

ANN LANDERS



You Need Help, Fast

Dear Ann Landers: I hate to admit that a 3-year-old child has me over a barrel, but I am completely defeated.

The man I married was left with this youngster. Jim's wife walked out when the boy was six months old. Jim's mother took the boy for a year and then Jim hired a housekeeper. When I married Jim I was thrilled to be a mother to this child. Now I'm a nervous wreck.

The child chews holes in everything, breaks toys, destroys furniture, refuses to play with other children, won't watch anything but adult TV programs and insists on going everywhere we go.

I have tried to reason with the boy but he acts as if he doesn't hear me when I speak to him. I have explained that his real mother wouldn't cook for him or his daddy, that she didn't love him as I do and that she finally ran away and left him.

Jim says the boy realizes I am not his real mother and that is why he refuses to accept me. Please tell me how I can be a real mother to this boy. — WABASH BLUES.

Dear Wabash: You need outside help and fast. The boy is frightfully insecure, and you haven't helped matters by telling him his real mother didn't love him and that she ran away from him.

Have the child's pediatrician check the child's hearing, his metabolism — the works. Then learn where to take the boy for evaluation. This youngster has emotional problems. You cannot handle him alone.

Dear Ann Landers: I come from an average American middle class family. We ate off oilcloth and mismatched dishes. Mom never bought glasses. We used jelly and cheese jars. She was a good mother and I am not criticizing her, just stating facts.

When I married, I decided to do things nicer than my mother — not because I wanted to put on the dog but because I believe people should uplift themselves if they can. My married sisters are still setting their table like mom — jelly glasses and sometimes newspaper instead of oilcloth. I am not criticizing them, either. I say, "To each his own."

Next month two nieces are getting married. Their mothers (my sisters with the newspapers) have suggested that I buy a place setting of china or a setting of sterling silver for wedding gifts. The china is \$50 a place setting. The silver is \$62. I am in favor of people bettering themselves, but don't you think this is a lot of nerve? — UNCERTAIN KIN.

Dear Kin: It was only a suggestion, and you can ignore it. As for "nerve," as one who believes in "uplifting" you should be happy that the younger generation plans to do things a little nicer than their mothers did.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read a letter in your column from a teenager. You answered: "I will be happy to listen to you any time you want to unload. That's what I'm here for."

You answer touched me so that I cried. How wonderful to know there is somebody in this world a kid can count on. Yes, I know there are psychiatrists and counselors that will help, but you are more real. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there and caring. — A BUFFALO TEEN.

Dear Teen: Thanks for letting me know I'm getting through. Your letter was a day-brightener.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it? Is everybody having a good time today? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request \$6 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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Master Plan Asked for Enlargement of Museum

A master plan for the expansion of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History in Exposition Park has been requested by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn is chairman of the museum for the Board of Supervisors and has emphasized that future development of the facility should stress education.

The exhibits and programs at the museum can give youngsters a firsthand look at the things they read about in their classrooms," Hahn said. "A museum should be first a great educational institution for the benefit of all citizens."

Hahn recently turned down a suggested \$400,000 expenditure to provide a cafeteria at the museum, stressing that this is "not the time, nor is there a need" for a large restaurant.



OPEN NEW POOL... Carl Hoffman (third from left), president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, is welcomed back to dry land after he became the first person to take a dip in the newly dedicated Victoria Park swimming pool last week. Hoffman was bounced from the diving board during the dedication ceremony. With him are (from left) the Rev. Martin McGovern, John Calas, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, lifeguard Wilmer Trivett, and Sak Yamamoto. Yamamoto is president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

Letter Finally Opened After Four-Year Delay

A Torrance couple who received a letter from a good friend in April, 1963, finally got to read the letter last week — thanks to the Goodwill Industries.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Stier, of 21406 Marigold Ave., were living in Beverly Hills in April, 1963, when the letter probably was delivered to their home. It was from Dr. D. E. Morris, a physician who had gone to Poona, India, on business.

How the letter got into a book is still a bit of a mystery, but the book was given to the Long Beach Goodwill Industries recently.

Dean Caswell of Orange bought the book for his mother and she found the letter — still unopened! — tucked in the back. The Caswells contacted the Postmaster in Orange, Frank Mahar, who traced the Stiers to Torrance.

The letter subsequently was delivered, for a second time, to the Stiers.

"It was quite an important letter," Mrs. Stier said. "We know Dr. Morris and his wife were disappointed that we didn't answer. Now we are writing to tell them why."

Walter S. Case, executive vice president at Goodwill Industries, suggested that Goodwill, dedicated to helping the handicapped, had "unwittingly added a new category — those who have inadvertently suffered a postal handicap!"

Chamber of Commerce Chairmen Named For Committees

Chairmen for the standing committees of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have been announced by Larry Bowman, president of the chamber.

Edwin P. Hardin, assistant refinery manager for the Mobil Oil Corp., was named chairman of the annual meeting and banquet committee. William R. Burchfield, a Torrance architect, will head the architectural merit awards committee, while George S. Wing, president of Hi-Shear Corp., was named chairman of the Armed Forces Day committee.

Other appointments announced by Bowman include: William Moss Jr., president of M & M Transfer Co., assistant chairman; Alan D. Smith, Smith Bros. Indian Village, community development committee; Harry L. Weaver, assistant plant manager at Union Carbide Corp., governmental affairs committee; and Kenneth J. Berzav, manager of the Palms Verde Stone Department of GREPCO, Inc., education committee.

Also appointed were Martin M. Deun, Denn Engineering, highway and transportation committee; James P. Becker, manager of the Torrance office of the Southern California Gas Co., industrial-commercial development committee; and Colin B. Coombs, CLU, of Equitable Life Assurance Society, membership committee.

Brian J. K. Bell, assistant to the president of Hi-Shear Corp., was named chairman of the Torrance office of the Southern California Gas Co., industrial-commercial development committee; and Colin B. Coombs, CLU, of Equitable Life Assurance Society, membership committee.

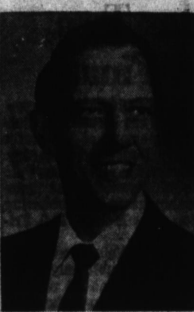
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WENDELL NOBLE To Speak Here

Rotarians Will Hear Radio Vet

"Why Not Invest in Yourself?" will be the question asked by Wendell Noble, community relations director for Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association, when he addresses the Torrance Rotary Club Aug. 30.

Noble will speak at the luncheon meeting at the Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St.

Noble, who has made more than 1,500 appearances before Southern California service clubs, is a veteran of 20 years in the radio and television field.

"The real America," he points out, "isn't in our present wealth, but in the system which produced it. This country has always offered, and still offers, more opportunity to every individual than any other nation, past or present."

Turning to the matter of investment in one's self, Noble states: "If the average person continued his average self-improvement during his whole life, he'd double his income every 14 years."

Reagan Gives Up Right To Name Notary Publics

SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan today signed away his constitutional authority to make some 25,000 annual appointments of state officers when he approved AB 794, by Assemblyman Ken MacDonald (D-Ventura).

MacDonald's bill provides for transfer of notary public appointments from the Governor's office to Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

While the office of notary public is not reimbursed by the state, those who hold such appointments are commissioned by the governor at the present time, and legally are state officers.

THE FILE-UP of work connected with issuance of the commissions was one of the reasons for the approval of transfer of authority, the governor's office said. An average of a hundred new and renewal notary commissions are issued daily, all of which are now recorded by Secretary of State Jordan.

The MacDonald measure adds new standards of good moral character for notary appointees, and requires a questionnaire concerning fitness for the functions of the office. It also adds \$1 to the

Don't Try to Beat the Custom Man; You Can't

Every traveler abroad expects that much of the joy of a trip is acquiring sensational bargains that will more than pay for the trip itself.

How well can you do with your \$100 duty-free allowance? One of the things ALL travelers will discover when traveling abroad is the only thing one gets free is inaccurate advice from other travelers about American customs regulations.

Stanley Hall, U.S. Customs Attache in Rome, is a most co-

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operative and understanding gentleman, with whom I spent several hours getting the right answers.

If you fail to declare an article, the item is subject to forfeiture and you are liable to a penalty equal to the domestic value of the article.

If caught smuggling in a \$200 suit, you would be fined \$200 and the garment would be seized.

However, if you were wearing the garment and hadn't another stitch to put on, the customs inspector could allow you to keep the garment if you paid the penalty and an additional \$200 for the forfeiture value of the garment.

The inspector has the power to release the suit on payment of a lesser amount.

Thus, the little \$200 bargain could now cost you a total of \$600 (\$200 for the suit, \$200 for the penalty, and up to \$200 in the forfeiture value.

"Declaring falsely" is declaring something at less than true value.

Your \$100 allowance is based on the retail prices you pay. Assessments over \$100 are figured on wholesale prices.

A savings tip I've figured out is this: List all items that have a higher duty rate under your original \$100 allowance.

The most erroneous bit of information I constantly hear handed out free by seasoned travelers, women especially is, "If you buy a dress or other garment and wear it, you don't have to pay duty."

You are, however, allowed a reduction of up to 25 per cent for the amount of wear or use you received, but only the customs inspector may make the appropriate reductions from retail prices.

Mr. Hall rightly feels his men are unjustly abused and misunderstood by American returnees, who comment acidly, "In other countries, they didn't even bother with our luggage, but on our very own shores, they force us to open everything, but everything!"

It's infuriating, he agrees, but as he said, "It's not because our men are being arbitrary, difficult or suspicious. Many of our customs regulations come directly from the Agriculture Department."

Protect yourself, then. Know the duty assessments before you buy and then decide whether you want to spend your money.

There is a 26-page booklet, "Customs Hints for Returning U.S. Residents," the greatest little money-saver you can get, and it's free. Write to The Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. 20226.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-7)

- CROSS
1-Chore
2-One oblivious to pain or pleasure
3-Evil spirit
16-One of the initiated, in ancient Greece
20-Same as change
21-Love Rager's sidekick
22-To slough
23-Penninsular of Greece
24-Prison
25-Word of being
26-Land measure
27-Of the be
28-Climbing plants
29-Either a nothand
30-Railroad (abbr.)
31-State of being
32-Dog's sharp cry
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DOWN
1-Carved Indian pole
2-By
3-Three-legged chair (pl.)
4-Russian premier
5-As it stands (mas.)
6-Ultra conservative
7-Pre-oxidized
8-Italian: combining form
9-To be made up of
10-Concept
11-Wicked deeds
12-Horse's neck hair
13-Poem
14-Greek connector in Trojan War
15-American poet
16-Expert baneful influence on
17-Correlative of either
18-Ferme Argentine
19-City of Russia
20-Mountain lakes
21-City of Russia
22-Symbol for calcium
23-Business transactions
24-Printer's measure
25-Vegetable
26-Hawaiian bird
27-Tree
28-Equity with weapons
29-Gain through understanding of
30-Primary reference work (pl.)
31-Kind of clock
32-Cross
33-Form of "to be"
34-Island in Cyclades
35-Frosted
36-Despicable person
37-On account (abbr.)
38-Old golf club
39-Culvert
40-Brave
41-Ornament
42-Eldad son of Judah
43-Louis Lush
44-French for father
45-One of the senses
46-Chinese pagoda
47-Subsidiary duty
48-New Zealand native fort

