

EDITORIALS

Keeping Clean is Free

Unlike many less fortunate cities, Torrance has all of the facilities needed to be one of the cleanest cities in the Southland.

There is no reason for any Torrance resident to feel compelled to toss as much as a match stick on the street. Calling at the curbside of every Torrance resident at least once a week are trucks which collect garbage, cans, grass clippings, tree trimmings, newspapers, magazines, and just about everything else except water heaters, car bodies, and bed springs.

And the service is absolutely free—you just set it out. Throughout the downtown area, Torrance residents visiting the city's main shopping center will find handy trash receptacles placed at most corners and at other spots chosen for convenience of the shopping public.

The citywide campaign which is getting under way is designed to clean up the city and keep it clean. To be successful, it must receive the support of all of the city's residents and visitors.

The HERALD has pledged its support—will you do the same.

Give Death a Rest

It's up to you. It's up to every individual motorist to help make President Eisenhower's S-D dream come true. The target-day is Dec. 1. The bulls-eye is: not a single traffic accident in our community during the 24-hour period—in daylight or darkness.

Thirty days of public education activity will precede S-D (Safe-Driving Day), with national, state and local organizations joining in a gigantic effort to curb traffic accidents.

Scorekeeping of fatalities will begin Nov. 21—S-D minus 10—and will continue through S-D plus 10. Reports on the cumulative result will be published by the President's special committee.

This year, as last, the purpose of S-D Day is to prove that motorists can reduce accidents by their own actions. During the second annual S-D Day drive, everyone in every community will be asked to join in bringing about a substantial reduction in the grim score of traffic fatalities.

Let's get together and make death take a holiday!

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Do you think you'd be a whiz on a quiz? There are plenty of people who sit at home eyeballing TV quiz programs, who think that they are missing their great opportunity by not getting a chance at the \$64,000 question. If they could only appear on TV, they think their fortunes would be made.

May be so. But chances are they might get so flustered that they would be hard put to remember their own name, much less the name of Paul Revere or the name of the king of "chrysanthemum." They might be like the lady on a recent quiz who couldn't remember the name of the country north of the United States which begins with "C."

Chances are that the average person wouldn't be chosen, simply because he is just average. He may not think he is, but such is the case. John Q. Average Citizen is not a jazz expert, or a grandmother who has memorized the Bible. So, the average person has to content himself with the crossword puzzle in the paper, or the little quizzes which appear from time to time. But, if the truth were known, John Q. is probably hard put to do Junior's arithmetic problems.

Nevertheless there is a current rage for quiz programs, and questions on every available subject are discussed earnestly. Such unlikely topics as the founder of the fifth Egyptian dynasty and the contents of the salad that King

George VI ate at his coronation may be heard. One enterprising book firm has even put out a book for the benefit of quiz lovers. In this handy volume, there are thousands of questions on insignificant matters.

For anybody who feels cheated because he has never won a TV quiz, I have prepared a series of questions which shouldn't prove too hard for the average person.

Here they are:

1. Who wrote Handel's "Messiah"?
2. Of what country was Henry of Navarre the king?
3. How many pounds are there in a ton of feathers?
4. What was the last name of Theodore Roosevelt's father?
5. How many ships are there in the Bolivian Navy?
6. What was Woodrow Wilson's first name?
7. Of what season was the author of "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring, Tra La," thinking when he wrote his famous poem?
8. Who is the author of the Monroe Doctrine?
9. Name the countries which touch the Isle of Capri.
10. For whom was the city of Columbus, O., named?

Although they look easy, there might be a joker or two in the bunch.

In order to get your quiz prize, send in your entry, together with your own door, to the Freelancer, Torrance HERALD, 1619 Gramercy Ave., Torrance.

Winners will receive an autographed copy of my latest book, "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People."

Good luck.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

WHO ARE THE "WRENS"?
ANSWER NEXT ISSUE

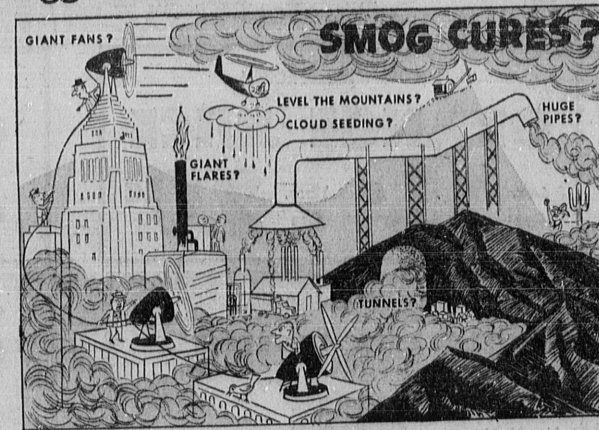
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Thanks Just The Same



Fans, Funnels, Fires, Planes Suggested to Get Rid of Smog



What would you do about the Los Angeles Smog problem?

If you have an idea, you might send it to the Air Pollution Control District office at 434 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Officials there report that they are deluged with various ideas of how to get rid of smog.

"I think I have a plan which will cure L. A. smog," the letters usually begin. Invariably, the writer, a person with great civic consciousness but little scientific background, goes on to recommend one or another of these methods:

1. Install giant fans on buildings, hills, or mountain tops to draw or blow smog away.
2. Install a series of huge pipes in smoggy areas to carry pollution off to the desert or over the mountains.
3. Seed clouds with dry ice to make it rain and wash smog away.
4. Build giant flares or fires to burn through the inversion layer.
5. Have giant fleets of aircraft or helicopters fly through the basin to create turbulence and keep smog from stagnating.
6. Blast off the mountain tops or drill huge tunnels through them to create air passages.
7. Install huge air purifying units at strategic locations.

While the district is extremely interesting in receiving ideas for control devices and suggestions on getting rid of smog, engineers have cautioned that power requirements for the majority of plans would be fantastic.

These are the facts they give on why fans won't work: On a hot, smoggy day, with a temperature inversion at 500 feet, Los Angeles County has a mass of polluted air approximately 15 miles wide, 30 miles long and 500 feet deep. That means a total of six and a half trillion (6,800,000,000,000) cubic feet of polluted air, weighing 250 million tons.

Incidentally, these figures indicate that there is enough smog in Los Angeles County, so that each of the 5,000,000

residents has more than 1,000,000 cubic feet of smog he could call his own. Obviously, Torrance residents are being cheated.

To move this mass 30 miles into the desert would require 31,800,000 kilowatts of power, or all the current produced by Hoover Dam since it began operation in 1936, through May 31, 1949. At that, it would keep the Basin clear for only a day and a half.

Even with the area's weak winds to assist in the movement, the stupendous forces to "blow away the smog" for any considerable period are almost beyond the imagination. Power requirements to clear only the worst smog areas would tax every electrical facility to its limits and place a staggering tax burden on county residents.

Another suggestion—to "break through" the inversion—is equally unworkable, according to calculations developed by engineers. Based on Oct. 9, 1954—a smoggy day—it would require over 87 trillion BTUs of heat to lift the smog and disperse it above the inversion layer. For comparison, the average large home heater puts out about 50,000 BTUs of heat per hour.

In terms of electrical power, it would take Hoover Dam 3 1/2 days to produce enough energy to move a single day's mass of polluted air above the inversion layer. As is the case with wind machines, sufficient power to clear only the worst areas would cost so much as to make the total annual taxes paid by all residents minuscule in comparison.

The sixth suggestion, that of removing the mountains or of drilling holes through them, would not create smog-clearing winds. Weak winds are the result of immense meteorological factors far beyond mere man's control, even if atomic power were used. If all the mountains surrounding the basin were removed, it would still suffer smog intensities just as high as at present.

Obviously, fleets of aircraft

would have no effect on smog formation as power required to move the air is the same as that needed for wind machines. Even if enough airplanes were available, they would be forced to fly too high to affect low-level smog.

Air purifying units are also deemed unworkable by engineers, again because of the huge power requirements to clear only a fraction of the smog.

Cloud-seeding, to produce rain, would remove only visibility-restricting smoke particles from the air and leave the eye-irritating gases. Also, there rarely are rain clouds over the Los Angeles Basin during the smog season.

In short, experts assert, the only workable way to lick smog is to control air pollutants before they get into the air, the program of the Air Pollution Control District.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Don Perkins, public relations director for the National Safety Council in these parts, reports that in the Paratroops, when your chute doesn't open, they call it "jumping to a conclusion."

And the October 31 edition of "Torrance Schools," a mimeographed news letter distributed to school administrative personnel, quotes a small fry as saying "I like to wear my girls because they keep girls from kissing me and boys from hitting me."

Had the opportunity to see "Oklahoma" in the new Todd AO screen process last week—was quite a thrill to be carted from a Hollywood theater to the center of an Oklahoma cornfield. Very realistic.

The city's current clean-up campaign brings to mind an experience we had following World War II in Switzerland. I thought by many to be one of the most beautiful spots in the world. Streets in large Swiss cities, such as Bern, Geneva, Interlaken, and others, are as neat as a Dutch kitchen. We had been told by servicemen who had visited the country that they walked down the streets with a match, looking for a place to drop it. Sounded exaggerated until we found that we did the same thing. One immediately has the same revision to dropping matches on the street that he has in his home because the streets are so immaculate. Horse-drawn vehicles still travel many of the streets in Switzerland, but the visitor would never know it if he didn't see such a vehicle go by—the street cleaners are very efficient.

The same thing could be true in Torrance. If cleanliness begins with a littered street attracts more litter. Did you kiddies notice that blue sky Saturday? Now you may not believe this, but in some parts of the country the inhabitants see sky like that nearly every day. Isn't that something!

Guess who got caught within a few hundred yards of the first explosion at General Petroleum the other morning without a camera? If you know it was me, don't tell anyone.

Tonight the service club met for their annual get-together. If past meetings can be used as a guide, you can expect that the 200 men will sing at least 20 choruses of "Home on the Range." Ted Merier, who usually gets the job of leading the songs, winds up singing it along with the rest—despite carefully scheduled plans to sing something else.

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CHRISTMAS SEALS

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- HORIZONTAL**
1. Observe
 2. Western plant
 3. It is (verb)
 4. Card game
 5. Ship
 6. Ship
 7. Learning
 8. Shelter
 9. Metal
 10. Rehydrate
 11. Period of time
 12. (Abb.)
 13. Exclamation of dismay
 14. Roman household god
 15. Secret agent
 16. Period of time
 17. Prescription expressing origin
 18. Greek letter
- VERTICAL**
1. Bitter vetch
 2. Caroline island
 3. Sufferer
 4. The (Cont.)
 5. Common (Abb.)
 6. To abide

THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

7. At a distance
8. Bland
9. Mental images
10. Birch
11. Water heating apparatus
12. Small number
13. Rehydrate
14. Seven, rehydrate
15. In the past
16. Turkish paper
17. Waterline plane
18. Box
19. Look feebly
20. Puddle
21. Kind of bracelet
22. Truncation
23. Follower
24. One line (Pun)
25. Rehydrate
26. Greek god of
27. Abide
28. Caravan
29. Rehydrate
30. Rehydrate (Abb.)
31. Rehydrate (Abb.)
32. Rehydrate (Abb.)
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The Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Folks, I want you to meet Mr. J. W. Hance. If you ask Mr. Hance what the initials "J. W." stands for, he'll say: "Nothing." Then you'll prompt him: "Come, come, my good fellow, it must mean something, but what?" And he'll stand his ground and insist: "Nothing." You'll give him the queer look, the quizzical glance and the withering up-and-downer, and then you'll ask him: "When you were born, what did they name you?" His answer invariably is never offended when he has to go through this routine but sometimes he wishes he had a tape recording for his stock answers. It seems like this practice of naming an infant with only initials was quite common in Texas at one time but is gradually dying out. Guess nobody wants to head up a campaign titled: "What's in an Initial?"

When a woman's figure measurements read 34-23-34 and then the very next day they read 34-34-34, it simply means you've caught her without her girdle. . . . Now that Robin Hood is working his way up gradually in a move to replace Davy Crockett, the question is being asked: "Robin Hood man or myth?" which promptly invites our old vaudeville answer: "If he isn't a myth, I guess he must be a myther."

What's all the fuss about this "Do It Yourself" fad? Big Deal! As far back as I can remember evertime I told my kids to do something, they yelled, "Do It Yourself!" Remember my story about Betty Brown-Eyes serving me lobster for the first time and I didn't flinch or bat an eye, but just ate it like it was on the menu every night? Well, Betty Brown-E took the gag in stride and didn't say a word. Then she read my column item about the incident while I searched her face. She didn't flinch or bat an eye. Just dropped the paper and went on with her kitchen chores. Aren't women mean and ornery and stubborn! Mmmmm! One of these days pow! Right in the kisser!

Jack Rosenbaum tells it in his San Francisco News column, about the group of staff doctors who went into an emergency consultation just outside the San Francisco Hospital. It was obvious they were baffled as they flung diagnoses back and forth. "Let's not do anything," would cause the chief surgeon, cautioned the chief surgeon, "Finally, a 10-year-old youngster came along, squeezed through the medical huddle and yanked a wire. The horn on a doctor's car suddenly stopped blaring."

Everybody should develop a pipe smoking habit, says Reid Bundy. "If someone puts you on the spot for a quick decision on any matter," advises Reid, "reach for your pipe, clean the stem, then the bowl, put in some tobacco, tamp it down, tamp it down again, and now light a match." All this time, emphasizes Mr. Bundy, you have been thinking about your answer. He adds: "Cigarette smokers are at a disadvantage at such a moment. They'll pull out a pack, light one, and there is nothing left to do but answer!"

Just so you won't be reaching too far out to left field for today's opening shot, let me first explain that record manufacturers today are making their platters out of a substance called vinyl. Which now brings me to the gag about Capitol Records' new and fabulous circular-shaped office building in Hollywood. I hear on god authority that Mr. Gilles E. Wallich, president of Capitol, is launching a program to change the nearby intersection to Hollywood and Vinyl. See what I mean? Sometimes it pays to explain these things.

I also hear that the Capitol building was made round in order to keep out all the squares. And if any old time railroad men from the round-house wander into the new building, they'll feel right at home, it'll drive them mad again, trying to find a corner to spit in.

LAW IN ACTION

REASON AND THE LAW
Man turned the corner. Whitehead said, when he decided to replace her by perceiving "for the upward adventure of life on this earth." Reason plays its part as we make laws and move ahead piecemeal in meeting new problems.

But turn the case around: Suppose without justification, a wife abandons her husband. Can she claim half his earnings? Until just this fall, the law had said yes; the aggrieved husband must either get a divorce, whether he wanted it or not, or share his earnings.

Take, for instance, California's community law. Man and wife share earnings alike whoever draws the paycheck. What these earnings buy—homes, cars, or business—both man and wife own. When one dies, at least one-half the property passes on to the other.

Yet, suppose a man leaves his wife, and she has to go to work. Suppose she even makes a fortune. Can he still claim her earnings? Both you and the law say no! While she lives apart, her earnings and accumulations are her own.

Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for you to know more about our laws.

Did you know that YOU MAY GET CASH TO PAY OLD BILLS!

Here's good news for you. If you are worried over unpaid bills, or installment payments that are too large for comfort, you may get cash here to clean them all up... you will then have a smaller payment, one place to pay each month, and you will HAVE EXTRA SPENDING MONEY.

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