

'Let's Clean Up Torrance'

COUNCIL URGES COMMUNITY DRIVE AGAINST LITTERBUGS



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY . . . More than 80 individuals have signed up to donate some time each week to cheer up children at Harbor General Hospital. Here Mrs. Virginia Stoddard (r), chairman of Volunteers for Children, and Mrs. Ruth Maxsenti, watch alert, bright-eyed David Nair, 13, of 1627 W. 215th st. working a "bike-operated" saw. Interested individuals may contact Mrs. Maxsenti at FA. 8-7350.—Press Photo.

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Wife, Child Splattered With Acid, Father Held

In a fit of anger while visiting his wife and baby, an estranged husband threw a bottle of sulphuric acid at his wife and 21-months-old daughter, fled the house, and then walked into the police station to give himself up.

Booked on a charge of assault with a caustic chemical Thursday afternoon at the Torrance Police Station was Edwin J. Hendricks, 28, who has been living in a Lomita hotel since separating from his wife.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital were Mrs. Patsy J. Hendricks, 23, and her daughter, Pamela, according to detectives. The women called police following the episode. The two escaped serious burns and were released following treatment.

Mrs. Hendricks refused to prosecute and Hendricks was fined \$50.00 on a malicious mischief charge. He was ordered to see a psychiatrist. The fine was paid by his wife, according to detectives.

Mrs. Hendricks told detectives that her husband came to the house and asked for a cup of coffee. Following her to the bedroom after asking to see a coat which he had recently bought for her, he pulled a paper sack from his own coat and began sprinkling acid from a container within the sack on his wife's coat.

Mrs. Hendricks was hit by acid on the face, shoulders, and legs and the little girl burned on the feet in the ensuing struggle, according to police.

No Dumping?



ADDING INSULT TO INJURY . . . A community-wide crackdown has been urged by the City Council against all violators of the dumping ordinance. This scene on Madrona near Sepulveda is typical of many other spots along Torrance streets and roads.—Press Photo.

Torrance Called 'Disgrace'

Aroused over the dirtiness of Torrance roads and streets, members of the City Council called for an all-out crack down on dumpers and litterbugs through the assistance of every individual and agency in the community.

The long-smouldering sore spot came to a head Tuesday night when Councilman Mervin Schwab, commenting on his recent vacation trip, declared:

"In 6000 miles of traveling I did not see any streets which are as dirty as those in Torrance. It's a disgrace."

Schwab's comment and call for action precipitated wholehearted agreement and support on the part of the other council members.

3-Fold Attack

The council called for the following multi-pronged attack on the problem:

1. Firm, hard-hitting enforcement of fines against violators by judges of the South Bay Municipal Court. Fines are now \$25. Other states impose as heavy a fine as \$100.
2. An all-out drive against violators by police officers.
3. Getting every resident of the community to report violations and the violator's name or license number to police. (FA. 8-3456).

"Let's make some arrests and have the courts enforce the law," Mayor Isen declared.

"We have to have everyone's help," City Manager George Stevens declared. "If people start reporting these cases and we start making arrests in numbers and get the cooperation of the judges we will solve the problem."

He pointed out that New York did just that when 44,000 arrests were made during a clean-up drive some time ago.

Judges to Get Tougher

"In a previous campaign here we made 8-13 arrests quickly and then took our cases to court but had little luck there," the city manager complained. "They (the judges) have to cooperate, too. They accept excuses too easily."

The South Bay Municipal Court came in for further criticism in prosecuting these cases when Police Chief William Haslam declared:

"It's time to ask for a \$100 fine—if we could get a \$2 fine there we'd be lucky."

Ge Whiz, Don't be a Tardy Teddy

"Tardy Teddies" are people who forget about deadlines and try to place classified ads in the Torrance Press after noon Tuesdays, thus missing the Thursday edition.

There may be a lot of "tardy Teddies" around but Mrs. G. R. Gallagher of 25618 January dr. certainly isn't one of them.

She has been advertising in the Torrance Press for some time and has had terrific results. Her latest ad read as follows:

2-BEDROOM HOME — Fenced, lawn in. Brand new home. Lease \$90 a month. DA. 6-0075

"I received 50 phone calls," Mrs. Gallagher exclaimed delightedly. "For gosh sakes, all I did was answer the phone. I always get terrific results from your paper — thanks ever so much."

For similar results, place a classified ad in the Torrance Press by calling FA. 8-2345. But don't be a "tardy teddy." Be sure to get your ad in before Tuesday noon.

Moore Given Local Carbide Appointment

The promotion of M. R. Moore to general foreman at the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals company's new plant in Torrance, was announced today by T. A. Wilker, superintendent of the Carbide plant in Texas City.

Prior to receiving his new assignment, Moore was a production supervisor in the Vinyl.

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DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA New Procedures Planned For Off-Street Parking

A change in procedure obtaining off-street parking areas in downtown Torrance was proposed this week by the parking committee of the Chamber of Commerce, according to Dean Sears, chairman.

The idea of setting up an assessment district has been dropped for the time being because of the long and involved procedure. Instead, the City Council will be asked to make excess parking meter funds available to purchase the necessary lots.

Takes Too Long

Information obtained from other areas where the assessment district was tried indicated that it might take anywhere from one year to five years to establish such a district.

"The committee feels that we do not have that much time," Sears explained.

As a starter, the committee will ask the council to make excess parking meter funds available to purchase one lot in the downtown Torrance shopping district.

The committee will also recommend that the present city parking lot, corner Cravens and El Prado, be provided with improved entrances and exits and that parking meters be placed on the lot.

A request will also be made to dismantle the old fire station next to the city hall when the move is made to the new civic center and then use the lot for parking purposes.

In case the downtown civic center is turned over to the State in trade for State property elsewhere, it was hoped that similar fire station arrangements could be made with the State agency.

10 Lots Proposed

Regarding the purchase of additional lots, the committee recommended that the city acquire 10 such lots ultimately, lots to be strategically located in the downtown business district.

Ways of obtaining them could be through long term leases or through partial downpayment and revenues from parking meters.

Other cities have used money from the general fund for such purposes, Sears pointed out.

An invitation has been extended to members of the council to discuss this matter informally with the parking committee composed of Arthur O. Otsea, George Binder, Sam Levy, and Sears.

Dogs to Get Shots Wednesday

While the new law requiring the vaccination of dogs against rabies will not go into effect for another three weeks, dog owners will be able to have their dogs vaccinated this coming Wednesday evening, November 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Torrance park, on Arlington near Santa Fe.

A city law requires that all dogs must be on a leash.

Dr. Rollin Smith of Harbor Animal Hospital in Torrance stated that he and two other veterinarians will administer the shots and that they will be assisted by personnel from a number of South Bay veterinary hospitals.

The inoculations will cost \$2 for each dog. The viable chick embryo vaccinations will be good for two years.

Other inoculation clinics will be set up in the different parts of the community and will be announced shortly, Dr. Smith stated.

Dogs under six months old and decrepit dogs are exempt from the shots. An exemption certificate from a veterinarian is needed in the case of decrepit dogs.

Petitioners Protest Waleria Lake Basin

No decision has been made yet on whether the Waleria Lake retention basin will be located on the east or west side of Hawthorne ave., George Powell, secretary to the Planning Commission, stated following petitions protesting location of such a sump on the east side of Hawthorne ave. between 236th st. and Lomita blvd.

The petition, containing 113 signatures, was submitted last week Wednesday before the Planning Commission by Ted Koletos of 23609 Ward st. The petition also asked that building restrictions in the area be lifted.

Commissioners decided that the matter should be handled by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Powell, in explaining the history of the issue, said that the council approved a measure for bidding building in the Waleria lake area below the 75 ft. contour.

In the meantime tests have been made to determine the best means of drainage for the basin but no decision has been reached yet as to the location of such a sump.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

CENSUS: Official census figures were confirmed by Washington, D. C. this week. The third special Torrance census places the population at 67,459 (unofficial tally was 67,394). Of these 33,846 are male, 33,613 female. Number of dwelling units is 18,883.

SAND AND GRAVEL: Homeowners were advised to form a grievance committee and meet with Torrance Sand and Gravel officials whenever they had problems. The firm was also asked to submit quarterly reports regarding their operation.

SANTALAND: Permission was unanimously granted to hold Santaland in El Prado park. Councilman Willys Blount stipulated that the set-up may not be exploited for commercial purposes (taking pictures of children with Santa Claus, and selling these) and that a clean-up bond and insurance must be provided.

Catholic High School

Approval for a change of zone to establish a Catholic high school at Torrance boulevard and the westerly city boundary was approved unanimously.

ZONE CHANGE: Request by Grand construction company for rezoning the west side of Crenshaw boulevard from 176th street to 181st street for commercial purposes was denied unanimously. More than 100 individual signed petitions protesting the change of zone. It was indicated that the company may reapply under a "restricted zoning" classification soon to be added to the city's zoning set-up.

Dresser Request

Petition for Dresser equipment company for a change of zone on property located at 2410 Carson street from R-3 and C-1 to M-1 was denied unanimously when a spokesman for the firm stated that the council's conditions would be prohibitive. Willing to give conditional approval were Councilman Nick Drale.

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"SHOESTRING" Civic Group Schedules Installation

Thomas A. Murphy, of 1431 W. 227th st. will be officially installed as chairman of Councilman John S. Gibson's Shoestring Advisory Committee, at the regular meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at Normandie playground, the Councilman's office announced today.

Murphy succeeds Harold T. Unander as chairman of the organization which has replaced the abandoned Shoestring Community Association. Unander served two terms as chairman, and will continue as an active member of the group.

Councilman Gibson, currently in the middle west on vacation, will return in time to install the new community leaders. Others to take office include Mrs. Frank Nelson of 1602 W. 205th st., vice-chairman and Mrs. S. C. Beech of 1612 W. 205th st. as secretary.

The group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Lomita CofC Elections Slated Tonite

A dinner and election of officers will be held tonight, Thursday, by members of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at the Wayfarer's Inn on Pacific Coast highway near Narbonne boulevard, it was announced this week.

The dinner will start at 7 p.m. and the business meeting will get under way at 8 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, DA 6-6378.

The following candidates have

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County Building Activity Puts Torrance In Fourth Place

Torrance rated fourth in building activity for the month of September, a county-wide construction report prepared by the research department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, revealed this week.

Los Angeles was first (\$44,215,726); Bellflower, second (\$4,694,420); Puente, third, \$4,294,472; and Torrance, fourth, (\$4,083,122).

This put Torrance ahead of such cities as Arcadia, Burbank, Glendale, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Manhattan Beach, Pasadena, Pomona, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Vernon, and Lomita.

Building totals for these cities were as follows:

Arcadia	\$ 1,137,608
Burbank	1,254,392
Glendale	1,058,877
Hawthorne	677,043
Hermosa	236,602
Long Beach	3,310,470
Los Angeles	33,218,726
Manhattan	278,934
Pasadena	1,052,843
Pomona	3,607,146
Redondo	353,863
Santa Monica	753,974
TORRANCE	4,083,122
Vernon	1,202,400
Bellflower	4,694,420
Lomita	1,304,180
Puente	4,294,472

County-Wide Torrance Population In 7th Place

Torrance now stands in seventh place population-wise among cities in Los Angeles county, a report based upon estimates of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission revealed this week.

The survey credited Torrance with a population of 67,371 which figure closely approximates Torrance's actual population of 67,459 established by the recent special census.

This means that Torrance has surpassed the previous contender for seventh place, Compton, which was credited with a population of 64,372. Next to be overtaken is Santa Monica whose count stands at 78,203.

The top seven cities are as follows:

Los Angeles	2,200,776
Long Beach	300,382
Pasadena	117,564
Glendale	115,164
Burbank	92,904
Santa Monica	78,203
TORRANCE	67,459

Population figures for surrounding communities are as follows:

Compton	64,372
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Pleads Guilty

Pleading guilty to auto theft, Richard J. Halvaty, 20, of 1027 Avenue C, Redondo Beach, will come up for sentencing in Long Beach Superior court, October 31, according to Torrance Detective Bureau.

Halvaty was arrested October 18 shortly after he had been spotted cyphoning a gas out of a car at the new civic center being constructed on Torrance boulevard.

Open House Set At New Fire Station

Torrance residents will have a chance to inspect their new central fire station for which they approved bonds last year at an open house to be held this Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crenshaw boulevard and Carson street.

"We're proud of the entire station," Fire Chief J. J. Benner exclaimed. "There are so many outstanding elements that it is hard to list any one as particularly noteworthy."

The new station features electric doors; a hose tower with electric hoist; attractive, modern, comfortable classrooms and sleeping quarters; a spacious recreation room and modernistic kitchen facilities; forced air heating and ventilating; and the latest fire fighting equipment.

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80 ADULTS AND TEENAGERS OFFER IDEAS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

About 80 adults and youngsters representing a cross-section of Torrance organizations met for a pre-townmeeting discussion of juvenile delinquency Monday night in the Torrance high school cafeteria.

Individuals submitted reports from their various organizations and participated in group discussions in anticipation of a community-wide old-fashioned townmeeting to be held some time in February, as part of a State-wide program initiated by Governor Goodwin Knight.

Following a briefing by Rev. Nathan Bond of the First Baptist church and committee chairman, members were split into three discussion groups as follows:

- 1) Evaluation of existing juvenile problems in the local Torrance area (Sgt. D. C. Cook, chairman);
- 2) Description and evaluation of whatever facilities and pro-

grams individuals and groups are offering to meet the problem (Dr. Kurt Shery, chairman);

- 3) Suggestions for improving methods of dealing with juvenile problems (Mrs. G. F. Billingsley, chairman).

EXISTING JUVENILE PROBLEMS

Lack of parental supervision was one of the major reasons cited for existing juvenile problems.

"A juvenile delinquent is a boy whose parents care nothing about him," one spokesman said.

While juvenile delinquency can frequently be traced to the home environment, it was pointed out that "reaching the parents" was one of the most difficult problems involved in eliminating "delinquency."

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Horse Killed In Collision

An auto-meets-horse collision resulted in the death of a nag owned by Felipe Gonzales, Jr., 18844 Prairie ave. early Saturday morning.

The accident occurred on Prairie near 190th st., according to police. Driver of the car was Harvey W. Kent, 28, of 5624 Riviera Way.