ANN **LANDERS**



A Problem With Menus

Dear Ann Landers: A bunch of the guys in my platoon want to know what to do about a problem that bugs a lot of us.

When a guy takes a girl to dinner, it is considered bad manners to tell her that she should go ahead and order whatever she wants and not to worry about the price?

Some of the fellows — me for instance—just happen to like ground steak or fish but we don't want our girls to think that we are ordering it just because it is the cheapest thing on the menu. I have taken out some great chicks who have looked at the menu and then said, "I'll have whatever you have." I am sure they are trying to be careful with my money.

I like to show a girl a real good time, Ann. What is the proper way to handle this problem?

—FORT HOOD, TEXAS.

Dear Fort Hood: The best way to do it is let the girl order first. If she insists on waiting to hear what you're going to have, go ahead and tell her that she may not like your choice. It's how you treat a gal and not what she eats on a date that determines what kind of a time she has, so I wouldn't pay too much attention to whether she orders a sirloin or the spachetti.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me what to do about a husband who will not let me have any money. I have been married to Bruno for 35 years and have been kept completely in the dark about money matters. Also, he has a thing about cash. He won't let me have any.

We have a grown family, a lovely home, a new car and a joint checking account. But every bit of cash is in Bruno's wallet — and he takes it to work. You have no idea how humilating it is to turn the house upside down looking for a dollar to give the March Of Dimes or the Red Cross. I have to ask for a dime when I want to buy a spool of thread.

Bruno is good to me in all other ways, but his peculiarity about cash is driving me crazy. Advise me, please. — COMFORTABLE BUT PENNILESS.

Dear C. But P.: Did you say you had a joint checking account? Well, for heaven's sake, Lady, write yourself a check for \$20 and live like a human being. If you've been sitting on a joint checking account for 35 years and asking your husband for a dime to buy a spool of thread, you're as wacky as he is.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 10 months. I have a very good job here in this college town and my husband is working on his master's degree. The problem is my parents.

They have furnished our apartment, down to the last teaspoon. My mother has strong ideas and this apartment looks like her home, not mine. I don't object to this but my husband does.

Furthermore, the gifts continue to pour in almost daily from Mom and Dad and this is causing real trouble between my husband and me. I have tried to explain to him they are big-hearted and want me to have nice things. He says these gifts are ruining his self-respect and that I must put a stop to it.

How can I do it without hurting their feelings? They have been just wonderful.—SMOTH-ERED WITH LOVE.

Dear Smothered: Simply tell your folks that their generosity is causing marital problems and that in the future all gifts will be returned. Then keep your word. The success of your marriage may depend on it — and obviously, that success is more precious than ANY gift.

To, solve some of the frystrations, disappointments an

anders will be glad to help you with your problems.
I to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a
elf-addressed envelope.
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INSPECT FACILITY... Roderick McDuniel (right), administrator at the Torran School District's Educational Materials Building, demonstrates the use of an ove head projector to two visiting educators. Pictured are Jesus Jhockson, chairms of the board of trustees of the Philippines National University, and Thom Brown, director of the International Teacher Development Program at the University of Southern California.

Educators Tour Local 'Library'

Twenty-two foreign educament Program an exchange traila, Cyprus, Finland, In tors who are in this country program conducted by the Jamaica, Nepal, Netherla at the invitation of the United States Department of State toured the Torrance schools fornia in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education, Educational Materials Building in an attempt to learn were teachers, principals, superintendents, inspectors, superintende

FASTER RETURNS

Computers to Assist In County Vote Tally

A streamlined vote tabulation system utilizing area check-in centers and computers is expected to provide semi-final returns for the public by noon on Nov. 9, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

Hahn said Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hit has predicted a near-record turnout of nearly 2.5 million voters for the Nov. 8 election, approximately 80 to 82 percent of the Nov. 8 election, approximately 80 to 82 percent of the voters for the Nov. 8 election, approximately 80 to 82 percent of the voter so the polision, and the 1964 Presidential election drew 88.9 percent of the voters to the polision.

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The Count Is Racked With Special Tortures

The ancient Chinese had a punishment known as the torture of the bell. A victim would be tied down underneath a bronze bell, and a torturer would begin to ring it with measured strokes: to ring it with measured strokes:
Bong . . . bong . . bong. The
first hour or so didn't have much
effect, but after a while the ringing would begin to cause acute
suffering, increasing until each
new stroke would send a wave

COUNT MARCO

of intense agony through the victim's nervous system. Eventually it would kill him.

This is how I will die. I have no bell, but I do have you females who write me such phrases as "Please excuse my handwriting, but . ."

BONG!

How often has this sentance.

BONG!
How often has this sentence tolled in my Mail Pouch? I have read it a hundred thousand times, and now when I see it my brain reels and my nervous system recoils because this inevitably heralds another of those damnable letters, illiterate and illegible, that only an American woman could write.

And now comes a woman with

could write.

And now comes a woman with the audacity to write: "Dear Count, please forgive my handwriting." (Bong!) "I know my paper is crude and my writing barely legible and that the spelling is so bad that you probably haven't read this far ..." (Bong ... Bong ... BONG!)

Madam, you are wrong. I did

read that far — but no farther.

"I applaud your opinion that jail is the place for unwed muners. My daughter is TWICE an unwed mother before the age of 20. She professes that it is nothing to be ashamed of and while pregnant made no attempt to hide her condition. To say that I nearly lost my mind about it is understatement.

"My lovely daughter, a good

understatement.

"My lovely daughter, a good student and a most attractive girl, said that she had acquired this attitude from articles she has read in good old American women's magazines. She points out that these magazines take the view that this is something that happens fin the best of families,' and that when such pregnancy does take place, the girl should be treated with all kinds of consideration, kindness and respect. As a result she feels that she is entitled to some sort of achievement award.

In any case, you're right.

ment award.

In any case, you're right,
Count Marco. All these girls
should be herded to Alcatraz. I
suppose I shouldn't feel this way,
but I sacrificed for that girl, and
look what I got."

Madam, I am looking. Change your brand of magazines.

"Have you ever stopped to realize how equal we women are today with the masculine sex?"

Yes, and also how unequal to you is the masculine sex.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

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