

# ANN LANDERS



## Beatings Are Sadistic

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter lives in the next town and we visit her and her family one Sunday a month. They have two lovely children, a boy 5 and a girl 7.

On our last visit, when I kissed the children hello I noticed that both youngsters had badly bruised arms and legs. I didn't say anything but it bothered me terribly. At bedtime when I helped the little girl take off her dress I was shocked to see welts on her back and shoulders. I took my daughter into the next room and asked, "What in the name of God happened to these kids?"

My daughter told me they deserved the severe whipping because they had been very naughty. She added, "Both Tom and I punish the children when they are bad so they'll know we stand together."

I told her I believe in discipline but that there is no justification for beating children until they are black and blue.

My daughter became very angry and warned me to keep my nose out of her business or I'd be welcome in her home once a year—at Christmas.

This is not the first time these children have been abused. I recall that when the little girl was three she spilled milk on the tablecloth. Her father took off his belt and beat her unmercifully. My husband and I couldn't stand the screaming and we left.

Please tell me what to do. I worry so about these youngsters that I am a nervous wreck.—CONNECTICUT.

Dear Connecticut: Dozens of children are brought into hospitals every week with broken arms, legs, jaws, and fractured skulls. An alert physician can tell whether the child fell down the stairs (the usual explanation) or if she was battered by sadistic parents. In some states parents who are found guilty of beating their children are sent to jail.

Your best approach is to appeal to your daughter to get professional help for herself. Only a sick mother displays such brutality toward her children. If she refuses and the beatings continue, inform the school principal of the situation and enlist her help. She can keep her eye on them almost daily and you can't.

Dear Ann Landers: My boy friend treats me very nicely and I like him very much—except for one thing.

Whenever he takes me any place or buys me anything he has to tell me how much money he spent. For example, last week he bought me a corsage. When he pinned it on my dress he said, "I hope you like this corsage. It cost \$5." The next night we went to a musical. When we got in our seats he said, "I hope you like these seats. They cost \$4 each." Then he passed me some candy which he got in the lobby and he said, "You'll notice this is the 50c size."

He let me know he spent \$12 on my birthday gift and the check for the dinner was \$9. How can I let him know that I'd be happier if he didn't put a price on everything?—NO BOOKKEEPER.

Dear No Book: Tell Mr. Got Rocks that every time he quotes a price you are let down because it's only half as much as you thought he had paid. This should settle his hash.

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

### Be a Parent, Not Just a Pal

"To be a good mother you must be your children's friend," a mother attempted to tell me. Her comment was a tragic mistake.

She was lyrically dreaming up such nonsense as, "Be a loving friend. Show pride in their accomplishments, give graciously but don't force your gifts and ideas upon them. Accept joyfully, but don't demand."

Mon Dieu! Such stuff as dreams may be made of, but dreams have a habit of going "poof" when one awakes. So does all this mish-mash.

The reason for so many delinquents and neurotic children in this country is that you try to be friends with your children. You cannot be friends with your children and be a parent too.

A friend may offer suggestions, but never demand. It is up to you to make the choice. To give children the opportunity to make serious choices is what causes little minds to break down. No other country in the world has as many mental institutions solely for children as does this country.

A child expects guidance from his parents. The happy child is one who knows that no matter what the final decision is, it will be made by you, and that it will be one that he knows will protect him.

Nothing annoys me more than to be in the presence of so-called parents and hear such syrupy comments to their children as, "but my dear, it's a decision you must make all by yourself." Lord, what sick, sick parents they are.

No child must be forced to make decisions of any sort. Living life is a matter of surviving through experience. They must lean on your experience of the years and be guided thereby.

About being friendly, the dictionary says, "not hostile but amicable." In other words never do or say anything that could be demanding or upsetting. There are many times in your child's life when you must demand, even though they may construe it as hostility.

A parent controls and guides only as long as he retains control. As a parent you must be considerate and fair, but never show weakness or hesitation and above all you must DEMAND instant obedience. Have I made myself clear?

## Semi-Finalists Named in Scholarship Competition

Nineteen Torrance students today were named semi-finalists in the 1966-67 competition for Merit Scholarships, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. of Evanston, Ill.

Semi-finalists are the highest-scoring students in their respective states on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was administered last spring to juniors in 17,500 high schools throughout the nation.

A second examination to determine scholarship winners will be given later in the school year. All Merit

Scholars for 1967 will be selected from the list of some 14,000 students who qualified as semi-finalists.

Semi-finalists are representative of the country's most intellectually able young people, according to John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corp. "From them will come much of our future leadership," he said.

TORRANCE students who are semi-finalists include:

Margaret A. Kemper and Michael W. Weaver, both stu-

dents at Bishop Montgomery High School.

Pamela E. Oliver and Robert C. Shoup, both of North High School.

Mark J. Abrams, Stephen C. Beach, David W. Brown, Timothy T. Chang, Thomas W. Crispin, David P. Fuller, Nancy E. Harding, Gary W. Jung, and James P. McGrath, all of South High School.

Janet Iris Limbird, Rosalie A. Preston, and Kay L. Young, all Torrance High School students.

James E. Ackerman, David L. Forbes, and Harold T.

Pretorius, all of West High School.

"These students bring honor not only to themselves, but also to their families, their teachers, and their communities," Stalnaker said. "Their success is the result of their own efforts, including well directed energy, usually coupled with the effective direction and encouragement of parents, friends, and teachers."

FINALISTS in the National Merit Scholarship competition will be announced May 3, 1967, Stalnaker said. The

exact number of awards will be determined by the number of sponsors and their support.

In 1966, Stalnaker said, a total of 2,250 awards were made, with 1,700 of them being sponsored by businesses, labor organizations, and other associations.

More than \$48 million in financial aid has been extended to some 13,000 students since the National Merit Scholarship Corp. was established in 1955 through grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corp. of New York.



FIESTA BOOTH . . . Skipperette Frances Graham, who will reign over the three-day Fishermen's Fiesta this weekend, displays one of the stuffed animals which St. Gerard's Council 4919 of the Knights of Columbus will offer as prizes. St. Gerard's Council will operate a 6-Ball Roll Game. Shown with Miss Graham are Andre R. LaHorne (left), Grand Knight, and Joe Sweeney, publicity chairman for the council.

## Fishermen's Fiesta Set For Opening on Friday

St. Gerard's Council 4919 of the Knights of Columbus will represent the Torrance-Lomita area at the 1966 Fishermen's Fiesta, which opens a three-day run in San Pedro Friday.

Events at the Fiesta are due to begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday. Frances Graham, 17, will reign over the festivities. Miss Graham, a San Pedro High student, was selected Skipperette of the Fiesta, while Deanna Petrov, 18, and Melissa Baer, 17, were named mates in the queen contest.

St. Gerard's Council will operate a 6-Ball roll game at the fiesta.

The annual Fiesta originally had a religious significance when the fishing fleets were blessed and boat owners gave thanks to God for a successful fishing season.

The Fiesta coincides with the advent of the full moon, when fishermen take a rest between seasons.

Friday's opening ceremonies will be held at noon. A number of activities, including boat rides in the harbor, carnival rides, game and food booths, and street dancing will be open to the public during each of the three days.

Three Navy ships, the USS Gallant, the USS Conquest, and the USS Illusive, are scheduled to arrive Friday at 1 p.m. and a sky diving exhibition is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Fishermen's skill contests will be conducted Saturday at 7 p.m.

Highlight of the Fiesta will be the parade of the fleet, which will feature 23 decorated fishing boats vying for \$5,000 in prize money.

The parade, which will take place in the main channel, will get under way at 1 p.m. Sunday.

PROGRAMS of course offerings are available at the adult education office, 2200 W. Carson St., or at library branches.

Tuition is \$3 per course per semester for non-credit students. An incidental fee of 50 cents also is collected. Students under 21 or over 65 and those enrolled in English or citizenship classes for the foreign born are not required to pay tuition.

Courses offered are as follows:

**NORTH HIGH:** Business English, business machines, drafting, dressmaking, electronics, English review, food and pastry arts, general crafts (lapidary, ceramics); basic sewing, U. S. government I, U. S. government II, U. S. History I, U. S. History II, and Wood Shop.

**South High:** Decorating your home—drawing and painting, dressmaking, electronics (radio and television), food and pastry arts, conversational French, home landscaping, investments and securities, conversational Italian, introduction to aviation (basic ground school), refreshment course for pilots, leadership training (effective speaking) and good human relations, beginning knitting, intermediate knitting, beginning and intermediate oil painting, advanced oil painting, physical fitness for women, real estate law and sales, beginning conversational Spanish, advanced conversational Spanish, speed reading, and typing.

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## 90 Courses Offered Adult Classes Slated At Four High Schools

More than 90 courses are offered to adults this fall by Torrance Unified School District Night classes are being taught at all four high schools, and daytime adult education courses are being conducted at two city parks and the YMCA.

Classes began the week of Monday, Sept. 19.

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## King Shares Blame for Inflation, Cortum Says

Congressman Cedl's King's confession that he doesn't know what effects the suspension of the business tax credit will have on the economy was cited this week as more evidence that it is "time he be retired" by Don Cortum, GOP candidate for Congress in the 17th Congressional District.

"If the incumbent, who is vice chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, doesn't know, it is about time he be retired in favor of someone who does," Cortum said.

"If 26 years of on-the-job training as a member of the committee most concerned with the national economy hasn't been sufficient to teach him the cause and cure of inflation, sending him back to Washington for another two-year course will not be of very much help," the GOP nominee added.

CORTUM SAID President

Lyndon Johnson's move to suspend the business tax credit will result in a slowdown of business expansion and more unemployment. "This move, supported by Rep. King, would set the country back," Cortum said.

Government borrowing to support a program of deficit spending is responsible for the current inflation, Cortum declared. "Every dollar that is borrowed," he added, "is a dollar that has been created without something having been produced to balance it."

HE CONTINUED, "When there is more money than there are goods on which to spend it, prices are forced up and we have inflation. It's as simple as that."

Cortum said Congressman King, by his voting record, is one of "the big spenders and is thus one of those responsible for the present rise in prices."

## Study for Lomita Civic Center Site Authorized

A resolution by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, authorizing a county study into the development of a Lomita civic center, was approved this week by the Board of Supervisors.

Chace's action came after a formal request for the study by the Lomita City Council.

"We are happy to enter a joint city-county agreement for the development of a Lomita civic center," Chace said. "The full facilities of the County will be used to determine if such a center is feasible."

THE COUNTY currently owns 73,000 square feet of land at Narbonne Avenue and 242nd Street. The site was purchased for consideration as a civic center in 1963, before Lomita was incorporated as a city.

The County property is near the northern boundary of Lomita, and city officials believe it is not suitable for a city-county civic center site.

COUNTY OFFICIALS have indicated that the present County facilities in Lomita are too small and inadequate to serve the area. These facilities include a branch assessor's office, a building and safety office, and a library.

The City Council has asked Chace and the County to consider trading the existing County land for a more central civic center site. The Council favors a location on Narbonne Avenue, between Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

"We want to assist Lomita in developing a civic center which will better serve their residents from a city and County standpoint," Chace said.

## Agencies Seek Help With Mail

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