Crusade Leaders Seeking 'Clean Sweep'

ANN LANDERS

An 'Aunt' Confesses

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a married woman with a most unusual problem. My parents (or the people I had always thought were my parents) died last year within months of each other. Yesterday the woman I thought was my aunt told me she is my real mother.

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My "aunt" confessed she couldn't raise me because her sweetheart (my father) left town when he learned of her condition. She was kept out of sight in her married sister's house for several months. Relatives and friends were told she had left the country.

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In the meantime the married sister kept plumping herself up with pillows, pretending to be pregnant. I was born at home and the attending midwife was sworn to secrecy. According to my "aunt" the hoax worked beautifully, and nobody suspected

The strange revelation has me in a state of shock. I don't doubt that it is true because all my life people have told me I am a carbon copy of my "aunt." I don't resemble either of my "parents" in

Should I tell my husband and his mother about this? I have no proof, but I' malmost certain the story is true.—STRANGER THAN FICTION

Dear Stranger: Nothing is to be gained by repeating this bizarre story which could be a figment of auntie's imagination. If you want to tell the story to your husband, go ahead, but don't give it any wider distribution.

Dear Ann Landers: 1 lost my husband a few years ago and recently married a fine man who has

years ago and recently married a fine man who has many wonderful qualities.

He bought us a beautiful home and from all outward appearances we should be very happy. The problem is with my children. My husband is a strict disciplinarian, which I think is fine, but he makes a big fuss over things which I feel are unimportant. For instance, he does not believe in using sugar, white bread, catsup, or salt and pepper. He doesn't touch mashed potatoes, hot dogs, or hamburgers. My children are forever getting lectures on eating "what is good for them." Meal time is becoming a nightmare.

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I hope this does not sound like a lot of nonsense, Ann, because it is a problem that is actually pulling our marriage apart. My husband admits he is too much of a perfectionist and he has demonstrated his willingness to talk things over with me. Please tell me how to deal with the problem.—TORN

Dear Torn: Surely you knew how your husband felt about sugar, catsup, salt and pepper before you married him. That was the time to decide whether they would be served to other members of the family. Since these foods are not harmful your husband should not inflict his hang-ups on others.

On the other hand, you should allow him to discipline the children without interference.

I suspect you have been somewhat permissive and the change could be very good for them, provided, of course, he doesn't go overbourd. This is where you should be the balance wheel.

Confidential to Goofed Again: The only person who has never made a mistake is the person who has never done anything. Don't be ashamed to admit it when you know you are wrong. You lose nothing. It simply proves you are smarter today than you were yesterday.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your prob-lems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclos-ing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Food Prices Upped by Government's Spending

Housewives in Southern quently the Federal govern-California should be aware of the fact that they are paying less for foot today in supermarkets than they were amonth ago, according to William Tormey, executive vice president of the Southern California Grocers Association.

Tormey said food prices dropped in September while prices on clothing, tobacco, gasoline and most other items went up. He said a reduction in overall food prices occurred despite the fact that the nation is in a period of spiraling inflation due to the high level of government spending and increased prices upports for wheat and dairy products.

"Our effort to feed the world," Tormey said, "has disposed of much of our wheat reserves, Grain farmers, with their mounting expenses, cannot produce wheat for \$1.25 a bushel; conse-

Harbor Area Goal Of \$260,000 Now At 75 Per Cent

Volunteers are winding up their efforts this week to tied with ribbons were premake it a "Clean Sweep" for sented as awards to several the United Crusade, joint appeal of 11 Red Cross Chapters and 244 United Way Agencies, in the Harbor Area.

With 75 per cent of the \$260,000 goal accounted for, and a paul Vanderpool, campaign chairman, is optimistic that the remainder of the money will be raised "if volunteers continue their persistent efforts."

Outstanding efforts of volunteers forts.

Outstanding efforts of volunteers in the various soliciting divisions were recognized last week at the Harbor Area's report meeting attended by more than 300 men and women from Torrance, Palos Verdes, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington, and San Pedro.

VANDERPOOL urged others to follow examples set by the hoppersex stepples with the contract of the contract of



ACCEPTS AWARD . . . Charles V. Engle, facilities director at TRW Systems' Redondo Beach plant, accepts an award from Mrs. Valley M. Knudsen, president of the Los Angeles Beautiful Commission. The award was one of 40 given by the commission to Southland business and industrial firms for their contributions to civic beauty.



COUNT MARCO

A Bad Man Is Hard to Find

Man, when he is born, is taught "Women are something women, starting with his mother. He goes to school and there is taught to respect his teachers, usually women. He startis dating at a young age and is cautioned repeatedly to respect his girl and his girl's mother.

Thus, through all of his formative years, the most influential years of his life, he's taught, "Wmen are something special, Respect them. All of them."

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So, if he loses respect for you, the one he has married and must consider the most special of all, don't blame him. You must indeed be a sad example of femininity if you can undo all of his formative training.

Now a woman is good only because it's to her advantage to be good. Of all the creatures in the Animal Kingdom

(please note that they call it kingdom in recognition of the male beast's superiority) the female is the most vicious because of her natural protective instincts — you women call it "motherly instincts." But you can accomplish much more by being a woman instead of an animal, by being good! Why not take advantage of this weapon so secret that no man has ever been able to completely counter it?

Tonight as you sit across the dinner table from him, conduct a little treasure hunt for your lost jewel. Try to find that good man you married, It may take you a few weeks, but keep trying.

When you uncover this quality in him, hold it up to the light where you can admire it. Rejoice, even. See? It's been there all this time. You were the one who lost it, not he.

you out? You're welcome.

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Letter of the day:

"Dear Count Marco: I happen to be one of those mothers with one of those little fallen angels and I agree with you wholeheartedly that jail is the place for them.

"However, I handled my problem a little differently—but as near to jail as I possibly could and get away with it. Thank God I have no more teen-age daughters to raise.

—An Oakland Mom*

Pray tell, what is the near-est to jail you can get your daughter and still get away with it? I can't think of any-thing, barring shackling her to a bed post to remind her a bed is like marriage — you don't share it unless you have a legal license to do so.