



# Sharon Near End of Exciting Year

## ANN LANDERS



### The Sleeper Needs Help

Dear Ann Landers: We moved to Dayton four years ago and love it here. Our friends are interested upper-middle class people, just as we are. So far as I know they are all well-behaved, decent, and reasonably contented.

Problem: A certain man in our crowd has a habit of falling asleep no matter where he is. In the middle of a lively discussion he starts to snore. If we decide to go as a group to the movies or the theater, we always have to shake him awake for five minutes to take him home. Once he fell asleep at the table in a restaurant.

His wife was so embarrassed I feel sorry for her. The man is only 40 years of age and seems to be in good health. Any suggestions?—Friend of a Sleeping Beauty

Dear Friend: You say he SEEMS to be in good health—but is he? The poor fellow could be suffering from narcolepsy. He should see a doctor for a thorough check-up.

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Dear Ann Landers: Lucy, the girl who kept falling into bed with every fellow who smiled at her, deserved better treatment than you gave her. Calling the poor kid a "non-learner" really made my blood boil. Her letter could have been written by me a few years ago and I certainly don't consider myself a "non-learner." I'm a girl who has had a lot of tough breaks. The mistakes I made were the mistakes of a child. A kid 14 or 15 can be awfully naive.

My home life was rotten. My mother was always too busy for me. My older sister was a goody-goody who never did anything wrong in the eyes of her parents. My younger brother was a mean brat, a tattletale, and a liar. My big mistake was trusting people too much. Whenever I gave myself to a boy I was sure he'd keep his mouth shut, but they all turned out to be loud-mouths.

Why didn't you look behind the scenes and figure out what caused the problem instead of condemning the girl?—Another Lucy

Dear Another: I don't condemn anybody, and I spend a great deal of time looking behind the scenes to learn what caused the problem. But the fascinating aspect of letters such as yours is that the girl who hops from bed to bed always has a nifty collection of people to blame. With you it was a selfish mother, a goody-goody sister, a bratty brother and the loud-mouthed boys. My advice to all you Lucys out there is this: if you don't like what you are, be something better.

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Dear Ann Landers: I've never written to you before, but now I must. I've become intrigued by the letters in your column from widows who are bitter because their married lady friends never invite them to anything. They wail and moan about the lucky gals who still have husbands and they think it is just terrible that they are unwilling to share them.

I'd like to ask the complaining widows a question. How many widows did you entertain when your husband was alive and well?—Louisville Reflections

Dear Lou: A good question. And one which can be answered only by the widow herself. Thanks for posing it.

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When romantic glances turn to warm embraces is it 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 cents in coin with your request. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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"The morning after I won the Miss California Pageant I woke up in my hotel room in Santa Cruz and it suddenly hit me. 'I really made it, I'm Miss California!' I wondered if I could really handle the responsibilities of such a job."

That Sharon Kay Terrill of Torrance has not only handled the responsibilities but excelled in them can be testified to by people from Alaska to Acapulco to Atlantic City — and the many points in between where she has served as ambassador from the Golden State. After a hectic year of personal appearances and speaking engagements, of gowns and glamour, Sharon has managed to keep a sense of values and a sense of humor.

"As Miss California you've got to keep in mind even though it's very exciting, that it's only for a year. When it's all over you have to go back to being yourself," Sharon explained as she discussed her reign which will come to a close tomorrow night when she crowns her successor in Santa Cruz. "The job takes a lot of stamina," said Sharon, "but one of the main requirements is patience. Patience with the busy schedule, patience with people — and with reporters and photographers, too."

What goes into the making of a Miss California? Seldom has a girl been better prepared by experience for the duties of the position. Sharon was no stranger to contests and pageants that June morning in Santa Cruz when she started her reign. Sharon entered her first contest as a lark back in 1963 at age 16. That contest was for the "Sweetheart of the Fire Department" in Arlington, Tex., and she didn't place in that one. However a year later she entered again and was the first runner-up.

"After you've entered one contest, people encourage you to join others," said Sharon. And enter she did. Sharon won her first big contest when she was chosen Texas DeMolay Sweetheart in a statewide competition when she was 18. By this time she was attending the University of Texas at Arlington and was an entrant in many of the campus contests. "I won some, and lost some, she said.

Why does a girl get involved in this whirl of contests and pageants? Sharon explained that when she started out it was just as a lark, later on in college her sorority would encourage their members to enter campus contests. "However," says Sharon, "it wasn't until I was in the Miss Texas Pageant that I really got the bug."

In 1966 with some of her sorority sisters she entered the Miss Arlington contest and won. This took her to the state finals of the Miss Texas Pageant where she was first runner-up. The prize was a \$500 scholarship. "I was just hoping to make the top 10 and bring some recognition to Arlington," said Sharon, "but when I won the scholarship I thought, 'What a great way to pay your way through school!'"

Still the chain of events which eventually took her to Santa Cruz and Atlantic City might have ended there if it hadn't been for a change in Sharon's college major.

She changed her major course of study from English-Drama to Speech at the end of her sophomore year. Since the University of Texas did not offer a major in this field, she moved to Torrance where her family was then living and enrolled at Long Beach State College in 1967. In March 1968, after serving as Junior Class Princess at Long Beach, Sharon won the Miss Torrance Contest. This started her on a road which ended that June in Santa Cruz where she was crowned Miss California.

"The weeks following the Miss California Pageant seemed like a fairy tale," recalled Sharon. Her activities included being fitted for a new wardrobe and gown in San Francisco, riding in a Fourth of July parade in Redwood City, and being presented to the State Assembly in Sacramento. One of Sharon's most exciting moments was meeting and talking with Gov. Reagan in his office at the State Capitol. She returned to Torrance briefly in mid-July to crown her successor Darcy Barcroft as Miss Torrance. Then it was back to Santa Cruz where she lived while attending classes to prepare her for the competition in Atlantic City.

Sharon notes that this round-the-clock emphasis on being Miss California caused no identity confusion. "Being Miss California is a responsibility and my job for a year," said Sharon. "Like most jobs, you conform somewhat to the requirements of the position, but everyone is different and that goes for Miss Californias, too. When I'm at home in Torrance I'm Sharon Terrill, not Miss California. If any of my friends

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**BEST COVERAGE** . . . Jerry Reynolds (left), City Editor of the Torrance Press Herald, receives a plaque citing top news coverage of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children from LeVane Forsythe, president of the Association. Other awards presented at the Association's Ninth Annual awards banquet included Outstanding Citizen: Joseph Capriotti, a Torrance policeman; Outstanding Volunteer: Mrs. Ruth Smith of Manhattan Beach; and a tie for Outstanding Philanthropist between Mrs. Brenda Gregory of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, and Mrs. Pat Grey of the Redondo Beach Dianias. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Cub Scout Pack Gives Awards

A skit entitled "The Differences That Make America Great" was presented by Den 2 at the monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 1064-C at Joseph Arnold School Auditorium.

David Colyar and Mike Coniglio were initiated into Webelos.

Webelos were awarded the trophy for neatness in the quarterly inspection.

**THE FOLLOWING** Webelos were awarded pins for citizenship: Jeff Smith, Eric Wahlers, Robert Walker, and Steve Sunstedt. Geology awards were given to Tom Bastian and Eric Wahlers.

Denners and assistant denners were as follows:

● Den 1, Tim Crowley and Steve Laven;

● Den 2, John Langford and Steve Coniglio;

● Den 3, Steve Gust and John Condon; and

● Den 4, Dale Penton and Scott Knowlton.

**OTHER AWARDS** went to Kenny Blanks, wolf badge and gold arrow; Pat Clare, wolf badge; Tim Crowley, wolf badge; Randy Fisher, wolf and gold arrow; Bobby Roby, bear badge and gold arrow; Steve Sunstedt, bear badge and silver and gold arrows; John Langford, bear badge; Mike Bastian, gold arrow; Mike Coniglio, gold arrow and two silver arrows; Jeff McKinney, wolf badge; Steve Laven, silver arrow; Joey Michal, two silver arrows; Mark Drews, silver arrow; and Donald Hepworth, silver arrow. David Colyar received his two-year pin.

Awards were presented by Dale Laven, awards chairman.



**SYMBOL OF INDEPENDENCE** . . . Commemorating Flag Day, June 14, Assemblyman Larry Townsend (left) presented a California Bear Flag to the Rev. James Beatty of the First Congregational Church of Lawndale. Townsend also presented flags to the Rev. D. Earl Wright and the Rev. Dean B. Cornwell. Each minister received a certificate confirming that their flags had been flown over the State Capitol in Sacramento. The mementoes were given to the ministers in recognition of their patriotic service in promoting proper knowledge of and respect for the State Flag. The Bear Flag was first flown in Sonoma June 14, 1846, by a band of American settlers in revolt against Mexican authority, Townsend said.

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## Red Cross Never Takes a Day Off

The Fourth of July won't be a holiday for the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Holidays never are. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year two kinds of Red Cross people are on duty — those who provide service to military families and those who provide blood to hospitals.

Many other Red Cross volunteers and staff keep in touch with the Red Cross switchboard just in case of disaster.

If there is no disaster emergency, the people who will be busiest over this holiday will be the ones who give service to military families.

If the holiday is typical, these are the kinds of problems Red Cross will handle:

● A serviceman's child will be involved in a serious accident. Either the child's mother will want to get word to her husband quickly, or she and the child's doctor will want the serviceman to return home if possible.

Red Cross will be asked to establish communication with

the serviceman and provide a full report of the situation to military authorities in support of the serviceman's emergency leave request.

● During the holiday change of pace, a serviceman's wife will begin feeling lonely. She will realize that she has not heard from her husband for a long time. She will begin to worry about money or illness or child discipline problems. Before the day is over, she will be calling Red Cross, particularly if she is living a great distance from her own and her husband's home and family. She will tell her worries to a caseworker who will listen sympathetically on the telephone.

If she still feels her problems are as bad as she thought when she called, she will be urged to come to Red Cross for counseling and, if several months have passed since she heard from her husband, an effort will be made to help her reestablish regular communications.

● A serviceman's wife will call deeply worried because she and her husband have planned to meet in Hawaii during his rest and recreation leave from South Vietnam the coming week, but she hasn't heard if his leave has come through.

She doesn't want to spend their savings on her ticket to Hawaii unless she is sure her husband can go there. If there is still time, she will be counseled to wait for the post-holiday mail delivery, and if that doesn't bring word, Red Cross will initiate an inquiry.

● A serviceman's mother, father, grandparent, sister, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle — someone dear — is dying. The family will want the serviceman to receive the news immediately.

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