

Police to Establish Reserve Force Here



**ANN
LANDERS**

Just Say Thanks

Dear Ann Landers: My sweetheart is in the service. Four months ago he went to Vietnam. I have been writing to him five times a week and he has been writing to me about three times a week.

Yesterday his mother telephoned to say he had bought an engagement ring for me over there and is sending it to them. He has asked that his father slip the ring on my finger and then I am to consider myself engaged.

My question is this: What should I do when his father puts the ring on my finger. Should I kiss him, say thank you, or what? His wife will be present and his younger son will be on hand to take a picture which will be sent to my fiancé. Thank you. — HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

Hands: I don't think a boy in Vietnam (or any place else) should be very enthusiastic about a picture of his sweetheart kissing his father. Just say "thank you" and send your fiancé a picture of you looking adoringly at the ring.

Dear Ann Landers: This is one letter I must write or I won't be able to sleep tonight.

I say hooray for Grampa — the 80-year-old widower who is going steady with a nice lady and buys tickets to ball games and concerts and has taken to wearing a tweed jacket and sneakers. His children should be delighted that he is enjoying life.

My mother died four years ago and I'd be thrilled if my father showed an interest in sports or music or anything. All he does is sit around the house and cry — and he's not 80, he's 64. He is depressed, miserable and he makes everyone around him feel utterly helpless because nothing we do for him makes any difference.

Please, tell those kids who hate to see Grampa spending all that money and "acting like a fool" that they are lucky. EXPERIENCE TALKING

Dear Ex: You told e'm and I bless you for it. Thanks for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 8-year-old son must go to the hospital and be operated on for a hernia next month. I feel we should tell him in advance and prepare him for what is coming. My mother says we should keep quiet about it. According to mother kids are never happy about going to the hospital and the less time they have to dread it the better. "Just tell Johnny you are going for a ride and take him to the hospital," is her advice. Is my mother right or wrong? — DARNDFIKNOW

Dear Darned: Your mother is wrong. Tricking a child is the worst possible approach. It is far better to tell Johnny in advance (three days is enough) that he is going to the hospital and that the doctor is going to make him 100 per cent well. You might even make it sound like an exciting adventure. The doctor will be glad to brief you on what to say if you need his help.

Confidential to The Maharani of Chicago Heights. Tell the Maharaja that cleaning the bathtub after one's self is no big deal — it's simply good manners. Just because people are related does not give them the right to be inconsiderate of one another.

How will you know when the real thing comes along? Ask Ann Landers. Send for her booklet "Love Or Sex And How To Tell The Difference." Send 35 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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RICHARD A. SWART
Auto Club Safety Expert

FOR CYCLE RIDERS

Training Helps Reduce Crashes

Motorcycle accident figures can be trimmed way down through stricter safety laws and intensive educational programs, according to Richard A. Swart, assistant manager of the public safety department, Automobile Club of Southern California.

Swart spoke Monday at the Torrance Safety Council luncheon meeting, telling about a pilot program developed to show that proper training and safety measures can minimize motorcycle casualties.

The pilot program is a joint venture undertaken by the Los Angeles Police Department, the Boy Scouts of America, the Auto Club, and BSA Motorcycles Western.

"GUINEA PIGS" for the experiment were 14 members of La Mirada Boy Scout Explorer Post 981-X, who adopted classrooms and the parking lot of a neighborhood church as their training grounds.

Beginning last June, the scouts first tackled the basic rules of safe driving and then learned about the inner workings of motorcycles and the

functions of various controls. Next step for the boys (ages 16 and 17) was to put their knowledge into practice by breezing around the parking lot.

In the final stage of the Saturday morning training series, the scouts were allowed to drive on streets and highways.

SWART SHOWED a reel of movie film taken during training sessions, tracing the boys' progress. Their film, he said, will be edited into a 15-minute movie which will be available to other organizations desiring to implement this basic approach to motorcycle safety.

The Auto Club representative pointed out that more than 70 per cent of all motorcycle accidents involve a rider who is on a borrowed machine. A high percentage of motorcycle traffic deaths involve persons classified as "beginners."

Proper programs of training, he believes, can cut these statistics down.

SWART SAID that motorcycle travel presents 20 times the risk involved in car travel. Last year, he added, there were more than 12,000 motorcycle accidents in California, 276 of which were fatal.

To help curb the number of accidents, Swart said, legislation is needed to tighten license requirements and regulate the protective gear worn by motorcyclists. At present, only a car driver's license is required, Swart said.

COUNT MARCO

An Old Shoe Needs Polish

Your magic amazed me! Your hair, your eyes, your unbelievable mouth. But that was last night (or yesterday). Where are they now?

It's so easy for you to forget yourself—but why? Such a pity, when you took so many pains at the beginning. It should be a natural to keep up your appearances.

Think of yourself as an old pair of comfortable shoes whenever you try to delude yourself into thinking your husband likes you just the way you are.

You may be all right to loaf around with when there's nothing important to do. But when time comes to make an impression, he looks for a better, newer pair which combines comfort with quality.

One wife found this out, and her advice to you is tremendously valuable. And I remind you that no wife is so far gone that, with a little bit of effort and pride, she can't become once again, as the day he married her, his

most prized and valued possession.

My correspondent honestly reviews herself (and so many of you) as she writes:

"It took only a year of marriage to transform the girl my husband courted into a wife he loved — in spite of her looks rather than because of them. I was 25 pounds overweight; my hair, which I had taken such pains with during our courtship, had become — well, the most that could be said of it was that at least it was clean. My dress was clean also, but again that was about it.

"Oh, I had the usual excuses: A baby to take care of and besides, my husband and I loved each other — what need had I for frills?"

"I sure woke up when one time his sister really fixed my hair up and my husband couldn't take his eyes off of me (nor his hands, once we got home).

"That started me thinking, all right. Not too long after that, he remarked about our

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Bell to Attend Reception Here

Congressman Alphonzo Bell will be honored Sunday at a reception sponsored by the California Republican League of the South Bay. The reception, scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m., will be held at the Ramada Inn, 4111 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

Purpose of the reception, according to Robert I. Rosen,

is to give Congressman Bell a chance to renew acquaintances and discuss informally some of the issues now before the Congress.

The Festival Singers and the Southlanders Dixieland Band will provide entertainment during the reception. Members of the band include Paul Gordon, Eric Lewis, Pat Binford, and Mark Scott, all of South High; Charles Reinhardt and George Ankus, both of North High; and Frank Maxim, West High.

The reception is open to the general public. There is no admission charge and proceeds from the no-host bar will go to the CRL of the South Bay.

"The CRL feels that this is an ideal opportunity for the people of this district to meet their Congressman," Rosen said. "Congressman Bell and his wife, Sally, welcome the chance to talk with their long-time district friends and discuss the problems facing the Congress."

Bell represents California's mammoth 28th Congressional District, which stretches from the Palos Verdes Peninsula north to the Los Angeles-Ventura county line. It is one of the largest Congressional districts in the nation and the largest in the state.

Conference Report Due At Meeting

The Educational Council of Torrance will hold its next luncheon meeting on Monday in the Torrance Recreation Center at 12 noon.

Those attending will hear the "Report of the California Association of School Administrators and the California School Boards Association Conferences."

The Crenshaw Elementary Choir will sing.

Counseling Offered at El Camino

"Interested persons planning to enter El Camino College in the spring semester are encouraged to take advantage of evening counseling available Monday through Thursdays to assist prospective students in planning a program of studies," stated Dr. Leo M. Christian, dean of admissions and records.

"Applicants should avoid a last-minute rush by making early arrangements for admission," he stated.

"El Camino College will accept high school graduates, or non-graduates who are 18 years of age or older, providing district residence requirements can be met," Dr. Christian said. The residence of an unmarried applicant under the age of 21 is determined by that of his parents or legal guardian.

APPLICANTS FROM other junior college districts or another state or country must clear their status with the district clerk in the Admissions Office prior to enrollment.

All registration for the spring semester is scheduled by appointment only, and will be conducted from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, with no further registration permitted after Friday, Feb. 2.

RESERVATIONS to register for new or returning students will be available in the Admissions and Counseling Offices beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2, and must be obtained in person.

Classes for the spring semester will begin Monday, Feb. 5.

For information on registration and counseling, contact the admissions office of the college.



JAY MONTGOMERY
Wins Eagle Rank

THS Youth To Receive Eagle Rank

Jay Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery of 3102 Torrance Blvd., will receive the coveted rank of Eagle Scout tomorrow during a Court of Honor to be held by Boy Scout Troop 388.

The awards ceremony will be held at Jefferson Elementary School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A junior at Torrance High School, young Montgomery is active in the Tartar Marching Band and is in the school German Club. He plays the trumpet and French horn.

He has been a member of Troop 388 for the past nine months and previously belonged to Troop 379 of Huntsville, Ala., and Troop 201 of Torrance. He holds the Order of the Arrow and received the God and Country Award from the First Christian Church of Torrance, where he is a member.

Presiding at the Court of Honor will be Louis Graham, the scoutmaster, and Glen Little, assistant district executive for the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Program To Begin In 1968

Torrance police will initiate a new Torrance Police Reserve program beginning in January, Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig announced today.

Applications for the program currently are being accepted by the personnel division of the police department, Chief Koenig said.

The volunteer program is designed to utilize civic-minded men and women who are willing to devote their time to a coordinated program of training in police methods and techniques. Members of the reserve force will assist regular police officers in times of civil violence and major disasters, the chief explained.

VOLUNTEERS MUST be able to devote at least four hours each week to training and assignments. All reserve officers will be required to conform to the same departmental regulations as regular police officers.

Koenig has named Captain Robert E. Hammond as commander of the reserve forces.

Applicants must be between 21 and 45 years of age, residents of the city of Torrance, and present an acceptable medical report dated no earlier than six months prior to filing an application for membership in the police reserves.

MINIMUM height is 5-feet-8 and minimum weight is 145 pounds. Maximum height and weight is 6-feet-5 and 240 pounds. Applicants must have 20/30 vision in one eye and 20/40 in the other, uncorrected. A valid California operator's license is required.

Candidates must successfully pass an oral interview and a personal background check, Chief Koenig said.

Successful candidates will complete eight hours of basic training covering an extensive range of police methods, procedures, and policies. Supervisory police officials will conduct the training.

Educators Meet

Members of the South Bay Field Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary fraternity for men in education, will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 S. Sepulveda Blvd., according to Dr. Harold Widney, a Torrance school official and president of the group.

PROFILE: WALTER R. KOENIG

Police Chief Achieves Goal-Full Complement

Since Walter R. Koenig became chief of police here in Torrance three and one-half years ago, he has observed a 90 per cent drop in complaints against his department's service—and a 400 per cent increase in commendations.

The chief's steady progress in building up the police department was culminated Tuesday when the last vacancy in the department was filled, bringing the total number of officers to 168.

Chief Koenig said he felt this achievement was a "significant landmark" in Torrance police history. It is getting harder and harder to attract young men to police work, Koenig said, and it is a credit to the Torrance Police Department that it has been able to hire a full staff without dropping its qualification standards.

To provide the city with complete coverage, however, Chief Koenig would like to hire 40 more officers.

Before accepting the top position with the Torrance police, Koenig was a captain with the Los Angeles Police Department, where he served for 25 years.



WALTER R. KOENIG

Koenig originally had his sights set on a career in journalism, but the depression years cut short his college studies at the University of Colorado.

Working his way up through the ranks of the Los Angeles police force, Koenig first took an interest in administrative duties in 1947 when he was selected for the Delinquency Control Institute at USC. The semester-long scholarship program awakened

leadership abilities the chief has been using ever since.

Formerly an avid club-jumper, Chief Koenig now limits his social activities to the Masonic Lodge and honorary membership in Sertoma Club. Reading English and American literature occupies his spare time.

During his last six years with the Los Angeles force, Koenig learned Spanish while assigned to work with the Mexican-American community. He says the language has slipped away from him now, although he tries to keep it up when he can.

At home, Koenig and his wife, Avon, turn their attention to their two English pugs — small boxers with curly tails.

Mrs. Koenig has actually been in police work longer than the chief—she'll soon celebrate her 30th year with the Los Angeles Police Department. In fact, it was police work that brought them together. The Koenigs met when she was a secretary in the LAPD burglary division and he was a rookie.