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It's insanity!

By GERRY LANDBOROUGH

It's a strange world we live in. A dangerous concoction of sanity and insanity. An unseen battle is constantly raging between the thinking of the rational mind and the one controlled by "madness". This week insanity appears to be winning by about 100 to 1 - consider the following.

The past decade has seen some pretty weird happenings in the toy world but this item has to be the "sickest". We have gone from baby dolls, to Barbie dolls, to real little boy and girl dolls - we have dolls that walk, talk, and burp, but now we have psychological monsters to sit under the Christmas tree - we have the "Gay Bob" doll. "Gay Bob" is for real. He comes complete with California tan, neat blonde haircut, and blue ear-ring shining bright.

At present, he is only available in the U.S. but probably not for long. "Gay Bob" is the end result of a element of society that tries to push the "gay life" as a possible choice instead of an abnormality to be tolerant of. Believe it or not this doll comes packaged in a closet with two doors that open up and the words "come out of the closet" inscribed over head. This doll is a psychological monster who in my opinion isn't even fit to be associated with the word Christmas let alone be any part of it.

There are many laws that are archaic protection against things that no longer affect our modern way of life and there are many happenings in today's world for which there ought to be a law against. I believe this next piece of insanity should come under the latter.

Danny O'Day is a promoter who has what he refers to as a "Clone Army" in the making. He already, thanks to a plastic surgeon, turned a used car salesman into an Elvis Presley look-alike. He is now in the process of creating religious reincarnations of Mamma Cass Elliott, Bobby Darin, Jim Croce, and Jim Morrison.

He has a list of other deceased rock performers slated to be reborn in November. A performer in any of the media gives one hell of a lot to the public at large, I cannot believe any of these performers would want someone ripping them off after death. A look alike face cannot replace a Presley or a Jim Croce and there ought to be a law against some kook stealing from the dead an individual's face should be theirs alone. To make money on another talent is sick.

Both of the above items are "rip-offs", rip-offs to the mind - rip-offs to the soul. Here is another rip-off that shows insanity is still in the lead. There is a 58-year-old man who is both blind and crippled who has been asked to pay back \$1,070 to the ministry of social services. Wilfred Maynard was injured in a laboratory accident in 1943 while working for the federal government. He started receiving provincial government benefits of \$430 per month earlier this year, after his 60-year-old wife could no longer continue working.

Apparently the government considers some of this \$430 an overpayment - a part of this money (\$10 a month) is being deducted because they have a son over 18 still living at home. Here is a man who is blind and crippled confined to a wheelchair whose wife has supported the family till she could no longer do so and the government is demanding money back on an overpayment.

Social services we have to care for those unable to care for themselves - the catch is swallow your pride and grovel.

ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: So you think today's teenagers are just great? You must be living in an air-tight capsule, completely isolated from the real world.

I'm enclosing a clipping from the Denver Post, but I'll bet this incident could have happened in any of 200 other cities in the United States.

I quote: "A 15-year-old girl was arrested about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday on suspicion of damaging seats aboard a bus on which an off-duty policeman was riding."

"Police said Det. Edward Hoy was working off duty for the transit system and riding a bus in East Denver. A group of youths began tearing up a rear seat, pulling out pieces of foam rubber padding and throwing them around. One youth tried to ignite the foam rubber with a cigarette lighter."

"The bus driver was instructed to drive to the East Denver police station, where the girl was arrested. Four other suspects, all boys, escaped through the back door and windows of the bus."

What do you have to say for American teenagers, now, stupid? -Tip Of The Iceberg

Dear Lee: Do you think it's fair to put all teenagers in the same bag with those Denver hoodlums? At the very moment those kooks were tearing up the bus, thousands of teens were riding public transportation and behaving themselves - some even offering their seats to the aged and the infirm, although many people insist such things don't happen anymore.

Unfortunately, it's the troublemakers who make news. Who wants to read that a half million kids rode buses today in 200 cities and not one of them tried to set fire to the seats? Decent conduct gets very little press because it's not exciting. Sorry, but those are the facts, friend.

Dear Ann Landers: Was amused by "Too Serious in Yonkers" who could not laugh uproariously like most people.

We are all freaks in one way or another. I had an uncle who couldn't cry, even as a child when he accidentally punched a pencil through his cheek. Another uncle always laughed when someone told him of a painful injury or a death of a friend. It was embarrassing.

My grandfather had "double teeth" - molars all around, upper and lower. My son (an attorney) can vibrate his eyeballs at great speed and his irises look like a blur. These are just a few freaks in one family! Tell the girl who can't laugh that she could have worse problems - Who's Normal Anyway (San Antonio)

Dear Tony: How true! If all the people who had a "peculiarly" were laid end to end, they'd be much more comfortable.

Dear Ann: My husband and I took your "Are You Ready to Be a Parent?" test. My score: 53. His: 48. Where do we turn in our four kids? - The T.G.s (Omaha)

Dear T.G.s: Keep 'em. What you lack in other areas: you make up for it with a delicious sense of humor. Besides several parents wrote to say the test was a bummer, and agree with them.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD By DAMIS

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19 A close encounter with a dynamic type personality could lead to a beautiful relationship. Soft pedal your aggressive drives.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20 Your efforts in occupational activities are very effective, so resulting in accomplishing the seemingly impossible.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 This should be a very favorable period for social activities, romantic pursuits, athletic challenges, creative expression.

MOONCHILD June 21-July 22 You may feel motivated to get on with a project for beautifying the home. There's company coming too.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Short pleasure trips are quite likely. Get the family van all prettied up.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Financial favors come your way. Buying or selling luxury items can be profitably concluded.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 The opposite sex is attracted by your captivating charm. Express your individuality.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A secret affair brings bitter sweet rewards. Beware of one who would cause hurt.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Friends spur you on in group activities. Harmony is the key to your success.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 It would seem to be a most appropriate time to request a salary increase.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A well deserved vacation pleasure trip offers a romantic opportunity. In fact a honeymoon trip would be great.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20 A dear friend finds your sympathetic concern very consoling. Your thoughtfulness brings rewards.

Full-time status assures benefits

The question of whether Acton library staff members could be considered a full-time employee of the former town of Acton library was resolved at last week's meeting of the Halton Hills library board.

The board approved full-time seniority for staff members after staff voiced concerns over benefits.

Chief librarian Betsy Cornwell drew the subject to the board's attention because of a staff member's concern about being entitled to the benefits accorded a full-time employee.

The former town of Acton library was open for fewer hours during the week, and the question had arisen as to whether someone who worked every hour the library was open could be considered a full-time employee when the library was open less than 25 hours a week.

Board member George Lee said the question came down to a consideration of the definition of full-time and part-time employees. He said if the Acton library is open 25 hours a week, while someone in a library open longer hours, it would be part-time.

Mrs. Cornwell said individuals on the Acton library staff often worked only 15 hours a week because of the way the shifts were scheduled. But they were paid on a salary basis, and had certain fringe benefits, such as having their unemployment insurance contributions paid for. They believe they were and are full-time employees and should receive benefits as such.

Mrs. Cornwell said the question was drawn to her attention by a staff member who had worked for the Acton library for 25 years, and was asking for the benefits accorded to a town staff member with that seniority.

She was inquiring particularly about the five weeks vacation for senior town staff. The decision would also affect such matters as sick leave.

Board member Ruth Wilson said, "If the library is open 24 hours a week, then in my opinion, that's full-time."

Board member Betty Fisher asked what the present policy for such cases was, and Mrs. Cornwell said that at the present there is no policy.

"I personally would think we should treat them as full-time employees," board chairman Dick Howitt said. He added that in the case of employees of the various components of Halton Hills, they carried over their seniority to their job with Halton Hills.

The board voted to allow the three staff members involved to receive the benefits of full-time staff members.

\$4,000 grant for leachate collector

Halton public works committee recommended Wednesday that the regional chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with the environmental ministry to provide for the payment of a grant of \$4,000 to the region for a leachate collector pipe.

A public works project in the Halton Hills (Georgetown) landfill site involving the construction of a 727-foot-length of storm sewer and 475-foot-length of leachate collector pipe was contracted out for a sum of \$50,000 by the region. Of that sum, \$4,000 was designated for an addition to the leachate collection system.

Under the ministry of environment's waste management improvement program, a grant of \$4,000 is available to cover the cost of the leachate collection system. Halton, in order to receive this grant, must draw up an agreement with the ministry to provide for payment of the grant with a bylaw authorizing execution of the agreement.

OHC holds key to Acton building

Progress in the building of the Acton senior citizens' apartments is now in the hands of the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) a Halton Housing Authority spokesman said recently.

Authority member Dolly Moulden says that Halton Hills council has approved the necessary measures so that OHC can proceed with calling tenders for the building. However, they have not done so.

"They were supposed to call tenders in June," Mrs. Moulden says, "but so far they haven't. I don't know what the hold up is or when they'll advertise."

A tentative completion date for the project had been set for March 1978 if the tenders were called in June. Now Mrs. Moulden could hazard no guesses as to when the units might be ready.

"All I can say is that we hope it will be ready for the spring of 1979," she says.

The authority has taken over the Georgetown project and are in the process of doing the final finishing touches.

Notices should be out to prospective tenants by the end of the month, she says. The authority has enough applicants to fill the building and "desperate" Acton residents will be offered accommodation in it.

There will not be any pressure on them to accept this accommodation, she points out.

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