

6-Week Summer School Sessions Start Monday

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CITY SALARY HIKE APPROVED

Widow Clause Gets Approval Of Council

Torrance city employees will receive a blanket increase in pay, with fringe benefits included, ranging up to about six per cent following action taken by the City Council at a lengthy meeting held Tuesday evening.

The pay raise, which will not increase the tax rate, will become effective on April 1, 1963, for the last quarter of the city's fiscal year, 1962-63. The increase was anticipated in a budget likely to approximate \$8.5 million when finally adopted late this summer.

Council members voted in favor of the so-called "widow's clause" although City Manager Wade Peebles had recommended that the city pay no more for all the city's 700 employees in social security benefits than is now paid. He argued that 234 employees in the police and fire departments will be receiving 100 per cent more benefits costwise than the other employees now under straight social security.

Arnott's injuries were detailed as extensive on his face and upper body. According to a letter dated June 14, Mr. Arnott had already contracted bills in excess of \$5,000 for medical services.

A PROPOSAL from the Dominguez Water Co. to install a new water main, replacing an older one, to service the area surrounding the Victor Park library and school, was approved. Cost of the project will be carried by the city with an agreement calling for reimbursement to the city by the water company to the extent of \$6,000 after the line is in use. It will be constructed shortly after the close of the Little League baseball season.

REPRESENTING the city's 449 miscellaneous employees at the meeting was John S. Simmons, who made a review of all city departments and concluded that they were all "doing a pretty good job."

Mayor Albert Isen maintained he favored the "widow's clause" for the police and fire departments, emphasizing that employees of the two departments by the very nature of their work were in much more dangerous daily occupation and needed greater protection for their families.

It is estimated the wage increase will cost the city \$240,000 in addition to fringe benefits, such as uniforms and extra vacation days already in effect or to be added in April, 1963.

A CLAIM for \$200,000 general damages against the city was rejected at Tuesday night's council meeting. A communication from attorneys for William N. Arnott, injured April 25, 1962, in an accident near the entrance to the Plush Pony coffee shop when he was a passenger in a car driven by John Robideaux that collided with one driven by Phyllis Nowrer, charged the city road maintenance program with being responsible.

Although 14 firms had been invited to bid on Watteria Park playground equipment, only one bid was received. Director Bellehem recommended.

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Queen Sina to Rule At Swedish Festival

Combining beauty and intelligence with a dash of ambition, Miss Sina Osterberg, a North High graduate, will be crowned Midsummer Queen for the Swedish Midsummer Festival Saturday night.

At the commencement of the Coronation Ball Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, Miss Osterberg will receive her crown and sceptre and begin her reign over the two-day festivities.

Selected queen over 17 other Southland misses, the El Camino College sophomore will watch over an all-day outdoor festival and picnic Sunday at Vasa Park in the Malibu Mountains.

Miss Osterberg plans to spend another semester at El Camino before continuing her education at Long Beach State.

She intends to become either an airline hostess or a secretary for the airlines. Along this goal, she recently switched from an elementary education major to an emphasis on history.

In addition to her beauty, she also maintains a 3.3 grade average at ECC and was a member of the scholarship society on campus, Alpha Gamma Sigma.



SINA OSTERBERG
... Swedish Queen

Until her selection as Miss Svea (Miss Sweden), she had won only one other beauty contest, the title as the "Loyalest Senior Girl" while at North High.



IN THE SWIM... Although hazy weather may have frightened off some, many Torrance youngsters wasted no time in hurrying to Benstead Plunge during their first week of summer vacation. For 13,000 youngsters, there will be only one week's respite, since summer school classes locally start again next Monday. Parks and other recreation facilities were anticipating a big boom in the number of youngsters participating. (Herald Photo)

13,000 Sign For Summer Classes Here

Over 10,000 elementary and 3,000 secondary students are expected to enroll in the 1962-63 Torrance summer school program to be held in the 33 elementary and three high schools. The six-weeks session will begin June 25 and will end Aug. 3.

Elementary students will attend classes for 240 minutes (exclusive of recess) daily. Opening hours will vary from school to school. In the high schools, the school day will be 240 minutes in length where two 120-minute class periods will be held, beginning at approximately 8 a.m. Over 240 elementary and 99 secondary teachers in addition to 36 administrators were employed by the Torrance Board of Education for the summer session.

THE BOARD has specified that the instructional program during this session should be a continuation of the regular school program. Summer school provides an opportunity for all children of Torrance—those who have had difficulty with basic skills subjects where additional help is given in overcoming the deficiency and those who are academically talented where opportunity for enrichment, to delve more deeply into various subjects, is offered.

Among the course offerings at the high schools in addition to basic subjects (such as English, mathematics, etc.) classes in driver education, accelerated reading, foreign language, homemaking, general shop, science and social studies will be offered. Students may earn credit toward graduation requirements from all of these subjects.

AS IN the regular school program, a report card will be issued to elementary school students during the five weeks of summer school. High school students will receive reports at mid-term and at the end of the summer school.

Regular attendance to summer school is urged, both for the benefit derived by students and to finance the operating costs. The program is solely financed through the daily attendance of all pupils enrolled since the district receives \$1 per day from state funds for elementary students and 32 cents per day for secondary students.

Transportation will not be provided for students during the summer session.

Sport Car Overturns; Two Die

Street drag racing claimed two more victims Monday afternoon when two youths were killed when their sports car overturned in a three-car road race in Harbor City, according to California Highway Patrol officers.

One of the drivers fled, but officers arrested a friend of the dead youths for driving another auto in the race north on Normandie Avenue from Lomita Boulevard.

Patrolmen said Douglas Craig Durland, 21, an El Camino College student from Manhattan Beach, driving a 1962 Corvette, died belted into the seat of his smashed auto about 6 p.m.

KILLED WHEN he was thrown from the overturning auto was a passenger, Thomas Neal Legare, 18, of Lancaster. The sports car skidded about 50 feet on its top according to officers.

In Torrance, three persons were injured in three separate accidents since Saturday.

Donald L. Jensen of 5111 Lillian St. suffered bruises about 10:30 a.m. Monday when his bicycle collided with a car driven by Charles Leo Phillips, 48, Hermosa Beach. The accident occurred at Torrance Boulevard and Henrietta Street.

MINOR INJURIES were suffered about 1 a.m. Sunday by William Gouvelia, 44, Redondo Beach, when his car overturned on Sepulveda west of Knobe Street. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Geneva Johnson Morgan, 42, of 2514 W. 171 St., was taken to a private physician by her husband after her car collided Saturday with a parked car in front of 18324 Mansel Ave. She struck a parked car which was moved by the impact and struck another vehicle, police said.

Tentative Budget Passes, Trustees Protest Utilities

Proposing several changes and still looking for ways to cut costs, particularly on utility bills, the Torrance Board of Education tentatively passed a \$13,740,037 budget for the 1962-63 year Monday night.

The board will reach its final budget decision on July 16 before submitting a publication budget to the county on July 20.

The final budget, as approved by the county, will be presented to the Torrance board at its first meeting in August.

Heading the list of board protests was a \$70,000 telephone bill anticipated by the administration for the coming school year. The bill for the past year is expected to total \$64,000, an increase of about \$20,000 over the estimate.

AT THE SUGGESTION of board president Al Charles, the administration will ask a representative of the telephone company to study the district's communications system in an attempt to find a more economical approach.

A detailed breakdown of the 1961-62 telephone bill will also be presented to the trustees.

The administration said that most of the bill came from notifying parents of the absence of their children from school.

District Superintendent J. H. Hull believes "Five per cent of the kids take over 50 per cent of the phone calls."

Dr. Hull stood behind the system saying it is "one of the top systems in the business."

The tentative budget does not include cost of new construction.

A tentative building fund budget for the new year includes \$2,500,000 for buildings, out of a total budget of \$3,127,500.

On another matter concerning utilities, the trustees finally voted to pay a more than \$2000 light bill for Towers School to the Edison Co.

Edison had neglected to install a meter in the school and the error had gone unnoticed for more than two years. The

board met over dinner with light company representatives and decided to pay after a slight adjustment had been made.

AT MONDAY'S MEETING, board member Bert Lynn complained to Edison representative Lew Jenkins that his power had been cut off while he was watching television Sunday night.

Jenkins quipped, "It was just a warning."

In other action, the board voted to advertise for bids to landscape West High. The job will cost from \$18,000 to \$20,000 it is estimated.

The school district is prohibited from having its own men do it, which would cut the cost considerably, by a state law.

Existing since 1930, the law states school districts must go to bid on any job which costs more than \$1000.

Until recently, the schools have gotten around this by doing jobs in a piecemeal fashion, but the practice has been put to a stop by the county counsel.

Dr. Hall attacked the law saying, "This is just one more dip into the public purse. If people knew about this, they would demand the law be changed."

The superintendent said, "This is a red hot issue all over the state, but Torrance cannot get around it."

Another large bid was awarded to Teaching Aids Inc. for electric shop equipment for North and South High Schools. The installations will cost the district \$30,278.90.

Council Accepts Money to Fence Municipal Airport

A grant offer of \$18,500 from the Federal government for fencing of Torrance Municipal Airport was accepted by the city council at Tuesday night's meeting. The city previously had requested \$22,260 for the project.

The new improvement will aid airport authorities in policing the airport and setting up safety standards specified by the FAA.

Clubhouse Offer Hits City Snag

Offer of a \$50,000 clubhouse for senior citizens by the Joslin Foundation touched off mixed reaction from the city council this week.

"I don't want to see the city get itself into a position where we can be suspected of being influenced by real estate operators or anyone else doing business with or through the city," Council member George Vico declared.

"Torrance has a beautiful long range master plan and I would like to see us stick with it. I for one am not going to be obligated to any interest."

OTHER COUNCIL members, including Ross Sciarrotta and Nick Draie viewed it differently.

"Public spirited citizens or organizations who want to make valuable gifts to the city, such as this, ought to be encouraged. I see no implication here of any obligation to me or any other member of this council," Sciarrotta said.

COUNCILMAN DRAIE took a like position and expanded with a suggestion others might give statutory honoring personalities who had contributed to the growth and development of the city.

"There are many plots of city property that might be used for such sites," he suggested.

Councilman Benstead said "lots" of Eastern cities have such gifts largely made by industry. He suggested a similar project for Torrance industrial interests.

A Penny for your Thoughts

As students start their summer vacation the Pennies photographer asked them what they "plan on doing this summer?"

Frank Paluch, 25035 Eshelman Ave., Lomita:

"I will be going on vacation with my parents to Catalina. Of course, I will probably be going to the beach about every day."



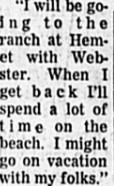
Robert Webster, 26420 Athena, Harbor City:

"I'll be going for about three weeks to a 40-acre ranch near Hemet, where I'll go horseback riding and hunting. I will be going to the ranch with my parents."



Stefan Navarre, 1428 Bert Pl., San Pedro:

"I will be going to the ranch at Hemet with Webster. When I get back I'll spend a lot of time on the beach. I might go on vacation with my folks."



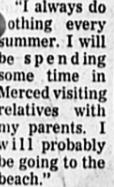
Kathy White, 1631 W. Lomita Blvd., Harbor City:

"I will go on vacation with my folks but they haven't decided yet where they will go. I'm glad school is out even if I don't have anything in particular to do."



Kathy Hixson, 2054 Kathy Way:

"I always do nothing every summer. I will be spending some time in Merced visiting relatives with my parents. I will probably be going to the beach."



COLLEGIATE HONORS... Editors of the El Camino College newspaper, the Warhoop, glance over a recent issue of the publication which recently won its 17th consecutive All-American award. From left are Gregg Peterson, sports editor of THE HERALD, who has been acclaimed Journalist of the Year at the college; Ron Hagen, Morningside, newly-appointed editor of the campus weekly; Miss Barbara Hunting, Torrance, retiring editor-in-chief, and Dick Davin, Hermosa Beach, who will assist Hagen on the fall semester staff.