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Taxpayers Need A Break (An Editorial)

Members of the City Council will have the rare opportunity to give Torrance taxpayers a break when they meet for the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Because Assessor Phillip E. Watson has hiked city property assessments to levels higher than anticipated, the city finds that it is in line to receive about \$530,000 it had not counted on when it adopted a balanced budget recently.

City Council members appeared in some agreement on a tax cut at last Tuesday's meeting, but couldn't hit an acceptable figure. Councilman Ken Miller, who first broached the subject, suggested that 5 cents be cut from the city's current \$1.2380 rate on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Mayor Albert Isen upped the figure to 10 cents and received the backing of Councilman H. Ted Olson. Isen says the taxpayer can be given the dime break and the city still would have at least \$170,000

that it didn't count on when it considered the budget last month.

The Press-Herald believes the councilmen are being given a rare opportunity to perform. Certainly it would be nice to have lots of money. The city needs streets, street lights, parks, trucks, tractors, policemen, and clerks.

Taxpayers also need a break in the dizzying spiral of government demands, and this is one of the few chances where it can be done.

The city's tax rate can certainly be cut by the 5 cents proposed by Ken Miller, probably by the 10 cents sought by Mayor Isen and Ted Olson, and it may be possible to cut even more and still retain a healthy budget.

While the official tax rate is not set until August, Tuesday could be the day the pattern is set. The Press-Herald hopes the taxpayers don't get lost in the shuffle.

Olson Will Resign City Council Seat

Family to Move To Chicago Area

Councilman H. Ted Olson, a Torrance resident since 1955 and a member of the City Council since 1964, has been promoted by his company and will leave at the end of July for his new assignment in Chicago, he told the Press-Herald yesterday.

In his new assignment, Olson will be industrial relations manager for the Chicago Consolidated Regional office of Union Carbide Corp., he said.

His transfer will force him to resign as a member of the council, he said. He told the Press-Herald he would make his announcement at the Tuesday evening meeting. He has not selected an official date of resignation, he added.

OLSON CAME to Torrance in December, 1955, as industrial relations manager with Union Carbide Chemicals when the huge plant was opened at Del Amo and Hawthorne boulevards. He served in that post until December, 1965, when he was named purchasing agent for the company.

His new assignment will return him to industrial relations supervision in the consolidated sales and computer office in Chicago which has 500 employees, he said. He also will be active in the company's community relations program, he said.

Olson said he would move to the Chicago area with his wife, Vickie, and daughter, Chrissie, as soon as he could home.

"I have certainly enjoyed my 12 years in Torrance, and really Torrance is my home now," Olson said.

AN ACTIVE participant in community affairs, Olson has been associated in leadership roles in many area organizations.

He is a past president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and is currently serving as lieutenant governor of the 19th Division of Kiwanis Clubs. He is district chairman of the South Bay Boy Scouts; first vice chairman of the United Way board of directors; a member of the board of managers for the Torrance YWCA; a member of the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee; and a member of the underground utilities and freeway beautification committees of the League of California Cities.

Until recently he was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement for Los Angeles County, and has been serving as chairman of the Pipeline Franchise Committee for the South Bay Councilmen's Association. He is a member of the Torrance Elks.

BEFORE HIS election to the City Council in 1964, Olson served for nearly two years as a member of the city's Planning Commission. Olson's resignation will leave a vacancy on the seven-man City Council which will be filled by the six remaining members by appointment.



H. TED OLSON

Copper Wiring Taken

Several burglars using heavy equipment trucked 18 spools of copper wire, each weighing 300 pounds, from a warehouse at 22503 Western Ave., Thursday.

The burglars opened the warehouse using bolt cutters and transported an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000 in wire from the site using a truck. Investigators said they found tire tracks inside the building.

Police were alerted to the burglary by employe Harold Patton when he arrived Thursday morning to open the facility. After checking to see if anyone had permission to take the wire, company representative James Hillen filed the police report.

The burglars moved their truck, capable of carrying three tons, into the warehouse to load the heavy wooden spools of wire, police reported.

The warehouse, owned by the Inet Power Division of Teledyne, Inc., houses materials for the company's power equipment production in Torrance.

Marijuana Raid Nets Seven Men

A Gardena police raid on a motel room netted seven men who were arrested on charges of possession of marijuana Friday morning.

Officers said they waited at the location after the initial raid apprehended three men to arrest four others who came at various times to the room. Three of the suspects were also charged with suspicion of burglary.

Arrested at the Delmonico Motel, 1101 Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, were Ronald Slocum, 21, of 2045 W. 245th St., Lomita; Ronald Tanaka, 20, of 15808 St. Andrews Place, Gardena; and Sam Amemiya, 20, of 1584 W. 182nd St., Gardena, on charges of possessing marijuana and suspicion of burglary.

Four other Gardena men were arrested for possession of marijuana. They are James Kamio, 18, of 1648 W. 168th St.; Kenneth Matoba, 20, of 15602 Ainsworth St.; Johnny Walker, 23, of 16125 S. Orchard Ave.; and Rex Hartman, 20, of 835 Rosecrans Ave.

Buy New Robes

A gift of \$100 to be used for the purchase of choir robes for West High School has been donated by the Torrance Unified School District by the Victor Woman's Club.

Sunday Showcase Scheduled

Torrance's answer to family entertainment, the "Sunday Showcase," moves to Pueblo Community Center 1 p.m. next Sunday, for its third performance of the summer.

Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, "Sunday Showcase," a free variety show for family entertainment, is centered around local performers of all ages.

Pueblo's show will feature the "Shrinking Violets" folk group.

Burglary Charge Reduced ---

Two men, arrested for burglary Wednesday, were arraigned on lesser charges of trespassing Friday while a woman arrested with the men was freed. Carmen Fiorello, 21, of 17007 Cranbrook Ave., and Antonio Zaragua, 19, of Culver City were arrested by Torrance police when they allegedly found the men in a home and garage without permission. Charges were reduced before Friday's arraignment and no charges were placed on Kathleen Zaragua, 20, of 17604 Kornblum Ave., by the district attorney's office.

Mink, Golf Clubs Taken ---

A mink fur piece and a set of golf clubs valued at \$355, were taken from an auto trunk Friday as the car was sitting in an apartment house parking lot. The \$180 mink sweater and the golf clubs were reported stolen by Marjorie Luther, of 23910 Ladeene Ave., by a thief who, police said, left no marks of entry on the auto trunk.

Lomita Man Not Guilty ---

Larry Reitano, 24, of 26014 Eshelman Ave., Lomita was cleared of charges of robbery Friday when he was found innocent of charges that he robbed a liquor store in April. Reitano was one of three men charged with the crime. The other two men pleaded guilty. Long Beach Superior Court Judge Donald Dunbar made his decision on an earlier preliminary hearing proceedings.

Southland Pilots Capture Top Four Places in Derby

By ED FREUDENBURG
Press-Herald Staff Writer
Judy Wagner of Palos Verdes was declared the winner of the 21st Annual Powder Puff Derby Friday over a field of 51 contestants who completed the transcontinental flight from Atlantic City, N.J., to Torrance.

The first place finisher flew solo in a Beechcraft Bonanza K-35 in a race plagued by poor weather through much of the eastern United States. In winning, Mrs. Wagner arrived 15 minutes before her scheduled time Wednesday.

Second place honors went to the team of Fran Bera and her co-pilot Barbara London, both of Long Beach. The pair flew a Mooney M-20 which was the 50th plane to take off from the east coast.

RUNNER-UP pilot Mrs. Bera, has been a winner of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race seven times in previous years and is the world's altitude record holder for light aircraft.

Third place went to Tig Pennock of Irvine and Virginia Chandler of Capistrano Beach who piloted a Cessna 260 in the three-day flight.

Beginning the race in take-off number nine, Mrs. Wagner said the weather was somewhat of a problem throughout the race.

AFTER LANDING Wednesday, she commented, "I think I've had enough flying for a while."

Of the 72 planes which began the race Monday after a 48-hour delay because of poor

weather in New Jersey, 21 failed to complete the race before the Thursday sundown finish.

Trophy awards and a check for \$1,000 was given to first place winner Mrs. Wagner.

The 28-year-old wife of a Torrance oral surgeon, she is now the only woman to win both the Powder Puff and the Angel Derby, a race between Montreal and Miami in one year.

THE WINNER is also chairman of the Long Beach Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Inc., which handled terminus activities for the race.

South Bay women also took seventh place honors. Pilot Jean Rose of Palos Verdes Estates and Nancy Crews of Inglewood completed the race approximately nine scoring points in back of the front runner.

Awards were presented to the Top 10 winners at a banquet Friday night at the Airport Marina Hotel. Thirteen of the top 18 pilots and co-pilots were from California.

PERMIT SOUGHT

Anti-War March Planned at Dow

A student group which helped organize the June 23 demonstration against President Lyndon Johnson at the Century Plaza Hotel has applied for a permit to conduct a peace march in Torrance, Sunday, Aug. 6, it was revealed Friday.

Some 5,000 to 7,000 persons are expected to take part in the demonstration, aimed at the Dow Chemical Co. plant, 305 S. Crenshaw Blvd., according to Mike McCabe, who signed the application for a parade permit.

McCabe, of 555 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, listed himself as the coordinator of the Student Mobilization Committee. He said his group was involved in the June 23 demonstrations.

A FORMAL hearing on the application, required under city ordinances, has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

Sentencing Postponed In Burglary

Sentence was delayed in Southwest Superior Court for an admitted church burglar Friday and rescheduled on August 4.

Charles Paul DuPont was to appear for sentencing for the burglary of a typewriter from the Ascension Lutheran Church last June 5.

DuPont and Gene Fountain were arrested in Beverly Hills for a church burglary June 9 but transferred to Torrance when police recovered an electric typewriter in the suspects' vehicle belonging to the Torrance church. Fountain appeared for sentencing Wednesday, but action was delayed for two weeks in his case.

Thursday before the Torrance License Review Board.

The board, composed of License Director James A. Moss, Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig, and Jerome I. Scharfman, assistant city manager, will convene in public session to review the matter.

McCabe, in his application for the permit, said he met with police officials and other authorities to discuss plans for the march, which is scheduled between 2 and 6 p.m. Aug. 6. He said he is anxious to avoid any difficulties similar to those encountered in the Century Plaza demonstration.

THE CENTURY Plaza march turned into a major confrontation between police and the 10,000 persons in the crowd and resulted in several arrests and injuries.

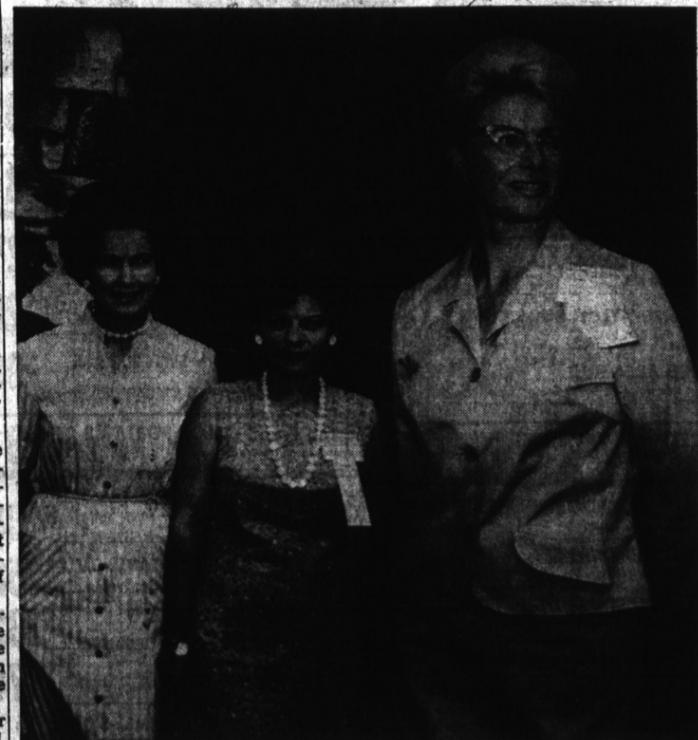
McCabe said he expects some 5,000 to 7,000 persons and about 2,000 cars to be involved in the demonstration at Dow Chemical Co. He said plans are to assemble "somewhere in Los Angeles County and then come to Torrance."

THE LOCATION of the Dow Chemical Co. on Crenshaw Boulevard will be a major problem, said City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Ferraro said the city could not close the street to traffic because of the heavy volume of traffic.

Ferraro also said city officials would meet with McCabe to discuss plans and provide the license Review Board with full information about the proposed demonstration.

No fees may be charged for the permit if it is granted, although costs for additional law officers and other preparations considered routine are estimated at \$2,000.

"That's for an orderly group," Ferraro said. (See PERMIT, Page A-2)



OUT FRONT . . . Judy Wagner (right) of Palos Verdes took first place from a field of 72 contestants in the 21st annual Powder Puff Derby concluded Friday. Second place winners are Fran Bera (center) and her co-pilot Barbara London, both of Long Beach. Mrs. Wagner soloed her Beechcraft Bonanza from Atlantic City, N. J., and arrived 15 minutes early at the Torrance Municipal Airport Wednesday.