

EDITORIALS

Austerity Time

Public officials have been made acutely aware of the sensitivity of taxpayers at this deadline period for the first-half real estate taxes. The public officials themselves and the irate public have been thrashing around for a scapegoat. There have been threats of a taxpayers strike in Los Angeles county and, generally, most property owners, we suspect, are going to be more interested in future budget meetings.

The time to battle higher taxes is the fiscal anniversary when all tax-supported bodies are making their budgets for the impending year. That is the only time when needless or less necessary items in the anticipated spending program can be nipped in the bud. That is the time when all overburdened taxpayers should look suspiciously on all contingency funds and be hard-nosed on the luxury items.

Here in Torrance we have witnessed a skirmish between the very efficient and conscientious head of our school system and our highly respected city manager touched off when a bulletin issued Nov. 11 labeled "Torrance City News" and sent to all customers of the water department contained the following item:

"Approximately one-half of your total property tax goes to the Torrance Schools; more than one-half of the balance goes to the County of Los Angeles whereas the City of Torrance shares about one-half of what is left with special districts."

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, took this statement to indicate the city was trying to tell the Board of Education how to run the schools and was trying to shuttle a large share of the blame for high real estate taxes on the schools. He was quick to point out the pre-eminent position of the Torrance Unified School district among other districts of the state in per pupil costs and to point out that the district had no other local sources of revenue while the city had many. He asserted that at no time did he ignore the fact that the schools receive both state and federal grants that slightly more than equal that raised locally.

The people of Torrance, along with all other residents of Los Angeles county, have got to come to the realization that they cannot continue to have their every whim satisfied. Good as many things are, such as deluxe parks and playgrounds, they cannot have them unless they are willing to see their tax bills inflated to the point of losing their homes.

Every tax levying body must be supremely conscious of every single item of expense. Traditionally, the City of Torrance has had a wonderful tax base created largely by the fine industries located here. Today, however, it is in the same boat with most every other city in the county where growth has so altered the situation that hitherto reasonable expenditures must be given the white light of austerity planning. In short, we in Torrance are no longer flush; until sales tax revenue through retail business attains somewhere near a parity with our population, we're up to our ears in down payments.

Pay-As-You-Mail

The Board of Directors of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. has gone on record urging the U.S. Post Office Department to charge various classes of mail the actual costs of handling and to take steps to assure proper and efficient handling of all mail.

This action reaffirms the position of the publishers group that all media and classes of mail should pay their own way, whether it be first, second, third or any other class of mail or service the Post Office Department may render to the public.

The CNPA also declared that no one class of mail should pay more than its individual cost of handling. It was recommended that an appraisal of all classes and groups or types of mail within a given class be made to determine whether or not certain ones are paying more than actual costs.

Many publishers with second class mailing privileges would conceivably pay more than they now are if such a re-appraisal of costs was made. The action of the CNPA, we think, is most commendable and timely. It is a worthy pattern for others in the publishing and advertising business.

Opinions of Others

"If a man wanted to lay a pretty good wager, he might get two to one that on that future day when some man-made rocket lands on the moon, the French will be without a government."—New Philadelphia, Ohio, Daily Times.

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1	Establish	31	Luck	62	Keep
APR 20	2	Money	32	Reality	63	Deep
47-49-51-59	3	Lots	33	May	64	Give
63-70-82-84	4	Angers	34	Your	65	As
Taurus	5	Confusions	35	To	66	Ends
APR 21	6	Making	36	Against	67	With
MAY 11-24	7	Of	37	Social	68	Desires
25-27-30-37	8	Decide	38	Your	69	You
Gemini	9	To	39	Secret	70	Becomes
MAY 22	10	New	40	New	71	You
JUNE 12	11	What	41	Not	72	Conservative
15-18-20-29	12	Emotional	42	With	73	Best
31-42-49-57	13	Nothing	43	Today	74	Active
Cancer	14	Many	44	Pleasure	75	Active
JUNE 23	15	If	45	Reckless	76	Seriously
24-26-28-33	16	Questions	46	Ambitions	77	Attention
3-7-12-19	17	Idios	47	Constat	78	Partner
30-38-76	18	You're	48	Older	79	Years
Leo	19	Matters	49	Higher-ups	80	Actually
JULY 2	20	Smart	50	You	81	Much
11-13-14	21	Seems	51	Who	82	Active
15-16-17-20	22	Quiet	52	Working	83	Active
2-6-17-22	23	Your	53	Cold	84	Active
29-34-53-58	24	Very	54	Passes	85	Today
Virgo	25	Negative	55	Count	86	Support
AUG 24	26	Time	56	Personal	87	Are
27-28	27	Time	57	Personal	88	Are
29-30-31	28	Time	58	Personal	89	Are
32-33-34	29	Time	59	Personal	90	Are
35-36-37	30	Time	60	Personal	91	Are
38-39-40	31	Time	61	Personal	92	Are
41-42-43	32	Time	62	Personal	93	Are
44-45-46	33	Time	63	Personal	94	Are
47-48-49	34	Time	64	Personal	95	Are
50-51-52	35	Time	65	Personal	96	Are
53-54-55	36	Time	66	Personal	97	Are
56-57-58	37	Time	67	Personal	98	Are
59-60-61	38	Time	68	Personal	99	Are
62-63-64	39	Time	69	Personal	100	Are

Good Adverse Neutral

Waiting For a Falling Out



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Keep Your Seats, You Skunks

Dear Ann: My mother is 53 years of age and she must travel 55 minutes on the bus to get to work. Very often she has to stand all the way because American men are such skunks they wouldn't think of giving their seat to a woman.

Mom stands on her feet all day and is very tired when 5 o'clock rolls around. She has to fight her way back on the bus and stand another 55 minutes to get home. It breaks my heart to see her do this, but there seems to be no solution.

I wish some of these men who are so comfortable in their seats would look up once in a while and see the haggard faces of these working women. Many times they are sick, but they don't wear a sign saying so. I hope you'll print this letter instead of some of those ridiculous things written by morons.—D.J.K.

Morons? Welcome to the fold.

Many men are just as worn out as your mother, and maybe sick, too, but they don't wear signs saying so, either.

If your mother MUST work, she should try to find a job nearer home. Since she is determined to hang on to a situation that means two hours of grueling discomfort every day, she must think it's worth it.

In the meantime, when women put on overalls and went to work in the factories, the notion that they were delicate little flowers went out the window. Females who are now competing with men in business must also compete for that seat on the bus.

Dear Ann: I am 15 but I look much older. I'm in love with a boy 20. He has been in trouble with the police but has straightened around and is now a law-abiding citizen. My folks won't let me go steady with him because they say if he gets into trouble again I may be involved. I think they are being unfair to both of us.

His folks treat me as if I was their own daughter. They think I'm a wonderful influence on their son and have been encouraging our dating. They told me if my folks put me out of the house I could always stay with them.

What can I do to make my

My Neighbors

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parentis get the light? They treat me as if I were a child instead of an almost grown woman. Please help me.—BERNICE

Look, Woman, a 15-year-old girl is no proper parole officer for a 20-year-old boy—even if she DOES look older!

Your folks are right. You should not be going steady with THIS boy—or any other, for that matter. If he has learned his lesson, he'll prove it by staying out of trouble. In the meantime, let the young man's folks keep him on the straight and narrow.

Date others and have some teenage fun. Now is the time for going places with different ones and making comparisons. Don't be like that fly in the vinegar jug who thought it was the sweetest place in the world—because it was the only place he'd ever been.

Dear Ann: I know you don't run a cooking column, but this is more than just a kitchen question—it's a real problem, so I'm bringing it to you.

Frequently, my husband wants ONE cup of coffee. I find myself throwing out half a pot because he'll drink only one cup and I don't know

how to make one cup of good coffee.

Please don't tell me to write to the Food Editor. I want an answer from YOU.—GROUND-DOWN

Dear Ground: I don't know of a sure-fire recipe for ONE cup of good coffee—but I will ask.

Does anyone within eyeshot know how to make a single cup of good coffee? Please send the word along and I'll try to perk up "Ground Down."

Uncertain F.R.: Don't argue with your doctor. He probably has "inside" information. If you are not satisfied see another physician.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Gents, Call Out the SPCA!

Somebody ought to turn the SPCA officials loose on big weddings. They ought to be classed as cruelty to dumb animals. The animal in this case is the man.

Most men have no objection to getting the knot tied, but they'd like to do it quietly with as little fuss as possible.

Most young men spend most of their time trying to figure out how to get the knot tied. Once they find somebody on the other end of their rope, women seem to feel that the official knotting ceremony should be done as publicly as possible. (This is probably on the theory that the more people that attend, the more permanent the knot will be.)

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cater at the reception and just above the janitor.

With frantic glee, the blushing bride and her mother will begin writing invitations, carefully bringing out the lists of things that they have given to other people in the past. They will plan who should wear what, when, where, and how, and make plans for a shindig that will make poor dad-in-law's pocketbook holler.

Through their heads will dance visions of bridesmaids, flowers, punch, cake, garters, wedding gowns, going-away frocks, flower girls, presents, comfy apartments, new cars, and all sorts of goodies that the hapless young swain never envisioned.

He probably can't say his married friends didn't warn him, but it's hard for any human to imagine the fiendish tortures that women can think up in the name of a "formal wedding."

Our hero, who may be able to hold his own with a pair of boxing gloves or on the gridiron, is likely to be completely unnerved by this shocking turn of events.

By the time the happy day rolls around, he will have received so many instructions on what he should do and what he shouldn't do at the wedding, that he is likely to

Reds Fight High Birth Rate

HONG KONG—When you discuss Communist China today, you're talking of a towering giant in size—the most towering in the world—with a population of over 650,000,000 and estimated to reach a billion in the next 25 years. You're talking about a race which supplies one out of every three babies born in the world—for one out of every three children in the world today is Chinese.

Every year some 15,000,000 new mouths to feed appear in China and every year half of them are destined to die of malnutrition and hunger before they reach the age of 10. The biggest problem of Red China today is not Communism... but how to stop the birth rate without interfering with the sanctity of the Chinese home and its traditional right to bear large families.

Recently Red China made the decision which exploded the millions inside China to protests and indignation. The government has ordered birth control for the first time in China's 5000 year history. In the land of Confucius—where for centuries the large family has been honored and sought to provide sons to worship ancestors, the small controlled family is officially recommended, with all the power and pressure of the Communist state.

It's a dangerous decision and may be the first tip-off of the desperate economic state of affairs which has plagued every government of China for generations—and with greater and more tragic intensity the present Red-controlled economy of the mainland.

From recent arrivals to Hong Kong from Red China we learned that while birth control is still voluntary, the idea is being popularized by indiscriminate distribution of contraceptive appliances to unmarried as well as married people. Government workers tour the cities and villages systematically with motorized drug stores serving the age brackets most likely to produce offspring. Also clinical abortion, sterilization are recommended practices and the People's National congress (parliament) has suggested raising the marriageable age from 18 to 24.

Until recently, by law Chinese men were permitted to maintain as many concubines, known in China as "tips" as they could afford. In the large cities polygamy had been outlawed for some time, but seldom enforced. Now the edict has gone out that multiple wives have to go to keep down the population.

Soon after the Reds took over China they abolished the old Chinese concept of superiority of men over women and "arranged-family marriages." But the new marriage freedom, without the benefit of parental control, has boomed with indiscriminate marriages in early teen-age levels as the modern concept took hold among the adventurous youth.

It brought the largest baby crop in Chinese history and caught the planners in the worst social dilemma since the revolution. In addition, the new feminine emancipation streamed the women in droves to the divorce courts.

The simplicity of the new marriage and divorce laws opened the floodgates to illicit practices and the fatherless babies added to the appalling birth rise, which every expert theorized would be reduced or checked. Escapes from Red China revealed to this reporter that while feminine emancipation released millions of women from home to factory and farm, so badly needed to increase production, it also exposed these women to masculine temptations uncommon to Chinese life. So with the added industrial and agricultural production came an unexpected increased production in illegitimate babies, hospitalization, medical assistance and loss of time from the factory and farm.

The effect of feminine

FOR GOOD HEALTH

Our Friend Aspirin

Aspirin is one of the oldest and most useful standbys in medicine, yet it is often underestimated and misused.

Chemically it is acetylsalicylic acid, a compound which is easy to manufacture at small cost. It goes by a multitude of trade names and drug producers vie with one another to sell aspirin with some special twist— aspirin that dissolves in water before you can say "aspirin," aspirin that is buffered against stomach irritation, aspirin that is "more effective" than the competitor's.

It is the principal active ingredient in a number of proprietary formulas widely promoted for relief of headache, muscular aches and pains.

Actually, aspirin is very low in toxicity. The most common bad effect is a little stomach irritation in some people just after they have taken the pill. This can be effectively prevented by buffering the aspirin, with a pinch of baking soda. Some

equality and rights, as the Communists planned, released a large portion of the adult feminine population from the feudal bondage of the male to serve the state as workers and as limited mothers. But the Red plans for Women did not take into account the inevitable presence of the male behind every tractor in factory and farm. The new concept of equality does not seem to interfere with the old concept of romance, now made infinitely convenient by process of law. Gone is the long drawn-out routine of formal introduction and family bickering at the size of the dowry. Gone are the long premarital separations of prospective bride and groom while each wondered about the feelings and dispositions of the other. Here was a set-up just made to order for a fling and a flame.

Before the minister of health and the minister of social improvement and the minister of birth control could decide what to do, several hundred million men and women in China found themselves on the loose trying to catch up with the new life, while toying instinctively with the temptation of the old. The result so far is an extra million babies born out of wedlock to be added to the regular 15,000,000 estimated this year. By now it is supposed that the Communists have learned an old lesson: that a man and his mate are not just tools of the state.

persons develop allergic rashes with aspirin, and very rarely more serious effects are noted.

Aspirin works through the blood stream on an area of the brain which makes us aware of pain in some portion of the body and cuts down on our awareness of the discomfort. That is why gargling with an aspirin solution is not as effective as drinking the same solution, except that the heat produced locally from the hot water is quite effective.

Aspirin also has a temperature-reducing effect, when fever is present. Ingestion of aspirin with a fever is usually followed by a certain amount of increased perspiration as the temperature drops.

In addition to these effects which are so useful in a wide variety of infections and other illnesses, aspirin has a specific beneficial effect on rheumatic diseases and is still the best thing we have for rheumatic fever.

There is much confusion about dosage. Most adults will be relieved of mild to moderate discomfort with 10 grains which is two standard adult tablets. Increase of this dose may bring slightly added relief if 10 grains is not effective, but the limit is reached very soon where additional aspirin does no further good.

Doses may be much larger for the treatment of rheumatism for the relief of headache, because of different actions of aspirin than its pain relieving ability.

(Presented as a public service by the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.)

Mailbox

School Taxes

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Torrance Unified School District gets about 42 per cent of its budget from local taxes and about 53 per cent from state aid and the balance from miscellaneous sources.

The Torrance Unified School District's tax rate is \$2.87, including operating costs and bond and interest payments for buildings.

These are facts.

J. H. HULL
Superintendent



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can be Santa Claus to children everywhere. Your Christmas Seals contribution will help protect their future from tuberculosis. Buy and use Tuberculous Seals.

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