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Wear Your Keys

Dear Ann Landers: I disagree with your reply to Galatea, the girl who wondered about a gentleman who wore his Phi Beta Kappa key as a lapel piece.

I am one of many who has earned a Phi Beta Kappa key but I don't dare wear it because of all the smart aleck remarks.

Why is it that if one has earned membership in this elite society he is considered an egomaniac if he wears his key? Is there any other society whose members have to keep their identity hidden like that?

If a soldier earns a ribbon or a medal he wears it with pride and people respect him for it. But the person who wears a Phi Beta Kappa key is accused of showing off. Why? Why? Why?

—KEYED UP

Dear Up: That column produced a blizzard of letters. I didn't realize I had so many Phi Beta Kappas in my reading audiences. Most of the people who wrote said they'd like to wear their keys but the can't take the ribbing. I hereby encourage all members of Phi Beta Kappa to take out your keys and wear them. If any wizenheimer pops off tell him you'll take your key off if he'll put his on.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a friend who is fat as a cow. She says that more than anything in the world, she loves to eat and she will not give up this pleasure.

She also would like to have a nice figure, which is very hard to do considering that she is constantly stuffing herself with candy, cake, cookies, caramel corn and everything fattening you can think of.

Last week my friend told me she has hit on a system that will allow her to eat whatever she pleases and not put on weight. She packs in the rich food and then she goes to the bathroom and forces herself to throw up. She claims if the food is not in her it will not make her gain weight.

Is this true or false?

—THE ASKER

Dear Asker: It is false, foolish and dangerous. When your friend throws up the food she also loses the gastric juices which are essential to good health. The girl sounds cuckoo to me and I hope she will see a doctor and get on a sensible diet before she wrecks her health.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a widow in my late 40s. A few weeks ago my father-in-law died. He was not a wealthy man but he left me 50 per cent of his estate. The balance was divided between his two daughters.

I received a call from one of his daughters saying I should be a lady and sign over my share of the estate to her and her sister because the will was written while my husband was alive and now that he is dead I am not entitled to anything because I am not legally related. She promised me a court fight if I refuse and added, "You would surely lose, my dear, and the publicity would be dreadful."

My father-in-law was a dear man and I enjoyed having him in my home. He did not have a good relationship with his daughters or their husbands and spent very little time with them.

I am not hard up for money but I don't want to be intimidated. Please tell me what to do.

—SHADES OF BLUE

Dear Shades: See a lawyer and learn what your rights are. Don't discuss this with anyone and don't sign anything without legal counsel.

Unsure of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 35 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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"ADIOS, MI AMIGO" . . . Emerging the countywide winner of a five-day trip to Mexico City, Mrs. James Sias of Lomita (second from right) receives the congratulations and best wishes of fellow American Cancer Society volunteers (from left) Mmes. Gertrude Carpenter and Louise Third, co-chairmen of Lomita's April Crusade, and George Knoche, Los Angeles County Crusade chairman. The trip, one of three awarded, was donated by three anonymous firms in addition to their annual contributions in the fight against cancer for the purpose of recognizing the Society's doorbell ringing Crusaders.

Cancer Crusader

Lomita Mother Awarded Trip to Mexico City

"Vaya con Dios" topped the good wishes bestowed over and over again on Mrs. Betty Sias, 25606 Cypress St., Lomita, last week as she prepared to leave for an unexpected, five-day vacation "South of the Border."

The attractive Lomita mother of five was scheduled to depart Sunday by air with her husband, James, for her first visit to Mexico City — the native land of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hipolito Martinez, also of Lomita.

"We've decided it will be a fun vacation — the first we've had in years," declared the happy traveler upon recovering from her astonishment over learning that she was the chosen recipient of a pair of roundtrip airline tickets to Mexico's capitol, accommodations for two at the Maria Isabel Hotel and a \$100 expense check.

DELIVERING the happy news along with travel reservations and his personal good wishes was George Knoche, chairman of the Los Angeles County's 1968 Crusade for the American Cancer Society.

Knoche explained that Mrs. Sias's five-day trip was the first of three such prizes awarded by the society. Some 9,000 Crusaders

who completed their volunteer assignments with the Society last April, competed for the trips.

The airline tickets, hotel reservations, and the expense money—donated anonymously by three firms over and above their annual contributions to the fight against cancer—were designated for the purpose of recognizing residential cru-

saders who ring doorbells every April for funds in support of the American Cancer Society's research, education and service programs.

LEADING THE stream of congratulations from fellow Lomitans were the co-chairmen of Lomita's Crusade, Mrs. Louise Third and Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter.

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Post Office Will End Holiday Mail Service

Plans to eliminate the collection of mail from collection drop boxes on national holidays was announced here this week by Postmaster Carl L. Backlund.

Backlund said the decision was made after a "very careful and studied survey" of mail deposited in the boxes on national holidays. Results

of the survey, he said, indicated "a very low volume is generated in the boxes."

The postmaster said normal collection schedules will be observed on Washington's Birthday and Veterans Day.

Mail deposited in the boxes located in front of the main post office, branch post offices, and the self-service units in the city will be collected, Backlund said.

Patrons who find it necessary to dispatch mail on holidays should drop it in a box at branch stations before 2 p.m. Mail dropped in boxes at the main post office, 2510 Monterey St., will be collected as late as 5:30 p.m.

On Washington's Birthday and Veterans Day, mail deposited in any box in the city prior to 4 p.m. will be processed the same day.

Currency, Appliances Missing

More than \$900 worth of home appliances, clothing, and currency were stolen Friday night from the home of Peter Mihalaros, 22, of 2270 Sepulveda Blvd., Apt. 51.

Missing were a color television, a stereo tape deck and assorted tapes, men's clothing, and cuff links. The take also included \$90 cash.

Police said they found pry marks on the front door above the lock and noticed that the door jamb molding had been pried out.

Mihalaros told police that a young man had come to the door earlier requesting change and had commented on what a "nice pad" the victim had.

Officer to Receive Police Valor Award

Los Angeles Police Officer George B. Surber, a Torrance resident, will receive the department's Medal of Valor at ceremonies scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 10, at noon.

Officer Surber is being honored for his heroic actions in rescuing a woman and three children from a burning vehicle Jan. 22, 1967.

The 47-year-old officer, who is married and has three children, was on the Pasadena Freeway when he saw the vehicle collide with an abutment and explode in flames. A small child was thrown clear, but three other children were trapped inside with the woman.

The officer pulled two children to safety, but found the woman wedged in the car with the third youngster trapped beneath her.

Officer Surber entered the burning car and freed the remaining two victims, although the car was nearly engulfed in flames.

A native of Oklahoma, Officer Surber served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1947 and is currently assigned to the Accident Investigation Division.



OFFICER GEORGE SURBER Medal of Valor

Oil Well Operation Tour Set

A tour of city oil well sites is on the agenda Thursday night for the Torrance City Council. Area residents interested in joining the 6:30 p.m. bus tour have been asked to make reservations with the office of the city manager, City Hall.

Following the bus trip, the council will meet at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of oil well operations and standards for regulating all oil wells within the city.

During the tour, city staff members will provide information and answer questions. At the meeting, the staff will make a presentation on oil well operations

Robbery Attempt Foiled by Clerk

A gun-packing lady liquor store owner scared off a would-be robber Saturday night when she whipped out her revolver and threatened to kill him.

Patricia Campisi, 60, owner of Campisi Liquor, 3614 Pacific Coast Hwy., told police a boy about 15 years old entered her store at 10:45 p.m. She said he pulled out a blue steel revolver and ordered her to put all the money in a bag.

Reportedly, Mrs. Campisi said, "Just a minute. I have to get a bag." She then walked to the end of the counter and picked up her loaded revolver.

For a moment, they stood facing each other. When Mrs. Campisi threatened to kill the youth, he turned and ran, shouting, "You can't shoot me in the back!"

Program for Volunteers Set

A training program for JACS (Joint Action in Community Service) volunteers is scheduled tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Bureau, 2008 W. Carson St.

A film showing how men in a community aid Job Corps trainees will be shown.

Profile: Frank Cooper

Fund Raising Campaign Led Him to New Career

Frank M. Cooper is one of those lucky people who has been able to combine his work with his love of travel. And the joy of seeing the world has been heightened by the satisfaction of bringing modern American know-how to far-flung corners of the globe.

In 1965, Cooper left his post as assistant administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital and took off for the Far East, visiting Honolulu, Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. While visiting the island country sometimes known as Formosa, Cooper put his knowledge to work in designing a three-story hospital, introducing plenty of new ideas in the process.

Returning to the United States in December, 1965, Cooper and his wife were already thinking ahead to their next journey. This time they set their sights on southern Europe and the Middle East.

The adventuring couple first traveled through Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Lebanon, culminating their journey in Iran, where Cooper made a survey of hospitals for the Presbyterian Church.

In the course of his duties, Cooper met a group of American-trained doctors in the capital city of Teheran. They asked him to help design a five-story hospital complex, employing the latest in American techniques.

"We felt like we were back in another century," Cooper related. But in Iran, as in other parts of the world, the people were eager to learn American ways and Cooper felt he left an im-



FRANK COOPER

print on their road of progress.

Cooper and his wife, Lindsay Hughes Cooper, spent a good deal of time attempting to learn the Iranian language both before and during their trip. But the world-wandering hospital executive described the language as "extremely difficult" and came to rely heavily on the phrase, "Please speak to me more slowly!"

After 14 months in Iran, however, the Coopers found that they missed American friends and customs, as their circle of acquaintances in Meshed was limited. So they headed for home and Torrance Memorial Hospital again.

Originally a trucking executive with his family's Cooper-Jarrett motor freight line, Cooper came to California on vacation in January, 1952, and liked it so well he never went back.

For four years, he manag-

ed property in Laguna Beach until he was asked to take charge of a fund-raising drive for the proposed South Coast Community Hospital. That proved to be a turning point in his life.

Cooper became so interested in hospitals during the campaign that he enrolled at UCLA to complete work toward a bachelor's degree in public health. Following graduation in June, 1959, Cooper and his wife decided to hit the road again, this time motoring around Europe.

Cooper's first hospital post was at Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he was finally promoted to the position of administrator in April.

But travel is never far from Cooper's mind. He and his wife are already considering plans to cruise to Mexico next spring.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Cooper may have developed a love of travel during younger years when he lived in many parts of the country. He's made his home in Georgia, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, and California.

Reflective of his itinerant tastes two homes; an apartment in Torrance for week days and a home in Laguna Beach for weekends.

Outside of travel, the Coopers claim an interest in Chinese art as their favorite leisure-time pursuit. Mrs. Cooper was associate curator of the Asiatic department of a Kansas City art gallery before she married and was also employed at one time with C. T. Loo, the world's foremost Chinese art dealer.