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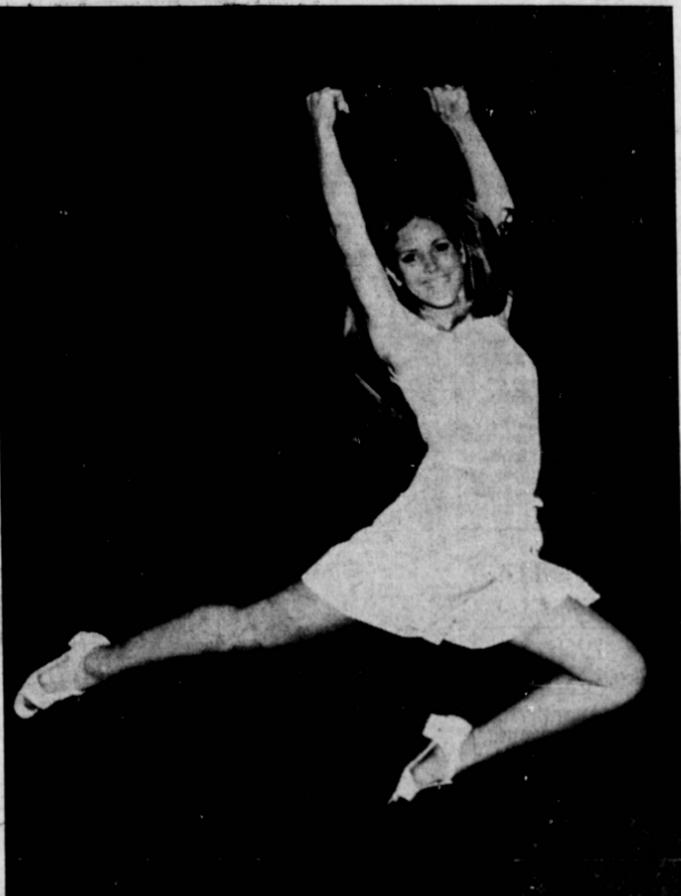
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SPRING AHEAD . . . Eighteen-year-old Jeanell Shawgo, a freshman at El Camino College and runner-up in the Miss Torrance contest, gets in form to remind area residents they must "spring ahead" come 2 a.m. Sunday. At that time, clocks throughout the nation will be moved ahead one hour to begin daylight saving time. You'll get the hour back the last Sunday in October, when the nation "falls back" into standard time. (Press-Herald Photo)

5 Per Cent Utility Tax Voted by Councilmen

Levy to Raise \$1.4 Million in New Tax Funds

Torrance residents will soon be paying a 5 per cent tax for the use of telephone, gas, electricity, and cable television services.

In a 5-2 vote, councilmen adopted a new utility users' tax at Tuesday's meeting. However, they passed over an alternate ordinance which would have slapped the 5 per cent on water bills too.

Voting against the idea of excluding water services from the tax were Councilmen Orin Johnson and William J. Uerkwitz.

The tax would become effective June 1 if the council approves the ordinance levying the tax at its second reading.

to the Governor that state legislation be adopted to allow all cities and counties to levy the 5 per cent utility users' tax. This money might be collected by the state and reapportioned to cities according to need.

It was suggested in the report that it might be an advantage to charter cities that already have the tax in force when the State Legislature acts on the matter.

Although there is no cable television in Torrance yet, city officials believe it is inevitable.

THE NEW TAX is expected to raise approximately \$1,400,000 annually, or \$10.25 per capita. A tax on water services would have raised an additional 75 cents per capita, or approximately \$100,000 more.

The utility users' tax was proposed last January by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who reminded councilmen that the new Highway Patrol retirement plan for city safety employees will cost \$335,000 the first year it is in effect.

Other factors requiring the tax boost are general inflation, reduction in the city's property tax base through the exemption of household belongings, and the need for parks and other capital improvements, Ferraro said.

IN A REPORT to councilmen, city officials pointed out that the Flournoy Tax Reform Commission may recommend

Burglars Ransack Area Home

More than \$500 in cash and power tools were taken from the home of John B. Crow, 34, at 22822 Anza Ave., Thursday morning, according to a report filed with Torrance police.

Crow told investigating officers someone entered his home while he was at work Thursday morning. The theft was discovered about noon.

Police said the burglars entered the house through a rear bedroom window and ransacked the house. Missing were \$505.89 in cash, a power saw and a power drill, a portable television set, and a portable tape recorder.

A neighbor reported seeing two juveniles near the house about 10:30 a.m. Thursday, officers said.



VISIT LIBRARY . . . Children in the first, second, and third grades at Yukon School paid a visit to the North Torrance Library this week to observe National Library Week. Here, Mrs. Mary Simmons, children's librarian, and Mrs. Claire Crain, a reading teacher and member of the Torrance Library Commission, discuss the use of the library with students from two classes. (Press-Herald Photo)

Delegation Meets Solons in Capital

Nearly half a hundred Torrance city officials, businessmen, and civic leaders visited Senate and Assembly sessions, sat in on a dozen committee hearings, and talked to local representatives in the Legislature during "Torrance Day in Sacramento" Wednesday.

Organized by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, the day-long visit in the state's capital was an effort to acquaint local Assemblymen and Senators with problems in the Torrance area and to give local leaders a chance to see their legislators in action.

The group of 43 Torrance leaders included Mayor Albert Isen and three city councilmen, two school board members, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, School Superintendent J. H. Hull, and several city department heads.

Chamber President George M. Ebert headed a contingent of his organization which included J. Walker Owens, executive vice president and manager; Don Martin, director and head of the Chamber's governmental affairs committee; and several officers and directors.

LI. Gov. Ed Reinecke met the delegation in the governor's council room at the capitol, the scene Tuesday of a major demonstration by Sacramento groups protesting reports that the governor would veto funding for the Sacramento Area Economic Opportunity Council.

The group later was presented to the Senate by Senator Ralph C. Dills who was presiding at the morning session and then looked on from the gallery as the Assembly ar-

gued and passed a conflict of interest bill and a new presumptive drunk bill setting legal limits on alcohol in the bloodstream.

SENATORS Robert Stevens and Dills and Assemblymen (See CAPITAL, Page A-2)

Elementary Schools To Hold Science Fair

Torrance elementary schools will sponsor the fourth annual science fair Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., according to Philip Korman, curriculum consultant and chairman for the district-wide event.

An estimated 200 entries are expected to be submitted by students of the district's 35 elementary schools. Accompanying each exhibit will be a written report.

Entries will be in the biological, physical, and earth sciences, with awards going to the top three winners in each group.

CRITERIA used by judges to determine winners will include: creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, technical skill, knowledge of

student, and project report.

Displays will be set up Wednesday, April 30. Public viewing will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Student tours will also be conducted during the public viewing hours.

Judging will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 1, and awards will be presented Friday at 7 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT will be provided by the Towers' School band, directed by Jim Davidson, Friday, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charge. Members of the Science Fair committee include Richard Cheesman, David Clapp, Ron Hall, Larry Miller, William Nevin, and Ernest Thom.



WATER FOR THE FUTURE . . . Torrance civic leaders who toured the Castaic Reservoir aqueduct project Wednesday are dwarfed by the dimensions of a mammoth water main which will connect the reservoir with the Magazine Canyon shaft and Balboa treatment plant many years from now. The day-long tour, conducted by the Metropolitan Water District, enabled leaders to inspect the 15-mile length of the water tunnel project in the Newhall-Saugus area. When completed, the tunnel shown above will supply water to the Sepulveda Feeder, which will supply the Torrance area. (Press-Herald Photo)

Military Affairs Group Junior ROTC Program Explained at Session

Junior ROTC programs on the high school campus help to instill respect for authority in young men, members of the Military Affairs Committee of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce were told Thursday.

The committee discussed the junior ROTC programs offered by the Army, Navy, and Air Force with instructors in the programs at a noon meeting.

Speakers included Capt. Richard Riley of the Army, Capt. Kermit Montz of the Navy, and Lt. Col. Tilliam E. Booth of the Air Force.

A JUNIOR ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) program has been offered by the

Army since 1919, Captain Riley explained. The program is voluntary and is offered to satisfy both academic requirements and physical education requirements in the high schools, he said.

The Army, the captain said, offers a program which has a "fixed curriculum" and which includes about 40 per cent classroom work and the remainder in drill and "practical study."

Captain Riley, an instructor in military science in the Los Angeles City high schools, said 13 of the 47 Los Angeles campuses have ROTC units. Total enrollment is 1,750 students.

HE SAID students get sev-

eral direct benefits from the program, including the right to waive a full year of college ROTC training. Cadets who go directly into the military service can receive an immediate promotion to the rank of private (E-2) or to the rank of private first class (E-3) when enlisting in the Army Reserve or National Guard.

Captain Riley also said the administration of the Army ROTC program is designed so cadets may actually "run things" themselves. Organization on the campus is similar to the organization of college ROTC programs.

Differences in the Navy and Air Force program were pointed out.

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Festival Banquet Sunday

The reception and banquet which will officially open the May Festival of Arts will be held here Sunday at the Jolly Recreation Center.

The banquet, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., is sponsored by the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony and the Torrance Recreation Department.

Dr. William Grant Still, composer of "Old California," will be the featured speaker.

Pigeon Drop Suspect Arrested By Police

A suspect has been arrested in connection with the "pigeon drop" bunco scheme which relieved a Torrance woman of \$4,500 last March 14.

Jailed Thursday was Gloria Paris, 45, of 6500 Yucca St., Hollywood, an unemployed sales clerk. She was arrested by Torrance police in Downey.

Police presented her with a warrant for her arrest from South Bay Municipal Court. She was out of jail on \$12,500 bail for a prior arrest.

part of a two-woman team that has perpetrated pigeon drops in the Los Angeles area for years.

The team fraudulently obtained money from the unsuspecting by claiming to have found a large sum of money and tricking their victims into posting a large "guarantee" in order to receive a cut of the find.

Victimized by a pigeon drop team in Torrance was Mrs. Grace E. Judkins, 60, of 750 E. Carson St., Apt. 5.

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