

Put Your Bet On the Ladies

Once upon a time there were two races. One race had white skin, straight hair, thin lips, and long noses. The other race had black skin, curly hair, full lips, and short noses. It had been that way for millions of years. But you know how ladies are. Above all, they want gentlemen to look at them.

The white ladies decided being white was really kind of insipid looking. It was much prettier, they decided, to be brown. So they traveled millions of miles to Deauville, Miami Beach, and the Galapagos, where they poured billions of gallons of sticky lotion over themselves and laid motionless for trillions of hours in the broiling sun. In order to turn brown.

And of course, being ladies, they decided that straight hair was just about the most horrible thing that anyone could ever imagine. So they spent millions of hours and billions of dollars sitting under incredibly hot chromium machines. In order to make their hair curly.

Nor could they bear thin lips. Thin lips, they said, were incredibly unbearable. So they spent millions of dollars for colored crayons and billions of hours in front of their mirrors painstakingly coloring their lips. In order to make them look more full.

And as for their long noses! Why there wasn't a lady in the whole world who was satisfied with the shape of her nose. And those who could afford it went to plastic surgeons who performed skillful, expensive operations on them. In order to make their noses shorter.

Eventually, of course, every white lady in the whole world had brown skin, curly hair, full lips, and a short nose. So that gentlemen would look at them.

The black ladies, understandably, were different. They were different because they already had brown skin, curly hair, full lips, and short noses. So they, being ladies, naturally spent millions of dollars for skin whiteners and hair straighteners.

They, too, devoted trillions of hours in front of their mirrors to coloring their lips painstakingly. Only they tried to make theirs look more thin. And those who could afford it also went to plastic surgeons. Only they wanted to make their noses longer.

At the same time, all the ladies of both colors did their utmost to change their shapes. If they were too fat, they underwent tortuous diets and exercises to get thinner. If they were thin, they did the same to get fatter. And needless to say, the young tried to look older and the old younger. All so that gentlemen would look at them.

Eventually, as the sciences of cosmetology, plastic surgery, nutrition and geriatrics advanced, all the white ladies got browner, curlier-haired, fuller lipped and shorter nosed. All the black ladies got whiter, straighter-haired, thinner lipped and longer nosed. They also, of course, all became the same shape and the same age.

At last, every single lady in the whole world was a raving beauty. In fact, they all looked exactly alike. So gentlemen everywhere said, "Seen one, seen 'em all." And they gave up the age-old sport of gazing at ladies in favor of backgammon.

Moral: Have faith the burning racial conflicts will some day be solved by the good will inherent in all men. But put your money on the vanity inherent in all ladies.

Eden Joins EMB Staff

Lynn Eden, vice principal at Riviera Elementary School during the past year, has joined the staff of the Educational Materials Building, Torrance School district's Educational Materials Building. The assignment is a temporary one for the summer and fall.

Eden will serve as a curriculum assistant in the audio visual department, replacing

COUNT MARCO

No One Should Be So Unfair

There's one thing I'll say for you women. If you had been judges during two recent divorce hearings, I don't believe a single one of you could possibly have thought up such verdicts as were handed out.

That they were edicts from men is beyond my comprehension. One is so completely unfair that I shudder at the future of this country.

Let's review the case in New York. A State Supreme Court justice there invoked a seldom-used power of the court. He ruled that the husband may not marry anybody else without the court's permission as long as his ex-wife is alive.

That she is provided with a mere \$2,500 a month support by that same ex-husband seems not revenge enough. He has to stay single.

Mon Dieu! This is against all principles of decency, and certainly it must violate a man's constitutional rights. Isn't every man permitted a second chance for happiness? Obviously someone made his first attempt at it a miserable, bank-breaking failure.

If such legal maneuvering can be accomplished in one State, the disease and disaster can quickly be picked up in other States, California, which is bad enough already, I'm sure will be the first demanding "equal rights" of that sort.

The second case involves a California divorcee who receives one half of her ex-husband's assets, which are considerable. In addition, he must pay her expensive attorney's fees and a shocking sum for the private investigators she hired to undo him. Equal rights, indeed!

I've said it before and I say it again and again: "No woman is worth a nickel, let alone large sums of support money, when she no longer performs services for which she originally contracted.

When you, the wife suspect that something is going on behind your back which requires the services of a private investigator, then it is you who are at fault.

Instead of an investigator, what you really need is a full length mirror and a hidden tape recorder so you can both see and hear yourself. Such shame you'll feel that you'll be down on your knees begging forgiveness instead of cash on the line.

Marriage is what YOU make of it. If you prefer to make a mess of it, then don't blame him or expect to be paid for it.



EXAMINE PLANS . . . School and PTA officials at Carson Elementary School examine plans for a new two-story school building now under way at 161 E. Carson St. Shown are (from left) Mrs. Minnie Q. Wallace, principal of the school; Mrs. Charles H. Sallee, first vice president of the PTA; Arlyn V. Weber, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Mrs. Vincent Bruno, PTA president; Mrs. J. M. Swaze, publicity chairman; Mrs. H. W. O'Farrell, treasurer, and Mrs. James Smith, PTA president-elect. The new building will be ready next March and will contain 12 new classrooms and other facilities.

Your Second Front Page

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Ann Landers Says

Now She's Eligible For the PTA Again!



Dear Ann Landers: When I read your column yesterday I was sure the Chicago wind must have blown your brains out. What do you mean by telling a 41-year-old woman she should be thrilled to be having a baby?

That woman has a son in college and two girls in high school. She was just beginning to enjoy life and now she has to start over with diapers, 2 a.m. feedings, shots, sitters, high chair, stroller—the whole bit.

I was 39 when my third son was born. I got sick of having everyone tell me how happy I should be. No woman who had a child under eight opened up a mouth. It was always the ones with college kids and hysterectomies who gave me the "you're so lucky" routine.

I wasn't happy about it then and I'm not happy about it now. This boy is harder to raise than all the others put together. Whenever I take him any place people ask me my grandson's name. I am living for the day I can get

Dear Mrs.: I suspect your letter was written at the end of an exhausting day. Let's hear from you after you've had a good night's sleep — about five years from now.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you printed a letter from a career woman who was furious because people kept asking her why she wasn't married. Finally she hit on an answer that silenced them promptly. Her reply was, "Just lucky I guess."

I am a business woman, 30, who is faced with a similar problem. I live in a fashionable, well-furnished apartment — alone. When people ask me where I live I say, "The Fountain Plaza." The next question is, "With another girl?" I reply, "No, I live alone." The eyebrows shoot up and the jaws drop — then embarrassed silence.

The inference that only a kept woman or a sex maniac would live alone infuriates me. I live alone because I like privacy. Expensive? Yes. But I'd rather not have a car, or a fur coat, or a trip to the Orient. Can you think of an

answer to put these clods in their place? — SOLO AND HAPPY

Dear Solo: The next time someone asks if you have a roommate say, "No, I live alone because I like to do my housework in the nude." That should clear their sinuses.

Dear Ann Landers: My heart goes out to "Heartache in New Haven"—the mother whose handsome, bright and promising son got married and is accepting gifts and support checks from his in-laws.

When I married four years ago my parents gave us a beautiful wedding but refused to give us anything more. It was my husband's grandmother, not his parents, who stepped in and presented us with a blank check to buy furniture. She let us know there was plenty more where that came from. We thought Grandma was great and that my parents were selfish and miserly — and we said so.

Soon we learned that Grandma's generosity had some interesting strings attached. Before long we discovered we had no life of our own. Grandma figured since she had been so generous we owed her our lives, and she was there to collect—every day—in one way or another.

We ended up giving everything back, and since we've been on our own we've been much happier, and closer. We appreciate my parents more than ever. They gave us nothing but their wonderful company—when we want it—and we love and respect them.—D.H.D.

Dear D.H.D.: Making it on your own is one of life's great joys. Aren't you glad you didn't miss it?

"The Bride's Guide." ANN LANDERS' booklet, gives authoritative and complete information on how to plan a wedding. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of this newspaper, enclosing a long, self-addressed envelope and 35 cents in coin.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. C 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

KANSANS TO MEET The Kansas-Ohio Society of Los Angeles will meet today at Clifton's Cafeteria. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the program slated from 6:30 to 8:30.

Issue of Free Press, Fair Trial Dissussed

Should the press have a free hand in reporting crime news? Despite nearly 200 years of apparent success, the relative freedom allowed in American pretrial news coverage has come under heightening criticism since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Is the attack justified? Is the more restrictive British system of pretrial reporting preferable? More particularly, are innocent persons being sent to jail because jurors have been infected with prejudice through press reports? Or does an accused person obtain a fair trial despite occasional excesses of reporting detail?

These issues make up a current debate holding the attention of newsmen, lawyers and judges all across the nation. From it may come new understanding of the press and the courts in the American judicial process. Or the nation could be on the verge of a crime news blackout without precedent in U.S. history.

AT THE MOMENT independent studies of the so-called "free press versus fair trial" issue are being conducted by such prestigious organizations as the American Bar Association, the Brookings Institution, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the National Conference of State Trial Judges, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Parallel studies are under way on a joint press-

Camp Has Openings

Fire-building, fire safety, camp cooking, compass, first aid and nature study are included in the Chippewa Day Camp program sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

There are still openings in the second, fourth and fifth sessions of the day camps. Registrations can be made at the Joslyn Recreation Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd., 328-8362.

Day camps are a unique program designed to bring camping skills and activities to local youngsters at the various parks in Torrance. The second session at Victor Park, July 14-16, the fourth session at Walteria Park, July 29-31, are scheduled for youngsters 7-12. There is a program fee of \$4 for each session.

Previous Chippewa Day Camp of Clatawa Mountain Camp experience is desirable for the fifth session advanced day camp at El Nido Park Aug. 2-11. Children 9-13 years old will take part in a program that will feature several overnights. The program fee for this camp is \$8.

bench-bar basis within at least a dozen states.

Nor is it all talk. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach in April ordered U. S. Justice Department personnel to limit pretrial disclosures to the basic facts of a case, withholding, in particular, confessions and other incriminating statements of persons arrested. The Philadelphia Bar Association issued stringent guidelines for pretrial publicity by its members, then pulled the rules back for further study. The New Jersey Supreme Court has advised law enforcement officers and prosecutors in that state to limit release of information to the press in advance of criminal trial.

MUCH OF THE new interest in press coverage of crime news stems from the publicity surrounding Lee Harvey Oswald prior to his death, and Jack Ruby whose shooting of Oswald before television cameras stunned the nation. News media representatives, however, insist a presidential assassination is comparable to no other news event, and must be reported fully and promptly, in the interests of national security. Newsmen challenge the use of this case as a basis for study of pretrial coverage problems.

The news media while assuring the judges and attorneys of a willingness to discuss the issue, complain that it has been "blown out of proportion." They point out that reporting is more professional and responsible than in any previous period in American history.

One group, the Newspaper Public Information Committee, has developed statistics showing that of an estimated 40,000 U.S. jury trials involving major crimes during 1963 and 1964, only three convictions were actually reversed on the grounds that prejudicial pretrial publicity deprived the defendant of his right to a fair trial.

Newsmen have asked the legal profession to cite any cases in which innocent persons have been imprisoned due to prejudicial pretrial news coverage.

NPIC NOTES that only about seven per cent of all arrests result in jury trials. Of these cases, most have been reported routinely in the press and no question of prejudice to prospective jurors arises. In some cases, pretrial reports actually bring forth witnesses or information which aid in solving the crime.

Not infrequently press publicity helps the accused, the press argues. An inmate of Southern Michigan Prison, learning of the proposed clampdown on crime news, wrote recently in the prison newspaper that press coverage actually protects accused persons.

"As distasteful as the adverse publicity is, it might be better to be 'spotlighted' momentarily than to be abused in darkness." The writer was alluding to third degree tactics which might be used by police if defendants had no access to the public through the press.

NPIC emphasizes that the public, too, has a stake in crime news coverage.

"IT IS THIS day to day crime reporting that keeps law enforcement officials honest and on their toes. A continual flow of news informs the public of threats to life and property, and reassures the citizen when a particular threat ends through arrest."

Several jurists and law enforcement officials have been quoted in recent months as saying the public needs more, not less, information about crime if lawlessness is to be controlled.

A Penny for your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

Summertime brings an increase in the number of burglaries and many people have had a sad ending attached to a happy vacation when they return to looted homes. Police reports have shown that most of these burglaries required very little effort on the part of the burglar. So I asked several housewives:

"What precautions do you take before leaving on vacation?"

Marilyn Porter, Ave. C, Torrance:

First of all, I stop the milk and newspapers. I always leave a light on someplace in the house. It's also a good idea to notify a neighbor of your destination, in case something does happen."

Madeline Ives, Prospect Avenue, Torrance:

"I think one of the most effective ways to prevent a burglary is to have someone keep up your lawn. I also have double locks put on the doors and ask a neighbor to see that the mail doesn't pile up."

Alice Buckley, Manhattan Beach:

"Well, of course, I stop the papers and the milk delivery, but the best method is to leave a key with a neighbor and have him check the house and collect the mail."

Mary Ann Nance, Carmel Street, Torrance:

"I leave the drapes open so it won't look like the house is closed up, and I also have a neighbor boy water and mow the lawn. Most important is to stop all deliveries."

Ann Bewley, Tower Street, Torrance:

"We have a neighbor come in while we're gone to open the drapes during the day and close them at night. We also take the precaution of nailing all of the windows shut."



MERIT AWARD . . . A. E. Ford, right, is presented a "good-job-well-done" commendation to accompany his gold award pin marking 30 years' service to the U. S. Air Force. Ford, of 5528 Marialinda Drive, is a quality assurance project officer of the Air Force Contract Management Division, headquartered at Los Angeles Air Force Station. Colonel William K. Ashby, CMD Deputy for Quality Assurance, makes the presentation.