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To the Editor:

posals would allow 21 officers to compete, and must come by amending the present ordinances affecting selection of a Fire Chief.

Various boards and commissions are appointed to study and recommend a logical course of action in the problems that confront their particular fields. For any Council to ignore their study smacks indeed of irresponsibility. The "If they don't like it, let them resign," attitude speaks for itself.

An informed citizenry is still the American Way. You, the taxpayer, can help strengthen our City by offering your support to our city officials.

TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSN.

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Please, please, someone help us; is there no one with a heart instead of a pocket-book? We have four beautiful children with wonderful manners and respect for others' property. But here we are, stuck in an apartment because you people who do have decent houses always tell us, "I'm sorry, no kids." What are we to do? Drown our kids and forget them? President Kennedy has favorable ideas about large families but he is rich so everyone agrees with him. We too can pay our way in rental fees. Up to \$125 or \$130 per month. But that isn't the problem nowadays. It's just that we have four children.

Please someone out there understand us and someone tell us what to do. We have tried to buy our house but everytime we save the down payment, someone gets hurt or sick. I can now feel sorry for those people who are persecuted against for various reasons. Mine happens to be I love kids. We are laughed at, embarrassed and have had people say, "no kids, but a well behaved 'poodle' will do!"

Is there anyone who has a house that takes children and has a yard? Please tell us because we have four of God's lovely children just waiting in line. I was born and raised here in Torrance and I am very ashamed.

God bless you landlord who rents to people with children. I know you have hearts instead of pocketbooks.

Sincerely,
MRS. W. J. GAINES

Where I grew up we were taught pride of family, pride of our city, and pride for our school. Loyalty to one as to the other. When a tragedy came to anyone of these, no one was alone. What hurt one, hurt us all. Therefore, I believe our police department which has suffered of late, now needs each and everyone of us living in Torrance, to stand by them.

When a man decides to join the police department he takes written Civil Service exams, stiff physicals, he must be fit in mind as well as in body, to be sent to the Sheriff's Academy. Once there, he has 16 weeks of daily training. There are rigid rules to be followed, hours of grueling exercises. He learns to handle firearms and must be a perfect marksman, along with hours spent in classrooms. Some will break, for one reason or another, but here they leave nothing to chance. All requirements must be met. Upon graduation from the Academy, he is placed on the force in the area he has made his home. He now works with men who continue to show him the routine. Each has sworn to uphold law and order. They have no reason to doubt one another. These men work together, side by side. They must handle all calls. Sometimes too often, one gives his life in line of duty.

Therefore, when one day a call comes into the station, men are sent out—they give chase—only to learn one of their own has broken the law. They must arrest him and take him in. That is what has to be done—uphold the law—regardless of who has broken it—son, brother, neighbor or fellow officer—no matter! It is not up to him to judge but to do his duty as he sees it! Words cannot describe his shame to learn a fellow officer has fallen, letting down all men in uniform. Each man looks into the eyes of all he passes, hoping to find a small glimmer of trust. Trust he must not ask for but trust we should have. There is trust, if we stop long enough to realize that they, too, are human; that now and then there will be one among them who falls along the way—yes, several. This cannot nor will not end the fine work of the officers still with the force. He must carry, also, the

burden put on him by his fallen officer.

Today our police department goes about its work while an investigation, now underway from outside the city, goes on. I have talked with several from our police department. They do not condemn us for our failings. In fact, they welcome this investigation, knowing when it has been completed, all will return to normal again.

There is but one thing to be said concerning the Courtesy Cards or Get Out of Jail Free Cards—our fallen officers must have left theirs at home when they were caught. Wouldn't it have been easier on everyone to have "honored" their "cards" and forgotten the entire mess?

Indeed, it is easy to knock down a man who has already received a hard blow! Every man on our police force today would rather have received a blow than the scar that mars several badges, because one among them failed to care or have pride enough to wear.

As of July 1st this year, our population was being served by 144 on our force, plus seven new applicants who, by now, may be with us. Our support today will help to lighten the heavy burden each man now carries, because a fellow officer saw fit to throw pride aside.

I have, myself, received a ticket for speeding. This does not, nor should it give me or anyone else, cause to want to "hit back." I feel when an officer cares enough to pull me over, I should give thanks. He may have saved my life or he may have prevented my causing someone else suffering because I forgot to be careful.

Let us remember these men who serve us. They give us security. Can't we, in turn, show them now we do respect and trust?

The above was written out of courtesy only—AND—courtesy IS contagious.

MRS. D. E. CARLBERG

Zone Hearing Set Oct. 29

A public hearing on a change of zone for property at Grace Avenue and Carson Street will be held Oct. 29 at the Hall of Records, 320 W. Temple St. The hearing will be held in room 150 at 9 a.m.

The property is located on both sides of Grace Avenue about 150 feet south of Carson Street. The hearing is on a request for a change of zone from R-1 to A-1 to R-2.

TALK OF THE WORLD

BRUSSELS—The battle of the kisses is raging throughout the European Common Market. It's hand-kissers versus cheek-kissers.

"Kissing the feminine hand has always been the civilized gesture of a gentleman, or diplomat, greeting a lady," ruled Prince Narischkine, the undisputed hand-kissing champion of Europe. Cheek-kissing, he maintained, should be properly restricted to close relatives and dearest friends.

However, the kissing of cheeks in governmental and business circles of today's semi-unified Europe has gotten well beyond any blood lines, or lifelong friendships.

Reliable sources state that it became Common Market practice at expense-account parties soon after President Jacqueline Kennedy set the example by letting Leonard Bernstein buss her on both cheeks at the opening of New York's Lincoln Center.

The greeting problem was complicated enough for protocol experts to consider when they tried to standardize the hand-kisses for the Common Market.

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At one extreme was the German version in which the man clicked his heels, grabbed the lady's paw, bent over it stiffly, muttered "Kuss die Hand," but didn't.

And the other was the Italian rendition in which such nibbling went on that a lady would do well to count all her fingers when it was finished to make sure they were still there.

La bise is the French term for a new fashion of cheek-kissing. Such kissers are known as biseurs, biseuses and bisons.

French and Belgian politicians who launched the fad occasionally admit that they adopted cheek-kissing because it allows them to by-pass the

national custom of the obligatory handshake, known in the French language as le shake-hand.

Le shake-hand requires you to look your partner straight in the eye, which is difficult to do if you don't like him," explained the Countess de Boisement. "Le kiss-cheek puts your heads side by side so that you don't have to look at each other."

College girls in Europe took to la bise because college men were either too timid or too bold, generally depending upon the country they came from.

"Le shake-hand is too cold a greeting for school chums, and only married women are allowed to have their hands kissed," explained Brussels coed Martine Deamur.

Since the kiss on the mouth is considered a passionate intimacy permitted only to lovers and marital mates in Europe, girls began turning pretty cheeks to the boys, and the boys have developed a fine taste for it.

La bise in Europe's integrating colleges, and business

offices, has little resemblance to the traditional cheek-kissing in families.

The family kiss is frank, open and noisy. When meeting and parting, relatives grab each other solidly and smack once, twice, thrice or even four times, bobbing quickly from one cheek to the other.

The new international bises are fewer in number, less noisy, and interspersed with such remarks as, Comment ça va, ma petite belle . . . (smack) . . . ma poulette . . . (smack) . . . ma cocotte."

The kiss should be more than a mere touch of the lips to the cheek. Lips should be gently pursed, not flat or tight. And there should be a slight "mmp" sound.

Since la bise is rated as a "snack kiss," it should rapidly be accomplished with an expert Twist movement, limited to three smacks, and be tasty without evoking romantic impulses.

"Whatever else happens, it must not deteriorate into a

military salute, nor advance to a baiser d'amour," declared George Auric, head of the Paris Opera, who recently won increasing popularity by cutting short his traditional Legion d'Honneur speech on behalf of museum director Jean Cassou, and suggesting an embassade generale by the entire gathering instead.

USC Receives Bank Donation

University of Southern California's Master Plan received a \$100,000 gift from the Union Bank of Los Angeles, according to Leonard K. Firestone, chairman of the USC board of trustees.

The funds for USC's unrestricted use will be delivered to the university over a five-year period from the Union Bank Welfare Fund, stated Harry J. Volk, president of Union Bank.

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