

## VOTE

Tuesday, April 8

# VOTERS TO CHOOSE NEW COUNCIL

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Hippity-hopping to the Torrance Easter egg hunt, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"Do you believe there really is an Easter bunny? Have you ever seen him?"

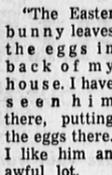
Darryl Kozlow, 6, 419 Camino de Encanto:

"I believe in the Easter bunny, but I never saw him. I'll try and see him this year. Last year, I got a pail and shovel, with Easter eggs all over it."



Jean Madrigal, 4, 1006 W. 203rd St.:

"The Easter bunny leaves the eggs in back of my house. I have seen him there, putting the eggs there. I like him an awful lot."



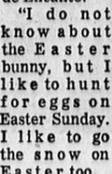
Michael Catena, 4, 1830 Cabrillo Ave.:

"The Easter bunny comes and leaves baskets at my house. They're fun to look for. I find them under the chairs. I like real eggs better than the candy ones."



Diane Kozlow, 9, 419 Camino de Encanto:

"I do not know about the Easter bunny, but I like to hunt for eggs on Easter Sunday. I like to go the snow on Easter too."



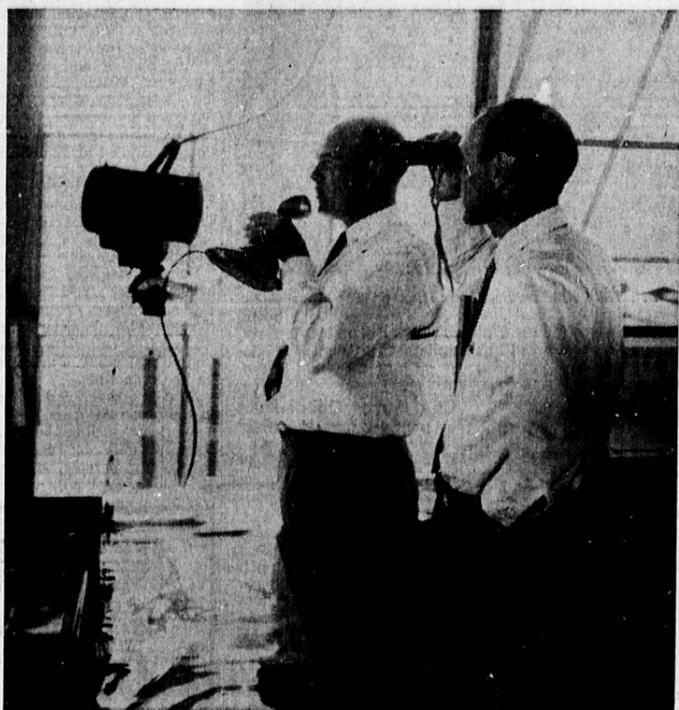
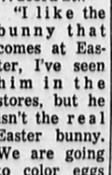
Danny Neece, 5, 1024 Crenshaw Blvd.:

"I haven't seen the bunny, but there is one. He leaves eggs under the couch. I like the real eggs he leaves. He's a great big rabbit—big as people."



Jennie Emily Madrigal, 61006 W. 203rd St.:

"I like the bunny that comes at Easter. I've seen him in the stores, but he isn't the real Easter bunny. We are going to color eggs pretty soon. I like to do that."



AIRPORT CONTROL . . . Tower operators Gene Lewis (left) and Don Frigon check landing operations at Torrance Municipal Airport as they activate the field's tower for the first time since the war. Both men were chosen for the job through civil service examinations and began employment on the field April 1. The tower was put in service Thursday, according to Airport Manager Jack Egan. (Herald Photo)

## Captain Gets Promotion--In One State

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of Torrance's National Guard unit, became a colonel Friday—but only in one state of the union.

A native of Owensboro, Ky., Horlander became a Kentucky colonel by order of Gov. Albert B. Chandler, who sent the citation to Mayor Albert Isen, who in turn, presented it to Horlander. The award was in recognition of Horlander's service to the city of Torrance.

Only recently Horlander was recognized by the California Assembly as the nominator and principal force behind the All-America award for Torrance.

Horlander has resided in this area for the last 12 years. He now resides at 20605 Madrona Ave., with his wife, Joanne, and two children, Suzanne and David.

## Bike Rider Injured

A 12-year-old girl bicyclist was taken to Harbor General Hospital and released after treatment when she was injured in a traffic accident.

John Jacob Reed 19, of 16820 Yukon Ave., was the driver of the car which hit the youngster, Karen Miller, 16822 Delia Ave.

The accident occurred on Glenburn Ave. near 170th St.

## Beach Front Zoning Problem Studied by Planners--Again

The controversial beach front property bounced back to the spotlight again last Wednesday night as the matter came up before the Torrance Planning Commission.

The commission was acting to rezone the property after a settlement reached by the city and the Don-Ja-Ran Corp. during a suit filed by the firm.

The city gave R-4 zoning to the property when it believed that a resort hotel was to be built, but rezoned the property R-1 when it discovered that a motel was to be built instead.

Rezoning Eyed  
The Planners were acting to rezone the property under a compromise settlement in which ocean front lots would be rezoned R-3, subject to cer-



WRITER HONORED . . . HERALD Staff Writer Vonda Carlton is honored with an official city council resolution commending her for her series of hard-hitting articles concerning the narcotics story in Torrance, published here recently. Here Councilman Willys G. Blount, author of the resolution, presents a copy of it to Miss Carlton. (Herald Photo)

A second hearing will be held on the matter.

In other action, the Planners held over action on the proposed rezoning of property southeast of Carson and Maple until its next meeting, at the request of the owner, Bob Vroman, representing nearby homeowners, said they wanted the whole property zoned R-1, not for apartment and commercial use as proposed.

Proposed rezoning of the northeast corner of 182nd and Prairie Ave. was dropped from the agenda.

The commission recommended that Tom Akiyama be granted a variance to sell plants and nursery products at the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Rd.

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## The City Election

(An Editorial)

Voters will go to the polls here Tuesday to decide six city offices, including the membership of a new seven-man city council and its mayor, to be elected by the voters for the first time.

Pre-election campaigning has been marked by contrasts—ardent supporters of the principal candidates have been busy working both sides of every street, while a large segment of the city's voting population appears patently unaware that an election is upon them.

Top interest is focused on the race for mayor between Nick Drale, mayor of Torrance during the years 1954-55, and Albert Isen, who succeeded him.

The campaign has been a vigorous one, with Drale and his supporters hammering away at one-man government charges against Isen, while Drale's 10-year record as a councilman has been researched and the slips and errors read back to him by Isen forces.

Behind the campaign to return Drale to the mayor's office are a number of prominent people including several former mayors of Torrance, Dr. Howard A. Wood, last year's "Man of the Year," and other civic leaders who have always been in the vanguard of those advocating progress in Torrance.

Isen has received the endorsement of the Central Labor Council of Wilmington, and has strong backing by many Torrance citizens and groups.

For those voting (and it should be all qualified voters) the issues advanced by the two candidates for mayor and by the several candidates for the three council posts should be weighed carefully and a ballot cast for the man most nearly representing that which is desired in a public official.

Those still undecided should make every effort now to determine the qualifications of those seeking election and make their vote count at the polls Tuesday. A reliable guide to a candidate's standing is often the caliber of men and organizations publicly supporting him—if nothing else, be guided by the influence of those you respect.

But VOTE, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8.

## Building Here Brisk in March

Building activity in Torrance was brisk during March, as the month's \$2,390,431 totals boosted the year's figures to \$10,992,586. This is more than double last year's \$4,865,555.

Topping the month's list was a 50-home tract in the 20500 blocks on Avis, Madrona and Osage Aves., valued at \$727,950. It was presented by the Cen Investment Co. The Grand Land Co. took out permits for 14 homes in the 3800 blocks on 180th Pl. and 181st and 182nd Sts., valued at \$180,000. New home totals were \$939,600.

## Court Begun

A Los Angeles County permit for a \$325,000 court building on the Civic Center swelled the totals.

Forty-seven new apartment units in nine buildings made the totals \$367,060 higher. Proposed plans include:

M. L. Thomas, two four-unit apartments at 3544 W. 170th St. and 17000 Yukon Ave., \$51,000; Mike Peter Panos, 3542 W. 170th St., \$30,000; M. Gourley Construction, three five-unit apartments, 3723-27-31 W. 174th St., \$150,360; R. G. Page, four-unit and eight-unit apartments, 2733 Cabrillo Ave., \$71,300; Frank Morris, eight-unit apartment, 5401 Ruby St., \$64,000.

## Runway Planned

A \$155,000 runway for an overhead crane at the Columbia Steel Corp., 840 Border Ave., also is planned, as is a \$57,900 refrigeration unit at the Jim Dandy Market, 3880 Sepulveda Blvd. Woody's Smorgasburger took out a \$60,000 permit for a restaurant at 340 Vista Del Mar.

R. G. Miller took out permits for three commercial stores at 2524-26-28 Torrance Blvd. valued at \$12,500. Independent Builders plan to build an additional lumber storage unit at 525 Maple Ave. valued at \$19,200.

## Industrial Building

R. G. Harris plans to build a manufacturing building for lease at 1724 Crenshaw Blvd. valued at \$81,400. Dr. Gerald Eastham received a permit for a medical building at 2275 W. Carson St. worth \$20,000. The Riviera Methodist

## Boxer Steals To Feed His Hungry Family

A former ranking heavy-weight boxer and onetime California champion was sentenced to three days in the county jail for stealing a roast from a Torrance market.

Tommy Harrison, 29, of Harbor City was captured by Sgt. Hamilton Wednesday after the boxer had eluded attendants of a local market and police and then later returned to pick up his car.

## Captured at Car

Hamilton was staked out watching Harrison's car, parked near the market at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvds.

Harrison, who pleaded guilty to the charge of petty theft, told police he stole the meat because his family was hungry.

The professional boxer purchased a loaf of bread at the market then left with the meat under his coat. Spotted by a checker, employees gave chase to Harrison who dropped the meat, loaf of bread and his hat during the foot race.

## Boxing Contract

Hamilton said he found a management contract dated April 2, 1958 in Harrison's pocket. The contract was with Kenny LaSalle, a well-known boxer 10 years ago.

Following his arrest, Harrison told officers he had a bout scheduled April 21 in Butte, Mont., but in the meantime he had no money with which to feed his family.

## Mayor's Race Hottest Issue

An estimated 15,000 voters, or approximately 40 per cent of the city's registered voters, are expected at the polls Tuesday (weather permitting) to choose a mayor, three councilmen, a city clerk, a city treasurer, and to pass on a \$3 million bond issue.

While a 35 to 38 per cent turnout of voters is normal in a city election, many old-timers believe the added interest in the hot race for mayor may add to the percentages Tuesday.

Four candidates are on the ballot for the mayor's office, but only two have put on any campaign—Nick Drale and Albert Isen.

## Two Others

Also in the race are Dearl Craft and Walter G. Ryan, but neither has issued a statement in behalf of his campaign.

Fifteen candidates are seeking one of the three posts at stake on the city council. One incumbent, Willys G. Blount, is joined in the race by Tom Abrams, J. A. Beasley, George A. Bradford, Thirvin Fleetwood, David Figueredo, Virgil Hancock, Albert Hinz, Roger Hogue, Alexander Mazzia, Clifford Peterson, Murl Reeves, James Thompson, George Vico, and Richard Wilson.

Competing for the city clerk's post is the incumbent, Albert H. Bartlett, and Mrs. Herma Tillim. A third candidate, Barney Miller, withdrew last week when it was found that he did not meet the city's special residence requirements for a candidate. His name will be on the ballot, however, for it can be removed only by a court order.

Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, incumbent city treasurer, is being challenged by Frank Hunter.

## One Proposal

The only ballot proposal before the people is the \$3 million park bond issue which was defeated here last October in a special election.

If approved, it will provide \$2 million for the acquisition of new park sites and \$1 million for other park projects.

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NICK DRALE . . . Hits Power Grab

## Drale Flays Power Grab In Final Bid

"The time has come when Torrance voters must choose between a representative government and a one-man rule," according to Nick Drale, senior member of the city council and a candidate for mayor.

"We must return the municipal government to the city council where it belongs under the charter," Drale said.

He emphasized that the operations of a one-man government during the past three years should be evidence enough to the people that they must act now, if they want to be represented in the decisions of their city government.

Drale also stressed that "we must return to the department heads of the city those administrative responsibilities which they are charged to perform because of specialized knowledge and as city employees."

Record of Power  
In the final days of his campaign to be returned to the post of mayor he held formerly, Drale has hammered away at his opponent's record of power control in the city.

"A long-standing tradition that members of the city council elected by the people share the responsibility of nominating members of the city's boards and commissions was one of the first things tossed overboard by my opponent when he gained control of the council," Drale emphasized.

Since that time, all members of the city's advisory groups have been selected by one man "without regard to the wishes of other members of the council . . . particularly members of the minority," he added.

Men Kicked Off  
"The president of the powerful planning commission is the hand-picked choice of my opponent," Drale said. "Competent, experienced men have been kicked off boards and commissions recently because they did not share my opponent's political views," Drale charged.

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ALBERT ISEN . . . In Voter Appeal

## Isen Appeals To Voters to Vote Tuesday

Mayor Albert Isen has issued an appeal to the people of Torrance to indicate an interest in their municipal government by recording the highest turnout of voters at the election on Tuesday ever to vote in a city election.

"If the candidates elected on Tuesday," said Isen, "are to be truly representatives of the people of this city, they must be elected by a substantial majority of the registered voters of this community. Anything less than a substantial majority," continued the Mayor, "would indicate a lack of interest on the part of our citizens," and certainly would indicate to the elected city official that he was representing only a part of the people in Torrance.

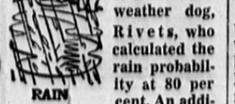
"I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you to vote Tuesday, April 8, 1958."

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## Rivets Reports

Chances are that you'll have to wear a raincoat and rainhat over your new Easter outfit today, according to The HERALD'S weather dog, Rivets, who calculated the rain probability at 80 per cent. An additional .60 inch fell this week, bringing the season total to 20.37 inches.

Highs and lows included Thursday (64-51); Friday (65-45) and Saturday (64-44).



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