

# ANN LANDERS



## Is It Work or Play?

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this letter because it is getting to be more and more of a problem not only in Billings but in many other cities. What can be done about office parties — not once a year at Christmas, but once a month? They call these little clambakes "staff meetings" and "brainstorming sessions." This means cocktails and dinner, and they often run till midnight — always on a Friday. Wives are not included, of course, because it is supposed to be business. (Five executives and five secretaries.)

My husband is one of the executive group and I don't approve — especially when he comes home half smashed with makeup on his collar and tells me that Mr. Jones' secretary lost her balance when the elevator jerked and she fell against him.

If you say I am narrow-minded or hurting my husband's chances to succeed, I will shut up once and for all. Perhaps I should tell you he did just fine in Butte without these meetings. What is your opinion? — SLOW BURN

Dear Burn: The opportunity for hanky-panky in offices, shops, factories and every place where men and women work together from nine till five is real enough without keeping things going until midnight, with cocktails yet. When executives and secretaries start eating and drinking together, the relationship takes on a very relaxed social air which eventually destroys the employe-boss relationship. Nothing good ever came of this sort of thing and I have gone on record as being four-square against it

Dear Ann Landers: This is for the woman who yelled bloody murder because her husband asked her to take his two boys by a previous marriage.

When I married my husband I was a widow with five children. I thought it was nice of George to take on such a load. He had two girls by his first wife and four by his second. He saw his children often and was pleased that they were all doing well.

Five months after we were married, George's first wife ran off and left the girls (one was 10, the other 12). Their stepfather didn't want them so I took them to live with us.

Three weeks later George's second wife died of an aneurism — no warning, she just didn't wake up one morning. Without being asked I told George I wanted the four children. (Their ages were from 3 to 8.)

There are now 11 kids in this house. I don't have to tell you, Ann, it is plenty crowded and noisy and some days I feel like screaming. But we love each other and the children are great at sharing and taking care of one another. There's too much work around here for any foolishness or coddling. Everybody has his job to do and he does it or else.

My husband loves me more because I took his children. It was the best thing that ever happened to our marriage. I hope the woman who griped about two little boys sees this and learns something. — NOT HIS OR MINE BUT OURS

Dear Ours: You sound like a great lady. My hat is off to you, Doll.

What awaits you on the other side of the marriage veil? How can you be sure your marriage will work? Read Ann Landers' booklet "Marriage — What To Expect." Send your request to Ann Landers in care of your newspaper enclosing 35 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## Count Marco

# Don't Give Taxpayers Bill for Her Mistake

In a previous column, I complained about a California local Board of Supervisors which endeavored to pass a budget increase of \$20,000 annually for chauffeuring unwed mothers between their homes and facilities of schooling.

I contended that if the unwed mothers are too lazy to get there by their own locomotion, they are hardly worth an additional expenditure of money.

One of the board members has taken exception to my comments.

He writes: "I read with some impatience and concern your thoughtless criticism regarding the county proposal to have a child care center . . . for mothers who, because of circumstances beyond their control, no longer have hus-

bands to support them and their families."

My criticism was hardly thoughtless and the press releases read in plain English that the proposed facilities were primarily for unwed mothers to encourage them to return to school — and for unwed mothers too lazy to use public transportation.

As to his statement, "beyond their control," having a baby out of wedlock is strictly a matter of control. A girl either says "yes," or "no," and if she's old enough to have a baby without a husband, she's also old enough to know about birth control. If she isn't careful, I don't see that the taxpayers are responsible.

Let their parents pay all costs, or better still, send those little mothers out to work.



ROYAL COURT . . . Members of North High School's Homecoming Court are shown here. One of the three senior coeds will be selected Queen tonight during half-time ceremonies at the North-West football game. Pictured are (top, from left) Lori Rotolante, Nora Pinon, and Debby Chamberlain and (bottom, from left) Linda Alexander, Christy Deachman, and Debbie Blair. Misses Alexander, Blair, and Leachman are competing for the title of Homecoming Queen. Miss Pinon, an exchange student from Uruguay, is an honorary princess. A reception honoring the Queen and alumni will follow the football game.

## Business Administration

# Former Sears Manager Gets USC Alumni Award

The Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award of the University of Southern California's School of Business Administration for 1968 will go to John G. Lowe, vice president for the Pacific Coast Territory of Sears, Roebuck & Co. and former manager of Sears Torrance store.

That announcement came today from Dr. Robert R. Dockson, Dean of USC's School of Business Administration, who reported that

the award will be presented to Lowe Wednesday at the School's annual Awards luncheon scheduled for the Biltmore Bowl.

More than 1,200 Los Angeles area business executives, USC students and faculty, and friends of the University are expected to attend the event which will begin with no-host cocktail party at 11:30 a.m. The program will follow lunch at noon.

A SEARS vice president since 1967 and a director of the company since 1968, Lowe has his Pacific Coast Headquarters in Los Angeles, from which he directs Sears retail and catalogue operations in nine states — California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii.

Located in this area are more than 100 retail stores, catalogue order plants in Los Angeles and Seattle, and more than 180 catalogue sales units. A native of Hemet, Calif., Lowe has been with the Sears organization since 1937 when he was still a student at USC.

FOLLOWING his graduation in 1943 with a B.A. degree in Merchandising, and World War II naval service in the South Pacific, he assumed his first supervisory position at the Long Beach Sears store in 1946. After holding a number of positions there, he was transferred in 1952 to the Los Angeles Retail District Offices.

In 1956 he was named manager of the Vermont-Slauson Sears store in Los Angeles, subsequently serving as manager of the Inglewood and Torrance stores. Appointed Los Angeles-Orange County Retail Dis-

trict Manager in 1962, he directed the operation of the then 63 individual Sears units in the district, including 18 of the company's largest stores.

ACTIVE in the civic and business affairs of the community, Lowe presently serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Better Business Bureau, Southern California Visitors Council, Junior Achievement of Los Angeles County, Inc., the Metropolitan Los Angeles YMCA and is a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is also serving as chairman of the Education Division, 1968 United Crusade in Los Angeles.

He is a trustee of California Hospital and a Rotarian. Lowe is also a member of the Mayor's Consumer Protection Committee for Senior Citizens, a member of the Music Center Arts and Education Fund, a director of the Greater Los Angeles chapter of the National Safety Council, and vice chairman of the Law and Justice Task Force Committee of the Greater Los Angeles Urban Coalition. He is also a member of USC's Commerce Associates, a support group for the USC School of Business Administration.

IN ADDITION to his executive affiliations with Sears, Lowe is a director and vice president of Homart Development Co., a director of Allstate Insurance Companies, California Sports, Inc., and Crocker-Citizens National Bank.

Lowe is a member of the Jonathan club, where he makes his residence. He is the father of three daughters, the two oldest of whom are attending USC.

# In Tuesday's Voting State's Electorate Flexes Its Muscle

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Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—A glance in retrospect at Tuesday's general election necessitates comment as to why certain things happened, some of which are obvious, and others still a matter of curiosity.

The nation by a slim margin elects a new Republican President, but fails to give him a majority in the legislative branch. And that majority is necessary if the new president expects to carry out provisions of the Republican platform.

This same situation occurred two years ago when California elected a Republican governor. Two years later, the Republican governor still does not have a majority in both houses of the legislature. And on issues requiring a two-thirds vote, his hands remain tied

THE CALIFORNIA electorate names Alan Cranston, a Democrat, as United States Senator and at the same time turns over the state's electoral vote to Richard Nixon, a Republican. The philosophies of Cranston and Nixon are about as far apart as night and day.

All of which is an indication that choices are being made on personalities, rather than on theories of government. Max Rafferty may have been too conservative even for Nixon, but apparently, his political viewpoints had little or nothing to do with his defeat, which observers feel came from

talking too much, and the lack of support from the liberal Kuchel camp.

The defeat of the initiative Proposition 9, the Watson Amendment to limit property taxes, was expected, and it goes only to show that when the "establishment" turns out in full force to oppose an amendment, the amendment has little chance of passing. And full force it was on this proposal, with virtually every large organization in the state joining in strange bedfellowship to maintain the status quo.

HOWEVER, even in defeat, the Watson Amendment served some of its purpose. The very fact that it was on the ballot "shook up" organizations and legislators alike to the realization that something must be done to curb the increasing demands on the people for taxes to finance government.

The Proposition 1A substitute, giving a small tax break to the public in a good many categories, is held not to be the final answer to tax relief, and already, the Republicans are working on new programs which will be presented at the next legislative session.

The defeat of Proposition 1, constitution revision, came as a slight surprise, and may be an indication that the people are getting more demanding as to their rights under the constitution. The proposition could have resulted in taking away the right of the people to elect their own state su-

perintendent of schools. And apparently, the voters are not about to relinquish constitutional prerogatives for mere convenience.

PUBLIC disgust with the operation of colleges and universities, with rioting, defiance of authority and disregard of laws, no doubt resulted in defeat of the \$250 million bond issue for new university construction. And as well, the public may have had it in mind that it is in debt enough, without going into another bond issue and contributing to a tax increase to finance more bond payments.

However, the election proved that Democracy is at work, and even with its deficiencies, no better system has been devised.

## Kentwood Will Hold Auditions

Open readings for the Kentwood Players' production of Agatha Christie's mystery-drama "Witness for the Prosecution" will be held Monday and Tuesday.

The auditions will be conducted by C. Clarke Bell, director, at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., at 8 p.m. each evening.

There are parts for 24 men and 6 women in the drama, which will open Jan. 17.

# Press-Herald Weekend Crossword

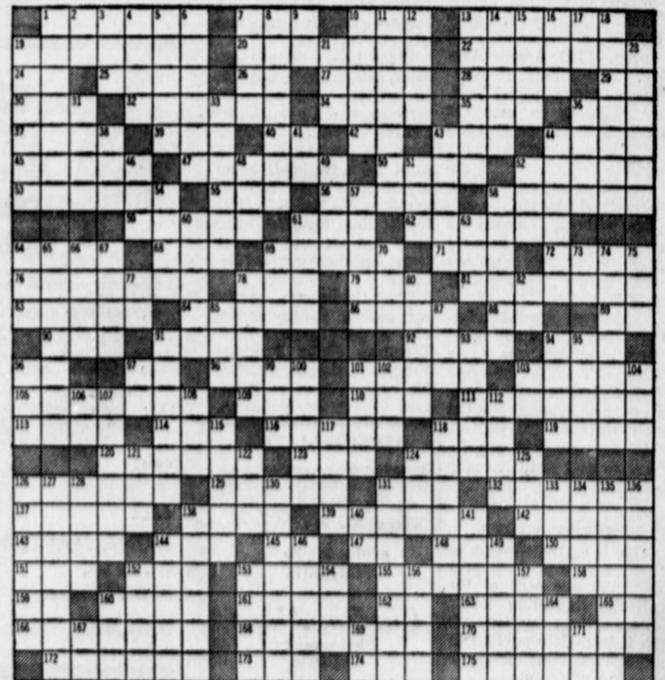
(Answer on Page A-7)

### ACROSS

- 1—Vocation
- 7—Final
- 10—Wrath
- 13—Reluctant
- 15—Molasses
- 20—Quoted
- 22—Desert
- 24—Concerning
- 25—Narrow
- 26—Continent; abbr.
- 27—Dress
- 28—Margarine
- 29—Alternative
- 30—Gabon
- 32—Queerness
- 34—Flatfish
- 35—Born
- 36—Chemical suffix
- 37—Size of type
- 38—Always poetic
- 40—Note of scale
- 42—Part of Bible; abbr.
- 43—Lease
- 44—Presently
- 45—Bitter
- 47—Summarize
- 50—Was indebted
- 52—Droopy
- 53—Wise counselor
- 55—Nothing
- 56—Deserve
- 58—Cheap whisky; sl.
- 59—Lynch
- 61—Confirm
- 62—Bondman
- 64—Smithe
- 66—Twisting
- 69—Page
- 70—Corrode
- 71—Gaelic
- 72—Revived
- 73—Mountain pass
- 74—Kindled
- 81—Mediated
- 83—Simple
- 84—Penetrated
- 86—Ardor
- 88—Army rank; abbr.
- 89—Habermas letter
- 90—Dry, as wine

### DOWN

- 1—Fisura
- 2—Diphthong
- 3—Desert
- 4—Rebound
- 5—Star over
- 6—Translate
- 7—Orient
- 8—Sportive
- 9—Trovatore
- 10—Eskimo Hut
- 11—Land broker
- 12—Border
- 13—Explicated
- 14—Manuscript
- 15—Fencing sword
- 16—Kind of coffee
- 17—Hence
- 18—Providence
- 19—Snare
- 21—Worm
- 23—Place of combat
- 25—Experts
- 26—Peaceful
- 28—Arrow poison
- 29—Trade
- 31—Exist
- 32—Oblivion
- 34—Spoiled
- 36—Man's name
- 37—Banish
- 38—Racket
- 40—Small gun
- 41—Double
- 43—Headland
- 45—Metric measure
- 46—Dried grapes
- 48—Egyptian dancing
- 49—Political group
- 50—Adversary
- 51—Fuel
- 52—Japanese measure
- 53—Fencing position
- 54—Dutch commune
- 57—Nook
- 78—Greek island
- 80—Woolen strainer
- 82—Guido's note
- 85—Seaweed
- 86—Young insect
- 91—Human
- 93—Physician
- 94—Hawaiian dance
- 96—Smooth
- 98—Cultivate
- 97—Compass point
- 99—Spanish cheer
- 100—African river
- 101—Consumer
- 102—Conjunction
- 103—News agency; abbr.
- 104—Crown's cry
- 106—Toward
- 107—Bauble
- 108—Japanese coin
- 110—Sacred image
- 115—Sherry
- 117—Pith
- 118—Comparison
- 121—Lamb
- 122—Put on
- 124—Seed
- 125—Flap
- 126—Derby
- 127—Troop arrangement
- 128—Want
- 130—Naval officer
- 131—Limes
- 133—Vase
- 134—Levantine kitch
- 135—Raise
- 136—Kettledrum
- 138—Ensemble dance
- 140—Sun god
- 141—Estate
- 144—Harmony
- 145—Day's march
- 146—Swiss canton
- 150—Bell
- 153—Iainglass
- 154—Explosive
- 156—Regard
- 157—Soap frame bar
- 160—Joke
- 164—Siamese coin
- 167—Greek letter
- 168—Pronoun
- 171—Indian mulberry



## Family Ski Classes To Be Offered Here

Five thousand pounds of snow will be brought to Torrance for ski enthusiasts to practice on beginning Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Dryland Ski School, a five-week class sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department for beginning, intermediate, and advanced skiers, will be taught by Frank Fassa each Wednesday night.

Registration is open to families, adults, and young adults at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd., for a fee of \$6 per person. A special class for children 4 to 8 years of age whose parents are enrolled in the regular ski class will also be held.

The first class will be held at the Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., from 6:30 to 9 p.m., where students will see a ski fashion show, listen to an equipment talk, and hear a member of the Far West Ski Association speak on organized skiing in the United States.

The third meeting, Dec. 4, also will be held at the Recreation Center where a movie and lecture by the National Patrol on ski and winter safety will be presented.

For additional information, call the Joslyn Center.