

# Civil Service to Hear DeArmitt Case

# Thousands View Baseball Day Parade

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FAIREST OF ALL — Beautiful contestants off with titles of Miss Baseball of 1960 and Miss Little League at parade yesterday.

# Crowd to Protest Torrance Ski Run

## Victoria Knolls Residents to Converge on City Council

500 on Petitions, Claim Property Devaluation, Vandalism, Nuisance

A phalanx of outraged residents of Victoria Knolls will descend upon the City Council Tuesday at 8 p.m. to protest construction of a ski run near their homes.

A conditional-use permit for the project, to be situated back from 2600 Pacific Coast Highway, was granted to Lynn Chandler of 26311 Narbonne Ave. by the city Planning Commission.

During and after the commission's hearing, the storm gathered impetus.

It is the consensus of the residents that they have paid dearly for a view and for privacy, and to avoid the commercialism now being proposed.

Protests made to the planners and in advance to the City Council contend:

That the promoters plan a ski slide, shops, and a giant snow-making machine in the midst of their homes.

That this would constitute an island of commercialism east of Richville Drive and south of Nearcliff St.

That views would be obstructed and property values slashed.

That privacy would be lost.

The home owners have charged that unavoidable confusion would result and that noise and lights would provide an attractive nuisance for children.

Some homes, they declared, would be sandwiched between Dalemead St. and the proposed access road to the ski run. Others would be under a huge parking lot.

One resident charged in a letter to the council that noise would result at all hours, especially late at night and that vandalism would be invited by what he termed a carnival-type atmosphere.

Another charged the Planning Commission ignored a petition from more than 400 home owners in the area, opposing the project.

Sole proponent of the plan was a director of an organization called the Victory Boys Camps of Hollywood. He said he is a skier and thinks the ski run would cut down delinquency.

The run would be enclosed and feature a slide of real snow.

John A. White of 2316 Nearcliff St., spokesman for the protesters, said the City Council still is being bombarded with letters of protest and that a petition bearing names of more than 500 home owners will be presented to that body before or during its deliberation of the proposal.



MOTHER TOLD ME—She said there would be days like this. Up early, out the window to pick flowers for Mother's Day. Locked out. Mother's asleep. It's her day.

## 3300 Youth League Players March in Baseball Parade

By MIKE CALLAS  
Press Sports Editor

Torrance had its baseball day yesterday. A parade composed of 3300 Little, Pony, and Babe Ruth leagues marched before the largest crowd ever assembled for a civic function since the charter of the All-American City.

Leading the parade, which started on Crenshaw Blvd. to City Hall via Torrance Blvd., were guests Sandy Koufax, Chuck Essigian, Joe Pignatano, and Carl Furillo of the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

Prior to the parade, newsmen of the local papers elected two queens. The trophy for Little Miss Little League was won by Cheryl Osborn representing the North Torrance Little League West and the award as Miss Baseball of 1960 went to Earlene Brainard who was Miss Babe Ruth.

After the parade the large throng of youngsters were treated to ice-cream bars by the Torrance Elks prior to award presentations held behind the City Hall.

Torrance Commissioner of Baseball Pat Hogue and Torrance Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald conducted the proceedings, which included belated awards to last year's queens. A proclamation in honor of Torrance Baseball Day signed by Mayor Isen was read by Pat Hogue. Isen is in Chicago for a mayors' convention.

North Torrance Little League won the float award titled "Most Beautiful," Torrance Central Little League, for "Best Theme," and the Torrance National Little League for "Most Original."

Judges for the float contest were Sam Levy, Dr. J. H. Hull, and Harry Van Bellehem. In attendance were Councilmen George Vico and Nick Drale.

## Lynwood Busses to Compete With Torrance Lines

Permission for Lynwood's Cross Town Suburban Bus Lines to operate in areas served by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was granted Wednesday by the state Public Utilities Commission. The order, effective May 23, grants the firm permission to extend its lines along Crenshaw Blvd., Artesia Blvd., and Hawthorne Ave. to serve the Del Amo shopping center.

The application was protested by Torrance officials Feb. 17. The spokesmen said the Cross Town invasion would harm the Municipal Lines business. The Torrance system is operating at a loss.

## Boy Hit by Car

Richard Valdeguro, 10, of 2033 242nd St. was cut and bruised when he was struck by a car near Lomita Blvd. and Narbonne Ave. Wednesday.

## Civil Service Sets Hearing on DeArmitt Firing May 20

The Civil Service Commission has scheduled a hearing Friday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. on charges that Fireman Dick DeArmitt illegally campaigned for candi-

dates in last month's city election.

DeArmitt, a veteran of 3½ years on the fire department, has been ordered discharged by Chief J. J. Benner. The dismissal is being held up pending the commission's action.

The fireman has been pledged help by the Torrance Fire Fighters, of which he is president, other unions, management, and private citizens in carrying the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

His attorney, Joseph Taback, is prepared for a long hearing May 20.

DeArmitt is denying the charges and alleging the ordinance and law he is accused of violating are unconstitutional.

## Cubans Drop Piracy Charge

A piracy charge against a Torrance man and his companion has been dropped, but the pair will face trial for murder and robbery of a Florida boat captain.

Cuban officials are holding the men, Alvin Table Jr., 25, of Torrance, and William Sees, 23, of Etowah, Ark.

The captain was slain when he and four passengers attempted to rescue the men and Table's wife from an island.

## 4 PLAQUES ORDERED FOR AID TO PARK

Councilman Nick Drale this week demanded permanent plaque resolutions of gratitude be presented to all organizations that contribute to development and improvement of parks in the city.

Last week he had urged curtailment of permanent plaques, which cost \$10 apiece.

But Mayor Isen ordered another for the South Torrance Lions, in appreciation for laying sidewalks in Las Arboles Park. Drale said other organizations also had contributed to the park's prosperity.

On his motion plaques were ordered for Las Colinas Garden Club, Riviera Garden Club, and the Palos Verdes Riviera Home Owners' Association.

## Driftwood Motel Robbed of \$340

The Driftwood Motel, 3960 Pacific Coast Highway, was robbed yesterday at 3:45 a.m.

A young bandit roused the manager, Donald L. McFarland, and asked the price of a room. He then produced a short-barrel gun and a paper bag and took \$340 in cash, checks, and traveler's checks.

The robber commanded McFarland to lie on the floor, where he bound his hands and threatened him if he made any outcry for the following 15 minutes.

## Massachusetts Firm Buys Felker Manufacturing Here

Bay State Abrasive Products So., Westboro, Mass., has bought the Felker Manufacturing Co. of Torrance.

Arthur E. Gilman, president of the Massachusetts firm, said, "Purchase of the Felker Manufacturing Co. gives Bay State Abrasive Products a West Coast facility in keeping with our expansion goals."

Felker is a well-known manufacturer of high-quality diamond abrasive cut-off blades used in many industries including construction, stone, building, ceramic, lapidary, and electronics.

They also manufacture machines, accessories, diamond core drills and diamond compound used in these industries for cut-off purposes, lapping, and core drilling.

Felker will be operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bay State under the direction of the vice president, Elden L. Auker.

Lester F. Kuzmick will be retained as manufacturing manager and Fred K. Ryan as sales manager. Felker has 120 employees and 500 national distributors.

No immediate changes are planned in the subsidiary's operation.

## Torrance Voters Number 38,971

Torrance voter registration stands at 38,971, or an increase of 1218 over the 1958 total of 37,753.

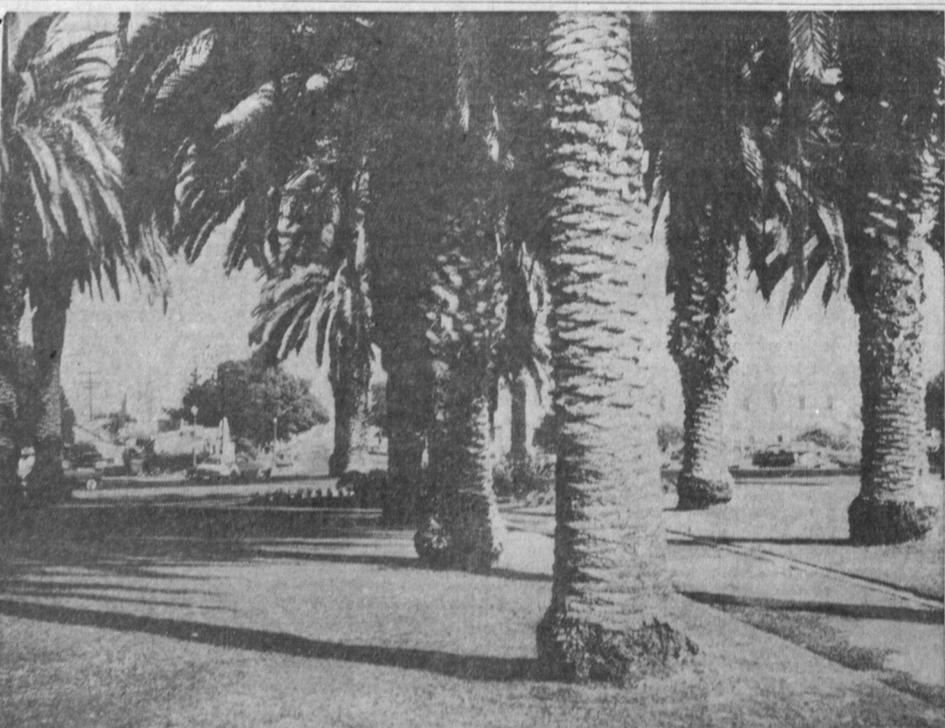
A tally of 23,548 Democrats and 14,073 Republicans make up the majority of the figure.

Democrats picked up 1139 to boost their old figure of 22,404, while the Republicans signed 149 to add to their 13,924 of 1958.

## Inside the Press

The state insurance commissioner has cracked down on insurance companies that are taking advantage of drivers under the assigned-risk plan. His order, limiting overcharges to 15%, is effective July 1. Thus The Press's exposure of assigned-risk practices ends today on Page 6-A.

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SAVE THE TREES—So enjoined Councilman Victor E. Benstead when plan for realignment of Carson St. came before

the City Council. Money is being provided to straighten jog at high school. Trees above will be spared—most of them.

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