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Your Mama Needs Help

Dear Ann Landers: Do you have any advice for a high school girl whose mother is always bringing strange men home? My father is dead and I realize my mother is lonely but I think she should not entertain men all night when she has a teenage daughter. It is terribly embarrassing to wake up in the morning and meet a stranger wandering around the apartment.

I can't have a boy friend in after a date because I don't know what we might find when I open the front door. I wouldn't dream of asking a girl friend to spend the night with me because I never know who might show up at the breakfast table.

I have one year and a half before I can leave and go into nurses training. But what do I do until then? — NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

Dear No Place: Of course it is disgraceful that your mother shows such little consideration for you or respect for herself, but her outrageous behavior is an indication of how mentally disturbed she is.

Your mother needs professional help. Let's hope someone will steer her to it. As for you, I'm sure you'll live through the next 18 months O.K. You sound like a young lady who has her head on straight.

Dear Ann Landers: Will you please tell me what to do about a husband who cannot stand to let his wife enjoy a telephone conversation?

If I'm upstairs talking to a friend, or to my mother or my sister, my husband gets on the extension and clicks until I hang up. Sometimes he will walk past me and holler, "Get off the phone, your three hours are up" — or something equally rude. It isn't that HE wants to use the phone, it's just that he hates to see me enjoy myself.

I do my housework, cook good meals—nothing is neglected, least of all him. Please tell me how to deal with my 34-year-old problem. — NO PHONY.

Dear No Phony: Your husband is a spoiled noodnik who feels left out if he is not the center of your world.

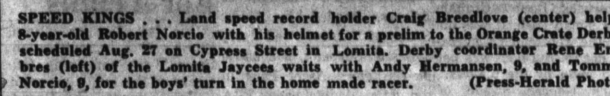
Whenever possible, do your telephoning when he is away. Before you make what may turn into a chatty call, ask the baby if HE wants to use the phone. Offer to get him a cup of coffee, an apple or a good book. Tell him you are making a call and you don't want to be interrupted. If he clicks the receiver or yells into the phone after that, simply ignore him, make no apologies for him, and show no anger.

Confidential to Advice Needed: You don't want advice. You want me to support your position which is bigoted and undemocratic and I can't do it.

How far should a teen-age couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking and Petting — What Are the Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of your newspaper enclosing 50 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed 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.

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SPEED KINGS . . . Land speed record holder Craig Breedlove (center) helps 8-year-old Robert Nerco with his helmet for a prelim to the Orange Crate Derby scheduled Aug. 27 on Cypress Street in Lomita. Derby coordinator Rene Embres (left) of the Lomita Jaycees waits with Andy Hermansen, 9, and Tommy Nerco, 9, for the boys' turn in the home made racer. (Press-Herald Photo)

Lomita Jaycees to Hold Orange Crate Derby Here

South Bay youngsters will compete in their home-made push cars Aug. 27 in the second annual Orange Crate Derby sponsored by the Lomita Jaycees. The downhill race will be held on Cypress Street south of Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita, with trophies and two savings bonds being awarded by land speed record holder Craig Breedlove. Coordinating the event is Rene Embres of the Lomita Jaycees, who said that winners from the 10 to 12-year-old age and 13 to 15-year-old age groups will go on to state competition after the event. The cars must be made by the participant, a friend or relative, and must have dependable brakes and adequate steering to qualify. Embres said. Participants must reside in one of the following communities: Lomita, Harbor City, Torrance, San Pedro, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes and Wilmington.

Embres said that entry blanks signed by parents must be submitted before Aug. 23 to 1667 W. 254th St., Harbor City. The 50-minute film portrays the civilian side of the war in Vietnam and its encounter with the war throughout the nation. Narration is done by the film's producer, who also shot most of the footage while living two years in the southeast Asia country. Although the film is primarily a study of the people of the combat nation, actual scenes of combat also are filmed.

SEPT. 15 DEADLINE Teachers Eligible for 'Old Type' Credentials

Teachers who wish to qualify for "old type" credentials will get a second chance to do so from now until Sept. 15, providing they've met certain requirements, according to Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of personnel for the Torrance Unified School District. As a result of emergency legislation passed in Sacramento this summer (Assembly Bill 1269), teachers may qualify for "old type" teaching credentials in effect Dec. 31, 1963, if they were teaching or studying education in a foreign country as of Nov. 1, 1963, and will have completed credential requirements by the Sept. 15 deadline. Persons who wish to apply for "old type" supervisory or administrative credentials will be eligible providing they had completed all requirements by Dec. 31, 1963. Credentials affected by this section of the new law include: elementary administration, secondary administration, general administration, secondary school administration credential in technical and industrial education, the supervision credential, general pupil personnel services credential, health and development credential, and vocational class A credential (with coordination and supervision authorization). Applications must be mailed to the Bureau of Teacher Education and Certification, State Department of Education, or filed in the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools by midnight Sept. 15.

Film on Vietnam Planned

"Vietnam Profile," a documentary produced by Dr. Bob Pierce, will be presented in a special showing at Calvary Baptist Church, 2818 Manhattan Beach Blvd., tonight at 7:30.

Picnic Slated

Members of the Los Angeles County Employees Association will hold their annual picnic Saturday at the Streamland Park Picnic Grounds in Pico-Rivera. The picnic, free to members of the group, will begin at 10 a.m.

Divorce Is Barbaric Custom, Italians Say

Discussing the possibility of legalizing divorce in Italy is embarrassing for an Italian. Those who will discuss it first look about surreptitiously, as though about to betray a great state secret. They claim the idea is all American propaganda, fostered by American tourists and the real troublemakers, the Americans permanently residing here, who are referred to as the "enemy underground."

These presumed spreaders of COUNT MARCO

woe are not to be ignored. The Italians say there are many customs practiced by Americans they will never understand. They resent Americans who interfere in their own long established customs, especially those who commiserate with Italian wives in this vein: "Oh, you poor, poor things, you. Now in our country we just wouldn't put up with that sort of thing. We'd get a divorce."

The Italian male resents this sort of meddling from American women, whom he considers unhappy, repressed and inhibited. He is determined in his hand that Italy will never see a divorce law passed.

Not only the men, but the women with whom I've talked claim vehemently that divorce is unthinkable. Divorce literally means that a father must abandon his children. If another person who is married is involved,

to contemplate divorce for the purpose of marriage is to bring complete ruin to both families. The practice is to do nothing which would endanger a permanent family structure or ruin other peoples' lives.

Adultery committed by a woman, by the way, is a punishable crime; adultery committed by a man is not. Besides, the male in Italy is the supreme head of the house, as he should be. The women understand and appreciate this. They truly prefer their subservient position, feeling that to take care of their beasts and their families is responsibility enough; let the man worry about work, war and politics.

Never are they permitted to think that in marriage there is any nonsense about 50-50; they are second-class citizens subject to all their husbands' commands. If they forget themselves even for a moment, they are physically reminded of a fine old Italian proverb: A woman is like an egg—the more she is beaten the better she becomes.

The Italians understandably feel they already have three much more sensible and practical solutions to divorce. One is to kill each other, preferably with a knife and at the dinner table; another is to devise imaginative, gruesome schemes that mates, and even entire families, can use to punish women should they dare bring disgrace.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes clues like '1-Across', '1-Down', etc.

Tryouts for Play Slated

Lomita Recreation Center has announced that auditions for Lomita's Children's Theater Group will be held Aug. 15 and 23 for anyone interested in joining the group.

Exchange Student Visits Roma

Editor's Note: Robin Newcomer, whose column, "Warrior Trails," is a regular feature of the Press-Herald during the school year, is in Catanzaro, Italy, as an American Field Service exchange student. This is the second of several articles which she will write for the Press-Herald. At lunch time the shops close and remain closed until about 3 p.m. The people usually spend the time after lunch until 5 p.m. napping. This is particularly enjoyable because the sun is very hot at this time of day. The town awakens and shops reopen at 5. Some people walk to a park and visit with friends, but I think the majority prefer to go to the main street, which all the important shops are on, and walk up and down it an unlimited number of times. Cars must squeeze their way in the street. The honking of horns blends in with all the other sounds: music from numerous record shops, people talking and children playing. This period after 5 is an excellent time for the older kids to meet with friends and plan after-dinner activities. Catanzaro, of course, is not without its small town ways. One tragic sight that takes

quite a while to get used to is seeing people without arms or legs, or perhaps sight, sitting against a wall, commonly in front of a store, begging. I was greatly surprised at the great number of these people. The night has just begun and quite a few go to the beach on weekends, where they can dance to a live band or just associate with friends. Coming home at 1:30 in the morning three or four nights in a row is a natural thing and there is no curfew. Catanzaro receives two television stations from Rome which began at 5:30 p.m. Most times variety shows are on along with movies. One program I enjoy seeing is the American cartoon, "The Jetsons," in Italian! Food, although different, most of the time is delicious. Of course there are a few oddities. I still cannot bring myself to eat such things as raw eggs, snails, and chicken's heads. Bread is eaten in great quantity at every meal. Usually I forego eating it since the other foods are quite filling. I didn't think anything of this until one day my Italian sister asked if we see bread in the United States! My life in the smaller town has stopped for a few days. At the present my family is driving to a lot of the bigger tourist cities such as Rome, Milan, Florence, and Venice. Our first stop was the capital of Italy, Rome (Roma in Italian). This magnificent city will be the only one I write about for this column. Having read about Rome, I had an idea of what this historic city consisted of. However, I was not expecting what you feel when viewing ancient Rome. One — there are many — of the most impressive sights is the Colosseum at night. This huge building used to be covered with marble and statues and must have been really magnificent in its time. I think one place every tourist must go is to the Fountain of Trevi; if only to throw a coin in its splashing waters and vow to return to Rome. Natives of Rome, as well as tourists, seek escape from the heat at this beautiful fountain and it is a very congested area. The last thing I visited was St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City. The Basilica there is beyond belief and a description in words could never be complete.

"The Pieta," by Michelangelo, was one of the most beautiful sculptures inside the church and also a great crowd drawer. Also the remains of St. Peter are said to be buried at the altar of the church. Ninety candles burn day and night illuminating this place. As for churches — the two days spent in Rome I saw at least six wedding parties in the numerous and very beautiful churches in the city. While in Catanzaro, I attended one and discovered Italian weddings are slightly different from the traditional American wedding. One thing that surprised me was that during the ceremony people who were not invited guests walked in the church to watch. Guests didn't necessarily remain in the same spot the whole time; some walked around and some lit candles in honor of the wedding. Also, the American custom of the groom kissing the bride after the ceremony in the church is not followed. Well, I've come to the end again, so until next time — arrivederci!