

Funds Frozen for City's Renewal Project

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Council to Put 55-Cent Tax Increase on Ballot

Renewal Issue, Tax Hike to Go On Same Ballot

In a special meeting yesterday morning, the Torrance City Council voted unanimously to honor \$762,100 worth of escrow commitments now hanging fire in the Meadow Park Redevelopment project. The council does not yet know where this money will come from.

At the same time, the council voted to place a 55-cent tax override — to run for three years — on the same special ballot with two anti-urban renewal measures.

The decision to honor the escrows followed speculation that federal funds allotted for the project may not be forthcoming. The federal government is withholding these funds now and will be forced to cancel the funds altogether if Torrance voters pass two anti-urban renewal petitions, it was reported.

THESE PETITIONS, circulated by Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT), call for the repeal of the Uniform Housing Code and the dissolution of the Torrance Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmen were told Saturday by city finance officials that if federal funds were cut off, Torrance citizens would have to come up with the money through increased property taxes. The increase would be 55 cents per \$100 of valuation.

The emergency vote to guarantee escrow commitments was necessary because many home and business owners now located on Meadow Park territory face financial hardships due to latest developments. Homeowners have purchased new homes and trailers believing they had the agency's backing. Businessmen, having been told to find new quarters, are caught between two leases.

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Outcome Of Vote Awaited

More than \$6.5 million in federal funds — which would have been available this month to finance the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project — have been frozen as a result of a special election which has been called on urban renewal in the city.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has, however, agreed to provide administrative overhead until the issue has been settled.

And, the Press-Herald was told Friday, funds for the Torrance project will not be re-allocated pending results of the election. No date for the voting has been set.

THE FUNDS include some \$3.5 million in a grant and an additional \$3 million in a loan. City officials flew to San Francisco Thursday to confer with HUD officials following the City Council's action Tuesday in placing two anti-urban renewal measures on a special ballot.

One city official told the Press-Herald the greatest fear had been that HUD would reallocate the money. Such a decision would mean the city should voters approve of the urban renewal project — would have to "get back in line" for funds to finance the project.

THEY the federal govern-



FOR VIETNAM HERO... Mrs. Janis L. Jamison of Torrance accepts the Silver Star, the nation's third highest combat award, for her husband, Sgt. Rockwell G. Jamison, who was killed in Vietnam last July 12. Presenting the award is Col. Patrick Mulcahy, commanding officer at Ft. MacArthur. Sergeant Jamison, a platoon leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Division, was killed while on patrol near Duc Co, Vietnam. Mrs. Jamison also accepted a Purple Heart during the awards ceremony held Thursday afternoon to honor veterans of the Vietnam War. (Press-Herald Photo)

Injuries Not Serious

Auto Crashes Hurt Policeman, Marine

A Torrance police officer and a young Marine escaped serious injuries Friday in two widely separated and spectacular traffic accidents.

The police officer, Lee Howard Turner, 30, was reported in good condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday.

The Marine, 17-year-old Theodore Weymouth, of 3328 Winlock Drive, returned to duty yesterday following treatment at Long Beach Naval Hospital.

TURNER WAS injured about noon Friday when his motorcycle and a car driven by Donald E. Abbott, 27, of 1618 Lomita Blvd., Harbor City, collided on Sepulveda Boulevard just east of Maple Avenue.

The officer was thrown

some 40 feet in the crash, but escaped with only cuts and bruises. He suffered no broken bones. Abbott was not injured.

Police said Turner was east bound on Sepulveda Boulevard and had just cleared the intersection at Maple Avenue when Abbott, driving west on Sepulveda, turned left in front of Turner.

ABBOTT'S 1965 model car sustained moderate damage, as did Officer Turner's police motorcycle.

Weymouth was pinned in his car about 11 p.m. Friday when he apparently lost control of his late model sedan and crashed into a tree on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway near the entrance to the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Police at the scene told the Press-Herald Weymouth sideswiped two cars before slamming into the tree.

Torrance firemen cut the young Marine out of his vehicle, which was a total loss.

WEYMOUTH was examined at Little Company of Mary

Torrance Schools Get Grant

CAPITOL NEWS SERVICE
SACRAMENTO — The State Board of Education has awarded another \$8.7 million to 144 school districts for special programs to improve the school achievement of children from low-income families.

The newly-approved grants include \$200,680 for the Torrance Unified School District. Funds come from the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and brought to \$37.5 million the total distributed to California schools this year.

Hospital then taken by ambulance to the Long Beach Naval Hospital. He was treated and released to return to duty.

Drivers of the other two cars, both headed east on Pacific Coast Highway, were identified as Yoshio Oishi, 48, of San Pedro, and Anna Mary Abel, 48, also of San Pedro. Both escaped injury.

Oishi's vehicle sustained major damage and Mrs. Abel's car sustained moderate damage.

Police said some 240 feet of skid marks were left on the pavement.

Officers investigating the crash estimated Weymouth was traveling at 60 to 65 miles per hour when his vehicle slammed into the tree.

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OPEN NEW BANK... George Post (left), vice president and manager of United California Bank's new Del Amo Financial Center office, gets plenty of help as he prepares to unlock the front door for business. The branch, which occupies one of the pavilion structures at the Financial Center, was opened Friday. Helping Post are (from left) J. B. Thompson, vice president for branch administration of the bank; Mayor Albert Ison; City Manager Edward J. Ferraro; and Larry Bowman, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. (Press-Herald Photo)



HEARING TESTS START... All new-born babies at Harbor General Hospital will receive a special screening for hearing defects as soon as they are able to be handled under a special two-year program which was begun Wednesday at the hospital. Specially trained volunteers, working in groups of three, will give the tests with the audiometer being shown here by Dr. Irving Shapiro, who is coordinating the tests. Volunteers getting instructions here are (from left) Mrs. Gene Zeoli of Palos Verdes, Mrs. Stanton Reichel of San Pedro, and Mrs. Alex Guenther of Torrance. (Press-Herald Photo)

Gunmen Kill Bartender; Escape With \$450 Haul

A 26-year-old Torrance man was killed and a second wounded early Friday morning when two gunmen robbed a Carson area bar of some \$450.

Dead is Richard J. Heis-

New Study Asked for Signals

Recommendations for a new traffic survey of the intersection of Carson and Martin streets in the Carson area was made last week by the Board of Supervisors on a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace asked County Road Commissioner Irv Morhar to instruct the Traffic and Street Lighting Division of his department to again review the need for a traffic signal at the busy intersection.

The request for a restudy and survey was made by both homeowners in the area and by Sak Yamamoto, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

Yamamoto said parents of school children living in the area join him in strongly urging that a new traffic light be placed at the intersection "in the interest of protecting school children."

ner, 26, of 1543 1/2 W. 227th St., a bartender at Stocky's Cafe, 21318 S. Alameda St. Sheriff's deputies said Heisner was shot once in the chest by a gunman who forced him into a storage room in the cafe.

Investigating officers said two men walked into the cafe about 1:25 a.m. Friday, drew their guns, and told about a dozen persons in the cafe, "We want your money. Get down on the floor."

One of the men went behind the bar and took \$400 from a cash register while the second gunman took Heis-

ner into the storage room. While the killer was in the storage room, officers said, the other gunman took about \$50 in cash and watches from 10 patrons who were lying on the floor.

As the two gunmen left the bar, the man who apparently killed Heisner turned and fired a shot into the group of customers. The bullet struck Alfnus V. Stockdale, 47, of Long Beach, in the back.

Stockdale was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where he is in satisfactory condition.

What Time Is It Now? - - -

It may be earlier than you think! If you're the kind who likes to sleep late, you may have another hour coming unless you remembered to turn the clock back last night. Daylight savings time ended officially at 2 a.m. this morning, when all clocks in the state should have been set back an hour to 1 a.m. Things will operate by standard time until next April 28, when all clocks again will be set ahead one hour.

Golf Course Now Closed - - -

The SeaAire Golf Course, located at 22730 Lupine Drive, will be closed until next Friday, according to Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation for the city. Van Bellehem said the golf course is undergoing some renovation and will be reopened for play Friday morning.

Warrior Equals CIF Mark - - -

West High's Dave Boyd scored six touchdowns, tying a CIF record for a single game, to lead the Warriors to a one-sided 72-14 victory over El Segundo in a Pioneer League football game Friday. North High took over the lead in the Bay League by downing Santa Monica, 26-7, while South High was upset by Hawthorne, 26-13. Torrance and Bishop Montgomery each lost. Details are in today's sports section, pages A-6 and A-7.

Travel Lectures To End

What does the average tourist miss?

This will be one of the questions discussed during the final lecture in the current series on "England and Spain Revisited" being presented by photojournalists William Sanford and Carl Green.

"English Counties and Spanish Provinces" will be the topic of the closing lecture, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Torrance High School auditorium under the co-sponsorship of Torrance Evening High School and the Torrance High FTA.

In addition to slides of little-known sights in the English and Spanish countryside, the program will feature regional cultures and rural highlights, flora and fauna, fascinating for one's ancestors, fascinating side trips, and the Spanish bullfight.