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## Election to Decide Six Torrance Offices

Candidates for six city posts will be elected in Tuesday's municipal election for which 35,000 voters are registered. At stake are the mayor's office, three seats on the City Council, the offices of city clerk and treasurer.

### New Office

It will be the first time in the city's history that the mayor will be elected directly by the voters. Previously he was selected from among one of the five Council members.

A charter amendment approved last year, created the new mayor's office and two new Council seats.

Although four candidates have filed for the mayor's office, the campaign is concentrated on two of them. These are Albert Isen, incumbent mayor, and Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, who once served as mayor for one year.

The others are Daryl Craft and Walter G. Ryan.

### Council Candidates

Fifteen candidates have filed for Council seats, with only one, Willys G. Blount, an incumbent. The others are Tom Abrams, J. (Jay) Beasley, George A. Bradford, David V. Figueredo, Thyrvin D. Fleetwood, Virgil Hancock, Albert W. Hinz.

Others are R. P. (Pat) Hogue, Alexander Mazza, Clifford J. Peterson, Murl A. Reeves, J. E. (Jim) Thompson, George Vico and Richard B. Wilson.

### City Clerk

With the disqualification of one candidate, incumbent A. H. Bartlett is opposed for a 10th term as city clerk by Mrs. Herma Tillim.

Harriett V. Leech, incumbent treasurer, is opposed by Frank W. Hunter.

In addition to the candidates, voters will also be asked to decide the fate of the \$3,000,000 park and recreation bond issue to purchase sites and develop existing parks.

# Woman's Death Launches Abortion Mill Investigation



HARRIETT V. LEECH

## Harriett V. Leech

Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, incumbent, has 15 years experience as city treasurer, a post to which she seeks reelection.

She has served in that capacity both as a part time and later as full time employee of the city required full time service.

Born in Tucson, Ariz., she has resided in Torrance for 30 years. A widow, she has three sons. Her educational background includes two years study at the University of Arizona and business college in Pasadena.

A resident of 1630 Amapola ave., she is a member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association.

## Ask Self-Censorship of Movies

### Ask Ban Of Lurid Film Bill

Self-censorship of "unfit" movies and lurid advertising was asked in a City Council resolution approved unanimously Tuesday.

Introduced by Councilman Willys Blount, the resolution said that the Council has received numerous protests against a bill at the Torrance Drive-In Theater and a handbill which advertised the films in "lurid details as a sex-hygiene drama."

The resolution said that numerous protests were received by the Council objecting that the movie and advertising were lewd and unfit for viewing by juvenile audiences.

"The City Council on its own behalf and on behalf of the parents of minor children in the City of Torrance deprecates the exhibition and advertising of entertainment which is of questionable decency and urges the managers of local theaters and other media of entertainment to present only material of unquestioned decency as measured by the standards of this community," the resolution read.



ALBERT ISEN

## Albert Isen

Mayor Albert Isen, 51, is seeking reelection to the post he has held during the past three years.

Born in Los Angeles, he came to Torrance in 1913, and is the first person who started and finished his education in Torrance schools.

He received his law degree from SC and has been a practicing attorney since 1937.

Isen has taught business law courses at Torrance High School and has served on the City Council since 1954. He and his wife reside at 1504 Engracia ave. He has a married daughter.

He is active in the Red Cross, South Bay Bar Association, B'nai B'rith Lodge, Lions, Elks, Moose, Masons, El Toza and South Bay Shrine and is presently serving as general chairman of the Torrance YMCA fund-raising campaign.



J. A. BEASLEY

## J. A. Beasley

Planning Commissioner J. A. (Jay) Beasley, 57, is a candidate for the City Council.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., he came to California in 1945, and with his wife and three children, resides at 24240 Ocean ave. He owns a garden and feed store in WALTERIA.

Beasley, 57, attended UCLA, SC, El Camino College, Universities of Denver and Texas, where he studied economics, municipal planning, personnel management and American history.

He formerly served on the Park and Recreation Commission, and was one of the planners of Torrance's All-American City Award celebration.

He was one of the founders of the WALTERIA Businessmen's Club and served twice as its president. He was recently elected to his second term as president of the Los Angeles Mineralogical Society and is a member of the Methodist Church.

He is one of the board directors of the WALTERIA Kiwanis Club.

## Petitions Against New School Given to Board

Despite the presentation of a petition to relocate the proposed Hamilton school, Miss Peggy Barbara Swick, 2534 W. 182nd st., still faces eviction from her property by an April 11th deadline.

She stated her presence at the board of education to be "only in the interest of children who would have to cross dangerous intersections if the school is located where you plan it."

Walter L. Kroneberger Jr., who stated he was not representing Miss Swick, but was present only as an interested signer of the petition and father of four boys who might be going to the proposed school, kept the board members busy answering questions in regard to zoning lines, loading capacity of the schools, and the comparative merits of

schools placed along busy highways and those placed in secluded areas.

He also wished to know if the Swick proposition would have any consideration before the April 11 eviction deadline.

He was told that it would, as every matter presented to the board, be given to the staff and acted upon at the next board meeting.

Consensus of the board was that the petition came far too late to affect any change in school location and that experts who looked into every angle had been hired to choose the site.

"In every selection of a school site," it was stated, "we have to take the least disadvantageous. It is not a matter of getting any property we might want."

## Police to Hunt Down Suspects

Torrance police launched an investigation into a suspected abortion mill following the death of a woman in Torrance Monday morning.

The dead woman, Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, died as result of an illegal operation, complicated by a heart condition, a coroner's report revealed.

Her death was discovered by Mrs. Mary Strong, 56, of 2216 W. 236th pl., who said Mrs. Young spent the night with her.

### Clears Woman

Capt. Ernest Ashton, chief of detectives, said he has questioned Mrs. Strong, a practical nurse, "but as far as I'm concerned, she's in the clear."

Ashton said that Mrs. Strong told him that the victim had called her Sunday evening, and asked if she could spend the night with her. The two women are old friends.

Mrs. Strong said she discovered Mrs. Young's death Monday morning when she was awakened by a loud thump in the bedroom where her friend has spent the night. When she went in, she saw her body on the floor.

### Autopsy Report

Ashton said the coroner's autopsy report said that the victim's death was caused by an illegal operation.

Mrs. Young, who was in the process of getting a divorce from her seaman husband, was the mother of four children.

She had been residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Trujillo, who operate a cafe in Wilmington.

Ashton said that he inspected Mrs. Strong's home, and found it "spic and span" with no indication that the operation had been performed there.

The captain said that he will press an investigation into an abortion ring reportedly working in the harbor area.



HERMA TILLIM

## Herma Tillim

Only valid candidate left for the city clerk's post, beside the incumbent, is Mrs. Herma Tillim.

### Businesswoman

Mrs. Tillim has resided in Torrance since 1951, and is the owner-manager of a private employment agency. She formerly was employed by the U.S. Air Force as a section head in classified material department, and has worked as an auditor for the Maritime Commission.

She studied business administration at Oregon State College and took extension courses in business, economics and psychology at the University of Washington, City College of San Francisco and Los Angeles City College.

She has been a member of the Torrance Civic Improvement Association since 1953 and served on the board and as treasurer. She has been active in the Coordinating Council, and served three years on the Park and Recreation Commission.

She won the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" award for 1957. In addition, she has served as member or director of numerous other civic and business associations.

### REALTOR WEEK

The week of April 13-19 has been proclaimed Realtors' Week, Bob L. Haggard, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, announced.

## MUNICIPAL BALLOT

The Torrance Press recommends these candidates in next Tuesday's election. Whatever your choice, be sure to vote. You are invited to clip this sample ballot and take it to the polls with you.

### For MAYOR

ALBERT ISEN  
Incumbent



Vote for 1

### For Member of City Council

J. A. (JAY) BEASLEY  
Electroplating



Vote for 3

R. P. (PAT) HOGUE  
Sheet Metal Foreman



MURL A. REEVES  
Warehouse Supervisor



### For CITY CLERK

HERMA TILLIM  
Employment Agency Owner



Vote for 1

### For CITY TREASURER

HARRIETT V. LEECH  
Incumbent



Vote for 1

### MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS

**BOND PROPOSITION—PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES:** Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: park and recreation facilities for said city, including the acquisition and improvement of land for park and recreation sites, the improvement of existing park and recreation sites, and the construction of all buildings, structures, roadways, vehicle parking facilities, and other improvements necessary for park and recreation purposes, together with landscaping and the acquisition of furniture, apparatus, equipment and other property necessary for any of the foregoing?

YES



NO



ROGER P. (PAT) HOGUE

## Roger P. Hogue

Roger P. (Pat) Hogue, 36, a sheet metal foreman for Lynn English & Sons, is seeking election to the Torrance City Council.

He, his wife, and three children, reside at 4630 Toucan st., since 1954.

Hogue has been a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union 108 for 11 years. Born in Richie, Ark., he attended high school and college before he joined the Navy.

He served aboard the aircraft carrier "Yorktown" for 26 months and participated in 11 invasions during World War II.

He is a member of the Southwest Park Civic Association and a board member of the Torrance Civic Association and a board member of the Torrance Babe Ruth League. He has also been active in other Little League activities and was a member of the Optimist Club in El Dorado, Ark.

## Newspaper Boy Extinguishes Fire

An unidentified newspaper carrier boy was credited with spotting and promptly extinguishing a fire at the home of Clarence Rothanans, of 2602 W. 164th st.

Mrs. Rothanans, said that someone stacked paper against the front porch and set it on fire. She and her three children were sleeping at the time.

The carrier boy doused the flames with a garden hose and left the scene.



## Murl A. Reeves

Murl A. Reeves, 40, a warehouse superintendent, is a candidate for the City Council.

He was born in Missouri, and graduated from high school in Wichita, Kans. He later took real estate law courses at Los Angeles City College.

He is past president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association and has served as the organization's legislative chairman in dealing with the City Council.

He is married, and with his wife and daughter, resides at 3938 W. 176th st.

He is a charter member of the North Torrance Lions Club and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

## More Patrolling Fewer Meterettes Asked Downtown

Additional police patrolling in the downtown area, and fewer parking meter enforcement officers have been requested by the Torrance Downtown Merchants Association.

The group said it wants a patrolman to check alleys and work the downtown area.

At the same time, it requested that only one meterette be employed, in order that additional funds be available for off-street parking lot acquisition.

## EDITORIAL

For the first time in Torrance's history, residents have the opportunity to choose their mayor directly in Tuesday's election.

A charter amendment which provides for the change was approved overwhelmingly last year—indicating that the mayor's office is becoming increasingly important.

### For Mayor

Because it is such an important office, the Torrance Press believes that it requires the services of a leader with a record of proven ability to fill it.

Such a man is Albert Isen, who has served as mayor for the past three years, and has demonstrated the devotion, energy, honesty and necessary leadership residents of Torrance have come to expect.

A successful attorney for 28 years, well acquainted with the problems of Torrance, a city in which he grew up, Mayor Isen has led Torrance in achieving nationwide recognition as an All American City.

This has been an exceptionally challenging task in a city whose population and geographical size has mushroomed during the past decade, bringing more than ordinary problems.

Unlike Mr. Drale, his most prominent opponent, who will remain as a member of the City Council no matter what the outcome of the mayor's race, Mayor Isen has staked his political future on the election.

Mayor Isen is a proven leader of outstanding ability, whom we heartily endorse for reelection.

### For City Council

Present control of the City Council is exercised by the central Torrance area through heavy representation. We believe that it is time that the enlarged Council give better representation to the North, West and South Torrance areas.

After checking their qualifications, we therefore recommend election of J. A. Beasley from South Torrance, R. P. (Pat) Hogue from West Torrance, and Murl A. Reeves from North Torrance.

If these candidates are elected, we believe that this will give true representation to the whole city, and make the residents of the outlying areas feel they are an integral part of Torrance.

### For City Clerk

Although he has served long and loyally, we feel that City Clerk A. H. Bartlett's job should be turned over to a younger and more vigorous person, and that Mr. Bartlett be given an advisory post with the city. We therefore recommend Mrs. Herma Tillim, an experienced businesswoman and civic leader for City Clerk.

### For City Treasurer

We believe that Mrs. Harriett Leech has shown outstanding capabilities as City Treasurer during many years of service, and recommend her reelection.