

Odds Are Against You, So Don't Be Poor Loser

Never let it be said that American women aren't opportunists. Statistics show that you control most of the wealth in this country. Rarely do women lose money in a business venture, and bankruptcies in businesses owned and operated by women are few and far between.

(However, I must exclude you well-provided-for widows who, instead of rushing to the

could not only be a strain on the ego but also the pocket-book.

But then, in all fairness to you, I can't resist wondering if perhaps the dumpers themselves are behind this swinging movement. Having been informed through my columns that there are untold millions of unmanned women itching to take the place of every dumpee, dumpers might be initiating this charge into the courts.

Don't you be a national disaster figure. Request, nay, DEMAND, a moratorium on all divorce requests. A moratorium delays action and, Lord knows, a delayed action is what you need in this present emergency.

Your next move is to request a quiet audience of your beast to see if you both can resolve your differences. YOU, not he, must make the effort.

Even though he may be forced to pay alimony later, relief is not an impossibility—I'm presently trying to arouse interest in a legislative proposal of my own, to make alimony payments tax deductible under the heading of charity, rather than as a miscellaneous deduction. And who dares say it isn't a charitable act for a man to desire the freedom to help all those unmarried women in want?

As I remind you, my poor dears, the odds are against you. Don't be a poor loser.

COUNT MARCO

bank or the stockbroker, lavish your fortune on some young man in the hope that from the jangle of dollars will come the jingle of marriage bells.)

It should come as no surprise, then, that the mention of a possible dollar loss at some future date is enough to cause a female stampede to the divorce courts.

As I have previously mentioned, legislation is in the making in many states to stalemated divorce or decrease the number of divorces granted—with the subsequent reduction in alimony allotments and child support.

Women (hereinafter to be designated as dumppees) who realize that Dumping Day isn't too far off in the minds of their husbands (hereinafter designated as the dumpers) are frantically grabbing the hands of their lawyers. They are determined to beat any divorce law deadline, which

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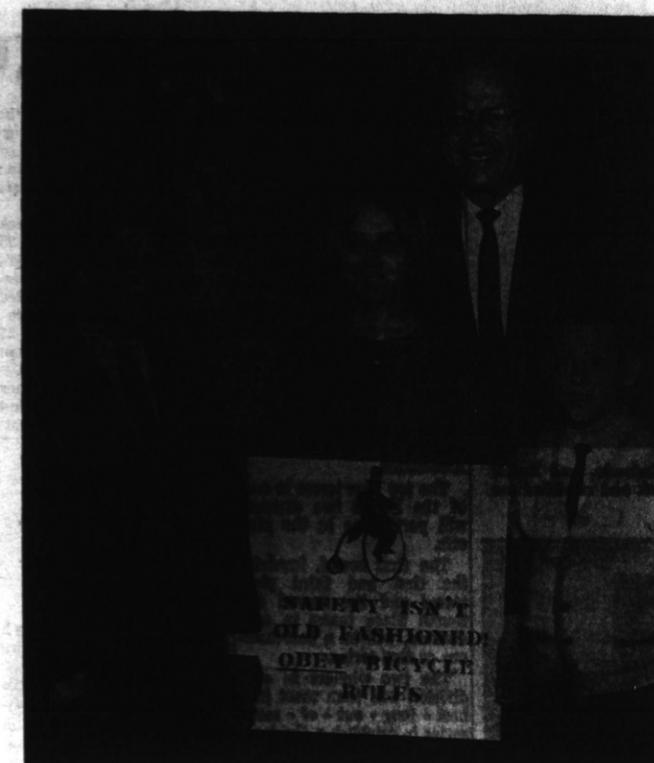
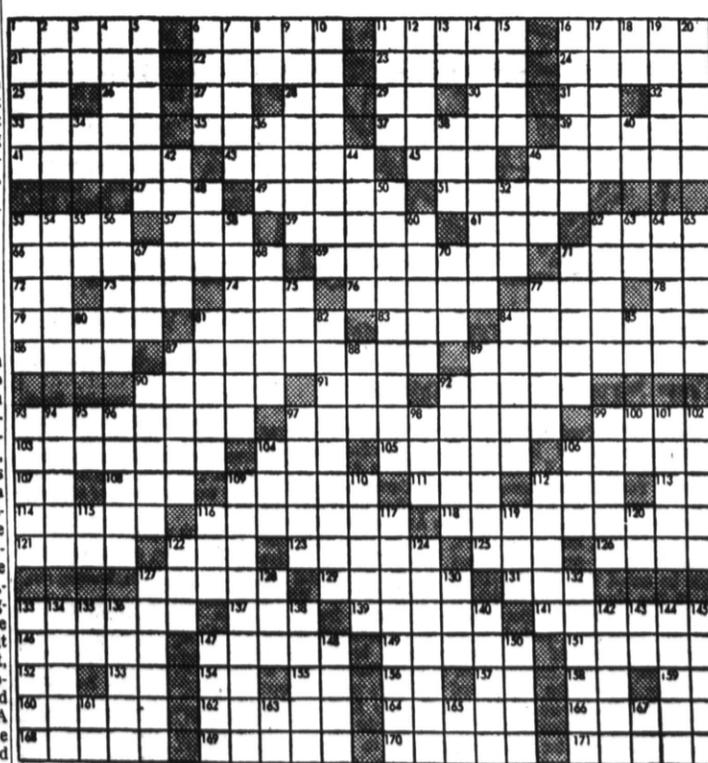
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ACROSS

- 1—Socrates
- 2—Levantine ketches
- 11—Digging tool
- 16—Yeast
- 21—Used to talking
- 22—Ship's name
- 23—Permit
- 24—Bear of the Chignik
- 25—Positive pole
- 26—River of Asia
- 27—The gods
- 28—Symbol for nickel
- 29—Pronoun
- 30—Symbol for calcium
- 31—Therefore
- 32—Six
- 33—Symbol for Iridium
- 34—Country of Asia
- 35—Canadian peninsula
- 37—Pierces with pointed weapon
- 38—Cordage fiber
- 41—Looked at fixedly
- 43—Hard fat
- 45—Form of "to be"
- 46—Cubic meters
- 47—Eat evening meal
- 48—Slumber
- 51—Applauds
- 53—Wander
- 57—Kobold
- 58—Outline of fishhook
- 61—Mrs. Edie Cantor
- 62—Interrupt course of
- 63—Impaled with primitive weapon
- 71—Disgrace
- 72—Bone
- 73—Female ruff
- 74—Ethiopian title
- 75—To seem, as danger
- 77—As it stands (mus.)
- 78—Note in Guido's scale
- 79—Lukewarm
- 81—Stare as with malediction
- 83—Slightly puffed coin
- 84—Kind of cat
- 85—Let it stand
- 86—Small box for holding tea
- 90—Stimulant sung for dead
- 91—Combining form: earth
- 92—Vegetable dish

DOWN

- 3—Aviation storekeeper
- 4—More boorish
- 5—Strikes
- 6—Caroled
- 7—Pseudonym
- 8—Prefix: not
- 9—Fores
- 10—Adda chips to plot in
- 11—Pouches
- 12—River of South America
- 13—A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 14—Mental rejection as untrue
- 15—Son of Beth
- 16—Senior N.Y. Senator
- 17—Herb with aromatic seeds
- 18—Japanese coin
- 19—Ancient Roman official
- 20—Withers
- 23—Academic degree (abbr.)
- 24—Desert of W. Asia
- 27—Things in law
- 28—Mathematical term (pl.)
- 31—Observe
- 32—Inclined
- 37—Kobold
- 38—Growing out
- 41—A body of severity
- 43—On account (abbr.)
- 45—State (abbr.)
- 46—King of Bashan
- 48—Brother of Odin
- 49—Attack
- 51—Exclamation of disgust
- 53—State (abbr.)
- 57—Exclamation of triumph
- 58—Enterlain
- 59—Hinder
- 61—Radical
- 64—Entertain
- 65—Royal Field Artillery (abbr.)
- 67—Radical
- 71—Sedate
- 75—As it stands (abbr.)
- 77—Biblical Mount
- 80—Brewer letter
- 81—Customs
- 82—One engaged in view-



SAFETY WINNERS . . . Three youngsters honored Monday by the Torrance Safety Council after they were named top winners in the annual safety poster contest conducted by the Safety Council and Torrance PTA units. The winners include Tom Farrell, a sixth grader at St. James School; Melissa Hennrick, an eighth grader at Anza School, and Bob Muslin, a third grader at Fern-Greenwood School. With the children are Mrs. Rod Twedell, safety chairman for the Torrance Council PTA, and Mayor Albert Isen, who presented the awards. (Press-Herald Photo)

Symphony Concert Planned

Highlights from Verdi operas will be featured Friday evening when South Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Elyse Achle, appears in concert at Mira Costa High School auditorium.

Featured artists for the concert will include soprano Evelyn Wald, baritone Enrico Porta, and television star Robert Foulk.

The program will include excerpts from "Aida," "La Traviata," "La Forza," "Del De Sino," "Masked Ball," "Ernani," and "Otello." Admission to the concert, which is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m., is free.

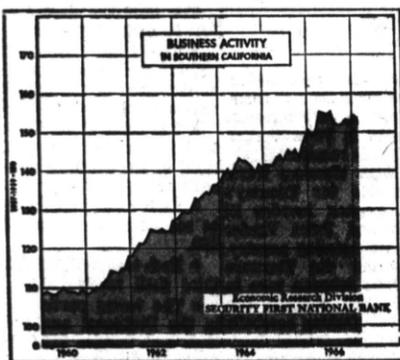
Principals To Meet in Bakersfield

Ten Torrance principals will spend part of Easter vacation at a Bakersfield conference.

Attending the annual meeting of the California Elementary School Administrators Association March 19-22 will be: Henry Behrens, George Marich, Donald Credell, Dr. Dale Wickstrom, Stanley Roberts, John S. McGee, William Zecher, Dr. William Forrest, Richard Brown, and George Chalkson.

Fills UC Post

Dr. Linden G. Leavitt Jr. of Los Angeles has been named coordinator of statewide programs for the University of California Extension. He currently is president of Maui Community College in Hawaii.



BANK REPORTS

Business Pace Slows in Area

Southern California's business activity during February registered a slight decline from January's pace, Myron H. Eidsmoe, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance Branch, reported today.

Based on the bank's Index of Business Activity, February's economic reading was estimated at 153.3, compared to the 154.1 preliminary index for January. The final index measurement for February, 1966, was 148.7.

February's economy, as reported by Eidsmoe, was operating about three percent above a year ago and was slightly above the economy's performance during the last five months of 1966.

Bank debts rose fractionally to lead the index component's available for February. Department store sales decreased, while construction activity and real estate sales declined after adjustment for seasonal influences.

Eidsmoe also said employment in the Southland metropolitan areas during January,

the latest month for which figures are available, was the highest on record for any January. Civilian job holders during the month totaled 4,486,000, an increase of 206,000, or 4.8 per cent over the same month a year earlier.

Nationally, the comparable employment increase was 2.6 per cent.

His report also noted that unemployment in the Southland metro areas averaged 4.3 per cent of the total civilian labor force, down from the 5 per cent rate recorded a year ago. The national average for unemployment was 3.7 per cent, compared to 4.2 per cent in the same month of last year.

Tests Scheduled

Qualifying tests for the Peace Corps will be given at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at the main Post Office in Long Beach in the Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles St., in Los Angeles.

ANN LANDERS



Don't Hope for Cure

Dear Ann Landers: Before our daughter married I had a strong suspicion that her fiancé was a homosexual. He had none of the effeminate mannerisms that people generally identify with this condition but his friends were all notorious homos. I told my daughter of my fears and asked her why a person would run with a crowd like that unless he was one of them. Finally she said, "I have first-hand knowledge that he is normal." Her answer was both a blow and a relief.

Last week (after six months of marriage) my daughter tearfully confided that her husband has almost no interest in her and that he is out five nights a week with his strange friends.

What does this sound like to you? What is the solution? If he is a homosexual can he be cured?
—SHATTERED MOTHER

Dear Mother: It sounds as if your daughter's husband is bisexual and that he prefers his friends to his wife.

The chances for "curing" a homosexual are slim, even when the sick one wants desperately to live a normal life. If he prefers to be with members of his own sex, the chances for a cure are zero. Your daughter should have a frank talk with her husband and discuss the possibility of an annulment.

Dear Ann Landers: I dated a widower for over a year and grew very fond of him. There was every indication that the feeling was mutual.

Three months ago he was transferred to a city 250 miles from here. He drove back every other weekend and on alternate weekends I took the bus to see him. We spoke intermittently on the telephone.

Yesterday he telephoned to say he is getting married. At first I thought he was kidding but it soon became clear that he was serious. He swears that he is not in love with the woman but says he can tolerate her. She has a lovely home and is well-fixed. I asked how he could marry a woman he didn't love and he replied, "If things don't work out we'll go our separate ways and I won't be hurt."

I am trying hard to keep from falling to pieces over the shock. What do you make of this?
—STUNNED

Dear Stunned: Men who get married suddenly always have a grand assortment of "excuses" for friends, former sweethearts, and even themselves.

The man is marrying the woman because he thinks he sees some social and financial advantages. He probably does not love her, but then he didn't love YOU either, so cheer up. You came off better than she did.

Dear Ann Landers: My "problem" is unimportant compared with the problems most people write to you about but it has caused so much trouble in our family you wouldn't believe it. Six people are not speaking to each other on account of this.

When a person returns to a town where he used to live, should he telephone his relatives and say "hello" or should he assume that his relatives know he is in town and call him if they wish to see him?
—FUR FLYING

Dear Fur: The person who goes to another city to visit should write in advance to friends and relatives he wishes to see or he should telephone them when he arrives. The visitor who expects people to learn he is in town and call him is rather arrogant.

To solve some of the frustrations, disappointments and disillusionments of married life, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "What To Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped 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.

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THE SACRAMENTO SCENE

Brace Yourself; Tax Bite Is Coming

By Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO—Governor Ronald Reagan has unveiled a \$946 million tax increase plan which he said would be necessary to balance the 1967-68 budget despite record economies by his new administration.

Reagan actually provided for the state to collect \$865 million in new or higher taxes but the consumers will pay the \$946 amount over the full year.

The tax program includes a 1-cent hike in the state sales tax (\$375 million); increase tax on distilled spirits from \$1.50 to \$2.25 per gallon (\$93 million); increase state tax on cigarettes from 3 to 6.5 cents per package (\$78 million); levy new tax of 25 per cent on wholesale purchase price of cigars and

smoking tobacco (\$10 million); increase bank and corporation tax by 1 per cent (\$92 million); and increase the personal tax by compressing the brackets, raising the maximum from 7 to 10 per cent; and adopting tax credits instead of exemptions (\$358 million).

Reagan said the \$865 million collected by the state in the 1967-68 year will be needed to make up existing deficits, balance the budget, provide some added school money and provide \$120 million in direct property tax relief. The property tax relief would be increased to an estimated \$300 million in the following year.

Like the chicken and the egg, one question which arose from the introduction of Reagan's tax program concerns

which comes first, the budget or the tax plan? Some feel a tax package should be enacted first and then a budget adopted to fit it. Others think the budget should be adopted and then a revenue program put together to finance it. One of the latter is Senator Hugh M. Burns, D-Fresno, president pro tempore of the senate. Burns, in fact, said he would take steps to see that the tax bills were not considered until the budget was passed. Otherwise, the Reagan proposals more or less took their places among a number of other tax plans already introduced. Most consider it likely that a final agreement will be reached on a combination of plans providing for the tax increases generally as outlined by Reagan—and providing some

measure of property tax relief.

There's one thing certain as far as Reagan is concerned. There will be no withholding of state personal income tax. Reagan always has been opposed to withholding but was asked recently, because of suggestions that withholding might produce as much money in a year as university and college tuition, if he might not have softened. He was asked what circumstances might persuade him to sign a withholding bill into law. "Oh, I suppose, if they held a hot iron to my feet and I was bound hand and foot," he replied.

The first skirmish between Reagan and assembly Democrats appears to have been settled with a compromise, although both sides claim it is

not a compromise. This is on the matter of state funds to keep the crippled children program going for the balance of the fiscal year. Assemblyman Robert W. Crown, D-Alameda, chairman of ways and means, had received a letter from Reagan authorizing \$274,000 to keep the physical therapy program going. But Crown amended the bill to include another \$700,000 for a hospital and diagnostic program. Charges were hurled from both sides but it finally was determined that, on the basis of more up-to-date figures, \$574,000 would keep the program going. A bill on this order cleared the assembly but both sides said it was not a compromise, as you don't compromise when crippled children are involved.