

## Economy Continues To Move

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SACRAMENTO — The California economy is continuing to move ahead, with employment and personal income up during the first quarter of 1968 and unemployment down slightly.

The Department of Finance said civilian employment in March was 7,503,000, up 3.3 per cent from a year ago, while unemployment averaged 4.6 per cent for the first three months of the year. This compared to 4.7 per cent for the same quarter of last year.

The San Jose, Orange County and San Diego areas registered particularly strong employment gains, being up 8.2, 7 and 5.2 per cent, respectively.

THE DEPARTMENT said preliminary estimates placed personal income for the January-March quarter up 7.5 per cent from the first quarter of 1967, about the same as the national gain. The most notable advances in income were in the construction, finance and local government areas.

The consumer price index in California rose sharply during the latest quarter, again paralleling the national trend. The March index for San Francisco, at 122.7, is 4.8 per cent higher than a year ago, while the Los Angeles index of 121.1 is up 4.9 per cent.

THE DEPARTMENT said there was further improvement in the residential building situation in the state during the first quarter and non-residential construction showed sharp improvement in some categories.

However, the department said the increased monetary tightness is expected to have a strong adverse effect on the availability and cost of mortgage money. The rising bond yields and money market rates are likely to divert funds from savings and loan associations, an important source of financing for residential construction.

Non-residential construction was up about 22 per cent during the first two months of the year, especially for store, office, bank, hospital, and other professional buildings.

## Disabled Worker Law Now Less Restrictive

Miles Davis, Social Security district manager in Torrance, has reminded young workers of a recent change in the Social Security Law.

If a person becomes disabled before age 31, he does not need as many work credits to get disability benefits as he did under the old law.

To get disability insurance benefits under the old law, a worker needed Social Security credits for at least 5 out of the 10 years before he became disabled unless he became disabled before age 31.

## Hitchhiker Is Arrested In Robbery

A Torrance youth was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly pulled a knife on a motorist and robbed him of his wallet, a car stereo, and tapes, valued at \$131.

Booked on suspicion of armed robbery was 19-year-old Alan Dale Long, 16818 Glenburn Ave. He was arrested near the 3500 block of Redondo Beach Boulevard shortly after he escaped with the goods.

The victim, Wayne R. Cate, 48, of Palos Verdes, told Torrance police he had offered the suspect a ride in his car.

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**NEW QUEEN** ... Mrs. Joseph Dragan receives her crown after being named Queen for the month of May in a continuing contest sponsored by Her Majesties Beauty Salon, 1108 Crenshaw Blvd. Mrs. Lena Fisel (right), owner of the salon, crowns Mrs. Dragan while Mrs. Dora Barcamonte watches. The new queen received a variety of gifts from the salon and other area merchants and will reign throughout the month.

## Four Riviera Students Win Top Science Awards

Four Riviera Elementary School students walked off with top honors at the Torrance Elementary Science Fair.

Grand prize winner for earth science was Chip Carmichael. Biological grand prize went to Janet Brettenbacher and Carolyn Kameya, and physical grand prize went to Jim Hoste.

A special grand prize was awarded to three Astronettes from Madison School, Debbie Roberson, Georgianne Lamb, and Penny Moran, whose simulated space capsule, the Geo-Debny, was on display in the lobby of the Torrance Recreation Center for the duration of the three-day fair.

MORE THAN 4,000 persons

visited the third annual fair. Trophy winners, who took first place in the various categories, were: Sheryl Ross, Arnold School, primary grades, earth science; Mark Stone, Hillside School, primary, biology; Joe James, Elison School, primary, physical science; Janis Clary, Yukon School, middle grades, earth science; Michael Macy, Sepulveda School, middle, biology; Jeff Turmes, Wood School, middle, physical science; Denise Chan, Riviera School, upper grades, earth science; Kenton Parker, Seaside School, upper, biology; and Marn Stieglitz and Kevin McCoy, Anza School, upper, physical science.

SECOND place winners included Steve Eidson, Fern-Greenwood School, primary grades, earth science; Barbara Stone, Hillside School, primary, biology; Robert House, Calle Mayor School, primary, physical; Alex Steinleifer, Wood School, middle, earth; Janis Nakashima, Lincoln School, middle, biology; Mike Kobel, Casimir School, middle, physical; Mike Bankson and Steve Olson, Hamilton School, upper, earth; Marcia Whistler, Riviera School, upper, biology; and Mark Kent, Steve Ailsen, Pam Lanham, and Bill Padgett of Car School, upper, physical.

Third place medals went to Craig Toft of Lincoln School, primary, earth; Douglas Moore, Wright School, primary, biology; Scotty Leong of Arlington School, primary, physical; Michael Butler, Meadow Park School, middle, earth; Melody Howe, Wright School, middle, biology; Donald Tsusaki, Riviera School, middle, physical; David Lundblad, Fern-Greenwood, upper, earth; Mike Bennett, Wright School, upper, biology; and Thurston Smith, Tow-ers School, upper, physical.

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## \$104 Find Is Proof the Golden Rule Still Works

Who says the "golden rule" is dead? Classmates of 11-year-old Steven Spencer know better. Because Steven proved it.

It all started last Thursday night. At least that's the way the fifth-grade class of Miss Judi Sabin at Parkway School figures it happened.

That was the night the parents came to school for open house.

WHEN THE students returned to class the following Monday, Steven spotted something under a classmate's desk that he knew must have belonged to a parent.

It was money — a lot of money. First he saw a bundle of green dollars, and then he saw another. He picked it up. That was where the golden

rule came in. He could have stuffed it in his pocket. Some of his friends later said that's what they would do. But Steven didn't think twice.

HE TOOK it right up to his teacher. They counted it together. There was \$104 altogether. To Steven that was "an awful lot of money."

Miss Sabin got on the phone. It didn't take long to find out which mother had slipped the money into her son's book for safekeeping and then forgotten the incident.

Does honesty pay? Steven thinks it does. His mom got a phone call from a grateful classmate's mother saying what a fine thing he had done; and his classmates all wrote compositions about the found treasure.

BUT THAT wasn't the real satisfaction. The real reward came in living the golden rule. Or as Steven put it, "I know if I lost some money I wouldn't want someone to stuff it in my pocket. Well, when I found that money, I figured whoever lost it would feel the same way I would if I lost it."

And if that isn't reward enough, Steven may find himself financially better off to the tune of 25 cents jingling in his jeans pocket one month hence. Because yesterday he found a quarter on his drum and his teacher said if no one claims it in 30 days, the rule will be "finder's keepers."

## Secretary's Body Found By Friends

A Torrance secretary apparently took her own life Wednesday or Thursday after leaving a note on a steno pad.

Friends of Norma Jean Thomas discovered the body at 7 p.m. Thursday in the 33-year-old woman's apartment, 20627 Amie Ave., Apt. 22. Police said there were empty medicine vials on the coffee table.

## Tools Disappear

Burglars broke into Pelican Hi Performance Garage, 18905 Crenshaw Blvd., sometime Tuesday night and stole \$2,500 worth of power tools, police said.

## Auditions Slated by Kentwood

The Kentwood Players, winners of the 1967 Los Angeles County Drama Festival, will hold open readings for their forthcoming production, the comedy hit, "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon.

The readings will be conducted by director Paul Kaufman at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., Los Angeles, today from 2 to 5 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The play, one of Simon's funniest comedies, has parts for men ranging in ages from 30 to 50 and two roles for women in their 30s.

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## In Hospital

Mark Brennan, 3-year-old son of Mrs. Maureen Brennan of 16910 Ainsworth Ave., has been admitted as a patient at Orthopaedic Hospital.

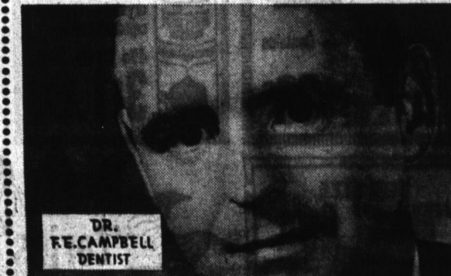
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Dental science has done wonders to make denture wearing easier than formerly. However, as good as dentures are today, they are still substitutes. But a denture wearer can make his denture problem a lot less difficult by following suggestions.

"First, you need to realize that nothing a man makes, as a substitute for a body part, is as good as what nature provided", Dr. Campbell said. "This is true of artificial limbs, plastic eyes, toupees, as well as teeth. You can condition yourself to the shock of loss of teeth by adjusting yourself to the idea that dentures are good substitutes. A comforting thought is that dentures are better substitutes than most other artificial things for the body."



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"Just as some people hesitate to see a doctor for fear they'll find something wrong with them, so denture wearers often hesitate to see a dentist when they need changes in their dentures", Dr. Campbell said. "Your facial contour may change as a result of shrunken gums. Your ability to chew will change. You can guard against premature appearance of old age by having new dentures when you first need them."

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