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# EDITORIALS

TORRANCE HERALD

## An Editors Dream

Many residents of the north Torrance area have ex-pressed the belief that they are not getting their fair share of the services and public facilities provided by the city— and published reports originating in a Gardena paper this week credited the president of the area's homeowners as

week credited the president of the area's homeowners as saying he was ready to consider annexation of the huge section of the city to Gardena. Writing in his column in the weekly Tribune, Editor John Brassell reported that north Torrance "is not happy as a part of Torrance." Brassell urged the city of Gardena to get busy on the matter. "Here is an excellent chance for City of Gardena to obtain that extra 25,000 which then would put us right over the 50,000 mark." Brassell wrote. He said the moti-vating power behind the move for annexation to Gardena is the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. We think Mr. Brassell has been talking to the wrong people.

people. Of the scores of persons contacted by The HERALD during the past two days, not one thought it would be wise to discuss any secession from Torrance—including the source quoted in the story. North Torrance is a very important segment of the city,

and deserves all the consideration due its people. If the Council has slighted the area, the residents there do have

Council has slighted the area, the residents there do have a legitimate protest. That protest should not be extended to the length that threats to seceed are made, however. As one north Torrance resident put it, "Do we want to be part of a city considered for All-America honors, or part of a poker city?" That, we think, tells the whole story.

## Fluoridation Backed

All signs point to an overwhelming endorsement of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. sponsored proposal to fluoridate city water here by civic groups, parent-teacher organizations, and the city's professional groups. The Fern-Greenwood PTA at its annual Christmas meet-ing last Thursday night voted overwhelmingly to formally endorse the proposal, and members of the group began signing petitions asking the City Council to adopt fluorida-tion of the city's water supply as a policy

signing petitions asking the City Council to adopt fluorida-tion of the city's water supply as a policy. The Torrance Dental Health Assn. is seeking the meas-ure as part of its battle in fighting decay in the teeth of the city's younger generation. Although thousands of dollars are spent each year by the association in helping families provide the dental care needed, the work of the group just skims the surface. Fluoridation of the city's water supply, a proven benefit which is safe, would go a long way toward insuring tomor-row's children better teeth and should be adopted by the Council. Council.

### Short Takes ...

Mantorville (Minn.) Express: "The reason you sometimes hear more 'news' on the street corner than you see in the newspaper is because the newspaper has to stand behind what it prints for all to read."

Sisseton (S.D.) Courier: "William H. Pringle, national president of the Izaak Walton League . . . maintains that potholes and wetlands are an asset to farming, and that farmers are pilling up probable trouble in years ahead by too much drainage. 'A farmer who drains his surface water lowers the water table and loses the humidity in the air,' he said on a visit to Walton groups in Wisconsin. 'All he has to do is go out to Arizona to see what happens without surface water. Any piece of land that will hold water for three months of summer ought to be kept.'."

Washington (Mo. Citizen: "They have to register in the larger cities before they can vote, but in the smaller towns not even registration is necessary. All we have to do in towns like Washington and Union is take a few minutes and cast our vote. Let's show 'em this November!"



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## YOUR PROBLEMS By ANN LANDERS

By ANN LANDERS has no respect for the law, as a point, too. Dear Ann: Please help me, Two desperate. My husband was sent overseas shortly af-ter our marriage six years ago. I was lonesome and fool-ish and became involved with a man who promised me all outs of things. They three little kids, the man has skipped the coun-try and I don't even kno w where he is. I can't work be-cause the kids are too small. If the neighbors were'nt kind-hearted I'd be sunk. Whusband knows nothing of the kids so of course I don't get any allotment for her his's double hitch'' and I'm sick with worry because I don't get any allotment for her his' double hitch'' and I'm sick with worry because I don't get any allotment for hearted any allotment for her his' a

Dear Ann: Just read the letter signed "The Free One." This bachclor seemed delir-ious with joy over his single state. He says when Ty and Greg aren't in town he does "all right." He brags about his new car, money in the bank and fredom from pes-ky in-laws. He travels, "first-class," wears expensive suits and drinks his liquor straight. This joyous bachelor hand-les his own money, eats in swarky restaurants and has a list of pione numbers if he wasts the companionship of a lust of pione numbers if he has numbers for this, too. Since you seem to be print-fus the sumbers for this, too. Since you seem to be print-ting testimonials on A Way of Life, Ann, May I get into the act? W hair is a little thin om pand firm no Rock Hudson, but I do all right no matter boots. We have two daughters You won't have to tell him anything if he can count. What you need is a miracle, not advice. There's nothing to be done world. We have two daughters and when we travel it's al-ways first class. I have a car, a healthy bank account and I love my in-laws. They lent us the money to build our first home.

By BARNED At this very moment, Gary Cooper, and Paulette Goddard are attending the Blooming-dale (N,J.) public school. He's in the third grade and she's in the sixth . . . Joe E. Lewis said it: "I don't drink any-thing stronger than pop and pop will drink anything." Ain't it the truth-when success turns a man's head, he always winds up looking in the wrong direction . . . If you're agonna keep a chip on your shoulder, be sure it isn't just bark . . . Free Free-way Information: Better to drive safely at 50 than to stop suddenly at 70. Arrested for writing

drive safely at 50 than to to psuddenly at 70. Arrested for writing checks without money in the bank (a very bad habit), the prisoner was told his bond was fixed at \$1000. "Can I give you a check for the bail, judge?" asked the prisoner to check for the bail, udge?" asked the prisoner to a check for the bail, udge?" asked the prisoner to a check for the bail, udge?" asked the prisoner to a check for the bail, opened my fortune cookie, the street." Two been asked by a wor-ried reader: "Is the corset here to stay?" Of course it is, sully What's a corset with-out stay? . . We expect to at like grownups but we're always treating them like babies. You, too? Which convinces me that sometimes it takes a mother and father longer, to grow up than it takes their chil-chen. Doe Adams, of radio sta-

dren. Joe Adams, of radio sta-tion KDAY, wonders: "Why is it that the woman, who ex-pects her husband to walk the straight and narrow,

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but to face the facts square-

You've made a mess of your young life and there's no alternative but to throw yourself on your husband's mercy. If he's willing to for-five you and make a home for these unfortunate child-ren, you're the luckiest girl alive. Any man who has been away serving his country for a ready-made family would be perfectly justified if he bounced you out on your heat.

CONFIDENTIALLY: Dumb-est woman who ever lived: See your doctor. You aren't "dumb" just uninformed.

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GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

## The SOUIRREL

## CAGE

Freeways and the parking problems plague the whole of the Southland, but a solu-tion to the problems are really very simple, according to Sam Phillips. Permission to use the free-ways or a public parking

to Sam Phillips. Permission to use the free-ways or a public parking space should be limited to those motorists who could display a pink slip on their cars, Phillips says. Certainly would be quiet around here, wouldn't it? A + a + aA bout the only guy we can think of right now who could probably qualify for freeway leges would be the rich Texan who is planning to buy his dog a boy for Christmas. A + a + aOr the father of the rich Texas boy who climbed up on Sania's lap at the depart-ment store and asked Santa. "What can I do for you, this year?" A + a + a

of freeways if nobody bought gas?  $\lambda + \lambda$ And, speaking of Christ-mas (we're sure we did some-where along the line), our friend Barney Glazer remind-ed us yesterday that Christ-mas is what there are seven more shopping daze to.  $\lambda + \lambda^{-1}$ Whenever I call Barney. I open the conversation inno-cently by saying. "Hello, Bar-ney? This is Reid Bundy." "Dort read Bundy, read Glazer" he always replies. "He expanded on it a little in a note this week. "Read Glazer and you'll read Bundy. Glazer steals from Burrdy. Why Reid' Bundy when you can read Glazer and Bundy in one column?"

column?" Ah . . . the fate of the artist.

By REID BUNDY

beating than go Christmas shopping. Since I'm one of the major-ity who doesn't do his shop-ping until the last minute-trally the last few days). If find myself downtown at the same time as everybody else, trying to buy the same things or the same clerks. There are a few prudent people who do their shopping early, while things are still comparitively peaceful. Not me, I never do until tomor-row what I could have done yesterday. The result is that the trying to get my shop-ping done amid a round of Christmas art is: Since everybody seems to be moved at the same time, everybody is stirred from his to decide what to buy for Un-de Milte, Aunt Gertie, and the day of the same time, sty to stimultaneously, trying to decide what to buy for Un-de Milte, Aunt Gertie, and the day of the wave saying slightly puzzled expressions. I passed one counter yester-do the customer. "Just what is fingering various items of the some the some tings, here I like." Tho help a customer man re d. "Just keep showing me to help the last whole hour try in g to help a customer make up her mind what kind of dress to buy for her daugh-



"Please, Manny. Go out there and fight! Lots of other people have to pay those con-fiscatory surfaxes, too!"

LAW IN ACTION

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BAILMENTS AND MECHANICS' LIENS Adams took his overcoat to the cleaners and got a ticket for it

for it. Later he presented his ticket, but the manager said he had already delivered the coat to Adams' black sheep brother who had skipped town.

town. Adams had not given his brother authority to pick up the coat. Did the cleaner have to pay Adams for his coat? Yes.

Yes. As a "bailee" the shop could hand over the coat only to the true owner or some-one he authorized to receive it.

 $\star \star \star \star$ Conversation at the beauty parlor: "You don't really have insomia until you find you can't sleep when it's make during his married tie tell his wife her stock-ise twentil her stock-tie tell his wife her stock-ise twentil her stock-tie tell his wife her stock-tell his wife her stock-his w

 bit is automized to receive it.
 Pay your blacksmith for shoeing your horse or he can take old Dobbin and sell him for the bill.
 What' No horse?.
 Well, then, the old common law which dealt with horses still protects your auto or TV repairman, watch maker, or dry cleaner. They can hold goods until you pay. Time was, though, when the workman or materials man for your new house could not get a "mechanic's tien" to collect for his work.
 We had no claim against the Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

The Freelancer By TOM RISCHE

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tired little tots around through crowded stores, try-ing to decide what to buy. The kiddles get tired and start to baw while the record players in the stores send out the sweet strains of "Silent Night." Day lines of bundle-laden, footwcary shoppers form be-hind the giftwrap windows to get the purchase wrapped by girls with swollen fingers. Escalators and elevators creak and groan under the weight of people and pack-ages.

weight of people and packages.
Toward the end of the day, the smiles on the faces of the people who are trying to make the customer hapy become rather frozen and unatural. Their word s of praise for their products become considerably more artificial and forced, as the sy wearily inform the buy er that if it desent fit, of course it can be returned. Workers that is may be seen the seen the seen the seen the seen the seen that is the seen the seen the seen that is the seen the seen the seen that is the seen that is the seen that is the seen the seen the seen the seen that is the seen the seen the seen the seen that is the seen that the seen the seen that the seen the

save Christmas shopping and insure that everyone got what he wanted and in the right size. The results on Christmas Day are worth all the effort, however. Who wants to sit around on Christmas and count his money?

count his money? See you downtown on Dec. 24.  $\begin{array}{c} & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\$ 

## Out Of The Past

From the Files of Th 10 Years Ago This Month December, 1946 Housing controls in Tor-rarice were expected to be lifted with the completion of 1479 tract units and several hundred individually built homes, valued at \$12,353,000 ... The Torrance 20-30 Club ann oun ce d that donations were mearing the \$2500 esti-mate for the City of Torrance float in the Pasadena Tourna-ment of Roses parade..., J. G. Caldwell, director of the Terrance Area Veterans cen-ter, announced that the bar-racks buildings at Zamperini field could be converted to house 500 persons in an ef-fort to relieve the local hous-ing shortage. B. Vare Age Thi Month From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

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## 30 Years Ago This Month

December, 1926
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City barns and machine shops. TORRANCE HERALD 1619 Gramercy were FA 8-4000 Billing Gramercy were Billing Gramercy were Billing Gramercy were bergen were were bergen were were bergen were were bergen were were the state of the state bergen were were the state of the state of the state state of the st 0

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