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AIRPORT BROCHURE . . . A new brochure describing the fast developing Torrance Municipal Airport has been published by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce as joint project of the Aviation Committee and the Community Development Committee. Here, Gary Kovacs, Aviation Committee chairman, looks over a copy with Jack Egan, airport manager, and Alan D. Smith, chairman of the community development group. Copies of the brochure are being mailed by the Chamber. Additional copies may be obtained at the Chamber offices. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Asks \$150,000 in County Funds for Roads

May Starting Date Set for Crenshaw Work

Torrance councilmen last night asked the Board of Supervisors for \$150,000 for completion of a major improvement along Crenshaw Boulevard. The funds, together with \$185,000 in city funds from gas tax revenues, will finance improvements along the section between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard. Work is under way on the section between Del Amo Boulevard and Sierra Street and improvements between 190th Street and 182nd Street and the adjacent San Diego Freeway ramps have been completed.

The park, located in the Riviera Village, lies across the boundary of the two cities. A citizens' group, headed by Riviera Village businessmen, has raised more than \$12,000 to help finance the project. Nine bids were received by the city of Redondo Beach for the project. The lowest bid, however, was \$38,078 — about \$8,000 higher than the estimated

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THE NEWEST project, part of an overall program to improve Crenshaw Boulevard throughout the city, will include signals at the Del Amo-Crenshaw intersection, as well as landscaping.

The completed project will provide a four-lane, curbed, divided highway. Rights-of-way for the Crenshaw-Del Amo intersection were obtained from the Dow Chemical Co. without charge, under the condition that the city relocate fences, lights, and other improvements which now are located on the right-of-way. Value of the right-of-way is estimated at \$52,000 by the city and the cost of moving fences and lights is pegged at \$20,000.

JEROME I. Scharfman, assistant city manager, told the Press-Herald construction on the new segment may begin in May at the conclusion of the present work on the Del Amo-Sierra section. Total estimated cost of the project is \$235,000. City officials said the project has been advanced in priority ahead of the Del Amo Boulevard project in order to complete work on Crenshaw Boulevard prior to new fall's rainy season.

Construction of Del Amo Boulevard is expected to begin in August.

IN ANOTHER action last

Irishmen To Parade Saturday

Irishmen and would-be Irishmen are expected to turn out full force Saturday to take part in and view the Torrance St. Patrick's Day parade on Torrance Boulevard.

Sponsored by the Torrance Irish Club, the 10:30 a.m. parade will originate at El Prado and Cravens Avenue and will proceed north to Torrance Boulevard and west to the Civic Center, according to club president Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department.

SOME 150 units will make up the parade, including 16 bands, three bagpipe bands, numerous drum corps, equestrian groups, majorettes, drill teams, Irish clubs, clowns, antique automobiles, and floats. Entries will be judged in 32 different categories with first, second, and third place trophies going to winners. Leading the parade will be the famed McLaglen Motor Corps, followed by the grand marshal, Ernie Menehune, recording, radio, and television star from Honolulu. Menehune

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WIN TOP AWARDS . . . Dr. Vierling Kersey, vice chairman of the Bill of Rights Commemoration Committee and a vice president and director of Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association, presents cash awards to three El Camino students who won the top prize in the annual Bill of Rights Week essay contest. Accepting the awards are (from left) Louise Johnson, Dick Dixon, and Mrs. Susana Castillo, a new U.S. citizen from Ecuador. Another student, Cyndi Henry, also received a scholarship. Coast Federal sponsors the annual observance.

Bill of Rights Week

El Camino College Wins Top Awards

A new American citizen and a native of the Philippines helped El Camino College win a top award in the Bill of Rights Week college program.

El Camino College was tied with Santa Ana college for first place in an overall program celebrating the anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The college's newspaper, the Warhoop, received the award for the best editorial on the first 10 amendments.

The awards for 1967 were given by the Bill of Rights Commemoration Committee. They were presented in the main office of Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association by Dr. Vierling Kersey, vice chairman

of the committee and a vice president and director of Coast Federal.

CASH scholarships of \$800 were presented to both El Camino and Santa Ana Colleges for their winning entries of their overall program.

Four El Camino students responsible for the winning program shared the award. One student, Mrs. Susana Castillo is a native of Ecuador and only recently became a U.S. citizen. Other students receiving this prize are Dick Dixon, Cyndi Henry, and Louise Johnson.

A NATIVE of the Philippines, Victor Merina, former editor of

the Warhoop, received a \$25 savings bond for his winning editorial. The college received a permanent plaque for this honor; this is the second year in a row the Warhoop has won this award.

All winning entries were submitted by the Commemoration Committee to the Freedoms Foundation for consideration of further awards. In the past 10 years, each report they have submitted to the foundation has won further honors for the school and for the students.

Bill of Rights Week (Dec. 9-15) has rapidly been assuming the status of a national celebration since it began nearly 28 years ago.

New Appeal Is Planned; City Manager on Stand

Attorney Dudley Gray told members of the Civil Service Commission Monday that his clients were not present to testify in the Nollac hearings because they believe the case has "already been adjudicated."

Gray represents land developer Kenneth Battrum, Battrum's partners and land companies, who have been ruled in contempt of court for failing to appear and testify at the Civil Service hearings.

GRAY SAID his clients have been denied appeal in the contempt ruling, but will attempt another appeal. Gray feels the first appeal was "premature."

since sentencing will not take place until Friday.

"It isn't the desire of my clients to be in contempt of either this body or the Superior Court," Gray told commissioners. He said his clients are "acting in good faith" and have "nothing to hide." Battrum and the others have produced their records for the district attorney's office, Gray said.

Battrum formerly owned a fishing boat in common with suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac, who is being tried before the commission for misconduct and incompetency. The city has charged that Nollac accepted "favours" from Battrum

in the upkeep of the boat in exchange for "favours" to Battrum's land interests.

MONDAY'S SESSION of the Nollac hearings opened with City Manager Edward J. Ferraro again taking the stand. Ferraro testified that he had no knowledge of certain considerations when he concurred with Nollac's recommendations on Tract 28575.

Nollac recommended three times that Jewell Land Co. be given six-month extensions on the deadline for completion of the subdivision public and other improvements, beginning in May, 1965. Ferraro concurred at the time and the extensions were approved by the City Council.

FERRARO SAID that when he concurred in the first extension, he did not know that Jewell Land Co. had not paid the original sump contractor for the work performed on the sump. He said he was also unaware that work on the sump was slow and that Jewell Land Co. was

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'Women Power' Is Theme of Meeting

"Women Power" will be the subject of a full-day program and dialogue Saturday at UCLA.

The occasion is a regional celebration of the 49th-50th national birthday of the League of Women Voters, formed in 1920 following ratification of the 19th Constitutional Amendment. It will also serve as a kick-off, the first in League's history, for an \$11 million fund drive to replenish

the dwindling capital resources with which it was originally endowed by efforts of the Suffragettes.

Dr. Rosemary Park, vice chancellor of UCLA, will address the gathering during the luncheon at Ackerman Student Union Building. As head of student and curricular affairs, Dr. Park has won particular respect for her efforts to foster continuing dialogue, compromise and peaceful solutions among campus disputants. She is considered one of the most distinguished educators in the United States.

LEADERS of a variety of student women's organizations on campus will take the platform in the morning beside leaders from the League of Women Voters, sponsors of the event. They will conduct a dialogue on how each woman views her involvement in society, why they are involved, and what they expect to accomplish.

Attending the conference will be prominent women from the Southland, particularly those who have achieved a special place on boards, commissions and councils of government. Honor will be paid to women

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Rock Hits Infant Boy In Crib

A 5-month-old Torrance boy required 10 stitches to close a laceration sustained Friday when a rock came crashing through his nursery window.

The incident occurred at 1 a.m. Treated at South Bay Hospital was Danny Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Morris, 3115 Newton St. The Morris said they saw several men flee in a white car.

Mrs. Morris' brother, Tom Lenihan, of 1821 Dever St., Gardena, has offered a \$300 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the rock-thrower.

Lomita Man Dies In Crash

A 23-year-old Lomita man, injured Sunday evening in a two-car traffic accident, died about 90 minutes after the crash.

The dead man was identified as Paul Lynch, 2429 W. 253rd St. He died at Harbor General Hospital about 9:50 p.m. Sunday.

Officers said Lynch was driving west on Pacific Coast Highway in Harbor City when the accident occurred.

Lynch's vehicle and one driven by Willie Walker, 25026 Woodward St., Lomita, collided. Walker's car then spun around and hit a utility pole.

Walker and James Wornor, 26, 2427 W. 253rd St., a passenger in Lynch's vehicle, escaped injury in the accident, police reported.



ACCEPT COMPUTER . . . A new General Electric GE225 Computer has been installed at the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC). The presentation was made by Joe Guzman (right), marketing manager for G.E. Information Systems, and Jess Hill Jr. (left), account representative for the firm. Accepting the computer were Bert K. Lynn (second from right), president of the SCROC board; and Haig Marshalian, planning director of the center. General Electric was the successful bidder on the computer system, which later will be upgraded for the Dial Access Retrieval System, Marshalian explained.

Police Break Up Car Theft Ring

Torrance police have cracked an areawide car theft ring with the help of Redondo Beach, South Gate, and Newport Beach police departments.

Their investigation climaxed Friday with the arrest of three suspects, Alan Paulson, 29, of South Gate; Robert E. Tangeman, 19, of Lynwood; and a 17-year-old Hawthorne youth. One more suspect, believed to be the leader of the ring, is still at large, police said.

PAULSON and the Hawthorne youth were arrested at Paulson's home by South Gate police. Arresting officers said the two were in the process of stripping a high-priced sports car when they were nabbed.

In Torrance, the youths are believed responsible for the theft of cars from John W. Cummings, 3828 W. 226th St., Apt. 11, and Thomas A. Elliott, 25227-A Loytan Ave.

In total, the ring is believed responsible for the theft of four high-priced and one economy-priced sports cars, valued at a total of \$40,000, police said.

Some \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of parts have been recovered, police reported.

All the cars were taken since the first of the year.

Suspect In Robbery Arrested

Police have arrested a suspect in the Feb. 25 holdup of a coffee shop at 18120 Hawthorne Blvd. Jailed Friday was William Joel Dempsey, 27, of 4353 Toland Ave., Los Angeles.

Dempsey is accused of taking \$435 at gunpoint from the shop cash register.