

ANN LANDERS



'To See Ourselves ...'

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Accompanied but Alone"—the woman who complained because every time she and her husband go to a party he belts down three martinis the moment they arrive and within half an hour he passes out cold and misses everything.

She is lucky. At least he is out of the way. She can forget about the fool and have a good time.

Whenever we go to a party, my husband tosses down half a tumbler of Scotch and in 30 minutes he changes from a decent, likeable person into the biggest jackass in 50 states. He becomes obnoxious, tries to grab the women and they run away from him. His conversation becomes vulgar and utterly pointless. He repeats himself until I want to scream, "Shut up, you idiot!"

Last Saturday, we went to a party in a rather small apartment. He got dead drunk as usual and went to the bathroom to throw up. Everyone in the place heard him retching and I wanted to drop through the floor.

Why would a highly intelligent man want to present such an unattractive image of himself? If you can figure it out you are a lot smarter than I am. Please print this. If he reads it, it might help. —BAFFLED.

Dear Baff: This "highly intelligent man" hasn't the foggiest notion of the image he presents when he's bombed. If you try to tell him he is sure you are exaggerating.

To "quote" Robert Burns— O wad some Power the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us! It would from many a blunder free us, an' foolish notion.

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter was born six days too late to enter school last fall. I went twice to talk to the principal but she said she was sorry, nothing could be done.

Lizette is an extremely bright child and could keep up or surpass any child in the kindergarten. I know this to be a fact because Lizette plays with many of those youngsters and she is miles ahead of them all, mentally.

My husband and I feel that the school system is outmoded and that the rules should be changed. Doesn't it make sense that children should be accepted on the basis of what they know rather than the day of the year they happened to be born? Please comment.—WANT JUSTICE.

Dear Want: The experts say it is better for a child to enter school a little late than a little early. The precocious child has problems when his intellectual development exceeds his emotional development. He enjoys a distinct advantage when placed with children who are a few months younger, rather than older.

Keep your child occupied and intellectually challenged. And please stop feeling that the school authorities have done you a dirty trick. They have really done you a favor.

Confidential to Tough Sledding and Ready to Quit: I agree you have had a very trying time, but there are no easy answers to this one. Be patient until nature makes the final disposition. It takes a great deal of maturity to make a molehill out of a mountain, but you can do it. Others have.

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

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SALUTE SCOUT LEADERS ... Three Torrance men were honored by the Boy Scouts of America during the 53rd annual meeting of the Los Angeles Area Council in Hollywood. Silver Beaver awards, the highest honor awarded adult leaders and volunteers by the Boy Scouts were presented. Presentations were made by Judge Philip H. Richards (left), past president of the Los Angeles Area Council and chairman of the Silver Beaver Awards Committee. Receiving the awards were H. Ted Olson, former city councilman, now living in Chicago; Albert J. Brett, 22908 Evelyn Ave.; and Edward P. Brady, 18713 Kornblum Ave.



SOUGHT BY CHP

Hit-Run Suspect Sought

California Highway Patrol officials this week issued a new bulletin seeking assistance in tracking down a woman who is suspected of felony hit and run manslaughter.

The woman, between 35 and 40 years of age, is about 5-foot-6 and weighs between 200 and 250 pounds, it was reported. She has dark, stringy hair which is cut short and "a very large body." CHP officers also said she had fat, droopy-appearing eyelids and a "fat triple chin."

The woman is being sought in connection with the death of a State Division of Highways employe who was struck and killed while working on the San Diego Freeway Jan. 16. The accident occurred at 1:15 p.m. at the Inglewood Avenue offramp.

Highway Patrol officials said the woman was driving north on the San Diego Freeway when she struck the worker, then fled north on Inglewood Avenue.

The car is believed to be a 1963 model Valiant two-door, silver metallic blue in color. The paint is oxidized and the car was damaged on the right front. The radio antenna is missing and the car may still have black tar splattered on the front, CHP spokesmen said.

Any person having information regarding the woman or the car should contact the California Highway Patrol, 18220 S. Broadway St., Gardena.

Parade Outing Shows Profit

The Rose Parade outing netted a profit of \$393 for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

The city took in \$1,419 in ticket sales through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Expenses—including advertising, wages, and maintenance—amounted to \$1,026, according to M. A. Chamberlain, bus superintendent.

Letters, Cards Say 'Thanks' for Gifts

"It's great to know that the folks back home support and remember us."

That's the way Navyman Larry Chestnut put it when he wrote a simple thank you note to Red Cross volunteer workers in the Skyline Mobile Park in Torrance.

The note was one of many which all have a common theme, according to City Attorney Stanley E. Remelmeier, Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch chairman.

Letters, cards, and pictures are arriving daily at Red Cross headquarters in San Pedro thanking donors of Christmas gift bags—an annual Red Cross project begun locally last summer.

THIS WAS one of the 1,840 communities throughout the U.S. which participated in the Christmas gift kit project to send over 610,000 Christmas gift kits—one for every U.S. serviceman and woman in Vietnam—for holiday distribution.

Red Cross first launched its Christmas 1967 project by asking for donations of money to make sure that the bags could be filled with new items.

Support of this phase of the project was then followed by the actual work of sewing the Christmas green denim into drawing bags which could hold individual gifts and then serve as carry-alls for the men.

LIKE MANY others, a Torrance woman, Mrs. Charles Head, a regular blood program volunteer with Red Cross, agreed to do some sewing. Then she recruited some of her neighbors in Skyline Mobile Park, 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy., to make some of the bags. When they had sewn 98 of the bags their interest in the project led them to volunteer for the next step of the project.

The gift items, purchased in bulk to keep the cost of each bag at about \$3.50, then had to be individually wrapped before the bags could be filled and shipped to Vietnam.

The Skyline workers got their neighbors enthused and when it was time to do the gift wrapping, the volunteer lineup featured not only women, but men as well.

SINCE THE original organizer was ill, her husband took over. He organized a car pool, had everyone pack a lunch, and went to work with his neighbors—Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Moore, Mrs. Bonnie J. Moss, Mrs. Edna W. La Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Reese, Jack Gordon, Mrs. Dorothy Cody, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logsdon.

Head and the other men wrapped packages as well as filled bags.

Each of the 1,000 bags they

received. Your efforts have made our Christmas a merry one."

Another serviceman, Tom Evans, poured out his whole philosophy in his thank you note which says, "This is my second Christmas away from my family and loved ones and I've found over here the true meaning of Christmas and freedom. With Christmas I associate giving much the same as freedom. Here I have found a cause that I would give even my life for so people I love can continue to celebrate Christmas as they wish."

REMELMAYER says many letters which have been arriving are addressed to the organization or individual whose names were on the enclosure cards and they indicate clearly that the man who received the gift bags regarded them as an endorsement of the war effort.

Capt. Michael J. Flannigan of the military police wrote: "It's good to know that organizations like Kiwanis support the effort in Vietnam. It helps to erase the image created by other organizations whose patriotism is not so evident."

The return address of the 8th Field Ambulance, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps was explained by Capt. John P. Kelly when he wrote, "I guess you will be somewhat surprised to receive this thank you from an Australian, but that is the way things went this year over here. I had dropped by to have a Christmas drink with an American friend and with a gesture typical of the season, he presented me with what we here call a 'goodies bag.' Let me tell you how delighted I was with the contents of the bag and to be a part of your fine effort."

WRITING IN behalf of the Army's 12th Aviation Group, Col. Nicholas G. Paski, commanding officer, said, "even more than the gifts themselves, I appreciate sincerely the thoughtfulness extended by your organization to the men who must spend their Christmas away from home."

Bruce Taylor who is with an engineering battalion got in an extra plug: "and thank you for the wonderful work of Red Cross at home and wherever members of the armed forces might be."

Thirty-eight men of the 3rd Platoon aboard the aircraft carrier Corpus Christi Bay signed the thank you note which said, "We all thank all of you who were responsible for the Christmas gifts. We greatly appreciate the extra work and time and effort spent in individually wrapping each item. Yours were the only packages many of us

MILK PRODUCTION UP U.S. milk production for 1968 is expected to total near the 120 billion pounds reached in 1967. Dairy cow numbers, however, will continue to decline.

COUNT MARCO

Give Your Old Boy New Ideas

If your beast has seen his day and is being put out to pasture by the company, start planning on keeping him amused, occupied and contented.

Are you prepared to help him get over the shock of retirement by letting him feel his oats and telling him how much pep he still has left?

It requires concentration on your part. No man likes to give up a way of life, and a permanent job is a way of life.

Too, whether you disapprove or not, at least while he is working the girls at the money factory keep your old boy breathing hard even if it is all in the mind. They tease him, humor him and pinch him back just to keep his dander up. They excite him, even at his age.

So when retirement comes, all he has left is the usual American-woman type of ancient age who sits around with sausage curls on stringy, yellowing gray hair, a tired look and a nasal whine of, "Well, we got this far; I guess we've been lucky." One look at that type and he doesn't think it's luck, just a miracle.

Little things done differently will earn you his everlasting love and respect. Instead of the usual "quickie" meal thrown on the table along with your catsup bottle, try outdoor picnic meals, even if only in the back yard or garden, or on the roof, if weather permits. You don't have to travel the world to have fun.

The same with dinner. One night a week have a very formal affair. If you have friends, invite them. If not, then just you two, dressed as though you were going to a formal palace reception.

Other nights, go to a movie or a concert and sit way up high in the last row in the balcony. Sit

there and hold hands. Drag him to the adult education classes. When he sees the number of younger women there he'll discover education all over again. Let him take an art course. Those models will keep his tired blood pumping for years to come.

"There's no fool like an old fool," you women keep saying maliciously about the men around you. So if you want your old fool to live around for many more years, make him think he's God's gift to you and other ladies fair.

He won't ever want to leave. In fact, he'll feel it a duty to live to a ripe old age as long as there's a ripe, young-acting woman to take care of.

Contract Awarded

County supervisors have awarded a \$97,778 contract to Bowline Drilling of Bakersfield for installation of unit five of the west coast basin sea barrier project, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The low offer was filed with the county Flood Control District last Dec. 29. It ran \$25,158 less than the engineer's estimate.

Chace said work is expected to get under way within the next three weeks and will take about six months to complete.

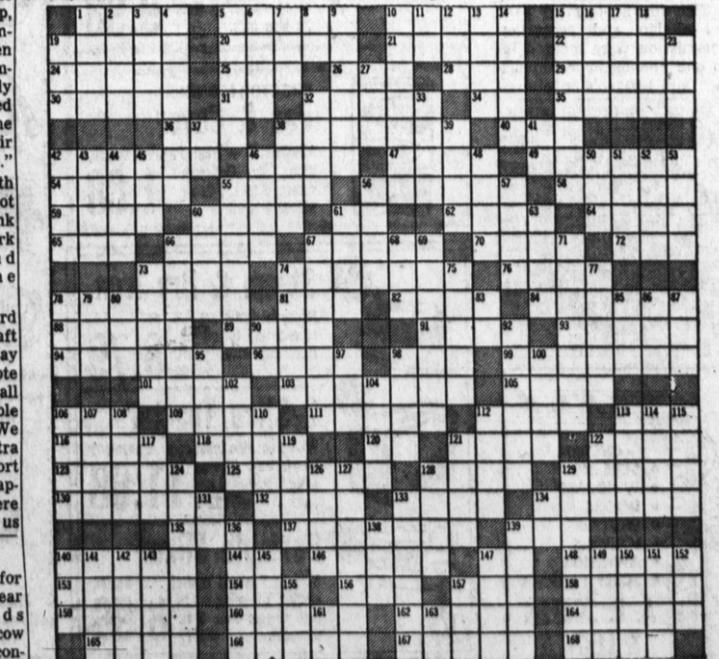
It involves drilling nine observation wells in sections of Westchester, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, and Torrance. They will be spotted in an area bounded by Manchester Boulevard, Hawthorne Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway, and the ocean.

Purpose of the wells is to monitor the effectiveness of the barrier project which is aimed at blocking further sea water encroachment into fresh supplies along a nine-mile stretch of the coastline, Chace said.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

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(A Bell-Clure Feature)



EYE TEST ... Thomas Burchfield (in back), president of the Downtown Torrance Lion's Club, watches as a local physician performs a glaucoma eye test on one of the 200 persons examined during a recent Senior Citizen Health screening day. The event was sponsored by the Lion's Club, which sponsors sight conservation programs in communities throughout the world.