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**IN TITLE RACE . . .** Torrance housewife Archine Farrar, who was chosen to wear the Mrs. Torrance title in judging last week, will compete in state finals in Los Angeles, tonight for the Mrs. California crown and the right to compete in the national Mrs. America finals. The 27-year-old mother of two boys here shares results of her cooking skills with Mayor Albert Isen (left) and Ken Carol, manager of Food Fair Markets, Mrs. Farrar's sponsors.

## Major Overhaul to Begin On North High Gymnasium

A \$735,000 contract for remodeling of the North High school gymnasium was awarded to Carter-Mack Builders, Inc., Monday evening by the Torrance Board of Education. Work is scheduled to begin Thursday, April 14, with completion expected in time for the 1966-67 basketball season.

The project involves the expansion of locker and shower facilities, a 25 per cent increase in seating capacity, the addition of a stage, and

## New Signals Finally Win State's Okay

Left-turn arrows on the Torrance Boulevard approaches to Hawthorne Boulevard will be installed following action by the City Council last night. Councilmen approved an agreement with the State Division of Highways and appropriated \$8,600 as the city's share of the cost of the project. Modifications to the existing signal will be made by last night's action ends a long battle between the state and city officials to get the left-turn arrows installed. Late highway officials first denied the additional signals were not necessary following several studies of the intersection.

## Four Locations

## Voter Registration Centers to be Open

Voter registration for the June 7 primary election will close Thursday, April 14, and the Torrance League of Women Voters will conduct a final registration Round-up this week. Mobile registration centers will be set up at four Torrance locations, according to Mrs. B. E. Belzer, voter service chairman for the League. Cars decorated with Registration Round-up banners and staffed by teams of deputy registrars will be at the four locations from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Locations are the Bank of America, Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards; The Kron Department Store, 1020 Hawthorne Blvd.; California Savings and Loan Association, Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard; and Safeway, 4705 Torrance Blvd., near Anza Avenue.

Dr. Gareen said the increased cost is due to the nature of the work—much of it is remodeling and renovation—and because many of the projects are scattered about the campus. "Even under ideal circumstances, this type of work is extremely difficult," he told the board. Dr. Gareen said the bids were competitive.

**ALSO INCLUDED** in the project is the construction of rest room facilities at the school stadium, ticket booths, and additional tennis courts at the school.

In a related action, trustees authorized the installation of a new ventilation system in the school's student service center and administration building, as well as the construction of a health suite. Total cost of the work is estimated at \$51,000.

North High, which now serves a student body of nearly 2,500, was first opened in September, 1955. The gymnasium and other facilities were constructed for a student body of 1,500. Dr. Bernard Gareen, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said the remodeling will correct "many inadequacies" in the present facility.

**SEATING** capacity will be increased from the present 1,200 to 1,500. The stage will replace a small stage which was included in the cafeteria. That stage was eliminated when the cafeteria was expanded earlier this year.

Six bids, ranging from a high of \$839,000 to the successful bid of \$735,000, were received by the school district, Dr. Gareen said. The low bid is \$102,000 above the architect's estimate of \$633,000.

# City Ballots to List 22 Candidates Tuesday

## By Trustees Budget Session Slated

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District have scheduled a special meeting next Monday to begin the work of trimming a \$21.1 million preliminary school budget.

The preliminary budget document was handed to trustees Monday by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. It estimates income at \$19,277,212 and calls for expenditures of \$21,154,187 during the 1966-67 fiscal year.

Dr. Hull also told trustees he had trimmed \$653,000 from the original figures after the preliminary budget was prepared. "It looks like you're one-third of the way," quipped Bert M. Lynn.

As presented last night, the budget calls for expenditures of \$1.8 million more than projected income for the year. Dr. Hull said the estimate of income are "extremely conservative" and added that no increase in the current tax rate had been included in the budget.

The figures are about 14 per cent higher than actual expenses during the current year, Dr. Hull said. A major factor is the 4 1/2 per cent increase granted employees. The salary hike, along with the normal progression of teachers on the salary schedules, will add more than \$1 million to the budget.

The preliminary budget must be adopted prior to July 1, with final action on the school budget due in August. Monday's session will be held at the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## Press-Herald Picks Isen, Johnson, Talbert, Miller

The Press-Herald completes its endorsement of candidates for Tuesday's municipal election in editorials published on Page C-2 today.

Incumbent Albert Isen is being recommended for re-election as mayor and incumbent Ken Miller is recommended for re-election to the City Council. Two newcomers to city political campaigns, Orin P. (Bud) Johnson and Ed Talbert, are being recommended for election to fill the two other seats at stake on the City Council.

City Clerk Vernon W. Coil and City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert have been endorsed for return to the offices they hold, and the Press-Herald is recommending a NO vote on Charter Amendments A and B and a YES on Charter Amendment C.

## Pay Raises for Councilmen on Tuesday Ballot

Torrance voters will be handed ballots Tuesday and asked to select a mayor, three councilmen, a city clerk, and a city treasurer out of the list of 22 candidates whose names appear on the ballot. They also will be asked to decide on three proposed Charter Amendments.

Attracting top attention is the race for mayor which has pitted incumbent Albert Isen against ex-Councilman Nickolas O. Dralle, who ran an unsuccessful campaign to unseat Isen eight years ago. Three incumbents and 13 challengers will appear on the ballot for the three City Council seats at stake, and two candidates each are seeking the offices of city clerk and city treasurer.

Incumbent councilmen who are seeking re-election are J. A. Beasley, Ken Miller, and Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. Banker Ed Talbert, currently a member of the city's Planning Commission is seeking one of the three seats on the City Council and has attracted an impressive list of backers to his campaign.

An aggressive campaigner is tire company owner Leo F. X. Salisbury, who resigned 10 days ago as a member of the City's Planning Commission. He has charged the incumbents with a lack of leadership in the office.

**ATTORNEY** Clifford J. Peterson, a member of the Civil Service Commission and active in civic groups and church affairs, is making his third bid for the office, having run strong races in 1958 and in 1964.

Another attorney, Alfred G. Cagle, has taken his campaign to the residential areas, and since February has been going door-to-door to meet the voters in their homes. LeVane M. Forsythe, who ran 10th in a field of 18 two years ago, is making a second bid. Completing the slate are Harmon N. Belcher, former member of the Civil Service Commission; and Frank J. (Continued on A-4)

## Council Allots Funds for New Radio System

Purchase of a new police department communications system which will monitor patrol units, burglar alarms, and emergency telephones was approved by the City Council last night.

The new system also will include a status board which can keep track of 90 mobile units. The system will be manned by two dispatchers, allowing police units to react to virtually any situation in a minimum of time, according to Walter R. Koenig, chief of police.

Bids for the communications system were rejected by the City Council March 1. At that time, the council authorized City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to negotiate with bidding firms in an attempt to reduce the cost of the system.

**MOBILE RADIO**, Inc., will supply and install the system under a contract with the city. Cost of the unit is \$16,995—\$4,300 below the price first quoted by the firm March 1.

**CHALLENGERS** include Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, who was dismissed from his post as assistant city manager here earlier this year when reports began circulating that he was considering a race for the City Council. Johnson gained support of another candidate last week when Eva I. Bisou withdrew from the race and asked her supporters to back the former city administrator.

Three John Birch Society members seeking election have been campaigning as a team. Candidly listing their John Birch Society affiliations are John R. Ahshear, a laboratory analyst; Ronald E. Morris, in the customer service department of a motor freight firm; and Ronald P. Wright, film technician and actor.

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## Powder Puff Bid Accepted . . .

Torrance Municipal Airport will be the finish of the 1967 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race—popularly known as the Powder Puff Derby. The city put up \$1,700 last night to accompany its formal bid to become the finish of the 1967 race. The Long Beach chapter of the sponsoring organization has advised the city it will support the bid. A \$5,000 fee has been guaranteed, with much of it to be contributed by various organizations.

## Slag Heap Still Problem . . .

Residents of the Pueblo section of Torrance hit another blank wall Monday in their efforts to do something about a slag heap which they say is a nuisance. A meeting between residents, city officials, and the United States Gypsum Co. failed when officials of the firm refused to attend "inasmuch as it is perfectly obvious that nothing will solve their basic complaint." Pueblo residents and city officials continued the meeting and decided to ask the firm to fence the slag heap and plant trees to hide the area from view. A letter asking for an answer to the request within 30 days will be sent to the firm.

## School Election Approved . . .

A request from the Torrance Unified School to incorporate a school bond election with the statewide primary election June 7 was approved yesterday by the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Voters will be asked to authorize \$9 million in general school construction bonds at the election. A \$12.5 million bond issue was rejected by voters last Feb. 8.



**REGISTRATION ROUND-UP . . .** Mrs. B. E. Belzer (left), voter service chairman of the Torrance League of Women Voters, explains some fine points of registering voters to Mrs. Emil S. Kurtz and Mrs. Daniel E. McPherson in preparation for the League's Registration Round-up. Mobile registrars will be on duty at several locations throughout the city Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, is the deadline for voters to register in order to vote in the June 7 statewide primary election. (Press-Herald Photo)