

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"I Felt Like a Liar and Jerk..."

Dear Ann Landers: What can a person say to a proud father who buttonholes you on the street, in the office, or at a social affair and pulls out a billfold loaded with pictures of his kids? Usually you get a 15 minute monologue along with the pictures.

I'm a father, too, and my kids happen to be very attractive, but I wouldn't dream of imposing on people this way.

Yesterday a former neighbor grabbed me in an elevator and pulled me off at his floor to show me pictures of his children. They were the homeliest collection of toothless monsters I have ever laid eyes on.

Of course I had to say "Aren't they cute?" I felt like a liar and a jerk. Is there an out? — SANTA BARBARA

Dear Santa: Sorry, but you can't say, "This is the homeliest collection of toothless monsters I have ever laid eyes on."

Since you insist on being factual, I suggest Samuel Goldwyn's famous line when he was asked to view a competitor's movie. He smiled and said "You've really got a picture there!"

Dear Ann Landers: My aunt Eva raised me after my mother died in a TB sanitarium.

She was so brutal and heartless that I quit school and left home the very day I was legally able to do so. I battled around plenty but God must have been watching over me because I met a wonderful guy and married at 18.

We've been married seven years, have a lovely home and three fine little ones.

Aunt Eva comes over almost every day, rain or shine, and makes my life unbearable. She threw out all my pots and pans because she says aluminum causes cancer. She also threw out my electric heating pad and sun lamp because she read that too much heat could cause diabetes. I think she's mentally ill and have suggested therapy. She says she's perfect — it's the doctors who are crazy.

After seven years I'm a nervous wreck. My physician says I must put an end to her visits. How can I? — NYACK

Dear Nyack: If tomatoes made you deathly ill you'd eliminate them from your diet, wouldn't you? Well, when people make you sick — do the same thing.

You needn't subject yourself to Aunt Ava's punishment. Tell her she can visit you by invitation only (doctor's orders) and invite her when (or if) you feel up to it.

Dear Ann Landers: We are worried about our 14½-year-old son. He is 5'10", weighs 170 pounds and his voice hasn't begun to change yet. Several of the fellows he goes with speak with a semi-manly voice, but our son hasn't shown the slightest sign of a change.

It's embarrassing to him when he answers the phone and he is mistaken for his younger sister.

My husband says his voice didn't change until he was 16, but I don't think he remembers, actually. Shall I take the boy to a doctor? — WORRIED

Dear Worried: Yes, he will probably tell you to relax — that the boy's maturation is a little slow. But you'll all feel better when you get the doctor's reassurance.

Does almost everyone have a good time but you? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "How To Be Well-Liked," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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MUSICAL CHRISTMAS REUNION . . . With the use of four tape recorders, piano and guitar, the family of Mrs. John McFadden will all be together for their Christmas musicale. A son, Jim Shupe, living in Orlando, Fla., wanted to play a duet with his mother so he did the first recording and sent the tape to his mother for her contribution. The rest of the family got in on the act and by double

recording, much in the Les Paul manner, the tapes are mailed back and forth, so that each may play his part. Adding their bit to the Christmas musical recording are Mrs. McFadden, at the piano, Johnny McFadden, guitar, George Shupe, bongo drums, Jerry McFadden, accordion, and Nancy Shupe, xylophone.

Gifts For Children

Las Vecinas Spreads Holiday Cheer Today

Christmas happiness and fun will arrive early for the children at the South Bay Exceptional School, 410 S. Camino Real, Redondo Beach. This morning at 10, a committee composed of Las Vecinas Women's Club members, Mmes. Harry Spraker, Albert Marzilli, and Fred T. Vedder, will present the children with gaily wrapped gifts such as games, dolls, books, and useful items.

The club has also adopted two needy families in the area and will help to brighten and cheer their Christmas with gifts, food, bedding, and other much-needed necessities.

Under the sponsorship of Las Vecinas Women's Club, there are approximately 30 Brownie and Girl Scout troops. This is one of a number of philanthropic activities of the club. Among others are work and monetary assistance to Harbor General Hospital, South Bay Exceptional Children's School, American Field Service, as well as scholarships to deserving Torrance students. The Girl Scout and Brownie troops are encouraged to work on charitable projects also. There are a number of troops who are now working on tray favors, and stuffed

animals for the children at Harbor General Hospital, bed jackets and shawls, and large bibs for the elderly people at the Shields Rest Home of Redondo Beach, and the Forestrom Rest Home in WALTERIA. The scouts plans to continue these projects by remembering birthdays and other special occasions. To wish a "Merry Christmas" to those less fortunate and shut-ins, a number of the troops will also go caroling.

At Fish Shanty

Terrace Garden Club Has Gala Yule Party

Torrance Terrace Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and party Wednesday at the Fish Shanty in WALTERIA. Miniature Santa Clauses were used in decorating the luncheon tables. A white elephant gift exchange followed and there was an exchange of gifts and "secret pals" were revealed. New "secret pals" for the coming year were assigned.

Yule Party

The home of Mrs. D. A. Murphy, 1308 Greenwood Ave., was the scene of the annual Christmas party of her bridge club.

The group gathered for a wassail bowl and then went to the Konya room at the Palms restaurant for dinner. They returned to the Murphy home for a gift exchange and an evening of bridge.

Mrs. Plu Whyte held the high score in the bridge games and Mrs. Robert Lewellen was second.

Attending the club party were Mmes. J. B. Scotton, R. S. Sleeth, R. R. Smith, Dean Sears, Robert Lewellen, Alma Smith, Plu Whyte and D. A. Murphy.



PEGGY SOLLARS . . . Spring Bride

Local Couple Plan March Nuptial Day

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sollars, 3435 W. 227th St., are announcing the engagement and forthcoming wedding plans of their daughter, Peggy Louise, and Kenneth Kosik.

A March, 1962, wedding is being planned. The future bride was graduated from Narbonne High School in 1960 and is now employed by Nortronics Division of Northrop in Palos Verdes.

Her fiancé, son of Mrs. Helen Kosik of Los Angeles and Mr. Steve Kosik of Oxnard, was graduated from Harbor College in 1960. He is employed by a Los Angeles firm.

Golden Wedding Bells Ring For W. H. Haslams

Two native Californians, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haslam, 1519 Amapola, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Sunday afternoon with an open house at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haslam, both 71 years of age, were born in 1891 near Fresno. Their grandparents came to California by covered wagon in 1840.

The local couple were married on Dec. 16, 1911 in San Rafael. Their wedding date was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Haslam's grandparents.

The Haslams came to Torrance in 1927 and have lived at their present address for 25 years.

They have two children, May W. Haslam of the home address, who teaches in the San Pedro schools; and a son, Kenneth B. Haslam, postmaster at Firebaugh, Calif.

Social World

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WELCOME NEW YEAR . . . Los Crusados Council, Knights of Columbus, will greet the new year of 1962 with a dance at their hall in Redondo Beach. Assisting the men with the annual affair are these members of the women's committee, from left, Mmes. Stacy Rodman, wife of the Grand Knight; Robert Reuter, and Robert Lauterjung, wife of the general chairman for the dance.

Madrecitas Christmas Party Today

Season's greetings will be extended in person when members of Las Madrecitas gather on Dec. 21 for their annual Christmas party at the George C. Lewis home, 1016 Via Palestra, Palos Verdes Estates. A burning Yule log, a beautiful Christmas tree, music, champagne punch, and a festive buffet supper will contribute to the general feeling of warm good cheer. Outside the windows, a waterfall, splashing into an ornamental pool, will sparkle with the colorful brilliance of surrounding decorations.

In charge of the party is Mrs. Horace LeCuyer. She is being assisted by Mmes. George C. Lewis III, William Hoffman, and Ernest Dahlgren, Jr.

All fund-raising activities of Las Madrecitas, Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild, are devoted to benefiting the Pediatric Ward of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

On the Staff

Lynne Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen Moore of 3318 Primm Way, Torrance, has been named a member of the staff of "Marymount '62," the senior class publication at Marymount College in Palos Verdes Estates.

At Knights of Columbus Hall

Gala New Year's Dance Scheduled

The new year of 1962 will be hilariously welcomed at a New Year's Eve dance to be staged by the Los Crusados Council of the Knights of Columbus at the KC hall on Ave. I in Redondo. A women's committee, composed of wives of the KC members, is assisting with the dance.

Bob Lauterjung is serving as general chairman of the event. Stacy Rodman is grand knight of the council.

Festive decorations will set the mood for an evening of fun. A buffet dinner will be served throughout the evening. A "happy hour" has been scheduled until 9:30 p.m.

Holiday Guests From Annapolis

Mrs. Donald Mitchell and two children, Mary Clare and Donald L. Mitchell II have arrived to spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, 927 Kingspine Rd., Rolling Hills, and with Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ginsley at their ranch near Calabasas. Lt. Mitchell, USN, who is on a two-year teaching duty at Annapolis, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays here with his family. They will remain until Jan. 2.

when dancing to music furnished by Ken Wood's orchestra will begin.

Party favors consisting of New Year's hats, noise makers, etc. will be presented to the guests on arrival.

Door prizes for the evening are tickets to the Los Angeles Dodger opener at Chavez Ravine and also to the National Football League Pro Bowl game.

Reservations, which are limited, must be in by Dec. 25. Marty O'Malley or Bob Lauterjung may be called for further information.

Home From UC

Jerry Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Reynolds, 22302 Redbeam Ave., arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays. He is a junior at the University of California, Berkeley, where he is majoring in history. Reynolds will return to the San Francisco area on New Year's Day.



SECRET PALS REVEALED . . . After their Christmas luncheon at the Fish Shanty last Wednesday, members of the Torrance Terrace Club held a gift exchange among "secret pals." Names were also drawn for new "secret pals" for the coming year. Arranging the exchange are from left, Mmes. Marie Tankersley, vice president, Marion Hartley, decorations chairman and Minot Rugg, second vice president.



MR. MRS. W. H. HASLAM . . . Married 50 Years

A beautifully decorated anniversary cake was served with other refreshments.