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A Tailor-Made Target

The precipitous resignation of one school board member and the instant nomination and acceptance of his replacement at Tuesday's board of education meeting caught many by surprise, and adds fuel to the flames for those who have criticized the apparent trend of the board to be self-perpetuating.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Garrabrant, a member of the board since his appointment in 1957, felt constrained because of illness and press of business to relinquish his seat just four months before he would have ended his term.

The ensuing appointment of Robert Ellis, while publicly hasty, was apparently the result of a serious consideration of available citizens to serve in this important post. The HERALD was impressed with Mr. Ellis' campaign two years ago, and his appointment we believe will accrue to the benefit of the city's schools.

Seeking election to a position of trust such as the school board, or accepting an appointment when offered, should carry with it a resolution on the part of the candidate to serve out his term barring the event of a business collapse, or severe health problems.

Serving on such a board is not an easy or parttime task; the demands of the job are strenuous, time consuming, and interfere terribly with a person's natural desire for some leisure time.

Since election of the original board of education on March 18, 1947, 12 new members have taken seats on the board — nine of them as the result of appointment. Only one member of the original board, Grace Wright, still serves.

The reasons for resignations from the board have been logical, and the HERALD does not question Mr. Garrabrant's reasons for resigning. It is unfortunate, however, that since 1947, only three members of the board have taken their seats for the first time as the result of an election.

Such events have given critics of the schools a tailor-made target.

Opinions of Others

When Social Security taxes were first levied in 1937, the maximum combined annual tax on employer and employee amounted to \$60 or \$30 each. By 1960, the combined tax on employers and employees will be \$432 — or \$216 each. Since 1957, when more people became beneficiaries, the Trust fund has been declining because it has been paying out more than it received. The deficit in 1959 amounted to 1.7 billion. Social Security cannot continue to go up and still be security. — West Point (Miss.) Leader.

Little Chats

On Public Notice

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By JAMES E. POLLARD

LIMITED ACCESS HEARING

(No. 3 in a Series)

In a large Midwestern city a public hearing was held in connection with the establishment of an important new viaduct as a limited access project.

The newspaper story of the hearing said it was "just a formality since it had already been determined that the viaduct would be limited access."

But there was more to it than this. Actually the hearing legally cleared the way for the city to appropriate nearly a score of properties required for the project right of way.

At the time, the city was still negotiating for four valuable railroad properties that were necessary to the project.

As at that moment the city and the railroads were nearly

\$1,000,000 apart on a price for these properties. If negotiations did not lead to agreement the hearing made it possible for the city to proceed to condemn the properties. In time, however, the problem was solved and the city got the necessary properties without condemnation.

Public hearings on proposed budgets, the letting of contracts and other meetings concerning public business are often poorly attended or get little attention. But this is the fault of the public and not of the law.

As with public notices, or legal advertising, such hearings are part of due process. Both are important to the public as well as to the parties immediately concerned.

Their use, as required by law, is a matter of protecting public or individual rights, or both.

Law in Action

Law Has Many Varieties

California stands almost alone in the many kinds of law which once ruled her.

a. Of late Indian law suits over the land have shown the range of tribal law — from the most primitive, to some very complex customs.

b. California got Roman law through Spain; military law, through the presidios; canon, through the missions; and civil law, through the pueblos.

c. History of California law shows how a people behave, for example, when law fails and they take over popular tribunals.

d. New laws have changed the old forms. We had to change our constitution so

that our water law, for example, could serve our dry, warm irrigated valleys and deserts.

The law which governs the use of waters flowing into the state is an enormous complex of treaty, and federal and state laws.

e. Treaty law, itself, say, as between the United States and Mexico, has strongly influenced our property law.

f. The United Nations Charter, worked out in California, is a special kind of treaty. Already we have had at least one California case that mentions the Charter.

g. Besides, the pioneers hewed justice for the ox trains out of custom, morals,

the Bible, and often out of Blackstone, a Seventeenth century English commentator. This was called the "law of the road."

h. California also came under the "law of nations" where some explorer, for example, planted a flag and claimed a land in his king's name. Thus, parts of California came under Russian, Spanish, Mexican and American law.

i. Some of our mining and homestead law goes back to "natural law": What land God had given man in common, for example, becomes one person's land through the work he puts in on it.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

Sam! No!



Union Czar Carey Loses Important Labor Battle

By JAMES DORAIS

Because of President-elect Kennedy's widely publicized assurances to union chieftains Walter Ruether of blood-brother friendship, there has been considerable speculation that the new administration will usher in a new era of carte blanche approval of union goals and programs.

But while the razor edge Presidential campaign victory doubtless can be interpreted as a victory for Ruether, the headlined events of the closing days of the campaign tended to obscure the news of a resounding loss for the union czar on another front.

In the settlement of the electrical strike against General Electric Company on the terms offered by GE before the strike, Ruether's number one lieutenant, James Carey, suffered an ignominious defeat.

in wages and contract terms. AFL-CIO chieftains have dubbed this policy "Boulwarism" after its instigator, Lemuel Boulware, a retired GE vice-president.

Carey saw an opportunity this year to break Boulwarism once and for all, over GE's decision in its new contract offer to eliminate a cost-of-living escalator clause — a device fairly common a few years back which experience has found to be dangerously inflationary. Confident that a strike could be successfully waged on the escalator clause issue, Carey proclaimed a strike against the company, even though several important union locals voted

heavily — in some plants as much as 3 to 1 — against it.

When General Electric announced that its plants would remain open, Ladies Home Journal high-mindedness went out the window and the familiar tactics of violence, unlawful mass picketing and goon squad terrorism were used in reprisal. But one of the largest Carey-led locals rejected Carey's leadership and went back to work, and the strike fell apart.

Carey's defeat, rather than Ruether's victory, may prove in the long run to be the more significant event in the annals of labor-management relations.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Article Lauded

Editor, Torrance Herald

Your article "Smutty Movies Flayed," was very encouraging. Smut must be eradicated from our movies and reading.

Torrance has a vital responsibility in this regard, since it is a city of growing families and consequently has a coming teen-age population. Juveniles are a tremendous responsibility and the senior citizens must abate any harmful "pornographic junk."

Your paper can do much to solve this problem by keeping the community informed on what we can do.

One thing I'd like to add. Your front page should devote one column to outstanding accomplishments and noteworthy occurrences weekly performed by teenagers, as an incentive to good citizenship.

EMERIE MELVOLD

Editor, Torrance Herald

At this holiday time of the year when expressions of thanks are most appropriate, the Officers and Members of the Sheriff's Relief Assn. have asked me to express their appreciation to you.

Your cooperation in helping to promote the 1960 Sheriff's Rodeo was an important factor in the success of this annual presentation of the association.

As you know, the rodeo is a philanthropic activity whose proceeds benefit members of the Sheriff's Department in times of emergency. Your assistance has insured continuation of this program of aid to those stricken by misfortune.

I am joined in this expression of appreciation for your support also by members of the Sheriff's Department who recognize and are grateful for your contribution to their welfare.

Thank you for your generous efforts on our behalf and a happy holiday season to you and yours.

PETER J. PITCHESS
Sheriff

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLARD

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1-Base	21-Gravitation	41-Year
2-Trust	22-Judgment	42-Right
3-Vibrations	23-Financial	43-Crimp
4-You're	24-Love	44-You
5-Year	25-Healthy	45-You've
6-The	26-Up	46-Project
7-Hopes	27-Permit	47-Popularity
8-Run	28-Always	48-Make
9-Something	29-Anyone	49-Lot
10-Indicate	30-Helped	50-Believe
11-Don't		51-And
12-Strong		52-74 People
13-Temptation		53-75 Interest
14-You		54-76 Style
15-To		55-77 Can
16-Heads		56-78 Materialize
17-You		57-79 Been
18-Flow		58-80 Attention
19-Are		59-81 Great
20-Today's		60-82 Right
21-Gravitation		61-83 Is
22-Judgment		62-84 Now
23-Financial		63-85 Money
24-Love		64-86 Plans
25-Healthy		65-87 Green
26-Up		66-88 Status
27-Permit		67-89 Today
28-Always		68-90 Right
29-Anyone		69-91 Right
30-Helped		69-92 Right

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Chapel Says Area Could Still Get State College

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL

Assemblyman, 46th District
The State Department of Finance has already approved a budget supplementary to the State Colleges budget for 1961-62 in the amount of \$183,025 for the planning staff for the South Bay State College. This amount is believed to be sufficient to allow the hiring of a president for the South Bay State College and other key staff personnel to initiate the planning, recruiting and other details necessary for starting a new State College.

Assuming that the supplementary budget for the South Bay State College passes through the Legislature and is signed by the Governor, it is impossible to open the South Bay State College in the fall of 1961 because it takes time to select the site, hire a president, recruit the faculty, provide for housing, classrooms, and other features of a college. However, it is possible that the South Bay State College can begin operations in the fall of 1962 if all goes well.

Please send all mail regarding the selection of the site for the new South Bay State College to Roy E. Simpson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, State Education Building, 721 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento 14, with copies to me and State Senator Richard Richards, whose Sacramento address is Senate Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 14.

Although the area already recommended for site location includes the communities of Westchester (Los Angeles 45), Inglewood, Lennox, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Gardena, all within an area bounded on the north by Jefferson Blvd. and Slauson Ave., on the east by the Harbor Freeway, on the south by Redondo Beach Blvd. and 174th St., and on the west by the Pacific Ocean, this is not necessarily binding.

Any community under the flight path of jet aircraft has a small possibility of selection. If you are annoyed by jet aircraft noises, I refer you to your Congressman and the two U.S. Senators, because this is a Federal and not a State responsibility.

Communities such as Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates,

Portuguese Bend, and Torrance do not need to give up hope. If you want the South Bay State College in your neighborhood, write to Roy E. Simpson, whose address appears above, and send me a copy of your letter.

If you do not want the college in your area, also write to him.

Some public officials have publicly announced that the best location would be on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the unincorporated area, but I do not believe the owners of land there want the college because they can make more money by subdividing it. Nevertheless, the State of California can take such land under eminent domain and pay the true value to the owners.

Already, real estate brokers are asking me to intercede to get the State to buy land they have listed, even though I have told them repeatedly that this is not a political problem but one which will be solved by the

State Department of Education after public hearings.

You, the readers of this column should take the trouble to write to Roy E. Simpson and express your views. Your tax money will pay for the new South Bay State College and your children and grandchildren will be enrolled there.

On or about December 27, 1960, Mrs. Chapel and I will leave for Sacramento because the new, regular session of the California State Legislature convenes on January 2, 1961, and will last until at least June 12 and possibly June 15, 1961. Between now and our departure, the local address remains P.O. Box 777, Inglewood 5, Calif. Therefore, beginning Dec. 26, please send all mail to me at Room 4001, Assembly Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif. If you send a telegram, please mail a carbon copy of it to the same address, and be sure that your full name and address is on it if you want a reply.

Sports Arena Show Set Christmas Eve

Plans are nearing completion for the second annual Christmas eve music program at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena sponsored by the Coliseum Commission as a Yuletide gift to the people of Southern California. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced yesterday.

For the second year, the Coliseum Commission has authorized the program with the stipulation that the public be admitted to the program free of charge and that it be put on at no cost to the Commission.

IN THAT spirit, 25 different musical groups and soloists — principally from Southland churches — have volunteered to donate their time and talents in putting on the program. Each organization or individual will present a half-hour segment of the program, which will run continuously from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Christmas eve.

Hahn emphasized that the public is cordially invited to visit the Sports Arena and enjoy the music. "I can think of no better way to observe the spirit of Christmas than by going to the

Sports Arena and listening to the beautiful carols and songs for an hour, two hours or as long as a person desires," he stated.

FOR THE convenience of the public, the 6th District Agricultural Association of the State of California is making free parking available to the public on the parking lot adjacent to the Sports Arena.

The annual Christmas eve musical festival was initiated by the Commission last year on Supervisor Hahn's suggestion to establish a new Southland Yuletide tradition.

As was done last year, the entire 12½ hours of Christmas music will be broadcast as a public service over FM radio station KRHM, owned and operated by Harry Maizlish.

BASIC instrument for the all-day program will be the \$25,000 Helms Memorial Organ, donated to the Sports Arena by the family of the late Paul H. Helms Sr. In addition to the program will include several vocal groups, choirs and bands, including the Salvation Army Tabernacle band.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

In December 1940 the Torrance postoffice was busy and with limited facilities overtaxed. Postmaster Earl Conner (late husband of the present postmaster) announced the office would remain open until 6 p.m. on two Saturdays preceding Christmas. Postal receipts for the December quarter of that year were expected to exceed the record of \$11,584.38 set in the similar period of 1939.

The City of Torrance officially came of age 19 years ago today. The city had been incorporated in May 1921 but had not been accepted as a full-fledged sixth class city by the State of California until Dec. 11, 1940. The first city council consisted of George A. Proctor as president; R. R. Smith, Wallace H. Gilbert, Joseph Stone, and J. M. Fitzhugh. The title of "president" was exchanged for that of "mayor" in August 1927.

The first birth in the newly formed city brought James Edward Torrance Guille into the world on Feb. 22, 1913.

The war in Europe was expanding and younger men were registering for the draft. There were many volunteers, and 35 evaders in the Los Angeles area were rounded up and indicted. Four were in the district, served by the local selective service board.

Christmas events were being threatened by the prevalence of an influenza epidemic that had the then county health officer, Dr. J. L. Pomey, urging people to avoid crowds if they would avoid the contagion. Merchants were bravely urging the pub-

lic to join the happy Christmas shopping crowds.

The city was preparing the way for going into the bus business with complainants charging the then current system of leasing from private operators was costing the city from \$500 to \$600 per month. It was declared essential that the service between Torrance and Los Angeles be maintained and expanded to care for the great many depending on the service for their transportation.

There were advocates of a 65-mile legal speed limit for California, a statute that only became an actuality this year. The state was then operating with an absolute speed limit with officers assuming anyone might be driving recklessly, unless he could prove otherwise, if he was exceeding 45 miles per hour.

City Attorney John Shidler (now Superior court judge) was preparing resolutions asking the State DMV to institute local licensing services.

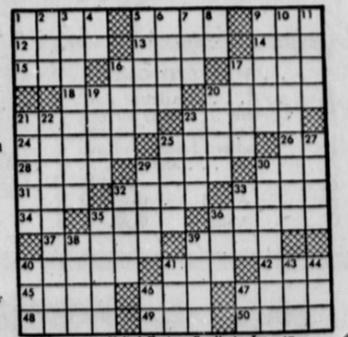
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ACROSS

- Time gone by
- Peel
- Likely
- Satisfy
- River in Siberia
- Cook in fat
- SACRILEGIOUS
- English statesman
- Shape by cutting
- Runner
- One who receives payment
- Avoid
- Prohibits
- A state (abbr.)
- Low
- Strokes
- Devalued
- In music, high
- Paradise
- Trade union (abbr.)
- Man's nickname
- Man's nickname
- Book of maps
- Condiagonal
- Beast animal
- Fast age
- Short sleep
- Tissue
- Period of time
- Girl's name
- River in Belgium
- Precious stone
- Den

DOWN

- Greek letter
- Swiss river
- Meaningless
- Symbol for tellurium
- Tip
- Master
- Decay
- Printer's measure
- Alfama
- Forestalled
- Capital of Phoenicia
- Separate
- Remunerates
- Ripped
- Containers
- Clerical collar
- Appraise
- Lane
- Bible fish
- Negate
- Free ticket
- Things to be done
- Shakespearian king
- Organ of hearing
- Pigeon
- Before
- Metal fastener
- Troika
- Proth
- Pigeon
- Before
- Southern blackbird
- Equality
- For ex-ami (abbr.)
- Spanish article



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