

# Press-Herald

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## Parade Season Nears

The parade season is about to descend. Boy Scouts of the Southwest area will kick off the year's parade schedule here on Saturday, Feb. 4, when about 5,000 Scouts, as many as 15 military and high school bands, area mayors, members of the Board of Supervisors, and special guests participate in a 90-minute parade beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Traditionally one of the nation's outstanding observances of Boy Scout Week, this year's parade, which will move west on Torrance Boulevard past a civic center reviewing stand, is intended to maintain that tradition.

The Boy Scout parade will be followed here in March by what is scheduled to be the first of an annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. With the backing of the recently organized Torrance Irish Club and the area's sons of the old sod, it should be an exciting day. The parade is being scheduled for Saturday, March 18, the day after St. Patrick's Day.

The city's principal affair, the annual Armed Forces Day Parade, is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. As it has for several years, the 1967 parade and Armed Forces Day celebration should be the greatest show of military forces in the Western United States. Arrangements now are under way to bring to the event a top national figure as grand marshal.

Everybody loves a parade, and residents and visitors to the Torrance community should do well in that activity this year. We suggest that the place to start is along the parade route next Saturday. The Boy Scouts are planning to make their parade the best ever.

## Opinions of Others

When thinking about the fantastic happenings in this world of ours, one can't overlook the U. S. budget figures which have reached fantastic heights.

It's reported that if you stacked a billion dollars of paper money, it would go straight up for 135½ miles. And a stack of silver dollars (remember them) would be 1,793 feet high.

Multiply these figures by the total budget and you get way out in space.—Public Affairs Forum.

The hardest thing about parachute jumping is the ground, when you come right down to it.—John Maverick in the *Cherryvale (Kans.) Republican*.

With all the automatic equipment in the home today, about the only thing that is washed by hand is people.—Brice Van Horn, *Fillmore (Calif.) Herald*.

Opportunity knocks but once — but unfortunately temptation keeps hammering.—Elizabeth W. Spaulding in *The Kentucky (Bardston) Standard*.

When I was a youngster we used to laugh at a few odd characters who figured the world owed them a living. I guess those characters have the last laugh as subsequent developments are proving they were right.—James H. Russell in the *Belton (Tex.) Journal*.

## Mailbox

Editor, Press-Herald:

Your issue of 15 Jan. 1967 contained a letter from Mr. Robert B. White, Civil Service commissioner, in which he set forth very well the manner in which the police cadet program aids recruiting for the Torrance Police Department.

On 1 Feb. 1967, the success of this program will be demonstrated when a cadet, Stephen J. Packard, becomes the first of his number to be sworn in as a Police Officer. Cadet Packard finished first in a recent examination, and during the year and a half that he has been a cadet he has been assigned to practically every division in the Police Department in order to become aware of the operations. Other cadets are now in the process of qualifying for the position of policeman.

The Civil Service Commission has been very helpful in expediting the arrangements by which cadets could be employed and trained. Since cadets are required to carry a full time college schedule and employment with the Police Department is only half time, this arrangement allows an indoctrination period for twice as many cadets as would be possible if they were employed full time. Surveys in California cities having a cadet program, and in the city of Chicago, helped the Torrance Police Department in making the determination that the program here should be set up on a part-time basis.

The department is also participating in an internship program with the Police Service Department of Long Beach State College wherein a student will work part time for the Police Department, and upon making proper reports of his activity will receive three units of academic credit from the college. The department now has one police officer with a Bachelor of Science degree who was employed as a result of indoctrination through the internship program. Two other interns are now participating in the civil service examinations hoping to qualify as police officers.

The careful administration of these two pre-employment programs has resulted in more interest by employable young men in a career in law enforcement with the Torrance Police Department. It has also enabled the department to hold the line on physical standards. Since we are in a fiscal situation wherein it appears that the department is likely, for many years, to be short of the ideal number of officers required for really adequate patrol, the only alternative lies in recruiting candidates who are capable of sustained high quality performance.

We are grateful for the press support these objectives have received and for the efforts of public spirited citizens such as Mr. White who has helped us toward these goals.

WALTER R. KOENIG,  
Chief of Police

## "The Dawn Comes Up"



## AFFAIRS OF STATE

# State Consumer Council May Be Near End of Line

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR  
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — One of the many difficult jobs a new administration faces is chopping out the dead-wood accumulated by its predecessors. Governor Ronald Reagan is finding plenty of dead wood, and is paving the way for some forceful application of the ax.

One of the first dead trees to come under his scrutiny was the office of consumer counsel. This office operated for a period of nearly eight years at a cost of more than a million dollars to taxpayers of the state.

Achievements of the office, under the supervision of Helen Nelson, were highly questionable, as far as value to the California public was concerned. In fact, in eight years of operation, there is a question as to whether it accomplished anything at all of meaningful import.

The office at one time did issue a statement advising the public that there was too much water in canned hams. It also issued a few brochures pointing out the amount of interest being paid on various types of

loans, which most borrowers already knew.

Now the new administration is about convinced it wants to get rid of the office, and wipe it entirely from the processes of state government.

The administration thinking is not without some support from the public. The

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Better Business Bureau of Sacramento has urged the governor to discontinue the office. This bureau has had a good many years of experience in keeping the trade marts of the community in line for the protection of the public. And it has its counterparts throughout the state. So the question arises, what need is there for a consumer counsel?

But, getting rid of a state agency is not a simple matter of writing it off with the stroke of a pen. Once an agency is entrenched, and has its foot in the taxpayers' door, it takes some doing to wipe it off the books.

The consumer counsel is a sample of the deadwood which probably should be eliminated, but which will take some facts and figures to prove the elimination is in the public interest.

First, the consumer counsel, along with many other luxury state agencies, boards and commissions, is a legally constituted part of the state government. It was created by act of the legislature, which means in effect, by act of the people.

A governor cannot write off what the legislature by law has created. He could, of course, withhold funds for the agency budget, but this would be a round-about and questionable way of cutting any agency off at the pockets.

The proper way to eliminate unnecessary and un-

wanted activities of government, is by the body which created them, namely, the legislature. This appears to be the course the governor is attempting to follow in dealing with the office of consumer counsel.

To gather facts and figures for an evaluation of the worth of the office, he has appointed a new consumer counsel to succeed Mrs. Nelson. This new counsel, Kay Valory, is hard at work at the present time going over the reams of material gathered over an eight-year period.

In due course of time, it is anticipated that a bill will be introduced in the legislature repealing the law which created the consumer counsel's office. And from the tenor of the legislature, as well as the financial situation of the state, it's almost a safe bet the unnecessary agency will be chopped out.

## WILLIAM HOGAN

# Cecelia Holland Shows Real Talent as Writer

About a year ago I took the advice of Walter Van Tilburg Clark and Conrad Aiken, veteran connoisseurs of young literary talent, and read the first novel by a Nevada-born 22-year-old, Cecelia Holland, called "The Firedrake."

As Clark and Aiken suggested in their jacket endorsements, this was an astonishing performance by one so young, a tale of 11th Century love, war and an Irish Knight who meets his destiny in Flanders in the person of William the Norman.

Normally, I mentioned at the time, I avoid both historical novels and the literary debuts of 22-year-olds, but Cecelia Holland was a special case; I found her book to be "a midsummer night's dream of a tale narrated with a beauty of language that is stripped of all pretensions."

A second novel by Miss Holland, called "Rakossy," has now been published. It is physically a beauty, designed by Harry Ford with a jacket illustration based on a colored woodcut (1539) depicting the Imperial Camp outside Vienna during the Turkish war.

The tale that unfolds inside is equally stunning, an

## HERB CAEN SAYS:

# Fig Leaves Not Enough; S.F. Statues Get Aprons

Those two heroic nude statues (male) at the entrance to the Olympic Club on Post street were in drag yesterday morning. One was wearing a red apron and the other a blue gown, plus a sign reading tartly: "Please keep these things covered. (Signed) Post St. League of Decency" . . . (A fig for woe, a fig for care, and fig leaves aren't enough?) . . . A guess it was worth all the trouble dept.: The recent issue of Look — the one with the first installment of the Manchester book on JFK's assassination — has sold about 17,000 copies in S.F. alone; normal sale here: 7000 . . . A woman who bought a pair of those new square-toed flat shoes at Leed's shoe store recently said to the salesman: "They sure make my feet look big." "Don't worry, lady," advised the salesman. "Jackie Kennedy wears the same type shoe, and her size is 9½." Say, is that a scoop?

The other night, the Josef Kripsymphony played Beethoven's 90-minute "Missa Solemnis" without an intermission, but some of our music lovers came prepared. One couple arrived with a hamper full of sandwiches and a jug of Daiquiris. Another brought big white pillows!

Sign in the window of a Carnaby-style shop on Polk street: "Mod Is Not Dead!" Sign on the wall of a cafeteria in San Mateo,

Calif.: "Courteous and Efficient Self-Service."

Cable Car 47, Where Are You? Howard Kahn, the San Francisco planning consultant, knows. He checked in the other night at the Pioneer Village Motel at Rushville, NEBRASKA, and there was old No. 47 from S.F., hauling guests around the grounds. "I cried a little," confesses Kahn. "It looks so sort of LOST."

Oddest family note of the week: A Pacific Heights social lady, divorced for over a year, finally got a date. As she and the gentleman were leaving the house, her teen-age son said to him fiercely: "If you don't lay a hand on her, I'll kill you!"

Second oddest must be this touching ad under "Personals" in the San Francisco Chronicle: "Dear Dede: Please forgive me and come home. Mother." Parents are a sorry lot! . . . The other most popular zap of the moment would seem to be: "What do you think of LSD?" "Best President we ever had."

File & Forget: China Books in S.F. just rec'd a stack of best-sellers. I mean best-sellers in China: "Quotations from Mao Tse-tung," in an appropriate red plastic cover, and duller than "Parsifal." Sample "A frog in a well says 'The sky is

no bigger than the mouth of the well.' That is not true, for the sky is not just the size of the mouth of the well." That's one dumb talking frog!

One reason George Christopher probably won't run for Mayor again, even though he's eligible: since leaving City Hall, his milk business is up 30 per cent. "A lot of milk is left at stores on consignment," he says, "and when the owners get mad at the Mayor, they turn it down. Now that I'm no longer Mayor or controversial, it really helps" . . . Down at San Jose State College, Rosalie Tarabini is ready to believe that the Governor's economy squeeze is already on: "In our Life Drawing Class Monday, we didn't have a model — couldn't afford one." So go buy a copy of Playboy.

Like Maestro Josef Krips on his night off, I'm a bit disconcerted by the tremendous response to our new/old game ("If Julia Child is deranged can she be reshaped?" — Nancy Sackman; "Would the Yankees without Mickey be dismantled?" — Dr. E. F. Galioni; "If winos are deported should not San Andreas be defaulted, or the tattered be dispatched or at least defrayed? If Achilles was defeated and my pants can get depleted, shouldn't unwed mothers be delayed?" But I agree it's time to call a halt.

## ROYCE BRIER

# Some Restraints Needed To End Use of Wiretaps

The news story read: "His opposition to that kind of thing is almost emotional," said one administration official.

The reference is to President Johnson, and government eavesdropping by electronic devices. The Justice Department has "asserted" such devices will only be used in "national security cases." It's a good way to start a new year, but there are some questions regarding it.

For instance, sometime during the past year the government was using eavesdropping devices in Nevada, in an effort to trap gamblers, or to learn about syndicate operations, if any.

Has that ceased? Have the devices which were admittedly installed been removed?

They should be, and right now, if we are called upon to take the word of government officials in the Justice and related departments. It should be if we are called

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upon to believe there has been a restoration of human rights under the United States Constitution.

But there is another question — the news story has a delayed action color. It says the prohibitions were issued by President Johnson June 30, 1965, and have

been carried out. SO THIS is not live news, but processed news, apparently issued to quiet the storms of protest that government agents, including the FBI, were running wild, tapping telephones and installing listening devices in hotel and other rooms.

The story says wiretapping (telephones) is forbidden except in national security cases, when authorized by the Attorney General, and in cases where one party to the conversation consents to be wiretapped. This is a curious exception, because it presumes the other party is being entrapped. A little technical explanation of it is in order.

As for eavesdropping devices, the President directed they would be authorized only under circumstances "fully in accord with the law, and a decent regard for the rights of others."

Also curious, and ambiguous. Who will define "decent regard for rights?" The law seldom tries, being content to say rights are rights, and shall not be violated.

So if we must talk about the "credibility gap" regarding information on the Viet Nam war, we must concede some impairment of credibility on the subject matter of this news story.

Nations, like biological organisms, will do what they can to insure their survival. In every war the United States has violated the rights of some of its citizens to preserve itself. Citizens understand this, and consent to have a spy, or a traitor apprehended by whatever means is available.

But this nation has been bugged and wiretapped to a highly dangerous degree in recent years, largely because it is technologically so easy to do. Not only are malefactors of all degree bugged and wiretapped, but innocent business deals have had their privacy invaded.

It is a self-destroying process, and if permitted to flourish without limit, can make life intolerable in the United States. Federal officers should be the first to know this, and the first to see that the limits are set. The news story in question purports to say they will from now on. We will believe it when we see it.

Abe Mellinkoff