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**BOUND FOR MEXICO**... Mary and Mike Clarke (foreground) of Compton examine a travel folder on the wonders of Mexico after being named winners of a trip to Mexico by the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance Elks Club during the Ranchero Days Rodeo here. Peeking at the travel folder are (from left) Janice Lasseigne, Rodeo queen; Art Harkness of the Torrance Mounted Police, contest chairman, and Sue Edlund, one of the two Rodeo princesses. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Council Rescinds Tax Reduction, Sets Rate

Cooperative Office

## Chamber Adds New Services

Selection of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens Ave., as a cooperative office of the United States Department of Commerce was announced this morning by J. Walker Owens, general manager of the chamber.

As a cooperative office, the Chamber will have promotional and information services and facilities available to businessmen in the Torrance and South Bay area, Owens said.

## Blankets, Medicines Top List

An appeal for help for some 80,000 victims of earthquakes in Turkey has been received by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, J. Walker Owens, general manager, said last night.

Owens, in a brief appearance before the City Council, said the Turkish Ambassador to the United States had asked the city to aid victims of the earthquakes.

In a letter to the local chamber, John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce, said, "Our joint efforts can do much to maintain economic stability and stimulate a healthy growth of business in your community — and throughout the nation."

The Department of Commerce will provide the Torrance Chamber with publications, statistical data, and reports of value to Torrance businessmen.

"Through this new affiliation," Owens said, "The Torrance Chamber office is prepared to furnish prompt service and provide printed materials to businesses in the area on foreign and domestic trade."

Owens said such information previously has been available only through the Los Angeles and Washington offices.

## Back-to-School Values Today In Press-Herald

Summer's nearly over... and school's about to start.

Information about the opening of schools here, scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 14, is contained in a special "Back-to-School" section in today's editions of the Press-Herald.

In addition, special back-to-school values being offered by local merchants are featured.

The special Press-Herald section begins on Page B-1.



HAIG MARASHLIAN Gets School Post

## New Aide Named by Schools

Haig Marashlian, assistant principal at South High School, has been appointed assistant planning director of vocational education by the Torrance Unified School District for the coming year.

Working under a federal grant, Marashlian will assist Wilbur Lorbeer in setting up plans for a regional occupational center to be constructed on land donated by the United States Navy for that purpose.

Born Sept. 22, 1924, in Lassen County, Calif., Marashlian graduated from the University of Southern California and holds a master's degree from the same institution.

AN INTELLIGENCE specialist in the Air Force during World War II, he was active in business for five years after the war.

He came to Torrance in 1954. After serving five years as a teacher and student activities adviser at North High, he was named assistant principal of instruction at South High in June, 1959.

Marashlian has held the post of commander of Alta Post 19, American Legion and has served as a scoutmaster. He makes his home in Torrance with his wife, Stella, and two children.

## Extra Revenues To Finance New Library System

A 2-cent tax cut, tentatively approved by the Torrance City Council in June, was rescinded last night as councilmen set the tax rate for 1966-67.

Councilmen restored the two cents to the tax rate in order to help finance the transition from a county library system to an independent system.

Effect of the action, approved by a 5-0 vote, will be to keep the overall tax rate at \$1.238 for the sixth straight year. Councilmen H. Ted Olson and Ross A. Sciarrotta were absent from the session. Both are on vacation.

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**TAXPAYERS** will be paying about 76.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation for the general operation of the city. A library tax of 15.4 cents per \$100 will be levied, while 6.5 cents is earmarked for parks and playgrounds.

The balance of tax rate will be applied to bond payments and an employee retirement plan.

The general purpose rate is down two cents, while the library rate is up two cents.

**THE PROPERTY** tax will raise nearly \$3.5 million — about 25 per cent of the city's \$12.5 million budget for the year. Bulk of the revenue to finance operations of the city will come from sales tax, state gas tax and vehicle license fee appropriations, and from other city license fees.

The 2-cent increase in the library tax will raise some \$60,000. In addition, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has proposed that \$55,000 from the city's surplus funds be transferred to the library fund.

**THAT TRANSFER**, if approved by the council, will bring the total available in the library fund to about \$180,000 — which would be used to buy books and hire a small staff to begin the transition to a municipal library system.

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## Motorcycle, Car Crash; Youth Hurt

A 17-year-old West High senior was injured about 6:45 p.m. yesterday when he was struck by a car and thrown from his motorcycle in West Torrance.

Frank Michael Urso, 3922 Emerald St., sustained a fractured leg. He was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

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**Burglar Gets Tires, Wheels**

Tires and wheels valued at \$250 were removed from a car belonging to Jane E. Randall, 51, of 3510 Emerald St., late Monday or early Tuesday.

Police said the thief jammed up the car and removed the wheels while the car was parked in an apartment carport area.

## New Shopping Center?

# Zone Change Wins Vote of Approval

Commercial zoning for a major section of North Torrance was approved by the City Council last night.

Councilmen acted on the proposal — which establishes C-5 zoning for property bounded by Redondo Beach Boulevard, Amie Avenue, Artesia Boulevard, and Hawthorne Boulevard — on recommendation of the city's Planning Commission.

The property, presently zoned for commercial and residential uses, is adjacent to a huge shopping center which spans Hawthorne Boulevard.

**COUNCIL ACTION** followed a public hearing at which no one spoke. The entire action,

approved by a 4-1 vote, took less than three minutes. George Vico cast the dissenting vote.

Any proposed development of the property will be subject to a precise plan, which councilmen must approve. The Planning Commission, in its report and recommendations, projected development in four phases over a period of several years.

Mayor Albert Isen, in comments following the action, praised the commission and the city's Planning Department for a "tremendously visionary, but still practical plan."

In other action last night, the council:

- Appropriated \$32,000 from

gas tax funds for the improvement of 190th Street between Kornblum Avenue and Ermanita Avenue.

• Appropriated \$10,000 from gas tax funds for the improvement of Prairie Avenue between 182nd and 183rd streets.

• Approved, on final reading, an ordinance requiring a permit for any parade in the city. An emergency ordinance requiring such permits is now in force.

• Approved the appointment of Terry Kolhoff as deputy city attorney, effective Sept. 1, 1966, as a junior counsel and named acting deputy city attorney Jan. 1 of this year.

**OWENS SAID** the earthquakes have left some 80,000 persons without homes and in need of blankets, clothing, medicines, and money.

Konya, he said, was not hit by the devastating earthquakes, but he added, "They are all one people and they need help."

Calling for a voluntary effort by local citizens, Owens said the Torrance Chamber of Commerce offices at 1510 Cravens Avenue will serve as a collection point — not only for Torrance but for all of Southern California.

The Air Force will fly all items directly to Turkey, Owens said.

Chamber offices are open (Continued on Page A-2)

## RANDY BOLDT WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS

Eleven-year-old Randy Boldt today was named July winner of the Press-Herald Junior Dealers sales contest by Press-Herald Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott.

Young Boldt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boldt of 809 Kornblum Ave., has been employed as a Press-Herald carrier for two months. He was awarded a camping outfit, including a pup tent, canteen, and camp stove.

A student at Madrona Elementary School, Randy was recently selected as a co-winner in the city's Design Your City Seal contest. He won a \$50 U. S. savings bond in that competition.

Hobbies include model car building and baseball — he is a member of a Little League team.

"Randy is ambitious and sincere and wants to make the maximum earnings from his Press-Herald route," Westcott said. "His present progress indicates he will do just that."



RANDY BOLDT

## Housing Code Inspections

# No Forced Entry, Ferraro Says

City inspectors will not force their way into Torrance homes — under provisions of the Uniform Housing Code or any other statute — without due process of law, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said yesterday.

Ferraro made the point in a written memo on the city's Uniform Housing Code delivered to councilmen late yesterday. The memo, which had been scheduled for consideration at last night's City Council session, was tabled for at least two weeks.

The report was prepared after Mayor Albert Isen questioned Ferraro last week on the housing code provisions. Isen's questions precipitated an angry debate in the council meeting.

The code, which Ferraro said is very similar to the city's Building and Safety Code, was adopted last Jan. 5 as part of the Workable Program for Community Affairs,

is required by the federal government as part of the Meadow Park Urban Redevelopment Project.

Ferraro, noting that many homes in Torrance are near 15 years of age, said "some method of preventing deterioration" is necessary "with or without an active urban renewal project."

The object of the housing code, he said, is "to avoid, if possible, ever again having an urban renewal project in the city of Torrance."

The Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Improvement presently is studying three areas to determine where the code may be enforced first. A decision is expected Sept. 1, Ferraro said.

Ferraro also said that "no implication has ever been made or will be made that the neighborhoods in which the code is enforced are run down or substandard."

He noted that the city has

been enforcing the housing code when an inspection is made under another city code or ordinance, and that no complaints had been made since enforcement began.

"The administrative staff is fully aware that the Housing Code has been arbitrarily and rigidly enforced in some other cities," he said, "but we do not intend to be so inflexible in obtaining compliance."

"We are not getting involved in aesthetic values, but with minimum standards," Ferraro continued. "We have no law to make people trim their lawns or paint their houses."

Examples of Housing Code violations include faulty wiring in attics and under a house, broken windows, unvented gas heaters or plumbing fixtures, and illegal openings between a garage and house, Ferraro said.

Voluntary enforcement, he (Continued on Page A-2)

## Musical Event Canceled

A concert by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra scheduled at Marineland Saturday, Sept. 3, has been cancelled. Mrs. Jack A. Swain, chairman of the event for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, said no plans have been made to reschedule the concert.

## Trial Date Scheduled

Dr. C. T. "Kelly" Walberg of Hermosa Beach and the Rev. Wayne Davidson have been ordered to stand trial Nov. 1 on charges growing out of an investigation into the now defunct Cup of Cold Water Ministry by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. Dr. Walberg will face trial on 13 counts of violating the state corporate securities law and one count of grand theft. The Rev. Mr. Davidson has been indicted on 12 counts of violating the corporate securities law.

## Sniper Hits Area Home

An unidentified sniper fired into a house, a fence, and a garage Monday afternoon, Torrance Police said. First reports of the sniper came from Jerralene Nelson, who said she heard a bullet strike her home at 17104 Wilkie Ave. about 2:45 p.m. Police found a bullet hole near the water heater and a dent in the hearth at the Nelson home, then discovered 11 bullet holes in a garage door and seven holes in a fence at 17103 Casimir Ave. The shots apparently came from a .22-caliber automatic weapon, police said.