

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, drape our minds with the true meaning of Holy Week so that we may clearly see Thy love for us. May that love be planted deep in our hearts. Help it to grow into fruitful discipleship through a surrender of our lives to Thy will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—C. Neil Strait, Uniontown, Ohio, minister, Akron East Liberty Church of the Nazarene.

EDITORIALS

Noble Aims, But Costly

There are times when public agencies in their zeal to achieve noble objectives lose sight of the economic realities of life and in their quest for a kind of Utopia formulate a concept that is neither Utopian nor realistic.

Such an agency, we believe, is the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) which has produced a voluminous plan designed to preserve the natural environment of the Bay Region by restricting not only the amount of land that may be used for industrial development but also the kind of industries.

In completing its assignment, the BCDC grappled with a difficult job and in so doing probably succeeded in better educating all of us to the vital importance of the Bay and the need for protecting and enhancing a great natural resource.

But in the process, BCDC produced a plan that fails to provide the financial muscle for accomplishing its aims by incorporating a criteria for industrial, commercial, recreational and non-government development that makes it financially impossible. Actually, most of the Bay shorelands would be foreclosed for many industrial or commercial developments that would significantly aid the tax bases and provide the job opportunities which the Bay counties need.

While the BCDC plan makes no estimate of the total cost of accomplishing the reclamation, preservation and development it demands, it recognizes the expenses of land acquisition and control at \$335 million and an annual operating budget of \$500,000. Not even guessed at are the costs of new roads, railroads and utilities required to support industries to be located in undeveloped areas to keep them away from the Bay or the tax loss incident to removing property from the tax rolls and limiting...

Opinions Of The People

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is for the wise one who signs "Life Insurance Believer" and has the nerve to jump at a widow who had nerve enough to sign her name.

I feel sorry for you. Some day you may know what life is all about but right now you have lots to learn . . . even about insurance. You see, insurance is great if you can get it and can afford it.

What about people who can't get it? I know about this situation since I was born with a heart disease and have been refused insurance. I also know people who have had their insurance dropped due to illness.

Try and get insurance if you have a rheumatic heart condition or cardiovascular disease. After you buy your drugs and pay your doctor you're lucky to get a loaf of bread let alone pay \$25 a month on insurance.

I'll bet you are fat from selling life insurance. Your letter sounds like you are sick. I don't believe any one in his right mind could pick on a widow.

But don't worry, you will not get heart trouble . . . you don't have any heart.

To all widows and Mrs. Isabella Wheeler in particular, I wish you luck and may God bless you all. You're so right.

"NO WIDOW"

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Yesterday I watched the funeral of General Eisenhower over television and my mind traveled back to the Battle of the Bulge.

I thought of my twin sons who fought in that battle. One was mortally wounded and the other boy was cradling his brother in his arms when a captain stopped to talk to my boy saying, "Come, come boy we have to keep going." With tears running down his face my other boy looked up at the captain and said, "He's my brother," and for a moment the captain was silent. Then he said to him, "You come when you're ready."

How cruel a fate. Why must there be wars? My oldest son was shot down from his plane in March 1943 and gave his life. What sorrow and heartaches poor people must suffer. Will ever be an end?

PAUL WEBER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. C.A.G. your article in the March 31 Opinions of the People was very well written and right to the point.

Every good citizen should make a point to read this article because it hits the nail right on the head. Also, we may learn some thing about what is going on in the biggest business in the United States and the poor taxpayers are paying the bills.

I believe every newspaper in the state should copy and publish the article in their paper. Also Mr. C.A.G., you should have your article published again in the Opinions column.

J. R.

(Editor's Note: The letter signed C.A.G., referred to here, concerned what the writer



Open-Handedness" Might Be Helpful!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I was a candidate for the Vallejo Board of Freeholders, and had originally entered as I thought my background and experience would be of some value and I could contribute a service to the community where I have resided for 30 years. I was one who filed early, and was either the 8th or 9th person to apply.

Immediately prior to the election, I noticed that my name was one of the candidates recommended to be voted for by a paid political advertisement. Subsequent to this — on the day of the election and up to the present time I have personally received a great deal of unfavorable comment on this ad and I here and now wish to disclaim any prior knowledge of this publicity. I did not know the person recommending me; do not know him now; I was not asked for nor did I give anyone whatsoever permission to use my name. As a matter of fact, as will be borne out by the lack of posters, signs, advertisement, printed political cards, etc., I spent no money in the campaign.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a student who has been branded a "Communist" and expelled from one of my classes by a politically intolerant member of my school's faculty, I feel that I can speak with first hand experience on the subject of "student-administration clashes." My crime was one which resulted in various threats from the school administration when I intended to make issue of the decadent and illegal method of political indoctrination used by this teacher. For the record, my crime was that of publicly objecting when the faculty member refused to discuss, in class, her distribution of "anti-foreign aid" literature in class. With the free inter-change of opinion this act was clearly a misuse of faculty power. After repeated threats by my high school to expel me, I merely changed classes.

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To Concerned Student:

The prime purpose of the church (so I have thought) is to spread the Gospel and to teach the congregation God's law. After attending church, we should leave with a feeling of both spiritual fulfillment and spiritual enlightenment.

If the churches were doing their job of teaching us how to apply God's law in our daily living, we would be able to rise above the immorality, drugs, alcohol, pot, and other kinds of corruption which are now running rampant around and among all of us.

We already have plenty of both private and public organizations which conduct group therapy covering the above-mentioned evils which plague our youth today. Both young and old are welcome to attend these sessions.

I agree with the girl in your class who argues that the church should stick to church matters.

A Concerned Adult
Julia Baker

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Regarding Rev. Ray M. Lawrence's two letters replying to mine of Feb. 10, his reaction is typical of some ministers when both their ego and dogma is pricked a little; indict the person who did that and moralize.

He wonders how I can be sure I am "one of Christ's true followers." I determine that I am a follower, (disciple, of Jesus by the same kind of evidence that he determines he is one. As to how true I am and whether I've shown disrespect to the Deity, I will be content with the Deity's judgment. God, as I know Him, is friendly, and if at any time or place, feeling the wonder of creation and the marvel of self-being, I think or say, "Now God . . ." and continue communicating, He doesn't take offense.

As to "environment, both inner and outer." (sic), and our country being Christian, I think that after near two millennia of Christianity and modern so-called Christian nations spawning the biggest and most terrible evils in human history, it is high time for Christian churches to question whether they may not be amiss in what they have inculcated into people and nations.

I think I know what the Reverend was trying to say to me, and perhaps the word he needed was "weltauerschauung," a German word for which English has no fully satisfactory equivalent. It is this: All that God has created is intrinsically holy and good; no thing that God has created is intrinsically unholy and sinful.

So long for awhile, everyone. Mr. Editor, permit me this: The Vallejo Times-Herald has the best opinion page that I have read. Keep on writing, folks, it is healthy. The young people who write are grand. I have faith in them.

FOY W. RAGLE,
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We believe the plan should be examined thoroughly by the Legislature and local governments. As it stands, it could be a blueprint for economic stagnation and its own worst enemy of the very goals it seeks—the enhancement of the Bay Area and its elevation to the highest potential for present and future generations.

A Disappointing Journey

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson's four-day visit to Nigeria on what had been billed as a peace-making mission apparently did nothing visible to speed the end or change the course of the Nigerian civil war. In fact, its failure to achieve anything really meaningful now begins to cast doubts on the purpose of the journey.

Inasmuch as Wilson had ruled out any effort at negotiation, it is questionable whether the avowed peace-making mission actually had any chance to succeed at the outset. The prime minister's refusal to mediate the conflict prompted Biafran Leader C. Odumegwu Ojukwu to turn down Wilson's invitation to meet with him and thus virtually preclude any immediate prospect of settling the war by negotiation.

Indeed, it might be said Wilson's trip even failed to accomplish anything worthwhile from a humanitarian point of view. By his own admission, Wilson did not even ask the Nigerian head of state to stop the air raids on Biafra in which many civilians have been killed and accepted the Nigerian view that a bitter civil war may demand the use of bitter military methods.

What Wilson's trip has made clear is that Britain now is more closely associated than ever before with Nigeria's basic stands on most issues of the war. It is regrettable, however, that in supporting Nigerian war aims Wilson did not feel impelled to use what leverage he thus may have gained in Lagos to seek a halt to the bombing of civilians or to pursue Nigeria's purported willingness to negotiate with Biafra "without pre-conditions."

Had he done so, he just might have turned a fruitless journey into a significant mission for peace.

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The net result of the ad and counter-action apparently taken by dissident groups to discredit those names appearing in the aforementioned ad, resulted in the loss of many votes, including some friends.

JOHN F. HERKINS, JR.
1186 Valle Vista Avenue
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

As newcomers to the commercial community of Vallejo, we have been impressed with the fine work being done by the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and its Convention and Tourist Bureau.

On the week-end of March 29-30 we enjoyed excellent trade as did others in our line of business. This was because the Chamber was successful in getting our community named the headquarters city for the San Francisco Region Sports Car Club races at the new Sears Point Raceways.

An active and aggressive Chamber of Commerce is vital to every community and we are very happy to find such a Chamber in the city in which we have invested substantial money. Congratulations and thanks to the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce.

LEVI NIXON, Co-owner
Royal Inn of Vallejo
MARVIN HAGEN, Co-owner
Jolly King Restaurant
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We hear a lot about revolution these days and revolutionary characters. Easter brings to our attention one of the most revolutionary characters of all time — Jesus Christ.

The man Jesus certainly was out of step with the establishment of His era. When He was born, the establishment tried to kill Him — slaying all the newborn male babies in the vicinity. Throughout the three and a half brief short years of His ministry, He was constantly at odds with the establishment. His views were contrary to those of the establishment, so much so that at one time those of the establishment even tried to stone Him.

People listened to His unusual ideas — as many as 5,000 at a time listened. At one time when He entered into Jerusalem, He was greeted by the multitudes as a conquering hero, but He never stormed an administration building. He never incited a riot. He never demanded His "rights."

Talk about flower power and love. The man Jesus truly used love as His weapon. It wasn't just idle talk. Nothing provoked him to anger. He made no strident noises in His own defense, but even meekly submitted to the agony of the cross.

If the young people of today are honestly looking for something better than the establishment, they don't need to seek strange religions for the answer. It is right there in the Holy Bible — the greatest example of love of all time. Through that love, through His life, His death, and His resurrection, which the churches celebrate at Easter time, may be found the only answer to the salvation of this distraught world.

MRS. JUDITH A YEOMAN

J. R.

(Editor's Note: The letter signed C.A.G., referred to here, concerned what the writer claimed was "soft" treatment of criminals.)

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Personnel of the Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults Thrift Store wish to thank all who so generously support our store by their donations of clothing and other sale items.

We also appreciate the efforts of those who donate their time on a volunteer basis to help our unfortunate retarded. It is through their hard work that we are able to maintain our store which enables us to keep our school for the pre-school children open and the work shop for retarded adults.

We are in need of paper bags, old sheets, knick-knacks, jewelry, children's clothing and as always anything usable. Anyone wishing to donate may call the store (648-1267) between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or you may bring them to 725 Marin St. where our store is located.

A PARENT
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Valeska Chang,

Your outlook on encounter groups is very logical. It is assumed that you believe these groups serve the same function as self-confession sessions in Communist countries.

It is true some types of group interaction may be quite upsetting to a particular individual under certain conditions. For example, a person may express his dislike for someone very openly in a verbal assertive manner. The "assertive" mode of interaction is an expression of a problem or a gripe by an individual toward another without any intent of working toward mutual understanding. The "confrontive" mode of interaction, largely the true purpose of encounter groups, is a "helping relationship" where minds are open to the feelings of others in order to understand (1) How one is perceived by others and (2) To try to understand motives for one's behavior.

I am aware of your thinking with respect to certain fears concerning these groups. Let me summarize these fears and, hopefully, relieve you of them.

1. Encounter groups are political and ideological — No, they seek to understand personality and do not brainwash.

2. They lead to immorality — No, anything deviant practiced in the group is not expressed outside.

3. There is a great degree of deviancy — No, but I did enjoy closing my eyes and holding hands.

NEW BLOOD
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I want to thank the Vallejo Times-Herald on behalf of the family of Sgt. Paul Burleson who was killed in Vietnam two weeks before he was due home and out of the service.

You published the time and date of the funeral, day and night for a week.

We tried to get this information published in my family's local paper (Fairfield) and were told it was not newsworthy.

In Your Debt,
MRS. J. R. APPERSON

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Respectfully,
GREGORY WASSON
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Thursday, March 27, our much loved black poodle puppy named Tami disappeared from our home. After frantically searching the college park area and many trips to the animal shelter, we can only conclude that someone has taken her into their home.

Since our "Lost Ad" in this newspaper has brought no response, I am addressing this letter to whomever is holding Tami.

Please return her to us, our family is heartbroken. Our little girl observed her 6th birthday in tears. Tami was born to us as we own her mother. We would be glad to give you one of Tami's litter when the time arrives. If you are fond of her, please consider our loss and return her to us. Our phone number is 644-5143. I know you are sheltering her out of kindness; please return her for that same reason.

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTSON
318 Swan Way
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OPINION OF THE PEOPLE:

Last Thursday (March 20) I was fortunate to attend a session of the State Assembly. While there, I was shocked at the vote of our Assemblyman Dunlap on the issue of narcotics. The bill being voted on was to raise the penalty for supplying hard drugs such as LSD, mescalene, and methadrene to the level of punishment now in force for providing marijuana, a much milder though still potentially dangerous drug. Dunlap voted AGAINST the measure.

Presently our laws make supplying these EXTREMELY dangerous drugs (it has been proven that they can, and usually do, destroy cells in the nervous system) only a misdemeanor, while supplying marijuana is a felony. This discrepancy actually gives youth an incentive to use the more dangerous drugs. Any RESPONSIBLE legislator would wish to remedy this situation.

Maybe Mr. Dunlap hasn't seen the effects of these drugs, but as a college student, I've seen too often the minds of once normal and intelligent young men destroyed by "popping pills."

David Scholl

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Assemblyman John F. Dunlap's column of Monday, March 24, must not go unanswered. He points to proposed legislation to place curbs on the Initiative in a manner which is described as "designed to return the process of the Initiative to the people."

Who stole it? We have it. It is not lost. The truth is that Assemblyman Dunlap does not like the way initiatives are placed on the ballot. He would make it more difficult for petitions to be signed by suburban residents. They would have to go to public schools or courthouses to sign. He says only persons with conviction will do this.

I suggest that this proposal is outrageous. A person with conviction will sign at home. Only an outraged person would travel to a central point to sign.

Since the Initiative petition is made to serve the person who desires things differed than what they are but who are only dissatisfied, as well as those who are outraged, what then is the objection of Assemblyman Dunlap?

Assemblyman Dunlap is afraid of the power of the petition and the subsequent vote of the people that arises from the petition.

He is afraid the voters may make a mistake and vote for propositions that are unconstitutional. He cites statistics to show that two out of three were declared unconstitutional, and that only three of 18 were passed. He says this is not such a good batting average. Remember Pay TV and the Rumford Act? The voters were against both, and I think they batted 1.000.

JOHN H. RAINEY,
1937 Minnesota St.,
Fairfield
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

S. B. Sirhan, the assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, is by almost every count a prime tool of Communism. A member of a minority in the land of his adoption, fiercely loyal to the land and people of his origin, mentally disturbed, emotionally insecure, surrounded by enemies (in his case, Jews and other Zionists).

His victim stood fair to inherit the position vacated by his dead brother in addition to being a hero to the younger generation and the intellectual community, a rallying point for a badly split America and an outspoken idealist.

There are many victims of poverty, prejudice, deprivation, emotional disturbance, physical injury, in fact all the defenses that have been raised in Sirhan's behalf. It has even been stated that he is incapable of premeditated murder. This would be laughable if it were not so ridiculous.

Sirhan is no more incapable of murder than was any member of Hitler's Schutzstaffel or of Stalin's NKVD. Even his own frantic efforts to plead guilty to the charge have been petulantly resisted by his attorneys and they have been supported by the court.

The victories of Communism cannot be counted in this affair because they have not ceased to accrue.

D. W. KING

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, the mystery and miracle of the resurrection are too much for my stale heart. Easter is too good to be true. My mind staggers before its marvel. Who is this Presence that walks the road with me, and what is this Power that moves me to flashes of insight and faith? I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Morris Pepper, Scottsboro, Ala., minister, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

EDITORIALS

A Big Push Forward

Vallejo's beautification program has received a big push forward in an area where improvement has been needed most—the Lake Dalwigk-Wilson Park complex.

The award of a \$17,786 grant by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD), announced last week by Rep. Robert L. Leggett, D., Vallejo, will permit site preparation work on this project to begin immediately.

That the Lake Dalwigk program has qualified again for federal funds, following an earlier \$25,000 grant for land acquisition in the project area, indicates the plan has been well conceived and developed by GVRD and that it is compatible with the standards of need established under the U.S. open space land program.

The GVRD board of commissioners, its administrator, Keith E. Kelly, and his staff have devoted years to the development of a program embracing Lake Dalwigk-Wilson Park in cooperation with the South Vallejo Improvement Association and their efforts deserve commendation.

An indication of the high priority that has been assigned to this project is shown by the fact GVRD already has budgeted more than \$100,000 over the last three years to the program and now has decided to purchase playground and picnic equipment for the area although such immediate action may mean the possible loss of another \$2,000 in HUD aid.

We believe the optimism and resolve with which GVRD and others have pursued this program have not been misplaced. When completed, it will provide Vallejo a landscaped

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I read with disgust a recent letter in which the author stated that the late Robert F. Kennedy, who he saw as a great individual and "a rallying point for a badly split America," had been assassinated in another of the many "Communist conspiracies." He stated that Sirhan Sirhan had been only a "tool of Communism." In reading that letter, I was struck with a strange sense of fear. All too many people are willing to say, without hesitation, that the late John F. Kennedy, Rev. Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert Kennedy, were all the victims of conspiracies on the part of ominous foreign powers. I do not deny the existence of communism in America, but people must realize that the deaths of these men reflect a rapidly deteriorating stability in our nation. These assassins are the sick products of an unbalanced nation. The author of the letter also stated that the late Sen. Kennedy "stood fair to inherit his brother's position." Robert Kennedy won the California Democratic Primary because people were concerned and patriotic enough to work, and work hard, to insure that victory. I worked as a volunteer, and it was a crushing blow to watch as Robert Kennedy lay dying in the midst of his "victory." If those "patriotic" American spent as much time working towards the betterment of this nation as they do looking for scapegoats, the assassinations, student violence, and social unrest might be eliminated. The paranoia which seems to fill those individuals who all too quickly scream "conspiracy" is probably one of the greatest forces working to help destroy our nation.

GREGORY WASSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A student recently criticized my vote on AB 189. Debate and my own research convinced me my vote should be "no" because:

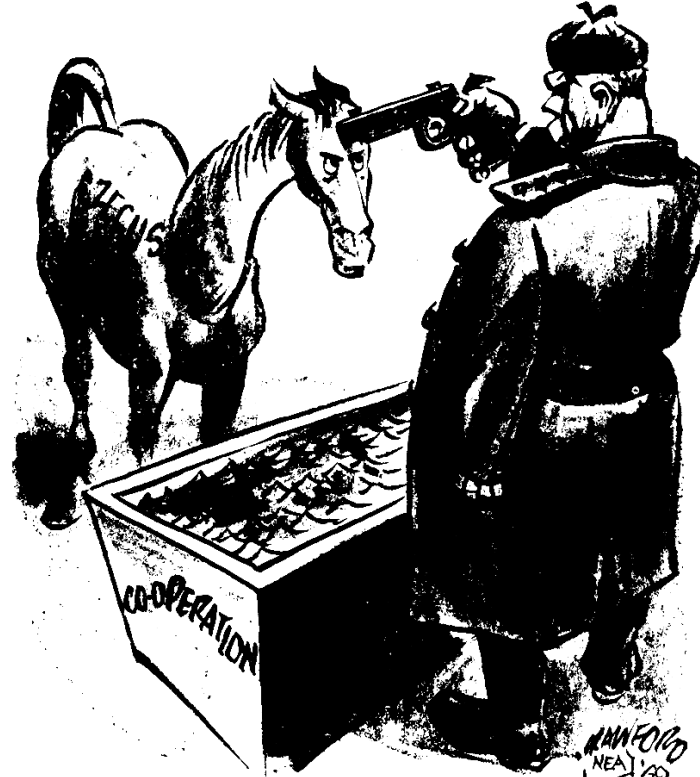
1. The bill is poorly drafted and treats professional drug pushers no more stringently than a person who gives a pill to a friend without profit or sale.

2. Some people will be led to believe that by this bill the Legislature has done something to curb drug use. The author of AB 189 admitted that he didn't know if it would help. The bill is, in fact, contrary to research of the Assembly Criminal Procedure Committee. Increased penalties do not reduce crime—particularly drug crimes. For instance, in 1961, marijuana penalties were increased from a misdemeanor to a felony. From 1961 to 1967, misdemeanor arrests increased 700 per cent.

3. From \$250,000 to \$1 million which this bill will cost could be spent on programs which actually reduce drug consumption.

Much study and legislative hearings have revealed that the real problem of drugs is the demand. Why are so many young persons willing to risk their health and freedom? We have some answers. We need more.

Had the student written me directly I



"DRINK!"

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I just read in the paper that the Babe Ruth League state championship finals will be held at Vallejo's Wilson Park from July 25 to Aug. 2.

Now isn't it grand some more people will get to see the All American City's Wilson Park. It's a shame how neglected Wilson Park is. If it wasn't for the Little League fathers it would really be a mess.

Does Vallejo realize that the Solano College, St. Patrieks, St. Vincent and other high school games are played there, plus night leagues during the summer? The people who come from out-of-town see for themselves just how rundown Vallejo is.

Why is it all we hear is Dan Foley? Why not after school some day or on some weekend just go and see how many people use Wilson Park. At times you can't even find a place to park your car in that dusy parking lot next to the junk yard!! Yes, I think it's really going some. . . a junk yard next to a park.

A CONCERNED MOTHER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

You are to be congratulated for the excellent cover you put on your Easter Sunday newspaper. I have never seen this done anywhere else and I think it is a great thing to do. This brings home the meaning of Easter when our local newspaper devotes its first page to the theme of the day instead of crime and violence.

Our hats are off to the Times-Herald for this page and we thank you for it very much.

MARY E. WHITE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

An Open Letter to Vice Mayor Lewis Brown: It has indeed been a pleasure having you serve as a councilman and vice mayor of our fair city over the past years.

I am sure there are a number of people who feel as I do, that you have tried over the years to work toward the improvement of our city. You have proved from time to time that you sincerely have the people of our great city at heart and for this Mr. Brown we salute you. Let us not forget the other councilmen who work side by side with you for the same interest. We salute them as well.

I do not know where you will go after you finish your term on the council but I wish you would remain here for Vallejo needs you. Good luck and God's speed.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Today, when all you hear is police brutality, I witnessed a pure act of kindness which restored some of my faith in people.

Wild birds are migrating through Vallejo and this one little fellow hit a tree in front of my home. The traffic was bad and he was hurt and I couldn't get out in the street to help

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear No Widow:

I noticed that you wished the widows luck and asked God's Blessing but did you send them any money? In answer to your personal case, did you know that your parents could have gotten insurance for you before you were born? Your insurance would be valid even with your heart defect after 15 days of life.

Am I sick? Yes, I'm sick of seeing my and your tax money going out to people in doles merely because they are alive. I do not carry a vendetta for widows only but also those on welfare, and other "unfortunates" who are constantly seeking an increase in their doles.

Do you realize that of all society's social illnesses, such as crime, war, civil unrest etc., only financial distress such as what we are talking about can be solved with a simple answer? And guess what that answer is.

If a married couple can't spend an amount which is less than 10 per cent of their income

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I sincerely hope the local government will consider the recent bill passed banning topless, bottomless and lewd entertainment.

It's time to start moving and make America what it stands for . . . pride and respectability.

Morality breeds peace and love, not injustice and disrespect, while lack of morals equals indecency and disrespect of God. Cheapness plus an easy buck never pay off.

Hard work, common decency and respect of God is what we need to make us feel like proud Americans again. What has happened to America? Is life so boring and useless today we can't live simply and decently?

Are we content to sit back and watch our children's lives being destroyed by trash?

The majority of us are discontented but we continue to allow this immoral way of living to exist.

The time to act is now. We only live once:

possible loss of another \$2,000 in HUD aid. We believe the optimism and resolve with which GVRD and others have pursued this program have not been misplaced. When completed, it will provide Vallejo a landscaped recreation complex that will become a source of community pride.

The Decision Is Yours

In addition to electing three members to the Vallejo Unified School District (VUSD) governing board and two trustees to serve on the Solano County Junior College District Board, Vallejo area voters will cast ballots tomorrow on a proposal to increase the membership of the VUSD board from five to seven.

While we believe the issue is one that properly should be decided by the voters, we nevertheless feel the proposal is a matter of sufficient consequence and general interest to warrant an expression of our own views.

We are convinced the proposed increase to seven members is unnecessary and will serve no useful purpose. The school district long has been governed by a five-member board which always has maintained good community relations and has been responsive to its needs. Therefore, we fail to see the necessity of having seven board members perform the same functions that five now and always have been executing quite adequately.

The proposal to expand the school board is sponsored by the Vallejo League of Women Voters whose sole purpose seems to be to obtain minority group representation on the VUSD governing board. We find no fault with the principle implied in this objective, but we do not believe that the addition of two members to the board is, in itself, any guarantee that this purpose will be achieved.

Just because the board membership is enlarged by two does not necessarily mean those two additional members always will be representatives of minority groups so long as the trustees are elected at large. Caucasians also will seek the new board positions and could be elected as readily as representatives of other ethnic groups.

The present school board is divided on the issue and presumably the electorate has its differences of opinion, too. Whatever your views are, however, we urge you to vote tomorrow—bearing in mind whether an enlarged governing board actually will provide a better forum for action or merely increase the prospects for dissension, factionalism and inefficiency.

Much study and legislative hearings have revealed that the real problem of drugs is the demand. Why are so many young persons willing to risk their health and freedom? We have some answers. We need more.

Had the student written me directly, I would have given his views serious attention. Because he did not, and because his letter was mailed to at least seven newspapers published in this Assembly District, I am inclined to believe that someone was playing politics.

I consider this reply an opportunity to ask those with suggestions for beneficial drug control programs to contact me. I seek constructive solutions.

Assemblyman John F. Dunlap

—OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After Vallejo elected its first Negro councilman in 1965, a friend suggested that there should be responsible to Dugald Gillies' article of April 11, 1965, printed in the Times-Herald regarding the voting strategy of the black community during that election. The desire of this minority (acknowledged to be a sizeable segment of this city's population) for representation had been fervent, the planning and communication had been good and the tempo of activity produced success at the polls. There was no need to gloat.

Mr. Gillies expressed his concern for the disenfranchisement of the black voter in selecting one candidate and "single shooting" that candidate into office. He (Gillies) questioned this new brand of local politics in city government. Nevertheless, Councilman Lewis F. Brown became the only Negro ever elected to a municipal office in the City of Vallejo. He served Vallejo and its electors well and filled the need for black representation.

The 1969 election is over. The strategy of '65 was not used. Vice Mayor Brown lost his bid for re-election. No Black was elected to the Board of Freeholders. Any bets on the School Board elections? The answer to Mr. Gillies is a rhetorical question to the black community: Is not some compromise preferable to NO representation?

H. L. ANDERSON
112 Benjamin St.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is the day after Easter and we haven't had that earthquake yet. God was good to us all.

This morning I read the article "If a Earthquake Hits Take It Easy" in the Times-Herald. How many will when we have no home, food or place to go. People dead or dying and the sick and helpless. Why don't we get busy now before the earthquake hits by supporting the Salvation Army whose motto is "Heart to God and Hand to Man?"

We would be doing something for someone else by giving any amount.

The Salvation Army is in need of many things . . . just drive by their church at 414 Tennessee St. and go in and see. They need Sunday School classrooms, the church needs paint and repairs, their rugs are worn out and their car also is worn out.

Come on Vallejoans, let's get busy and help our Salvation Army. I know we all will get a blessing for doing just a little for those who do so much all over the world.

If you don't have a church home, the Salvation Army will welcome you. If you are lonely, they will visit you. They appreciate your prayers for God answers prayers. Please read the Bible, especially First Corinthians, Chapter 16.

ONLY A HELPING HAND

You do realize that all our society's social ills, such as crime, war, civil unrest etc., only financial distress such as what we are talking about can be solved with a simple answer? And guess what that answer is.

If a married couple can't spend an amount which is less than 10 per cent of their income to guarantee an income no matter what, then they can't afford to be married. I'm not out to sell anything, merely to point out facts which most "bleeding hearts" overlook.

Am I heartless? I guess I am, although I do my share of community work in charitable organizations and recognize the needs of my fellow man in many phases. Service to humanity is the greatest work of life. However, I realize that we cannot beat all the diseases at once. Therefore, why cry over those who could have done something about their plight but didn't. Where do you draw the line?

NON-BLEEDING BELIEVER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have read many letters in your paper, but never have I seen anything on the subject that "bugs me most."

I have lived in many cities in California and I must say that Vallejo has the most noisy traffic I have ever heard.

The worst offenders are the motorcycles. I live on Redwood St., and I do believe that every motorcycle in Vallejo goes by here at least twice a day. They are always on full throttle; they have no mufflers on them and believe me, they really shake the house. We have lived here three years and I have never seen a Vallejo police car on this corner. I have seen the Highway Patrol.

This noise goes on all day and all night, seven days a week.

At present there are six homes for sale on this street within a 6-block distance. This is probably the reason they are for sale, but I feel sure that no one with normal hearing will every buy them.

Come on, you policemen and write a few hundred tickets, and see if that will help. You too, Mrs. Mayor — come out sometime, park your car and just listen awhile.

M. J. WHITNEY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear J. R.

Thanks for your concern about my article in the March 31 Opinions of the People about the soft treatment of criminals.

I also hope the editor of this newspaper reprints the article so more people may get involved and do something about our courts. Some of the law-twisting criminal loving lawyers and judges should be disbarred in order that this country may be a safer and healthier place to live without fear of the lawless.

C. A. G.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems odd to me that while other areas of the nation are working to clean up their air that we in Solano County go on our merry way as if the supply of pure air is unlimited.

The past month or so the burning of old tires has fouled the air for miles around and yet only a handful of people were interested enough to inquire as to the source.

If this practice is allowed to continue here unchecked we may soon be the largest incinerator for old tires in the nation for many, if not all areas, are realizing that polluted air and water may yet be our death.

DAYTON H. GREER

Are we content to sit back and watch our children's lives being destroyed by trash?

The majority of us are discontented but we continue to allow this immoral way of living to exist.

The time to act is now. We only live once: why not live to the fullest as proud, decent Americans? It's our children's lives later, not ours. They will be what we are today. Give them a chance to be proud and decent citizens.

Immorality is cheap I, as a simple American, want more than that.

A DISGUSTED AMERICAN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Efforts of some of Napa's business people and city officials to get an American Canyon Post Office don't stand up under critical examination.

It seems to all boil down to a desire of merchants for a toll free telephone call from these American Canyon people to the Napa businesses!

This looks like much ado about nothing. These are Vallejo people who want to stay that way.

Others please comment.

MARLIN BRYSON
1850 Kelly Rd.
Vallejo, Calif.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is directed to the curious tenant who apparently is not curious enough to make up his mind before renting a piece of property. It would seem that if he was curious enough, he would go elsewhere. In my experience with the building inspectors they have not only been helpful, but have supplied information readily about pieces of property which looked like they could be rehabilitated. In my opinion the gentlemen in the office of the building inspectors are doing their job and could perhaps do it better with a larger staff. It must be remembered that this an old town, many things remain to be done, but it takes funds on the part of the owners and time to accomplish it. To simply say that it isn't being done is a gross misstatement.

P. A. POEHLER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For 25 years I have watched and participated in various Vallejo activities. Sometimes with pride, sometimes with disgust.

This time Vallejo has really done it. Vallejo should get the All American award again . . . this time for the most apathetic city.

Just because the ballot was long and most voters didn't know enough about our City Charter to know whether it should be changed or not they didn't vote and thus failed to reelect one of the finest councilmen we ever had.

Mr. Brown, I hope you will give Vallejo another chance and run again.

JOHN SKIPPER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Members of the Chinese Teen Club of Vallejo wish to thank Dee's Stationery Shop, the New Star Laundry, Grower's Market, the China Barn, the Owl in the Attic, Wing's New China Cafe, the China Cafe, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seto for donating all the wonderful prizes given at our club's March 29 dance.

Today, when all you hear is police brutality, I witnessed a pure act of kindness which restored some of my faith in people.

Wild birds are migrating through Vallejo and this one little fellow hit a tree in front of my home. The traffic was bad and he was hurt and I couldn't get out in the street to help it. Then an officer came by and stopped. He picked up the bird to see if it was hurt and said he would take it home and care for it.

Now this officer must have had more important things to do but he took the time to help a wild thing. Now, if he could do this, how much more could he do for another human being if we only give him the chance. My deep thanks to that officer for that act of kindness.

MRS. THOMAS A. BURGESS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have just finished reading the Black Panther newspaper dated March, 1969. I assure you after reading a couple of lines in this newspaper, I was utterly amazed at the evident lack of morals and intelligence displayed in this newspaper.

It certainly didn't take any brains to sit down and write this garbage. The thing that really puzzles me is how could so-called intelligent, moral minded individuals give their consent to the selling of this newspaper on our college campus?

What in the world is the matter with these people who are our so-called civic leaders?

If giving their OK for this paper to be sold on campus is their idea of good judgment, then somebody had better straighten out their way of thinking. What is the matter with a man of Mr. Goldinger's intelligence for allowing this paper to be sold on a campus supported by taxpayers.

DISGUSTED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just a note of thanks.

I was so very pleased with your newspaper's splendid front page on Easter Sunday Morning.

Thanks again for such a fine emphasis on the real meaning of Easter.

MRS. GLADYS BOTTROFF

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Driver Education and Driver Training is such a wonderful opportunity for new drivers today, but we feel the age level should be higher.

By offering Driver Training so young, puts the car in the hands of the kids — the pressures, pressures, pressures go on in most homes; kids take off in the car with often nowhere to go and we're all in a mess. "Everybody else gets the car" they say — and do. So many families follow the pattern.

We suggest this wonderful program be given a year later than they do now. We realize a shortage of teaching simulators in the schools but can't something be worked out?

It seems all parents we've talked with agree that they're trapped into sharing the family car with 15 and 16 year old kids who should be home on week nights; and if the parents manage to keep their youngsters in, usually a "bottle" went beforehand. It seems the consensus of opinion the kids are too young to drive (their driving usually is good, thanks to driver training, but where do they go and what do they do, and especially on Friday and Saturday nights); Yes, we can say no, but the majority don't and the pressure is on those who do.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Help me, I pray, our Father, to see all men as Your children. If I am tempted to become angry or selfish today, stir my mind to dwell on the self-giving of Your Son and our Savior. If I become too preoccupied with material things, help me to remember that I can take none of them with me into eternity. If I presume to sit in judgment upon my fellowmen, whether strangers or members of my family, enable me to envision myself as brought before the bar of Your judgment. Not simply for my hope of heaven but also for a better life here on earth, grant me power to be a true child of my heavenly Father. Amen.

—Webb Garrison, Evansville, Ind., minister, Central Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Need Navigation Funds

A survey of current Congressional allocations of navigation funds conducted by the California Marine Affairs Conference contains some startling and disquieting information concerning the Golden State's water-oriented economy.

The study reveals California ranks twelfth in the nation in the amount of its allocations and that of the 40 states which are scheduled to receive such funds in fiscal 1969-70, California's proposed appropriations are only \$9,600,000 or 2 1/2 per cent of the total. By comparison, the report notes, Arkansas is slated to get \$77 million; Illinois, \$40 million; Ohio, \$36 million; Indiana, \$24 million; and Texas, \$22 million.

We feel the implications of such disproportionate priorities are obvious: California is being deprived of its fair share of federal funds with which to develop and improve its inland waterways and port facilities and as a result many of our most urgently needed projects are marking time and industrial expansion is being stifled.

Unquestionably, the project of greatest concern to this area is the proposed John Baldwin Ship Channel, a \$54,700,000 program to widen and deepen the channel from the Golden Gate to Stockton. At present, only \$800,000 has been allocated to initiate construction. The California Marine Affairs Conference and other interested agencies in Solano and Contra Costa counties are seeking an additional million dollars to make a more substantive effort possible.

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Opinions Of The People

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Attention Auction Goers!

It's fun to get a good buy at an auction, but beware of local junk auctions, especially if you're a novice after occasional good merchandise.

Most first class auction audiences are well sprinkled with dealers, so bidding against professionals is nothing new. They bid, buy and remove what they buy. But, not so with junk auctions. Friends, and used furniture dealers who become friends of management, seem to have their own set of rules. This is not obvious to the occasional auction goer, but it means when "good" merchandise becomes available, dealers start the bidding and keep it going until they think the other person has reached his top price. If the dealer gets it instead and the price is right, fine. However, if he gets "caught" after having gotten the bid too high, the auctioneer will call it "sold," but rest assured it will be there for the next weekly auction. Many times the same item is "sold" week after week.

Also to be noted is the fact "good" merchandise remains on display for weeks as a "come-on," and only auctioned when the audience is "ripe" and dealers present. However, not knowing this, people stand around for hours waiting for it to be put up, only to find it announced the merchandise will be put up the following week, which it may or may not be.

Another unethical practice is to move their unsaleable — to this point — junk merchandise, which is proclaimed to be much more valuable than it is, whenever a number of minority people appear in the audience.

So, have fun, but beware, for it insults your intelligence to be cheated.

A FORMER AUCTION GOER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is a call for help. Have you been down to the Servicemen's Appreciation Club at 611 Florida St.? If not, why?

This place has been needed for many years. Now we have one so our younger servicemen have a place to spend an evening away from their base or ship.

Our young men could enjoy the club even more if church women and other organizations would get behind it. Please sponsor one night once or twice a year. Why are you holding back? Most of these young people are under 21.

Volunteers are needed to act as chaperons. Come down for an evening and see what this club furnishes for our servicemen. I am sure it can not operate without more funds or help.

I may be out of line in asking this of people, but I have spent over half my life in Vallejo. I was here during World War II and saw how Vallejoans opened their hearts and pocketbooks for our men in uniform at that time. Oh yes, I know it was a different kind of war but these are still our boys.

I know organizations and churches have been contacted, yet not one has offered help. Can't you open your hearts to help even one young fellow to enjoy clean, sane entertainment for an evening before he goes overseas or after he returns.



THE PEACEMAKER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Citizens of Vallejo what kind of people are you to let your kids roam the streets at night, stealing everything they can get their hands on? Has it ever occurred to you that the next victim might be you?

Less than two weeks after we moved to Vallejo last February we went to our car one morning to find our stereo and all the tapes stolen. But this morning was the last straw. When my husband went out to drive to work the hood was up and the battery was missing. That car was the only means of transportation for two families and the Navy does not hand out money to replace things that juvenile morons decide they want.

I'm only 20, but my parents taught me that the way to get what I want is to work for it, not to steal it from people who need it more than I. Why don't others do the same?

If this is impossible, it wouldn't hurt to add a few men to the Vallejo police force so the streets can be patrolled adequately.

I don't care how the problem is handled but you can bet I won't be handing out good publicity about your city to my friends.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear M. J. Whitney:

I am writing this letter in response to your complaint printed in the Opinions of the People. You complained about motorcycles and the noise they make, advising the city police and California Highway Patrol to come swooping down on bike riders and write out hundreds of tickets.

Believe me Mrs. Whitney, they have been doing this for quite awhile. If you do not believe this, ask somebody who owns or rides a motorcycle, especially a real motorcycle, not some import off the showroom floor. Incidentally, these imports come equipped with mufflers and altering them in any way, even if for the better, quickly results in a ticket.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOLANO COUNTY.

On April 16, 1969 Assembly Bill 374 came out of the Public Employment and Retirement Committee of the assembly with a do pass recommendation.

This bill gives the local city peace officer the same retirement system as the California Highway Patrol and County Sheriffs now have, allowing them to retire at age fifty years if under the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of California.

It is felt by most city policemen that unless the same system is given to them as the Highway Patrol and Sheriffs office it will cause a retention and recruiting problem with cities being forced to replace good officers who will leave to join either the Highway Patrol or Sheriffs offices.

I don't believe that in this day and age any citizen wants anything but the best possible protection to protect him and his loved ones.

There should be no doubt in anyone's mind but that being a policeman today is a young man's job. This bill would help guarantee the citizens of Solano County that they will receive the best people to protect them not only on the highways and in the counties but in the cities as well.

The legislators representing Solano County have indicated that they will support the bill. However, it would be better if the residents of Solano County let them know they have the support of the people they represent.

HAROLD I. STALL
Lieutenant of Police
Vallejo, California

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On April 1, the citizens of this city held a free election, black and white alike. What were the results? We have removed from office one of the most fully dedicated councilmen this city has known.

Was this the maneuvering of an ingenious scheme that through human weakness we fail to recognize? Let's not become instruments of others for self-destruction. We will suffer for this dastardly act by allowing taxation without representation.

Dear God, give us wisdom that we may not be destroyed by ignorance, especially our very own. Give us light that we may follow wisely. Give us forgiveness for those who have so long oppressed us. Grant us perpetual reinforcement to love our enemies and endure our hardships.

Let us bind with love an eternal link of brotherhood that no one can set asunder. Let us strive together, vote together, live together as decent citizens and encourage our children to know that the way of knowledge is the way of success.

Let's not be misled, by a meaningless grin or a pat on the back, into a divided house that will not stand. This is a guilt which we must live and which we will feel each time we enter the council chambers.

Congratulations, Mr. Bethel!

MRS. ALICE CARMICHAEL

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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One is an in-depth survey to determine the prospective economic future of the Bay Area and its navigational needs—a \$4,500,000 undertaking and the first of its kind in the United States. The President's budget for fiscal 1970 has allocated \$125,000 to launch the study while the Marine Affairs Conference requests \$250,000.

The other is a \$4,130,000 study on the effect the proposed peripheral canal irrigation project will have on water quality in the area extending from San Francisco Bay to the San Joaquin Delta. The President has budgeted \$450,000 toward the project which the Conference seeks to have doubled to \$900,000.

The fact that three Midwestern and two Southern states have been allocated navigational funds in amounts ranging from two to four times as much as that proposed for California—whose potentials are far greater—is an indication that dispersal of federal funds is based on more than need.

It occurs to us our supervisors, city councils, Chambers of Commerce and our state officials as well as California navigation and industrial interests must cooperate with our Congressmen in Washington in pursuing such funds with the same diligence as their counterparts in the Midwest and South. Certainly our case is as strong as theirs and our needs most assuredly are greater and more pressing.

The California Marine Affairs Conference, we are happy to learn, again is making a determined effort to increase this state's reduced navigational priorities by appearing before Congressional committees in May. At the same time, the organization will present its annual "All California" reception.

This is an effort that deserves the support and cooperation of everyone in Solano County, which has the largest water-oriented acreage in the Bay Area—over 10,000 acres—at Collinsville, Benicia and Vallejo. Channel improvements to accommodate larger tankers and ore carriers are needed to make this area attractive to industry and competitive with West Coast and world ports. If not, industry will locate elsewhere, denying us the jobs and investments so essential to our economic growth and social progress.

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Don't get it in your heads that I get any monetary returns, I don't.

HELP WANTED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A few Mondays ago a letter of mine was printed regarding the subject of sensitivity groups. Through these weeks the subject has burned hot in the minds of the people in this area who are concerned. I have been called everything from a Communist dupe to a misinformed youth (the usual).

It comes to my mind that there are people in Vallejo who are much more dangerous to our well-being than the Communists. These people are disguised as super Christians and do much of the counseling of people in Vallejo. Their goals are supposedly to spread the word of God and defeat the forces of evil (evil being defined as anyone who does not tote his Bible). They will make us all good Christians even if in doing it they wipe us all out.

A letter was recently sent to me regarding sensitivity groups from the wife of a minister. She did some research into sensitivity sessions and her conclusions are both interesting and crazy. I quote from her results: "Sensitivity training is an excuse for psychedelic orgies." She continues to say that the leaders are atheists and members participating in cult religions and wife swapping.

In reply to her, I can only say that among the supporters and coordinators of these sessions are Catholic priests, nuns, Protestant ministers and trained psychologists. Having seen them myself I have never heard them to be used for any purpose than to help people become aware of themselves. An awareness that they had never found in the Bible.

So instead of fighting a battle to revive the cold war, why don't you right wing Birchers seek our social injustices instead of Communists' plots. Maybe then we will get something done.

MICHAEL REED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There has been a lot of news recently about all the money the city has to use to beautify the community and how much can be gotten from the federal government. I bet there isn't a dime that is available for some things we really need in this city.

How about traffic lights at Springs Road and Rollingwood Drive, also Georgia Street and Rollingwood Drive and Georgia Street and Maple Avenue? How many cars have to be damaged; how many people hurt or killed in order to get these traffic lights?

We need all the help we can get with the type of drivers that Vallejo seems to be filled with. When Mare Island commuters head for home it is every man for himself. Turn signals . . . they're for the other guy to use.

But back to the original question. Where are our traffic signals?

R. L.

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A NAVY WIFE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Dayton H. Greer's article in Opinions of the People of April 14 is the most important item on that page. The pollution of air, water and land is of such magnitude that it cannot be stopped and corrected by politics. The cost is too great, and money is the root of the evil. A Government of SCIENCE, that deals with things rather than people, is our only hope for correcting this problem.

Assemblyman John P. Dunlap's article on a drug bill gives a prime sample of how a Government of Science would handle this case. First, no one could make a profit peddling drugs; second, one already hooked need not piller the drug he craves but will be treated as a first class citizen requiring medical attention. Since there will be no medium of exchange and each citizen will receive his purchasing power in ENERGY CERTIFICATES there will be no need for stealing, holdups, making a fast buck, etc. This will do away with 95 per cent of all crime without having to pass laws prohibiting these crimes.

I have placed two copies of the April issue of THE NORTHWEST TECHNOCRAT in the Vallejo Public Library for anyone interested in learning more on this subject. All the articles are interesting and you need not be a scientist or engineer to understand them. With TECHNOCRACY's blueprint in effect for the first time in history all citizens will be first class. How you use the knowledge you have will determine your stature in your area. North America will become an area for the rest of the world to follow, but not to be led.

J. SEWARD
P.O. Box 563, Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The morning after the April 1 city election I was aghast to learn that only 47 per cent of our local citizens had participated in the election.

Vallejoans, I'm shocked at you. I could well understand if polling places were in some other city or downtown, but I cannot conceive a registered voter staying away from the polls because he felt that the election was of no importance.

Well I am an American and I feel it's a privilege as well as an honor to walk into a private booth and make my choice. Sorry I can't say the same for those who think otherwise.

JOHN L. LEE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Richter scale of earthquake intensity is frequently mentioned in the press, yet not one in a hundred is familiar with what is indicated by an increase of one point. Please inform us.

ONE OF THE 99

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I am sure if you check that you will find the present laws concerning motorcycles are some of the most rigid and at times unfair laws in existence. So please don't try and bring more tickets and harassment to motorcycle riders. Believe me, they can't take much more.

P.J.S.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm writing to inform the public of a heretofore unrecognized group of sportsmen in Vallejo and surrounding communities. These fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters sprint around a winding track in those small but mighty vehicles called Go-Karts. Some of these Karting enthusiasts have recently banded together to form the Kinsmen Kart Club. Through the club they hope to present a better knowledge of Karting and the all-round, good family fun and spectator enjoyment that Karting presents. The Kinsmen Kart Club as a whole, and the families involved wish to be an asset to Vallejo and their respective communities throughout Northern California. Many of the members are from here in Vallejo, but, present membership includes families from Pinole, Richmond, Petaluma and Napa.

Anyone interested in Karting, joining a Kart club, sponsoring, or co-sponsoring races for charity or profit may call 643-2777, 644-0074 or 644-5785 for information, or come to a meeting. The Kinsmen Kart Club will meet the second Thursday of each month in the Blue Room of Dan Foley Cultural Center at 7:30.

JOHN DUSSAULT, DON RICE
Publicity Chairmen

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

At this time we would like to take the opportunity to thank the staffs of the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle in behalf of both Indoor Sports and Good Sports Clubs for the wonderful publicity they have so graciously given them.

Sincerely,
CLARA CLAUSEN
President of Indoor Sports
RAMONA SAMMONS
President of Good Sports

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

THANKS FOR PROMPT ACTION
Orchids to the Maintenance Department and Mr. Rodriguez for prompt action. April 17 I called to inform the division that the leaves from the trees on the north side of Tennessee St. from Maple west towards Lassen were falling while still fresh and new. Today, April 18, the crew were here by 10 in the morning to spray the trees. What more can one ask?

Gratefully,
FRANK B. LLEWELLYN
2476 Tennessee St.

give us forgiveness for those who have to long oppressed us. Grant us perpetual reinforcement to love our enemies and endure our hardships.

Let us bind with love an eternal link of brotherhood that no one can set asunder. Let us strive together, vote together, live together as decent citizens and encourage our children to know that the way of knowledge is the way of success.

Let's not be misled, by a meaningless grin or a pat on the back, into a divided house that will not stand. This is a guilt which we must live and which we will feel each time we enter the council chambers.

Congratulations, Mr. Bethel!
MRS. ALICE CARMICHAEL

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MRS. JANE HOBBS

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Just before Easter a boy came up in our yard and rode off on our five-year-old son's bike without permission. Our boy is now very sad about the loss of his bike, a birthday gift.

We have searched for hours; have run an ad in the newspaper and contacted the police but no luck. My son keeps thinking the bike will be back in the yard, he even thought the Easter Bunny might bring it back. He has nothing to do when his friends are out bike riding and we are not able to replace the bike.

The bike is a boy's 20-inch red Spyder (Sears) model. It had a badly worn black tire and a small white banana seat with a paint smear.

So please if you took it, know where it is, or if your boy showed up with this bike return it or call and let us know where it is.

Its return will make our lives normal again and a little boy very happy. How do you explain stealing or thoughtlessness to a five-year old?

Now I want to ask, why are minors out on the streets after dark? Where are the parents? Why should they run wild on our streets smoking, yelling, destroying, stealing, picking on animals, etc.? Also, they are in danger. I see many 12 and 13-year-olds like this. Keep them home, out of trouble and safe.

KENNY'S MOM
438 La Jolla St., 642-5362

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, we know we should not be afraid since as Christians we belong to the fellowship of the unafraid, but sometimes we are. There are so many frightening things which confront us daily and make us feel small and helpless. O Lord, what can we do? Help us to remember what we've learned and believe, that we need not be afraid of the world's tribulations for You are in the midst of them. You are with us, whatever may befall us, and that is enough. We are not alone; therefore, though the earth shake and change, we shall not be afraid. O Lord, let us never forget that you are near. Amen.

—James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O., director and editor, Forward Movement Publications

EDITORIALS

The War Against Crime

The "militant crusade against crime" which Mr. Nixon promised in his 1968 campaign finally is taking shape. The President has sent to Congress legislation proposing a \$61 million war against organized crime that promises to revolutionize the nation's criminal justice and law enforcement systems.

The massive nationwide offensive outlined by Mr. Nixon comes none too soon. It finds lawlessness at unprecedented heights and climbing. Serious crime rose 17 per cent in the U. S. in 1968 over the record highs of 1967, according to the FBI, while armed robberies alone went up 34 per cent and murder and rape rose 14 per cent.

The area of lawlessness against which the Nixon administration is leveling its big guns is one that too long has been permitted to penetrate legitimate spheres of activity behind a facade of respectability that conceals its true menace to the average citizen.

Therefore, it is quite logical that Mr. Nixon and his attorney-general, John Mitchell, should turn first against organized crime for only by attacking criminality at its broader aspects can we as a nation stem the corrosive influence of rackets on our national social, economic and moral fibre.

It is only against the loan rackets and illicit businesses trafficking in protection, prostitution and gambling that strong federal initiatives are capable of registering a swift, effective impact because local and state law enforcement agencies are limited in their authority and resources to combat organized crime beyond their jurisdictions.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

James I. Cox was buried Tuesday after suffering the last of a series of heart attacks at a pinnacle of his life.

By force of will and his family's help, he overcame incredible odds to live normally. He succeeded in life where others faced by lesser obstacles could not go on. After a crippling series of heart attacks dashed his Air Force career in his late twenties, he came to a decision. He wanted to teach.

He wanted to teach the joy of working with one's hands to our children. This creative young man who had not finished sixth grade, received an A.A. degree at Vallejo Junior College and his B.A. and teaching credentials from San Francisco State. He was teaching his first semester at San Mateo Junior High at the time of his death.

It is so easy now to list all the qualities we usually invest in our dead. But you cannot capsule a man's life with platitudes . . . platitudes which do not always apply. For Jim was a man, human and compassionate? I will most remember him for his strength, not just physically and morally but a charisma of strength that he could transmit to anyone with only a chat. And he was able to assess the potential worth of a man as easily as he could a piece of wood or metal.

Above all, Jim was a realist. A realist with the strength of his convictions in this time of such incredible realities that the weak escape through fantasy. He was a good man, a strong man, a husband, father and friend.

I know Jim's feelings about eulogies. They really do no good except as a salve to soothe those of us who could have done more, but there are so many of us touched by Jim who need to be soothed.

E. S. RADER

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According to the Canadian Army Journal, a conscientious study of history has revealed the following fantastic figures concerning man's evil warlike nature.

Since 3600 B.C. the world has known only 292 years of peace. During this period there have been 14,531 wars, both large and small, in which 3.6 billion people have been killed. The value of the destruction would pay for a golden belt around the world about 100 miles wide and 33 feet thick.

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LOUD AND CLEAR

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The following "Cancer Prayer" was featured in a recent edition of the Montana Standard and I thought it would be appropriate for the Opinions of the People column where it could reach more people.

"Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee with faith and assurance that You hear and answer prayer.

"We thank You for Your love and concern for all who suffer, and we bless You for Your willingness to add Thy healing touch to suffering people.

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The mayor of Oakland says his city must fill the Bay for industrial use to survive. Leslie Salt wants to fill the southern part, someone else the northern section and the airport the western.

Soon someone will propose a fill from the city to Alcatraz or from Sausalito to Angel Island.

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D. H. GREER

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F. Ron Henrekin, director of the Solano County Industrial Development Agency, assumes the role of spokesman for special interests with his opposition to an Assembly Bill co-authored by Assemblymen Dunlap, Burton and Sieroty, which proposes to ease the burden of taxation at school district and local government levels.

Mayors and councilmen attending the legislative session in Sacramento, April 14, 15, and 16, sponsored by the League of California Cities, were made quite cognizant of the fact that the tax reform, currently being considered by the administration, is not a tax relief program.

State Comptroller Flournoy, chairman of Governor Reagan's commission on tax reform, stated that the proposed tax reform was not tax relief — it was merely a tax shift. Flournoy indicated further, that the property tax relative to school districts, city and county governments were critical areas and that a failure to act, a failure to do something in these particular areas could bring back the kind of proposition that would totally destroy local government in California — the Watson type of amendment.

It seems to me that Assemblyman John Dunlap and his co-authors are attempting to do something about tax relief for school districts and local governments by their joint legislative efforts.

JOHN F. CODY

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

If you taxpayers only knew what was going on at Solano Junior College. I think you would raise hell a plenty . . . I also think you might demand a little more action from your newly elected school board.

Do you know, for example, that the "Black Panthers" go to the college each day to spread their dirty communist propaganda, with the wholehearted approval of the faculty? Is everyone so afraid of these black militants that they "tuck tails between legs and ignore it all?" Maybe it will go away, but this citizen doubts it.

Do you also know that the young children attending Loma Vista and Sierra Vista Schools are subjected to this tripe?

Your tax dollars are being wasted. What are you going to do about it?

Soul food? Sure, they serve it, to two people there, at a cost that's out of this world. \$1.89 an hour just to cook it. Is that waste?

Ask about the B.S.U. office that isn't even used. Try to stop the sale of the Black Panther news on campus. If these things annoy you at all, please do something about it.

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Objective Debate Vital

The debate over the anti-ballistic missile system (ABM) threatens to become as divisive as the Vietnam controversy, which already hampers rational discussion of vital and complex international issues.

It is certain to provide the basis for the first major test of President Nixon's leadership when Congress considers his proposed ABM Safeguard plan as an improvement in the U. S. security system against assertions it will be seen by Moscow as a "provocation" and thus impede arms control negotiations with Russia.

Like the majority of Americans, we are not in a position to decide whether a new anti-ballistic missile system is vital for the nation's defense against a nuclear attack by Russia or Red China. We maintain, however, such a decision must be made objectively and dispassionately—free of emotional and politically partisan arguments.

If, after a calm and objective debate it is established that the ABM is not essential to national security, then it certainly is not worth the expenditure of money that could be allocated to domestic needs. But until that determination has been made, it must be recognized that the ABM advocates and the much-maligned Pentagon officials just may have a deeper understanding and clearer view of America's security needs than some of our outspoken Senators and Congressmen.

Opposition to the ABM should not develop into a sweeping attack on the military as an institution.

A substantive debate exploring the ABM plan is essential. Those who argue Russia will be "provoked" are hardly Communists or fellow-travelers. By the same token, those who insist that Moscow has more important immediate concerns should not be castigating as tools of the "military-industrial complex" and as warmongers.

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Even America in its short history has engaged in 13 wars. So man's inhumanity to man continues. Praise God however, for there is a day when the Prince of Peace shall return and the words of the Psalmist shall become a reality, "He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth." (Psalm 46.9 Isaiah 2-4) Christ is the answer to all problems.

G. F. D.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To be aware of the lost soul of a friend, and to want to see that person assured a place in heaven is certainly an awareness you will never achieve. Michael Reed, through group encounters.

It is sad but true that warnings of impending danger often go unheeded. But alas! comes the day of reckoning when we will face our maker. At this point whether our opinions are correct or incorrect we will have to abide by the decision of one greater than we. For it is inevitable: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians Ch. 2, verses 10 and 11.

VALESKA CHANG

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We hear so much about the upstarts, the hippies, the college rabble rousers, the high school dropouts and the delinquents that I thought people in Vallejo might want to know about a group of wonderful young people.

This is the young Navy wives and their unsung husbands, from 18 to 24 years old, who come to Vallejo from all over the United States. The young wives come by car, plane or buses to be with their husbands while they attend the Nuclear Power or IBM school on Mare Island.

These young people work hard, are underpaid and manage to do a pretty fine job of getting along without complaining. The young couples are a credit to our community and their parents have every right in the world to be very proud of them.

Some spend their first Christmas away from home in Vallejo but after a while they meet other wives in the same boat and friendships develop and carry them through all kinds of experiences.

These young wives live on such a small amount of money that they become financial wizards and we could surely take lessons from them, both in how to manage on a small budget and how to gripe less.

Home is a place they speak reverently about and their parents are very special to them. They pick-you-up just being around them.

With young people like this in our town, it's for sure the world is not yet lost or even in too much trouble. They will all make wonderful parents when their time comes and they'll have something to tell their children.

These youngsters are really great. God bless them, everyone.

HAPPY TO KNOW THEM

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MRS. ROSE BARRY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

This letter is directed to the attention of all persons who work under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

A bill has been introduced that will hurt many people who become disabled. It is Bill 1163 which states, in effect, that if you should get cancer, cardiac, cardiovascular, circulatory disease or emphysema, you will not be covered by Workmen's Compensation unless it can be proved these diseases were caused by your employment.

I have written Assemblyman John Dunlap. He agrees it is a very bad bill and said it would almost be impossible to ever prove an employment condition caused any of these diseases. The effect would be to totally deny to workmen legitimate claims in many instances. He further asks that we write our State Senator John McCarthy.

So all of you who want this bill defeated, write to Assemblyman Dunlap or State Senator McCarthy.

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I feel that a few teachers at Hogan Senior High School should get a little recognition for what they have done for students there. As a student at Hogan, it is inspiring to have teachers whom student representatives can have confidence in, and be able to talk over student problems with. To explain the problem briefly, student representative felt there was a lack of communication with the students and the faculty and administration. Mr. Dan Moore, president of the faculty association called a special committee into action to work with the students and discuss their problems. In a series of informal meetings the results have been what the group feels are constructive solutions. These solutions are now in the process of being worked out to improve the present situation.

If there would be more teachers who had the gift of being human and being able to relate with students many of today's student problems could have been solved before violence must be used as an instrument to fear, distrust, and violence; confidence, trust and peace could be incorporated into all the schools in the nation.

I want to thank Mr. Dan Moore, Mr. Joe Grove, vice principal, Mr. Joe Thompson, Mr. George Steinmetz, Mr. John Curl, Mr. Jeff Vincencio, and Miss Lenore for all their help and all their time they are giving to improve Hogan High School.

It is true that students should go about things the "right way" but it takes willing, intelligent, trustworthy people to make it the "right way."

MIKE SCOTT

Student Body President
Hogan Senior High School

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. P. A. Poehler, in answer to your defense of the building inspectors and that I go elsewhere, may I say one doesn't run away from an evil if he wants to correct it. So, have no intention of going elsewhere.

I wanted to focus attention to the sub-standard rentals in Vallejo. Since you got the message, I'm sure those I blamed also got the message.

My letter wasn't solely directed at the building inspectors but, to the mayor, the city manager, Fire Prevention Bureau, city council and the building inspectors.

There are houses in Vallejo that the owners wouldn't dare spend a night in but they will rent them. There are a lot of old towns but that doesn't mean the houses that are for rent have to be sub-standard and unsafe. If the ones responsible would do their job, all would be good.

If a larger staff of inspectors are needed, let the city manager put more on which would be better than allowing the houses to be rented in unsafe condition and maybe cause death to someone.

Let's make it safe for those who rent by bringing the rentals up to specification or condemn them.

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So we thank you all once again for making our concert a great success. We plan to carry these concerts right through the summer as long as we continue to receive good response from the people of Vallejo.

The YMCV

OPINION OF THE PEOPLE:

I wish to thank all the Vallejo families who participated in the recent student survey concerning changes that have occurred in education and occupation over the past generation.

Also special thanks to the following students who assisted me in this project: Rod Adkins, Debbie Albany, Linda Tombolini, Carol Newman, Gary Ostad and Ken Imes.

SSC Student Research

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The rock concert held Sunday, April 20, at Blue Rock Springs was great and I hope everyone in Vallejo will help support the effort to get something going for the teenagers.

I would like to thank all the groups for donating their time to make a very enjoyable afternoon. I hope there will be more concerts and dances in the future and all through the summer.

If you want to help, support the YMCV (Young Musicians Club of Vallejo).

CLAIRE KUGELMAN
Solano College

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On behalf of the officers and members of Napa County Chapter No. 231, National Association of Retired Civil Employees, we extend our sincere thanks for the publicity of the district meeting of the Fourth District of the California State Federation of Chapters, National Association of Retired Civil Employees. This meeting was held Saturday March 29 in the Westminster Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Third and Franklin Streets Napa, California. Congressman Don Clausen of the First District of California was the guest speaker.

HARRY C. SIEBERT
Secretary-Treasurer

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On behalf of the St. Joan of Arc Club, St. Joan of Arc Church of Yountville and the Holy Family Church of Rutherford we wish to thank the Times-Herald for its generous help towards our parish dinner.

EVELYN ESPAST
President, St. Joan of Arc Club