



City's Leaders

Bearing the signatures of representatives of business, industry, homeowners and labor, nominating petitions for City Council of the incumbent Councilman Nick Drale and Victor E. Benstead were filed with the City Clerk on Monday. They are running on a "BID for Better Government"

BID Ticket Wins Favor of 3 Ex-Mayors

City of Torrance have endorsed the "BID for Better Government" ticket entered in the next Council election.

They are: William Stanger, who developed the vast water system of Torrance after he completed his term as Councilman and

J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., who helped guide the city out of its war-created financial difficulties, and who is conceded to be one of the best Mayors the

City has ever had. William H. Tolson, popular Realtor and business man who surprised the community two years ago by winning election to the Board of Education on a write-in campaign, few of which ever have succeeded in California. He was a Councilman for two different terms and also Mayor. His activities have done much toward home and industrial development of

Ninety Days

reation Center in back of the Torrance City Library got under way Monday. The center, to be Polio Drive constructed entirely by employees of the city, will be completed within 75 to 90 days, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett predicted today

Several weeks ago, in an exclusive story, the Torrance Press In Campaign predicted that the city would construct its own Adult Center several bids as being too high. ers agreed that their efforts Bartlett said that the center would cost \$7500 or perhaps even week.

Recreation Director Frank Car-(Continued on Page Six)

HARBOR CITY HEARING

ing of current and maintenance 644.25.



ticket with Albert Isen, lawyer, busines man and property owner for whom a nominating petition had been filed last week.

There are three terms expiring on the City Council this year, and the Municipal Election is

Signing Councilman Drale's petition are: Mrs. Rowena Menger, housewife and civic leader in Pacific

Hills and Walteria. sociation.

Louis F. Simon active in of \$251 per month. North Torrance Civic Associ-

activities.

Mayor of Torrance. William H. Tolson, former area. Councilman and Mayor, and now EARL RESIDENTS a member of the board of Ed-

wife and active in Civilian Defense activities. Mrs. Martha Riegle ,insur-

Li-Cut Bait Co.

Councilman Drale resides with the homeowners. his wife and their three children, Michael, 12 ;Stephen,6; and at 3319 W. 171st street.

He is a member of the Ep- City Council. iscopal church, a Mason, Shriner, rance Committee of the Boy (Continued on Page Six)

of the \$10,000 goal for its March after the City Council rejected of Dimes Drive, campaign workwere moderately successful ,this

More than \$6200 was taken Appearing at the ground- in, according to Postmaster breaking ceremonies were City Clara Conner, who served as Clerk A. H. Bartlett, one of the chairman of the Drive. Her asprime boosters of the center; sistants were George Post and Jim Felts.

By far the largest amount was collected by mothers throughout Torrance who con-HARBOR CITY.—Yearly as- ducted a porchlight parade. This sessment estimates for furnish- one night campaign netted \$2,-

of street lighting equipment In the Crenshaw area, Aralong Belle Porte Ave. from Lo- lene Rickabaugh, widow of the mita Blvd. to 255th St. are in- late Charles Rickabough, Jr., who cluded in items to be subject of died of polio at the age of 30 a hearing set for 10 a.m. March in the Los Angeles County Hos-31 in Los Angeles city council pital ,was an active doorbell (Continued on Page Six)



PICTURED ABOVE are City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at far left, Recreation Director Frank Carpenter in center with shovel, and Recreation Commissioner Marvin Goettsch at far right looking over plans for the Adult Center which will be completed within the next 75 to 90 days. Ground for the center was broken on Monday of this week.

Torrance School Bonds Passed 12 to 1 in Landslide



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COLUMBIA CONF EXPANSION

Bartlett Gets Extra Man in

THIRD YEAR

Temporary appointment of I. J. Hallanger as license clerk and J. E. Minter Jr., president of assistant accountant, upon the Pacific Hills Homeowners As- recommendation of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, received City Mrs. Lois Simon, housewife Council approval, at the regular and active North Torrance lead- Council meeting, Tuesday evening. He will be hired at a salary

Other Council business includation and in Boy and Cub Scout ed a letter from Truman Browne agreeing to the paving of lot 42 William Stanger, former sup- for parking purposes which is erintendent of Torance Municipal located in the heart of his 150 Water Department and former home tract area, Browne plans to build a grocery store in this

Residents from Earl Street appeared in the City Council re-Albert D. Gianni, former chair- questing further relief from the man of the City Planning Com- lake in their area. City Manager George Stevens pointed out that Mrs. Pauline Bartleet, house- the City had sprayed the area in question.

They also wanted to know why Earl Street wasn't paved. Stevance agent and real estate ens pointed out that the City had no easement for putting a Willis Sperry, owner of the street there and could do nothing until one was dedicated by

and member of the Moose lodge. Torrance Area Youth Band re- spector, and W. E. Laws He is active on the North Tor- quested permission to hold a Sewer Inspector. small carnival-May 7 to 11 and These homes were overlooked a parade on April 10. Both re- by negligent inspection. Both quests were granted with, a stip- Moore and Dresser said that the ulation that \$50 be posted as a neglect occurred before they encleanup bond.

the City reported at the Council City of Torrance does not force meeting were \$1,250.00 for ad- a subdivider to post a bond and vertising rendered by the Cham- therefore it is almost imposber of Commerce, \$600 for re- sible to make him return to roofing the City Hall, and \$2,629 rectify discrepencies. for the Water Department



ALL LANES OF TRAFFIC will be headed for Torrance tomorrow and Saturday when local merchants display their best Dollar Day bargains. Shown above are Charles Markland, manager of McMahan's at far left, and George Popish, assistant manager of Newberry's as they hoist the first dollar day sign into place on Sartori. These placards were up to remind people that Friday and Saturday are real bargain days in Torrance. This is the first Dollar Day since August, 1951. Merchants are cooperating to give residents extra-special sale values for the

Plumbing Inspection Door Solution Remains Mystery

Even after a special meeting in Walteria Recreation Hall Monday evening with City Plumbing Inspector Ar- new mill in Torrance. Final count on the special thur S. Moore and Building Inspector J. S. Dresser, Pacific Olds reported that his comcensus set the Torrance popula- Hill homeowners weer unable to find out what could be pany operated at 101.3 percent Patricia, 5. in the family home tion at 31,847, City Manager done to force K. Sande Senness to place plumbing inspec- of capacity last year. The steel George Stevens reported to the tion doors on 88 homes in that's

area. Also there were James W. E. Bowen, president of the West, assistant Building In-

tered the picture.

Among expenses paid out by Dresser pointed out that the

for an address machine bought | Several contradictions were (Continued on Page Four) Let's Get the Record Straight

As a newspaper dedicated to the best interests of the people, to good government, to good schools, to the advancement of everything which makes a city a fit place in which to live and rear families, the Torrance Press now is and always has been unalterably opposed to gambling of all kinds. We will not and never have supported a candidate who is in any way friendly to gambling interests.

(An Editorial)

It was this newspaper which led the fight, aided by the fine clergy and parent-teacher groups of the community, to force the City Council to rid the city of marble games which school children were being allowed to play openly, and on which gambling pay-offs were being made publicly. It was not until this newspaper stirred up the better elements of Toraance against these games, which had flourished here without opposition for years, that the City Council yielded to pressure and adopted reluctantly the ordinance banning the pin-ball games. Yes, thank you, we take our share of the credit.

The three condidates for the City Council on the "BID For Better Government" Ticket, Victor E. Benstead, Albert Isen and Nick Drale, have publicly stated their unwavering opposition to gambling in Torrance—any kind of gambling.

They have pledged their support to the Charter provision outlawing poker halls here, and they have pledged their support to the anti-pinball ordinance now on the books.

Were it otherwise, we could not support this ticket. As in past years, the opposition paper, the Herald, again brings up the gambling issue in an attempt to smear clean, good and honest men who seek office against the wishes of that paper.

Let's get the record straight now.

The Torrance Press is against gambling, will accept no support from gambling and never will tolerate any move institute gambling of any kind in the City of Torrance. Victor E. Benstead is on record as being against

gambling now and forever. Albert Isen has publicly stated his opposition to all types of gambling.

Councilman Nick Drale has stated his views time and again—he is absolutely opposed to gambling in Torrance and will never lend his vote nor office to any move to bring gambling of any kind to this wonderful city.

This is for the record, now and always.

Torrance to Get

Predictions by the Torrance Press more than three months ago in an exclusive story that a multi-million dollar expansion program was contemplated at Columbia Steel in Torrance, was confirmed Monday by Irving S. Olds, chairman of the Board of Directors for the United States Steel Corporation.

In a Press conference conducted in the Oval room at the Ambassador Hotel, Olds declared: NICK Drale "The contemplated Torrance program will mean a considerable increase in the number of em-

Nearly 1,250 employees work at Columbia now. Olds did not reveal the exact number of workers that would be added once the building program is completed. Olds reported that present clans differ from those which originally planned for

Southern California. This was also pointed out by the Torrance Press in its exclusive story. At this time this newspaper disclosed that the construction of a mill at the former ALCOA plant, 190th and Normandie, had been abandoned, and U. S. Steel would build the

industry figure was somewhat lower, but was still over 100 percent, he said.

A shortage of sci ous worry to the steel industry, but thus far U. S. Steel has not been seriously hurt, Olds said. Olds had little to say on the pleted before a panel of the Wage Stabilization Board, except to say that he did not see

ignation "with regrets," John Steinbaugh, principal of the high school and chairman of the Raise Given Board, reported today. The resignation becomes effective Isbell said that he found it

necessary to leave in order to go into private business. "I plan to do everything in my power to help out as much to give city employees a 10 per-

as possible until the "Y" can cent raise was cut to 5 percent find a new secretary," Isbell by the City Council, last week. He made it clear that he was heartily in back of the "Y" pro- cost of living had spiraled out of as General Chairman of the there IS A SURPLUS, and one

from the community.

Milt Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA, tendered his (Continued on Page Six) resignation, last Thursday. The YMCA Board accepted the res-

Final Okay Councilman Nick Drale's move

In requesting the 10 percent raise, Drale pointed out that the gram and was appreciative of the support that he had received by the city.

Asks Closing

Councilman Nick Drale took the spotlight at the regular Council meeting by introducing all motions with the exception of two. One of the two was introduced by Ed Karlow and the other by Willys Blount. Drale's motions included or-

dering K. Sande Senness to fence the oil sump in Pacific Hills, and requesting the City Attorney to the closing of the gravel pit in for Better Government Ticket,"

Hills area were present. William Cameron, a spokesman on rious sections of the city discuss the subject of the gravel pit, the needs of the community, pointed out that operators of the pit, were violating the variance Baldwin, local reporter, who ap--originally given to them. It was pointed out by Cameron that the pit operators were perthat the pit operators were per-

mitted to use a 50 acre area. Cameron pointed out that they the "BID" ticket on the April 8 came down on the West side of municipal election ballot. the Hill and installed rock crush- During his talk (he admitted labor negotiations recently com- ers. He further said that the pit on questioning that he was operators should be forced to speaking not only for himself clean up the mess made with the but his boss, G. C. Whyte, Heroriginal territory agreed upon. such assertions as: Whether the City Council has

the power to close the gravel pit city budget are needed to ficould not be answered by City nance community buildings Attorney James Hall in the throughout the city. He said meeting. He said that he would that without such surplus funds look into the matter.

Sam Levy to Be in Charge

proportion with the wages paid Second Annual Community Va- sufficient to carry on the kind When Drale offered the origi- tober 2, and 4, in Torrance, THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE In the meantime Steinbaugh nal motion, the Council turned John Steinbaugh, principal of the DESERVE.) announced that the Personnel it down four to one. However, high school, disclosed today. A 2. He said that should Alon-Committee of the YMCA consist- one week later, the rest of the contract was signed recently be- dra Park become a part of Toring of W. E. Bowen, chairman; Councilmen decided that they tween the Board of Managers of rance as proposed, El Camino Warren Hamilton, and William | could not ignore the needs of the Torrance YMCA and the Gel- | College District would lose the

Voters Okay 3 Million for Construction

the people of Torrance recognized the need for the \$3,000,000 school bond election by approving the issue with a 12 to 1 landslide vote on Tuesday.

In another recent landslide, voters had approved the recent \$2,000,000 water bond issue by a 6 to 1 margin.

Total vote recorded for the school bonds was 1,483 in favor of the issue and 124 opposedmaking a total of 1,607 who went to the polls out of a total registration of more than 8,000.

WATER BOND In the water bond issue, 1,957 voted. 350 more than went to the polls in the school election. As a result of the election, the Board of Education can set the machinery in motion that will eventually mean construction of three elementary schools and an additional high school.

Within 20 minutes after the polls closed on Tuesday, two precincts reported which indicated that voters had given a landslide approval to the bonds. FIRST PRECINCT

First precinct to report was North Torrance which recorded 139 for the bonds and 9 opposed. Seaside was the second precinct recording 204 for the bonds and

4 opposed. Here are the precincts, and the

totals reported: ... 139 ... 248 ... 195 ... 214 ... 179 ... 204 ... 267 1483 124 1607

'Spokesman' **Reveals Boss'** Opposition

By M. L. Owens Torrance Unified Taxpayers held their second "Town Meeting" last Friday night in Higgins Brick Patio, North Tor-

After hearing candidates for look into the matter regarding the City Council on the "BID -Victor E. Benstead, Albert Members from the Pacific Isen and Councilman Nick Drale and a group of citizens of vathey yielded the floor to Jack ing why he (Baldwin) is against

dirt once they move back to the ald publisher), Baldwin made

1. The surplus funds in the which result from income received over and above budgeted estimates, no community building would be possible. (Editor's Note: He did not explain how community capital improvements were made before the day of "surplus funds." And they were made. In fact the buildings he mentioned as being built out of surplus funds were provided at a time when there was no sur-Sam Levy has been selected plus. Also, he did not deny that riety Show, to be presented Oc- of RECREATION PROGRAM

Patterson have been meeting to the city workers in an election ler productions of Los Angeles, support of Inglewood. (Editor's (Continued on Page Six) year, political observers believe. (Continued on Page Six)







WOMEN CIVIC LEADERS for the first time in the history of the YMCA pitched in to help the boys organization in their \$12,500 fund drive which ends March I. The women gathered at "Y" headquarters to map out a campaign. Scenes above are from the coffee hour, last Friday, when chairman of the "Y" Drive, Don Armstrong, officially welcomed the women. Picture at the far left shows Armstrong pouring a cup of coffee for Mrs. B. T. Whitney, who is heading the women's drive. In the center picture is Mrs. Byron Johnson, president of the Seaside P-TA signing up to offer her services. At the far right, Betty

Burnam, secretary to Milt Isbell pours a cup of coffee for another worker. Standing at the table, waiting for service, is Mrs. Mary Lee Boswell of the Junior Women's Club. In all seventeen women attended the coffee hour. They were Mrs. Don Hyde, Mrs. C. A. Newborn, Mrs. Anne Warburton, Mrs. Mabel Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Bea Vaca, Mrs. Hal Jones, Mrs. Ann Hight, Mrs. M. A. Bauman, Mrs. Frances Hunn, Mrs. Jane R. Wilkes, Mrs. Maxine Jensen, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, and Mrs. Laura Lewis. Also in attendance were Milt Isbell and Principal John Steinbaugh.

-Dollar Days This Week-End ... Shop Here! -