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Council Takes Bus Sale Issue Off June Ballot

November Date Picked; Public Hearing Slated

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In a surprise reversal of an earlier decision, City Councilmen voted last night to postpone the bus sale ballot issue until the November general election.

Last week, Councilmen had elected to put the issue before Torrance voters at the June 4 statewide primary. This action came following months of stalemated deliberations on the fate of the money-losing Torrance Municipal Bus System.

With the exception of Mayor Albert Isen, all councilmen have generally favored selling the bus system to the Southern California Rapid Transit District. However, it was Councilman Ed Talbert who cast the sole dissenting vote last night, arguing that there is no need to postpone the ballot measure.

TALBERT also pooh-poohed Mayor Isen's statement that there had been "great pressure" from the public opposing the sale. A strong supporter of the bus sale, Talbert said that councilmen had received no more than a smattering of letters and calls from area residents on the question.

Councilman George Vico injected that he had received only one anti-bus sale letter from a "little old lady."

The council was spurred to postpone the ballot measure after Mayor Isen insisted that it was irregular for the lawmaking body to pass a resolution favoring the sale without first holding a public hearing.

CITY ATTORNEY Stanley E. Remelmeier conceded that he would have advised the council to hold a hearing if there had been more time before the June 4 date. However,

he said that no hearing was legally necessary in his opinion.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta, who proposed the ballot hold-over, stated that there would be more voters at the November election and that the council would have more time to assess the results of the 10 cent fare increase. The local lawmakers had voted last week to raise the base fare from 25 cents to 35 cents.

Councilmen also voted to put off purchasing any new bus equipment until after November. City administration officials were authorized to fill those job positions which had been held open for bus drivers pending the bus sale. Drivers choosing to stay with the city had been promised other types of jobs when the sale was finalized.

IN FURTHER action, councilmen voted to appropriate \$750 to hire an appraiser to assess the value of land slated for use as a golf course.

In voting to hire an appraiser, the council concurred with the recommendation of the Golf Course Steering Committee, headed by George W. Post.

Post said that his committee would like to know the actual price of the land now, even though months of investigation still lie ahead. Tentatively, the committee has determined that the land, owned by developer Dan Butcher, is "highly desirable" as a golf course site.

Councilman Sciarrotta endorsed the general concept of purchasing the land, stating that the property will be worth \$3 million in 38 years. If the city has to subsidize the golf course for that length of time, the city will have paid out only \$1,900,000.



MRS. PATRICIA DALRYMPLE
Nursing Director

Nursing Director Chosen

A Torrance nurse has been named director of nursing at Riviera Community Hospital.

Mrs. Patricia Dalrymple was appointed to the post by Charles Johnson, hospital administrator. She will supervise the organization, administration, and control of all nursing services at the hospital.

A graduate of the University of Indiana in 1957 with a bachelors degree in nursing, Mrs. Dalrymple's first nursing assignment was as staff nurse at Cole Hospital in Champagne, Ill.

She worked in a teaching capacity as a clinical coordinator at Burhan Hospital School of Nursing before moving to California in 1958.

Mrs. Dalrymple assumed nursing duties at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood and later worked at the Airport Medical Clinic in Westchester from 1959 to 1961.

During the next two years, she worked as a public nurse for Los Angeles County Public Health Department, then took employment as an industrial nurse for C. F. Braun Construction Co.

The young mother of two children joined the Riviera staff in 1965 as a shift supervisor. In 1967, she was appointed director of in-service education. She is a member of the California Nursing Association and the American Nursing Association.

Two Autos Wrecked in Collision

Two cars were totally demolished early Tuesday when they collided at the intersection of Anza Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Torrance police said they will seek a complaint against Americo Argenta, 53, 2154 Anza Ave., for failure to yield the right-of-way. Driver of the second car was Thomas M. Frye, 18, of 23818 Anza Ave., Apt. C. Neither driver was seriously hurt.

Two Newcomers, One Incumbent Win Endorsement

One incumbent city councilman and two newcomers have won endorsement of the Press-Herald in their bids for election to seats on the City Council at the polls here on April 9.

Councilman George Vico, who is seeking election to a third term, has earned the Press-Herald endorsement by his consistent policy of measuring proposals by their merit, not by the standing of the proposer.

Throughout his tenure as a councilman, Mr. Vico has distinguished himself as his own thinker—as a man whose vote is not up for grabs.

Last Sunday, the Press-Herald endorsed Mr. Leo F. X. Salisbury, drawing attention to his unbounding energy to get things done and the singularly good judgment he has shown along the line in his pursuits of a better Torrance.

We have added the endorsement of this newspaper to the candidacy of Dr. Donald E. Wilson, who has been serving since 1965 as a member of the city's Board of Education. Dr. Wilson has impressed a large number of Torrance people with his ability in the years of his service and we have recommended that his desire to serve the city in a fuller capacity be recognized. Full details may be found today on Page C-2.

Ray A. Farthing, his son, Bruce, and Penny Fitzpatrick, 37, of Gardena, died in the crash which occurred shortly after the plane had taken off for a flight to Torrance. Farthing, 48, served as city attorney in Lomita from the time the city was incorporated in 1964 until Dec. 1, 1966. He had played a major role in the incorporation of Lomita.

MR. AND MRS. Robert J. Oakes of Borrego Springs said Farthing had flown to the desert community to have dinner with them Sunday. The Oakes accompanied the trio to the airport in Borrego Springs and watched the take-off about 8:55 p.m. Sunday.

The plane reached an altitude of about 3,000 feet, Oakes told authorities, when the engine suddenly started to race and the light craft dipped to the south. It crashed in an open field about a mile and a half from the airport.

THE WRECKAGE was found by search parties about 1 a.m. Monday, some five hours after the crash occurred.

Richardson was treated and released. Meave suffered a broken right leg, multiple cuts, and abrasions.

DICKSON died instantly in a "freak" accident on the San Diego Freeway near Roscoe Boulevard in Van Nuys, Los Angeles Police said.

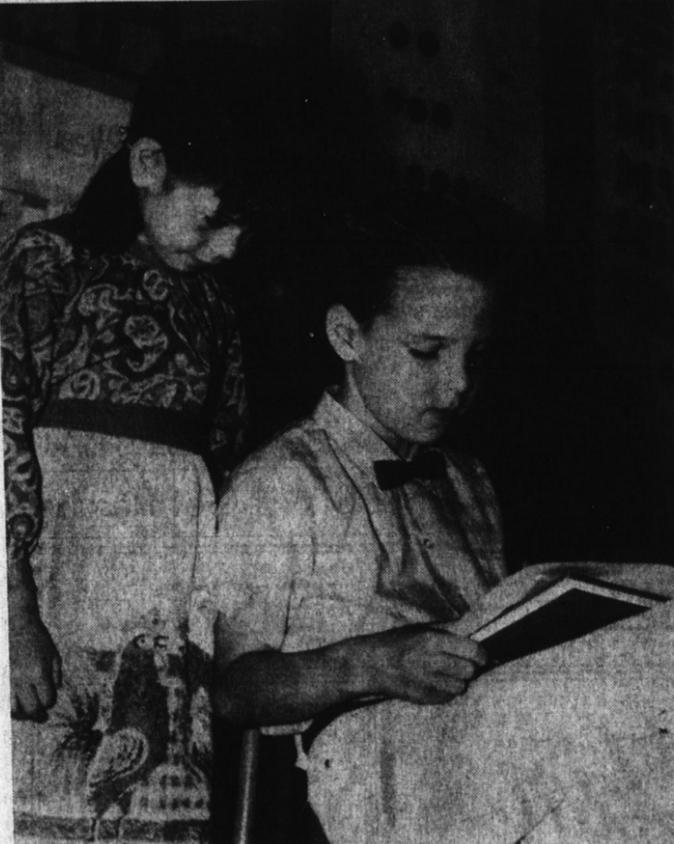
Officer E. R. Williams said the boy's father, Ray P. Dickson, 45, treated for bruises at Valley Receiving Hospital, had stopped for slow traffic at the freeway off ramp when a car driven by Donna Joy (See DEATHS, Page A-2)

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TAX DILEMMA... Helping "husband" Brian Bora figure out where his tax money goes is Veronica McGregor, a first-grade student at Riviera Elementary School. In an ad lib skit, members of the class recently reinforced their understanding of taxes by discussing what things a family buys for itself and which services are paid for by taxes. Questions posed by the students dealt with such items as roads, schools, police protection, food, clothing and shelter.

Weekend Accidents Claim Three Lives

One person died and four were injured in a car-ambulance collision Saturday morning at Figueroa Street and Lomita Boulevard in Carson. In two other weekend accidents a Wilmington man and Dominguez boy were killed. Four other persons were injured.

Woman Dies in Shooting

A Lomita mother of four shot her husband and then turned the gun on herself Tuesday morning, Hermosa Beach police reported.

Margaret Leider, 29, of 729 Harbor Hills Drive, died from a single gunshot wound in the chest. Her husband, John, 32, suffered a flesh wound in the left side.

HERMOSA BEACH officers said Leider gave these details about the shooting: He and his wife separated a few days ago and Leider went to live with a friend at the Park Avenue address. He said his wife came to the house and knocked on the door early Tuesday morning.

LEIDER SAID he saw his wife lying on the steps when he opened the door. Police said the woman's four children are by a former marriage. They reportedly are living with their father.

Comprehensive Plan for City Sought by League

REPORT ON STUDY

The Torrance League of Women Voters this week called for the development and implementation of a comprehensive general plan for the long-range development of the city.

The League call was contained in a statement of "broad areas of agreement" reached at the conclusion of the first year of its two-year study and evaluation of planning goals for Torrance.

The study committee was headed by Mrs. William Geissert.

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Candidates Meeting Sunday

An informal coffee reception for all candidates for the Torrance City Council will be held Sunday afternoon at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. All registered voters have been invited to meet the candidates and discuss local issues. Mary H. Surber, 1109 Elm Ave., said a small group of residence interested in better city government has planned the "no speeches" event.

Groundbreaking Scheduled

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the city's new main library will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Torrance Civic Center. Site of the new structure is between the city plunge and the offices of the Public Defender. Featured speakers at the afternoon ceremonies will include Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Mayor Albert Isen, City Librarian Russell West, and members of the Library Commission. The architectural firm of Heitschmidt and Associates is designing the 50,000-square-foot facility.

Apartment Hit by Burglar

Theft of a color television set and a gasoline credit card was reported to Torrance police early Tuesday by Martin G. O'Malley, 27, of 21113 Anle Ave., Apt. 2. O'Malley told police the theft occurred between 6:15 and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. Investigating officers said the burglar forced open the front door. O'Malley estimated the loss at \$415.