

# State's Lobbyists May Be Catalogued

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SACRAMENTO—A "Who's Who" for California lobbyists soon may be rolling off the state printing presses in Sacramento, with the lobbyists picking up the tab for the costs.

It wasn't the lobbyists' idea. Many of them operate under the theory that no news is good news.

The idea comes from Assemblyman Willie L. Brown, Jr. (D-San Francisco), new chairman of the assembly committee on legislative representation. Brown has some ambitious plans for enforcing present laws covering legislative advocates.

BROWN HAD been credited with a suggestion several weeks ago that lobbyists be required to wear identification badges so members of the legislature would know who they were and whom they represented. But Brown said he never had that in mind.

"What I do have in mind is publication of a loose leaf book which would contain

photographs and biographies of all the lobbyists and who are the principals they represent," Brown said. "I have an attorney general's opinion which says it would be legal to charge the lobbyists a registration fee which could cover costs of printing the book."

Brown said he is in the process of obtaining estimates on the cost of such a publication. Brown said he will work out a fee schedule to cover such costs.

WHILE BROWN has been given wide authority by his committee, this plan will be submitted to the committee for its approval before any action is taken. Brown, a second-term assemblyman and one of five Negroes now serving in the assembly, is somewhat outranked by members of his committee.

The lobbying committee includes Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood), Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Carlos Bee (D-Hayward), Assemblyman Robert T. Morgan (R-Tracy), Republican floorleader in the assembly,

and Assemblyman Don Mulford (R-Piedmont), chairman of the Republican caucus in the lower house.

Brown said he felt a printed book on lobbyists would be very helpful to new members of the assembly, many of whom now call him to ask if certain persons actually represent the groups they claim to represent.

Brown would also like to see other provisions of the lobbying law carried out more than they are at present. He has been given authority to issue credentials to those making proper application and has issued some 390 credentials so far this session.

HOWEVER, Brown said he had held up issuance of several lobbyists, including some prominent names, because they had failed to include all necessary information on the applications. Before any legislative advocate actually is denied credentials, such names come before the full committee, he said.

Brown said it is his aim to require the registration of every person in Sacramento seeking to influence legislation for any consideration. He said this would include persons who represent public bodies, such as cities and counties.

"THEY NOW claim that their salaries are for their work for the cities and counties," Brown said. "But we believe a pro-rata breakdown can be determined and will insist on it."

The requirement also will extend to representatives of organized labor, Brown said. At present, Brown said labor representatives refuse to fill out the expense reporting forms, although they provide all the necessary information by letter. If his program is successful, the labor representatives also will have to fill out the regulation expense forms.

## Worker Dies at Refinery

A 44-year-old refinery worker collapsed and died Sunday morning, apparently of a heart attack, at the Mobile Refinery here, Torrance police said.

Robert Fulford, of 2424 W. 230th Place, died about 9:30 a.m.

Torrance Police said a companion, Ray Butler, had left Fulford to get coffee and found the man on the ground when he returned. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital.



WIN NEW TERMS . . . Mrs. E. H. Kramer (left) of Gardena and Mrs. Gordon Jennings of West Los Angeles congratulate each other on their re-election as district chairmen of the Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. Kramer was re-elected Harbor District chairman and Mrs. Jennings was returned as chairman of the West Los Angeles Area Council.

## Death of Area Woman Attributed to Burns

A Torrance woman injured Feb. 18 when her home caught fire died Sunday in Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Mrs. Celia Mandel, 62, of 21310 Anza Ave., died at 8:40 p.m. Sunday. The cause of death was listed as irreversible shock as the result of burns.

Mrs. Mandel suffered first, second, and third degree burns over 20 per cent of her body in the fire, which caused some \$5,000 damage to the house.

Cause of the fire, Torrance Fire Department officials said, was probably an end

## Widening Of Roads Planned

Sections of Torrance Boulevard and Victoria Street in the city of Los Angeles have been declared part of the County System of Highways.

Both streets are to be widened and upgraded, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

Torrance Boulevard between Normandie Avenue and the Harbor Freeway will be widened and reconstructed to provide a four-lane fully curbed highway.

Similar improvements along Victoria Street will include the section between Figueroa to Main streets and a section 100 feet west of Figueroa Street to 190th Street.

Jurisdiction will revert to the city of Los Angeles once the work has been completed.

## AT TORRANCE HIGH

# One-Act Festival To Open Saturday

Budding playwrights at Torrance High School will display their talents Saturday as the school's unique One-Act Play Festival is presented for the 16th year.

Open to the public, the 8 p.m. premiere performance in the school auditorium will be followed by a critique by a panel of theatrical experts.

The festival is the only one in a public high school in the United States which presents plays written, directed, staged, and performed by students. Last fall the festival was featured over Channel 28 in an hour-long program.

THIS YEAR, three plays have been selected for presentation: "To Learn the Mandolin" by Jan Limbird, "Boy, Is She My Mother" by Jim Anderson, and ". . . and Sausage" by George Rigby.

Directing her own play will be Jan Limbird, whose drama deals with a peasant girl who chooses a domestic life and love of a sensitive young man despite her education. The cast includes Judy Imes, Dan

Mondschein and George Rigby. Assistant director is Karen McKim.

Anderson's "Boy, Is She My Mother" is a comedy about a young girl's determination to drop out of school and her mother's overpowering influence on her decision. Director is Bill Morgan while the assistant director is Janet Posner. Actors are Dottie Buhrman, Pat Devine, Cheryl McKim and Sue Pescar.

## Top MWD Official To Retire

Robert A. Skinner, retiring general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, was honored last Friday by some 600 government, civic, and business leaders at a testimonial luncheon.

Skinner, chief executive officer of the district since Jan. 1, 1962, first joined MWD in 1933.

Torrance is one of the 13 original cities which established the Metropolitan Water District.

Skinner will be succeeded by Henry J. Mills, now chief MWD engineer.

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## ANN LANDERS



### Hide the Clock, Buster

Dear Ann Landers: The man I am about to marry is 20 years old. I am 19. The problem is his mother.

Louie sets the alarm clock for 6:45 a.m., which is to give him time to get ready, nick me up at 7:45, take me to my job and get to his place of employment by 8:45.

About three mornings a week his dear mother thinks he doesn't get enough rest, so she tip-toes into his bedroom and turns off his alarm clock. Of course he oversleeps, which causes him to be late for work. Naturally, I am late also.

Louie has begged his mother to stay out of his room and keep her hands off his alarm but she continues to do it anyway.

Please tell me what to do. This problem has caused some very bitter arguments between us.

—BURNED UP

Dear Burned: Tell Louie to put the clock under the mattress, if he doesn't want Mom to turn off the alarm.

Dear Ann Landers: I couldn't believe my eyes when I read your advice to the wife whose husband takes her to cocktail parties and proceeds to ignore her. You told her to go with him and make conversation on her own, or else stay home and stop complaining. There was even a hint of praise for the louse for taking his wife along.

The notion that men must go to cocktail parties for business reasons is as phony an excuse as "sitting with a sick friend." Cocktail parties are a substitute for getting stoned in some crummy bar. Only the furniture is different.

So why don't you stick up for us women for a change? You are so prejudiced in favor of men that I'm beginning to wonder if maybe you aren't a man yourself.—THUMBS DOWN ON LANDERS

Dear Thumbs: A husband who abandons his wife at cocktail parties is not going to change because I tell him to. Especially when HE didn't ask for my advice, it was his wife who wrote. I repeat—make it on your own or stay home.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a widow whose husband died almost three years ago I have a friend who lost his wife two years ago. We have known each other for a long time and I have seen Mr. Solo around town a lot lately—also unaccompanied.

A few weeks ago I wrote Mr. Solo a note suggesting that since he is without a wife and I am without a husband we ought to get together—perhaps I could cheer him up. He did not respond to my note and I feel that maybe I made a fool of myself.

What should I say when we next meet? It is just a matter of time before we run into one another again.—DURHAM WIDOW

Dear Durham: Don't say anything. You've said too much already. If you give a small dinner party and wish to include Mr. Solo, along with others, fine . . . but a widow who offers to "cheer up" an unmarried man might be classed as overly aggressive. Nothing clobbers cupid quite as dead as a pushy female.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' booklet, "Teen-age Sex—Ten Ways To Cool It." Send \$0.50 in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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



MASCOT GRADUATES . . . When Miss Diane Lippard graduates from West High School in June, the school will also lose its mascot for the past three years. Miss Lippard and her horse, Starlight, have been the symbol of Warrior spirit for the past three years. Miss Lippard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lippard of 20720 Annruta Ave. Starlight, incidentally, is expecting.

## Court Date Scheduled In Assault

A Hawthorne man has been bound over to Superior Court on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

George Sloss, 20, was ordered Monday to appear in Department A of the Southwest Superior Court March 13 for arraignment on the charge.

Sloss is accused of running down Torrance detective Lee Graber last Feb. 3. Graber and his partner had stopped Sloss, to investigate a report of a possible stolen car.

Judge Otto B. Willett set the March 13 arraignment date following a preliminary hearing in the South Bay Municipal Court. Sloss was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$27,500 bail.

## El Segundo Man Heads Fund Drive

O. Rey Rule, president of Gateway National Bank of El Segundo, has been named special gifts chairman for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Crusade in the South Bay-Centennial Valley.

Rule was special gifts chairman last year and spearheaded a drive which resulted in \$107,000 being raised in the district. He served as commerce and industry chairman in El Segundo during the 1965 drive.

The Cancer Crusade begins in April. Volunteers who wish to assist in the crusade are urged to call at the Cancer Society Office at 16503 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale.

## COUNT MARCO

# Topless Wedding Hits New Low

Every bride hopes that she will be the most ravishing beauty of the season and that her wedding will long be remembered as the epitome of elegance and dignity. Indeed, this is an excellent idea, for even a simple elopement can—and should—have a certain amount of dignity and beauty about it.

But what about the woman who makes a crude public spectacle of herself in order to get her name and picture into the newspapers? Whenever this happens, I always feel sorry for the poor husband, because such messy displays are always the fault of the bride. No one can deny this, as you know full well the details of the wedding itself are always the responsibility of the bride.

Some have been married atop swaying flagpoles, in diving helmets under the water, while skimming the

water on skis, on horseback or behind fig leaves in a nudist camp, and even before a supposed disciple of the devil himself in the recent Satanic wedding where the maid of honor sprawled nude on the altar. However, the latter turned out to be not actually a wedding, but merely a self-promotion stunt of the principals involved.

Nevertheless, the Count Marco Award for the most tasteless wedding of any generation goes to the recent topless wedding performed in Texas, where the bride and the maid of honor bounced topless down the aisle accompanied by a rock 'n' roll band's rendition of "Here Comes the Bride."

As you all know by now, I'm certainly no prude, and topless entertainers have every right to perform publicly because obviously the sight of a pair of gyrating

breasts is considered entertaining by some people.

But, lest anyone forget or think otherwise, the wedding ceremony should not, by any stretch of the imagination, be considered entertainment.

Those vows, since the beginning of weddings, have been called "sacred." The actual joining together is to be considered inspirational and a perpetual reminder of the responsibilities that one has assumed.

How can this nation inspire its youngsters to respect marriage, and, more important, wait for it, when such mockery is permitted legally? There is a solution, of course. Any individual empowered by law to perform marriages who participates in a ceremony which is a mockery of original intent of the dignity of marriage, should have that trust and authority immediately removed.