

ANN LANDERS



No Fancy Language

Dear Ann Landers: My husband was never very demonstrative but since we've been married he refuses to say one tender or loving word to me. We are not old fogies, Ann. I'm 27. Gorko is 28.

Last night we were watching a movie on TV. It was the movie we had seen together on our first date. I remember so well how Gorko held my hand and squeezed it during the romantic parts.

When the TV movie ended I was floating on a cloud. I turned to Gorko and asked, "Honey, do you love me?" He grunted, "I'm here, ain't I?"

Why are some men so insensitive? How can a woman get her husband to say sweet things to her?
— Gorko's Wife.

Dear Wife: Some men aren't much when it comes to fancy language and apparently Gorko is among them. It's not that these men don't feel anything, it's simply that they are unable to verbalize.

Words can be heart-warming, reassuring, and great for the ego, but in the final analysis, it's how the guy treats you that counts. So don't be too critical, Honey. In Gorko's words, "He's there, ain't he?"

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Dear Ann Landers: A few days ago I was riding the bus to work. Two men were sitting across the aisle smoking their fool heads off. There was a sign on the bus that said, NO SMOKING.

The ventilation was such that I was getting the smoke right in my face. I fanned myself and made it obvious that their smoke was bothersome. They ignored me. Then I began to cough. They continued to puff away.

When they finished their cigarettes I heaved a sigh of relief. Within half a minute they lit up again. At that point I went to the bus driver and reported them. The driver told me he could do nothing unless I signed a complaint. So I signed. The driver then went back and told the men they'd have to put out their cigarettes.

Why did I have to sign something? Doesn't the driver have the authority to make passengers obey the rules of his bus? Please explain. — CTA Customer

Dear Customer: The bus drivers in Chicago, and everywhere else in the U.S., so far as I know, have the authority to ask a passenger to stop smoking.

It is against the law (city ordinance) to smoke on a bus. People who break this law can be arrested.

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Dear Ann Landers: You've lost a fan. I used to think you were tops, but no more. Recently, in a confidential at the foot of the column, you referred to a garage mechanic as a "grease monkey." Just because a fellow works around grease does that make him a grease monkey? You work with a typewriter. Would you care to be called a typewriter monkey?

Your careless use of the language was an insult to many fine people. I feel you owe them an apology. — Garage Mechanic's Wife

Dear Wife: This typewriter monkey offers her humble apologies to all the grease monkeys who took offense. None was intended.

Give in or lose him... when a guy gives you this line, look out! For tips on how to handle the super sex salesman, check Ann Landers. Read her booklet, "Necking and Petting—What Are the Limits?" Send your request to Ann Landers in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing 50 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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Musical Scheduled By Rec Department

Auditions for "The Pajama Game," the fifth annual summer teen musical, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department will be held Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Those planning to audition should meet at the recreation center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 for registration. Call-backs will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

Actors, musicians, singers, and dancers as well as stage and costume crews are needed

for the production which will be directed by Chuck Slater.

Donnelly Fenn is the music director, Ron Large the orchestra director and Key Turney serves as dance director for the musical which will be held at the Torrance High School Auditorium.

Rehearsals will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning Monday, June 16 in preparation for the performances which will be held Friday, July 25; Saturday, July 26; and Sunday, July 27.

Council Groups Named

City Council standing committees were formed at Tuesday night's meeting. The three-man committees will be assigned to study various issues which fall within their purview and make recommendations to the council as a whole.

The seven committees are listed below, which chairmen are named first:

● Finance: Ross Sciarrotta, Jay Beasley, and Orin Johnson;

● Recreation, Culture, and Parks: Mayor Albert Isen, Orin Johnson, and Ken Miller;

● Police, Fire, and Public Safety: Ken Miller, William J. Uerkwitz, and Ross Sciarrotta;

● Public Works: William J. Uerkwitz, Mayor Albert Isen, and Jay Beasley;

● Civil Service: Orin Johnson, Ross Sciarrotta, and Donald E. Wilson;

● Community Affairs: Donald E. Wilson, Ken Miller, and Mayor Albert Isen.

Transit Costs Rising

The Torrance Transit System is costing more and serving fewer passengers all the time, City Councilmen learned at Tuesday's meeting.

An expense statement for the first quarter of 1969 indicated that 128,448 passengers were carried, with net loss tallied at \$40,096. During the same quarter in 1968, 161,284 passengers were carried at a net loss of \$14,440.

During the first nine months of the current fiscal year (ending March 31), the net loss was \$100,922. Exactly 393,723 passengers were carried.

For the same nine months of the last fiscal year, net loss was \$56,260 and 471,979 passengers were carried.

Oldsters May Get Free Bus

Councilman Orin Johnson has proposed a plan to provide free bus transportation to senior citizens bound for civic and recreational activities.

In an address before City Council Tuesday night, Councilman Johnson said the city needs a program to help the elderly become more involved in local events.

"I am convinced that only a very small number of people are participating," he said, "and that the vast majority do not participate because of the problem of not being able to get to the recreation centers or functions."

Johnson proposed that all those who are duly registered members of the senior citizen organization in Torrance be given free bus transportation to and from official recreation functions of the city. Members would have the same free rides to and from senior citizens facilities.

Eventually, Johnson said, he hopes the city will purchase mini-buses to pick up senior citizens at their homes and deliver them to official functions. He said a slight increase in senior citizen dues might pay for the buses.

Boy Hangs Himself In Shower

The mother of a 17-year-old South High student returned home at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday to discover her son's body hanging by a leather belt in the bathroom.

Mrs. Evelyn Mary Fisher, 32-B Calle Miramar, found the body of her son, James Alexander Fisher, suspended from the shower enclosure, police said.

Police listed the death as a suicide, determining that the youth was possibly despondent about the prospect of being drafted and sent to Vietnam. No note was found.

The victim would have been 18 years old May 23.



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