

Miss Torrance Wins Miss California Title

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\$15.8 Million Budget Wins Council Approval

Spending Jumps \$2 Million; No Tax Hike Voted

The Torrance City Council approved a general operating budget for the 1968-69 year totaling \$15.8 million last night, an increase of some \$2 million over last year's budget.

The budget was balanced without an increase in the city's property tax rate, although some fees were raised by the council.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said his projections were based on an assessed valuation of some \$413 million, an increase of nearly \$25 million over last year's figures. The actual assessed valuation will not be known until August, when the City Council will formally set the tax rate.

THE FINAL figure of \$15.8 million was arrived at after workshop sessions which involved a page-by-page review of the preliminary budget. Councilmen also previously approved the addition of \$745,000 in salary adjustments, including new retirement benefits.

Although no major increases in sources of revenues were voted, councilmen did hike fees for use of the city swimming pool (up 5 cents) and golf course (up 15 cents) and approved a 5-cent hike in rubbish collection fees. The increases are expected to produce some \$37,000 in additional revenue.

The budget provides for 32 new city employees, substantially below the more than 100 new employees requested in departmental budgets. Ferraro had recommended the addition of 34 new employees.

FERRARO said a reserve of \$200,000 had been provided for capital improvements, but added that no specific program will be submitted until salary adjustments are completed and assessed valuations are known.

The city manager also noted that a tax rate of 13.05 cents

per \$100 assessed valuation will be needed to operate the new municipal library system at a rate that is more than 6 cents under the county's current library tax rate.

Some \$561,000 was budgeted to finance library operations during the coming year.

Three Men Assaulted By Youths

Three area men were assaulted here Monday evening in three separate incidents, according to Torrance police.

Police said the first incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. at Yukon Avenue and Artesia Boulevard when Charles S. Hyatt, 38, a Torrance bus driver, was struck.

Hyatt told police he had stopped his bus after exiting from the San Diego Freeway to check possible damage to might have occurred on the freeway.

THE DRIVER told police he was driving near Vernon Street when a car entered the freeway and began driving erratically, cutting in and out of traffic and nearly striking the bus. He said he thought the car hit the bus at one point and had stopped to check.

When Hyatt left the freeway, the car followed. One of two men in the car got out and began arguing with him, Hyatt said.

The second incident occurred about 10 p.m. in a parking lot at 4650 Del Amo Blvd., when Stephen O. MacKinzie, 20, of 20707 Anza Ave., was beaten and kicked by two youths. MacKinzie told police he was getting out of his car when one of the



SIGN CONTRACT ... Officials of Kemp Brothers Contractors of Whittier and Torrance Memorial Hospital gathered Monday at the hospital to sign a \$6.4 million contract for construction of a new nine-story, 250-bed hospital complex here. Pictured signing the document are James C. Kemp (left), vice president of the Kemp Brothers, and Dean L. Sears, secretary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board and vice president of the board of Riviera Community Hospital. The two hospitals have merged to construct the new facility. Watching the signing are Mrs. Boris Woolley, president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board, and Richard Sullivan, M. D., a board member. (Press-Herald Photo)

\$6.4 Million Contract for Torrance Hospital Signed

A construction contract for \$6.4 million to build a new 250-bed Torrance Memorial Hospital will be completely sound-proofed and air conditioned, next month at the site, 3330 Lomita Blvd. Completion is expected to take about two years.

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies will be held early next month at the site, 3330 Lomita Blvd. Completion is expected to take about two years.

Dean L. Sears, secretary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board and vice president of the board of Riviera Community Hospital, signed for the two institutions. The two hospitals have merged to construct the new nine-story building.

Signing of the contract followed official notification from Washington, D.C., that the hospital has satisfied all federal and state requirements for funds under the Hill-Harris Act. Some \$3.2 million in federal and state funds has been allocated to the hospital for construction.

The contract will cover the complete building with seven of the nine floors to be finished, according to Mrs. Boris Woolley, president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board. The two top floors will be shelled in for completion at a later date.

The cost of land, movable equipment, landscaping, and architect's fees is not included in the \$6.4 million contract.

The new hospital is being built on a 10-acre site on Lomita Boulevard, just east of Hawthorne Boulevard located adjacent to the Torrance Municipal Airport, the facility

Bond Sale Authorized ---

Sale of \$1 million in Torrance Unified School District bonds was approved by the county Board of Supervisors Tuesday. The bonds are part of a \$9 million issue approved by voters in 1966. A total of \$4 million previously have been sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used to finance construction projects at several schools and at the district offices.

Gunmen Escape With \$170 ---

Two men, both described as being in their late 20s, robbed a service station at 24520 Crenshaw Blvd. of \$170 about 9 a.m. Monday, according to Torrance police. Attendant Thomas Killen told police he was sitting in the station office when a car pulled in and one of the men got out of the car, entered the station, and pulled a gun and demanded money. Killen said the pair left the station after taking \$170.

Fire Hydrant Struck ---

One woman was injured and three cars damaged Monday evening in a three-car crash at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. A fire hydrant on the corner was knocked over by one of the three cars. Police said the crash occurred about 9:50 p.m. when cars driven by Mrs. Lillian B. Doud, 60, and Donald C. Furtkamp, 37, both of Redondo Beach, collided. Mrs. Doud's car and a vehicle driven by Kue Tsun Chang, 46, of Torrance collided as Mrs. Doud's car crossed the intersection. Police reported Mrs. Doud's car continued across the intersection, hit a curb, sheared off the fire hydrant, and struck a car parked in an adjacent lot. Mrs. Doud was treated for minor injuries and released. The others were not injured.



REGAL COURT ... Sharon Kay Terrill of Torrance is flanked by top runners-up following her selection as Miss California of 1968 in Santa Cruz last Saturday evening. Pictured with the new Miss California are Nancy Gaye Johnson (left), Miss Yolo County, the first runner-up, and Joanne Kurman, Miss Los Angeles County, second runner-up. Sharon, 21, will represent the Golden State in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N. J., in September. Additional pictures may be found on Page C-3 in today's Press-Herald.

(Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Beauty Crown Won By Sharon Terrill

Twenty-one-year old Sharon Kay Terrill — a girl who's dreamed for a long time of being Miss America — moved a step closer to seeing that dream come true last Saturday when she was crowned Miss California.

Miss Terrill was named winner of the state's coveted beauty title at the conclusion of a week-long pageant in Santa Cruz, where, as Miss Torrance of 1968, she represented this city.

She will represent California in the annual Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., in September.

FOUR RUNNERS-UP were named in the competition. They include, in order: Nancy Gaye Johnson, Miss Yolo County; Joanne Kurman, Miss Los Angeles County; Tanya Denise Dennis, Miss Oakland; and Patti Smith, Miss Sacramento.

Sharon succeeds Karen Purcell as Miss California.

The pert honey blonde came from behind to win the crown. She failed to win an honors in the preliminary swim suit and talent competition held during the first two nights of the pageant. For her talent presentation Saturday, she selected Carl Sandburg's poem, "What Is Love."

The talent competition is worth 50 per cent in the judging.

DURING the final interview Saturday, judges asked each of the five finalists one question. Sharon was asked what

attribute she thought parents should instill in their children.

"A personal relationship with Jesus Christ," she replied.

Miss Torrance burst into tears when judges announced her selection, but quickly recovered her composure and

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Press-Herald staff photographer Hal Fisher was on the scene in Santa Cruz last Saturday evening when Torrance's Sharon Kay Terrill was named Miss California of 1968.

His photographic report of the events leading to the selection of Miss Terrill for the coveted beauty title and of the first moments of her reign is published on Page C-3 in today's editions of the Press-Herald.

was fitted with her crown, sash, and scepter and began the walk down the runway to make her bows to the standing audience.

Miss Terrill, in addition to representing the state in the Miss America Pageant, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Other awards include the use of a new car for the year, a new fur coat, jewelry, and numerous other prizes.

A SENIOR at California State College at Long Beach, Sharon is majoring in speech

and plans a career as a high school teacher. Born in Fullerton, Calif., Sharon moved to Arlington, Tex., with her family and graduated from high school there. She also attended the University of Texas at Arlington.

That acquired Texas drawl, submerged throughout the long and hectic week in Santa Cruz, came to the fore Sunday at the awards luncheon when Sharon, excited and bubbly with enthusiasm,

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AT FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Chamber to Honor Top Citizen, Four Groups

A distinguished Torrance citizen and several of the city's homeowner groups will share the honors Friday night as high points in the annual Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce installation banquet, a dinner-dance this year.

The huge perpetual trophy which is presented to the city's distinguished citizen as a highlight of the annual banquet will go to one of the community's outstanding leaders, President Larry Bowman.

The Friday night affair will be held at the Proud Bird near Los Angeles Interna-

tional Airport. A reception for new officers begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30, Bowman said. Dancing will follow the short installation ceremony.

Congressman Alphonzo Bell will preside as installing officer. George Ebert, who has served during the past year as vice president, will succeed Bowman in the organization's top office.

In addition to installation of officers and presentation of the distinguished citizen's award, the Chamber will honor four of the city's homeowner groups — the Marble Estates Homeowners Association, the Palo Del Amo Home-

owners Association, Riviera Homeowners Association, and the Southwood Homeowners Association.

Presidents of each of the four groups are scheduled to receive plaques on behalf of their organizations.

Architectural awards, a feature of recent annual banquets, will be presented at another affair; Bowman reported. A special awards program to recognize those who have contributed to the city's aesthetic appeal is being planned.

Information about tickets for Friday night's affair should be directed promptly to the Chamber of Commerce office.