

It's No Excuse

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Dear Ann Landers: Do you know that the majority of people in this country are dumb, careless, lazy and, they love to chisel? I retired just in time. I don't think I could have survived another 30 days of dealing with the lousy American public.

As the head of a repair service department I met just about everybody. This is what I learned: All kinds of people-the well-educated, the ignorant, the rich, the poor, the old and the young-they all want something for nothing. Furthermore, they can't read or they don't want to. They ignore instructions and assume that the rules were written for other people.

They bring in electric coffeemakers, toasters, irons, portable radios, stereos and they want free service. "It's covered by the warranty," they announce as if they have uttered some magic words. When I "Where is the warranty?" asked. looked shocked and replied, "I threw it out. I never keep that junk." My next question, "Do you have a bill of sale?" produced such responses as, "Who do you think you're talking to? Are you trying to say I stole this radio?

I've been called every rotten name in the book and several names not in any book. Some people think the dirtier they talk to the salesperson, the more intimidated he will become and the better their chances of getting something for nothing.

Please print my letter, Ann. Maybe it will shake up a few million people. And it might make life a little easier for the unfortunate woman who took my job. -LIBERATED AT LAST

Dear Lib: Customers bringing in broken appliances are understandably irritated and belligerent. This is no justification for abusing salespeople, how-ever, and I hope all the rude and thoughtless customers will take note.

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Dear Ann Landers: Our college sophomore daughter is going steady with a law student. His name is Jason. A few weeks ago Cynthia wore a pantsuit and her boy-friend didn't like it. He told her to go put on a skirt. She refused. Finally he said, "O.K., you win, but this isn't the end of it."

Last night Jason showed up in a skirt. My husband answered the door and almost collapsed. You can't imagine the shock of seeing a 6'1," 200-pounder in knee socks (hairy legs showing) — wearing a plaid jumper with pleats. When Cynthia saw him she gasped. Jason greeted her with, "It's a kilt."

They left to fight it out in private. My husband thinks Cynthia should not have gone with him. I don't know what to think. Do you?-HUNG JURY

Dear Jury: It sounds like a kill to me, Madame, in which case, yes, it's a respectable outfit. Somewhat unconventional unless worn to a clan meeting, but respectable, nevertheless.

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When romantic glances turn to warm embraces is it true love or chemistry? Send for the booklet "Love Or Sex and How to Tell the Difference." by Ann Landers, Enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope and 35 senters. envelope and 35 cents in coin 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) 1969, Publishers-Hall Syndicate



A WHALE OF A JOB . . . That's what you call having to move, vaccinate and take blood samples from three killer whales. The Marineland crew did just that last week, with the help of skin-divers, a custom-built stretcher and a huge crane. Corky, a 13-foot, 3,000-pound female, is shown here awaiting her re-entry into the killer whale colissum following her regular checkup. The three Marineland whales, Corky, Snorky and Orky, weigh a combined total of 14,000 pounds. And that's not just another fish story. [Press-Herald Photo]



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1969

The semi-nude body of a 19-Ine semi-nude body of a 19-year-old Torrance girl was found Saturday morning sprawled in the living room of her apartment at 3505 Artesia Blvd., Apt. 10. **Civic Center Area Zoning Changes** Police said the body of Kath-leen L. Maxwell was found lying face up in a spread-eagle posi-tion. Her white nightgown was pulled up, police reported.

Mystery

Shrouds

The time and cause of death ave not yet been determined.

Miss Maxwell's body was dis-covered when a friend came to visit at 11:40 a.m. Saturday and

Square Dance

Class Slated

to 10:30 p.m.

Death

City Councilmen took a red pencil to the proposed Civic Center overlay zone ordinance last week as roughly two dozen residents within the zone visit at 11:40 a.m. Saturday and received no response after ring-ing the doorbell. The apartment manager, who noted the victim had only lived there a short time, opened the door with a master key. Police said the screen on the window south of the apartment door had been damaged. Miss Maxwell was employed at McDonnell-Douglas Corp. in Long Beach.

dozen residents within the zone attended, a council meeting to register their objections to the plan. After rentatively deleting many of the sections of the pro-posed ordinance, councilmen agreed to refer the overlay back to City Attorney Stanley Remel-meyer for redraft. Major changes were: • Reduction in the size of the overlay.

 Deletion of sections dealing with imprisonment for infringe-ment of regulations; • Deletion of sections requir-

ing the approval of the Planning Commission for all building per-mits within the area;

 Deletion of many subsec-tions declaring certain struc-tures and conditions to be "public nuisances."

The Dancers Choice Square Dance Club will offer classes for beginners at the Square Dance Center, 19531/2 W. Carson St., Classes will begin Friday and remain open for enrollment through March 7. The classes will meet each Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 pm . . **PLANNING** Director Charles Shartle explained to the council

Given Approval that an overlay zone is a zone imposed over the existing zone, which in this case is primarily single family residential. The overlay does not change the zone, but merely adds more stringent standards to the pre-sent zone. sent zone.

Shartel said the purpose of the overlay is to prevent deteriora-tion and blight in an area where such blight might easily crop up. Shabby ball bond houses, for instance, are likely to appear around public functions such as courthe es and police statio Addressing the council, Betty Shield of 3025 Opal St., said the ordinance would not be bene-ficial to affected residents since is would impose penalties for infringement of the ordinance and would enforce more strin-gent abatement periods than for other citizens She termed the ordinance undemocratic.

ROBERT WHITE, who lives KOBERT WHITE, who lives within the proposed overlay on Torrance. Boulevard, said he is against more restrictions on property and believes the over-lay will tend to depreciate prop-erty values. He said the ordi-nance would keep him from pulling up a potted plant without getting Planning Commission ap-proval first.

Mayor Albert Isen explained that the city is concerned about the problem of absentee owner-

ship, noting that some owners would let their property get run-down in order to force a change

A Year As a City **Carson to Observe Birthday Saturday**

niversary celebration - prob-ably the biggest city birthday party ever held in this area will sparkle with personalities famous throughout the state fam when the big event is held Satur day.

Regis Philbin, popular master of ceremonies on TV Channel 7's "Joey Bishop Show" will be Grand Marshal of the mammoth rade which will kick-off the day-long activities at 11 a.m.

The 2½-mile parade route be-gins at Carson High School, 223rd and Main Streets, then proceeds south on Main to Sepulveda Boulevard, east on Se-pulveda Boulevard to Avalon oulevard, then north on Avalon to 228th Street, where it will disband after it turns into Watson

Official reviewing stand, where dignitaries will gather as they finish the route, will be lo-cated on the west side of Avalon at 228th Street near City Hall.

FOLLOWING Grand Marshal Philbin's car will be such gov-ernmental dignitaries as Con-gressman Glenn Anderson, State Senators Joseph Kennick and Ralph Dills, Assemblymen Vincent Thomas and Mike Cullen and County Supervisors Burton Chace and Kenneth Hahn. Mayors of Torrance, Gardena, Co

bis of forfance, contenar, contenar, com-pton, Bell Gardens, and the City of Commerce will also appear. Carson's own Los Caballeros Youth Band their Maracha Girls' Banner Girls and Cape Girls, will be host band for the day day.

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From the sports world will come Raul Rojas and Andy Heilman, noted local boxers, Heilman, noted local boxers, and television fight an-nouncer Jinmy Lennon. Tele-vision entertainers accepting in-vitations include Jay North of "Maya" and "Dennis the Men-ace" series; James Almanzar of "Here Comes the Bride;" young Darby Hinton of "Daniel Boone;" and Kellie Fianagan and Harian Carraher of "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir." Even the Kentucky Colonel of TV and fried chicken fame will be par-ticipating. tried cmc...

TWELVE floats have been en tered by such local organiza-tions as Carson Elks Lodge 2385, Keystone Woman's Club, Vic-toria Park Little League, Carson

Profile: Dr. Robert Ford

Sea Rangers, Wilmington-Car-son-Dominguez YMCA, Brave Eagles of Woodcraft Rangers, Carson High Boosters Club, Carson Beautification Committee, Carson Woman's Club, Cub Pack 319-C, Carson Jaycees and Carson Chamber of Commerce. Other mobile units will be the

Drum and Bugle Corps of Brea

and the Checkmates from Pasa-

MARTIAL music and enter-tainment will be very much in evidence. Accepting invitations

to march were the Compton

pton High Air Force Jr. ROTC

drill team; the 93-member South High Band, the Casta-nets Drill Team, Bugle Corps and Color Guard, the Cor-Vic

dustrial Tract grounds opposite the reviewing stand. A barbeque dinner will be available to the public, as well as food and re-

freshments at various booths sponsored by local organiza-tions.

Among other types of booths will be one presented by the Cla-retian Fathers of Dominguez

CARSON'S Fiesta will be

topped off with a gigantic fire-works display, starting at about 6:30 p.m. ending with a huge fiery tribute to the city's birth-

day. The fireworks show will be donated by the Red Devil Fire-works Co. of Compton, and su-pervised by Bob Serber, general

The day's activities will take

on a more formal note when several hundred residents and

notables gather in the Steamfit-ters Local 250 Hall at 190th and

anager.

High Band and drill team, Cor

half-size and one-third size fire engines from Los Angeles Coun-ty Fire Department and an an-tique installation truck from Pacific Telephone Co.

Some of the parade's 2,000 Hollywood Entertainers La Quieneines Girls drill team, the participants will travel consid-Wiles Rogers family Wonder-wheels Unicycle Team, the famous Clowns of Long Beach Elks Lodge 888 and 80 mem-bers of the Carson Junior All-American Football teams. erable distance to take part. Among these will be the Cycle-delics of Ontario, Bell Gar-dens Lancer Band and Lancerettes Drill Team, U.S Marine Corps Band from Camp Pend Thousands of spectators are expected to join the afternoon festivities when the Fiesta be-Starlighters Baton Team of San Diego, La Belles Twirling Corps of La Puente, Boy Scout gins at 2 p.m. on the Watson In-

Dancers Featured In Drama

Seminary where pottery made by the Fathers will be sold and artifacts from the seminary will be shown. Carnival rides will Seven Torrance residents will seven forrance residents will perform in the Pasadena Play-house College of Theatre Arts Mainstage for the six perform-ances of "The Adventures of Harlequin" this week. add fun and gaiety to the after-noon's program, which will also feature continuous entertainment.

This is the third in a series of Children's Theatre plays presented by the college this season. Performances are cheduled Thursday and Friday t 4 p.m., and Saturday and sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. at 4 p.m

Dorothy La Spina of Torrance is choreographer for "Harle-quin" which is directed by Bud-dy Youngreen. The dancers are the Misses Janet Francis, Jerri Fran Pierce, Laurie Sanders, Candi La Spina, Cynthia Puruis and the Messer, John Scott and and the Messrs, John Scott and Chuck Reynolds. Jo Ann Mem-mott of Torrance plays the role of Isabella in the production.

Meeting Slated

ters Local 250 Hall at 190th and Figueroa Streets for the "Can-dlelight Ball," beginning at 9 p.m. A brief program will serve to mark the city's first birthday and introduce principal guests. Two major prizes, donated by local organizations, will be giv-en away, and a buffet will be served. Dancing to the music of The Continentals, a local musi-cal group, will prevail for the Members of the Torrance Water Commission will hold a regu-lar meeting tomorrow. The ses-sion will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 214, City Hall, 3031 Torcal group, will prevail for the remainder of the evening.

He Built West High School From the Ground Floor Up

There are easier jobs than that of creating a full-sized high s c h o o 1 from three existing schools. Dr. Robert R. Ford, principal of West High School, did exactly that — and in doing so created one of the most mod-ern, attractive high schools in Southern California.

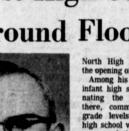
Southern California. Born May 17, 1919, in Ohio, he attended Lorain, Ohio, High School and was graduated in the top 10 per cent of his class in 1937. While in high school, he participated in choir, forensics, and several operettas.

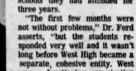
His education was interrupted by World War II in 1941, while he was working for tuition to at-



North High while coordinating the opening of West high. Among his new duties at the infant high school were coordi-nating the studies programs there, commissioning all four grade levels. Starting a new high school with all four grades was a relatively new idea, Dr. Ford explains, for it involved pulling seniors out of high schools they had attended for three years.

rate, cohesive entity. West





Couple Robbed by Bandit with Knife

A Torrance couple was robbed at knifepoint early Sunday morning as they were leaving a social function at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone Ave. The suspect got away with \$175.

Charles Bright, 41, and his wife Patricia, 38, of 1751-E Cabrillo Ave., were leaving the club-house at 1:15 a.m. They opened their car door to discover a burgiar had entered the vehicle and was sitting in the drivers' seat.

The couple told police the man held a knife to Bright's neck and said, "Put your hands on the car or I'll kill you."

The suspect then ordered both victims to place their wallets on the car. Bright complied, but Mrs. Bright said she didn't have a wallet. The suspect told her to open her purse, and then grabbed the loose cash.

The suspect escaped running south on Aba-

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Physicians in London have warned that husbands are dying on an average of five years younger than women, and "it is certain the gap will widen."

Live a Little

Let Your Man

The reason: Too much house-work — for the husbands.

Count Marco

In an age where two packs of cigarettes a day may mean a loss of 10 years of his life, a bas-

Debate Team

Wins Honors

In Long Beach

The El Camino College debate team of John Mangun and Ed Hamilton has won second place trophy in championship debate at the Long Beach State College Junior College Tournament. Thity colleges from Califor-nia, Utah, Idaho, and Texas were represented at the two-day tournament.

gun also received the second place trophy in the ex-temperaneous speaking event.

additional days or even years, depending on how much laundry he does for you.

Undoubtedly, the British doc-tors' stand will revolutionize applictions for life insurance pol-icies, with questions such as:

"Do you do the dishes at home? How many nights (or days)? Do you wash the laun-dry? Do you hang it to dry? How many pounds, etc.?"

One irate husband wrote to protest my views that husbands, should not have to perform a woman's duties. Said he, "I like to help my wife around the house." Fine, say I. Volunteer-ing to help is perfectly accept-able if a husband feels it gives more time for them to relax more time for them to relax together later. But to be ex-pected to perform regularly in that department — never!

The next time your husband says, "Let me help you with the dishes, dear," just smile and re-ply, "Don't kill yourself, hou-ey."

Isen commented that the overlay zone was too big, however, and suggested that it be reduced to include only that property fronting on Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue in the vicin-ity of the Civic Center.

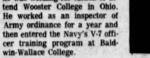
Free Booklet

Lists Tips for

Good Marriage

Printing of 160,000 copies of a booklet, "Blueprint for a Suc-cessful Marriage," has been au-thorized. County Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today. The booklet, edited by a com-mittee of clergymen, will be dis-tributed with marriage licenses when they are issued by the County Clerk. Cost of the re-printing will be \$6,800. "In the past two years, some

mercial teller for Bank of Amer-i c a while taking graduate courses at the University of Southern California. "In the past two years, some 120,000 copies of the booklet were given out with marriage li-censes," Chace said.



He received his commi as an ensign in the Naval Re-serve in 1944 after attending Harvard University School of ss Administration.

Dr. Ford was offered a full Dr. Ford was offered a full naval commission in 1946, but turned it down to complete his education and raise his family in one place. He had married his wife, Virginia, whom he met at Wooster College, in 1944.

He received his doctor's de-gree from USC in 1957 and was named principal of Washington Junior High. Earlier, he had served at Roosevel Junior High School and was assistant to the superintendent in the Beliflower School District. Wooster College, in 1944. Dr. Ford earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Wooster in 1947. He came to California that year, and was employed at Buffum's Depart-ment Stores as an adminis-trator. He also served as a com-mercial teller for Bank of Amersuperintendent in School District.



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from the very first day school."

school." Dr. Ford is amazed and grat-ified at the phenomenal growth West High has been able to sus-tain. "The original plan was to support around 2,500 students," he recalls, "but that figure has been revised to 3,200." In line with this projection a

teaching position was at Wash-ington Junior High School in Long Beach, where he taught seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. He also taught book-keeping at Long Beach City Col-In line with this projection, a new wing containing 16 class-rooms will be started next month. There were to be two keeping at Long Beach City Col-lege in the evening. wings adjoining this one, but West will have to wait for a new school bond issue before funds are available to complete this

The Fords, who live in Long Beach, have four children: Lar-ry, 21; Loren, 20; Murray, 12; and Marla, 10. Dr. Ford's hob-bies include gardening, theatre, photography — "on a purely amateur level," he insists — and attending his son's Little League and Pop Warner games. "I've got a yen to go down to Baja and do some deep sea fish-ing for marlin," he confesses, "but I never seem to get away."

In 1950, Dr. Ford received his Master's Degree in secondary

An interview with TUSD su-perintendent Dr. J. H. Hull turned into a position in 1961. He was employed as principal of the as yet unbuilt West High School and served a semester as vice principal, instruction, at