

ANN LANDERS



Many Offer Love to Boy

Dear Ann Landers: I was rocked by the letter from 12-year-old Danny. His mother would not give him money to go to the movies with his schoolmates because he had been sick a great deal and his illness had cost the family so much. His mother told him that because of the doctor and hospital bills he had run up, she wasn't going to be able to buy any new clothes for a long time, and they'd have to forget about a new car. Danny asked you how he could let his mother know that he loved her and that he was sorry he had caused them so much trouble.

I would like to address my remarks to Danny's mother:

Madame: If you feel that your son is too expensive, will you please send him to me? Being ill and confined to a hospital is difficult enough for a child who wants to be well and strong. To make him feel that he is a financial burden is just about the cruelest thing I've ever heard of.

Head stones in the cemetery don't hug very well. I know. I have three of them. Believe me, I'd gladly wear rags for the rest of my life, and I'd give up riding in cars forever if I could have just one of my three sons in my arms this very moment.

You obviously don't appreciate it, but you have been blessed with God's greatest gift—the love of a child. It is a mystery to me, as I am sure it is to others, how you have managed to raise such a wonderful boy. I'll bet he has a fine father. — TULSA

Dear Tulsa: I received hundreds of letters expressing warm and wonderful feelings about Danny.

Since the vast majority of my mail deals with trouble and grief, it was refreshing to receive so many sensitive expressions of love and compassion. It's a joy to know that my column is being read by so many beautiful people. My thanks to all of you who wrote.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 17-year-old girl who is 5'4" and weighs 122 pounds. The problem is that these girls at church keep telling me I ought to lose about 15 pounds. I have asked several of the boys what they think and they all say I am just right.

The girls who keep telling me to lose weight look like flag poles. Do you think they are jealous of my shape? Should I lose weight?—MARYLAND MISS.

Dear Miss: How do I know? You may be built better than this building, but through the mail it's very hard to tell.

A girl who is 5'4" should be able to carry 122 pounds nicely—but again, it depends on where you are carrying them. See your family doctor and let him decide. He's a better authority than your girl friends.

Dear Ann Landers: You are a pretty sharp dame, but every now and then your reasoning breaks down—as it did in your advice to "Chambermatron."

You advised a wife to pick up after her sloppy husband, but suggested that she train her sons to pick up after themselves so THEIR wives wouldn't have to write to Ann Landers. How can a mother teach sons to be neat if their father is a slob?—ANOTHER CHAMBERMATRON.

Dear Another: Easy? No. But not impossible. Tell your sons that a wife can't retain her husband because marriage is not a reform school. But she can—and should—train her children. And let them know they'd better not try to use their Dad's sloppiness as an excuse to be lazy because you will not tolerate it. And don't.

No teen-ager is as confident as he appears. Get clued in. Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 35c 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 the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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COUNT MARCO

Set a Flowering Husband-Trap

Here's a way you can train your husband to show his appreciation for all the nice things you do for him.

First, in some subtle sort of way, get across to him that a gift of flowers for absolutely no reason at all once in awhile has an emotional impact on you that he'll never understand but will show up in your loving tenderness for almost a whole week.

For him to enclose a card reading, "For no reason except I think you're wonderful" might get him almost an additional week of the same devotion from you.

But please explain to him

now that this approach is something you're not expecting. In fact, you haven't had such thoughtfulness for the Lord knows how many years, and should he take the hint, not to be too upset if, when you open the box, you scream: "Now what have you been up to?" It's only an outlet for your shock, surprise and overwhelmed delight.

Many husbands would like to make thoughtful little gestures of devotion more often, but some American women play a foul kind of game at parties.

You get together in loud voices and outscreeam each other about how silly your

beast was when he sent you flowers.

Explain to him, that this is only acting a part.

The American woman would never dare show how she depends on a man for affection and interest. She ridicules it, lest other inhibited women consider her weak and a traitor to her sex. But don't overdo it.

Some cute trick up the street might attract his eye one fine day and do the receiving with such grace that it could put you to shame.

Too bad you can't be around later to see her react to his gift of black lace undies.

Hamburg: Action in Bright Lights

(Press-Herald staff writer Jerry Reynolds returned to his desk recently following a 30-day tour of principal European cities. This is the fourth in a series of articles planned for Press-Herald readers. Today's report is about his visit to Hamburg, Germany.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald Staff Writer

There are streets like it in almost every city of Europe, but few can match the gaudiness with which the merchants purvey their product.

The street: The Reeperbahn. The place: Hamburg, Germany. The merchants: barkeeps, night club owners, theater managers. The product: SEX — in bright lights and capital letters.

I spent a single night there, waiting to get a plane to Berlin. It was the most eye-opening night of my month in Europe. And it convinced me that in no other city in Europe is the commercialization of sex so brazen.

The Reeperbahn is a boulevard sweeping through an area of Hamburg which bombs leveled during the Second World War. It is near the harbor facilities — Hamburg is Germany's largest and busiest seaport — and with adjacent streets it has become the center of night life in the city.

And what a night life. The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham was chased out of London's Soho district. He would not, I think, even be permitted on Hamburg's Reeperbahn.

Fine restaurants, night clubs, and theaters adjoin some of world's worst dives.

Elegant women mingle with prostitutes. Neon signs call forth the crowds and every establishment has its doorman, whose job is to twist arms and cajole the wandering hordes into the dark — and sometimes dangerous — bars and strip joints.

Over and over and over the theme is repeated. Sex. It's peddled on street corners, in the bars, anywhere a customer can be found.

And customers are plentiful.

Judging from the activity at the Hamburg harbor and the number of merchant seamen and sailors I saw, the Reeperbahn is seldom without customers. A uniform makes the wearer a special target — as does the wide-eyed look of the lone "rich" American.

The rules are simple. It's every man for himself. The

police do little more than patrol the street — they're probably outnumbered 20 to 1. One police chief in Hamburg was widely quoted as saying he wanted only "to make the street a place where a man could pursue his pleasure without fear."

The pitches are as varied as those who make them. A "good" show is rare except in the very best of the clubs. More often than not, a "good" show is a single stripper who stumbles her way through her act, then finds a lone-some wallet and a bottle of champagne.

In a single block along the Reeperbahn, or on one of the side streets, you may pass as many as a dozen small bars. At each one the doorman will make his pitch, following you until he's lost the game—and it often is a game. When he departs, you may be sure

someone else will grab your arm and try to pull you in to see the "best show in town." Acquiesce, and chances are you've been taken.

The same street has its share of "international class" restaurants, of better night clubs, and of good theaters. But the impression is conveyed by the small bars, strip joints, and girlie movies which are favorites of the sea-going visitors and the men in uniform.

To most Americans, even those who are forewarned as I was, it will be a shocker. The brazen, almost dare-devil life is unusual, even for Europe.

Hamburg may, indeed, be sex capital of Europe. One noted travel writer awarded the city that title "by three bumps and a grind." It is, in the language of today, where the action is.

College Library Gets Aid

A \$5,000 federal grant has been awarded to the library of California State College at Dominguez Hills by the U. S. Office of Education, Dr. Leo F. Cain, college president, said today.

Clarence C. Gorchels, college librarian, will spend the funds for books and audio visual materials, Dr. Cain said.

Additional basic reference works and a complete set of American art slides numbering more than 1,500 will account for much of the monies, Gorchels said. They will be used in the history and fine arts classes.

The library also hopes to expand the list of periodicals now being received to about 650. Some 55,000 volumes are now in the college library.

VFW Post To Honor Officers

A reception for officers of the Lomita Post 1622 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held Saturday, July 30. Officers of the VFW Auxiliary also will be honored at the reception.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a no host cocktail hour.

Thomas Zahnle of Torrance is the new post commander. Other officers include Robert Pospeshil of Lomita, senior vice commander; Randall Nehr of Lomita, junior vice commander, and Donald MacPherson of Torrance, quartermaster.

Officers of the Auxiliary are Mrs. Roy DeRusha of Lomita, president; Mrs. Harley Gray of Torrance, senior vice president, and Mrs. Philander Tucker of Lomita, junior vice president.

The post will hold its first dinner meeting of the new year Aug. 6 at the Post Hall, 24425 Alliene St., Lomita. Dinner will be served from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12 years of age.

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WINNING MUSICIANS . . . Members of the 72nd U.S. Army Band under Chief Warrant Officer William A. Thompson, with Master Sgt. Nathaniel Riddick as first sergeant and drum major, perform at Riviera Elementary School during recent patriotic program. The band was a major trophy winner during the city's annual Armed Forces Day Parade in May.

School Training Pays Off

Occupational training in nursing skills has paid off for nine June graduates of Torrance High School.

The girls, who comprised the first group of students to participate in a unique pilot program, have all been either offered jobs involving nursing skills or have been accepted for further training.

Members of the class spent two hours of their school day for the past year at Torrance Memorial Hospital applying skills taught them in the classroom the previous spring by Mrs. Virginia Lavanis, school nurse.

At the hospital they assisted nurses in practical duties involving patient care. Activities were closely supervised by licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses on the hospital staff.

GOP State Convention Set Aug. 6

The 1966 Republican State Convention will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Delegates to the convention include Republican nominees and incumbents for each of the 170 partisan elective offices in the state. They will draft the 1966 Republican Platform.

Dr. Gaylord B. Parkinson, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, said Republican workers will meet in Sacramento for a one-day campaign workshop during the convention session. A rally will be held during the evening.

"We have been building for nearly a year to develop a widespread opinion for presentation to the Platform Committee," Dr. Parkinson said. "Our Platform Issues Conferences have provided the public with an opportunity to suggest positions which the party should take in the platform."

Purpose of the course was to train students for positions as nurses' aides.

Where are the graduates of the first nursing class headed? Two are going on to Harbor College for training in the licensed vocational nurse's program; two will receive nurse's training at the Los Angeles County General Hospital; one has been hired as an electrocardiograph technician at Torrance Memorial Hospital and is presently being trained for this position; two will be a nurse's aide at local hospitals; one student has been hired by a nursing home, and one student is being employed as a Torrance physician.

OTHER BOYS are welcome on the Tri-Trinity-Alphine Trout Trip Aug. 27 through Sept. 3. Boys and girls in high school are also invited on two coed trips with the Torrance YMCA. One is a river-raft trip on Aug. 15-25; the other a unique boys caravan with a visiting delegation from Nagoya, Japan, YMCA and medical assistant by a Torrance physician.

YMCA Opens New Camping Date to Boys

Officials at the Torrance YMCA announced today that a new session of younger boys camp has been slated in order to accommodate unprecedented desire for YMCA camping for boys 9 to 12 years of age.

This latest YMCA camp session will be held Aug. 27 until Sept. 3, in the Wright-Holiday Hill area and will be called "Mighty Moose."

Located at 5,500 feet elevation the camp features Olympic size swimming pool, fully equipped handicraft room, dining hall, and National Rifle Association rifle range and camp life also features archery, campfires, fun, canoeing on Jackson Lake, numerous hikes and nature lore activities.

Camp will be directed by James M. Griffin of local "Y" staff and fully trained leaders will be assigned each seven boys.

THE ADDITION of this camp brings the total number of boys, girls and adults attending YMCA summer camps to 4,000, the largest YMCA mountain camp program in the world.

For girls 9-12 the "Y" still has room in camp Mozumdar, July 30-Aug. 6, located near Crestline in the San Bernardino mountains.

For boys 14 and up five spaces remain for a unique trip called Exploregon, July 21 until Aug. 11. Teenagers from this area will visit Yosemite Lake; Feather River; climb Mount Lassen, explore lava Tubes; visit Crater Lake National Park; fish along the Umpqua and McKenzie River in Oregon; climb snow covered Mount Hood, spend time in Harvey Aluminum Park at The Dells, Ore., on the Columbia River.

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these trips are under the local direction of Wanda Mitchell of the Torrance YMCA Staff.

Boys 14 and up, girls 16 and up are invited also to back pack with Torrance YMCA along the John Muir trail Aug. 27. These "go on your own steam" excursions follow the crest of the High Sierra Range through spectacular country.

WHILE ALL of the local YMCA's week long family camps are filled to capacity, space remains for a number of family groups, together with other local families under the sponsorship of the "Y." The first of these week-end camps will be held July 23 and 24 at Newport Dunes beach park. It features beach fun, canoe rides, roaring campfires, hootenanny, interfaith devotions and a chance to meet new friends.

A second weekend family camp is Big Pines, Sept. 10-11 for interested families.



MARVIN PIKE
District Deputy

Pike Gets National Elks Post

Marvin Pike, 401 E. Carson St., has been sworn in as the district deputy grand exalted ruler of the South Central Coast District of the Elks.

Pike was named to the post by newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond C. Dobson of Minot, N.D., at the Elks national convention in Dallas, Tex.

A charter member of the Torrance Elks Lodge 1948, Pike served as exalted ruler in 1959-60. He was chairman of the building committee which planned the new Torrance Lodge building, and was grand esquire to the district deputy in 1960-61.

Pike served as state chairman for lodge activities in 1963-64 and in 1964-65 was the district state vice president.

A past president of the Long Beach and Harbor District Pest Control Operators of California, Pike has operated a structural pest control business in Torrance for the past 18 years.

Tijuana Brass Bus Trip Set

The Torrance Recreation Department has obtained a limited number of tickets for this Saturday's appearance of "Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass" at the Greek Theatre.

Tickets are priced at \$5.75 and \$6.75 and include transportation, insurance, and admission to the theatre.

The buses will depart from the Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 7 p.m. and return about midnight.

Reservations may be made at the Joslyn Recreation Center, 3235 Torrance Blvd., 328-8362.

Deadline for payment is noon Friday.