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DOCTOR HONORED . . . Dr. John Leonard of Torrance receives congratulations from Supervisor Ernest Debs on being named outstanding intern of the 1964-65 class at Harbor General Hospital. Dr. Yale B. Bickel was named the hospital's outstanding resident. Supervisor Debs addressed the class of 40 residents and 42 interns during graduation ceremonies held at the hospital.

At Harbor Hospital

Torrance Doctor Wins Honors as Top Intern

Dr. Yale B. Bickel of Inglewood has been named the outstanding resident doctor in the 1964-65 class at Harbor General Hospital. Dr. Bickel was honored at graduation ceremonies for the 1964-65 resident-intern class at the hospital.

During the ceremonies, Dr. John Leonard of 20329 S. Denker Ave., was named the outstanding intern at the hospital.

Supervisor Ernest E. Debs spoke at the ceremonies, which were attended by hospital officials and families of the graduating doctors. A class of 40 residents and 42 interns received diplomas from A. L. Thomas, administrator of the hospital.

DR. BICKEL, a specialist in internal medicine, received a book relating the latest advances in his field. He also was awarded a post doctorate fellowship in rheumatology by the University of California at Los Angeles and will begin studies soon.

He received his medical degree at California College of Medicine in 1962 and was a resident at Long Beach Veterans Hospital for two years. Dr. Bickel interned at Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Leonard received a bachelor's degree from St. John's University in 1961 and won his medical degree at Minnesota University School of Medicine in 1964.

Lay Group Will Direct Sister City Exchange

Torrance citizens will take over the direction of the new sister city program with Guatemala City under the leadership of the city's Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. has told a citizen's group.

A steering committee, headed by Sciarrotta, has agreed on a plan of organization to turn the entire program over to a committee of lay people. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will spearhead the program.

Under the plan approved, five smaller committees will work under the sister city committee. The include a city government committee, and education and youth group, and committees composed of service clubs, churches, and business and professional representatives.

J. WALKER OWENS, general manager of the chamber, said the program will attempt to involve people from all segments of the community. "The desire of the people of Guatemala is for an exchange of culture, music, and ideas," Owens said.

Sciarrotta said the city has sent a report on the rubbish collection program to officials of Guatemala City. A second report, covering this city's civil service system, is being prepared. Other reports, dealing with similar governmental problems, will be sent from time to time.

Efforts also will be made to help encourage travel to Guatemala City, Sciarrotta said. The Central American nation is "very interested in tourism," he added.

Owens said the chamber would serve as a clearing house for the program.

EACH OF THE small special committees will be composed of representatives from special areas of the city. The city government committee will be concerned with non-political governmental problems, Sciarrotta said, while the school district is expected to take a major part in the youth and education committee.



AWARD WINNERS . . . Clara B. Verburg, owner of the Verburg Garden Apartments at 2039 Artesia Blvd., accepts an Architectural Award for 1965 from William Burchfield, AIA (left) during Friday night's annual banquet meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Looking on at right is George Post, vice president of United California Bank, who received the Laughon-Whyte trophy as the city's Citizen of the Year.

\$11.8 Million Budget Wins Council Approval

Crossing Guard Gets \$200 Gift

Families in the area of 223rd Street and Normandie Avenue have contributed \$200 to Mrs. Betty Jo Walker, a crossing guard who has served at the 223rd Street School for the past nine years.

Mrs. Walker was hospitalized June 17 after she was struck by a car while on duty. She suffered fractures of both legs and her left shoulder.

Area families were joined by members of Cub Scout Pack 755C and the 223rd Street School student body in collecting the \$200 gift.

Caution Key Word For Fourth

Torrance area residents have been warned to use care and caution in handling fireworks during the Fourth of July weekend.

The warning, issued by the Torrance Safety Council, called attention to the numerous accidents which are reported each year about this time. Carelessness is the major cause of fireworks accidents, Mrs. Eva Bisou, Safety Council chairman, said.

Fireworks offered for sale in Torrance are considered safe, but only if they are used with caution, Mrs. Bisou said.

Parents should supervise the use of fireworks to insure that horseplay or carelessness does not lead to a serious accident.



ATTENTION GETTER . . . Art Harkness of the Torrance Mounted Police is the center of attention as he shows off his six-shooter to four fascinated teenagers. From left are Pam Burnett, 15; and Paula Burnett, 16. DeDee and Karen are early entrants in the Ranchero Days Queen Contest.

No Tax Boosts In City

An \$11,861,028 city budget for fiscal 1965-66 was adopted by the Torrance City Council last night after two public hearings on the massive document. The budget provides for no increase in the city tax rate of \$1.238 per \$100 assessed valuation.

In its final form, the budget provides for a \$382,556 surplus. Councilmen earmarked more than \$122,000 of the surplus for major projects under the six-year capital improvements budget and called for a report on the projects by Oct. 1.

During the first hearing last week, the council turned down a plan to increase water rates for customers served by the Municipal Water Department. The increased rates had been recommended by City Manager Edward I. Ferraro.

MORE THAN \$80,000 was cut from the budget first proposed by Ferraro. Additional cuts were made to increase the amount of the general fund surplus — originally pegged at \$260,000—to \$382,556.

Ferraro's request for 50 additional employees was cut to 43. Departments first requested the addition of 128 new employees in the city.

Ferraro said the city will derive about 37 per cent of all its revenues from property taxes. Another 34 per cent of the revenues will come from other tax sources, chiefly sales taxes.

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Madrid Avenue Residents To Meet With Rail Execs

While almost everyone concedes the railroad is here to stay, a committee of residents and city officials will meet with representatives of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway to see if some differences between the railway and residents can be resolved.

The committee, approved by the city council last night, will include five residents of the Madrid Avenue area, two councilmen, City Manager Ed Ferraro, and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce also will be represented.

The city probably can make the railway secure a franchise to cross city streets "on reasonable terms," Remelmeyer said.

Ferraro said several meetings had been held with representatives of the railway company. As a result of the meetings, he told councilmen, some work to beautify and landscape the area probably can be done and studies will be made to determine the feasibility of a pedestrian overpass at the Carson Street crossing. Santa Fe officials

probably impossible. In a 45-page legal opinion, Remelmeyer advised the council only the Interstate Commerce Commission, and in some instances the California Public Utilities Commission, can reroute railway lines. For that matter, Remelmeyer said, the state and federal governments generally have pre-empted the field when it comes to regulation of railway routes, the length of trains, grade crossings and related matters.

Hyde Voted New Rotary President

Don H. Hyde was installed as president of the Torrance Rotary Club for the 1965-66 year during ceremonies held Saturday evening. Hyde succeeds William Moss Jr. as president of international service club.

Other newly installed officers include Larry Bowman, who will serve as vice president, John D. Lindley, the new secretary, and Dr. Robert E. Fleming, treasurer.

New directors also were installed during the ceremonies. Hyde, Bowman, and Moss were seated as directors along with Thomas McGuire, Wallace Haas, Bruce Jones, Don L. Meyer, William E. Shawger, and Robert Vroman.



DON H. HYDE
 Rotary President

Lyman Hospitalized . . .

Councilman David K. Lyman was admitted to Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday morning. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro told the council last night. Lyman had suffered a kidney stone attack. A spokesman for the hospital told the Press-Herald last night that Lyman's condition was "good at the present time." No surgery had been performed and none was contemplated at that time, the spokesman said.

Officer Assaulted . . .

An off-duty Torrance police lieutenant was reportedly beaten by several youths in a parking lot brawl after closing hours at 3948 Sepulveda Blvd. Police reported that Lt. Swayne Johnson, veteran of the Torrance police department, was beaten into unconsciousness by the youths. He was treated for cuts and bruises. Several youths have been questioned in the matter.

Girl Injured . . .

Twelve-year-old Victoria Peters, of 4427 Vista Largo, was hospitalized Monday after running through a plate glass door while playing with friends at 4521 Vista Largo. She was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, where she was admitted for treatment of injuries to both legs and the left shoulder.

Put That Trash Out . . .

City Engineer Walter Nollac said today the city's rubbish collection crews will maintain regular collection schedules during the week of July 3. Trash collections normally scheduled on Monday will be made, even though Monday is a legal holiday. Nollac said the city forces observe only four holidays—Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.