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COAST GUARD . . . Miss Susan Hawk, reigning Miss Torrance, is flanked by crew members of the Coast Guard Icebreaker Burton Island after boarding the ship for an inspection tour. Miss Hawk also invited the crew members to take part in Torrance's 10th annual Armed Forces Day celebration and parade May 16 and 17. California

crewmembers surrounding the beauty queen are Seaman Lance Kelley (left) of Sacramento, Seaman Apprentice Leo Holtz of Lomita, and Seaman Apprentice Lyle Van Dyke of Torrance. The Burton Island has just returned from a tour of duty at McMurdo Sound in Antarctica.

Coast Guard Enters Harvey Workers Return Armed Forces Event

The 181-man crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker Burton Island is thawing out in its home port of Long Beach after arriving home from McMurdo Station in the Antarctica.

And to help the crew members thaw, Miss Susan Hawk — reigning Miss Torrance — paid a visit to the Burton Island. While there Miss Hawk extended an invitation to the men to

join in Torrance's 10th annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade.

Scheduled here May 16 and 17, the two-day salute is the largest civic sponsored event honoring the nation's Armed Forces. Highlight of the program will be massive military parade to be led by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, grand marshal.

THE NEWLY crowned Miss Torrance got a short course in icebreaking from the Burton Island's executive officer, Cmdr. R. P. Harmon. The ship has just returned from a seven-month tour of duty in connection with Operation Deepfreeze '69.

South High Presents 'Teahouse'

"Teahouse of the August Moon" will be presented by the drama department of South High School at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The play by John Patrick, adapted from the novel by Al Osburg,

Major roles of the comedy are portrayed by John Elliott, who is also student director; Keith Larsen, Pat Gegenheimer, Stephanie Fuller, John Asaro, and Chris Sampson.

The setting is in Okinawa during the United States occupation, shortly after World War II. The natives are confronted with the problems of Americanization. Young Captain Fishy adopts local dress and builds a teahouse instead of remodeling the natives and establishing a Ladies League for Democratic Action.

Tickets are available at South High and may be purchased the nights of the performances.

Educators To Perform In Musical

The Torrance Education Association will produce, sponsor, and star in the musical "Bells Are Ringing" May 8, 9, 10, and 11 in the Torrance High School auditorium.

Proceeds from the show will go entirely toward scholarships for students in the district.

The May 8, 9, and 10 performances are at 8 p.m., adults \$2 and students \$1.50. The May 11 performance is a 2:30 p.m. matinee, adults \$1.50 and students \$1.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Torrance Education Association office, or from PTA presidents, according to Virginia Huschke, chairman.

The Burton Island's main mission during her deployment was to keep a 360-mile channel clear for supply ships (with the aid of two sister ships) which service McMurdo Station.

Ice at the edge of the Ross Sea is 4 to 6 feet thick, but it gets thicker (up to 8 to 10 feet) nearer McMurdo Sound. The pace on some days was slowed to a mere 1.5 miles a day and that took dynamite!

Design and construction of

(See PARADE, Page A-2)

Steelworkers approved a new contract with the Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc., Sunday, ending a strike which had lasted for 98 days.

The new three-year contract contains a wage and benefit package worth an estimated 70 cents per hour for the 1,800 members of the United Steelworkers Union.

It was ratified Sunday in se-

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WITH MEDALS . . . Four Torrance girls, all seniors in the city's high schools, display Business Education Medallion Awards after being honored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club. Each of the girls received the Kiwanis Club's Award for Academic Excellence during a membership luncheon of the club. Pictured here are (from left) Vicky Fortin, Torrance High; James Giacalone, president of the Kiwanis Club; Susan Cook, South High; JoAnne Rogers, North High; Dick Mars, Kiwanis program chairman; and Margie Ann Maas, West High. The Business Education awards program is sponsored by the Southern California Industry-Education Council.

'Sanctions' Eyed By Teachers Here

'Middle School' Plan Studied by Torrance Board

The Torrance Board of Education decided at a special session Monday evening to look into two pilot programs next year to improve the departmentalized seventh- and eighth-grade program.

Purpose of the special meeting was to study results of a two-year staff study on how the program could be improved.

Of the five alternative plans presented to them, the board decided to try examines, one known as the K/6 — K/8 plan

and one known as the K/5 — middle school plan.

UNDER the K/6 — K/8 plan seventh and eighth grade students from one school would be reassigned to a nearby school, thus leaving one school with an enrollment of kindergarten through sixth grade and the other with an enrollment of kindergarten through eighth grade.

The middle school plan would assign all the sixth, seventh and eighth graders in a given geographic area to one school, thus creating two or three kindergarten through fifth grade schools for each sixth - seventh - eighth grade school.

BEFORE deciding where to try the two programs, the Board of Education has asked the staff to study possible pilot schools and ramifications in boundary changes and programming.

After pilot schools are selected, members of the board and administration will meet with parents in the area to be

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Jaycees To Fete Mayor

The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will host an "appreciation banquet" for Mayor Albert Isen May 26 at the Latitude 20 restaurant.

The banquet will mark 14 years of service to the city as mayor, according to Jerry Tarlow, chairman of the event.

"He has served as mayor during the recent years of Torrance's spectacular growth," Tarlow said, "and this would be a fitting occasion to honor him."

The Latitude 20, usually closed Mondays, will be opened for this event. Ernie Menchune, popular Hawaiian entertainer, will be there with his review for the evening's festivities.

Master of Ceremonies for the event, as well as ticket information, will be announced at a later date, Tarlow said.

Delay Vote On Utility Tax Plan

Torrance residents will have a chance to speak their minds concerning the new 5 per cent utility tax passed by City Councilmen last week.

The matter will be reopened at the 7 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

Councilmen were to have held a second and final reading of the new measure last night. However several councilmen requested further discussion of the tax stating they had had phone calls from interested citizens.

THE TAX on electricity, telephone service, and cable television was passed by a 5-2 vote. Councilmen Orin Johnson and William J. Uerkwitz dissented.

A similar ordinance, which would have taxed water usage also, was not passed.

Councilman Kenneth Miller asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to give the council a brief rundown on how the additional revenue would be spent, so the public would understand the reason for the new tax.

FERRARO first named the new retirement plan for Torrance police and firemen as an additional expense, but stated that the plan alone was not the reason for the new tax. Ferraro also noted that the State Legislature is strongly considering a similar retirement plan, which would make

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New Kidney Transplant Performed Meeting Planned Thursday

A 21-year-old Torrance youth received a new kidney Monday in a four-hour operation at Harbor General Hospital.

Reported in satisfactory condition was Robert Philip Washburn, 22036 Ravenna Ave. The operation was under way at 2:45 p.m. and was completed by 6:30 p.m., hospital spokesmen disclosed.

The operation was performed by Dr. Abraham Cockett and Dr. Thomas Moore.

Knifepoint Robbery Nets \$810

A man carrying a three-inch knife bagged \$810 Monday morning in a hold-up at a taco stand at 16414 Crenshaw Blvd.

Two salesgirls opening the store for business about 10 a.m. said the suspect entered the rear door of the stand, saying, "I want all your money."

The suspect forced one of the salesgirls to hand over the money from the safe by threatening to kill the other attendant. After taking the cash, the suspect told the salesgirls that robbery was a good way to earn a living.

The suspect was described as a man in his late 20s wearing a black jacket and dark pants.

Talent Contest Finals Planned

Three television and motion picture stars will serve as judges Saturday evening for the final local round of the California District Exchange Clubs' "Search for Talent" contest.

The local competition, involving winners from area finals, is being hosted by the Exchange Club of the South Bay. The division finals will be held at the Mira Costa High School auditorium.

Named as judges for the event are Robert Lipton, Richard Van Fleet, and Dave DeSoto, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

LIPTON, currently seen in the movie "Bullitt," also has roles in the movies "Willie Boy" and "Bleu." He has appeared in such television programs as "Judd for the Defense," "Ben Casey," and "Mr. Novak."

Van Fleet, soon to be seen in a featured role in "Airport," has television credits from such series as "The Virginian," "Run for Your Life," "The Outsider," and "It Takes a Thief."

DeSoto, of KMPC radio, handles one of the station's traffic control day cruises and is known to Dick Whittinghill fans as "the car pool comic."

The Torrance Education Association (TEA) has scheduled a special meeting of its Representative Council for tomorrow to discuss possible sanctions against the Torrance schools.

The TEA's Sanctions Committee was re-activated last Thursday when it was reported that negotiations between the TEA and the school board on a new salary package might be "delayed indefinitely."

At the same time, TEA officials rebuffed accusations that the organization is trying to "throw out" administrators and accused school officials of trying to drive a wedge between teachers and administrators in the district.

A TEAM of TEA negotiators has been meeting with representatives of the Board of Education to discuss a new salary package and 62 other issues raised by TEA.

Members of the TEA team, headed by John Conway, expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of negotiations to date, noting that the groups have failed to reach even a tentative agreement on any one of the 63 issues.

Key points at issue are an 8 per cent salary increase, full payment of employee health and dental insurance, and the provision of a \$10,000 life insurance policy for each certificated employee.

THE SALARY increase alone would cost \$1.4 million, according to a spokesman for the (See TEACHERS, Page A-2)

Youthful dancers, musicians, and singers from Torrance and adjacent cities will compete against finalists from the Long Beach and Orange County areas for the right to represent this Exchange Club division in state competition.

State competition will be held in Sacramento June 26. Winners in both the junior and senior divisions will enter the state events.

Local entrants in Saturday's contest include "The Strollin' Minstrels," a barber shop quartet composed of Robert Baxter, Ronald Marzilli, Daniel Neece, and Daniel Wilson, all South High students; and Elaine Watler, a 7-year-old singer-dancer from Hawthorne.

THERE WILL be no admission charge for Saturday's contest, according to Chuck Eischen, Exchange Club Area 20 governor and general chairman of the event. The competition is open to the public.

Additional entertainment will be provided by the Southern California Acro Team (SCATS) of Long Beach, an amateur girls' gymnastics team.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.