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**SCHOOL'S OUT . . .** Sixteen-year-old Debbie McCullough, who will be a junior at South High School next September, shows how it feels to wind up her sophomore year. Her exuberance was shared by more than 30,000 Torrance students this week as the final dismissal bells rang in the city's four high schools and more than 30 elementary schools. Summer classes begin tomorrow. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

# Hearings to Open for City, School Budgets

**\$19.7 Million Plus \$12.6--- That's \$32.3**

Budgets will occupy both school and city officials this week as the two bodies begin formal steps to adopt spending programs for fiscal 1967. School board members will be the first to begin talking of budgets when they convene tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The board, meeting for the first time since the June 7 defeat of the district's \$9 million school bond issue, also is expected to spend some time discussing the effects of the bond issue failure.

The school budget calls for expenditures of \$19.7 million in fiscal 1967 and envisions a tax rate of about \$3.54 per \$100 assessed valuation. That represents an increase of slightly more than 10 cents over the current tax rate.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent of schools, estimates income in fiscal 1967 at \$19.3 million and will recommend that about \$400,000 from the district's reserve funds be spent to balance the budget. Trustees must adopt a publication budget before July 1. Public hearings on the final budget will be held Aug. 1. City fathers will hold their first public hearing Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on a \$12.6 million spending program.

THE CITY budget, up about 12 per cent over the current budget, anticipate no increase in the city tax rate, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Instead, Ferraro has asked for a 5-cent hike in city bus fares and consideration of a 2- to 4-cent increase in the city cigarette tax. Ferraro's budget makes no provision for the construction of the proposed civic auditorium complex or for an independent library system. Future planning for both could

alter the budget picture, he has warned. Salary increases are responsible for more than a third of the increase in the city budget, the city manager remarked.

## Planners Turn Down New Church

Plans for a new church in a part of the city's Central Manufacturing District were turned down Wednesday evening by a 4-1 vote of the Planning Commission.

Commissioners, voting to deny a request by the First Church of the Nazarene, 1501 Carson St., Los Angeles, said the construction of the church would be an "encroachment" on the city's industrial development.

The Rev. R. Wallis Kornegay, pastor of the church, told the commission the church would be just 60 feet inside the industrial area. At issue is a two-acre parcel on the north side of Maricopa Street between Maple and Hawaii Avenues. Cost of the land is estimated at \$230,000.

The Rev. Kornegay said the church would serve one of the city's finest residential areas and serve as an excellent buffer between homes and industrial plants in the area. "This is the finest industrial area in the town," David Halstead, commission chairman, said. "Once the zoning is broken it makes way for other incompatible construction."

## Others Hurt in Traffic

Two persons were injured shortly before noon Friday when the car in which they were passengers was involved in an accident on Pacific Coast Highway at Prospect Street.

Karen Crone, 19, and Teri Walker, 15, both of 200 Avenue G, Redondo Beach, were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Miss Crone was admitted to the hospital for observation and her condition is described as "good." Miss Walker was treated and released.

The girls were passengers in a car driven by John Dale Humphreys, 18, of 3614 W. 225th St. Humphreys was taken to the hospital, but refused medical aid.

The Humphreys vehicle struck a car driven by Warren Nelson, 43, of Olsburg, Kan., as Nelson attempted to make a left turn. Police said Humphreys was unable to stop when the Nelson vehicle turned onto Pacific Coast Highway.

TWO OTHER persons were hurt in separate rear-end collisions Friday, police reported.

Marjorie B. Lawson, 46, a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Stephen A. Lawson of 22654-B Nadine Circle, told officers she would seek private medical attention. Mrs. Lawson was injured about 5:15 p.m. Friday.

Police said the three-car accident occurred on Sepulveda Boulevard near Ward Street. A car driven by Michael Paul of Lakewood apparently had stopped in the outside lane as the Lawson

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**ADDRESSES STUDENTS . . .** Soldier-educator, Lt. Col. Alfeo L. Bernardi addressed students at Riviera Elementary School Tuesday in a special Flag Day ceremony. Weekdays, Bernardi is an algebra teacher at Mira Costa High School—on weekends, he is Commander Green Beret Reserve Unit of Army Special Forces, Fort MacArthur. He was named Man of the Month in an area wide selection recently.

## Don Hyde Wins Chamber Post

Don H. Hyde, industrial relations manager for U. S. Steel's Torrance Works, has been elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to succeed Bruce Jones,

vice president and manager of the Torrance Bank of America. Hyde was elected Thursday by the directors of the Chamber after membership balloting for directors. Named to serve as first vice president was attorney Larry Bowman. George Ebert, assistant administrator at Little Company of Mary Hospital, was named second vice president. Leonard Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, is treasurer. The new officers will be installed at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet scheduled for next Friday night. At the same time, the Chamber will announce the winner of the distinguished citizens award, the architectural merit awards, and special awards.

Three-year directors to be installed Friday include Dan Butcher, Charles Cederlof, Robert Curry, and Ensminger. Herman G. Link will be installed for a two-year term. Area directors appointed to one-year terms are Robert Vroman, Del Amo; Gerald Alter, downtown; John Schmidt, east; Harry L. Weaver, north; A. L. Holiday, Riviera; Don M. McGrath, south; Robert R. Rojo, west, and George Ebert, at large.

**AIRPORT MEETING** Members of the city's Airport Commission will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the council chambers at City Hall. Plans for Airport Days and the 1967 Powder Puff Derby will be discussed.

## Thieves Take Costly Wigs, Money, Pistol

Three wigs, valued at nearly \$600, were taken from a South Torrance salon Friday in a daylight burglary.

The wigs, being displayed in the window of a shop at 2553 Pacific Coast Hwy., were taken while employees of the salon were in a back room. A clerk in a nearby store told police she saw two men in the area and recognized them as suspects in an earlier burglary. The clerk said she went to warn employees at the wig salon, but arrived after the theft.

**THEFT OF** a 9-mm blue steel luger was reported by Joe S. Alvarez of 21518 Anza Ave. Alvarez told police the revolver, valued at about \$70, was in a desk drawer in the bedroom of his home.

The theft occurred sometime before 12:30 a.m. Friday, Alvarez reported.

More than \$570 in cash was reported stolen from the North Torrance home of Athleen Hatch, Mrs. Hatch said she believed the theft occurred sometime between May 5 and 25. Taken were several rolls of coins which had been taped to the bottom of a dresser drawer and about \$200 which was in a ceramic bank.

A **WHITE** gold ring valued at \$400 was reported missing Friday afternoon by Iris J. Mulvihill of Long Beach. The ring had been left on a counter in a rest room at 3221 Torrance Blvd., according to the report filed with Torrance police.

Two stereo tape players were removed from cars Thursday evening or Friday morning. Frank L. Poikins of 1737 W. 238th St., reported the theft of the stereo player

and several blankets from his car, which was parked in front of his home.

Richard T. Sidebotham, 3638 Del Amo Blvd., said a stereo player and tools, along with a chrome air cleaner and anti-smog device, were taken from his car. The car was parked in a garage at the rear of the apartment building.



**BURN MORTGAGE . . .** Officials of the First Christian Church gathered last week during the church's annual business meeting to burn the mortgage on the church, marking an end to 12 years of payments on the \$350,000 structure. Ready to burn the symbolic mortgage are, from left, Jack Perry, chairman of the education department; Russell Gimbrone, chairman of the Official Board; Bill Somers, trustee chairman; the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor; the Rev. Bob Jones, minister of education; Harold Foster, building committee chairman; Ralph Adamson, treasurer, and Tom Saine, a member of the building committee. Plans for future expansion of the church plant at 2930 El Dorado are now being made.

## Dog Vaccination Clinics Scheduled

A dog vaccination clinic, sponsored by the Humane Society in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department, will be held at two locations this summer.

The basketball courts at Torrance Park will be the location of the first "Dog Vaccination Clinic," June 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The second clinic will be July 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at McMaster Park, 3624 W. Artesia.

Cost for the rabies vaccination will be \$1.50 for each dog. Each dog must be on a leash and under the control of a competent person who must be able to handle the dog in all situations. The program is being offered as a public service and is open to all with no restriction as to residence.

Dog licenses will be sold at both dog vaccination clinics.

## Topless Bars Hit ---

Licenses for two area topless bars have been suspended by the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, effective Aug. 4, for 30 days. The board ordered licenses of the Ace O Clubs, 23914 S. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, and the Barbary Coast, 14320 S. Western Ave., Gardena, suspended after ruling that waitresses at the two clubs performed their jobs "in a way contrary to public welfare and public morals." The two bars have 40 days in which to file an appeal with the ABC appeals board.

## Ex-Principal to Return ---

Dr. Dale M. Harter, principal of North High School for five years and currently superintendent of schools in Needles, Calif., has been named superintendent of the El Segundo Unified School District. Dr. Harter, who was North's first principal, left the Torrance area in 1960 to assume the Needles post. He will succeed Dr. Leonard Murdy in El Segundo. Dr. Murdy has accepted a similar position in Fullerton.

## Murder Suspect Booked ---

Ernest Harold Bigness, 43, of 2312 W. 180th St., was booked on suspicion of murder late Thursday by Lennox sheriff's deputies in connection with the death of his wife and a Redondo Beach man, Dead are June R. Bigness and Kenneth L. Parks, 1734 Dixon St., Redondo Beach. A third victim, Floyd H. Sootsman of Huntington Park, was admitted to Gardena Emergency Hospital in critical condition. Deputies said the three victims were sitting together in a Lawndale bar when Bigness entered, pulled a revolver, and fired several shots. Mrs. Bigness was shot once and stabbed several times, deputies reported.