

LOCAL VOTERS GIVE BROWN SLIGHT EDGE

Balloters Turn Out in Record Number

'Voter Apathy' Goes on Shelf

By LEA HAAS
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TORRANCE — In Torrance, the voter made news right along with the candidates and propositions.

Not only did he turn out in record numbers to vote, but his pre-election and election-day participation put that pet phrase, "voters apathy" on the shelf.

Both Republican and Democratic headquarters reported an unprecedented turnout of volunteers to "get out the vote."

"It was like turning a group of happy kids loose on a scavenger hunt," one party worker observed. As a result of this enthusiasm, every avenue was eagerly explored.

For example, volunteers covered the hospitals and obtained doctors' signatures confirming confinement of a voter after deadline had passed for absentee ballots. These forms along with a ballot were then taken to the Registrar of Voters office in Los Angeles.

Volunteers were baby sitters, freeing mothers to cast their votes. West Torrance Democratic Headquarters had about 118 volunteers going from door to door urging people to vote. Because of this they were able to cover every part of 159 precincts.

High school students took part in precinct work for the first time to any extent. For many of them it was an assignment from school. Most of them were from Torrance High School. Assignment or not, however, they do such good work with so much enthusiasm that West Torrance Democratic Club President, John Calkins will propose allowing younger people to join.

Whether they were on the winning team or not, everyone, every place on election eve, reflected pride in themselves as voters.

At City Hall, one man was overheard asking,

"How's our election going?" The magic of participation was on view en masse well after midnight in front of the City Hall. Here a long line of workers from the numerous polling places gathered to turn in their counted ballots.

And a more cheerful group couldn't be found anywhere. Tired, yes. Happy, yes. United, yes. Apathetic, no!

Man Killed When Bike Hits Auto

TORRANCE — An elderly bicyclist was killed Monday night when he collided with a car on Crenshaw Blvd. near Pacific Coast Hwy.

It was the third traffic death here in 1962. Police identified the victim as Daniel Mackin, 70, resident of a trailer court at 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy.

According to witnesses, Mackin's bicycle turned in front of a sports car driven by William P. Edison, 29, a Gardena resident.

Mackin was fatally injured when his head struck the windshield of Edison's car, officers said. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Diabetes Clinic Set at No Cost

HARBOR CITY — The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a free diabetes detection clinic Nov. 15 at 1409 W. 253rd St. from 2 to 9 p.m.

Clinic is sponsored in conjunction with the Diabetes Detection Association of Southern California.

Frosh Prexy Named

TORRANCE — Dave Shilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shilling, 16126 Spinning Ave., will be inaugurated next week as president of North High School's freshman class.

School Annual Wins Award

TORRANCE — South High School's annual Olympiad, has been awarded a first class rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in the category for schools with more than 2500 students.

Awards were for written content, theme and photographic layout, spokesman said.

Quality of the Olympiad sports section, photography and originality of theme development through writing were cited as high points.

School Board Members Play 'Musical Chairs' Over Seating

By LEA HAAS
Staff Writer

TORRANCE — To the casual observer, classroom seating—single versus double—doesn't have "great debate" potential.

But Board of Education members know otherwise. Ramifications of either choice made for a lively discussion during the board's meeting Monday evening.

A question from Bert Lynn, board member, regarding purchase of furniture for Florence Elemen-

tary School touched off the discussion. If new desks and chairs are purchased, should they be single units, double or even quadruple types?

It was pre-supposed, according to Lynn, that single-unit seating would be desired if school principals had a choice. It was reasoned children could be disciplined more easily, and any temptation to look at another child's paper would be eliminated.

However, to Lynn's surprise, when he talked with

various school principals, he found they wanted the variety made possible by double units.

Teachers themselves have not been questioned as yet. Board members assume, however, they will also want to keep double units in classrooms.

Today's teaching methods determine this choice to a large extent, one trustee pointed out. Teaching is done in groups and since each class is different and each group within that class

is different, a flexible yet easy method of arranging seating is imperative.

A wry bit of wisdom from S. E. Waldrip ended the pro-con on the subject.

"It's the case of the swinging pendulum all over again. First teachers complained about a lack of blackboards; now some complain there are too many blackboards," he observed.

So, until the pendulum swings to single seating, doubles it will be.

TEEN POLL

Students 'Elect' Brown By 2 Per Cent Margin

By GREG SIMMONS
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TORRANCE — While big things happened in the political arena Tuesday, local teen-agers were showing as decidedly a large interest as adults in the outcome of the gubernatorial race.

Torrance High School students were polled as to their

choice for governor, with the vote emerging 51 per cent for Gov. Edmund G. Brown and 49 per cent for former Vice President Richard Nixon.

Here's a sampling of teen opinion:

Mike Langum, 1754 W. 243rd St., Lomita—(For Nixon)—"I want a more con-

servative viewpoint. I don't see any difference in their personal integrity."

Harry Amy, 2524 W. 233rd St., Torrance — For Brown—"Brown's education program is more advanced."

Jeff Carpenter — (For Brown)—"Nixon is running a campaign based on falacy and smear. He fails to recognize the good done in California by Brown."

Judy Allen, 804 Maple St. — (For Nixon)—"If ex-President Eisenhower will endorse him, that's good enough for me."

Ron Phillips, 1774 Santa Fe — (For Brown)—"He's the lesser of two evils."

Ted Lodge, 22712 Eriel St. — (For Nixon)—"Nixon has had more experience in politics."

Louis Velardi, 2350 W. 230th St. — (For Brown)—"Brown is more experienced because he already has been governor, while Nixon has only been in national politics."

No matter what the difference of opinion, however, Torrance teen-agers seem to have agreed with their adult counterparts in electing California's new governor.



ELECTION RETURNS come in fast and furious after polls close in Torrance at 7 p.m. Central tallying location for ballots was City Hall, where

officials from office of County Registrar of voters worked up to 5 a.m. Wednesday for final figures. —PRESS photo by Roger Anderson

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Youth, 19, Dies In Cliff Plunge

SANTA MARIA — A 19-year-old Torrance youth died Sunday night when his car plunged off a winding mountain roadway south of here.

He was identified as John Mac Underwood, 1515 W. 214th St.

California Highway Patrol investigators said Underwood, a 1960 graduate of Torrance High School, was killed instantly in the crash between Vandenberg Air Force Base and Santa Maria.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. with Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

He leaves his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Underwood, of the home address, and a sister, Barbara DeVore.

Underwood joined the Air Force in 1960 and had been stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas, prior to arriving at Vandenberg.

He was active in high school football and dramatics.



JOHN M. UNDERWOOD ... dies in crash

Drive Starts

CARSON — A drive to solicit funds for the projected Carson Community Building is under way here, with committee spokesmen asking \$1 donations. Contributions should be mailed to Box 374, Torrance.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION for local Democrats climaxed many months of campaigning. Celebrants gathered at Torrance Democratic headquarters,

5141 Torrance Blvd., to mark up latest vote tallies. Democrats held big margin in state and national voting. —PRESS photo by Roger Anderson.

Brown Edges Nixon

TORRANCE — An estimated 77 per cent of this city's eligible voters have ended one of the most hotly-contested election battles on record here.

Incumbent Gov. Edmund G. Brown nosed out former Vice President Richard M. Nixon by slightly more than 100 votes in local balloting.

Glenn Anderson, incumbent lieutenant governor, beat out San Francisco Mayor George Christopher by some 700 local votes.

In other contests here are Torrance totals up to 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Secretary of State — Jordan, 652; Rose, 2083.

Controller — Cranston, 2895; Reagan, 1735; Stevens, 83.

Treasurer — Metts, 2643; Busterud, 1972; Rice, 74.

Attorney General—Coakley, 2270; Mosk, 2508.

U.S. Senator — Kuchel, 3423; Richards, 3010.

Sup't. Public Instruction — Rafferty, 2578; Richardson, 1898.

Assessor — Gibson, 1707; Watson, 2415.

Congress, 17th Dist. — Bruinsma, 1293; King, 1935.

Congress, 28th Dist. — Bell, 615; Felixson, 344.

Prop. E. (Draw Poker) — Yes, 1381; No, 2663.

Measure 1-A (College Bonds—For, 2237; Against, 1464.

Measure 23 (Senate Reapportionment) — For, 2558; Against, 1001.

Measure 24 (Subversive Activities) — Yes, 1847; No, 1912.

Equalization Board (4th District) — Flournoy, 1684; Nevins, 2909.

State Senator (30th District) — McGee, 1957; Rees, 2558.

November: City Beautiful Month