

## Board Issues First Park Site Report After Study

### Group Changes Several Sites

After a personal survey of the sites proposed for parks in the Gold Recreation Report, the Torrance Recreation Commission Wednesday night discussed the proposed sites and made recommendations for some of the areas.

The sites proposed in the Gold Report were whittled somewhat by the commissioners, and recommendations for the location of the major north Torrance Park from 182nd and Yukon to either 182nd or 190th and Arlington were made. Commissioners indicated that changes had been made in some sites to allow for cheaper land values and local conditions.

By areas, the commission took the following actions:

Area 1 (northwest of 174th and Crenshaw) — Recommended a site just south of Evelyn Carr School as a neighborhood park.

Area 2 (northeast of 174th and Crenshaw) — Agreed to study the matter further.

Area 3 (west of Prairie Ave., between 174th and 190th) — Recommendation held over until next meeting.

Area 4 (bordered by 174th, 190th, Crenshaw, and Prairie) — No recommendation, except removal of the major park development from 182nd and Yukon.

Area 5 (bordered by 174th, 190th, Crenshaw, and Western) — Recommendations for appraisal of property at both 182nd and 190th and Arlington St. for possible use as a major park.

Area 6 (bordered by 190th, Hawthorne, Del Amo, and the western city limits) — Development of La Romeria Park recommended, but no action taken on a 27-acre sump in the area. There is some doubt about who owns the sump and commissioners felt it would be too expensive to buy.

Area 7 (General Petroleum property) — No recommendations.

Area 8 (Victor Tract) — Action postponed, pending final determination on development of proposed County Sports Center.

Area 9 (bordered by Torrance Blvd., Madrona, Hawthorne, and Del Amo) — No recommendation.

Area 10 (bordered by Torrance Blvd., Madrona, Crenshaw, and Del Amo) — Recommended appraisal of 22 acres north of the Civic Center for use as a park and cultural center, although nothing can be done about it at present.

Area 11 (Pueblo area) — No recommendations.

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### Meeting Scheduled

A meeting between city and county officials has been scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Palms tomorrow to discuss proposals for a huge county park in west Torrance. In addition to Torrance city officials, mayors and other top officials have been invited from South Bay cities.

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LAW ENFORCERS . . . Torrance Elks Club Lodge 1948 was host Wednesday to a group of city and county law enforcement officers. Shown here are (from left) Robert Ware, United States marshal; Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz; Ralph Jakubowski, exalted ruler of the lodge; and Acting Chief of Police Percy Bennett of Torrance (standing). Other guests were Peter J. Pitchess, Undersheriff; Judge Bernard Lawler, and Torrance police officers. Speeches were made by Chief Bennett, Sheriff Biscailuz and Marshall Ware. Chairman of the evening was Lee Lease, assistant esquire of the lodge.

### Planners Okay Garage Change After Debate

After a lengthy hearing in which one commissioner walked out and another delivered a speech on patriotism, the Torrance Planning Commission voted to recommend that Wayne L. Nelson be allowed to turn some garages around on apartments he is building at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Ainsworth Ave.

Commissioner John Mulvihill walked out of the meeting and refused to vote on a variance to allow Nelson to change the location of the garages for the 88 apartment units. The recommendation was unanimously made by the other seven commissioners.

Since the apartments have to be set back to conform with St. Catherine Labourer Church's setback, Nelson told the Planners that there was not enough room for cars to turn around under the original plan.

Residents Turn Out  
Residents of the area surrounding the apartments turned out en masse to hear the issue debated. They had protested vigorously when the Planners originally recommended that the apartments be built. One resident indicated that the garage change would be satisfactory, but said neighbors don't want the apartments at all.

Commissioner Kenneth Uyeda praised the spirit of cooperation that had built up.

Firemen Quell Small Blaze in Own Back Yard  
Torrance firemen were called out to quell a blaze in their own back yard at 6 a.m. Friday morning.

A gas pump and hose were involved in a small blaze which damaged both considerably. The blaze was quickly quelled, but the cause of the fire is undetermined.

America and urged acceptance of this plan. He said they would increase the value of surrounding property.

In other action, the Planners heard further testimony on the rezoning of El Nido and Set June 19 as the date for a final recommendation on the matter. The city engineer recommended that 182nd St. be kept at its present width through the area, although it may need widening later.

Parking Zone Okay  
A change to parking zoning on property behind the old city hall was recommended if setbacks are maintained in accordance with the building.

There are no entrances or exits on El Prado, and the next-door neighbor is allowed to build a seven-foot wall along his property.

The request of Miguel and Clara Yniguez for a variance to operate a liquor store and delicatessen at 18107 Crenshaw Blvd., was held over to iron out the parking problem. No protests were received and the Yniguezes indicated they plan to build a parking lot to the south.

The request of Henry S. Dudley, 2366 W. 231st St., for a variance to build a three-family unit on agricultural property, was recommended for denial. Letters of protest were received from Perry L. Connell and Stella Howard. Commissioners indicated there was not enough room for such a unit on the property.

Committee Named  
A new medical building at 4000 W. 226th St., proposed by Max E. and Frances Weber, Palos Verdes, will be studied by a Planning Commission committee.

Planners discussed some of the problems involved in the proposed extension of Prairie Ave. from 190th St. to Torrance Blvd. It was pointed out

that General Petroleum, through whose property the extension would pass, would need overpasses and require the moving of some buildings.

Cost was estimated at more than \$500,000.

A committee was appointed to study a possible change of zone on the Del Amo Industrial Center, Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave. A variance recently was granted for the Coleman Engineering Co., and it has been indicated that more firms might be interested in locating there.

Hearings Set  
July 3 hearings dates were set on proposed ordinances on waivers and on fences, walls, and hedges. Further consultation with the council will be needed before an ordinance on building site areas.

A June 19 hearing date was set on the controversy over that will be built on Torrance beach property. City Councilmen, angered by what they believe will be a "motel" development instead of the resort hotel they expected, have ordered proceedings to rezone the area back to residential property.

License Approved  
Ray G. Schumacher's request for a business license for a motorcycle sales and repair shop at 1313 Arlington Ave. was recommended on a trial basis until Jan. 1. If there were no complaints about noise or hazard at that time, Planners indicated they would look favorably on an extension.

Also recommended for approval were the requests for licenses of Charles Helton III, Photos, 2803 W. 175th St., and Mary Smith for a child care license at 5509 Towers St.

No action was taken on the request of Gene's Screen Service for a license to install and sell screens at 4927 Cadison St.

### Man Dies In Crash Near Port

#### Skidding Rig Slams Into Victim's Truck

A Torrance driver, 50-year-old Dario Duran, was dead on arrival at Wilmington Receiving Hospital, Friday afternoon, after a panel truck he was driving was crushed by a skidding flat-bed semi-trailer rig in Wilmington.

Duran, who lived at 2127 W. Del Amo, was employed by Crosby and Overton Ship Maintenance Co. of Long Beach, and was rated by the company as one of its best drivers.

He was traveling south on Wilmington-San Pedro Rd. when the accident occurred. Police said James H. Gibson, 32, of Long Beach, skidded on freshly washed pavement and into the path of the Duran vehicle. Duran was thrown onto the street by the impact, suffering a skull fracture.

Rosary will be recited tonight at the Stone & Myers Mortuary chapel at 8:30 and funeral mass will be celebrated tomorrow morning at 9 at the Catholic Church of the Nativity. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

### Two Cars in Collision; One Injured

Two cars collided Friday noon at the intersection of Madrona Ave. and Carson St., injuring one person.

Charlotte Edith Lynch, 51, of 1604 Juniper Ave., was the driver of one vehicle, according to Torrance police.

The second car involved in the crash, was driven by Frank Kerbrat, 78, of Culver City, officers said. Kerbrat's car skidded and knocked down a four-foot sign next to the highway.

Mrs. Lynch's daughter received minor injuries in the accident and was taken to a doctor by her mother.

### Pair Get \$55 From Pool Hall Register

Two men apparently took \$55 from a cash register at Beltrons Pool Hall, 2160 Lomita Blvd., after sending him to a rest room on a phony errand, William E. Gibbs, manager, told sheriff's deputies Thursday.

Gibbs said the men apparently had stopped up a toilet with toilet paper and then told him about it. When Gibbs went to investigate, the men made off with the money, he reported.

### It's Coming!

... Your Chance to Have a Holiday in Hawaii

It's All Free! There's nothing to buy. Holiday worth \$500 is for two and the DOWNTOWN RETAIL MERCHANTS DIVISION, Torrance Chamber of Commerce is going to pay the lucky couple's way.

WATCH THE HERALD Thursday for Full Details



TARTAR ROYALTY . . . Tartar Knight John Emory and Tart Lady Lorna Hall were crowned as a highlight to the Torrance High School Prom Friday night. The two popular students and their courts reigned over traditional prom activities as the students made their way into the final week of school.

### COUNCIL READY TO ASK OTHERS TO HOLD TAXES

Resolutions asking the board of supervisors and the Torrance Unified School District to "refrain from increasing taxes" will be presented to the city council here Tuesday night for consideration along with one asking the county to discontinue its "Lakewood Plan" of supplying city services on contract basis.

The "hold the tax line" resolutions were suggested by Mayor Isen, while Bob Jahn wants the county to quit furnishing services to small incorporated cities on a contract basis.

Jahn maintains that taxpayers in Torrance help smaller cities foot their administration bills by subsidizing the county's "below cost" contracts.

In other matters to come before the council Tuesday, bids for motor vehicles, and annual supplies of motor fuel, asphalt, and crushed rock will be opened.

In a pre-council meeting, discussions beginning at 7:30 p.m. are scheduled on the airport triangle lease and property north of the civic center presently under condemnation by the city.

Sanders was taken to South Bay Emergency Center where stitches were taken in his nose.

### Doped Driver Charge Set

Complaints charging possession of narcotics and driving under the influence of narcotics will be sought against Neil Brian Schurman, 21, 2028 W. 262nd St., tomorrow, according to the sheriff's narcotics detail.

Schurman and a 17-year-old companion were found passed out on a lawn at 25036 Woodward Ave., Lomita, late Thursday after a car driven by Schurman had sidwheeped a car on the street. Schurman was found in the driveway

### Postmen Pledge Aid in Blood Collection Job

Postal employees of Torrance, led by Carrier President Earle Sumpter, will assist local volunteers in making the Monday visit of the Bloodmobile here 100 per cent successful, Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the local branch of the American Red Cross, said yesterday.

Mrs. Jones reminded Torrance and nearby donors that the Bloodmobile would be at the Civic Auditorium from 2 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

"We hope to put the city over the top with at least 250 pints of blood," she said.

"If you are between 21 and 60, and weigh at least 110 lbs., come in and donate for your protection," the chairman urged.

### Town Meeting Delegates, Speaker Hit Complacency

"Let's don't be complacent," Dan Pursuit of the University of Southern California School of Delinquency Control, told 161 local citizens at a town meeting on community problems held at Torrance Elementary School Wednesday night.

The citizens who assembled at the meeting, sponsored by the Torrance Coordinating Council, agreed with him, citing public apathy and lack of parental responsibility in controlling children as two of the biggest problems which face the city.

In his talk, Pursuit declared that maximum cooperation from all citizens is necessary to help Torrance grow to its fullest and urged that leaders work to overcome apathy among citizens.

Problems Discussed  
Breaking up in five sections for fuller discussion of the city's problems and what might be done about them, the leaders of various organizations

considered the following questions:

1. What can be done in the field of mental health? How can parents be made to realize the responsibility they have in helping their children grow up to be good citizens?

2. What can be done about public apathy toward city government?

3. What can be done to improve the city's recreation facilities and make the available programs more widely known? Does the city need special facilities for teen-age recreation? Does the city need more swimming pools?

More Police  
4. How can the city obtain a large police force and more patrol cars?

5. What can be done about the oil wells and sumps which offer attractive hazards and often are not adequately protected?

6. Could overhead crossings be placed at school crossings on busy intersections?

7. Should high school stu-

dents be invited to take a larger part in community affairs?

8. Is school discipline adequate?

9. Does the city need a detailed master plan?

10. How can the city obtain more cultural facilities?

Study Sought  
Dick Fitzgerald, president of the Coordinating Council, said that the meeting was not designed to solve these problems at once, but sought to bring them out in the open for discussion of possible solutions. The next town meeting will be held this fall, on Sept. 16.

The five discussion sections at the meeting each elected a member to serve on the executive committee of the Coordinating Council, along with the other officers. Elected were Neil Campbell, health and safety; Mrs. Naomi McVey, education; Frank Dussell, civic improvements; Edith Simplair, recreation and cultural activities; and Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, youth and community affairs.