

# Torrance Board Approves Plan For New Center

Initial steps to establish a regional occupational skills center in Torrance were taken Monday when the Torrance Board of Education tentatively approved an agreement with six other school districts.

Board members in the other districts are scheduled to consider the proposal during the month.

Under terms approved by the Torrance Board, a regional skills center — open to high school juniors and seniors — would be established on a 10-acre site in Torrance.

The site, located near Sepulveda and Crenshaw boulevards, is part of a 17-acre parcel recently acquired by the U.S. Navy.

The proposed center would be governed by a board which would include one representative from each of the seven school districts. The board would be empowered to levy a tax to finance operations of the center.

The agreement would establish a multi-district facility similar to several others now operating in the nation. Funds for construction would come, in part, from the federal government.

The Torrance district currently is planning initial development under a \$92,000 grant from the federal government.

Districts in the agreement would include the Centinella Valley and South Bay Union High School Districts and the Culver City, El Segundo, Inglewood, Palos Verdes, and Torrance Unified School Districts.

## Law in Action

California law says that you may cancel a contract if the seller got your signature through a mistake or by fraud.

Fraud has three legal marks:

(1) A seller must have made false or misleading representations about goods or services;

(2) He must have meant you to believe them; and

(3) You must have relied on them when you signed your contract.

In turn, when you discover the fraud, the law calls upon you to notify the seller and return, or offer to return, the goods before you ask for your money back.

What if you and the seller cannot work out your differences? Then you may do one of the following things.

(1) Try small claims court when less than \$200 is involved. These courts are to help thousands to settle a small claim.

FILING SUCH a claim is easy. The court clerk helps you fill out a simple form for a \$1.00 fee. Other costs are slight.

When your case comes up you tell the judge your story in your own words. Lawyers may not help people in this court nor does the court apply strict rules of evidence. You can also file a regular complaint in the justice or municipal court and have a lawyer represent you.

(2) See an attorney. He will protect you especially if someone is suing you for more than one month's pay.

If you know no lawyer, ask the Lawyers Reference Service in your city. Look the service up in the telephone book under "Attorney's Reference Service," or the office of the local Bar Association.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, consult your Legal Aid Society or other such agencies. These are listed in the telephone book also.

Tell the police or the district attorney when someone has cheated you. The district attorney does not represent you or other private parties in lawsuits. Your own lawyer does that. But the district attorney can stop an unlawful practice. He often holds "citation hearing" to decide whether a crime has been committed. By reporting your case you will thus help others.

When in doubt do not sign any documents but seek legal advice.

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## Improvements Planned In Hospital Services

Plans for several improvements in the admitting room at Harbor General Hospital have been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Separate areas will be set up in the admitting room to handle emergency and non-emergency cases and a registered nurse has been assigned to fully check patients and their health needs when they enter the admitting room.

## Housewives Golf Class Under Way

A new "Housewives Putting" program has been initiated by the Torrance Recreation Department at Entradero Park, 5500 Towers St.

First session of the course was held yesterday. Some openings, are available and the classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon.

It takes more than fifty full-time gardeners, painters, carpenters and electricians working on a year-round basis to keep things ship-shape at the California State Fair which this year runs Aug. 31-Sept. 11. This crew is augmented by another fifty men about two months before Fair-time.

A full-time physician also will be assigned to the admitting room and X-ray equipment will be acquired early next year. Electric doors, paid for through contributions of the Hospital Volunteers, will be installed shortly. The volunteers also have provided magazines, a television set, and additional furniture in the waiting rooms.

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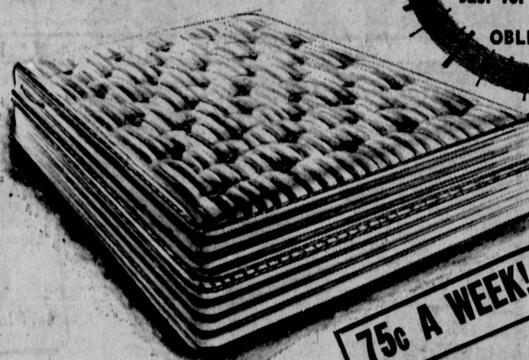
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