

The City Election

Torrance voters Tuesday will be handed their biennial municipal ballot and asked to choose among 16 candidates to sit on the city council for the coming four years.

Out of the more than 36,000 registered voters eligible to cast ballots Tuesday, the most optimistic say 30 per cent will vote. Other estimates range upward from 12 per cent.

The most optimistic estimate, however, is still short of the percentage of residents who should be at the polls Tuesday.

James Mussatti, general manager of the California State Chamber of Commerce, summed it up before the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber recently when he listed the "five sins of citizenship," saying inertia, fear, greed, apathy, and cynicism were to blame for the small participation of Americans in the activities of government.

He called for active participation, local and national, in the "political processes of this nation."

There is no better way to heed his advice than to visit the polls Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and cast a ballot for three men to serve four-year terms on the Torrance city council.

A Worthy Project

In these days when most persons with a problem turn to the paternalistic government for a solution, it is encouraging to read of a local group of parents who have banded together in an effort to seek their own solutions to a problem.

We speak of the SARC, the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, whose history and efforts were reported in the HERALD Thursday by Staff Writer Bob Wilton.

Many Americans of today, born and trained in the growing tradition of a welfare state, would be tempted to turn the problem of training their children over to someone else. The local group, however, has banded together, incorporated as a nonprofit organization, and the members are contributing their time and money to the end that their children, handicapped though they are, can lead lives as nearly normal as it is possible to achieve.

On behalf of the community, which will be a better place to live because of the work of these people, the HERALD offers its sincere commendation.

Law in Action

Freakish Wills

You have read mystery novels where the plot turns on a "freak" will.

Susie can't marry, because if she does she loses her estate under her late uncle's will.

Fact is the courts wouldn't waste much time on such a will. Most likely it would hand the property over to Susie anyway; the law regards provisions in restraint of marriage as against public policy and courts as a rule will not carry them out.

Since the courts interpreting wills cannot read the testator's mind, let's say you are the apple of your Uncle Louis' eye, and you don't want those other relatives to cut in. So you help him draw up his will leaving everything to you. Then you and the gardener sign the will as witnesses.

Do you get the whole estate? Not in California, or elsewhere.

Since you are not a disinterested witness, a court at most would let you get only

what you would get if Uncle Louis had left no will at all.

Can you control others through your will?

Though you cannot leave property to someone only on condition she never marry. Yet you might leave it to your Emily UNTIL she marries.

In Emily's case you would be reasonably providing for your daughter until she marries, afterwards her husband would provide for her.

Other problems: You may save taxes sometimes by giving some of your property away while you live.

It is true, alas, that members of the family can get pretty riled over a will. If they think you have treated them unfairly they may raise a fuss: Perhaps contest the will.

So with a little foresight you can get your will drafted to settle disputes before they arise and still carry out your dearest wishes.

Such will seldom turn up in detective stories or in court contests.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Buckets
- 2-Each up
- 3-Gastropod mollusk
- 4-Tumbler
- 5-Prees of
- 6-By oneself
- 7-Three-toed sloth
- 8-Jumpier
- 9-Backbone
- 10-Macaw
- 11-Connjunctio
- 12-Indivis
- 13-A state
- 14-Expelled air
- 15-Through nose
- 16-Intill
- 17-Condensation
- 18-Location
- 19-Stumble
- 20-Hurried
- 21-Rodents
- 22-Young salmon (pl.)
- 23-Devoured
- 24-Procrastination
- 25-Man's nickname
- 26-Mountain
- 27-London
- 28-Country of
- 29-Central America
- 30-Jumped
- 31-Steinport
- 32-Wise persons

DOWN

- 1-Jail
- 2-Military
- 3-Prospective
- 4-Protuberant
- 5-Relic
- 6-Short
- 7-Short
- 8-Short
- 9-Short
- 10-Short
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- 30-Short
- 31-Short
- 32-Short

10-Longs for

11-Bind up

12-Laughing

13-Told

14-Neighborhood

15-Forms a

16-Judgment of

17-Coolly

18-Ventilated

19-Cries

20-Small

21-Amounts

22-Choice part

23-Verb

24-Spreads

25-Ungracefully

26-Walks

27-Climbing

28-Pain

29-Transaction

30-Wipes out

31-Having a

32-Fixed date

25-Containing

26-Punishment

27-Bishop of

28-Point

29-Carpenter's

30-Tool

31-Babylonian

32-Deity

42-Tattered

43-Compass

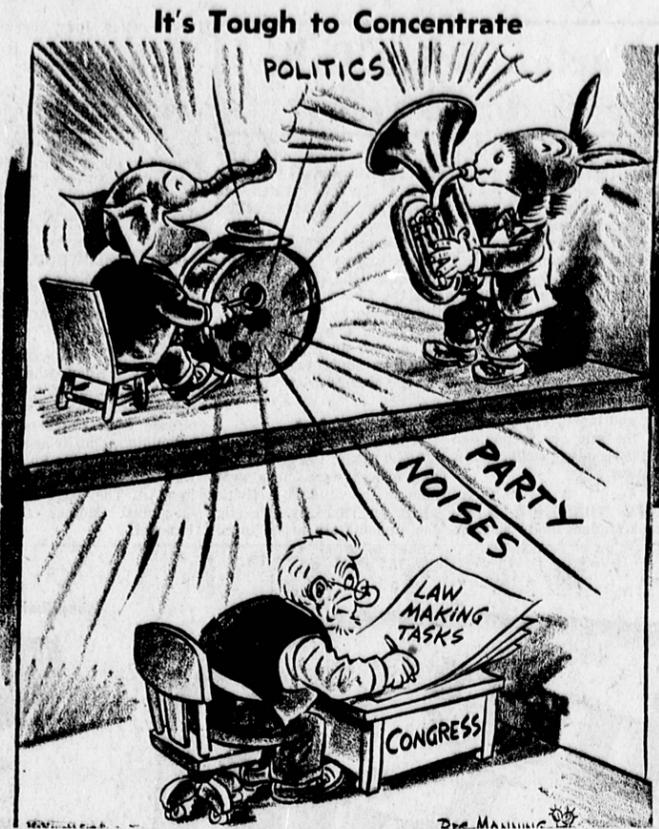
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Behind the Scenes

Ugly Weather in East Hurts Retail Business

by REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Ugly March weather has dealt the economy a blow which undoubtedly will be given much consideration by business historians when they review developments of the first quarter of this decade-opening year.

Blizzards, bitter cold, and over-all foul weather in large sections of the country slowed retail trade volume and left it well below expected levels. This happened despite record high disposable income in the nation's collective pocketbook. In short, people just didn't venture forth to buy things.

While the tendency to "blame it on the weather"—in sports and many other fields besides business—isn't always defensible, business experts agree that climatic conditions can be singled out as the villain in the 1960 picture so far.

The steel industry offers a good example. Much steel goes into car building and heavy construction. Since the bad weather slowed car buying and forced builders in many areas to wait for a break in the weather, car makers and construction firms have been ordering less steel. Steel mills currently are operating at less than 90 per cent of capacity—that's lower than steel men had planned for. And the typical steel worker, getting a slightly smaller paycheck than anticipated, now may hesitate to make major purchases of durable goods.

While some economists are expecting a pre-Easter spurt in retail trade, history suggests that a sizeable part of March's lost business will remain lost.

Watch war—American, Swiss and Japanese watch manufacturers have formed an alliance against a threat of "tremendous and growing" watch production by Russia.

Bulova Watch Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bulova International, Ltd., and the Citizen Watch Company of Tokyo recently signed a pact under which the Japanese firm will: (1) produce for Bulova precision-manufactured jeweled-lever watch movements and completed watches for sale primarily at the outset in the U. S. and Canada—probably in the \$12-\$25 range—and (2) become sole marketing agent in Japan and potentially elsewhere, for watches made by Bulova here and in Switzerland.

Harry B. Henshel, Bulova president, revealed that Russia is now second only to Switzerland as a producer of watches. The Soviets claim

distribution in 30 "capitalistic" countries, and have advertised for distributors in the U. S.

"Since their strategy permits them to ignore production costs when setting prices, the Russians are in a position to exert extreme pressure on selected markets.

It will require the total effort of the free world manufacturers to combat this strategy," Henshel notes. The line of watches produced by the Japanese company will be marketed by a newly formed division of Bulova, he said.

Things to come—A major food processor is testing in key cities a "king size" tea bag said to give 20 per cent more tea for the price; distribution in the entire Midwest and East may come soon. . . . Want to mow your lawn in comfort this summer? Now available is a 4.5-horsepower "you-drive-it" lawn mower that also bags the clipped grass and, in autumn, fallen leaves. . . . One company announces development of a lightweight nylon zipper for women's clothes and claims the new zipper is, under normal conditions, "snag-proof."

Vive la technique—Although American auto makers can claim many technical "firsts" and other achievements in car-making history, the French will tell you they, too, have something to crow about these days.

Their success story involves the Renault Dauphine sedan, of which more than 92,000 were sold in the U. S. last year. Officials of Renault, Inc. reported recently their two factories now are capable of turning out 2,650 of these cars daily—that's equivalent to a car every 14 seconds. And Renault's production lines are operating at the same impressive rate in meeting a surge of demand for their

vehicle in the U. S. and elsewhere.

French technology sometimes is underrated in America. But recently successes are tending to turn the tide. Not only has the Dauphine success propelled its makers into the sixth-ranking spot among all the world's auto makers; French technicians also point proudly to a new jet transport plane which has been ordered by many non-French air carriers. And France recently joined the U. S., Russia, and Britain as the only nations able to produce atomic bombs.

Glorifying mom—Businesses catering to the Mother's Day gift market are expecting a banner selling season. A national group promoting the occasion notes there are now some 40 million mothers in the population, more than ever before. And the dads who'll pay for the gifts, directly or indirectly, have record income at their collective disposal.

One dark note: Mother's Day, May 8, comes only three weeks after Easter. To help combat this seeming problem, the national group is urging retailers to start promoting the occasion full-tilt immediately after Easter.

Bits o' business—The Chinese Nationalist government is acting to curb "pirating" of American books by unauthorized Chinese printers on Formosa; some pirate versions have been sold in the U. S. . . . American exports in February hit \$1.5 billion—a record for the month. . . . Fancier features and more appliances are pushing up the cost of new homes; builders say people want larger, better equipped homes, despite the squeeze on financing.

Chapel Reports on Act For Four-Year College

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District

This report to you is written on what I believe to be the final day of the current short 1960 budget session. The newspapers have already reported to you that I successfully obtained a unanimous vote of the Assembly on Senate Bill No. 15, by Senator Reichard Richards, authorizing a new four-year State College "to be located in Los Angeles County in the vicinity of the Los Angeles International Airport," amended to be called the "South Bay State College."

This bill has been sent to the Governor and if signed will become a law, but it does not carry an appropriation because the Assembly Ways and Means Committee killed the appropriation bill which accompanied the authorization bill.

Meanwhile, my own Assembly Bill No. 20, which authorized a state college to be known as South Bay State College, to be located in the southwestern portion of Los Angeles County, particularly in that region known as the South Bay Area, including, but not restricted to, the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, and Portuguese Bend, was carried on the floor of the Senate by Senator Richards.

Both of us have written to the Governor, asking him to sign both bills, thereby allowing the State Board of Education to proceed on either law for the actual selection of a site. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (Democrat) of San Pedro and Wilmington was the co-author of my bill.

The actual selection of the site is outside the authority of the Legislature, hence it will do no good for people with land to sell to write to Senator Richards, Assemblyman Thomas, or me, asking us to use influence in getting the State to buy their land.

Actually, I believe that the only two possible sites are in the City of Torrance and on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, but I do not know any land owners who are anxious to sell land to the State in those regions because they can make more money by subdividing land for homes or selling land as factory sites. This means that the State will have to condemn land under eminent domain procedure to get the acres required.

Since the appropriation bill was killed in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, we must come back during the long general session of 1961, which begins on the first Monday of January, 1961, and enact into law an appropriation measure which will at least take care of the cost of acquiring the land, followed by bills to provide for construction, maintenance, salaries, etc. In other words, this is just the beginning of a long procedure.

Fortunately, in a pamphlet entitled "Progress Report of the Masterplan Survey of Public Education," reprinted from another publication called California Schools, Vol. XXII, No. 2, February, 1960, published by the State Department of Education, on page 14 of the "Progress Report," said that our new State College had a high priority and should be in operation by 1965 with an estimated 1975 full-time enrollment of 19,900 students.

Whenever Senator Richards and I present our bills for the establishment of the new State College, we had the full support of the State Department of Education particularly J. Burton Vasche, association superintendent of Public Instruction, and chief, Division of State Colleges and Teacher Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento. He is the man to whom you should write for more details regarding the selection of the site, the number of acres needed, etc.

Meanwhile, we enacted the master plan for higher education which will be a law by April, 1960. However, it is in the statutes and not put before the voters as a Constitutional Amendment, hence the Legislature did not relinquish control to boards and commissions.

One of the features of the Master Plan for Higher Education, as sent to the Governor, is that from now on State Colleges can be designed by private architects, instead of the previous law which provided that the Office of the State Architect designed all state colleges.

On the floor of both the Assembly and the Senate, both Republicans and Democrats stood up and said that better state colleges can be designed under a free-enterprise system than by a state agency, and at less cost. The roll call showed both political parties supporting this position, which is a healthy sign in an era when people have leaned on the government for everything from the cradle to the grave.

In the case of the newly authorized four-year State College in the southwestern portion of Los Angeles County, it means that all private architects will have an opportunity to compete for this job. I do not believe that politics will enter into the selection of the master architect, and I certainly hope that architects who want the job will not write or telephone Senator Richards, Assemblyman Thomas, or me, because we will not interfere.

All the tax reduction bills for which many of us fought, were killed, principally because the Governor firmly told his close friends in the Legislature that he did not want such bills sent to his office and would veto them if they were.

I do not think I need say more on this subject. If you want to write to me now, my address is P.O. Box 777, Inglewood 5, Calif.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Little Red Schoolhouse

Editor, Torrance Herald:

We're mighty lucky America is still a Democracy and most papers still have an editorial page.

I live in Torrance, the "All American City." We have two papers. One paper has an editorial page only on Sunday, and the other has no editorial page at all. Schools are inadequate, but this article appeared in a Gardena paper, Thursday, March 31, 1960, "Red Schoolhouse" Torrance expansion.

Facts: Population 100,000. "550 parents 'look' the 'Red Schoolhouse' system by signing up their children." If this means two parents to each child, and two children to each family, then 275 children "look" the "Red Schoolhouse" system or .015% of the population.

Torrance school system is still clinging to the traditional eight grade elementary school and four year high school. Noted educational leaders today, want to specialize while Torrance educators want to generalize.

Dr. James Bryant Conant, noted scientist and educator, former president of Harvard University for 20 years, member of the Board of Scientific Directors of the Rockefeller Institute, often serving as a government consultant, chairman of the National Defense Research Committee, and now conducting a group of Educational Advisors in a survey of American schools which is being sponsored by the Ford Foundation, recommends the 6-3-3 system. Six grades grammar school, three years Junior high school and three years high school. Meanwhile Torrance seems to be regressing to the good old days of 1849 and the "Little Red Schoolhouse."

The article on page 8 of the Gardena paper describes the program in which the following points were made.

Point 1: "Participation in the program entirely voluntary." This is true. I personally

haven't talked to a teacher who is in favor of this program. A large number of the parents who have accepted this new innovation are those whose children are not doing well in the present system, but then true to the Madison Ave. hawkers of obsolescence "Oft with the old on with the new." Is this really a worthwhile attempt at solving our educational problems?

Point 2: "Multigrades are not a cure-all, nor do they use techniques which could not be used in an ordinary classroom. They simply dramatize educational problems, so that the teachers can better help the student." My question is, if the teachers who are trying their best under "excellent conditions" (and a great many have to hold two jobs in order to properly feed and clothe their families) aren't able to bring the student up to their potential, how will handling three grades make it any easier?

Point 5: The multigrade system "recognizes that children travel like cars." So true in one sense, but in another sense, my car is mechanical but I hope my child isn't mechanical!

Point 7: "When children succeed, as the multigrade helps them to, discipline problems decrease." How can a multigrade help discipline? At what is it helping the child to succeed? Isn't discipline something parents should have accomplished even before a child enters school, so that when the child does enter school he will succeed?

Torrance has been fortunate in that five magazines have written articles on this "new" system. Does the School Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the city hall really want to educate the children of Torrance or are they interested in keeping the "All American City" in the eyes of the nation for industry?

While I'm writing this letter there is just one more point I would like to cover. Looking for a park in our

city is like "looking for a needle in a haystack." Our children need recreational facilities NOW. Last year the P.T.A. and the Recreational Department tried to get together to do something for the children.

Why doesn't the School Board and the Recreational Department get together and ACT NOW on this problem? They are overlooking tremendous possibilities in our school yards. From 3:30 in the afternoon, all week-end and the largest part of the summer, this area is not being used, while our children play in the streets.

Originally I came from a big city in the Midwest. Children seldom roamed or fought in the street. The recreation department built field houses in the shadows of the school. Two Physical Education Teachers, one for the boys another for the girls. These teachers directed the play activities of the neighborhood children. A child knew where to find any game of ball, checkers, jacks, crafts etc.

When Halloween came we didn't roam the streets looking for "trick or treat" but went to the playground where under the klieg lights enjoyed parades and games of fun. A child had a chance in those days even if they came from inadequate or broken homes to learn and live Democracy in the playground, so when they grew up they could take their place in a Democratic world.

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A similar story also appeared on Page 1 of the Herald On March 27.—Ed.)

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

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

1 Don't	31 Romance	61 News
2 Dare	32 Luck	62 Lock
3 Something	33 Influent	63 Be
4 Pull	34 Pay	64 Be
5 Could	35 Aggressive	65 Be
6 Count	36 Or	66 Life
7 Down	37 The	67 Male
8 The	38 Say	68 Instruments
9 Stimulate	39 Interest	69 But
10 A	40 Moves	70 Be
11 A	41 Non-	71 People
12 New	42 And	72 Glad
13 Lit	43 Shades	73 Brighter
14 A	44 The	74 Today
15 Meet	45 May	75 Whatever
16 Of	46 Believers	76 Today
17 The	47 Had	77 Full
18 Your	48 People	78 Stand
19 Take	49 Could	79 More
20 Confident	50 No	80 Cheerful
21 Beware	51 Hazards	81 The
22 New	52 Who	82 Proper
23 Expect	53 Against	83 Thing
24 Do	54 Annoying	84 Optimistic
25 Of	55 Things	85 Interesting
26 A	56 And	86 You're
27 Blessings	57 Make	87 For
28 Mental	58 Sharp	88 Strings
29 Right	59 Attention	89 Success
30 Confident	60 Could	90 Alive
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