



# ANN LANDERS

## Where to Go?

Dear Ann Landers: The Indians used to put out their old and ill and leave them to die. Elephants, when they sense the end is near instinctively go to their own burial grounds. Where do old and tired wives go?

My ex-husband was a very slick operator. I was no match for him. I did not contest his divorce which was followed hastily by a marriage to a 20-year-old girl. (He was 51.) His new wife is pregnant now. He has lost 20 pounds, dyed his hair and drives a convertible.

After giving that man 30 years of my life and raising four sons, I must work to support myself. Two of our sons are married and the other two are in the service. I have wonderful friends but still there are many places an unescorted woman cannot go. Loneliness is a horrible thing. I feel that nobody needs me and I have nothing to live for. That's why I am asking, where do tired, old, used wives go?—HEARTSICK

Dear Heartsick: I wish you'd have written before your husband obtained the divorce. If you had, he'd still be waiting for it and you wouldn't be working to support yourself.

Now, I can only suggest that you keep yourself busy and in touch with the world. Get into work that will give you a sense of service as well as a living. Hospitals, homes for the aged and other organizations that help people are looking for paid personnel. No one stands so tall as when he stoops to give someone less fortunate a lift. You need to be needed again. Get going.

Dear Ann Landers: My brother and his family live about 100 miles from here. Every three or four months they drop in unexpectedly for the weekend. We never get a phone call or a postcard saying they are coming—just a knock at the door and they holler, "Surprise!"

My sister-in-law relaxes while I run after her three children (as well as our own two). The rest of the time I am marketing, cooking, cleaning and changing beds.

Once I asked them nicely if they would please give us a little notice so we could plan. They got mad and accused me of being inhospitable. My sister-in-law snapped, "We aren't company. We are family. I'd feel terrible if you went out of your way to do anything extra for us."

This has been going on for 10 years. We have never received an invitation to their home. They say when they move into a bigger place they'll invite us. (Their house has four bedrooms, just like ours.) How can I get a little consideration without making enemies of them?—SITTING DUCK

Dear Ducky: If you've been letting these people barge in on you unexpectedly three or four times a year for 10 years and they have never invited you to their home even once, you must enjoy being schnooks.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. No one can impose on or take advantage of another person unless that person permits it. And you, my dear, have permitted it for 10 long years.

Drinking may be "in" to the kids you run with—but it can put you "out" for keeps. You can cool it and stay popular. Read "Booze and You"—For Teenagers Only. Send 35¢ in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## Shopping Center Complex Planned

An \$84,000 loan has been made by Imperial Bank to Marine Engineering Corp. of America, for the purchase of property at the southwest corner of Lomita Boulevard and Ebony Lane in Lomita.

According to Kurt Bromet, president of Marine Engineering, the property will be developed as a shopping center in the near future.



THROWN FROM TRUCK . . . Passersby attempt to aid Ben Nakahara, 39, of 1854 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena, after the truck he was driving collided with a parked truck on Pacific Coast Highway Monday morning. A third truck was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting the first two trucks, blocking eastbound lanes on the highway for more than a half an hour. Nakahara was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released. (Press-Herald Photo)

## United Crusade Reaches 20 Per Cent of Area Goal

The 1968 United Crusade fund drive is off to a good start, according to an announcement made by campaign chairman Robert L. Sprague at a campaign cabinet meeting.

The goal of the Harbor area, which includes Carson, Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita, Palms Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Torrance, and Wilmington, is \$450,000.

Part of this sum is donated by large industrial firms in the area which are contacted by overall United Crusade headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. The

remainder, 176,000, is raised by local volunteers.

ALREADY, \$35,178 has been collected. This is 20 per cent of the Harbor area goal.

"Much of the money that has been donated is new money," said Sprague. "That means it was given by firms or individuals who had not given before, or who have increased their donations over previous years."

He continued, "This is important in reaching our goal, which has been increased over last year. Our community needs the increased services these funds will provide."

## Area Youths Get Tour of Civic Center

Two groups of students from Harbor City toured the Los Angeles Civic Center last week as the guest of Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Some 40 of the students were from Narbonne High School, while 18 were from Harbor Christian High School.

The students sat in on a meeting of the Board of Supervisors and were introduced by Chace, who represents the Fourth District.

## Count Marco

### Should You, or Shouldn't You?

I said some time ago that girls with a past should keep it past tense. Then I reconsidered my recommendation after I watched somebody's past catch up with her unexpectedly, through a chance meeting after many, many years—and the situation almost ruined the couple involved.

I wondered anew, "should you or shouldn't you" tell him all? Many of you reacted with "tell all and breathe freely."

But before you do or don't, you'd better understand one simple thing about simple men; though chivalry may not be dead entirely, many confuse it with face-saving.

Any past involving so-called immorality is going to shake the strongest of men where marriage is concerned. His little-boy ego can't quite conceive that there could possibly have

been another man in your life as desirable as he.

But because he's gone so far, he's going to be the Great Forgiver, which saves his face and salvages some of his stupid ego. He'll either never truly forgive you, or worse, he'll never let you forget that he has forgiven you.

He'll constantly remind you that if he hadn't come along at the right moment, you'd still be a gutter thing. He saved you.

Instead of becoming a husband, he becomes your body-and-morality guard—God help you.

As they say, "Six of one, half dozen of the other"—if he would forgive you, truly forgive and forget any transgressions before marriage, then he most probably is man enough to forgive years later. So it is better to take the odds and keep your mouth shut.

executives working for three months on the Crusade.

LES BRUNS of Shell Oil Co. filled in for Thomas Sherry, also of Shell Oil Co., chairman of Commerce and Industry, Group II.

Sprague is treasury manager for Shell Oil Co. The next campaign cabinet meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13.

United Crusade funds are allocated to 244 United Way agencies and 12 chapters of American Red Cross in the Los Angeles area. Several of these are located in the Harbor Area, and many others serve Harbor area residents.

BOY SCOUTS, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and many boys' clubs, YWCAs and YMCAs are United Way agencies. In addition, youths are served by such agencies as Children's and Orthopaedic hospitals, PTA dental programs, the Los Angeles Child Guidance Center, and Red Cross instruction programs.

Adults benefit from USO, Visiting Nurse Association, Travelers Aid, Toberman Settlement House, various family counseling services, and Red Cross Emergency assistance.

These are but a few of the many services available. One person in three uses at least one United Way service each year.

## Concert Scheduled On Friday

The Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra will appear in concert Friday at the El Camino College auditorium. The concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. and admission is free.

Highlight of the program will be the performance of a new composition by Dante Varela of Hollywood—"Tocata."

Endre Balogh of Los Angeles, a young concert violinist, will be guest artist for the concert.

Other selections on the program will include Richard Strauss' tone poem "Don Juan," Rimsky-Korsakov's suite from the opera "Czar Saltan," Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 26.

The orchestra is under the direction of Louis Palange.

## 21st Season

# 'Funny Girl' Gives CLO a Great Start

By BILL WHITMAN  
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The kick-off for the 1968-69 season got under way last Friday night with an outstanding production of "Funny Girl" when the Long Beach Civic Light Opera Association presented its version of the Fanny Brice Story.

What CLO can do for an encore during the rest of the season will be anyone's guess because they'll be hard put to top this production, not only from the stand-point of talent but staging and set designing as well.

From the moment Jack Kroesen's music-ignians raise the curtain with their inimitable overture styling to the final curtain, you're in for a grand evening of musicomique.

THE FEMININE lead, who is Carolyn Thomson, is, as you know if you've seen any of the "Funny Girl" productions around the country, a very busy "Funny Girl," absenting herself from the stage but a few minutes during the entire show, and she turns in a magnificent performance throughout.

From my recollections—and I'm no kid—Fanny Brice was first and foremost a comic, not a vocalist, so if Miss Thomson sharpens or flats here or there through the show, she should not be condemned for it. She's playing a role and that's the way I would like to think of it.

This little lady, who is put together as a female should be, handles her lines and business on that stage like a real pro and general man-

ager Harvey Waggoner may be well proud of a superb achievement in casting.

NOT MUCH can be said about co-starrer Bob McCaman that hasn't already been said in the many previous CLO presentations.

Mr. McCaman will long be remembered in the hearts and minds of theater lovers attending the Long Beach Civic Light Opera productions for his portrayals of Harrison Howell in "Kiss Me Kate," Max Detweiler in "Sound of Music" last year and as the show-stealer in "Oliver" as Mr. Sowerberry.

It's a pleasure to watch Bob McCaman move about behind the foots with the graceful ease he employs as though he were in his own living room. It's also quite a wonder to this reviewer why such a talent for the theater wastes his time with TRW Systems.

AND MRS. Rose Brice, played by Bell Ellig, couldn't have been more perfectly cast if she had been born Rose Brice with her wonderful handling of lines and voice projection.

To go on with the accolades deserving of the "Funny Girl" cast would crowd this paper too greatly. I'm afraid, but it certainly wouldn't be a true review without mentioning the portrayal of Betty Molsinger as Mrs. Strakosh or of Bill Beadle as Eddie Ryan. Both superlative!

Glenn Hoeffner was a most convincing Florenz Zeigfeld, as were the fine tenor tones of Larry Laraway.

WHERE THE CLO association ever came up with people they cast for the choreography chores from our Southland will forever remain a mystery, but they turned in a masterful job.

Most of the sets drew immediate applause, some even that used merely backdrops and lights but the true production numbers were overwhelming.

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## Bloodmobile to Visit Elks Hall on Nov 14

What does it take to save a life?

Just a little public spirit, like that which will be displayed by some 250 volunteer donors when a bloodmobile visits the Elks Hall, 1820 Abalone St., Thursday, Nov. 14, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gordon Jones, volunteer community blood recruitment chairman for Torrance, described the typical donor as a man or woman of ordinary height and build. "He or she will donate because he or she understands the on-going need for blood by the ill and injured," she said.

"The donor understands it

is possible to save the life of someone he doesn't even know. His or her blood, given through Red Cross along with other donations keep more than 200 community hospitals in Los Angeles and Orange Counties supplied with the life-giving fluid to be administered as needed to their patients.

"Giving this gift of life is the best way to provide protection for yourself and the community when sickness or injury strikes," said Mrs. Jones, herself a regular donor.

Appointments to donate can be made by calling the Red Cross.

## Profile: Lawrence Irwin

# Housing Projects Have Kept Renewal Aide Busy

Housing projects have become a way of life for Lawrence P. Irwin. In his 25 years with the federal government, Irwin has managed the largest war housing project in the nation, served as community manager for a top secret atomic installation, and finally worked up to being coordinator for federal urban renewal projects in several western states.

The city of Torrance could hardly have found a man better qualified to oversee the city's controversial Meadow Park Urban Renewal Project.

Irwin's vast experience in the housing field made him a likely candidate for consulting jobs and he first came to Torrance in 1964 on a three-month consulting contract. Three months were soon extended to six months, and the job eventually led to Irwin's being hired as deputy director of the Meadow Park project. He's been here ever since.

Irwin began his long, eventful career in housing with the Public Housing Administration in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, after earning his degree in business from Ohio State University.

His next assignment was managing a 1,500-unit housing project in Wayne, Mich. That led to an even more impressive assignment in Willow Run, Mich., where Irwin served as manager of the largest war housing project in the United States.

When that project was completed, Irwin snagged a spot with the Atomic Energy



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Commission, which turned out to be the most fascinating job of his career. He was given the title of "community manager" for a top secret installation and charged with acquiring community facilities for the "closed" town that sprouted up around the base.

A closed town, Irwin explained, is a municipality created by the government for families of those employed at a secret installation. These towns were located in remote parts of the country, which proved to be the biggest obstacle in finding developers who would bring in housing. And nobody was permitted to live in these towns except those

connected with the project. The police force was composed of federal marshals.

Serving as a consultant to the community managers of the closed towns of Los Alamos, N.M., and Oak Ridge, Tenn., Irwin went on to become top community manager at Richland, Wash. When these towns were eventually opened to the public, he said, they became thriving cities.

Before retiring from the federal government in 1963, Irwin took a position in San Francisco with the Urban Renewal Administration, serving as area coordinator for 11 western states.

His 25-year career with the government netted him 11 awards for prize-winning suggestions he turned in, seven of which were cash awards. The largest totaled \$500.

When the Torrance urban renewal project is completed in a few years, Irwin hopes to return to consulting.

A life-long sports fan, Irwin was captain of the track team at Ohio State, netting academic honors as well. Nowadays, however, he limits his sporting enthusiasm to watching football.

Irwin describes himself as an extensive reader of history and biography, and enjoys dabbling in the stock market. Mutual funds are his big fascination at the moment.

A Torrance resident for the past several years, Irwin and his wife Margaret are the parents of one married son.