

# 1500 NEW HOMES WORTH \$16,000,000 APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION

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### Planners Approve Record Sized Tract

Approval of tract maps calling for nearly 1500 new homes in Torrance with a value of more than \$16,000,000 was granted by the city's Planning Commission here Wednesday night.

A tract map submitted by the Ellinwood Corp., for 1309 homes—the largest development ever approved here—was sent to the City Council for final approval by the planners. The homes—said to be in the \$12,000 bracket—will be built in the area bounded by Pacific Coast Hwy., WALTERIA, HOLLYWOOD RIVERIA, and PALOS VERDES ESTATES.

The tract was approved after letters from the school board and the Recreation Commission indicated that suitable sites have been set aside for school and park areas.

Torrance officials said the builders were anxious to start construction as soon as possible on the new dwellings.

Another tract for 113 lots submitted by Milton Kaufman, Inc., was approved subject to acceptance of the drainage layout by the city engineer. This tract will be built west of Prairie Ave. and south of 174th St.

**49 Homes Okayed**  
Approval of a tract of 49 homes submitted by Louis Laramore was granted by the Planning Commission Wednesday. The Laramore homes will be built west of Crenshaw Blvd. and south of 182nd St.

Smallest tract approved by the planners Wednesday was for 15 homes west of Hawthorne Ave. and south of 230th St. Harbor Homes, Inc., will build this development.

Hold over by the planners were plans for 242 more homes by two subdividers.

**Drain Needed**  
A 60-home tract submitted by E. N. and C. G. Frame was held up until a solution to the drainage problem could be worked out. Site of the development is 190th St. and Yukon Ave.

A tract calling for 182 new homes submitted by John E. Kettler was referred to a Planning Commission committee for study. Planned for development is the area between Western and Walnut north of 243rd St.

In other action, the Planning Commission held the second public hearing for considering the feasibility of recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the erection of homes below an elevation of 75 feet mean sea level. The area under study is the WALTERIA LAKE DISTRICT, which has no drainage. It was under water most of the summer following last winter's heavy rains.

Request of Ivan Hase, 2023 Plaza del Amo, for permission to construct a house on the rear of his lot having 600 square feet, was approved.

Request of Mr. Simpson, 1744 Caballo Ave., for permission to convert garage to secondary house and build new garage behind his house approved.

Request of William Fowler, 533 Via la Selva, for waiver of rear yard set-back on irregular-shaped lot approved.

The Commission approved change of street names as follows: 244th St., to 243rd St.; 245th St., to 244th St.; 245th Pl. to 245th St.; Illinois St. to Gramercy Pl.; Catalina Ave. and Puerta del Norte to Palos Verdes Boulevard.

**Plan Six-Unit Dwelling on Dominguez St.**  
Plans to build a six-unit dwelling on the southwest corner of Anapala and Dominguez near the Pacific Electric shops was revealed by W. S. Van Doren, general contractor, before the Planning Commission Wednesday night.

Van Doren, who said he was representing Mr. and Mrs. Leon Finch, owners of the property, requested waiver of certain set-back requirements on the property.

A committee was appointed by Commission President Beverly Smith to study the proposal.

**City Cleaning Torrance Blvd.**  
City crews Thursday began a clean-up project on Torrance Blvd., the city's most impressive entrance, as a standby measure until permanent modernization of the thoroughfare is possible.

While one crew trimmed the top-heavy eucalyptus trees along the boulevard near Hickory Ave., another crew was busy patching and smoothing the gravel shoulder of the wide street, getting it ready for a temporary oiling to settle the dust.

City Manager George Stevens said yesterday that the shoulder oiling would be of a temporary nature only and that the city hoped to include funds in next year's budget for a major overhaul of the busy boulevard.

### Tot Dragged 50-Feet Under Wheels of Truck

Two-year-old Katherine Saltzer is in serious condition at Torrance Memorial Hospital recovering from injuries received when she was dragged more than 50 feet under the wheels of a milk truck, Thursday.

The tot suffered a skull fracture and lacerations when she rode her tricycle into the path of a slow-moving truck which had been stopped in front of her home. She resides at 1439 W. 221st St.

Driver of the truck, Fred McDonald, of Los Angeles, told investigators that he had stopped at the Saltzer home and was pulling away to go next door when he heard a dragging sound underneath the wheels.

He stopped his milk wagon and found the little girl and her tricycle wedged against the front axle, McDonald said. The driver and the tot's mother rushed her to the hospital, where she underwent surgery for several hours Thursday afternoon.

Hospital attaches said the tot is "apparently recovering."

**BID TO CHANGE ZONING ON CRENSHAW STUDIED**  
A request of Mrs. R. C. Brown, 1004 Crenshaw Blvd., to have her property re-zoned from R-2 to R-3 touched off a discussion on rezoning the property for commercial use at the Planning Commission Wednesday night.

A committee headed by Commissioner A. K. Hill reported that at least three other property owners in the block had voiced their desire to have the area rezoned C-1 (retail commercial) rather than R-3 (multiple dwelling units).

Hill followed his report with a motion that the lots facing Crenshaw from Torrance Blvd. to Sierra St. be rezoned to C-1. His motion was not seconded.

Mrs. Brown told the commissioners that most of the property owners of the area would like to sell their property as one piece to be used for a large department store.

The matter was dropped there, with the Commission taking no action other than to advise those present that a petition must be filed before an area can be rezoned and that public hearings must be held in accordance with the city's Land Use ordinance.

The interested parties indicated that they desired to discuss the matter further with the planners.

**Douglas, Union Leaders Agree In Washington**  
Settlement of the dispute which threatened to shut down the Torrance plant of the Douglas Aircraft Co. recently was announced in Washington Friday as union and company negotiators reached an agreement.

Federal Conciliator Harry Mahon said Douglas workers will receive a 5-cent hourly wage boost and fringe benefits. The boost is the same offered by the company before the strike in September.

The new agreement is subject to ratification by union members at a meeting scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26. Inasmuch as top officials of the AFL International Association of Machinists and District Lodge 720 approved the pact in Washington, it is believed that the rank and file will accept the settlement Sunday.

The fringe benefits include reclassification of some jobs, qualification for sick leave benefits in one year instead of five years, and a guarantee of six paid holidays off each year even if they fall on Sundays.

**School Program Of Tetanus Shots Continues**  
Local school children may be immunized against diphtheria and tetanus beginning next Thursday, Oct. 23. Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, county health officer, said this week.

Diphtheria and tetanus immunizations will be combined in one shot and offered to children through 12 years of age. In cooperation with local school officials, shots will be given Oct. 23 at Orange School; and October 28 at Lomita and Nativity schools.



(Herald Photo)  
NEW CLASS PRESIDENTS . . . Elected this week to guide the classes at Torrance High School were Jerry Farrar, at left, junior class president; Bill Meacham, frosh president; Dee Gibson, sophomore president; and Ted Marcoux, senior president. Other officers also were elected.

### Ted Marcoux Gets Student Nod as Senior Class Prexy

Ted Marcoux was named to lead the Senior class at Torrance High School for the remainder of the school year in class elections held this week at the school.

Other Senior officers are Tom Smith, vice-president; Charlene Grace, treasurer; Nancy Baird, secretary; and Karl Hakmiller, Boys' League representative.

Junior class president is Jerry Farrar. Only other officer named to assist Farrar is Sylvia Read, treasurer. Run-off balloting was held Thursday to determine other officers.

Dee Gibson was named sophomore president, and Jerry Burns vice-president; Judy Reid, treasurer, and Tom Vanderpool, Boys' League representative. A run-off for secretary between Joan Davis and Ann Steinbaugh was scheduled.

Guiding the freshman class is Bill Meacham, president; Linda Thistle, secretary, and Doug Irvine, Boys' League representative.

### New Gym Open For Adult Use

The new boys' gymnasium at Torrance High School is now available for the adult physical fitness classes, it was announced today by Vernon Sheblak, director of adult education.

Coaches Cliff Graybehl and Rex Welch pointed out that the new gym offers a playing area of over 12,400 square feet. There are six basketball backboards, three volleyball courts and six badminton courts. For those interested in supervised individual exercises, there are horizontal and parallel bars, wrestling mats, rowing machines, rings, climbing rope and long horse.

All classes are open to both men and women. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10. There will be instruction in volleyball, basketball, gymnastic tumbling, weight lifting, and body building exercises. Calisthenics and lectures on diet and weight control for men and women will also be given.

### Girl Lured Into Truck; Molested By Young Driver

Police late yesterday were attempting to find a 30-year-old man who lured an 8-year-old girl into his truck, drove her to North Torrance and attempted to have intimate relations with her.

Torrance Detective Captain Ernie Ashton said yesterday that the girl, whose name was withheld, was playing with another girl near her home at 149th St. and Gramercy Ave. A brown-haired man in a flat-bed truck stopped and asked them if they would care to go with him to deliver newspapers.

One of the girls, the officer said, accepted the offer, but the other ran down the street to her home.

After driving around North Torrance and Gardena for several minutes he took her to a vacant lot south of 166th St. and Arlington Ave., partially disrobed her and molested her, Ashton reported the young victim told him.

The suspect was wearing gray work clothes. He returned her to the vicinity of her home after the alleged crime took place.

### Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

**THURSDAY**  
3:21 p.m., Maple Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., grass fire.  
4:00 p.m., 5246 Bindewald Rd., structural fire.

**FRIDAY**  
12:55 p.m., Crenshaw Blvd. and Carson St., grass fire.  
4:15 p.m., 5600 Torrance Blvd., grass and tree fire.

### Woman Injured In Auto Crash

Receiving painful injuries when a car in which she was riding was involved in a three-car collision on Hawthorne Blvd. Wednesday was Mrs. Bertha N. Roberts, 1841 W. 182nd St., who was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Sheriff's deputies said Mrs. Roberts was a passenger in a car driven by Kenneth L. Roberts, 19, of the same address. Other drivers involved were Sterling D. Herron, 29, 4030 Del Amo, and Fred Tourtelot, 54, of Rolling Hills.

Deputies reported the three cars were following an unidentified vehicle on Hawthorne Ave. near Del Amo Wednesday evening. One stopped and the other two crashed into it.

### Benefits to City on Flood Control Measures Revealed

A detailed breakdown of the benefits to be gained by Torrance as its share of the \$179,000,000 bond issue which will come before the voters of Los Angeles County Nov. 4, was released this week by B. L. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance's share of the \$179,000,000 bond issue is estimated at \$1,488,100, Plomert reported. The three projects allocated to the area are described in the Board of Supervisors Comprehensive Plan of Flood Control as follows:

Project 241—titled "Cabrillo Avenue" estimated cost \$834,300.  
Project 242—titled "Arlington Avenue—Glenburn Avenue" estimated cost \$392,600.

Project 243—titled "Walteria Sump," estimated cost \$338,700. Total costs of the three projects would be \$1,535,600, of which \$1,488,000 would be spent in Torrance. The city's share is 0.8557 per cent of the total, the report shows.

Specifically, the projects are described as follows:  
**Project No. 241**  
The plan contemplates:  
A. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in 222nd St. from Plaza del Amo to Arlington Ave.; in Arlington Ave. to 220th St.; in 220th St. to Cabrillo Ave.; in Cabrillo Ave. to Torrance Blvd. and 21st St.; construction of a reinforced concrete box in Torrance Blvd. to a point 200 feet westerly of the city boundary; in a 30-foot easement to Western Ave. and a proposed drain.  
B. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in a 20-foot easement across PE Railroad right of way from drain "A" in Torrance Blvd. (south) to Torrance Blvd. (north); in Torrance Blvd. to Border Ave.; in Border Ave. to Dominguez St.; in Dominguez St. to the easterly side of Sartori Ave.; in a 15-foot easement on the westerly prolongation of Dominguez St. across the Pacific Electric Railroad right of way to the westerly side of Sartori Ave. and Dominguez Blvd.; in Dominguez Blvd. to Crenshaw Blvd.

C. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in Torrance Blvd. from drain "A" to Engracia.  
D. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in Carson St. from drain "A" to Gramercy Ave.

**Project No. 242**  
The plan contemplates:  
A. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in Arlington Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to Dominguez Channel (approximately 170th St.)  
B. Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe and box in Glenburn Ave. from 300 feet north of 170th St. to 170th St. in a 25-foot easement from 170th St. to Dominguez Channel.

**Project No. 243**  
The plan contemplates the construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in a 20-foot easement in Tract No. 15 and along the northerly side of the Torrance Municipal Airport from 248th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. to a drainage sump located at the northwesterly corner of 236th St. and Madison Ave.

### Youth Work Benefits From Ticket Sales

The TAPs—boy and girl members of the Torrance Auxiliary Police—this week will join with regular officers of the police department to spread the word about the 45th Annual Police Show coming up Nov. 1.

Produced by the Torrance police department, the show will headline ten top vaudeville acts in a one-night run at the Torrance High School. Benefits from the show go to the Police Officers Association which is the backbone of the TAPs.

Although the TAPs will not sell tickets to the Nov. 1 show, they will spread the word about the TAPs and about the beneficial work performed by the Association, it was stated.

Two groups of teenagers comprise the TAPs, probationary candidates and regular personnel. The younger group, slated to be elevated in rank to "regulars" at a special initiation Hal-loween party Tuesday night, have completed an educational course in safety, police work, narcotics and first aid.

**Scholl Elected**  
Wayne Scholl was elected to the presidency of Sigma Phi Kappa fraternity at El Camino College, it was revealed yesterday. Scholl is a graduate of Torrance High School and performs on the Warrior basketball squad.



(Herald Photo)  
SIGNS UP RECRUIT . . . Acting Sergeant Martha Wallace of the Torrance Auxiliary Police, assists Rachel Taylor in filling out her application for membership in TAPs. Taylor is one of the 15th annual Torrance Police Show, Nov. 1, to sponsor such youth organizations as the TAPs.

### Chamber Board Meets Tomorrow Afternoon

A regular board meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Chamber offices. It was announced yesterday by Executive Secretary Dale Isenberz.