

Isen Will Join Fight on Parasite Cities



FROM FAR AWAY — June Boonyasiri and Samang Phornnarit of Thailand give the city the once-over with the help of Mayor Isen. June is in that nation's counterpart of the U.S. State Department, and Samang is in the finance office of the Prime Minister. The U.S. International Cooperation Administration suggested they see Torrance during their stay in the United States, since it is "the nicest city on the West Coast." Well, it is. Press Photo

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High Time for Unity, Says Mayor

Super Police System Predicted If County Power Isn't Checked

Mayor Isen yesterday indicated he will accept an invitation to join the Southeast Mutual Aid Cities, a group dedicated to fighting the growing practice of buying municipal services from the county.

"I can't speak for the remainder of the council," Isen told The Press before the meeting last night, "but I am planning to attend."

The meeting will be held next Wednesday in Huntington Park.

"It is high time the self-supporting cities organized," the Mayor said. "The so-called Lakewood-plan cities have united. They held a meeting in Palm Springs during which nothing but the virtues of the arrangement were told."

All the Lakewood plan does is to extend county rule, the very aspect of government the cities were trying to get rid of when they incorporated.

"If this goes unchecked," Isen declared, "it will develop into a super police system where the individual will have to deal with super functionaries."

Planning and zoning will continue to be made from a distant point. Ordinances would apply county-wide without taking into consideration the local conditions."

The incipient megalopolis, which is feared by the Mutual Aid cities, rapidly is becoming a fact—just one huge government that perpetuates the power of the county Supervisors.

"Under this arrangement, the city with the foresight and enterprise to gain a favorable tax base with careful choice of industry is placed in the position of contributing to its poor neighbors," Isen said.

He noted that taxes from autonomous cities are siphoned off by the county that the latter may offer cheap service to newly incorporated municipalities, thus keeping the reins of government downtown in Los Angeles, far from the point where citizens are keenly affected by legislation.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, who also has studied the misfortunes of the megalopolis and its satellites for several years, also indicated he will lend whatever support he can to organization of the Mutual Aid group.

School Adviser Group to Hear Progress Report

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will get a progress report for the Torrance Unified School District next Monday at the group's monthly meeting at noon in the Torrance Masonic Hall, 2336 Cabrillo Ave.

Superintendent J. H. Hull and other top officials will tell of the progress made by the local school system during the past year.

The report will be similar to those sent home to parents about each individual child.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will present a school construction report, Bill Cosby, Torrance High student, will play selections on the accordion.

Reservations should be made by Thursday, June 9.

School Policies Win 30% Refund

A low accident rate among Torrance Unified School District employees has caused a refund of 30% on the district's workmen's compensation insurance policy.

A letter received by Superintendent J. H. Hull contained a check for \$7991, representing about one-third of the district's original contribution.

City Makes Three Moves in Annexation

Files Declaration of Intention to Act on Alondra Park

Three moves were made by the City Council Monday to annex land north of El Camino College.

Councilmen approved three resolutions of intention to annex Alondra Park and strips along Crenshaw Blvd.

The actions were described by Robert K. Dower, assistant city attorney, as necessary to protect Torrance's effort to annex the Alondra tract north of Manhattan Beach Blvd. and east of Prairie Ave.

Torrance is fighting Gardena, Lawndale and Hawthorne for the area. Two suits brought by Torrance are attempting to nullify the Gardena annexation efforts.

Torrance claims priority because it filed first, then withdrew until the area decided not to join the Lawndale incorporation last year.

Dower said residents have expressed some interest in joining Torrance.

Fitzgerald Gets National Post

Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed for the second consecutive year to the Local Chamber of Commerce Committee of the United States Chamber, according to Arthur H. Motley, president of the national chamber.

Fitzgerald and the California Chamber general manager, James Mussatti of San Francisco, are the only West Coast executives on the committee, an advisory unit to the national chamber in its relationships with 4000 local chambers throughout the nation.

Fitzgerald is vice president of the California Chamber of Commerce Managers Association, and Mussatti is President of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.



OUTSTANDING GIRL — Miss Mitsuko Yoshioka, 4020 W. 230th St., has been named She won the title as recipient of the \$600 Edward A. Dickson Scholarship in competition with 114 scholarship winners. Press Photo

Stock Broker Firm to Open Downtown Torrance Office

R. E. Bernhard & Co., Beverly Hills stock brokers and underwriters, will open a branch next week at 1528 Cravens Ave. with Robert E. Simmons as resident manager.

The new branch will be the

first stock-brokerage office in the community.

Robert E. Bernhard, managing partner, said growth of the community to the status of California's 12th largest city influenced the move.

"The growth in number and size of Torrance industrial concerns with the attendant increase in payrolls and demand for new housing," said Bernhard, "should give the area a substantial basis for a prosperous future. I am particularly impressed with the great diversity of industry, which should prove a safety factor in any economic setback."

"With more than 100,000 in population, Torrance is entitled to the services of a stock-brokerage firm, and we hope to render that service with experienced personnel and careful attention to the requirements of local investors."

The new firm is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITS SOUTH HIGH

South High School has been accredited by the University of California, according to a letter received this week by Principal John A. Lucas.

This is the first year South High has had seniors since it opened three years ago.

Schools are accredited after study by representatives of the university.

Open House Set Sunday at Adult Center

Activities at the Torrance Adult Center will be on display when the facility holds its annual open house Sunday.

Visitors will be welcomed at the center, 1318 Cravens Ave. from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will be exhibition shuffleboard games and a chance for visitors to try their hand. On display will be craft items made by those who use the center, which is operated by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The Torrance Adult Club, co-sponsor of the event, is a chartered group of the Recreation Department. The group, which meets at the center, conducts many activities for senior citizens such as shuffleboard tournaments, trips, and parties.

Corra Scheffer and Jim Daniel are in charge of the center.

Hollywood Girl Hurt by Car on Coast Road

A 16-year-old Hollywood girl was struck by a car at Pacific Coast Highway and Palos Verdes Drive Saturday.

Susan Parsons was treated at Harbor Hospital and released.

Police identified the driver as William F. Hu, 46, of 24726 Winock Drive.

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DeArmitt Drafts Appeal of Ruling in Politics Case

A verdict of guilty and one-week suspension of Fireman Richard DeArmitt for active participation in the April city election will be appealed to Superior court.

Joseph Taback, attorney for DeArmitt, told The Press he will file an appeal this month.

It was decided DeArmitt would do his week's penance, which will cost him about \$126, during June, but the order to take the time off has not come through yet.

Taback said the appeal will be made on the same grounds the case was fought on before the Civil Service Commission: that the laws are unconstitutional and never have been enforced.

Taback iterated his statement that he has no quarrel with the deliberations of the Civil Service board. He believes they came to an exceedingly honest decision, although he disagrees with it. DeArmitt has the backing of the Torrance Fire Fighters, of which he is president, and the state Fire Fighters, if he requires it, to fight the case through the courts.

He and his attorney have indicated they will go to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary, before quitting with an unfavorable ruling.

This will be the test case for "active participation" in California. The allowable degree of participation under Civil Service law never has been adjudicated in this state.

Knights Elect Lyle O'Hara

Lyle O'Hara was elected grand knight of the Los Crusados council of the Knights of Columbus, and three other Torrance area residents captured the next three top offices in the annual election conducted by the fraternal organization this week.

The council's second office of deputy grand knight was won by Stacy Rodman, while Joseph Piatt was elected to the third-ranking office of chancellor.

Larry Sargent was the successful candidate for the position of warden, and Jerry Tondre of Rolling Hills was elected recording secretary.

Magic Marketing Will Open Today With New Magic Chef

Open, sesame! And with those magic words, the doors of the great new Magic Chef Market at Hawthorne and Sepulveda in the Del Amo Shopping Center, swing open today as its magical grand-opening celebration begins.

This weekend's festivities will transform the beautiful supermarket, one of the largest in the world, into something out of the Arabian Nights.

Symbolizing the theme "There's Magic in Your Marketing at Magic Chef Market," will be the 10-foot figure of a genie that greets customers. Turbanned box boys will add to the atmosphere, packing purchases with almost magical skill.

There will be gifts for all at the grand opening—orchids for the ladies, balloons for the children (distributed by a real live genie), and

they're all free.

A big free food show will be an important feature of the Magic Chef grand opening.

Forty food manufacturers will offer free samples of their newest products under a gay circus tent on the Magic Chef parking lot—all you can eat, free for the sampling, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

And still more excitement—visitors to the brand-new Magic Chef Market will have a chance at more than 50 wonderful prizes: Magic Chef gas ranges, portable dishwasher, 25-volume encyclopedia sets, fishing trips from the famous Davey's Locker... and many more. Drawings will be held June 20 and 27; winners need not be present.

Another special for the children—Gil Hodges, star first

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PREVIEW — Virtually all Torrance turned out for the huge preview of Magic Chef market in Del Amo shopping center

Tuesday night. Whole families sampled tasty hors d'oeuvres and went on conducted tours of every corner of the facility. Press Photo

Magic Chef Has Grand Opening Today