Child Enjoys Too Much Freedom

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Ten years ago our son married a girl who teaches psychology. Since we live in a distant city we don't see them very often. Judging by our last visit, perhaps it's just as well.

Their 8-year-old son says and does whatever comes to mind. He is rude and disrespectful, interrupts adults when they are speaking, and behaves as if the whole world revolves around him.

One evening when the boy was watching TV his mother asked him to put his bicycle in the garage. He replied, "Drop dead."

She ignored his remark and put the bicycle away herself. Later that evening I told her I thought the boy should not be allowed to speak to her that way. She answered, "All children sometimes wish their parents were dead. I believe in allowing our son the freedom to express himself instead of burying his hostility."

I was so stunned I could not reply. I am still unable to get over it. Is she crazy or am I? —SPEECHLESS

Dear Speechless: I doubt that she's crazy but I certainly can't say much for her approach to child rearing. A child's hostilities should be worked off but there are better ways than getting lippy with parents.

Children who are permitted to say and do anything they please, grow up to be obnoxious. And they often have a tough time adjusting to a world which will not tolerate such guff.

Dear Ann Landers: I feel compelled to defend a great lady who is unable to defend herself—Mother Nature. You were comforting the flat-chested girl and encouraging her to fill with cotton what God had forgotten.

Every human being is made with the genes supplied by the parents. Why then blame Mother Nature? It's just as though someone gave you all the materials with which to build a house—and didn't include anything for a porch.

You gave the girl good advice but you didn't go far enough. You should have told her that when she selects a mate she should take a good look at his mother, his sisters and his aunts. If a flat-chested woman chooses a husband from a flat-chested family the chances are good that her daughters will be in no better shape than she's in.—OL' COTTON PICKER

Dear Ol' Cotton Picker: Heaven help us when this becomes a consideration in selecting a husband. People are already getting married for wacky enough reasons without adding this to the list.

Dear Ann Landers: Can you help me? I always feel so stupid when I must make a condolence call because I never know how to express my sympathy to someone who has lost someone close.

It's not too difficult if the person is a casual acquaintance. I simply say, "You have my sympathy." But when a dear friend or a close relative has died that phrase seems empty and inadequate.

Are there any special rules of conduct when calling on the bereaved? Recently we made such a call at a neighbor's home and it looked as if a party was in progress. I mentioned to my husband that I thought this was disrespectful. He said it was good for the bereaved to have a little laughter and levity in the house.

Thank you for any information you can give me.—EDNA

Dear Edna: It's your presence rather than you words that count. A warm handshake or a caress is far more meaningful than anything you could say.

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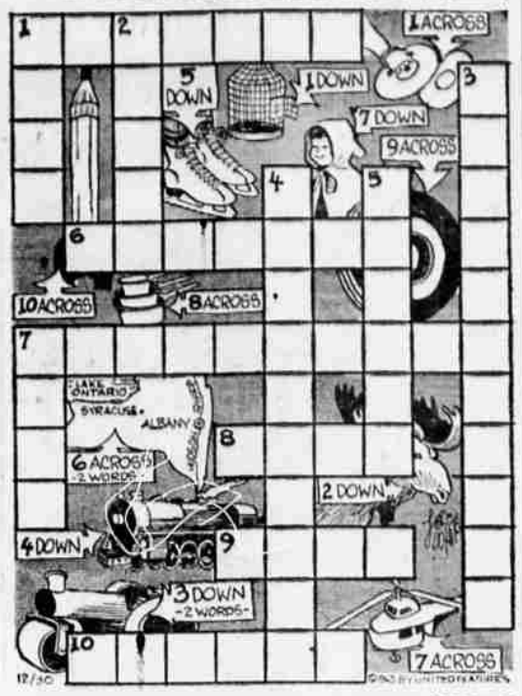

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Soviet Archeologists Find 2nd Venus de Milo Statue

MOSCOW (UPI)—Details of a Soviet discovery of a unique original statue of Venus matching in age and beauty the historic significance of the Louvre's famed Venus de Milo were reported here Saturday.

The statue was found by Soviet archeologists early this year in the ruins of an ancient temple of the goddess of love on the Taman Peninsula on the northshore of the Black Sea and just brought to Moscow, the government newspaper Izvestia said.

Describing it as the archeological and artistic "find of the year," academician and art historian B. A. Rybakov said "In mastery of execution, precision and exquisiteness of portraying the beauty of the human body in the classical harmony of lines and proportions, the statue rivals the Venus de Milo."

Along with Venus, Rybakov said, Soviet archeologists found rare coins, plates, figurines and sarcophagi dating back to the 3rd and 2nd centuries B.C.

They were the work of the ancient Syndi inhabitants of the area and neighbors of the Scythians, both of whom had been influenced by the civilization of the Greek colonialists, brought to Taman.

The Russians also discovered what they said was the most unusual fortress in the world—a structure whose walls were lavishly decorated with works of art consisting of statues, sculptured ensembles and bas reliefs created in the 4th century B.C.

The fortress, in Rybakov's opinion, was built by barbarians who wiped out the Syndi in the 1st century B.C. and their monuments of art for ornamentation.

Nedelya also published a photograph of the newly found Venus. She is headless and armless but the rest of the body appears intact.

Meredith Plans Nigeria Study

WASHINGTON (UPI)—James Meredith, the first Negro to graduate from the University of Mississippi, plans to enroll at Ibadan University in Nigeria next fall.

Meredith said Friday he would work toward an advanced degree in some phase of international politics or social studies.

He plans to leave in April for a trip to Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Meredith called it a personal educational trip, but added that he might speak in several places.

U.S. Won't Cut Korean Force

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States will maintain two infantry divisions in South Korea for the foreseeable future despite recurring reports that one division soon will be brought home, U.S. officials said Saturday.

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Ballot Box Will Play Leading Role In Oregon's 1964 Political Picture

By ZAN STARK
United Press International

SALEM (UPI) — The ballot box will dominate Oregon's political activity in 1964.

The two biggest questions center around the ambitions of Gov. Mark Hatfield—who isn't up for election to state office next year—and the futures of 75 state legislators whose fate at the polls may be influenced by the 1963 tax revolt.

The offices of secretary of state, treasurer, and attorney general also are up for grabs in 1964 and the terms of three supreme court justices also expire.

While neither of Oregon's two U.S. Senate seats is open, the four Oregonians in the U. S. House of Representatives must stand the biennial test of the voters' will.

Also awaiting the ballot count are the future of $30 million in bonds for higher education construction, and a chance in the state constitution which would eliminate capital punishment.

Initiative measures are underway to cut legislators' pay, outlaw commercial salmon and steelhead fishing on the Columbia River, and require single-member legislative sub-districts.

Tax Initiatives Possible

Attempts may be made to initiate a sales tax, a cigarette tax, and a new state constitution.

Oregon's presidential primary election will have an impact both within the state and across the nation.

Hatfield, whose term as governor doesn't expire until 1966, isn't expected to be in the presidential primary, but he may play a key role at the Republican National Convention next July. He could be the GOP vice presidential nominee.

Nobody expects a change in Oregon's congressional delegation. Republican Walter Norblad and Democrats Al Ullman, Edith Green and Robert B. Duncan all are expected to be re-elected.

Hottest state race will be for secretary of state — often a stepping stone to the governor's office. The announcement by Howell Appling Jr. that he would not seek re-election launched what will become a hot and heavy battle among those who hope to succeed him.

State Treasurer Howard Belton and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton both have said they will announce after the first of the year whether they will seek re-election. Both are expected to do so.

Court Seat Open

Associate Justice George Rossman, 78, cannot seek re-election to the Oregon Supreme Court because he is over retirement age, so there may be a race for that vacancy. Justices Gordon Sloan and Kenneth J. O'Connell—whose terms also are expiring—are expected to be re-elected.

A big question mark revolves around the state legislature.

The Democrats hold a slim, unworkable, 31-29 control of the House. All 60 of the House seats will be filled in 1964—and nobody seems willing to predict whether the Democrats will be able to stay in control.

On the Senate side, where the Democrats have a strong 21-9 edge, 15 seats face a ballot test. Two of these are now held by Republicans, 13 by democrats. In theory, Republicans could gain control, but nobody believes it will happen.

The unknown factor is the degree of voter antagonism directed at the lawmakers as a result of the 1963 legislature's attempt to increase taxes.

Bills Precede Election

Local property tax bills, which may be forced higher because of the tax referendum, will come out shortly before next November's election. This could prove a disaster to many incumbents.

On other issues, the new Department of Commerce goes into operation Thursday. The future of other state government organization plans may depend on the success of this agency.

Boeing has exercised its lease of the 100,000-acre Boardman project in northeastern Oregon, but the planned space age industrial park will surely provide fuel for partisan political fires during the year. And it is quite possible some Democrats may challenge the project in the courts.

A new state public defender is expected to be named before the end of January.

And Hatfield "trip watchers will have a field day because the Oregon governor has become a Republican spokesman who is increasingly in demand throughout the nation. In this election year he will be doing lots of campaigning and lots of traveling.

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