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# 90-CENT OVERRIDE TAX ASKED

## 40-Cent Hike Over Current Rate Sought

Torrance taxpayers will be asked to approve a 90-cent override tax for a term of five years at a special school district election on Feb. 4, 1964.

The decision on the tax rate followed nearly an hour of roundtable discussion at Monday's meeting of the Board of Education. The trustees adopted the resolution calling for the election on a 3-1 vote, with board president Bert M. Lynn casting the negative vote.

The new override tax, if passed, would boost the legal maximum tax rate in the district to \$3.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The present district tax rate is \$2.90 per \$100, but the rate reverts to \$2.40 at the end of the current fiscal year.

THE 90-CENT tax would renew the present 50-cent override which voters approved in 1961 and provide an additional 40 cents for the next five years.

General feeling during the evening was summarized by Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, who told the audience, "We (the board) have a moral obligation to ask for support of quality schools." She said even a 90-cent boost in the tax rate would mean a close watch on future budgets to assure the quality that is now maintained in the Torrance schools.

William Hanson, who led the discussion, said he felt the district would need "at least 90 cents for five years. Our job," he added, "is to ask for enough money to give your children a good education."

QUOTING from Alfred North Whitehead, a famous American educator, Albert Charles told the large group present that "The issue is far greater than Torrance residents paying more taxes." He suggested that smokers give up "one pack a day to pay for the education of their children."

Lynn told the board he could not ask the public "for more" (Continued on Page 8)

## Annual 'Y' Breakfast Set Nov. 16

The 16th annual YMCA "Good Neighbor" breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, according to executive secretary Joe Wilcox. The breakfast will be held at the 'Y' building from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith will serve as general chairman for the event. Dr. Smith has chaired the breakfast for the past five years.

Highlights of the breakfast will be the awarding of the 1963 "Good Neighbor" award — some citizen who has given deeds of quiet service to others. W. A. "Dick" Felker, 1527 Post Ave., was last year's winner.

Dr. Smith invited all citizens to send letters of nomination to the YMCA prior to Nov. 10.

The pancake breakfast will be followed by musical entertainment, magic acts, a flapjack eating contest, and the awards ceremony.

## 'Band Battle' Begins Again

Rules and entry blanks for the fifth annual "Battle of Bands" are available from County Parks and Recreation Dept., 155 W. Washington Blvd., according to Burton W. Chace, supervisor.

Five months of preliminary competition will begin in February, culminating in presentation of finalists at the Hollywood Bowl next June.

## Sentencing On Nov. 15 For Murder

A 22-year-old Torrance man charged with the slaying of his 52-year-old companion over a barroom bet last May has been found guilty of murder in the second degree by a Superior Court jury in Los Angeles.

Warren R. Heaton, 814 Sartori Ave., was declared guilty of the second degree murder charge when the jury of eight men and four women returned from their deliberations at 11:13 a.m. Wednesday. They had taken the case from Superior Judge Lloyd S. Nix at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday after a two-week trial.

## Parnelli Named for Top Honor

Torrance's Parnelli Jones, winner of the 1963 "500" at Indianapolis, has been nominated for the national Outstanding Young Man of the Year award by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Awards will be presented in Santa Monica in January for the 10 young men of America selected by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce to receive the honor.

"In his field, the necessary virtues of individual excellence, rugged self-reliance, individual initiative, and personal responsibility have been brought forth many times," Jaycee President Harold Smith said in a summary of Jones' nomination.

"He has proven also through faith, vision, and courage that unlimited opportunity is available in our country," Smith said.

Jones, born in Arkansas, moved to Torrance in 1940 and competed in his first race at Carroll Speedway here in 1950. He has participated in every major racing event since, driving nearly every type of racing vehicle known on each of America's major tracks. While he prefers auto racing, he has competed in boats and on motorcycles.

HEATON'S plea of not guilty by reason of insanity was withdrawn and Judge Nix set Nov. 15 as the date for sentencing on the charge. Heaton was remanded to County Jail without bail to await the Nov. 15 sentencing date.

During the trial before Judge Nix and the jury, one witness testified that she saw Heaton fire the fatal shot into Cruz G. Guerra, of 1321 1/2 W. Carson St. Other witnesses testified that they heard the shot and turned to see Heaton holding the small derringer which was identified as the death gun.

AT THE TIME of the shooting in the downtown Torrance bar in May, police said Guerra and Heaton had been playing table shuffleboard and that the two men had agreed to a \$5 bet on the outcome of the game. Heaton reportedly won the game and was told by Guerra that he didn't have the money.

An argument arose over the bet and Heaton pulled the derringer and fired one shot at Guerra. Guerra slumped to the floor, the bullet in his head. (Continued on Page 2)



EXAMINE PLANS . . . Looking over the preliminary plans for city's new, ultra-modern communications center are Fire Chief J. J. Benner; assistant chief of police M. H. Porter; assistant fire chief Robert Lucas; and assistant city manager Olin "Bud" Johnson. The center, to be built underground west of the police station, is a joint project of the city and the federal government. Benner, who serves as the Area G civil defense commander, and Johnson report that reception of the new center has been "very enthusiastic." (Herald Photo)

## Communications Center Rated Tops

By JERRY REYNOLDS  
Herald Staff Writer

This time next year, there'll be a new building in the Torrance Civic Center.

But the average citizen won't know it. The building will be underground — an average of three feet below the surface.

Currently in the working-drawing stage, the Torrance Communications Center will be under construction about the middle of January if nothing goes wrong with the timetable.

Financed by the city and the federal government, the center will serve both as a day-to-day communications center for police and fire personnel and as an emergency operations center for civil defense. The center will contain the most modern communications equipment now available, and will be equipped to maintain a work force of 65 persons for 14 days in the event of a major disaster.

TO BE BUILT at the west end of the present police station, the communications center will be 36 feet wide and 136 feet long. Its floor will be 11 feet below ground. Later, city officials hope to use the structure as a base for a two-story addition to the existing police facilities.

Olin P. "Bud" Johnson, assistant city manager in charge of the project, described the function of the new center as "an underground area for central communications on a day-to-day operational basis."

Johnson also said the center will serve as a fall-out shelter and emergency civil defense center. It was designed by Koebig and Koebig, Engineers and Architects, of Los Angeles, to meet the specifications of the city and the federal government. At the present time, the preliminary plans have been approved by Region 7, Civil Defense, and the City Council. The architects are now preparing final drawings for the center.

The contract is expected to be awarded on Jan. 13, after a 10-day bid period. Construction (Continued on Page 2)

## 2,900 in Family

# South High Council Adopts Orphan Boy

Rolando Reducendo is an 11-year-old orphan. He lives with his grandmother, who is 75, and five brothers and sisters who range in age from five to nine.

But Rolando has found a family — nearly 2,900 strong. He's never seen any one of those 2,900 people, but he knows they care about him.

The other 2,900 family members are the students and faculty members at South High School who have adopted Rolando and his brothers and sisters through the Foster Parents, Inc., agency PLAN. Through PLAN, the Spartans contribute to Rolando's education, food, clothing, and health.

ROLANDO IS the second child to be adopted by the

South High student body. Five years ago, when the Student Council first initiated the program, the agency helped them to adopt a small Korean boy. Today, the youngster has a job and is supporting himself and his family — a job which the Spartans helped the youngster to get.

Rolando lives in a bare, one-room shack in a slum area of Manila, Philippines. His grandmother, who earns only 75 cents each week, has taken care of the family since Mrs. Reducendo deserted by her husband and exhausted from (Continued on Page 2)

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is the role of today's student in civic and political affairs?" asked the Pennies photographer of five South High School student council members.

### Shari Stewart, Girls' League president:

"Students should learn as much as possible about international affairs and politics through the reading of books, magazines, and newspapers. If possible, they should participate in school and community government."

### Raul Matute, Student Body president:

"As potential voters in our society, high school students should take an active interest in their local, state, and national governments. More international problems should be discussed in classes so that all students become aware of the present situations — local and world."

### Sally Jane Hovey, Club coordinator:

"I feel students should be made aware of the world situation as it is today. Students should study as much as possible about world politics so they can be well prepared for their adult lives when they must participate in politics."

### Allen Lagers, Junior Class president:

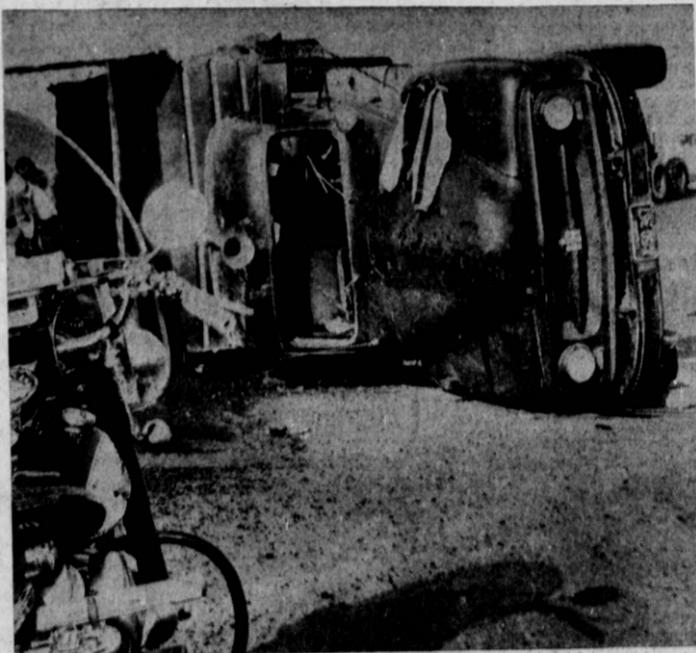
"I am a member of Young Democrats, and we meet once each week to hear speakers on politics and world affairs. Saturday, Oct. 26, we will hear a member of CORE and the head of the Loyola University English Department. More students should be active in this way."

### Craig Hattem, Senior Class president:

"I feel that the student's role in national affairs is often pushed aside by adults. The example being set by our leaders today leaves much to be desired. The fate of our existence is in our hands for we are the leaders of tomorrow and we must learn to execute responsibility intelligently so that we can exist."

## Winners Awarded

Winners of the Aquarium Show at Cabrillo Beach will be awarded ribbons and cups at tonight's meeting of the Harbor Aquarium Society, McMasers Park, at 8 p.m.



ROAD BLOCK . . . The off-ramp from the San Diego Freeway near 182nd Street and Crenshaw was temporarily blocked Monday morning when a three-axle truck overturned while trying to make the curve. Walter Thomas Shevlin, 23, of Baldwin Park, told California Highway Patrol Officer D. Wood that his brakes had failed and he took the ramp to avoid a freeway accident. Shevlin was uninjured, and workmen quickly cleared the ramp. (Herald Photo)

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