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We Recommend:

The Press-Herald recommends the following candidate for election Tuesday:

- FOR MAYOR
Albert Isen, Incumbent
- FOR CITY COUNCIL
Ken Miller, Incumbent
Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, Public Administrator.
Edward L. (Ed) Talbert, Banker
- FOR CITY CLERK
Vernon W. Coil, Incumbent
- FOR CITY TREASURER
Thomas C. Rupert, Incumbent

The Press-Herald also recommends the NO vote on two Charter Amendment proposals and a YES vote on others as follows:

Charter Amendment No. A	NO
Compensation of the City Council	NO
Charter Amendment No. B	NO
Compensation of the Mayor	NO
Charter Amendment No. C	YES
Exposure of Female Breasts	YES

Say 'NO' to Pay Hikes

Should Torrance voters try to compensate its City Council members adequately for the time they spend on the city's behalf?

Two of the charter amendment proposals on Tuesday's municipal ballot have been described as a step in this direction. The proposals would raise the pay of a councilman to \$300 and the pay of the mayor to \$400 a month.

The proposals also raise some serious questions about the nature of our citizen government. Are we to have professionals only at the helm?

We now pay our City Councilmen \$100 a month as a stipend; they receive another \$60 a month for the few minutes they spend sitting as the Redevelopment Agency of Torrance; they each receive monthly expenses ranging to more than \$150; other expenses are met on their behalf out of other city funds; and they have taxpayer paid travel opportunities which take them to many parts of the United States each year.

Members of the City Council need not depend on their municipal stipends to support their families.

Much of the time spent by a city councilman, outside of the weekly meetings, is ceremonial in nature and may be required only of a representative, usually the mayor. Others attend for reasons best known to themselves.

We do not believe the added compensation is necessary. It won't buy more dedication; it won't buy better candidates; it won't make better councilmen out of those elected.

And if we're going to make an effort to "justly compensate" our councilmen for community service, what are we going to do about the members of the board of education, the YMCA and YWCA directors, our church lay leaders, the members of our commissions, the hospital boards, and the many other community leaders who serve without any compensation?

We are opposed to increasing the compensation at this time and recommend a "NO" vote on Charter Amendments A and B.

Importance of Voting

The importance of voting is often stressed, and almost as often, falls on deaf ears.

The importance of voting in Tuesday's municipal election should be evident to the more than 50,000 eligible Torrance voters, however.

The City Council elected Tuesday will have many important decisions to make in the coming two years:

- It will decide the future of the city's library system, now under contract with the Los Angeles County system, a contract which is being ended by the county.
- It will decide on the alignment of a major north-south street between Hawthorne and Crenshaw. Under discussion now by administration are Maple and Madonna avenues.
- It will decide on the problems presented to the city for solving by the residents of the Pueblo area of Del Amo Boulevard.
- It will decide the city's course in pursuit of a college campus for this area.
- It will decide the future use of a large parcel of land between Crenshaw and Hawthorne and north of Torrance Municipal Airport.
- It may, indeed, decide the future design and use of the airport.

Many other problems, some of them far more acute for residents of various areas of the city, will be presented during the coming years.

Choosing the City Council to represent you as such problems are considered is never easy, but the selection is more complicated this year because of the stronger-than-normal state of candidates on the ballot.

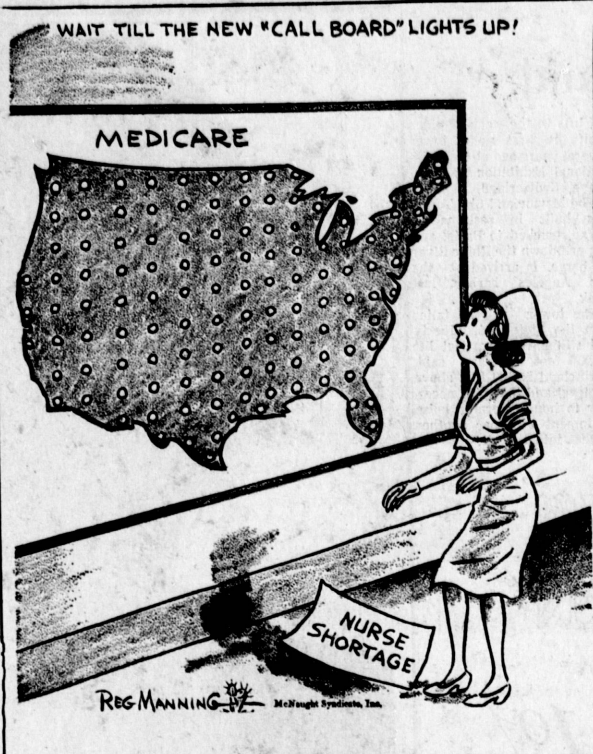
Your stake in the city's future may be large or small, but your voice in that future will never be stronger than at the polls on Tuesday.

Mailbox

Marty Lehr and Scouts Pleased

Editor, Press-Herald
Thank you very much for printing the story about our wonderful Girl Scout Troop No. 2000. We sold more than 100 cases of cookies with the help of all our friends. Our profit was \$60

plus \$2.39 in tips. We now will shop where we can get the most first aid equipment and soap for a Viet Nam village. Thank you again for your help.
MARTY LEHR
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SACRAMENTO REPORT

Modern Robin Hood Not Helping Nation's Poor

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District

The Constitution of the State of California has been amended many times. There will be propositions on the ballot this year whereby the people of California by their votes can further amend our State Constitution.

The California Constitution has been amended so much that it contains many things which do not belong in a constitution but should be parts of our statutes.

If you want an extremely important and interesting publication, free, write to James D. Driscoll, Chief Clerk of the Assembly, Suite 3194, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif. 95814, and ask him to send you the book titled: "Constitution of the United States and of the State of California and Related Documents."

One of the "Related Documents" is the Magna Carta, signed by King John of England, under pressure, at Runnymede, on June 15, A. D. 1215. This is one of the great landmarks of human dignity and personal freedom. Other "Related Documents" include the Declaration of Rights of 1765, the Declaration of Rights of 1774, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitutional History of California, and the Act for the Admission of California to the Union.

One of the features of the book which I like is that both the U. S. Constitution and the California Constitution are well indexed, making it easy to find what one is looking for. This is especially important when trying to locate anything in the State Constitution. Although the book is bound in heavy paper, this is no ordinary "paperback." It is much more interesting than you might believe unless you spend a little time with it. The only illustration is a black-and-white reproduction of the California State Flag, but this book needs no illustrations.

Morning Report:

A lot of people might have been baffled by that picture of a "thing in the sky" taken by a Michigan cop and broadcast by CBS. But not me. It looks just like many of my own photographs — of my child on the diving board or the sun setting at Inspiration Point.

It never occurred to me that I had snapped an Unidentified Flying Object. But I must have for so many of my pictures are dull black with two white smears on the top part of the print. Just like his.

Meanwhile the U.F.O., first sighted in Michigan, has been spotted all the way from Florida to California. It has great speed. If CBS wants a picture of it over my house, they know where to find me.

Abe Mellinkoff

HERB CAEN SAYS:

\$10 Rope and \$3 Postage Lets Jim Fly Flag Again

The rising gorge: As we keep asking (but who listens), "What are all those billions being spent for in Viet Nam?" Now we hear from a man whose son, Jim, is attached to a fighting unit 30 miles from Saigon. Recently, Jim wrote a hurry-up note to his dad, requesting "200 feet of nylon rope, all in one piece." Dad shipped it off immediately—\$10 for the rope, \$3 postage. A few days later, Jim's explanation arrived: "Thanks for the rope! We needed it to rig a flagpole so we could fly the American Flag over our compound."

Relax some more: Bing Crosby, asked to sing his "typical Bing hits" on "The Magic History of Broadcasting" (produced by Burlingame's Lee Mendelson for the national telly May 1), skipped "White Christmas." His choices: "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nelly," "Pocketful of Dreams," "Swingin' on a Star" and "Blue Skies." (But for the real Bing-alings, there hasn't been anything as "typical" as "Down the Old Ox Road") . . . Apropos Paragraph 1, a local woman whose son is in Viet Nam rec'd an urgent request from him for rat traps — so she sent a dozen. "Thanks," he wrote back, "but it's no use. The ants eat the bait before the rats can get to it." And don't bother to send ant poison; those VN ants get fat on it. . . The success of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass is demonstrating, among other things, that nine

of ten disc jockeys don't know how to pronounce Tijuana. Where do they get this "Tia" stuff? Three syllables, not four, gentlemen. All together now: "Tee-wanna." If you'd like to roll in a gutural between the first and second syllables, that's even better. . . Ask a silly question, as I did the other day — "Is there any state besides California that

L.A. in his new novel, "The Outsiders."

Sign In The Swingers bar: "We Do Not Serve Minors. Please Do Not Ask For One" . . . And the way they tell the story, this customer at Trader Vic's asked for Mogen David wine — so Mgr. Bumps Baldauf quickly sent a busboy out to buy a bottle. When Bumps presented it, the customer examined the label and then asked: "Tell me—was 5706 a good year?"

A Friend, chatting about Cary Grant's new baby daughter, predicts the crisis will come in 1986, when she's 20: "How do you explain an 82-year-old father who looks younger than you do?" . . . Memo from a spy: "Saw Adam (Batman) West around town last weekend, and he wears glasses. He's blind as a —?" . . . Barbara Huton's husband, prince Doan Vinh Na Champack (hiya Champ) has been enriching the local economy. Bought a \$2500 Piaget wristwatch, thin as a bookie's smile, and about \$1600 worth of Hasselblad cameras plus lenses. . . Head for the hills dept.: The Shriners' nat'l convention here July 3-8 will be the biggest in history of our whistle-stop; over 50,000 fezziwigs (incidental note: the biggest annual convention in the U.S. is that of Jehovah's Witnesses — 100,000 — but they go only to N.Y.) . . . Kim Novak celebrated her first wedding anniversary, in her Big Sur pad all alone. Husband Dick Johnson is in Rome, filming "The Witch of Love."

San Francisco

has only one Senator? — and get a sensible answer: "Yes, New York. Of course, Massachusetts has three."

Facts of Life: The 49 prisoners on Death Row in San Quentin are thinking about Pat Brown, and the Governor (an outspoken foe of capital punishment) is thinking about them. If he grants wholesale reprieves between now and the Nov. election, he'll come under hellfire from his opponents ("Brown is soft on killers!") and if he lets too many go to the gas chamber, he'll get it from the other side. "When in doubt, don't!" is one of the Gov.'s favorite sayings, but in this case, don't what?

Who said it: "It is a heaving sea of emotional insecurity. The homosexual capital of the United States, it lacks culture. It actually benefits from it. It is in Viet Nam, it has yet to feel the full wrath of the Negro people." Another critic ranting about S.F.? Nope. Robert Carson describing

ROYCE BRIER

Allies Booted A Chance For Major Prize in War

Those who lived through the last war knew they did not get the full story, but that is the way with great wars. The truth is distorted in every phase, and this keeps historians eating for years.

This spring Cornelius Ryan has a book out called "The Last Battle." The next to last installment appears in Reader's Digest.

Ryan says Premier Stalin tried to deceive General Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, regarding the east-west race for Berlin, and may have succeeded. Some critics, however, think Eisenhower deceived himself about Berlin's significance, but if so, the Washington and London governments must share the blame.

As Ryan tells it, Eisenhower sent a personal message to Stalin in March, 1945, saying the immediate objective of Allied strategy was to "encircle and destroy the enemy defending the Ruhr," and proposing a junction with Soviet forces on a Leipzig-Dresden line south of Berlin.

Stalin blandly replied April 2 that this was in accord with the strategic plan of the Soviet high command, and said a Russian movement on Berlin would begin in late May.

But, according to Ryan, Stalin thought Eisenhower was lying and intended to reach Berlin first. On the day of his reply to Eisenhower, he summoned Marshals Zhukov and Koniev, ordering them to deploy to reach Berlin ahead of the Western forces. On April 3, April 16 was set as the jump-off date.

General Eisenhower seemed satisfied with Stalin's reply, and by April 16, according to Ryan, had decided that Berlin was a paramount "objective" of Allied operations. He was primarily concerned with consolidating his Ruhr position, and with preventing the Germans manning a redoubt in the Munich area.

This last turned out to be a near-myth, and quite beyond German capability. In late April enemy forces were already disintegrating in central Germany.

The Russians entered Berlin in the last days of April, and this proved to be fateful. They settled down as captors, and Allied forces entered Berlin at the sufferance of the Soviet Command. Much of the Four-Power control blowup, so evident in 1946, was rooted in the circumstances.

"On to Richmond!" was a crippling Civil War slogan which Grant and Sherman saw as an illusion. Grant particularly sought to destroy armies, not capture cities, and Richmond was never "captured" by assault.

General Eisenhower was acutely aware of the Civil War army-city controversy, and he may have been influenced by the sound strategic principles Grant pursued. But Berlin's psychological meaning may have differed from that of Richmond, the target of a unilateral not a coalition force. The Anglo-American late arrival in Berlin may have contributed to the Cold War.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Capote's Story of Murder A Smashing Hit in London

Review of reviews — The British edition of Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" was published two weeks ago and, apparently, is repeating the success it has achieved in the United States. Reviews, for the most part, were extraordinary ("One of the most stupendous books of the decadent books of the press," — Sunday Express).

The London publisher solved the problem of pigeon-holing Capote's "non-fiction novel" by listing it under Law and Crime. Capote visited London for interviews on his tour de force based on the terrible 1958 Kansas murder of an "All-American family" by two young drifters, Richard Hickock and Perry Smith.

Then appeared Kenneth Tynan in a lengthy essay in the London Observer, the influential Mr. Tynan severely tore into Capote and the "morality" of the author's attitude toward the killers whose confidence he had gained while they awaited execution.

An influential writer of the front rank, Tynan declared, "has been placed in a position of privileged intimacy with criminals about to die and, in my view, did less than he might to save them."

By any standards, Tynan admitted, "In Cold Blood" is a monumental job of editing and a most seductive piece of writing." But, he asked, is it art, and is it morally defensible? The

critic charged that Capote "ruthlessly" gained the confidence of the killers and used them as literary subjects instead of helping them as friends. "Does the work come first, or life?" he asked, and suggested that Capote, or the New Yorker, should have provided Perry and Dick with "the best available psychiatric testimony." What one misses in the book, he added, "is any sign that (this) was ever contemplated."

Tynan quotes an unidentified Kansas woman psychiatrist as saying that Capote "set himself up, consciously or not, as their analyst and confessor; not, however, to

bring them comfort but to gain their trust and obtain information." Whether Capote "identified" with the murderers or not, it seemed to Tynan "that the blood in which this book is written is as cold as any in recent literature."

In what I feel is a little too manufactured a point of view, Tynan added: "Where lives are threatened, observers and recorders who shrink from participation may be said to betray their species; no piece of prose, however deathless, is worth a human life."

The Observer attack was the sole negative notice that appeared during the book's publication week. Otherwise it was "profound," "absorbing," "Compassionate," "beautiful," and Raymond Mortimer, in the Sunday Times, was so moved that he "read every word of it twice."

In spite of Tynan — perhaps in part because of his outburst — the Capote book is receiving more attention in Britain than any book of recent times. Smashing, as they say.

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