

EDITORIALS

Make The Litterbug Pay

Disclosure by city officials that litterbugs are messing up the city's streets nearly as fast as expensive cleaning crews can clean them up, points up the fact that the City Council should take drastic action to curb the practice of dumping trash wherever the mood dictates.

Other municipalities have found a very effective cure—stiff fines.

Signs posted throughout the city stating that dumpers will be fined \$25 or given five days in jail for illegal trash dumping should do much to halt the litterbug problem.

This should be one of the Council's top priority projects. The city's weak ordinances on the subject should be made into a realistic, perhaps even severe, weapon to fight the demoralizing march of the litterbug.

Step No. 2 in the program would be a vigorous enforcement by Torrance police with the aid of all city officials and individuals to whom the litterbug is a distasteful germ.

The city cannot afford to spend thousands of dollars a year cleaning up after a messy litterbug. Let's make the litterbug pay his own way.

Watch Those Fires

Christmas isn't the only thing that's on the way. It's also time for the annual upward spurt in fires which begins every December and continues through March.

If we announced the ragweed season had begun, hay-fever victims would take to the hills. But the "increased fires" season seems to spur very few people into action—firemen excepted.

The reasons why fires increase during cold months are well known! In the home, heating systems, portable heaters, and open fires are largely to blame. Most of the fires are preventable. Yet every year the fire loss statistics of the National Board of Fire Underwriters hit the same December-March high.

For almost every fire that occurs—and there are some 845,000 a year—there is at least one more person who finds out the hard way that fires don't always happen to "the other guy." This year, unless you apply commonsense safety rules, one of those people may be you.

Better Shop Early

Starting Friday evening with a huge parade of bandmen, equestrian units, and floats, the 1955 Christmas shopping season will open in downtown Torrance with festivities which may well be the most elaborate yet scheduled in this area.

Plans include a Santaland where the kiddies can talk to Santa Claus himself, a three-day new car show sponsored by Torrance dealers, a street dance, and a wider-than-ever selection of items for the busy shopper.

Street decorations have been installed and will be turned on here Friday night, and everything is ready to make shopping in Torrance enjoyable and economical.

Only 23 shopping days remain until Christmas. Better do it early—in Torrance.

Blondie By Chic Young



On Your Guard

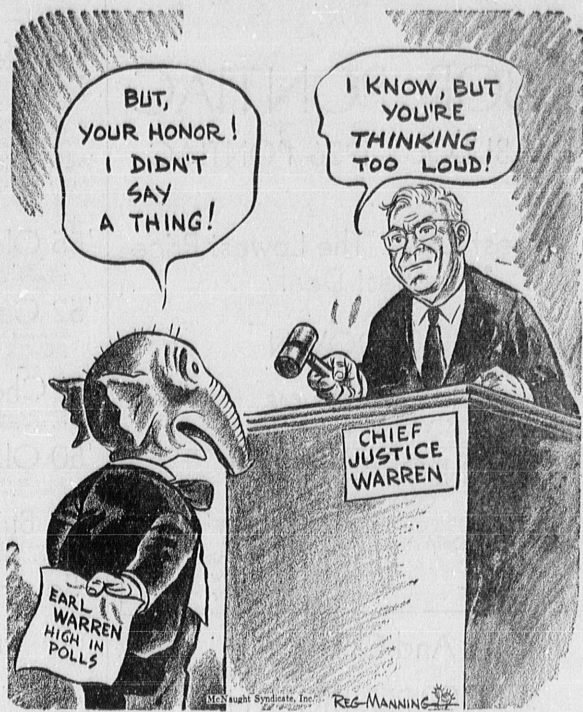
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Order In The Court



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Also for our Kutesst Kiddy Krack Department is this one by Richard Eyer, the 10-year-old star of "The Desperate Hours." When asked about his alleged romance with Zsa Zsa Gabor's eight-year-old daughter, Franchesca, young Mr. Eyer replied: "She's too young for marriage." ... Joe, the disgruntled husband says no wonder a woman loses things so easily—everything just falls out of that big hole in their heads (I didn't say it! Joe said it! Who's Joe?)

An automobile manufacturer will present a new car every year to four lucky motorists for the rest of their lives. It's a tie-in with the National Safety Council's accident prevention program. Ironically enough, the horsepower in each car will be increased each year. 2021, 2851, 3251, 3651, my God to thee! (National Safety Council not-withstanding.)

A certain cigaret company sent all the dentists in the country a carton of their brand. Then, they immediately advertised: "Nine out of 10 dentists smoke No-Wheeze." As one dentist told me this week: "They're right. Who throws away a carton of cigsarets?" ... This is the kind of teenage phone talk that drives adults to rock-and-roll music: "Who is it?" "John Dandy." "Who's John Dan-

dy?" "Don't you know?" "No." "Oh, silly, it's me." "Well, why didn't you say so?" My Uncle Shloomp says: "I'd like to get one of those flat top hair cuts, but my hair is too flat on top right now" ... Dr. Harvey Marder, dentist, has the following sign in front of his Bel Air Highlands' home: "Toothaches" ... I said it, but it was too late to retract it, as Betty Brown Eyes was feeding our pooch, Trippy, some table scraps. I protested: You're feeding him too often! He'll get as sick as a dog!"

Warning to night-driving autoists: If you don't lower your beam on the other driver he may lower the boom on you ... How times have changed. Today, when a man comes home from work, no longer does he ask his wife: "What's cooking?" Instead, he wants to know: "What's thawing?" ... Am I the first to classify a gold-digger as a gal who mines her own business?

I'll never quite understand our little friends, the ants. If they're supposed to be the hardest workers known, how come they find so much leisure time to attend Sunday picnics? ... A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, will promptly announce she never did save for pie. ... Before you get excited about your neighbor's faults,

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

As long as there are fenders to be crumpled and bumpers to be snagged, the two sexes probably will battle over whether man or woman can guide a steering wheel better.

Men have taken it on the fender recently, however, on the TV quiz which offers a new auto each year to the person who can answer the most traffic safety questions correctly.

So far, women have driven away all the cars and men have been left without so much as a cigaret lighter.

A study made by the State Highway Patrol indicates that men and women are about equally adept in answering the 20 questions required to get a driver's license test.

All of this seems to knock the wheels from under the male drivers who mutter under their breath "women drivers!" every time they see an accident or sloppy driving. Women have come a long way since the days when a "nice girl" didn't drive a car because she was too dainty and fragile to bother her pretty little head with a dirty, messy old car.

Nowadays, a person has to look twice to tell whether a driver is a man or a woman. What with the new short haircuts among girls and the long haircuts among boys, not to mention the mannish blouses and the wild shirts now in vogue, a person is hard put to determine the sex of the driver.

mister, stop and count ten-ten of your own faults.

It's easy to find your station in life. Sooner or later, someone will tell you where to get off ... Isn't this a horrible thought—the only way to make your money last is to make it first ... One thing that never turns out as used should—the woman driver in front of you ... Sign on an auto junk yard: "All Cars in First Crash Condition."

Last night, I saw a little boy walking down the street. What he didn't know was that he had forgotten to turn off his flashlight, and as he carried it in his back pocket, it was all aglow. I believe that was the first time I had ever seen a little boy with a tail-light.

Just like something out of the Wizard of Oz, your pillar conductor received the cutes call from 6-year-old Gary Tobey, of Rexford Dr. It seems which his 8-year-old brother, Michael, has just learned how to read and has been relaying the contents of this column to him. Commented Gary on the phone: "We like your poem and we're going to try it every morning." (I had said recently: "When you get up in the morning, and all is dark and blue, just say, 'I'm fine and dandy,' it will make the thought come true.") The lad's mother then took command of the phone from her precocious youngster and told me: "The children look forward to your column regularly, and Gary is always asking his older brother 'Mike, what did Uncle Barney say today?'" (Looks like I've been adopted, which is nice adopting if you are lucky to get it.)

Patent: "What kind of a doctor is he?" Nurse: "He's a very kind doctor" ... Good-night, senoritas and schnorrers.

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Man we overheard the other day was talking to his wife about dinner.

"What are we having for dinner tonight," he asked her. "Oh, I'm cooking that rib roast," she told him.

"Hmmm, smells good," he said.

After a few more man-wife remarks, he hung up the phone and announced that he was going home.

Bob Tolson included this one in the current Rotator Rig as an editorial. Long before Einstein thought of the fourth dimension, the man in the street knew there was such a thing—everything has four dimensions—length, breadth, thickness, and cost.

Helen Smith, of 2504 Cabrillo, wants to put in a kind word about teenagers.

At a recent party at the Smith residence, plans had been made for about 50 teenagers. Instead of 50, more than 200 showed up—coming from Gardena, Narbonne, and other nearby points. Party crashers.

These were "crashers" of a different sort, Helen reports. There was no rowdiness, the visitors were quiet, decent, and in most cases thanked the Smiths for their hospitality before leaving. The party was held in the den and patio and the 200 teenagers stayed out of the house. Encouraging, isn't it?

One of the City's leading auto dealers has a four-foot sign atop a shiny auto in the used car lot which reads, "GUARANTEED." It was pointed out to us last week by Don Hyde.

Best way for a girl to keep her youth is not to introduce him around.

How's your turkey holding out? Time now for our annual Thanksgiving Turkey report. As you might have guessed, it was roast turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and the works Thursday, Friday it was hot turkey sandwiches, Saturday was cold turkey sandwiches (was so excited after the SC Notre Dame game that didn't feel like cooking), Sunday was Turkey croquettes, and tonight, I hear, there may be a little dressing left over—no turkey. Not a very good record this year. Didn't get to the turkey croquettes until Wednesday after Thanksgiving last year.

Quote for today: "The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it, or spend your time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside of it." —Dwight L. Moody.

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At 19... An Expert

This kid knows his stuff when it comes to driving. Sure, he's young ... but he's smart. And he knows what's smart behind the wheel. He's got perfect timing ... constant control ... and good road judgment. He's got them all because he practices them ... all the time. Because of his timing, he never needs to dart from lane to lane. Rather he glides his car smoothly, anticipating his next move long in advance. As for control ... it lets him blend with the flow of traffic without those jerky starts and stops. And he'll be the first to tell you that anyone with road judgment will keep at reasonable speeds ... not too fast, not too slow. He's young ... but he's an expert. And he's proud of it! There's this about driving ... You can always spot an expert!

Safe Drivers Make Safe Highways
Make every day S-D day

Guard Aiding S-D Day

Heavy tanks and self-propelled artillery pieces of southern California's 40th Armored Division will provide dramatic theme for Los Angeles County's "war on traffic accidents," according to Russell A. Quisenberry, chairman for the county's Safe Driving Day Observance Thursday.

The massive war machines will be spotted at strategic locations throughout the county on S-D Day, each with a huge sign repeating the slogan for this year's effort to reduce the traffic toll. "Los Angeles County Declares War On Traffic Accidents."

Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, Jr., a top leader in the drive to reduce accidents here, said the 40th will set up 35 or more of the displays, utilizing equipment and troops from armories across the county.

In addition, the colorful "safety pledge" bumper stickers which are ready for issuance to motorists throughout the county will be given every National Guardsman in Southern California.

Cooperating with the 40th in its S-D Day role will be troops of the 234th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group, stationed in the Long Beach area under the command of Colonel Willis T. Lyman.

Also lending her talents and photogenic beauty to the campaign for safer streets and highways will be the County's official "Miss S-D Day," Starlet, Catherine Grant.

General Eaton, Los Angeles educator in civil life, pledged the "fullest support" of the 40th's 6000-plus Guardsmen for the one-day traffic safety campaign.

"Every two hours and 50 minutes, a life is lost in California traffic," Eaton pointed out. "If our 'war on accidents' saves just one life, it will have been worth all our effort."

Quisenberry quoted other figures to point up the appalling toll taken by the millions

of vehicles on California roads. "In 1954, 3104 persons were killed and 108,265 injured in this state alone," he declared. "A disproportionate number of those accidents occurred in Los Angeles County."

Last year, the S-D Day chairman went on, no traffic fatalities were recorded in this county on S-D Day.

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- Comb. term
- Musical term
- Exist
- Use
- Some
- Printer's measure
- Mythological bird
- Do again
- Initiates
- Recent (slang)
- Enjoyment
- Swimsuit
- Defeat
- Couch
- Paid notice
- Human being
- Hurry
- Oak seed
- Spear
- Near adventure
- Thing beyond
- Small
- Fairy
- Frozen water
- Knobs
- Boas

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- 14
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- Egyptian deity

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33. Company (abbr.)
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37. Air hero
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39. Navy cup
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42. Guided
43. Tree
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