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Drop Daedalus

Dear Ann Landers: You will swear this letter is a phony, because my story reads like a four-bit novel but I am begging you to take it seriously because I am on the level.

I go to a well-known girls' school in the East. I became engaged to a Princeton senior three months ago. When I went to his home to meet his parents I flipped over his father. At first I told myself it was too crazy for words and I tried to laugh it off, but I can't laugh any more, and neither can he. We have met in Manhattan several times and he is as zonked over me as I am over him. He wants to divorce his wife and marry me next year.

My fiance knows nothing of this. I am tearing myself to pieces with indecision. Could it work? He is 27 years older than I am. His wife is three years older than he is and a semi-invalid. After being with Senior, Junior strikes me as Amateur Knight. Could this marriage possibly work? Help me, please. I am not sleeping well these nights. —MISS ICARUS (GET IT?)

Dear Miss Icarus: Yeah, I get it and my advice is Drop Daedalus —no pun intended. If you can't sleep now how much sleep do you think you'll get if you allow this aging Romeo to dump his ailing wife and walk off with his son's sweetheart? The man must have rocks in his head and you have a few sizable boulders yourself, Kiddo.

The whole scene is a cross between Sigmund Freud and a Greek tragedy. Forget it.

Dear Ann Landers: May I say something in defense of Gladys, the woman who says there is "nothing so terrible" about leaving the price tag on a gift? She has my vote.

I am a store manager who would be very pleased if all the customers left the sales slips, price tags and all other tags on these gifts. When merchandise is brought back to the store for exchange it is a real headache if all signs of size, price, and sales are removed. The person who brings in the article has no knowledge of the purchase, of course, and can be of little help.

The idea of concealing the price so the person will not know what you spent is ridiculous. Most people can just about guess. And what difference does it make anyway? I hope you will print my letter. It would be a public service — especially to the retailers. —DANBURY

Dear Dan: Here's your letter and I am printing it not as a public service but because it represents another point of view. I still say gifts should not be presented with the sales slips and price tags attached. It's bad manners.

Dear Ann Landers: I am engaged to be married in September. My fiance's closest friend is a guy I can't stand. He tried to break us up and failed. Now he pretends to like me but I know he hates me as much as I hate him.

Last night my fiance and I were making wedding plans and he said he wants this twerp to be his best man. Ann, like I said, I hate him and it will spoil my wedding day. I asked mother what to do about this awful problem and she suggested I write Ann Landers. So here I am. —NERVOUS INQUIRER

Dear Nervous: The groom has little enough to say about his wedding. Don't deprive him of the privilege of selecting his best man. It wouldn't be fair.

When the subject comes up again, be pleasant and agreeable. He will love you for it.

Unsure of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Hospital Installs Coronary Care Unit

Each year heart diseases kill more than a half-million people. The continuing struggle to reduce the appalling death rate from coronary heart diseases is still one of the nation's leading medical problems.

Joining in the struggle to reduce fatalities from heart and lung diseases is Riviera Community Hospital which has just opened a new four-bed cardiac care unit.

The \$12,000 unit is almost completely portable and will be the nucleus of a cardiac care unit at the new Torrance Memorial Hospital. The two hospitals have merged and will build a new \$8 million, 250-bed facility which is expected to be completed in 1970.

ONE OF the major emphases of the new hospital will be the treatment of cardio-pulmonary diseases.

Dr. Vincent de Ciutiis, anesthesiologist, and member of Riviera's coronary care unit committee, said the new unit will provide constant surveillance for patients being treated for acute heart diseases.

"Immediate treatment is available to those who go into cardiac arrest, cardiac failure, shock and significant arrhythmias. These are major causes of death following acute heart attacks (myocardial infarction)."

DR. De CIUTIIS added that those hardest hit by heart attacks are men in their early forties, in the prime of life. When there is an indication

of heart problems, a person is placed in a coronary unit for five days of close observation. The incidence of fatality is greater in this period than any other," he said.

"Many hospitals are establishing such units because of the increasing incidence of coronary diseases. Due to early recognition and treatment of arrhythmias (heart fluttering and slowing down) and other complications, the mortality rate in many hospitals has dropped in half," Dr. de Ciutiis said.

Mrs. Anne Fox, nursing supervisor for the unit, explained that each patient is connected to an electrocardiographic monitor with a pace maker attachment in place for immediate activation. The monitor has an emergency

alarm that goes off when the rate or quality of the heart beat changes. Electrical pulses that accompany heart contractions are picked up by electrodes placed on the patients skin.

OSCILLOSCOPES are placed at each bedside and at the central nursing station so the EGG and pulse rate are constantly displayed.

Mrs. Fox said certain heart activities that would not be picked up by listening to the heart or taking a pulse will show up on the oscilloscope.

Any irregular type of heart muscle contraction can be analyzed by a doctor or trained nurse and a determination made of the location and extent of damage. Proper action depends on many factors

including the age of the patient. Nurses handle each patient in accordance with specific instructions left by the patient's doctor.

IN CASES of dire emergency it might be necessary to utilize heart massage and resuscitation prior to using electronic equipment, Dr. de Ciutiis added. "We intend to add a mechanical resuscitator to our equipment soon."

In addition, to the four-bed

unit, Riviera has installed a two-bed unit across the hall for patients who have passed the first five critical days, but still need close watching.

"Only specially trained nurses work in coronary care units and it takes one nurse to every two patients to operate a unit properly," Dr. de Ciutiis said. "Mrs. Fox and her staff have received extensive training in this type of treatment."

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Property Owners Organize

Initial plans for the formation of a new homeowners' association in the central Torrance area were discussed Sunday at a meeting attended by some 50 residents.

To be known as the Delthorne Area Homeowners' Association, the group will represent homeowners in the area bounded by Del Amo Boulevard, Madrona Avenue, Garnet Street, and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Joe Alario has been elected chairman of the new group. He lives at 20425 Madison St. Mrs. Alan Winner was named secretary of the group.

Alario said the principal purpose of the new group is to give area residents "a voice in matters of civic and community interest."

Membership information may be obtained from Mrs. Robert Ackerson.

Garden Sets Class for Children

A class in garden skills for children in the third and fourth grades will be offered by the South Coast Botanic Garden, 26701 Rolling Hills Road, beginning April 18.

Classes will meet Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the Botanic Garden and will continue through June 6.

Registration may be completed by calling or visiting the garden. The class will include instruction in the use of tools, planting seeds and bulbs, and the care of potted plants.

Students Win Certificates

Narbonne High School students have been named winners of certificates on agricultural achievement.

Jerry Freed was awarded a gold certificate, while Howard Armstrong, Dennis Morse, and Robert Rafferty were given silver certificates.



NEW UNIT... Discussing procedures for the new coronary care unit which has been installed at Riviera Community Hospital are Mrs. Patricia Dalrymple (standing), director of nursing, and Mrs. Winifred James, R.N., relief evening supervisor. The \$12,000 four-bed unit is one of the most modern available for use in any hospital in the area. (Press-Herald Photo)

Industry Council To Hold Session

"This is TRW," a film, will be shown at a luncheon meeting of the South Bay Harbor Industry-Education Council at noon Thursday, April 18, at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Guest speaker will be Dr. W. D. McIvers, supervisor of college relations for TRW. A graduate of New York University, Dr. McIvers received his doctorate in the field of college administration. After working five years as a college administrator, he became affiliated with industry as an industrial relations specialist 12 years ago.

His field of specialization is

the selection and assimilation of college graduates into industry.

Luncheon reservations are being accepted by Miss Beryl Kaufman, General Telephone Company, 372-2755.

Dedicated to the encouragement of communication and cooperation between industry and schools, the South Bay Harbor Chapter is a local affiliate of the Industry-Education Council of Southern California. The organization's goal is to assist continuing development and improvement of educational programs which have direct or indirect relations with industry.

PROFILE: DICK FITZGERALD

One-Time Hobby Turned Into a Career for Him

What started out to be a rewarding hobby for Dick Fitzgerald has mushroomed into a career that might as well be a hobby.

Managing the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce is really more fun than work, to hear Fitzgerald tell it.

Years ago, the high-spirited executive took an active part in the work of Jaycees and other civic organizations during leisure hours while working 9-4-5 as an engineering planner. He decided he liked organizational work so much that he wanted to spend his life doing it. That was in 1955 — the year he first accepted the Redondo Chamber position.

The next year, however, Fitzgerald resigned to put in a four-year stint with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, also taking the managerial post. But in 1960, the lure of sand and sea proved irresistible. The prodigal son headed back toward his old Redondo stamping grounds where he's been managing the Chamber ever since.

"I love Torrance," Fitzgerald is quick to explain, noting that he left a lot of good friends behind when he headed home. But the Redondo position posed some new challenges. For one thing, the Port Royal Marina was in its embryonic stages and the amateur boatsman wanted to see the project through.

Delving into the past, the Santa Monica native noted that his roots spring from Redondo Beach. His dad settled there in 1910, choosing a popular beauty contestant as his bride. Fitzgerald never lived more than a stone's throw from the seashore, and still counts swimming, skin-



DICK FITZGERALD

diving, and fishing as favorite hobbies. He even spent two summers working as a life-guard.

Marriage entered the picture shortly after Fitzgerald finished work at El Segundo and Mount Carmel High Schools. He and his wife Betty exchanged vows just before Fitzgerald had to leave for service with the Merchant Marine.

The responsibilities of family life kept Fitzgerald from pursuing a full-time college course after retiring from the service, but the young high school graduate took advantage of evening classes at El Camino College, USC, and UCLA, learning all he could about business management.

Fitzgerald's career as a chamber manager has netted him a trophy of honors. In 1959, when he was managing the Torrance Chamber, the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce named the local organization a National Sweepstakes winner. It was the first California chamber ever so honored. That same year, Fitzgerald was voted one of California's five Outstanding Young Men.

The state Assembly and the county Board of Supervisors have both honored him with resolutions twice. Fitzgerald has also served as vice president of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and president of the California State Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

But Fitzgerald's interests are by no means confined to the business world. Endowed with a taste for fine food, the amateur cook may frequently be found brewing up a specialty seafood dish or looking over a new barbecue recipe.

Exploring the hinterlands south of the border is another interest. Describing himself as an "amateur expert" on Baja California, Fitzgerald proudly recalls that he's traveled the length of the 1,000-mile peninsula four times, teaching himself Spanish along the way.

Fitzgerald's fascination for Baja California goes hand in hand with a deep interest in Redondo's Sister City program, which fosters friendship with Ensenada and La Paz, Mexico. Through the program, a number of Mexican children have lived in the Fitzgerald home, acting as temporary brothers and sisters to the couple's five youngsters.

Fitzgerald says he strongly believes in the work of the Sister City program, hoping that it will promote tolerance and understanding among people of different cultures.



EASTER BREAKFAST... Preparing for their 23rd annual Easter Breakfast are members of the Redondo Beach Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. Pictured are John Smith, senior counselor; Dave Gardner, junior counselor; and Albert Brett, master counselor. Members of the chapter, with help from their fathers and mothers, will serve the breakfast Sunday morning at the Redondo Beach Masonic Temple.