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# Torrance School Bonds Passed 12 to 1 in Landslide



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## Voters Okay 3 Million for Construction

No question can be raised that the people of Torrance recognized the need for the \$3,000,000 school bond election by approving the issue with a 12 to 1 landslide vote on Tuesday.

In another recent landslide, voters had approved the recent \$2,000,000 water bond issue by a 6 to 1 margin.

Total vote recorded for the school bonds was 1,483 in favor of the issue and 124 opposed—making a total of 1,607 who went to the polls out of a total registration of more than 8,000.

Within 20 minutes after the polls closed on Tuesday, two precincts reported which indicated that voters had given a landslide approval to the bonds.

Precinct #	Yes	No	Total
I - Perry	37	4	41
II - No. Torrance	139	9	148
III - Fern Ave.	248	25	273
IV - High School	32	227	259
V - Torrance Elem.	214	25	239
VI - WALTERIA	179	21	200
VII - Seaside	294	4	298
VIII - Riviera	267	4	271
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1483</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1607</b>

## City's Leaders Okay BID Ticket

Bearing the signatures of representatives of business, industry, homeowners and labor, nominating petitions for City Council of the incumbent Councilman Nick Drale and Victor E. Benstead were filed with the City Clerk on Monday.

## BID Ticket Wins Favor of 3 Ex-Mayors

Three former Mayors of the City of Torrance have endorsed the "BID for Better Government" ticket entered in the next Council election.

They are: William Stanger, who developed the vast water system of Torrance after he completed his term as Councilman and Mayor.

J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., who helped guide the city out of its war-created financial difficulties, and who is conceded to be one of the best Mayors the City has ever had.

## Adult Center To Be Up in Ninety Days

Construction of the Adult Recreation Center in back of the Torrance City Library got under way Monday. The center, to be constructed entirely by employees of the city, will be completed within 75 to 90 days.

Several weeks ago, in an exclusive story, the Torrance Press predicted that the city would construct its own Adult Center after the City Council rejected several bids as being too high.

Appearing at the groundbreaking ceremonies were City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, one of the prime boosters of the center; Recreation Director Frank Carpenter.

HARBOR CITY HEARING HARBOR CITY.—Yearly assessment estimates for furnishing of current and maintenance of street lighting equipment along Belle Porte Ave. from Lomita Blvd. to 255th St. are included in items to be subject of a hearing set for 10 a.m. March 31 in Los Angeles city council chambers.



PICTURED ABOVE are City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at far left, Recreation Director Frank Carpenter in center with shovel, and Recreation Commissioner Marvin Goettsch at far right looking over plans for the Adult Center which will be completed within the next 75 to 90 days. Ground for the center was broken on Monday of this week.

# COLUMBIA CONFIRMS BIG LOCAL EXPANSION PLAN

## Bartlett Gets Extra Man in Clerk Office

Temporary appointment of I. J. Hallanger as license clerk and assistant accountant, upon the recommendation of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, received City Council approval at the regular Council meeting, Tuesday evening.

Other Council business included a letter from Truman Browne agreeing to the paving of lot 42 for parking purposes which is located in the heart of his 150 home tract area.

EARL RESIDENTS Residents from Earl Street appeared in the City Council requesting further relief from the lake in their area.

They also wanted to know why Earl Street wasn't paved. Stevens pointed out that the City had no easement for putting a street there and could do nothing until one was dedicated by the homeowners.

Final count on the special census set the Torrance population at 31,847. City Manager George Stevens reported to the City Council.

Among expenses paid out by the City reported at the Council meeting were \$1,250.00 for advertising rendered by the Chamber of Commerce, \$600 for re-roofing the City Hall, and \$2,629 for an address machine bought for the Water Department.

## Let's Get the Record Straight

(An Editorial)

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It was this newspaper which led the fight, aided by the fine clergy and parent-teacher groups of the community, to force the City Council to rid the city of marbled games which school children were being allowed to play openly, and on which gambling pay-offs were being made publicly.

Let's get the record straight now. The Torrance Press is against gambling, will accept no support from gambling and never will tolerate any move to institute gambling of any kind in the City of Torrance.

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ALL LANES OF TRAFFIC will be headed for Torrance tomorrow and Saturday when local merchants display their best Dollar Day bargains.

## Plumbing Inspection Door Solution Remains Mystery

Even after a special meeting in WALTERIA Recreation Hall Monday evening with City Plumbing Inspector Arthur S. Moore and Building Inspector J. S. Dresser, Pacific Hill homeowners were unable to find out what could be done to force K. Sande Senness to place plumbing inspection doors on 88 homes in that area.

Milt Isbell Resigns "Y" Job, March 1

Milt Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA, tendered his resignation, last Thursday. The YMCA Board accepted the resignation "with regrets."

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## Torrance to Get Mammoth Plant

Predictions by the Torrance Press more than three months ago in an exclusive story that a multi-million dollar expansion program was contemplated at Columbia Steel in Torrance, was confirmed Monday by Irving S. Olds, chairman of the Board of Directors for the United States Steel Corporation.

In a Press conference conducted in the Oval room at the Ambassador Hotel, Olds declared: "The contemplated Torrance program will mean a considerable increase in the number of employees."

Nearly 1,250 employees work at Columbia now. Olds did not reveal the exact number of workers that would be added once the building program is completed.

Olds reported that present plans differ from those which were originally planned for Southern California.

This was also pointed out by the Torrance Press in its exclusive story. At this time this newspaper disclosed that the construction of a mill at the former ALCOA plant, 190th and Normandie, had been abandoned, and U. S. Steel would build the new mill in Torrance.

Olds reported that his company operated at 101.3 percent of capacity last year. The steel industry figure was somewhat lower, but was still over 100 percent, he said.

A shortage of scrap is a serious worry to the steel industry, but thus far U. S. Steel has not been seriously hurt, Olds said.

Olds had little to say on the labor negotiations recently completed before a panel of the Wage Stabilization Board, except to say that he did not see

## Drale Wage Raise Given Final Okay

Councilman Nick Drale's move to give city employees a 10 percent raise was cut to 5 percent by the City Council, last week.

In requesting the 10 percent raise, Drale pointed out that the cost of living had spiraled out of proportion with the wages paid by the city.

When Drale offered the original motion, the Council turned it down four to one. However, one week later, the rest of the Councilmen decided that they could not ignore the needs of the city workers in an election year, political observers believe.

## Nick Drale Asks Closing Of Gravel Pit

Councilman Nick Drale took the spotlight at the regular Council meeting by introducing all motions with the exception of two. One of the two was introduced by Ed Karlow and the other by Willys Blount.

Drale's motions included ordering K. Sande Senness to fence the oil sump in Pacific Hills, and requesting the City Attorney to look into the matter regarding the closing of the gravel pit in the same area.

Members from the Pacific Hills area were present. William Cameron, a spokesman on the subject of the gravel pit, pointed out that operators of the pit, were violating the variance—originally given to them. It was pointed out by Cameron that the pit operators were permitted to use a 50 acre area.

Cameron pointed out that they came down on the West side of the Hill and installed rock crushers. He further said that the pit operators should be forced to clean up the mess made with the dirt once they move back to the original territory agreed upon.

Whether the City Council has the power to close the gravel pit could not be answered by City Attorney James Hall in the meeting. He said that he would look into the matter.

## Sam Levy to Be in Charge Of Fall Show

Sam Levy has been selected as General Chairman of the Second Annual Community Variety Show, to be presented October 2, and 4, in Torrance.

John Steinbaugh, principal of the high school, disclosed today. A contract was signed recently between the Board of Managers of the Torrance YMCA and the Geller productions of Los Angeles.



WOMEN CIVIC LEADERS for the first time in the history of the YMCA pitched in to help the boys organization in their \$12,500 fund drive which ends March 1. The women gathered at "Y" headquarters to map out a campaign. Scenes above are from the coffee hour, last Friday, when chairman of the "Y" Drive, Don Armstrong, officially welcomed the women. Picture at the far left shows Armstrong pouring a cup of coffee for Mrs. B. E. Whitney, who is heading the women's drive. In the center picture is Mrs. Byron Johnson, president of the Seaside P.T.A. signing up to offer her services. At the far right, Betty Burnam, secretary to Milt Isbell pours a cup of coffee for another worker. Standing at the table, waiting for service, is Mrs. Mary Lee Boswell of the Junior Women's Club. In all seventeen women attended the coffee hour. They were Mrs. Don Hyde, Mrs. C. A. Newborn, Mrs. Anne Warburton, Mrs. Mabel Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Bea Vaca, Mrs. Hal Jones, Mrs. Ann Hight, Mrs. M. A. Bauman, Mrs. Frances Ruan, Mrs. Jane R. Wilkes, Mrs. Maxine Jensen, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, and Mrs. Laura Lewis. Also in attendance were Milt Isbell and Principal John Steinbaugh.

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