

# ANN LANDERS



## Annual 'Inspection Tour'

Dear Ann Landers: My husband's mother will be coming to visit next month on her annual "inspection tour." I have already called my doctor and asked him to reorder my migraine pills. For 12 years her visits have given me blinding headaches.

The first thing my mother-in-law does is go through my cupboards and medicine cabinet and throw out everything she decides I don't need. Then she relines the shelves. After that she rearranges the furniture and changes the pictures around. Then she checks my linen closet and tears up the sheets and pillowcases if they have a few little worn spots. Her favorite expression is, "Rags should be used for rags."

Please don't suggest that my husband talk to her. He has refused. Thanks for your help. — MI GRAINE MILLIE

Dear Millie: Greet your mother-in-law with the announcement that from now on she is going to be a guest in your home and guests don't rearrange the furniture, clean the cupboards, or tear up the linen. It's up to you to tell her, not your husband, since these matters are within the homemaker's province.

This is the only realistic solution, Millie, and if you don't follow through and take the advice it means you really do want to have those headaches.

Dear Ann Landers: A woman in our neighborhood calls the rescue squad at least once a month. They take her to the hospital, keep her for a day, then send her home because the doctors can find nothing wrong with her.

This woman seems to know exactly when her fainting spells are coming. She always manages to put in a phone call to the rescue squad just before she passes out. She has never broken a bone or gotten a bruise that anyone knows of.

When I was discussing this ridiculous phony with my sister-in-law recently my husband scolded me for not being more charitable. Why should I be charitable when I know this woman is faking? Please reply in the paper. — NO SYMPATHY FOR PRETENDERS

Dear No Sympathy: Perhaps the doctors can find nothing physically wrong with the woman, but she is sick just the same. A person who would go to such extremes to get attention has a severe emotional problem which can be even more incapacitating than a physical illness. The woman needs compassion and understanding, not criticism.

Dear Ann Landers: Don't tell me I am cheap or petty. Just tell me what to do about two friends whose inveterate and skillful mooching are about to drive me nuts.

We three have known each other for years—went all the way through school together. Neither of these girls is so hot in the kitchen but it's because they don't try very hard. Their menus are unimaginative and they buy cheap cuts of meat to begin with.

Every time they have dinner at my place they ask if they can take the leftovers home. They go through the icebox and help themselves to everything in sight—even the butter. I hate to refuse when they tell me the dinner was so delicious they'd like the leftovers for lunch tomorrow. Please think of a genteel reply which means "no." — RAIDED

Dear Raided: Tell them you thought the dinner was delicious, too, and the leftovers are going to be YOUR lunch for tomorrow. You'll only have to say it three or four times and they'll quit asking.

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.

## COUNT MARCO

# Ease: The Housewife's Disease

You women who moan all the time about having so much to do, take heed. Never has any society of women had so many devices to save you labor as you have in America today. Yet you complain, hiding your inefficiency, disorganization and laziness behind the loud voice.

It's the unsuccessful wife who whines to me "But where do I find the time to do all the things for him that you say I should?"

Thirty years ago, a woman's workday schedule was indeed a back-breaker. She spent a whole day washing clothes and hanging them out to dry. No automatics in those days. Tuesday was spent ironing all day.

She often canned and preserved her own food. Cooking, too, was a day-long affair, with hours spent afterward

on dishes and cleaning up. She had clumsy stoves, no refrigeration, no detergents, no instant water heater, and supermarkets were an undreamed-of luxury. Yet she managed to be a better wife than most of you.

I defy any one of you women to prove to me that with a bit of organization you can't do everything there is to do in your house in less than four hours daily. With eight hours to sleep, that leaves 12 hours of no thing to do. And you dare say, "But where will I find the time?"

Organize and do one thing at a time. I keep reminding you marriage is a business. And no successful business can possibly operate without a system.

Look at each chore separately. Do it, get it out of the way. Forget about the others.

When the one is finished, relax for at least five minutes. Drink a cup of tea, brush your hair, put your feet up, polish your nails, or cream your face.

Then tackle the second job and keep at it until completely finished. Again rest. Once you follow this advice of my aunt the Contessa, a whole new world of calmness and achievement opens up before you. There's rarely a better feeling than saying, "Well, I finished that."

Stay away from that invention of the devil, the telephone. It's a temptation to escape from all the things you must do. Stay with your work and keep thinking about the 12 whole hours you have to spend leisurely with your man.

Don't get delirious with joy, just spend them pleasing him. That's real efficiency.

# Office Equipment Valued At \$1,075 Taken by Thief

The Higgins Brick Co. was the victim of a weekend burglary in which \$1,075 in office equipment was stolen.

A radio and two electric calculators were taken from the company's office at 2217 Artesia Blvd., after which burglars entered the office through a rear window which was forced open.

In addition to taking the equipment, Torrance police said the thieves went through several desks but did not disturb any other calculators or the safe.

Wendel Mayer, business manager, said the burglary "sort of looked as if they took what they could carry."

In addition to entering the office, a garage across the street belonging to the brick company was entered but the contents were not disturbed.

Mayer said that the company experiences about one burglary a year but that police patrols have lessened the amount of damage done or amount stolen.

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## Must Have Training

# Teen Driving Law Effective July 1

SACRAMENTO — A new driver's license law takes effect July 1 and, after that date, 16- and 17-year-olds will not be issued licenses unless they have completed driver education and training.

The law includes youths who might hold six-month learning permits.

Verne Orr, director of motor vehicles, warned that a teenager's report card showing that he took the required driver training in school won't qualify him for driver's license processing at a DMV office unless he also has with him the official DMV certificate of course completion. Teenagers should make certain they are given this form by their instructor along with any entry on their report card.

"AS NEARLY every teenager knows, after June 30th, his 16th birthday will no

longer be the qualifying age for an automobile driver's license," Orr said, "unless he has met the classroom and behind-the-wheel driver training requirements now prescribed in the vehicle code."

"To get a driver's license without such training, he has to be 18 years old," he said.

"We have tried to get these forms distributed to all schools," Orr said. "Once schools go on summer vacation schedules, it may be more difficult for a teenager to equip himself with these forms. He should attend to it now."

YOUNG persons in schools which do not offer behind-the-wheel training, may get the training from a qualified adult over 25 years of age whose own driver's license is in good standing with DMV. An instructor must fill out an official DMV form certifying compliance with the law.

Or the teenager can get his instruction from a licensed private driving school or an independent licensed contractor. Both the school and the instructor must meet licensing requirements and regulations of the department.

## Etta Cumiford Is Miss Lomita

Nineteen-year-old Etta Cumiford was crowned Miss Lomita Saturday night from a field of 15 contestants during the Miss Lomita beauty contest sponsored by the Lomita Jaycees.

The 5-foot-6 inch, green-eyed Miss Lomita works as a clerk typist for the city of Los Angeles but is studying to be a professional model.

Etta will receive a \$300 scholarship as Miss Lomita while first runner-up Carol Scott receives a \$100 scholarship.

"I would like to see her enter the Miss Torrance contest so that she could participate in the Miss America pageant," said Chuck Taylor, Jaycee president-elect.

The new Miss Lomita is a graduate of Narbonne High School and attended Harbor Junior College a year before entering modeling school.

Miss Lomita was crowned before 300 persons during ceremonies at Fleming Junior

High School. Funds for the scholarships were donated by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

## El Camino Grad Wins Scholarship

Gary L. Alford, a 1967 graduate of El Camino College, has been selected as a President's Scholarship winner by the University of California, Riverside campus.

The announcement of Alford's selection was made by William F. Shepard, assistant vice president and university dean for nine campuses of the University in a letter to Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, ECC president.

El Camino was one of 11 two-year colleges to have a graduate awarded a President's Scholarship. Alford, a Lawndale resident, makes his home at 15718 Grevillea.

The 23-year old student will receive a maximum of \$500 for the coming year's study at the UC campus at Riverside. Winners were selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need, character and academic promise. The award may be supplemented by additional scholarship funds, according to the university spokesman.

Alford is also the recipient of an El Camino Associated Students scholarship.

## Avalon Zone Hearing Set

A public hearing on a proposed zone change in the Carson area has been set for July 13 and involves a 72 acre site on Avalon Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and the San Diego Freeway.

Pentland Homes of Newport Beach is seeking to change the zone to unlimited commercial, C-4, from a residential, manufacturing, and light commercial use.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER . . . Tina Shidler (left) of the Riviera and a sophomore at Chadwick School on Palos Verdes Peninsula, who was selected by her school as its Outstanding Youth to participate in the 50th Anniversary of and salute to the Red Cross Youth at the recent Los Angeles Chapter Red Cross annual meeting, congratulates Jo Reed (seated) for the \$800 scholarship Red Cross awarded her. Miss Reed, a graduating El Camino sophomore who will attend UCLA next fall, was one of the six college and high school students who won Red Cross scholarships this year. Mike Giglia, president of the Red Cross Student Senate of Greater Los Angeles and a sophomore at Morningside High in Inglewood also offers his congratulations to Miss Reed, who has been active in Red Cross Youth for the past four years, including present membership in the Red Cross College board.

# Industry Executive Gets Crusade Post

Leadership in small business solicitation during this fall's United Crusade campaign in the Harbor area has been assumed by one of the best known United Way agencies, Boy Scouts of America.

Overall chairman for the annual fund drive for United Way and American Red Cross will be Joseph A. Metzger, corporate director of industrial relations at Harvey Aluminum in Torrance.

"It is vital that we give full support to the character building organizations such as Scouts and Camp Fire Girls and others," declared Metzger. "We all know that prevention is cheaper than correction . . . we must give

every boy and girl every chance to become a worthwhile adult citizen."

AS CHAIRMAN, Metzger will direct the United Crusade appeal to local merchants in Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Harbor City, and Lomita.

He is a graduate of St. Louis University in law and the Harvard Business School in Business Administration. A member of the American Bar Association, he is a licensed attorney in the state of Missouri.

Currently, Metzger is a Captain in the U.S.N.R. and has seen active military duty during World War II and the Korean emergency.

With a background of 20 years experience in all as-

pects of industrial relations, the new United Crusade volunteer is active in the South Bay Industry Education Council, Industrial Relations Association and South Bay District of Boy Scouts.

Chairman Metzger makes his home in Palos Verdes with his wife and two children.

## ECC Student Wins Award As Volunteer

Edward J. McGrath Jr., a sophomore at El Camino College was named the top college-age worker in volunteer services in the Los Angeles area by the Women's Division of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce at the 1967 Vision Awards presentation.

Currently serving as vice president of the associated students at El Camino, McGrath was honored for his work with the blind, retarded and underprivileged during the past school year.

McGrath's campus work was recognized this spring when he was honored as co-president of the Forrest G. Murdock Award for student leadership, which is presented by deans and advisors of student activities at the college.

# 14-Year-Old Arrested for Two Hit-Run Auto Crashes

A 14-year-old girl was taken into custody Saturday by Torrance juvenile authorities after she allegedly was involved in two auto accidents as a hit and run driver.

The girl and two teenage companions were involved in an auto accident at Ocean Avenue and Lomita Boulevard in which John Medeiros of 3886 W. 234th St., was injured. Witnesses to the acci-

dent said the vehicle failed to stop at the intersection's stop sign, and then fled the accident scene.

A witness to the first accident, Mark Armbruster, 22833 Galva St., told police that he followed the vehicle after the accident along Lomita Boulevard traveling up to speeds of 80 mph before the vehicle was involved in another acci-

dent at Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevard.

The car allegedly carrying the three girls again left the scene of the accident and police later located it at the girl's home.

Torrance police charged the girl with hit and run driving and driving without a license and later turned her over to juvenile authorities.