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GEORGE VICO  
... Seeks Post

**Vico Puts Down Baseball Bat, Opens Campaign**

George Vico, Southern California native and former big league baseball star, has tossed his hat in the ring for election to the Torrance city council.

Vico was born in the San Fernando valley 34 years ago and has lived in Southern California all of his life except for the years on the road with major league ball teams.

Vico entered baseball in 1941, playing with the Detroit Tigers for many years, with three years out for Navy service. He returned to the coast in 1948 and put in seasons with Pacific Coast League teams, playing with the Stars during recent seasons.

He has been with the public relations department of Dominguez Estates Co. since 1954—and is devoting fulltime to that job now.

He has lived here for the past 12 years, and has been active in a number of civic programs during that time. He is a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, is chairman of that group's Key Club program, and is division chairman for the American National Red Cross fund campaign.

A resident of 219 Paseo de las Delicias in Hollywood Riviera, Vico and his wife Helen have two children, Cynthia, 11, and Steve, 6.

He is a member of the Detroit Masonic Lodge, and was a member of the city recreation commission until last summer.



**FAMILY HUDDLE**... Members of the Nick Drale family get together during the evening to discuss school work, baseball, and other family interests. Sitting with his parents is Steve while Pat and Mike are looking over their

shoulders. Despite the heavy demands made on their time, both Frances and Nick Drale have time for their family.

**MOTHER OF THREE SAYS Being Businesswoman, Wife Of Candidate Takes Energy**

It takes a bundle of energy to combine five careers and do it successfully.

But one Torrance woman is living proof that it can be done.

Mrs. Nickolas Drale finds time in a busy day to be a housewife, a businesswoman, clubwoman, wife of a city official, and mother to three youngsters.

It takes some doing Mrs. Drale admits, but the results of having five careers make it

all worthwhile. Most important of all her careers are those of being wife and mother.

The Drales have three children: Mike, who is a freshman at El Camino College; Steve, 13, and Pat, 11, both attending Evelyn Carr School.

**City Councilman**  
Mrs. Drale's husband has been a member of the Torrance city council for the past 10 years. Spending at least 20 hours a week attending to city business including four evenings a week, Drale's evenings at home with the youngsters are rare.

There is one exception, however. Sundays are always strictly reserved for the family. That's their day to be together.

During the day, Mrs. Drale is a full-time partner in her husband's real estate-insurance business. She also runs a letter shop and secretarial service.

Despite the fact she must cook, feed and clean house in her spare time for the family of five, the energetic and attractive brunette squeezes in time for the Business and Professional Women's Club, Triple T dance club, and she formerly belonged to the PTA and the Executive Secretaries Club of Los Angeles. She now serves as division chairman in North Torrance for the American Red Cross.

**Leisure Hours**  
What does she do in her leisure hours? Well, there's things like taking her daughter to Girl Scout meetings, then there were the times when son Steve belonged to the Little League.

Currently the family enjoys swimming together and are learning to water ski.

Of course, Mrs. Drale adds, there's always that evening or two a week when as the wife of a city councilman, she must attend civic functions.

Saturdays are devoted to the thousand and one things that occupy most housewife's days. Shopping, cleaning and so forth during the morning. Then, the rest of the day belongs to the youngsters. Trips to Marineland, Disneyland and other places usually fill these afternoons.

Mrs. Drale hasn't always worked in an office. She ran her own secretarial service from home until 1955 when her husband decided to

go into business for himself. Then she joined him as a full-fledged partner in the business world.

"Many wives tell me they could never work in the same office with their husbands. But Nick and I get along wonderfully. He's the most even-tempered, considerate person I know," she avowed.

Currently, the energy-filled dynamo is going full force in behalf of her husband's campaign for the post of Torrance Mayor in the April 8 election. "He is so vitally interested in seeing that the people are given honest government that as his wife, I'm giving him all the moral support I can," she said.



**HEY, MOMS!**... If you're too busy tomorrow or Saturday to register baby in the Better Baby Show conducted by Royal Neighbors of America, Gardena Camp 10768, let Dad do it. "Daddy" and Bobby are shown above registering Baby Jill in the big event. Registrations will be taken Friday and Saturday at Neta's Tots & Teens, 1272 Sartori, Torrance, and at Hosco Stores, 1024 Western, Gardena. (Advertisement)

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HARRIETT LEACH  
... City Treasurer

**City Treasurer Harriett Leach Seeks 5th Term**

Seeking re-election for the fifth time is City Treasurer Harriet V. Leach, 1630 Amapola Ave.

A resident of Torrance since 1925, Mrs. Leach served as part-time city treasurer for two terms, 1933-46, and was appointed in 1951 to the job, which by then had become a full-time venture as the city grew. She was re-elected in 1952 for a short term and in 1954 for the full four-year term.

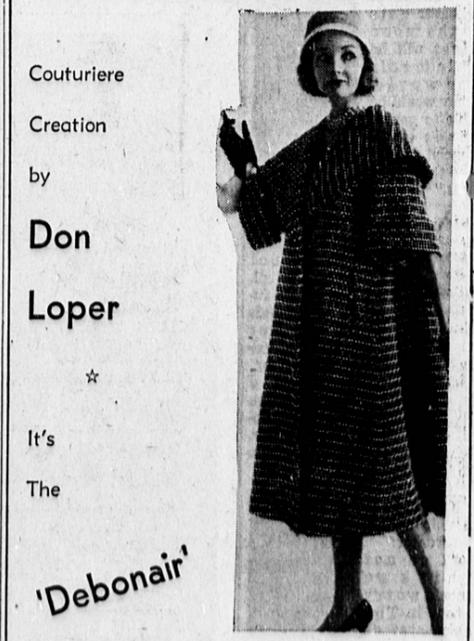
After the death of her husband in 1935, Mrs. Leach operated a flower shop in downtown Torrance. She later was a material clerk at Longren Aircraft.

She has three sons. She is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and of the Municipal Finance Officers of Southern California and of the United States and Canada.

"My only promise is that the office will be run efficiently and honestly, as it always has been," she declared.

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