



ANN LANDERS



Turn It Down, Kids!

Dear Ann Landers: Last night my 16-year-old granddaughter gave a party. There were at least 30 teenagers in the house. They rolled back the rugs, moved all the furniture on the porch and played music for dancing. I didn't see any dancing just some catatonic, zombie-like motions and a lot of jerking and shaking.

What disturbed me more than anything was the music. It gave me a splitting headache. The kids these days insist on turning up the stereo amplifier as high as it will go. It virtually assaults the eardrums.

I notice that our teenage grandchildren do not hear their parents when they speak in normal conversational tones. Unless instructions are screamed they are ignored. I think the kids are actually deaf. My husband says, "There's nothing wrong with their hearing. They hear when they want to."

Tell me, Ann, is it possible that our teenagers are becoming hard of hearing because of the loud music they seem to idolize? If so, someone should tell them.—Antique Ada.

Dear Ada: Someone HAS told them. Ear specialists are deeply concerned and have said so. It has been proved that loud music produces serious hearing problems among the young. Several cases of permanent deafness among musicians have been noted. So take heed, kids, and turn down the volume. Do you hear me out there? I SAY—TURN DOWN THE VOLUME!!

Dear Ann Landers: My mother is 53 and looks 40. After Dad died two years ago Mum started to go with a divorced man who is about five years her junior. Barry is handsome, charming, allergic to work in any form and, in my opinion rotten to the core.

I've seen Barry around town with at least three different chippies. Of course I've never mentioned it to anyone. About a month ago Mum and I ran into Barry and a trollop, or should I say THEY ran into us. No one was hurt but Mom fell apart when she saw them (Barry was supposed to be out of town.)

Since that night Mum has had stomach pains and has been doctoring to beat the band. She's had X-rays is taking pills and sedatives and is on a special diet. Her doctor can't find anything wrong with her. I know she is tied up in knots over her love affair which is going haywire.

Should I make an appointment to see the doctor and tell him the background before she quits and goes to another doctor who might take out her gall bladder?—Worried Daughter.

Dear Daughter: It is extremely helpful to the physician if he knows something about the patient's emotional problems. I suggest that you write the doctor a note. An appointment would take up valuable time which could be spent with a patient.

Give in or lose him... when a guy gives you this line, look out! For tips on how to handle the super sex salesman, check Ann Landers' book, "Necking and Petting—What Are the Limits?" Send your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing 30 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Realtor Warns Buyers: Inspect Property First

The new law which requires many interstate land sellers to register with the federal government does not lessen the need for personal inspection of any property being considered for purchase, the president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors advised today.

L. Milton Isbell explained that regulations implementing the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act went into effect April 28. Under these regulations, sellers of 50 or more unimproved lots must, in most cases, file a detailed statement of record or registration statement with the newly formed Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"It is important for would-be purchasers to realize that this new law is designed to be a disclosure statute, and nothing more," Isbell declared.

The part of the public to assume that because the federal government agency has cleared a registration statement, the judgment of the government is that the property for sale is reasonably priced. This is erroneous.

The new law merely assures that the purchaser has all the facts about the property available to him before he enters into a transaction. It is still the responsibility of the buyer to study the data and make his decision accordingly.

"We members of the National Association of Real Estate Boards have for years advised property buyers to inspect personally any land they are considering buying.

"What is more, this advice is just as valid now, even with the new full disclosure law in effect, as it ever was."

ISBELL commented, "The success of the new Interstate

Rose Honors Founder

"Roses in a Coastal Climate" will be the subject of a talk to be given by Dr. Denison Morey, well known horticulturist, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the clubhouse at the South Coast Botanic Garden, 26701 Rolling Hills Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of an elegant new rose developed by Dr. Morey and named Frances Young in honor of the founder of South Coast Botanic Garden.

Dr. Morey is president and director of research for General Bionomics, Inc. At County Garden Roses in Santa Rosa, Calif., he hybridizes new roses. He is the originator of more than 40 new rose varieties including two All America rose selections, King's Ransom and Fusilier.

A reception will be held for Dr. Morey preceding his program. The public is welcome to attend the reception and program. There is no charge, and parking is available.

City Gets Funds for Crossing

Torrance has been allocated \$4,702 by the California Public Utilities Commission to assist the city in paying its share of the cost of improving protection at the crossing of Crenshaw Boulevard with the track of the Santa Fe railroad.

Existing protection consists of two flashing light signals, and protection proposed is four flashing light signals supplemented by automatic crossing gates.

The city and the railroad have agreed to share the estimated \$18,810 cost equally, and the CPUC allocation will pay half the city's share.

Area Groups Support Intercommunity Fair

The success of last year's INTERCOM, an experiment in suburbia - ghetto communications, has prompted its sponsors to plan a second "intercommunity fair and forum."

This year's day-long INTERCOM '69 will be held Saturday, June 28, at Rolling Hills High School, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The Peninsula Citizens Human Relations Council will produce INTERCOM '69, with the active support of the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Greater Peninsula Council of Churches, Fair Housing Council, the Suburban League, Community Arts Association, Young People for Positive Action, and other Palos Verdes organizations.

The unique project is intended to inform suburbanites about conditions in the disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles, and to suggest a variety of ways that suburban residents and groups can work toward solutions to ghetto problems. More than 3,000 Peninsula residents and guests participated in last year's many activities.

The formal program at IN-



FOUNDER'S DAY PROJECT... New bicycle racks built for the Torrance YMCA as part of an Armcio Steel Founder's Day project are displayed by (from left) Bruce Lindsay, president of Armcio's Employees Club; Gary Kuenzli, executive director of the YMCA; and Jim Ruddy, president of Armcio's Management Club. The two employe organizations complete a special project each year in observance of the Founder's Day program, according to Lindsay. In addition to building the bicycle racks, the two clubs also repainted benches which were built two years ago.

Contract Awarded for Queen Mary Conversion

The city of Long Beach Monday instructed the firm of Smith-Amelco of Compton to proceed with the work of converting portions of the former luxury liner Queen Mary to a floating museum and tour area.

Smith-Amelco, a joint venture by the H. C. Smith Construction Co. of Compton and the Amelco Corp. of Honolulu, submitted the low bid of \$11.8 million on the project.

The directive to proceed was issued by City Manager John R. Mansell at the official signing of the contract at Long Beach City Hall. The contract

calls for completion of the work within one year.

PARTICIPATING in the contract signing ceremony were Carlo Panfiglio, president and chairman of the board of the Amelco Cop. of Hawaii; Joseph L. Burden, board chairman of Owl Construction and the H. C. Smith Construction Co.; John L. Barry, vice president and general manager of H. C. Smith; and Frey L. Byrum, vice president of Amelco and president of American Contracting, Inc., of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Representing Long Beach were Mansell; Rear Adm. John J. Fee (USN-Ret.), director of the city's Queen Mary department; and City Attorney Leonard Putnum. Also attending were Les H. Cohen, director of the Queen Mary Museum of the Sea, and Fred Rosenberg, president, Diners/Queen Mary Corp., which is developing a hotel-convention center on the Mary.

MANSSELL said the contract represents between 85 and 90 per cent of the conversion cost. The remainder involves costs which cannot be determined at this time, he said, but also will be accomplished by Smith-Amelco on a negotiated of cost-plus basis.

Smith-Amelco bid on 158 dif-

ferent items on this conversion project, with four major items making up about two-thirds of the total bid. The contract includes removal of existing structural, electrical, and mechanical installations and their replacement with accommodations for the museum and tours. It also provides for the taking of all utility services from the shore.

The Museum of the Sea which will open next year aboard the Queen Mary has retained the exclusive services of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, world-renowned oceanographer, as chief designer and planner.

DESIGN of most of the museum's more than 30 planned major exhibits will be performed under contract with the Living Sea Corp. of Los Angeles, headed by Cousteau. The museum's master design plan calls for the past, present, and future of the world's oceans to be presented dramatically in five major exhibit halls in the 100,000-square-foot multilevel museum.

The Smith-Amelco contract also includes work to be performed on another portion of the ship for the Diners/Queen Mary Corp. The DQM Corp. is committed to invest between \$6 million and \$8 million in developing the hotel-convention center aboard the Queen, and the firm will pay the city approximately \$1 million for its share of the Smith-Amelco conversion work.

The Queen Mary Museum of the Sea is being developed and will be operated by the California Museum Foundation, a private non-profit corporation, under contract with the city.

Soldier Gets Bronze Star

A young Torrance infantryman has been awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic efforts last March 9 when his company was on a search and clear mission four miles west of Duc Pho.

Pfc. Mark Patten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Patten of 2519 W. 227th St., has lived in Torrance since 1950 where he was active in Boy Scouts and Little League. He was graduated from South High School where he played football for three years. He was attending El Camino College at the time of his induction into the Army.

The local soldier's mother, Mrs. Ruth Patten, is activities director for South High. In a letter to his parents, Pfc. Patten enclosed his official commendation, which read:



PFC. MARK PATTEN Earns Bronze Star

"ON MARCH 9, 1969, Co. C, 9th Battalion, 21st Infantry, was on a search and clear mission four miles west of Duc Pho. They were suddenly ambushed from several well fortified positions. The fourth platoon was completely pinned down by heavy automatic fire and RPG fire. They suffered a number of serious casualties in the initial contact with the North Vietnamese.

"Pfc. Mark Patten was cut off from his platoon leader, but he immediately made radio contact. He relayed all the necessary information and coordinated the entire operation with the rest of the company for over an hour. He literally ran the platoon. He made contact with gun-ships when they arrived, and began directing strikes until his platoon leader was able to join him.

"Pfc. Patten assumed the tremendous responsibilities of running the platoon, plus saving a comrades life, without hesitation. Only because of his quick action and coolness under fire was the platoon able to maintain its fighting effectiveness and eventually overcome a determined enemy."

IN LETTERS to his parents and to members of a group of friends in Hermosa Beach who play volleyball at 10th Street, Pfc. Patten explained that it was the company medic whose life he saved. He wrote that the medic had been shot in the back and that he had to expose himself to direct fire in order to pull the wounded man back out of danger.

Pfc. Patten is with the 4th Americal Division. He trained at Ft. Ord and will soon be eligible for his six month rest and recreation leave.

Symphonic Band Slates Concert

A program including the music of Brahms, Caneva, and Sibelius is planned by the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the Rolling Hills High School auditorium. This will be the third in a series of classical band concerts presented by the band under the baton of Dr. Eugene J. Rinaldo. It is free to the public.

The program will also feature a trombone quartet, Estrellita, arranged for the band by Russell J. West and will be played by Harry Goldstein, R. J. West, Dr. Richard Steiner and Roger Johnson.

The Palos Verdes Symphonic

Band consists of 50 professional musicians who donate their services for the promotion of good band music. According to Dr. Rinaldo, symphonic bands differ from symphonic orchestras in instrumentation and in the type of music they perform.

The Palos Verdes Symphonic Band is in its sixth year of organization. The band rehearses regularly and plays 10 free concerts annually in the South Bay district. During the summer the band plays concerts in the band shells of Redondo Beach, Torrance, Point Fermin Park, and Marymount College.

A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce, It would be easy to become a juvenile delinquent these days.

With row on row of houses and apartments piled next to each other, a youngster hasn't many places where he can get away from other people and out from under foot.

When your dad was young, he lived on the edge of town in a newly-developed area. We kids rode our bikes out into the country and threw rocks and clods, shot bee bee guns at cans, and ran and jumped and hollered. Nobody cared, but in today's overcrowded cities and suburbs, to do that would be to disturb the peace by breaking somebody's windows or ruining their flowers. Slum kids always have found it easy to get into trouble because they are so crowded.

We had a big park nearby. It didn't have an organized recreation program like parks today, but it had something better—lots of bushes and trees where we could pretend that we were stalking fierce animals in an African jungle.

Wintertimes, our sled rides down a nearby street were only occasionally interrupted by the rude passing of a car.

One of my biggest thrills was visiting Cousin Earl in the country. Although my nose ran and my eyes were red for days, there was no bigger thrill than sliding down a haystack and pushing aside the goldenrod to find the meandering streams that seemed to us like unexplored Grand Canyons.

In those days, if we caused trouble, the victims didn't call the police; they called your parents, and that was really bad news.

I think the city-bred child of today, hemmed in as he is by concrete streets and narrow yards and yes, even the nice organized recreation programs at the nearest park, or in Little League, has missed something.

Yours for room to breathe, YOUR DAD



ATTEND PARADE... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (standing, center) met with a group of members of patriotic organizations during the Gardena Loyalty Day Parade. Seated from left are Mrs. Margaret Evans, 14923 Denker Ave., Gardena; Mrs. Marie Ernst, 17304 Van Ness; and Mrs. Opal Andrews, Gardena; Gold Star Mothers. Standing, from left, are Bob Clobin, 282 E. 214th St., Gardena command-er-olact of VFW Post 3261; Lou Lauzon, Gardena civic leader; Supervisor Hahn; L. Lindy Lindquist, Fullerton, State VFW commander; and Assemblyman Larry Townsend.