

EDITORIALS

Obsolete Laws

Laws enacted by past generations are not always in the best interests of those of a future time.

This off-the-cuff maxim is amply illustrated by the antiquated laws governing the city's bowling alleys — laws which bar minors from one of America's most popular participating sports: bowling.

Bowling today is not done in back rooms, nor are today's bowling alleys terrible places of sin where the city's youth is to be excluded.

Bowling alleys today, as exemplified by those serving the Torrance area, are centers of family recreation and should be open to all members of the family, not just those who can prove they have reached an arbitrary age limit.

A new ordinance on the matter should be placed before the Council, eliminating the restrictions. The present law is unfair to the thousands of young bowlers who enjoy the game, and it is unfair to the owners of the bowling centers and the members of the police department who may be criticized if the existing law is not strictly enforced.

The Good Old Days

Does anybody remember the "good old days" when bread was priced at a nickel and a dime — the nickle loaf being the family size, and the dime one for company dinners?

We were sharply reminded of it the other day when a girl at the market check-out stand calmly told us that bread was now 31 cents.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Newcomer 'Scared'

She Needs Help

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I have lived in this city only two weeks—but already I have been forced to see an oculist and a psychiatrist.

The oculist is of primary necessity. I need new glasses brought about by my inability to see your over-hanging traffic signal lights.

These are a menace to life, limb, my car and the other car I'm bound to hit one of these days.

Second, I've made a date with the head-shrinker because I'm all shook up about trying to find the Torrance business district. It's like try-

ing to travel through a maze — I'm out the exit before I know where I am.

I need help.

A NEWCOMER

Bring on the Enemy

Editor, Torrance Herald:

If an enemy attack ever comes, we out here in the Seaside area won't be much disturbed. We get "buzzed" and "reconnoitered" so often that it isn't funny.

I know that Torrance Airport is nearby and that planes have to get off the ground, but why do they have to cruise around over our area? Why don't they go "upstairs" where they belong? Or better yet, why don't they do their cruising over Lomita? Lomita is always denouncing Torrance anyway, so this would just give them one more thing to denounce us for.

Why doesn't the City Council do something?

NATHAN R. LITTLEFIELD

Setting Bad Example

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I see in your paper where the PTA sponsored an all-night party for the graduates of the local high school. I think that's disgusting.

Why should the PTA encourage these youngsters to carouse all night? They ought to be on their knees in church, thanking God that He has allowed them to finish school, to be of service to mankind.

With all the juvenile delinquency going on nowadays, children should receive a better example from the PTA. I am surprised at these older people. They ought to know better.

What are we coming to? ALARMED

Torrance



FATHER'S DAY

The idea of Father's Day seems to have originated in 1909 with a Seattle, Wash., woman—Mrs. J. B. Dodd—who suggested it be observed on the third Sunday in June. Her own father had successfully reared a family of children after the death of their mother, and her thought of honoring all fathers was in tribute to his memory. The day is now universally observed throughout our land.



VACATION TIME!



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

People and Dirty Dishes

Dear Ann: I've been a waitress 15 years and I still don't know the answer to this one. Maybe you can tell me. Why is it that when people walk into a restaurant they will sit down at a table that has dirty dishes on it, even though there are any number of clean tables around that are set up for service?

I've never been able to figure this one out. Can you? —Mable.

Fifteen years a waitress and yet you ask ME, Mable, why it is that people always choose the dirty table?

If I knew this, I'd also know why it is on buses, they'll grab a strap and shun the back.

Until the driver fusses. And I'd know why, in every church, the pews way up in front are rarely ever occupied. While in the rear they'll hunt.

If I knew all these answers I'd shout them from the steeple.

It goes to show — we just don't know —

Why people act like people. —Ann Landers

Dear Ann: Please don't say I'm a fool. I already know it. I'm 23, single, and have a 7-month-old baby. In April of '56 I started to go with a married man. He told me he did not get along with his wife and kept promising to get a divorce. I believed him.

When I realized I was going to have a baby I told him. He wasn't a bit happy about it. This hurt my feelings and I moved out of town. He found out where I was a few months later and came to see me. By then the baby was born and I was plenty mad at him for not being a round when I needed him.

This is my problem. He doesn't have his divorce but we are living together. We fight all the time but we love each other. He keeps saying we'll be married "someday," but he never says when. Please, Ann, help this foolish girl. —N.L.M.

How foolish can you get, girl? What more has to happen?

and I Quote

"No two children are exactly alike, especially if one is yours and the other isn't." —H. J. Bell

"Middle Age—that time in life when one wishes there were some other way to start the day than by getting up." —Changing Times.

"If you would lift me, you must be on a higher ground." —R. W. Emerson

pen before you wake up and smell the coffee?

You've had a baby out of wedlock and now you're playing house again. I can't throw this man out of your house and tell him to go back to his wife and leave you alone. This is a Do-It-Yourself project.

Plenty of girls go to work and support themselves. You can, too. It won't be easy, but how easy is the life you have now?

If you want a decent future you'll have to cut all ties with the past. Good luck.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 17 and read your column every day. I saw the results of a survey recently that said 42 per cent of all teenagers questioned worried more about grades than anything else.

If this is true, how does it happen, Ann, that there has never been a single letter in your column in the last two years from a student who is worried about his grades? Do you think the survey is all wet? Please, may I have your

opinion on this?—Miss Tee.

I wouldn't say a survey is all wet because the results surprise me. Students who worry about grades don't write for advice because they don't have to be told what the problem is or how to cure it.

They know I'd prescribe the same formula the teachers have been harping on for years — and who wants to hear THAT again?

Confidentially: CONFUSED MOTHER: The boy's father should be invited no matter what kind of a "skunk" he is. Do the right thing—even if he didn't.

ONE GIRL AND FOUR GUYS: You win. This column is written by me, and I am NOT three men.

R.L.: This is nothing to be ashamed of. Your doctor can help you but you'll have to let him know.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.

Torrance's Budget

1957-58 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE		
General Fund		
	ESTIMATED 1956-57	REVISED ESTIMATE
City Attorney	\$ 30,592.00	\$ 29,779.00
City Clerk and License Dept.	65,468.00	44,770.00
City Council	13,600.00	22,925.00
City Custodian	28,612.00	39,346.00
City Manager	34,486.00	47,731.00
City Treasurer	13,987.00	14,925.00
DEPARTMENTS:		
Building	133,842.00	121,732.00
Dump	41,224.00	43,615.00
Engineering	113,548.00	137,140.00
Finance	10,000.00	45,331.00
Fire	445,143.00	526,689.00
Garage	29,166.00	32,904.00
Health & Sanitation	98,200.00	128,663.00
Painting	11,895.00	13,338.00
Park	249,128.00	334,533.00
Police	517,216.00	655,194.00
Recreation	166,932.00	216,000.00
Street	373,095.00	533,251.00
Street Lighting	60,788.00	78,305.00
Civil Service Commission	10,504.00	11,549.00
Planning Commission	24,991.00	29,284.00
Recruiting Commission	900.00	1,100.00
Auditing	4,000.00	5,000.00
Auditorium	4,850.00	4,850.00
Building Repairs	5,000.00	5,000.00
City Hall Expense	14,076.00	19,316.00
County Tax Commission	3,300.00	3,700.00
Insurance - Compensation	35,000.00	40,000.00
- Liability	30,000.00	37,500.00
- Other	7,000.00	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	15,500.00	18,000.00
Printing	7,500.00	7,500.00
Public Defense	5,000.00	6,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	4,630.00	4,610.00
Promotion	14,000.00	16,000.00
Elections	6,000.00	8,800.00
Bus Operation Fund	8,000.00	60,000.00
Unappropriated Reserve	208,418.00	140,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,845,551.00	\$3,490,480.00
1. Included in Finance Department Budget		
2. In Council Budget		
3. Public Officers Association	\$2,800	
Community Promotions, Music, Ad. & Prom.	2,000	
Decoration and Advertising	1,500	
Torrance Area Youth Band	2,500	
	\$6,800	

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Dateline: Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—(Delayed)—Flying behind the white billowing clouds alternately shielding us from the Communist earth below. I am thinking of the power of man that made this masterpiece of aircraft possible. And then my mind wanders to another side of man. Does his power to invent and increase his material progress to increase his mental progress? Looking through an opening in the clouds at the lights of the Communist world below, I am thinking what manner of man created it. With such infinite power at his disposal, man appears to shift between the extremes of intelligence and self-deception in almost everything he does... his ability to both create and destroy... to free and to enslave his fellow men.

Up here away from earthly influences, man takes a pattern in our mind remote from his material or ethnic allegiance. We see him investing billions on both sides of the fence in planes and tanks to defend him against his enemy... while hardly nothing to defend him against his greatest enemy... hate, war, human misery. We see man create prosperity in one nation... and another man create starvation in the next. We see man acknowledge God and then denounce him in so many related ways. From such inconsistency we conclude that man is often plain stupid... and the majority of him just plain fool.

As we see man in his global diversity, he appears to use less than five per cent of his God-endowed intelligence. Probably no other member of the animal kingdom performs on such a low percentage of his potential. Of all members of the animal-kingdom, man alone was created in the image of God and was given power over everything that moves or exists on earth. Man is endowed with the most remarkable perception, the most brilliant brain... an infinite ability to harness the hidden power of space and time. He can invent and make use of nature's abundance for the benefit of himself and mankind. Man was given a great memory to record, to retain and to store up volumes of facts for his own use and for the use of those who will follow him.

Man was blessed with the power of speech so that he could convince the less fortunate and the immature. He was given a conscience to distinguish right from wrong. He was given the tools to conquer the earth and the sky, if need be, to support a principle. Man was given the exclusive privilege to explore the bysterics of the earth and sea for the benefit of his civilization. Man was given the exalted power of love to soften the blow of his vigorous life. He was given a woman to give him life and to make life worth living. Man was

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Pop'll Get a Pipe

Today is your day, Pop. Make the most of it. You won't get another one until next year.

On Mother's Day, everybody gets all slobbery and sentimental and many famous men declare that "All I am, I owe to my sainted mother." Pop seldom gets the same attention. He gets a new pipe or a new pair of slippers, and that's that.

People get much more excited over Mom because she's more the kind of person to get excited over. Pop is supposed to be the strong, silent, tough type who bears up bravely under all kinds of misfortunes.

It's hard on Pop. On the average, he dies five years earlier than Mom.

When Mom does something silly, gets things all bawled up, or breaks out in tears, everybody dismisses it as being part of her make-up. Pop can't get away with the same type of behavior.

Pop has to be a man, whatever that is.

To some people, being a man means being rough and ready for anything or anybody. To others, it means being wise and all-knowing. Some think that a real man is the guy who can make out

with the women. Others believe that a man is personified by the athlete. Still others picture him as the family "bread winner."

Actually, he is supposed to combine all of these qualities. Advertisements appeal to the "real he-man," as compared, presumably, to the "she-man." This is especially true of deodorants, lotions, pink sports shirts, cigarettes, and other questionable goods.

A woman is still a woman if she sits still and blubbers, but a man has got to produce something—money, work, or maybe just an impression. A woman can rely on her femininity alone; a man can't rely on his masculinity alone.

He's got to look good, even if he doesn't feel like it, and he's got to pretend to be brave and strong, even if he doesn't feel brave and strong. Botting up all the things he's feeling is pretty hard sometimes for Pop and his average life-span shows it.

So when they hand you your pipe and slippers today, Pop, just smile and try to look strong, silent, tough, and all-knowing. You're supposed to.

It's all part of the game of life.

LAW IN ACTION

Rules of Trials

As a juror, you must apply the law the judge gives you to the facts as you find them at the trial.

Where do judges get the law to decide the legal questions arising in a lawsuit?

In three places: (1) federal and state constitutions; (2) federal and state statutes, local ordinances, and rules of administrative agencies, and (3) judicial decisions and legal writings.

These public statements of the law bind judges and juries and should help them decide the questions they face in a trial. Otherwise they

could set up personal standards of rights and duties to decide each case.

Since courts must try cases on recognized public standards of right and wrong, we call our a government of law and not of man.

Judges have the duty of knowing which of the statements of law to apply to the facts of a lawsuit. Jurors should accept the law as the judges give it to them.

So also with rules governing how a court should try a case: They set out what the "complaint" and "answer" must state, in what order the parties may present evidence, what evidence is proper, in what order lawyers may argue, what is permissible argument.

Without these rules no one could foresee what would happen during a lawsuit. No one could prepare properly for the trial or know what he could say or do.

Such a situation would bring confusion and injustice.

The judge calls the jurors' attention to these rules as he conducts the trial, ruling on the admission of evidence — and sometimes on various motions.

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