

ANN LANDERS



It's a Special Love

Dear Ann Landers: We adore our four grandchildren. My husband is completely devoted to them, especially the two little boys. Grandpa has been like a father to them. Their mother considers it a blessing since their own father was never very attentive to his young family.

Now that the children are getting more articulate it is apparent that they love Grandpa very much. Their own father has decided this love is "unhealthy" because Grandpa is getting old (he's 60) and he may die one of these days. According to their father, the children will suffer severe emotional trauma unless they diminish contact with the old gentleman. He wants to "spare them" by limiting Grandpa's visits to once every ten days.

Is our son-law right? If you say so we will accept their decision.—Sad

Dear Sad: You must accept their decision no matter what I say. The wishes of the parents must prevail, not those of the grandparents or of Ann Landers.

If it's my opinion you want, here it is: The love children get from a Grandpa is a special kind of love. Their father should be grateful for it. I suspect your son-in-law resents the affection his children feel for Gramps. How unfortunate that he views Gramps as competition instead of an added dimension in the lives of his youngsters.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married 21 years. We have a wide circle of friends and have done a good job of raising three splendid children. I would say our marriage is better than most.

About four months ago I received three telephone calls from friends who wanted me to know they were so sorry to hear that Fred and I are getting a divorce. Fred received two such calls at his place of business. Neither of us can figure out who started the story.

Yesterday I received another such call. Apparently the rumor has started again. Is there any way we can trace these completely false stories? Why start them? Why?—Wonderment

Dear Won: Don't waste your time and energy trying to track down rumors. It's futile, unrewarding, frustrating, and pointless.

Who starts them? It could be anybody. Why? Envy probably.

Dear Ann: Those parents who allowed their 15-year-old son to entertain his girl friend in his bedroom for three hours before dinner (with the door closed) and then allowed them to return to the bedroom after dinner, must be nuts.

Don't parents realize that today a 14-year-old kid knows more about sex than his parents knew at 20? When my brother was 16 he explained to Mom and Dad what homosexuals were and how they got that way. They were SHOCKED.

Tell parents to get with it, Ann. Last year two of my girl friends had abortions in Europe and one nearly died because she tried to abort herself. They were all 14 and from so-called "better families."—D. Troit

Dear Troit: I don't need to tell 'em. You did. But good. Thanks.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it? Is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request 35 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. 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.

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First and Last Hours Take Toll

"The first six hours, and the last six hours in holiday driving are the worst," said James E. Kenney, president, Greater Los Angeles Chapter - National Safety Council, in asking that vacationers, over the Fourth of July holidays, take it easy and drive defensively.

Kenney explained that, in the first six hours, most people are anxious to get on their way towards their destination and, consequently, do not drive with the care that they normally do.

"In most cases, they have rushed home from work, had a quick dinner, loaded the car, and headed for the freeway. Psychologically, they are now going '80 miles an hour,' running behind their schedule, and become easily upset at any driver or incident which may delay them," Kenney said.

Regarding the last six hours, he said that fatigue was one of

the major causes of traffic fatalities. "They have spent three days boating, swimming, playing tennis, and over-relaxing. Awareness of traffic and road conditions, vision, and even reaction time are reduced by fatigue."

In their anxiety to get home, Kenney explained, they "tailgate" and drive too fast for the traffic and road conditions.

"Another factor," Kenney stated, "is for the holiday driver to keep in mind that traffic deaths are 26 per cent higher for holidays than would have been normal for a like period for non-holidays."

He closed by urging that people drive defensively, do not get overly fatigued, to take frequent rest breaks, and, "give yourself and your family the added protection of making sure that all of your seat belts are fastened."

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HERE TO LEARN ... Mrs. Lynn Shidler, left, curriculum assistant for the Torrance Unified School District, explains setup at the district's Educational Materials Building to visiting architects Oscar Tenreiro, center, of Caracas, Venezuela, and Ed Gustafson, right, of the California State Department of Education. Tenreiro toured the facility in preparation for designing an educational media center for Caracas schools.

Obituaries

Oscar Anderson

Funeral services will be held Monday in Tucson, Ariz., for Oscar Anderson, who died Wednesday. Halverson-Leavell Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Anderson, a resident of Tucson, was visiting here when he died. He was born Oct. 20, 1884, in Minnesota.

Surviving him are two sons, Douglas Anderson of Torrance and Elton Anderson of Indianapolis, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

Virginia Head

Funeral services for Virginia R. Head, 66, of 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy., were conducted this afternoon at the Mispagel and Beaver Mortuary Chapel in Los Angeles.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Head had been a Los Angeles County resident for 55 years. She is survived by her husband, Charles P. Head; a grandson; and two brothers, Lawrence and Lee Harley, both of Los Angeles.

Officiating at the services and interment at Inglewood Park Cemetery was the Rev. Daniel H. Newhall of the First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood.

John Soto Jr.

Graveside services are scheduled for John J. Soto Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Soto of Torrance, at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Ramona L. Soto; a brother, Antonio J. Soto; his paternal grandmother, Juana Soto; and his maternal grandmother, Elisa Martinez.

Halverson-Leavell Mortuary is handling the funeral arrangements.

Man Pinned Under Pole; Hospitalized

A lineman with Santa Fe Railroad was injured Wednesday at 1:50 p.m. when a 25-foot pole on which he was working toppled over, pinning him underneath.

Treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Michael Thieme, 19, of Bloomington. Thieme was later transferred to the Santa Fe company hospital in Los Angeles.

Police said the mishap occurred on Crenshaw Boulevard south of Dominguez Street.

Vada N. Morton

Vada Nellie Morton died Wednesday at the age of 83. Formerly of 802 Acacia Ave., she was employed by Sam Levy's Department Store for 20 years.

Funeral services are scheduled tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

She is survived by two daughters, Julia Stamps of Torrance, and Poly Stamps of Wilmington; a sister, Sara; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Nicholas Ruelas

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. Saturday at Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lomita for Nicholas Ruelas, 51, who died Wednesday after living in Lomita all his life.

A rosary will be recited for him at 8:30 this evening at his Lomita residence, 25039 Walnut St.

He is survived by his widow, Margarita; a son, Nicholas Jr.; a daughter, Esther; and two sisters, Andrea Martinez of Wilmington, and Frances Pacheco of Redondo Beach.

Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of funeral arrangements.

Agripina Becerro

Agripina V. Becerro, formerly of 1147 W. Flat St., died yesterday at the age of 35. She had lived in Torrance for four years.

She is survived by her husband, Eusebia; and two daughters, Matilda and Esteban. Services and interment will be held in Mexico, with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

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... Budget

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marked for park land acquisition.

City Manager Ferraro noted that if a greater assessed value of property or a larger budget carry-over were realized then estimated in the budget, the resulting property tax revenue or surplus be set aside for capital improvement projects.

THE BUDGET almost slipped by without controversy, but supporters of the city's swim program entered an 11th hour plea to councilmen to reinstate cuts in the program. At workshop sessions, councilmen had reduced the pool calendar and eliminated all off-season swim classes and swim teams, at a city savings of \$5,685.

Councilman William J. Uerkwitz moved to restore the item to the budget, terming the program "almost essential." The motion was defeated by a 5-2 vote, however, with Councilman Donald E. Wilson casting the other dissenting vote.

THE TIPPLERS' tax also met with some opposition, especially from restaurant and bar owners, but councilmen ended up passing the second and final reading on the issue by a 5-2 vote. Opposing the new tax were Councilmen Jay Beasley and Dr. Wilson.

An attorney representing restaurant and bar owners urged councilmen to postpone adoption of the measure while the legality of such a tax is being tested in the courts.

CITY MANAGER Ferraro reminded councilmen that if they postponed adoption of the measure, it would cost the city some \$2,300 a month in revenue.

The 5 per cent tax on all on-site sales of alcoholic beverages will go into effect Aug. 1, with the first collection due on Sept. 30.

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Kidnap Suspects Jailed

Two men were arrested on kidnapping and drug charges Tuesday after witnesses told police they saw a man bound hand and foot attempting to elude his captors in the 18500 block of Mansel Avenue.

The apparent kidnap victim was never identified.

Jailed on charges of kidnapping and being under the influence of drugs was Richard Michael Perry, 29, of Manhattan Beach, an unemployed roofer seeing the bound man running north on Mansel Avenue with two persons chasing him.

One couple told police the fleeing man had run into their garage, begging them to untie him. They said he acted as if his life were in danger.

ARRESTED for kidnapping and possession of narcotics, marijuana, and narcotic paraphernalia was James Richard Jackson, 29, of 22 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach. Both suspects are unemployed.

Neighbors summoned police to the scene at 3:25 p.m. Officers responding to the call re-

... Russians

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ern California, the three Russian visitors toured most of the main tourist attractions, including Disneyland, Marineland, Farmer's Market, and Mount Wilson. They also saw downtown Los Angeles, and Long Beach, but expressed regret over not being able to get a glimpse inside a movie studio.

Their American friends hosted them at the usual hamburger and pizza stands, and fed them a sample of carry-out fried chicken last night, to introduce them to American tastes in food.

Particularly popular with the Russian visitors was mushroom pizza, which reminded them of Russian dishes rich in mushrooms.

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