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Bob Beverly Endorsed

Voters in the 48th Assembly District—at least those who bothered to go to the polls Tuesday—gave substantial backing to the bid of Manhattan Beach Mayor Robert G. Beverly to succeed the late Charles E. Chapel in Sacramento.

With slightly more than one fourth of the nearly 104,000 eligible voters casting ballots, Mayor Beverly scored an impressive victory over Mrs. Dorothy Chapel, widow of the late assemblyman, and four other Republican candidates.

His opponent in the May 9 runoff election will be J. O. Lee Solomon, Redondo Beach Councilman, who won the Democratic nomination with less than a third of the votes going to his Republican opponent.

The Press-Herald supported Mrs. Chapel during the primary campaign. With the selection of Mr. Beverly, however, we hold no reservations about recommending him to the voters on May 9. His qualifications have never been in doubt—he is a practicing attorney, experienced city council member, and the city attorney for several Southland communities. He is an officer in the League of California cities, and has commanded wide support among city councilmen, mayors, and other city officials as well as voters in the district.

We believe Mr. Beverly will be an able representative and urge his election on May 9.

Opinions of Others

Chico, (Calif.) Enterprise-Record: "... there is no way to rationally avoid the analysis that termination of the bombing pressure on North Vietnam might actually serve to prolong the ground war in the south—and even permit Ho Chi Minh's easier-to-supply forces to increase their scope. Those to whom the phrase 'Stop the Bombing' has come to be a magic key to unlock the door to peace should consider that . . . factor. Thousands of our young Americans could be killed by Ho Chi Minh's greater and better-supplied forces. The true fact is that if the Communists are sincerely desirous of talking about peace, American bombers are not standing in their way. President Johnson is eager to hear from them at any time."

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Oakhurst (N.J.) News: "As a general rule, one should know the people and the system of administration to which his donation is directed. Even some of the larger charitable organizations, or disease fighting organizations, spend too much of their income on administration. A reasonable guideline is to insist that at least seventy-five per cent of all income be used for nonadministrative purposes. Also, most charity is better used and utilized at home. In our communities, there are those in need. And curiously, many of us donate rather generously to several far-away charity drives each year while overlooking what we might do in our area with the same generosity."

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Bergen (N.J.) Citizen: "An emergency is generally an opportunity. Take advantage of it."

FROM THE MAILBOX

Reader Urges Yes Vote For Library Bond Issue

A matter of vital importance to the cultural and intellectual future of all the citizens of Torrance, young and old, will appear on the Torrance Municipal ballot Tuesday. This is the Library Bond Measure. The outcome of this bond election will determine the first step on the path to excellence of the Torrance Municipal Library system. Will we stumble or stride? For the sake of my children and all the youth of Torrance I hope we will take that proud, first big step.

A good library system is not a luxury in today's world. The new librarian, Russell West, has said that libraries are the meeting place of people with ideas. Future progress depends on the application of past ideas. If we are to maintain our leadership in the worlds of business and technology we

must have access to ideas. A good library system will provide this.

The bond measure of April 16 is the first step in the orderly, planned development of a Torrance municipal library system. It is a well thought out plan developed by the Library Commission, the City Administration, and interested Torrance individuals and groups. The citizens of Torrance need and demand good library service. A YES vote on the library bond measure on Tuesday will help meet these needs and demands. Vote YES!!

RICHARD T. HALL
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Support Bonds

Editor, Press-Herald:
We want to thank you for your support of the bond for libraries in Torrance.

We, Friends of the Torrance Library, also support the bond. We feel this bond is imperative if Torrance is to have an adequate library system, without a period of sparsely filled shelves and inadequate facilities.

Sincerely,
SHIRLEY FOOTE,
President, Friends of the Torrance Library

Thank Volunteers

Editor, Press-Herald:
We wish we could personally thank the many volun-



HERB CAEN SAYS:

It Was Like Days of Old To See the Three Giants

Two hundred years of San Francisco folklore, color and history were gathered the other day around a single table at Bali's, the Sansome St. Armenian restaurant. Reading from left to left: Harry Bridges, Beniamino Bufano and William Saroyan. "Just think," said Harry, "Bufano is 79 years old and he has never paid an income tax." Benny, hotly: "I'm not 79! I don't know exactly how old I am but I know I'm not 79." What about the income tax? Benny: "I've never earned enough to pay a tax. But now and then I get a refund." Saroyan, bellowing: "Who says our Government doesn't subsidize our geniuses?" (Bufano no longer dyes his hair and is beginning to look positively middle-aged.) Bridges: "I've got a son who's a freshman at Cal. And is he handsome. Get's all the girls—and they keep

kissing him. BOY, am I jealous. He's majoring in biology. Imagine having to LEARN about biology. I thought it came natural. Did for me, anyway." Saroyan ordered meat pies in Armenian. Enthusiast Mrs. Ama Ballantz, the owner: "Why, Mr. Saroyan, you speak marvelous Armenian." Bridges: "High or low Armenian?" Saroyan: "HIGH, man! My people lived 'way up there in the mountains—that's why we're all NUTS." Everybody sat around for hours, eating goat cheese and stuffed grape leaves and talking nonsensical talk and it was like being young again in San Francisco—even though Saroyan's fierce moustache has gone gray, Bridges is going white and Bufano may or may not be 79. Who can tell about him anyway?

San Francisco

Well, this is still a nutty town. I mean, where else would a City Supervisors' hearing on the licensing of exotic pets—like boas—be presided over by a Supervisor named Boas? And if the ordinance is passed, Wm. Herbert Long wonders if it'll be called the Boas Constriction. As for Herb Ligier, he's against the whole thing: "How will I ever get my piranha to wear a tag?"

You people who don't smoke—what do YOU do when you wake up at 4 in the morning and can't go back to sleep? (Oh, but what if she's asleep?) . . . Sure to be found in any San Francisco convertible with its top down: a pair of sun glasses and a box of Kleenex. . . . Personally, I like cocktail parties, but certain to be found among the guests are the Three Bores (Papa Bore, Mama Bore and Baby Bore) who have the following to offer, as though they were saying something original.

Funds contributed in Torrance and other cities throughout the county will go toward expanded programs in research, professional and public education, and community services to save lives.

Sincerely,
ROY ROSENBERG,
Southwestern Branch Public Relations Committee, Los Angeles County Heart Association

Morning Report:

The old rule that nobody is lower on the political totem pole than a Vice President of the United States has now been proven wrong. There's one person lower—a former Vice President.

Hubert Humphrey scored at least two noteworthy victories in Europe. The Vice President drew paint from a protestor in Rome and a couple of angry eggs in Florence. He never quite caused a full-blown riot, but still he did get some attention. He has something to talk about when he next campaigns.

This is in sharp contrast to Richard Nixon, who some people may still recall used to be a Vice President. His tour of Europe, including Russia, was as uneventful as any other tourist's. Maybe even more so. As far as I know, he never even lost a suitcase.

Abe Mellinkoff

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Phony Money Might Have A Real Message for Us

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR
Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — It is highly unfortunate that the education system in California, or in the United States for that matter, does not insist on more intense instruction in the field of ancient history. If such instruction were given to the youth of today, there might be more of a tendency to profit from the mistakes of the past, rather than to foster repetition of the same mistakes, and thereby contribute to the deterioration of the republic.

History tells us that the Roman Empire endured for upwards of a thousand years, and that its decline and fall resulted from no one thing alone, but a combination of circumstances. It started with debasement of coinage, which is the same thing that today is happening in the United States.

The Roman coinage deteriorated from silver to copper washed with silver. And this is the same type of coinage government now expects the people to use to mark the same values as when a silver half dollar was made up for the most part of silver, rather than being

a copper disc coated with a silver wash.

Drawing from the experience of the past, the primary cause of the downfall of the Romans was over-taxation of the people who produced the goods and services that kept the empire running.

A legitimate parallel can be drawn to the actions of federal, state, county, city,

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and district governments of today in the matter of over-taxation, for the simple reason that when the people are taxed more than they can afford to pay, the end result is the disintegration of government to the point where it no longer exists. This may take some centuries to accomplish, but nevertheless, the end is inevitable.

State government today does not tax to maintain an army for the security of its borders. It does tax to maintain an army of unemployed citizens, living on social welfare off the largesse of those who produce and render services. It also taxes to maintain an army of super-educators who are rendering services above and beyond the necessities of the people. In addition, it has a third army to main-

tain, that of civil service bureaucracy. This type of operation, too, the history books tell us, was a contributing factor to the demise of the ancient government of Rome.

The state of California is contributing now to eventual disaster in even considering a withholding tax on the people of the state. Such a tax is onerous enough to the people when imposed as it is by the federal government. To add a similar process through the state can only contribute to the demoralization of the taxpayers, and add to the dictatorial powers of state government.

Demoralization of the taxpayer already virtually is an accomplished fact, as more than half of his income is removed from his jurisdiction by the several taxing agencies. The dictatorial powers of government, especially with regard to taxation, have continued to grow these many years, in such subtle manner that they have hardly been noticed.

Thus, if those who direct the course of government do not profit from the lessons of the past, there appears to be little hope for the future.

ROYCE BRIER

Cities Are Still People Despite Elaborate Plans

The city as a human institution is a product of the civilized state, and its location and growth has been determined by the flow of trade.

Very few cities have ever been beautiful. In America few cities have ever been planned, though Washington and a few smaller towns are exceptions. But planning could not foresee modern transportation, nor the un-beautiful encrustation of years in the capital.

So most of our cities are a haphazard growth, inconvenient for residents and visitors, and the bigger they get the more difficult the problems in living they pose. Students of urban phenomena have spilled millions of words in this century in denigration of our cities. Mostly they attribute it to greed, blindness, muddled minds.

Manifestly, a city is no better than its inhabitants, and artificial energy devoted to making one better has usually brought failure, or only fragmentary success.

Would our cities be better places to live and work had they not grown like Topsy, but been pre-planned? We don't know. Planners can lack practical sense, and there is always the crucial factor of the character and intelligence of those who

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elect to live in a city. Again, a planned city could be a dull city.

There is a scheme announced in Washington perhaps significantly not in Minneapolis) to build a city of 250,000 in Minnesota farmlands, and planning grants are near completion. It would not be a suburb, but 100 miles from any urban center.

The Washington advocates and some Minnesota businessmen hope for a community free of four later-day urban curses: ugliness, pollution, noise and congestion.

It's a big order, for 250,000 people can create un-

believable intricacies in living.

First, buildings must be designed and spaced for beauty, but beauty is a matter of opinion. Moreover, space enlarges the transportation problem which distresses millions today.

Can you build and maintain a city without smokestacks to pollute the air? Possibly. But the experts say half the pollution comes from the motor vehicle. Is there a river or a lake, even in Minnesota, where the pollution process hasn't already started? Noise? Do you mean the clash of gears, or the psychedelic noise the young folks love and the old folks hate? We trust there will be some young folks.

To live, a city must do business, and this means a congestion process, however spacious the grid of streets and parks. Finally, who lives there to make this city different? Leaving out the race question, in our society land and domicile is free to those who can acquire them. We don't take kindly to limitation and selection.

This is not written in pessimism, but to ask a few rudimentary questions.

Quote

Assemblyman John F. Foran, D-San Francisco: "The gruesome accident statistics demand the establishment of minimum safety standards for motorcycle riders and equipment."

Assemblyman William T. Bagley, R-San Rafael, on his bill calling for a study of public interest in the California coastline: "Year after year controversy over competing interests rages between conservationists and commercial users of coastal lands and it is high time that these groups are brought together in order to map out orderly future development in a more harmonious atmosphere."

Sir Winston Churchill: "Advertising nourishes the consuming power of men. It creates wants for a better standard of living. It sets up before man the goal of a better home, better clothing, better food for himself and his family. It spurs individual exertion and greater production. It brings together in a fertile union those things which otherwise would never have met."

My Neighbors



"Someday all this will be yours."