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# APARTMENT ZONE FIGHT HINTED

## 72 Residents File Petitions

Disagreement over the zoning of the area south of Carson St. between Madrona and Maple marked the Torrance Planning Commission meeting Wednesday.

Bob Vroman, 3217 Carson St., presented a petition signed by 72 residents protesting proposed changes to allow apartment zoning for most of the area and commercial zoning along a 250 strip on the east side of Madrona Ave.

The residents want no gas station or businesses on Madrona, he said.

### More Problems

Milton Carlson, 3105 Carson St., said that the area was rapidly becoming the hub of city activities and urged that an outstanding home development be allowed there, instead of apartments and businesses. The Del Amo Shopping Center will bring plenty of traffic, without creating additional problems with apartments and businesses, he declared.

Residents also rapped plans to build a substation to serve the shopping center on the east side of Madrona.

C. J. Doherty, representing the Chanlor-Western Development Co., said that the substation was needed to serve the center and that most of the proposed commercial land would be used for the substation. He confirmed that a gas station was planned for the corner of Carson and Madrona.

### Wrong Place

Planning Director George Powell noted that from a planning standpoint, he did not believe that the proposed substation was correctly placed.

A request for a traffic island, (Continued on Page 3)

## One Cheetah, Ocelot Okay, Planners Say

Mrs. Joseph Giacinto, 2617 W. 178th St., will get to keep one ocelot and one cheetah in her home, but lions, timberwolves, and skunks will be unwelcome guests.

That was the recommendation of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night, as it weighed the merits of the usually wild cats as house pets. Mrs. Giacinto has had two ocelots and a cheetah at her home for several years, but a controversy erupted when she moved a lion, a timberwolf, and several skunks to her home.

### Members Assured

Members of the Planning Commission were assured by Mrs. Giacinto's statements that the animals were "dearly loved house pets, gentle as a dog or cat." She produced a letter from the curator of birds and animals at the Los Angeles County Museum, stating that the animals could be tamed.

Tiny Heuer, South Gate, who together with Mrs. Giacinto has been training the lion and timberwolf, assured the commission that his animals will never again be stored at the Giacinto home.

### Cheetah Is "Dog"

Mrs. Giacinto said that she considered her cheetah as a dog, and that it had received rabies shots and was licensed.

By a 5-3 vote, the Planners voted in favor of allowing her to keep two of the animals and she agreed to get rid of one of the ocelots. City ordinances forbid keeping more than two adult domesticated animals in an R-1 zone. However, the Commission indicated that if it received further complaints, it might reconsider its decision.

## Bartlett to Check Park Bond Names

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett will begin checking the 2537 signatures on a petition to put a \$3 million park and recreation bond proposal on the April ballot tomorrow, he announced yesterday.

The petitions, circulated throughout the city during the past few weeks, were submitted to the city clerk Friday.

Bartlett said he hoped to have a certificate as to the sufficiency or insufficiency by Tuesday evening.

## Prisoner of Gunmen May Get New Job

Being held captive for a day by two armed gunmen may have proved to be a blessing in disguise for Tom Garrett, 1664 W. 205th St. It may land him a job.

The spotlight fell on the 21-year-old unemployed aircraft worker, his brother, sister, and mother when they were captives in their apartment on Feb. 13, held by two escapees from the San Luis Obispo County Jail.

### In Spotlight

Garrett found himself in the spotlight again the following Monday when he discovered that he couldn't draw his weekly \$40 unemployment check because he hadn't been available for work on Feb. 13. Department officials said they were sorry (but that was the law).

Reacting swiftly, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight announced that he was sending a \$40 personal check to Garrett, with a letter expressing "regret that the rigid requirements of the law which were never intended to apply to cases such as yours" had prevented his getting the check. Garrett received the check last week and cashed it.

### Appears on TV

Garrett's face became known to TV viewers as he appeared on Art Linkletter's House Party, this time receiving another check from Linkletter.

But, best of all, Garrett believes, are the job offers which he has received. He is scheduled to have several interviews tomorrow with businesses which read of his plight.

The local man was employed in the plastic department of Douglas Aircraft until Jan. 3, when he was laid off after seven months.

Wrist Watch Taken  
Martha Williams, 16411 Haas St., reported a gold wrist watch missing from her residence.

A rug valued at \$30 was taken from a garage at 2230 Del Amo, according to Marion Grochowski. Pennies from a piggy bank at Robert E. Tan's home, 4212 W. 173rd St. were stolen in a burglary there. Total of the change was between 25 cents and \$1.

## SCHOOL AID NEEDED

# Board Asks for Special Session of Legislature

Beset by a threat to its building program, the Torrance School Board this week requested that Gov. Goodwin Knight call a special session of the legislature to consider problems of school finance.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the board that "our elementary building program will be brought to a virtual standstill unless the governor and the state legislature give careful consideration to the continuance of the program."

Funds Disappear  
Although a \$100,000 school bond issue was passed

by California voters, in November, 1956, it was pointed out that the fund is being used at the rate of \$5,000,000 per month and it is expected that the money will be exhausted by this December.

The board passed a resolution calling for a special session of the legislature, declaring, "The needs of the Torrance Unified School District cannot be met on a local basis even though use of our maximum bonding capacity has been approved by the voters."

Program May Halt  
If more money is not forthcoming, Waldrip said, the

school district will have to halt its building program. Calle Mayor School now is under construction; Jefferson School bids were just awarded; and requests for an allocation to build Hamilton School will be presented to the state next month.

Waldrip believes that the district's priority will be high enough to provide funds for Hamilton School, but beyond that, he is pessimistic. Schools also in various stages of planning are Yukon, 177th and Yukon; Magruder, 188th and Doty; Adams, 238th and Eshel-

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## Egan to Head City's New Airport Section

Jack R. Egan, 41, assistant superintendent in charge of operations at Los Angeles International Airport for the past 11 years, will assume the top management job at the Torrance Municipal Airport on March 1, it was announced this week by City Manager George Stevens.

Egan, who placed first in the Civil Service examination for the post, will become department head for the airport when the city takes over operation from the private management firm of Collins-Dietrich, Inc.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Egan was a Navy pilot and operations officer for seven years and left active service as a lieutenant commander. He is a resident of Palos Verdes Estates.

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## Hearing Set For Youth in Horse Theft

Preliminary hearing for a 19-year-old Torrance youth on charges of stealing three horses—one a \$5000 Arabian mare—has been set for Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Pomona Municipal Court.

Deputies said John C. Zamrzla of 2626 Cabrillo Ave., and an 18-year-old Pomona youth took the expensive mare from the California State Polytechnic College. Zamrzla was a student there, Sheriff's reports indicated.

The three horses were recovered here in stables owned by D. C. Cook, head of the city's police juvenile bureau. Officers of the Sheriff's livestock detail said Cook was not aware that the animals boarded at his stables at 2099 W. 233rd were stolen.

The Arabian mare was taken from the college last November, deputies said. The other two horses, valued at about \$150 each, were taken by Zamrzla at another time, it was charged.

## Calle Mayor Signals Seen In 2 Months

Bids will be let on the Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. traffic signals on March 15, with completion expected late in April, according to word received from the state by local school officials.

The city has long sought signals at the intersection to protect children who must cross the highway to get to South High.

According to word received by local officials, however, study of a possible undercrossing or overcrossing in front of the school still is being studied by the state. A recommendation may be forthcoming later this month.

The school district has received word that a temporary walkway along the north side of Pacific Coast Hwy., east of Calle Mayor, "probably will be approved" by the state. The city previously okayed the request for children to walk to school.



STREET REPAIRS . . . Workmen busily worked on repairs on 174th St. between Gramercy Pl. and Western, repairing damage done by the downpour which descended on Wednesday. Two lanes of the street, which was previously under construction for a bridge over the Dominguez Channel, were washed out. Traffic was detoured at Gramercy Pl. and Western Ave. Many other parts of Torrance faced similar cleanup problems. (Herald Photo)

## AT ANNUAL MEETING

# Chamber to Seat Officers Tuesday

J. Roger Deas, public affairs speaker of the American Can Co., New York City, will address the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Deas will discuss the demands on the food industry to feed the rapidly growing world population.

During the last five years, Deas has traveled nearly a half-million miles through 45 states to meet with leaders of business, industry, agriculture, government and education.

From this experience he also will report on the requirements for the continuation of America's high standard of living.

Prior to joining American Can Co., Deas was research secretary to the then governor of California, Earl Warren, who is now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

During the founding convention of the United Nations, Deas was an associate consultant to the United States delegation. He also has served as president of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Announcement of the city's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" will be made at the affair.

## Three Spots Ransacked; Nothing Gone

Police are searching for the burglar who ransacked three buildings on Carson St. Thursday night. Nothing was taken in the three burglaries.

The YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St., reported one of the burglaries. Nativity School, 2300 Carson St. and Rudd Construction Co., 2410 Carson St., also were entered. Burglars evidently were searching for money as cash drawers in each of the three buildings had been rifled. Nothing else was taken.

Nothing Taken  
Kato Nursery, 18357 S. Crenshaw Blvd., also was entered but burglars failed to remove anything.

A car radio was reported stolen from an auto registered to Bill Ray Berry, of north Long Beach. The car parked in the employes lot at Harvey Machinery, 190th and Western Ave.

A total of 46 pennies from a piggy bank was missing from the residence of Donald Vanover, 4219 W. 173rd St.

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Rivets Reports  
Prospects are for mostly sunny weather today, with some clouds, according to Rivets, HERALD weatherdog. There may be some early morning low clouds and fog.

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (74-44); Friday (76-47); and Saturday (69-54).

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

With one hand on his pocket-book, the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question:

"Do you believe it would be better for the government to cut income taxes, even if it meant that the national debt would be increased by six to nine billion dollars as some experts predict?"

George A. Packman, 3418

Emerald St., senior clerk-accountant:

"I don't think they should be cut, even though I have to pay more. With the threat of Russia getting ahead of us, it should remain as it is. With employment as it is, the government needs money for defense more than it needs a tax cut."

Marjorie Thompson, 1418

Crenshaw Blvd., housewife:

"Taxes definitely should be cut. A tax cut would help to get a lot more money in circulation. I think high taxes have a tendency to limit our economy."

Clarence Henry, 20821 Raymond St., welder:

"An income tax cut would help the people who are working, but not those who are out of work. The people who are out of work would be helped more by cutting county taxes."

Alice Baker, 1665 W. 259th

St., secretary:

"I don't think an income tax cut would do much good. We should leave the taxes as they are right now to get our defenses built up."

Don Martin, 20618 Catalina

Ave., aircraft worker:

"I think a cut would be all right. Right now, the load is put on people who are working. A cut would lessen the load on the workers and give them more money to spend. Then, more people could be hired."

Madge Wiley, 1522 W. 213th

St., housewife:

"As a Jehovah's Witness, I am interested in God's government and am willing to pay whatever taxes the government levies. We stay neutral in political issues. We render to the government what is not contrary to God's laws."

# Kicking Dope Habit is Real Torture, According to Users

This is the second in a series of articles outlining the horrors of narcotics addiction and its impact on Torrance. Read now for authentic cases, and learn of the nightmares of the addict—stripped of any glamor and given here as raw facts).

By VONDA CARLTON  
Herald Staff Writer

"It ain't pain. Real pain would be a relief. It's cramps, and sweating, and bones seeming to pull apart. It's a bundle of fur in your stomach, jumping up and down. It's things crawling all over you, no matter how many showers you take. Maybe you pray, I did. But all of a sudden you feel nothing will do you any good. You gotta have another fix . . . No, it isn't a pretty speech,

but it's a true one. These are the words of a 30-year-old Chicago addict. These were the words from what used to be a man.

Only 30, he looks 45 years old. His face shows the ravages of the only thing that is important to him . . . heroin.

### Takes Cure

A nine time loser in the battle to control his habit, he twice had taken the cure in the federal hospital at Lexington,

Ky. Other times he "kicked the habit, cold turkey." And nine times, he found his way back to the narcotic pusher.

You say . . . well, that's in Chicago . . . this is Torrance. This man's no stranger to Torrance police officers. His age may be different, his hair another color, he may have another name.

### Is Found Here

But the same tortured eyes, the same craving for that

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