

# EDITORIALS

## Puzzling Ingratitude

The other day an acquaintance, who is well read and a good citizen in his own right, expressed bewilderment over our predicament in the world.

"With all our good intentions," he lamented, "how can we be made such heels in the eyes of millions who have had our billions?"

It is amazing and confusing why people we have thought we were helping will turn on us when we need even a show of gratitude. It is evidenced in the ruthless spread of Soviet influence throughout the world, the acts of violence against our vice president in South America and hate slogans painted on historic walls and buildings over Europe.

The answer is not easy to find, but we need not look beyond the origin of the big give away programs some 35 years ago, when a lot of starchy-eyed, fuzzy-thinking individuals were permitted to dispense billions of our wealth in almost every corner of the globe, for one answer. Many in actual contact with the subjects of our prodigal largess nurtured a personal philosophy that made them unfit for their responsibility. Some even went so far as to openly or slyly criticize the American system that had produced the goods they were so lavishly giving away. They made an effort to explain the American system or to convey the genuine good will that went with the material gift.

As the program was expanded it became more and more an effort at buying good will. In some instances it has been little more than blackmail payoff to dictators and exploiters and now is a permanent fixture in our national political life.

Philosophers down through the ages have warned of the perils of making mendicants of men, none more eloquently than Shakespeare's Polonius: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be." Today in the world, where we have sincerely tried to be of help, we end up as suckers faced with ingrates who unashamedly ask: "What have you done for me lately?"

A good editorial ought to suggest a solution. This one can't because it can't.

## Novel Fund Idea

"Don't Pass the Buck—Give a Buck" is the slogan of the American Heritage Foundation and the Advertising Council, joint sponsors of a novel program for raising political campaign funds.

Basic idea of the program is to encourage more citizens to participate actively in the political party of their choice. It is reasoned that an individual with his money in a campaign is likely to show more interest in primary and general election campaigns and other party organization activities. Party funds would be swelled to a point where candidates would not have to depend on backing of large contributors who might have a selfish purpose. Candidates would be freer to exercise the type of independence that would make them more effective representatives of the people.

More information on this novel idea of fund raising for the party of your choice may be had by addressing American Heritage Foundation, 11 West 42nd St., Room 1366, New York (36) N.Y.

## Opinions of Others

No person ever got very far in this world without helping himself . . . That is just as true of nations. What Latin-America needs is some hard-headed talk about living within its income—the same kind of stuff you get from your banker when you have overdrawn your account for the third time.—Bedford, Ind., Daily Times-Mail.

It could happen to you . . . It has happened to so many others. Paralytic polio hurt, cripples, wrecks lives and families, sometimes even kills and always costs a lot of money. Your chances of getting paralytic polio may not be great but why take even a small chance when protection is so sure and so easy?—Farmington, Maine, The Franklin Journal.

A New Jersey housewife, going all out to destroy a persistent moth, struck at it with a hammer. She missed the moth and hit her husband instead. Any similarity between the episode and the recent actions of Congress in swatting the "recession" bug with public works projects which cannot be possibly under way until the supposed recession is long forgotten is purely coincidental. We only hope that when the congressional spurge is over, the taxpayer will be as comfortable in the poor house as the New Jersey husband is in the hospital.—New Orleans Independent American.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY B. POLLAN

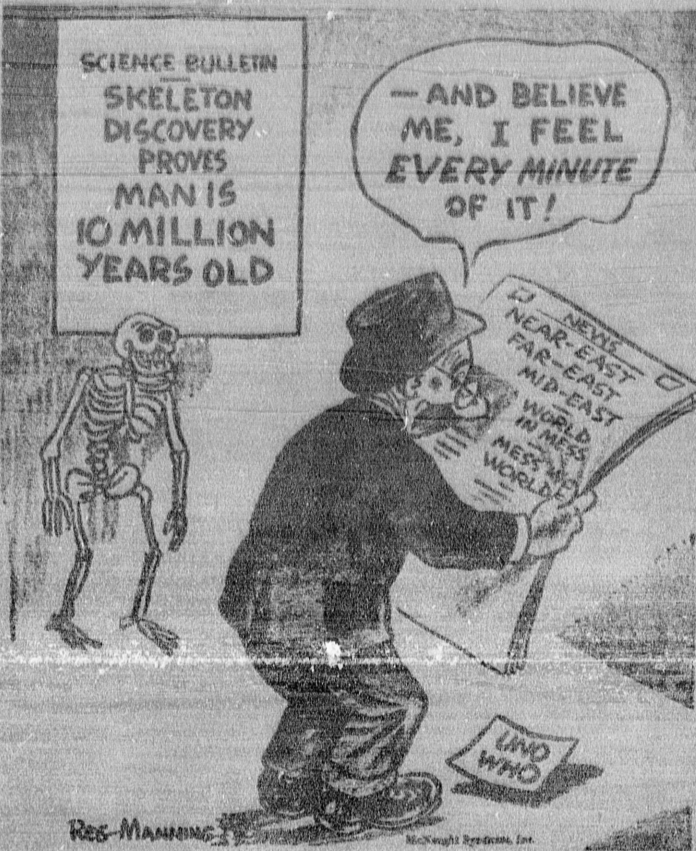
Year Daily Activity Guide

According to the stars, to develop character for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Answers to the stars are listed on the right side of the page.

## Age Of Man



FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

## Keep the Bull Tied, Please

**Collar the Bull**  
Editor Herald,  
Torrance, Calif.  
Dear Sir:

Two weeks ago our family enjoyed the Rancho parade in your city. It was a very good parade and it was very nice for the children particularly what with the horses and the many units made up of children including many from Long Beach. The horses are always an attraction and I think this year's parade was specially full of beautiful horses and fine riders. I never saw better in this respect.

I saw the parade in a telecast afterward and, while I think they missed a lot of good stuff, it was still interesting. One thing I thought didn't do Torrance any good was the announcer talking about 400,000 being on hand. Now there was a big crowd to be sure but it was 25 per cent of that claim I'll clean up after next year's parade.

Here's to more good parades, but let's keep the bull inside the rodeo.

GARDENA READER

### One-Way Traffic

To the Editor:  
Some time ago you ran an editorial on one-way traffic for the downtown area of Torrance as suggested by the Chief of Police. I come from a town in Colorado that is only 12,000 but the businessmen still had to resort to one-way streets to solve their traffic problem. There was some griping by certain stores, but in the end the very ones who opposed the idea in the beginning were most strong in their praise.

We live in a section of Torrance where our mail isn't even addressed to Torrance and our friends back east can not understand this. It always calls for a lengthy explanation and in the end I can't for the life of me give them a good one.

I should think your newspaper and the Chamber of Commerce ought to do something about this as it is urgent if Torrance is to be known as a real "All-American" city. At this point, although we think this is a wonderful area to live in, we are beginning to wonder if Torrance isn't content to remain an area rather than a city to which it is entitled by its great population.

I am only a widow living with relatives, but I'm still interested in my new community enough to want to be proud of all it is. I'm writing this on my own so please do not embarrass anyone else by printing my name.

We get THE HERALD and enjoy it although we wish we had more news from this section.

E. M. S.

### Freeway Program

Editor, Torrance Herald  
Dear Mr. Bundy:  
Your efforts in going to Sacramento last year has resulted in the State Highway Commission advertising for bids this past week on the Harbor Freeway between 124th and 190th Sts.

This \$9,000,000 improvement to serve all of the southwestern section of Los Angeles County will benefit your community as well as the general motoring public. I appreciate your consistent effort, your personal sacrifice and time, as well as your influence in appearing before the State Highway Commission last Aug. 22.

This completes our objective for which we all worked.

Again I want to thank you for your great help in this most important civic undertaking and send my warmest personal regards to you.

KENNETH HAHN  
Supervisor

### Ranchero Coverage

King Williams, Publisher  
Torrance Herald

On behalf of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and 28 supporting organizations, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and your fine staff of the Torrance Herald for the wonderful coverage given Rancho Days.

As you know, over \$2000 was raised for Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The success of the program is due in a large part to the tremendous publicity received in your award-winning newspaper.

Thanking you again for your strong support and cooperation.

FRED W. MILL  
President

### THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

## Ad Infinitum Item

What with the way things are going, I wonder what the American manufacturers and their press agents are going to do a few years from now when their lower, longer, smaller, bigger luxuries reach the point where their is nothing lower, longer, smaller, or bigger. Take automobile makers, if you will.

Just a simple item like wheels on the cars are in a downward spiral that has only 14 inches to go.

Who can remember the old 21-inch wheel? Then auto makers started down in wheel sizes until they settled on a 16-inch wheel. Then a few years ago it was the 15-inch wheel.

Most new model cars these days have a 14-inch wheel. We've heard reports that they're experimenting with a 12-inch wheel.

Where does it stop? It apparently will stop when autos reach a point where they have NO wheels—just tires.

Then take the race to build the lowest car. Car tops have been lowered to the point now where it's almost as easy for mother to reach out the top of the family sedan as it is for her to wash down her kitchen drainboards.

Where do we go from here? Lower and lower and lower?

It will apparently stop when you have a flat piece of sheet steel gliding smoothly over the highway on NO wheels.

Sort of like a flying rug.

E. M. S.

# Member of Charter Study Group Outlines Proposals

Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared recently in The Temple City Times. It was written by Publisher Ralph Turner, a member of the Advisory Committee which recommended changes in the county charter including expansion of the Board of Supervisors. The Torrance City Council already has gone on record as favoring the changes and recommended that the proposal be placed on the general election ballot in November. Publisher Turner's authoritative comment should be of interest to HERALD readers.

The Times editor was a member of the Charter Study Committee which recommended last week its recommendations for modernizing the 45-year-old document which guides the conduct of government in Los Angeles County. We must acknowledge a personal interest, therefore, when we say a few words in behalf of the committee's report.

Citizens may have honest differences of opinion as to the best method of improving the efficiency of county government, increasing its responsiveness to the people and making a more efficient use of public funds in many respects is outdated. We believe, however, that most of them will agree there is room for improvement and that conditions have changed vastly since the present charter's adoption in 1913.

On that premise we hope the Board of Supervisors will not be content merely to preserve the status quo, even though some changes would reduce some of their powers.

The necessity for change is well illustrated in this comment from the committee's report:

"Today's county population of nearly six million people is almost 10 times that of the 600,000 in 1913. The 1958-59 county budget of \$560,000,000 compares to one of \$4,000,000 45 years ago; the county personnel has grown from 2,300 to 37,000.

"Today, well over 900 different functions are performed by the county, as

compared to an estimated 200 in 1913. Thus, the magnitude of the county's administrative and organizational responsibilities has literally exploded from the double barreled impact of the tenfold increase in population to be served and the nearly fivefold increase in the number of functions to be performed."

Two principal changes recommended are (1) an increase in the number of supervisors from five to 11, and (2) the separation of policy-making and legislative powers from those of administration, with provision for a county manager who would be, in fact, the administrator of county government.

We think most people will agree that with only five supervisors, it is an unmanageable task for one of them adequately to represent approximately 1,132,000 constituents. That number compares with following constituencies represented by other officials elected from Los Angeles County: Congressman, 470,000; state assemblyman, 185,000; city councilman, 160,000.

As the charter study committee points out: "Too many citizens feel that it is too difficult and frequently impossible to gain direct access to their supervisors and that referral to a supervisor's deputy is an inadequate substitute."

The supervisor, at present, is too far removed from the people. With more supervisors, and smaller districts, the taxpayer would have a much greater chance to get a

hearing from his elected, policy-making representative. And the supervisor would have a greater chance to learn the problems of his constituents.

At present, the Board of Supervisors is both a policy-making and legislative body and an administrative body. The dual responsibility is too heavy, as anyone who ever has studied the detail of the board's weekly agenda well knows.

The charter committee recommends that a professional "general manager" be given the authority to operate the county on a business-like basis. That is the operating policy followed by big business corporations—and Los Angeles government is indeed big business.

Under the present system, the chief administrative officer is a sort of executive secretary. His job is not established by charter nor are his duties defined in that document.

Under the new proposal, the county manager and his responsibilities would be covered by the charter, but he would not be appointed by the board, he would not be covered by civil service and the board could not remove him if he did not do his job satisfactorily. The board would still set the policies and pass the ordinances, so there is no reason for it to fear a loss of control. It simply would be insuring a more business-like management of its multi-million dollar concern.

We think the taxpayers would like that. —R.H.T.

### Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

## Alcoholism Under Attack

Medicine and religion have joined forces in a concerted effort to stamp out alcoholism.

"With the possible exception of mental illness, no single bodily disease is receiving so much concurrent attention from medicine and religion as is alcoholism," a special article in a recent issue of the American Medical Assn. said.

This close relationship of clergymen and physicians, the article said, has brought about a beneficial interchange of attitude and action toward the alcoholic.

It is now realized "that the moral implications of alcoholism are primarily effects rather than causes of the disease," the article pointed out.

Compulsive drinking "is immune to punishment and alienation." Alcoholism "is a disease which is best assailable under a compassionate and concerted attack by many segments of society."

One reason that alcoholism is such a difficult disease is that its exciting agent, alcohol, is a two-faced creature—a liquid that holds both good and evil, that can provide release or can enslave, the article continued.

"Drink has taken five million men and women in the United States, and new acquisitions are going on at

the rate of 200,000 a year," it said. The article stated that the disease that lurks in alcohol is a fickle tyrant, choosing, unexplainably, the one drinker out of every 16 over whom it is able to exert complete control.

In the same article, Dr. Gunnar Gundersen, president of the American Medical Association, said, "the physician can restore the alcoholic's physical health, calm him mentally, and at the same time help him to meet basic human problems."

In many cases, he added, the ultimate solution may have to come from the patient's religious counselor, spouse, employer, or whatever source might hold the trump card in an individual case.

There is evidence already, the article continued, "that while more effective alcoholism case-finding is bring-

ing this illness out into the open, consumption of alcoholic beverages on a per capita basis is dropping sharply.

"A recent Gallup poll showed that since 1945 there has been a decline of 18 per cent in the ratio of alcoholic beverage consumers to total adult population.

With a promise of less drinking, more effective approaches to those who drink excessively, and better understanding of the disease through research, the outlook for the future is hopeful. These promises have a firm foundation in a war that has physicians fighting alongside citizens in virtually every field of endeavor.

This action was termed a program of total assault by Dr. Gundersen, who added, "Medicine is on the firing line against alcoholism."

(Presented as a public service by the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.)

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