

Cinderella Speaks Up

Dear Ann Landers: Boyo-boy, did I ever see glimpses of myself in your column a few weeks ago!!! I turned the clock back about 40 years, but there I was — just like the homely little girl whose father carried a picture in his wallet of a beautiful older sister. HER picture was left in the bureau drawer.

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I'm 55 years old, but some of those memories still hurt. My older sister was the star and I was nothing. She got all the praise and I got all the criticism. When "The Beauty" graduated from the 8th grade the whole family was there. When I graduated from the 8th grade nobody showed up.

Life plays funny tricks. When it came time for marriage, my sister made a very poor selection. My marriage was one of the best.

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To this day mother resents the fact that I have a wonderful husband, a lovely home, fine children, and a good life. My sister's looks are gone, her husband isn't much good, and her life is empty. Mother says I was lucky and my sister was unlucky. I say somebody up there decided to even the score. — ORLANDO

Dear Orlando: I like your theory best.

Dear Ann Landers: Our son Jed is 19, a college sophomore and he is enrolled for summer courses. The college is about 100 miles from here. He comes home weekends. Jed has been dating a high school girl who lives in the college town.

The girl has a car. She drives Jed home almost every weekend and moves right into our guest room. We hear them roaming around all hours of the night, which I think is bad for the younger children.

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Our family is taking a trip in August and Jed wants to include the girl. I am against it. What kind of parents must she have, anyway?—R.R.R.

Dear R.R.R.: The girl's family must have rocks in their heads, but you've got a few boulders, too, lady.

Obviously you can't police your son when he's away at school— and you shouldn't try, but permitting the girl to move in for weekends offers unspoken approval of this muchtoo-chummy relationship. Say "No" to the vacation deal.

Dear Ann Landers: My problem is my parents. I am a 15-year-old girl. They make me kiss them good night every night. Then my mom blesses me and says something in her native tongue.

After that she makes me tell her that I love her. I think this is stupid. Besides I am too old for that junk. I have asked mom why she does this and she says it is good for people to tell each other they love one another. It doesn't really make me feel closer to her. In fact it makes me dislike her.

What is your opinion of all this garbage? —

ANTI MUSHER

Dear Anti: I feel sorry for your mother. She must be desperately unfulfilled.

Maybe you think a good night kiss and being blessed by your mother is "garbage," but one day you will wish you could turn the clock back and do a few things differently. But it will be too late.

Confidential to Reddy Freddy: I hope you are "reddy" for plenty of trouble. This girl is under age no matter what state you live in. Her father can throw the book at you—and I hope he does.

Do you feel ill at ease . . . left out of it? Is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet. "The Key To Popularity," enclosing with your request 35 cents in coin 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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RED CROSS LEADERS.. Three area high school girls have completed a five-day leadership training program with the Red Cross at the Cate School, located near Carpenteria, Calif. The girls are, from left, Debbie Murray and Kathy O'Leary, both of Carson High School, and Karen Johnson of Lomita, a Fleming Junior High School student. More than 500 junior and senior high school students participated in the train-

Red Cross Aide to Head Viet Nam Refugee Center

A Torrance resident and staff member of the Los Angeles Red Cross will leave today for Viet Nam, where he will head a new refugee relief project to be undertaken by the American Red Cross and the Agency for International Development (AID).



in Saigon to coordinate ef-forts of the U.S. AID mission



Named NAA President

COUNT MARCO

He Deigns to Confer Some Deserved Awards

One of the pleasing things about being an aristocrat (besides having lots of money and exquisite taste) is that I am entitled to confer certain honors upon those under me socially. My readers, for instance.

"Dear Count: Women's work is the toughest there is! Brother, every day I make three meals for a hungry husband, clean up after him, dust, vacuum, lau nder, iron and slave until I have no energy left — and then you expect us to be some kind of beauty goddess every evening when he comes home? Well he can lump it because . . . "

To this female goes the Order of the Broken Broom for outstanding lethargy and general bitching. I can't get over the feeling that women who complain about "women's work" would complain about any other kind of work too. (Come to think of it, that medal will be called the Order of the Sharp Spurs, because that's what it takes to keep that type on the move.)

"I have a financial problem.
Three years ago my husband and
I were divorced. I got the house
and the furniture, alimony, child
support . . ."

stow upon you the Order of the Golden Fleece.

"Nothing is so low in this life as a dirty, sneaking, cheating husband. I work my fingers raw all day, at both a part-time job and the full-time job of keeping our home tidy, his shirts pressed and all the other things a good wife does, and then what does he do but take up with some floozy. Well, I'm packing up and getting out because . . ."

Don't leave until your award comes. In your case it's a bronze plaque bearing the image of a Ruffled Spouse—a not-so-are bird who files from her nest after first driving her mate from it.

"May I ask what you have against women wearing basic black? Really, this is such a traditional thing it seems rather silly and naive of anyone to object to it. Personally, I look very well in black because my complexion does not lend itself to many colors, and I constantly wear combinations of black not only on formal occasions, but also during the day and even on outings."

Six pallbearers and an or-ganist are now on their way to you bearing The Order of Dracula in a miniature cas-ket which they will present to you at a simple but touch-ing memorial service this very midnight.





Twenty-five Torrance High School students have been spending their summer going to school 32 hours each week—but they haven't been studying out of books. And what's more, they don't intend to start. The 25, Neighborhood Youth Corps trainees, are learning how to operate a school district, literally from the ground up.

STUDENT trainees, who learn a job skill while earning money that will enable them to remain in school earn a job skill while earning money that will enable them to remain in school mext year, are helping out with school district chores ranging from custodial to office work.

They are assisting school librarians, pulling weeds in school lawns, helping care for children of working mothers at the child care center, unpacking crates in district warehouses, fixing office machines, and learning more than a dozen other jobs around the school district.

Trainees are all 16 years of age or older. During the regular school year, they work 15 hours each week after school. But during the summer they put in up to 32 hours a week.

BEGUN ABOUT 18 months ago, the NYC program has served 167 Torrance students

to date. Countywide, more than 10,000 youngsters have taken part in 31 school districts.

Torrance was one of the first districts in the area to embark on the federally-sponsored program. Initially, 37 students signed up for job training. Since that time some have moved or graduated and others have joined their ranks.

"It is our hope," says Delmar Smith, director of the program, "that when these young sters leave school, they've not only learned how a school district operates, but they've picked up skills which will help them find a job in the business world as well."



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