

Just Plain Fun

Editor, Torrance Herald:  
One of the hardest things to do these days is to find an evening's entertainment which is inexpensive and just plain good fun. Last Saturday, I found just that. Because this show is playing again this coming Friday and Saturday, I feel it should be mentioned.  
The group which performed is well known in the South Bay area, Los Cacioneros. As a rule this group does a top-rate job on what might be called "classical" or "semi-classical" choral numbers. But their show this time is more varied and much lighter.

In the first place it's put on in a tent, a big green and white striped affair, with grass underfoot. They have used all the appurtenances of a circus: popcorn, hot dogs, and even a very funny clown. (Incidentally, the tent is just off Torrance Boulevard on Madrona, in Torrance.)

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The show itself goes all the way from barbershop harmony through a fast-patter comic, to three boys who play rock-and-roll on electric guitars with a hot drummer.

Among the better things is a take-off on "South Pacific" called "South Chicago," which combines a Scarface-type hero, a Ness-type cop, and several hilarious molls.

Then there is a "Do-It-Yourself" Gilbert and Sullivan burlesque which does to "Pinafore" what many people feel should have been done long ago.

There are silly dance routines involving tap, tango, and the twist.

But probably the highlight of the evening is Trudy Troy's rendition of an "Irish Ballad" about a girl who confessed to all sorts of ghoulish crimes, any one of which points her out as a psychopathic murderer, because "lying, she knew, was a sin."

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Seriously, Mr. Editor, this show is fun! There is a different thing going on every minute. And there isn't any feeling of its being corny or amateurish. These are professional people having a ball! And the audience has a ball, too!

HELEN V. FOWLER

County Taxes

Editor, Torrance Herald:  
The new Los Angeles county budget has been announced. It will undoubtedly mean a raise in the real estate tax regardless of what Mr. Debs said.

We had better do something about the exorbitant real estate tax that we pay before the time comes that we have to sell the property to raise the money to pay the tax. The situation is already to the point where we now receive the bills payable in two installments because they are so high that the county government realizes that property owners can't pay the whole amount in one lump sum.

The only reasonable way to solve the situation, we should put the assessment on a services rendered basis only, not on the value of the property. This would be a temporary move in the direction of total elimination of it. The property could be assessed for sewers by how many bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms in each building.

It could also be assessed for curbs and sidewalks adjacent to each lot or parcel of land to be assessed. An item like this would be dropped from the assessment when it was finally paid for, as it is not an item requiring maintenance.

Public utilities should be eliminated completely and

turned over to private enterprise (including sewers). This is another item to be dropped from tax assessments. The same is true of public education. Our public education system is failing badly, and if turned over to private enterprise, it would become more efficient and therefore less expensive. This would be the big item dropped from the assessments.

D. C. NORTON  
Torrance

Installation of George Brewster as president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce has been scheduled for Saturday evening at the Hacienda in San Pedro beginning at 8:30. Brewster will succeed Jerry Dunn in the top post.

Robert Morris, past president of the club and recent candidate for state presidency of the Jaycees, will install Brewster along with Douglas Hedde, first vice president; Jim Morgan, second vice president; Hank C. Rice, secretary; John P. Robinson, treasurer, and Charles E. Stacks, state director.

DIRECTORS who will join outgoing president, Dunn, on the board include Milo Lystne, Harold D. Smith, Thomas Stade, and Robert Vroman. All officers are residents of Torrance.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Shirley Chilton, director of the women's division of Hayden and Stone Co., brokers. She is manager of the Rolling Hills Estates office for the stock firm.

Other guests scheduled to attend the meeting include Councilman Nick Draie; Dick Fitzgerald, former State president of Jaycees; Harold G.

Frentz, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Don Reining, Chamber manager; and Dr. Al Kline and Jack Phillips. All are honorary life members of the chapter.

FOLLOWING his election, Brewster pledged total support of his group to many worthy projects sponsored by the club. Among such events recently was the "Meet the Candidates Night" during the municipal election campaign.

"We will continue to serve the city of Torrance in bigger and better ways," Brewster commented.

Membership chairman for the new administration will be Vice President Hedde, who got off to a fast start this week by issuing an invitation "to any young man between the ages of 21 and 35 to investigate our organization." He said interested young men could call him at FA 0-2019 for specific information about the Jaycees.

The future is no more uncertain than the present.—Walt Whitman

Success is never blamed.—Thomas Fuller

CP Drive Near End

Now in the final days of campaigning, Torrance's United Cerebral Palsy block marchers drew praise today from community chairman, Mrs. William A. Huber, 5408 Rockview.

Although the final count isn't in, volunteers here are doing an "excellent job," she said.

Actual percentages for this community will not be available until the final auditing in July.

started here May 15, is to finance 13 training programs for the area's 17,000 children and adults with cerebral palsy.

"Please, if no volunteer found you at home, mail us your donation," Mrs. Huber urged local residents today.

"Send your gift to Palsy, 1726 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 15; it will help some handicapped child or adult to learn to help himself."

Success has ruined many a man.—Benjamin Franklin

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