

ANN LANDERS



Forgive the Lunkheads

Dear Ann Landers: Last year you had something in your column from a person who was self-conscious around grief-stricken people and didn't know what to say when he made a condolence call. As I remember, you said, "Be brief. Say, 'I'm sorry,' and let your presence say the rest."

My father passed away last week and now I would like to add something to your advice. I would like to tell people what NOT to say.

Don't go up to a woman whose husband has just died and say, "You are still young and attractive. You will meet some nice man and get married again."

Don't say to the sons, "Now it's up to you to take care of your mother. You must take your father's place." No son can take his father's place in the life of his mother and it's dumb to suggest it.

Thank you, Ann, for letting me have my say. —STILL GRIEVING

Dear S. G.: It's hard to believe people can be so insensitive. And the odd thing is that these lunkheads mean no harm. Forgive them, and learn from their mistakes.

Dear Ann Landers: I am sorry your column doesn't appear on the front page. What I have to say ought to be read by everyone who can read.

I have been married only a few months. The minute I returned from my honeymoon the women in the office began to ask me if I was pregnant yet. When I stayed home with the flu last week I received five calls from friends who said, "I'll bet you are pregnant."

This morning I wore a tent-type dress which, as you know, is considered very fashionable. Three girls came over and asked if it was a maternity dress. Then the office manager came by and said, "The new styles are perfect for covering up pregnancy. You could be in the eighth month and nobody could see a thing."

What is wrong with these people? Why don't they mind their own business? Can you come up with an Ann Landers' type answer that will shut them up?—NOTHING TO ANNOUNCE

Dear N.T.A.: Nothing will shut them up. For certain cloddish types, no question is too personal, no subject too delicate. No response is the best response. Silence can be deafening.

Dear Ann Landers: Usually your advice is right on the button, but recently you disappointed me. A young bride wrote and said she felt ill at ease calling her in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Jones. You suggested that she offer to call them either Mom and Dad Jones or by their first names.

I have been married for four years and I am still calling my husband's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jones simply because they have never asked me to call them anything else.

It is not up to the daughter- or son-in-law to make the first move. The in-laws should ask the new member of the family to call them mom and dad. This is a sign of acceptance. I feel very much an outsider, and I am certain that this is their way of letting me know I am just that.—UNACCEPTED

Dear Unaccepted: You are right. It is up to the in-laws to suggest that the new member of the family call them mother and Dad, or by their first names. This is unquestionably a sign of acceptance and I hope your in-laws see this letter and hop to it.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it? Is everybody having a good time, but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request 50 cents 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. (C) 1967, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

COUNT MARCO

There's No Gamble in Marriage

Too many marriage counselors insist that marriage today is a gamble. With this kind of discouragement you are inclined to give up in midstream, and in some cases even before you leave the shore. No wonder the divorce rate has soared. I say it is the other way around. Singleness is far more of a gamble.

In gambling you have something called odds. You never are sure what the outcome will be. This is absolutely not so with marriage. Anyone can predict its outcome because in marriage everyone begins with the same chance. Whether you wind up with two at the end or one does not depend on fate. It's all up to you.

There are three rules of play, no more, when that man takes you to his bed and

board: Behave like a woman at all times; love him thoroughly, believe in wedded bliss. You are the winner every time.

Singleness though, is where you take the biggest chance. The odds are staggering. You have 28,000,000 women in this country all breathing heavily around that wheel of fortune just waiting for him to fall their way. Add to these the additional one out of every two divorcees being dumped on the market all screaming for another chance and you can begin to understand why happiness is a thing called Joe and almost any Joe will do.

I remind you always that divorce is never his fault but always that of the ex'd wife. Only the wife makes or breaks that bank because just as in gambling casinos a care-

fully tended house wins in the majority of times.

When your marriage shows signs of collapsing, you are overplaying your hand. Sit out a couple, and take stock of your assets and how much you have to offer. Reshuffle or start with a new deck altogether. You might be lucky enough to recoup before you become a cropper altogether. It's worth the try.

Those of you who prefer to continue gambling have but one final outcome. You can become man's mistress until you've played out your hand altogether. But even you can take heart; you do get a booby prize, even if it is only two quarts of beer and a parakeet to keep you company in your declining years.

Those of you with a man, take good care of him — you may never win another.

Ex-Policeman Aids Viet Nam Refugees

Vietnamese refugees from the notorious "Iron Triangle" are getting help today from a former Torrance police officer and El Camino College instructor.

Virgil Crank, 31, is in Vietnam today helping advise Vietnamese police forces through a program sponsored by the Agency for International Development (AID), a part of the U. S. Department of State.

Crank is a former police officer in Torrance and Hermosa Beach and also served as a police science instructor at El Camino College before he joined the AID team as a public safety advisor.

His wife, Joan, and a 10-year-old son, David, live in Torrance.

CRANK IS now assigned to Binh Duong province in the "Iron Triangle" area north of Saigon. One of his principal duties is to work with the Vietnamese Police Field Force (PFF) and cadre to provide security for refugees while they work to rebuild their lives.

The "Iron Triangle" was a Viet Cong sanctuary for more than 20 years. Crank and the Vietnamese police forces which he advises played an important role in the military operation "Cedar Falls" which

sought to root out the Viet Cong.

Cedar Falls was launched last Jan. 8 when American and Vietnamese troops, and three platoons of the PFF—accompanied by Crank—moved into the area. The village of Ben Suc, which was controlled by the Viet Cong, and other areas containing civilians, were sealed off by the troops and police.

LEAFLETS were dropped urging the people to cooperate with the plans which had been made to evacuate them from the line of fire. Civilians were told they could take kitchenware, furniture, food,

clothing, cattle, poultry, and other equipment to resettle themselves.

Nearly 3,000 refugees were registered and moved to a temporary refugee center set up at the provincial capital of Phu Cuong, where refugees were screened and given national identification cards. More than 700 Viet Cong suspects were held for questioning during the screening process.

While the screening was taking place, soldiers and police working in Ben Suc turned up a major Viet Cong base, including a hospital, training school, rice caches, thousands of Viet Cong uniforms, and

other supplies hidden under houses, in bunkers, and in a tunnel complex.

CRANK AND his counterpart, Captain Bi, provincial chief of police, headed the campaign to resettle the civilian refugees. Plans call for the refugees to be settled in permanent homes within three months.

Refugees were promised "a dwelling place, needed equipment and materials and an opportunity to start life free from Viet Cong oppression," Crank said.

The goal of the PFF is to keep that promise, Crank said.

Your Second Front Page

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HONOR CRUSADE LEADER . . . Paul Vanderpool (at right), outgoing Harbor Area chairman for the United Crusade, holds plaque which he received during an awards banquet held here last week. Vanderpool headed the 1966 campaign for the United Way and the American Red Cross. With Vanderpool is David Holland, vice chairman of the drive. Holland is manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America.

Supervisors Pay Tribute To Slain Marine Sergeant

County Supervisors adjourned in memory of a prominent citizen Tuesday—an action which took on more than its usual significance.

Supervisors, on motion of Burton W. Chace, honored the memory of Gunner Sgt. Chester R. Pavey. Sergeant Pavey's last official act as South Bay Marine Recruiter, before he was shipped out to Vietnam, was to lead the Board of Supervisors in the

Pledge of Allegiance on November 9. Pavey was killed last week by Viet Cong mortar fire.

"Sergeant Pavey was a man who had served his country as a Marine for 19 years, but yet he felt he had not done enough," Chace said. "This man thought so much of being an American that he requested duty in Vietnam, and it cost him his life."

Supervisors each week

honor the memory of community leaders who died during the previous week, but this adjournment ceremony took on special significance.

A 36-year-old Long Beach resident, Pavey had been South Bay area Marine Recruiter since 1962. He had enlisted more than 500 Marines during that period of service.

He requested duty in Vietnam because, as he told the Supervisors on Nov. 9:

"I feel it is a nasty business, but I would rather fight there than here — my family is here."

Chace asked that a scroll commemorating the adjournment ceremony be sent to Pavey's widow in Long Beach.

Sophomores Will Visit Job Center

Some 150 sophomores at South High School will visit the sixth annual Career Guidance Center Wednesday, April 12 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a n.d. from 7 until 10 p.m. April 13, and 19.

The center, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, features displays and information about some 400 jobs.

Located at 2120 E. Eastern Ave., Commerce, the center is open to the public without charge. It will be open between April 12 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a n.d. from 7 until 10 p.m. April 13, and 19.

Concert At West Tonight

West High School's Concert Choir will present a special concert in the school library tonight and tomorrow.

Tickets for the program, scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock each evening, are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students and children. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The 70-voice Concert Choir, under the direction of Donnelly M. Fenn, will present a program ranging from Renaissance church music to modern musicals.

Special selections will feature Patricia Anderson singing "Un Bel Dio" from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," Susan and Linda Hennrick in a folk song duet, James Watt singing the title song from "Gigi," and Albert Sparks singing "If I Ruled the World."

The West High Trio—Janet Reed, Linda Hennrick, and Rebecca Slighter—and the West High Barbershop Quartet—Daniel Lefebvre, Albert Sparks, Steven Fisher, and James Watt—will present special selections.

Accompanist Tom Somerset also will be featured soloist. He will play a composition by Claude Debussy.

Subdivision Map Wins Approval

Plans for an 18-acre subdivision at Palos Verdes Drive North and Crenshaw Boulevard have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

P. V. Towers, of 2171 1/2 Western Ave., received approval from the commission to file a tract map on a single lot covering the entire 18 acres.

El Camino Asks \$32,000 in Aid

Applications for nearly \$320,000 in state and federal funds have been authorized by the trustees of El Camino College.

The grants, if approved, would be matched by a \$400,000 allocation from the college budget. Funds are being sought to finance programs in several departments of the college.

The applications are for: • A grant of \$298,211 in federal funds under the Vocational Education Act of 1963. The grant would finance a new machine shop, audio visual equipment for metallurgy classes, the purchase of welding equipment, and an "Intructoroscope." The grant would be matched by the college.

• A grant of \$49,229 for the business education program to finance training for data processing technicians and to prepare students for

work in marketing management positions. The college's cost would be \$114,639.

• A grant of \$11,050 under the George-Barden Act for a marketing management internship program in the Business Education Division. Federal funds would finance the entire program.

• A grant of \$41,187 for five vocational education programs in the Natural Sciences Division. Included are a vocational nursing program, expansion of a medical assistant program, expansion of the nursing program, support for a children's center teacher preparation program, and the introduction of an airline stewardess program.

• A grant of \$8,993 for the Division of Communications to cover the costs of two new photography courses.

• A \$10,000 grant under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for the college library. The college would add \$5,000 to the project, which would involve the microfilming of back issues of periodicals not now in the library.

Trumpeter To Appear At College

Tickets will go on sale Friday for the one-night-only appearance of trumpet showman Al Hirt at El Camino College Wednesday evening, May 10.

Tickets for the 8:30 p.m. performance in the college stadium will be available in the El Camino bookstore. Reserved seats for the performance will be \$3 and \$4. General admission prices have been set at \$2.

Included in Hirt's single hit records are trumpet lead numbers "Sugar Lips," "Fancy Pants," and "Cotton Candy." Hirt also has to his credit Gold Records for the three hits and "Java," for which he received a "Grammy" for the best performance by an instrumental.

Candidates To Address Homeowners

Candidates for election to the Torrance Board of Education and a spokesman for the city's Library Bond Steering Committee have been invited to address members of the Ellinwood Homeowners Association.

The homeowners' group will meet next Monday at 8 p.m. at the Newton Elementary School.

Voters will elect two members of the Board of Education and decide the fate of a \$2,350,000 municipal library bond issue in balloting April 18.