

Movie Houses Get Tentative OK

There's good news today for Torrance movie fans, provided they don't mind a real-life airplane crash in place of the routine celluloid ending.

City councilmen last night voted conditional approval of two proposals, each calling for construction of a luxury movie house on property joining Torrance Airport.

At least one councilman, however, voiced concern over location of the theaters, suggesting patrons might find an airplane in the mezzanine if a crash occurred during landing.

NEAR APPROACH

Plans call for both theaters to be built in or near the airport landing approach.

George L. Graziadio, Jr., representing Airport Plaza Corp., said his theater will

face Pacific Coast Highway, a location deemed safe by the city's Airport Commission.

Nonetheless, Airport Manager Jack Egan said the location does not meet his approval because it lies too near the airport approaches, a spot which might spell disaster for theater patrons if a crash occurred.

DISAPPROVES AGAIN

He also disapproved of a second theater proposal, this one presented by representatives of Jefferson, Inc.

In a 4-to-3 vote for approval, councilmen specified the theaters can be built only with a final OK from the Federal Aviation Agency.

In other council action, the resignation of Fred R. Stevens, chairman of the city's Civil Service Commission,



ARTIST'S SKETCH shows proposed 600-seat theater to be built on property adjoining Torrance Airport. City councilmen voted tentative OK of this theater and

another, 1000-seat movie house last night, apparently ending lengthy controversy. Opponents fear location near airport landing pattern might endanger patrons.

was accepted and Lew Jenkins named successor.

Stevens said the necessity to leave Torrance required his resignation from the commission.

A comprehensive civilian defense report, compiled after extensive research by the city's Civil Defense Commission, was submitted for study.

EXTENSIVE STUDY

E. F. Schoonover, commission chairman, said the report represented an extensive study into the CD needs of Torrance.

Mayor Albert Isen denounced public lethargy in civilian defense, and said the report will go far in providing city officials with a workable defense plan.

A public hearing on requests to vacate an alley

south of 230th Street between Arlington and Eshelman Avenues was set for Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

'SELF SETTLEMENT'

"Amiable settlement" was ordered by councilmen in a controversy over loudspeakers at Entradero Little League Park. Mayor Isen told representatives the noise problem could be solved without additional council action, and asked members of both factions to cooperate in finding a compromise agreement.

Formation of a municipal Historical Commission was recommended by Isen in answer to a request by Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle. Dralle called for preparation of a city history, to be used for public relations purposes.

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Residents Report Total of \$2800 In Burglaries

Police are investigating burglaries totaling more than \$2,800, which have occurred within the last few days.

A jewelry theft totaling approximately \$2,500 took place Saturday at the home of Mrs. Pryor G. Cloud, 350 Palos Verdes Blvd., as she was discussing with a neighbor a robbery which happened to the latter during the week.

Harry Hood, 5808 Pacific Coast Hwy., Apt. 4, reported \$262 stolen sometime during the early morning hours Monday.

A "cat burglar" walked away with \$90 Friday from the home of Lawrence Brown, 2059 Renosa Dr. When Brown got up at 7:30 a.m., he found the front and back door unlocked. A neighbor's dog was reported barking shortly after 1 a.m., possibly at the culprit, according to police reports.



DIANA WILLOUGHBY, Ranchero Days Queen

Tackless' Lads Play Joke on Pool Walkers

Swimmers anticipating a walk on the bottom of Benstead Plunge are the brunts of a joke of a couple of unidentified lads who tossed tacks in the pool last night about 8:30.

The pool attendant reported the prank to the police at 8:54 p.m. The joke's over, though, the tacks have been retrieved and the pool bottom is safe for walking, he reported.

Pass the Buck Cowboys Meet For City Event

Out front of the 115-entry Ranchero Days Mounted Parade in Torrance Saturday will be the city's Capt. Art Harkness of the Mounted Police. The parade will begin at Carson and Cabrillo Sts. at 10:30 a.m.

Capt. Harkness will lead the parade to the site of the annual Ranchero Days festivities and carnival, which opens today, located east of the Torrance Del Amo Shopping Center. A rodeo will follow parade activities at 2:30 p.m.

Continuance of the rodeo will follow Sunday at the same time. Sunday evening will mark the conclusion of the celebration in Torrance.

TIME TO BUCK

The rodeo, held Saturday and Sunday afternoons only, is one of more than 500 approved each year by the Rodeo Cowboys Association. It is open for entry by all professional contesting cowboys in the United States and Canada.

Purse money put up by the rodeo committee this year, \$1,000, is expected to be doubled by entry fees from contestants.

Appearing in the parade, slated to precede the initial rodeo event, will be local bands, drill teams, equestrian groups, city officials and numerous movie and television personalities.

Flanking the captain in the parade will be Ignacio Cano, Paul Parker, Hank Porter and Lee Risler, making up the five-member color guard team which placed first in the Fourth of July Huntington Beach Parade this year.

Blond Bobbet King, Miss Torrance, will be on hand to welcome, greet and throw kisses to the crowd, expected to be 30,000 in number.

The carnival, opening today, will feature 20 rides and attractions plus various game booths sponsored by local service clubs.



BRUSH BLAZE is controlled Monday near Rolling Hills after coming dangerously close to two expensive homes, burning estimated 20 acres of brush. County firemen under direction of Division Chief Burton D. Robinson controlled blaze within less than an hour. Fire broke out near Open Brand and Eastfield Roads. (Press Photo by William Schell Jr.)

Motorist Held By LA Police For Hit, Run

Police are holding a Torrance man for felony hit and run after his auto struck a pedestrian at 228th St. between Western and Denker Sunday night.

Albert Breault, 36, 22711 S. Harvard, Torrance, victim, is on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital suffering from head and internal injuries and a fractured right elbow.

Dale L. Lucas, driver, struck Breault as he crossed 228th St. Lucas, 34, who resides at 1543 W. 227th St., Torrance, fled the scene and was arrested at his home soon after the accident, according to Los Angeles police.

Persons witnessing the accident told police Lucas hit the pedestrian, swerved to the left, straightened his car up and fled without stopping. Another motorist followed him and took his license number. According to George R. Crawford, police officer, Lucas was arraigned yesterday afternoon. He said Lucas was presently being sought by the Navy for being away without leave.



SOON TO OPEN — Inspecting the Crenshaw off-ramp of the newest section of the San Diego freeway this week are (left to right) Jay Beasley, president of the Inter-City Highway Committee and Torrance council-

Forces Plot Last-Ditch Petition Drive

Backers of a plan to establish eight councilmanic districts in Torrance regroup tomorrow night in hopes of obtaining 6500 petition signatures by the mid-August deadline.

The drive, under direction of Mrs. Eva Bisou, would result in a referendum election and, if successful, creation of separate districts for the selection of city councilmen.

Residents interested in the project have been asked to attend tomorrow's meeting at Sea Aire Park.

Original plans called for submission of the 6500-signature petition by 5 p.m. today, but Mrs. Bisou indicated she would ask for a time extension.

This gives the group another two weeks in which to obtain the required total. Some signatures were to be filed today, with the remainder to be submitted on the deadline date.

A final drive for signatures is expected to get under way immediately after the meeting.

One spokesman for the group, Attorney John Barton, said the two-week delay is possible because the law governing referendum elections on charter amendments is not as well defined as that applying to referendums in ordinances.

"If the petitions are submitted by Aug. 17," he said, "there should be ample time to verify signatures."

Contracting Laws Opposed by Board

A request that the state allow the school districts to operate in the most economical manner was sent, via resolution, to the state legislature by the Torrance Unified School District Board Friday.

The request asked for some revision of the present education code requirements, specifically to increase the ceiling price over which labor for school district projects must be contracted.

At present, the maximum amount the district may pay its own employees per project is \$1,000. Anything above that must be contracted to private industry.

As an alternative or addition to the request that the legislature raise the maximum, the board recommended that the state re-define "the whole area of contract vs. force account to allow school districts to operate in the most economical manner."

In an argument for the request, the board commented that this legislation (setting the \$1,000 ceiling) was passed during depression years when the dollar was deflated.

Hungry Culprit Finds Ice Box; Pork Roast Gone

Mrs. William Howard's ability with the cookbook may be held to account for a burglary at her home sometime yesterday between 7 and 9:45 p.m., for a hungry culprit entered her home and took nothing but a pork roast from the ice box.

Howard, 2709 Normelyn, Torrance, reported to police that the burglar entered through the front window and left a shoe print on the living room rug.

He mentioned that the pork roast, valued at \$3.50, was not insured.

Yesterday morning, Alfred G. Fanti, 2604 W. 176th, reported that he was burglarized about 5:30 a.m. Police said the victim reported a loss of 17 fifths of an alcoholic beverage and one dozen imported Italian cocktail glasses. Fanti estimated his loss at about \$125.

Torrance Man Reports Hit, Run Collision

A hit and run collision at 238th and Arlington was reported by Carl J. Wood last night at 6:13 p.m. A suspect was not discovered. Wood resides at 3824 181st St.

Blaze in Hills Hits 20 Acres

No, the Indians aren't back! That wasn't a smoke signal sighted by residents in Torrance Monday at noon. It was a three-alarm fire in Rolling Hills.

The blaze, located near Open Brand, Eastfield and Crest Road, was out of control for one hour. County Fire Capt. Donald Moore said there was no damage reported.

Units called to fight the fire, spanning over 20 acres, were eight pumpers, two camp crews, one patrol unit, one helicopter, the division chief and assistant chief. A

Recreation Department Offers Catalina Trip

A day of romping around at Catalina is offered to boys and girls Wednesday by the Torrance Recreation Department in its annual all-day trip to the island. Registration is open to youngsters 7 to 12.

Death-Free Record Set In Torrance

Looking for a safe place to drive? Pick Torrance.

The National Safety Council says Torrance drivers recorded fewer traffic deaths for the first half of 1962 than any city between 100,000 and 200,000 population.

There were no traffic-caused fatalities during the first six months this year as compared to 40 for all of 1961.

Amy Swartz, 3, became the city's first traffic death this year July 11, but the fatality did not fall within the specified six-month period, the Safety Council said.

Credit for the safe driving went to increased use of radar, stepped-up law enforcement and better street engineering.

"More vehicles are using Torrance streets every day," said Sgt. David Cook of the police department's traffic detail. "The job of traffic control, consequently, becomes increasingly important."

He said this year's figure — the best in at least four years — is especially significant because of the area's increasing population and the subsequently increasing traffic load.

A record 40,000 nationwide deaths are predicted by the Safety Council for 1962, an estimate which already seems to be borne out. The council recorded a national seven per cent increase in traffic deaths through July.