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Wonderful Wizards of Washington

A Bookman's Notebook

The Rich Man's Guide To Riviera Wins Kudos

Float Funds Needed

Efforts to gain popular support for the city's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena next Jan. 1 have been launched by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, joint sponsors of the affair.

Details of the float design have been completed by Mrs. Isabella S. Coleman, noted Pasadena float designer, and funds to finance the construction of the city's entry are now being sought.

Several of the city's service organizations have contributed funds to the project, and a general appeal to the public issued this week by the sponsoring organizations asks for individual contributions.

Torrance float, built on the city's own chassis, will be decorated again by volunteers. Funds needed will go directly to the designer and welders who put the float in shape to receive the thousands of flowers needed to decorate it.

The request for popular underwriting of the float's costs is a sound one. If the residents of Torrance like to see the city represented in the world-famous parade on New Year's Day, their contributions will go a long way toward assuring that the entry is one the city can enter with pride.

Contributions in any amount—they needn't be large—can be sent to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Assn., Post Office Box 512, Torrance.

The float is a community effort; it deserves community support.

Opinions of Others

You, as a citizen of the United States, have more rights than any other person in any other part of the world. The trouble comes when you do not appreciate the gift and abuse it. If you would just stop and think of all the blessings you have, the world would be a better place to live.—Bradley (Ark.) Pioneer.

It is illegal to read the Bible in the public schools of Illinois, but a law requires that state to provide a Bible for every prison inmate. Moral of the story: Don't worry kids, if you can't read the Bible in school, you will have the opportunity to do so when you get to prison.—Lennox (S. D.) Independent.

In order to take advantage of woman-power, the nation has been encouraging girls to study science and engineering. There is, however, no flood of the fair sex into these fields. A 513-member freshman class at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, one of the leading engineering schools, includes only two girls. But when the girls think about this for a moment, and study the male-female ratio of 511 to 2, they may be inclined to reconsider.—Everett (Wash.) Herald.

Following the fanfare of signing the bill that will shake us down for \$600 million more in postage, and a billion more for federal pay increases, President Kennedy ordered his bureau chiefs to hold down hiring, fire "marginal workers" and "increase employe productivity." The nation will await these reforms eagerly; but not, we hope, with bated breath.—Hartford (Wisc.) Times-Press.

There was a time when forecasts were devastated by loggers and lumbering companies, greedy to get the last dollar from this growing wealth. Now the picture is much different. Only certain mature trees are taken for lumber and almost everything but the bark is being used for one beneficial use or another. It is heartening that among other advances made in our scientific age, nature's wood products are now being utilized to such a great extent.—Winslow (Ariz.) Mail.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"He has several names... I call him 'Pardner'—Mom calls him 'Nuisance' and the neighbors call him 'Menace'!"



FROM the MAILBOX

Torrance Students Not Short-Changed—Charles

Editor, Torrance Herald: Subject: Your editorial regarding Torrance School Costs.

After carefully reviewing your editorial I couldn't resist making some comments. First, let me clarify one important point. This letter is being written by me as an individual citizen and the individuals that I am making are mine and mine alone and do not represent any official action or communication on the part of the School Board. I do not wish to belabor this point, but one local paper has apparently drifted into the practice of quoting one School Board member in particular as the "School Board" and this is not only inaccurate reporting, but a slur on the integrity, work, and effort that is being put forth by the other Board members.

Dr. Hull's comment about Torrance having the lowest per pupil cost is, as far as I know, correct. He then stated that we are possibly "short-changing" the students. I feel that this is a strange comment coming from him because of all people in the Torrance area he should know whether or not the policies as set forth by the Board are having this kind of an affect. It is his job to know and if he doesn't it might indicate he isn't doing his job. However, with one Board member trying to act as Chief Administrator for the District, I can appreciate the fact that this would tend to confuse some issues as far as lines of communication and authority are concerned.

From where I sit, the actions of the School Board have been aimed explicitly at reducing administrative and other non-instructional costs, e.g., school buses. Dr. Hull should certainly know this after this period of time. The Board has repeatedly spent money for new construction, new audio-visual and other materials to enrich the curriculum.

We purchased electronic equipment for better vocational programs as well as new electric typewriters and adding machines for the commercial program so that those

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students who terminate their formal education upon the completion of high school will have a skill they can take into the labor market and use to secure their first position. We have also increased the teachers' salaries to keep our level of compensation in Torrance comparable with other districts for the purpose of attracting better caliber of teachers to Torrance and holding on to the good teachers, once we get them here. To the best of my knowledge we have never taken any money out of the instructional program.

If Dr. Hull feels we are truly "short-changing" the students in Torrance, which I doubt, it is his job to call this to the attention of the Board and make specific recommendations for remedial action.

A. W. CHARLES

Editor, Torrance Herald: Thanks—3,290,838 thanks according to the current count—for your support. The

endorsement meant a very great deal to me and I am deeply grateful to you. Thanks, too, for the full coverage you have given my official work over the years. It has been a tremendous help to me in the course of my official work.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and with best personal wishes to you.

ALAN CRANSTON

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Health Education Associate

ROYCE BRIER

Trickery Ends Good Luck Of Few Stamp Collectors

In the course of human events we all live at the command of fortune. You may have good luck one day, bad luck another day. You may inherit a million, though it is probably more advantageous to inherit integrity and a good mind.

In any case, in America we have never frowned on good fortune, provided it is not furthered by trickery. We have not felt it was the business of government to manipulate honest fortune that does not impinge on the public welfare.

The Postoffice Department, however, has come up with a new theory of government and fortune in the matter of the Dag Hammarskjold commemorative postage stamps. It may not be so trivial as it first appears.

Through error a few hundred of these stamps were printed with the yellow background of Hammarskjold's profile inverted. This gives the stamp an excess value in the international market supported by stamp collectors. It is a supply-and-demand market no different from the market for old books, common stocks or gold.

One man acquired a "pane" of 50 of these stamps, and a few stamps got into the market. They might have brought some thousands of dollars, singly or in blocks.

The Postoffice Department then announced it would destroy their potential value by issuing 400,000 of the mis-

prints. There was some mealy-mouthed explanation about being "fair" to kid collectors, who can now acquire a misprint at nominal cost at the philatelic agency run by the Department.

We are not concerned with that, nor with the chagrin of the man with 50 misprints, nor with the differing views of stamp dealers.

What concerns us is that some factotum of the Department should set himself up as a judge of what any stamp should bring in the open, active and ubiquitous international stamp market.

This is a private enterprise market in the United States. It functions on comparative rarity, not great rarities like inverted designs, but on little differentiations, because most stamp collectors are not rich.

And what is wrong with rarity? Nothing, because its pursuit is plain human nature. While pursuit of it, in some areas, may seem childish to some, none of us is free of the urge to pursue it in some area.

The Postoffice Department is officious, arrogant and abusing its power in this case.

HERB SHRINER

David Dodge, the novelist and travel writer, inadvertently contributed his bit to history a few years back by writing a suave whodunit called "To Catch a Thief." Alfred Hitchcock made a film from it starring a Philadelphia girl, Grace Kelly. They shot it on location in Monaco. The local prince fell for the girl and...

Well, Dodge, who once wrote a book called "A Poor Man's Guide to Europe" now publishes one called "The Rich Man's Guide to the Riviera." He should know, having lived in this glamorous Gormorrah for several years, and very well, too. As a free lance writer, he could pick up a motely and bizarre cast of characters by just looking out the window: "freaked and unfreaked royalty, mountebanks, playboys, playgirls, gamblers, goldbricks, confidence men, body builders, geniuses, loonies, artists, writers, exhibitionists, cinema personalities, smugglers, poodles de luxe, gigolos, cool cats, kookies, cupcakes and multicolored jelly beans of one sex or another."

Still a free-lance writer, but now residing off the Cote d'Azur, Dodge has put together an informative, anecdotal, slightly wicked and unquestionably entertaining book on the terrain and denizens of this sun and sex-drenched Disneyland for grownups. In spite of his tongue-in-cheek

approach, it remains a first-rate guide to the region, as well as an analysis of its attitudes and manners.

His rundown on the celebrated Cannes Film Festival is as ironic as anything I have read on this affair. His accounts of smuggling and piracy on the Mediterranean shore are intertwined with outrageous stories involving personalities from the late Errol Flynn to Anita Ekberg, one of the mainstays of "La Dolce Vita."

I doubt that it was David Dodge's intention to present the Riviera as one of the most

unattractive watering-places of our time. The way he describes it, it becomes so, and darned expensive to boot.

The result is escape reading of the most tinsel sort. It is frank, amusing, uncomplicated entertainment. And how are things with Princess Grace, whose climb to the Palace was assisted somewhat by David Dodge's old thriller? He's not sure. Couldn't get an appointment with her the last time he tried as a representative of Holiday Magazine of Philadelphia, H.R.H.'s old home town.

The Rich Man's Guide to the Riviera. By David Dodge. Little, Brown; 239 pp.; \$4.95.

Around the World With



DELAPLANE

"I will be reaching retirement age (65) next year. We will have a small pension. Only my wife and myself, in good health. Is there a country that welcomes such people? Where our buying power would be better than here?"

No country is making a specialty of getting the permanent tourist—though one should. A year-round buyer might make them more money.

Some countries actually discourage it. They figure a fresh tourist spends a lot of money fast. Once he lives in the country, he melts into the economy and buys as cheaply as the native.

Mexico is making a bid for retired U. S. people. They have a new tourist classification called "visitante-rentista." Papers through any Mexican Consulate.

This allows you to take a car, household goods, etc., into Mexico without paying duty. Also you do NOT have to cross back into the U. S. every six months to renew your tourist status. You can renew three times in Mexico—a total of two years' residence.

After that, you take out other papers—not very difficult. The first requirement is that you have \$160 a month income plus \$80 for your wife. (Same amount for each child over 15.)

You can live pretty well in smaller Mexican towns for \$200 to \$250 a month for two.

Portugal looked like a good retirement place to me. They estimate you could do pretty well outside Lisbon for \$300 a month. About \$400 per couple in Lisbon.

I went to an excellent modern house owned by an American, an hour's drive from Lisbon. Warm weather. Private beach. Overlooking the sea and a small Moorish fishing village. Nicely furnished with stove and refrigerator, this cost \$12,000. Living costs about \$350 with household help.

Spain is a cheap country. The south is particularly good. But the beach property is expensive. I would estimate Spain in the country at \$400—\$500 would be better.

The Central American countries are not expensive. But I think I would get bored to death. Even in the capitals there isn't much to do.

If you want to get home to see family and friends, Mexico is best. Closer and cheaper transportation—you can be in the United States in two days.

I wouldn't make a decision on this until I had lived in a hotel in the town for two or three months. It's surprising what you miss. What you take for granted here that you don't get in another country.

Supermarkets. The corner drug store. Magazines. Hamburgers. The movies. Television. The English language—foreign language daily becomes an irritant no matter how well you learn it.

It may be for you, though. There are thousands of Americans living in Mexico and abroad, finding it quite what they want. And no question, your dollar-buying power carries you more distance.

Stan Delaplane finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain (10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed, large envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance, Calif.

Morning Report:

Washington is going ahead with plans to bring the blessings of civilization to America with a domestic Peace Corps.

In Africa, our volunteer workers showed the natives how to install faucets. Over here, the volunteers might teach the natives how to stop their faucets from dripping. But, of course, the Peace Corps is more than plumbing. It proved very effective against the mutterings of Communists in Africa. When the first Peace Corps unit gets going in the State of New York it could prove equally effective against the Republicans there.

Abe Mellinkoff

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.

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| 1 Year | 31 Receive | 61 Call |
| 2 Short | 32 Walk | 62 Peak |
| 3 Luck | 33 What | 63 Done |
| 4 Accurate | 34 Avoid | 64 Goody |
| 5 Sensa | 35 With | 65 World |
| 6 Them | 36 News | 66 Matters |
| 7 Keep | 37 And | 67 Relatives |
| 8 Favor | 38 For | 68 For |
| 9 Your | 39 Name | 69 Eat |
| 10 Year | 40 Recruits | 70 Conads |
| 11 Take | 41 Cut | 71 Invitation |
| 12 In | 42 Or | 72 Insist |
| 13 Things | 43 As | 73 Insist |
| 14 Talk | 44 Or | 74 And |
| 15 Same | 45 Others | 75 And |
| 16 Greeting | 46 Give | 76 Now |
| 17 Perfect | 47 Eiders | 77 Coming |
| 18 Day | 48 Agents | 78 Attended |
| 19 Write | 49 News | 79 Or |
| 20 You | 50 None | 80 Work |
| 21 May | 51 Unexpected | 81 Year |
| 22 Or | 52 Or | 82 Or |
| 23 Time | 53 Pocketbook | 83 Year |
| 24 Help | 54 And | 84 Visitor |
| 25 Less | 55 Personal | 85 Affairs |
| 26 Extra | 56 Or | 86 Spirit |
| 27 Fur | 57 Air | 87 Friends |
| 28 Love | 58 Extra | 88 Today |
| 29 Personality | 59 And | 89 Work |
| 30 Surprise | 60 Avoid | 90 About |
| 31 Good | 61 Adverse | 91 Neutral |

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