

# ANN LANDERS



## Alcoholism Hurts All

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 17-year-old girl who hopes you will continue to print letters about alcoholism and the harm it does. That is what happened at our house last week.

When I got home from school Mom was in bed, which was not unusual. At dinner time she didn't get up and I figured she was sleeping off a hang-over so I started to fix supper for Dad and us kids. Dad came home at six and went in to check Mom. He came out of the bedroom white as a ghost. "Mom's dead," he said and went to the phone and called the police. When he returned to the bedroom he yelled, "She moved—call the police and tell them not to come. Call the doctor instead."

Well, the police came anyway, and so did the doctor and so did the newspapers, and it made the front page and everybody is talking about it. My sister and I can't hold up our heads at school and my father is ready to change jobs because everybody at the garage where he works is making jokes. People are going to talk about this forever and there's nothing we can do about it. Please print my letter as another example of how alcoholism hurts the whole family.—S-4.

Dear S-4: Here's your letter and the address of an organization that can help YOU. Write to Alateen, P.O. Box 18, Madison Square Station, New York, New York 10010. Kids who live with alcoholism need strength, courage and information. This group offers all three—in abundance.

Dear Ann Landers: Yesterday we had dinner at my cousin's house. She had her Christmas cards still pinned to the dining room draperies. I asked if she planned to carry the Christmas spirit into Easter. "Oh," she sighed, "I can't throw the cards out until I record the names of the senders."

When I asked what that was all about, she explained that the record is for next year. Her reply was, "We send cards only to people who have sent cards to us the previous year." I then asked if she ever sent a card to a person just because she wanted to wish him well. She replied, "Are you kidding? The whole thing is a pain in the ankle. We send cards because we HAVE to—and so does everyone else."

This is such a hardboiled approach it made me wonder how much of the world operates this way. What do you think?—V-2.

Dear V-2: I think there are an awful lot of people whose motivation for Christmas giving is the same as your cousin's. Too much of Christmas has become a commercial racket. How much better if people would treat one another more kindly all through the year

Dear Ann Landers: When I married my husband four years ago (my first, his second) I was prepared for the problems that come with stepchildren. I thought I could handle everything. Now I'm not so sure.

My husband's first wife has the boys (ages from 8 to 15) but every weekend they come to our place. They are spoiled, babyish and undisciplined. I love children but not when they behave like wild animals.

Lately my husband has been talking about taking the boys on a trip next summer. I am dreading it. Is there something wrong with me?—A.Z.

Dear A.Z.: Stepchildren have busted up more second marriages than anything I know of. ALL children respond to love and kindness. If you want your marriage to work, dig in your heels and learn to get along with those children. Easy? Of course not. It takes maturity, saintly patience and perseverance, but it must be done or everything else might come undone.

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STUDY JAPAN . . . Lauren Sherman, a fourth grade student at Sepulveda Elementary School, pours tea during Japanese tea ceremony. Ceremony highlighted a Japanese program for parents presented by students upon completion of a study unit on Japan. Students made traditional "happy coats" to wear for the occasion. During the program, students sang Japanese songs, recited facts and stories about the country, and performed a Japanese stick dance.

## Trustees, Parents Clash On High School Boundary

Sam Levy PTA members were crammed into the administrative offices of the Torrance Unified School District Monday night to influence the realignment of the high school boundaries to allow their children to attend South High.

The present boundary requires students living east of Hawthorne Boulevard to attend Torrance High. Board president Bert M. Lynn placed the item first on the agenda for the convenience of the audience.

THOSE who had made themselves known in advance of the meeting were called upon by Lynn to make comments on the matter. A number of spokesmen said South High was more convenient than Torrance High considering traffic and transportation.

## Harbor Choir to Appear In Music Center Festival

The Harbor College Choir will participate in a Choral Festival Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center.

"Junior College Night at the Music Center" will be the first choral festival for six Los Angeles Junior Colleges. Participating schools are Harbor, Los Angeles City, East Los Angeles, Pierce, Southwest, and Valley Junior Colleges.

According to Robert Billings, director of Harbor's choir, selections for the 86-member group will include: "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" by Victoria, "Cry and Shout" by Nystedt, "Let all Flesh Keep Silence" by Halst, and "The

The overflow into the hallway prevented an accurate count of the spectators. Everyone who spoke favored South High.

LEVY SCHOOL draws students primarily from an area bounded by Hawthorne Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, Maple Avenue, and Lomita Boulevard.

It was reported a survey was made of 60 freshmen who will enroll in high school next year and 58 favored South High. The brother-sister rule would allow 25 students to attend South High next year to be with other members of their family.

Board members were told the pupil stations at each high school in the district were designed for a maximum of 3,000. TORRANCE has a projected enrollment of 2,362 for

1968 and South High 3,020. These figures are based on Torrance as the feeder school for Levy.

The school district will take up the matter again at its meeting March 18. Lynn made arrangements for a larger meeting room.

## Ballots Ready For Absentees

Voters who will be absent from their precincts on election day, April 9, may now make arrangements to receive absentee ballots.

Application for the ballots must be made at the office of the city clerk, Torrance City Hall, between March 11 and April 2. Those who are unable to get to a precinct due to a physical disability may apply for absentee ballots.

Each application must be made in writing by the individual desiring the ballot. The applicant must state his name, home address, the address to which the ballot is to be sent, and the reason for the request. His signature must appear on the application.

"War voters" may make application as late as April 4. If conditions arise after the application deadline, which would cause the voter to be absent on election day, he may still apply for a ballot.

However, the voter must sign an affidavit on a form provided by the city clerk attesting to the fact that the conditions arose after the deadline which would compel him to be absent on election day.

Voted ballots must be returned to the city clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. April 8.

# Russian Youngsters Use Materials from Torrance

Nursery school children in Russia may some day talk English through the help of the Torrance Unified School District.

And it all started with a lady stamp collector!

A series of circumstances which led to Torrance passing along some out-of-date books to the far-off pre-schoolers began when Mrs. F. Zucconi, a Torrance waitress, gave a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Russian revolution to the chef at the restaurant at which she is employed.

was valued at \$50 by collectors, she wrote to Premier Korygin in Russia and asked him to send her another one.

Answering through his assistant secretary general at the Institute of Soviet-American Relations, the premier sent Mrs. Zucconi 15 commemorative stamps, five picture post cards, and a request for books for pre-school children who are studying English.

Mrs. Zucconi turned to Torrance schools for assistance in filling the request.

EARLY this week Dr. Roger McDaniel, administrator

of the Education Materials Building for the school district, uncovered some out-of-date booklets suitable for very young children.

He picked up the phone and related his find to Mrs. Zucconi, who had been scouring second-hand bookstores in search of appropriate material.

The one-time American school books, together with her bookstore discoveries, will be mailed to Moscow this weekend by the Torrance waitress who lives in Gardena.

LEARNING later that the stamp she had given away

## She Marks Her 100th Birthday

"Greetings from the President of the United States . . ."

But for Mrs. Katherine Brooks, the message wasn't the usual one which follows such an opening.

Mrs. Brooks, born Feb. 23, 1868, in New York, celebrated her 100th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Veronica Husson, 17020 Ermita Ave.

A clear-headed, alert woman, Mrs. Brooks gave up smoking at the age of 80 for her health. Then, at 87, she boarded an airliner for her first flight and came to Torrance.

She married a seaman and lived much of her life in Jersey City. Three of her fourteen children are still living and they have provided her with nine grandchildren. The family includes 32 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brooks, who now lives in Inglewood, was especially pleased with the birthday greetings from President Lyndon Johnson since she's been a "strong" Democrat all her life.

## Junior College Offers Student Counseling

Counseling time is available for those planning to attend El Camino College in the fall 1968 semester, according to W. Holmes Smith, dean of counseling and placement.

"Because total attendance usually drops in the spring semester, the counselors will have more time to aid the students with program problems or questions," Smith added.

The same system of priority registration for the fall semester will continue for the returning students.

The counselor has three main objectives, Smith said. The first function is to help the students in his choice of an educational program. Secondly, he must aid the student in a vocational choice.

The third function is to aid the student with any personal problems, whether emotional, scholastic, or otherwise.

"El Camino does have a counseling psychologist, Dr. Don Ferguson, to aid students with their problems specifically, but all the other counselors are also available," Smith said.

## Former City Prosecutor Joins Firm

Charles F. (Monte) Catterlin, former city prosecutor for Torrance, has joined the Santa Barbara and Pasadena law firm of Boyle, Atwill and Stearns.

Catterlin has been serving in the district attorney's office in Santa Barbara County as a principal trial attorney. He served as city prosecutor and also was in private practice here until he moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1965. He joined the Santa Barbara district attorney's office of Boyle, Atwill and Stearns, is married to the former Doris Dunlop.

## Name Member to County Group

Henry C. Griswold, a Palos Verdes Peninsula resident and prominent Torrance area developer, has been named chairman of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission.

Griswold succeeds Lupi Saldana as chairman of the five-member group.

# Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

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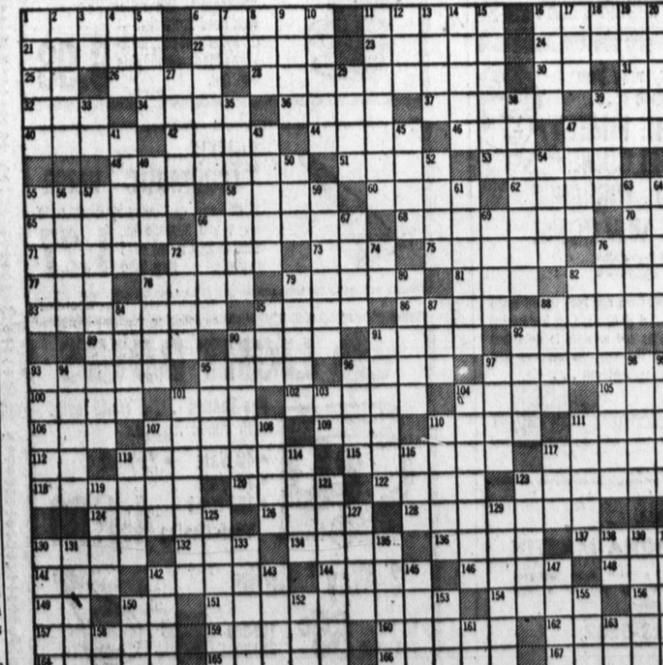
### ACROSS

- 1—Gush
- 8—Support
- 11—Division of a poem
- 16—Flaxen
- 21—Helmet
- 22—Latin
- 23—Greek theater
- 24—Rajah's wife
- 25—While
- 26—Spring
- 28—Vestibules
- 30—Cutting tool
- 31—Hebrew letter
- 32—Floor
- 34—New star
- 36—Mountain lake
- 37—Bounder
- 40—Malayan canoes
- 42—Granular snow
- 44—Platform
- 46—Pig pen
- 47—Morays
- 48—Parasage
- 51—Bogoni
- 53—Laugh loudly
- 55—Dispute
- 58—Girl student
- 60—Unbleached
- 62—Foreigners
- 65—Register
- 68—Bondman
- 69—Japanese banjo
- 70—Correct collog.
- 71—Decrease
- 72—Grant
- 73—Dance step
- 75—Mottled
- 76—Sea bird
- 77—Add
- 78—Prohibit
- 79—Thorn
- 81—Rita Hayworth's ex-husband
- 82—Prate
- 83—Register
- 85—Maple genus
- 88—Pope's veil
- 89—Meit

### DOWN

- 1—Imprint
- 2—Model
- 3—Above
- 4—Sandpaper
- 5—Quill
- 6—Military commission
- 7—Artificial language
- 8—Chalice
- 9—Tilt
- 10—Inward
- 11—Lose
- 12—Molding
- 13—Commotion
- 14—Illuminated sign
- 15—Volumes
- 16—Attacks
- 18—Donkey's cry
- 17—Loose
- 18—Ahead
- 19—Asiatic kingdom
- 20—Acts
- 27—Temporarily
- 28—Periods
- 33—Behold
- 35—Fruit
- 38—Sovereignty
- 39—Garret
- 41—Whale
- 43—Notched
- 45—Am. Indians
- 47—Emerald isle
- 48—Wing
- 50—Affirmative
- 52—Corner
- 54—Mar garine
- 55—Raleses aloft
- 56—Negative ion
- 57—Delighted
- 59—Fincal
- 61—Lakimo canoes
- 63—Prickly pear
- 64—Fish
- 66—Old soldiers
- 67—Den
- 69—Within
- 72—Wax
- 74—Symbol for tin
- 75—Wax
- 78—Garment
- 79—Cerride
- 80—Age
- 82—Crustacean

- 84—Petty
- 85—Expert
- 87—Poem
- 88—Norse god
- 90—Wing-footed
- 91—Sibilated
- 92—Goddess of discord
- 93—Tribunal
- 94—Larvae
- 95—Dressed
- 96—German historians
- 97—Pecks
- 100—Passage
- 107—Mild oath
- 108—Feminine name
- 110—Praying figure
- 111—Turn
- 113—Compassion
- 114—Golf gadget
- 115—Insect
- 117—Weight
- 119—Absorbed
- 121—Instigator
- 101—Larvae
- 102—Larvae
- 103—Football position
- 104—Passage
- 107—Mild oath
- 108—Feminine name
- 110—Praying figure
- 111—Turn
- 113—Compassion
- 114—Golf gadget
- 115—Insect
- 117—Weight
- 119—Absorbed
- 121—Instigator
- 122—Tobacco roll
- 125—Frankness
- 127—Anchor
- 129—Invisible
- 130—Hearts
- 131—Harangue
- 133—Stale
- 135—Profession
- 138—Thus
- 139—Nostril
- 140—Upright
- 142—Valley
- 143—Italian city
- 145—Shield
- 147—Course
- 150—Old U.S. agency
- 152—Foot-like part
- 153—Bitter vetch
- 155—Gender
- 158—Advertisement
- 161—Earth goddess
- 161—Earth Goddess
- 163—Fifty-one: Rom.



## COUNT MARCO

# Working Women Shouldn't Marry

One out of every three married women works. And one out of every two marriages goes on the rocks. There is an association here.

So-called experts claim that married women get bored staying at home, and so they set out for the pathways of employment. But the first dollar you bring home is your first pebble in the rocky road that leads downhill—straight to the nearest bar stool.

A man must feel always he is needed for one thing or another. If you bring home a paycheck and prove you can be self-supporting, you do things to his ego—damaging things.

Too, when you're married and work it proves you are frustrated. Naturally. As a poor housekeeper, an even worse cook and a wife about as warm to your husband when you both return home

from work as an ice cube lost in a freezer, you're unloved.

You're a fixture around the house, a thing brought to his attention only when complaining, as is a squeaking wheel or a dripping faucet. It's your fault.

There are three kinds of married women in the world. You are basically the same when you start out, but somewhere along the line you take different turnoffs.

The changes that occur in you are caused by the weakness in the man you marry. If you are a dominant, aggressive woman, the man you marry resorts to the weakness of "yesing" you once too often.

You seek escape in the men's world of employment, where you can bask (you think) in their admiration. All they can see is your repressions, and they turn on

the heat, knowing a good thing when they see it, free.

You who married the man knowing full well his faults, and thought you could change him sit there and suck your thumb in bitterness. He hits the bottle to avoid your nagging, and you hit the employment trail to avoid your own defeat.

But you can be the third woman, the beautiful one, happy and contented with your lot. You are a true woman, because you have a man. Your every waking hour is spent in concentration on work at home, in anticipation of the joyful moments to be shared with him when he arrives.

Get back on the main road. Go home where you belong and say a prayer of thanksgiving for having a man to love for instead of a job to work at.

## Vehicles Collide At Corner

Torrance police will seek a complaint against 21-year-old Michael R. Wolfe, 1726 Juniper Ave., after his car allegedly failed to yield right-of-way, colliding with another vehicle at the intersection of Arlington and Santa Fe Avenues.

Police said Wolf was headed north on Arlington Avenue about 3:30 p.m. Thursday when he rammed into a station wagon driven by Clarence Newcomb, 3305 Danaha Ave. Newcomb, who had been headed across Arlington on Santa Fe Avenue, suffered a two-inch laceration over his right eye.

Both cars sustained major damage.