

# City Delegation Plans Visit to Guatemala

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## Vernon May Be Sick

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have married 22 years. We have four fine children and a comfortable home. Our marriage is far from perfect but I consider it as good as most. Last night Vernon insulted me in a way I shall never forget. He brought home a safe with a lock on it bigger than my head.

When we got ready, for bed Vernon took his billfold out of his pocket, scooped up his small change, remove his cuff links and watch and put everything in the safe. He didn't say one word the whole time, just gave me sort of a triumphant look and turned off the light.

Ann, I have never taken a thing in my life that didn't belong to me. I wouldn't dream of snooping through Vernon's pockets. Why he chose to insult me this way is a total mystery. Our house has never been robbed so he can't be worried about burglars.

Vernon has always been on the quiet side and kept to himself. He is 52 years old and seems to be in good health. What do you make of this?—Mystified

Dear Mys: The man sounds unwell. If this strange behavior persists, urge him to see a doctor for a checkup. And be sure to inform the doctor about your husband's strange behavior. Vernon might be going through the male menopause.

Dear Ann Landers: I read an article in the paper that burned me up. It went something like this: "Are you responsible for making a thief out of a perfectly nice kid?" The article said that whenever a person leaves his keys in the ignition of his car he is encouraging some "perfectly nice kid" to be a thief.

Of all the crackpot ideas, this one takes the cake. What in the world has happened to good old-fashioned honesty? Teen-agers behave according to the standards they are raised by. The values learned as young children are deeply ingrained by the time they are 12 years of age. When I was 16 I wouldn't have touched a dollar if a million of 'em were stacked up in front of me simply because I was taught early not to take things that didn't belong to me.

Now they've twisted things up so the person who leaves the keys in the car is just as guilty as the kid who steals it. How crazy can the sociologists get?—Born Too Late

Dear Born: I agree, some kids wouldn't dream of stealing a car, keys or not, but the point of the article was that we shouldn't make car stealing easy because some kids are borderliners and behave impulsively.

No matter how you look at it, there has been an appalling increase in car stealing—Nearly 65 per cent of all car thefts in 1967 were pulled off by teen-agers.

Confidential to Opinion Needed: Paradise Now meant Jail Later for some of those actors who got carried away. Nudity is getting to be a big fat bore and I firmly believe that people will get sick of theater garbage, movie trash, pornography—the whole rotten scene—and they will fade into oblivion.

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 50 cents 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## GOP Spokesman Attacks Vote on Committee Funds

Congressman Glenn M. Anderson's vote against funds for the House Internal Security Committee has come under attack here by a spokesman for the 17th Congressional District Republican Central Committee.

Jack L. Carlson, chairman of the GOP group, said he was "disturbed that Congressman

Anderson voted against the funds requested for this committee."

Carlson also noted that both the Republican and Democratic House leadership supported the appropriation for the committee and added that Anderson was one of 51 congressmen opposing the measure. Anderson is a Democrat.

## Artists To Show Efforts

Southwest Los Angeles artists wishing to display their work in the 10th annual Southwest Regional Art Show have until April 24 to enter the competition to be held next month at Alondra County Park, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Artists, 18 years of age and over, who live in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Gardena, El Segundo, Lawndale, Lomita, Hawthorne, Inglewood, San Pedro, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Wilmington, Playa del Rey, and Harbor City are eligible to compete for awards.

The admission-free exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media including: graphics, mosaic, stichery, collage will be held for three days in the park gymnasium building, 3535 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, on May 2, 3, and 4, the supervisor said.

Participants will be required to pay \$1.25 entry fee.

## 'Camelot' To Open On May 1

"Camelot," the King Arthur legend set to words and music by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner, will open an eight-performance run May 1 in the Long Beach Auditorium Concert Hall as the spring production of the Long Beach Civic Light Opera Association.

Six evening performances—May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10—begin at 8:30. Sunday matinees May 4 and 11 will start at 2:30.

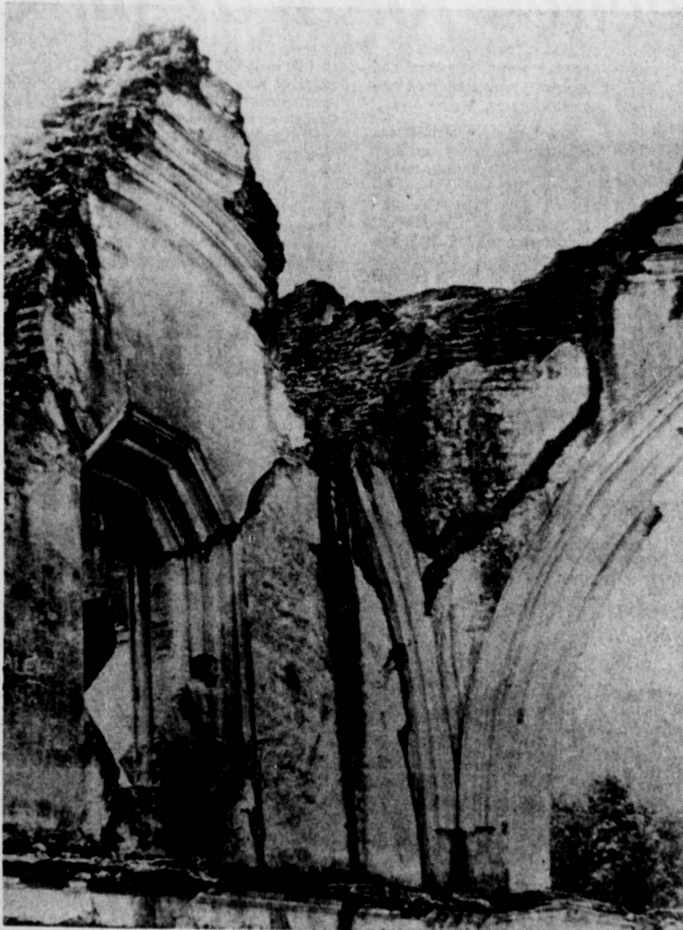
Principal roles will be played by Ed Cotter (King Arthur), Laura Killingsworth (Guenevere), Larry Deane (Lancelot), T. Ellsworth Clark (Pellinore), Glenn Bradley (Mordred), Britt Murry (Merlyn), and Pauline Foley (Nimue).

"CAMELOT" opened on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre on Dec. 3, 1960, with Richard Burton, Julie Andrews, and Robert Goulet as Arthur, Guenevere, and Lancelot.

The Warner Bros.-7 Arts film version of "Camelot," co-starring Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave and Franco Nero, is in current release.

Besides the memorable title song, the Lerner-Loewe score includes: "If Ever I Would Leave You," "C'est Moi," "I Wonder What the King Is Doing Tonight?" and "What Do Simple Folk Do?"

"Camelot" tickets are on sale at the CLO boxoffice, all Music City stores, and all Mutual Ticket Agencies.



**ANTIGUA**... The former capital of Guatemala had a population of 70,000 in 1700 and was the third largest city in all the Americas. Antigua was one of three great centers of Spanish culture in the Western hemisphere. The city, however, was devastated by a flood from the volcano Volcan de Agua and a later series of shocks virtually destroyed the town. This photograph was taken during a 1965 visit to Guatemala by a Torrance delegation and shows Brian J. Bell, assistant to the president at Hi-Shear Corp. inspecting the ruins of the San Francisco Church built in 1543.

## Shoplifter Punches Two Store Employees

A would-be shoplifter punched two store clerks in the face Saturday when they tried to apprehend her.

Witnesses told police the female suspect entered Judy's Dress Shop, 2126 Hawthorne Blvd., took two expensive dresses from the racks, and tried to hide them between her legs under a full skirt.

Leaving the store about 2:40 p.m., the suspect "waddled" a

short way before saleslady Ruby Odom, 60, of Paramount, accosted her. When Mrs. Odom asked the suspect to hand over the merchandise, the suspect flew into a rage and began to shout abusive language. The dresses fell to the ground and the suspect became so angry that she socked Mrs. Odom in the left eye, knocking her glasses 30 feet.

The suspect began to run away, but turned and struck another store employee, Mildred Thornton, 32, of Torrance.

The suspect was described as a Negro in her late 20s, with a lower front tooth missing. The get-away car was a high-priced 1968 model with license number WAX 641. The car was traced to a leasing agency, which informed police that the car was leased to a man.

The two dresses, valued at a total of \$315, were both recovered.

## Day in Capitol Planned

Only a few more reservations can be accepted for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored Torrance Day in Sacramento on April 23. It was announced today by George M. Ebert, Chamber president.

The purpose of the visit to the state capital by chamber members is to confer with legislators regarding pertinent problems relating to Torrance, Ebert said.

The 40-member group will meet with State Senators Ralph C. Dills and Robert S. Stevens and Assemblymen Robert G. Beverly, L. E. Townsend, and Vincent Thomas to discuss such subjects as traffic and street problems, flood control, and education, among others.

Persons wishing to participate in the trip are urged to contact the chamber and make reservations immediately. The cost of the one-day trip, including transportation, is \$50.

## Donate Gift

D. C. Johnston, vice president of the Moltronics Co., has donated a gift of electrical component parts, consisting of connectors, resistors, and capacitors to Torrance Unified School District for use in electronics classes.

## Profile: Dr. John Lucas

## The Kids Want to Know If the Doc Can Come Out



DR. JOHN LUCAS

would get sick and spend all of my vacation on the base recovering."

His wartime travels took him through Australia, the Philippines, and New Guinea ("I saw much too much of New Guinea"). He was made platoon sergeant of the machine-gun section of the 162nd Infantry.

Since he had always loved to write and showed a knack for it in the service, he was commissioned to write the history of his platoon—and was relieved to get that assignment.

"I figured I'd get a rest, go someplace quiet and write, but the CO decided that to write the history of the platoon, I should be in the thick of it—where the action was." His performance "where the action was" won him a Bronze Star.

Following his discharge in 1945, he enrolled at the University of Oregon where he began undergraduate studies in English and business. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1949, then went to school during the summer and following year to win his master's degree in education.

While teaching English and social studies at a Eugene, Ore., high school, Dr. Lucas became interested in the in-

struction of handicapped children. For five years, he was a one-man department, teaching handicapped children in the area from kindergarten to through high school.

"The techniques known then for teaching speech therapy and other such classes to the handicapped were not yet perfected," he recalls, "and perhaps all I did was to keep these kids from being separated from their families and placed in institutions."

Dr. Lucas married Dorene Bucher—a high-school sweetheart and former Rose Festival princess in Portland—in 1946.

"Every guy in the service has to have a girl back home to write to," Dr. Lucas claims, "and she was mine."

He came to Torrance in 1955 as boy's counselor and vice principal at Torrance High School. After a year there, he was moved to North High, asked to go to the young South High as vice principal in 1957, and was named principal in 1959.

Dr. Lucas completed work on his doctorate in education at the University of Southern California.

A "duffer" golfer, he loves working around the house and enjoys woodworking.

Future goals? "I'd like someday to go into the teaching of secondary administration from a vantage point of many years of experience—a goal which, by definition, won't be reached for a few years."

Dr. Lucas is involved in the drug problem with high school students and is a firm believer in open forums to get problems such as this out into the open. He sits in on a student forum every Friday.

He cites his biggest achievement at South High as the Operation Apollo Festival held at the campus in 1967. "All the students and community groups involved did a great job," he recalls, "and it was gratifying for me to see the kids get involved like that."

Plans for a Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce trip to Guatemala City as part of this city's current Sister City program have been announced here.

The delegation will leave from Los Angeles International Airport Thursday, May 29, for a week-long stay in the Central American nation. The group will return to Torrance Wednesday, June 4.

The trip, sponsored by the Sister City Committee of the Chamber, is open to the public. Costs will be about \$400, including the jet flight, accommodations and most meals, and special events planned while in Guatemala.

DETAILS and information may be obtained from the Chamber, 1510 Cravens Ave., telephone 328-2814.

The present itinerary calls for the Torrance delegation to arrive in Guatemala City Thursday, May 29, at 4 p.m. Guatemalan and United States government officials will meet the group and escort them to the Guatemalan Biltmore Hotel. Following dinner, a no host reception will be held to introduce the delegation to U.S. government officials and U.S. businessmen living in Guatemala.

During the first full day in the city, the Torrance delegation will visit the University, the National Palace for an audience with the President of Guatemala, the Olympic Stadium, Archaeological Museum, and the Central Market and residential areas of the city.

THE FOLLOWING day will be spent at the original capital of Guatemala, Antigua, with its ruined convents and monasteries. The delegation also will see Mayan Indian weavers and pottery makers at work and visit Lake Amatlan.

Early Sunday, the group will leave to visit Chichicastenango, where Indians will carry their wares as far as 15 miles to market. The village, built around the Dominican Church of Santo Thomas, was established in 1540 and is a mecca for a continuous stream of pious Indians who worship.

First the Indians worship their pagan gods on the steps of the church, then go inside to do reverence to the Christian gods—thus taking no chances on their life hereafter.

LATER SUNDAY, the group will motor to Lake Atitlan for an overnight stay. The lake is rimmed by volcanoes and a dozen secluded native villages.

Following breakfast the next morning, the delegation will board a launch for a visit to Santiago de Atitlan, an Indian village on the lake shore, and then return to Guatemala City for an official reception hosted by the Mayor of Guatemala and his City Council.

The last full day in Guatemala will be a "free" day with provisions being made for individual members of the delegation to meet their business and professional counterparts in Guatemala. Doctors, for example, will be able to meet doctors and visit hospitals. A Torrance group visited Guatemala in 1965.