

Smiths Move Up Fast in Population Race

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Board To Get Budget

Torrance school board members will get their first look at a proposed \$22.5 million budget for fiscal 1967-68 tomorrow when they convene. The budget, up nearly \$2.5 million for the budget for the current fiscal year, will be presented to the board as an information item.

Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said the budget represents the total request from all schools and all departments in the district.

Trustees will convene at 7 p.m. for an informal meeting with the district's Negotiating Council. The council, which represents teachers and other certificated personnel in the local schools, will present proposals concerning in-service training, personal leave, and attendance at professional meetings to the board.

The regular session is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the board room at the district's administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.



MEET MR. SMITH... Harbor General Hospital had its fill of Smiths last Thursday, as four Smith babies were born at the hospital. Leslie R. Smith (far right) chats with the mothers during a gathering at the hospital. Pictured are (from left) Carl T. Smith and her son, Mark Alan; Mrs. Harold T. Smith and her

daughter, Cynthia; Mrs. James B. Smith Sr. and her son, James Jr.; Dr. Margaret Smith, an intern who was on the OB team during the deliveries, and Mrs. Charlie Smith, whose son, Robert W., was delivered prematurely. (Press-Herald Photo)

One, Two, Three, Four... Smiths

It was a day for the Smiths! Four expectant mothers checked into Harbor General Hospital last Thursday. All four, though not related, bore the surname of Smith and all four delivered youngsters Thursday.

Three of the Smiths delivered boys—at 3:17 a.m., 3:39 a.m., and 5:34 a.m. The fourth Smith had to be different. She held off until 1 p.m., when she delivered a girl.

But there were two more Smiths involved. Dr. Margaret Smith, an intern at the hospital, worked on the OB team during the deliveries. Dr. Smith did pre-delivery exams and "worked up" the chart on one of the Smith mothers.

The sixth Smith, Leslie R. Smith, is administrator at the hospital.

The mothers, in order of their deliveries, are:

Mrs. Charlie Smith, 30, who delivered a 4-pound, 15-ounce son, Robert Wandella, at 3:17 a.m. She and her husband are parents of five other children, ranging in age from 3 to 15. The family lives at 8206 1/2 Central Ave., Los Angeles.

Mrs. Carl T. Smith, 22, who

delivered a 9-pound, 9-ounce boy, Mark Alan, at 3:39 a.m. They have two other sons and live in Long Beach.

Mrs. James Smith Sr., 20, who delivered a 7-pound, 1-ounce son at 5:34 a.m. She and her husband have one other son and live at 426 1/2 E. 126th St., Los Angeles.

Mrs. Harold Smith, 18, who delivered a 6-pound 3-ounce daughter, Cynthia, at 1 p.m. She and her husband live in Artesia. Carolyn is their first child.

Superintendent To Speak Here

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, will deliver a "State of the Schools" message to members of the Educational Council of Torrance (ECT) Monday, April 10.

The luncheon meeting will be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., beginning at 12 noon. Music for the program will be provided by the Edison School Band.

Attendant Says 'No' To Gunman

A North Torrance service station attendant foiled an attempted robbery Thursday evening simply by telling the would-be thief "No."

Torrance police said Al Parker, an attendant at a station at 2200 Redondo Beach Blvd., was reading in the station office about 9:50 p.m. when a man in his 20s entered the office and pointed a small revolver at Parker.

"Give me your keys," the man told Parker.

Parker replied, "No."

When the man moved toward Parker, police said, the attendant backed up a couple of steps. At that point, the gunman left the station and was last seen running south on Van Ness Avenue.

Neurosurgeon Wins Top Medical Grant

Dr. John F. Alksne, chief neurosurgeon at Harbor General Hospital and an assistant professor of neurosurgery at UCLA, has been named a Markle Scholar in academic medicine, 1967-1972.

Dr. Alksne is one of 25 young physicians to be selected from throughout the nation for the honor by the Markle Foundation of New York. Dr. James C. Thompson, chief of surgery at Harbor General Hospital, said. Dr. Thompson made the announcement here yesterday.

"Harbor General Hospital is understandably proud that Dr. Alksne has been selected as a Markle Scholar, one of the highest honors in academic medicine," Dr. Thompson said. "The honor is shared by UCLA, which Dr. Alksne represented, as one of the 80 candidates from schools of medicine throughout the country."

THE AWARD includes an annual grant of \$6,000 for a period of five years. It is given to support the careers of young physicians and encourage them to remain in teaching and research.

Dr. Alksne recently drew



DR. JOHN F. ALKSNE, Markle Scholar

international attention as the chief member of a surgical team which performed a series of successful operations utilizing a new technique for the treatment of brain aneurysms. Aneurysms are weak spots in the walls of brain arteries which, if untreated, may burst, resulting in a stroke or death.

THE AWARD will be used to carry on investigative work in neurosurgery which he and his associates have begun at Harbor General Hospital, Dr. Alksne said.

Dr. Alksne is the second staff member at Harbor General Hospital to win a Markle Scholarship. Dr. Nicholas A. Halasz, head physician in general and thoracic surgery, was appointed in 1964 and has just begun his third year in tissue and organ transplantation research.

A RESIDENT of Palos Verdes Estates, Dr. Alksne received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and interned in surgery at the University of North Carolina. He received his neurological training at the University of Washington.

In addition to the Markle grant, Dr. Alksne has received federal research grants totaling nearly \$100,000 for research in neurosurgery.

State Says 'Just Send Check or Money Order'

The state Franchise Tax Board doesn't want your cash, but do have a check or money order in the mail before April 17.

Each year the department

Engine Taken

Theft of an automobile engine valued at \$650 was reported to Torrance police Friday by Frank T. Vanek Jr., 28, of Vanek's Engines, 2920 W. Sepulveda Blvd. Vanek told police he discovered the theft when he opened the shop for business Friday.

The preferred method of payment is by personal check because the canceled check will serve as a receipt. Money orders are good, too, because they also will serve as a receipt.

If you cannot send a check or money order, visit one of the offices of the Franchise Tax Board, pay in cash, and ask for a receipt.

Marine Killed In Viet Battle

Recruiter Killed In Jungle Action

Gunnery Sgt. Chester R. (Chet) Pavey, Marine Corps recruiter in Torrance for four years, was killed in action in Vietnam March 25, it was announced here this past week.

Sergeant Pavey, a weapons platoon commander assigned to duty near the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam, was killed when his position was shelled by enemy mortars, it was announced.

The 36-year-old Marine, a veteran of some 19 1/2 years in the service, was sent to Vietnam last December. It was his first combat assignment.

Memorial services for Sergeant Pavey will be conducted at 4 o'clock today at Emman-

uel Presbyterian Church, 4017 E. 6th St., Long Beach. The Rev. Francis A. Rhodes will officiate.

Burial is to be in Beaufort, S. C., National Cemetery.

Sergeant Pavey is survived by his widow, Patricia, and a daughter, Jill, 7. They live in Long Beach.

Assigned to the Torrance Marine Corps Recruiting Station in 1962, the sergeant came here after a year's duty in Long Beach as a recruiter. He first entered the Marine Corps in August, 1947.

Sergeant Pavey arrived in Vietnam in late December, 1966, and was assigned to I Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, Third Marine Division.



SGT. CHET PAVEY Rites Today

Release Four in Car Theft

Four persons arrested Tuesday on suspicion of grand theft auto have been released from custody, Torrance police reported Friday.

Released were David J. Dempsey, 18, of Lawndale; David Lee Landers, 23, of Hawthorne; John W. Carnathan, 19, of 16718 Ermanita Ave., and a 17-year-old Hawthorne boy.

Police said the four were arrested Tuesday about 1 a.m. when they were called to the 16600 block of Ogram Avenue by George E. Petrick.

Petrick, of 16610 Ogram Ave., met police at the scene and told them several persons had been tampering with a car parked in front of his home. The car was registered to John Launer of 16626 Ogram Ave., police said.

The four youths were released "pending further investigations," police said.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Chairman for Parade Named

George S. Wing, president of Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance has been named general chairman for the city's eighth annual Armed Forces Day Parade.

Mayor Albert Isen and Don H. Hyde, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, are co-chairmen of the two-day Armed Forces celebration.

Co-ordinators working with Wing will include William C. Borowski of the city and Edwin W. Sullivan of the Chamber of Commerce.

Air Station; Maj. Frank J. Kappler, March Air Force Base; Capt. Jimmie S. Fears, Ft. MacArthur; Lt. (j.g.) James A. Monahan, 11th Coast Guard District, and Spec. 1 Lowell T. Chandler, 47th Artillery Brigade (AD). Richard Washburne will represent the U. S. Treasury Department, parent agency of the Coast Guard.

MILITARY representatives from both active and reserve forces, as well as the National Guard include: Col. James H. Stell, sector commander XV Army Corps; Col. Julius B. Summers Jr., commander of the Los Angeles Air Force Station; Lt. Cmdr. Russell F. Kornmann, Los Angeles Naval Base; and Maj. Lennart D. Masterton, California National Guard.

Other military representatives will include: Maj. Odilio M. Diaz, El Toro Marine Corps

COMMITTEE chairmen for the annual parade, to be held Saturday, May 20, include: Robert H. Vroman, luncheon; Walter Nollac, static displays; Frederick A. Gage, grand marshal and speakers; Robert Lewellen Sr., parade; Homer Morgan, public address systems; Vernon W. Coil, fireworks; John Hales, publicity; and Stanley E. Remelmeyer, reviewing stand.

Others are Torrance Police Sgt. Bruce R. Bishop, traffic; Henry R. Halverson, transportation; Clayton H. McGill, trophies; Joseph Doss, VIPs; and James B. Hussey, drivers and television.



SINGING MAYOR... Mayor Albert Isen (second from right) joins members of the South Bay Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQA) in a song as he issues a proclamation honoring the 20th anniversary of the group. With the mayor are (from left) Chuck Emrich, Warren Grant, and Fred Beely of the local chapter. (Press-Herald Photo)

Board Candidates to Speak ---

Candidates for the Torrance Board of Education in the April 18 election have been invited to address a joint meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Association and the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association tomorrow. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Parkway Elementary School. Two members of the board will be elected during balloting April 18.

Council to Meet Tuesday ---

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for their regular session. A special council committee is scheduled to report to the full council its recommendations for a beautification project on Sartori Avenue north of Torrance Boulevard. Residents of the area have complained in recent months because of the appearance of a railway right-of-way.

Home Inspections Begin ---

Inspection of Torrance homes to check compliance with the housing code was resumed this week in the glare of television camera lights. The resumption of inspections ended a 60-day ban on the checks which had been ordered by the City Council. The inspection program has been ordered by the city as a measure to prevent future blight. Such a program is required for federal participation in the city's urban renewal project on 56 acres near Torrance Municipal Airport.