

Crime and Arrest-Rate Increases in City

ANN LANDERS



It's a Small Price

Dear Ann Landers: There are many theories on why women live longer than men. The scientific reason makes sense, but I would like to discuss what I feel is Number One. MEN WON'T GO TO A DOCTOR.

Most women have babies, which means they must see a doctor from time to time, so they become accustomed to doctors and checkups. If a woman notices a danger signal she will go find out what it means. Most men are afraid of doctors and will not go to one unless they become very sick. Often, by that time, it is too late.

My own husband (age 45) never went to a doctor in his life. He had a physical before he went into the Army and that was it.

Two years ago he got it into his head that he had heart trouble. He started to drink, lost weight, couldn't sleep. He got so nervous it began to affect his work. Finally I dragged him to a doctor. He was checked from head to toe and the doctor said he was in very good physical condition and his heart was perfect, but he was run down from worrying about the heart trouble he didn't have.

That was three weeks ago and my husband is like a new man. He said he could kick himself for behaving like a fool. Please print my letter for wives who have this problem. Maybe if they show this to their husbands it will get them to go to a doctor and save off widowhood for 10 to 20 years. —MERCED, CALIF.

Dear Merced: Here's your letter—and a very good one it is. I hope the men who recognize themselves will get going and do something about it. Every husband owes it to his family to get an annual checkup. The time and inconvenience is a small price to pay for better health and added years of life.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 23, have a good job, and everyone says I have good sense. Several months ago I started to date a man who is divorced and I am pretty sure we are in love.

Last week he asked me to marry him, but because of his first bad experience he does not wish to take any more chances. He feels that we should live together a few months to see how we get along under domestic circumstances. He wants to see if I am a good cook and housekeeper, how I behave in the morning, and what my night habits are.

He says he is almost sure I will pass the test, but he wants to make certain. If I refuse to go along with his proposal, I might lose him. Yet if I agree he may tire of me and not marry me after all.

Please give me some practical advice, Ann. I want to marry this man.—2 B OR NOT 2 B.

Dear B: If you want to offer yourself for a 90-day free trial, like a vacuum cleaner, go ahead, but don't expect it to enhance your chances for marriage. If anything, it will diminish them.

Your proposal is not really a proposal. It is a proposition, Dummy.

Confidential to Missed A. Plenty: Put your nose back in joint, Kiddo. This country has been pretty darned good to you. What have you done to improve the situation you find fault with?

When romantic glances turn to warm embraces is it love or chemistry? Send for the booklet "Love Or Sex And How To Tell The Difference," by Ann Landers, includes a long, stamped self-addressed envelope and fee in coin with your request. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Some Youths Adults Some Of the Time

Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — Young married couples won some of their status as adults today when Governor Ronald Reagan signed SB 820, by Senator Donald Grunsky (R-Santa Cruz County).

The bill provides that married minors between 18 and 21 years of age, have reached the age of majority for all purposes of the civil code, the probate code, and code of civil procedure.

The bill, however, does not permit a married minor to purchase alcoholic beverages, the governor's office pointed out.

Attorneys To Preview New Center

The August meeting of the South Bay Bar Association tomorrow will feature a preview tour of Del Amo Financial Center followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. on the top floor of the Union Bank Tower, according to Thomas P. Foye of Sweeney, Coxy and Foye.

Del Amo Financial Center is in the final stages of construction. Western Federal Savings opened June 30 and Union Bank is scheduled to move into its new quarters Aug. 21.

A number of other tenants, including United California Bank, Bateman Eichler-Hill Richards, Inc., the Advanced Structures Division of Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., and several insurance companies, will be moving in during the next month.

Grand opening will be held Sept. 18 to 23 with dedication, open house events, and other public activities planned for that week. The financial center is located in the northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street.

Craft Show Scheduled

Torrance Recreation Center will play host to the South Bay Regional Craft Show Aug. 24, sponsored by the County Recreation and Parks Department.

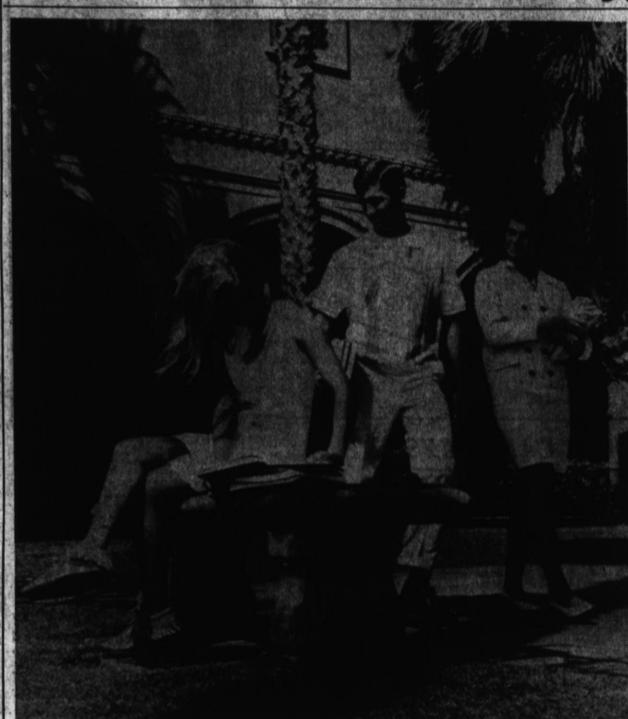
One of five county locations for the event, the center at 3341 Torrance Blvd. will offer contestants the opportunity to compete for county awards which will include display at the Los Angeles County Fair in September.

Craft categories include ceramics, jewelry, weaving, textile decoration, wood, leather, and experimental work. The experimental work category offers an opportunity for creation in the areas of clay, metal, plastics, and fiber materials.

Applications can be obtained from the County Parks and Recreation Department's social and cultural section.



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WHAT'S IN IS OUT... Current "in" clothes, including the coulettes being worn here by Teri Borrelli, 15, are out so far as the Torrance Board of Education is concerned this year. Miss Borrelli, who quickly explains she dressed this way only to illustrate the way not to show up for classes next month, also wears unapproved shoes and displays, the "sloppy look" in her hairdo. Providing the contrast to show what the well dressed boy and girl will wear to school this fall are Ken Roberts, 17, and Betty Johnson, 16. (Press-Herald Photo)

Students Get the Word On What's Proper Dress

Torrance schools will lower the boom on students who don't follow new student dress and grooming regulations on campus this fall.

At a meeting held last week, the Board of Education asked principals to send home every student who ignores dress and grooming codes, beginning with the very first day of school.

Under the newly-adopted regulations, the school board has spelled out from head to toe what is in and what is out in the way of campus dress this fall.

MODESTY will be the byword for girls. Dresses and skirts "of a length that presents a modest, well-groomed and suitable appearance" are in, as are full-cut skirt-like culottes of the proper length. Extreme fad dresses or skirt styles, mini-skirts, micro-skirts, mini-culottes, and culottes, and those which "show under garments below the hemline" are out.

Also out are slacks, jeans, shorts, pedal pushers, perts, sheer blouses, low-cut sun dresses, and spaghetti-strap dresses. Blouses not designated as overblouses are to be tucked into skirts, and sweat shirts are to be reserved for use only during physical education classes.

From head to toe, the word is well-groomed. For heads this means "neat and clean hair," "no spraying of hair except in the gym," and "no rollers or clips in hair on campus." As for toes, regulations call for footwear which "provides good protection for health and safety reasons." Shoes must have backs or back straps and "firm soles." Bare feet, sandals, beach shoes, thongs, go-a-heads, and open-toed huaraches are out unless the girl gets a special permit from the school nurse.

ALSO ON the forbidden list is the use of excessive make-up, applying make-up in class, and wearing of clothes and

In Tournament
The Torrance Adult Club will compete Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the District 1 Any Singles Shuffleboard Tournament at Palisades Park in Santa Monica.

Police Officers Win Praise for Greater Efforts

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The chances of being a victim of major crime in Torrance has increased 27.4 per cent for the first seven months of 1967 over a similar period in 1966, but this increase is overshadowed by a 40.4 per cent increase in Torrance police arrests in major crime.

This large jump in arrests is due, according to Chief Walter Koenig, to the "tremendous effort and job of the whole department." "This increase has been accomplished by stimulating our officers to greater efforts and by their willing response to these stimuli," the Chief explained.

LEADING the increases in arrests, according to a department report, is an increase of 82.3 per cent in robbery arrests. While the number of robberies have increased 21.8 per cent to 67 this year, 31 suspects have been arrested in this connection.

The reason for this increase, said the Chief, was due to a concentrated effort in investigation of robberies. A similar increase in arrests has been shown in the number of suspects taken into custody for burglaries. An increase in burglaries totaling 11.2 per cent, appears small compared to an arrest increase of 54.8 per cent. For the first seven months, there were 1,079 burglaries in the city with 127 arrests by police.

JUVENILE crime activity has accounted for 522 arrests this year, increasing the yearly percentage over 1966 by 46.6 per cent.

Narcotics offenses have accounted for a 29.5 per cent increase in arrests. A total of 92 offenders having been booked this year.

In rape cases, 12 offenses this year have led to the arrest of four persons. Last year nine offenses were committed with one arrest.

SPEAKING about the 40.4 per cent increase in overall arrests, Police Chief Koenig said his department had "reversed the trend of defeatism." "If there were an officer for every two persons, there still would be crime," Koenig said.

The Chief related that for the Los Angeles metropolitan area, a 37 per cent crime increase occurred last year while national increases in major crime totaled 21 per cent.

FOR ALL kinds of crimes, California has experienced an increase of 6.9 per cent last

year, according to a recent Federal Bureau of Investigation report.

Only one murder was committed in the city this year, compared with four last year to date. Torrance Officer David N. Selbert was the first murder victim Thursday as he tried to stop a market hold-up.

SPEAKING about Selbert's murder, the Chief said, his department would "shake it off" and possibly the tragic event would inspire his officers to do even better.

Selbert's death left three vacancies on the force, Koenig said. But, he expects that in a few months there may even be a waiting list for employment. The department has 157 sworn personnel at present.

Alignment Of Drain Approved

A change in the alignment of a proposed storm drain in Redondo Beach and Torrance has been approved by County Supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the action was recommended following detailed studies. The change had been requested by the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

The change affects line B of Project No. 1105, which will be built as part of the \$275 million 1964 storm drain bond issue, Chace said.

As realigned, the segment joins line A of the drain in 190th Street at Rindge Lane and runs south in rights of way for some 4,500 feet to the existing Henrietta Street Sump located in Torrance.

STUDIES indicated the change will give equal service to the drainage area and require less tunneling, Chace said. This is expected to result in a considerable savings in construction costs.

Line A of the job is due to begin at the ocean some 900 feet southwest of Harbor Drive on a prolongation of Herondo Street, run northeast in rights of way to Harbor Drive, northeast in Herondo to the Santa Fe rail line, northeast in rights of way about 1,000 feet to Pacific Coast Highway and Anita Street, northeast in Anita to Flagler Lane, and east in 190th Street to Anza Avenue.

The project is being designed by the cities and will be built by private contractors under Flood Control District supervision.

County Telephone Service Gets a New, Modern Look

Improved and streamlined telephone service is not a luxury but a necessity when you are responsible for dispensing vital and emergency services.

In a word, you have to go modern, and that's what Los Angeles County is doing, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the county's Communications Department.

"The county must provide speedy and efficient telephone service to its constituents," Chace said. "Many residents deal with the county only by telephone and their requests must be received and channeled to the proper department quickly and correctly."

"THE OBLIGATION encompasses everything from emergency requests—such as those summoning a deputy sheriff

or a fire crew—to routine inquiries about voting procedures or a zoning law," Chace said.

"To keep up with the pace imposed by thousands of calls to scores of county facilities each day, the county is bringing the most modern equipment available into daily use."

Chace cited as an example a new and completely modern system recently installed in the Central District Health Center at 241 N. Figueroa St. and the Health Department Administrative Offices in the old Hall of Records, 220 N. Broadway.

THE NEW system uses the recently developed 608 PBX switchboard, which processes calls more quickly and in a more simplified manner.

Most county office extensions are five-digit numbers. Through the new switchboard

these stations can be reduced to three numbers with a significant increase in efficiency.

In addition, the new system incorporates many features which save the operators much time, such as semi-automatic push-button operation and a more realistic switchboard layout.

"IN OTHER words, the old switchboard, which looked so confusing as it was—which was not built for the convenience of the operators—is a thing of the past," Chace said.

The Health Department system is just a start," Chace added. "As demands present themselves, the entire county system will be streamlined so that residents can get quicker answers—and operating costs can be reduced."

COUNT MARCO

High Fashion Needs the Count

What goes on behind the scenes of European fashion showings? Warfare, blackmail, blackballing, intrigue, and foot kissing.

As one female writer admitted: "Fashion designers are dictators." That they are! Unfortunately.

It should be the other way around: The fashion writers and/or buyers should have remained dictators. If they don't take back their former position, "high fashion" will continue to sink lower and lower, with ever more gimmicks instead of true fashions suitable for women.

Certain fashion houses, most notoriously Mme. Chanel and Pierre Cardin in Paris, have such a personal hatred for each other that they wait until the last moment to announce their private showings. Should Cardin announce late on a Thursday, "Showing 5:30 tomorrow," Chanel quickly changes her showing to the same time, same day.

Reporters must make the choice. Cardin warns the press in no uncertain terms:

"If you don't appear at my showing this season, you won't get invited to the next."

Mme. Chanel also sternly enforces the same knuckledown policy. Because both Cardin and Chanel have been news for years, this is sordid blackmail of the most insulting degree: Fashion designers dictating to the press what they shall report!

To prevent a continuation of such highhanded dictatorial control, the American press, the mightiest and most liberal in the world, should take a firm stand. Publishers and editors should insist on a prepared schedule announcing ALL showings in advance, and any fashion house which dares to change its showing arbitrarily should be ignored thereafter.

Fashion houses can only survive on the publicity they receive. They'll come to heel soon enough.

When I disgustedly remarked that it was time someone lowered the boom, Italian fashion executives threw up

their eyes and hands in horror.

"Why, some of the designers wouldn't show at all, then." "Va bene, good!" I retorted. Once a certain house was dropped from the master list of couture showings the word would immediately get around: "They're not good enough." The kiss of death to any designer.

In the interests of saving high fashion, an association must be established along strict lines.

When I talk about organizing the Italian fashion industry in a businesslike manner, I am usually greeted with a horrified exclamation and asked, with almost religious fervor, "But what man would dare organize these temperamental artists?"

Very calmly, I answer, "Me!"

Providing, of course, I had the co-operation, not of the Italians, but of the American fashion writers. And I'm afraid they're not women enough to back such a practical idea. Not after what I've said about some of them.