

Adults Rescue High Schools' Sports, Spirit

Boosters Unit Vows Funds for Programs Slashed by Prop. 13

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PALOS VERDES PENINSULA—For a while, it seemed like high school students here would be singing the post-Proposition 13 blues upon returning to campus in September.

Trustees of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, faced with the financial fallout from Jarvis, had slashed 34% from the athletic budget and cut deeply into the other student activities.

But thanks to the Peninsula Federated Booster Clubs, a new coalition of parents, students, school administrators and other community supporters, all of the nearly \$100,000 in cuts probably will be restored.

The result is that the bands will be playing, drill teams marching, pep squads cheering, drama students performing and the athletes working out much as in the past.

And it is expected to brighten the mood on campus.

"My main concern," said Mike Schaffer, a Rolling Hills senior and nonvoting member of the school board, "was the morale of students without a drill team or pep squad."

Joe Fuszard, 17, president of the Palos Verdes High School band, agreed. "It's kind of a relief knowing that we're going to have these things," he said. "Everyone was kind of doubtful about what was going to happen."

District officials say more than two-thirds of the 6,700 students at the high schools—Miraleste, Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills—participate in student activities. And until recently, the news for them had been grim.

Board members, trying to make up an expected 10.8% loss in income because of Proposition 13, pared the student activity budgets as part of \$3 million in overall cuts.

Those cuts included \$68,500 in salaries for coaches and extra duty pay assignments, \$16,000 for transportation and \$14,000 for athletic equipment.

However, the threatened losses rallied the community and spawned the boosters group.

"For the first time," said George Bir, boosters president, "all the programs were in the same barrel. All were in trouble at the same time."

Stepping into the breach was the private foundation, which is in the process of incorporating as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. With representatives from each high school, the foundation hopes to raise enough money to restore student activities and athletics to 1977-78 levels.

Last week the school board agreed to the foundation's request to reinstate the first phase of what is expected to be an eventual restoration of nearly \$100,000 in cuts. Those expenses would be paid back by the booster.

The foundation's fund-raising plan will begin Sept. 15 with the Peninsula Bowl at Torrance's South High School Football Stadium. The round-robin tournament will feature varsity and frosh-soph teams from the district high schools, and Bir said organizers hope to raise \$50,000.

Other athletic events planned include a coed soccer bowl or track meet, a volleyball or basketball carnival and an aquatic exhibition. Band festivals and drama productions also are considered.

Police Curb Streetwalkers in Hawthorne

Special Team Responsible for Over 125 Arrests—Men, Too—Since July 25

BY JERRY RUHLOW
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HAWTHORNE—It's getting to where a hard-working prostitute can't earn a decent living in "the City of Good Neighbors."

Only a month ago, the oldest profession was thriving along almost any corner of Imperial Highway or Century Blvd.

Today, those corners are conspicuously empty of the scantily clad ladies who smile beguilingly at passing motorists.

There's more hanky-panky at a PTA meeting than there is at the \$5-a-night hotels around Hollywood Park race track.

The reason for the sudden retrenchment is a decidedly unfavorable business environment created by the Hawthorne Police Department's crime impact team.

Acting under orders from the City Council to "make life miserable for those who stay in this profession," the five-man undercover team has been responsible for 130 arrests since July 25, even though it is apparent they would rather be working their usual narcotic and burglary assignments than nabbing hookers.

Arrests have included 47 women on suspicion of prostitution and 79 prospective customers charged with soliciting. Four others

They ordered police to 'make life miserable for those in this profession.'

were arrested on related charges in the course of the operation which is scheduled to continue indefinitely.

Word has spread quickly among the "working girls," and there are few, if any, to be seen on the streets.

But the police have continued to plague their customers, with 29 men arrested during a four-hour operation on Tuesday.

The operation began at noon as the police gathered behind an Exxon station at York Ave. and Imperial Highway.

An attractive policewoman garbed in cut-off jeans, nylons, platform shoes and a frizzy wig lounged in front of a motel across the street. A microphone and transmitter were concealed in her clothes.

Within seconds, while the surveillance team was still organizing its report forms and checking equipment, a car rolled to a stop at her corner.

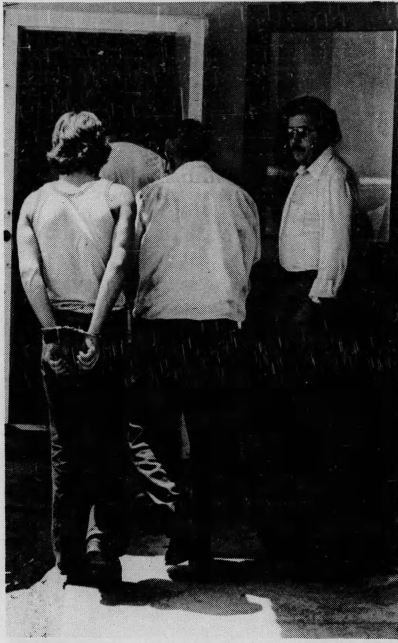
"Hello, what are you doing?" the occupant asked. "Just getting some sun," she replied.

"Do you date?" "Sometimes. What do you have in mind?" "You know . . ."

"No, tell me what you want." The prospective customer told her what he wanted—in graphic terms.

"For what?" the decoy asked. "\$20?" he suggested. "Sure. I've got a room here, No. 31. Park your car and I'll meet you in front."

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ARRESTED—Plainclothesman Billy Glass, right, captain in the Hawthorne Police Department, stands by as suspects arrested on charges of suspicion of soliciting for prostitution file into the police station for booking. They were arrested Tuesday.

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Jobs Center Raises Fees in Bid to Survive

Hefty Hikes Will Counteract Prop. 13; Boundaries Enlarged

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Squeezed by the financial impact of Proposition 13, the Southern California Regional Occupational Center has abandoned residency restrictions and will institute hefty user fees for its adult education programs.

The nonprofit tax-supported vocational school, located in Torrance at 2300 Crenshaw Blvd., will for the first time accept adult applications from outside its six school district boundaries to keep that program alive, according to Jeremiah Bresnahan, assistant superintendent.

The school, which was guaranteed no funds for its adult programs under terms of the state's Proposition 13 bail-out law, formerly charged only a nominal fee for those classes and had restricted enrollment for both its adult and high school programs to the six districts from which it derives its financial support—Torrance, El Segundo, Inglewood and Palos Verdes Unified School districts as well as Centinela Valley and South Bay Union High School districts.

While the restrictions will remain in force for the center's high school programs during the fall semester which begins Sept. 11, there will be no residency restrictions for adult school.

But fees for the adult programs will be raised to about \$240 from the current average of \$30 or \$40 to make the classes self-supporting, Bresnahan said.

"We have no adult school budget right now so we had two choices: either to close the adult section completely or apply a user fee," said Brian Donahue, who heads the center's adult division.

"The tuition we are charging is strictly on a cost basis. We are trying to recover the cost of the program only."

According to Donahue, a minimum of 250 adult students are needed to keep the program operating within the established guidelines of at least 18 students a class.

Donahue said it is likely that enrollment would drop below that level because of the higher user fee and boundary restrictions.

"People in the area are not used to paying this kind of money in tuition for adult education," he said. "So we are hoping that by opening up the district we will come up with the money we need."

"But we can't anticipate anything now because we've never done this before."

Donahue said there are "noises coming from Sacramento" that the

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EFFECTIVE SEPT. 14

Redondo Beach OKs Condo Moratorium

BY ALAN MALTUM
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REDONDO BEACH—The City Council, acting to clarify its community apartment and condominium conversion ordinance, has placed a four-month moratorium on all stock cooperative apartment conversions.

The council Monday passed the moratorium, which will go into effect Sept. 14, on a 3-2 vote with Mayor David K. Hayward breaking a tie between Councilmen Jamee Elben and Morgan McSweeney who favored it and Walter Mitchell and Rodney Nielsen who opposed it.

A move last week to impose an immediate moratorium failed. The current condominium construction and conversion ordinance places stricter construction requirements on the buildings than those used as apartments.

The law requires that condominiums have extra soundproofing between common walls and ceilings and more parking spaces per unit. Among other things, it also prohibits plumbing in common walls.

A stock cooperative differs from a condominium in that stock cooperative owners share common air space, hold shares in the entire property and have proprietary leases on specific units. Condominium owners, on the other hand, receive a grant deed to the space occupied by their units in the subdivision, and own a percentage

of public areas in the development, said City Planning Director Harlan Curwick.

In a community apartment, buyers do not own actual shares in the apartment building or corporation. Rather, each purchaser pays an agreed-upon portion of the entire development plus whatever down payment is required.

His participation entitles him to occupy a specific unit and a percentage interest in public areas of the project, such as swimming pools, walkways and recreation facilities.

Another major difference between community apartments and stock co-ops and condominiums is that community apartment owners are responsible for the mortgage and taxes on the entire project, while condominium and stock co-op owners are responsible only for payments on their own shares or units.

Therefore, if a community apartment dweller were to default on a payment, his fellow partners would have to make the payment for him or face foreclosure on the entire building.

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3 MILLION TRAVELERS SET JUNE RECORD AT AIRPORT

WESTCHESTER—June travel volume at Los Angeles International Airport exceeded 3 million passengers for the first time in the airport's history as air traffic continued climbing at a record pace.

The 3 million-passenger mark for June was an 18.7% increase over June, 1977. Volume for the first half of this year was 15.1 million passengers, up 15.6% over the same period last year, according to airport officials.

International travel during the first half of 1978 rose 23.9% and 23.2% in June over the same periods in 1977.

First-half domestic travel was up 14.6% and June domestic passenger volume increased 17.8% over those periods last year.

With August traditionally the heaviest traffic period, airport staff expect this to another 3 million-passenger month. LAX recorded its first 3-million passenger month in August, 1977.

The figures reflect this year's overall boom in air travel. LAX passenger volume had been growing at about a 9.5% clip in 1976 and 1977. In calendar 1977, the airport handled 28.3 million passengers.

IT'S UP TO FIREMEN

City Abandons Laundry Detail

TORRANCE—City officials here say they are tired of providing linen for the fire department.

From now on, they said, firefighters working on 24-hour shifts will have to do their own laundry.

Although the city has routinely taken care of purchasing and cleaning the bedding, LeRoy Jackson, assistant to the city manager, said the weekly task involved administrative time and became a "continuing administrative hassle."

Aside from the administrative headaches, Jackson said the cost amounted to about \$2 a month for each firefighter.

Under the new policy, firemen will be issued their first set of bedding and from then on it will be their responsibility to wash the linen and replace worn out items at their own cost.

Given the complicated state of management-employee relations, however, the shift in responsibilities could not be carried out without negotiations and a formal memorandum of understanding—a procedure generally associated with wage and benefit issues.

The final outcome—the city has washed its hands of the duty and the firefighters have agreed to take their reimbursement in the form of a \$2 monthly payment toward their employee insurance.



PUTTING ON THE DOG—The National Recreation and Park Assn. held its annual children's dog show Tuesday at Palos



Verdes Park. "Dark Invader," left, a miniature pinscher, took second place in smallest dog contest while Pekinese named Pip-



pi, center, took third to the delight of owner Terri Goodwin. "Obie," and "Spot" compete for "Best Costumed Dog" title.

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POLICE CURBING STREETWALKERS

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Members of the police team listened and recorded the conversation.

"That's a go!" the detective hearing the operation said, and two plainclothes officers sprinted toward the car as the man pulled into the service station parking lot. A few minutes later they brought back a charged middle-aged businessman, his hands cuffed behind his back. He would wait in the back seat of a police car until four more arrests were made and the five could be transported to the police station for booking.

He would not have long to wait. The same scene was played over and over through the afternoon, with little more than a couple of minutes between customers.

With the regular girls off the street, it was a strong seller's market and the police decoy had more business at times than the officers could handle and they had to repeatedly ask her to slow down.

A motorcycle officer stood by to chase down those who had second thoughts about the assignment after making a deal, but to find it was already too late.

According to the law, the crime of soliciting for a sexual act is committed when the suspect tells the girl what he wants and how much he will pay.

It works the same way when police tell the other side of the street, posing as customers to make a case against prostitutes. Under those circumstances, the suspect must state what service she will perform and how much it will cost.

The crackdown has proved a bonanza for Larry's Towing Service. Five trucks worked steadily all afternoon shutting off the cars of those arrested which were left parked at the service station. Those legally parked on the street were not towed.

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Police said most of those arrested are being released on \$1,000 bail with earliest arraignment dates scheduled Thursday, Aug. 24, in Inglewood Municipal Court.

Tuesday's operation turned out to be the most popular free show in town. During the afternoon the surveillance team was visited periodically by the chief of police, city administrative officer, city personnel officer, city attorney and councilman Joe Miller.

They came to listen to the conversation between the decoy and suspects, watch the arrests being brought in and presumably to assure themselves that the operation was going as ordered.

Those arrested Tuesday ranged from young men with long hair wearing tank tops and sandals to distinguished professional men in business suits with paging beepers on their belts.

"On Monday, we had one dapper old guy that was 84 years old who approached the decoy," one policeman said. "He said, 'I've been coming here for years and I don't remember seeing you before.'"

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"He knew what he was after, and it was a good case, but we figured what the hell, and just let him go with a warning."

Another man asked her if she knew there were a bunch of policemen behind the gas station across the street. But he still went ahead with the proposition.

Several men asked the decoy if she was a policewoman and seemed indignant when later arrested. "You can't arrest me," one man said. "I asked if she worked for the police and she said no."

Those arrested seemed highly embarrassed but took the matter gracefully once they found their conversation was on tape, and were primarily concerned with how long it would take them to get free.

According to police, that would take anywhere from two to six hours, depending on how busy things were at the

station and how soon they could come up with bail.

One man had more than bail to worry about. He was driving a large stake bed truck filled with sheets of metal. It was too valuable to leave unguarded on the streets, so police had to call the firm he worked for to advise them their driver had been arrested—and why.

Another would-be customer said he had to go to an important business meeting, and would be back in two hours. But before he left he made the mistake of telling the decoy what he wanted and agreeing on a price.

He didn't get to his meeting.

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