

# Election Friday

# 15 CANDIDATES SEEK 3 SCHOOL BOARD SEATS



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### EDITORIAL

## We Recommend a Vote For 3 of the Above 5

We are going to the polls tomorrow to elect three candidates to the Torrance Board of Education. Those who will be elected will have a weighty responsibility—they will determine the educational policy of this district and will administer a \$5 million budget.

The Torrance Press endorsed five of the 15 candidates running for the School Board last week, asking the voters to vote for any three of these five. Our endorsements were made for the following reasons.

It is apparent there are no major issues in this election except one—a more independent, analytical Board of Education.

In deciding on our endorsements we asked ourselves only one question—who is best qualified to provide the School Board with good independent leadership.

We stated before, and we say so again, that it is refreshing and gratifying to see so many well-qualified candidates offer their services to the community.

Since candidates are seeking public office, the surest and safest basis for determining their qualifications is their previous record in public office and their participation in community affairs.

These, we feel, should be given major consideration.

We endorsed the five candidates because of their past performance in public or semi-official capacities where they demonstrated their ability to deal with issues reasonably and independently.

We are more interested in individuals who will assume office with an open mind than individuals who have strong leanings toward one or the other side of current educational controversies.

That is why we again endorse the following five out of 15 candidates, recommending a vote for three out of the five:

Our recommendations are as follows (alphabetically):

- Cecil W. Alter
- Clair W. Olsen
- Darwin D. Parrish
- Howard J. Percy
- Mrs. Grace Wright

For biographical background on all 15 candidates, please see page 14.

## POOR ELECTION PROVISIONS MADE

A considerably larger than average turn-out is expected tomorrow, Friday, May 18, when Torrance voters will elect three out of 15 candidates to the Board of Education.

Largely credited with this is the desire to elect independent, representative, analytical individuals to the board.

Ordinarily, only about 18% of the registered voters go to the polls during school elections, according to statistics.

While there may be a number of reasons for this, it is believed that the school district's present election policies are largely to blame.

During city elections, every voter is notified of the time, place, candidate, and issues. This is not the case during School Board elections, despite Superintendent J. H. Hull's attempts recently to give that impression.

Actually, the only voters who are notified are those who have children in school. The children are given the information and sent home with it.

During city elections, citizens are provided with 110 polls at which to vote. During school elections, only 21 precincts are provided. This tends to confuse and inconvenience voters, it has been remarked frequently.

We are herewith publishing the location of the 21 precincts. In order to find out which precinct you are to vote in, you may contact the local school district at FA. 8-0540, according to school officials.

Precincts are as follows:

- No. 1, Perry school, 17831 Prairie ave.; No. 2, Carr school, 3404 W. 168th st.; No. 3, North Torrance elementary school, 17220 Casimir ave.; No. 4, El Nido school, 4402 186th st.; No. 5, North high school, 3620 W. 182nd st.; No. 6, Crenshaw school, 18620 Crenshaw blvd.; No. 7, Steele school, 19300 Inglewood ave.; No. 8, 5037 Jacques st. (private residence); No. 9, Madrona school, 21364 Madrona ave.; No. 10, Fern-Greenwood school, 1520 Greenwood ave.; No. 11, Torrance high school, 2200 Carson st.; No. 12, Torrance elementary, 2005 Martina ave.; No. 13, Seaside school, 4651 Sharynne Lane; No. 14, 5305 Carol drive (private residence); No. 15, Meadow park school, 3860 230th st.; No. 16, Wood school, 2250 W. 235th st.; No. 17, El Retiro park recreation center, 126 Vista del Parque; No. 18, Riviera school, 365 Via Calusa; No. 19, Newton school, 23751 Nancy Lee lane; No. 20, Welteria school, 24456 Madison st.; No. 21, Hillside school, 25600 Crenshaw blvd.

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However, the actual ordinance which would make the change official did not come before the council until last Tuesday.

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The zone change (from C-1) (Turn to Page 18)

## Controversial Tracts Given Council's OK

Approval of three controversial tract maps in which a commission was involved for Councilman Nick Draie in his private capacity as a realtor was granted by the city council following a ruling that Draie was within his rights.

This opinion was submitted by Lewis Keller, associate counsel, League of California Cities, who upheld City Attorney James Hall's opinion that Draie was not in violation of the law since the city is not spending public funds in the matter.

Lewis expanded on this by saying that no question of "divided loyalties" is involved since the city's only concern is that the subdivider comply with city street and improvement construction requirements.

An unexpected aspect of the law governing final tract maps (Turn to Page 18)

## Homeowners Protected By Council

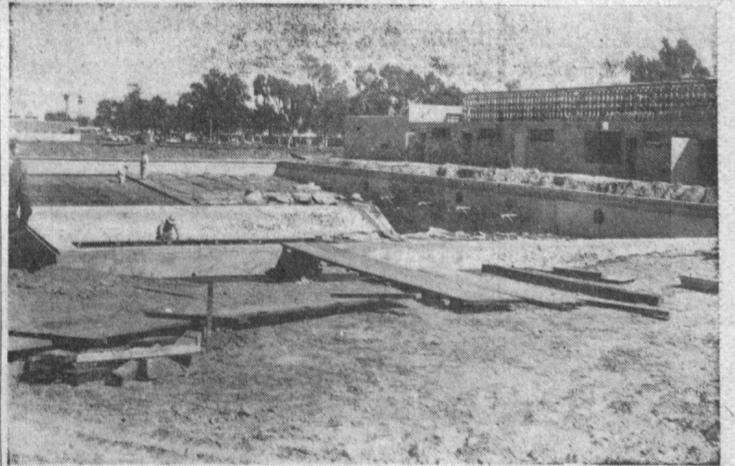
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### NEW WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT

Torrance's new municipal swimming pool will be ready around the first of July. It is located at Maple ave. and Torrance blvd. and is part of the new civic center.—Press Photo.

## New Swimming Pool To Open This July

The swimming pool which Torrance voters decided to build when they approved a \$250,000 bond issue in 1954 will be ready about the first week of July, city officials announced this week.

The Olympic-size open-air swimming pool will be able to accommodate 644 individuals at one time, according to Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation.

The pool, centrally located at Torrance blvd. and Maple ave., also sports a bath house with a roof terrace where spectators may sit and watch.

During the winter, the bath house may be used for youth activities, including club meetings, drama groups, arts and crafts activities, and dances. A built-in snack bar for teen-age activities (not concession stands) will also be provided.

A concession stand may be opened near the pool. A detailed schedule for the use of the pool has been worked out by Van Bellehem and the Recreation Commission. The plan, which has been recommended for approval, now awaits action by the City Council.

Proposed Plans

According to the proposed policy of operation, admission charges will be as follows: general admission, 50¢; youngsters 13-18, inclusive, 25¢; youngsters up to 12 years, inclusive, 20¢; service men in uniform, 20¢; family nights (family admission price) \$1.

Plans also include swimming lessons for all age groups. Ten lessons, including admission, (Turn to Page 18)

Attempts so far to locate the dog have proved unsuccessful.

The Van Ripers have been given until tomorrow to make up their mind whether to subject Mark to a series of 21 painful Pasteur shots or to take a chance on the dog's being healthy, thus making the shots unnecessary.

If the dog happened to be rabid and the youngster, not having received the shots, contracted rabies, he would be faced with an agonizing and inevitable death.

The Van Ripers feel that the dog who bit their son was probably a healthy dog. But they would like to be absolutely certain.

They are making a last-minute (Turn to Page 18)

## Desperate Plea Made By Parents To Locate Dog

Of all human decisions to make, none is so agonizing as the decision which Mr. and Mrs. Warren Van Ripper of 21724 Reynolds dr. must make by tomorrow—whether or not to gamble with the life of their child.

## Market Town Carries S&H Green Stamps

The Torrance Press is pleased to announce that Market Town, 15017 Crenshaw blvd. has joined our family of advertisers.

The store offers acres of free parking and the latest in shopping variety and convenience.

Market Town carries S&H green stamps which are given with all purchases, with the exception of fluid milk, tobacco, and alcoholic beverages, which are excluded by law.

Customers have a chance of saving twice this way, officials stated,—once, by taking advantage of the many bargain prices on sales items, and second, by getting premiums from the S&H green stamps.



### BAD HUMOR

In trying to avoid hitting a dog, Good Humor man Frederick L. Wanzer, 29, of Norwalk, swerved and broadsided into an island on Pacific Coast highway east of Calle Mayor Monday evening, with the above results.—Photo Arts Photo.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**MAJOR INJURIES:** Kermit Orin Posmo, 24, of 1632 W. 209th st., received major injuries when his car crashed into a nursery fence at 182nd st. and Western ave. Thursday.

**ANGLE PARKING:** A test will be made on Cabrillo ave. to see whether angle parking would be better than parallel parking along the sidewalks.

**RECREATION PARK:** The Dominguez Estates co. has offered the city a 26 acre site for a drainage basin and recreational purposes. The site is located in the Kauffman-Wilson development between 190th and Del

Amo.

**STORM SEWERS:** Councilman Willys Blount asked for a written report on what is being done to open Torrance blvd., and Border ave. now that the storm sewers have been laid.

**MARIJUANA:** A 15-year-old boy was turned over to the Lennox sheriff's station Crime Prevention Bureau for growing marijuana plants in his backyard. Sheriff's officers confiscated 208 plants. The boy said he obtained the seeds from a friend and that he intended to sell the plants.

## Annexation Of Victor Area OK'd

A total of 67% of the 200 registered voters of the Victor precinct turned out to vote Tuesday on annexing to Torrance, approving annexation by a vote of 70-62, according to George Powell.

The 604 acres bordered by Torrance blvd., Hawthorne ave., Del Amo, and the Redondo Beach city boundary will even (Turn to Page 18)

# BE SURE AND VOTE FRIDAY, MAY 18