

Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Urged

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No-Valentine Blues



HIS SWEETIE FORGOT . . . Woofy, 1700-pound walrus at Marineland of the Pacific is looking extra sad this morning. Although he's considered handsome—as walruses reckon things—he didn't find a Valentine anywhere around for him when he awoke today. Woofy's only 46 months old, so maybe someone will remember the next time.

Auditorium, New Central Library, Parks Included

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will submit a six-year capital improvements program to the City Council Tuesday along with his recommendations for selected salary adjustments.

The \$29 million budget "is designed to avoid any increase in the property tax rate," Ferraro said.

Ferraro said the city has managed, until now, to keep

pace with the demand for facilities on a pay-as-you-go basis, but he added that increased growth makes it difficult for the city to provide major facilities under such a program.

Major projects listed in the capital improvements program include an auditorium, a regional park, and a central library.

"This program, if adopted in principle, will shape the

future of the city for many years to come," Ferraro has said. He adds that the program must earn community acceptance if it is to be successful.

Ferraro will recommend the adoption of the six-year program and a capital improvements budget for the balance of the fiscal year. A 1965-66 capital improvement budget also is recommended for adoption.

An analysis of the city's general fund which accompanies the capital improvements program and salary recommendations shows an unappropriated surplus of \$700,500 as of Jan. 1.

Ferraro will recommend appropriation of \$438,000 for capital projects. A reserve contingency fund of \$100,000 to \$150,000 also is recommended.

Cassidy's right leg was broken in five places. Box, a passenger on the cycle, suffered a deep cut on his thigh and four broken toes. Both were reported in good condition.

The car was driven by Louis Lessing, 51, of 3407 W. 227th St. He was not injured.

Motorcycle Riders Hurt

Two motorcycle riders were injured here Thursday when their cycle collided with a car at Carson Street and Emanuel Avenue.

David Ray Cassidy, 22, of 157 W. 223rd St., and Clifford T. Box, 22, of 1535 Marcelina St., were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after the accident.

Council to Get Report On City Salary Boosts

Dr. John Beeman, Prominent Local Physician, Dies

Funeral services for Dr. John W. Beeman, 59, a prominent Torrance physician for nearly 30 years, will be held at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel at 3 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, returning to officiate.

Dr. Beeman, who resided

at 1518 El Prado, died in Los Angeles Friday where he had been taken for treatment after becoming ill late last year.

He was a native of North Branch, Kans., where he was born on Sept. 11, 1905. He attended the North Branch Academy and then took a bachelor of arts degree from Friends University in Wichita, Kans., in 1928. He earned his degree in medicine at the Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles in 1936 and opened his practice in Los Angeles in 1936. He came to Torrance the next year to establish his practice.

During the nearly 30 years he practiced in Torrance, Dr. Beeman was active in the affairs of Torrance Memorial Hospital and in the Torrance Rotary Club. He also was active in several professional groups, and was an active pilot, keeping up his proficiency in instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Surviving Dr. Beeman are his widow, Myra; a daughter, Jenel Leavitt, and her two sons, Marc and Scott; and a son, John, and his two sons, John and William. Also surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Stansbury, of Nebraska.

The family has suggested that donations be made to the John W. Beeman Memorial Hospital at Torrance Memorial Hospital in lieu of other expressions. The body will lie in state at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary throughout the day today.

Private cremation has been scheduled to follow Monday's services.

In Sacramento

'Y' Holds Annual Meeting

The 17th session of the YMCA model legislature for Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y club members will be concluded in Sacramento today.

Representing the Torrance Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y are Paul Schmidt, senator; Eileen Hofer, assemblywoman, and Jack Roth and Karin Carlson, delegates in training. Delegates are members of the Leaders, Dior's and Sebastian clubs.

In preparation for the Sacramento session for youth from all over the state of California, delegates prepared bills and gathered material to present at the YMCA model legislature.

The Torrance group introduced a proposal to extend the compulsory school age to 18 years, thus attempting to slow down high school dropouts.

The three-day session was filled with committee hearings, house and senate meetings, a governor's ball and informal parties.

More than 650 students and advisors attended as well as around 20 foreign exchange students to observe "democracy in action."



JOHN W. BEEMAN
Final Rites Monday

Mother of Four Dies In Crash

A 28-year-old mother of four was killed Thursday night while she was taking a driving lesson from her husband.

The woman, Mrs. Deloise Watson of Los Angeles, was thrown from her car after it sideswiped a truck and hit a signal pole near Artesia Boulevard and Main Street.

The car burst into flames, trapping the husband and four children inside. Theodore Watson, 28, and the four youngsters were pulled to safety by Robert Sible, 24, a service station attendant who witnessed the accident.

Mrs. Watson was pronounced dead at Gardena Emergency Hospital at 8:55 p.m.

Neither the four children nor their father was hurt. The driver of the truck, Eugene Bell, 26, of Lomita also was unharmed.

Highway Patrol officers investigating the accident said Mrs. Watson apparently ran the red light on Artesia and collided with the truck. Bell was not held.

SOULE CHOSEN

Ernest M. Soule, 3144 W. 181st St., has been elected president of the Garrett-Rife-Search Los Angeles Employees Club for 1965.

General Hikes Not Suggested

Retroactive salary increases for six classifications of city employees will be recommended to the City Council Tuesday by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. General salary increases will not be recommended.

At the same time, councilmen will get communications from the Miscellaneous Employees Union, the Torrance Police Officers Association, and the Torrance Fire Fighters Association. All three will seek general, across-the-board increases. Police officers and firemen also will request uniform allowances.

The information gathered from the 11 agencies in the survey seems to indicate that the salaries paid by the City of Torrance are generally in line," Ferraro said. The survey, compiled by Ferraro's office, compares salaries in Torrance with those paid by other cities and the County of Los Angeles.

The Miscellaneous City Employees Union, Local 1117, will ask for a 2½ per cent general salary increase and a 2½ per cent increase to compensate for the "widow's clause" fringe benefit approved for safety employees in July, 1963. The increase being sought by miscellaneous employees total 5 per cent.

In addition, the union will ask for increases at the top step of ranges for senior building inspector, senior typist clerk, and administrative secretary positions.

Ferraro's recommendations step for accountants, planning director, blacksmith-welder, electrician, and city attorney classifications. He also recommends a 6-cent per hour increase for the senior pool lifeguard position.

Total cost of the recommendations, says Ferraro, would be \$800 for the balance of the year.

Firemen will ask for a 5 per cent across-the-board increase and a \$100 uniform allowance, payable once each year. The Fire Fighters Association estimates the increases will cost \$28,248 for the balance of the fiscal year. The uniform allowance would cost an additional \$12,255 for the 1965-66 budget.

Police officers will seek a 5½ per cent across-the-board increase and uniform allowances of \$10 monthly.

All three organizations cite costs of living in Torrance as a prime consideration of salary requests. Police officers add that the increased cost of living and the general salary ranges in Torrance have made recruiting difficult. The association estimates an 8.8 per cent turnover rate for the year if salaries are not increased.

Jim R. Popp, president of the Police Officers Association, said an estimated 10,000 policemen in Los Angeles county are paid higher salaries than Torrance officers.

A salary hearing has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday. The regular council meeting will begin at 5:30.

Committee Assignments Completed in Assembly

Jesse M. Uaruh, Speaker of the California Assembly, has announced committee assignments for the 1965 legislative session.

"During the last month, I have held literally hundreds of conferences with the Assembly membership and public house leadership to arrive at the committees which will bear the thousands of bills to come before us in the months ahead," Uaruh said.

Uaruh said he had continued the policy originated in 1963 of assigning members to a maximum of four committees. The policy, he said, is designed to "minimize schedule conflicts and to guarantee members adequate military and veterans affairs.

time for thorough work in each assignment."

Assemblyman Clayton Dills (D-67th District) was named chairman of the interstate corporation committee. Dills was also assigned to committees on public health and public utilities and corporations.

Vincent Thomas (D-68th District) was assigned to committees on interstate corporation, revenue and taxation, and transportation and commerce. Republican Charles E. Chapel (46th District) was assigned to committees on transportation and commerce, schedule conflicts and to revenue and taxation, and guarantee members adequate military and veterans affairs.

Wee Lassie to Get Book Telling Her of America

Hazel Robinson is a 15-year-old girl with blue eyes and brown hair. She stands 5-8 and lives in Glasgow, Scotland. And, she wants to know more about America.

Sophomores at Bishop Montgomery High are busy now seeing that Hazel learns the things about America that she wants to know.

Jane Nye, a sophomore at Montgomery, and Hazel are pen-pals, and Hazel asked Jane's English class at Montgomery to write, telling her something about America.

Sister Celine Marie, C.S.J., decided that Hazel should get as much as possible from the

letters, so she assigned a subject to each girl in class. The assignments will eliminate many repetitious letters.

To complete the work, the class is mounting each letter, with pictures, in a large scrapbook. A cover was designed by Nancy Eilers, and the book has been divided into four chapters.

"You're in America," the first chapter, is devoted to the American background, the flag, and the people. A second chapter, "Look around You," tells of the places in America which one can visit, and what the many places have to offer.

Chapter Three, "Here's What We Do," tells of the places people visit for enjoyment or holidays. The chapter also explains the reasons for celebrating the holidays observed in America.

A final chapter is devoted to the subject, "As Teenagers." It tells of the type of clothing worn by teens, the teen fads and interests, music, dances, movies, and television. It also explains the activities in school, clubs, and school elections, and includes a copy of the Montgomery class schedule.

Jane will send the book to Hazel soon. The class hopes she will enjoy it.



SCRAPBOOK . . . Theresa Hanten, Juder Schumacher, and Jane Nye scan the work of sophomores at Bishop Montgomery High as they get the sophomore class scrapbook up to date. The book is being compiled for a student in Glasgow, Scotland, who wanted to know something about America. It will be sent to the student, Hazel Robinson, soon.

Burglars Take Tools . . .

Burglars who broke into a garage at 4134 W. 172nd St. left with a power sander valued at \$40, a three-eighths drill motor valued at \$65, and a saber saw valued at \$59, the victim, Dorothy Bloomhurst, told police Friday.

Robbery Suspects Held . . .

Three San Pedro women were arrested Thursday by officers from the Harbor Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. They are being held on suspicion of being part of an all-woman robbery team. A fourth woman, from Wilmington, surrendered to officers Friday. The women may be implicated in as many as eight robberies, officers said.