

# ANN LANDERS



## This Is Different

Dear Ann Landers: Girls often have asked you this question, but I can't recall that a fellow has ever written about it. Please help me.

When I was a senior in high school the girl I was going steady with became pregnant. I was in no position to get married, and even if I had been I would not have picked that girl. She knew it and did not try to force the issue.

The girl had her baby and put it up for adoption. Two years later she married a nice young fellow and they are getting along fine so far as I know.

I am a senior in college now and have been going with a wonderful girl. We plan to marry after graduation in June. I have never asked questions about her love life and I am hoping she will not ask questions about mine.

You have always counseled girls to keep their mouths shut about their past indiscretions. Does this go for fellows as well?

—NEBRASKA QUESTIONER

Dear Neb: There is an important distinction between "indiscretions" and live babies. I have said a girl does not owe her fiancé a score card listing the names and numbers of the previous players. The same holds true for the fellow. An out-of-wedlock child, however, is something else and should not be kept a secret.

Dear Ann Landers: This may sound like a dumb question but I need an answer.

When a person is served stewed prunes what is he supposed to do with the pits?

I always thought it was proper to spit the pits into the spoon and leave them on the plate. I did this recently at a breakfast and got some very dirty looks. What's the word, Ann?

—BAFFLED

Dear Baffled: I can't imagine what else you'd do with prune pits but put them on the plate. This should be done as quietly as possible. When a pit hits fine china or thin crystal it makes a ping-pong sound which creates attention. Maybe that's your problem.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to comment on the letter signed "I'll Be Dog-goned." I hope the man doesn't listen to you because if he sacrifices his dog for a crazy girl he will live to regret it. You said, "It shouldn't happen to a dog." I say it shouldn't happen to man.

So what if the dog eats off the same dishes? Anyone who knows anything will tell you that a dog's mouth is more sanitary than a human's. You remember that phrase "cleaner than a hound's tooth"?

I have had many dogs in my life and many women. Put them side by side and the dog wins every time. He is more honest, more faithful, more loving and less trouble.

—CLYDE

Dear Clyde: So why don't you move into the kennel and call it a day? Your paw-print signature was my laugh for the day. Thanks for writing.

How far should a teen-age couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking and Petting—What Are The Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of your newspaper, enclosing 50 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 stamped self-addressed envelope.

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## Denny's Restaurants Win Award From City of Hope

Denny's Restaurants are recipients of the first annual Business and Industry Progress Award to be given Tuesday by the City of Hope National Medical Center.

Receiving the award at a dinner dance at the Beverly Hilton Hotel will be Lester Schreiber, owner of Denny's of 3006 W. 182nd St.

Mayor Albert Isen is serving on the honorary committee of mayors.

The free, nonsectarian City of Hope is a pilot medical and research center conducting patient care, research, and education in cancer and leukemia, and diseases of heredity, the blood, chest and heart.

## COUNT MARCO

# Mass Marriage Saves Pop Money

It's only a season away before the rush to the altar of love begins for thousands of brides.

As a show for friends and relatives, the wedding may be a stupendous production, but as a cementer of marital relations and longevity it will be entirely ineffective.

Statistics indicate that no matter how lavish the wedding, the odds are 2 to 1 the star cast will split about the time they cash their last honeymoon check. So, I ask, why spend so much money on a poor performance?

When a Broadway produc-

tion folds the backers can write off their losses. But the poor father of the bride not only suffers a complete financial loss but has the bad actress back on his hands to recast, if he's lucky.

A sect in India has come up with a solution that American parents could well emulate. For harassed fathers who are struggling with the expenses of their daughters' weddings, there are now mass-marriage ceremonies at 15 cents a couple. For this sum a bridegroom weds his bride at a ceremony with as many as 50 other couples.

This procedure may seem a bit cruel and crude, perhaps, but personally, I can't see why. After all, we have the very social mass debuts where hoards of girls are introduced to prospective husbands.

Then, if the marriage lasts two years, the "big" celebration may be held with all the rites, gifts, costumes and pomp and circumstance every girl loves.

And if the bride is a drop-out, father can use the wedding money he saved for getting daughter a job and he and Mother can take a peaceful trip around the world on the savings.

## Boys Week Activities Announced

Los Angeles high school boys will "take over the reins of government" from various city and business officials Tuesday during the 46th annual observance of Boys' Week, April 28 through May 4.

Boys selected from Carson High School to participate in the program are Curtis O'Neil Black Jr., Alan Dornfest, James Eakin, Gary Kadota, Larry Nicolas, Tom Thayer, and James Turner.

Narbonne High participants are Emmett Badar, Daryl Deliman, Keith Gibson, Tim McDuffie, Robert Murakami, and Manuel Quinones.

Thousands of Los Angeles boys will be given recognition in different phases of community and civic life during the week-long observance, sponsored by the Council for Promotion of Boys' Welfare in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Schools.



KATHERINE KAAS

## Award Won By Girl For Essay

West High School senior Katherine Kaas has been named area winner in the essay contest on "Automobile Insurance" sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Los Angeles.

Katherine, her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Kaas, and Mrs. Marilyn Falcon, West High business teacher, were honored at the presentation dinner at the Biltmore Hotel Monday.

A certificate of recognition to the high school, certificate of merit for her, and a government bond will be awarded to each of the area winners.

A scholarship certificate winner will be selected from this group and announced at a later date.

## County Gets \$338,000 in New Funds

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has announced the semi-annual apportionment of \$1,790,286 among counties, cities, and school districts of trailer coach fees for the last six months of 1967, including \$338,313 for Los Angeles County.

The vehicle license fee law requires that license fees be paid on all trailer coaches registered in California. Apportionments are made to the counties as soon as possible after the registration data is made available by the department of motor vehicle.



**PAYING THEIR WAY . . .** Five girls from Senior Girl Scout Troop 555 are asking area residents to help them earn enough money to attend Counselor In-Training (CIT). Selected for the honor program are (from left) Margie Groat, 15; Norine DeFres, 16; Kathy Bunic, 15; and Dotty Groat, 17, all students at Bishop Montgomery High School. Not shown is Feby Burch, 16, of North High. They are each attempting to earn their \$85 training fee by collecting old newspapers. Anyone wishing to contribute papers may drop them off at 16822 Thornburgh Ave. or 18803 Korablum Ave. The girls will also be glad to collect papers from area homes.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## Use of Drugs, Narcotics Among Students on Rise

What brings young teenagers to experiment and become "hung up" on drugs?

That was the question posed by Sgt. Rick Berman, Division of Narcotics, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, in a talk delivered before the 40 principals of the Torrance Unified School District at an administrators' meeting conducted by Supt. J. H. Hull.

A veteran of ten years experience in the narcotic investigative field, Sergeant Berman has spent the last 18 months in the Sunset-Malibu area talking to thousands of drug users ranging from 9 to 60 years of age.

**RECOMMENDING** that schools institute small discussion groups led by teachers trained in the factual background of narcotics and drug abuse, the sergeant stated that in Los Angeles County 50 per cent of high school students "will experiment with narcotics during their high school careers." Of those, he predicted that an average of 10 per cent will continue to use drugs and narcotics.

He described the typical narcotics user in the Southern California "melting pot" as coming from middle and upper class Caucasian homes.

"The largest percentage are from homes which are intact," he said, "with a mother and father, but with no communication."

Not only do youngsters who turn to drugs fail to communicate with their parents, according to Sergeant Berman, but they are unable to communicate with their teachers as well.

"THEY ARE looking for something to belong to," he stated. "They are anti-establishment—and the school, police, and political system are the 'establishment.'"

"They cannot relate to anyone," he added. "They have double standards—in that they want material things, but do not want to work for them."

In the South Bay-Centinel Valley area, according to Sergeant Berman, student attitudes are the same as in other areas.

"They say education is a 'bunko,'" he reported. "And a lot of them think they are just putting in their time, being 'baby-sat.' Many schools are so large students feel they have become numbers; they are not individuals; nobody relates to them. Many are trying to get attention on the campus by laughing at administration."

ON THE Sunset Strip, the sergeant stated, about 300 persons a month are arrested for narcotics violations. One out of every four picked up on this charge is either pregnant, has a venereal disease, is running away from home, or has hepatitis or tuberculosis. "And these are mostly kids under 18," he commented.

Most commonly used drugs on campus are barbiturates, or sleeping pills, according to Sergeant Berman. Amphetamines and marijuana are also in common usage. Use of LSD, psychedelic drugs, mescaline, and heroin is on the increase, he said.

Sleeping pills are second only to guns in suicides, Berman pointed out.

HOW CAN parents and teachers tell whether or not their child is using drugs?

According to Sergeant Berman, the youngster taking barbiturates looks intoxicated, is inattentive, argumentative, and falls asleep easily. With marijuana, the youngster is unable to relate and extreme dilation of pupils is apparent. The amphetamines causes rapid movement, fast talking, and excitability.

How does the sergeant feel the drug problem can be controlled?

"We need strong internal controls," he stated, "objective, factual education at the earliest educational level."

## Goods Stolen

More than \$2,000 worth of household goods were stolen Tuesday night from the home of Mrs. Barbara Spees, 2816 W. Carson St., after burglars forced their way in through a window.

Reported missing were a stereo, a typewriter, a television set, \$50 cash, and jewelry worth \$1,000, police reports indicate.

## Winners Named In Science Fair

More than \$150 in prize money was awarded to top winners in the Torrance Unified School District's third annual high school science fair last week.

The cash awards, which marked a district first, were donated by the Downtown Torrance Rotary Club, the Del Amo Rotary Club, and the Riviera Rotary Club.

First place awards of \$10 for individual entries went to: Steve Shimizu of North High School, biological category; Frank Willem of West High School, physical category; and Bruce Campbell of South High School, research brief.

Top group entries, which

were awarded \$20 per entry, were submitted by: Don Whelan, Dale Whitney, Jerry Pretorius, and Jeff Palmer of West High, physical group category; and Laurie Hamlin and Trish Thomas of West High, biological group category.

Runners-up were: Ed Lanton and Bruce Brown of West, second place, physical group; Dan Valeska and Walter Witel of West, third place, physical group; Robert Hatfield of North, second place, physical individual; Robert Brunnett of North, third place, physical individual; Louis Dalton and Dennis Purcell of Torrance High, second place, biological group; Dik Johnson, Paul Kohn and Nancy Ackerman of Torrance High, third place, biological group; Michael Smith of Torrance High, second place, biological individual; Steven Lundblad of Torrance High, third place, biological individual; Michele Smith, Torrance High, second, science research brief; and John Gazdik, third place, science research brief.

Second place group prizes consisted of \$15 cash awards. Third place group entries received \$10. Awards of \$7.50 went to second place individual entrants, and awards of \$5 to third place individual winners.

## Centurions Seek New Members

One hundred new Centurions is the goal of a membership drive announced today by Joseph Drnovich, Centurion Club president.

The club, whose membership includes many business and professional leaders in the area, was organized in 1959 to support and financially aid Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Since the opening of the hospital, the club has contributed generously toward building, equipping, and expanding the 179-bed facility.

The yearly membership fee of \$100, Drnovich said, will go into the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Fund, to be used for planned remodeling and expansion of outpatient facilities. Included will be enlarging and equipping the radiology department and emergency room, as well as other outpatient and administrative departments.

Helping the club reach its 100 new member goal are membership committee members Elaine Shall, Bert Lynn, and James Visceglia.

## County To Sell Property

Sale of a parcel of County Flood Control District land in the Carson area for a token sum of \$25 has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The particular property has been declared "excess" by the flood control authority as it is no longer needed.

The parcel was originally acquired for the Laguna Domingues Flood Control System.

## Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-3)

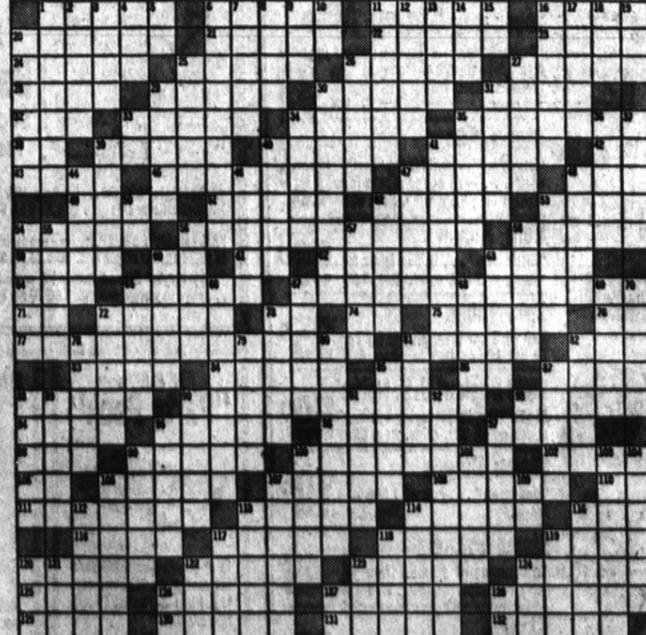
### ACROSS

- 1—Parrot
- 9—Yawned
- 11—State duck
- 14—Bulk
- 20—Wild
- 21—Fuss
- 22—Francis
- 23—Seed covering
- 24—Harden
- 25—Velvet-like fabric
- 26—Preserved
- 27—Hicor
- 28—Foundation
- 29—Headgear
- 30—Sing
- 31—Renovate
- 32—Corroded
- 33—Abate
- 34—Cleans
- 35—Appose
- 36—French article
- 38—Nermaid
- 39—Afray
- 41—Net
- 42—Sun god
- 43—College official
- 45—Lawyer's fee
- 47—Lowest
- 48—Clergyman: abbr.
- 49—Conservative
- 51—Acclaim
- 52—Foot covering
- 53—Dog's delight
- 54—Prop
- 56—Avengers
- 58—Menu
- 59—Confined
- 60—Pain lily
- 61—Printer's measure
- 62—Hang
- 63—Units
- 64—Small fish
- 65—Black and blue
- 67—Enrollments
- 71—Fox example: abbr.
- 72—Candle

### DOWN

- 1—Sea mammal
- 2—Divert
- 3—Assist
- 4—Perched
- 5—Pronoun
- 6—Varyant
- 7—Subjoin
- 8—Liquid measure
- 9—Summer in Paris
- 10—Down: prof.
- 11—Toll
- 12—Peep show
- 13—Adam's part
- 14—Goat
- 15—Man's nickname
- 16—Animosity
- 17—Drove
- 18—Gentleman
- 19—Cunning
- 20—Star
- 21—Volcano
- 22—Kitchen utensil
- 27—Concede
- 29—Fruit
- 31—Gladness
- 32—State: abbr.
- 34—Pertaining to punishment
- 35—Tops
- 36—Drift
- 37—Roof edges
- 38—Laugh loudly
- 40—Italian city
- 41—Hidden
- 44—Amend
- 46—Pretended
- 47—Circuit
- 48—Musical composition
- 50—Concerning
- 52—Corrupt
- 53—Slender
- 54—Scouted
- 55—Fence
- 56—Fosterer
- 57—Wasteful guardian

- 58—Noisome
- 60—Unsteady
- 62—Merchant
- 65—Countries
- 66—Water
- 67—French river
- 68—Fortification
- 69—Artless
- 70—Bovine animal
- 72—Howl
- 73—Eared seal
- 78—Disordered
- 79—Corvus
- 81—Foreigner
- 82—Skillful
- 85—Pertune
- 87—Enticed
- 88—Main
- 89—Deserves
- 90—Eagle's nest
- 91—Horatio . . .
- 92—Start
- 93—Symbol for tellurium
- 95—Billiard shot
- 97—Wedding bird
- 99—Color
- 100—Musical keyboard
- 101—Resines
- 103—Incident
- 104—Express
- 105—Describe
- 107—Kind of tea
- 109—Heating sound
- 113—Shaved
- 115— . . . . . Novarre
- 114—Burroon
- 115—Hummingbird
- 117—Half preferred
- 118—Crazy: slang
- 119—Antitoxins
- 120—Fairy queen
- 121—Fuegian
- 122—English letter
- 123—Boulder
- 124—Barrier
- 126—Weight: abbr.
- 127—Nets of scale
- 128—Parent



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