

# EDITORIALS

## The Narcotics Problem

"Three Held in Narcotics Raid." This was the headline which appeared in Thursday's Torrance HERALD.

The story dealt with the arrest of three 18-year-old on suspicion of possessing marijuana.

This incident dramatically proves that Torrance does have a narcotic problem—just as was pointed out in the first of a series of articles appearing in this paper.

The series, which deals with the illicit traffic in heroin, marijuana and barbituates, will be concluded with next Thursday's edition.

However, the narcotic problem in this city will go on and on. It will continue as long as local residents refuse to acknowledge there is a problem and as long as they refuse to do something about it.

Recognized authorities agree that currently not much can be done for the addict . . . but MUCH can be done to prevent juveniles from becoming addicts.

The responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of parents.

Know where your child is—daytime and nighttime—know who his friends are.

This goes for girls too. They can just as easily become addicts as boys can.

Make your home the center of activity for your teenagers. Make their friends welcome.

Discipline your children while they are young. Psychiatrists now agree that a youngster of 16 is past the age of character formation. If, by 16, he hasn't learned right from wrong, chances are he never will.

Most important, perhaps, is to give your teenagers security. Make them feel they belong. This lack of belonging is one of the factors that make teenagers willing victims of narcotic peddlers.

Parents have no hesitancy to teach youngsters not to play in the street where they might be killed . . . but they are miserably failing to teach their child that the use of illegal drugs is just as deadly.

Torrance has a narcotic problem . . . parents must help solve that problem.

## Girl Scout Week

Grim headlines about youth make no one happy. We worry about the younger generation, but sometimes forget that youngsters in headlines are "off-beat." More typical of the youth of our country are the Girl Scouts who will celebrate the 46th anniversary of the founding of their organization during the week of March 9-15.

Nationally, there are nearly three million girls in this organization, which means that one in every seven girls in the United States is a Girl Scout.

Los Angeles Council of Girl Scouts serves 42,000 girls in an area where there are 191,753 girls of Scout age, or better than one in five. This many girls can have Scouting because of the devoted leadership of 14,000 adults, both men and women.

The Girl Scout organization makes no claim that it can prevent juvenile delinquency, but it does give girls a sense of "belonging." It gives them, too, many opportunities for achievement and recognition.

We are happy to note that Scouts have struck a positive note in their anniversary theme, "You Can Count on Her." A Girl Scout is a girl who can be counted on to be ready for emergencies, to help other people and perhaps most important, to serve her country and community.

## Opinions of Others

If you're a fellow thinking about opening a business, or if you're looking for a new philosophy for making a success of your existing enterprise, here are a few things to remember:

Nothing will run itself unless it is running down hill. To get anywhere, it is necessary to start from where you are.

The thing to be done is more important than the method of doing it.

The water in a well cannot be purified by painting the pump.

Progress is possible only when there is mental hospitality to new ideas.

Adopt this philosophy and apply it and you have a head start to becoming a success in this old world.—Camden (S.C.) Chronicle.

The time is rapidly approaching, we believe, when most thinking American citizens will realize that no matter how rosy the proposition sounds, they cannot afford federal aid.—Kingman (Ariz.) Mohave Co. Miner.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES 21	21-24-41-47	65-67-72
Taurus 21	3-6-19-22	27-61-78
GEMINI 21	5-9-30-34	62-68-81-85
CANCER 23	2-8-14-20	32-43-56
LEO 23	7-10-13-31	22-55-56
VIRGO 24	23-39-44-50	69-70-83-84
LIBRA 23	31-37-40-45	60-73-75
SCORPIO 24	17-20-36-57	71-74-88-90
SAGITTARIUS 23	1-23-33-59	64-77-80-82
CAPRICORN 23	4-15-29-34	42-53-67-69
AQUARIUS 23	11-16-18-46	48-58-63
PISCES 21	12-26-38-49	51-76-79-86

## Serenade



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

## They're Trapped, Teener Says

Dear Ann: What would you say if your teenager presented this story to you?

In high school, a 17-year-old boy had to marry his 17-year-old steady girl friend. Both are friends of my daughter. I was shocked because they are from fine families.

I tried to tell my daughter of the disgrace, and how hard their lives will be without an education. To my amazement, she replied: "You're old fashioned. People don't look at it that way any more. The girl is happy because her parents are strict and now she'll be leaving their home. The boy is happy because he loves her very much. He's going to work in his father's business and they'll live in his parent's lovely home."

"To sum it up, they love each other, they are married, a baby is on the way, they have a house to live in and he has a good job. What more could they ask for?" Truly funny, I was stumped. This "happy event" was OK'd by many of their teenage friends. What would YOU have said, Mrs. Landers? — Mrs. J.R.P.

Dear Mrs. J.R.P.: I turned your letter over to my teenage consultant—my own 17-year-old daughter, Margo. I asked her to answer your letter. This is her reply:

Dear Mrs. J.R.P.: These kids are putting up a bold front. They aren't happy—they're trapped.

Adolescent boys are about two years behind girls in terms of maturity. This

means the family will consist of a baby, a mother, 17, and a father who operates at a 15-year-old level. I wonder how many teenagers who "OK'd the happy event" would choose such a life for themselves.

As a teenager, I don't envy them, I feel sorry for them. This girl will be moving into her mother-in-law's home where she may be exchanging one set of problems for another. Her husband will be going to work for his father, which is no guarantee that everything will be perfect.

They're jumping from childhood to parenthood, which is quite a leap. One day they'll realize that what looked good at 17 may look different at 22. As my mother says, "Marriage is not for kids."—Margo.

Dear Ann: Put away that wet noodle. You gave in too easily on that peacock business. It was perfectly correct to say "the peacock strutted his stuff." The reader who said "peahen" was the proper word was all wet.

Webster's international dictionary says that in common usage peacock is applied to either male or female. Anyway, the peahen has no fine feathers and no train, therefore, no stuff to strut. So—you were right the first time. —Roy C.

Dear Ann: Our child is 2-years-old. When she was three weeks old my husband started to spank her hard whenever she cried. This made her cry more than ever

but he only spanked her harder.

We've had plenty of trouble over this, and his brutality toward our child has made me almost hate him. He's high strung and says the baby's crying makes him nervous. The child is nervous, too, which I feel is his fault.

He has no patience. The minute the child is not all smiles, he's at it again, shaking and spanking her. Now I find I'm pregnant and I'm heart sick. I don't think I could stand to see him abuse another baby this way. I've told him I think there's something wrong with him, but he won't listen. Help me.—S.C.

Of course there's something wrong with him. A grown man who takes his hostilities out on an infant needs help. You must protect your children against such cruelty, even if it means raising them without a father. Tell him to see a doctor, or you will see a lawyer—about separate maintenance.

Confidentially: The Marcroft Gang: It's 108 pounds, fellas!

Minneapolis Nurse: I would not take it upon myself to make this decision for anybody. If you can't make up your mind, it means you have too many doubts.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of THE HERALD and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. (C) 1958. Field Enterprises, Inc.

## THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## What's Incoming Is Outgoing

People with lots of hair should never try to figure their own income tax. It seems a good bet that they'll have considerably less by the time they get done with their income tax.

Things are better than they used to be, in the income tax figuring sense, although they are considerably worse than in the past, as far as shelling out the money goes.

It used to be that it took somebody with the IQ of Einstein and the patience of a saint to figure out the instructions on the income tax booklet. We used to ponder such statements as:

"You may not deduct the items mentioned on page 2, column 3, unless you fall in the categories listed on page 12, column 5, and/or were blind, crippled, and/or over 65, and/or if you earned less than \$2100, and/or if you had dependents as defined in page 5, column 1. If you fall in any of these categories, subtract line 12 from line 11. If you do not fall in any of these categories, ignore line 12, and take 20 per cent of line 11 and subtract that from line 7."

At this point, many normal people committed suicide or

started screaming and beating their wives.

In recent years, however, it occurred to the powers that run the Department of Internal Revenue that its instructions would be about as intelligible to the average person if they were printed in Chinese.

Accordingly, there has been a marked improvement in the clarity of the instructions and they are even translated into everyday English in many places.

"While you can deduct gifts to the kind of organizations listed below, you cannot deduct dues or other payments to them, for which you receive personal benefits. For example, you can deduct gifts to a YMCA, but no dues," says the 1957 tax booklet.

This is quite clear. On the other hand, we still have this:

"The amount of loss to be deducted is measured by the fair market value of the property just before the casualty less its fair market value immediately after the casualty (but not more than the cost other adjusted basis of the property), reduced by any insurance or compensation received. Explain in an attach-

## What About Old People?

**Prosperity Scheme**  
Editor, Torrance Herald:  
There are over 18,000,000 people 60 years of age or older in the United States. The best government statistics indicate 10 or 12 per cent of the population is 60 years of age or older. To be conservative, let's figure 10 per cent for Torrance.

The approximate estimation of our present population is 95,000. Ten per cent of that would show 9,500 residents who, under the Townsend National Insurance Plan, would receive and spend here in Torrance an average of \$140 every 30 days, or a total of \$1,330,000 monthly. That would be \$15,960,000 yearly—for the hundreds of items these people have had to forego previously because of lack of income.

If the people of our town are interested in promoting permanent prosperity, solidity of business conditions for the merchant, with expanding opportunities for employment for the younger generation, then each and all should give full support to the Townsend Plan.

Just stop and think what this cash turnover means to each and every other community, town, city, state—and the federal government, for this immense volume of business lessens all around taxation, quickly fulfilling our destiny in dignity of an "All-American permanent prosperity."

For correct and full information, write to Congressman Cecil R. King at the House Office Building, Washington

25, D.C., and ask for a copy of HR 7086, introduced by Rep. John A. Blatnik of Minnesota.  
MRS. R. C. BROWN

## Trisecting Angles

Editor, Torrance Herald:  
In the Feb. 27th issue of the Torrance HERALD, there appeared an article about Dr. Hale C. Pickett and his treatment of the subject of mathematics.

"Trisecting an angle," he claims, is an impossibility. Impossible or not, I can show that any angle—acute, obtuse, or reflex—may be trisected geometrically and can furnish geometric proof for same. Also that an angle may be divided into five equal angles and ditto for same.

As the problems are developed, the symmetry of configuration in each case would convince even the most simple-minded of humans of the possibility.  
On the subject of mathematics, I am light-years away from a doctorate and stick only to things I know or have been taught. In this case, it is enough.

About the professor's other article on "chords," I wish I could get my hands on that.

You see, I am disabled and in what you might think of as "straightened" circumstances and therefore unable to tear around running these things down.

Yours for the affirmative,  
C. C. KENNISON

## Hotel Questioned

Editor, Torrance Herald:  
I wish to refer to an article in your paper regarding a hotel on the airport—the wording goes something like this: "He would build the facilities and would offer offices for the airport manager and his staff in the terminal building rent free until other offices had paid off the construction. At this time would deed the terminal over to the city." Would you explain this double talk and just what is going on behind the scenes?

I have a better idea. I would like to build a shopping center on the airport and I will build facilities and offices for the manager, etc., etc. Do you think the council will give my idea consideration?

INQUIRING TAXPAYER  
Walteria.

## Time to Remember

Editor, Torrance Herald:  
Now that our Community Chest drive in the Harbor Area is over, there is time, at last, to remember those to whom we are indebted.

Since how much of any fundraising venture depends on publicity and public education, we are especially indebted to the Torrance HERALD for the success of the Harbor Area's campaign. Thanks largely to your efforts, we made 102 per cent of our quota.

Please extend my personal thanks also to all your staff for the splendid cooperation and help.

J. A. ROBINSON,  
Harbor Area Chairman.

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

## Colorful Gent Blue Today

Talk here last Sunday about colorful characters led the fellow down the hall to a colorful reply the other day when we asked the simple, rhetoric question, "How are you?"

"Well, I'm kinda blue because things look a little black," he replied.

"But I'd be in the pink if I wasn't in the red," he added.

Being in the red is the status of a lot of folks around the country. But it's not a recession or a depression, one wisecrack would have you know.

It's just that the economy "is experiencing a retrogradation of economic ebullience."

But the guy who's not working has another name for it.

You know the difference, don't you, between a recession and a depression? It's a recession when your neighbor is out of work.

Things are expanding along other fronts, however. Take the sign in a downtown store spotted by a sharp-eyed tattletale this week. It reads: "Stop in and visit our enlarged maternity section."

What's your pet peeve? I've got a special list of my own, concerning a number of activities.

Still No. 1 is the one-eyed traffic signals which keep popping up to plague motorists at unlikely spots throughout the city.

Latest additions in the downtown area are those at Crenshaw and Carson St. and at Crenshaw and Sepulveda. I may be unreasonable, but I have still to be convinced that they are an improvement over stop signs.

Just the other evening I saw two close ones at Carson and Crenshaw within the space of a few minutes while chatting with a friend near the corner. Drivers blasting through the intersection on

## My Neighbors



"Yes, sir, a hair cut. Any particular one you had in mind?"

the green light—which they are expected to do—were nearly taken by other drivers who stopped at the stop sign, then dug out without ever noticing the one-eyed red light hanging out of sight above the car.

I'll have to admit, however, that I was wrong in my belief that Torrance had the only one-eyed signals in Southern California. I saw one at Sawtelle and National Blvds. in west Los Angeles the other day. Thought for a moment I was back home.

Probably my No. 2 peeve right now is the unplanted parkways along Torrance Blvd. (except in front of the

city hall) from Madrona Ave. to Date Ave., a distance of many, many blocks.

The parkways were developed along the major thoroughfare in 1950 when the Torrance Gardens and Torrance Plaza home tracts were being constructed.

The city at that time said the dusty plots would be grassed "as soon as a sprinkling system could be installed."

Of course, we have had the Korean war since then—may be that interfered.

If one of the city's incumbent councilmen who was a successful candidate two years ago would take down his faded, tattered campaign signs from the trees along Torrance Blvd. it would help some.

## LAW IN ACTION

## Laws of Arrests

There are times when police must act at once or take the chance of letting a criminal get away. Yet if their authority is not limited, they may jeopardize the rights of citizens.

Hence the need for wise laws governing arrest. A peace officer can make an arrest under a warrant, and may use "reasonable force" also to prevent escape or overcome resistance.

He may also put you under "reasonable restraint" when he has reason to believe—rightly or wrongly—

1. That a crime is being committed in his presence;  
2. That someone has committed a felony (punishable by a state prison term), whether or not in his presence.

Unless the accused is caught redhanded or fleeing, the officer must tell him that he intends to arrest him and why, and by what right.

The officer need not have the warrant in hand, but you have a right to see it as soon as "practicable." And don't resist if you "know or should know" that a peace officer is arresting you.

If he acts within the law, no officer is liable in a civil suit based on any arrest he makes.

A peace officer may release any person arrested with a warrant when he

1. Is satisfied that there is no ground for accusing him of a crime. (This arrest then becomes a "detention").

2. Arrests a person for intoxication only, and no further proceedings are desirable.

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