

Supervisors Vote Money For Superior Court Work

Three actions on the Torrance South Bay County Courts Building — including approval of plans for the fifth floor interior — have been authorized, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Dump Vote

(Continued from Page A-1) fill the area with rubbish, fill and compact it, and eventually develop a golf course on the 55-acre site. A stable area to the south, 200 feet wide, would be used for homes, he added.

Land Fill, Inc. also offered to dedicate a 3.4 acre park at the west end of the property, as well as the land needed to widen and improve Crenshaw Boulevard.

HENRY ALSO told councilmen that state and county restrictions placed on the operation of all dumps would provide ample protection for homeowners in the area and prevent contamination of underground water supplies. He said the land currently is assessed at \$351,000 and the annual tax bill amounts to some \$32,900. The 55-acre site would be worth some \$7 million — and result in annual taxes of \$177,000 — when the landfill operation was completed, he added.

The proponents also offered the city a contract to dispose of all city rubbish at rates 25 cents under the current county rates and suggested that a 3 per cent use tax — which might net \$18,000-plus annually for the city — be imposed.

HOMEOWNERS in the area, however, opposed the dump plan because of health and safety hazards and because they believe it would result in lower property values.

Claude Hendricks, of 3111 Winlock Road, told councilmen homeowners were skeptical of the plan to develop a golf course since an 18-hole county golf course has been proposed on adjacent property.

Hendricks also said the "price we're being asked to pay for this 3.4-acre park would be too high."

"We're not interested," he added.

LYMAN SAID his major objection to the proposed dump was its location immediately adjacent to a residential area. He said a developing commercial area also is very close to the area.

Ken Miller told the proponents it was "unrealistic to expect the city council to approve a land fill so close to residential property."

Similar sentiments were expressed by H. Ted Olson, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and Isen.

ONLY J. A. Beasley, who also voted against the dump plan, indicated he was unsure of his vote. Beasley said he had hoped to refer the matter to "management" and said he didn't "know whether I'm capable (of voting) tonight."

"We have a hole in the ground which is there," Beasley said, "and it's going to get bigger."

Sand and gravel mining operations are expected to continue under existing leases and variances, although Mayor Isen suggested that the city might make a thorough investigation to determine if the conditions of the existing variances are being met.

On Committee

Henry Mansfield Jr., of Redondo Beach, dean of the Division of Mathematics and Engineering at El Camino College, has been appointed to the advisory committee for planning the 1968 national meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education.

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approved plans for the fifth floor interior — have been authorized, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

In separate actions Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved plans and called for bids for completion of the fifth floor at an estimated cost of \$282,314.

He reviewed the wording of the commemorative plaque for the building to honor the Torrance City Council which donated the land.

Authorized the added expenditure of \$9,000 to complete the first four floors of the building.

These actions are all signs that the facility is almost ready for occupancy, Supervisor Chace said. "We are planning dedication of the building in April."

THE COMPLETED building will house eleven Superior Courts and four Municipal Courts, as well as related legal offices and facilities for other County departments.

"The first four floors and basement are nearly com-

pleted," Chace said. "The building should be dedicated and in operation before work on the fifth floor is started."

In Tuesday's action, the Board voted to credit the efforts of the City Council which helped to bring the Courts Building to Torrance. Names of the Mayor and Councilmen who donated the five-acre site at 525 Maple Ave., will be inscribed on the commemorative plaque.

"THE DONATION of the land was one of the key factors in the City of Torrance's program to bring the Courts Building to that city," Chace said. "It is fitting that the progressive action of the Mayor and City Council be noted on the plaque."

The additional \$9,000 the Board approved for completion of the first four floors will cover costs which could not be determined until the late stages of construction.

Cost of the five-story structure will be approximately \$5 million, County engineers estimate.

Police Arrest Four in Robbery Investigation

Four Torrance youths were arrested Monday by Torrance police officers investigating an attempted purse snatch which occurred last Friday evening.

Booked at the Torrance City Jail were:

Gerald Boyd, 19, of 21005 Demora St., who is charged with suspicion of robbery, suspicion of burglary, and possession of stolen property.

Daniel Raymond Siatcos, 18, of 21005 Demora St., also charged with suspicion of robbery and burglary and with receiving stolen property.

Russell Lee Smith, 18, of 21005 Demora St., was charged with possession of stolen property and possession of marijuana.

Mark Owen McManus, 18,

of 3510 W. 228th St., was booked on suspicion of robbery.

McManus was arrested about noon at Samuel Street and Lomita Boulevard. Police said McManus was driving a car which matched the description of a car used in the attempted purse snatch last Friday.

The three other youths were taken into custody at the Donora Street address Monday evening. During the subsequent search of the apartment, police said they found what is believed to be marijuana. Two television sets, cameras, and several other items believed to be stolen also were found and seized as evidence.

Compton Girl Attacked In North Torrance Area

A Compton girl was attacked and robbed of \$5 early Sunday morning after she had had a fight with her boyfriend and began walking home.

Torrance police gave this account of the incident: Sandra Lucille DeBois, 19, of Compton had fought with her boyfriend while the couple were riding on the San Diego Freeway and Miss DeBois got out of the car at the Artesia Boulevard off-ramp.

She began walking east on Artesia Boulevard and had intended to use the telephone booth at Crenshaw Boulevard, but the booth was occupied and she continued walking.

Miss DeBois heard the telephone booth open and turned

around and saw a man walking toward her. She said the man pushed her into some bushes and she ran. He then grabbed her blouse, ripping it off her, and grabbed her purse.

She then ran to a house at 2803 Artesia Blvd. to seek help.

Police later found Miss DeBois' purse, but \$5 had been taken from it.

The man was about 5-feet-5, of Mexican descent, and had a mustache, officers said.

Area Man Will Enter Plea Monday

A 23-year-old man arrested on suspicion of selling marijuana will enter a plea to the charge Monday in Department A of the Southwest Superior Court.

James G. Hartley, of 1503 W. 210th St., was arraigned on the charge yesterday in Superior Court. Judge Bernard Lawler set 9 a.m. next Monday for Hartley to enter a plea.

Bail has been set at \$3,300.

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Educators Talk Of U.S. Policy

Dr. J. H. Hall, Torrance superintendent of schools, attended a Foreign Policy Conference for Educators sponsored by the University of Southern California and the U. S. Department of State at U.S.C. last weekend.

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Bandit Takes \$1,500

Some \$1,500 was taken from a Torrance bank just before noon Monday by a bandit who apparently wore sunglasses to cover a patch over one eye.

The robbery occurred at the City National Bank, 22400 Hawthorne Blvd., about 11:50 a.m.

Police said the bandit approached teller Betty Hill and laid a plastic case and a note on the counter. The note read, "Put money in bag. Act calm and fine."

POLICE SAID the teller put about half of the currency at her station in the bag and handed it back to the man, but was told to open the drawer. The suspect then told her to "put the rest in the bag."

Miss Hill said the man told her, "If you move, you're dead" and then left through the northeast door. She told police she did not see a weapon at any time during the robbery.

A WITNESS told police the man wore a patch over his left eye. Miss Hill, however, did not see the patch. The witness said she saw the man come from the bank, throw a case into a red car, and drive east on Sepulveda Boulevard.

Police said the man was between 30 and 35 years old, weighed about 155 pounds, and was 5-feet-8. He had thinning reddish-blond hair.

Navy Helicopter Forced Down in Area Cemetery

A Navy helicopter based at the Pt. Mugu Missile Range made a forced landing at Green Hills Memorial Park yesterday afternoon after it developed engine trouble.

The helicopter was flying in a northeasterly direction when it developed engine difficulties about 3:10 p.m., deputies from the Lennox Sheriff's Station said.

The pilot, Lt. (j.g.) Ronald Gilmore, landed the chopper in the cemetery without difficulty. He and three passengers were not hurt.

There was no apparent damage to the helicopter, it was reported.

Passengers aboard included Capt. E. V. Vanleerribink, and two enlisted men, Ronald Glenn and James Vessall.

Accurate information about the population will insure that the city receives those state funds due it and permit the city to formulate plans and programs to meet the needs of citizens, Charles M. Shurtle, planning director, explained.

In addition to a nose count, Shurtle explained, the census will provide data on the age, sex, income, and employment of individuals, as well as data on housing and transportation in the city.

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Hearing Ordered In Theft

A Gardena woman arrested Feb. 16 on suspicion of grand theft has been bound over to the Superior Court to answer the charge.

Magdalena Kocsis, 38, of 149 Parron Ave., Gardena, was ordered Tuesday to appear March 14 in Department A of the Southwest Superior

Court for arraignment on the charge.

She was arrested under a warrant by Torrance police Feb. 16. Jewelry, clothing, television sets and other items worth an estimated \$35,000 were found at the time of her arrest.

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