

Council to Adopt Budget Tuesday

EXPECT NO TAX RELIEF

Torrance City Council is slated to adopt the budget for the current fiscal year Tuesday night.

At the same time the Council will set the tax rate.

Despite protests that have been lodged against the proposed 3c hike in the tax rate over last year, indications are that the Council will OK both the budget and the tax rate as proposed by City Manager George Stevens.

Assessment Up
Opponents of the tax raise have pointed out that the city assessment is up \$5,000,000 over last year and that sales tax, license fees, and various building permits are expected to climb during this year.

Budget hearings have been closed, however, and little hope exists that taxpayers will have any relief from the high tax rate.

Budget Total
The operating budget, as proposed by Stevens, calls for a total expenditure of \$1,013,973. Last year's total budget was \$872,402.

County assessor's office revealed that total assessed valuation for this city is \$60,151,580, as compared with \$54,734,290 for last year.

Stevens originally estimated an eight per cent increase in valuation. It was on this basis that he

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Carson Area To Vote on Joining MWD

KEYSTONE—Date of the annexation election to decide whether Keystone and the Avalon and Carson areas join the West Basin Water District and the Metropolitan Water District has been set for Sept. 23, Carl Fossette, secretary of the West Basin reported this week.

All preliminary legal preparations for the annexation election have been completed, Fossette said. The West Basin is providing for 10 consolidated precincts in the area for balloting on the proposal.

The annexation move was started last spring by a Citizens Water Fact-Finding Committee which pointed out that ground water resources are being conserved through a ruling of the State Water Resources Board and if

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Open Drive-In Restaurant Here

Opened for business this week was the new "Westerner" drive-in restaurant at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave.

The \$15,000 enterprise was built by Sam Levy and Dr. Arthur S. Berke. The business is owned by John Bickham and Larry Batty, two ex-GIs who are residents of Kettler Knolls.

Designed to accommodate 40 to 50 cars, the restaurant has approximately 1,200 square feet of floor space. Smart stucco exterior, the building has been fitted with all the latest restaurant fixtures, and has an attractive counter for indoor dining.

Wins Silverware in Contest



WINNER—Mrs. Lawrence Liston, 4053 W. 169th St., Lawndale, displays Community silverware she won in a missing puzzle piece contest sponsored by Allen's Jewelers. With Mrs. Liston is De Los Nadeau, member of Allen's staff.

CITY DUMP CLOSED AFTER YEAR FIGHT



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DONATION—A check for \$25 is being handed to Clifford Boots, right, brother-in-law of Don Townsend, by Arthur Moore, left, commander of VFW, Torrance Post No. 3251. Bill Gale, commander of Los Angeles County Council VFW, looks on.

Committee Formed to Plan Christmas Decor

Something new and different in the way of Christmas street decorations is promised this year by the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber.

A committee headed by Frank Dominguez, Jr., and consisting of Milt Isabel, Art Strumwasser, Paul Diamond, Jim Lawson, and Isenberg met at the Chamber offices Monday to formulate decoration plans for the coming holiday season.

In the past the program was financed solely by contributions collected from the merchants and decoration was limited to the downtown area only. The City of Torrance cooperated in furnishing electricity and electrical cable for the installation, it was pointed out.

This year a request is being made to the City Council for additional funds to insure city-wide business area coverage, Isenberg stated. It is suggested that some

Offer City Off-street Auto Lot

First direct step to alleviate the growing off-street parking problem that Torrance is faced with, will be taken this week by Sam Levy, who will offer to the City Council an opportunity to purchase a piece of property owned by Levy, that faces on both Carson St. and Cravens Ave.

It has been estimated that the land, which has 110 feet of frontage on Carson St. and 60 feet of frontage on Cravens Ave., will accommodate nearly 80 cars for off-street parking.

In an interview with the Press, Levy stated that he will offer the site to the city, and that the offer will stand for 30 days. If the city doesn't act on his offer, the land will be improved, Levy disclosed.

This means that one more of the few remaining off-street parking lots will be built upon, and the parking situation will be that much worse, Levy indicated.

Various solutions have been suggested to the Council by private citizens and the Parking Authority.

The Torrance Press sponsored a move to have center-street parking provided along Cabrillo Ave. This has been done, and has resulted in the acquisition of 30 additional parking spaces.

Inhalator Aids Asthma Victim

A Torrance Fire Dept. inhalator crew Saturday night responded to a call for aid for Althea A. Wyatt, 2349 235th St.

Under the direction of Battalion Chief Gene Walker, the men worked for 45 minutes over the 19-year-old girl, who was the victim of an asthma attack.

Harvey Plant Operations Seen on TV

Forty acres under one roof, housing mammoth extrusion presses and machine shops, make up the Harvey Machine Company, one of the largest industries of Torrance. The inner workings of an industry that size were seen by thousands of television viewers in Torrance and throughout Los Angeles last Friday night when the KTTV show "Success Story" was broadcast from the Harvey plant.

The inquisitive camera lenses of Success Story followed the manufacture of an aluminum frame for a huge semi-truck trailer right from the first step of making the aluminum into ingots from raw aluminum ore, to the final extrusion of the frame under a pressure of over eight million pounds.

George Sanders, narrator of the show, interviewed Leo Harvey, owner of the giant plant. Harvey stated that he started his plant

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Local Woman Hurt in Auto Mishap Here

Mary Henry, 38, an employee of Benson's Torrance store, was rushed to a San Pedro hospital last Saturday after she severely injured her face in an automobile accident caused when she swerved to avoid hitting a dog in the street.

Returning home in her car after picking up train tickets for a vacation in San Francisco, Miss Henry saw the dog, swerved, and rammed her car against a high curb, hitting her face against a steering wheel knob.

Emergency plastic surgery was performed in San Pedro, and she was returned to her home at 24705 Brampton Ave., Harbor City, on Monday.

Her doctor reports that she is in a state of shock.

21 DAYS BEFORE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
BE SURE YOU REGISTER TODAY!

Cookie Sale Proceeds for Needy Family

Don Townsend, veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, will be recipient of the proceeds of a cookie sale to be held by the VFW Post No. 3251, next Saturday in front of Sam Levy's Department Store.

The VFW contributed \$25 to the Don Townsend fund last week, and the proceeds of a benefit dance held Saturday night at the American Legion Hall were also turned over to Mrs. Townsend.

Townsend, who was injured in an auto collision Aug. 7, is still at Harbor General Hospital, where attending doctors report that his condition is fair.

Neighbors of the Townsends, who bought a home recently at 20951 Brighton Ave. in Woodley Square, have spearheaded the drive for aid for the injured vet, whose wife gave birth to a premature baby, several weeks before the accident, which totally demolished the family automobile.

Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, president of Torrance Auxiliary No. 3251, has issued a plea to all housewives in the vicinity to donate homemade cookies for the bake sale, Saturday. She may be reached at Torrance 3838-W. Her address is 20909 La Salle Ave.

Vote Registration Campaign

Hundreds Respond to Ballot Battalion Drive

A steady stream of people stopped at the table under the big umbrella stationed at El Prado and Sartori Aves., Saturday, to register to vote in the November 4th general election, Jack Dabbs, chairman of the sponsoring Ballot Battalion, announced this week.

Because of this unexpectedly great response, another registrar was posted at the station. More than 250 potential voters kept both registrars writing at a fast pace, Dabbs said.

In order to provide every possible chance for voters to register, plans are being made to have registration booths placed at prominent locations in the downtown area. Those who have yet to register should watch for the table or booth while in the business area, Dabbs pointed out.

During the week, registration

may be made at City Hall.

September 11th is the last day of registration.

If you fall within the following classifications, you must register in order to vote:

1. Changed address since last registered.
2. Changed your name.
3. Desire to change political party.

4. Your registration was cancelled if you did not vote at either

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Young Men and Masterpiece



JUNIOR BAKERS—Lance Kanaster, 13 (left), and Billy McDonald, 10, admire their entry in the baking contest staged last Thursday at Fern Ave. playground. Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanaster, is a student at Narbonne High. Billy is enrolled at Greenwood School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. McDonald.

Adult Recreation Center Formally Dedicated Sunday

Recreation officials from throughout Southern California and many local dignitaries were on hand Sunday when the new Adult Recreation Center was formally dedicated in a two-hour afternoon ceremony.

The center, located behind the Torrance Library on Cravens Ave., has been open for several weeks.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the dedication. Paul Roettger, member of the Recreation Commission, served as master of ceremonies, and J. A. Beasley, also a commission member, made the opening address.

City Manager George Stevens presented the new building, which was accepted by A. J. Patrosky, Recreation Commission Chairman.

Also on hand for the service was Mayor Mervin Schwab, Frank Carpenter, Director of Recreation, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk and Chairman of the Adult Center Board of Directors.

Visiting recreation officials were Paul Gruendyke, superintendent of parks and recreation in Los Angeles County; Ferdinand Bahr, state recreation commission; Bart Anderson, director of recreation for Glendale; Leonard Bright, director of recreation for Santa Monica; Ray Goates, director of recreation for Inglewood, and R. H. Parks, chairman of the recreation commission of Gardena.

Schools Ask City to Delay Huge Tract

Efforts to delay the construction of 1309 new homes in southwest Torrance were begun this week, as the Board of Education addressed a letter to the Planning Commission, requesting that approval of the tract maps be held up until arrangements were made for the provision of a site for an elementary school for the area.

School officials estimate that there will be approximately 654 school-age children residing in the tract when it is completed.

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Cash Stolen

Leo C. Greneller, 3103 Pacific Coast Highway, reported to police this week that someone broke into his office on Sunday and took \$70 in cash and \$60 worth of checks.

Voters Sign Up for Nov. 4 Election



BALLOT BATTALION—More than 250 potential voters were registered last week-end in registration booths sponsored by the Ballot Battalion. At the kick-off of "Operation Voter," representatives of various service clubs that belong to the Ballot Battalion urged passers-by to register. Above are Jack Dabbs, general chairman of the group, Abbot Clinkscale, Russ Eagan, Paul Loranger, and Harry Harper.