

# Testimonial to Honor Mayor Isen Monday

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**WITH TROPHIES . . .** Displaying trophies won by Marine Corps units in last Saturday's Armed Forces Day Parade here are representatives of three prize-winning units. Shown are (from left) Lt. W. D. Morey, E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines, 5th Marine Division, Camp Pendleton; Susan Hawk, Miss Torrance, who assisted in the presentation of trophies; Gunnery Sgt. R. E. Kelly, drum major of the 5th Marine Band; Mayor Albert Isen, who presented the awards; and Capt. Elbert L. Selleck, Company commander, Co. A, 1st Battalion, 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Council Delays Nollac Verdict Until Tuesday

### Jaycees Salute Mayor for Long Service to City

Torrance Mayor Albert Isen will be guest of honor tomorrow evening at an "Appreciation Night" banquet sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees.

The testimonial dinner will honor Isen for 14 years of service to the city as its first — and only — elected mayor.

Isen was elected to the City Council in 1954 and the following year was named mayor. He has held the post since, including nearly two terms as the city's only elected mayor.

**THE JAYCEES'** salute will be held at the Latitude 20 Restaurant, 3901 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

Ernie Menehune and Arthur Lyman, popular entertainers who have frequently appeared at the Torrance nightclub, will headline a show saluting the mayor.

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be R. S. (Dick) Fitzgerald, former manager of both the Torrance Area and Redondo Beach Chambers of Commerce and now director of beaches for Los Angeles County.

**JIM BURGER**, president-elect of the Jaycees, said the salute was planned by the Jaycees as a tribute to Isen for his leadership during the period of Torrance's most staggering growth and as a review of the progress in the city during the past 15 years.

In that time, Burger noted, the city has grown from some 25,000 persons to more than 140,000.

Leon Taylor, Jaycees president, and Burger also said the Monday evening program is

being staged by Jaycees to say "thanks" for a job well done to one of the giants of our community." They said the local Jaycees are personally indebted to Isen for his aid in helping them become one of the top local Jaycee chapters in the state.

**AMONG THE** highlights of Isen's career of public service to be recalled Monday will be the presentation of Torrance's All-America City Award 11 years ago. Isen spearheaded the drive which culminated in his acceptance of the award in Memphis, Tenn.

The salute is open to the public and tickets may be obtained from members of the Jaycees, at the Torrance City Hall, and from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

### Tool Sheds Looted at Hospital

Theft of tools valued at more than \$4,700 was reported to Torrance police Thursday morning by officials of six contracting firms involved in the construction of the new Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Police investigating the report said burglars had used bolt cutters to cut locks on storage sheds at the construction site, 3400 W. Lomita Blvd.

The burglaries occurred between 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday, officials said.

Victims included Kemp Brothers Contractors, Collins & McPherson, Inc., Sherwin Electrical Contractors, Pan Pacific Pumping, Kirkwood Electric, Inc., and Hickman Brothers, Inc.

The largest loss was reported by Hickman Brothers, a welding contractor. The firm reported tools valued at \$2,575 were taken.

### TV Set Taken

Burglars broke into a North Torrance home Thursday and carted off more than \$1,000 in goods, including a color television set. The theft was reported by Donald R. Brown, 44, of 3314 W. 182nd Place. The burglars broke a window in a rear door to gain entry.

## Hospital Begins Search For New Administrator

Search for a permanent administrator for the new Torrance Memorial Hospital was intensified this week following the resignation of Frank M. Cooper who has served in an interim capacity during the past year.

The new hospital administrator will be charged with administrative functions for Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Riviera Community Hospital, whose facilities and staffs will be merged with completion of the new \$8 million Torrance Memorial Hospital now under construction on Lomita Boulevard east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Cooper, who had served earlier as assistant administrator at Torrance Memorial Hospital, returned to accept assignment as interim administrator 13 months ago when Leonard Ensminger left to accept an assignment at another community hospital.

"Personal care has been the hallmark of these . . . institutions," she said.

**CONSTRUCTION** of new facilities to replace the present Riviera and Torrance hospitals is being financed through federal funding and with funds raised by hospital groups and local industries.

Nearly \$500,000 has been donated by employees, doctors, the board of directors, and by auxiliary groups affiliated with Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Another \$250,000 in bridges and contributions have been received from local industries. Community support and funds will continue to be solicited, Mrs. Woolley said.



**DISPLAY AWARDS . . .** Officers of the Torrance Jaycees display some of the statewide awards which they received during the annual convention of the California Jaycees in Anaheim earlier this month. Shown holding awards are (from left) Dave Schwartz, treasurer-elect; Jim Burger, president-elect; and Leon Taylor, retiring president of the Jaycees. Taylor was named the top winner in the Outstanding Local President competition and Burger won top honors as the Outstanding Local State Director. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Jaycees Win Top Awards

Torrance Jaycees captured seven top statewide awards in competition during the 42nd annual convention of the California Jaycees earlier this month.

In addition, local Jaycees earned three top awards for individual members, including honors for Leon Taylor as the outstanding local president in the state.

The convention, held in Anaheim, was keynoted by Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Torrance Jaycees competed with 15 other California cities with a population of 100,000 or more.

Awards won by the local Jaycees include: Inter club relations, first place; Agriculture and conservation, second place; International relations, second place; health and safety, second place; and ways and means, third place.

The Torrance Gold Chip Chapter was awarded second place as the California Jaycees Outstanding Local of the Year.

Individual awards were earned by Taylor, outstanding local president; and by Jim

Burger, third place in the Spark Plug (outstanding active Jaycee) competition and first place as the outstanding local state director.

## Play to Benefit Kidney Patient

Fifth graders at Lincoln Elementary School will present a three-act play today to benefit the Sandy Van Steenberg Fund. Entitled "The Princess and the Dragon," the play will be given at 4:15 and 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 2418 W. 166th St., Gardena. Donation is 25 cents.

Dursilla the Dragon will be played by Carol Sheppard, with Stephen Sunshine taking the role of Prince Pumpkin. Princess Peppermint is Beth Atkins and King Caraway is Tom McAuley.

Other players include Gail Liston, Queen Galina; Janet Osterback, announcer; Frank Sheckler, king's advisor; and Claudia Stancilffe, dancer.

## More Study Slated

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The City Council will announce its findings Tuesday night in the case of Walter M. Nollac, former city engineer, who was dismissed April 16 on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.

The Council, which has been reviewing the transcript of the case privately, met for 2½ hours Thursday night to hear wrap-up presentations from attorneys, Nollac, and City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

Ferraro suspended Nollac from duty last December after presenting a list of 17 charges of misconduct and incompetence.

**A THREE-month** Civil Service Commission hearing ended in Nollac's dismissal on three counts of inefficiency and failure to perform duties. In none of the 17 charges, however, did the commission find Nollac guilty of misconduct or incompetency.

Last night's hearing opened with a presentation by Walter Anderson, prosecuting attorney, who stated, "The Civil Service Commission was most generous in its findings." Anderson termed the commission's decision "a real gesture of kindness."

Anderson directed his first remarks to a charge in which Nollac was found guilty of inefficiency in approving drainage fund reimbursement to South Bay Realty Co. when the company was delinquent in the payment of \$2,117 to the city for inspection services.

**ALSO, THE** commission found that reimbursement appeared to be based on overstated costs presented to the city by South Bay Realty.

Anderson claimed that Nollac okayed the reimbursement of funds to South Bay Realty that were in reality roughly \$5,000 more than the company actually paid its contractor, Merl Be. Smith Co., for the sewer work.

Anderson displayed two in- (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)

## Summer Camp Plan Outlined by YMCA

Free ice cream cones will be given away tomorrow to the first 175 persons to register for camping trips at the Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

A Mammoth Family Camp is slated between Aug. 30 and Sept. 6. Cost is \$10 plus 50 cents per person per day. Campers will swim in Hot Creek, visit Bodie Ghost Town or Devil's Post Pile, and explore Indian caves.

Two resident camps for boys are scheduled. Nitchi Wahoo for boys 9 and 10 will be held Aug. 2 to 9 and Round Meadow for boys 10 and 11 is

slated for Aug. 9 through 16. Cost is \$42.

**GIRLS** resident camps for girls 9 to 12 will be held at Camp Ocho (July 19 to 26) and Big Pines (Aug. 9 to 16). Cost is \$42.

Boys base camps are as follows: Sherwin Forest, 11 to 12 years, Aug. 16 to 23, \$42; Mammoth Lakes, 12 to 13 years, July 11 to 18, \$43; and Rainbow Trout, 12 to 13 years, Aug. 2 to 9, \$43.

Girls base camps for girls 12 to 15 will be held at Seven Leagues June 14 to 21 and

Mammoth Lakes Aug. 16 to 23. Cost is \$43.

**PACK TRIPS** for boys and girls ages 13 to 14 will be held Aug. 2 to 9 at Hilton Lakes and Aug. 16 to 23 at High Sierra. Cost is \$46.

A rugged back packing trip for boys and girls 15 and older will travel the John Muri Trail Aug. 26 through Sept. 7. Cost is \$45.

There will also be a leadership development camp for boys and girls 16 to 20 years of age Sept. 9 to 13. Cost is \$35. This camp is for a select group of young people with maturity and leadership ability.

**A PARENT** must accompany every child registering for camp. A \$5 deposit must be made with the registration and the annual registration fee of \$3 must be paid before registration.

For children with reading problems, a special remedial reading class five days a week from June 30 to Aug. 1. Cost is \$45. Each session is 45 minutes long.

Guitar classes will also be held at the Y this summer if sufficient interest is shown.

## Near Renewal Area Industrial Park Plan Revealed

Proposals for a commercial-industrial development on a 15-acre tract adjoining the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project were submitted to the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday evening.

In a report prepared by the city's Planning Department and handed to members of the commission at their regular meeting, a plan for a \$2.6 million development was sketched.

Financing of the project could be accomplished through the creation of an assessment district under a 1911 act of the State Legislature. Two to three years would be needed for completion.

**THE AREA** in question fronts on Hawthorne Boulevard

and is just north of the Meadow Park project. Because of severe drainage problems, building has been prohibited in the area pending completion of a study for development of the 15 acres.

Most of the lots are very small, it was noted, and that also has contributed to problems in connection with proposed development of the area.

The report handed to the commission Wednesday also suggested financing could be accomplished through tax increments, city funds, or through private funds — or a combination of the three.

**CONTINUATION** of the current building moratorium also was recommended.

The plan generally calls for the consolidation of lots (there are 130 lots in the area — owned by 49 different persons) and for the development of commercial and industrial facilities on lots of 15,000 and 10,000 square feet.

Total cost would be \$2,634,000 for such development.

Current zoning is C-5 (commercial) and M-1 (limited) (See PROJECT, Page A-2)

### Films Planned

Two free films will be shown Saturday morning at the Carson Library, 22102 S. Main St., Carson. The films "Bear Country" and "Madeline" are scheduled to be shown from 10:30 to 11:15 p.m. in the children's room.