

Beasley Launches Re-election Drive

City Councilman Jay Beasley formally announced his candidacy for re-election to the Torrance City Council at a cocktail party Friday evening attended by a number of supporters and well-wishers.

"I am running for office again because I am firmly convinced that a city as big as Torrance requires an experienced, knowledgeable person, as a city councilman. Torrance is no longer a country town, but an urban community with a magnitude of problems only an individual with a working knowledge of today's population and transportation problems can help solve," Beasley said.

A Torrance city Councilman for the past seven and a half years, Beasley has made transportation and freeways a specialty, and is a two-term President of the intercity Highway Committee, which embraces 11 Torrance area and South Bay Cities.

He is chairman of the Intercity Mayor's and Councilmen's Committee on Intercity Cooperation, and a member of the streets and highways committee of the League of California Cities, as well as a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission, the League of California Cities Committee on International Cooperation, and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences. He has been a lay leader of the Waltheria Methodist Church, a member of the Torrance Planning Commission, and the Torrance Recreation and Parks Commission.

"If I am re-elected, I will, as always, be available to the people at all times," Beasley said Friday. "I will work to obtain a new main library geared to the needs of our people which will accommodate 180,000 volumes. We will also work for a new auditorium complex, and a shuttle-bus service which will serve all of shopping-center and industrial Torrance and conserve our present losses. In addition, I foresee a city tax-cut as a result of increased sales-tax from industrial sources," he said.

Top Church Leaders at Conference

Two visiting officials of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are attending the quarterly conference of the Torrance Stake today at the Stake Center, 4110 W. 226th St.

The officials are Elder Harold R. Boyer, a member of the church's Priesthood Home Teaching Committee, and Elder Vernon J. Lee, representing the church's Sunday School General Board.

General sessions of the conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. today. Stake President Roland E. Gagon of Rolling Hills will preside.

Special meetings for home teachers and Sunday School leaders were held yesterday afternoon during the opening day of the conference.

Bids for New Signal

Bids for the installation of traffic signals on 190th Street at the San Diego Freeway ramp connections have been opened with Steiny and Mitchell, Inc., of Los Angeles submitting the apparent low bid.

The firm bid \$21,826.20 for the project, which will be financed by the State Division of Highways.

The new system includes installation of semi-vehicle actuated signals, pedestrian "walk-don't walk" signals, and high intensity mercury vapor safety lighting.

The new signals will be coordinated with existing signals at Western Avenue and 190th Street.

Police Jail Couple for Bookmaking

A 42-year-old man and his wife were arrested on charges of bookmaking Friday after Torrance police spotted bookmaking equipment while serving a San Mateo County warrant.

John G. Doukas and his wife, Carol Ann, 25, of 3111 W. 180th St., were arrested at their home shortly after 3 p.m.

Police said they had gone to the home to serve a \$276 failure to provide warrant on Doukas. Officers spotted the bookmaking paraphernalia while questioning Doukas.

Legislative Contests

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O. Lee Solomon will seek the Democratic nomination. Other possible contenders include Holley and Cunningham, who will have to decide between this race and the 25th Senate race.

With incumbent Clayton Dills apparently out of the race, the scramble for the 67th Assembly District seat has attracted 15 Democrats and a lone Republican.

Edward E. McManus of Gardena has declared for the GOP nomination. A slate of Democrats including Municipal Judge Ralph Dills, brother of the incumbent, is on the line for the party nomination. Others include Gordon C. Phillips, Berrien E. Moore, Lawrence E. Townsend, and John F. Mulvihill of Torrance; a Compton entrant, and 10 from Gardena, including Councilman Pete Jensen.

Nominations for the offices will begin tomorrow and will continue through March 25. Not all of those filing declarations will file nominations, and those who have declared for two offices will have to decide which they'll seek before entering the race.

Eligible Democrats include W. Eugene Holley of Redondo Beach, Vincent M. Burke of Playa del Rey; George Saunders of Manhattan Beach, and Jack E. Cunningham of Manhattan Beach.

Incumbent Charles E. Chapel may pick up a couple of opponents in his bid for re-election. Elizabeth R. Jones, who opposed Chapel two years ago, was an eleventh-hour entrant in the declaration derby and may try again to win the nomination away from the veteran Assemblyman. Also a possible contender is Beverly of Manhattan Beach who has declared for this race as well as the Senate race.

REDONDO Councilman J. My Neighbors



Flu Hits 5,000 in Schools

Nearly 5,000 students were absent from Torrance schools last week because of the Asian Flu epidemic, Torrance school officials reported Friday.

A spokesman for the district said daily absences had been running between 15 and 17 per cent all week.

A total of 99 teachers were absent from classes Thursday, the last day for which figures were available. Substitutes were found for nearly all of the teachers, it was reported.

Teacher-absences hit a peak on Monday, when 31 jobs were not filled because substitutes were not available.

Teenager Held for Burglary

A Gardena teenager was arrested Friday and charged with burglary and receiving stolen property.

Torrance police arrested Jerry Carl Garcia, 18, of 803 W. 132nd St., in connection with the burglary of an auto sales firm at 18407 Hawthorne Blvd. The burglary, which occurred Feb. 14, resulted in damage and theft of goods worth \$425.

Garcia was arrested about 2:45 p.m. after he went to the Torrance Police Station for questioning about the incident.

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