

# Hunt for Parents Brings Vietnam Vet to Torrance

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## Baggy Pants Protested

Dear Ann Landers: I am a boy 14, interested in motorbikes and girls. My main problem is my mother. She refuses to buy me a pair of pants that fit right. I realize I am still growing, but does that mean everything has to be two sizes too big? A kid has to look decent even if he is growing, doesn't he?

Yesterday Mom bought me two pairs of pants. They are baggy in the seat and loose around the legs. I look like some kind of clown. When I told Mom the pants were the wrong size she gave her stock answer, "You'll grow. Next year they'll be perfect." I asked her to take them back because I'd rather wear my old ones. She said, "I can't, they were on sale."

I have tried everything to get Mom to see my side of it — a hunger strike and letting my hair grow in protest. (When it got 10 inches long the school complained and I had to cut it some.)

Did you have an answer to my problem? — GARDEN CITY

Dear Gard: I assume by now you have started to eat and that your hair is off your shoulders. If so, here's a word to your mother: A 14-year-old boy should be able to pick out his own pants. I hope from now on you'll allow him to do it.

Dear Ann Landers: Dad died seven months ago. Now that Mother is alone she feels that if my husband, Vic, and I are invited anywhere or if we have another couple in she should be included. There are many things five people can't do. Then of course some folks object to an extra person being brought along to dinner.

Yesterday Vic snapped at me for the first time I can remember. I asked him to drive over and get Mother. (She was going to play my bridge hand with me.)

This morning Mother called to plan OUR vacation. What can I do? — S.O.S. IN DES MOINES

Dear S.O.S.: You can decide right now to grow up and be independent. This means you should invite your mother to your home when she can be a fourth at bridge, not a fifth. This means you should stop dragging her to the homes of friends. Your friends know your mother and if they want her they will invite her. This also means it's time you put your husband first in your life. Tell your mother that you and Vic are going to have a second honeymoon and ask what she would like to do for a vacation on her own this summer.

Dear Ann Landers: My father has a widowed sister who lives about 40 miles from here. Aunt Liz comes to town twice a week. We used to have a spare bedroom but Mom made it into a work room for my Dad so Aunt Liz has been sleeping on the sofa.

We got a new sofa a couple weeks ago and Mom doesn't want Aunt Liz to sleep on it. Aunt Liz says her weight (180) is not nearly as much as the weight of three people sitting. Last night Mom and Dad got into another argument over this same dumb thing. He sides with Aunt Liz. What are the facts? — FAMILY FIGHT

Dear Fam: If your mother doesn't want anybody to sleep on the new couch that should settle it. Your dad ought to buy an army cot or a folding bed for Aunt Liz — and pass the peace pipe already.

Is alcoholism a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet "Alcoholism—Hope and Help" by Ann Landers. Enclose 25 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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## Annexation Hearings Set by City of Carson

The board of directors of the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce has voted to take a position in favor of annexation to the City of Carson of the unincorporated area bounded by Del Amo Boulevard, 223rd Street, Wilmington Avenue, and the Long Beach Freeway.

Chamber President Glenn A. Irvin, in announcing the action, stated, "The annexation of the Dominguez Colony, Lincoln Village area will afford residents who have long sought incorporation, identity with the City of Carson."

From an economic standpoint, the Chamber of Commerce based its action on the substantial contribution which the commercial and industrial businesses of the area would generate in sales tax returns to the city, thus strengthening the total economy.

## Veteran Seeking Parents

By NATALIE HALL  
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Twenty-year-old Meyer (Mike) Weinberg Jr. is determined to find his father — if he has to comb every village and hamlet in the country. This week, his odyssey of frustration led him to Torrance.

Since Mike was nine years old in a Cleveland orphanage, he's tried to piece together the handful of elusive clues that might reunite him with his family. He began his search in earnest last December, after completing a stint with the Army in Vietnam.

HITCHHIKING from town to town from one end of the country to the other, the slender, blue-eyed youth calls on newspapers, radio and TV stations, hoping against hope that someone who knows his family will hear of his plight and contact him.

Mike's story began Feb. 11, 1947, in a hospital in Anniston, Ala. A few weeks after Mike was born, his parents apparently split up, sending Mike and his two older sisters to the Cleveland orphanage. Mike says his sisters were adopted soon after and never attempted to contact him.

IN HIS determination to wring information from orphanage officials, Mike says he even went so far as to get a court order asking them to reveal the facts. But they refused.

RETURNING to Anniston as soon as he emerged from the service, the young veteran finally contacted his maternal grandmother after considerable sleuthing. She could shed little light on the search except to tell him that his mother, Dortha, had died several years earlier in Tampa, Fla.

Although his grandmother cried for three days after he popped into her life, she showed little interest in developing the relationship.

SO MIKE pushes on. Without any means of transportation, he manages to keep alive through odd jobs and gifts from well-wishers.

In Torrance, he's staying with a friend of a friend, Gene Stump, 23326 S. Harvard Ave.

Where will he go next? Mike's not sure, but eventually he plans to return to Anniston, Tampa, and Cleveland to go over the facts more thoroughly.

HE'LL KEEP looking until he finds his family. "He's my father no matter what he's done," he relates.

Mike says his father would be about 52 now and was a printer by trade.

## Engine, Parts Stolen From Airplane

A burglar or burglars broke into Hangar 17, Torrance Aero Center, Torrance Municipal Airport, sometime between May 31 and June 4, stripping \$6,755 worth of parts from an airplane, police have been told.

The craft, belonging to Bryce E. McCormick, 1706 Via Arriba, Palos Verdes Estates, was missing its engine, propeller, and radio equipment. The plane had been awaiting repairs needed following a recent crash.

The burglary was reported by Jerry Glass, 1546 E. 218th Place.

## Bridge Project Bids Scheduled

The state will open bids June 27 for the cleaning and painting of the Dominguez Channel Bridge on Pacific Coast Highway in the Wilmington area. The Department of Public Works has reported.



SEEKING FAMILY . . . Meyer (Mike) Weinberg Jr., 21-year-old veteran of Vietnam service, visited the Press-Herald office this week as he presses a nationwide hunt for clues leading to the identity of members of his family. Here he searches through bound volumes of the Press-Herald as he seeks information about his father or sisters. He has learned that his mother died several years ago.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## Monday Night

# 200 Adults To Graduate

Over 200 adults will receive high school diplomas in graduation ceremonies to be conducted by Torrance Evening High School at 8 p.m. Monday in the Torrance High School auditorium.

Absentee diplomas will be presented to half a dozen former students who are currently serving the United States armed forces overseas, according to Raymond Collins, adult education principal.

Keynote speaker at commencement exercises will be Gary Gange, special consultant.

Diplomas will be presented by board members Dr. Owen Griffith, William Hanson, Bert Lynn, Burton Belzer, and Mrs. Kenneth Watts. Preceding the recessional, Rev. Hughes will deliver the benediction.

GRADUATES include: Margaret P. Adams, Martha Helen Adams, Teri Marce Adams, Clifford C. Ahrens, Arden A. Annis, Della May R. Apodaca, Barbara Ann Arkie, Dolores Armenta, Donald Glenn Arthur, Gary Steven Bailey.

Faye Lambert Baker, Alexander Balczarek, Helen MacBeth Bald, Denise Cathleen Bartlett, Adeline Bednarchuk, Carla K. Bennett, Cynthia Joan Bennett, John Cornelius Beys, William Howard Blanton, Maxine Marie Bliss, Beverly Ann Boggio, Mary Frances Borowiak, Frank Gary Boyce, Maureen Margaret Bradford.

Jean Elizabeth Branam, Micky Lyn Brannon, Carey Ellen Brown, Deborah Christine Brown, Patricia Sue Brown, Sonia Kodlar Burkitt, Kent H. Bushner, Robert Warren Bussard, Kathleen Marie Cadwell, Colleen R. Cain, Richard Lee Cameron, Linda Klye Canaviser, Mary Jo Candido, Bruce Leonard Champion, Debora S. Chavarria, Eldred Nathan Chilton, Allana Maureen Cair.

RITA JEAN COLLINS, Lonnie Lee Roy Comstock, Carolyn Contus, Mickey Lee Cooksey, Julie Esther Cortez, Terry Lynn Crawford, James Edward Crippen, Linda Ann R. Curry, Susan Marie Darnall, Billy Jordan, Derryberry Nancy Marie DiBernardo, Joyce Marie Dornier, Mike Ramiro Duarte, Susana G. Dunn, Sally Lee Elliot, Jeff Elrod, David James Etzel, Nathan James Evert.

Linda Jean Felix, Timothy Roy Ferguson, Dortha Fern Fisher, Vicky Susan Fisher, Betty Jean Fleet, Theodore Gaylord Flint, Michael Bryan (See GRADUATES on A-7)

## Rising Affluence May Increase Delinquency

Juvenile delinquency in affluent areas is rising higher than the tax rates. So states the report on delinquency in suburbia that I discussed recently. (A sneak preview of the as-yet-unpublished survey was sent to me by one of my admiring readers.)

According to the report, these youngsters are rebelling against "false middle class values" — the overemphasis on material things.

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the hypocrisy and deceit practiced by adults, the importance of status symbols.

The young rebels have little respect for their parents, because these adults are so busy "being affluent" that they are too tired to pay attention to their children. Being a good parent, to them, means giving the offspring a big car and his own credit card.

This permissiveness, or lack of discipline, allows the children to call the plays and dictate the terms at home. Housekeepers stand in for the parents, family lawyers shield the little delinquents from having to pay for their crimes, and psychiatrists try to solve emotional problems that wouldn't have occurred if the parents had been adequate.

You Mothers must realize that to rear a child means daily guidance, supervision and discipline from birth to adulthood. Does your youngster ever hear from you about the value of honesty, industry, morality, respect for others?

The survey my reader sent me shows that you suburban mothers are failures in this regard — but it doesn't tell what to do about it.

I think that you parents — at least you who have learned to follow my teaching — are eminently qualified to come up with some solutions. Let's see what we can do.

## Plunge Begins Summer Season

Surcease from summer's heat was promised by city recreation department personnel Saturday with the opening of the city swimming plunge at Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue for the season.

The pool will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until school is out. The summer program will begin June 17, at which time the pool will be open daily from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Swimming lessons under the qualified instructors will be offered at other hours throughout the summer.

## Annual YMCA Camping Trips Are 'Just Around the Corner'

In less than two weeks, Space still remains in Camp Kane said that youngsters youths from Torrance and La- Big Pines for girls 9 to 12 attending a YMCA camp dem- mita will have their first from Aug. 10 to 17 with Al- arrive practical and spiritual breath of fresh air for the pha Rem directing, and at values that can't be duplicated any other way.

It's camp time and the Tor- Leonard Kane, Round Mea- boys of the same age during these dates. rance Family YMCA has scheduled 25 sessions in the mountains. The first session will begin the day school is out and other sessions fill the summer.

Sign-ups for most sessions are still being accepted at the Y, 2900 W. Sepulveda. needs. ing supplies many of these needs.

## Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on A-7)

ACROSS		DOWN	
1—Fiber	36—Water wheel	1—Group of eight	65—Part to birds
4—Trust	37—Ketch	2—Clothe	65—Agent
12—Moran	38—Emergency	3—Star	67—Horseman
17—Bull	39—Alibi	4—Overthrow	68—Noble
21—Holt	40—Baptism	5—Squid	69—Outward
22—Feminine name	41—Calyx leaf	6—Irish	70—Lazar
23—Abroad	42—Marymore	7—Lizard	71—Anquith
24—Tel	43—College degree	8—Fading birds	72—Public vehicles
25—Meeting	44—Shaded side	9—Palm lily	73—Harpagus
26—Wrest	45—Italian poet	10—Legislator	74—Proton
27—Toward	46—Shaded side	11—Shrimp	75—Animosity
28—Rampart	47—Italian poet	12—Simple	76—Swift
29—Losing lower city	48—Shrimp	13—Vigilant	77—Jut
30—Per: abbr.	49—Shrimp	14—Shrimp	78—Persia
31—Persuasive	50—Shrimp	15—Layer	79—Adorned
32—And: Lat.	51—Shrimp	16—Scurvy	80—Dance
33—Forsy	52—Shrimp	17—Shrimp	81—Scandinavian
34—Civility	53—Shrimp	18—Shrimp	82—Crowbar
35—Civility	54—Shrimp	19—Shrimp	83—Jut
36—Civility	55—Shrimp	20—Shrimp	84—Lips
37—Civility	56—Shrimp	21—Shrimp	85—Dorsey
38—Civility	57—Shrimp	22—Shrimp	86—Doctor's aide: abbr.
39—Civility	58—Shrimp	23—Shrimp	87—Saw
40—Civility	59—Shrimp	24—Shrimp	88—Network
41—Civility	60—Shrimp	25—Shrimp	89—French coin
42—Civility	61—Shrimp	26—Shrimp	90—Nominal
43—Civility	62—Shrimp	27—Shrimp	91—Preceded alone
44—Civility	63—Shrimp	28—Shrimp	92—Laughs loudly
45—Civility	64—Shrimp	29—Shrimp	93—Clanger
46—Civility	65—Shrimp	30—Shrimp	94—Call: st.
47—Civility	66—Shrimp	31—Shrimp	95—Blamish
48—Civility	67—Shrimp	32—Shrimp	96—Ransom
49—Civility	68—Shrimp	33—Shrimp	97—Comere
50—Civility	69—Shrimp	34—Shrimp	98—Handle
51—Civility	70—Shrimp	35—Shrimp	99—Selt
52—Civility	71—Shrimp	36—Shrimp	100—Proton
53—Civility	72—Shrimp	37—Shrimp	101—Foster
54—Civility	73—Shrimp	38—Shrimp	102—Tare
55—Civility	74—Shrimp	39—Shrimp	103—Wax
56—Civility	75—Shrimp	40—Shrimp	104—High-pitched sound
57—Civility	76—Shrimp	41—Shrimp	105—Maul
58—Civility	77—Shrimp	42—Shrimp	106—Corrode
59—Civility	78—Shrimp	43—Shrimp	107—River mouth
60—Civility	79—Shrimp	44—Shrimp	108—Enzyme
61—Civility	80—Shrimp	45—Shrimp	109—Beverage
62—Civility	81—Shrimp	46—Shrimp	110—Southern State: abbr.
63—Civility	82—Shrimp	47—Shrimp	
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