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Zoo May Be Cause

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me what is wrong with a woman who has an asthmatic child and yet insists on keeping two chipmunks, a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a flying squirrel and three ducks. All this livestock walks around loose in the living room.

The child is forever wheezing and is now broken out all over with a terrible-looking rash.

I've told her if she would get rid of the zoo her boy might get well. She says I am crazy.

Please give me your opinion on whether or not this boy could be allergic to the animals. She might listen to you. — A FRIEND

Dear Friend: It is more than likely that the boy's allergy is related to the zoo, but only a doctor can say for certain. If the woman has not taken the boy to a physician, I certainly hope she will do so once.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to comment on the letters you get from mothers who do not approve of their daughters' boyfriends. When my daughters are old enough to have boyfriends, I'll remember my own bitter past.

I was 18 and a high school graduate when I fell for a 30-year-old man who was separated from his wife. My mother kept telling me, "He's too old for you. He's no good. He'll never marry you."

I was determined to prove to my mother that I COULD get him to marry me. I nagged him into getting a divorce (which I know now he didn't want) and I even paid for it to knock down his excuse that he didn't have the money for a divorce.

That was eight years ago and now we have three children. The man is no good and I am miserable. I've left him twice, but with three kids it's too hard to go it alone, so now I am back with him. My mother keeps saying, "You made your bed. Now lie in it. If you had listened to me, you wouldn't be in this mess."

The truth is, if she had kept quiet, I would not be in this mess. Say so, please. — DETERMINED

Dear D: The most difficult thing for a mother to learn is when to lay off. Mothers — and fathers, too — have an obligation to speak out and warn their children when they see them heading in the wrong direction. But having spoken out, they should keep quiet. Repeated nagging will serve only to drive their children to some rebellious act which, as you know so well, can be disastrous.

Dear Ann Landers: I came to work in this office two months ago. Everyone has been terribly kind to me, especially a woman who is about 10 years my senior. This woman would be quite attractive if she didn't have a mustache. It's the first thing I noticed about her when we met. Others have mentioned it also, so it's not my imagination.

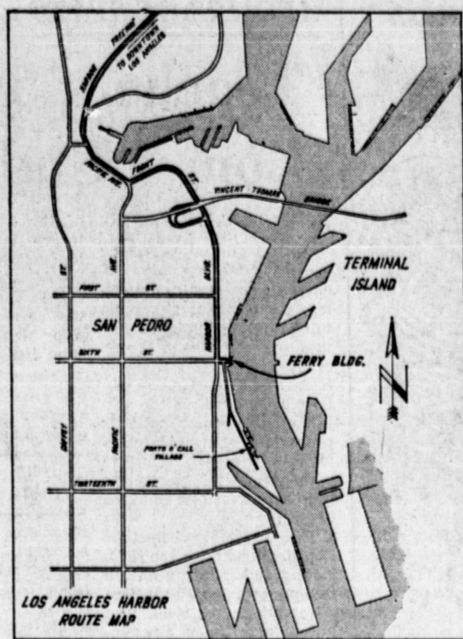
She's so alert about so many things it's hard for me to understand why she is unaware of this. I know of a good cream that removes unwanted hair. I use it myself. Shall I mention it? — CELESTE

Dear Cel: Yes, it would be a real act of friendship. Some people who seem alert about many things don't know what's going on right under their noses.

Do you feel ill at ease . . . out of it? Is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request five 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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PARADE ROUTE . . . The fifth annual Christmas Afloat parade of lighted boats will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. The parade will originate in the east basin, move down the main channel to the outer harbor, then return to the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Spectators may view the annual event from both sides of the main channel.

Christmas Afloat Parade Scheduled

Santa Claus will arrive by boat at the Los Angeles Harbor Saturday for the fifth annual Christmas parade of lighted boats. The parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. More than 50 decorated and lighted boats—including an entry sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce—will take part in the parade.

Mrs. Eleanor Chambers, deputy mayor of Los Angeles, will serve as grand marshal. She will ride in the lead boat, which she will share with Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

DOCKSIDE activities will begin at 6 p.m. in the main spectator area, located between the Bay Restaurant and the Ports of Call Village, with a concert by the 72nd Army

Band from Ft. MacArthur. The concert will include traditional holiday music and will mark the final appearance of Chief Warrant Officer William A. Thompson as director and commanding officer of the band. He will retire shortly.

Spectators may view the parade free of charge from any point along the east or west side of the main channel in the Los Angeles Harbor. The parade will begin in the east basin and move south to the outer harbor, then turn and return up the main channel to the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Preferred viewing points are between the Ferry Building and the Ports of Call Village.

City Buses To Travel To Parade

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Municipal Bus Lines today announced that for the 23rd consecutive year buses will be available to transport the public to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day.

Buses will depart Torrance City Hall at 7:15 a.m. Jan. 1 and will return to the city immediately following the parade. Round trip fare is \$2.75 per person.

As an additional accommodation to the public, the Chamber of Commerce is also selling parade route grandstand seats at \$6.50 per seat.

Bus and grandstand tickets may be purchased only at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Craven Ave., on a first-come, first-served basis.

COUNT MARCO

Are You Really a Woman?

What is wrong with American women? Nothing, whatsoever! But there is something wrong with those of you of the female sex who think of American citizenship and being female automatically makes you an American woman. This is as probable as a wolf in sheep's clothing being a sheep.

Many of you think your citizenship provides you with immunity from pursuing femininity. One of the saddest examples of so-called American womanhood is one I saw dining out the other evening. She was the oddball of her trio, which consisted of herself and an embarrassed couple.

As she swilled her drinks, I couldn't help thinking that only an American female would dare be so outspoken, so loud, so crude, and so drunk in a public place. American woman? No! She wanted everyone in the

dining room to know SHE was getting a divorce. Though groomed and dressed almost to perfection, she managed with little effort to turn not only the heads but the stomachs of other diners as she enthusiastically roasted her ex-husband.

"He doesn't have a nickel left," she laughed. "I took him for everything, and don't think I don't deserve it after giving him 16 of the best years of my life."

The man dining with her was appalled. "But your son is only 14. He should be with you!" he exclaimed.

"With me?" she shrieked and gulped at her martini. "At my age, why should I get stuck with a 14-year-old hanging around all the time?"

An American woman? Hardly. She is a type who is usually the first to say, "We American women have our rights" — their national cry of patriotism.

She should, instead, have tried to remember some of the good things about her husband, and surely, there must have been a few that prompted her to stay married so long.

If she or others of you don't want your sons around, the right thing to do is relinquish custody to the father and earn the undying respect of both. That is the American way.

As an American, you should not only believe in equality and fair play, but practice it as well, particularly in breaking a marriage. Then and only then can you wave the red-white-and-blue with your divorce certificate of final dismissal.

Mobil Completes Work on \$80 Million Oil Refinery

The Torrance refinery of Mobil Oil Corp. now is fully operational following completion of a modernization and expansion program that amounted to constructing a new refinery on the site of the company's existing plant. Eleven new petroleum processing units were built and four existing units were modernized or expanded while the old plant remained in operation. As the new or modernized units were completed, they were integrated into the refinery's operations.

According to Edward P. Hardin, manager, the most significant technological change at the Torrance refinery is the use of hydrogen to produce gasoline and other fuels of the highest possible quality.

COMPUTERS ARE being used extensively in the new plant. Replacing several separate control rooms, a new single control room serves the major processing units with on-line computers tied right into the units, storage tanks and blending facilities to direct such operations as process scheduling, blending, and inventory control.

Control of the refinery was shifted to the new control room in August at the time the last major processing unit, the hydrocracker, was completed. Since that time, various adjustments in the plant's operations have been conducted, leading to the new refinery's recent fully operational status.

CRUDE OIL capacity of the Torrance refinery, 110,000

New Vice Principal Appointed

Neil A. Lewis, former curriculum assistant for the Torrance Unified School District, has been named vice principal of Anza Elementary School.

An employee of the district for the past 12 years, Lewis taught for three years at Casimir School prior to his appointment as curriculum assistant for the Educational Materials building nine years ago.

Before joining with Torrance schools, he taught in North Hollywood for three years.

A native of Los Angeles, Lewis graduated from Burbank High School and received his bachelor's degree from UCLA and his master's degree from USC. He served in both the United States Air Force and the United States Navy.

A resident of Torrance, Lewis is married and is the father of three children, Arlan, 11, Stephen, 9, and Karen, 3. Mrs. Lewis is a home teacher for the Torrance schools.

barrels per day, was not substantially increased. The new plant, however, now yields increased amounts of higher value petroleum products from the same barrel of oil. Cost of the modernization

and expansion program was in excess of \$80 million. More than \$5 million was spent on air and water pollution prevention systems at the refinery, five are new units, replacing old methods while

three systems underwent major modification.

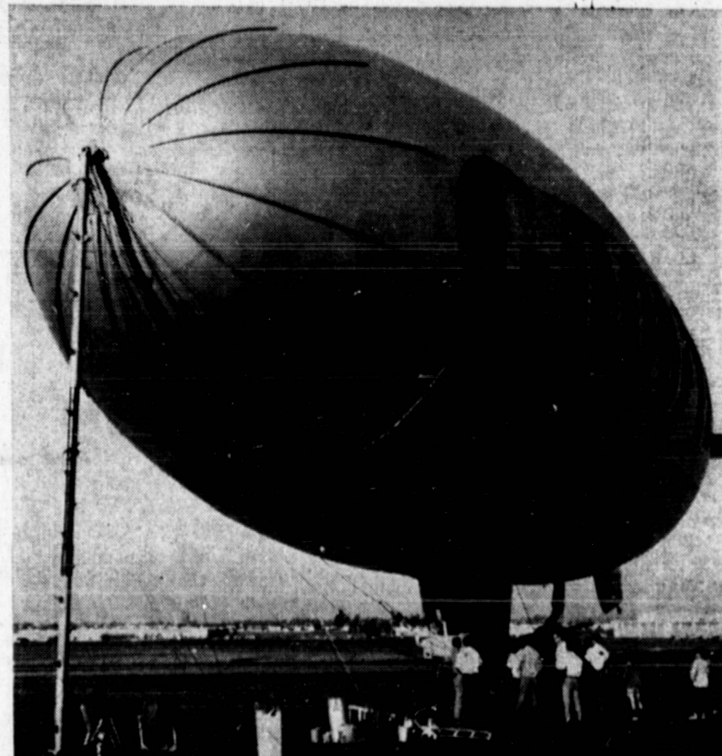
Principal contractors for the modernization and expansion were Ralph M. Parsons Co., C. F. Braun Co., and Procon, Inc.

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TIED DOWN . . . The Goodyear blimp Columbia is pictured here moored to its temporary facilities at the Torrance Municipal Airport. The blimp is being moored in Torrance while permanent mooring facilities are being constructed in the Carson area east of Torrance. The blimp has been a familiar sight to residents of the area, often carrying passengers on flights over the area. (Press-Herald Photo by Gordon Akers)

PROFILE: J. WALKER OWENS

Getting People Together Is Chamber Manager's Job

"The rising tide lifts all the boats." Armed with this philosophy, J. Walker Owens leads Torrance business in a collective effort to improve the economic standing of the community.

As general manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Owens describes his main function as "getting people to do things together on a voluntary basis that they wouldn't do as individuals."

"We're a department of every business in town," Owens declares with a trace of Southern drawl. The chamber functions as the advertising and promotion agency for the city of Torrance as well as for commerce and industry.

Special project Owens and his staff are working on right now is the Torrance entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

When he's not supervising the entertainment side of chamber work, Owens says he spends most of his time encouraging industry and commercial business firms to provide a growing economy.

"We're in competition with every other city in the state for these vital payroll industries," Owens stressed.

The Chamber also is intimately concerned with encouraging the non-economic side of community development. "Everything that makes the community more livable encourages business to grow here," Owens said. "That means we must see that the area has good hospitals, libraries, schools, churches, recreational facilities, and public transportation systems."

A native of South Carolina, Owens was born in the tiny hamlet of New Holland which



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no longer exist since they put in a freeway through there." Journalism was his major for undergraduate work at Clemson University, blazing the way towards graduate studies in public administration. Owens was awarded his master's degree from Columbia University in 1940.

Before taking the Chamber position in Torrance five years ago, Owens served as executive vice president of the Elmira Association of Commerce, Elmira, N.Y. He has been manager of commerce associations in several southern cities, including Charleston, S.C., Odessa, Tex., and Lake Charles, La.

Holding memberships in a long list of executive and industrial organizations, Owens is currently president of the Southern California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. He is public relations committee chairman of

the Torrance Rotary Club and has been active in Boy Scouts and YMCA work. Four sons, ages 15 through 21, call him dad.

Owens could write a book about his World War II adventures. Piloting a B-24 in the Pacific area, Owens was forced to ditch his plane near the Carolina Islands during a 1943 mission. He and eight other crewmen drifted on a life raft for 15 days before they were rescued, eating raw fish when provisions ran out.

With hair-raising war stories far behind him, Owens now fills his leisure hours by photographing landscapes and gardening. (He describes himself as a "petunia picker and pansy planter.") The novice golfer may also be seen chipping his way across the Rolling Hills Golf Course on a Sunday afternoon.

Three Cars Collide on Hawthorne

A two-door car carrying 11 persons sustained major damage Saturday afternoon when it slammed into the rear of another vehicle on Hawthorne Boulevard. The second vehicle, in turn, was forced against the car in front of it.

Driver of the heavily populated car was Mrs. Sue Brown, 24, of 2289 E. 99th Place, Los Angeles. She was cited for following too closely and driving without a license.

Three of her passengers, including two infants, were taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital.