



# ANN LANDERS

## A Cruel Game

Dear Ann Landers: I am in complete sympathy with "Not Laughing," the woman who was infuriated with her aunt and uncle because they insisted on tickling their two small children "all in fun." Thank you for giving cruel relatives the tongue lashing they deserved and calling their little game its right name — sadism.

Several years ago I was initiated into a fraternity. I was held down on the floor (eagle spread) clad only in swimming trunks. Three boys tickled the soles of my feet with a feather. They also tickled me in the ribs and the stomach and the armpits. I was told the tickling lasted only two minutes, but it seemed like hours. Somebody's idea of fun made me sick enough to vomit.

Aunt and Uncle should be informed that tickling was used as a form of torture in China and other Oriental countries. The phrase "tickled to death" is more than a figure of speech. Any physician will tell you that prolonged tickling can cause hysterics and even convulsions.

I hope your answer does good, Ann. — NOT LAUGHING EITHER

Dear Not Laughing: Thanks for writing. If my answer doesn't do any good, perhaps your letter will.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a widow, 47 years of age. I live in a \$60,000 home, have \$30,000 in cash, \$20,000 worth of stocks and my living expenses are roughly \$500 a month. My children are both married and on their own.

My cash is going fast and I don't know where to cut down. Like a fool, I sold my car and now I must buy another one because I hate depending on friends. The car I want will cost me \$4,400.

I've been toying with the idea of going to work but my friends say my age is against me and when I finish paying income tax I won't be ahead anything. I was once a good secretary and I'm sure if I took a refresher course I could be useful in somebody's office.

Should I sell my home and move into an apartment? Should I sell my stocks and buy bonds? Should I forget about a new car and be miser able? Should I take a job regardless of salary? Friends have been advising me for two years and I still don't know what to do. Please help.

— VALLEY OF INDECISION

Dear Valley: Take a refresher course and go to work. You need to get your mind off yourself. Furthermore, you'll feel better knowing you have some money coming in. Then go to a bank and ask a financial counselor to help you resolve your other problems. You need professional financial counseling, not advice from friends.

Confidential to Dropped Like a Hot Potato: Why are you surprised? Constant use will wear out anything — including "good friends." Your last request was extremely nervy and they let you know it.

Alcohol is no shortcut to social success. If you think you have to drink to be accepted by your friends, get the facts. Read "Booze and You—For Teen-Agers Only," by Ann Landers. Send 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

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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## Opens Friday

# Political Intrigue Highlights Drama

"The Best Man," a play by Gore Vidal, will open Friday at Chapel Theatre, 2222 Lomita Blvd., Lomita.

The political drama will continue through Nov. 2, beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Reservations may be made by calling the theatre. Directed by Maxine Desau, "The Best Man" features a knock-down, drag-out fight between two presidential candidates. The comedy gives the audience a peek "backstage" onto the intrigues of a political campaign.

Cast includes Paul Teschke and Donald Hanson as the candidates, Corinne Williams and Sue Hirdler as their respective wives, and Murray Jarvis and David Calkins as their respective campaign managers.

Billy Creamer takes the role of the wise old ex-President and Velma Zimmerman plays the pot-stirring club woman. Carol Hauser is an informer and Hal Lepper plays a senator. Other cast members are Jean Jarvis, Steve Stevens, and Phyllis Zimmerman.

Bill Burket is production manager, with Lorna McElrath as stage manager.

The theatre will be decorated inside and out to resemble an election headquarters. Campaign posters, created by Barbara Humble of Harbor City, will complete the campaign atmosphere.

## Youngsters Get Extra Day Off

Torrance students will have an extra holiday this year as a result of action taken by the state legislature and the Torrance board of education.

Because Washington's birthday fall on a Saturday next February, the Board of Education has declared Friday, Feb. 21, a legal holiday. This conforms with recent legislation requiring schools throughout the state to close Fridays anytime a regular holiday falls on a Saturday.

Also affected will be Friday, May 29, 1970—when Memorial Day will be on a Saturday.

## Walteria Park Sets New Class

Torrance adults are invited to train their dogs at a new obedience class to be offered at Walteria Park by the Torrance Dog Obedience Club, a charter club of the city's Recreation Department.

This 10-week course will meet each Tuesday beginning Oct. 1, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Roy Smith, trainer for the Dog Obedience Club, will instruct the class.

Dogs must be six months old to participate in the training sessions. A fee of \$13.50 will be charged.

Graduation will take place Dec. 10 when all dogs will go through a series of exercises they have learned during the course.

Walteria Park is located at 3855 W. 242nd St.

## Policeman Will Study Delinquency

Det. David Lawrenson of the Redondo Beach Police Department is attending USC's 12-week Delinquency Control Institute along with police officers and others from all over the nation interested in youth work.

The program is designed to help law enforcement officers understand the cause of juvenile delinquency and deal with the problems of youth more effectively.

## Count Marco

# Any Smart Woman Can Understand Her Man

One woman was complaining, the other listening eagerly to her whines. Said the listener with a heavy sigh, "What woman can ever understand men?"

I almost burst out laughing. There isn't a woman in the world who doesn't understand men, because men are so basic, so weak, so meek, when in the company of a woman.

A husband, however, is always right when he complains. "My wife doesn't understand me." His wife has ceased to be a woman.

All men can be understood so easily, and here are some rules for understanding — if you're not woman enough to have figured them out already.

A man is a product of his moods. Only a very insensitive person would not feel these moods. Only a very stupid person cannot figure them out, because he has only two moods, good and bad.

If he's in a good mood you have nothing to worry about. If his mood is bad, it is usually for one of four reasons: He doesn't feel well; the children have misbehaved; something went wrong at the money factory; or you have done something to disturb his otherwise good mood.

Few husbands ever carry a grudge. It's the wife who prolongs it. An understand-



WHITE CANE DAYS . . . City Librarian Douglas J. West (right) shows a "talking book" to Russell J. Wax, assistant manager of the Downtown Branch of United California Bank and co-chairman of the Downtown Torrance Lions' Club White Cane Days. Wax said the "talking book" project is one of several which will benefit from funds raised on White Cane Day Friday. Carl Johnson is co-chairman of the Lions' Club effort to aid the sightless.



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## PV Players Have a Hit In Comedy 'Generation'

By JACK LYONS

To mix the old comedy metaphor of something like "why is ve too late schmart undt too early dumb," kids have a hellava time understanding their parents and vice-versa, merely means the Palos Verdes Players have successfully juxtaposed those disparate elements and come up with a winner with their current production of the William Goodhart comedy hit, "Generation."

"Generation," deftly directed by Austin Rheingold, is a sign of the times, but departs from the front page sensationalism of student disorders and unrest to examine the plight of a young married couple in their effort to hang onto youthful idealism without drowning in the tricky waters of the Establishment.

Walter Owen, excellently played by Don Mallon, is a Greenwich Village poet-photographer determined to "do his own thing" in the business world as well as in the pseudo-medical area by delivering his wife's (Sandi Sorkin) first baby by himself at home.—in their studio-loft apartment.

WHEN successful and very Establishment ad executive father-in-law (Edwin Gangel) drops in to see how the kids are getting along, he was appalled at thought of his daughter giving birth to his first grandchild under conditions which would have made Louis Pasteur blanch. Grandpa, under duress, fin-

ally agrees to let the kids do their own thing their own way, but foxily keeps a family friend, Dr. Herman (Gene Van Buren) waiting in the wings just in case.

Can the "younguns" bring it off without a hitch and show the Senior Citizens how its done in the Mod World? These are the ingredients for a clever and well written play, making for a diverting and entertaining evening of theatre.

The production as mounted by the Palos Verdes Players is solidly acted by the entire company and swiftly paced by director Rheingold.

EDWIN GANGEL, as the Establishment grandfather was properly bewildered and frustrated and found himself somewhat at a loss to cope with the thorny problem of being concerned while trying to mind his own business. Sandi Sorkin as the young wife was very good in the toughest part in the play — the plot role. Gene Van Buren as the doctor friend, a little stiff in the beginning, found the third act more to his liking and punched his lines across, getting the biggest laughs of the night.

Young Barry Cravey, as the company lawyer, mixed the right amount of unctious, sly wit, and efficiency to his portrayal, giving it a slick quality. Alan Sinclair, as the magazine editor, made the most of his cameo role.

But the evening belonged to Don Mallon as the young poet-photographer. He gave a polished performance, blending vitality, sustained characterization, timing and pacing in his role. His movements and energy level were precise and first rate. The mark of a real professional.

For an evening of top flight theatre, don't miss "Generation" at the Palos Verdes Playhouse running Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. until Oct. 12.

## Profile: Albert Isen

# Mayor Began Career as Torrance High President

Albert Isen is more than just mayor of Torrance. He's an historical monument; a living link with the past.

Torrance was a pioneering town of only 300 residents when Isen's family moved here from Los Angeles. The future mayor was only 5½ years old then—but his history-making life had already begun.

Al Isen was issued the first juvenile library card when the county library opened. He later went on to become the first student ever to complete all 12 grades in Torrance schools.

Even in high school days, Isen exhibited leadership ability, serving as student body president of Torrance High School. His graduating class boasted a grand total of 18 students.

If Isen has a lot of "firsts" to his credit, it's only because it runs in the family. His dad established the first retail store in Torrance, in the heart of the downtown area. Isen's father was also the first Torrance resident to own a car.

After high school, Isen tackled his studies at USC, emerging a few years later with a degree in law. Without further ado, the future mayor established a law practice in downtown Torrance and has been there ever since.

Isen and his wife Sara have made their home here, raising one daughter, Lorna, who is now married and lives in Florida.

Whipping up a law practice in the year 1933 was not an easy chore. "Believe you me, it was a struggle!" Isen exclaims. But 20 years of hard work made the "small town lawyer" suc-

## AFS Group Sets Meeting Monday

Two Torrance exchange students who spent the summer abroad will share their experiences with members of the Torrance Chapter of the American Field Service next Monday evening.

The group will hear Barbara Moffitt, a senior at Torrance High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moffitt, and Gary Farmer, a senior at South High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farmer.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Torrance High School. It will begin with a potluck supper.

Miss Moffitt spent the summer in the Philippines

and Farmer lived with a family in Malaysia during the summer months.

Jack Erving, president of the local AFS chapter, will introduce five girls who are studying in the Torrance high schools this year.

They include: Amata Navamarat of Thonburi, Thailand, who is attending Torrance High School and living with the Lester Foster family.

Clara Eugenia Thomas from Popoyan, Colombia, who attends West High School and lives with the William Robertsons.

Nora Pinon of Maldonado, Uruguay, attending North High School and living with the John Rotolantes family.

Catharina Roozeje (Toos) van Boetzelaer from Renkum, Netherlands, and Rosalba (Ricky) Cotta from Turin, Italy, both attending South High School. Miss van Boetzelaer lives with the J. Ray Brown family and Miss Cotta is living with the Lloyd Money family.

A third Torrance student, Bill Davis of North High, will tell of his experiences in Turkey at a later AFS meeting.

## Residents Will Hear Candidates

Candidate for the State Assembly and Senate and for Congress will appear at a special "Meet the Candidates Night" meeting of the Palos del Amo Homeowners' Association Monday, Oct. 14.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m., according to R. C. Monson, vice president of the association.

Monson said six candidates have accepted the association's invitation to appear. They include incumbent Robert Beverly, a Republican, and Democratic challenger James C. Roberts in the 46th Assembly District; as well as incumbent Robert S. Stevens, a Republican, and Democrat Joe Reichmann of the 25th State Senate District.

Democrat Glenn M. Anderson and Republican Joe Blatchford, seeking the vacant Congressional seat in the 17th District, also have accepted the invitation to appear.

Each candidate will have time to make a brief statement of his positions on the issues and a question-and-answer session is planned.

Monson said a meeting site has not been determined at this time.

## Symposium To Explore Violence

Eyewitness reports on the controversial violence during the Chicago Democratic convention will be presented by members of the California delegation Friday at 8 p.m. at American Savings and Loan Association's community room, 1959 Kingsdale Ave., Redondo Beach.

Sponsored by the South Bay chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the symposium will hear from delegate Tom Carvey of Palos Verdes and a youth delegate. A defense of the Chicago police and an ACLU attorney's analysis of the events will also be presented.

There is no admission charge at the public meeting.



ALBERT ISEN

successful enough to start thinking about increased responsibilities.

In 1954, Isen was elected to the City Council, then a five-man body, and the following year was named mayor by his fellow councilmen.

In 1958, charter change made the City Council a seven-man group with the mayor elected by the people. Mayor Isen won that mandate and is currently serving his fourth term. "I'm the only elected mayor this town has ever had," Isen relates, looking back over a 14-year career in local politics.

It's safe to say that the city of Torrance is Isen's life. It's so much a part of him that he hardly has a minute to call leisure. For the token salary of \$100 a month, Mayor Isen says he put in roughly half a working day every day to city business. Counting all the extras, such as ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, and

dedications, his official duties take 28 hours per week.

A short, balding man with a vibrant personality, Isen frequently does battle with colleagues on the Council. He singlehandedly blocked the sale of the Torrance Transit System to the Rapid Transit District during the past year, sidestepping the objections of the six other councilmen. He also raised a few eyebrows at election time by mailing hundreds of letters to area voters, calling for the ouster of three incumbent councilmen. Not only did Isen win their ouster, but he lived to see his three top choices swept into office.

Isen's career has spanned a period of tremendous change in Torrance. More than 100,000 people have moved here since he took the reins of government. He has seen the addition of the giant courthouse on Maple Avenue and he's watched the Del Amo financial and shopping centers go up.

The highlight of his career, however, was accepting the All-America City award for Torrance 11 years ago. Isen describes the profound emotional experience of attending the National Municipal League convention in Memphis, Tenn., and personally presenting a report on Torrance city accomplishments. His faith in Torrance that day was justified several weeks later when he learned that this city had won the competition.

Isen still has that faith, spontaneously praising the "tremendous community spirit" of cooperation and friendliness that pervades Torrance. "I'd like to see it stay that way," he beams.