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'The Byrds' in Town Lay King-Sized Egg

Torrance police dispersed between 2,000 and 3,000 unruly teenagers Monday afternoon after a scheduled performance by "The Byrds", a rock and roll singing group, was canceled by a Del Amo Center store.

Capt. John Maestri of the Torrance Police Department said six officers had been sent to Del Amo Center, primarily for traffic control, after the department was notified of the performance and received a request for help. Maestri said the notification was given to police about noon Monday, barely four

hours before the scheduled performance.

When the crowd became unruly, the store canceled the performance and asked officers to disperse the teenagers, Maestri said.

Sgt. Charles Oates said it took about 45 minutes to disperse the crowd. No arrests were made, and no injuries were reported to officers, Oates said. Officers did observe some minor injuries, he added, but they were not reported to police at the scene.

"They just left the area," Oates commented.

TWO BOND ISSUES ON BALLOT

Voters to Decide Issue Of Swimming Pools Here

Torrance voters will get the opportunity to decide if they want swimming pools at the city's high schools when they go to the polls Feb. 8, 1966.

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District voted to include two bond proposals on the ballot during a session at West High Monday evening.

One proposal would provide \$1 million for the construction of four pools — one at each high school. The second proposal will seek bond authorization for other school construction.

AMOUNT OF the major bond issue will be determined by trustees when they meet Nov. 1. There was some indication Monday, however, that they will not seek the \$17 million which Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, says is necessary to meet all district needs.

The \$17 million figure includes such diverse projects as auditoriums for North, South, and West high schools.

Anza-Spencer Guard Wins Council Nod

A crossing guard now stationed at Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue will be moved to Anza and Spencer Street, following action by the Torrance City Council last night.

Councilmen voted to endorse recommendations of traffic and lighting engineer Arthur T. Horkay to relocate the crossing guard and install pedestrian signals at the Anza Avenue-Torrance Boulevard intersection.

An existing crosswalk at Garnet Street and Anza Avenue will be removed and all children will be directed to Spencer Street in order to cross Anza, Horkay said.

Children will be trained for a week in the proper use of the pedestrian signals at Torrance Boulevard, Horkay explained.

Mishap Fatal to Young Cyclist

Seventeen-year-old Tobin Wayne Denny, 4818 Towers St., was killed Monday when he was thrown from a motorcycle being driven by his uncle, Paul M. Shouse, 37, of 5514 Carmelynn St. Young Denny was thrown from the cycle at Western Avenue and Anaheim Street when the machine swerved to miss a car stopped at the intersection.

\$3 million vocational education center to be built on land which the district hopes to get from the U.S. Navy, and a \$2 million modification of 34 elementary schools to provide departmentalization facilities in the seventh and eighth grades.

It was the auditoriums and departmentalization program that drew the fire from trustees.

BOARD PRESIDENT Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts said she doesn't think the district can afford auditoriums at the high schools "when we are trying desperately to stay off double session."

Discussion about the auditoriums involved several parents from the West High area. Pointing out the lack of any stage facilities at the school, they asked trustees to give top priority to an auditorium for West High.

When Mrs. Watts said the board had decided on a reasonable amount to ask in bonds, one woman declared "an extra zero means nothing to us."

"Nobody remembers the amount," she added, "You're either for or against school bonds."

A MOTION by Hanson to put the auditorium funds on the same proposal as the pools was tabled for two weeks, but trustees did ask for estimates on modifying a proposed cafeteria at West to provide stage facilities. Plans for West High included three small cafeterias instead

of one large area, and stages —included in other district cafeterias—were omitted.

Lack of a stage handicaps the drama and music programs, parents said.

Dr. Hull called the \$2 million requested for departmentalized elementary facilities "the most vital part of this bond issue." He said the funds were badly needed to "improve the quality of the departmentalization program."

THE DISTRICT is now hiring teachers for the elementary level who have been trained for high school positions and must, Dr. Hull said, provide proper facilities if good teachers are to be attracted to Torrance.

"I'd like to know what happened all of a sudden," Mrs. Watts asked, "that we're not giving a good education anymore."

Mrs. Watts said her own daughter completed the departmentalized elementary program last year and had received a "good education." She admitted some modifications might be necessary, but added, "I'm not prepared to revamp all of our ideas."

LYNN, RECALLING that trustees began the departmentalization program with the understanding they would do so "to the extent we could without extra costs," called the proposal "a \$1 1/2 million boogeyman."

"I just won't buy it," he added.

Police to Crack Down On Teen Liquor Sales

City May Enact Stricter Zoning Laws on Taverns

Beer bars may not be on their way out of Torrance, but city councilmen are considering a plan to control the spread of the bars in the community.

The proposal was advanced by Councilmen J. A. Beasley and Ken Miller last night during a discussion of a new ordinance which would require conditional use permits for specific firms and establish procedures for granting the permits.

Jaycees Schedule Session

Industrial consultant George H. Logan will address members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at a general membership meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Logan's topic will be, "Some Special Tools for Management." The meeting will be held at Fillipone's Restaurant, 4525 Calle Mayor.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Logan holds a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy, having directed a section of the Navy's Anti-Submarine Engineering division during World War II. Logan is a frequent contributor to engineering and other professional publications.

His subject will present the relationship between activities and events in a business or industrial firm through the use of the "Critical Path Method" and "Operations Research."

Membership in the Junior Chamber of Commerce is open to men between 21 and 36. Information may be obtained by calling Lyle Decuir at 378-7886 or Doug Hedde at 320-2019.

Beasley said he felt the city ought "to have some way to get strict controls over beer halls even though the Alcoholic Beverage Control board controls the license."

MILLER quickly suggested the city might require a conditional use permit for bars within 200 feet of residentially zoned property. Monrovia has such an ordinance, Miller said, and it has been upheld by the State Supreme Court.

"Two hundred feet is too close," Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. said.

Mayor Albert Isen, noting that several cities, including Lomita, require conditional use permits for all bars, suggested Torrance might impose the same requirement.

GEORGE VICO labeled the beer bars as "dumps" and said he didn't think "we ought to let anymore in (the city)."

As a result of the discussion, the conditional use permit ordinance was sent to the City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier for redrafting with a provision to require conditional use permits for the bars.

"And make it strict," Beasley declared.

IN OTHER action last night, councilmen:

• Adopted, on first reading, an ordinance which assigns City Treasurer Thomas Rupert extra duties and additional compensation of \$300. The extra duty, extra pay proposal previously has been approved in principal.

• Awarded Blythe and Co., Inc., of Los Angeles a bid to purchase \$176,179.46 in bonds to be sold to finance the Downtown Vehicle Parking District. The bonds will bear interest of 4.72 percent. The funds will be repaid through assessments levied

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North High Open House Set Tonight

Daily schedules of students will be followed by their parents at North High School Torrance, during the PTA Open House beginning at 7:30 tonight.

Following a 20 minute general assembly, parents will follow the daily programs of their son or daughter. Ten minutes will be spent in each class, where teachers discuss policies regarding the course and grading standards, according to E. H. McCusker, vice principal for instruction.

A special attraction will be Studio One Art Gallery, featuring Mexican arts and crafts. The crafts, ceramics, and antiques from Mexico will be supplied by Gary Parton, art teacher and sponsor of the exhibition.

Peninsula Helistop Pondered

An application for a helistop on the Palos Verdes Peninsula has been filed with the Federal Aviation Agency by R. A. Watt, Inc., according to Limer M. Parks, chief of the FAA air traffic branch.

The proposed helistop would be located 40 feet north of Bluffspring Road and 50 feet west of Quailhill Drive, Parks said. It would be used for about a year in connection with a housing development.

Landings on the dirt pad would be between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Parks said the proposed helistop would be used twice daily, except Sunday. No helicopters would be based in the area.

Persons desiring to express their views — either for or against — on the helistop proposal should communicate with Parks at 5885 Imperial Hwy., Los Angeles 90045, on or before Nov. 1, 1965.

Local Dealers Warned to Check Ages of Buyers

Torrance police have begun a crackdown on teenagers who buy alcoholic beverages and on the dealers who sell liquor to minors.

Police Sgt. Lee Ashman, head of the city's vice and narcotics detail, said the department is "concerned with the ease with which alcoholic beverages are being obtained in the city."

Ashman said reckless driving and traffic accidents are two obvious side-effects of underage drinking. Other possible problems often are magnified when young people are drinking, he added.

The stepped-up enforcement program will involve the use of a specially trained undercover detail which will range throughout the city. Retail establishments caught selling alcoholic beverages to minors will be cited for violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Code and minors making purchases will be cited for their purchases.

Both dealers and minors making purchases are subject to criminal prosecution in South Bay Municipal Court on misdemeanor charges.

Penalties of up to one year in jail, a fine, or both, may be imposed upon conviction. In addition, Ashman said, the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may take action against dealers, with possible suspension or revocation of licenses as the result.

Ashman said dealers are

responsible for making sure persons purchasing alcoholic beverages are of age. If dealers are unsure, even though a driver's license or some other identification is presented, dealers should request further identification, Ashman said.

He also warned dealers to make sure all identification is valid.

"We solicit the cooperation of the general public to report any questionable situation they observe," Ashman said. "It makes our job considerably easier."

More than 70 licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages have been issued in Torrance, according to Ashman, and nearly 50 of those are for retail liquor stores, markets, drug stores, and discount houses — off sale establishments where beer, wine, and liquor may be purchased for consumption elsewhere.

Vice squad officers review each application for a liquor license and check the applicant's background, as well as the proposed location. Objections to granting a license may be filed by the police department if the location, is near a park or school, might create a traffic hazard, or otherwise create law enforcement problems. A report also is filed with the Torrance City Council.

Ashman said some establishments already had been cited by his officers.

The Viet Nam Protests - - -

Officials in high places expressing concern about the turn of mass demonstrations and protests following the organized protests last weekend should share some of the blame, a Press-Herald editorial says today. Those officials who have encouraged demonstrations and civil disobedience as a means of protests now are faced with an embarrassing situation. Some comments on this trend are published in today's lead editorial on page E-2.

Population Estimate Asked - - -

Torrance officials will seek a new official estimate of the city's population to qualify for additional gas tax funds following action by the City Council last night. The estimate, to be prepared by the State Department of Finance, will cost the city \$545. A similar estimate ordered last year resulted in an additional \$120,000 for the city, according to William Dundore, director of finance. State gas tax funds are apportioned among cities according to population. The new estimate is expected about Dec. 10.

Junior Citizens' Day - - -

Students from five high schools in Torrance will take over the operation of the city on Nov. 23, Mayor Albert Isen announced today. Purpose of the take-over—officially designated as Junior Citizens' Day—is to give high school students an opportunity to study city government through participation. The ninth annual event will include a banquet at which participating students will be honored and an evening council meeting which students will conduct. The mayor's position will be occupied by a student from Bishop Montgomery High School, while City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will be replaced by a South High School student.

Councilmen Bitter

Champion Flayed for College Role

State Finance Director Hale Champion got a verbal whipping from three Torrance councilmen last night for his role in the selection of the Dominguez site for this area's new college.

David K. Lyman started the barrage when he said Champion, who is a member of the State Board of Public Works which must actually purchase the college site, "had made it quite clear he wanted the Dominguez site."

"Three months ago, I said Champion would pick the site," J. A. Beasley declared. "It's obvious he did so."

Mayor Albert Isen called the Dominguez site "cheap, uninspired land" and declared, "Nobody should have the wool pulled over his

eyes, the South Bay still doesn't have a college."

Lyman, in his comments, noted the Legislature has "what amounts to a veto over the college" because it must appropriate any monies above the \$5 million now authorized to buy the Dominguez site.

"It would appear to me that it's almost impossible to prevail without the support of the governor or the legislature," Lyman said.

Lyman said it was "difficult for me to determine who's doing what to whom."

Isen labeled the entire site selection process a "farce" and declared, "This is something the people will remember. Long Beach has a second college."

The two best sites are still

in Torrance, Isen said. He said both the original Torrance site at Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards, as well as the alternate at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw, would have been better locations than the Dominguez site.

Lyman said trustees had selected the cheapest site, but added, "There is more to selecting a site than just overall cost."

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who had pressed for a site west of San Pedro on the south side of the Palos Verdes Peninsula also was critical of the selection.

"It looks as though the South Bay State College now may be located outside the Bay area," he said.

"Despite my repeated state-