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WEATHER

Partly cloudy in the early morning, but sunny by mid-morning. Slightly warmer, with a high near 70. High yesterday was 70, with low at 46.

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Thomas Sweeps Voting

Torrance voters followed state and national trends Tuesday by giving solid backing to Republican Governor Goodwin J. Knight in his bid for election to the state's No. 1 post, and by switching to the Democratic columns to retain Congressman Cecil R. King.

King piled up a 1400-vote margin in predominately Democratic Torrance and a 1000-vote margin in surrounding areas, defeating his Democratic opponent, Richard Graves, handily at the local polls as he did statewide.

Congressman King repeated his decisive victory of two years ago over Republican Robert Finch. King piled up a 2000-vote lead over Finch in Torrance precincts and nearly 4000 votes in the Torrance area, which includes Torrance, Lomita, Shoestring Strip, part of Keystone, Rolling Hills, and other nearby precincts.

Thomas in 3-1 Assemblyman Vincent Thomas was re-elected to the California Legislature with a 3-1 majority over Republican John Wild. Torrance voters did disagree with the rest of the state in their choice for State Controller, while incumbent Robert Kirkwood won re-election handily. Torrance voters supported Democrat George Collins Jr.

Torrance voters also parted company with voters in the surrounding area over Democrat Sam Yorty who sought to unseat Senator Thomas Kuchel. Torrance gave Kuchel a slim majority while the total Torrance area vote went to Yorty.

A Long Day Tuesday was a long day for some precinct workers here. Last to complete the tally of ballots and return supplies to the City Hall came trudging in at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, nearly 27 hours after they had left home to report to their polling place.

When regular City Hall workers came to work yesterday, they found their desks loaded with tally sheets, adding machine tape, and coffee cups. And the election officials were still on hand.

Following is an unofficial tally showing how people in Torrance and surrounding areas voted in Tuesday's general election:

Torrance City Precincts	68
Precincts Out of 68	
GOVERNOR	
Knight, Rep.	7494
Graves, Dem.	5088
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Powers, Rep.	6851
Roybal, Dem.	4569
U.S. SENATOR	
Kuchel, Rep.	6615
Yorty, Dem.	4658
Cesney, IPP	114
CONGRESS	
17th District	
King, Dem.	7040
Finch, Rep.	5594
ASSEMBLY	
68th District	
Thomas, Dem.	7091
Wild, Rep.	5953
SECRETARY OF STATE	
Jordan, Rep.	6521
Raeburn, Dem.	5399
Stevens, IPP	226
Alexander, Proh.	107
STATE SENATOR	
38th District	
Richards, Dem.	5944
Younger, Rep.	5970
Nelson, Proh.	205
COMPTROLLER	
Collins, Dem.	6565
Kirkwood, Rep.	6378
TREASURER	
Johnson, Chas., Rep.	6895
Johnson, Geo., Dem.	6379
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	
4th District	
McDavid, Rep.	7432
Bonell, Dem.	5640
STATE PROPOSITIONS	
2—School Bonds	
Yes	10,898
No	1,851

King, Thomas Win Election

Following is an unofficial tally showing how people in Torrance and nearby cities comprising the 17th Congressional District voted in Tuesday's general election.

17TH CONGRESSIONAL	888
Precincts out of 888	
King, Dem.	95,551
Finch, Rep.	63,363
68TH ASSEMBLY	
268 Precincts out of 808	
Thomas, Dem.	52,358
Wild, Rep.	10,956
68TH ASSEMBLY	
248 Precincts out of 858	
Chapel, Rep.	38,204
Jonas, Dem.	28,505

One-Day Red Feather Campaign Opens Today

Leaders Push Drive To Put City on Top

Determined to be the first Red Feather organization to report an 'over the top' residential goal in the 30th annual Community Chest appeal—which officially opens today—600 volunteers will set out promptly according to schedule this morning to bring the new "Fair Share Plan" to every Torrance home in an intensified effort to raise \$11,373 by the end of the day.

Bad Toothache Saves Burning Lomita House

Mrs. Donald D. Jones had a toothache the other night and it kept her house from burning to the ground! While the Joneses, Mr. and Mrs., of 25415 Woodward Ave., were out to dinner at a neighbor's house Tuesday, Mrs. Jones got a toothache. She asked hubby to take her home, and when they opened the front door, the house was full of smoke. Firemen were summoned and found a pair of pants left drying on a wall heater had ignited, dropped to the floor, and started burning. County firemen, directed by Captain Chuck Cornell, confined the fire to a small area. Damage was listed as \$50.

Flames Raze Empty House

A shed fire in North Torrance did little more than attract a lot of attention Monday night, as flames roared through an abandoned dwelling at Hickman and Bailey Dr. Although the building virtually was destroyed, it was of little value, fire authorities said. Two engine companies directed by Battalion Chief Neil Whitney responded. Cause was undetermined.

Letter Asks Removal of Barricades

Attorney Felix H. McGinnis Tuesday renewed his plea to Palos Verdes Estates to remove the barricades which that city has erected at streets connecting it with Torrance. Speaking on behalf of Harry Kissel, he claimed that his client and others might suffer extensive damage if the barricades are not removed. In case of catastrophe, he said, the barriers might cause serious harm. McGinnis said he had received no further information other than the fact that his letter had been received. His original request was made Oct. 6. He had previously attacked Palos Verdes for erecting the barricades on Via las Vegas, Via Aridilla, Via Caradellas, Via Miraleste, Via Colusa, and other streets which run between the two cities. Legal action was threatened in the original letter, if the barricades were not removed.

Rivierans Say, 'Keep Barricades'

By JACK WEBB After one of the stormiest seasons in recent years, the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association Monday asked the City Council to take no action which would lead to removal of the barricades between Torrance and Palos Verdes. Some persons argued that the barricades should be taken down to allow free travel between the two cities, while opponents claimed that children would be endangered by the heavy traffic which would follow removal of the barricades. Another group urged the homeowners take no action in the matter. A fourth group declared that stop signs and street



HEADS DRIVE... Henry W. Creeger, manager of the American-Standard plant here, will head up a fund campaign for the Torrance Memorial Hospital which is being announced today. (See story on page 5).

Business Man Injured In Auto Mishap

John Gerster, manager of a Torrance furniture store, was badly cut and bruised in a traffic accident at Western Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. Tuesday night. Gerster is at Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he was said to be "resting well" late yesterday. Police said Gerster, 30, of 1646 W. 248th St., was driving south on Western Ave. when his auto collided with one driven by Mrs. Georgia Esther Scott, 48, of 2740 Gramercy Ave. She also received minor injuries. Witnesses said Mrs. Scott was attempting to turn into Sepulveda when the accident occurred. Exact extent of Gerster's injuries could not be learned.

Hole Cutters Loot Highway Drug Store

More than \$500 worth of merchandise was hauled off by burglars who jammed a hole in a plaster wall to gain entrance to a drug store at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Neece Ave., according to Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett. The store, owned by Frank Vajo, was burglarized by a hole-cutting thief last year, and entrance this time was made in the same wall, only four feet from the previous hole. Bennett said the burglar pried open a door to a doctor's office, then kicked out the plaster wall and climbed through a hole measuring about 13 by 12 inches. Taken were watches, electric razors, fountain pens and pencils, cameras, lighters, and other items. Drugs and other articles in the pharmacy were untouched, as was equipment in the doctor's office.

Air Force Recruiter Opens Local Station

A full-time Air Force Recruiting Station will be located in Room 1 of the Torrance Post Office, Master Sgt. Andrew Swansen announced yesterday. He will be in charge of the station, which will serve Torrance and surrounding communities. Under a new system, he said, the Air Force will guarantee that two buddies will stay together through basic training if they enlist together.

Board OKs Action

The School Board approved Dr. Hull's action in sending a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that no action be taken on the tract until a school site is found in the area. Hull declared that he considers the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation "a successor" to the now-dis-

New South Torrance High School Gets Top Priority

South Torrance High School was given first priority on the list of buildings for which the Torrance Unified School District will apply for federal aid by action of the board Tuesday night.

The building, to be located on the north side of Pacific Coast Hwy., will cost an estimated \$1,837,800. As proposed, the building would contain 24 classrooms, a library, and rooms for various other specialized classes.

The priority was approved after Dr. J. H. Hull presented figures, indicating that Torrance High School and North Torrance High School will handle adequately the expected load of students only until the 1956-57 school year. Del Amo School, to be built in the new Kauffman tract, near Anza Ave. and Kathann St., received second priority. Its cost was estimated at \$682,824. Arlington to Cost \$445,324.

The third priority went to Arlington Elementary School, to be located near 178th and Arlington Ave., with an estimated cost of \$445,324. A four-classroom addition to Crenshaw school, at 188th and

Crenshaw followed, with an estimate of \$88,500. Also on the list was Dominguez Elementary School, to cost \$530,324, in a new tract at Wilson Ave. and Halston St. The board authorized Hull to make application for \$3,534,772 in federal funds to cover the cost of these buildings. Also authorized was the procurement of 8.6 acres of land on 182nd, adjacent to North Torrance High School, for an elementary school site. Projected figures for the 1955-56 school year show that city schools will have 16,709 students compared with 11,806 at the present time, Hull said. Steele School Largest The Steele School, to be opened next fall, already has the largest

School Pledged Beach Property

Who is going to do what with the 65-acre tract of land between Palos Verdes Parkway and the ocean? A third side to discussions over the area arose Tuesday night at the Torrance Board of Education meeting, when Superintendent J. H. Hull declared that the best site for a needed school in the area is in the beach property.

The Don-Ja-Ran Corporation recently filed a tract map with the Torrance Planning Commission proposing 211 homes in the area. Previously, the land banded Sunhaven Corporation, which in 1948 promised the school district a 10-acre tract for \$1. This land was to be given in return for building rights along Palos Verdes Parkway. Letter Promises Land He displayed a letter, signed by the late Rudolph Mayer, of the Sunhaven Corporation, promising the school district a ten-acre school site in the Ellinwood area for \$1. Rudolph Mayer was a brother of Louis B. Mayer, who now reportedly owns the land in dispute. Despite prolonged negotiations, the schools were never able to get the land before the corporation went out of business, Hull said. "We should be paid for the Riviera School site," Hull said. "I think they have a moral obligation to do so."

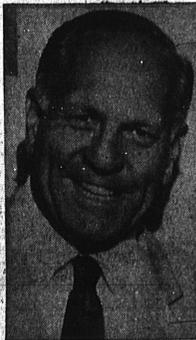
Tract Rejection Urged

Rejection of the tract maps submitted by the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation was urged before the Planning Commission last night by a large number of Hollywood Riviera residents, led by Mrs. Donald Hauser. The group asked that the company donate seven acres of land in the 65-acre tract for school purposes, and that tract maps be redrawn to show a school.

At an informal meeting last week, representatives of various groups involved discussed the problem. Board OKs Action The School Board approved Dr. Hull's action in sending a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that no action be taken on the tract until a school site is found in the area. Hull declared that he considers the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation "a successor" to the now-dis-

puted problem, with Jim Greer, Rex Hayes, Henry Miller, Ralph Hennings, Frank Schilling, D. D. Parrish, Edgar Lush, and Louis Regan to assist him. Committee Named To meet the growing problem of increased traffic on the streets, William Barkley, Bruce McKay, Robert Surber, Jim Greer, Mrs. Anna Miloro, Don Mason, and Al Koester were named to a permanent traffic committee. A long discussion led to approval of a letter to the City Council, asking for study and recommendations on the cuts in the earth made by the Ellinwood Corp. on Via las Alitas,

THE WINNERS



GOVERNOR KNIGHT Overwhelms Graves



CONGRESSMAN KING Retained to Post



ASSEMBLYMAN THOMAS Defeats Wild



TO OPEN TODAY... The new ultramodern Clark's Market at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave. will open today. Market President Mark S. Schulman has invited city officials and civic leaders to participate in Grand Opening ceremonies there this morning.