

# CITY ADOPTS NEW BUDGET WITHOUT TAX INCREASE

## Assessment Hike Holds Tax Line

A record city budget of \$2,720,000 was unanimously adopted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night, and all indications are that city taxes will not be increased during this fiscal year.

## Rabies Shots Ready Tonite At El Retiro

The first of three weekly clinics for giving anti-rabies shots will be open this evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at El Retiro park, Pacific Coast highway and Vista del Parque in Hollywood, according to Frank Fallon of the South Bay Humane Society.

The inoculations are being given in conformity with a new city and county law requiring that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies.

The shots, which will be good for two years, will cost \$1.50 and will be given under the auspices of the Southern California Medical Assn.

Dog licenses may be obtained at Torrance city hall any time up to September 1. Residents of Los Angeles city or county may obtain license application envelopes at sheriff station, health centers or other public offices.

Two more rabies clinics will be held here on Thursday, July 19, Torrance Park, Arlington north of Sepulveda; and Thursday, July 26, McMaster park, 172nd st. and Yukon.

## Rites Held For Child Hit By Car

Pamela Mazzoni, 3½-year-old daughter of a Los Angeles police officer, was killed Saturday when she darted into the street in front of her home and was run down by a car.

The child died before she could reach Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, Inglewood, following the noon accident. The Mazzonis reside at 4203 West 172nd Street, Torrance, and her father, William A., works out of the LAPD's Venice Division.

Mass of the Angels was solemnized for Pamela on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Lawndale, with Rev. Fr. Hollinger officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery under direction of the Hardin and Flanagan mortuary of Hawthorne.

Also surviving the tot are her brother, Ronald David, 7; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ann Igo of Hermosa Beach, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Angela C. Mazzoni of Gardena.

## Torrance Speed King Wins Stock Car Race at Fresno

George Seeger, 37-year-old veteran race driver of Torrance, last Saturday captured the 100 lap late model stock car race on the half mile Clovis Speedway at Fresno, Calif., before 14,000 fans.

Seeger, a salesman for Oscar Maples Ford, who has been driving vehicles of various types including motor bikes for 20 years, established a new track record for the 100 laps of 51:03.94. Previous record was 58:32.80, established last March.

A surprise winner, Seeger, who lives at 22325 S. Vermont ave., overtook veteran Indianapolis driver Troy Rutman of Lynwood, Calif., the favorite on the 35th lap, shook off repeated threats of the 1952 Indy winner and went on to win by a margin of 30 yards.

Rutman held the pole position by reason of his fastest qualifying time of 31.02 while Seeger had second best of 31.22.

Seeger's vehicle, owned by Oscar Maples, was a stock model 1956 Ford. He credits the 225 hp Thunderbird V8 engine with a large part of his success.

He earned first place award money of \$3,500, he reported.

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Entrants are asked to identify their photos and include their name, address, and phone number, as well as the type of camera and film used.

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## LIONS CLUB TO INSTALL SATURDAY

Abe Robinson will receive the president's gavel from outgoing president Mott Farrell when the Torrance Lions Club holds installation ceremonies this Saturday at the Hacienda in San Pedro.

New officers being installed with Robinson include Pete Radtsich, first vice-president; Ruel Moulton, second vice-president; Sam Van Wagner, third vice-president; Fred Boren, secretary; Bob Barrett, talltaster; Giles Stadler, lion tamer; Milt Paget, treasurer. Board of Directors include all the officers and Jim Krueger and Milt Isbell.

Dinner and dancing will follow the installation.

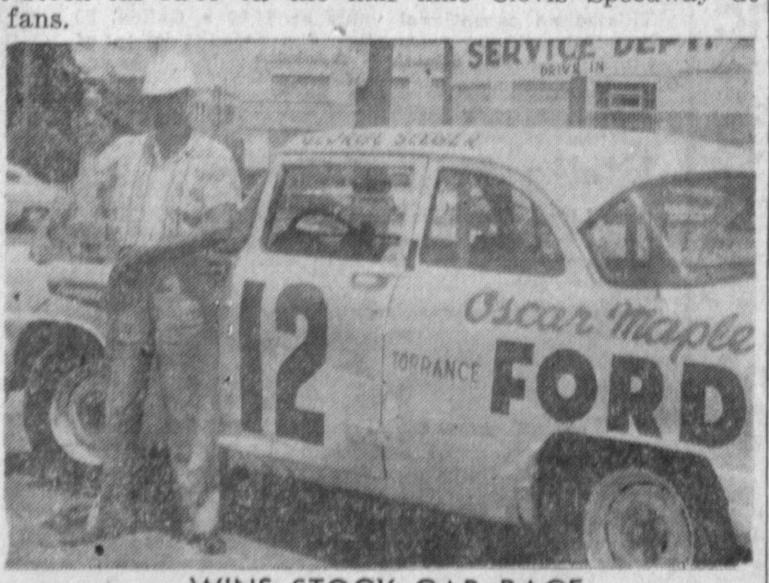
## Lomitan Struck By Car, Dies

A Lomita man died almost instantly when he was struck by a car in Harbor City Monday, police reported.

Dead is John V. Griffin, 50, of 2117 W. 256th st., who was struck by a station wagon as he was running across Western ave. at 253rd st. in the early hours of the morning.

The motorist, Chason W. Stephen, 29, of 2908 Winlock rd., was not held, police said.

## WINS STOCK CAR RACE



GEORGE SEEGER, 37-year-old veteran Torrance race driver, displays trophy he won last Saturday at Fresno. Seeger bested Indianapolis winner Troy Rutman to win the 100-lap late model stock car race in the vehicle pictured above. An employee of Oscar Maples Ford, he drove a company-owned 1956 stock model Ford.—Press Photo.

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WINNER IN AMATEUR DIVISION OF CONTEST  
"Pals" is the name given this picture, which topped the amateur division in the first week of the Torrance Press annual photo contest. The photographer is Mrs. Lina Slaughter of 2345 237th st. Any shutterbug, strictly amateur or semi-pro, can still enter pictures in the remaining five weeks of the competition. Prizes total \$140. There will be winners in each division.

## Promotion Campaign For Downtown Torrance Set

A gigantic campaign to publicize Torrance throughout Southern California was launched this week when the Retail Merchant's Division of the Chamber of Commerce voted to spend \$24,000 during the coming year on promotion.

Charlie Gots, president of the retail merchant's group disclosed plans to spend \$2,000 per month for the next year on various types of advertising.

## Eight Companies Battle 3-Alarm Refinery Blaze

A spectacular three-alarm fire at the Sunset Oil Co. refinery, 21000 S. Figueroa st., near Torrance, blazed for several hours Sunday before eight Los Angeles County fire companies could bring it under control.

Damage was estimated at over \$100,000.

The fire occurred in the cracking still when a fuel line containing crude oil broke.

**No Injuries**  
None of the six men working in the plant at the time was injured.

Battalion Chief William R. Sutherland of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said that the fire was made difficult to control by the presence of more than 2,000 gallons of gasoline in tanks nearby.

The boiler tubes, through which the crude oil passes before processing are chromium lined. If these tubes are damaged, costs could rise as high as \$100,000, according to Cecil Squire, plant superintendent.

**Explosion**  
A. D. La Braeux, 1981 Chestnut Ave., said he was working in another part of the refinery, and heard a loud explosion. He turned toward the cracking still and saw the flames jumping from 50 to 60 feet in the air.

Units from Engine Co. No. 36, were first on the scene. Captain Paul Schneider and his men heard the explosion and saw the flames from their station, one-half mile away.

## Young GOP Club Forms In Torrance

Plans for establishment of an active Young Republican Club in Torrance were laid last week when city and area Republican leaders met to map out the first organizational meeting of the group scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 18. The meeting will be held at 2217 W. 174th st.

The proposed club will be Torrance-wide in scope, encompassing Republicans between the ages of 18 and 36 in all of the new housing developments as well as the central area of the community, it was reported.

Present at the pre-organizational meeting were: Charles (Continued on Page 18)

## New Color Film Of City Ready Now

A new sound and color film about the City of Torrance will be available this week, Tom Watson, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

The film will be available to any local group wishing to use it. Interested organizations outside the city will also have the use of the film, Watson said.

In a report to the Chamber's board of directors, Dr. G. Eastham, chairman of the advertising committee, reported that subcommittees have been established to handle various types of promotion for the city.

Walter Garrabrandt will head a subcommittee to promote the use of the new film. William Zappas, Jack Phillips and Don Hyde will undertake action to acquire new city limits signs.

Ray Burns will handle publicity through industrial magazines and house publications while King Williams and Wyllis W. Blount will make recommendations for space advertising in national media.

## Property Values Up \$23 Million

The local tax picture brightened considerably this week when the county assessor's office revealed a \$23 million increase in assessed valuation for Torrance.

This broadened base of taxation will permit the city to hold the tax rate at \$1.184.

The schools, however, will continue to press for a 75-cent over-ride tax in a special election on October 9, school officials disclosed.

Total secured valuations for Torrance were set at \$109,792,790. An additional half million dollars in assessments is being contested.

Yet to be added is approximately \$9 million in public utility assessments. These are fixed by the state.

City Manager George Stevens stated that the final figure, which is expected to reach \$123,000,000, will be established in August.

The local increase in assessments was third highest in the county. Only Los Angeles and Long Beach showed a greater increase during the year.

## Plan Readied For 8 New Parking Lots

Completed petitions requesting the establishment of an off-street parking district were submitted to the city this week by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was reported at the Chamber board of directors meeting Monday.

The petitions containing signatures of merchants, business firms and landowners in the downtown area are the final step before action can be taken to acquire the lots.

Proposed off-street parking includes eight lots ringing the downtown area. In use now are the city-owned lot on Cravens and two lots being leased by the city.

The Chamber indicated that the lots, which will cost approximately \$230,000, will be paid for by the revenue being derived from parking meters now in use on the city's streets.

The proposed 92,000 square feet of additional off-street parking will accommodate 400 cars at one time, the directors reported.

Dean L. Sears, chairman of the parking committee, credited the early completion of the petitions to the efforts of Sam Levy, Dr. Clarence Ingold, and Dr. Gerald Eastham.

## Youth Band Gets \$2,500

The Torrance Area Youth Band will continue to receive an annual appropriation of \$2,500 from the city of Torrance, following action Tuesday night by the city council.

The funds, however, will be distributed through the recreation department and the band will come under the control of the recreation commission.

Appropriations of \$500 each were granted to the California National Guard and to the Torrance Mounted Police by the council.

## Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held on August 13, Tom Watson, manager, reported.

## Hot Cakes, Entertainment Star At Scout Breakfast

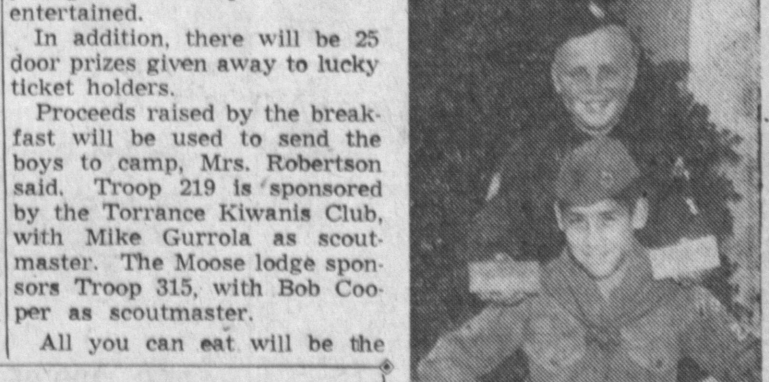
Hot cakes aplenty along with sausages, juice and coffee are promised all comers when Boy Scout Troops 219 and 315 stage their 4th annual flapjack breakfast at the Jim Dandy market, Crenshaw and Torrance blvds., this coming Saturday from 7 to 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Billie Robertson, chairman of the event, disclosed that there will be a continuous talent show featuring local youngsters to keep the diners entertained.

In addition, there will be 25 door prizes given away to lucky ticket holders.

Proceeds raised by the breakfast will be used to send the boys to camp, Mrs. Robertson said. Troop 219 is sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, with Mike Gurrola as scoutmaster. The Moose lodge sponsors Troop 315, with Bob Cooper as scoutmaster.

All you can eat will be the



## 4 Special Features In Today's Issue

Four special features are offered our readers this week. Myron Roberts, new special staff writer for the Torrance Press, applies his tongue-in-cheek, thought-provoking sharp sense of humor to an analysis of modern report cards in his article, How To Translate Junior's Report Card, page 3.

His other column, Storm and Stress, will be found on page 24.

Roberts is former publisher of the Tide of Manhattan; taught journalism at Torrance high school; and is now a columnist, writing for a number of Southern California newspapers.

Also see, Torrance... Where Cleanliness is Cheap, a surprising article on Torrance's unusual rubbish collection service. The article, by Ralph R. Gompertz, managing editor, is on page 2.

Wes Johnson's Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation series deals with McMaster park this week (page 23).

**BATTER UP**  
The annual Boy Scout county breakfast will be held again July 14 at the Jim Dandy market, Crenshaw and Torrance blvds., from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Calling attention to the fact are Mike Zupparde, 13, of Troop 219, and Bob Wolf, 14, Star Scout of Post 315X (holding tickets) —Press Photo.