

SEVEN-MAN COUNCIL ON BALLOT

Lomita Election Set for Oct. 29

Lomitans will vote on cityhood Oct. 29.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors officially set the date for the incorporation election Tuesday.

The Oct. 29 date was recommended to the board by Gordon Nesvig, chief clerk for the county officials.

The election to decide whether Lomita should become a city is expected to result in a heated controversy.

Opponents previously attacked the validity of signatures on petitions requesting incorporation.

Exchange Coeds Arrive Safely

Two exchange students who will attend Torrance schools arrived on schedule here despite the flu epidemic which hospitalized 27 other students in New York.

Nadia Basmdjian, 17, from Greece, arrived Wednesday to stay with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hinshaw, 2467 W. Carson St., while attending Torrance High School.

Lucienne Elshout from Belgium was scheduled to be met yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gage, 17326 Glenburn Ave. She will attend North High.

Some 200 cases of influenza were reported aboard the student exchange ship Arosa Sky.

Grass Blaze Here Blamed On Children

Children playing with matches were blamed for a grass fire which burned an area 100 by 300 feet near Dalemead St. and Rolling Hills Rd. Monday.

Firemen battled the blaze for about an hour.

In other action, firemen also extinguished two blazes Sunday apparently started by trash burning. They were at the homes of LuVerne Hively, 2052 W. 174th St., and J. Humble, 5004 Macafee Rd.

At the William Stolz home, 2105 Middlebrook Rd., the firefighters put out a fence fire apparently started by ashes from a barbecue pit which were placed against the fence.

One-half acre of grass at 3812 W. 180th Pl. was blackened by fire, with firemen battling the fire for a half hour.

LOMITAN INJURED

A 35-year-old Lomita man is recovering from serious injuries received Sunday morning when he lost control of his auto on Normandie Ave., south of 212th St.

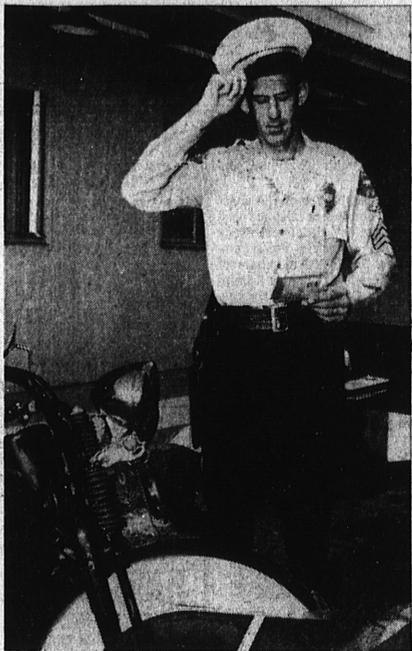
Treated at Wilmington Receiving Hospital was Zidon W. Donaldson of 26029 Appian Way, Lomita.

Police said Donaldson's auto failed to follow a detour sign, struck down and demolished seven wooden barricades, continued across newly finished storm drains, coming to rest in a drainage pit.

Youth Killed In San Diego

Kerry J. Bennett, about 20, of 4701 W. 191st St., was reported killed in an automobile accident Tuesday evening near San Diego.

The accident occurred on Highway 101 near the southern border town, according to San Diego officials.



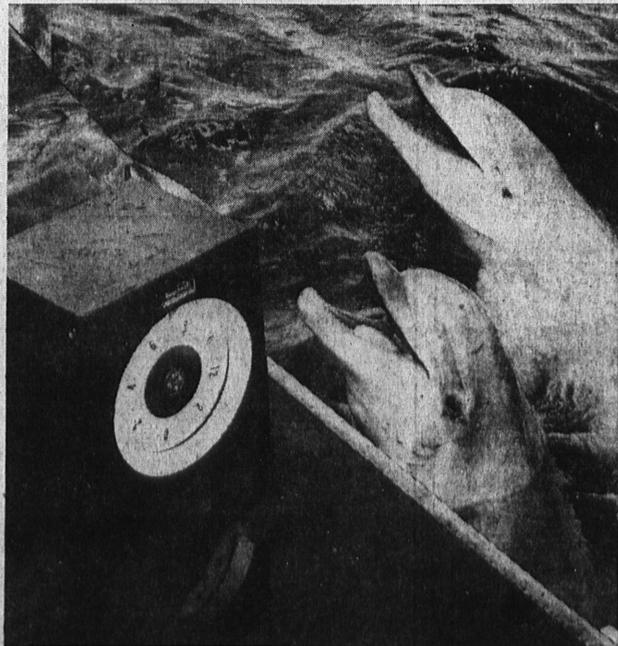
ET TU, BRUTE . . . Sgt. Don Nash of the Torrance police department knows how it feels to be on the receiving end of a parking ticket. Nash, who is in charge of the new meterettes who have been handing out parking violation tickets in abundance, had one posted on his own car last week. He is not a lone member of the \$1 fine fan club as everyone from the mayor to other policemen joined this week.

New Traffic Signals in Offing Here

Installation of traffic signals at two intersections on Pacific Coast Hwy. will be studied by the State Division of Highways.

Torrance officials announced yesterday that the state will study plans to install signals at Newton St. and Winlock Dr.

Proposed changes in the Newton St. intersection would entail vacating some of the right-of-way to direct traffic onto the highway more evenly. The Winlock Dr. intersection will be the new main entrance to the airport.



JUST CHECKING . . . Inquisitive porpoises at Marineland seem to be happy with the water, but still want to consult the dial of this electronic temperature recording device. Engineers of Minneapolis-Honeywell used it while installing new automatic temperature control systems for the fish tanks in the giant aquarium. (Fish, although cold-blooded, do have water temperature preferences, according to biologists.)

Special Bond Election Set

Torrance voters will decide on two bond measures and two charter amendments—one of them calling for a seven-man council with the mayor elected at large—at a special city election on Oct. 29, the council decided this week.

Inclusion of the expanded council and mayor election on the special election ballot came as a last minute move following a formal request of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. Tuesday for such a measure.

Nick Draie moved to put the matter on the ballot calling for the election of the mayor at large and the election of six other councilmen. His motion was seconded by Willys Blount. The vote was unanimous, although Robert Jahn had said earlier that he thought the measure should be on a general election ballot.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said he had been advised that the ballot measure, if approved by the voters, could be ratified at a special meeting of the State Legislature early next year in time to qualify the election of a seven-man council in April.

Other measures approved for the ballot will be a \$3,000,000 park bond issue, and an airport improvement bond issue for \$1,000,000. The park bonds will be split to provide about \$2,000,000 to acquire approximately 132 acres of new park sites and the remaining \$1,000,000 to improve and develop existing parks, the council decided.

Accompanying the airport improvement bond issue will be a charter amendment providing that the repayment of the bonds be done from airport revenues and that general funds be used only to make up for any part of the schedule which airport revenue would not cover.

The original plan of the city was to make the airport bond issue strictly a revenue bond matter. However, bond experts in Southern California warned the city that the sale of revenue bonds would be difficult and that the cost to the city in interest would be much more than general obligation bonds—principally because of the recapture clause on the airport property placed in the

title by the federal government when the city acquired the property after the end of World War II.

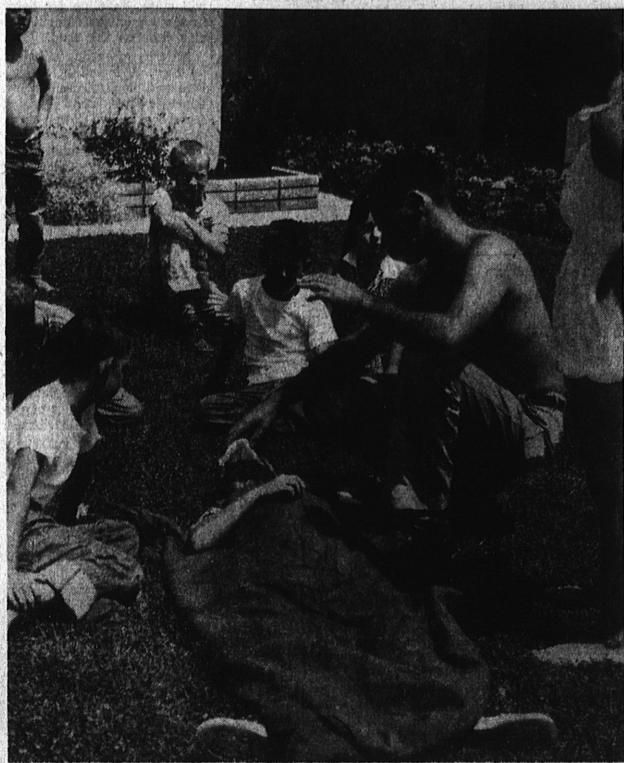
CAA Help Probable
W. O. Johnson, program officer for the Civil Aeronautics Administration's regional office, told members of the council this week that the federal government put a high priority on clearing approach zones for airports, and that the city could reasonably expect the CAA to finance about 54 per cent of the project. The council indicated that if the federal aid was not granted, the bonds (if approved by voters) would not be sold because the city would not be able to obtain enough money to go ahead with the program.

The airport improvements to be financed under the plan would consist almost solely of purchasing land west of the present airport property and east of Hawthorne Ave. The land would be cleared to provide a clear zone for airport operations. It would also provide a sump site to drain the bothersome Watteria Lake which is earmarked for a 42-acre municipal park. Draining the lake would pave the way for full development of the area west of Hawthorne Ave. which now has a building restriction on it because of annual flooding.

More Park Sites
Other sites proposed for parks would include a six-acre park at 168th St. and Arlington Ave., 10 acres at 178th and Western, 25 acres at 180th St. and Crenshaw, five acres at 180th and Prairie, 15 acres north of the civic center, five acres in the Victor area, an additional five acres at Border and Plaza Del Arroyo, six acres at 231st and Arlington, and 13 acres at the south end of Madison Ave. in Watteria. A number of parks acquired earlier through the city's subdivision ordinance would be improved under the measure. The council presented a unanimous front on the measures Tuesday night although Victor E. Benstead had voiced objections to the airport bond issue at a special meeting Monday.

Council Flayed
Blount, who was not at the Monday special meeting, flayed the other members of the council Tuesday, saying it was the first time in his memory that a special meeting had been called without queries to members of the council of their desires on the matter. "I was just handed a special delivery, registered letter saying there would be a meeting Monday morning. Period!" Blount said at the Tuesday night session. "I wasn't asked if it was convenient." He said the council was not.

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ACCIDENT VICTIM . . . Nine-year-old Wayne Williams, Palos Verdes Estates, received bad head cuts yesterday afternoon when his bicycle collided with a car driven by Mrs. Mary Jo Patton, who was backing out of her driveway at 3126 W. 180th Pl. The boy was visiting at the home of Mrs. Wanda Sibley, 3137 W. 180th Pl. Here, a neighbor, Bob De-Young, applies a compress to the boy's head while awaiting the ambulance, which arrived 30 minutes after the accident. The lad was taken to a private physician.

Pair to Face Court Today

Two 20-year-olds will appear in Long Beach Superior Court, Department C, today to enter pleas to charges of possession of narcotics.

The pair—Robert Lemaster, 726 Portola Ave., and Thomas J. Britt, 23841 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, were picked up at their homes July 18 by sheriff's narcotics officers and Torrance police officers.

The pleas were scheduled last Friday, but were delayed. Officers reported finding some \$5000 worth of narcotics stashed away in the homes of the two men.

Youngster On Critical List

A six-year-old boy is in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital today, as a result of an accident Monday.

John West, 820 Cota Ave., reportedly ran out into the street and was hit by an automobile near his home.

Driver of the car, Robert Monroe Warner, 24, of 701 Pacific Lane, was not held.

Although still on the critical list, hospital authorities said the youngster is improving.

New C of C Assistant Appointed

James L. Harmon will become assistant manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce effective Aug. 19; it was announced today by President A. E. Thompson.

Harmon has spent the last eight years in public relations work with the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Better Business Bureau, and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. Previously he owned and operated the Steel Motor Service of Hammond, Ind.

As assistant to Manager Dick Fitzgerald, Harmon will be primarily concerned with membership and retail merchants promotions, Thompson stated, adding that the move was necessitated to render better service to business, industry, and citizens of the rapidly growing community.

Police Seek Hungry Man In Burglary

Torrance police are searching for a hungry burglar.

Suspected of breaking into the Gardena Frozen Food Lockers, 18045 South Western Ave., the thief overlooked such items as a shotgun, rifle, two signed blank checks, \$50 cash, and other valuable things.

Instead, here's what he took: Meats; loaf of bread, a Coke, 30-40 pennies left in the cash register.

The suspect made himself a ham sandwich and drank half of the bottle of soft drink. He wrapped, but left on the counter, pork chops, and link sausages.

Police theorized the burglar was scared off by a noise or the arrival of personnel to open the store.

Girl Bitten; Dog Sought

A two-year-old girl, bitten a week ago, will have to begin the dreaded Pasteur treatments this week unless a "large gray dog" which bit her on the face can be located.

Donna Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrett, 20016 Pruitt Dr., was bitten in a parking lot at Torrance and Crenshaw Blvds. According to the girl's mother, the dog, apparently a stray, wore no collar.

Persons with information about the dog are requested to call the Torrance Health Center.

Infant Hurt In Accident

A three-month old infant is recovering from injuries received when a pickup truck and a car collided at Figueroa and 208th Sts. Monday.

The baby, Ronald Clay Jones, was treated at Harbor General Hospital for a cut on the back of his head.

He was a passenger in the car driven by his mother, Louretha Ormine Jones, 26, of 21717 S. Main St.

Rivets Reports

Torrance residents are likely to be wet today—one way or another—Rivets reported after consulting his crystal ball.

There'll be increasing cloudiness although temperatures will stay about the same.

The humidity, however, is likely to make residents a little sticky, and it might rain a little with the remnants of a storm which hit Baja California.

Temperatures this week included Sunday (79-64); Monday (80-62); Tuesday (80-62); and yesterday (83-61).

