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Council Backs Down on Hike in Rubbish Fees

Rescind 15-Cent Increase

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A final 1967-68 Torrance City Council budget has been adopted — without the 15-cent rubbish increase tentatively approved Tuesday night — to total \$13.8 million, \$1.14 million greater than last year's figure.

Councilmen voted 5-1 to keep the rubbish collection rate at \$1.50 per month for the fourth straight year Thursday night at the second public hearing on the new budget.

This action cut \$44,000 of revenue from that source, an amount initially earmarked for a city manager emergency fund. The city manager had not included a request for the addition to that fund in his original budget proposal.

ALTHOUGH this will set the total emergency fund at only \$58,000, the amount appears sufficient as no additional funds should be required for employ salary adjustments, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said.

The budget was balanced without the 15-cent rubbish increase by cutting some \$97,000 from the preliminary figures.

One of the reasons the council was hesitant to approve a rubbish increase was the fear that it would open the door to a private collector moving into the city with promise of a lower rate.

Several councilmen went on record as being opposed to private rubbish collection.

ESTIMATED general budget revenues for 1967-68 total \$11,333,000 — some \$818,000 or 8 per cent greater than 1966-67.

Property taxes will be the largest single source of city revenue, up an estimated 10 per cent over last year, although the tax rate was held at the same level for the seventh year. An increase in assessed valuation was cited as the reason for the total increase.

Although franchise and cigarette taxes are expected (See BUDGET, Page A-2)



HONOR LEADERSHIP . . . Dr. J. H. Hull (left), superintendent of Torrance schools, receives a special service award from Donald Credell, past president of the Torrance Elementary School Principals Association. Dr. Hull was honored by the group for his leadership and service in the Torrance Unified School District as the district marked 20 years. He has been superintendent for the entire 20 years.

Principals Cite School Leaders

Some 70 members of the Torrance Elementary School Principals Association have paid tribute to seven Torrance school administrators for 20 years of service.

All seven men have been with the district since it was founded, July 1, 1947.

Among those honored was Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools for the entire

Burglars Take Auto Equipment

Thieves hauled \$788 in auto equipment over a service yard fence at Ted Green Chevrolet, 23505 Hawthorne Blvd., Wednesday night including some service equipment.

Daniel Agnew said he noticed that a few tires were missing Wednesday morning when he opened up the service department and called police. A later tally showed that 12 tires and wheels were taken along with a radio and other assorted service products in the lot.

"It had to be more than one man because they took truck tires," Agnew speculated.

HE FURTHER stated that the tires were too bulky and heavy to be handled by one man over the fence.

Although police found no sign of a forced entry, the burglars avoided an alarm system in the lot.

Armed Forces Display Cited

A simulated Viet Cong village, set up here in May as part of the Armed Forces Day celebration, won a trophy and a standing ovation for the U. S. Marines at Friday night's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Announcement of the award by George S. Wing, general chairman of the Armed Forces Day program and a newly installed Chamber of Commerce director, brought the capacity dinner audience to its feet as a climax to the 1967 installation and awards program.

Gunnery Sgt. C. J. D'Hondt, Marine recruiter for Torrance, accepted the special award from Wing, and reminded the several hundred persons present that this country was still worth fighting for.

AWARD OF the special trophy to the Marines for their display came after it was announced that the selection committee had voted not to award the Distinguished Citizen Award for 1966. It marked the second time in the history of the award that the selection committee had passed a year without naming a winner.

"The award need not be passed on just because it has been a year since a winner was named," Chamber manager J. Walker Owens said when announcing the selection committee's decision.

EARLIER the Architectural Merit Awards had been presented to seven of the city's outstanding new facilities. William Burchfield, chairman of the selection committee, presented awards to Bullock's Fashion Square; Crocker-Citizens National Bank; Electron

Hourly Wages Hit New High

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — Average hourly earnings of California factory workers climbed to an all-time high of \$3.26 during May, 11 cents above that month a year ago, Albert C. Beeson, director of industrial relations, has reported.

Weekly hours of manufacturing workers averaged 40, the shortest average work week in the past two years.

closure, and a water faucet costing under \$5,000 to improve the land.

The proposal for the playground was taken to the Parks Commission Wednesday by members of the Pueblo Community Club after a discussion with a representative of American-Standard.

Several months ago, a plant representative of American-Standard said that the company might offer the land, according to Armida Grajeda, Pueblo vice president.

However, during past negotiations for the property, a use request was turned down by the company, Mrs. Grajeda said.

She also stated that one problem the company would

Dynamics Division, Hughes Aircraft Co.; Sam's Cafe; Ted Green Chevrolet; Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.; and Volvo Western Distributing, Inc.

In each case, Burchfield said, the award was given to those new facilities which were deemed an esthetic contribution to the community. Judging was based on exterior design, landscaping, and how the structures fit into and enhanced the neighborhoods in which they were located.

Chamber Officers Installed

Attorney Larry Bowman was installed as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Friday night in gala ceremonies presided over by Robert L. Seany, executive vice president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Bowman, who served as first vice president during the past year, succeeds Don H. Hyde in the Chamber's top post. Bowman is a partner in the law firm of Hitchcock and Bowman.

Installed with the new president Friday were George M. Ebert, assistant administrator for Little Company of Mary Hospital, first vice president; Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator for Torrance Memorial Hospital, second vice president; and Harry B. Gorman, project manager for Del Amo Properties, Inc. treasurer.

Six new directors installed included George S. Wing, president Hi-Shear Corp.; Harry Weaver, assistant plant manager, Union Carbide Chemicals Co.; Reid L. Bundy, co-publisher, Torrance Press-Herald; John O. Schmidt, vice president of Pacific Smelting Co.; Gerald Alter, owner of Alter Realty and Insurance, and Ebert and Gorman.

Eight area directors selected by President Bowman were introduced at Friday night's gala affair in the Pen and Quill, Manhattan Beach. Named were Robert Rojo, owner of Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning; Don Mc-

Ordaz said. This, he said, would include maintenance of the dirt ball field and possibly "growing some grass on the lot."

The problem of insurance, Mrs. Grajeda commented, would be taken care of by the city, in a manner similar to present insurance at recreation sites.

Director Van Bellehem also indicated that the city could extend its insurance to the site if necessary.

Although plans have been solidified, American-Standard has not given any formal indication that they would dofer the parcel. This is the next and very important step, Ordaz said.

They are prepared to care for the land if it is acquired,

City Eyes Park in Pueblo Area

By ED FREUDENBURG
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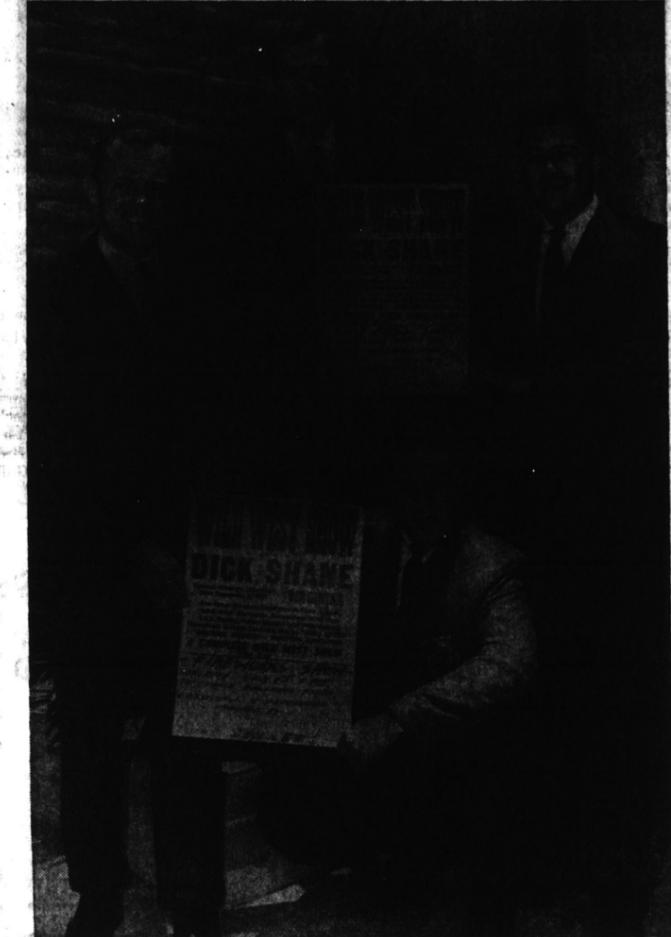
Plans for the construction of a fenced playground in the Pueblo area on American-Standard property moved forward Wednesday when the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to seek negotiations with the company for a three-acre site near Del Amo Boulevard.

Harry Van Bellehem, director of the study committee, said the city has not contacted a representative from American-Standard, but that the city may try to obtain a \$1 a year token lease on the land.

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closure, and a water faucet costing under \$5,000 to improve the land.

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FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR . . . The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage a family show to celebrate the Fourth of July Tuesday at the Torrance High School athletic field, Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards. Holding posters calling attention to the show, which will begin at 7 p.m., are (from left) Jaycees Ian Godbold, Jim Burger, Bill Ritchie, and Ralph Grippo. Dick Shane's Hollywood Stunt Stars will appear before the fireworks display. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. (Press-Herald Photo)

OCCUPY PAVILION

First Tenant Now in New Financial Center

Western Federal Savings became the first occupant of the new Del Amo Financial Center Friday when it opened its sixth Southern California branch here.

The firm has occupied a pavilion structure of some 6,000 square feet, Robert W. Oswald, assistant vice president and manager of the new branch, announced.

Youngster Burned in Car Fire

Four-year-old Kirsten Caldwell suffered serious burns over 70 per cent of her body Tuesday night when the car in which she was sitting caught fire near a supermarket in the Del Amo Center.

Firemen were called when the girl was found in a locked car which was on fire. She was rushed to a hospital for treatment by her father, Robert W. Caldwell Jr., 3520 Sara Drive., a major in the Army.

The child has been taken to a special center for the treatment of burns at an Army hospital in Texas by her father. She suffered third degree burns over 70 per cent of her body.

The fire began, firemen reported, after the child's father went into the market with one other child but left Kirsten in his auto. Although the cause of the fire has not been determined, firemen speculate that the child could have started the fire while playing with matches in the car.

Western Federal Savings will offer complete savings and loan services, as well as safe deposit and escrow facilities, Oswald said.

COMPLETION is nearing on the first phase of the Financial Center, which includes a 13-story tower, a five-story ring building, and four pavilion buildings.

Major tenants who have signed leases include Union Bank, United California Bank, and Bateman Eichler-Hill Richards, Inc. Several law groups, accounting firms, and insurance companies have signed leases and an airline center is planned for one floor of a pavilion.

AT LEAST one other bank, another savings and loan association, and three stock

brokerage houses are expected to sign leases shortly, a spokesman for the developers said.

When fully developed, the 20-acre center will have three 13-story towers, three five-story ring buildings, and six pavilions. More than one million square feet of office space will be contained in the \$30 million center.

Banning Class

To Hold Reunion

Banning High School's summer class of 1947 will hold its 20th anniversary reunion on July 15 in San Pedro. Pat Linder Grove, 1014 Broad Ave., Wilmington, is handling reservations.

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