

# Keep Her Picture, Mom

Dear Ann Landers: A few months ago we placed our mentally retarded child in an institution. This was the most difficult thing we've ever had to do. We realize Lisa is better off in a place where she can grow up with children like herself. It took a long time for the doctor to persuade us but we know now he is right.

My problem: We have pictures of all our children in the living room. Twice this past week our youngsters have brought home little friends who had not been here before. They have asked who the little girl in the picture is. Our children explain that their little sister was born "not just right" and she is very very slow to learn things. They take great pains to explain Lisa's problem and, I might add, they do it beautifully.

Listening to the explanation breaks my heart. I know it must be terribly difficult for them, too. I have tried to put Lisa's picture away several times, but something inside won't let me. Last night I asked by husband what to do. He said he didn't know. We have agreed to let you decide. Thanks for helping us.—DES MOINES PARENTS

Dear Parents: Lisa is your child whether she is living at home or with the others.

It is good that your children have such a healthy attitude toward their little sister's handicap. They are doing a splendid job of educating their playmates. Don't deny them the privilege.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 16-year-old girl with a great big problem. I hope you can come up with an answer because I am not the only one who is bugged by this.

About half the guys in our crowd are careful drivers. The other half are like maniacs behind the wheel. They try to prove they aren't chicken by running red lights, zooming through stop signs and passing cars with less than an inch to spare.

One kid was going 110 miles an hour on a gravel road when he missed a turn and ended up in a terrible accident. But it was his girl, not him, who spent three months in the hospital with a broken back and horrible scars on her face.

I don't want to be a bum sport,

Ann, but I don't want to end up as a statistic, either. What should a girl do when her date drives crazily?—I LOVE LIFE

Dear Love: Don't confuse risking your life with being a good sport. Any girl who rides with a reckless driver is just plain dumb.

My advice is this: If your boyfriend (or somebody else's boyfriend) is behaving like a show-off idiot behind the wheel of the car, get out at the very first opportunity. Go to a phone and call your parents or the police and ask them to come and get you. When the lunatics get the message that their peers think they are dangerous fools instead of brave heroes, they'll knock it off.

Confidential to Am I?: How do I know? I'm not a doctor and even if I were I couldn't tell from a letter.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' booklet, "Teenage Sex—Ten Ways To Cool It." Send 50 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope. (c) 1969, Publishers-Hall Syndicate

## Harbor Students Do Well

Figures released by Kermit Dale, Dean of Instruction at Harbor College, indicate that Harbor graduates are doing well at the University of California.

A report from the University of California Office of Relations with Schools indicates that 36 former Harbor students who spent their first year on five campuses of the University of California in 1966-67 compiled excellent scholastic records.

Only two of the 36 students failed to attain a C average. Three students on the Irvine campus achieved a 2.58 grade point average; one at Riverside, 2.94; and three at Santa Barbara earned a 2.37 average.

Changes in the grade point averages between junior college and the university ranged from -.38 at Riverside to +.06 at Irvine. According to Dale this compares most favorably with the state-wide grade point differential for junior college transfers which in past years has generally been in the neighborhood of -.5 to -.6 for first year junior college transfer students.

## New Catalogue Unseats Outdated Card System

West High School has just completed a project which makes information about books in its library available in book form.

The new, more compact catalogue replaces the cumbersome card catalogue currently being used.

The catalogue in book form is the result of an idea discussed at West High for two years, and made effective by Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent of educational media, and by the approval of the district's school board.

Dr. Robert R. Ford, West High's principal, and Mrs. Gretchen E. Smith, assistant principal for instruction, actively assisted in the planning and completion of the project.

It is now possible for every member of the faculty to have a

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## Chace Reveals Rebate

Twenty-eight Torrance area property owners received seasons greetings Tuesday from the Board of Supervisors in the form of a \$2,529 rebate for recent road improvements along 215th Place, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The road refund represents surplus funds collected by the County for installing pavement, curbs, gutters, and driveway aprons in 215th place east of Vera Street.

The surplus developed because actual construction and inspection costs were less than had been estimated prior to the beginning of work on the improvements.

"Property owners who paid their share of project costs in cash will receive rebates amounting to about eight per cent of their contributions," Chace said.

Those property owners who let their share go to bond will receive rebates in the form of credits against their outstanding bond obligations. This will amount to about 10 cents on each dollar bonded.

## Extension Courses Scheduled

More than 50 courses focusing on information technology will be offered evenings during the winter quarter beginning Jan. 6 by UCLA Extension's department of business administration, in cooperation with local chapters of the Association for Computing Machinery, Data Processing Management Association, and Systems and Procedures Association.

Classes are scheduled to meet on the Westwood campus, at University Extension's Downtown Center, 1100 S. Grand Ave., and at locations in Torrance, Whittier and Sepulveda.

Many of the courses are designed to assist participants to prepare for the Data Processing Management Association examinations.

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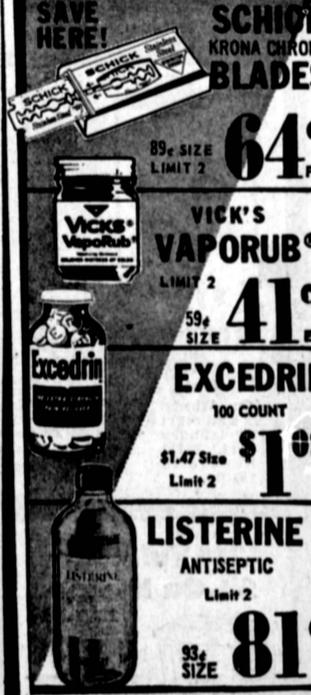
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