

EDITORIALS

Give For The Float

The board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have decided to sponsor a drive for \$5,000 to pay for a Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses Parade at Pasadena. Once again the Chamber, assumes its traditional role of leadership to bring Torrance to the attention of the outside world.

The project, coming in the midst of other drives for funds, places a real responsibility on individuals throughout the community. This is the kind of community effort that should appeal to residents of all ages and one that, in our opinion, should only be financed by universal giving.

Here is an opportunity for every Torrance citizen— young and old—to receive added enjoyment on New Year's Day. Send in your contribution now and take pride in helping to bring the fair name of your city to the millions who will see the parade in person and on television screens throughout the nation.

Opinions of Others

Today many Americans are being critical of our government, our leaders, and indirectly their neighbors and themselves because Soviet Russia launched a satellite into outer space. No one wishes to take anything away from the Russians. Certainly this feat ranks with the most outstanding accomplishments of science in our time or any time. The launching of this satellite or the progressive events that are sure to follow are the direct result of a planned and determined program of mental training and organized and directed research.

However, before we become too critical, let's stop and realize that the launching of this satellite was not done without sacrificing. Did the launching of this satellite bring more food and clothing to the masses of Russians who are not adequately fed or clothed? Did it bring them better homes, finer automobiles, TV sets in almost every home? Did it bring them the freedom to choose their profession or trade and to apply it to whatever endeavor they so desired? Did it bring them freedom to travel and to congregate, and more important, to ballot for the form of government and their leaders as they desire?

I am sure the answer to all these questions is obvious. Would we, as Americans, have been willing to make this much of a sacrifice in order to be first? I think the answer to that question is obvious also.

Isn't it more wonderful to live in this land of ours in which all of these things are available to us, plus the privilege of association in such organizations as the Lions Club and complete freedom of assembly to worship our God according to our choosing, and still launch a satellite? I don't think it is so bad to be second.—James Crockett in Torrance Lions Club Bulletin.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Lets Enter Float

Let's Do It

Editor, Torrance Herald:
If we get on the ball, Torrance the "All-America City" can have a float in the Rose Parade. Let's do it!

DOUG SIMCOE

Youth Band Lauded

Editor, Torrance Herald:

There are 78 boys and girls, under 21, in the Torrance and all of the South Bay areas who will NEVER become juvenile delinquents to cause grief and terror to so many as did the Long Beach boys. Why? Because they belong to the Torrance Area Youth Band and are aiming for definite goals in life, being taught and disciplined by Mr. Van Dyck and encouraged by their parents. At this VERY MOMENT, however, they may have to withstand a shocking disappointment!

Last year, this band (one of eight throughout the United States and Canada) was chosen as the best to represent the Western States at a band convention in Chicago on Dec. 19. All year long, these boys and girls, their parents, and director, labored toward one objective—raising \$21,350 to take the band to Chicago for a five-day competition. Various selling projects netted them a total of \$8545. In addition, forward-looking citizens, clubs, some industries, and the Torrance Police Department contributed the sum of \$2800. NBC was so impressed by their ability that they contributed a half-hour spot on a Sunday afternoon for a performance as public service.

The boys and girls, themselves, earned and contributed \$25 each, or a total of \$1950. This left \$8255 still needed. Last minute appeals to their parents, who agreed to forego family Christmas presents and make other sacrifices, accumulated an additional amount of \$1830. At this writing, the band still needs \$6425 before Nov. 29, or all reservations will have to be canceled, and will create a depressing "let-down" for all of these 78 boys and girls.

Here is a dramatic crisis in the lives of these teen-agers... so near and yet so far from the once-in-a-lifetime thrill of an educational trip and a chance to compete and perform before the eyes of the nation's music leaders... a chance to show all of America that the Torrance area is a cultured, forward-looking, stable community, not merely a lazy, sunny playground supported by indifferent industry.

These kids, their parents, and the conductor, have scraped the bottom of the barrel for finances, begged and borrowed instruments, and toiled many months for this cause, which is just as worthy (in a different sense) as drives to aid physical illnesses. Only \$33 per child is still needed. Won't you conscientious parents and loyal citizens make a contribution so your name will be listed with those others who believe that all children are inherently good, if given a chance?

What would you spend for a nice restaurant dinner for your family? Ask them if they would forego one such "treat" and give that amount to the Torrance Area Youth Band.

MRS. NELS IRWIN

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 MAR 21-20	15-27-37-46	27-75-91-94
Taurus APR 21-20	9-10-54-59	20-54-71
Gemini MAY 21-20	8-11-30-38	49-65-79-82
Cancer JUN 21-20	28-32-36-47	50-64-83-88
Leo JUL 21-20	19-25-29-42	73-74-75
Virgo AUG 21-20	12-23-33-35	52-57-59

11 For	61 Emotional
12 Loxty	22 Horizons
13 You	31 Events
14 In	34 Affecting
15 Sweethearts	35 Budget
16 Defy	36 Lure
17 Vary	37 Thrown
18 Cost	38 Cut
19 Keep	39 Take
20 Gain	40 Claim
21 Shield	41 Lock
22 Pledge	42 Turn
23 Affectionate	43 Be
24 Expect	44 Out
25 Don't	45 Harmony
26 Good	46 Off
27 Authority	47 You
28 Today	48 Far
29 Personal	49 Down
30 You'll	50 Away
31 Day	51 Changed
32 Work	52 Base
33 Necessitate	53 Relationships
34 Something	54 Settlements
35 Matters	55 Suffer
36 And	56 Aid
37 Be	57 Today
38 New	58 Of
39 And	59 Avoid
40 Be	60 Joining
41	61

Good Adverse Neutral

Counting



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

The Point Is on Her Nose

Dear Ann: My husband is a house-painter and enjoys his work. It provides us with a good living and I've never seen anything wrong with his job.

We've been married 16 years and have three children. There's been no hint of trouble between us because of "other women" in all these years. My husband is a good-looking six-footer with a pleasant personality but it never occurred to me to be suspicious of him.

Last night a good friend asked if I ever worried about my husband spending eight hours a day in other women's homes? She suggested it would be awfully easy for a man to stray a little under such tempting circumstances, since most husbands aren't at home during the day. Frankly, this never entered my head until she brought it up. But she DOES have a point, doesn't she? Any advice? —Wondering.

She has a point all right—and a mighty sharp one, at the end of the needle she's been giving you.

Tell her to mind her own business and not to bore you with two-bit novel plots. This "friend" is trying to sew seeds of suspicion. If your painter-husband was painting the town on the side, you'd have some small clue after 16 years.

Dear Ann: Maybe you can help me. I've tried everything under the sun but nothing has worked.

I'm 30 pounds overweight and every diet has fizzled. I'm OK for a while then I get so starved I eat everything in the house. I've gone to my doctor and he suggested perhaps it wasn't WHAT I ate, but the amount, so I decided to eat just ONE thing a day and drink plenty of milk in between. In the 10 days I've done this, I have gained three

pounds. Please help me. —Just Fat.

The "one thing a day" diet is nonsense. If that "one thing" is a tub of macaroni you could continue to gain weight indefinitely.

If eating is an outlet for life's frustrations it may take professional help to get you to the point where you can follow a diet. Then, stick to a set routine prescribed by a doctor so you don't damage your health with foolish fads.

Dear Ann: I married a nice guy after going with him for three years. He had an unsuccessful marriage that lasted four years and I had a similar failure. I am not the nosy type and never asked too many questions about his first wife. The only clue I got was that his wife couldn't stand his family and the feeling was mutual.

After seven months of married life I'm beginning to get an idea what Wife Number One had to put up with. We moved into a five-family flat which my mother-in-law owns.

Her two maiden sisters occupy one flat, my husband's brother and his wife live in another, his sister and her family occupy another and my husband and I moved in with the understanding that it was "temporary."

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Relax, Ma, It May Be Worse

Assorted m.o.m.s. popes, grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts, and other relatives may be interested to learn that the three top-selling records last week were: 1. "Be-Boo Baby" 2. "Jailhouse Rock" 3. "Wake Up, Little Susie" Since it's the teenagers who buy the records, it isn't surprising that these three numbers are all of the rock-and-roll (or jump-and-jerk, depending on what you want to call them) variety.

Many adults, recalling their own staid childhoods, are prone to raise their eyebrows at the scandalous goings-on nowadays, and wish for the good old days.

Grandma and Grandpa may listen in vain for the sweet, melodic strains of "I Know My Daddy Belongs to Us Because His Buttons Are Marked U.S." "K-K-K-Katie," "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm After They've Seen Patee," "Yes, We Have No Bananas," "Get Offa Da Bell, Josephine," "Annie Doesn't Live Here Anymore," "Muskrat Ramble," or "Leg of Mutton Dance."

Dad and Mom may think

Every time I suggest looking for a place of our own my husband takes out a pencil and paper and shows me in black and white how much money we are saving by living here. He also says if we move out he loses inheritance rights to this property as well as other real-estate that his mother has promised him if he "remains faithful."

He begs me to be patient and says in the long run it will pay off. His mother's estate is worth about \$200,000. What do you say? —In-Between.

Did you marry the guy for his mother's estate? You know the answer; I don't. Your choice is an easy one. Weigh the \$200,000 against peace of mind, independence and a successful marriage. It's as simple as that.

Confidential: Ambitious for Him: It seems to me the best way a woman can help her husband is by providing him with inspiration. The most damaging thing a wife can do is interfere in his business and appear to be "the boss." Next in line is the wife who drinks too much and talks out of turn. Take inventory.

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

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Dangers of Independence

SINGAPORE Malaysia—Malayan independence has been heralded by many observers as a blow to the Communists in Southeast Asia and an event favorable to the West. This is not entirely true, for certain observations on the spot here indicate that a most dangerous situation has been created by what we believe to be a premature British decision to leave Malaya for financial reasons.

For nine years the British have poured their blood and millions of sterling fighting Red guerrillas in the jungle depths, and the struggle appears without end. While independence for colonial peoples is always a step in the direction of justice and world understanding it should be preceded with a carefully drawn plan, outside of political and selfish considerations.

Like the withdrawal of the Dutch from Indonesia under pressure, before native leadership could be trained for self-government, Malaya, is being left in the same dilemma and with the same Communist danger that has all but engulfed such former colonial areas.

The newly created Federation of Malaya, now a sovereign nation within the British commonwealth, is actually nine separate states on the Malaya peninsula (Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Kelantan, Trengganu, Selangor, Johore, Pahang, Negri-Sembilan), plus the two British settlements of Melacca and Penang. It does not include Singapore.

This whole area is about the size of England or the state of Florida. About 80 per cent is dense jungle. In the remaining 20 per cent are the rubber plantations, tin mines, oil palms, paddy fields, etc., which are the main wealth of the country.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Some Superstitions Debunked

The gullibility of the public in matters of superstitions, particularly about health, is proved by "old wives tales" that are still handed down by tradition, even though the present generation is better educated and better informed. The advent of a new baby into a family is the basis for many such superstitions. The appearance of a "birthmark" on the child is erroneously charged to the parents, rather than to a faulty development. There are those who still attribute bowlegs to the fact that the child walked to soon, instead of realizing that medical science has proved that it is caused by rickets and other conditions.

According to some persons

The racial problem is immense and ominous. Of the country's 6,000,000 people, 2,300,000 are Chinese; 2,800,000 Malaysians; 700,000 Indians and Pakistanis, and the balance foreigners of various nationalities. While the Malaysians and the Chinese are not too far apart in numbers, the Chinese almost control the entire economy because of their greater enterprise and business acumen.

The situation is further complicated by the growing power of Red China and the obvious inference that the profit-hungry Chinese in Malaya will increase Red trade and influence there.

The nine-year-old Communist guerrilla war in Malaya actually began on a large scale about the time of the Communist victory in China in 1949, and has been greatly intensified with each succeeding year. Red victories in Indo-China increased the pressure in Malaya.

Thousands of British troops have been occupied in what has been only a holding, or defending action, as the tropical jungle affords the most difficult terrain on which to meet guerrilla warfare. Parts of the Communist terrorist campaign have been reduced in the flat areas, but since most of Malaya is tropical dense jungle, it has been next to impossible to eradicate it.

From Singapore to Hong Kong, Communist Chinese infiltration is immense through labor unions, banking, trade and investments in business and industrial properties. The Chinese mainland of 650,000,000 people is a trade magnet which often disregards ideological considerations. Businessmen and traders here in Southeast Asia do not appear to be concerned much with

the political sources of their profit-making.

The status of Singapore, which is at present outside the new Malaya federation, further complicates the situation. For Singapore is Malaya, or at least the trade lifeblood of the whole area. The Malaya majority in the federation are opposed to including Singapore because it would combine its immense Chinese population with the Chinese in Malaya, making it the largest racial community in the federation.

There are more than 1,000,000 Chinese in Singapore, to about 150,000 Malays. Also the business and property owners in Malaya—both Chinese and Malay—are fearful of the political association with the Reds and radicals of Singapore, who at present are in the great majority. The strong Peiping-oriented pro-Communist party in Singapore is a constant potential of danger and discord.

The Federation of Malaya is not only faced with the normal problems of autonomy, but in this case with the unique situation of two strong divergent racial groups challenging each other for leadership in the new government. Since 1946, both the Chinese and Malaysians came under the direction of the separate rulers of the nine separate states as appointed by the British government. Britain had the responsibility of mediating between the races, as well as policing and protecting one from the other. But now the full responsibility of protecting majorities and minorities is up to the new state, which is faced with the immense problem of political transition and the menace of Communism lurking from within and without the vulnerable frontiers.

The best way to remove a cinder from the eye is to rub the other eye; others think that blowing the nose on the side concerned will help. If a foreign object lodges in the eye, it must be removed manually and very often with an instrument; however, in many instances the tearing of the eye, produced by the irritation, will eject the cinder or the foreign object.

One popular fallacy is that grinding of the teeth while sleeping indicates the presence of worms. Actually this is a nervous habit associated with restlessness.

The sure and quick stopping of nosebleeds has produced many popular methods and procedures which are false. For example, some believe that pressing the upper lip, or placing ice on the neck will produce the desired effect. Most nosebleeds will stop by themselves, but the presence of one indicates that something is wrong and should be investigated by a physician.

Many people believe that sleeping on the left side is damaging to the heart. Since the ribs, muscles and fibrous tissues of the chest protect the heart, it is all right to sleep in any position you find pleasant.

And then there are the people who believe that certain machines and gadgets with various vibrations and currents will cure anything from ingrown toenails to cancer and rheumatism. The flickering lights in varying colors are the yardstick for the degree of improvement.

My Neighbors

Just over the horizon looms that smash hit entertainer of 1954—Miklosoff Mgbkxvxx & His Outerspacemen playing Modern Melodic Music from Mars.

If this dire prediction seem all too probable, ma, just relax. It'll be just a faze that the kids go through. All kids go through such fazes. We did too.

Enjoy the current fad. The next one may be much worse.

Before I decide to settle down here, what about your income tax structure?

and I Quote

"Nothing lengthens the life of your car like marrying off the last of your children." Hal Chadwick.

"Even if money could buy happiness, think what a luxury tax there'd be on it." Charles Ruffing.

"If women are so smart, why do they sit down in the movies and then try to take off their coats?"—Changing Times.

"If this is such a small world, why does it take so much of our money to run it?"—Ken Shively.

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