

# ANN LANDERS



## A Five-Letter Word

Dear Ann Landers: Recently I read a letter in your column from a mother who was worried about her soldier son. The mother had not heard from him in several weeks and she telephoned his girl friend to learn if she had heard anything.

My sister had a similar problem. Her oldest boy joined the Marines. She had not received a letter from him in months. Although he was not in a foreign country she was terribly worried that perhaps he was ill or that he had had an accident. So she wrote her Congressman. The Congressman responded as follows:

Dear Mrs. ....: Our office has contacted your son's commanding officer. We have been informed he was discharged four weeks ago."

What kind of a lousy government is it that doesn't even let a mother know when her son is being discharged from the service? Please answer me in the newspaper. I want the whole world to see it.—THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED CITIZEN

Dear Citizen: What kind of a lousy son would be discharged from the service for four weeks and not let his mother know? Please answer me so I can print your reply in the newspaper. I'd like the whole world to see it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband has requested that I write to you about something that has him so burned up his hand is not steady enough to hold a pen.

It so happens my husband is a very good speaker and is called on often to be the master of ceremonies at civic and fraternal affairs. A couple of months ago he was the main speaker at a small club dinner—quite private. He was in top form and told some extremely funny stories. Everyone said he was terrific.

Last night he was the featured speaker at an important dinner, one he had been planning on for many months. The man who introduced him had attended the small club dinner and apparently he had written down my husband's jokes because he used every one of them before my husband got up to speak.

It was a nightmare. My husband couldn't think of anything to say and he had no time to come up with new stories. He really was a horrible flop. Today he is depressed and furious. What is your opinion of a person who would pull such a dirty trick? What can a creative person do to protect himself against this sort of dishonesty?—SYMPATHETIC WIFE

Dear Wife: If I knew of a way to stop idea thieves I'd use it myself.

The world is full of unconscionable people who think nothing of lifting material left and right.

A writer is virtually helpless unless he can prove plagiarism which is not easy. A speaker can always have some spare anecdotes up his sleeve—and he'd better have them for just such emergencies as you described.

Confidential to A Counselor Who Needs Counseling: It does not necessarily follow that a person who has knowledge and training will apply it to his own life. (Witness the number of physicians who are grossly overweight, and smoke and drink excessively.) I know of no substitute for self-acceptance and self-discipline. Discuss your true feelings with someone who can guide you. You were a human being before you were a counselor.

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, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 35 cents in coin. 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

### Stay a Little Farther Behind

Such an unusual letter came to me recently from one of my male readers (who are generally more appreciative of my efforts than you women are) that I thought I should share it with you.

"Dear Count Marco," he wrote. "Many executives besides myself would appreciate it, I'm sure, if you would say something in your column about the pernicious habit many wives have of visiting their husbands at the office."

"Our place of business is rather informal, having a family-style atmosphere, so no one in the management ever has objected if a worker's wife dropped in while downtown — perhaps to join him for lunch, or more likely, to pick up a little shopping money.

"However, some wives, having inserted this thin end of the wedge, shove it in even farther and abuse the privilege. They drop in early for lunch and spend part of the afternoon, disrupting work with their conversations; or they drop in early for quitting time.

"Or, heaven help us, if a man is working nights they drop in and spend the evening.

"Please don't sign my name; my wife is one of the worst offenders." Mon Dieu! If I hadn't already observed with my own eyes the henpecked condition of most American men, I couldn't have taken him seriously. But, knowing you women as I do, I could only conclude he was truthful.

Well, if you women who spend your leisure hours at your husbands' places of employment can't see what you are doing to their careers by your behavior, let me give you a hint: Give it up.

And if you men are so spineless and weak-kneed as to put up with this invasion of your separate world (whose separateness your wives should respect), you deserve to be stopped in your careers anyway; how can you call yourselves executives if you can't even manage your wives?

Another word to the women: Other wise men than I have said that "Behind every successful man there is a woman," but we didn't mean you should be that close behind.

# Photos Tell Real Story Of United Crusade Work

There's an old saying—one picture is worth a thousand words.

And a group of Carson High students have proven the truth of that saying—by taking their cameras to the Long Beach Day Nursery. The nursery is one of the more than 300 agencies which receives aid from the United Crusade.

In words, United Crusade is the largest fund raising appeal in the nation—a part-

nership between the United Way and the American Red Cross which seeks funds for 310 health, welfare, youth, and disaster services in Los Angeles County.

BUT THE camera is more graphic — it captured the idealism of youth, the sympathy of counselors who work with children and with families, and day dreams of childhood.

Photographs shown here

were taken by Nancy Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steele of 23324 Orchard Ave., Wilmington, and by Janet Parry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Peary of 556 Deaford Ave.

Other students, who took the photographs during a photo contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Schools Committee of the United Way, were Michael Dickinson of 205 W. 214th St., Robert Cunningham of 18808 Billings

Ave., and Paul Ryal of Gardena.

THE PICTURES were shot at the Long Beach Day Nursery, which last year received a grant of \$72,911 from the United Crusade to continue its work for children whose parents must work.

Other agencies who benefit from United Crusade funds include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls,

Boys Cubs, Neighborhood Youth Association, the Homer Toberman Settlement House, Children's Hospital, Orthopaedic Hospital, the Catholic Maritime Club, and the Visiting Nurses Association.

A goal of \$260,000 has been established for the Harbor area fund drive—and \$21.5 million must be raised throughout the county. The United Crusade campaign will end Nov. 22.

## History Of India Published

Publication of a new elementary history of India by Dr. Mark Naidis, associate professor of history at California State College, Dominguez Hills, has been announced here.

"India" relates the long and tempestuous history of India from the Aryan invasion in 1500 B.C. to the present.

Dividing point in Indian history was the Great Revolt of 1857, Dr. Naidis says. The revolt marked the end of one epoch and the beginning of another, bringing such new problems as the population explosion, economic development, poverty, and illiteracy to the nation.

"The only thing certain in the 'unchanging East' is change," Dr. Naidis declares in the new book.

STORIES OF such early giants as Ashoka, the Buddhist evangelist, and of the 20th century giants, Gandhi, Nehru, and Jinnah are included.

"India," according to a review published in the August, 1966, "Journal of Asian Studies," possesses "a unique personal flavor. It is the history of India seen through the eyes of a sympathetic American scholar with long experience in making Indian history intelligible to undergraduates."

"PROFESSOR Naidis has succeeded in producing a balanced, sound, concise, and readable book," the review continues.

Dr. Naidis joined the staff of the new college after several years at Los Angeles Valley College. He has published several articles on Indian history, including articles in the "Pacific Historical Review" and the "South Atlantic Quarterly."



SWINGING ON A STAR . . . There's a time for dreaming, for carrying moonbeams home in a jar, and for just plain fun at the Long Beach Day Nursery, one of the agencies supported by local United Way Crusade funds. This photograph, taken by Janet Parry, a former Carson High student, is one of several award winners in the United Crusade's annual high school photo contest.

## Common Sense Can Reduce Fire Loss

More than 11,800 dead, \$1.2 billion in property losses, and a burned home every two minutes — those are the sordid statistics of the havoc caused by fires last year.

Many of those deaths and much of the loss could have been prevented by exercising just a little caution and common sense, Inspector Ken Hall of the Torrance Fire Department told the Torrance Safety Council Monday.

Hall and Inspector Bill Clothier discussed fire prevention during the monthly luncheon meeting of the Safety Council.

ELECTRICAL fires are fast becoming the Number One cause of home fires, Hall said. Such short-cuts as putting a penny behind a fuse, or forcing a breaker switch open is a sure way to get a fire started, he warned.

Fuses and breaker switches are designed as the weakest link in the electrical chain, Hall explained, and they cannot function properly when homeowners bypass them. Over-loading a circuit and then bypassing the fuses almost always will result in a fire, he said.

Another of the chief dangers in the home, he warned, is the presence of many flammable liquids—ranging from gasoline in the garage to cleaning solvents, or even hairspray.

MOST pressurized containers — hairspray, cleaning solvents, and other household items, are flammable, Hall said. "For safety's sake," he added, "read the labels on cans."

A gallon of gasoline, properly dispersed and mixed with air, is the equivalent of 83 pounds of dynamite, Hall said. Since the flash point of gasoline — the point at which vapors are given off — is a minus 45 degrees, it can be ignited easily if one is careless with a match or cigarette. Gasoline, paint thinners, and other such materials should be stored only in approved containers and never placed near a water heater or other source of fire, Hall said.

Paint rags, a common cause of household fires, should be stored only in containers, he added.

## Your Second Front Page Press-Herald

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WORDS OF COMFORT . . . One of many youngsters at the Long Beach Day Nursery, an agency supported by United Crusade funds, is comforted at naptime by an adult counselor at the nursery. More than \$72,000 in United Crusade funds were received last year by the nursery. The photograph is one of several taken by Carson High School students in a United Way contest. Nancy Steele's camera captured this scene.



FUTURE BUILDERS . . . Building for the present and the future is the goal of the Boy Scouts, one of many agencies aided by United Crusade funds collected during the local fund drive. The Cub Scouts pictured here are (from left) Jeff Mulcahy of Palos Verdes, Leslie Swank of Torrance, and Richard Herter of San Pedro. Goal of the Harbor area United Crusade drive, which ends Nov. 22, is \$260,000.

## New Club Formed at North High

Formation of an International Relations Club at North High School has been announced by Gary Parton, faculty sponsor of the new group. Club members will study the United Nations organization and activities, current events, and related subjects. Mock sessions of the Security Council and the International Court of Justice are planned later in the year. Speakers will be invited to address members on these topics.