

ANN LANDERS



Some Pillow Talk

Dear Ann: I'm a man who would like to sound a word of warning to wives everywhere. Including my own.

Recent statistics indicate that one-third of America's working force is female. In my own office there are at least five attractive women who are getting to look better to me every day. Because: My fire is either too tired or she sits up until 2 a.m. watching TV and by the time she gets to bed I've given up hope and gone to sleep. Or, she has a backache, a headache, an earache. Or she's getting a cold. Or I'm getting a cold. Or—the children are still up. Or she's expecting a long distance call from her mother. Or, she's mad at me for something I said last night.

Recently you printed a column and suggested that a few wives around the country might want to tape it to their husband's shaving mirrors. May I suggest that this column be pinned to the appropriate pillows tonight?—Fed Up on Being Underfed.

Dear Fed: You're not alone, fella. Every day I receive a handful of letters just like yours. Thanks for making your point so well. I hope it helps.

Dear Ann Landers: A mother who identified herself as 'a person of modest means with five children to support' wrote about her 16-year-old daughter keeping steady company with "a big fat kid who, after raiding the refrigerator, opened her purse and took out all the dimes, which he saves." The money is the girl's allowance, and the mother wanted to know what to do about it.

You answered, "It's the girl's allowance to do as she pleases." Then you added, mildly, "It is YOUR responsibility, however, to point out that the boy lacks character." You missed the boat, Ann. If the girl had earned the money, she could then do as she pleased with it. A high school girl's allowance is supposed to be spent on expenses. It should also teach her to handle money. If she abuses the allowance it should be discontinued.

The real question is, why does this girl feel so inadequate she is willing to cater to a moocher? What is she paying him for? When the girl is directed to look into her own motives she may discover some interesting and useful facts about herself—E.K.

Dear E.K.: You are right. Your thinking went deeper than mine. Taking your point one step further, I'd like to add another thought. The girl who is so insecure that she will let a boy mooch dimes from her will eventually give him something much more valuable than money.

Dear Ann: Why is a man who wears women's clothes called a transvestite but a woman who wears men's clothes is considered stylish?—Salem, Ohio.

Dear Salem: Have you looked around lately? Men are now wearing long hair, ruffled shirts, velvet pants, fur coats—and they aren't transvestites. The blurring of the sexes is what's happening, baby.

Drinking may be "in" to the kids you run with but it can put you "out" for keep. You can cool it and stay popular. Read "Booze and You—For Teenagers Only." Send 35 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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A Letter To My Son

By Tom Rische
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce:

An old motor oil ad featured a rough-looking gangster smiling at and petting a tiny kitten. Slogan for the product: "Tough—But Oh So Gentle."

I think that slogan represents a major need in today's world—people who are both tough and gentle at the same time. Too many people think they have to be either one or the other—mean or wishy-washy.

In olden days, most major arguments were settled by fists or bows and arrows or swords or hand-guns. The medieval knight was tough, but he was all too frequently ignorant and brutal. In today's pushbutton warfare, we can no longer afford this kind of toughness.

The early American frontier toughs were fast on the trigger, probably because they weren't educated enough to win many arguments otherwise. If they didn't fit, they could move away from their problems.

A different kind of toughness and a different kind of education is needed for today's world. Man is getting shoved closer and closer to his fellows, and he can't afford the luxury of the old days. He has to be tough mentally as well as physically, dosed liberally with understanding and gentleness.

We need more tough, gentle people to combat the people who are only tough and brutal. We may need to bang some heads together to stop wars—and we may have to step on some toes. The same is true if we make decisions to control the population explosion, waste of natural resources, smog, and pollution. The individual will have to be tough to outthink the computers he has created to serve him, lest they control him as well.

Yours for tough gentleness,
YOUR DAD



LIVING LITERATURE . . . Gigi Truskin (left), a fourth grade student at Parkway Elementary School, describes the character Conchita to classmate Matt Kadlick, the Green Ghost, during a Living Literature Day. Students in Mrs. Judith Saben's class celebrated the day by dressing as the literary character they represented. Each student had to explain his role in the book he came from during an oral report which highlighted the event.

Taxpayers Ask IRS Taxpayers Responsible For Errors on Returns

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

If a tax expert prepares your tax return isn't he responsible for mistakes?

No. You are legally responsible for the accuracy of your return. For this reason, check it over before sending it in to make certain there are no errors.

To help avoid delays in processing your return, have your tax expert fill out the pre-addressed tax form you received in the mail. This form contains your name, address, and social security number just as they appear in IRS files. If any of this information is wrong, correct it, and send it back with your return.

It's been more than six weeks since I sent in my return. Shouldn't I have my refund by now?

Yes, most refund claims filed early can be processed in five to six weeks. However, if there is a mistake on the return, the refund will be delayed until it is corrected.

Practically all taxpayers have either received their refund or a letter about it within 10 weeks from the time they filed their return. Therefore, taxpayers should wait at least 10 weeks before inquiring about their refund.

When I took my present job I was reimbursed for my moving expenses. Is that considered income?

Whether the reimbursement is taxable depends on the nature of the moving expenses you were reimbursed for. Certain distance and length of employment tests also have to be met. Page 6 of the 1940 instructions explains this in greater detail.

Do you have to be 65 to claim the retirement income credit? I retired at 62 and the credit would help me.

If you received a pension or annuity under a public retirement system (one established by the federal government, a state, county, city, etc.), you may be entitled to a retirement income credit even though you are not 65. This credit, which is computed on Schedule B (Form 1040), is discussed on page B-3 of the instructions.

Copies of the form and instructions may be obtained from your local IRS office or, in many cases, your post office or bank.

My income doubled last year because of profits I made on the stock market. Can I use income averaging to cut my taxes?

No, income from capital gains can not be included for averaging purposes. However, if you owned the stock for

Crusade Under Way For Cancer Society

The Centinela-South Bay's 1969 fund-raising crusade for the American Cancer Society — seeking a record high \$120,000 goal — has been launched by a team of 15 business executives working with William Fefes, vice president of the Gateway National Bank.

Plans of the Commerce and Industry Division organized under the leadership of Fefes were disclosed by O. Rey Rule, district crusade chairman and president of the Gateway Bank.

Other volunteer divisions participating in the month-long appeal in support of the Society's research, education, and service program are residential, business, and special gifts units.



WILLIAM FEFESE
Leads Drive

WITH RESPECT to the immediate Commerce and Industry Division activities, Fefes said he and his team aides are "fully organized throughout the district" and ready to enlist the support of some 400 major industrial firms in this year's "fight against cancer."

"We hope to raise a significant portion of the goal," he said.

Assisting Fefes in their respective communities are fellow Gateway Bank executives: Philip Cole, manager at Lawndale; Ray Beausoliel, Hawthorne; Stu Johnson, Manhattan Beach; and Dale Williams, Lomita.

community aides are Joe Voorhees, Security Pacific Bank manager, and Terry O'Neal, Hawthorne Savings & Loan Association, Westchester; David Erickson, Security Pacific Bank, Inglewood; George Thomson, Security Pacific Bank, El Segundo; John Ekblad, American Savings and Loan, Hawthorne; Daniel Geary, Union Bank, Torrance; George Fox, Coldwell Banker & Co., Carson; and Mrs. Frances Stein of Lomita, Harbor City.

Gardena commerce and industry volunteers include Realtor Cal Alverson, chairman; Joe Hashima, Bank of Tokyo manager; and P. Robins, Bank of America manager.

lations for the Gateway Bank, assumes the American Cancer Society district post in addition to a long line of community service activities, including memberships with the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club and the El Segundo and Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce organizations.

Reception To Honor McBride

A retirement reception honoring Lowell G. McBride, longtime South Bay civic leader, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, at 555 Horseshoe Pier, Redondo Beach, it was announced today.

President James B. Wood, of the sponsoring Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, said the informal affair will pay tribute to 41 years of service to the General Telephone Co. and to civic endeavors in the South Bay.

"Hodie," as he is known to his many friends and business associates, is active in Kiwanis and Elks and has participated in many other fraternal and business organizations in the past.

Chamber officials said the event will be open to the public, without charge or reservations. A no-host bar will be open and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

"No formal speeches or presentations will be made," Wood said, "just a friendly 'thank you' to a fine man, from a grateful community."

Taylor Captures Citizenship Prize

Leon Taylor, president of Torrance Jaycees, has been selected for the first local Jaycee Sound Citizenship Award.

A member of Torrance Jaycees for four years, Taylor has actively participated in all Jaycee community projects and has taken positions of leadership in the History of Torrance project and the Community Conservation project. He was co-chairman of the March of Dimes fund-raising project this year.

Taylor has also served as secretary-treasurer of District 12, Jaycees.

Purpose of the award is to encourage participation in government and stimulate good citizenship. Taylor met the following eight requirements to win the award:

- He qualified as a Spark Plug recipient in the local chapter, attending at least 60 per cent of the meetings, bringing in a new member, attending regional meetings, and so forth;
- He attended City Council meetings;
- He attended Board of Education meetings;
- He attended FTA meetings;
- He attended church or synagogue on a regular basis;
- He participated in a political campaign;
- He wrote to a government official regarding local issues;
- He voted in all elections.

Cigarette Tax Funds Distributed

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — Torrance has received \$65,948 as its share of cigarette taxes collected by the state during February, according to Houston I. Flournoy, state controller.

Flournoy said Los Angeles County received \$181,720 as its share of the appropriation.

The funds represent 30 per cent of the revenue deposited in the Cigarette Tax Fund during February, it was noted. A total of \$7.4 million was dispensed to cities and counties.

Toastmasters Mark 20 Years

Former presidents of the Torrance Toastmasters Club 695 were honored last week during a 20th anniversary celebration. Mayor Albert Isen and other local officials were on hand to congratulate the club.

Of the 38 presidents who have served since the club held its first meeting Jan. 27, 1949, 23 were present for the anniversary observance.

They included: Del Vaughn, acting president at the first meeting; Henry Watkins, 1950; Fred Mill, 1951; Joe Hencel, 1953; Frank Gorbet, 1955; Howard Hinkel, 1958; Bob White, 1958; Neil Campbell, 1959; Hanley Rogers, 1959; Ed Wheeler, 1960; Mike Luyt, 1960, 1968, and 1969; Roger Saunders, 1962; Scott Albright, 1963; Burt Hickcox, 1963; Edgar Curry, 1964; Dr. Rollin Smith, 1965; Denis Bean, 1966; Joe Huston, 1966; Guy Walter, 1967; and Mark Kellman, 1968.

Luyt, who is the current president and is the immediate past governor of Toastmasters District 51, welcomed civic leaders and officials from Toastmasters International. They included Isen; William Venable, general manager of Toastmasters International; and Norman Wasserman, District 51 governor; and Joey Kumagai, Area 3 governor.

The invocation was offered by Walker, who paid tribute to past presidents Ross Potter (1962)



PAST PRESIDENTS . . . Past presidents of the Torrance Toastmasters Club 695 were honored during the club's 20th anniversary dinner. Shown here are (from left) Joey Kumagai, Area 3 governor; Scott Albright, club educational vice president and president in 1963; Mike Luyt, club president in 1960, 1968, and 1969, and immediate