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Wild Girl Leads Son Into Trouble

By ANN LANDERS
Dear Ann Landers: I will remember this day as long as I live. Today they came and took my beloved 19-year-old son to jail. As I sank into a chair, stunned and bewildered, my eyes fell on your column in today's paper.



The first letter was from a mother who signed herself "Frantic." She was writing about her 14-year-old daughter who was completely out of control. Well, the reason my son went to jail is because another mother let her 14-year-old daughter run wild. This girl did not have to be home at any specific hour. She could go out with anyone, any age, anywhere.

When I learned my son was dating a 14-year-old girl I phoned her mother and begged her to keep this over-sexed child at home. I was told she had always been a problem, and that they could do nothing with her.

When the girl became pregnant my son was charged with carnal knowledge and found guilty.

So please, Ann, advise parents who can't control their daughters to send them to detention homes so the boys will be safe.—HEARTBROKEN

Dear Heartbroken: I would like to remind you and all mothers of sons that there will always be sex-pots around—girls who are not only willing, but aggressively seeking male attention.

If mothers raise their sons to respect their maleness and to respect womanhood, and if they are taught that the human body has a higher purpose and

is not a plaything, there will be no need to worry about a son being dragged off to jail for immoral conduct.

Dear Ann Landers: A very good friend of mine is a great talker. She can report a trivial incident and can make it sound like the most earth-moving epic of all times. In the middle of her dramatic presentation she invariably becomes snaggled on a minor detail. Sample: "And then on Tuesday—or was it Wednesday—no, I think it was Tuesday because Tuesday is the day Molly comes at 9 a.m. No it was Monday and not Tuesday. I remember clearly now—or was it Friday?" By then, of course I've lost interest in what she was saying.

Why do people do this? Don't they realize it doesn't matter an iota to the listener whether it was Monday, Tuesday or Sunday? Please shed a little light.—GNASHED TEETH

Dear Teeth: Of course this sort of self-interruption ruins a story but it's strange that so many people are addicted to the habit. They are actually trying to settle the point to their own satisfaction. Unfortunately, it's the listener who suffers.

Dear Ann Landers: A standing ovation for Bennie. He is the 14-year-old boy who has learned the most important lesson of life—self-discipline.

I saw one boy go from bad to worse, even with the best guidance. Why? Because he wallowed in self-pity. He was told he had a miserable childhood, stupid parents and was not taught the proper values. It never occurred to the boy that he could teach himself anything.

I know of another young person who had a far more turbulent life. He lived in orphanages, went through juvenile courts—even jail. This boy will soon be getting his high school diploma through the mails. Then he plans to go onto college. He holds a job and is making his way with no outside financial help.

I hope Bennie and other young people will continue to teach themselves the things they failed to learn from their parents. I concede, of course, that it's not so easy as blaming the world for our failures but it is immensely rewarding.—DES

Dear DES: Thank you for reminding us that if we don't like what we are, we can do something about it. And we can start the "Better Me" program by accepting responsibility for ourselves.

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Pilgrimage Dates Set

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The visit of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land will take place from Jan. 4 to 6, the Vatican announced today.

The Pope also may pay a brief visit to Lebanon during the peace pilgrimage, Vatican sources said.

Commenting on an invitation from the Lebanese government, the sources said the pontiff probably would want to accept. If he does, they added, the visit probably will be restricted to a brief stop at the Beirut airport. Lebanon is the most heavily Catholic country in the Middle East, with an estimated 42 percent of the population believed to belong to that faith.

Vatican sources today expressed gratification over the welcome the world has given to the plans for the trip announced by the Pope as he closed the second session of the ecumenical council on Wednesday.

"The worldwide response is really heartening," one source said today. But the Vatican maintained a tactful silence to suggestions that the Pope step into the Israeli-Arab dispute.

The Holy Land, where Christ and Christianity were born, is now divided between Israel and

the Arab state of Jordan.

Today's official announcement of the dates of the Pontiff's visit did not include the stops on his "peace pilgrimage." But Pope Paul said he would go to pray where Christ was born, lived, died, and was resurrected.

The Lebanese Arab newspaper Al Shaab said the Pope's visit "must be the occasion of destroying the foundations of Israel."

But Vatican sources have emphasized that the visit will seek to ease rather than heighten political tensions in the area.

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Ruby's Attorney Criticized On Ethics

DALLAS (UPI) Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, who will prosecute Jack Ruby for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, has escaped criticism by his peers for violating ethics in statements to news media.

Defense attorney Tom Howard, however, apparently was still in hot water with the Texas Bar Association.

The two appeared before a grievance committee of the Texas Bar Association Thursday night. Wayne O. Woodruff, chairman of the committee, said the closed-door meeting was to check for violation of

Canon 17 of the bars code of ethics.

He defined the canon as prohibiting interviews concerning pending or anticipated cases. Violation can mean a reprimand, loss of license or disbarment.

A terse statement released after the meeting made it clear

Wade was off the hook and said he had only been there as an invited witness.

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