

**ONE
NEWSPAPER
ONE
LOW COST**
COVERS ALL THE
TORRANCE, LOMITA
AND HARBOR
CITY AREAS!



**Here's why Herald
WANT ADS PAY;**

★ You get the largest
audited circulation
in Torrance by far!

★ Surveys show the
HERALD to be First
in Reader Acceptance!

Your three line
Herald Want Ad
costs as little as
83¢

To place your
**WANT
AD** Phone
FAirfax 8-4000

Ask For Ad Taker

Committee Told 500 Tots 'Sold' in Year

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
The slave traffic was wiped
out by the thirteenth amend-
ment to our U.S. Constitution.
But something akin to it has
developed recently here in
California and elsewhere which
has many of the same shame-
ful aspects. That is the traffic
in babies up for adoption,
about which the Assembly
Judiciary committee is holding
hearings.

At its meeting in San Fran-
cisco a few days ago, the com-
mittee was given some really
startling testimony by state
and national experts in the
field as a basis for its consid-
eration of remedial legislation.
The group was told that ten
thousand babies were adopted
in California last year, of
whom an estimated 500 were
illegally "sold on the black
market," and an additional 100
were exported out of the state.

PRIMARY authority over
adoption of children has rested
in our courts for a century or
more. About thirty-five years
ago a law was enacted to bring

"placement agencies" — those
organizations which bring chil-
dren and prospective parents
together before court proceed-
ings — under state licensing
regulation. At present, there
are twenty such agencies run
by California counties, and ten
private ones.

The law made placement of
children by unlicensed persons
a misdemeanor. The committee
was told, however, that this
provision is generally regarded
as unenforceable because of
the difficulty in defining the
word "placement."

THIS LAW IS designed to
protect all parties to an
adoption, the child, the natural
parents, and the adopting fam-
ily. The licensed placement
agencies have the important
responsibility of making all
necessary investigation to as-
sure that the best possible
match between child and
adopting parents is made. But
private persons — "intermedi-
aries" — have found that
money is to be made in locat-
ing babies for couples who

want to adopt them. The rea-
son? Shortage of available chil-
dren. There's an estimated
three and a half couples wait-
ing for every such child.

Heavy criticism was leveled
at intermediaries who demand
fees of \$1,000, \$2,000 or more.
Charges of fee-splitting, de-
mands for fees from both par-
ties, and failure to render any
service for fees, were laid
against a "relatively small
group" of intermediaries. One
adoption specialist who defend-
ed the business as legal, claimed
his highest fee was \$500, and
the average, only \$400.

THE SPOKESMAN for a
national child welfare organi-
zation traced the root of the
problem to the unwed mother.
Usually, it was said, such
women have no real knowledge
of probable dangers to them-
selves and their babies, and so
are easily led into unwise con-
tracts. "Middlemen" then try
to frighten them to prevent
their backing out of the agree-
ments. Experts, it was stated,

regard 30 per cent of inde-
pendent placements as ex-
tremely poor, and another 24
per cent as only fair.

The representative of the
state department of public wel-
fare, which administers the li-
censing law, suggests two
changes in the law to improve
the situation. First, and strong-
ly emphasized, is that unlic-
ensed placement of any child
for adoption should be made
a felony. Second is that the law
should be changed to require
full disclosure to the court of
all financial transactions con-
nected with an adoption.

When a major newspaper
can head its story "Baby Sales
— Big Racket in State" it
would appear about time to
put a legislative stop to the
slavery implied for some of our
future citizens.

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 23 APR 20 5-7-13-20 29-45-80-87	TAURUS APR 21 MAY 21 2-4-22-40 43-53-77	GEMINI MAY 22 JUNE 22 7-23-36-47 50-56-63-88	CANCER JUNE 23 JULY 23 14-24-51-57 72-76-78	LEO JULY 24 AUG 23 41-44-48-61 63-68-85-89	VIRGO AUG 24 SEPT 23 8-11-30-38 49-65-79-82	LIBRA SEPT 23 OCT 23 16-21-31-42 54-58-86-92	SCORPIO OCT 24 NOV 22 9-10-56-59 60-64-71	SAGITTARIUS NOV 23 DEC 22 17-23-33-35 42-67-69	CAPRICORN DEC 23 JAN 23 19-25-39-42 73-74-75	AQUARIUS JAN 21 FEB 19 1-3-6-17 18-20-53	PISCES FEB 20 MAR 21 15-27-37-46 52-70-81-84
--	---	--	---	--	---	--	---	--	--	--	--

1 Loy 31 Will 61 Easy
2 Be 32 Smart 62 To
3 Out 33 Affair 63 To
4 Hesitant 34 Be 64 Hairbrained
5 Obstacles 35 Comes 65 To
6 Work 36 To 66 Relations
7 Seen 37 Too 67 Light
8 Looks 38 Is 68 Influence
9 Watch 39 Send 69 Now
10 Out 40 Making 70 You re
11 Like 41 You'll 71 Schemes
12 Some 42 Messages 72 Surprise
13 To 43 A 73 And
14 Expect 44 Find 74 Visit
15 Don't 45 Up 75 Friends
16 Opposite 46 Sure 76 Or
17 Let 47 Maintain 77 Move
18 Others 48 It 78 Gift
19 Write 49 Attempting 79 But
20 Carry 50 Good 80 Rapidly
21 Sex 51 Pleasant 81 Entirely
22 About 52 That 82 Again
23 Hidden 53 New 83 With
24 A 54 Especially 84 Right
25 Letters 55 On 85 Important
26 Be 56 For 86 And
27 Be 57 Social 87 Now
28 It's 58 Attractive 88 Officials
29 Piling 59 Enticing 89 Persons
30 Romance 60 But 90 Responsive

☉ Good ☿ Adverse ☽ Neutral

**GET IN STRIDE
GO CLASSIFIED**

DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED DISPLAY CLASSIFIED

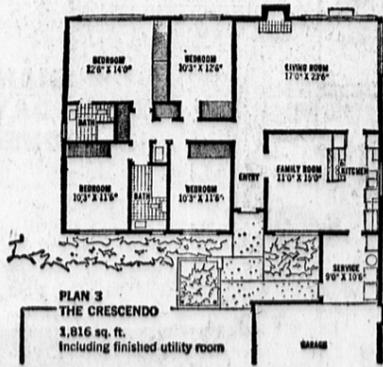
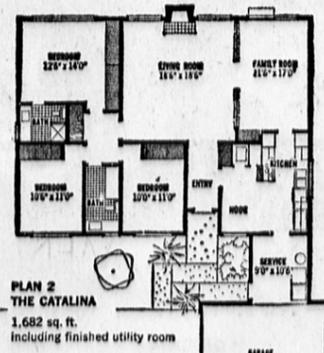
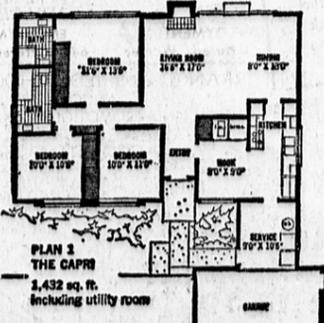
GRAND OPENING! "THE ESTATES" GRANDVIEW PALOS VERDES



yes, as little as
\$142
a month
for a Grandview-built
home in Palos Verdes!
from \$25,000—10% dn.



Visit the
W & J SLOANE
FURNISHED MODELS
you've been waiting for!
Open Daily 9 a.m. 'til dark



FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY choose from a fine selection of
executive homes: IN THE COUNTRY CLUB UNIT, GRANDVIEW
PALOS VERDES. Qualified Non-Vets from \$1,900 Dn. (plus
costs), VA Terms for Qualified Vets (on a limited number). See
lovely furnished models. And in WEST PALOS VERDES ESTATES,
from \$34,900. Qualified Non-Vets, 90% financing. VA Terms
for Qualified Vets. Visit ocean-view models, 3 furnished by
Wilders. Trades Considered.

3 & 4 Bedrooms & Family Room. 2 Bedrooms & Den. 2 & 2 1/2
Baths. Up to 2,127 Sq. Ft. Living Area. Architects: Harris & Rice,
A.I.A.

all this, and heavenly view!

- WALL-TO-WALL CARPETING!
- BUILT-IN GAFFERS & SATTLER
GAS RANGES & OVENS!
- WASTE KING DISHWASHERS
(in Plans 2 & 3, optional Plan 1)!
- BRICK FIREPLACES & HEARTHES!
- ALL IMPROVEMENTS IN & PAID FOR!

More of the homes you loved in Grandview Rolling
Hills... now available on pool-size (7,500 sq. ft. &
more) lots... in a superlative setting with OCEAN
AND BAY VIEWS! So if you dreamed of living on
the peninsula of prestige... at prices and terms
you can afford... be sure to visit "THE ESTATES"
furnished models today!

