said that for \$1 the man sold her coupons which he said were worth \$7 in cleaning. The firm told her that about 700 of these books had been sold in the neighborhood without their knowledge.



EXPANSION PROGRAM . . . Building construction for the expansion of Harvey Aluminum's Torrance plant is about half completed, according to Homer H. Harvey, vice-president. Huge extrusion and forging presses, operated in conjunction with the Air Force heavy press program, plus more foundry mill, and research and development equipment will be located in the new buildings. Officials hope to have the facilities ready by July.

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