

# Forcing Food Is No Answer

By ANN LANDERS  
Dear Ann Landers: I'm the father of five children. My wife thinks children should be forced to eat everything that is put on the table. When the platters are passed if the children do not take a helping of everything offered my wife puts it on their plates.

He decided his mother would not accept me regardless. He has stood me up on dates and lied about where he had been. I've loaned him several hundred dollars and he has made no effort to repay me. I have a hunch I've been subsidizing a secret romance between him and a young car-pool but he denies everything. Right now I'm on nerve pills and under a doctor's care.

If they don't clean their plates she makes them sit at the table, sometimes for as long as two hours. Dinner time at our house is getting to be a nightmare. The kids start to cry the minute they sit down at the table. Sometimes I get so upset I can't eat a bite.

I need advice but don't tell me to stop seeing him. I love the louse, and there will never be anyone else for me. Please give me some help.—RUTH

Dear Ruth: I can't help you. You won't let me. The only solution to your problem is to break up with the man, but you don't want to. He has all the qualities of a dog except loyalty. And you enjoy the abuse.

My wife says her brother was a finicky eater and she's going to see to it that HER kids grow up to like everything. Please tell me if she's right or wrong.—NERVOUS DAD

Dear Ann Landers: My mother reads your column every day and so do I. Please print this for both of us. I am 15 and have never had a date but I talk about boys a lot. Does this mean I am boy-crazy? My mother hears me talk on the telephone and then starts with the boy-crazy bit. Please give us your opinion — NORMAL I THINK

Dear Dad: Finicky eaters are a nuisance but your wife's approach couldn't be worse. Forcing food on children is no way to get them to like it. It's a sure device for getting them to hate it.

Dear Normal—I THINK, TOO: A 15-year-old gal who has never had a date is not boy-crazy if she merely talks about boys. Interest in the male animal is par for the course at 15.

Urge your wife to get professional guidance at once. Any doctor will tell her she's raising her children to despise food and meal time.

Dear Ann Landers: You'll probably think I'm silly but I would like a little advice on a trivial matter. I'm on the lyin' side of 40, considered attractive and most people think I'm about 33. My hair is starting to turn gray and I abhor the thought of dyeing it. Is there anything else that can be done with gray hair?—PHYLIS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a divorced woman who has been going with a man for three years. For two years I was ignorant about his church and believed him when he said we couldn't be married in his church because it didn't recognize my first marriage. Then

Dear Phyllis: Yes. You can admire it.

## Dismantling Of Mill Set

DUNSMUIR — Ralph L. Smith Lumber Company employees at the Castella sawmill have been notified that the mill will close about Dec. 23 and dismantling operations will begin early next year.

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This closure affects 22 employees, most of them residents of Castella. The mill has been in operation since 1938, the last of several sawmill operations in Castella.

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No reason was given by Smith company management for ceasing production at Castella. Lack of timber and the fact that the plant was too small for reprocessing operations may have been contributing factors.

Job prospects for the 23 men now employed by the mill do not seem too encouraging at present. If the lumber market improves in the spring, the company will attempt to place them at the mill at Mount Shasta or the one at Anderson, a company announcement said.

NOT GOOD SPANISH  
BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — The Academy of Letters has ruled that the name "Fanny" isn't good Spanish. It ought to be "Paquita" or "Fransquita," the academy decided.

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SAVINGS SAVE DAY  
SOLANA BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A woman seeking funds for a plane ticket to her mother's funeral back East recalled a sav-

ings account that her mother had opened jointly in their names. She withdrew the entire amount — \$251.59. Her plane ticket came to \$251.79.

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP)—A 3-year-old Chihuahua has had a litter of six pups with a total weight of 17 ounces. The little dog has had 17 pups in 18 months.

## Trouble Seen For Proposed Bridge

PORTLAND (AP)—Financing a proposed Columbia River bridge between Astoria, Ore., and Megler, Wash., is likely to run into trouble in at least the Oregon Legislature, interim subcommittee members said at a meeting here Monday.

The bridge would have an annual deficit of \$325,000 for 30 years, subcommittee members were told, and the question at the meeting was who would pay it.

Three fourths of the population adjacent to the bridge approaches is in Oregon. Washington representatives suggested this be the basis for a 75-25 per cent split of the deficit with Oregon paying

the larger amount. Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, chairman of the Oregon Interim Subcommittee on Highways, said the legislature could be expected to balk at that. However, he said, Oregon now provides an annual subsidy of more than \$100,000 for the ferries operating between Astoria and Megler, and this provides a basis for considering payments.

Sen. Robert C. Bailey, South Bend, Wash., said his state likely would approve subsidy payments of not more than \$200,000 annually with the affected counties paying a substantial part.

Total cost of the bridge is estimated at \$23.4 million.

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