

# ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 17-year-old boy with a problem. I don't seem to like girls. I date them but I have no interest in going steady or getting to know a girl really well.

In gym class I get nervous when I have to undress in front of other guys. And when I see them in the showers I feel uncomfortable, sort of a mixture of excitement and embarrassment.

Is there something wrong with me?

I realize my chances of getting a letter in your column are a million to one, but I do need help and I don't know where else to go. Please come to my rescue.—J. of Newark.

Dear J: Although the thoughts and feelings you express are by no means uncommon among adolescents, the fact that you are so concerned indicates you need to discuss this problem with a professional. Most schools have competent counselors. I hope your school is among them. If not, go to a mental health clinic. Newark has some excellent services.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband has been in prison for three years. I fell in love with another man after being alone for 18 months. I let the other man move into my home and now we have a baby six months old. I'm sure my friends and family think we are married.

Who is the legal father of this child? If my husband wants to get off the support hook, can he do so on the grounds that he is sterile? (I am almost sure he is.) This is quite a mess and I need your help because my husband will be out of prison in a couple of months, and I'm all mixed up about what's what. Thank you.

—Absence Creates Problems

Dear Ab: A man who has been in prison for three years could not have fathered a nine-month-old child even if he WEREN'T sterile. Legally, however, your husband is the baby's father until he takes steps to prove otherwise. You need to see a lawyer.

Dear Ann Landers: Educate the dumb public, please. Tell people that simply because you live next door to a family does not mean you are bosom buddies.

A woman leaned on my doorbell today for 15 minutes. I had to get out of the bathtub to answer. She had a kettle of sweet and sour meatballs for the next door neighbor. Would I mind taking it over later? Nobody answers their bell.

Delivery boys leave plants, packages and dry cleaning with me. I've been asked to put the neighbor's fish in my refrigerator. I've been stuck with C.O.D. packages and 100 pounds of fertilizer. At Christmastime someone left a pan of potato kugel here for the neighbor and our dog got into it. I never heard the end of it.

If you print my letter you will be performing a national service. There must be others who feel as I do.—Not Palsy Walsy.

Dear Not: I'm sure there are, but I'll wager a great many folks don't mind doing small favors for their neighbors. Since your dog ate that potato kugel, perhaps your neighbors would prefer that you not do them any more "favors." So why don't you just say "Sorry—no."

Drinking may be "in" to the kids you run with—but it can put you "out" for keeps. You can cool it and stay popular. Read "Booze and You—For Teen-Agers 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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## Turbofan Contract Given to Aeronca

The Garrett Corp. has selected Aeronca, Inc. for an \$18 million program for the design and production of engine pods, thrust reversers, and certain

accessories for the Garrett-AIResearch ATF 3 Turbofan Powerplant.

Initial production release which has just been awarded to Aeronca amounts to \$9 million. Delivery of the first prototype pod is scheduled for the latter part of 1969. Production level during the following year can reach 15 or more power pods per month to correspond with production of the ATF 3.

Aeronca was selected on the basis of its capability and experience in the design and fabrication of exhaust and inlet sections and other hot structure components for commercial jet engines. Aeronca, for many years, has maintained a position of leadership in this field.

The pod, thrust reverser, and certain accessories will be designed, manufactured and tested by the Aeronca Aerospace Group.

Major components and accessories will be manufactured by Aeronca's Middle-town Division located in Middletown, Ohio; installation provisions and final assembly will be accomplished by its Aerocal Division, Torrance.

## Japanese Official To Speak

Japan's trading relationships with the United States will be discussed by Hiroshi Matsuoka, executive director of the Japan Trade Center in Los Angeles, at Wednesday's meeting of the South Torrance Lion's Club.

Matsuoka will offer a two-sided appraisal of the international trade views currently being expressed, and will show a new film from Japan at the luncheon meeting at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, 20435 Hawthorne Blvd.

Merrell Sale, Lion's Club program chairman for the day, is in charge of arrangements for Matsuoka's visit.



**GOING TO MARKET . . .** A festive mood is apparent among the Indians bound for church and the market place in Chichicastenango, Guatemala. Before going into the Christian church, however, the devout will perform their pagan ceremonies so that the worshippers

will be assured of their place in the hereafter. This photograph was taken during the 1965 visit of a Torrance delegation to Guatemala as part of the Sister City program between Torrance and Guatemala City.

## In Kindergarten

# Council Hears of Reading Programs

Torrance kindergarteners demonstrated their skill at reading at a luncheon program of the Educational Council of Torrance held Monday at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Topic of the program was "Reading in Kindergarten — a Pilot Program."

Under discussion was a program being field-tested in Torrance schools by the South West Regional Labs, one of 20 government-financed regional laboratories set up under Title IV to translate research findings into products and processes intended to upgrade education in the nation's schools.

MRS. MARGARET Collin, curriculum consultant for Torrance Unified School District,

described the program currently being conducted in five states.

Last year, Mrs. Collin stated, one Torrance elementary school was involved in field-testing materials intended to teach students to read in kindergarten.

This year, she explained, 22 kindergartens are engaged in testing eight approaches to beginning reading.

BY THE END of the year kindergarteners who master the program will be able to read 90 words, which they will be taught; sound out and read other words composed of sounds they have been taught; and demonstrate understanding of what they read, Mrs. Collin asserted.

During their kindergarten year, the young readers will read 72 storybooks; learn to blend sounds through use of flashcards; learn to follow directions and respond through use of animal cards; and use supplementary books for extra reading materials and review, according to Mrs. Collin.

IN FOUR of the 22 schools, upper-grade students are helping the kindergarteners. Tutors use training kits prepared by the classroom teacher and melt with individual youngsters for half an hour three times a week.

To demonstrate techniques and their effectiveness, students in Mrs. Shelly Foster's kindergarten class at Arlington Elementary School conducted a sample reading lesson. Rounding out the demonstration was a tutoring session by to youngsters from Edison Elementary School.

## Redondo Enters '70 Rose Parade

Redondo Beach will participate in the 81st annual Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1, 1970, it was announced today by James B. Wood, president of the sponsoring Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Wood said Redondo Beach was invited to participate in a letter from President C. Lewis Edwards of the Tournament of Roses Association.

Redondo floats have been entered and have never failed to capture honors since 1960, Chamber officials said.

Tournament of Roses Offi-

cials announced that the parade will be carried nationwide and throughout Canada and Mexico on CBS and NBC, in color. It will also be telecast by five local stations and a Pacific Coast hook-up. Last year's viewing audience 100 million, according to the Nielsen Rating.

WOOD SAID the cost of the float would figure .000523 of a cent per person viewing the parade. In other words 1,000 people will see the Redondo Beach float for 5 cents.

Chamber Officials plan to enter a \$15,000 float — the bulk of which funds are contributed by Redondo Beach organizations and businessmen.

The theme of this year's parade is "Holidays Around the World."

## Tools Taken From Garage

A Torrance mechanic reported the loss of \$2,300 worth of mechanics' tools and tool chests Wednesday afternoon.

Bernard M. Bozeman, 29, of 21004-D Ladecene Ave., told police he believes the tools were taken sometime during the night of Mar. 26. Burglars removed the tools from Bozeman's garage after forcing the lock on the garage door.

## 'Governors' Highway' Plan Before Assembly

A proposal to designate a section of Interstate Highway 5, one of the newest additions to California's freeway system, as the "Governors Highway" has been submitted to the State Legislature by Assemblyman



JAN A. MEIER



ROBERT WESTERFIELD

## UROC Chooses Top Executives

South Bay United Republicans of California (UROC) have elected Jan A. Meier of Torrance and Robert Westerfield of Redondo Beach UROC District chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

The District covers Torrance and surrounding areas.

Mrs. Meier is a four-year UROC member and has served on the executive board of Palos Verdes Republican Club. As a state convention delegate, she has met with the water resources policy committee and is secretary of UROC Plan, designed to elect conservatives to all levels of public office.

ACTIVE in county and state Republican Central Committees, she has been alternate to the chairman of the 46th Assembly District Central Committee, Lincoln Dinner chairman, Republican Luau committee member and District publicity chairman.

Mrs. Meier was regional Rafferty for Senate chairman, South Bay publicity chairman for Governor Reagan's 1966 campaign, member of the Chapel for Assembly executive committee and Charles Edward Chapel Memorial Americanism Award Committee.

WESTERFIELD is a two-year UROC member, state convention delegate, chairman of Palos Verdes Republican Club's April 18 installation dinner and a charter officer of the Riviera Republican Club. He was South Bay chairman of Businessmen for Rafferty, has worked on Republican Round-Up, supports YAF and is a member of the Chapel Award Committee. He has been active with Republican youth groups and has served as a legislative analyst.

## A Letter . . . ... To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce:

Could talking be better than drugs—or alcohol for that matter?

That's one thing that a new idea, South Bay Project Quest, will attempt to explore in a series of meetings at the Torrance Recreation Center, starting next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

It's an interesting and promising approach to the question of why people—young and old—try to escape reality through chemicals such as drugs and alcohol.

Led by Tom Drucker, a UCLA doctoral student, the program sees dope as a symptom of some deeper problems affecting Americans of all ages. Early sessions in Redondo Beach, involved comparison of viewpoints between teenagers and adults on the issues which help from the "generation gap."

Drucker feels the dope scene involves misinformation on the part of adults and youngsters—that neither group understands drugs (and in some areas, scientists don't either) or what the other group is saying about them. Drugs are like alcohol in some respects; in other ways, they are dangerously different.

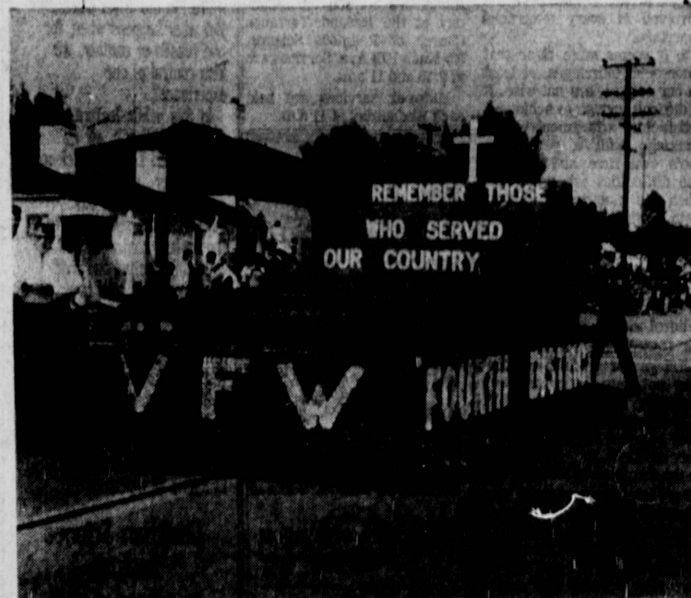
Why do teenagers use drugs?

1. For fun—escape from reality, like alcohol.  
2. For insight—a sort of "do-it-yourself psychiatric kit" which can be highly dangerous to a deranged personality.  
3. As a device to attract attention of parents who often are too busy to listen to their kids, and punish them.

"Adolescents are trying to break out of their inner loneliness, as they always have," says Drucker. "This is a deliberate attempt to get people to gain insight—through self-understanding of others."

It's worth trying.

YOUR DAD



**FOR PATRIOTISM . . .** The 14th annual Loyalty Day Parade will be held in Gardena Saturday, April 26, under the sponsorship of Veterans of Foreign Wars Fourth District Nisei Memorial Post 1961 and Gen. Rosecrans Post 3261 of Gardena. Featuring bands, floats and equestrian units, the parade will be held this year in honor of the late Sam (Navy Sam) Kronberger, a 30-year Navy veteran who served in both world wars. Related events include a pancake breakfast Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at VFW Memorial Hall, 1822 W. 162nd St., and a dance the day of the parade beginning at 9 p.m.

## Redondo High Greets Parents

An open house program will be held Tuesday evening at Redondo Union High School in observance of Public Schools Week. A general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., followed by classroom visitations.

Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge 328 sponsors the Public Schools Week events in the South Bay Union High School District.