

SC Preliminary Budget Set At \$6 Million

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A preliminary city budget totaling \$6,096,464 was released today by City Manager David Koester. The total is nearly \$200,000 less than the 1963-64 budget of \$6,295,131.

Koester is recommending a one-cent cut in the total city tax rate, which would bring the property levy to \$2.10.

The city council will set budget sessions at Tuesday's council meeting. Koester said the council hopes to hold at least three sessions in the next two weeks.

Street projects figure prominently in the budget. The capital improvements budget of \$1,411,795 includes \$150,000 for four-lane widening of Ocean street from the reeway to Water street, \$150,000 to widen Water street from Ocean to Pacific avenue, and \$35,000 for a cut-through at the south end of Chestnut street. State gas tax funds will pay for \$100,000 of the projects.

Biggest item under capital improvements is \$156,000 for beach erosion control. This year's work is expected to complete the program. Erosion control work remains to be done between the river mouth and the small craft harbor.

The new salary schedule for city employes, conditionally approved by the council this spring, is included. The pay raises will cost approximately \$126,000 a year.

The controversial weed abatement program is built into the budget—\$19,824 is included to set up the program. Koester noted that results of a citizens' questionnaire showed a strong majority favors the program.

Another long-awaited project is in the budget: a \$45,000 item for land acquisition for a new city corporation yard. Proposed site of the new yard is on River street beyond the freeway.

Following up new lease agreements with tenants on municipal wharf, the budget includes \$13,900 for major wharf improvements, such as widening, improvements in the davit area, and purchase of the yacht club building. That sum will come from wharf income. The council also will study the possibility of spending \$12,000 from the general fund to replace overhead utility poles with under wharf electric facilities.

The city's financial picture for the year is brighter than might have been expected, according to Koester. Revenues were excellent, with sales tax income \$50,000 above estimates. Koester said tight budget control, a year without unforeseen emergencies, and delay of some project expenditures all contributed to the improved situation.

The 1964-65 budget anticipates a 5 per cent increase in property tax revenue, through an increased tax base. Koester warned, however, that no other income increases should be depended on.

Referring to proposed new shopping centers in mid-county, Koester noted that "New retail facilities which are scheduled . . . in the outlying areas . . . could have a detrimental effect on in-city tax revenues."

One small budget item may have wide-reaching effects. A \$2000 figure for city hall improvements includes a proposal to buy a voting machine for the council. With the machine, the councilmen would vote simultaneously by pressing a switch. All seven votes then would be flashed on a light board.

The intention is to take the pressure off councilmen who realize, in a roll-call vote, that they may cast a tie-breaking vote. The machine would also make it more difficult for a councilman to cast a "crowd-pleasing" vote which he knows will be defeated.

Boulder Creek In Daze

An old fashioned, slow moving, music saturated, drum throbbing, float filled parade will move through Boulder Creek tomorrow noon at a revival of Boulder Creek Days.

According to Scotty Burns Sr., parade chairman, about 75 entries have been received. Pep Piccioni, the Leo Carillo of Boulder Creek, will fancy-ride his horse as grand marshal.

The three days of festivities begin tonight with an old time melodrama, "The Miner's Daughter" by the Valley Players, and a variety show behind the fire hall in the recreation pavilion.

It begins at 8 p.m. and there is a donation of 50 cents to help with expenses. There'll be Boulder Creek's own Can-Can girls to fling legs about; Lee Elder will folksing, the Taylor family will present hillbilly music and there's even a bicycle number. There's more than 17 "headliner" acts guaranteed to do something or other.

Tomorrow's whoop-de-do: flag raising, 7 a.m.; sports car parade down the main drag, 10:15 a.m.; band concert on the judges stand at 11 a.m. by members of Musician's Union, local 346; big parade at noon.

Then, if hungry, there's a barbecue at 1 p.m.; a fashion show at 3 p.m. in the recreation pavilion; a free teenage dance at 8 p.m. in the fire hall and a square dance in the pavilion.

Contests will be held for the kids at 9 a.m. in the fire hall and an old fashioned log sawing contest is scheduled for somewhere in Boulder Creek at 8 a.m.

Sunday's schedule starts with a chuck wagon breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; a horse parade at 9 a.m. followed by a horse show at Chiquita Rancho stables. A drawing for a piece of property is slated for 2 p.m. and the festival will conclude at 2:30 p.m. with a whiskerino contest.

Judges for the parade Saturday are: Santa Cruz Mayor Norman Lezin, Russ McCallie, chairman of the board of supervisors, J. D. Cottrel of the San Lorenzo Valley Horsemen's association, and Wally Trabing, "Mostly About People" columnist for the Sentinel. Carl Connelly will act as master of ceremonies.

Teen-Ager Admits Five Killings -Including School Teacher

Kalamazoo, Mich. (AP). — Five killings were admitted today, police said, by a youth arrested Thursday night on a tip in the slaying of a school teacher.

It was a tip in the hitch-hiker slaying of teacher Gary Albert Smock of Plymouth, Mich., that led authorities to slightly built Larry Ranes, 19, of Kalamazoo.

Highway 17 Warning Signs Illegal



Three of these signs, erected along Highway 17 two weeks ago, have been declared illegal and will have to be removed. The signs carry the name of Philanthropist Harvey West of Placerville. All are printed in

fluorescent colors and were erected following a dispute over safety measures on the highway. County Planning Director Bert Muhly said no permit has been issued for the six-foot signs, and they are there-

fore illegal. He has asked West to have the billboards taken down within a week. The action was taken after a San Jose attorney, H. Reed Searle, complained about the lack of legality and moral taste of the signs.

New Pattern Of War Against Viet Cong

U.S., Vietnamese Force Hits Red Supply Area

Tay Ninh, South Viet Nam. (AP)—Jungle-trained U. S. and Vietnamese special forces wiped out a vital Communist supply area along the Cambodian border in a hazardous three-day "scorched earth" operation that ended Thursday night.

The operation west of Tay Ninh may set a new pattern in the war against the elusive Viet Cong.

The Viet Cong toll was not high—about 25 killed out of 1500 men estimated in the area. But everything the Viet Cong depend upon for their sustenance was razed or carried away.

About 1000 tons of rice was destroyed. Thousands of ducks and chickens were slaughtered or carried off. Dozens of pigs, water buffalo and cows were destroyed.

A 20-mile stretch along the Vaico Oriental River was left scorched and barren. Winding southeastward out of Cambodia, the river has been a strategic waterway for Red guerillas and supplies.

The operation was one of the biggest helicopter-supported operations of the war. Twenty-five armed and ten troop-carrying U. S. helicopters took part.

The number of ground forces

was relatively small—some 300 Vietnamese special forces, 200 Rangers and 20 American advisers. But the advisers said it was one of the best-coordinated American-Vietnamese operations of the war.

American advisers on the ground maintained direct contact with U. S. helicopters overhead, dispensing with much of the red tape involved in joint American-Vietnamese operations in the past.

D.A. Aide Admits Error In Dismissing Curb Case

Assistant District Attorney Tom Prosser today admitted he made a legal mistake in dismissing the vehicle code count against Carl J. Anderson which charged that he violated a vehicle code provision by installing a green curb at Capitola.

Capitola Police Chief Marty Bergthold had cited Anderson on a count of installing an unauthorized traffic device. Prosser dropped the charge thinking that it didn't cover curb markings. Today he said the traffic code section does cover such a case.

"I made a blunder in dismissing this thing," Prosser said. "I'm not afraid to admit I've made an error and I'm sorry I put the chief of police in a bad light. I acted too hastily."

The action against Anderson was filed after he installed a green-dyed sidewalk and curb in front of the Black and White liquor store which he operates. Officials hold that it simulates the city's 24-minute parking zones. Anderson contends he was given authority to install the green curb.

Prosser today said Chief Bergthold acted within the law when he had the curb painted black. He also said court-action could order the curb removed.

Anderson has requested the city council for three green zones. The council has referred the matter to Chief Bergthold for a recommendation before deciding the matter.

Fred W. (Kalkar) Johnson Of Santa Cruz Dies In Pomona

Fred W. (Kalkar) Johnson, 81, founder and developer of Kalkar products in his Pacific Limestone, He then turned to experiments with the use of crushed limestone treated for . . .