

# City Gets Huge Storm Drain Plan

Proposals for a \$7,500,000 storm drain program which would solve the city's flooding problem through 13 major drain projects including the dumping of Waleria Lake water into the ocean through a giant tunnel, has been received by members of the City Council.

Prepared by John Patrick, assistant to the City Engineer, the plan would provide drainage to all of the remaining low areas of the city, and is designed to tie in to the major drain projects now being constructed through County bond issue monies.

The storm drain project is vital to the city as a whole, Patrick told Councilmen when submitting the proposal.

**Vitality Needed**

"Draining low areas will permit their development as residential, commercial, or industrial properties, and by increasing the valuation of these areas, or industrial properties, and by increasing the valuation of these areas, a greater share of property tax may be realized which, in turn, will benefit other areas," he said.

Largest project (listed as No. 7) would be the tunneling out of the Waleria Lake area to dump water into the ocean near the foot of Ave. I in Redondo Beach. Cost of this project is estimated by Patrick at \$4,393,335.

Other projects outlined by the engineer include:

No. 1—A drain from Torrance Blvd. along Post Ave. to Arlington, on Arlington to El Prado. It will carry water into the huge storm drain now being laid in Border and Torrance Blvd.

No. 2—A drain along 1771st St. from Glenburn to Yukon, in Yukon from 171st St. to 172nd St., thence to Almsworth, then south to 1776th St. and west to Prairie.

**Close Sumps**

No. 3—A drain in Eldorado from Maple to Elm with laterals draining low areas south of Eldorado at Greenwood, Fern, and Elm.

No. 4—A drain starting at Crenshaw and Dominguez, south to Maricopa, west to Maple, south to Sonoma, and into areas now served by two sumps, which would be eliminated.

No. 5—A drain east on 190th from Crenshaw, south on Arlington, and east on Del Amo for 700 feet.

No. 6—A drain from Madrid to Engracia on Torrance Blvd.

No. 7—A drain beginning at Sepulveda and Ocean, going south to approximately 232nd St., west to Calle Mayor, south to Pacific Coast Hwy., then through highway easements in a tunnel to the ocean. Would drain Allied Gardens sump, Paseo de Gracia, and others.

No. 8—A drain along Rolling Hills Road from Crenshaw Blvd. to Pacific Coast Hwy. Would eliminate open drainage ditch.

**South Area**

No. 9—A drain from Pennsylvania and 236th St. east to Walnut, then south, to join Lomita Ave. drain, now installed.

No. 10—A drain along Crenshaw Blvd. from Dominguez Channel to Redondo Beach Blvd.

No. 11—A drain from Prairie and 182nd St. east to Glenburn, then north, tying into Glenburn Ave. drain recently installed.

No. 12—A drain along Elgar Ave. from 169th St. to Crenshaw, then into Dominguez Channel. Would drain areas flooded earlier this year.

No. 13—Would replace present open Madison Ave. drain from a point on the hill south of Newton St. to Pacific Coast Hwy.

Councilman Robert Jahn suggested that the project be delayed at least 30 days so it could be tied in with the master plan being designed for Torrance Municipal Airport.

**Bond Needed**

Financing of the project would have to be by a bond issue, it was indicated at the Council meeting.

Patrick emphasized that the estimates he presented included no costs for right-of-way acquisition should that be necessary. Most of the drains could be put in city streets, however, not requiring the purchase of easements.

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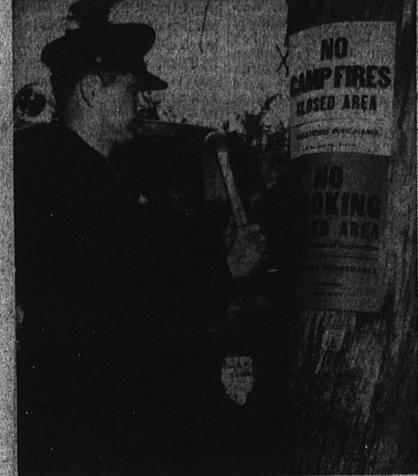
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(Herald Photo)  
**SIGNS UP** . . . County fireman John Hunter of Patrol 58 tacks up warning signs in brushy area of nearby Palos Verdes Hills. The firefighters are warning motorists and horseback riders that the area is especially dangerous this year, what with a bumper crop of brush and grass now turning dry.

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## Community Fair Underway Here

Torrance's third annual Community Fair opened last night and will run through Sunday at the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave. The five-day event, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with eight other civic organizations, is designed for community participation. It offers entertainment for young and old. The new Armory building will house the exhibit booths presented by merchants, businesses and industries in the Torrance area.

Admission will be free to fair-goers.

First event of the Fair was the selection last night of "Miss Torrance Community Fair." She will reign over the remaining days of the event.

Saturday has been set aside as a special day for the youngsters. Starting at noon, 800 free ride tickets will be given away to children under 12.

Local organizations with concession booths at the Fair include Junior Women's Club, North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., Police Car Club Assn., Civitan Club, Fire Ladies, Jaycees, Women of the Moose and the NCO Club of the Torrance National Guard.

A 1956 model car will be awarded at 9 p.m. Sunday at the Armory in closing the Fair. Tickets for the car may be purchased from any member of a participating organization or at the Fair.

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## 'On 'Til Dawn' Cry Of Graduates

Following tonight's graduation exercises, Torrance High and North High Seniors will hold a joint all-night party at the Deauville Club in Santa Monica. Swimming, dancing, games and refreshments are on tap for the graduates. Ray Noval and his orchestra will play for the occasion. The band will start its downbeat at 10 p.m.

Nearly 500 students and their guests are expected to take part in the annual affair. Sponsored by the PTA groups of both schools, the affair is under the supervision of Co-Chairmen Mrs. George Bradford, THS PTA, and Mrs. A. B. Cowie, North High PTA.

**Sixth Annual**

This is the sixth year the all-night shindig will be held for Torrance High students. The affair previously was staged in conjunction with other high schools, but since the opening of North High last fall, the two local schools will be the only schools at the party.

A buffet dinner will be served at midnight. All students and guests must be at the fete prior to the midnight deadline. A 4:30 a.m. breakfast is planned for the seniors.

In addition to dancing, games and swimming, a full-length movie will be screened also at the party. A student variety show and community singing also are on the agenda.

Funds for the annual all-night get together were obtained from the Lions Club, Junior Chamber, Business and Professional Women's Club, Torrance Women's Club, Rotary Club, Royal Neighbors, Pilot Club, Soroptimist Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition, a number of PTA groups in the area contributed to the party fund.

## Suspects Face Burglary Trial In Long Beach

Two aircraft workers who were caught the night of June 1 inside the Torrance Medical Group Building, at 2411 Torrance Blvd., have been held to answer on charges of burglary, police said yesterday.

Facing trial June 22 in Long Beach Superior Court are Frank J. Sandrens, 37, of 17823 Glenburn Ave., and Richard V. Carpenter, 19, of 1310 W. 221st St. Each has been charged with a single count of burglary.

Sgt. Robert Wright and officer Jim Kirby arrested the two after the officers said they drove by the medical office and saw the suspects' car in the driveway. Detectives said a number of tools were found in the car and in the suspects' possession at the time of arrest.

Authorities later found about \$600 in silverware in Carpenter's car, they said. He reportedly told detectives that the silverware was part of loot taken in a recent burglary of a Pacific Palisades home.

Both men are free on \$1500 bail.

## Override Tax Looms On School Building

Possibility of taxpayers facing an override tax as an outgrowth of the proposed state loan for school construction by the Torrance Unified School District was revealed this week by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Speaking at the final meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the YWCA, Hull said the proposal to obtain state aid will not adequately supply all needed school facilities. Voters will be asked to approve the state loan in November.

Hull said the state loan bid, if approved, provides for "shell" construction of schools. That is, only needed buildings and such basic classroom facilities as desks and chairs would be included in the bid if the voters okay it.

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That would leave no provision for such facilities as principal's office furnishings, first aid and nurses' room facilities, he stated. Hull emphasized that added facilities are needed to supplement shell construction as allowed by the state. Additional hikes in teachers' pay plus the need for more classroom facilities brought on the tax possibility, he concluded.

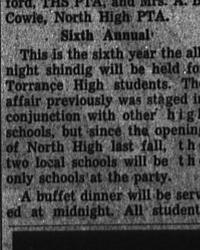
Hull appealed to TEAC members to come up with suggestions that might void the possibility of taxation.

## County Hit By Theft Of Tools in PV Area

More than \$200 in tools were taken Friday night by thieves from a County Road Dept. project on Crenshaw Blvd. near Palos Verdes Dr. in the Palos Verdes area.

Sheriff's deputies said a file, a fire extinguisher, sledge hammer, tool box, screwdriver and a grease gun, totalling \$218, were taken. The tools were lifted from a large tool box.

## CHOPPER PILOT . . . Lt. Cdr. George H. Doolittle, son of Mrs. Florence C. Doolittle, of 1824 261st St., Lomita, recently completed helicopter flight training for the Navy at Pensacola, Fla.



## YMCA AWARD WINNERS . . . Winners of the Torrance YMCA's Outstanding Leader awards at the 10th annual organization banquet Monday night are shown here. Left to right are Sam Van Wagner, Eddie Raphael, Bill Herrmann, Jack Dreglio, Bud Ingersoll, and Dick Brown. Brown received a special plaque for his work in carrying on a full YMCA program while the staff was curtailed.



## Saturday Date For Elks' Hawaiian Luau

Saturday night the Elks Hall takes on the appearance of Hawaii as members and guests don south sea garb for a Hawaiian Luau dance.

Admission is either by the proceeds of Elks member's piggy banks and \$1, or \$2.50 per couple without the piggy bank funds. According to Ralph Jakubowski all proceeds from the piggy banks go to the cerebral palsy drive, a major Elks project.



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**BEAUTY CONTEST OPENS** . . . The annual "Miss Torrance" contest, designed to select the most beautiful girl in Torrance, has opened. It was announced yesterday by James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band. Here Yolanda Goldsmith, "Miss Torrance of 1955," spells out the contest date in flowers.

## Sniff, Sniff—Fair Scented Ad on Page 33

That fair smell HERALD readers find on page 33 of today's edition is a special perfumed ad, done up in Cashmere Bouquet scent as part of the first anniversary promotion of Toshi's Market. Toshi's at 23747 Arlington Ave., is celebrating its first year of operation, today through Sunday. A special anniversary cake will be sliced for customers and candy will be given to the small fry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.