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Another Banner Year

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The year just ended was no exception for this mountly—if has been a banner year. Through the years Totrance has set records in head growth, home construction, and commercial and dustrial development. During MOS, Torrance fall short only in the bone matruction field, and here it was following a national time. Torrance built nearly 850 dwelling units in 65, may not hill 300 in 1980.

It has more than made up for this she or fields, however. High on the list of accomplishments was t

High on the list of accomplishments was the start of the Dal Ame Financial Center by Guilford Gimier and Great Lakes Properties. The first phase of construc-tion is well under way and a new city landmark is in the making at Carses Street and Hawthorne Bosleward. Across the street, the Bullock's Fashios Square opened and its addition to the city's major commercial strength is certain to bring great and long range base-fits.

Much of the development fever generated her-during 1966 was the result of industrial growth. Lomita Boulevard property took on new interest as Douglas Alteraft took over the vacated Ryan plant. Tri-dair amounced plane for a new plant; and a new plant for Hughes was announced. A new medical complex is nearing completion near Lointta Boulevard and Hawthorne, and the re-

near Lomits Boulevard and Hawthorne, and the re-cently merged Torrance Memorial Hospital and Ri-viera Community Hospital have purchased 10 acres nearby as a possible building site for a 250-bed hospital. Reynolds Metals completed construction of its aluminum can line and at mid-year began delivering a seamless, all-sluminum can for a major brewery's draft beer.

a seamless, all-aluminum car. draft beer. U.S. Steel announced major expansion plans for its Torrance Works, Mobil is nearing completion on it's its Torrance Works, Mobil is nearing completion on it's its Torrance Unified \$80 million hydrogen cracking plant, and AiResearch has opened discussions with the Torrance Unified School District for land adjacent to its 190th Street site for future expansion. Sandwiched in during the year was a municipal

election at which the mayor and three councilmen were re-elected and the use of topless waitresses in the city was prohibited by a city charter amendment.

And there was work throughout the year on the Meadow Park Urban Renewal program which has now received federal approval for more than \$3 million. The city has voted to establish its own municipal

library system, ending a long contractual relation with

Ibrary system, ending a long contractuar relation with the Los Angeles County system. Torrance voters helped select two new state sen-ators and three assemblymen, and new have an assem-blyman who is a resident of the city. Torrance voters also approved a new 39 million-bond issue for new school construction, approving it

on the third attempt. And they rejected an attempt to strip the electorate of its privilege of electing its mayor.

Add to these the plans for an occupational skills center to be run jointly by Torrance and neighboring school districts; a new fire station near Del Amo and Hawthorne, the enlargement of the Torrance police station, the opening of the new Torrance Family YMCA building, the erection of a new transmitting tower for KNX, and literally hundreds of other major projects. ... that's the kind of year we had in 1966.

Opinions of Others

Since our government demands such a strict accounting of every penny handled by every citizen for taxing purposes, those taxpayers, by the same right. should be entitled to a strict accounting of how all those tax dollars are being spent .- Public Affairs

4 1 When you are young you do a lot of wishful think-

ing. When you are old you do a lot of thoughtful wishing .- Ralph Nicholson in the Brundidge (Ala.) Bonner. \$1

We always like these off-year elections. No matter how they turn out, both parties can always find something in them to be pleased about .-- Richard Mayer Jr., in the North Vernon (Ind.) Sun. *

One nice thing about putting words on paper, you don't have to remember what you said . . . they stare at you when you goof .-...Bob Pearcy, in the Danville Gazette



U. C. Scientists Seeking to Solve Continental Jigsaw

In Brazil, scientists are and Antarctica can be they had drifted off after studying with collegence focked in at the bottom of being formed. If the map form the University of Cali-the map form the University of Cali-the map. If it is a statement of the map formed f

gument against it.

☆☆☆ Dr. John Reynolds, profes-sor of physics on the Berks-ley campus, tells how the tab began:

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half a century ago meteor-singlet Alfred Wegener pro-claimed that it wasn't. About This idea was based exigi-nally on the notion that if you pushed South American and Africs together their coast lines would fit like a million years ago, he wind, the Eastern and Apprial, the Eastern and Nestern hemispheres, were technic together. Purges re-mand by the earth's rota-ies uplit this land mass and he continues drifted across coast lines would fit like a jigsaw puzzle. Supporters of this conti-

Supporters of this conti-nental dirith hypothesis, as it is called, believe that long age a huge continuest which they call Gondwanaland. the continents drifted acro the oceans to their process they call Gouss "drift split and its pieces "drift For more than 50 years

www. Wagemen's theory of estimated drift has been a senter of controversy. To-say, scientists are giving the to their present loc Modern scientific ad-lond considerable sy but there are also stro day, scientists are giving the theory a new bearing. Dr. J. Tuno Wilson, the University of Toronto's noted goophysi-cist, anys new findings in commentation and the terrastrial

gument against it. Much of the scientific work in testing the hypothe-ials is centered in a new re-search institution, the Geo-chronology Laboratory of the University of Sas Paulo, established in cooperation with the University of Cali-fornia. It contains machin-ery for dating ancient rocks, sessential to the proof or dis-proof of the drift theory. $\pm \pm \pm$ withou reports that ocean-

or may have been right. Wilson reports that occap-ographers have uncovered a mountain range that stretch-on down the Atlantic, through the Indian Occan and across the Pacific. This ridge is believed to be the "seam" along which Wege-mer's superventment solit ser's supercontinent split apart. The breakup was caused by tremendous heat

currents given off of radio earth's core. * * *

sics and goology at Berkeley were among the first to date rocks by the potassium ar-gon method. This uses the These currents boiled up through the mantle — the layer of earth directly be-nestly the crust — causing it to behave like catmeal beavradioactive decay of petas-sium, which leads to accumulation of argon 40 in rocks and minerals, to de-termine how old the formsto senare use earmear near-ing in a pet. As the mantle rose and fell, the super-continent hroke into smaller chunks which slowly drifted East and West. There is eviions are. The method works back to the most ancie to support this theory. jects we know, 4.6 billion-year-old meteorites. It can dence to su also give us the ages of rocks only a few tens of have always been where they are now, they should be the same age as the ocean basins. Rock speci-mens, however, have estabnousands years old. In 1963, Reynolds considered setting up a laboratory for potassium-argon dating Ty mens, however, have estab-lished that the continents are 30 times older than the

properties of ancient indicate that the Atrocks indicate that the At-lantic was half its present width some 100 million years ago and that the North Pole was once in Southern. California. Similarly, the distinguishing marks of gla-clers have been traced in constant performed in the second seco clers have been traced in equatorial regions while tropical coal deposits have been uncovered in Greenland and in Antarctica,

Fourth, many similar plant and animal fossils have been unearthed on op-points sides of the Atlantic, Fifth, there is evidence that the continents are still drifting. Magnetic studies by three Australian scien-tists indicate their continent is moving eastward at the rate of two inches a year.

"I think that it is quite afe to predict," says Rey-nolds, "that in a couple of years we will begin to get an answer to this old and very duty to report on his work, just as if he worked in an crucial question of continen-

WILLIAM HOGAN

West Berlin Writer Has Keen Sense for History

Gunter Grass ("The Tin Drum" etc.) receives the lion's share of attention in this country (and in his own, for that matter) as the most dazzling literary innovator of West Germany, There are other interesting writers in residence there. Heinrich Boll for one; or Alexander Kluge.

There is also Uwe John-son, the young West Ber-liner whose first novel, and another, not yet pub-lished in the United States, "The Third Book About Achim," won him an Inter-national Publishers Prize a national Publishers Prize a few seasons ago, There is a good deal of topical political material in Johnson's fiction — for ex-ample, as he deals with the Kafka-like nature of tele-phone communication be-tween East and West Ger-many. His thoroughness of observation enables him to imaster complicated materi-al. This element of his style comes through strongly in comes through strongly in a short, perhaps minor bu arresting novel, "Tw Views," a translation by Richard and Clare Winaton from the German "Zwei An-sichten" — something for serious readers of modern dern fiction.

fiction than it logical-political report. The time is 1961, when the Bertime is 1961, when the Ber-lin Wall is going up. The story is narrated from two points of view; that of a young, fairly talented West German free-lance news photographer, and by a nurse in an East Berlin hos-ited with mean the photog pital with whom the photog-rapher has had an affair and hopes to transfer to the

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These would include the blinking rear lights on up-per decks of buses that lum-ber through the dense, four-lane traffic of West Berlin; or an S-baum (city railroads) station now closed to the public, or overpowering blocks of buildings "stand-ing rigid under the dome formed by the stench of East German coal with which the city warms it-self"; or when, in the sta-dium, the high-flying soccer

bird you go. The Moving Finger: News-man Jerry Burns As back from L.A. with the word that if you dial "god damn" which everybody does, you get the dial-prayer of the let Methodist Church of Hol-lywood — and who figures these things out, snyway... Lt. Col. Ed Johnson of the Air Force parked his car near the S.F. waterfront and somebody promptly swiped the uniform lying on Lie back sest. The Colonal: "It's all so ridiculous, when I give those things sway FRES." He's in recruiting ... Every-body knows that the Tun-derioin District's fermes du pave refer to sailors as "sea food," but it wasn't till we ran into a native who keeps

brother is "Bud," the wife calls the husband "Pa" -ond they have a dog named "Ady". The sarly bird gets the parking space ... is may be true that it takes to to tango, but how many how to tango, but how many Ad anhouncements you will never hear on TV: "We are interrupting this commer-gram". Of course this his San Francisc

Quiet Please; Our Expert

Iconoclast Has the Floor

RB CAEN SAYS:

observations to shake you

Your peyching

unds tremble every time to pour a fortune cookie. The mass in charge of the hairs restoring salon is balls. Your banker opens his at takes these and a copy of the Delly Racing Form falls out Just after you've congres ulated the owner of the France restaurant on hi

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authentic Provencal cuisine, the sitehan door swings open-and you see that the chef is Filipine. still a matriarchal society. Have you ever heard of any-body heing invited to a humband-trading party? . Seven will get you 10 that the guy who says he always takes an ice cold shower in the morning will also say he takes only one drink before dinner. It's 3-1 that he's ly-ing through his teeth, 7-5 that the teeth are false. You finally meet the noted symphony conductor, and he has to cup his ear to Your harber goes else-where to have his hair trimmed. The renowned surgeon. who comes to your cocktail party for "just one drink" because he has an operation in the morning, is the last to leave, nine drinks later. The guy who used to date your wife drops around to pick up your daughter. * * * * Caenfucius. Say: People who live in the past without leaving from it are an over-present threat to the future ... There isn't much mare you can learn about a family, once you find out the daughter is called "Sis," who comes to your cocktai that the teeth are false.

ran into a native who keeps his ear to the ground that we learned what they call airmen. "Angel food," natu-Overseas: Donovan Mc-Clure, the former S.F. news-man who is now Peace Corps director for Turkey, rally. is being evicted from his hillside apt. overlachting hillside apt. overlooking Ankara (the owner is a lead-

Husbands are a sorry lot: Kenny Burt laments that it happens to him every Christ. er of the Turkish Labor happens to him every curring mas morn, like a recurring nightmare. He hands his wife her gift, she takes one look, stares at him coolly and comments. "I hope you and comments "I hope you er of the Turkish Labor Party, which is anti-Ameri-can and especially anti-Peace Corps). "I guess that's what happens when you si-low Americans to move into the neighborhood," reports saved the receipt."

The Rulebook Doesn't **Cover Every Situation**

You probably haven't visited the place recently, but in a town called Izhora, near Loningrad, there is a metallurgical factory which has been in deep trouble. The story is told by Kroko-dil, the Soviet Satirical mag-azine a quandary, because he had seven members of the equine family to report in-stead of six. If he explained the colt in his report, the factory manager would want to know how come so many azine.

ROYCE BRIER

szine. It seems that a year ago this factory was possessed. of six horses to do light hauling around the yards, one of them a mare named Mushka. Some willing we will call ICH (for in charge-of-horses) led or rode this mare to a nearby horse farm, whereupon at a term not mentioned in any of the writings of Karl Marx, Mushka fgaled. Mushka foaled. Now ICH has an annual

But ICH was a stout fel-low, if not too bright, so he ups and reports seven World Affairs horses, let the chips fall

where they may. The chips fell, for sure enough the factory manager wanted to know how come, and ICH then submitted another report on Mushka foaling. The manager put this in the Mushka file, and American city hall, court house, state capitol or fed-eral agency. But ICH was in wanted to know how come Mushka foaled. The news dispatch is silent on ICH's

reply, doubtless in a new report, and the factory man-ager was in a quandary of his own, for his factory plan did not provide for seven horses, therefore he was forced to rule that the colt did not exist. But as the colt, when weand had to ast forder

sur as the cot, when weaned, had to eat fodder, the manager, a kindly fel-low, finally said the hell with it, and accepted seven horses in his assets.

Now the colt is a horse and fate, also ignored by Marx, imposed a happy end-ing. One of the horses-not

Mushka-died. This year the Izhora factory has six horses, and you can bet your bottom ruble ICH won't ride Mushka over to the horse farm again. Well, what's so strange?

In our own quaint way we have sticky wickets in America. You encounter them daily in government them daily in government and in the several sub-gov-eraments, not mecessarily involving the foaling proc-ess, but involving other processes. You likewise, alas, encounter them in dealing with big corpore-tions tions.

There are rules. These are incorporated in instruction books which filter down from the top to the humblest pen-pusher. The rules don't include what to do in case of california do in case of a foaling, or any other odd event. So when an odd event occurs as odd events will, the penpushers have no ready in-structions. They want a restructions. They want a re-port. A file accumulates. read daily by supervisors and sub-supervisors, until it is too dog-sared to read anymore, and is retired to the permanent file.

Taxation is a lot like sheep shearing. As long as you shear'a sheep it will continue to produce a new crop. But you can skin the animal only once.—Clarin D. Ashby, in the Unitah Basin (Utah) Standard. Except for bills and taxes tomorrow could be for- gotten.—Duane C. Griggs, in the New London (Iowa) Journal.	North America roughly Is

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Curiosity is looking over other people's affairs and overlooking your own .- Clarin D. Ashby, in the Unitah Basin (Utah) Standard *

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You're an old timer if you remember when a kid raised the roof, he usually got the shingle .-. John Maserick in the Cherrynille (Kans.) Republican.

re still is much that needs to be done to give The our people price relief . . . That major something is to curb inflation that forces prices up without giving better value. And the primary cause of inflation is the "something-for-nothing" federal government spending in excess of tax income .- Huntsville (Ala.) News.

South America. Second, dozens of island ains such as the Hawaiian lands extend in a line at ght angles to the cild-cean ridges, just as though

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o say that the new treaty say that me in the moon that bars people from shooting is a fraud. But at the very is st, it's an interna - a cosmic put-on.

My betters, the fellows who write editorials, herald the new treaty as a step towards world peace and such. Even though anybody signing the treaty can change his mind and pull out in two years. It really shows how little it takes to get people optimistic these days. Right now, nobody from Earth is on the moon. And after a guy gets there, it will take some time to find out if one astronaut can shoot a gun with enough accuracy to hit suches actions of the days.

accuracy to hit another astronaut. And of course somebody will have to put a neutral astronaut on the moon to snitch on the killer.

Abe Mellinkoff

West. Each is a symbol of political frustration in this tense, nervous double city. Johnson explains their plight in a flat, unemotional prose which, even in trans-lation is turned into scenes lation is turned into scenes as sharp as first-rate news photographs. It suggests the moral dilemmas and neu-roses that make both ends of Berlin the unhappy cities they have been for years. Johnson occasionally

leaves his action, or double marrative, to look with in-tensity at the city and its people, including the pho-tographer Distbert, who is concerned about his weeked aports as much Noes on the Margin ... "The Journals of Zeb-ulon Montgomery Pike." edited and annotated by Donald Jackson (Oklahoma; concerned about his wrecked aports car as much as he is about the girl, Beate. Or just capsule scenes, which suggest action in a movie that eatches peo-ple or things in accelerated time, in continuous action and change montenets Donald Jackson (Oklahoma; two vols., \$20) provides solid, scholarly source mate-rial on one of the over-looked and slightly suspect figures of the first Ameri-can thrust into the unknown lands of the Louisiana Pur-chase. Specialized history. Actually, it reads less like and sharp contrasts.

dium, the high-flying soccer ball hesitates before falling. Johnson seems to tell his tale and create his charac-ters in word-photographs, a strange literary device, but in his hands a successful one. This is a depressing b o o k, which apparently Johnson intended it to be-a portrait of frantic people living under artificial, re-strictive conditions, a sick world in a particularly sick time.

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the permanent file. Some kindly soul some-where has accepted fate (not mentions of in the Unital States or state con-stitutions, either), and you are off the hook. One thing is fairly certain—our colos-sal societies, drowned in bureaus and rules, whether Soviet or American, are get-ting too hig for their britches.

Quote

Our moral standards soon protect nothing con nothing. — Terence han, San Francisco.

nan, San Francisco. Our only just course in civil rights is to move for-ward, quietly unduing a wrong that higtory has kept alive beyond its time.—Tam Miller, Claremont.