ANN LANDERS

Okay, Say Something

Dear Ann Landers: After reading the letter from "Too Close For Comfort" I am compelled to give you the other side of the story. "Too Close" described how her mother berated, belittled, and constantly picked on her father for 50 years.

Did it occur to you that a man who lets his wife hen-peck him for half a century is no saint. He is just plain dumb.

My husband and I were married too young—both 18. After seven years and three children he announced that he was moving out. I was shocked. Reason: He was sick and tired of listening to me finish his sentences, correct his English in front of friends, and compare his income unfavorably with others in our crowd. He had become fed up with my domineering ways and said so.

After a week I asked him to come home. I hadn't realized what I was doing to him and I admitted it.

All this happened many years ago and we've gotten along extremely well ever since. Once, Ann, you wrote, "If you don't want to be treated like a doormat, SAY something—don't just lie there." Why didn't you say that this time?—FORMER HEN-PECKER.

Dear Former: Thank you. I will. If you don't want to be treated like a doormat SAY something. Don't just lie there.

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Dear Ann Landers: I know women who quote you right along with the Bible. You can get ideas across like nobody else. Please print this letter for the benefit of all mothers who have small children.

Mothers: Please stay out of it when your youngsters are having their little arguments and fights with playmates. Children can be mad at each other one minute and be the best of friends the next minute—if they are left alone.

The woman who lives next door was forever getting involved in her children's battles. She was always running to neighbors to protest the way their kids were treating her kids. Naturally, the parents defended their own kids and got into a fight far more bitter than the little squabble the kids had had.

My neighbor is now on the outs with everyone in the block and I really feel sorry for her. So, Ann, please warn other mothers not to make the same stupid mistake.—NO REFEREE.

Dear No Ref: Your warning was sufficient. Thank you for writing. It's excellent advice.

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Dear Ann: No earthshaking problem, but an annoying one. Can you help?

When my husband and I go out for an evening we often walk or take public transportation. We leave our car in the carport.

Some folks in this town have a habit of dropping over without first calling to see if it is convenient. When they see the car in the carport they are certain we have turned out the lights and are hiding in the house. Several women have very nearly called me a liar when I have told them we were not at home when they dropped by. They all mentioned seeing the car in the carport.

What do you suggest?—OUT BUT IN.

Dear Out: Why do you let these clods put you on the defensive? Tell them that the next time they want to see you they'd better telephone first or they may have to settle for seeing just the car again.

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Unsure of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? 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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NEW FIRE ENGINE . . . Los Angeles City Fire Department Engine Co. 9 traded it's old fire engine for a new one last week—one of 18 new pieces of equipment to be delivered to the department in the next few months. The symbolic key is being presented by Leslie J. Blumer, equipment mechanic for the city fire department, to Captain Leo Ford, commander of the engine company. Others are (from left) Fireman Maurice G. Gasporra of Lakewood, Engineer Donald W. Greissinger of Sunland, and firemen John J. King Jr. of Torrance, Richard C. Ostoich of Garden Grove, and James R. Haw of Canoga Park.

WINNING TEAM . . . Members of the county's new personnel and management team clasp hands with Supervisor Burton W. Chace (at right). Pictured are Gordon Nesvig, former clerk of the Board of Supervisors and interim personnel director, and James Mize, acting clerk of the board. Mize was named to fill Nesvig's position on motion of Chace, who is chairman of the board, after Nesvig was named to head the county's new personnel department.

You Could Be Put in Disposable Class, Too

COUNT MARCO

It's amazing how far some American women will go in picking on the American men who are enviously considered by women in other parts of the world as the ideal specimens of husbandry.

Take a simple subject like "disposables." Now wouldn't you think that men have enough troubles without blaming them for designing a time and labor-saving device created to help you, the housewife, ease your daily duties?

Well, that woman writer who got her start by complaining about my inspiring columns is so obviously short on fault-finding that she complains disposables are "an invention created by selfish men merely to reduce his return trips to the local markets to return bottles." *Mon Dieu!*

The man calling this particular piece of bad writing to my attention said, "I'm afraid this poor female is beyond even your help. Here is a perfect example of blaming males for women's own shortcomings. Disposable containers have become a necessity for males. Before their introduction the American beast had to either live with a constant pile of unwashed cooking vessels in the sink or be bitched into washing them himself by a lazy, selfish wife.

"Regarding her statement that "disposable bottles in kitchens, back halls, basements and garages pile up,' I wonder what the rest of her house looks like, don't you?" he concluded. No, frankly, I'd rather not wonder. My stomach is a little weak today.

Writer Mary McGrath, who could without trying, be president of the Whiners of the Month Club, admits that she, along with others of her kind, would rather trip over these items in kitchens, back halls, basements and garages, than pick them up and throw them away with garbage.

As to metallic disposables in which ready-mixes and quickie dinners arrive, she says they may crumble, they may shred, but they will not disappear, no matter what."

Poor, poor thing. If she's so overloaded with metallic disposables, left over from quickie cooking, she must have had quite a bit of experience with can-opening, the forerunner of present-day quickies.

What, then, did she ever do with cans, which not only wouldn't crumble or shred but certainly wouldn't disappear by themselves either? Store them under her bed, no doubt.

I offer her and you a simple solution. If no home scavenger service is available, then set aside a box or bag specifically for disposable bottles, plastic bags, cartons, etc.

On your way to the market or your neighborhood kaffee klatsch make a little side trip to the public dump, which is available in most cities.

And as you stand there dumping the accumulated trash, take a good look at the rest of the garbage and be thankful that there but for the grace of me would be your stomping grounds.

Mass Vaccination Drive Renewed by Supervisors

Countywide vaccinations of pre-school youngsters is guaranteed under terms of contracts signed by Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The contracts, approved by the board Tuesday, allocate $847,369 for the mass vaccinations and $40,000 for promotion of the program.

"This action continues an immunization project, started last year, that met with great success," Chace said. "It means that any child of pre-school age in the county is assured of protection against diseases at no charge."

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THE PROGRAM, financed from federal aid through the U. S. Public Health Services, provides for vaccinations against polio, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough and measles.

"The addition of measles vaccinations to the program makes it even more valuable this year," Chace said.

The immunization program last year met with overwhelming success, Chace said. He cited these figures as evidence of the public's participation:

- In 1965, more than 240,000 children of pre-school age received inoculations for diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus, compared to 155,775 in 1964. This is an increase of 49 per cent.
- An increase of 39 per cent reflected in polio inoculations of the same age group in 1965. More than 236,900 were immunized in 1965, compared with 171,244 in 1964.

THE CONTRACTS approved by the board provide service for virtually all cities in Los Angeles County. Long Beach, which has its own health department, negotiates its own contracts for aid from the federal government.

"The agreement for public information assures the county of widespread acceptance," Chace said. "Mass inoculations are necessary if the program is to be 100 per cent effective."

The public relation firm of Gumpertz, Bently, and Dolan was awarded the $40,000 public information and education contract. The firm is responsible for the promotion of the program through newspapers, radio, television, and other media.

The vaccination program is coordinated by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Co-Chairmen Named for Drive to Limit Taxes

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has announced that Assemblyman Joe Gonsalves of LaMirada and Supervisor Frank Bonelli have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the campaign to put a 1 per cent ceiling on property taxes.

Watson, in naming the new co-chairmen of the Committee for Tax Limitation, said he was confident that they would provide strong leadership for the initiative drive.

"Both Supervisor Bonelli and Assemblyman Gonsalves have actively supported our earlier efforts to get legislation to place an overall ceiling on property taxes," Watson said.

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"THEY ARE both convinced that we can never have lasting property tax reform unless we put a permanent lid on our property tax bills."

Assemblyman Gonzales introduced Watson's limit legislation at the special session of the legislature this year and carried the bill to its first Assembly hearing in May.

"When the committee referred the legislation to interim study, Assemblyman Gonsalves assured me then and there that he would continue to press for the limit," Watson said.

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FIRST DISTRICT Supervisor Bonelli was one of the first officials to back Watson's proposal to limit property taxes.

Bonelli and Gonsalves urged all property owners to get behind the initiative drive. "For years homeowners have been forced to dig deeper and deeper into their pockets to pay the taxes to keep their homes," the co-chairmen said. "Now the overburdened homeowners have a chance to do something concrete about their tax problems."

Contributions and offers to help may be sent to the Committee for Tax Limitation, P. O. Box 1631, Los Angeles 90053.

Supervisor Offers Plan To Mark Dangerous Pipes

Steps to clearly identify underground pipelines carrying dangerous gases and fluids have been suggested by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in the wake of last week's near disaster in the Dominguez area.

Some 65 persons were treated at Harbor General Hospital after a pipeline carrying lethal chlorine gas was accidentally cut during construction work at 223rd Street and Wilmington Avenue.

Hahn suggested such pipelines might be painted bright red with a non-corosive and rust-resistant paint as they are installed or replaced.

County engineers and road department personnel have been instructed to study Hahn's suggestion and report their findings to the Board of Supervisors.

TO BURLINGAME

Attending a meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Association of School Personnel Administrators in Burlingame Friday will be Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of personnel of the Torrance Unified School District.

Meeting Slated For Principals

Dr. Robert R. Ford, principal at West High School, will attend a meeting of the Representative Council and Executive Board of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators in Santa Barbara Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Ford is chairman of the Large High School Committee of the association.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

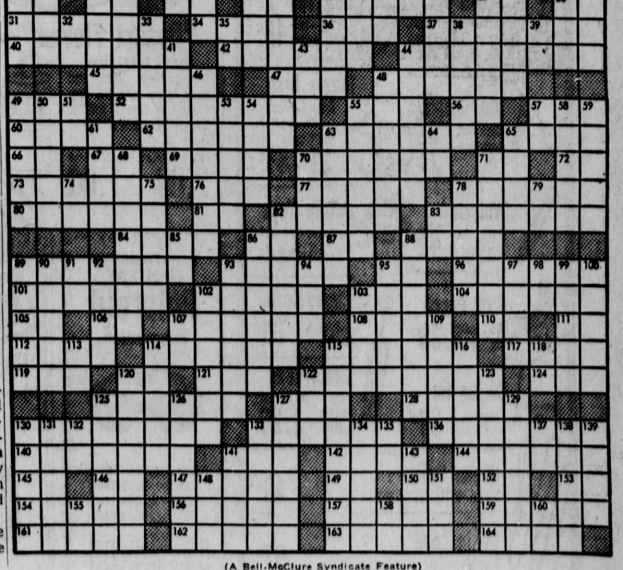
(Answer on Page B-5)

ACROSS

1—Weeps
5—Shrub
10—Young of the herring
15—Fun
20—French district, famous for wine
21—Refuse
22—Urao, a sodium carbonate
23—Slave of Sarah (Bib.)
24—Symbol for iridium
25—Land measure
26—Article
27—A direction
28—Laughing
29—Correlative of either
30—Brother of Odin
31—Kind of tree
34—Cut, after snick
35—Bring forth
37—Large, low automobile trucks
40—Disperse
42—Course of running liquid
44—Plant with blue flowers (pl.)
45—Waste metal
47—Kind
48—Covers over so as to conceal
49—Measure of Tunisia
52—Family held personal property
55—Obese
56—Preposition
57—Recent
60—Decorate
62—Scoffs
63—Point of chin (boxing)
65—Spanish room
66—Babylonian deity
67—Belonging to
68—A European
70—Shelf over fireplace
71—Spanish for yes
72—Nine
73—Rubbed out
76—Numbers (abbr.)
77—Beneath
78—Walked
80—To haggle
81—French for and
82—Inquired
83—Punish
84—Unrefined
85—Prefix: twice
87—Man's nickname
88—Look at malignly
89—Stage performer
93—Meditated
95—State (abbr.)
96—Enlarge
101—Plural pronoun
102—Kind of lily
103—Alder tree (Scot.)
104—Hidden sharpshooter
105—Toward
106—Bone
107—Croquet item
108—Perukes
110—Depart
111—Syllable of scale
112—Skills
114—Seasoned
115—Disprove
117—Back of neck
119—To soak
120—Sun god
121—Short for animal doctor
122—Renews
124—Race of lettuce
125—Was set slantingly
127—Thus (L.)
128—More unusual
130—Swindlers
133—Defies
136—Corsairs
140—To breathe
141—Dry
142—Vast age (pl.)
144—Show desire
145—Preposition
146—Toward
147—Close by (poet.)
149—Article
150—Symbol for silver
152—Paid notice
153—Pronoun
154—Coalition
156—Coat with alloy of tin and lead
157—Of ancient Scandinavia
159—Island in B.W.I.
161—Couples
162—A leaven compound
163—Put faith in
164—* * * * Speaker, famous outfielder

DOWN

1—Ice pinnacle among glacier crevasse
2—Olive drab (abbr.)
3—Brags
4—In sports, without handicap
5—As it stands (mus.)
6—Containers for ashes of dead
7—Child for mother
8—Item of property
9—Hello (pl.)
10—A vein of any mineral
11—King of Troy
12—Kind of horse
13—Feminine name
14—The * * * * *, old periodical
15—To diminish
16—Marine boot training island
17—King of Bashan
18—Poe's bird
19—Long lock of hair
20—Game of marbles
32—Musical syllable
33—An arm of the sea (pl.)
35—Canadian province (abbr.)
38—Vegetable
39—State (abbr.)
41—Showers
43—Tree
44—Channel at eaves for rain water
46—Primps
48—Took one's turn at the plate
49—Precipitate
50—Macaw
51—Sloth
53—Dormouse
54—Globes
55—Converted into a debt bearing regular interest
57—Symbol for sodium
58—To take out
59—Pliable
61—Greatest in degree
63—Drove ball to cushion in billiards
64—Chemical suffix
65—Title of respect (pl.)
68—Antennae
70—Genus of rodents
71—Looking at fixedly
74—Mulberry
75—Waste matter
79—Throws off
79—Part of Bible (abbr.)
82—Having passageways
83—Symbol for cerium
85—Pronoun
86—Missile discharged from firearm
88—Lassitude
89—Oil of roses
90—Household task
91—Symbol for tellurium
92—Rivers (Sp.)
93—Short for ice cream fountain drink
94—Consume
95—Activity of a circus follower
97—Animal
98—News agency (abbr.)
99—Rhythm (mus.)
100—American Indians
102—Young of cow (pl.)
103—Fills with reverential fear
107—Child for mother
109—Leather strip
113—Size of shot
114—More rational
115—Coward
116—Weird
118—Symbol for actinium
120—Apportions out sparingly
122—Narrow inlet
123—Domestic
125—One who has captured a prisoner
126—Proposal for agreement
127—Hidden from others
129—Participant in predatory incursion
130—Infection of the throat
131—Reddish orange dye
132—Plural ending
133—Edible seeds
134—Giver
135—Symbol for tin
137—Weight (abbr.)
138—Genus of vipers
139—Observes
141—A serious fluid (pl.)
143—Talk saucily to
148—Signifying maiden name
151—Obtain
155—Two
158—Symbol for ruthenium
160—Six



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