

ANN LANDERS



The Doctor Backed Down

Dear Ann Landers: At what age should a daughter be allowed to go into a doctor's examination room without her mother?

I am 14 years old and mature for my age. My mother has always been too protective and too domineering. We have had a big argument over this and she made me feel like a fool. The doctor told my mother (in my presence) that it was not necessary for her to stay with me during the examination but she raised such a fuss that he finally let her have her way. Please reply in the paper for the benefit of other girls who may have this problem.

—OVERRULED DAUGHTER.

Dear Daughter: Any child who is old enough to walk is old enough to go into a physician's examining room without mother. Most doctors have a nurse to assist them, so you would in all probability not have been alone.

It's unfortunate that the doctor did not overrule your mother instead of allowing her to overrule him—and you.

Dear Ann Landers: Will you please print something in your column about people who spend half their waking hours in "dreamland?"

My husband who is 60 has had three marriages—none of them any good, including this one. The problem is that he fancies himself a dashing Lothario and I am sick of it. For the past year he has carried on a red hot, mail-order romance with a girl who is barely out of her teens. I found a letter he had written to her but not mailed. He said he was willing to leave his wife and family if she would run off with him. When I confronted him with the letter he laughed and said "I don't mean any of this silly stuff—I'm just having fun."

I've never been able to prove that he has actually done anything out of line, but if he is imagining all this doesn't he need psychiatric help?

—TORONTO.

Dear T: He sounds a little weird, but it may be a combination of male menopause and plain foolishness. If all he does is write goofy letters and you have no evidence that he is running around, forget it. Part of his "fun" might be leaving the junk around so you can see it. When you react less, he may behave better.

Dear Ann Landers: What is the matter with people who stop you on the street, grab you in a restaurant or on a bus, back you into a corner and show you two dozen snapshots of their children? I am a father and my kids happen to be very attractive, but I wouldn't dream of button-holing a friend and shoving a fistful of pictures in his face.

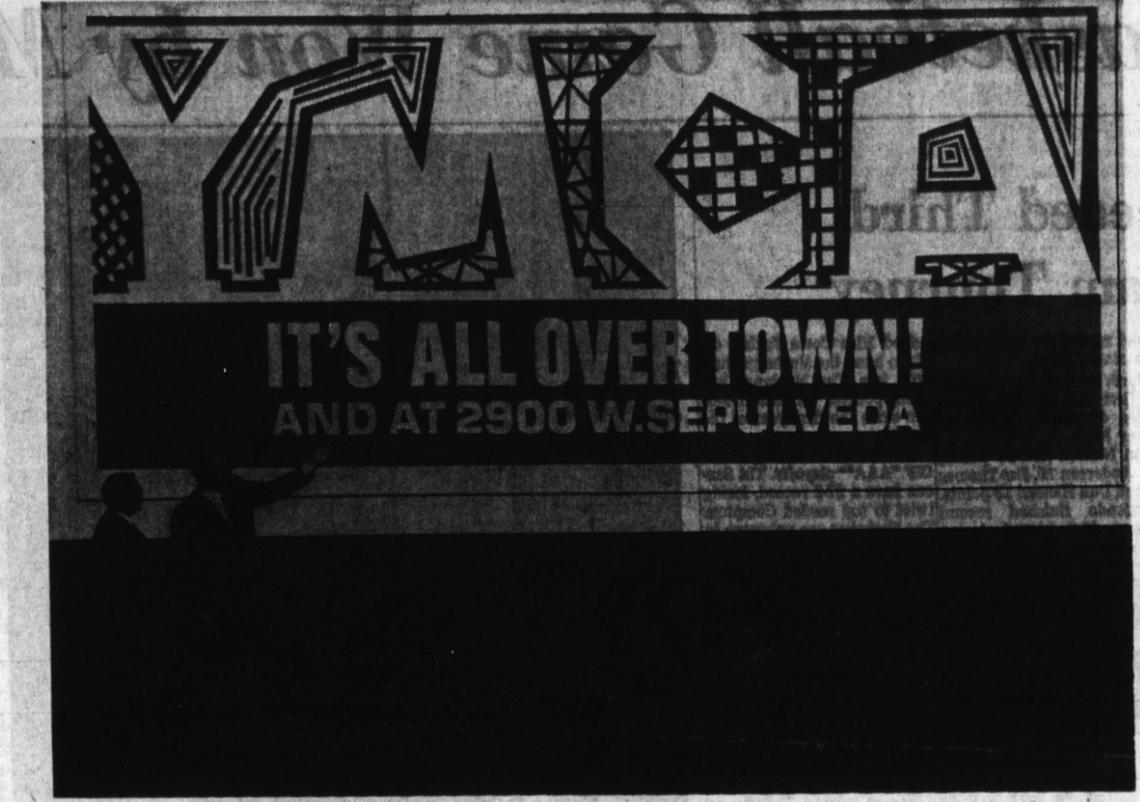
The other day I was rushing to a dental appointment and a woman who used to live near us yelled at me from across the street, "Wait a minute!" It had started to rain and I was already five minutes late, but of course I was hooked. She rushed toward me waving a bunch of snapshots in her hand and pulled me under an awning. "I knew you would want to see what the children look like now. We moved away almost three years ago," she cackled.

I was so mad I could hardly see straight, yet I had to smile and say, "Oh, aren't they adorable!" I felt like a hypocrite and a fool. Can you think of something fairly honest yet not insulting? I'd appreciate some help.—WET and LATE.

Dear W and L: You could try Goldwyn's famous line, which he used on a competitor after he watched his film—"You've got yourself a picture there."

What awaits you on the other side of the marriage veil? How can you be sure your marriage will work? Read Ann Landers' booklet "Marriage—What To Expect." Send your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald enclosing 50c in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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ALL OVER TOWN... "It's All Over Town," the motto of the current Torrance Family YMCA fund drive, is all over town—thanks to two major outdoor advertising companies. Five billboards and a porta-panel have been donated for YMCA use during the next 30 days by Pacific Outdoor and Foster and Kleiser. Taking a look at one of the billboards are Joe Wilcox Jr. (left), executive director of the YMCA, and Frank Kenny, one of four section leaders for the fund drive. The psychedelic posters were designed by John Egelund, an 18-year-old graduate of Narbonne High School and active back-packer in the "Y."

RMS Queen Mary Is Big Long Beach Attraction

The sign on the gangway clearly states "Closed to Visitors" — yet since last Dec. 9, the RMS Queen Mary has attracted more than one million people who come to vantage points to gaze—mostly in silent amazement at the grande dame of the sea who makes berth 122 of Pier E in the Port of Long Beach her home these days.

The city's newest and greatest tourist attraction has drawn some 50,000 spectators to the area every weekend since the Queen made her triumphant entry into Long Beach Harbor last December. These figures are based on estimates of long time waterfront observers and an actual count made by Long Beach traffic engineers.

On Jan. 27 and 28 an automatic traffic counter was placed across Cutter Avenue, the only street leading to the Queen Mary on Pier E, and 10,436 vehicles were registered on the counter. Based on a 150-car passenger count, the average car contained 3.5 passengers.

This would indicate a total of 36,526 people viewed the Queen Mary from Pier E during the two days.

CITY OFFICIALS were quick to point out, however, that the controlled Pier E route was not the only area where people were getting a look at the ship. Directly across the channel is the popular Pierpoint Landing complex and business people in that area have estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 sightseers flock to Pierpoint to see the Queen from that vantage point each weekend.

All of which, of course, has everyone in Long Beach very excited. City Manager John R. Mansell, who ramrodded the Queen's purchase and the conversion into a hotel-convention complex and maritime museum, said, "The large number of people coming to Long Beach from all over the county just for a look at the Queen Mary indicates to us interest is running extremely high. Imagine how many people will come to Long Beach when the Queen Mary is actually ready to receive visitors on board?"

MEANWHILE indications from hotel and motel owners in the area reveal that Long Beach is enjoying one of the best winter seasons it has had for several years and they attribute it largely to the arrival of the Queen Mary as a tourist attraction and lure.

The ship will be drydocked for a six week period commencing Feb. 22, after which it will again return to its berth 122 on Pier E—and Long Beach officials are preparing for an even greater onslaught of sightseers in the summer months ahead.

Public Apathy Blamed For Rising Crime Rate

Public apathy is a major problem in law enforcement, police officials declared at a National Crime Prevention session sponsored by the South Bay Exchange Club last week.

Greater citizen involvement is needed if rising crime is to be halted by law enforcement personnel, panelists told members of the Exchange Club.

Speakers included Richard Conroy, Palos Verdes Estates police chief; Lee Baker, administration assistant for the Hermosa Beach Police Department; and Louis Sunyich, Redondo Beach chief of police.

Sunyich said police departments are making a serious effort to "upgrade the image of the policeman" and called for greater cooperation to stem the current crime wave.

Conroy said there is a general lack of moral responsibility and also blamed recent Supreme Court decisions for rising crime rates.

The discussion was moderated by Chuck Eischem, immediate past president of the Exchange Club.

Teen Choir Will Sing Admiral To Address Rotarians

A choir composed of 30 teenagers from throughout Southern California will present three concerts today at the Hermosa Beach Church of the Nazarene. The teenagers call themselves the "Nazarene Evangelistic Action Team."

Gene Faxton, a Torrance member of the group, said that NEAT will perform at the morning services, 9:45 and 11 o'clock, and again at the evening service at 7:30.

Other members of the choir from Torrance are Stanley Buttles, Brenda Atherly, and Kay McDonald.

Rear Admiral William C. Chambliss, USN (Ret.) will address members of the Torrance-Del Amo Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting next Tuesday at the Howard Johnson Restaurant, 20535 Hawthorne Blvd., at noon.

Admiral Chambliss worked his way through Columbia University, including Law School, as a newspaperman. While in school he took two years leave to undergo Navy flight training and to serve as an aviator in the Atlantic Fleet.

In 1940, he returned to active duty in the Navy on the staff of Admiral Halsey. As navigator of Task Force 18 for the invasion of Guadalcanal, he was aboard the carrier flagship USS Wasp when it was sunk by enemy action off the island. In 1944 he served as counsel to Admiral H. E. Kimmel at the Naval Court of Inquiry into the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

ACROSS

- 1—Autumn pear
- 5—Conspire
- 10—Hard roll
- 15—Bard
- 19—Small drum
- 20—Varnish ingredient
- 21—Banishment
- 22—Aviator's signal
- 24—Infirmary
- 26—Eggs
- 28—Roman bronze
- 29—Breach
- 30—Pure air
- 30—Measured
- 31—Twice prefix
- 32—Stratagem
- 33—Compass point
- 35—Robes
- 35—Augment
- 38—Choir
- 40—Grande
- 42—Muscular
- 45—Quills
- 47—Crustacean
- 48—Outline
- 54—Metal fastener
- 55—Lined
- 56—Topic
- 58—Frightened
- 59—Cry of Bacchanals
- 60—Gone
- 61—Spanish title: abbr.
- 62—Heraldic bearing
- 64—New
- 65—Emblem of dawn
- 65—Century plant
- 66—Remove
- 67—Tail
- 70—Theme
- 72—Honey
- 73—Lined
- 74—Rosary
- 75—Variegated
- 81—Black
- 81—Cereal grass
- 82—Land measure
- 84—Group
- 85—Harden
- 88—Porphyry

DOWN

- 1—Ruin
- 2—Death notice
- 3—Isolated
- 4—Confiding
- 5—Investigate
- 6—Jacob's son
- 7—Woman explorer: - Johnson
- 8—Note of scale
- 9—Swiss
- 10—Supplicate
- 11—Cutting tool
- 12—Two-wheeled carriage
- 13—Enthusiasm
- 14—Lazar
- 15—Incense
- 16—Exude
- 17—Personalities
- 18—Portable shelter
- 19—Bent
- 20—Bank
- 21—Term of law
- 22—Cloth measure
- 23—Father
- 24—Southern State: abbr.
- 25—Calf's flesh
- 26—Reputation
- 27—Quota
- 28—Term of to be
- 28—Raised
- 29—Spirit
- 30—Coffin
- 31—Little
- 32—Money
- 33—Disposed
- 34—Exhaust
- 35—Elongated fish
- 36—Strut ear
- 37—Quota
- 38—Part of foot
- 39—Come to pass
- 40—Launt
- 41—Degree
- 42—Adriatic wind
- 43—Strip of wood
- 43—Egress
- 44—Small napkins
- 45—Spencer
- 46—High note
- 47—Harangue
- 48—Arranged in three
- 49—Gravestone
- 50—Funny
- 51—Vestige

77—Memorandum book
78—Greek letter
79—Slamesa coin
80—Turmeric
81—Printer's measure
82—Boring tool
83—Feminine name
84—Japanese coin
85—Food fish
86—Shrill bark
87—Margin
88—Glimpse
89—Eskimo native
90—Baby carriage
91—Follow
92—Sand hill
93—Dead
94—Bank
95—Armadillo
96—Soft cheese
97—Purpose
98—Picket
99—Brownie
100—Exhaust
101—Italian river
102—Velocity
103—Wire measure
104—Salver
105—Egyptian dancing girl
106—Fodder pit
107—Male voice
108—Valley
109—Attention
110—Turkish cap
111—Weight
112—Concerning
113—College degree

COUNT MARCO

Children Don't Ruin Marriages

This week I read a marriage counselor's distorted viewpoint on children and marriage. He claims children can ruin a marriage.

Mon Dieu! Will the so-called experts never be realistic? Must they continue to give bad advice to raise the roll of juvenile delinquency? It only proves I am still the one expert who knows best.

To tell young marrieds to dump their children into the laps of others is exactly what they're looking for. It is an excuse for them to avoid the responsibilities they have created. Life is already much too easy for them now.

Children don't wreck mature,

stable marriages composed of two intelligent thinking people. They ruin only those wedlocks that were the result of joining two irresponsible idiots into something that should never have been.

You don't have to leave the house to do interesting things. But get those little monsters out of the way on time every night. Children under the age of 5 should be in bed by 7, no later, even if they scream their lungs out.

In fact, I always say, if a child is going to scream, give it a good reason to do so. However, as with training a dog, you don't have to use brute force. A rolled-up news-

paper makes enough noise to quiet them after a while.

Youngsters between the ages of 5 and 9 should be in bed by 8. Between 9 and 13, no later than 9:30. Then, until 21, the curfew should be 10:30 as long as they are living under your roof. If you let them get away with other than this, it's your fault, not theirs.

Now let's have some discipline around your home. Let him start with you so you'll be able to pass it on to the children. You see, you do have a lot in common and don't have to run all over the neighborhood looking for it, either. Do you?

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He is sponsored by Coast Federal Savings' Free Enterprise Speakers Bureau. His subject will be "The Vietnam Mess."

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