

Visits From Santa Slated For Lomitans

Santa Claus is making a series of visits to Lomita between now and Christmas, according to Ray H. Reed, manager of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce. His visits are being made between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Santa will be on the parking lot at Shank's Economy Store, 24618 Nar-

bonne Ave., on Thursday, again next Monday, and on Thursday, Dec. 22. He will be on the Safeway parking lot at Pacific Coast Highway and Narbonne on Friday, next Tuesday, and on Friday, Dec. 23. Santa will be at the Lucky Stores lot at Lomita Blvd. and Western Ave. on Saturday, next Wednesday, and again on Saturday, Dec. 24. He will talk to the children and give them candy at each of the scheduled visits, Reed said.

Palo Del Amo Woods Homes to Be Judged

A home decorating contest for residents of Palo Del Amo Woods will be judged Sunday night and awards made at the Jan. 21 inaugural dinner dance of the area's homeowners association.

On Honor Roll

Michael Behrendt, a 1962 graduate of South High, has been named to the honor roll at Yankton (S.D.) College for the spring semester, 1966. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Behrendt of 312 Via Pasqual, he has since transferred to California Western College.

Called a Holiday-O-Rama, the decorating project is aimed at enlisting all the homeowners in the new community at Vermont and Sepulveda. A committee headed by Bill Miles is spearheading the program. The homeowners association

Solon Sees Hanky-Panky In Del Mar Race Lease

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District

There is plenty of hanky-panky and shimmy-shimmy in good old San Diego, the beautiful city on the bay where once the battleships of the Navy lay before Long Beach stole them away! John Alessio, of San Diego, popularly known as the "King of the Bookmakers," asked the 22nd District Agricultural Association (the headquarters of which is in Del Mar, San Diego County) to grant him a 20-year lease for operating the racetrack known as the Del Mar Turf Club, even though he was not the highest bidder. This they

promptly did, with eight out of the nine members voting for John Alessio, who made the request in the name of his Del Mar Associates, one of his many corporate front names.

The lease to King John Alessio has to be confirmed by the California Horse Racing Board. The members are Mr. Edgar A. Hills, chairman, San Francisco; Mr. Louis H. Kornik, San Diego; and Mr. J. R. Flour, Los Angeles. The secretary of the board is Mr. Charles L. Harman of Los Angeles. If you want to write to the board the address is Room 908, State Building, 217 W. First St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

of the State about \$1 million per year without increasing present taxes or levying new taxes. It was my own Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 of the Second Extraordinary (Special) Session of 1966.

Therefore, if Alessio, the King of the Bookmakers, is permitted by the agencies of the State of California to operate the Del Mar race track, he will cancel out all the work I did in 1966 to save your tax money.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, I learned for the first time that John Alessio recently had a guest for two days at the Kona Kai Club, a resort hotel in San Diego which Alessio owns and operates under one of his corporate names. King John's guest is Mr. Ruby Kolod. In 1966 he was tried for extortion in Denver, Colo., fined \$5,000 and sentenced to four years at hard labor in the Colorado State Penitentiary. Kolod appealed the conviction, got out on bail and went to see his friend, John Alessio.

Mr. Ruby Kolod has a record of convictions going so far back that one of the first was a felony conviction for violating the National Prohibition Act. That federal act was repealed so long ago that many people now living have never heard of it. Just to bring the record up to date, John Alessio's club guest is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio, Crime Syndicate, and was at one time its boss. Kolod's File Number with the FBI is 198731. Kolod's File Number in the records of the California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, 2700 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, is: Number 1309540.

The Cleveland Crime Syndicate is on friendly terms with Cosa Nostra (Our Friend), which is one of the modern names for the Mafia.

Having learned these things on Sunday, Dec. 4, I sat down and wrote a letter to the Honorable Thomas C. Lynch, Attorney General of California and Head of the State Department of Justice. I asked him to start an immediate investigation of the possible violations of federal and California criminal and civil laws by anyone connected in any way with the granting of the 20-year lease to John Alessio. I gave the Attorney General, in my letter, the FBI file number for the criminal record of Mr. Ruby Kolod, John Alessio's guest, who is out on bail and also gave him the file number of that guest for the record in the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, which is in Sacramento, and under the control of Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch. I asked Mr. Lynch to make a written report to Governor Edmund G. Brown, who appointed the members of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, to the State Department of Finance, which has an interest in the Del Mar race track; and to me. Having done this, I took an airplane to Sacramento and mailed the letter to Mr. Lynch in that city. He received it. On Tuesday, Dec. 6, I spent two hours in Attorney General Lynch's Sacramento office, which is located in the Wells Fargo Bank Building, 500 Capitol Mall. I shall not reveal the nature of the conference, but I have probable cause to believe that maybe the State of California will not lose \$1 million per year through the operation of the Del Mar track by King John Alessio and his playmates. I was once a first-class Boy Scout. I hope I have done a good turn.

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Auto Stereo Taken
Theft of a stereo tape player from his car was reported by Joseph R. Serna, 48, of 3718 W. 184th Place. Serna told police his car was parked at North High School while he was attending a play Friday night.