

ANN LANDERS



Ann's Hat Is Off

Dear Ann Landers: I've made so many foolish mistakes in my life that I feel the one decent thing I can do now is warn other girls against throwing away their youth like I did.

I am only 21 but I've seen more of the crummy side of people than most women who are 60. Here is my story: When I was 14 I quit school to get engaged to a serviceman who was being transferred. My mother begged me not to, but I was sure she only wanted me home so I could do her housework.

My fiancé was shipped overseas and I began to run around. I fell for a man who was 10 years older than I was, divorced and a gambler. When he asked me to marry him I jumped at the chance. Eight months later I gave birth to twin girls. They were premature and died before they were two weeks old.

I thought the best way to get over the heart-break was to have another baby right away. My little boy was born 11 months later. My husband refused to stay home. He said the baby's crying made him nervous. On our wedding anniversary he skipped town and left me with \$2.80.

I was 16 years old, had already buried two little girls and was left with an infant son to support. I won't go into the next four years because they were so horrible I'm ashamed to put the words down on paper and besides, I don't think you could print it. Somehow I survived. Now I am living with a lovely older couple. The woman takes care of my boy while I work. I am slowly getting back my self-respect and am determined to get an education and raise this son of mine to be a good citizen.

Please, Ann, keep telling your readers that youth is precious and once it is gone it can never be recaptured. Teenagers belong in school and they belong at home. I was never young and I mourn those lovely days that I missed—ROSANNA.

Dear Rosanna: Your story is a sordid one but your ability to get out of the gutter and make a decent life for yourself is the real moral here. My hat is off to you, young lady.

Dear Ann Landers: Every once in a while my husband says something that aggravates me, or maybe I say something that aggravates him. Anyway, we do have arguments occasionally but, good Lord, what married couple doesn't?

Last night Ben came home for dinner and I noticed he didn't have his hat on. All I said was, "Where's your hat, Ben?" He replied, "I left it in the restaurant where I ate lunch." This is the third hat Ben has lost in the last 18 months and I got a little sore about it.

The next-door neighbor had come over to return my flatiron just as Ben walked in the door. She stood around to listen to the argument and before I knew it she was expressing herself as if somebody had asked her. She said, "My husband loses things, too, but I never say a word" . . . ya ta ta . . .

Well, Ann, the little argument got to be a big fight, something that would not have happened if the neighbor lady had kept her big nose out of it. Now I am madder at her than I am at Ben. What is your opinion of this?—LOVE THY WHAT.

Dear Love: Real friends don't hang around when they see a family fight brewing. They leave. And this is what the neighbor lady would have done if she were a person of good judgment.

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 \$6 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Torrance High to Host Annual Science Exhibit

The Torrance Unified School District will hold its third annual High School Science Fair April 18 and 19 at the Torrance High School Boys' Gym, 220 W. Carson St. Participating in the event will be students from the city's four public high schools.

Wead Trio To Appear At Church

The Wead Sisters Trio will present a service of gospel music and sermons in song at the Bethesda Assembly of God Church, 1473 W. 182nd St. today, at 10:45 a.m.

The Wead Sisters Trio was formed in 1963 on the campus of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Washington, when Joyce and Joanne Wead, who had been singing in churches since they were three years old, met Maxine Howard, who also had a talented singing background.

Pastor Elwyn Lewis invites the public to enjoy the talents and ministry of this singing group.

High school students participating in this year's fair have until April 1 to complete their entries, according to Mrs. Gladys Kennedy and Dr. Bruce Wagner, co-coordinators of the event. Judging will take place Thursday, April 18, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Winners will be named in ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. The fair will be open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and to students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Exhibits will be judged in five categories: physical group, physical individual, biological group, biological individual, and research brief.

First, second, and third-place awards will be presented in each category. Entries will be judged on the basis of creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, technical skill, clarity and dramatic value.



JUNIOR SOLONS . . . Members of the Torrance Family YMCA delegation to the annual YMCA Model Legislature check a report on the young people's work during the annual session, held earlier this month in Sacramento. Looking over the report are (from left) Herman Hori, Linda Spranklin, Lorrie Buchanan, Richard Lailer, and Robin Boyes. Miss Buchanan, who was a political reporter for the session, reports today on the Model Legislature in an article prepared especially for the press-Herald. (Press-Herald Photo)

Five Youths Attend Model Legislature

By LORRIE BUCHANAN Special to the Press-Herald

Five local high school students attended the 20th annual YMCA Model Legislature held in Sacramento February 1 through 4. The delegation included Robin Boyes, 3904 W. 228th Place; Lorrie Buchanan, 4329 Via Azalea, Palos Verdes East; Herman Hori, 4111 W. 176th St.; Richard Lailer, 2811 W. 170th St.; and Linda Spranklin, 23620 Evalyn Ave. The

delegates are members of the Torrance YMCA Leader's Club.

For three days, these five youths—along with 450 other high school students representing 83 YMCAs throughout the state—took over the state capitol. The youths assumed roles as senators, assemblymen, legislative aids, legislative advocates, and political reporters.

The Model Legislature was held in exactly the same way the regular legislature is held.

Linda Spranklin, a junior at South High, was the originator of Torrance's bill which would have required motorists to wear protective helmets. Although Linda was sick the first day the legislature convened, she recovered in time to represent the delegation in the senate. Robin Boyes, also a junior at South High, was the most active of the delegates. He was proponent of the bill in committee and served in the assembly where he spoke on a great many bills, including the Torrance bill.

THE REMAINING delegates did not serve in the legislative bodies but performed important jobs. Richard Lailer, a senior at North High, served as legislative advocate. Richard, who ran for president pro-tem of the senate earlier in the year, spoke for the Torrance bill in committee as well as serving on the Committee on Health, where he spoke on various bills, including one to legalize marijuana.

Herman Hori, also a senior at North High, was ill the first few days, but later served as legislative aid giving information to officials.

The legislature officially began Friday, Feb. 2. At this first joint session Governor Ronald Reagan addressed the delegates. He emphasized the role of youth in government and California's place in the world. After the speech Reagan commented to reporters, "I couldn't be more excited or more approving. I don't recall anything like this in my own youth."

THE YOUTH governor, Michael Drakulich, from San Diego, also delivered his opening speech. He stated in his speech that he believed, "education and communication hold the key to successful state government."

Although the Torrance bill passed committee, it was defeated in the assembly. One of the most controversial issues was introduction of two bills which would legalize marijuana. After much debate in both houses, the bills were overwhelmingly defeated. Governor Drakulich remarked after their defeat, "I am pleased that the legislators have acted in a responsible manner. I'm sure that these actions will reflect our youths trend toward being more responsible."

Other significant bills that were finally signed into "law" by the youth governor included a bill to leave control of topless entertainment up to local authorities, a bill to legalize abortion, and a bill to abolish capital punishment.

A BILL making minority history a required course in all schools was the subject of a great deal of debate in the assembly. Several speakers expressed their feeling that this was a most promising solution to the racial problem. The bill was eventually signed by the youth governor.

Through actual participation in government and by seeing how the system works, the youths participating in this program came out with a greater understanding of exactly how their government functions. This kind of experience reduces a lot of the young peoples' apathy toward government. A program such as this leads to a society with better citizens. "Democracy must be learned by each generation," the theme of the legislature, seems to have met its goal.



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH . . . Michelle Beese, named Citizen-of-the-Month for January for her efforts on behalf of the Committee of Responsibility, accepts engraved cup from Jerry Hay, representing the sponsors of the award, Great Lakes Properties, Inc. Mrs. Beese, a portrait painter, is using her time and talents to help raise funds for medical treatment of Vietnamese children. The award was presented at the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce installation dinner.

Take Your Time When You Shop for a Dress

I went into the suburbs the other evening to see how you women look when you dine out or party. I must say some of you are an unsightly sight to behold.

Those clothes you wear: Who selects them? Surely not yourself.

It appears to me that when you shop for dresses—a very loose expression, from what I saw—you must be taking along one of your neighbors who is jealous

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that you have money to spend. She gets in the last word, which obviously is a bad one.

Or perhaps it's your mother-in-law, who resents you spending her son's money. Her bad advice and choice are a way of getting even with you.

Whatever or whoever does it, what you wear is a sad commentary on how dull and useless as a woman you've become.

Living miles away from the city is no excuse. You can be as excitingly dressed as some of your big-city counterparts—those who don't wear basic black with pearls, that is.

Whenever you dine out, it's what you wear that sets the mood of the occasion. A dull, uninteresting garment makes the evening seem like a gathering of the board of

directors for a trash convention. No wonder your husband develops a roving eye.

If you spend a little more time shopping for your clothes you'd look a lot more appetizing. You plow through the racks of clothes in department stores and specialty shops, pawing right and left, discarding, dropping, muttering and finally walking out with the wrong purchase just because you decided to buy a dress—and buy you did.

Take your time when you shop. Even if it's for one dress, allow a whole day, several if possible. Don't rush things.

You cannot tell what a dress looks like on you by just seeing it on a hanger. Try them all on. What might look like a rag on the rack could look like a million dollars on your back.

Even experienced fashion buyers wouldn't dare purchase clothes unless they saw them on models. They look at the movement of the garment, the flow, the accessory adaptation and the fit. Besides, very few of you American women have the imagination and visual sense to really appraise a garment unless you do try it on.

Now go out and show him what a sensation you are. Make him appreciate that charming, beautiful, magnificent creature hanging on his arm. And if you don't do something about it soon, that creature could be someone else.

Teenage Activities Considered

Members of the Advisory Committee, Andrew Carnegie School, will meet the school under the Youth Service Program. The young people of Carnegie Junior High School feel that they should have some type of activity on Friday evenings. Adams has discussed this with the Youth Service Division of the L.A. City School System and feels that

there is a possibility that a program could be developed. However, Adams stated that he wanted to determine the feeling of the community on such a project before taking further steps. Twenty-five community leaders are members of this Advisory Committee.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-2)

ACROSS

- 1—Formerly
- 5—Fairly
- 9—Reared
- 15—Jolt
- 21—Garrison
- 23—Part of shoe
- 24—Disclose
- 25—Count
- 26—Stimulate
- 27—Dull-witted persons
- 28—Catnip
- 29—Be dull and spiritless
- 30—Otherwise
- 31—Remnants
- 32—Commonplace
- 33—Sport
- 34—Uncut
- 35—Chief
- 43—Kind of spice
- 44—Rough
- 46—Affray
- 47—Edible seed
- 48—Watered silk fabric
- 49—Part of the eye
- 50—Culture medium
- 51—Wild hog
- 52—Depend
- 53—Arrange
- 54—Knob
- 55—Shopping place
- 56—Voracious fish
- 57—Cheap street show
- 58—Settle
- 60—Weak
- 61—Wanderer
- 62—Rotating piece
- 63—Noblemen
- 65—Texas
- 67—Name
- 68—Love to excess
- 69—European country
- 70—Constant

DOWN

- 1—English statesman
- 2—Masceline name
- 3—Marine fish
- 4—Wild turkey
- 5—Burlesque imitation
- 6—Day's march
- 7—Regular course
- 8—Wrath
- 9—Ransacked
- 10—Aromatic seed
- 11— . . . of Capri
- 12—Note of scale
- 13—High priest
- 14—Corrupt
- 15—Deem
- 16—Burdens
- 17—Vase
- 18—Serenade
- 19—Detergent
- 20—Feminine name
- 22—Release a claim
- 30—Archer
- 32—Fermented liquor
- 34—Heavyweight champion
- 35—Equus
- 36—Move stealthily
- 37—Civil wrong
- 38—Mockery
- 39—U. S. agent of the F. B. I.
- 40—Set
- 41—Paintstake
- 42—Warmth
- 43—Triumphal
- 44—Sharpened
- 45—Headgear
- 47—Calliber
- 48—Laments
- 49—Color
- 51—Club
- 52—Aque
- 53—Gem carved in relief
- 55—Numerous
- 56—Dinner course
- 57—Singing bird
- 59—Variety of cabbage
- 60—Lobby
- 61—Nostrils
- 62—Self-reliant
- 63—Rarely
- 64—Assemble
- 65—Dismal
- 66—Divert
- 67—An alcoholic
- 68—Bungle
- 70—Booths
- 71—Urban
- 72—Bungle
- 74—Riches
- 75—Palatable
- 76—Detective
- 78—Brisk
- 79—Occult power
- 80—Confusion
- 81—Employers
- 82—Oral
- 83—Acquire
- 85—Lost blood
- 86—Silkworm
- 87—Deserter
- 88—Means
- 89—Trap
- 90—Serve
- 91—Stance
- 93—Literature
- 94—Bridge
- 95—Official enumeration
- 97—Perched
- 98—Accoutred
- 99—Ankle
- 101—Addition to a document
- 102—Gravestone
- 103—Brave
- 104—Indigo plant
- 105—Measure
- 106—Publish
- 107—Large knife
- 108—British prison
- 109—Heater
- 110—For fear that
- 112—Fuel
- 114—Ex-soldier
- 115—Hummingbird
- 116—Singular woman
- 117—Back talk

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