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Your Right to Know
Is the Key to All Your Liberties

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Thanks for America

It has been said and it will be said again and again, we trust, that Americans ought to be thankful every day of their lives and especially on this Thanksgiving Day in 1960. They should be thankful for material blessings unmatched by any peoples in the world and at a time when hundreds of millions under the yoke of tyranny or in its shadow exist although they do not know why.

They should be thankful for their freedoms and grateful to the hundreds of thousands who have preserved that freedom at the cost of their lives. They should rejoice in a heritage of freedom that still transcends the worth of material wealth even though this wealth far exceeds the dreams of our grandfathers.

Not every family in the United States, nor for that matter not every family in the Torrance area, will sit down today to a table festive and bountiful with the ever productive California harvests. There are those who may feel they do feel they do not have reason to celebrate, but, there will be few who cannot find some reason for gratitude.

As William Poser, World Service chairman for the Torrance YMCA puts it in his Thanksgiving message:

"Remembering that the world's average man lives in a mud hut; suffers from chronic sickness; can neither read nor write and goes to bed hungry every night... we feel compelled to thank God for our many precious privileges."

If all Americans could but see the misery that is the rule rather than the exception in the Far East where life has become cheap because it is so hard to sustain. Where humans still can be herded like cattle, because rise is hard to come by and there are so few productive jobs for so many, human beings fall easy prey to false leaders preaching hate and who lust for power.

With all its faults (and they are not as bad as our own and foreign detractors would have us believe) America is still the great land of opportunity for the common man and the real hope of all the world.

Indeed we all have much to be thankful for today and should try our best to express this gratitude in words and deeds.

The Cleanup Program

A continuing program which has done much to clean up eyesores throughout the city during the past three years, ground to a halt this week as the city council refused to adopt a resolution ordering more cleanup work by a private contractor.

The council's refusal followed complaints of excessive charges and misunderstandings about amounts to be charged for the work.

Interruption of the program, and the possible end of it, is unfortunate.

What started out three years ago as a weed abatement program following a season of heavy rains, has more recently been expanded to include sump removal around the city's old oil field, and general clean up of lots and acreage in addition to the weed abatement program.

When the property owner got an assessment on his tax bill amounting to about \$15 for discing his lot to reduce weeds, there was little or no complaint.

When a property owner, as one Torrance resident did, gets a bill for \$4000 for cleaning out an oil sump or property on which he doesn't own the mineral rights, the complaint is long and loud.

And, we think, any such complaint is justified.

Other complaints include one by an Inglewood resident whose North Torrance lot has become the neighborhood dumping ground. It cost about \$15 last year to clean off the lot and disc the weeds. This year the tab exceeded \$200.

Cleaning up sumps and other eyesores and nuisances is desirable, but other means should be available for forcing those responsible to do the job.

Little Chats

On Public Notice

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By JAMES E. POLLARD

TO BE PUT ON NOTICE

(No. 1 in a Series)
Sometimes after a thing has been done, an interested party complains, "But they didn't tell me." If his complaint is justified it may or may not be too late to remedy the matter. In effect, however, the trouble was he was not given due notice.

In the truly democratic countries an important legal principle is involved in the fundamental right "to be put on notice." This is true for the individual, as well as for business and other interests and for the community at large. Only the dictator countries restrict or deny this basic right to be put on notice.

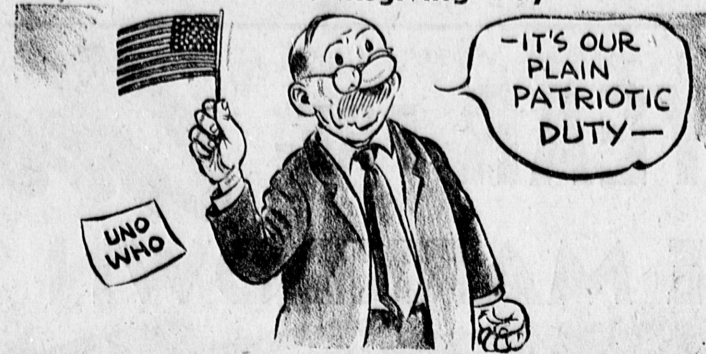
The purpose of being put on notice is two-fold: (1) To inform the individual or others concerned as to some contemplated action that con-

cerns their rights, and or (2) to enable them to take whatever steps they deem necessary to protect those rights.

As is pretty well known there are various ways of being put on notice. One is by personal service or direct notice. Another is by posting in a public place, and a third is by actual publication. This last is usually done in a bona fide local newspaper of paid general circulation.

With the rapid growth of population and the complexity of modern living, personal service is not always feasible or is too costly where numbers of people are concerned. In such circumstances the bona fide newspaper is an effective medium. It is no accident that in thousands of situations, the law provides specifically for this method of giving notice.

On This Thanksgiving Day—



Two MWD Stalwarts Die In Period of 48 Hours

Two Southern California men, well known in business and financial circles and both members of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District for more than 27 years, died last week-end within 48 hours of each other. John H. Ramboz, 81, who represented San Marino on the District Board, passed away November 18 aboard ship while returning from an extended European tour. Victor H. Rossetti, 83, a Los Angeles Director on the District Board, died November 19 at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena.

Mr. Ramboz had served longer on the District board than any other Director in the history of the District. He was appointed to the District Board as the representative of San Marino on September 29, 1933. He served as Vice Chairman of the Board in 1947 and was Chairman in 1948. At the time of his death he was serving on two District Board Committees, the Land Committee and the Finance and Insurance Committee.

He was a native son of Los Angeles. He was born on a ranch near what is now 8th and Hill Streets. He attended the public schools in the city and entered the banking business in 1903 with the Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles where he remained for 25 years, 15 of which he was Vice President and Cashier.

In 1928 Mr. Ramboz established his own business as a financial and business counselor. During the 23 years of his career as a business counselor, he was, for a time, President of the Ambassador Hotel Company. During the succeeding years, he became the trustee or director of scores of building corporations and business firms.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marie Ramboz. Funeral arrangements at Forest Lawn are pending.

Mr. Rossetti was second in length of service on the Metropolitan Water District Board. He was appointed to the District Board as a Los Angeles representative on October 13, 1933. He served as Chairman of the Board in 1947. At the time of his death he also was serving as a member of the District Board Land Committee and the Finance and Insurance Committee.

Just prior to being named to the District Board, Mr. Rossetti had served as Chairman of the Los Angeles Colorado River Aqueduct Citizens Committee which made many important recommendations to the District Board regarding construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct. His financial advice was of immeasurable value in solving many of the vexing problems arising from the development and financing of the great water supply system.

He was born in Virginia City, Nevada and spent the early part of his life in that mining community. At the age of 16 he made his way to San Francisco where he became an office boy for the Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco.

He rose rapidly in his profession, coming to Los Angeles in 1911 as Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. In 1917 he became Vice President and the following year he was named to the Board of Directors. In 1931 he became president.

In 1953 he was made Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank and remained in this capacity until 1956, when Farmers and Merchants

merged with Security-First National Bank. He was then made Honorary Chairman of the Security-First Board, the position he held at the time of his death.

He is survived by a son, Victor H. Rossetti, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Mae Hunt, a sister, Miss Evelyn Rossetti and two grandchildren.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday in St. Philip the Apostle Church in Pasadena. Requiem Mass was celebrated in the church on Wednesday.

Editor, Torrance Herald
A problem of the juvenile today is his constant subjection to "the narcotics trade. Regardless of his social standing he will rub shoulders with the addicted or the "pusher." His parents can no longer keep him from associating with narcotics because it is there, where ever he may frequent.

Today, in Torrance, narcotics is a booming business with the consumer ranging in age from 15 to death. The parties, bars, High School dances, Drive-Ins or where ever people congregate, are the market place of its salesmen. Salesmen who have no appreciation for human life and with a million dollar trade that is untaxable.

These torturous killers are free, roaming the streets, most of them addicts themselves, selling freely to their biggest customer, the teenager. The local police have done their job, they are not to blame, we the people are at fault. We have not passed sufficient legislation to liquidate the menace. The police have apprehended a very large number only to have them turned loose by the people as though we wanted "Dope Peddlers" to associate with our children.

We have an All American City which means our city is an ideal American city. If this is true and we neglect to face the situation, then it only follows that we feel narcotics are ideal and must be a means to an end, The end being a decrease in population and an increase in crime.

JAMES HUSSEY

Editor, Torrance Herald

Having lived in Torrance 23 years, and not being far away now, remaining a neighbor, living in Redondo, I would like to share with the people my burden, and I know what is America's greatest error, and of course since the people make up our country, they as individuals are to blame for the failure or success of our country.

We cannot live like the de-

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald
We of the Torrance YMCA would like to take this opportunity to say THANKS to the Torrance Herald and its able staff on this Thanksgiving Day.

The cooperation given to the YMCA and to all youth-serving causes in Torrance has done much to further the activities for all kids in our community.

We're mighty thankful for a free press, and especially grateful for the energetic and complete coverage of Y events by the Torrance Herald during the past year.

Our city is a better place to live... thanks to the Herald!

JOSEPH WILCOX
Executive Secretary

Despite Signs

Personal Freedom Highly Cherished

By JAMES DORAIS
Has the idea of personal freedom lost its age-old attractiveness in the world of the mid-20th century?

There are many signs, if you want to interpret them that way, that liberty has been relegated to the intellectual scrap heap in favor of cautious, orderly existence.

One of the alleged great brains of the western world, England's Lord Bertrand Russell, favors the West's surrender to Communist conquest if the choice must be made between surrender and defense in a war of nuclear weapons.

In America, the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy appears to advocate a similar course. And some of Kennedy's influential advisers, the "New Frontier" braintrusts, have been giving the old hard-sell to a program of less freedom for the individual, more power to a ruling class, less take-home pay for the workman to spend as he sees fit and higher taxes for government to spend as it sees fit.

However, in the one area of world affairs where a clear-cut test is being made, month in and month out, of the relative attractiveness of free-

dom and socialism, freedom is winning hands down.

It is a major news story when an American defects to a Communist country. But the exodus from Communist to non-Communist lands has been flowing in a steady stream since the Russian revolution.

It is estimated that more than a million Russians fled their country when the Communists took power. After World War II, several hundred thousand Soviet citizens, war prisoners in Germany and Austria, resisted all efforts to send them back. Displaced persons in international relief organization camps in 1946 totaled 800,000, almost all of them from Poland and other eastern European states that had fallen into the Communist domain.

Most of the Chinese "volunteers" captured in Korea chose to enlist with Free China forces in Formosa, rather than return to their Red-ruled native land. Following Hungary's tragic rebellion in 1956, 200,000 Hungarians are estimated to have fled their country, seeking freedom.

A million Chinese refugees from Communism have fled to British Hong Kong. More than three million Germans have escaped from Red-held East Germany to capitalist West Germany.

One of the high spots of the Republican convention occurred when President Eisenhower dared the Communists to cooperate in a world-wide plebiscite on the question:

"Do you want to live under a Communist regime or under a free system such as exists in the United States?"

The rulers of Russia and China dared not accept the challenge. They know, even if some American politicians do not, that freedom still is a commodity highly prized by the human race.

The Old Timer



"When you feel like criticizing the younger generation, just remember who raised them."

66 Per Cent of Largest Cities Flouridate Water

Few public health propositions can show as massive support in fact, or opposition as emotional, as the suggestion to add fluoride to central water supplies for the prevention of dental caries. Some interesting data pertaining to the fluoridation of central water supplies is presented in a report prepared by the United States Public Health Service for the Appropriations Committee of the 86th Congress.

As of November, 1960, 1890 communities with a combined population of 37 million persons were drinking water containing fluoride provided by controlled fluoridation. Fluoridation programs are found in 66 per cent of the cities with more than 500,000 population, 32 per cent of the cities between 10,000 and 500,000 population, and 5 per cent of the towns with less than 2,500 population.

At present, 66 per cent of the people using central water supplies do not drink fluoridated water.

Since 1953, when 378 com-

munities adopted fluoridation during that year, the annual quota of additional communities instituting the measure has declined. Only 143 places began fluoridation programs in 1958, and in 1959 only 102 places started adding fluorides to their waters. Moreover, the number of communities discontinuing fluoridation programs per year has increased.

The dollar and cents value of fluoridation may be estimated on the basis of the potential costs of treating cavities now prevented by this measure. On this basis, the delay in adopting fluoridation is costing more than \$452 million a year.

Eventually, when all communities throughout the country have adopted fluoridation, the dollar saving in dental treatment made unnecessary by the measure would be in excess of \$680 million annually. This would be the potential return on a national annual investment in fluoridation of approximately \$12 million — an investment that would produce a return of 56

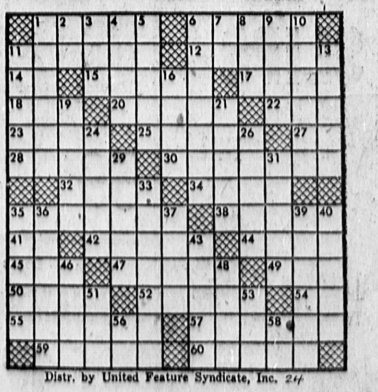
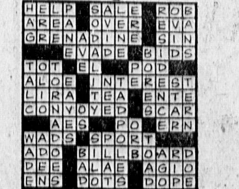
for every dollar invested.

In addition, of course, the adoption of fluoridation would eventually contribute to an easing of the extremely serious dental manpower shortage and enable the dentist to provide a more complete service to more patients.

It is practical to fluoridate the water supply of at least 90 per cent of the Nation's urban population. Failure of the public to understand and support this measure is the only deterrent. Adequate resources to support an effective public information and educational program and personnel to provide technical assistance to local communities would lead to adoption of this preventive measure. More than 39 million children under 16 years of age would then receive substantial protection from dental caries.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1-Smooths, 6-Having, 7-Red table, 11-Demand as, 14-Note of scale, 15-Sheen, 17-European capital, 18-Silian, 20-Logs, 22-The sun, 23-Small island, 25-Separates, 27-Symbol for, 28-Commemora- live disk, 30-Hands of color, 32-Without end, 34-Rail bird, 35-Scattered, 38-Referring to punishment, 41-Teutonic daisy, 42-Takes one's part, 43-Withered, 44-Rodent, 45-Juncture, 49-Slaly ribbon, 50-Contented, 52-Chance, 54-Artificial language, 55-Sew up, 57-Lasso, 59-Strake, 60-Strikes meeting.
- DOWN: 1-Slip away, 2-A state (abbr.), 3-Unit of energy, 4-Girl's nickname, 5-Bend, 6-Declares, 7-Symbol for thulium, 8-Deface, 9-God of love, 10-Lover in, 11-Demand as, 12-Disportioned, 13-Strikes out, 16-Resorts, 18-European official, 21-Sharpens, 24-Roof edges, 26-Fathers, 28-American explorer, 29-American, 31-Jury list, 33-Bury back, 35-Wait on, 36-Instructs, 37-Transaction, 38-Biblical mountain, 40-European dormouse, 43-Edible fish, 48-Mark left by wound, 51-River in Wales, 53-Attempt, 56-Part of "to be", 58-Exists.



... AND KEEP US FREE



Thanksgiving, 1960

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLARD
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	22	1-23-47-61	64-67-74
TAURUS	21	20-29-40-45	64-67-74
GEMINI	22	4-7-8-43	53-54-71
CANCER	23	2-17-24-36	38-44-62-83
LEO	24	3-5-9-14	22-28-39
VIRGO	24	34-37-41-46	50-59-75
LIBRA	24	15-33-48-52	60-77-81-88
SCORPIO	24	6-18-27-32	63-72-86-90
SAGITTARIUS	23	10-12-31-49	57-66-79-85
CAPRICORN	23	1-25-35-51	56-58-68
AQUARIUS	23	18-19	19-26-30-42
PISCES	23	11-13-16-55	62-73-76

1-Ignore, 2-Look, 3-Let, 4-Attractive, 5-Others, 6-Vow, 7-Proposition, 8-Over, 9-Take, 10-Insist, 11-Make, 12-That, 13-Changes, 14-The, 15-You, 16-Today, 17-Over, 18-Cleverness, 19-Someone, 20-Don't, 21-Don't, 22-Lead, 23-Group, 24-The, 25-Vow, 26-Important, 27-Heaps, 28-D, 29-Depend, 30-Would, 31-Good, 32-Adverse, 33-Neutral, 34-Will, 35-You, 36-Cut, 37-Tra, 38-Deception, 39-Help, 40-Through, 41-You, 42-Over, 43-You, 44-Some, 45-Others, 46-Some, 47-And, 48-Much, 49-Certain, 50-Don't, 51-Situation, 52-Up, 53-Unexpectedly, 54-Them, 55-That, 56-Through, 57-Financial, 58-Rose colored, 59-Become, 60-Gain, 61-Rumors, 62-Will, 63-You, 64-To, 65-You, 66-Deception, 67-Help, 68-Through, 69-And, 70-Don't, 71-Go, 72-Over, 73-Overcome, 74-You, 75-Upper, 76-Obstacles, 77-Through, 78-Contact, 79-Be, 80-Repeat, 81-Social, 82-New, 83-You, 84-Them, 85-Filled, 86-Emotional, 87-You, 88-Channel's, 89-Today, 90-Hula, 91-You, 92-You.