

# Builder, Partner Indicted for Income Tax Evasion

Your Complete Community Newspaper

## Torrance Herald

Spring Fashions  
Section Three

EVERY SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

Herald Phone Numbers

- FAirfax 8-5164—For Society.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For General News, Circulation.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For Classified. Ask for Ad-Taker.

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

46th Year—No. 24

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1960

10c Per Copy

52 PAGES

# COURT TO RULE ON ANNEXATION

## Lomita Pair Claim City Made Error

A legal move to halt the annexation of the northwest corner of Lomita to the city of Torrance was launched Tuesday with a suit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court.

A petition for writ of mandate asks for a court order halting the annexation procedure on the grounds that more than half of the property owners involved in the annexation had protested the move.

**FILED ON** behalf of Eugene and Katherine Capel, the suit alleges that the Torrance city council unlawfully refused to consider their protest because they were not listed as owners of the property on the current assessment roll.

When the protest was made to the council, Asst. City Atty. Robert Dower told the council it could be disallowed because the county assessment rolls indicated another owner. The Capels said they purchased the property after the last assessment rolls were compiled.

**WITH THE** Capel protest included, owners of more than half of the assessed valuation of the property would have been on record with the city as opposing the annexation, according to figures presented by Dower at the hearing last month.

The area in question is south of Lomita Blvd. between Crenshaw and Pennsylvania Aves.

**AN ORDINANCE** ordering the annexation has been approved by the city council and forwarded to the Secretary of State in Sacramento for recording.

The Capel suit, filed by Atty. Donald Davidson of Gardena, seeks to halt the procedure until the courts can rule on the city's action in disallowing their protest.

The city was served with copies of the suit Tuesday afternoon.

## 'Y' Drive Extended By Firemen

Sam Martin, co-chairman of the Torrance Fire-Fighters' March for the YMCA, announced that the local firemen have voted to extend their "Y" fund campaign in order to contact every house in Torrance.

Martin said that the firemen have given every possible off-duty moment to the drive, but that they do not have enough men to reach every home in the original time schedule.

Martin reported that the YMCA drive has now exceeded \$27,000, but an additional \$5000 is needed to maintain present YMCA services for many local boys and girls.

Martin stated that the Fire-Fighters have averaged one dollar per family. They hope this same generosity will continue in the neighborhoods to be contacted. If this is so, the YMCA goal will be achieved in the next few days.

## Bank Promotion

The Security First National Bank has announced the appointment of John Dyck as assistant manager at the 69th & Western branch.

He and his wife, Betty Mae, have one son Bryan, 3. They live at 5615 Michelle Drive, Torrance.

## Meet the Candidate Forum Set

A chance for the voting public to get a look at each of the city council candidates is being offered by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night, March 31, at the Torrance High School auditorium.

The "Meet the Candidate" event is being sponsored by the Jaycees to permit those seeking election to air some of their views, according to Jaycee President Bob Morris.

Each candidate will be allowed a timed period for his talk, and this will be followed by a moderated question and answer period with questions coming from the audience, Morris explained.

Rich Gerard, chairman of the Jaycee event, said all candidates and the incumbents had been invited.

## 11 Finalists Considered For Honors

Eleven community leaders remain in the running for Torrance's Citizen of the Year for 1959, according to an announcement by the selection committee chairman Glenn Koger. The winner will be announced at the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles next Wednesday.

Koger said his committee was releasing the names of the finalists so that all of them may receive proper recognition for the work each of them has accomplished. This is the first year that the finalists have been announced since the program was instituted in 1933 by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in memory of two distinguished civic leaders — Dr. William L. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.

Finalists include James P. Becker, Mrs. Margaret Clark, Mrs. Rosa Craig, William J. Hanson, Mayor Albert Isen, Mrs. Marguerite Broen McAllister, George C. Powell, J. H. Paset, Fred W. Mill, Rev. H. Milton Stippel, and Mrs. Kenneth Watts.

Members of the Selection Committee, also announced publicly for the first year include Rev. Monrad Bergesen, president, Torrance Ministerial Assn.; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, Torrance Unified School District; J. H. Paget, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; George W. Stevens, city manager; King Williams, publisher, Torrance Herald; William Zappas, Press publisher, and Past Winners, Mervin M. Schwab (1953), Dean L. Sears (1955), Sam Levy (1956), Dr. Howard Wood (1957) and Glenn Koger (1958).

## Former City Developer Out on Bail

Former Torrance builder Anthony Parravano, 42, will be arraigned April 11 before U. S. Judge Thurmond Clark in Los Angeles for his part of a 21-count Federal Grand Jury indictment returned against him and a former partner last week.

Parravano, who was arrested after an extended stay out of the country, was released on \$25,000 bail after the grand jury indicted him and Henry Albachten, 43, on 21 counts of evading \$3 million income tax during the period 1952 to 1955.

Department officials were suspended and the department reorganized.

Many of the alleged building discrepancies which had been the target of complaints were finally resolved or repaired.

## Armed Forces Day Parade Planned Here

Plans for the Southland's most ambitious Armed Forces Day celebration here on May 21 were announced this week by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Under the general chairmanship of Jack Phillips, the celebration plans include a military parade, schoolchildren's essay contest, displays of military equipment, and a military ball to wind up the affair.

Missiles, tanks, bands, and marching units from every branch of the service are scheduled to move along Torrance Blvd. in the mid-day parade.

Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates has been invited to be grand marshal. The parade and celebration will supplant the Rancho Days parade, although it will not alter Rancho Days celebrations otherwise.

## 'Litterbug' Case Dismissed by Isen

A "litterbug" complaint filed Tuesday by Mayor Albert Isen charging a local discount house with permitting unbound trash to blow over a wide area was dismissed yesterday at the request of Isen after the company cleaned up the premises and promised to keep it clean.

The mayor has called for strict enforcement of the city's laws against scattering of refuse.



GEORGE KURTZ  
... In Council Race

## City Needs Leaders, Kurtz Says

Tax structures, city planning, and supervised recreation facilities were named today as the three dominant issues in Torrance's upcoming councilmanic election by George Kurtz, attorney-at-law and candidate for election to the council.

Kurtz, whose experience includes teaching at the high school level in California school systems as well as his present law career, outlined his position on the three questions as follows:

1. Torrance must maintain a low tax structure to continue to attract industrial development. Rising costs of city administration must come from increased revenues through sales taxes.

2. City planning must include provisions for keeping a desirable balance between residential and commercial development.

3. Torrance must add substantially to its recreation facilities, but only under terms of efficient administration and supervision. With 30 per cent of the city's population under 18 years of age, the need for modern, supervised recreation programs is pressing. This includes expanded library services.

**POINTING TO** the city's phenomenal growth rate, Kurtz said that "if Torrance is going to maintain an All-American pace, it must have a city government that will avoid 'second-string' policies and practices.

"To match the complexities of our growth, we need men of judgment and maturity who can bring a variety of experience to the difficult task of good city government," he said.

**KURTZ LIVES** with his wife Eileen and their three sons at 23004 Evalyn Ave. Robert, his eldest son, is 8 and "the twins," Kenneth and Clifton, are 6.

Kurtz is a graduate of the University of California law school, and has practiced law in Torrance for three years. He is also a graduate of UCLA in English and education, and was a high school English instructor in Santa Cruz, Calif., for two years before entering law school.

During World War II, he served as a rifleman in the 96th Infantry Division in the Pacific campaigns.

Kurtz is a member of the South Bay and California State Bar Assns. and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.



**DISCUSSING CONCERT** . . . Comparing notes about the scheduled concert Saturday evening featuring the Torrance Area Youth Band and the Mormon Choir of Southern California are Elna Bybee, member of the alto section of the choir, and Bonnie Lewis, flautist in the band. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Redondo Union High School and auditorium. (Herald Photo)

## Youth Band, Mormon Choir Schedule Concert Saturday

A capacity house is expected for the joint concert to be given by the Mormon Choir of Southern California and the Torrance Area Youth Band in the Redondo Union High School auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

This was indicated this week by James Van Dyck, director of the Youth Band and chairman of the ticket sales, who reports a "brisk" sale of tickets by the band parents and choir members of the First Methodist Church who are handling the advance ticket sales.

This will be the third of the current Joint Youth Band-Artist Concerts to be sponsored by the Youth Band. Proceeds from this program will be used to defray the cost of 30 new band uniforms which were purchased last summer.

**THE YOUTH BAND**, on the first half of the concert, will play "Iphigenia in Aulis" overture by von Gluck, the Proud Heritage march by William Latham, Folk Song Suite by R. Vaughan Williams, the "Irish Washerwoman" from "Irish Suite" by Leroy Anderson, Es-

pana Rhapsody by Emmanuel Chabrier, Toccata by Frescobaldi, and His Honor march by Henry Fillmore.

Mike Mansolino, trumpet instructor for the Torrance Area Youth Bands, will be soloist on the band's half of the concert.

**THE MORMON CHOR**, conducted by Frederick Davis, will perform on the second half of the concert.

They have programmed the following numbers: "Great Is Jehovah, the Lord," by Schubert; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach; "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord" by Lewandowski; "Come, Come, Ye Saints" (Mormon Hymn) by Clayton—arranged by Davis; "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific by Rodgers—arranged by Stickle; "Happy Wanderer" by Moller with Robert Stevens as baritone soloists; and "No Man Is An Island" by Whitney and Kramer—arranged by Ringwald. Michael Cannon, pianist, will play the Chopin Nocturne in F Major and the First Movement of Sonata in F Sharp Minor by Brahms.



**LEAGUE OF CITIES GATHERING** . . . Azusa Mayor Louie G. Memersheimer (center) was honored here when members of the Los Angeles County division of the League of California Cities met in Torrance. Mayor Memersheimer, president of the Los Angeles County unit, was cited for his contributions to the organization. From left at the meeting are Hal Peary, comedian and master of ceremonies; Torrance Mayor Albert Isen; Memersheimer; Superior Judge Joe Raverzoff, principal speaker; and Perry Walker of Manhattan Beach, state vice president of the League.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think could be done to make freeway driving safer for motorists?"

Answering were:

Mary Louise Lovejoy, 22308 Eastwood Ct., medical student:

I think they should enforce the law that says the slower traffic must stay in the slow lanes. If you're from back East where they don't have very many, they can be very confusing and this confusion can cause more accidents. I think we really need another transportation system, such as the monorail, because the present freeways don't take care of the growing needs adequately.



R. C. Bolerjack, 2652 Brian, retired:

I think the dividers should be higher, and there should be more strict law enforcement. They should have a truck lane and make them stay there. A freeway should be safer than ordinary streets if they had law enforcement to hold the speed down some. If one is not familiar with freeways, they can be quite confusing as to how to get on and off of them.

Fred Bell, 24242 Park St., immigration inspector:

I think this new chain link divider that they are putting in is a real good deal. Trucks and slow drivers are a problem but I really don't know what we could do about it. Freeways might be confusing to tourists and people who don't know them, but they certainly speed up through traffic.



Edmund Jackson, 2320 Nearcliff, carpenter:

I think they should slow the speed down and make the cars spaced farther apart. The traffic rules are O.K. but it's up to the individual, their state of mind, etc. I think they should stay within the speed limit and that trucks should stay in the slow lane. I don't think they are any more dangerous than regular streets, so I don't mind them at all.

Agnes Blackmer, 335 W. Flat Street, Avon representative:

I think those dividers in the center are dangerous because if you are in the center lane and something should happen, there is no place to go. I think a space on both sides would be a good idea because it often takes some time to get from the center lane to an outside lane.

