

LET'S GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

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ANN LANDERS

What's an Insult?

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 14-year-old girl who used to be very heavy. I got tired of being called Baby Hippo and Lardie and decided to do something about it. I went on a diet and lost 25 pounds. The weight loss has improved my looks 100 per cent and now I hate to think about the days when I was fat. So why do people keep reminding me?

Grownups who haven't seen me in a long time say, "My, but you look SO much better!" Or, "How much weight did you lose altogether?" It embarrasses me to death when a person ends a conversation with, "Keep up the good work," or some dumb thing like that. I intend to keep up the good work and I don't need to be told.

Please print this letter for all ex-fatties and tell people we don't want to be reminded of the past. It makes us ashamed and embarrassed.

—TOUCHY GIRL

Dear Girl: You might feel a little less touchy after reading the next letter:

Dear Ann Landers: I used to be quite heavy. Last spring my doctor put me on a diet and I lost 22 pounds. I look 10 years younger and have more energy now than I have had in years.

Yesterday I attended a church social and saw several women I had not seen since May. Not a single person mentioned a word about my weight loss. I know they must have noticed it because I wear a size 12 now instead of a 16, and these women are not blind. Why are some folks so mean? I went to that meeting feeling like a million dollars and came home feeling like two cents.

—SATISFACTION DENIED

Dear Sat: One woman's compliment is the next woman's insult. Some days it doesn't pay to get out of bed in the morning.

Dear Ann Landers: How can parents unspoil a couple of spoiled brats? We made the mistake of listening to too many so-called experts on child rearing. We let our kids express themselves to the point where now we are afraid to express OURSELVES for fear of being told off.

My husband and I are intelligent people who have gone by the book and lost our own common sense. Our children have no respect for authority. They ignore us and do as they please. They act as if the world is divided into two warring factions—parents and children.

Is it ever too late to start? If not, how do we go about getting control of kids who are out of control? Please answer this letter in the paper. I'm sure there are thousands of equally bewildered parents who would appreciate some help.

—BESIDE OURSELVES

Dear Beside: How old are the spoiled brats? Are they 3 and 5, 8 and 11, or 15 and 17? Your question is comparable to asking a physician if a disease is curable without telling him how long you've had it.

A spoiled brat, like a skin rash, is easier to get under control if you catch it in the early stages.

If your kids are 12 years of age or older you are going to need some outside help. And don't expect magic. It doesn't always work. But it's worth the try.

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TIME IS NEAR . . . Making their first visit of the new school year to the West High School campus are (from left) Keith Newcomer, Pam Gage, Leslie Erving, and Frank Maxim. These four youngsters will join nearly 34,500 other Torrance students

Wednesday, Sept. 11, when classes begin for the fall semester. New facilities under construction at West High include a fine arts complex and new administrative offices.

(Press-Herald Photo)

To Teachers Apollo Official To Speak Here

A space science expert will address almost 1,900 Torrance teachers and administrators during a back-to-school teacher orientation meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Speaking at a program to be conducted by Torrance Unified School District for faculty members at 10 a.m. at the El Camino College auditorium will be Edward B. Lindaman, manager, Interdivisional Projects, Apollo, Space Division, North American Aviation, Inc.

Lindaman will discuss the topic, "New Knowledge Frontiers and the Curriculum."

A MEMBER OF THE management staff at North American for the past 20 years, Lindaman has addressed numerous civic, educational, industrial, and religious groups throughout the United States during the past two years on the subject of human values in an age of expanding science and technology.

National president of the United Presbyterian Men, and active in youth work, Lindaman recently hosted a weekly half-hour television program series for 26 weeks on which he moderated unrehearsed discussion among high school students con-

cerning implications of scientific breakthroughs.

IN 1965 he coined the word theonetics (The study of God in change) and subsequently has helped organize a nationwide series of Theonetics Symposiums wherein he has encouraged church leaders to enter into dialogue with the change makers of the nation. To this end he has brought top executives of science, industry, education and government into direct confrontation with leaders and theologians of several denominations. Further symposiums are in planning stages.

Former chairman of the Los Angeles Presbyterian General Council, United Presbyterian Church, Lindaman is currently serving on the board of directors of North Orange County, YMCA, and is a member of the men's committee, Japan International Christian University; the board of Christian Education, United Presbyterian Church, USA; the board of trustees, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif.; the advisory board, Missionary Advanced Research and Communications Center, Division of World Vision International, Monrovia, Calif.; program board, National (Continued on C-2)

Eight Schools Get New Administrators

When Torrance youngsters return to school this fall, there will be a new principal sitting behind the desk in eight of the district's 41 schools.

Schools which have been assigned new principals include: Crenshaw Elementary School, Victor Elementary School, Hickory Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, Newton Elementary School, Sepulveda Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, and Seaside Elementary School.

New principals will be Grant Logan, former vice principal at Fern-Greenwood School, who will be principal at Crenshaw School; Michael Brajevich, former vice principal of Madrona School, who will be

principal of Hamilton School; Mrs. Catherine Stock, who has been promoted from vice principal at Victor School to principal of Victor School; and Clark Merrill, who has been promoted from vice principal of Hickory School to principal of Hickory School.

PRINCIPALS who have been reassigned include: Richard Liebovitz to Newton School, Hugh Dooley to Sepulveda School, George Marich to Seaside School, and William Zecher to Jefferson School.

New vice principal assignments include: Scott Gray, Hickory School; Craig Kimball, Anza School; Donald Kusch, Fern-Greenwood School; Richard Sylvester, Madrona School; and Calvin

Eubanks, Shery High School.

LOGAN, WHO has been affiliated with Torrance schools for the past seven years, formerly taught for eight years in Albuquerque, N. M. He served as a teacher at Parkway School for four years and as vice principal at Victor School and Fern-Greenwood.

A native of Illinois, he moved to New Mexico as a youngster and received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of New Mexico. He has done advanced graduate work at the University of Southern California.

While in college, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the University of New Mexico Letterman Club. He is currently affiliated with the Masons, the Shriners, and the Scottish Rites.

BRAJEVICH, a native of Los Angeles, has been employed by the Torrance Unified School District for the past five years. He taught science at Parkway School for 4½ years and served as vice principal of Madrona School for the past six months.

A graduate of Washington High School in Los Angeles, he received his bachelor's degree from California State College at Long Beach.

He is a member of the Torrance Education Association, the California Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the National Science Teachers Association.

PRIOR to becoming vice principal of Victor School two years ago, Mrs. Stock taught for nine years at Seaside School, for half a year at Fern Avenue School and for six years at Fern-Greenwood School.

Born in Hemet, she is a graduate of Hemet Union (Continued on C-6)

Profile: Len and Mike Pucci Brothers Quit the Movies For Restaurant Business

Lenny and Mike Pucci are restaurateurs. But their talents in the business world are only he beginning.

Lenny can spin tales about his career in semi-professional football and Mike could easily launch into memory session on the movies he's appeared in if modesty would permit.

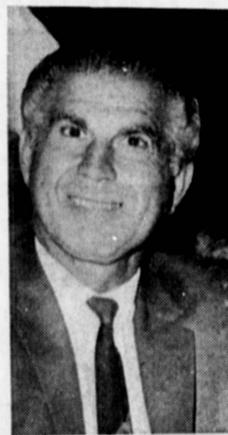
Now established in new quarters on the plaza of the Union Bank tower, Len and Mike are the same Puccis who operated Pucci's Restaurant in Encino for ten years until it burned to the ground.

Fire couldn't put out their will to succeed, however, and the two Puccis bounced back with plans to make an even bigger success in their new location. Although their "Pucci's Wall Street West" has been open scarcely six months, Len and Mike can boast a tremendous noon time business and are already thinking about expansion.

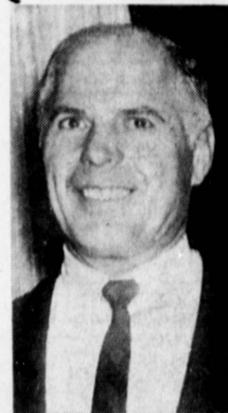
Hailing from Canton, Ohio, the "cradle of football," the Pucci brothers are two of ten children of an Italian immigrant couple who came to this country from Naples to work in the steel industry.

Both Puccis were avid football players in school, with Lenny going on to play semi-professional ball with the Canton Bulldogs for three years. Lenny proudly notes that he's a regular "encyclopedia of football facts," having followed the game for 45 years. And his knack for talking football has been as important as ice cubes in his bartending career.

Moviegoers, on the other hand, may find that the name "Mike Perry" strikes a familiar chord. Mike Perry is, of course none other than Mike Pucci, who appeared in a number of films in the



LEN PUCCI



MIKE PUCCI

early 1940s. Mike has played along side such greats as Charles Laughton and Robert Young, and was even considered for a Valentino role at one time.

"Canterville Ghost" is probably Mike's best known film. But he wasn't the only moviestar in the family. Lenny once landed himself a bit part in "The Misfits," sharing glory with stars Mar-

ilyn Monroe and Clark Gable. What did he play? A bartender, of course!

The Puccis' acting careers got an unexpected start years ago when the two were regular customers at a restaurant hangout. They struck up an acquaintance with another habitue—casting director Bobby Webb—and from there it was easy sledding.

Mike eventually landed an MGM contract but later decided not to make movies his career because of the uncertainty of the business.

A legacy from movie days, however, is the number of show-biz acquaintances the Puccis still cultivate. Clark Gable was a frequent customer at their Encino restaurant, and the brothers also know such sars as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Effrem Zimbalist.

Football hero Bob Waterfield is another friend of the Puccis and turns up regularly to dine at the brothers' current Wall Street West location.

Jobless Payments Increase

SACRAMENTO — Unemployment insurance payments for July of this year were marked by a slight decrease over the same month in 1967, Peter Weinberger, director of the State Department of Employment, announced today.

Payments from all offices in the state last month totaled \$31,825,909, as compared to \$32,505,644 for July of 1967.

Payments from the Torrance office of the department for July, 1968, totaled \$61,357, as compared to \$468,223 for July, 1967.