

ANN LANDERS



Knock It Off, Buddy

Dear Ann Landers: I do not have a problem but my parents think I have one, which is why I am writing to you.

I'm 20 years old (male) and I have a young admirer. She is several years my junior, a real cute little doll and I love her like a sister.

Every night this adorable child calls me on the telephone just to chat. I enjoy talking to her and I look forward to her calls.

Dear V.: You have carefully avoided telling me the age of the "adorable child." Is she 16, or 14, or 13?

Regardless of her age, she's a girl and she has a crazy crush on you. And don't give me the little sister banana oil because no 20-year-old would look forward to a nightly telephone call from his sister.

Knock it off, Buddy. Your folks are right. She'll survive—and better—without you.

Dear Ann Landers: What do you think of a normally bright 18-year-old girl going on a vacation with a lovely head of hair and returning home with a boy-cut, dyed straw yellow?

My husband retired recently and we had planned on taking Sally and her 19-year-old brother to Europe for a month's vacation.

Now my husband says Sally will have to stay at home as he refuses to be seen with her. Our son, who has always adored his sister, is also furious and his sentiments are the same as his father's.

Please tell me what can be done to get this once attractive girl looking like a human being in three weeks. I'd hate to leave her home. Thank you.—WIT'S END

Dear Wit's: (1.) Sally's hair can be tinted her natural color which will help a great deal. (2.) She can wear a hair piece (this is not a full wig) until her own hair grows in.

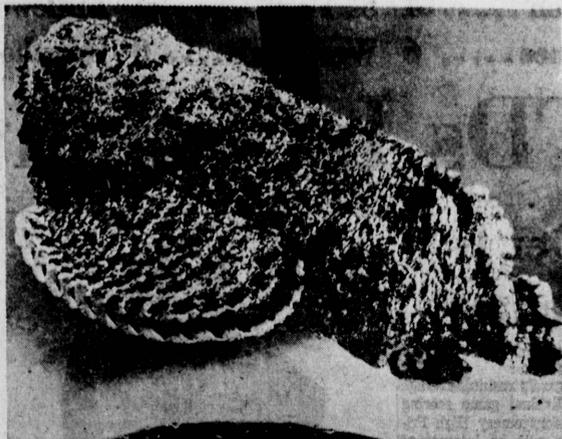
Dear Ann Landers: I think your column is sound and that it serves a very real need. But something about the column bothers me.

Surely you must realize that everyone cannot afford psychiatric help. Yet hardly a week goes by that you don't tell at least a half dozen inquirers to "get therapy," or "see someone who can help you with your emotional problem."

"Recovery" is a non-sectarian group which was started in 1937 for people with emotional problems. "Recovery" does not attempt to substitute for a doctor. It is a self-help therapy group.

Dear J.P.: "Recovery" is an excellent group and I'd like to suggest that anyone interested in this type of therapy write to Recovery Headquarters, 116 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Bride's Guide... Ann Landers' booklet, answers some of the most frequently asked questions about weddings. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of this newspaper.



FISH OR STONE... The deadly stone fish, which is found in the Great Barrier Reef off Australia, doesn't look like much more than a big rock as it swims at Marineland.

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Most Poisonous Fish Swims at Marineland

The dreaded stone fish, most poisonous fish in the world, is now on display at Marineland of the Pacific.

So deadly is the venom of the stone fish that one short stab from any of 18 spines can cause instant death.

The fish, whose ichthyological name is Synanceja horrida, is dark brown and black with a few small orange spots and yellowish coloring.

"THE TOUGH spines of this fish are strong enough to penetrate a tennis shoe."

John Prescott, Marineland curator said, "Each razor-sharp spine is grooved and sheathed in skin."

When anything brushes even slightly against the spine the skin is pushed away and the poison, ejected by a gland at the base of the spine, flows up the groove and into the foreign body.

Lectures Slated Here

Two UCLA Extension lectures will be presented at North High School this week. "The New Biology and Human Values" will be presented tomorrow by Roderic Gorney.

HE ARRIVED at the oceanarium from the Great Barrier Reef near Australia, but the two known species of stone fish inhabit the vast tropical waters of the Indo-Pacific region.

Backing Proposal

The board of trustees of the California Optometric Association has endorsed Proposition 1-A, the Nov. 8 election measure which would provide a start on the first major revision of the California State Constitution since 1879.

Leadership Day

CYO Teen Leadership Day will be conducted by the Catholic Youth Organization Sunday, Oct. 30, the opening of National CYO Week.

Emergency Session on Alcoholism Set Here

An emergency meeting, designed to rally support for legislative action against alcoholism, have been called for next Wednesday by the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council.

More than 150 community leaders will meet at 3 p.m. in the Hacienda Motor Hotel, 301 S. Western Ave., San Pedro.

experts who will discuss the immediate problems of alcoholism. The panel includes: A. C. Holister Jr., M.D., Chief of the Division of Alcoholism of the State Department of Health.

Mark Leh, program consultant for the Alcoholism Council of Greater Los Angeles. Walter J. Nowers, M.D., president of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council.

"Alcoholism ranks as California's No. 1 unmet health problem," Dr. Reeves said. "More than three-fourths of the state's adult population—about 8,500,000 persons—drinks alcoholic beverages and one person in ten has drinking problems."

THE COUNTYWIDE emergency program is sponsored by the Welfare Planning Council, Los Angeles Region; the Alcoholism Council of Greater Los Angeles; Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism, and Los Angeles County Health Department.

The Harbor Area Council serves the Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington, and Gardena areas.

Harbor Church Slates Evening Service Sunday

Pat Guerra, just returned from a year of working with some 500,000 college students in the Philippines, will be the guest speaker at the 7 p.m. worship service today at The Harbor Church, 1032 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City.

Guerra, who also will present a men's quartet from Southern California College and a girls' quartet from The Harbor Church, will tell of his experiences in the Philippines.

The Rev. Robert Pruetz, pastor of the church, has extended a special invitation to young people in the area to attend the service.

Whatever Happened to The Sweet Baby Doll?

Whatever happened to sweet baby dolls, the kind innocent girls hugged, talked to and adored as companions? They were made of sawdust and love; the only semi-realistic thing about them was the bisque head and hands.

It was considered tres fantastique if a family presented a doll that actually opened and shut its eyes. And when they eventually

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introduced one that actually cried it was something to "ooh" and wonder over. Ah, these modern times. What crimes are committed in thy name, babyhood.

A good friend of mine was suggesting that more mothers buy little daughters miniature brooms, dust mops and aprons to teach them household responsibilities rather than present them with today's interpretation of dolls—"painted harlots to frighten them with premature marital responsibilities."

So I went doll shopping to see what today's mothers have wrought for their little darlings.

First, there is the big bestseller, the Bride doll, who comes in all sizes and is dressed in white satin and veil for the big event. She also has an additional wardrobe of going-away clothes, so complete it includes even the sheerest first-night bedroom costume to leave no doubts in the little minds as to what follows a wedding.

Sex symbols were all over the shelves, the most prominent one

being the masochistic Apache dancer-type with beatnik hair, slinky skirts, sequined garter (the badge of the saloon pickups), and streetwalker make-up.

To purchase one of these is, I presume, to alert tots to the importance of exposing as much of their assets as can be legally uncovered, in the interest of facing the possibility that they may never wear a wedding gown but can still get a man. Probably sooner than Mommy expected, too.

I saw those horrors, the too-true-to-life baby dolls with their refuelable weak kidneys requiring constant changing of diapers, application or rash powders, etc. Oh yes, prepare them for motherhood as soon as possible. Who knows at what age little girls may have to take care of the real thing?

I understand that there are now on the drawing boards of toy manufacturers baby dolls that will actually give birth. To be introduced under the guise of "educational toys," these are supposed to be the latest thing. For what, I hate to think.

I also hate to think what comes next under the catch-all heading of education. Mon Dieu! They wouldn't dare! Or would they?

Why must you be in such a hurry to deprive your little innocents of their much too short, uncomplicated childhood? Give babyhood back to babies and leave the facts of life for the time they can face up to them. That time comes all too soon.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

ACROSS

- 1-Country of Europe
2-To gadge (colloq.)
3-A lifting apparatus
4-Pouches
5-A foot in prosody
6-Commands
7-Wild buffalo of India
8-Twist out of shape
9-Liquid part of any fat
10-European
11-A icicle uttered with a female exclamation
12-Large deep vessel for soup
13-Sandarac tree
14-Elf
15-Symbol for selenium
16-Pintal Bucks
17-French for summer
18-Make exclamation
19-Ti (Rom. num.)
20-Slender final
21-To mature
22-Heading vessel
23-Signifying maiden name
24-God of the underworld
25-Make merry
26-The threshold (pl.)
27-Cymbal
28-French for summer
29-City of Michigan
30-Coin
31-Ancient country of SW Asia
32-Fine line of a letter
33-Colonial's greeting to Indian
34-Disburse
35-Harshness
36-Spanish town where Moors defeated Visigoths
37-Thrust back
38-Composed in verse
39-Surgical thread
40-Spoils
41-Recompensed
42-Being near the beach
43-Spanish title
44-Theatrical perform.

DOWN

- 1-Dakota Indian
2-A tealer (pl.)
3-Core for fashioning hollow metal objects
4-Wading birds
5-Pin used in bowling game
6-Brides
7-College dance
8-Queerer
9-Symbol for neon
10-Worm
11-Native of French West Africa
12-Speak in public
13-Recass in a show (pl.)
14-Observe
15-Spread for drying
17-To hit hard
18-Atlantis Braves ballplayer
19-Long-legged bird
20-Drunken carousal
21-Norse goddess of healing
22-In slumber
23-Flower
24-Level
25-At no time
26-Kobold
27-Mts. of Europe
28-U.S. Indians
29-Theholm oak
30-Withers
31-Metric unit of capacity
32-Published form of screen play for use in shooting
33-Bones of the wrist
34-A constellation
35-Male forbears
36-Ran as an easy gait
37-Run as an easy gait
38-A Great dike (abbr.)
39-Flying insect
40-Livestock entertainment
41-Incline the head
42-Urduy outbreaks
43-Apparatus
44-Work behind the saddle
45-Part of fiction
46-Small food fish
47-Sloth
48-Blatance
49-In love with Juliet
50-Dreadful
51-Purposeful
52-Work of ladder (pl.)
53-Kind of meat
54-Laughing
55-Fiscal ending
56-Popular dice number
57-Swimming mammals
58-Podder storage pits
59-Arctic lake
60-Delaware Indian
61-Summers rapax
62-Santa ... race track
63-Condition
64-Jewish home festival
65-Amid
66-Conserves
67-Kind of engineer
68-Brillie
69-Rail
70-Planchet
71-The gods
72-Medical preparation (pl.)
73-Extends
74-Landed property
75-To immerse
76-French revolutionist
77-Pop's short case
78-Cazual
79-Extends
80-Artistic
81-Woody plants
82-Edible seeds
83-Kind of cheese
84-Dress
85-Units of reluctance (elec.)
86-Bodies of infatuation
87-To immerse
88-Mine's name
89-Best of burden
90-100 lbs.
91-Bone



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK... Andrew Rasdal, a third grade student at Riviera Elementary School, learns the procedure for using the city's new fire alarm system from Inspector Robert Myers of the Torrance Fire Department.

Students at schools throughout the city were told about the fire department and its fire prevention activities in school assemblies being held this week in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.