

PRESS INVITES READERS TO "It Happens Every Thursday"



'IT HAPPENS EVERY THURSDAY'... The Torrance Press invites one and all to the showing of 'It Happens Every Thursday,' a delightful comedy dealing with the trials and tribulations of a weekly community newspaper and the husband-and-wife team which runs it. Tickets, which are absolutely free, are being made available by The Torrance Press and Joe Greene of the Harbor Drive-in Theatre, Vermont at Sepulveda, where the film will be shown. Tickets may be picked up at The Torrance Press office, Hinckley's Market in Lomita, or Try-It Furniture in Avalon Village. The free showing is scheduled for February 1 and 2.

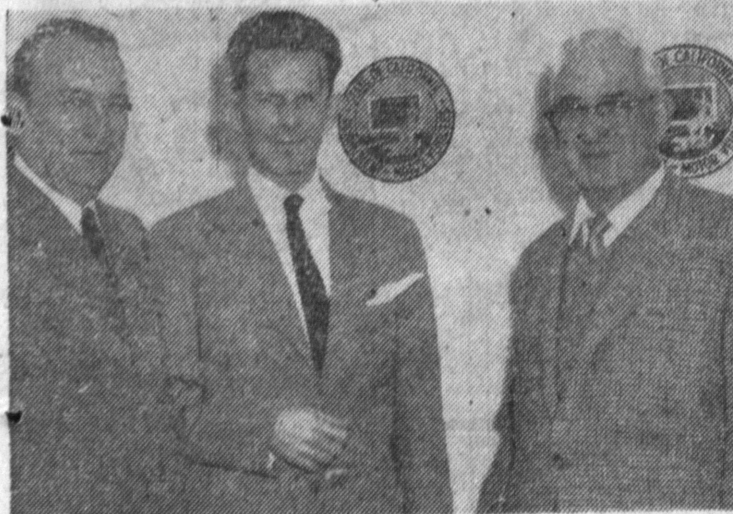
BE OUR GUEST!

Free Film Tickets To 'It Happens Every Thursday'

Free tickets to "It Happens Every Thursday," one of the most hilarious movies ever filmed, may be picked up today, Thursday, January 28, through Tuesday, February 2, by coming to the office of The Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Avenue (corner Post) or at Hinckley's Market in Lomita or Try-It Furniture in Avalon Village.

The Torrance Press, in co-operation with Joseph Greene, manager of the Harbor Drive-In Theatre, Vermont at Sepulveda, where the film will be shown, invites all its readers to come to the free showing of the picture February 1 and 2. Absolutely no charge will be made.

Newspaper Story
"It Happens Every Thursday" delightfully chronicles the happiness and the heartbreak of a weekly community newspaper and the amusing and heart-warming struggle of a young married couple who take over this struggling country weekly and build it into a successful newspaper.
The story is one of the most authentic stories of a "weekly" ever written or filmed. The Torrance Press feels that residents will enjoy the picture wholeheartedly as well as gain an insight into the workings of a community newspaper like The Torrance Press itself.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS... The Torrance branch of the Motor Vehicle Department officially opened for business this week, Monday. Attending the ceremonies were (l-r): Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who has been actively campaigning for the local office; Levitt Tudor, Jr., director of the Torrance branch; and Sam Levy, local merchant who leased the building to the State. The office is located at 1317 Cravens Ave., opposite the Telephone company near Torrance Blvd.



MINUS A PINT... Those who walked into the American Legion Hall last Friday most likely found themselves minus one pint of blood by the time they walked out again. Three groups contributed to the bloodmobile stationed at the Post: Columbia Steel employees, Pacific Electric employees, and American Legion members. Among the donors were (l-r, seated):

Bill Dietlin, Legionnaire, Ann Arnold, American Legion auxiliary, and Hugh Rigby, Columbia Steel. Keeping an eye on their eager appetites are (l-r): Mrs. John Stoddard, Red Cross canteen, Howard Weber, Legionnaire, Vernon Coil, Legionnaire, Bill Johns, Legionnaire, and Mrs. W. R. West, Red Cross canteen.

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Building Violations Charged By Residents

COUNCIL ASKS INVESTIGATION

Following organized protests from residents in the Crenshaw Gardens area concerning alleged violations of the building code, the City Council called for an investigation of the homes in that area by the state and the city of Torrance.

Violations

Joseph E. Kolb, speaking on behalf of about 35 residents present at the council meeting as well as others in the tract, maintained that promises made by Anthony Paravano, representing the various corporations were not kept. Kolb presented documented evidence allegedly illustrating numerous building code violations.

Among the corporations which Paravano was said to represent are the Princeton, Loyola, Stanford, and "other" construction companies.

Attorney Protests

Harry S. Apter, attorney, representing the Stanford Building Corp., protested these allegations, stating that the homes had been thoroughly checked by Sid Galchutt, investigator for the Contractor's State License Board, and were approved by him. Apter charged that an "awful lot of harm" was being done by the residents and asked that these slanderous remarks be quashed.

Apter declared that his client will sue for slander. As far as the investigation is concerned, the attorney stated that the corporation will welcome it.

ATTORNEY ENDORSED BY GOP

John A. Willd, Torrance attorney, was endorsed as a candidate for the State Assembly in the June primary elections by the Republican Fact-Finding Committee of the Sixty-eighth Assembly District Monday night.

Willd, associated with Boris



JOHN WILLD
... State Candidate

Employers' Council Gets New Board

As a result of the election of members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council Board of Directors held on January 21, the following members will comprise the board for the coming year:

Louis Arbetter, Allen Jewelers, Torrance.
John T. Binkley, counsel.
J. N. Blake, Robertson & Blake Hardware, Gardena.
J. C. Caldwell, Caldwell's Department Store, Wilmington.
Harry M. Carr, real estate, San Pedro.
W. O. Clausen, Clausen Bros., Wilmington.
Paul Diamond, the Gay Shop, Torrance.
Clyde H. Dunlap Jr., Dunlap's, San Pedro.
J. A. Eichhorn, Floyd Stationery, San Pedro.

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Griffin Girl 'Critical'

Her condition still "critical," little Diana Griffin, 5, was still fighting for her life at Harbor General hospital. The little girl was saved from death last week when her polio-crippled brother, Reginald, 19, dragged himself to her aid after her dress had caught fire from a floor heater in the family home at 193rd street and Western avenue. Diana suffered 40-50 per cent burns, it was announced.

Strictly On The Level...

The name and incidents in this story are real. Charles A. Davis, 23314 Huber Ave., had a 17 cu. ft. deep freezer. He wanted to get rid of it. He did. He sold it. Davis did so instantly. He did it by placing the following ad in the The Torrance Press Classified section:

FOR SALE—1952 deep freezer 17 cu. ft. Double door. Chest type. Used 9 months. Best offer. DA. 6-0339
23314 Huber Ave., Torrance

You have just read another in a series of Torrance Press Classified stories. We've got a million of 'em!

RAILROAD ENGINEER ENDS LIFE



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT... when this trophy will be presented to the local citizen who has contributed most to the welfare and growth of Torrance in 1953. The presentation will be made at the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner which starts at 7 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

Admiring the trophy are from left to right: Paul Diamond (front), co-chairman; Dale Isenberg, executive secretary; Paul Loranger, president-elect; and Darwin Parish, co-chairman.

Blames Poor Health

Despondent over ill health stemming from a railroad accident 18 years ago, the constant pains of arthritis, and a week-old case of the flu, a 74-year-old local resident committed suicide Monday by sending a .22 calibre rifle bullet through the roof of his mouth, according to Acting Chief Willard Haslam. Dead from a single shot fired through his mouth is Fred L. Swartz, 74, 1024 Cota street. Swartz's body was found by his wife, Goldie, when she returned from a neighbor's apartment to ask advice for relieving

Gala Chamber Dinner Set For Tonight

Good food, entertainment, and awards are to be the keynote of tonight's Chamber of Commerce annual installation dinner to be held in the Civic Auditorium, starting at 7 p.m. In addition to the "chuck wagon" dinner featuring "all you can eat," newly elected officers will be installed and the William I. Laughon-Grover C. Whyte Memorial trophy will be presented to a local citizen who has contributed most to the welfare and growth of this city in 1953. In addition to the Sparklers who'll provide the musical entertainment, dinner guests will be given a preview showing of the recently completed picture of Torrance. The idea of an annual citizen

Notice To New Residents

Deadline for classified advertising to appear in the Thursday issue of the Torrance Press is Tuesdays, 5 p.m. Classified ads may be placed with this paper as follows: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.—8:30 a.m. to noon. Ads may be placed by coming to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens (corner Post Ave.) or by calling FA. 8-2345.

Just Call Margie to Raise Cane

Our Little Margie came up with a success story this week that will interest you. Mrs. Chace of Lomita called on Marjorie's shopping service to find her a bunch of cane for caning a chair. At first it seemed impossible, but proved only to be an interesting challenge. Within an hour Mrs. Chace was told where, in this area, she could buy cane for her chair. Let's all go shopping with Marjorie. If it's the next to impossible or the easy to find she will be glad to help you shop. Phone FTontier 54061 or FAirfax 82545.

Market Center To Be Opened

The news that a great new Clark Market Shopping Center will soon be erected in Torrance was released today by Mark S. Schulman, president of the Clark Market chain. Representing an overall investment in land, buildings, equipment and merchandise in excess of \$2,000,000, the Clark Market building alone will contain over 36,000 square feet.

The giant new Clark Market, scheduled for late summer, will be located at the corner of Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne boulevard in Torrance, centrally located to serve the people in the fast growing communities of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lomita, Waverly, Palos Verdes and Harbor City, representing an area with a population of over 100,000, and will be the largest and most beautiful Clark Market yet built by this young and fast growing chain of Clark Super Markets in Southern California.

In addition to the giant Clark Market building, the new Torrance Shopping Center will include a famous cut-rate drug store, a well-known 5c-10c-\$1 store, a furniture and appliance store, a separate postoffice building, a barber and beauty shop, a shoe repair shop, a cleaning and laundry shop, and many other stores and services for the community. Abundance of free parking will be provided by a modern 500-car capacity, well-lighted and paved parking area.

2 Obstacles Hinder Joint Play Program

Two major obstacles are slowing down progress toward a smooth, efficient recreation program for the city of Torrance, observers close to the scene pointed out this week. They are: lack of school representation on the city recreation commission, and the commission's lack of power to plan and hire. In order to get the full co-operation of the schools in such a joint program, which has been seen as the most efficient solution to the local recreation problem, it is necessary to assure the schools partial control in the administration of the program, it was stated.

New Set-Up
Other areas such as Long Beach have a joint recreation commission. It has been suggested that the Torrance recreation commission, composed of seven members, study other

commissions and make a recommendation for a joint commission set-up.

In the meantime, praise has been expressed from many quarters for Harry Van Belle, present director of recreation, and the efficient way the recreation department has been functioning in recent weeks with limited facilities.

Why Needed
The need for a joint recreation program stems from the fact that both the schools and the city would be duplicating services and facilities if no program were worked out whereby they could pool their resources, it has been pointed out.

The danger of duplicating facilities was seen again when certain members of the recreation commission indicated in recent weeks that money, which might come from a recreation bond issue, should go for purchasing park sites. Not only would such a move require expending money on facilities already available through the schools, but such a move would mean spending money on long-range projects instead of concentrating on immediate needs, it was pointed out. The county has pledged to give \$2500 more than the present \$3425. Culver City, on the other hand, which has the identical set-up as Torrance, will receive a total of \$10,000, it was disclosed.

LICENSE DEADLINE

License payers were reminded this week that the deadline for paying this year's business licenses is January 31. Penalties will be added if payments are not made by that time, it was announced by A. H. Bartlett, city clerk.



CENTER PLANNED: Architect's drawing of the giant new Clark market shopping center being planned for a late summer completion at Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne boulevard in Torrance. It will feature all the facilities of

a modern shopping center and is slated to serve the communities of Palos Verdes, Harbor City, Waverly, Lomita, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

Torrance Month-End Sales Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.

(READ! READ! READ! EVERY PAGE PACKED WITH VALUES!)