

Is A 50-Year-Old 'Middle-Aged'?

By ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: I am a 17-year-old boy with a perfectly sensible question which no one seems to be able to answer. So I am writing to you. Why do 50-year-old people refer to themselves as "middle-aged"? How many people live to be 100 anyway? My own idea is that middle age should be half of life expectancy, which puts it at about 35. My own parents are in the 50-year-old group and they consider themselves middle-aged. Are they trying to kid themselves — or what? Please let me know what you think about this. It's been bugging me for a long time. — SPEAKER OF THE TRUTH

Dear Speaker: When I was 17, I thought middle age was about 30. When I got to be 30 I showed middle age up about 10 or 15 years—and I've been shoving it up ever since. Why all this preoccupation with age, Buster? I've said it before and I'll say it again... it's only a number, Baby.

Dear Ann Landers: I have hunted everywhere for the newspaper that carried your column about an 11-month pregnancy. Will you please tell me when and where this happened?

My friend bet me \$10 that no such item appeared. She claims all pregnancies are about the same length of time and that people get confused for all sorts of reasons. I know she is wrong because I was pregnant with my second child for 11½ months.

Please settle this for us. Thank you—J and R.

Dear J and R: There was nothing in my column recently about an 11-month pregnancy. What you are probably referring to is a letter from a woman who complained because her friend could never get anyone on time. She repeated the town joke—that Adelle

was an 11-month baby and has been late ever since.

The average full-term pregnancy is about 280 days, which is approximately nine months. This can vary several days one way or the other. But medical science has never recorded an 11½-month pregnancy. Maybe it just seemed that long. Honey.

Dear Ann Landers: Our son Ron is going to marry a fine girl whom I will call Anna Marie. She was born and reared in another country and her parents speak very little English. They are very foreign in their ways.

Please don't take my head off and tell me I am a snob. Our son is lucky to get this girl. Anna Marie is not only beautiful, but also brilliant and talented. She has already secured a teaching position on the staff of a conservatory and will help put Ron through law school.

The wedding will be held at a hall and the guests will be requested to bring money instead of gifts. This will appear on the invitation. I was mortified when I heard it, but apparently it is the custom in Europe. My husband says to keep my nose out of it and to let them do whatever they want.

I'm afraid when our family and friends get the invitations they will be shocked. Please tell me what to do—M.M.M.

Dear M.M.M.: Take your husband's advice. Since you will provide the bride's mother with your guest list you'll be able to phone or drop each of your guests a line explaining the European custom. Let them know there is nothing obligatory about it.

Confidential to USED, ABUSED AND ACCUSED: Your letter was one of the most vitriolic attacks I've ever read. May I suggest that you speak more kindly of your enemies. Remember — you made them.

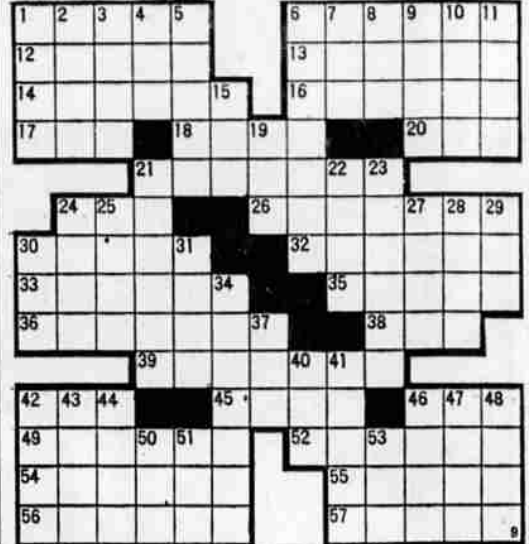
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Anniversaries

ACROSS
1 First wedding anniversary
6 50th anniversary
12 Pointed arch
13 Retail
14 Baseball events (coll.)
16 Painter
17 Turkish officer
18 Japanese tree
20 Prescribe
21 Turtle
24 Maxim
26 Mexican drink
30 50th anniversary
32 Urged to pay
33 Bank bells
35 Loaf
36 Will appendix
38 Lily (fr.)
39 Fetter
42 Outfit
45 Mud

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DOWN
1 Hawaiian gooseberry
2 Alert
3 Cotton (Egypt)
4 Mother of men
5 Run again
6 Understood
7 Over (poet.)
8 Assault craft
9 Podium
10 Otherwise
11 True profit
13 Spring
19 Quick
21 Yogurt
22 Equal (prefix)
23 Rung
24 London district
25 Dry
27 Intimately
28 Dregs
29 Paid notices
30 Federal authority (ab.)
31 Austrian river
34 60th anniversary
37 Landing craft (infantry ab.)
40 Pronunciation aid (feb.)
41 Loans
42 Japanese language
43 Metal
44 Equine gait
45 Indignant
46 Indignant Japanese (var.)
47 Merganser
48 Logs
50 Prawn
51 Longing (slang)
52 Metal



Figures Listed At Crater Lake

While visitor totals at Crater Lake National Park for the month of July this year are slightly under 1962, year of the booklet, "Help For The Alcohol-ic," enclosing your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Science Fair in Seattle, they still reached 73,000 registrations at the Annie Springs checking station. Last year 78,000 people saw the famous Oregon lake.

Camping in the park has decreased somewhat this year due to the cool season but is picking up as weather warms. All facilities are open.

Little delay in travel is caused by the realignment of park highways which will be completed by fall of this year.

State Education Director Bans Daily Religious Acts

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., state education commissioner, has directed school districts to refrain from daily religious exercises, "even to what is sometimes referred to as 'voluntary' action by pupils."

The directive reinforced Allen's already stated determination to abide by the U.S. Supreme Court decision on religious exercises in public schools.

At the same time, the commissioner urged the state's public schools to give renewed emphasis on teaching moral and spiritual values.

"Our young people need today as never before," Allen said, "to acquire the inner strength that comes from knowledge and understanding of these values."

Appeal By Parents
The ruling came on an appeal by parents of students in the Levittown Union Free School District.

No. 5 on Long Island. The local Board of Education on Sept. 4, 1962 adopted a resolution that each school day begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by "reading or recitation of an appropriate excerpt from the Bible... singing of the fourth stanza of 'America' or... an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence or other historical document significant to our national and spiritual heritage."

Allen said it was apparent that the Levittown board "deliberately set out to evade the constitutional prohibition against daily religious exercises in public schools."

He said it was only the daily morning devotional exercises that the Supreme Court decisions and his own were concerned with.

Dismissed Appeal
Allen said he dismissed an appeal against use of the Pledge of Allegiance because the Supreme Court had not been called upon to decide its constitutionality.

However, he said the New York Court of Appeals was presently considering whether the words "Under God" in the pledge were unconstitutional.

In June, 1962, the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a prayer written by the state Board of Regents. Two months later Commissioner Allen ruled that a stanza of the "Star-Spangled Banner" — designated a prayer by a local district — also was unconstitutional.

In a letter accompanying copies of the Levittown decision to school districts across the state, Allen said the ways and means that public schools can supply moral and spiritual teaching are many and varied.

"They are found in the study of history, literature, music and art," he said, "and in all subjects in which the great religions have played a strong part in the shaping of aspirations and growth."

Committee Votes To Add To Large Estate Taxes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Ways & Means Committee has voted an added tax on large estates left to heirs by persons who die in 1963 and thereafter.

The proposal applies only to estates which include securities and property that has increased in market value during the lifetime of the owner.

Approved Wednesday by a 14-11 vote, the committee plan would require the heir to pay a capital gains tax on some of the "paper profits" earned by the deceased.

Under the present tax law, the liability for these profits is wiped out when the owner dies. If the new owner sells the property he must pay a capital gains tax only on profits resulting from a rise in the value of the property since he inherited them.

There is one exemption from the provision of the committee plan. Any property acquired by the decedent prior to 1931 would not be affected.

Under the committee plan, the new rules would apply only to estates with a total market value in excess of \$60,000.

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'55 Pontiac Chieftain 4-Door Sedan. White, radio and heater, automatic	\$ 595	\$ 395	\$200
'55 Plymouth 2-Door Hardtop. Brown and white. Radio, heater, automatic, V-8	\$ 695	\$ 495	\$200
'55 Mercury Monterey 2-Door Hardtop. Canary Yellow. Radio, heater, automatic	\$ 595	\$ 395	\$200
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'54 Ford 4-Door Wagon. Light green. Radio and heater, Ford-o-matic, V-8	\$ 495	\$ 295	\$200
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'53 Chevrolet 210 2-Door Sedan. White and grey. 6 cylinder, stick	\$ 295	\$ 125	\$170
'53 Chevrolet 210 4-Door Sedan. Green, 6 cylinder, stick	\$ 295	\$ 195	\$100
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