

ANN LANDERS



Ex-Con Needs Help

Dear Ann: My husband is a good man who got into bad company. I am not trying to whitewash the situation. Buddy was stupid to do what he did. But it seems unfair that after he has paid his debt to society he should be unable to get a decent job. I'm afraid if someone doesn't hire him soon he'll go back with his old pals and end up in prison again.

For nearly a month, Buddy's been pounding the pavement, answering ads, going to employment agencies, filling out forms, and still no job. He's not afraid of work. He'll do anything but when they learn he has a record, that's it.

I make very good money at an electronics plant and our oldest boy (17) turns over every penny from his part-time job, but it kills my husband's pride that he isn't supporting his family. Please, Ann, tell us what to do. — N.Y. Wife.

Dear Wife: The Fortune Society is a volunteer organization started and run by ex-convicts in the New York area. The address is 1545 Broadway, New York, N.Y., 10036. Those outside the New York area should contact the State Employment Agency and ask specifically what companies in the state employ ex-convicts.

If any of you kind-hearted company presidents out there want to perform a tremendous service, please write to me and say you will take a chance on ex-cons. I promise to pass the word.

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Dear Ann Landers: I am the wife of a man who has had several torrid affairs since our marriage 24 years ago. None of his affairs meant anything to him. They were merely ego-booster, mostly with gold-diggers.

Last week I went to a lawyer to learn my rights if I were to sue for divorce. I was astonished at what a man's chasing around can cost him if his wife wants to get tough. I can literally kick him out of the house and he would have to support me as long as I live, provided I do not remarry. He would also have to support his children until they are 21—and put them through school.

People are always interested in "what happened" when a well known, affluent man gets a divorce. A few sentences from his wife could ruin him. The large and famous firm he works for would not smile kindly on an executive whose wife left him because of his games with a little tramp young enough to be his daughter.

I wonder if that cutie will still look good after the guy is financially drained, disgraced and on the hook for alimony and child support. I hope every man who is fooling around will read this letter and wonder if it was written by his wife. No clues, please—let 'em sweat. — Wiser Now

Dear Wiser: Here's your letter plus a word to all you fellows out there who are sweating a little. Please don't write and ask me what city the letter came from. I'm not talking.

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How will you know when the real thing comes along? Ask Ann Landers. Send for her booklet "Love Or Sex And How To Tell The Difference." 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 long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

After 13 years (more or less) of school, high school seniors are entering their silly season—the time preceding graduation.

Teachers, parents, and students themselves recognize the condition known as "senioritis"—when seniors ride a riptide of emotion—joy at their approaching "entrance" into the adult world and fear that leaving the relatively sheltered world of high school may be too tough for them to handle.

This causes seniors to behave strangely—at times happy, scared, slap-happy, apathetic, childish, affectionate, profound, hostile, friendly, timid, or solitary. They become much more critical of the "childish behavior" of the underclassmen, although they are frequently acting no better.

The recent warm spell of weather lately makes conditions worse. If seniors have already been accepted to college or made plans for next year, they may bring their bodies in class, but their minds may be elsewhere.

As visions of diplomas and the delights which follow graduation dance through their heads, they sometimes do strange or stupid things to "give people something to remember me by" or "to have one last fling." Hopefully, the results of this last fling won't leave a bad taste in everybody's mouth.

When you become a senior, Bruce, I hope you finish like a champ and not a chump.

Make all your memories good ones,
YOUR DAD.



ANNIVERSARY MARKED — Supervisor Burton W. Chace and three members of the Torrance League of Women Voters admire scroll presented to the League on its 50th anniversary by county supervisors. With Chace are (from left) Mrs. William Birdsall,

voter service chairman, 5005 Paseo de Las Tortugas; Mrs. Louis Lanzer, president-elect, 4229 Paseo de Las Tortugas and Mrs. James Van Oppen, president, 23648 Susana St.

League Honored On Anniversary

Fifty years of accomplishment in the education of voters by the League of Women Voters have been honored by county supervisors.

Acting on a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the board this week presented a scroll of merit to the county chapter of the League, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Accepting the scroll from Chace was Mrs. John Bartlett of Arcadia, president of the county chapter.

"There are more than 2,500 members of the League in Los Angeles County alone," Chace efforts toward educating the voters to issues and candidates have been extremely effective.

"The League is recognized by citizens and government

as a reliable research institution that has remained non-partisan in the best interests of voters," he said.

Chace pointed out that there are League Chapters in six of the areas in the Fourth Supervisorial District — Long Beach, Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Compton, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

"I have had an excellent working relationship with the various chapters and the women who have devoted themselves to this fine program," he said. It is a pleasure to honor them on their 50th anniversary.

Talent Contest Winners Named

The Strollin' Minstrels, a barber shop quartette, won first place in the senior division of the South Bay Exchange Club's annual "Search for Talent" last week.

The junior division first-place award was captured by Melvin Cortez, 7, and Ruthie Cruz, 8, of Carson, for their dance recital.

Members of The Strollin' Minstrels are Robert Baxter, Ronald Marzilli, Daniel Neece, and Daniel Wilson. All are residents of Torrance and students at South High School.

OTHER senior division winners were Ronna Lee Boucher, 16, of Torrance, second place for a vocal performance; and James R. Celoni, Torrance, third place for a classical piano selection.

Junior division awards were given to David Molinar, 13, of

Hahn Report Supervisor Takes Steps To Meet School Crisis

By KENNETH HAHN
County Supervisor

There is a crisis in our schools and immediate action must be taken to find a solution to this critical problem of our urban society.

Schools are being threatened to be shut down and there is fear among both teachers and students.

I believe the unrest, which most likely will become worse before it becomes better, must be dealt with now.

Therefore, I have asked President Richard Nixon to appoint a Blue-Ribbon Com-

mission on Education to permanently solve the crisis.

IN ADDITION, I have asked County Superintendent of Schools Richard M. Cloves and the County Board of Education to meet with the School Committee of the Grand Jury.

I would hope an investigation by the Grand Jury and a study by a Presidential commission might result in corrective measures to guarantee the best in education.

We need to meet the needs of all segments of our society and must keep schools safe from intimidation and violence — statewide as well as countywide and districtwide.

Another step which must be taken to improve our schools is to create an elective office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, separate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ALTHOUGH such a step would require an amendment to the State Constitution, I believe the need is critical.

There are 96 school districts in our county — elementary,

high school and junior college — many of them overlapping. Many citizens, school board members and superintendents are frustrated as to who is really responsible.

An elected superintendent, with a Board of Education, would have authority to develop its own curriculum, to establish a unified single tax rate to be applied equally to all districts on the basis of students and to eliminate the rich districts versus the poor districts problem.

UNDER MY plan, the existing school boards and district superintendents would remain the same — only all would be connected with the elected county superintendent rather than the elected State Superintendent.

As for the state school officials . . . they have failed to make any basic changes in curriculum during the last 50 years.

A county such as Los Angeles, with seven million people, must have authority to solve its own school problems.

Theater Benefit Slated

A benefit performance of "The Owl and the Pussycat" will be presented at Chapel Theatre in Lomita Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, the benefit will raise funds to purchase a marquee for the theater building. Reservations may be made by calling the Lomita Chamber.

Sunday at 1:30 p.m., Chapel Theatre will hold its annual membership meeting at the theatre, 2222 Lomita Blvd. Entertainment for the afternoon will be a sneak preview of the musical "Gypsy." Directed by Fred West. The musical will run May 2 through June 14.

Election of new board members will be the main order of business.

ECT Sets Meeting Monday

Members of the Educational Council of Torrance will meet Monday at noon at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

The program will feature a presentation on "Reading in Kindergarten" by Mrs. Margaret Collin, curriculum consultant; Dr. Frank Tyrrell, principal of Edison School; and Mrs. Shelly Foster and members of her kindergarten class at Arlington School.

The Middle Grade Boys' Chorus from Lincoln School will present musical selections.

San Pedro Elks Lodge Installs New Leaders

New officers of the San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 were installed Monday evening by a team led by Past Exalted Ruler John DiMassa.

Allus Moore was installed as the new exalted ruler. He is a resident of San Pedro. Other new officers are Henry Smith, San Pedro, leading knight; Ronald Dean Quick, San Pedro, loyal knight; and Robert Shannon, San Pedro, lecturing knight.

Robert F. Hodgson of San Pedro, was installed as secretary; Dr. Andrew DePaolo of

Rolling Hills Estates, was named treasurer; and Arthur Beddome of Lynwood and William Darnell of South Shores, were installed as tiler and assistant tiler.

Other Lodge officers include Bob Sanchez of San Pedro, esquire; Charles Holmes of San Pedro, assistant esquire; Robert Smith of San Pedro, chaplain; Robert Bershad of Palos Verdes, assistant chaplain; Eugene Powell of San Pedro, inner guard; Tennes Kolts of Harbor City, assistant inner guard.

Miss Zoo Hopefuls Sought

The title of Miss Los Angeles Zoo is currently up for grabs. Little ladies between the ages of 6 and 8 have until April 26 to apply for the contest. Applications are being accepted at local Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks centers.

Each entrant must select a favorite zoo animal, write a story about the animal, and draw a picture of the animal. Final judging will be May 10 at the zoo.

The winner will represent the zoo at animal adoptions, celebrations, and other events for one year.



NAME CHAIRMAN . . . Bret A. Swartz (left), manager of the Bank of America's Del Amo Financial Center office and treasurer of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, accepts appointment as chairman of the 1969-70 Tournament of Roses Committee which will plan Torrance's participation in the 1970 Tournament of Roses.



HONOR SPEAKER . . . Lt. Jack Mooring of the Los Angeles County Marshall's Office (center) receives a plaque of appreciation from Fred Frederking (right), program chairman, while L. Milton Isbell, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, watches. Lieutenant Mooring discussed the Unlawful Detainer in a presentation before members of the realty board.