

# ANN LANDERS



## He Probably Knows

Dear Ann Landers: I'm in love for the very first time. Tim is 35. I am 29. Neither of us has ever been married. It's as if we've been waiting for one another all these years.

Problem: When I was 18 I became involved with a group of homosexuals. Many were older than I. Some were highly respected professional people—creative and interesting. I ran with this crowd for two years but maintained my other friendships also. After while I decided I didn't want to live in the shadows. I decided to give up my homosexual friends and go completely straight.

I couldn't afford psychiatric help so I went to my minister. He gave me the strength and courage I needed to break away from my homo friends. It was not easy but I was determined to win the battle and I did.

Question: Should I tell Tim? I feel he would still love me and it would not jeopardize our wedding plans. What do you say?—LUCKY AND THANKFUL

Dear Lucky: Tell him. But don't be surprised if he already knows. Such information has a way of getting around.

I strongly recommend that you ask your physician for reading material on homosexuality. You (and thousands of others who have written to me) do not know the difference between homosexuality and bi-sexuality. There's an enormous amount of ignorance on this subject.

Dear Ann Landers: Several months ago our daughter (age 20) and her steady boyfriend, who is a very nice chap and come from a fine family, told us as follows: "We are sorry it had to happen like this but there's a baby on the way and we want to get married right away."

If I told you we weren't shocked and disappointed I would be lying. But we decided to hold our heads high and do the best we could. Our daughter and the boy asked for a church wedding, white gown and all, but wanted only the immediate family present. We agreed.

Now, several of our friends have mentioned they have heard rumors that our daughter is pregnant. I have been evasive but realize I must say something soon because the bride will be showing before long.

Any suggestions as to how to explain the early arrival of our first grandchild.—T.N.T.

Dear T.: No bride who is "showing" should wear a white bridal gown and, so far as I know, they are not making bridal gowns in maternity styles—yet. The grandchild won't be early. The kids got married late. Make no apologies. Your REAL friends will not bring up the subject. As for the others, tell them babies always come when they are ready—and some are ready sooner than others.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 26 years old—not beautiful, but I've been told I am interesting looking. My husband was no good so we decided to live apart. I won't go into detail but I could write a book about the skunk. At present I'm living with my mother who takes care of my two children while I work. I am in no hurry to get a divorce and neither is my husband.

My problem is that I am trying to meet some nice men and having no luck. Almost every evening I go to a little bar where there is dancing. Everything goes fine until the guy notices my wedding ring. When I say I am separated they don't believe me. Do you think I should leave my ring at home? Please advise.—HILDEGARDE

Dear Hilde: Not only should you leave your ring at home but you should stay at home with your ring. "Separated" is still married.

Is alcoholism a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet "Alcoholism—Hope and Help," by Ann Landers. Enclose 25 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed 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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## NASA Awards TRW Bonus For Orbiting Performance

Last June 10, Pioneer 8, Center near San Francisco, Calif., the project manager, completed its 100th day in months the sun-orbiting spacecraft gave indication that the earth's magnetic tail may be far shorter than previously believed, provided many measurements of the sun and its solar eruptions, and advanced investigations of interplanetary space. Pioneer 8 joined Pioneers 6 and 7 in earning maximum performance incentives of \$100,000 for its huller, TRW Inc. The incentive was awarded by NASA's Ames Research



ONE YEAR OLD . . . Employees at the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the new office at 1907 Abalone St. with cake-cutting ceremonies Wednesday. About to divide up the specially-decorated cake are (from left) Manager Marvin L. Utter; Hope Fisher, motor vehicle assistant, who has been with the local department since it opened in 1954; and Assistant Manager Joseph Tucker. Another DMV staffer, Phyllis Russell, baked and decorated the cake, trimming it with a model of the DMV office. Completing the theme were toy cars, traffic signs, and handmade flags. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Planners Ask Council To Speed Master Plan

Planning Commissioners agreed unanimously last Monday night that the city needs a comprehensive general plan of development. And this plan should be given top priority attention.

In making these recommendations to the City Council, the commission also agreed that Planning Director Charles Shurtle should be given full authority to reorganize or expand his department in order to complete the general plan as soon as possible. The people of Torrance will be asked to contribute their ideas and feelings on goals for the general plan, perhaps through a questionnaire distributed with utilities bills.

Planning Commission members also expressed the hope that goals meetings may be arranged between civic groups and city officials. HAGAMAN said that a general plan should include statements of the people's goals concerning industrial and residential areas, streets, transportation, air pollution, and other aspects of community life.

## Police to Crack Down On Mini-Bike Abuses

Torrance police have begun a crackdown on motorcycle riding in vacant lots, due to a rash of complaints from area residents. A city ordinance passed more than a year ago prohibits the operation of motorcycles, including "mini-bikes," on any lot within the city limits because dust and fumes disturb nearby neighborhoods.

Lt. Douglas C. Cook, commander of the traffic division, warned parents that motorcycle and mini-bike drivers must have valid drivers' licenses. Parents, he stated, may receive citations for permitting an unlicensed child to operate a mini-bike on a street.

## Intern Of Year Named

James Ryba, M.D., an intern at Harbor General Hospital, has been named "Intern of the Year" by the staff doctors and residents at the hospital. The award was announced during graduation ceremonies for the class of interns and residents.

## Appliances Gone From Nelson Home

Scrape marks on a concrete driveway at the home of Kenneth Nelson, 18402 Van Ness Ave., indicate where burglars dragged off a color television set sometime Monday. Also discovered missing from the home were a turntable, a tuner and cabinet, a tape deck and cabinet, and a clock radio. The Nelsons estimated the loss at \$1,200, police said. Burglars apparently entered the home by forcing the door to the family room. The Nelsons' daughter Karen reported the burglary to police when she returned home at 5:30 p.m.

## This Housewife Solved Those Little Problems

If after reading the following letter from a woman who knows what she's doing anyone of you dares to complain to me about housework, she will be made a member of my "Whiner of the Month" Club.

As a housewife (and that's what you are, not homemakers, home manager or any other silly title), she knows how to get her work done differently.

### COUNT MARCO

"After 23 years of happy marriage, perhaps I can give a few hints to the younger wed. In all the years I've been married I have never done my toilette in front of my dear Beast. He arrives at 6 from work. I check myself from head to toe at 5. New lipstick, fresh deodorant, clean attire, powdered nose, no apron.

"We women have the entire day to ourselves, it's only a matter of organizing our time. Once a week (we call it Mom's Four Hours) I spend on myself. I do my toe manicure, nails, hair and generally baby myself. I shower daily, of course, usually with my man.

"I maintain a large home with four baths and four school-age children. No housekeeper, just excellent management. Each morning I iron one hour. This way I am never tired and always caught up.

"This is my schedule: Monday: Iron one hour while watching TV. Wash and then plan the menu for the week. Shop. Tuesday: Prepare cakes for the

week. Make Italian gravy and put in pint jars. Make creaf puff shells, bag and freeze. Water one-half acre.

Wednesday: Clean the bathrooms thoroughly. Vacuum and mop floors.

Thursday: Do kitchen tile and ovens and all small jobs, such as polishing silver and checking closets.

Friday: Face lift all, dust and set each room in order. Four hours off!

Saturday and Sunday: No housework. Spend with family as the Beast wishes. Go for ride, visit or have friends in.

"When the children come in from school I help them with homework, prepare their dinner for them and see that they practice their music lessons. My Beast and I dine alone after a few drinks.

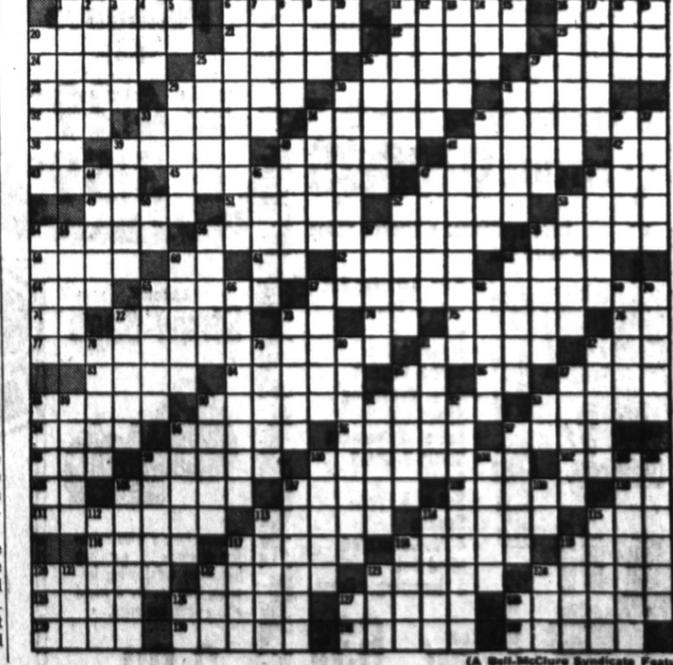
"I serve the children in the family room before the television. Candlelight and quiet conversation or music are in order for us alone.

"After dinner we join the children and relax together. We all love each other and there is vast respect in this household for one another. I am not bragging, but take note: I have no maid or cook. I do all the painting repairs in the house."

Jill She does many more things and the one important thing she doesn't do is complain. She makes it sound so easy so why don't you do it too? Now you know the secret . . . schedule everything and stick to it!

## Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-5) ACROSS 1-Uneven 2-Beaters 11-Treaties 16-Card game 20-Quick; colloq. 21-Addition 22-Ship's lowest deck 23-Ages 24-Heath 25-Flower 26-Monk 27-Pickle 28-Chest sound 29-Clear 30-Avanaceous 31-Twist 32-Holy men; abbr. 33-Jewish festival 34-Melodies 35-Spider 36-Roman number 37-Seat 40-Tangle 41-Whimper 42-Train track; abbr. 43-Ardity 44-Canals 45-Fragment 46-Attack 47-Nurse of poetry 48-Sword 49-Falling 50-Series 51-Sustain 52-English letter 53-Diphthong 54-Harden 55-Deserter 56-Spacious 57-Potential 71-Approve; abbr. 72-Oil 74-Engineer's degree 75-Eagle's nest 76-Preced 77-Precipitous 78-Varn quantity 79-Animal doctor 80-Heater 81-Discovered N. America 82-Scale note 83-Baseball position; abbr. 84-Carta 85-Branch 86-Sober 87-Punctuation mark 88-Maple 89-He's in charge 90-Branch 91-Conferrer 92-Compare 93-Slave 94-Exist 95-Paper measure 96-Mother-of-pearl 97-High railway 98-Coronies 99-Fiesta 100-Stage whisper 101-Arright 102-Subst 103-Ballate 104-Condiment 105-Actor Leon . . . 106-Tarry 107-Greens 108-Playing card 109-Chest 110-Plantid 111-Italian city 112-Claw 113-Cranes 114-Plague 115-Vigilant 116-Portants 117-Mountain range 60-Theater 61-Stroke of letter 62-Merge 63-Harmonious 64-Shifts; punctuation mark 65-Envy 66-Water lily 67-Quasar 68-Scoundrel 69-Parasite 70-Compass point 71-Entrance 72-Zodiac sign 73-Tribe 74-Crummy bill 75-Exposant; abbr. 76-Tax rate 77-He's in charge 78-Branch 79-Conferrer 80-Compare 81-Slave 82-Exist 83-Paper measure 84-Mother-of-pearl 85-High railway 86-Coronies 87-Fiesta 88-Stage whisper 89-Arright 90-Subst 91-Ballate 92-Condiment 93-Actor Leon . . . 94-Tarry 95-Greens 96-Playing card 97-Chest 98-Excuse 99-Obel; abbr. 100-Killer 101-Serrow 102-Yellow ochre 103-Headgear 104-Weight 105-Parent 106-Interior 107-Toward 108-Exclamation



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