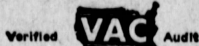


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CITY BUDGET NEAR ADOPTION

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of a proposal to establish a system which would allow for automobile license tabs to be renewed throughout the year instead of all license tabs becoming due at the end of the year as at present?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. J. Jess Huerta, 2014 W. 180th St.

"I never thought about it because I've never had any problem. I went to the DMV office in Torrance at 9:30 in the morning about three days before the deadline and there wasn't a big line. For the working people such a plan may have merit."



Mrs. Kenneth Lemke, 2718 W. 179th St.

"We lived in Wisconsin for awhile and there they do it by the person's birthday. I think it is easier than having to stand in line at the end of the year. I have never had to stand in a long line, but I still would like to see such a plan put in effect."

Mrs. Jack Bousman, 24252 Madison

"I don't think it would help. Even if people had a deadline in the middle of the year, people would still wait until the deadline. I sent my son to the DMV office three days after I got my renewal form so I had no problems with lines."



Mrs. Robert Schrauben, 3231 Danahel

"I also feel there are people who will wait until the last minute regardless of the renewal date. My husband went to the DMV office a few days after the first of the year and he didn't have any problem with a line. I feel the present system is satisfactory."

Mrs. Clyde C. Depp, 3518 Cricklewood

"I think it would be a wonderful idea. The first of the year is a busy time of the year for most people. I got involved in a line at a bank close to the deadline. I lived in New York where they had such a system. It was a simple system but not a year long renewal system."



Celebration Planned for Official Day

Formal organization of the new Lomita City Council, expected after formal certification of the election on June 30, will probably see Joe Haslam, long-time resident and businessman, as the first mayor of the city. Haslam has been tabbed by his newly elected colleagues to serve as acting mayor pending formal organization of the City Council.

Chain Link Fencing Used As Safeguard

Chain link fencing to eliminate water hazards to children in the Torrance lateral and adjacent low areas has been installed by landowners.

The fencing, in compliance with a county ordinance, was provided by five major property owners in the Jamison Lake area, generally bounded by Vemont, Avalon, Carson, and Del Amo boulevards.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn requested the fencing shortly after this area became a part of his supervisorial district in mid-1963.

Three Clubs Donate Items

Torrance schools will be recipients of gifts by three organizations as a result of donations approved by the Board of Education at a meeting recently.

A gift by the Rotary Club of Hollywood Riviera will provide \$240 worth of research text materials for South High School; a television set and a controlled reader have been donated by Riviera Elementary School PTA to Riviera School; and Adams Elementary School received a typewriter from Adams PTA.

UCSB Awards

Four Degrees

Four students from Torrance received academic degrees Saturday at commencement exercises at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Receiving degrees were Judith Lynn Hagan, 1751 Elm Ave., elementary education; Beverly Ann Orend, 2041 Middlebrook Road, elementary education; Donald Lee Posthumus, 815 Felbar Ave., zoology; and Judith Wolf Thomsen, 21804 Halldale Ave., sociology.

Siren Testing

The combined Los Angeles County and Los Angeles city civil defense siren-warning systems will be tested on Friday, June 26, when they will be sounded at 10 a.m. in the customary last-Friday test, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has announced.

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A Lomita attorney, Ray Farthing, has been chosen to serve as city attorney, and is now busy preparing ordinances, resolutions, and other legal documents which will be needed as soon as the city becomes an official political entity.

CURRENT schedules call for the area to become a full-fledged city on the afternoon of June 30. A special meeting and celebration has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 30, in the Alexander Fleming Junior High School auditorium to set the city's business wheels in motion and to celebrate the formal beginning of the city.

"This was a real grass roots movement," Farthing told THE HERALD after the excitement of the victory settled a little his week.

"Unless someone lost a bill somewhere, or there is something we forgot, the cost of the incorporation campaign will be about \$2,600," he said. He estimated it was less than 10 per cent of the cost of the unsuccessful campaign in 1957.

CONTRACTS WITH the County for policing by Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies and for other services are being prepared, the attorney said.

The area already is served by a fire protection district, a county water district, and other utilities districts, so the changeover should not be too difficult. Selection of a city seal is under way, and a hunt for permanent city office space is being pushed.

Incorporation of the city with its estimated 30,000 voters puts Lomita in the upper one-third of California cities, THE HERALD was told. It will be Los Angeles County's 33 contract city, based on the Lakewood-plan pioneered several years ago.

Free Movie To Be Shown

The Torrance Recreation Department's new Fine Arts program is now in full swing. "Variations" is the theme which offers a new and different program free of charge to the public every Wednesday, 8 p.m., at the Joslyn Recreation Center, 2225 Torrance Blvd.

June 24, the audience will enjoy a film entitled "Great Adventure." Popularized by several television showings, this film is a "dramatization of the four seasonal cycles on a Swedish farm combined with a story of two small boys."

The film is 75 minutes in length. Following the movie, coffee will be served.



TO CELEBRATE FOURTH . . . Preparing for the annual Independence Day observance and picnic in Palos Verdes are (from left) Margaret Merrill and Sandy Hillendahl, wearing Colonial period costumes, and Mrs. Arthur Tuner. Bryan Hardwick is general chairman of the event.

Spartan Grads Gather At Air Force Academy

Presenting diplomas to graduates of South High School, Torrance is going to be a habit at the nation's newest service academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

First South High grad to capture a scholarship to the academy was Cadet Michael R. Robbins, who received his commission at graduation ceremonies at the military establishment this month.

With scholarships valued at \$20,000 apiece, South has \$100,000 worth of investment in the classes of '65, '66, and '67, and '68. Members of those classes include Cadet John A. Hewitt Jr., who will graduate next June; Cadet William R. Latham, III, entering his junior year this fall; Cadet Donald Hickman, sophomore; and James B. Schindler and Philip Dowling, freshmen.

THE FUTURE Air Force officers had active careers during their years at South High.

Robbins, who served as Student Body president, lettered in football and golf and participated on the varsity track team. Holder of a lifetime membership in the Scholarship Society, he received the Bank of America "Most Outstanding Student" award and the Athletic Scholarship award for the class of 1960.

A graduate of the South High Class of '61, Hewitt earned three letters in varsity gold, served as a member of the student government, was a member of the

National Honor Society, and received the athletic scholarship award.

MAJORING in military management at the Academy Latham is a former Boy Scout. His high school activities included football, baseball, and track. For three semesters he was a member of

Diplomas Are Going To the Dogs

Kindergarten and college students are attending their own graduation rites at this time of year but they have nothing on the dogs.

Even dogs are graduating and receiving diplomas. The Harbor Lite Dog Obedience Club recently held graduation for their canine friends.

Although the dogs are now supposed to be obedient their handlers accepted the graduation certificates, possibly fearing Rover might bury the diploma so he could continue playing dumb.

Winners of the Wednesday night novice class were: Al Berg, miniature poodle; Richard Babcock, Doberman-Pinscher and Richard Kaufman, miniature poodle.

Saturday afternoon class winners were Mrs. Hazel Sokolick, toy poodle; Miss Christine Word, German shepherd; Mrs. Hazel Cornell, miniature poodle. Miss Word also won the highest scoring junior handler trophy.

the California Scholarship Federation.

FOOTBALL highlighted Hickman's high school schedule. Other activities included: wrestling, choir, service clubs, Latin Club, scholarship society, and Russian Club. He served as president of the latter for one year.

President of the Chemistry Club and Chess Club, Schindler received letters in track, won first place in the Torrance Science Fair for two years, was a member of the Astronomy Club, and participated in the California Scholarship Federation program.

Dowling participated in varsity football; advanced placement at El Camino, Order of Apollo; Lettermen's Club, and Boys State. He served as class council representative in his freshman and sophomore years, and was honored by the California Scholarship Federation.

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Last Public Hearing Set For Tuesday

Adoption of the city's budget for the 1964-65 fiscal year is scheduled to follow a second public hearing at the City Council's 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro's first budget for Torrance calls for expenditures of more than \$10 million during the

fiscal year—a large part of it going for salaries and fixed costs of operating the city. Still to be settled formally are pay matters for the city's uniformed and civilian employees. Among matters recommended to aid in raising the city's revenue are hikes in variance fees from \$35 to \$50, hike in use permits from \$35 to \$50, and on change of zone applications from \$50 to \$100.

OTHER REVENUE measures to be passed on by the City Council include a "Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax," known popularly as a bed tax; raising license tax rates for a number of businesses ranging from pawnbrokers to tree-trimmers; and hiking refuse collection fees for single family residences to \$1.50 a month and two-family residences to \$3 a month.

In other matters the City Council will conduct public hearings on a petition to rezone a strip of land along Plaza Del Amo near the Navy Annex from M-2 to R-3; a petition to rezone an area near Susanna Avenue and Opal Street to R-3, and to rezone the former Salm property in North Torrance to R-1. The Salm property case is being opposed by several owners of large parcels on 182nd Street.

Other business Tuesday will include action on claims filed by a Harbor City man that he was injured while a prisoner in Torrance jail, and a claim on behalf of a man whose vehicle was damaged because of an unpaved roadway.

Strangler Sentenced To Prison

A radiator repairman who pleaded guilty to strangling his former boss, a Torrance man, was sentenced to state prison Thursday.

Joe Reed Mason, 34, who pleaded guilty to second degree murder in connection with the Christmas Eve strangling of Ernest E. Jones, 56, of 2433 W. 165th St., was sentenced by Judge Allen Miller, Los Angeles Superior Court, Southwest Branch, Inglewood.

Mason could spend up to five years in prison for the killing.

Jones, who was bound hand and foot when discovered in his bedroom, was strangled with a length of electrical cord. His wife and boys were visiting relatives in Dallas when the killing took place.

DURING COURT testimony, Mason admitted arguing with Jones the night before the body was found. Mason said he went to the Jones home, forced open a screen and window, and waited for Jones.

Mason then forced Jones to fill out several checks made out to him and threatened his employer with a beating unless he handed over \$90 cash and a wrist watch, according to court testimony.

Call Box Disinterest Irritates Supervisor

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said he was disturbed about the lack of interest of the State Highway Commission regarding the installation of emergency call boxes or similar devices on Southern California freeways.

"There has been a lot of buck passing on this project while the motoring public suffers because they have no way to quickly summon aid in case of an accident or mechanical failure on our freeways," Hahn said.

THE SUPERVISOR has repeatedly called for the installation of either call boxes or direct line telephones on Los Angeles County's freeway system.

Nearly two years ago, in October, 1962, a pilot system of 80 electronic call boxes were installed in quarter mile intervals on downtown area freeways.

Shortly after that, the Los Angeles Police Department, which has the responsibility of responding when a call box is activated, began a study of their effectiveness.

forts by Supervisor Hahn to secure expansion of the pilot program.

Now the Pacific Telephone Co. has proposed a pilot study of telephones on the freeways to serve the same purpose as the button-activated emergency call boxes.

"Either system would serve to answer a real need of the motoring public," Hahn said.

"The motorist who sees or is involved in an accident, or has a mechanical problem, plus the hundreds of drivers who must slow down and stop because of the initial program, deserve a system to immediately bring aid to the scene."

HAHN STRESSED that the final authority for the installation of call boxes or telephones on the freeways rests with the State Highway Commission.

"And it seems to be just resting," Hahn said. "There is no doubt that the existing pilot system has been used repeatedly by motorists," Hahn added. "If one life has been saved, if one major traffic tie-up and a series of rear end collisions has been avoided, this system has certainly proved its value."