

12 Girls Seek Title of Miss Torrance



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The Truth Is . . .

Dear Ann Landers: I have worked with the public for many years and have seen a good deal of tragedy which has resulted from alcoholism. It is clear to me that many wives of alcoholics have personality needs which are fulfilled by their husband's excessive drinking.

Such women (1) want to be martyrs (2) need to be sure of their "special place in heaven" (3) must have something to complain about.

The woman who signed herself "Mystified" sounds as if she fits into all three of the aforementioned categories. When a wife writes to Ann Landers because her husband has stopped drinking and his "self-righteousness is driving her crazy" and she can't understand why he has to keep going to those meetings, it's a pretty good sign she was happier when he was drinking and she was "putting up with him." Now that he is sober she has nothing to talk about, no one is telling her how marvelous she is (in fact, now HE is the marvelous one) and losing the spotlight is more than she can stand. I can guarantee you that if this woman divorces the "dry drunk" she will marry another alcoholic within a year—SPADES ARE SPADES.

Dear Spades: I have read stacks of literature on the personality characteristics of people who marry alcoholics and the authorities concur with your analysis.

There is much truth in your last statement. Surveys show that the majority of women who divorce an alcoholic remarry another alcoholic promptly.

Dear Ann Landers: I do babysitting for four or five families. They all pay the same and are pretty nice people. The problem is that one certain woman canceled me out twice in the last three weeks. Both times she had engaged me several days in advance and I turned down other jobs. Last night she canceled on the morning of the night I was supposed to sit for her. I don't think this is fair because I turned down two other jobs, yet I don't know what is fair. Do you feel this woman should have paid me anyway? Please advise.—HIGH AND DRY.

Dear H and D: In my opinion a sitter should receive at least 48 hours notice of cancellation or be paid half the usual night's compensation. This understanding should be discussed and agreed upon when the girl accepts her first job with new people.

For girls such as you—girls who are already working and have no such understanding—I suggest you have a talk with your employers and get such an agreement.

Dear Ann Landers: This may sound like a stupid question but I need your answer. How often do you think a 17-year-old girl should be allowed to date?—A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

Dear Girl: Before I answer I need a little information. These may sound like stupid questions but—

What kind of grades is the 17-year-old girl getting? Does she do her share of work around the house? Is the girl honest and reliable? Do her parents know with whom she is going, where she is going and when to expect her home? Does she honor her curfew—or does she try to sneak in late and make some excuse if she is caught?

If you will answer my questions I will answer yours.

When romantic glances turn to warm embraces is it love or chemistry? Send for the booklet "Love Or Sex And How To Tell The Difference," by Ann Landers. Enclose a long-stamped, self-addressed envelope and 25 cents in coin 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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ECONOMICS STUDY

Youths Start Own Business In Classroom

(This is the second of two articles on how Torrance schools are teaching the study of our economic system and how to deal with economic problems.)

How do you pump blood into a nation's starving economy?

When a group of sixth-grade students at Seaside Elementary School asked themselves that question, they decided to find out the hard way—by doing it.

After completing a study on Mexico, students in Mrs. Edith Sprague's class tried to figure out the reason for the country's poverty. They decided that what Mexico needed was new business.

To prove their theory, they decided that they would go into businesses which would take advantage of those natural resources available in Mexico. And they did just that.

BEFORE THE entrepreneurs turned the sixth-grade classroom into a marketplace, they researched the businesses they thought would be profitable—pottery making, jewelry making, banking, catering, publishing, film making, and dancing lessons.

To back up their venture, they took lessons in book-keeping from their math teacher. They then learned to convert dollars into pesos—and set up a currency exchange system, using student-printed script.

With the school principal serving as the "federal bank,"

the students began issuing 10-cent stock certificates in the various businesses. Stock was sold to classmates and to parents for three weeks to get the economy started.

BUSINESSES which wished to borrow money to make purchases of materials, applied for loans to the class banker. They were charged 6 per cent interest. The class banker, in turn, deposited a certain amount of its receipts with the "federal bank" and borrowed from the "government" at 4 per cent, thereby making a 2 per cent profit on each loan.

Before a new business could begin selling stock, it had to convince the bank that it would be a good risk. A notebook researching the possibilities of the proposed business's success helped the entrepreneur's case.

After shares were sold and businesses began operating, flow charts were kept of their progress. Each business decided how much of its money it would deposit in savings accounts which earn interest and how much would go into checking accounts.

WORKERS who made the pottery or jewelry or man the bank or newspaper office receive wages. Most of the students are both investors and workers.

Business appears to be thriving. One seasonal business which chose to close out after the Christmas holidays paid off 17 cents per share—a profit of 7 cents per share. Another closed out at 12 cents. At the moment, the businesses have more than \$90 on deposit in the bank.

Business will close down permanently at the end of this month when all remaining merchandise is to be sold at a fiesta and books are closed.

BUT THE project won't end there. A permanent record of the activity, taken by the "film business" will be shown at a regional meeting of nine western states of the Joint Council on Economic Education March 7, at the Hacienda Motel in San Pedro.

This project is just one example of the way in which Torrance youngsters are discovering how to solve economic problems. Economics is being introduced in classrooms from kindergarten through high school as part (See SCHOOLS, Page C-3)

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COUNT MARCO

Practice Makes A Party-Giver

Ordinary cocktail parties are for the birds or the bird-brained. No one in his right mind gives them anymore.

They are merely a means to the beginning of an empty pocketbook, hangovers, damaged rugs and burned furniture, all of which I'm sure you can do without, including the type of people who enjoy that sort of thing.

During party season in this country more women go down the drain of incompetent hostessing than the liquor down the guests' stomachs.

You bring out the worst in yourself by bringing out the booze, packaged ice obtained from the local liquor store, a horrible concoction of pre-mixed cheese dips and a pour-your-own system of liquor control.

There is definitely a difference between a party and a binge. A party is something successful hostesses give that is long remembered, whereas a binge is something most lazy females throw, which is more often rather forgotten.

To give a memorable and interesting party takes time, some imagination and a bit of doing. Keep them small and intimate.

Correct parties do not mean hours and hours of labor to be successful. Au contraire. They require hours and hours of planning. It is through proper planning that the work is taken out of party-giving, leaving only the joys and fun.

Never try something new in the way of food for partying. Test it first on the family pets or on him. Once the proper reactions have been reached and he comes down from the ceiling, you may serve it to guests without qualms.

If you can't afford a servant and must do your own liquor mixing, keep the guests barred from the kitchen, putting a small table

across the entrance if necessary. If anyone objects, don't politely show them the door—bounce them. That kind you never want to reinvite anyway.

To be a good party-giver requires practice. Keep trying, he'll love you for it.

Pageant Set For March 9

Twelve young ladies have entered the 1968 Miss Torrance Pageant, an official preliminary to the Miss America contest, it was announced today by the Torrance Jaycees.

Arnold Drier, executive director of the pageant, said the new Miss Torrance will be selected Saturday, March 9, at the Torrance High School auditorium.

The winner will be crowned by Susan Foster, the reigning Miss Torrance.

The new Miss Torrance will compete in the Miss California Pageant at Santa Cruz in June.

ENTRANTS include Celeste Horwith, Laura Caron, Kar-

lene Koch, Darcy Barcroft, Shelley Rodgers, Gail White, Etta Cumiford, Lynette Kaehler, Cherida Phinney, Sharon Terrill, Janice Stanton, and Leslie Erickson.

Miss Horwith, 22, is attending Cal State at Long Beach. She is majoring in fine arts and also teaches ballet. A native of Kansas, she has attended Missouri State University.

A senior at Torrance High, Miss Caron, 18, hopes to attend El Camino College and become an airline stewardess. She is active in the Modern Dance Club at Torrance High.

A LIFELONG resident of the Torrance area, 19-year-old Miss Koch is a student at (See PAGEANT, Page C-3)

PROFILE: ALBERT L. HOLIDAY

Politics and Chemistry Don't Mix for Dow Boss

Everything from brewing Styrofoam to warding off demonstrators falls under the heading of "job duties" for Albert L. Holiday. As plant manager for the Torrance division of Dow Chemical Co., Holiday has found that sometimes chemistry and politics don't mix.

However, Holiday describes antiwar demonstrations against the Torrance Dow plant as more "disconcerting" than actually harmful. The worst part about the demonstrations for Dow employees was worrying about "what they thought might happen," Holiday said.

The demonstrations, he explained, stemmed from the fact that all napalm for the Vietnam war effort is produced at the Torrance plant.

As a sideline, Holiday added, there is no truth to the rumor that Dow will bow out of the napalm business due to pressures from antiwar hecklers.

For all its publicity, napalm remains a small fraction of the total product output at the Torrance Dow plant, Holiday stated. It is only one of many polystyrene products produced here. Probably the best-known of the polystyrene plastics created in Torrance is "Styrofoam," a trade-name product developed by Dow.

Styrofoam, Holiday explained, is an expanded polystyrene (impregnated with air) used primarily as an insulator by industries with low temperature operations. Because polystyrene can be



ALBERT L. HOLIDAY

melted and then molded into a variety of shapes, it has dozens of practical applications in other areas, Holiday said.

Toy manufacturers are a big polystyrene market, creating floating pool toys and many other items from the soft plastic. Styrofoam is also used to make disposable drinking cups, food containers, and bacterial culture dishes for medical research.

At a youthful 36, Holiday is charged with the operation of the 55-acre Torrance facility as well as the Dow bulk terminal at Terminal Island. The plant is the largest polystyrene producer west of the

Rockies, although it takes only 150 workers to man the operation, Holiday points out.

Dow Chemical Co. is Holiday's career. He's worked with the firm since he finished his two-year stint with the Army Ordnance Corps 11 years ago. Holiday has been with the Torrance plant for the past three years, transferring from the division at Pittsburg, Calif.

Originally from the other Pittsburg (in Pennsylvania), Holiday first came west to attend Stanford University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering.

Away from his desk, Holiday's chief interest is in spectator sports. At one time, he was an ardent swimmer; Holiday once paddled as far as five miles in the San Francisco Bay when he was active in the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club. He's still a member, but finds it hard to keep active in the San Francisco club from this end of the state.

Golfing at the Los Verdes Country Club is another interest of his, although Holiday describes his score as "terrible." He and his wife, Holly, also enjoy playing bridge.

The Holidays and their daughter Margaret, 13, make their home in Palos Verdes Estates.

Apart from work and hobbies, Holiday finds time to serve as a director with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.