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Dear Ann Landers: Several days ago I bumped into my 84-year-old grandfather who was driving around the business section. He was lost, confused and unable to identify himself by name. He did not recognize me.

I finally persuaded him to let me get in his car and direct him to his home. I almost had a heart attack as I sat beside him. Twice he began to turn into a one-way street. He nearly hit a pedestrian and did not see a stop sign. All this within 15 minutes.

When we reached the house, I went in, took Grandma aside and explained the situation. She became very upset when I suggested that Grandpa should not be driving—that he was endangering not only his life but the lives of others. Grandma assured me that even though he has occasional lapses of memory, his mind is sharp as a tack.

After much soul searching I sat down and wrote a letter to the Chief of Public Safety. Five days later Grandpa received a letter saying he could no longer drive. The family asked me if I had tipped off the officials and I said yes. Now they are all mad at me. I'm a "traitor" and a "no good louse."

Will you please tell me, in your opinion, I did the right thing?—Drummed Out of The Tribe

Dear Drummed: What you did took enormous courage and I salute you. It's too bad the state in which you live does not have mandatory periodic re-examinations for all drivers over 65. Get on the backs of your state legislators. The number of senile, half-blind, half-deaf drivers in this country would give you the screaming meemies.

Dear Ann Landers: I hope it isn't too late for a man to get in his nickel's worth about those "dead battery" couples who, after ten years of marriage, go completely dead.

If Myrtle and I wanted an excuse to cut back our sex life we would have some dandies. I work two jobs, a total of 14 hours a day—living proof that physical exhaustion is mostly mental. If a person wants to have enough energy after a hard day's work to make love, he'll manage it.

Myrtle runs after five kids, takes care of a big house, does the washing, ironing and cooking, plus running errands for the in-laws. She has no outside help and doesn't want any.

But are we too tired for romance? Not on your tinfoil, Annie. Our batteries are equipped with booster cables called love and respect. Our love life, like wine, gets better with age.

I know I've rambled a lot so please cut this letter down but don't kill the message.—A Happy Man

Dear Man: Here's your letter—and the message is very much alive. Thanks for writing.

How far should a teenage couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking And Petting—What Are The Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald enclosing 30 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed 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.

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A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

Somebody once said, "There are three kinds of people:

"1. Those who learn from their own experiences—the wise;

"2. Those who learn from other people's experiences—the happy; and

"3. Those who learn from neither—the fools."

One major source of parent-child conflict these days is how much experience of life a child should have—and when. You, Bruce, like to tell us, "Please, I'd rather do it myself?" and ask "why?" of us constantly. You want to hold, touch, feel, smell, and taste new sensations for yourself, even when we feel they're dangerous.

Being relatively new on Earth, kids are curious and have few inborn fears. They want to experience as much as fast as they can. Trouble, they feel, is something that happens to other people. Few admit they are too young to try anything.

On the other hand, adults fear all sorts of things—sometimes with good reason; sometimes they're scared only because they are afraid of their child being exposed to ideas they don't like. Sometimes, they try to shield their child from failure when he really would gain more from flopping, as was pointed out in a South Bay Project Quest meeting Monday.

No matter where the drinking or smoking or driving age is set, kids seem to want to experience them earlier, and parents want to protect them later.

In such areas as drugs and sex, parents are probably often too fearful about their kids' behavior, on the other hand, kids often tend to think that trouble couldn't happen to them—and there the trouble begins.

Yours for happiness,
YOUR DAD



IN PARADE . . . A U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard will march tomorrow in the annual Loyalty Day Parade in Gardena. The parade, sponsored by the Gardena Veterans of Foreign Wars, General Rosecrans Post No. 3261, is scheduled to begin moving at 2 p.m. at Vermont Avenue and Gardena Boulevard. More than 200 units are scheduled to participate in the event, making it the largest in the history of the Gardena Loyalty Day observance. The parade route is west on Gardena Boulevard to Normandie Avenue, north to 162nd Street, and west to the Gardena City Hall. The reviewing stand will be located at the City Hall. Col. Patrick M. Mulcahey, commander of Ft. MacArthur, will be grand marshal.

State Senate Approves Salary Hike for Solons

SACRAMENTO—The State Senate, by a vote of 28-9, has adopted a measure by James Q. Wedworth (D-Inglewood), to raise salaries of legislators from \$16,000 to \$19,200 annually.

The measure now goes to the Assembly for approval, and then if adopted, to Gov. Ronald Reagan for signature. If signed into law, an additional \$384,000 annually will be added to the budget for the Legislature.

The move for a salary increase was the first since the people voted in 1966 to give the state's solons \$16,000 a year instead of \$6,000.

THE PROPOSED increase would be in addition to the \$25 per day expenses the legislators voted themselves for living expenses while the Legislature is in session, rental of private automobiles for their use the year round, office staffs both in Sacramento and their districts, and a liberal retirement system.

The proposed salary increase would be effective Jan. 4, 1971.

Two Democrats were among

the no votes. They were cast by Sens. Albert E. Rodda of Sacramento and Walter Stern of Bakersfield. The seven other no votes were cast by Senators, Bradley, Cologne, Harmer, Lagomarsino, Nejedly, Sherman, and Way.

HARMER told the Senate it would go against his conscience to vote for the measure while the state was in the process of cutting welfare and medical aid.

There was little debate on the measure, but it was notable that on the first roll-call, many of the senators left the chamber, and a call was put on by Wedworth, which dragged through the morning as the author sought votes to pass the measure.

This was difficult as the measure needed a two-thirds majority, or 27 votes to pass. Wedworth finally managed at the close of the session, to pick up the needed votes, and one extra.

IMMEDIATELY following the first roll call, the Senate

adopted a measure adding certain of the Senate officers to the legislative retirement system. A similar measure was vetoed by the governor last year. The present bill excludes most of the legislative attaches, who were included in the retirement system in the bill adopted last year.

The retirement measure was SB 473, by Sen. Jack Schrade (R-San Diego).

Song Group Will Appear In Concert

"The Grand Land Singers" will present a patriotic concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the North High school gymnasium. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The concert is sponsored by the Lazy R Ranch Youth Group of Torrance under the leadership of James O'Brien, North High athletic department. The youth group provides off campus activities and a summer program for high school students.

Next to Hospital

New Zoning Voted For Medical Group

A medical service and research facility will be built just east of the new Torrance Memorial Hospital now under construction on Lomita Boulevard east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Plans to build the new medical center soared ahead Tuesday when the Torrance City Council voted unanimously to grant TorMed a zone change on the property from heavy

manufacturing to a strictly commercial (C-3).

However, councilmen expressed concern about granting the zone change, since they felt they could not be perfectly certain the developers would use the land for the medical facility.

EVEN WITH the required precise plan of development for the area, the council could not control the use of the land. The precise plan would only give them control of such aspects as building placement and height, landscaping, and parking.

"They could put in a 7-11 Market, couldn't they?" asked Mayor Albert Isen.

To solve the problem, councilmen assigned the city's Planning Department to develop plans for a new "hospital

zone" for the area. When the new zone is included in the zoning ordinance, the entire medical complex including the hospital will be zoned for medical use only.

IN APPROVING the zone change, councilmen concurred with both the Planning Department and the Planning Commission. Both planning bodies consider the subject property suitable for the construction of the radiological medicine facility developers have proposed.

However, the zone change was opposed by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, which feels that city land suitable for manufacturing should be retained for industrial uses. Objecting on the same ground was the R. G. Harris Co.

Drunk Driving Arrests Increase 28 Per Cent

SACRAMENTO—Twenty-eight per cent more drunk drivers were arrested by the California Highway Patrol during the first quarter of 1969 than for the same period last year according to statistics released today by Gordon C. Luce, state secretary of the Business and Transportation Department.

During the first three months of the year, Luce said, 14,212

drunk drivers were cited compared with 11,106 during the same period of 1968. More than 5,000 arrests were made in March alone.

The secretary said the rise in drunk driving arrests is due primarily to an increase of about 10 per cent in man hours of enforcement by the highway patrol officers.

Luce stressed increased vigilance and more stringent enforcement practices, "as a determined effort to rid our highways and streets of the drunk driving menace. We are out to convince the drinking driver that this dangerous practice no longer will be tolerated on California highways."

Unruh Sets Address On Campus

Jesse M. Unruh, former speaker of the Assembly and one of the most influential figures in state government, will be the final speaker in the Harbor Forum series Wednesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at Harbor College's men's gym.

Subject of his talk will be "The Challenge of Politics."

He will also speak to a student meeting at noon in Seahawk Center.

Unruh, who served as speaker of the Assembly from 1961 until the last election, has provided leadership to increase the capabilities of the Legislature to serve as an independent and strong branch of state government.

The fields of tax reform, public health insurance, recreation, rapid transit, education, civil rights, and promotion of the arts have been affected by much of his legislation.

As a leader of the Democratic party, he has played key roles in the campaigns of national and state office holders. He has been a consultant of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, advisor of the Carnegie Corporation and a Chubb Fellowship lecturer of politics at Yale University.

All seats are reserved. Tickets will also be sold at the auditorium box office on the nights of the performances as they are available.

Heading the cast are Mike McElroy as "Harold Hill," the music man; Caroline Kingston as "Marion," William Snare as "Mayor Shinn," Ruben Lugo as "Marcellus," Ray Bengston as "Tommy," and Karen Rivera as "Mrs. Shinn."

Others featured in the cast include Taylor Thompson, Ann McCollum, Richard Sullivan, Sean Tretheway and Sandy Frederik.

South Side

By Lynne Alessio

The Chocolate is here!

Beginning last Wednesday when an assembly was called to explain the candy sale, the Student Body launched their plan to infest the area with candy bars.

Each day, a name will be selected from a fish bowl and prizes will be awarded. Each person who sells one box of chocolate will be excused from school to see "Far From the Madding Crowd."

THE PERSON who sells the most chocolate by the end of the sale, March 30, will be awarded a cash prize of \$100. The second place winner will receive \$50, and third place is \$15. In addition, the class whose students sell the most chocolate will receive \$100, and the club whose members sell the most amount of chocolate will be awarded \$50. Proceeds from the sale will go for more and better school activities.

The "Triple Alliance," backed by the "Soul Symbols" will play at the dance tomorrow night, sponsored by Spartan athletes. Tickets for the dance, to be held from 8 to 11:30, cost \$1. Ping-pong tables and a volleyball court will be set up in the mezzanine.

MONDAY begins Senior Week at South. Each day brings a different activity for members of the Class of '69. Luncheon activities include, three-legged races Monday; a football game Tuesday; tug-of-war, Wednesday; and a pie-eating contest, Thursday.

Tuesday is also hat and class day. The winner of the ugly man contest will be announced on Thursday. In this contest, any senior boy can get a picture of himself making an ugly face and submit it for judging. Friday is Senior Ditch Day. There will be a half day of school then a "beach" party in the afternoon.



NEW OFFICERS . . . Newly elected officers of the Riviera Homeowners' Association are (from left) Lorne O'Brien, first vice-president; James (Scotty) Finlay, president; Mrs. Evelyn Clukey, treasurer; and

Richard Hall, second vice-president. Officers not pictured are Sidney Croft, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. John Schoenberg, recording secretary.