

ANN LANDERS



Don't Wait; Get Help

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "Ashamed Screaming Mother" had special meaning for me because my own mother was the champion screamer of all times.

A child never forgets when a mother says, "I wish you had died when you were a baby. You have been a terrible disappointment to me." Or—"You ruined my life. I wish I had never had you." It's unbelievable the soul-searing things that can come out when a nut begins to yell her head off.

My mother's favorite expression after one of her screaming fits was, "I love you so much I would walk into the ocean to save you." Since we lived 1,000 miles from the nearest ocean I could see no chance of her proving her love in this dramatic manner. I once said to her, "If you love me so much why don't you just treat me a little better and stop saying such awful things?"

I'm a grown woman now and my mother has been in a mental institution for many years but I can truthfully say I have little or no compassion for her. I have tried to be forgiving but it is impossible to erase those horrible childhood memories. Please get this vital message across to all screaming mothers everywhere. It could save their youngsters a lot of grief.—ONE WHO SURVIVED.

Dear One: It is difficult to get ANY message across to a mother who would say to her child, "I wish you had died when you were a baby," and then, minutes later, offer to walk into the ocean to prove her love. You might just as well try to bore a hole through a brick wall with a toothpick.

Your mother's wide emotional swings indicate that she was a very sick woman. What I would like to tell all screaming mothers everywhere is this: When you feel yourself slipping out of control, get professional help. Don't wait until you slide over the edge. It may be too late.

Dear Ann Landers: Don't give me heck. Just tell me what to do. I am 19 now and have grown up a lot these past three years.

When I was a junior in high school there was a fad. If a fellow liked a girl he gave her a street sign. I now have in the basement of our home signs which read Yield, Slow, Dangerous Curve, Stop, No Passing Allowed, and Soft Shoulder.

I would like to take these signs back but I don't know where they belong. Also, I don't want to get into trouble. Will you please tell me what to do? — CHANGED SIGNALS.

Dear Changed: Telephone the police and ask if they will send someone from the Traffic Department to your home to pick up the signs, or if they would prefer that the signs be brought to the nearest station.

Be aware that you are in possession of property which you do not rightfully own. I am hopeful that the police will be lenient since you are volunteering to return the signs.

And, by the way, I hope no lives were lost because some fun-loving kid removed a sign which was placed at a critical spot for a very good reason.

Confidential to Want To Help: You are not a physician and neither am I. It is a fact that some skin eruptions are caused by emotional problems, but I would not attempt to diagnose the case and neither should you. Suggest that your friend see a specialist.

Detaching may be "in" to the kids you run with—but it can put you "out" for longer. You can cool it and stay popular. Read "Boons and You"—For Teen-Agers Only. Send 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your return.

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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Supervisors Proclaim Fiesta Week in County

A proclamation declaring Supervisor Burton W. Chace Oct. 10 to 15 as Fisherman's Fiesta Week in Los Angeles County has been approved.

Narbonne High Class of 1950 Slates Reunion

A reunion is being planned for the Summer Class of 1950, Narbonne High School, in October.

The whereabouts of the following class members is not known: Jim Boylson, Beverly Bordon, Freddie Cisneros, Jerry Crow, Don Dunn, Gertrude Drew, Laura Hodges, Jerry Holmes, Lillian Johnson, Peggy Orr, George Ogihara, June Vernon, Monty Cloward, Janet Clemmer, Walter Constedt, Wanda Ellingsworth and Bill Ferdinando.

Anyone having information about these class members is asked to call Joanne Risler Stark, after 6 p.m.

A resolution saluting the Fisherman's Fiesta was passed by the Board of Supervisors, on Chace's motion yesterday.

"The Fisherman's Fiesta at San Pedro is one of the most colorful and entertaining celebrations on the Southern California calendar," Chace said.

He pointed out that the fishing industry is an important segment of the Southern California economy, contributing millions of dollars and thousands of jobs to the commercial growth of the community.

The Fisherman's Fiesta is the annual autumn Thanksgiving festival of the fishing community, where the fishermen and their families give thanks for safe return and the harvest of the ocean.

A scroll which proclaims Fisherman's Fiesta will be presented to Joseph Monti, president of the Fiesta, at a board meeting soon, Chace said.



DEDICATE SCHOOL... The new Sam Levy Elementary School, named for a pioneer Torrance businessman, was dedicated last week in special ceremonies attended by members of the late Mr. Levy's family. Mrs. Levy is pictured here with Bert M. Lynn, president of the Board of Education, as she presents a portrait of her late husband which will hang in the school. The school was named in memory of Mr. Levy on a suggestion by Lynn.

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Lions 'White Cane' Drive Will Benefit the Sightless

Lion Byron Chan has been appointed chairman of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club White Cane Day drive which will be held Friday.

Lion President Thomas Burchfield added that the Torrance club is joining with nearly 800 other Lions Clubs of California and Nevada in telling their cities of the work done in this area.

The White Cane Days event, which raises funds for the local club's Blind and Sight Care work, is financed by the Lions Club so that every cent donated is used in this phase of the club's community service, Burchfield said.

Concern for the blind and sight-needy is one of the basic projects of Lions International, and this two-state region, known as Multiple District Four, has raised more than 2 million dollars in less than 15 years for exclusive use in this field.

Types of sight services rendered by Lions of California-Nevada vary from examination and determination of kind and extent of eye deficiencies to the repair and correction of particular problems where the need exists,

and includes efforts to adjust those who do not see to their life in a seeing world.

"The important fact is that through Lions Clubs' efforts, many individuals hold their heads erect and live a fuller life because of the dimes and dollars that have pyramided into a myriad of good things which never could have been if Lions had not led their communities in the White Cane Days Parade of assistance," says Burchfield.

During recent years, the Torrance Lions have spent their White Cane funds in such projects as follows:

Eye examinations, lenses and frames, orthoptic exercises, Braille writers for blind children, electro magnets presented to two local hospitals for removing steel particles from the eyes, diagnostic instruments presented to local hospitals, many cases of eye surgery including payment of hospital costs, a scholarship to train a teacher to teach blind or partially sighted children, and support of the program conducted by the Foundation for junior blind.

A surgical microscope was donated to a local hospital

and bus tours of blind children from Foundation of Junior Blind have been sponsored along with a Galvanic Diathermy unit for a local hospital.

Craft Class Scheduled In Redondo

A special course for the "do-it-yourselfer" begins Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. when the Redondo Beach Parks and Recreation Department offers an adult crafts course at Lincoln Recreation Center.

Stressing home decoration, copper enameling, stained-glass decanters and paper flowers are included in the curriculum as well as liquid clusters and the making of plastic molding for grape papier mache decorative items.

Instructor for the course, Cal Sunshine, is the arts and crafts coordinator for the Redondo Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

Enrollment will take place at the time of the first meeting, or at the Parks and Recreation Department, 415 Diamond St., Redondo Beach.

Pilot Completes 100 Missions in Vietnam

MIG fighter, Air Force Lt. Col. Arthur F. Dennis of Sherman, Tex., is one of a special breed in Vietnam.

Colonel Dennis, 38, son of Arthur E. Dennis, 4118 Pasco de las Tortugas, completed his tour as an F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bomber pilot with the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, after flying his 100th combat mission over North Vietnam. His target on the final mission was railroad rolling stock in Mu Gia Pass.

Like others of the special breed-men who complete the required 100 missions over North Vietnam and then use their vast combat experience in directing various phases of the war—he isn't finished in Vietnam.

Although he won't be flying an F-105 against enemy targets, the enemy will still be hearing much from him in the form of other pilots who will be hitting targets planned by the colonel.

DENNIS HAS been reassigned to the Seventh Air Force Directorate of Combat Operations at Tan Son Nhut Air Base for the remaining six months of his one-year tour in Southwest Asia. He will work in the directorate's current plans division, developing plans for striking targets in North Vietnam.

During his tour as a pilot, Dennis took part in numerous headline-making raids in the Hanoi area including the Thai Nguyen Steel Complex, Hoa Lac Airfield, Viet Tri Railroad Yards and Power Plant, Hanoi Power Plant and others.

He downed a MIG-17 in aerial combat April 28, while leading a flight of Thunderbirds against a heavily defended bridge, a major transportation route across a large river five miles southwest of Hanoi.

He had just dropped his bombs on the target and was pulling out of his dive when he saw an F-105 skimming a nearby ridge with the MIG-17 in pursuit. The colonel pressed into position behind the MIG, quickly closed in and fired his Vulcan-Gatling gun.

THE MIG BURST into a large ball of flames and spiraled to the ground. The colonel had his share of "close calls" himself. During his many missions into the Hanoi area, he can recall only one or two where the sky wasn't heavily defended.

Colonel Dennis also flew 100 combat missions in Korea—60 in an F-90 Shooting Star and 40 in the F-84 Thunderjet. Unlike his Vietnam tour, his plane was hit three times during raids over North Korea but he nursed the aircraft to home base each time.

Dennis describes the air war in the North as "another world." "The hardest part is the waiting before a mission," he said. "We received our mission assignments the night before and it's a job staying mentally and physically alert for any task. Once you are in the aircraft and on the way everything is fine."

"An average mission takes about three and one half hours of flying with from five to fifteen minutes over the target. The dive bomb run is

when the aircraft is most vulnerable to enemy ground fire, but there isn't much time to worry about it—there's too many things to be done."

Colonel Dennis sums up his feelings on the job pilots are doing in Vietnam with "it's great. It isn't a glamorous life, but the pilots give it everything they've got."

DENNIS ENLISTED in the Air Force in September, 1948. Too young to fulfill a childhood dream of becoming a fighter pilot, he served his first 15 months in service as an airman.

Trained as an aircraft mechanic, his first assignment was at Perrin AFB, Tex., where he was a crew chief on a T-6 trainer aircraft. He ap-

plied for pilot training the very day he became old enough. Early in his flying career, he returned to Perrin and flew the same T-6 he had maintained as a crew chief.

Among the decorations Colonel Dennis earned in Vietnam are two awards of the Air Force's sixth highest award for heroism—the Distinguished Flying Cross—and nine awards of the Air Medal.

He is a 1948 graduate of Mackenzie High School, Detroit.

His wife, Edna, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stephens, 1310 N. Harrison, Sherman, Tex. The Dennis' four children are: Stephen, 15; David, 11; Nancy, 9 and Kara, 5.



THREE MORE WEEKS... Billy Creamer, who plays the role of Mr. Peachum, gets a loving embrace from Marie Dena, who portrays Mrs. Peachum, as their daughter, played by Connie Prudence, watches. The scene is from the current Chapel Theatre hit, "Threepenny Opera," which will play weekends through Oct. 15. Tickets are available at the Chapel Theatre boxoffice, 4164 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

Registration Open for New Drafting Classes

Registration is still open in machines, templates, guides, and other time-saving devices.

A tuition fee of \$3 and a 50-cent incidental fee may be paid at the first class a student attends.

Additional information is available by calling the adult education office.

Designed for persons employed in drafting and related production engineering jobs who wish to learn and develop practical illustration drawing techniques, the course includes isometric, oblique, and perspective drawing and features the basic methods and techniques used by professional illustrators in preparing pictorial drawings and graphic illustrations.

Students will use drafting

To Limit Speed

To increase safety a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit will soon go into effect on Tanglecliff Avenue from Victoria Street to Meadbrook Street and a Meadbrook Street from Tanglecliff Avenue to Lysander Drive, reports Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

COUNT MARCO

'No' Stops a Lot of Trouble

The most helpful hand a mother can offer her child is the back of it.

At my lectures someone is always bound to ask me what I think of the hippie generation. My answer is, "Not much and I think even less of their parents."

What exactly is a hippie? He is an adult child who had no parental control, no family unity, no responsibilities, and is a member of the laziest collection of sloths in the entire world.

Having never learned the meaning of responsibility in his childhood, he prefers to ignore it ever afterwards.

When girls of 12 to 15 are caught in the nets and nests of these irresponsible creatures, I can only shudder. What weak parents they must have had to inspire such disregard for their most valuable possession, life itself.

The time to prevent such a tragedy in your home is the day the child understands the

meaning of "No" with its restrictions, laws, regulations and obligations, the sooner they learn that those two letters, N and O, put together are more powerful than life itself, they can get along with life.

Take such a little thing as a pet. How many parents give in at the whim of the children. "Honest, Mom, I'll take care of it always if you'll let me have one?" After the novelty wears off, Mom takes care of it or gives it away in disgust.

The child must keep that promise. To enjoy the pleasure of the pet may cost him another pleasure later but also the first basic lesson of responsibility sinks in.

Another example is permitting your daughter to sleep late school mornings so she must rush out without making the beds or picking up her clothes. "But, gee whiz, Mom, I'll be late!"

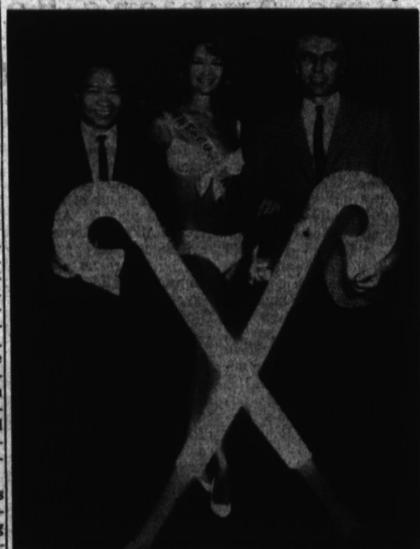
Fine! If once or twice she

learns what the penalty is for being late, she'll get up earlier other mornings.

Every girl must have household chores to do and she must get them done with absolutely no excuses. If, for example, she is required to scrub the kitchen floor on her hands and knees, wash the windows and do the laundry on weekends (all good training for when she becomes a wife) and she wants to accept an invitation for a weekend, she can stay up all night and do her job, use her allowance to hire someone else to do it, or stay home.

Children must be taught through experiences that pleasures are earned, not handed out. Otherwise comes a day when it's too late and they escape through other means.

They are failures, but so are you because only you could have prevented it.



FUSH WHITE CANES... Miss Dee Hudson, Miss Sight Conservation of 1967, joins Lions' White Cane Chairman Byron Chan (left) and Thomas Burchfield, president of the Downtown Torrance Lions' Club, to urge residents to buy White Canes during the Lions' annual drive Friday. Proceeds from the White Cane Day drive are used in the club's sight conservation programs.