

# Herald Weekender

Containing Stories from Sunday's Herald

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## Board Outlines Park Proposals

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.

### Local Driver Killed

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.

### Crash Injures One

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

### Cash Register Tapped

Two men apparently took \$55 from a cash register at Behrens 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.

### Panners Have Tiff

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.

### Hit-Run Victim

Victim of a hit-and-run accident, Marvin Lee Sanders, 32, of 21413 Verdes Blvd., today is recovering from a nose injury.

Sanders told Redondo Beach police he was hit by another auto, forcing his car out of control Friday morning.

### Held for Narcotics

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.

### Town Hall Meeting

"Let's don't be placent," 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.

### Concert Scheduled

For the fifth consecutive year Los Cancioneros choral group will round out its annual spring concert with an original musical production.

The concert will be given June 21 and 22, 8:30 p.m. at the Redondo Union High School Auditorium.

### Ryan to Start Soon

Production on the Firebee jet target missiles is expected to be under way at the new Ryan Aeronautical plant here by July 1, the firm announced yesterday.

### Warriors Elect Slate

A group of Torrance residents have been elected to

assist David Kalemkarian who was recently named president of the Associated Students at El Camino College.

### Testimonial Stated

The Hon. Dr. Avraham Biran, consul general of Israel for the Western United States, will be a guest at the dinner sponsored by the Development Corporation for Israel.

Gerald L. Revell and his associates will be honored at a testimonial dinner for distinguished service to the State of Israel June 20 at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

### New Tracts Approved

The Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday indicated approval of two tentative tracts and recommended a third tract for approval.

### Incorporation Plans

Residents of the proposed City of Rolling Hills Estates have until Tuesday to submit written statements requesting to be left in or excluded from the incorporation drive.

### Cafe Owner Bilked

A search is on today for a man who posed as a sheriff's deputy and took \$40 from a cafe owner by promising to get him a driver's license without a test.

### New Coaches Named

Four coaches from the South Bay area will make up the nucleus of the athletic department at Aviation High School when it opens its doors in September.

## FCC Postpones Torrance Radio Station Hearing

A decision on a Torrance radio station has been postponed, probably until fall, by the Federal Communications Commission.

H. Gifford Irion, FCC hearing examiner, was scheduled to take testimony Monday, but he indicated that it probably would be at least September before the case could be heard.

The station, which would be called KTOR, is proposed by Charles Bramblett, owner of a San Bernardino station. Bramblett and three other groups are seeking the same frequency on the dial — 1190 — which is reportedly the last free spot left for Southern California radio stations, and the FCC will have to decide among them.

According to plans, a transmitter would be built east of town with the station in Torrance itself. The station would serve Torrance and the South Bay area.

The Chamber of Commerce has officially backed Bramblett's request for the station.

## Adult Driver Classes Set

The Centinela Valley Adult Education Division will offer Driver Training classes to adults during the summer session which begins July 1. Both day and evening classes will be held at Hawthorne High School, 4859 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne in Building 8—Room 1.

There will be no preregistration. The day class will be held Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon for the lectures. The evening class will be Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. for the lectures.

Persons wishing to enroll in either the day or evening class should register with the teacher at the scheduled time. It costs \$5 for a four-week period.



INTERNATIONAL HONORS . . . The State of Israel will honor the executives of Cal-Metal, Torrance industrial firm, for distinguished service at a testimonial dinner on Thursday, June 20, at The Plush Horse Restaurant. Discussing arrangements for the affair are, left to right, Charles A. Babbitt, Cal-Metal; Lawrence A. Harvey, Harvey Aluminum, dinner chairman; A. Hausman, Israeli industrialist, and Gerald L. Revell, Cal-Metal.

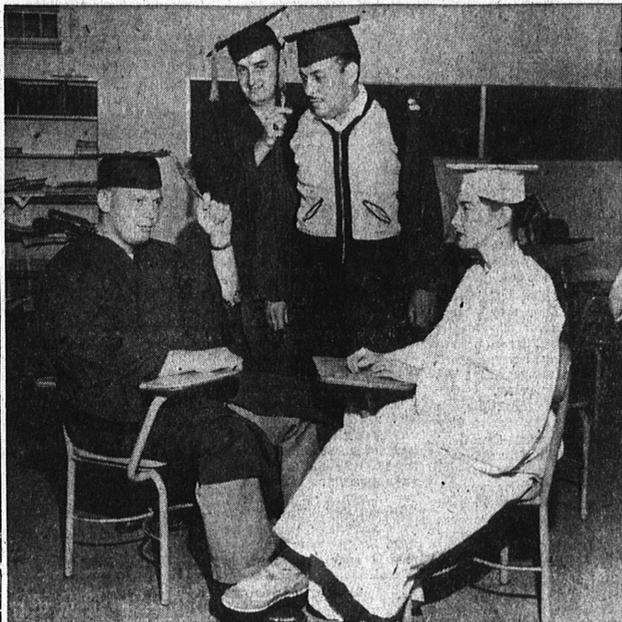
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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1957

Twenty-one



ADULT GRADUATES . . . Eighty-six adults will be among the graduates of Torrance schools tonight. Most of the adults are completing the high school work they left in their teens. Trying on their caps and gowns for the happy, if belated, occasion are John Steenhoven, C. J. Fisher, Ray Tirado, and Mary Jane Parker.

## 86 Adult Graduates Will Receive Diplomas Tonight

Tonight will mark a milestone in the lives of a group of slightly older, but no less excited, group of high school students—86 residents who will get their diplomas from Torrance Evening High School.

The average member of the graduating class is 30 years old, married, has two children, and is employed by a nearby industrial firm. Most of the men quit school to enter the service, while the women left to get married.

Fifty-nine veterans are among adult graduates who will take part in graduation exercises with the rest of Torrance high school graduates in ceremonies tonight.

Husband-Wife Team Two husband and wife teams are included among the graduates—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Maple. The list also includes several students who have taken classes while their spouses, who got adult diplomas earlier, acted as babysitters.

Many of them plan to go on to college, despite their later start.

"I have found it relaxing and comparatively more interesting more exciting, and easier to comprehend than ever before," said Cleo A. Hall, 39. "This is only the beginning."

Many of them feel they need diplomas to advance in their jobs.

"I think industry in general likes to see workers take added schooling. I think there are many advantages in taking more schooling," declared 45-year-old H. C. Jenewein, who left high school because "I guess I thought I was too smart."

"I'm sorry I lost so much time in trying to get back to

accomplish what I should have done 20 years ago," said Frank DeMello, 39. "I just feel a very important point in my life has been reached and that it is a step nearer to a higher education that I've always wanted."

Other students have a variety of other reasons. One woman said she wanted to get her high school diploma before her children did. Another man indicated that he thought he ought to furnish a good example for his son, so that he will go to college.

Students and teachers agree that students learn more because they want to learn and can see the reasons for their studies.

Miss Cathryn Chisholm, English teacher in both regular and adult high schools, noted considerable difference in the attitudes of students in her two types of classes.

"I have had students come back in night classes after I formerly had them in the day time. There is usually considerable differences in their attitudes."

Surprisingly enough, adult students are eager to take tests, because the exams measure how well the student is learning, according to Victor Kilburn, adult school principal. Students ask for tests more often than some teachers give them.

Since World War II, there has been a considerable upsurge in the number of students in adult schools working for high school diplomas which they failed to get earlier.

For veterans, passage of a special General Educational Development test and a course in history in government is all

that is needed to get a diploma. Non-veterans must accumulate 150 credits, including English, history and government, and math to electives to get their diplomas.

Starting this fall, however, it will be easier for non-veterans to get diplomas if they can pass a General Educational Development test. Then, they will need only 50 additional credits to win their sheepskins.

The 86 students who will graduate from adult school tonight include:

- Helen M. Atkinson, John R. Atkinson,
- Wayne N. Baldwin, Roy Edwin Bartlett, Robert J. Bastedo, Kenneth Ray Belles, Mary Doddie Boulding, Kenneth M. Brown, John L. Bullock,
- Ralph Eugene Carpenter, Joe Castorena, Virginia Lee Chamber, Joyce Elaine Chapdelaine, George F. Cope, Betty Jean Cunningham,
- Frank De Mello, Alvin Russell DeVore, Gary Paul Dee, Jack Joe Deligne, Anthony J. Delibanski, C. J. Fisher, Lehman R. Fleming,
- Maurice M. Giglio, William David Gilbert, William C. Gilmore, Billy Don Gilson,
- Beverly K. Hale, Cleo A. Hall, John Gust Hanson, Robert Felix Harburt, Ermelinda Herrera,
- Horace C. Jenewein, Harry W. T. Johns,
- Charles A. Kreser,
- Angelo Licavoli, Ernest Myron Lind,
- Arthur A. McDonald, Benjamin Alfred Magante, John Scott Maple, Lovona M. Maple, Richard Dean Marsh, Janice Baker Monroe, Robert F. Myrick,
- Sherman William Nawlin,
- William H. Ott, Froomie Amelia Owen,
- Donald E. Palk, Mary Jane Parker, Leonard W. Peterson, Dorothy Pillsbury, Wilbur F. Pizat, Wilma Sue Pizat, Edgar F. Polston,
- Anthony Queros,
- Clyde Franklin Rankin, Gordon Dale Reese, John Jacob Reed, Jr., William Reese, John I. Robinson, John Roccaforte, Nadine Mae Rousseau, Westley Gene Rutan,
- Henry Lawrence Sanno, Ambrose P. Schneider, A. J. Schmidt, Robert A. Schraffen, Marshall James Scott, Robert D. Scanton, Thomas B. Sheehy, John C. Sheehoven, Orval W. Sheehoven, Boyd M. Strohbridge, James D. Sullivan,
- Rinaldo Tirado, Jack Durant Todd, Harry O. Tollerford,
- Richard Kelly Veeck,
- Wesley A. Watson, James Blakley Wilson, John C. Worthington, Harry E. Wright, Roy C. Wright,
- Sammy Garcia Yanguz, Lorraine Pattinger, Leo Paul LaBelle, Robert F. Fuhrmann.

## Cal-Metal Work In Israel Wins Official Note

Contributions of Cal-Metal Corp. in the development of a pipe industry in Israel by constructing a pipe manufacturing plant and training personnel in techniques of pipe fabrication will be related next Thursday evening, June 20, as Gerald L. Revell, Charles A. Babbitt, and associates in the Torrance firm are honored.

Scheduled for the Plush Horse, the testimonial dinner is being arranged by Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice president of Harvey Aluminum, also of Torrance.

"To emphasize the importance of Cal-Metal's work, material from the Israeli pipe will now carries oil from the Gulf of Aqaba to Beersheba," Harvey said. He pointed out that it provided a strategic alternative to the Suez Canal and reduces the free world's dependence on that waterway.

Israeli industrialists and government officials, including the Hon. Dr. Avraham Biran, consul general of Israel for the Western United States, are expected to attend the dinner meeting.

### Local Sailor Hurt

George W. Baker, 39, of 806 Belson St., was treated for injuries suffered when a cable snapped and hit him as he worked aboard the USS Natalie in Long Beach Sunday. He is a sailor aboard the ship berthed in the Harbor.



UNDER CONTROL . . . Yolanda Goldsmith, former "Miss Torrance" title holder, appears to have the situation well in hand, especially when you consider she's just trying to say that the current "Miss Torrance" contest is under way and that a winner will be crowned July 27.

## Duck Unaffected by Fame, but Millers Swamped by Callers

Nation-wide fame hasn't affected "Punch," the mallard duck who fell in love with a statue, but it is helping to make his "family," the Kenneth Millers, nervous wrecks.

"Punch" is still trying to woo and win the white duck statue at the Miller home, 2426 W. 236th St., unaffected by the

photographers and sightseers who have stopped by to watch him do his mating dance.

Mrs. Miller, however, reported that she has been having trouble getting her housework done because of the visitors and phone calls about her famous pet, who may soon go on a personal appearance tour.

"Before, I thought I needed a ducksitter," she declared. "Now I need a housekeeper." The HERALD recently carried a story about "Punch," who appeared in the Miller yard three months ago, fell in love with a duck statue in the yard, and has since been trying to woo and win the statue. Whenever the Millers move the statue, the duck follows it faithfully, flapping his wings and craning his neck.

The story and picture later appeared in papers all over the country. Photographers from Look magazine have taken his picture and Walt Disney Studios have expressed an interest in photographing the mating dance which the bird performs for his "girl friend." Wild life experts report that the dance rarely is seen by human beings.

"Punch" made his TV debut last week on a Los Angeles television news cast, and he is scheduled to make an appearance on Art Linkletter's "House Party" soon, Mrs. Miller said.

Linkletter has expressed an interest in having Mrs. Miller and the duck make a personal appearance tour to New York and other parts of the country.

"I had no idea that it would ever come to anything like this," Mrs. Miller said.

She has received phone calls from people all over the area, several of whom wanted to have the statue if "Punch" ever left. One woman wanted to mate her pet female duck with the Miller pet, and a San Francisco lady called to find out if it could be her pet duck who left five years ago. It was not, since "Punch" is only about a year old.

A Redondo Beach business has donated enough cement for a swimming pool for the mallard, who to date has had to be content with a plastic dishpan. The Millers now are digging the pool in their back yard. A Lomita feed firm donated a year's supply of feed.



'DUCKY' SWIMMING POOL . . . Mrs. Kenneth Miller is digging a new swimming pool for her lovesick pet, Punch, who supervises the job from his present swimming pool, a plastic dishpan. Punch has gained nation-wide fame through his ardent wooing of the white duck statue in the Miller yard. A Redondo Beach firm donated enough cement for a new swimming pool.