

Ask End to Inventory Tax

ANN
LANDERS



The Guests Don't Bite

Dear Ann Landers: I have read your column for a long time and I use to enjoy it, but lately I've developed an intense dislike for you because you ridicule animal lovers.

The way the world is going lately animals are showing more intelligence than people. To prove my point I hope you will print this incident: A friend of mine, who has been accustomed to being turned away by hotel clerks in the United States because of his dog, went to check into a hotel in Jamaica. The clerk said, "Of course we'll take you and your dog. Why not? I have been in the hotel business for 40 years and I have never had to throw out a disorderly dog. Never has a dog set fire to a mattress, stolen a blanket, or sneaked a girl into his room."

What do you think NOW, Ann Landers?—L.R.

Dear L. R.: I think your letter is very interesting. But never have I been bitten by a guest in an elevator nor have I been kept awake by a guest who barked all night in the next room.

Some people behave like animals and some animals behave like ladies and gentlemen, but the balanced person never confuses the two. Pet lovers who begin to look upon animals as if they were people lose me completely.

Dear Ann Landers: Here I sit at 7:30 in the morning with a coffee cup in my hand and murder in my heart. Why didn't I sleep later? Keep reading.

At last our daughter is away at college. For 18 years I have been waiting for the time when I could sleep as late as I please. Now the time has come, but I can't sleep because the two kids next door belong to a car pool.

They are picked up at 7:30 a.m. by mothers who have twin air-horns on their cars and they start to honk before they turn the corner.

These kids are always out in front waiting. Why these women have to begin to blast two blocks away I don't know. I'll bet the kids could be side-saddle on an elephant in the middle of street and wouldn't make any difference.

If there is a solution to this problem short of selling our home, I'd like to hear it.—SLEEPY TIME GAL.

Dear Gal: Ask the women next door to speak to the mothers with the airhorns.

If it comes as a request rather than a blast I'll bet you'll get those extra hours of sleep in the morning.

Dear Ann Landers: I am married to a man named Mr. Johosafat Hegdish. I made up this name to protect the guilty, so please don't substitute a name out of the blue because you might hit it and I'd die of embarrassment.

My husband was divorced from his wife three years ago and we were married 18 months later. His ex-wife insists on calling herself Mrs. Johosafat Hegdish. She uses this name in the phone book, for charge accounts and club memberships.

I feel she should call herself Mrs. Claudette Hegdish, and not use Johosafat's name since it belongs to me. Am I correct when I say she has a lot of nerve?—MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Dear Identity: There's more than just nervous involved. Claudette is using the name that legally belongs to you. I suggest that the real Mrs. Johosafat Hegdish stand up and make it clear.

Alcohol is no shortcut to social success. If you think you have to drink to be accepted by your friends, get the facts. Read "Booze and You—For Teen-Agers Only," by Ann Landers. Send \$1 in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request. 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. C 1966, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Forensic Program Explained

The forensic program in meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance was described Monday by Rick Schwartz, a South High School student, at a luncheon

"Be it resolved that the foreign aid program of the United States should be limited to non-military assistance."

Permission to Reproduce Brochure Granted Cities

County supervisors have given cities throughout California permission to reproduce a brochure, "Alcoholism—Everybody's Problem," Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The brochure was produced by the county graphic arts section in conjunction with the county Commission on Alcoholism. It is fully illustrated, depicting the problems

of excess drinking and steps towards correction. "The State Department of Public Health distributed copies of this brochure to cities throughout California," Chace said. "The response has been overwhelming—several agencies want to use it to help combat alcoholism in their areas."

Reproduction of the brochure will be done at the expense of the interested cities, Chace said.

Vincent Thomas Files Proposal

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro) has introduced a bill in Sacramento proposing the exemption of business inventories from property taxation. If adopted, the bill would take effect in 1968.

"The business inventory tax produces approximately \$200 million in local tax revenues, an amount representing less than 7 per cent of the total property taxes in the State," Thomas said. "However, the hardship and inconvenience this tax creates for businessmen far outweighs any advantage it might have as a source of revenue."

"The business inventory tax places California at a serious disadvantage in competition with other states, and in fact a number of states, including New York and Pennsylvania, do not tax business inventories. All the states surrounding California," Thomas emphasized, "either have no inventory tax or have free port laws which, in effect, exempt most inventories."

"MANY LARGE manufacturers have moved their warehouses and distribution operations out of California to avoid the unfair inventory tax," Thomas charged, "and this has resulted in a reduction of employment opportunities and loss of income to citizens of California."

Citing the furniture business as an example of a business particularly hard hit by the inventory tax, Thomas went on to say:

"Turnover of merchandise in the retail furniture business is very slow compared to other industries, and California stores being further removed from manufacturing centers must order in large quantities to keep displays

and back-up stock adequate for customer selection. However, the business inventory tax makes no distinction between types of businesses or time needed to dispose of merchandise."

"THE ONLY criteria is the amount of stock on hand at the time the tax assessment is made," Thomas continued. "It is interesting to note that the Dun & Bradstreet statistics for 1965 show the retail furniture business ranking fourth among all others in business failure, and if combined with appliances, radios, and television sets—items normally carried by furniture stores—it would rank first."

"I believe," Thomas concluded, "that major benefits would accrue to California from the repeal of the business inventory tax. These benefits would include increased industrial expansion, jobs, uninterrupted business activity, and increased revenues from other tax sources. The time is long overdue for action on this subject, and as a member of the Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee I recall that our past hearings showed tremendous support for this measure from the entire business community."

Hospital Gets Research Grant

A medical research grant worth \$28,898 has been awarded to Harbor General Hospital by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The grant is for the third year of a five-year research program on arthritis and metabolic diseases. Dr. Stanley Kushinsky is in charge of the research program.

MRS. GORDON PHILLIPS
Residential Chairman

Chairman Selected For Drive

Mrs. Gordon Phillips has been appointed residential chairman for the American Cancer Society campaign in the Centinela Valley-South Bay district.

The wife of a Torrance attorney, Mrs. Phillips has been active in community activities for several years. She served last year as residential chairman for the Cancer Crusade in West Torrance.

Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, the Torrance League of Women Voters, B'nai B'rith, and the Jayettes.

She attended Los Angeles City College after graduating from Downey High School.

Mrs. Phillips and her husband are parents of two daughters. The family lives at 20545 Madison Ave.

Red Cross Conference to Attract Local Delegation

Two Torrance Red Cross volunteers will play important roles in the 1967 California Red Cross Conference opening Friday at the International Hotel.

Mrs. Helmar Anderson, a new volunteer with the Voices From Home program, and Mrs. Mauro Ambrosoli, a hospital volunteer whose Red Cross service is given through Harbor General Hospital, will be hostesses for the two-day conclave.

More than 500 people from 91 Red Cross chapters throughout California are expected for the conference.

INTERESTED people here have been invited to join the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch delegation at the conclave.

The opening session, set for 10 a.m. Friday, will feature Daniel J. Haughton, president of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., and immediate past chairman of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter. Haughton will be the keynote speaker.

Gen. James F. Collins, Washington, D.C., president of the American Red Cross

will speak at the conference dinner Friday evening when "Up With People" will be presented by the Sing Out Los Angeles group.

FRIDAY'S luncheon will feature a presentation of an award to Lorne Greene, NBC-

Business Machines Missing

Business machines worth nearly \$1,600 were taken last weekend from a downtown Torrance firm, Torrance police reported Monday.

Police said the theft was discovered by Frank Moreno, an employee of the Solvent Coating Corp. at 1031 Engracia Ave., when he opened the office about 7:15 a.m. Monday.

The burglars kicked in a plywood door to gain entry to the office, police said.

Two typewriters, a calculator, adding machine, reprinter, and tool box were reported missing.

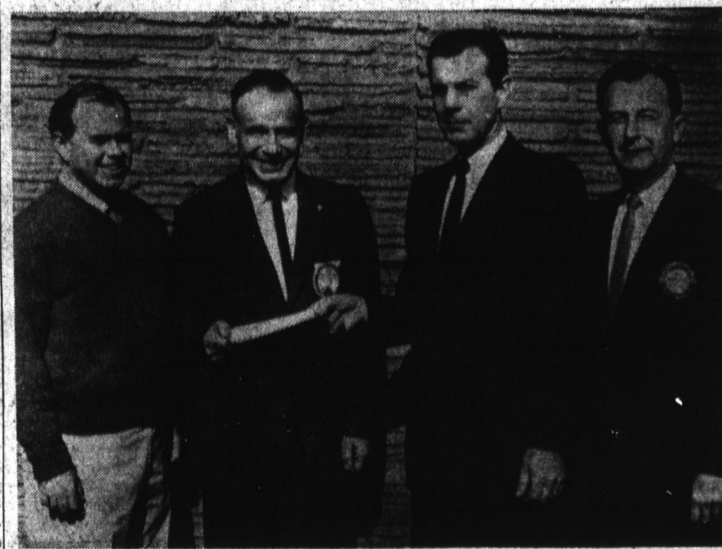
The building had been secured about 6 p.m. last Saturday, officers said.

Civitan Club To Be Told About Apollo

Ken Gerlach of Pacific Telephone Co. will be guest speaker at tonight's meeting of the Torrance Civitan Club, according to Fred Hansen, program director.

Along with his speech, Gerlach will demonstrate with models and slides "Project Apollo," the United States' attempt to put man on the moon.

The meeting will be held at the Jump 'N' Jack restaurant, 1900 Pacific Coast Hwy., at 7:30 p.m.



DISTRIBUTE FUNDS . . . Dr. Rollin Smith (second from left), president of the board of directors of the Torrance Family YMCA, accepts a check for \$400 from Ralph Gillbreath, president of the Lions Drag Strip board. Watching are Joe Wilcox (at left), executive secretary of the YMCA, and Walter Keberlein, president of the downtown Torrance Lions Club. The check is the local club's share of profit from the drag strip operation, a joint venture of nine area Lions clubs.

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Board Stands Firm In Land Title Row

Torrance school board members Monday renewed their pledge to fight for title to a 10-acre site which is to be the home of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

But trustees suggested that Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, delay a possible trip to Washington, D.C., until early February.

The board had been expected to send Dr. Hull to the East Coast to carry on the fight in person.

INDICATIONS early last week were that the title difficulties had been resolved. At that time, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) appeared to have agreed to give Torrance reversionary rights to the land.

But on Friday, HEW officials changed their minds, again, and said that title to the land must be given to the joint powers board which

will operate the occupational center.

"We are now in a loggers-head position," Dr. Hull told the board last night. "It seems it's about time for me to go to Washington, we're not getting anywhere."

DR. HULL then told the board, "If we don't get reversionary rights, I don't think we ought to approve it (giving title to the joint powers board)."

The Torrance board has been backed up by the five other boards of education involved in the occupational center and by the joint powers board.

HEW officials first agreed to a lease arrangement under which Torrance would retain title to the property and give the joint powers board a 20-year lease.

SUBSEQUENTLY, however, HEW ruled title to the land must be given to the joint powers board.

Torrance trustees first voted to seek outright title to the land, then agreed to settle for reversionary rights.

"Our strong point," Bert M. Lynn said, "is that we have conceded, we've compromised. All we're asking is reversionary rights."

LYNN SAID he believes the district will win its battle.

In a strongly worded telegram sent last Friday to Joe N. Everett, chief of HEW's real property division, Dr. Hull asked for reversionary rights for the Torrance district and warned that the entire region is united in the effort to secure such rights for the district.

Dr. Hull was told Monday to "keep the pot boiling."

United Crusade Ends Best Drive

United Crusade volunteers have raised a million dollars more than in the last fund appeal, Arthur M. Wood, presiding chairman, has reported.

The total is just short of the \$21,750,000 goal which had been established for Los Angeles County.

Actual amount raised during the 1966 campaign was \$21,600,123—99.3 per cent of the goal, Wood said. United Crusade is a joint appeal on behalf of 244 United Way agencies and 11 area chapters of the American Red Cross.

"It is a tribute to the generosity of Southern Califor-

nia that we have raised more in this campaign than ever before," Wood said. "It is a sweet victory and all of our volunteers should be extremely proud."

Only 5 of the 14 area drives equalled or surpassed the 100 per cent mark, Wood said. Antelope Valley reported the highest total, where 120.7 per cent of the \$200,000 goal was achieved.

Volunteers in the Harbor area raised \$251,231—96.6 per cent of the total goal, Wood said.

Every campaign unit raised more than in the 1965 campaign, Wood said.

COUNT MARCO

Why Do They Talk, Talk, Talk?

What can the annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena possibly have in common with American women?

As I switched my television set from channel to channel I became more and more aware that the women commentators didn't have a copy of that old adage, "One picture is worth a thousand words," prominently displayed in front of them as they reviewed the parade.

Talk, talk, talk! Why is it the women in this country must talk, talk, talk, hardly ever taking a breather to let the picture talk for itself.

How much more effective it would have been had the

beauty of each float been simply framed with a quick, concise description of its flowers.

Proof that most female chatter is idle would be a simple re-run of the taped remarks of the female network chatterboxes—except there wasn't a single remark made during the televised two hours of beauty marred by banter that would make it worth the rerunning.

At a dinner or a party if you have spent sufficient time grooming yourself, you then need only smile and listen. That is, unless you have something more impor-

tant than little-nothing words to offer.

When in the presence of a man, remind yourself to hold your tongue and listen more. Who knows, it might be your great good fortune to be the first to hear the utterance of another memorable statement that will find a place in history.

Now truthfully, wouldn't you rather be remembered for the beauty you reflect in silence than the ass you become by braying too much? Silence, in itself can be golden, so why be a goose that lays an egg?

N'est-ce pas?