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YOUTH CENTER BUILDING, LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TO START APRIL 2

A Penny for your Thoughts

Persons in downtown Torrance were asked by the Pennies photographer if they think "C students should be banned from colleges to ensure room for the A and B students."

Mrs. John Toledo, 929 Sorock Drive:

"I think colleges should permit C students to register because most high school boys do not take high school seriously. Most of them enter the military service after high school and when they get out are a little more settled down and know more about what they want in life."

Mrs. C. C. Cash, 1101 W. 204th St.:

"No. I think every child should have a chance no matter what their grade average. Sometimes the C student is just as good but doesn't make as good a grade average."

Mrs. Kenneth Hazeltine, Beloit, Wis.:

"No. I think colleges should make some allowance for the C students to take a technical course instead of liberal arts. Some sort of arrangement should be made for the C student to attend college."

Thomas Kemble, Bellflower:

"No. I don't think so. Some people have to work harder to get a C than an A or B student. C students sometimes put more towards their studies and are sometimes better students. There are a lot of students getting Cs who could get As and

William F. Irwin, Garden Grove:

"No. We need all the young people educated that can be educated. The more young people who get an education the better off the United States is. Education makes for a stronger America."



A PROUD MOMENT . . . There were not a few prideful looks in the crowd Sunday afternoon as the flag was raised at the new Torrance Scout Center behind the YWCA building at Carson and Plaza Del Amo, marking the completion of a community project which has been three years in the building, and which was the joint effort of nearly a dozen Torrance civic groups. Flag-raising ceremonies symbolized formal opening of the building.

Re-Elect Mayor Isen (An Editorial)

While it is important that the city be served by competent council members, it is absolutely paramount that a chief executive be selected who can better serve the overall interests of the average citizen.

That is why this newspaper feels duty bound to announce a choice for mayor at the municipal election to be held Tuesday, April 10. Consideration has been given to the qualifications of the two major candidates and the conclusion reached that Mayor Albert Isen should be re-elected.

He should be re-elected because he has demonstrated seasoned capacity for the office, because he has spent long hours in the city's behalf, and because he successfully has guided the city during the period of most important growth. His re-election will be, in a sense, a reward for a record of faithful public service; but, more importantly, it will be a demonstration of plain good business sense on the part of the voters.

It is the policy of this newspaper to avoid the device of personal abuse in a political campaign, choosing rather to give support to those candidates who, it honestly believes, will serve the very best interests of the average voter.

The technique of personal abuse has been and is being used by some foes of Mayor Isen. They have seized on certain aspects of a personality they consider irritating and have compounded them with the hope of obscuring the much more important fact that he has been a very good mayor. This type of carping criticism should, we think, be ignored.

Fortunately for Torrance, Mayor Isen has had the time, willingness, and ability to give full time to the job. He is Torrance reared, loves his city and his country, and enjoys a remarkable capacity for energetic enthusiasm he converts into action.

For these and many other reasons this newspaper, along with thousands of individuals in this great city, endorse the candidacy for re-election of Albert Isen to continue as Mayor of Torrance.

Ceremonies Planned for Both Events

Double groundbreaking ceremonies have been scheduled here for Monday morning, April 2, to signal start of construction on a new Torrance Recreation Building on the civic center site, and for a new WALTERIA Branch Library at WALTERIA Park.

Plans approved by the City Council Tuesday evening call for the first ceremony to be held at the civic center at 10:30 a.m. and the second one following at 11:30 a.m. Officials will form a motorcade after the civic center ceremony to travel to WALTERIA.

The civic center building will contain about 10,000 square feet and is estimated to cost \$150,000. It should be completed by Oct. 1, officials report.

The WALTERIA library will contain 4,000 square feet and cost about \$45,000 the architect estimated. It is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 1. In the meantime, the library is occupying temporary quarters in the old fire station at 242nd Street and Ocean Avenue, WALTERIA.

Members of the City Council, Recreation Commission, Library Commission, and others will attend a luncheon after the dual groundbreaking.

Leaders Due Back In School

About 150 business and industry leaders will head back for the classrooms tomorrow as guests of the Torrance school district at the annual Business - Industry - Education Day.

Sponsored each year by the schools and the Chamber of Commerce, B-I-E Day is designed to offer businessmen and teachers an opportunity to take a one-day look at the daily experiences of the other. On alternate years, teachers spend a day in the businesses and industries of the city.

Tomorrow's schedule will begin with a short general meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the music room at South High School. The guests will then divide into small groups and proceed with principals to the various schools of the district.

Police Seek News About Poison Cans

Detectives from the Harbor Division of the Los Angeles Police Department have issued an appeal for persons who know the whereabouts or information on two cans of deadly poison stolen from a truck to contact them immediately.

The truck was parked Friday on Sepulveda Boulevard about a quarter mile west of Normandie Avenue. The cans, which were taken from the cab of the truck, were described as being painted red with yellow and black lettering, 11 inches tall and about the same in diameter.

Detective H. L. Baillie said the cans were taken either Friday or Saturday from the truck, owned by the T. K. Meredith Co. of Garden Grove. Baillie said the cans contain Amino Triazole, a poisonous insecticide used by pest control firms. Persons who have information on the cans may telephone TE 2-7211.

Cranston To Seek New Term

State Controller Alan Cranston formally announced Tuesday that he will be a candidate for reelection this year.

Cranston, a Democrat, was elected controller in 1958.

He issued this statement: "It has been a priceless privilege to serve as controller of California as we have moved toward leadership as the greatest state in the greatest democracy on the face of our earth. "I look forward to working in the years before us to see to it that the people of California (Continued on Page 2)

Firm to Ask Court Help

Attorneys for the strike-bound Vickers plant here will go into court tomorrow to ask for damages of \$125,000 and an additional \$25,000 a day on the grounds that pickets are violating a court order limiting the number of pickets at the plant's gates.

Officials also said they would ask for a restraining order prohibiting the mass picketing they charge has interfered with the operation of their plant during a strike now in progress there.

The move on the part of the company followed reports of threats, near clashes along the picket lines, and phone threats to the homes of non-union workers and company officials.

Board Salutes City For Court Campaign

Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday accepted bouquets from County Supervisor Burton W. Chace for his city's successful campaign to bring the Southwest

District Superior Courthouse to the Torrance civic center. Isen and a committee of civic and municipal leaders from Torrance recently convinced a committee of Superior Court judges that the Southwest courthouse, presently located in the city of Inglewood, should be moved to their city on the basis that Torrance in 10 years will be the population center.

"Another factor which I am sure was important in the decision of the judges was the progressive attitude of the city of Torrance in offering the county free land for the courthouse and probation building as well as ample off-street parking," Chace said in presenting Isen the resolution.

The supervisor pointed out that Torrance, recently chosen as an "All American City" by Look magazine, has grown from a population of 40,000 to 110,000 during the past several years.

Recognized along with Isen for the effort were committee members Boris Woolley, Reid Bundy, Henry Creeger, Robert Burke, Nickolas O. Dralle, and Stanley Remelmeier. City council members involved in the program were Dralle, Willys G. Blount, George Vico, Victor E. Benstead Jr., George A. Bradford, and J. A. Beasley.

Shop Ransacked

Thieves broke into the Goody Shop at 2121 W. Carson St., across from Torrance High School, over the weekend where they ransacked the cash register and amusement machines, according to owner, Mike R. Oliver. Entry was gained by prying open the front door of the cafe.



MAYOR HONORED . . . Supervisor Burton W. Chace (left) presents official commendation of County Board of Supervisors to Mayor Albert Isen for the successful campaigning to bring the Southwest District Superior Courthouse to the Torrance civic center. Presentation was made during the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday morning.

King Seeks Election to 11th Term

Congressman Cecil R. King Wednesday made his candidacy for re-election to an 11th term official by filing nomination papers for entry in the primary election June 5.

In announcing his candidacy, Congressman King said: "It has been a privilege for the past 20 years to have served the 17th District in Congress.

"Since taking my first oath of office, I have always been mindful of the fact that I was the servant of the people, and have always conducted myself accordingly, casting my vote in the best interests of all the citizens of the District and the nation."

Two strong Republican candidates, Ted Bruinsma of San Pedro and Dr. Merle Boyce of Wilmington, are seeking nomination of their party to oppose King in the November general election.

City Votes To Cancel Pound Pact

City councilmen have approved a recommendation of City Manager Wade E. Peebles to negotiate with the Southern California Humane Society to take over the city's emergency animal care.

The action came after Peebles submitted a report to the council Tuesday which stated "The South Bay Humane Society has been negligent in the fulfillment of their contract. A condition of mal-service and bad public relations is in strong evidence."

Councilmen voted to cancel the city's contract with the South Bay Humane Society on the grounds of non-performance and breach of contract.

NORTH HIGH FRESHMAN WINS CARRIER AWARD

Steven Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erd of 18719 Haas Ave., has been named the Herald's carrier of the month for February.

"Steven enjoys selling new subscriptions and is realizing the added rewards of building up his business enterprise," Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott said.

The North High School student has been delivering eight months for the Herald. His father is an employe of North American Aviation in Inglewood. They have resided in Torrance about two years.

Besides being proclaimed carrier of the month the North High freshman is also the recipient of a \$5 bonus which is given for his outstanding efforts.



STEVEN COOPER . . . Herald Winner

Liquor Store Owner Fires At Bandits

Leo E. Grogan, 58, owner of Grogan's Liquor Store at 1300 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. in Harbor City Tuesday fired at two robbers as they fled his store after taking \$50.

The liquor store owner told police he fired at the suspects' fleeing car but believed they were out of range. The two robbers walked into the store and demanded the money from the cash register.