

### No Excuse Needed

Dear Ann Landers: A close friend has been borrowing my clothes for the past five years. Mitzi can afford to buy what she needs, but she says my taste is better than hers and when she wants to look smashing she feels more confident in my clothes than in her own.

We are exactly the same size, and Mitzi is a very neat girl but I don't care how careful a person is it's impossible to return a dress or a pair of shoes in exactly the same condition. A seam goes here, a bead comes off there, a knitted skirt snags, a patent heel gets scratched - something is bound to happen.

Mitzi has borrowed everything from my evening bag to my wig. I have never borrowed anything from her.

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Last night I went to put on my best cocktail dress and Mitzi had the shoes that match it. My husband was furious. He gave me orders never to lend her anything again. How can I say no without losing her friendship? I can't tell her my husband has given me orders, can I? What excuse can I give? - BIG HEARTED BERT

Dear Bert: You don't need an excuse. Just tell Mitzi you've decided not to lend your clothes any more. Leave your husband out of it. Offer to shop with her occasionally since she likes your taste. If your refusal to lend her your clothes terminates the friendship you haven't lost much.

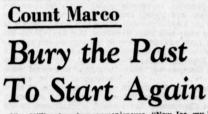
\* \* \* Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in the letter from the woman who insisted that alcoholism "runs in families" and is therefore an inherited illness. She went on to say all her husband's brothers are drunks. The only one in the family who doesn't touch the stuff is his sister. Then she added, "Charlotte is a religious nut. A couple of drinks might improve her personality a lot."

What this world needs is fewer boozers and more religious nuts. I am sick to death of being with bright people who proceed to pickle their brains in alcohol the minute the sun goes down. It's a sad sight to witness a charming woman who suddely talks gibberish, laughs too loud and makes a complete fool of herself. I've seen too many brilliant men become repetitious, belligerent and vulgar after three drinks. It's sickening.

The pity of it is that these people imagine liquor improves their personality when nothing could be further from the truth. At the risk of being called a Blue Nose for the millionth time, will you say it again? I can't put words together the way you can. - STAR WITNESS

Dear Star: Thanks for your testimony. There's nothing wrong with the way you put words together, dear. You spoke the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-(c) 1969, Publishers-Hall Syndicate



Nine Million American women spouse, "Now Joe, my last hus-were widowed last year, so just band, Lord rest his soul, used to think this could be your lucky say . . . Why bother? Joe can't hea



FINDING EXPRESSION ... Recreation leader R. Lee Miller offers helpful advice to two budding Michelengelos, Danny Nichols and Sandra Schmidt, who seem completely absorbed with their crayon art work at Victor Park. The spacious park, located at 4727 Emerald St., offers everything from picnic

facilities to volleyball classes. A sheltered kitchen for use on cold or windy days is currently under construction. Other plans for the future include the installation of additional vol-leyball and tetherball courts.

# Victor Park Promises Fun For Entire Family

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on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays by four recreation personnel, who dur-ing the hours the park is super-vised, conduct a variety of planned recreation activities. On weekday mornings, Tiny Tots and Women's Daytime Vol. year-old park. Other plans for the transformation of the transformati

dena High School, was once the city's storyteller and creative

A bill by Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrarce) to strengthen the penalties for introduced into the legislature. The measure requires addi-tional punishment of not less armed with a firearm. Such of terminal who arms himself with armed with a firearm. Such of te

The Torrance lawmaker said he introduced the bill because of the greater number of crimes

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than 10 years for any person convicted of a crime while armed with a firearm. Such of fenses include robbery, assault, battery, murder, rape, burglary or kidnapping. For a second or subsequent conviction under similar circum-stances, the law would require additional punishment of impris-secutively. The Torrance lawmaker said

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Throughout County

## Youth Councils Asked by Board

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Visurs, according to supervision Burton W. Chace. On Chace's motion, Super-visors his week accepted a rec-ommendation to this effect from across the message of the the County Commission on board's desire o involve young

Youth. The commission, in a report planning processes," Chace the Board, asked that each of said. the county's cities be contacted

and urged to create an official y o u th advisory commission. While each youth council would UC Bank work independently, its efforts could be coordinated with the County Youth Commission. . . .

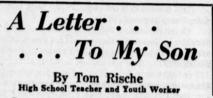
"The Various youth committees could attack local prob-lems at the direction of their ormunity," Chace said. "The various youth com-mittees could attack local prob-lems at the direction of their ormunity direction of their ormunity devel-lems at the direction of their ormunity devel-tory connell. They would add a new dimension to the job of po sit i ve community devel-opment," he said. "Chace cited the successful ef-forts of the County Commission on Youth, headed by Chairman Robert Lee of San Pedro. Lee, who was appointed by Chairman full to the full of the county Commission on Youth, headed by Chairman Robert Lee of San Pedro. Lee, who was appointed by Chace, is or the full of the county Commission of the

who was appointed by Chace, is a student at USC and has been \$7,220,330 or \$1.20 a share. 1967 instrumental in guiding the Commission in many probjects. \$6,924,767 or \$1.15 a share. . . .

"IF EACH city's commission ACCORDING to King, factors "IF EACH city's commission ACCORDING to King, factors is as successful as the county's contributing to the growth of advisory group, the impact on earnings included: growth of de-Southern California would be posits, particularly demand de-tremendous," Chace said. "The posits, provided additional funds Board of Supervisors gets posi- for profitable loan and security tive results — as well as good advice — from this group of rates resulted in higher yields young people."

special events including maked staff and children can always games. ELSIE PESTOFF who first entered into recreation with Tor-rance in 1957 as a part-time the second staff and children can always performed at the second staff at the second gain of \$575,554,764.

In 1968, United California Bank established 11 new offices in California and one new office



Dear Bruce,

Warrior Trails

AS A SENIOR myself, I know

I am really looking forward to graduation, because I will final-ly be released from what now

I am sure though in a few years all the eager-to-graduate seniors will look back on West with a somewhat nostalgic fond-ness and will sincerely miss it.

It's very similar to a nest of birds when the mother sends them out of the secure comforts of the nest, into the wide ex

Why do I write these letters to you?

Because they help me think through what I think - and sometimes by the time I get it all on paper, I don't think what I thought I thought at all.

Sometimes, I feel like the teacher in a cartoon, in which he was talking to a former student.

"Why, Mr. Brown," said the ex-student, incting a test. "Aren't these the s

year — that is, if you're unhapp ily unmarried. Should this happen, a good to John, your present husband, many of you will want to discard your widow weeds of basic black think he did if you say he did. Expanded Additional space for the Southand pearls as soon as possible and get into the swing of things ard get into the swing of things are an the marriage.go again on the marriage-go personal possessions and house around. hold effects, particularly the The Chinese celebrate the new bedroom furnishings. Sell the two more office suites in the

year cycle by paying all their house, the clothes, his and present assessor's headquarter old bills, hoping to start with a yours, particularly any dress he at 2049 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lo

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old bills, hoping to start with a yours, particularly any dress he dia 2049 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lo-mita. The county is leasing space unit a permanent assessor's of-cycle, but still hang onto the old, As a widow you must, before tackling marriage again, de trushand. Perhaps this sounds cruel, but a new groom sweeps As my dear aunt the Contessal (v.") husband. Perhaps this sounds cluding his love. Cruel, but a new groom sweeps clean (at least in his mind) any connection with other men in your past. I wince when I hear a woman who gives up her past for the ispace in the office building. The say in front of her present future — no matter her age." Peninsula can be served local-y." Peninsula can be served local-y." Under terms of the revised past, brides are women of the lease, the county will pay \$1,758 future, and it is the smart bride monthly for the total office say in front of her present future — no matter her age."

by be released from what now seems like a grown-up grammar school to begin a totally indepen-dent life in college. When I first entered high school, it looked so large and unconquerable and now it's simply a goal accom-plished. tions you asked 20 years ago"

"Yes," replied Mr. Brown, "but they've changed the answers."

These letters help me to sort out the logical from the emotional parts of my thinking - and to help me realize at least in part why I think as I do. More than once, I've ended up disagreeing with the point I originally thought I'd try to make.

Since I started writing these letters, more have been discarded than used in print (two other ideas for this week already are in the wastebasket, and this is the fourth draft of this one).

When ideas are rattling around in people's heads, they often sound differently than they do when they get out in the open - on paper or in speech.

I've heard and read too many off-the-top-of-thehead speakers and writers who thought they were being profound, but instead were only rambling and incoherent.

Hoping that these letters will help you - and anybody else who reads them - think a bit more, even though you come to other conlcusions. YOUR DAD



orable and probably interesting HERE IT IS... West High School's Librarian, Mrs. Brown experiences. (leff), shows Mrs. Smith, assistant principal, a special All the mishaps, m feature of the library's new book catalogue. The cata-judgments, obstacles, obj logue eliminates the cumbersome card-file formerly used. tives and occasions will pro-All the mishaps, mis