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Cemetery Backers Win 4-3 Council Approval

More Homes Also Part of New Plan

A compromise plan for a cemetery in South-Central Torrance won tentative approval last night following a two-hour hearing.

By a 4-3 vote, the City Council adopted a plan worked out by a special committee with developers Don Wilson and Dan Butcher. The proposal calls for 135 homes, commercial zoning along Crenshaw Boulevard, and a cemetery of some 75 acres.

Involved are some 110 acres of industrially zoned land located south of 235th Street and west of Crenshaw Boulevard. Last night's vote ends, at least for the immediate future, a controversy which has raged for more than two years.

BUTCHER, who owns the western half of the property, must now apply for a conditional use permit for the cemetery. The R-1 and C-3 zoning will not become effective until such a permit has been secured.

Councilmen J. A. Beasley, David K. Lyman, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico voted for the plan. Opposing it were H. Ted Olson,

Ken Miller, and Mayor Albert Isen. Vico, Lyman, and Olson served on the council committee which drew up the plan.

In a related action, councilmen unanimously instructed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to determine if the city may place a tax on individual grave sites. Remelmeyer has been ordered to report his findings and recommendations before further proceedings are begun to establish the cemetery.

RESIDENTS of the area generally opposed the cemetery, as well as new residential zoning. The city's Planning Commission recommended the existing industrial zone be retained.

Olson, who did not vote for the committee plan, cited the proximity of the land to the airport and the removal of land from the city's available bank of industrial land as reasons for his opposition. He also said oil storage tanks in the area and increased school problems were factors in his decision.

He did, however, indicate a cemetery on the entire 110 acres might be a different matter.

LYMAN CALLED the committee plan "an attempt to create compatibility" in the area.

"If I were to sit down and draw a map of how I would like to develop this area," Lyman added, "it would bear no relation to this exact plan. We felt this was the best solution that we saw."

Isen said the cemetery would lower property values and create school problems. "I don't feel industry has been given a chance to buy in this area," he said. "I see no reason why it can't stay industrial."

THE MAYOR said the action would "be a matter of regret."



READY TO MOVE . . . LeRoy "Dutch" Aldershof and his wife, Gertrude, start the arduous task of cleaning out their files in preparation for a move to El Cajon near San Diego next month. The couple, employed by the Torrance Unified School District for several years, will leave to take up residence in San Diego County. Mrs. Aldershof has been with the local district since 1947, while her husband joined the district in 1958.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Couple to Leave Post With Torrance Schools

One of the foremost couples in Torrance education circles will leave this area Aug. 1 to make their home in El Cajon.

Departing next month for San Diego County are Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Aldershof of Torrance Unified School District.

Aldershof has been supervisor of maintenance and operations for the school district since 1958.

Mrs. Aldershof, a curriculum consultant and founder of the original Torrance Education Materials Building, has been with the district since 1947.

MRS. ALDERSHOF was born and educated in Pennsylvania. Following undergraduate training at West Chester Teachers College, she received her master's degree from Columbia University, New York City. She has done graduate work at the University of Southern California. Before coming to California, Mrs. Aldershof taught school for one year in Pennsylvania, one year at the Horace Mann School of Columbia University, and was a high school art supervisor for two years in New Jersey. She served as an elementary school teacher in Hawthorne for a year before joining the staff of the Torrance district 19 years ago.

Aldershof plans to operate a mobile home park in El Cajon and Mr. Aldershof will teach classes in teacher training.

Trial to Begin Aug. 1 - - -

Steelworker Joseph R. Murphy, 43, has been ordered to stand trial on a murder charge following the death of his wife, Betty, 34, here last Saturday. Mrs. Murphy, a Torrance Police Department communications clerk, was shot last Thursday morning at the family home, 4746 Deleane St. She died Saturday. Murphy was arrested last Thursday after calling police to the home. He was arraigned Friday on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Murphy was rebooked and arraigned Monday on the murder charge following Mrs. Murphy's death.

Redondo Couple Convicted - - -

An Inglewood Superior Court judge Monday convicted Richard Lee Everhart, 35, and his wife, Beverly Jo, 34, of voluntary manslaughter in the death last April 7 of their 10-month-old foster daughter, Susan. The couple waived a jury trial and were tried before Judge Newell Barrett. Sentencing and a hearing on a petition for probation will be held Sept. 6. The couple and their daughter were found in a car at their home, 1713 Wallcott St., Redondo Beach, last April 7. A hose had been connected to the exhaust. The couple was revived at South Bay District Hospital, but the little girl, who was to have been returned to her real mother the following day, died.

Lomita Father Held - - -

John Nance Bishop, 33, of 25840 Narbonne Ave., Apt. 9, has been arrested by Lennox Sheriff's deputies in connection with the death of his 3-week-old daughter, Valerie Lynn. The girl was found dead in her crib Sunday with bruises on her face and head and one arm discolored. She died at 10:30 p.m. after a two-hour fight to save her life. Deputies asked for a murder complaint against Bishop, it was reported.

After Crash Bodies Found At Site

The bodies of two men who flew from Torrance Municipal Airport to a mountainside death in Orange County Sunday have been recovered by that county's coroner after raging fires started by the crash subsided Monday.

The two victims, Thomas E. Steele, 25, of 503 S. Francisco Ave., Redondo Beach, and James Seyler, 27, of 1325 Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, were killed Sunday when their airplane crashed in the Santa Ana Mountains near the Riverside County line.

Firefighters battling a brush fire in the area apparently found the downed plane in the center of the raging conflagration. The fire burned largely out of control through Sunday night and combined with rugged terrain to prevent recovery of the victims until Monday.

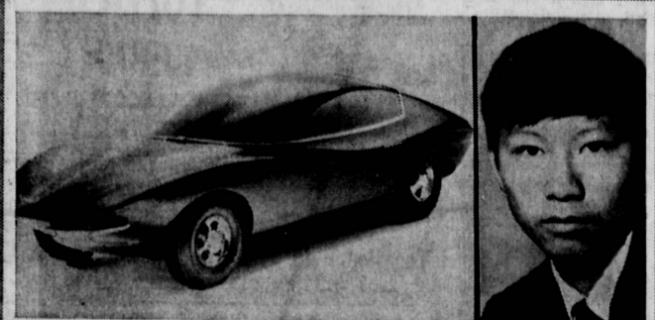
Steele was a TWA flight engineer and Seyler was a California Highway Patrol officer assigned to the South Los Angeles office, it was reported.

The pair apparently flew from Torrance airport about 1 p.m. Sunday and crashed shortly before the 3 p.m. blaze was reported in Orange County.

Attorney To Address Engineers

Attorney Larry Bowman will address members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers tomorrow. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant.

"A Look at the Professional Man" will be the theme for Bowman's address. Bowman, a Torrance resident, is president of the Rotary Club of Torrance and first vice president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the city's Civil Service Commission and is active in the work of the local and state bar associations.



KARLIN WONG AND AWARD WINNING DESIGN

Young Car Designer Has Winning Ways

Sixteen-year-old Karlin Wong, a Narbonne High School student, has his fifth award-winning automobile design and is one of two California youths in Detroit this week for national competition.

Young Wong, who lives at 1647 W. 228th St., is the senior division winner for the California region in the 1966 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition.

He's no stranger to the com-

petition as this marks the fifth year he has had a winning design.

Cars designed by Wong won honorable mention in 1962 and 1963. His 1964 design was a regional winner in the junior division and he was a second place winner last year.

Representing the junior division in Detroit this week is 16-year-old Spencer Mackay of Tarzana. It was Mackay's first entry in the design competition.

Notice of Incorporation On File With Supervisors

Incorporation of most of the area between Torrance and Long Beach into the City of Dominguez was proposed yesterday in a petition filed with the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed city would include the general area south of Alondra Boulevard between Normandie Avenue and the Long Beach city limits. It would encompass the areas known as Carson and Dominguez, and the back-

ers say the two factions are united in the proposal. The filing of the petition Tuesday morning came as the Supervisors were scheduled to take up a proposal to allocate \$55,000 to the Local Agency Formation Commission for a survey of the area. Spokesmen for the cityhood backers said the group was willing to finance their own survey.

EARLIER THIS year, the

LAFB — which has power of life or death over incorporations and annexations — had asked that a year's moratorium be placed on such proposals until the economic survey could be completed. Supervisors agreed to defer allocation of the \$55,000 until the commission decided whether studies would be required when they considered the petition.

Glen R. Watson, attorney for the Dominguez Industrial Council, appeared before the supervisors Tuesday morning and said the proposed city would have a population of approximately 77,500.

The commission must schedule public hearings within 60 days and must decide within 120 days.

THE CURRENT attempt to form a city in the large county area is the first to be supported by major industries in the area through their Dominguez Industrial Council. The holdings of the 46 industries in the area represent a major portion of the assessed valuation in the proposed city.

Major homeowners groups, the Chambers of Commerce, and the Dominguez - Carson Coordinating Committee have joined in the campaign, according to Bill Joneli, representing the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups.

Council Tables Plan To Buy Water Firms

Plans for the purchase of the Dominguez Water Co. and the two private water systems by the city were scuttled — at least temporarily — last night by a 6-1 vote of the City Council.

The council, acting on a memo from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, voted to table the matter for an indefinite period. Only Mayor Albert Isen, who first suggested the purchase of the two systems voted against the motion to table.

AT ISSUE was a proposal to acquire portions of the Do-

inguez Water Co. and the California Water Service Co. systems serving customers in Torrance.

"It appears this is going to represent a great investment of money," David K. Lyman said, "and at this moment we need other capital improvements—such as libraries."

"My feeling," he added, "is that we're not in a position to acquire this now." Lyman said other projects should be given priority but warned that purchase of the two companies at some future date is not impossible.

OTHER Councilmen echoed Lyman's feelings.

Isen had asked early in the meeting to hold a hearing on (Continued on A-2)

Campaign Costs Total \$40,000, Candidates Say

The cost of winning elective office in Torrance isn't necessarily proportional to the number of votes a candidate gets, but it still costs plenty.

Campaign expenses reported by candidates in last April's municipal election ranged from less than \$200, reported by a winner, to nearly \$6,900, reported by a loser, a check of statements filed with City Clerk Vernon W. Coil has revealed.

Candidates are required by the State Election Code to file a detailed statement of expenses when total costs exceed \$200. A simple declaration is required when expenses are less than the \$200 figure.

REPORTS FROM 17 of the

22 candidates listed on the ballot last April indicate nearly \$40,000 was expended during the campaign. Most of the money was spent by candidates for the mayor's position and for three vacancies on the City Council — with all incumbents being returned.

Coil, one of the candidates who reported expenses less than \$200, was accorded the highest number of votes. He polled 14,541 votes against 3,919 for Mrs. Marie Casey. She reported expenses of \$858.46 in her unsuccessful effort to unseat Coil.

Biggest expenditure in behalf of a candidate was reported by Nicholas O. Drale, a former councilman who campaigned against Mayor Albert Isen. A total of

\$6,879.67 was spent in the Drale campaign, including \$2,754.67 of the candidate's own money.

ISEN'S re-election cost \$6,777.50, according to a statement filed by Mrs. Sara Isen, treasurer of the Isen campaign committee. Isen defeated Drale by slightly less than 1,000 votes in the most closely contested race in the election.

In most instances, the money was contributed by land developers, business firms, real estate brokers, industrial firms, and individual citizens.

Councilmen Ken Miller, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. and J. A. Beasley, who finished 1-2-3 in the election, also reported expenses in a 1-2-3

order. Miller said his expenses were \$5,616.39, while Sciarrotta reported expenses of \$4,516.00. Beasley put his campaign expenses at \$4,359.01.

O.P. "BUD" JOHNSON, former assistant city manager who was fourth in the balloting for council, reported expenses of \$1,698.33. Edward L. Talbert, the fifth man in the race, said his campaign cost \$3,570.63, and the sixth man, Attorney Clifford J. Peterson, reported expenses of \$481.05.

Others who reported include Leo F. X. Salisbury, \$3,750; and Frederick J. Bandell, \$1,703.35. Harmon N. Belcher and Ronald E. Harris filed declaration indicating their expenses were less than \$200.

City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert said his re-election bid cost \$470.72, while Thirvin D. Fleetwood, who campaigned against Rupert, reported he spent less than \$200.

NO STATEMENTS have been filed by John R. Ab-shear, Eva I. Bisou, LaVane M. Forsythe, Frank J. Briganti, and Ronald P. Wright. All were unsuccessful candidates for the city council.

Under provisions of the State Election Code, a candidate who has failed to file a campaign expense statement will not be eligible to seek election to any office for which such a statement is required, according to Coil. A statement may be filed late, Coil said.