



ANN LANDERS

Here's a Question

Dear Ann Landers: I read your column every morning over my second cup of coffee. My husband reads it over his first cup. I'm sure your answer would clear the air in our house.

Is it perfectly all right for a boy, age 15, to bring his 14-year-old girl friend home after school and take her immediately to his bedroom and close the door—not to be seen or heard from until dinner-time three hours later?

After dinner they go right back to the bedroom and close the door again. I say if it is studying that keeps them so busily occupied, they can do that in the den or the sun parlor. My husband says to keep quiet and not give them any ideas. What do you say?—Rochester.

Dear Roch: I doubt that anyone could give those two any ideas they don't already have.

And now I'll answer your questions by asking one—of your husband. If you had a 14-year-old daughter, Sir, would you approve of her being closeted with a 15-year-old boy—in his bedroom, with the door closed, for three hours?

I strongly suspect somebody is getting a few vicarious kicks imagining what goes on behind that closed door. Get those kids out of the bedroom and into the living room at once.

Dear Ann Landers: Several months ago a preacher's wife stated the case for her hardworking husband. May a doctor's wife have equal time.

The doctor is on call 24 hours a day for emergencies. The dictionary defines an emergency as "sudden need for immediate action." This means the individual needs help at once in order to live.

Some people think one call won't bother him because "it will only take a few minutes to answer a question or order a prescription." They don't realize the doctor may have received 10 other calls during the evening.

So next time you reach for the phone to call your doctor at home, ask yourself, "Is this call necessary?" Remember the poor fellow has already worked 12 hours that day and he gets tired like everyone else. Remember, too, that we ALL need him—and this means his wife and children. So let's not kill the wonderful guy. —A.B.A.

Dear A.B.A.: It takes a special kind of woman to be married to a doctor and your letter indicates that you qualify.

Dear Ann Landers: Please see what you can do to make it a law that before people marry they have to sign a sworn statement that they understand their legal rights.

I supported a slob through college. After three children he decided I wasn't intellectual enough for him. Like a fool I gave him a divorce because I thought I had to. He married within 13 months then decided the children needed both a father and a mother. He succeeded in getting the two boys away from me.

All this happened 10 years ago because I was ignorant. Is there some way ignorant women can be protected?

—Smart Too Late.

Dear Too Late: Yes. An ignorant woman should have a smart lawyer.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' booklet, "Teenage Sex—Ten Ways to Cool It." Send 50 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. (c) 1969, Publishers—Hall Syndicate

Jobless Payments Increase in City

Payments of unemployment insurance through the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment increased by more than \$12,000 during February, 1969, over the previous February.

A total of \$560,822 was paid out here, compared to \$548,363 during February, 1968, according to figures just released.

The increase here was recorded despite a statewide decline in unemployment insurance payments. Statewide totals showed \$43.1 million was paid out during February, compared to \$44.4 million for February, 1968.

Peter Weinberger, director of the department, said improved economic conditions and more rigid administration contributed to the decrease in total payments.



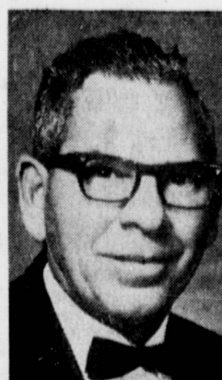
TONY ALONGE
Exalted Ruler



FRED MISHLER
Leading Knight



BOB AYALA
Loyal Knight



HARRY KNAPP
Lecturing Knight

Elks to Install Exalted Ruler

New officers of the Torrance Elks Lodge 1948 will be installed tonight in ceremonies at the Elks Lodge (1820 Abalone Ave., at 8 p.m.).

Tony Alonge, a charter member of the Torrance Elks Lodge, will be installed as exalted ruler of the lodge.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1914, Alonge came to this area in 1933. His wife Francis is a past president of the Lady Elks.

THE NEW exalted ruler has been active in the Lodge since he became a member of the Order, serving as an appointive officer before going through the elective chairs to gain the exalted rulership.

Alonge will represent the Torrance Elks Lodge at the California Elks state convention in Palm Springs during May. He also will attend the national convention in Dallas, Tex., next July.

Other officers to be installed include Fred Mishler, leading knight; Bob Ayala, loyal knight; and Harry Knapp, lecturing knight.

ALSO TO be installed are Armando Cid, secretary; F. W. Meyers, treasurer; Bob Crain, esquire; Virgil Buster, assistant esquire; Mike Catalano, chaplain; Orville Sletten, assistant chaplain; Jim Houseley, inner guard; Archie Kneff, assistant inner guard; Tony Rembis, tiler; and Bob Gerbert, organist.

UC Bank Employees 'Do More'

Employees of United California Bank's Lomita office, located at 2173 W. Lomita Blvd., have demonstrated that they "do a little more" for the welfare of the community they serve.

In the recently completed AID-United Givers' charitable fund-raising drive, 100 per cent of UCB's local branch employees gave at the AID standard of 50 cents for every \$100 earned.

Their pledges, combined with those of their fellow employees in other UCB branches, came to an all-time, single-year high of \$181,799 which is being collected by AID and distributed to area health and welfare causes. Their record contribution is an increase of nearly \$26,000 over last year's pledge.

Trustees are Ed Little, Ed Ward, Ralph Espasito, Don George, and Don Harding.

Design Awards Given to Financial Center, Garage

The Del Amo Financial Center and a parking garage at El Camino College have been honored by the concrete industry with awards for "creative use of concrete."

The awards, sponsored by the Portland Cement Association and the Southern California Ready-Mixed Concrete Association, were two of the 11 made this year. All the buildings were completed during the 1966-68 period.

Architects, structural engineers, contractors, and owners of the buildings were honored last week at the awards dinner.

Benefit to Raise Funds For Theater Marquee

Chapel Theatre needs a lighted marquee. To raise money for the marquee project, Chapel Theatre players will present a special benefit performance Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. A champagne reception will follow the performance, so that patrons may meet the cast.

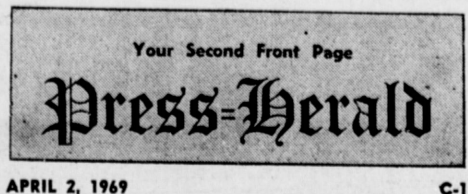
Hosting the event will be the Lomita Chamber of Commerce. Show fare for the evening will be the theater's current production of "The Owl and the Pussycat."

Coed Wins Award for Writing

Evelyn Abe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abe of 1844 W. 180th Place, received an honorable mention in feature writing at the 44th annual University of Southern California Newspaper Day.

A firstplace award and two honorable mention awards were given in the four areas of competition: news, editorial, sports and feature.

The North High school coed is a fourth-year journalism student and feature editor of the school newspaper, "North Wind." Last year she received a third-place trophy in feature writing at the El Camino Press Day.



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South Seniors Win Awards, Scholarships

South High seniors Kenneth C. Austin, David H. Brenner, Ernest D. Gutter, and Scott P. Horton have been named finalists in the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Austin also has been selected as a semifinalist in the Southern Division for Southern California Edison Co.'s college scholarship competition. C. Robert Simpson Jr., southern division manager, made the announcement.

Joan Glover and Spencer Durst received first place awards and David Brenner received second place in the Leadership Awards program of the Torrance Elks Lodge 1948. Savings bonds worth \$100 are awarded to first place winners, a \$50 bond to the second place recipient.

SENIOR Sue Cook has received \$50 and a job offer from Mattel in its Outstanding Business Student Award program. Miss Glover is recipient of the Good Citizens Award of the Daughters of the American Revolution for her contribution to school and community.

The University of California has made preliminary announcement of students who will receive honors at entrance to its campuses because of their scholastic records. Listed are Patricia Geddes and Barbara Goldenberg at UCLA, Roberta Hodges at Davis, and Cecilia Weislo at Irvine.

LINDA OLDS has been presented the La Sertoma Youth Service Award for her contributions to school and community.

Miss Cook received the Business Education Medalian award for Outstanding Business Students for 1969.

David Brenner, Faith Hatfield, and Paula Keener will be listed for their achievements in the publication "Outstanding Teenagers of America."

"Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students," a publication of Merit Publishing Co., will list 18 South High seniors. The students are Kenneth Austin, David Brenner,

Spencer Durst, Gary Farmer, Patricia Geddes, Joan Glover, Ernest Gutter, Patricia Harris, Paula Keener, Jeffrey Mar. William Matthews, John S. Peterson, Robert Saunders, Stanley Schiff, William Seckinger, Stephen Smith, R. Decker Underwood, and Cecilia Weislo.

Brothers Arrested In Theft

Two Torrance brothers were arrested on felony burglary charges Sunday evening after a car stereo and tape decks worth \$170 were taken from a parked car.

Jailed were Robert Louis Cotton, 19, 2317 W. 228th St., and his juvenile brother. The younger boy was arrested at the scene of the burglary, a parking lot at 24600 Crenshaw Blvd. The older youth was arrested a short time later at his home when police traced the license number of the get-away car.

Police said they found 15 auto stereo tapes in Cotton's car trunk, and 23 additional tapes and a car stereo set in the suspect's room.

Police were summoned when witnesses observed two suspects breaking into the car of Vince Castiglione, 22, of San Pedro.

Foster Pledges Redlands Frat

William Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster of 1023 Kornblum Ave., has pledged Alpha Gamma Nu, a social fraternity at the University of Redlands.

Foster is a 1967 graduate of Torrance High School. A sophomore at the university, he is undecided about a major.

Profile: Dr. Herman Ohme

A New Principal Brings New Ideas to North High



DR. HERMAN OHME

What kind of grade did he give her? "Uh, I think she got an A" he recalls.

He received his master's degree in 1950 — from UCLA — and went on to continue his studies at Yale. But after all this schooling, he became weary and wanted to try something outside of education.

He tried personnel management for two years before opening a small toy and games factory. Dr. Ohme still holds a patent on a wooden chess set he designed, and he still retains his love for woodworking.

In 1961 he re-entered the educational field, having decided that he wasn't fulfilling his potential. "I was curious about private business," he reports, "so I tried it. But I never really lost my desire to educate."

For the next three years, he taught at Fairfax and Palos Verdes High Schools, and headed the language department at Palos Verdes.

Dr. Ohme then served as assistant principal at Culver City High School until he joined the Torrance Unified School District in November.

He has taught at Westchester Adult School and is currently a UCLA Extension faculty member in secondary curriculum.

He has nothing but praise for his predecessor, Dr. Richard Guengrich, recently appointed assistant superintendent of secondary education.

"He had the place running just fine," Dr. Ohme asserts, "and left me with a great faculty."

Dr. and Mrs. Ohme have three children: Rhonda, 15; Karen, 12; and Steve, 4. Although not a true jogging maniac, Dr. Ohme enjoys running to keep in shape and rides his English racing bicycle to Malibu every now and then. He still keeps his tennis racket limber — and also enjoys traveling in Europe and Mexico.

It's a good sign when a new high school principal can — in less than a year — establish a rapport with his students that enables them to discuss, in open forums, even the touchiest of subjects.

Dr. Herman Ohme, who was named principal of North High in November, has made astonishing strides in winning the full confidence of his student body. And it wasn't done by accident.

Dr. Ohme, prematurely balding at 43, has some very definite attitudes about what education now is, and what it can be. The students at North have sensed his sincerity and his honest desire to improve their educational programs.

"More than providing the ideas and doing the work for our newly planned programs," Dr. Ohme asserts, "I am giving the faculty and students the support they need to go on with their ideas — and support from this office is vastly more important than just doing their work for them."

Some of the new ideas and programs currently being considered at North High include:

• An appropriate elective program — designed to let the student choose electives that will be suited to his interests and career goals.

"I feel that by giving the student freedom to choose and the responsibility for that choice, he will be more interested and more successful in learning."

He has long been critical of what he calls, "artificial grouping," that is, the practice of grouping students by means that fail to consider the students' personal educational needs.

"Artificial grouping is a no-no," he quips.

• Anthropology — taught by the team-teaching method, using both science and social-science teachers to balance the course.

• Data processing.

• Latin-American history — to be taught in Spanish for Spanish-speaking students. "This



VOLUNTEERING IS HAPPINESS... That's what these area Girl Scouts discovered recently while volunteering with the Los Angeles County Heart Association's Southwestern Branch. The girls, from Troop 285, are (from left) Terry Burger, Cathy Heley, Jo Ann Walter, Patty Reinhardt, and Karen Moore. Troop leader Mrs. C. R. Reinhardt stands at right. The Riviera girls are preparing "Sorry We Missed You" envelopes for area residents not home during the Heart drive last month.