

ANN LANDERS

She's a Sad Sight

Dear Ann Landers: My question: Does the brain lose weight when the rest of the body does?

A friend of mine went on a strenuous diet six months ago. Bertha was about 40 pounds overweight and determined to get down to a size 10 by her 55th birthday. She accomplished her goal but I think something happened to her mind.

Bertha has taken to wearing false eyelashes, lace stockings and miniskirts. Even her walk is different. Everyone has noticed such a change in her personality (and not for the better, I might add) that I'm beginning to think a severe weight loss could affect the mind. I'll be waiting for your answer.—GRINNING BUT NOT BEARING IT

Dear Not Bearing: Weight loss does not affect the brain but it can and often does affect the personality. Bertha is probably feeling years younger and has the mistaken notion that just because she can fit into a junior size, her face is also a junior. A woman in her mid-50's in a miniskirt and lace stockings is a sad sight. Maybe her best friend will tell her.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you ran a letter from a girl who was advocating "free love." I had to smile when I read the girl's letter. She wrote as if she had invented something. I'll bet many people have the idea that free love is part of the "new morality"—something modern.

I am 53 years old and heard the same guff 40 years ago. My older sister was a teenager at the end of World War I. Free love was very big among the non-conformist thinkers. When I talked to my mother about it (she is 86 years old now), she told me there were free love champions in HER day. "Of course they were sneaker about it," she laughed, "but we all knew who they were."

Interesting how the abused and degraded institution of marriage survives through the ages in spite of the people who ignore it and insist they have found something better. It's enough to make a girl decide maybe it's smart to be "old-fashioned." —OBSERVER OF THE PASSING SCENE

Dear Ob: So long as there are people there will be those who think they can buck the tide, beat the rap and operate successfully outside the framework of society. I've said it before and I'll say it again—free love can be mighty expensive.

Dear Ann Landers: A friend of mine has asked me to be an usher at his wedding. I was sort of honored until I learned it was going to be a formal affair in a church. This means I have to rent a tux.

I asked Bart who was going to pay for renting the durned monkey suit and he said, "Ann Landers says YOU are." I asked him where he ran into Ann Landers and he told me his girl had invested 35 cents in your booklet on who pays for what at weddings.

Who gave you the power to make these decisions? I am not a Rockefeller and I have to buy a wedding gift, too. Is this fair? —FLAT POCKETS

Dear Flat: Come on, Buh, loosen up and be a big spender. Custom and good manners say the ushers and bridesmaids buy or rent their own outfits. I didn't make up the rules—that's just the way it is.

"The Bride's Guide," Ann Landers booklet, answers some of the most frequently asked questions about weddings. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25¢ in coin.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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COUNTY FLAG . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (standing, center) gets help from Joanne Kurman, reigning Miss Los Angeles County, and William Goodall (right), chief of security guards, in raising the official Los Angeles County flag for the first time. The blue, green, and gold flag was designed by Hahn. On the wall is Jerry Grimes, a guard at the Hall of Administration complex. Miss Kurman will compete in the Miss California Pageant in June.

Torrance High Junior To Attend Boys State

A Torrance High School junior, Gordon F. Osborne, has been selected to represent the E. Ernest Roll Post 730 of The American Legion at the 31st annual session of California Boys State, to be held in Sacramento June 15 through 22.

He will join a record number of more than 850 boys, representing the outstanding high school juniors from all sections of California.

Sponsored by the Department of California of The American Legion, the "laboratory of practical political science" will be held at the State Fair Grounds.

ONE OF THE American Legion's strongest youth programs, Boys State is actually a course in practical civics designed to encourage and develop a deeper interest in the problems of government beyond what is taught in the regular high school curriculum.

"Our entire purpose of Boys State is to help give these young people—the top representatives of their high schools—an understanding of the structure and the workings of their government. This training is essential if we are to be of help in preparing the youth of today to be qualified to be intelligent citizens, voters, and officeholders," Philo Chambers of



GORDON F. OSBORNE
Boys State Delegate

Los Angeles, head counselor of Boys State, explained.

He has served in this capacity since 1948. This year will be his 20th session as head counselor.

BOYS attending the annual session are sponsored and financed by American Legion Posts, as well as by various civic groups and service organizations—including Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, high school student bodies, PTAs, Elks, Masonic bodies, Knights of Columbus, and B'nai B'rith.

The delegates to this practical school of political science "learn by doing," by participating at varying levels of governmental activity—city, county, and state—in non-partisan as well as partisan political activity.

As each boy registers, he will be assigned, along with approximately 40 other boys, to a "city area" within the Cow Barn, where his bed will be located and thereafter will be a "resident" of that city.

A TOTAL OF 21 cities, named after famous early Californians, are the basic governmental units of Boys State. These cities, in groups of three, comprise seven counties.

In addition, the boys are divided into political parties, according to the order in which they register, so that they may see how political parties, as such, function under the American form of government.

These parties are not "Democrat" and "Republican" but "Federalist" and "Whig." The boys will develop their own platforms and will decide their own controversial issues.

ALL ELECTIONS, whether city, county, or state—will be carried on according to existing California laws.

First order of business Saturday afternoon will be the organizing of city government and election of city officials.

Subsequently, the Boys State citizens organize county governments and participate in learning the mechanics of partisan political activity at the state level—by selecting party slates and finally, electing Boys State governor, assemblymen, State senators and other constitutional officers.

Kanaster Gibson's Manager

Louis Kanaster, civic, business, and government leader, has been named general chairman of the Gibson for Congress Campaign Committee.

Los Angeles City Councilman John Gibson, in announcing the appointment, declared:

"Few men know our district, or have served it so unselfishly and with such distinction as Lou Kanaster. He is an outstanding citizen and Democrat, and I am proud to have him at the head of my campaign."

Kanaster, a resident of San Pedro since 1919, is president of the San Pedro Boys Club. He has been active in local Chamber of Commerce and civic affairs for years. He is a past chairman of the San Pedro Fisherman's Fiesta.

State Senator to Speak At Republican Gathering

State Senator Donald L. Grunsky of Watsonville, a veteran of fourteen years in the Senate and six in the Assembly, will be principal speaker at a pre-election dinner meeting of the Southwest Steering Committee of Republican Associates May 20 aboard the SS Princess Louise.

Senator Grunsky, who represents the Monterey Peninsula area including Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties, will headline a list of guests which will include Republican candidates in the June 4 primary election.

Chairman for the evening will be Attorney Thomas P. Foye of Manhattan Beach, a member of RA's Southwest Steering Committee. Committee chairman is Martin M. Denn, Torrance engineer and civic leader.

THE MAY 20 affair will be held in the Captain's Ballroom of the popular Terminal Island ship-restaurant, Foye said. The affair will begin at



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6:30 with dinner following at 7:30.

Reservations may be made with Foye's office in Manhattan Beach, at the offices of Denn Engineers in Torrance, or with Republican Associates in downtown Los Angeles.

Tickets will be priced at

\$6.25 each, Foye said, and may be obtained directly by writing to Republican Associates at 315 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles 90015.

SENATOR Grunsky, has served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation, as chairman of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Education, and as chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions. He presently is serving as chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

He also serves as chairman of the Senate and Assembly Joint Legislative Committee for the Revision of the Penal Code and serves as vice chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education.

Ticket reservations should be made early, Foye said, since attendance at the affair must be limited to 300. Deadline for reservations will be May 17.

Your Second Front Page

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Liquor Stores Held Up

Torrance police are looking for a man suspected of holding up two Torrance liquor stores late Sunday night.

The suspects first struck at General Liquor, 2222 Redondo Beach Blvd., about 10:30 p.m., forcing the attendant to hand over the contents of a cash register.

A man fitting the same description held up Cork Liquor, 18107 W. Crenshaw Blvd., 25 minutes later.

Store attendant E. C. Thomas, on duty at Cork Liquor, told police that he came to blows with the suspect when the man pulled out a sawed off shotgun. The suspect finally chased Thomas out the rear door but managed to scoop out the contents of a cash register before escaping.

It is not known how much money the suspect got.

Both victims described the suspect as a Negro youth, dressed in dark clothing. Both said the suspect was carrying a sawed off shotgun.

Chace Labels County Budget 'Unrealistic'

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has branded the proposed \$1.38 billion county budget for 1968-69 as a "totally unrealistic measure which would create extreme hardship on the already overburdened small property owner."

Chace pledged to lead the way in making substantial and significant cuts in the spending measure when budget hearings begin June 10.

"The budget proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer does not take a realistic view of the problems already faced by the small property owner," Chace said. "Instead of providing needed relief, it calls for a 25-cent tax rate increase."

"CERTAINLY the supervisors had anticipated an increase in the cost of government for the next year, but a 25-cent jump was totally unexpected and is unthinkable," Chace said.

Chace urged other supervisors to over the budget,

item by item, and to come up with their own formula for economy.

"Our budget should include only critical and urgent items," Chace said. "These are difficult times for the taxpayer and the county budget should reflect this mood."

"COUNTIES faced with an ever-increasing tax rate have been making a plea for relief at the state level for years with little success," the Supervisor said. "However, we must continue to seek such relief if the property taxpayer is to get out from under the burden of welfare and other state-mandated programs."

Chace and his staff will study the budget and he will make recommendations for slashes when the budget hearings begin.

Chace led the way for more than \$2 million in slashes during last year's budget hearings, as well as voting with fellow supervisors on many other cuts.

PROFILE. LUCIUS BABCOCK

Young Bank Manager Heads Drive to Revive Downtown

Downtown Torrance needs a facelift. Many have recognized the fact but one man has spearheaded a boldly imaginative program to accomplish the task. He is Lucius (Bud) Babcock III, manager of United California Bank's Torrance main office for the past year.

Organizing other interested businessmen, Babcock founded the Downtown Torrance Association to chart the area's future. He now serves as association president.

With facelift activities just getting off the ground, the association is taking a good hard look at downtown problems. What are the parking needs of a growing community? How about access routes?

Within six months or a year, association members hope to come up with the answers to these and other questions under Babcock's leadership.

The progressive band of visionaries even went so far as to hire an architect-city planner to come up with a pleasing architectural theme for store fronts.

Babcock's enthusiasm for the facelift stems from his faith in the future of downtown Torrance. Business has picked up considerably in the past two years and looks even better in years ahead, he indicates.

Always a step ahead of the game, Babcock was only 29



LUCIUS BABCOCK

when he took over management of the downtown UCB branch just a little more than a year ago. That made him the youngest manager of a major UCB branch in the bank's history.

A faint trace of accent reveals Babcock's Oklahoma origins. Named for his father and grandfather before him, the blue-eyed blond was born and reared in the farming community of El Reno. He later went on to earn his degree in business administration and economics at the University of Oklahoma.

Both his dad and pioneering granddad were Oklahoma

attorneys. Babcock's grandfather headed west during the land rush of the 1890s to find that his first case would be to defend the firebrand Indian chieftain Geronimo. They lost the case, however, and Geronimo went to jail.

On the other side of his family, Babcock is a first generation American. His mother came to the University of Oklahoma from Berlin as an exchange student in 1931 and stayed on to take up citizenship.

Babcock says he spoke German as a child but dropped the habit during World War II when "it wasn't too popular to go around 'sprechen sie Deutsch'!"

Active in the community, Babcock has accepted the chairmanship of the 1968 American Cancer Society commerce and industry fund drive for the Torrance area. He's also treasurer of Torrance Kiwanis Club and a member of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

The sports-minded bachelor divides his leisure hours between golf, skiing (both water and snow), boating, and pack-in camping.

A trip to Mexico City this fall for the Olympics is also in store for the Manhattan Beach resident.

At home, Babcock enjoys strumming folk music on guitar and banjo.