

Platform Issues Listed by Nat Mondati in Bid for Board Seat

North Torrance businessman Nat Mondati, who is seeking one of the three seats at stake in Tuesday's board of education election, is stressing emphasis of the three Rs, phonics, and stern discipline as parts of his 20-point platform, he said this week.

Mondati, of 3003 W. Artesia Blvd., has been active in the First Christian Church of Torrance, North Torrance Lions Club, and the Zeta Epsilon fraternity, and is a member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., and the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post.

THE 44-YEAR-OLD native of Minnesota served in the Navy during World War II, and has been a member of the AFL-CIO since 1937. He is the only



NAT MONDATI Announces Platform

union labor man on the ballot, he said yesterday.

He was educated at El Camino College, Pepperdine, and the University of Minnesota. He has resided here for 17 years, and has one child, 3½ years of age.

MONDATI'S platform:

1. Emphasis on 3 R's.
2. Minimize oversized classrooms.

SARC Cites Several for Aiding Group

Certificates of appreciation were presented at the April meeting of the Southwest Assn. for Retarded Children by Harold F. Ritz, president, following a steak dinner. The joint project held at the Redondo Beach Knights of Columbus Hall was sponsored by the ways and means committee headed by W. J. Smith and Mrs. John Krappman.

President N. G. Cullum accepted for the North Torrance Lions Club and H. C. Larson as president for the El Camino Kiwanis Club. The Lions sponsored a Christmas tree lot with the proceeds going to the association's building fund and the Kiwanis sponsored outings and flags and equipment for scout and cub troops.

Individual awards were made to Mrs. Adolph Gileck for her work as activity chairman and to Leroy Forsythe for his efforts in re-establishing an activity center.

The next meeting of the SARC, a non-profit organization dedicated in helping the mentally retarded children in the area, will be held May 4 at the Columbia school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.



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3. Phonics method of teaching preferred.
4. More attractive salaries for teachers.
5. More control of pupils by stern discipline.
6. Group students according to academic ability.
7. Curtail automatic advancement of students.
8. Improved vocational arts program.
9. Administrative policy to be controlled by School Board.
10. All Board meetings open to public and held in a room of adequate size.
11. Redress to all employees with legitimate grievances.
12. Stress greater economy in school operation.
13. Public should be informed when additional taxes are called for and why.
14. Attempt to reduce taxes.
15. Greater economy in construction of school buildings with an eye toward functional and simplification in design.
16. Do away with all half-day sessions.
17. Multigrade system of teaching should be minimized.
18. In the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, greater attention given to these children in their transition period of young adult to adulthood.
19. Strive to make the Torrance Schools the best and not just among the best.
20. Greater use of school playgrounds and buildings after school hours.

Kindergarten Roundup Set

Fourteen Torrance elementary schools are seeking to "round-up" all the names of next fall's kindergartners, so that enrollment estimates and other plans can be made.

Any child who will be five years old before next Dec. 2 may, by state law, enter kindergarten. Proof of birth date is required for registration. Schools asking parents to call for appointments for registration and physical exams, if desired, are Anza, Casimir, Edison, Fern-Greenwood, Hillside, Madison, Magruder, Meadow Park, Newton, Torrance Elementary, and Wood schools.

Schools asking parents to come in for pre-registration, bring the birth certificate and making appointments for later physicals are Arlington, April 17-28; Flavian, May 8-9; Lincoln, May 16-17; Parkway, April 17 and 19; Sepulveda, May 9-10; and Towers, April 24-May 5.

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