

ANN LANDERS



A Mouse in the House

Dear Ann Landers: A woman in our card club is one of the dearest people I know. I wouldn't hurt her feelings for the world but she has mice in her house. Yesterday a little grey mouse ran across my feet during the card game and I thought I'd pass out. I managed to keep the discovery to myself but I was so nervous I lost \$4. When the refreshments were served I couldn't eat a thing.

Should I tell her or would it be wise to send her a mouse trap anonymously?—DILLY OF A DILEMA

Dear Dilly: Say nothing, and don't send any anonymous gifts. Sooner or later someone in the family will learn that they have uninvited guests running around and something will be done about it.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to address this letter to "Veteran of Domestic Wars"—the poor little guy who is unable to give his wife sufficient physical attention because her timing is so bad. Imagine! He comes from work and she tells him the washing machine broke and it means a repair bill; or one of the kids needs dental braces and it will cost \$600.

When does he consider the time right for such news? Or maybe she shouldn't bother him at all. She COULD tell the mailman or the lady next door, but I don't think they would come up with the money.

Does "Vet" believe his wife should wait until the first thing in the morning? No. That would ruin his whole day. Should she call him at work right after lunch? He'd hate that.

I say a wife's best bet is before dinner. She must catch him while he is still awake and before he grabs the newspaper and turns on the TV.

If "Vet" would write and tell us wives when is the best time to ask a husband for extra money without rendering him impotent I would be grateful.—JUST ME

Dear Me: If Vet sees this I hope he will respond because this is a question that only a husband can answer.

Dear Ann Landers: That was a wonderfully wise letter from the woman who said we must not forget how important it is for parents to show their children they are loved.

My sister and I both suffered from emotional problems because we felt rejected. Our mother was angry with us most of the time. We seldom received a smile or a word of encouragement. Now, many years later I know why she was cold and uncommunicative.

Like so many other women, her husband paid no attention to her. She hungered for his love and approval and she never got it. I am reminded of something I read in your column, "The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother."—NOW I KNOW WHY

Dear Friend: It's unfortunate that the insight to your mother's sad life didn't come earlier. It could have saved you some grief.

Children who are ignored or treated coldly often feel that they are inadequate—that something is wrong with THEM. How sad that they never learn the truth—that the real inadequacy lies with one parent or both.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents... Ann Landers' booklet, "Bugged By Parents? How To Get More Freedom." Send 50 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed 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. C 1966, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

December Most Deadly Month, Sheriff Warns

The Christmas Season, in addition to being the most joyous time of the year is also the most dangerous. Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess warned today.

Pitchess, predicting December will be the worst crime and accident month in history, noted that "Alcohol, speed, darkness, and pedestrian errors are the four major causes of holiday accidents that can be dealt with by an aware and alert public. These four ingredients can become a formula for death.

"The freeways will be particularly crowded, so if you plan to use them, allow ample time to arrive at your destination. Drive with caution and courtesy, observing all speed limits, the rules of the road, and perhaps most important, the rules of common courtesy.

"This department's 5,000-man force has been alerted to the potential dangers of

Dominguez Bank Names Manager

John P. Knowles Jr. has been named manager of the Bank of America's Dominguez Hills branch, succeeding Kenneth Durian.

Durian has been named manager of the Imperial-Crenshaw branch in Inglewood.

Knowles moves to his new post from an Anaheim branch where he has served as loan officer for the past three years. He first joined the Bank of America in 1954 as a bookkeeper.



PRESENT PLAY . . . Portraying soldiers in a scene from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" are Lloyd Wright (left) and James Tsasaki, third grade students at Riviera Elementary School. Members of Mrs. Marcia Wiesbauer's class presented the classic drama in modern dialogue after studying the Lamb version of "Hamlet" and "Taming of the Shrew."

Third Graders Produce Shakespeare Classics

"To be or not to be," you say. Amateurs have been producing Shakespeare for centuries. True. However, this particular actor—an amateur.

Parks Schedule Holiday Events

Special Christmas holiday activities have been scheduled at all parks and playgrounds supervised by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The supervised activities will get under way next Monday and continue through Friday, Dec. 30. All parks and playgrounds will be staffed from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Parks which will feature special holiday programs include El Nido Park, 18301 Kingsdale; El Retiro Park, 126 Vista Del Parque; Entradero Park, 5500 Towers St.; Guenser Park, 17800 Gramercy Place; Hickory Park, 2800 W. 227th St.; La Romeria Park, 19501 Inglewood Ave.; Lago Seco Park, 3920 W. 235th St.; and McMaster Park, 3624 W. Artesia Blvd.

OTHER PARKS include Paradise Park, 5006 Lee St.; Pueblo Community Center, 2314 Del Amo Blvd.; Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe; Victor Park, 4727 Emerald



PASSES . . . The Rev. Morgan Gates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Torrance from 1957 until 1962, died after a brief illness on Nov. 28, it was reported here this week. The Rev. Mr. Gates was 47. During his ministry here, the church added 997 new members and the annual church budget was increased from \$72,218 to \$120,818. In an earlier pastorate at Compton, the Rev. Mr. Gates had added 1,468 to the church membership in 8½ years. "His service for the church will be greatly missed by all, and he leaves many friends in the local area," the Rev. Robert H. Coburn, current pastor of the Torrance church, said.

St., and Waleria Park, 3855 W. 242nd St.

Special hours at both McMaster and Waleria parks are 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Mondays through Friday, while Victor Park will be supervised from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Playgrounds at the following schools also will be supervised during the two-week period: . . . ARNOLD, 4100 W. 227th St.; Calle Mayor, 4800 Calle Mayor; Crenshaw, 18620 Crenshaw Blvd.; Jefferson, 21717 Tallisman St.; Lincoln, 2418 W. 166th St.; Madison, 17515 Amie Ave.; Madrona, 21364 Madrona Ave.; Magruder, 4100 W. 185th St.; Riviera, 365 Paseo de Arena; Seaside, 4651 Sharynne Lane; Sepulveda, 4600 Merrill St., and Howard Wood, 2250 W. 235th St.

There will be no supervised activities at the parks and playgrounds on Saturday, Dec. 24, and Sunday, Dec. 25, as well as on Saturday, Dec. 31, and Sunday, Jan. 1.

A new program to be conducted during the two-week vacation is the Music Man. Visits to eight areas are planned, where programs featuring Christmas caroling, musical bells, auto harp, fun music, and other holiday musical activities will be conducted.

MISS "POP-IN" will visit parks and playgrounds with a program of special crafts for children of all ages.

The Happy Wanderer Puppet Show will visit McMaster Park, Dec. 19, 20, and 21, and Jefferson playground, Dec. 26, 27, and 28.

Gymnastics will be conducted at the Arnold Playground Dec. 19 through 22 from 10:30 a.m. until noon for the youngsters 7 to 10 years old and from 1 until 2:30 p.m. for youngsters 11 through 14 years old.

No fees will be charged for any of the special programs.

Father DuBay To Speak at Temple Sunday

Father William DuBay, organizer of a union for Catholic priests to be known as the American Federation of Priests, will be the guest speaker at Temple Menorah Sunday evening.

Father DuBay will speak in the series, "Thoughts for Human Understanding," at 8 p.m. A coffee hour will be held following the program.

Temple Menorah is located at 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach.

amateur is unusual. His name is Robert Peterson and he's 8 years old.

With the front of a third grade classroom for a stage and a visiting class for an audience, Robert Peterson and a cast of playmates presented—in full costume—an updated version of the famous classic.

The occasion was a Shakespearean Festival presented by students in Mrs. Marcia Weisbauer's class at Riviera Elementary School.

Sharing billing with the classroom production of "Hamlet" was an adaptation of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Scripts were adapted by Mrs. Weisbauer for the juvenile Shakespearean troupe. Other members of the "Hamlet" cast included: Margaret McDonald as Gertrude, Kirk Watson as Claudius, David McClure as the ghost, Sherrill Shelver as Ophelia, James Robbins, as Polonius, James Barth as Laertes, James Tsasaki as Horatio, and Lloyd Wright as Marcellus. Diane Balfour, Lisa Williams, Andrea Hodes, Gwen Brown, Philip Butchie, Brett Detwiler, Laura Lambert and Michael Toombs also were featured.

Featured in "Taming of the Shrew" were: John Dunn, Petrucio; Janice Jones, Katharine; Jill Holcombe, Bianca; Jeff Day, Baptista; James Gammon, Scott Johnson, Thomas Littlefair and Brett Detwiler, suitors; Eric Suscoff, music master; Mary Jean Harlin, announcer; Cheryl Barker and Will Harrison, servants; Andrea Hodes, hat designer; Gwen Brown, dressmaker; Lisa Williams, Horenio's wife; Ronald Bone, old man; and Drew Forshea, minister.



ROSE PARADE FANS . . . Making certain they have bus tickets and reserved seats for next January's Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena are Don Hyde (center), president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Boh Vroman, chairman of the city's Tournament of Roses committee. Helping them is Bonnie Sinclair, Chamber of Commerce secretary. Tickets for a charter Torrance Municipal Bus and reserved seats are available at the Chamber offices, 1510 Cravens Ave.

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TO SING MASS . . . More than 200 pre-school youngsters, attired in white colored robes and bright red bows, will sing at the 8 a.m. mass at St. James Church Sunday. Practicing for the mass are, from left, Jaime Rojas, Patty Weber, Danny Nelson, and Katie McKinnon. The youngsters have been learning Christmas hymns during their religious studies each Sunday morning.

Recruiting Aimed At Elementary Teachers

"Operation Elementary Teacher Return," a special teacher recruiting drive by the Los Angeles City Schools, has been launched throughout the city.

The drive is designed to attract former elementary school teachers back to the classroom, according to Mario Florio, supervisor of the South-Harbor area personnel office for the Los Angeles City Schools.

"The district faces a shortage of elementary teachers because of a decline in the

number of teacher candidates graduating from local colleges and universities and an increase in the need for teachers because of new federal and state programs," he said.

FLORIO SAID the city schools are seeking to get teachers who have left the profession to raise families back into the classroom. The schools will need some 850 new elementary teachers this spring, he said.

The program also is aimed

at those who hold teaching credentials, but did not start teaching when they finished college.

CANDIDATES who qualify under the program will be assigned to a training program, he explained. If they complete the training program, they will be offered positions in the classroom in February.

Information may be obtained from the South-Harbor Area Personnel office at 1208 Magnolia Ave., Gardena.

COUNT MARCO

You, Dear, Are His Nightmare

What do you do immediately after your beast goes to work in the morning? Would you like to tell me or should I tell you—only my version will be the truth.

Recently, purely in the interest of research and to provide me with more of an insight into a woman's day, I left my brocade jackets behind and donned the blue serge suit of a door-to-door poll taker. I spent an entire week in neighborhoods from the lowest income to the highest.

Mon Dieu! What I saw must give husbands such morning sickness that the most extreme case on the part of mothers-to-be is but a simple headache by comparison. No wonder instant coffee is such a success in this country. It gives husbands less time to have to look at you in the mornings.

I found it most interesting to note in my little black book

that usually about 10 o'clock in the morning, when the mailman wanders down your block, coveys of you come surging out like ambushed quail and, most interestingly, you all come out of the same house, where apparently you have gathered to talk over the latest scheme to put your husbands down.

Most of you must have been having the man-size breakfasts you didn't give your husbands. Not only could I smell ham, bacon, and eggs, but there's something about chenille robes that attracts egg yolk and you sported a goodly supply from breast to ankles.

As to your hair, again I say, "Mon Dieu!" If anyone should ever ask a woman at that time of the morning, "My dear, who does your hair?" you could only answer truthfully, "My automatic washing machine. Do you like it?"

Each of you should get up

at least 35 minutes before your beast does, take out of your hair whatever God didn't put there, wear an attractive, clean brunch coat and high heels. Wearing worn slippers or going barefoot makes you waddle like an aged cow. It's a horrible sight for a husband to see as he comes out of a sound sleep.

As soon as he leaves, start in with your work and don't stop until about an hour before his return. Then you shower, put on a neat dress, some cologne, high heels and greet him at the door—with your mouth shut.

The trouble with American women is you have too much time on your hands, and need I remind you that "idleness is the handmaiden of the devil," and most of you are going to the devil.

Now let me hear no more nonsense about how overworked you are. My dears, I not only doubt it, I know better.