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Jury declare Howard Hughes a Texan

By ROB WOOD
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HOUSTON (AP) — A probate court jury needed only 30 minutes and one vote to decide that the late Howard Hughes was a legal resident of Texas and that the so-called Mormon will was a fake.

After 10 weeks of testimony and the introduction of more than 1,000 documents, the three-woman, three-man panel met for about 90 minutes, including the time needed to get administrative matters out of way, to check briefly the evidence, and to announce its verdict.

Jurors said the vote was unanimous on the first ballot, and another legal step was taken to solve the puzzle of where the millions of dollars in the vast estate should go.

Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill said he doubted if the case would go through the federal courts because "all our evidence indicated that Hughes, if asked where his legal residence was, would have said 'Houston.' That's where he was raised, that's where he made his fortune, that's where he paid his federal taxes, that's where he registered for the draft, that's where he was headed when he died and that's where he is buried."

Frank Davis, chief attorney for the temporary administrators of the estate, was not in the courtroom when the verdict was read.

Contacted later at his Houston law office, Davis said, "I was not present when the jury reported, but I am disappointed because I feel the evidence shows strongly that Mr. Hughes was not a legal resident of Texas."

The verdict by the jury, which included two persons who were not native Texans,

could mean millions in inheritance taxes for the state.

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock said he was pleased with the outcome and "there is no doubt that it will mean many millions of dollars."

He said the Hughes estate is now being audited by a private appraisal firm hired by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Obviously, this matter is going to be litigated some more. But there is no question now that Texas stands at the head of the line."

Hill said the inheritances taxes would be between \$25 million and \$150 million.

The co-administrators of the estate, William Lumms, 38, a cousin of Hughes, and Annette Gano Lumms, 89, an aunt, wanted Nevada ruled as the legal residence of the late eccentric recluse. There is no inheritance tax in that western state.

Frank Dallas, a member of the jury and a native Texan, told newsmen, "There just wasn't any evidence to prove that Mr. Hughes was not a Texan. There was too much testimony from the top people in Summan Corp., and all had something to gain."

"I would say that Howard Hughes was a man without a country, but the evidence showed us he was one of us (Texans)," he said.

Another member of the jury, Barbara Weil, a native of Chicago and now a Houston real estate salesperson, said, "We listened to all the evidence and we were convinced that Mr. Hughes was a legal resident of Texas. There was nothing to prove it otherwise."

The attorney general said during the early days of the trial, the "State of California talked pretty tough. California said to watch out for the twoby-four it may

pull out. Well, I can say to California, pay attention to our Sherman tanks after this verdict."

California officials went to the U.S. Supreme Court in an effort to halt the Texas trial, but were turned down.

Hill was asked if the verdict would help his gubernatorial campaign this year against incumbent Gov. Dolph Briscoe, and he answered, "I don't think it will hurt."

Jurors said the matter of the Mormon will, so called because it was left in the Salt Lake City headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was solved quickly and there was no doubt the document was a forgery.

In final arguments, Rick Harrison, an assistant Texas attorney general, said Hughes "filed federal income taxes from 1922 until 1974 listing Texas as his legal residence."

"Even the death certificate that was signed by William Lumms, who now claims Mr. Hughes lived in Nevada, stated that Houston, Texas was his (Hughes) home."

Hughes died in April 1976 while on night from Acapulco, Mexico, to Houston for medical treatment.

Davis told the jury Hughes had signed a sworn statement in 1953 saying Nevada was his legal residence.

"Mr. Hughes never intended to come back to Houston. In one lawsuit against Mr. Hughes, a federal court judge issued a ruling that Mr. Hughes was a legal resident of Nevada."

"Even in a note to a friend, Mr. Hughes said Nevada was his adopted domicile," he said.

A similar case is underway in Las Vegas, Nev.



Band concert rescheduled
Delton Brown with his tuba will be among the several hundred Pampa students presenting a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. The winter concert was set for tonight but cancelled because of the weather. Brown attends Sam Houston Middle School where he is coached by Jim Duggan. Other band directors behind the baton at the concert will be Sam Watson, Joe DiCosimo and Jeff Doughten. A reception featuring the Pampa Stage Band in the Heritage Room will follow. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. (Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Farmers gripe to ag committee

By THOM MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

WASHINGTON D.C. — The ship of state apparently floats on a sea of papers — forms, reports, documents, releases, notices, records and testimonies — abounding in the government and flowing back and forth from organizations interested in the same.

A recent source of much printed matter has been the House of Representatives committee on agriculture, now on its final day of taking testimony from members of the American Agriculture Movement (AAM).

Copies of each person's testimony are distributed to the 40-odd representatives on the committee, the committee staff, the press, and to members of the audience as long as the supply lasts.

Many copies of the testimonies are added to the growing collection of printed information that is being compiled by the average AA member in Washington D.C.

Other items in his collection include such things as a photocopy of a traffic ticket issued to a cab driver because there was an American Agriculture bumper sticker on the vehicle — "unapproved advertising."

And there is a copy of U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob

Bergland's statement before the committee.

The 184-page "book" was being hawked at AAM headquarters in the quality Inn Capitol Hill for \$10 per copy. One farmer who obtained the secretary's testimony soon after it was presented on Feb. 1, said he had paid \$50 for it. He said the original copy had cost more than \$200.

One document being widely photocopied and circulated from farmer to farmer in recent days reportedly was lifted from Bergland's desk by an enterprising AAM member. Instructions on the cover sheet declare, "For Official Use Only — Indefinite Retention. This Report Is For Your Information And Use."

Government projection in the document predict under the 1977 farm bill a target price of \$3.22 per bushel of wheat in 1982, with parity per bushel figured at \$6.07 for that year.

The AAM strikers are in Washington seeking full parity, demanding it from the House Agriculture committee. Parity has been defined by farmers as production cost plus a fair profit.

The AAM strikers are angered and upset with their information taken from Bergland's office. They are much more pleased with legislation proposed by Representative Jack Hightower

Carter prods for coal strike settlement

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is prodding negotiators and meeting with a dozen governors in a double-barreled effort to deal with the increasingly disruptive 73-day coal strike.

Carter called bargainers from both sides to a rare White House session Wednesday night in an attempt to get the strike settled before it seriously harms the country.

Officials said the session, which lasted slightly more than an hour, went smoothly and that talks would resume today at the Labor Department.

However, sources who asked not to be identified emphasized that large differences remain.

The session, the first nighttime labor talks at the White House in a decade, established ground rules for today's bargaining.

That session was expected to focus on narrowing union-management differences. Labor Secretary Ray Marshall said the talks will be "almost continuous."

United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller also expressed satisfaction and said he was "most anxious to get down to business."

Asked whether he believes industry bargainers are ready to do the same, he replied, "they do not have any choice."

Industry officials left the meeting without talking to reporters.

Carter, meanwhile, called in governors from the states most directly affected by the strike for a late afternoon discussion of measures to alleviate hardships. Officials said the talks would range from moving coal into areas of shortage to lifting

environmental curbs on use of some fuels in certain areas.

Governors from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Maryland and Wisconsin were invited.

Although Carter has broad emergency powers to deal with the strike, ranging from sending the military to dig coal to giving Americans free firewood, energy officials said the president prefers to let negotiations continue and urge the states to take what action they can, such as curtailing non-essential electricity usage.

Carter personally kicked off the negotiating session in the

Roosevelt Room, telling bargainers for the union and Bituminous Coal Operators Association that the nation is "looking to you men" to find a quick settlement in the longest continuous coal strike in history.

White House spokesman Jody Powell said Carter emphasized to bargainers the importance of coal in satisfying the nation's energy needs and the importance of having a dependable supply in the future.

The coal operators at first rejected Carter's call to return to the bargaining table, but relented after heavy pressure from the White House. Administration sources described the president as outraged over the industry's initial refusal.

Sabotage blamed on Alaska line leak

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A 20-foot length of fuse and a black stain on the snow are evidence in what state troopers say is the second attempt to blow up the trans-Alaska pipeline.

A sabotage attempt last summer did not even dent the \$7.7 billion pipe, but on Wednesday a hole was blown in the 48-inch steel line.

Thousands of barrels of thick Prudhoe Bay crude oil — no exact figure was available — gushed over the tundra for hours. The 800-mile-long pipeline was shut down shortly after the spill was reported, and the flow was slowed to a drip late Wednesday.

An Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. spokesman said the line should be operating again in 24 hours. A "sleeve" was being welded over the hole in the half-inch-thick steel.

Asked whether he would describe the explosion as sabotage, state police Sgt. Larry Mix said, "I would describe it as somebody using an explosive device to blow a hole in the pipeline."

Morris "Jack" Turner of the Interior Department's Alaska Pipeline Office had said shortly after the leak was spotted "There are some indications that it is sabotage. You have to suspect foul play."

No arrests were reported.

The oil was contained in an area 600 feet in diameter around an above-ground section of the pipe about six miles east of Fairbanks, Alyeska reported. The amount of oil lost was not known, but estimates of the peak rate ranged up to three barrels per second. A barrel has 42 gallons.

Clues at the spill site included a length of slow-burning fuse, a hole at the base of a depression in the pipe and a black stain on the snow. Alyeska said the hole was an inch in diameter, but the troopers said it was two inches.

Alyeska workers, state troopers and a military demolition team searched through the night for additional clues.

This is the fourth significant leak since oil began flowing from Prudhoe Bay to the Valdez pipeline terminal last spring. The previous leaks were attributed to human error.

Last summer, three Fairbanks men were charged in connection with a sabotage attempt that did little but shredded the thick layer of insulation on the line.

Turner confirmed that the pipeline's highly sophisticated leak-detection system had not picked up the spill. It was reported by a private pilot flying over the line.

Reports differed on when the leak was reported.

Bell decision reversed

EASTLAND, Texas (AP) — The 11th Court of Civil Appeals today reversed a lower court decision ordering Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to pay fired executive James Ashley and his wife, Bonnie, \$1 million in a privacy invasion suit.

The appeals court rendered a verdict in favor of the telephone company, nullifying the million-dollar award recommended by a trial jury in San Antonio Dec. 17, 1976.

Ashley, dismissed by the telephone company from his \$55,000 a year post on Oct. 31, 1974, charged Bell invaded his privacy by tapping his home telephone.

The appeals court ruled the trial court verdict in favor of Ashley was not supported by evidence introduced during three weeks of testimony in December 1976.

Bumped family sues Braniff

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Austin family wants \$50,000 for the way it was treated when "bumped" off a Braniff Airways flight and then bused from Dallas to Austin.

In a suit filed Wednesday in an Austin district court, Thomas E. Manley said he, his wife and four sons were returning Nov. 27 from a Thanksgiving holiday trip in California. When they reached Dallas, the suit says, they were told they were not guaranteed seats on a flight to Austin "since Braniff was overbooking all of its flights that day." Manley said his reservations had been confirmed for three months.

When the family reached the boarding gate, they were told they could not board the flight.

The suit says the Manleys remained in the boarding area but did not get on the plane. A Braniff representative asked them to follow him to another area where they were confronted by two Dallas police officers who advised Manley he would be arrested if he attempted to board the flight.


Manley says passengers who arrived after the Manley family were put on the plane

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"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."
—Lord Acton

Heavy snow warnings are out for today and tomorrow, with an accumulation of four to six inches possible by Friday morning. Today's highs will be in the 20's (-4 degrees C.), with the low tonight expected to be 18 degrees (-8 degrees C.) Winds are from the southeast at 5 to 10 m.p.h.



The reign of heavyweight boxing champ Muhammad Ali came to an unexpected end Wednesday night when Leon Spinks, the 1976 Olympic gold medalist, won a split decision. Story is on p. 17.



Church members team up to remodel church

The Rev. Maurice Korsmo, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, stands in the church building that was bought from Calvary Baptist Church. Church members remodeled the building themselves, adding a new nursery room, classrooms, carpeting, piano, organ

and drapes. The congregation will have the first service in the new church Sunday, with Sunday school beginning at 10 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. A potluck dinner will follow the services.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

National insurance wins point

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a long-time champion of national health insurance, appears to have won a behind-the-scenes battle with the Carter administration to get the president's health care plan before Congress this summer.

In the process, Joseph A. Califano Jr., secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, was undercut by the White House. Califano "got sandbagged in the service of the president," as one of his aides put it.

The Massachusetts Democrat drew the skirmish lines more than a year ago at Califano's confirmation hearings in the Senate. At the time, Kennedy extracted from the incoming secretary a schedule that put national health insurance on the administration's agenda early in 1978.

Less than four months later, in May 1977, the senator thought he detected some slippage in the schedule and told a United Auto Workers convention in Los Angeles that health insurance was "in danger of becoming the missing promise in the administration's plans."

The forum had been carefully chosen. The UAW had founded the Committee for National Health Insurance and had been a key supporter of Kennedy's far-reaching national health plan, under which the federal government would pay for health care for all Americans.

The day after Kennedy's ap-

pearance, Carter flew to Los Angeles to address the UAW convention and restated his plan "to submit legislative proposals early" in 1978.

Kennedy said he was pleased with Carter's statement, and the issue faded into the background while the administration struggled with other issues, such as an energy policy, welfare reform, tax revision and the Panama Canal.

At an Oct. 27 news conference, Carter said, "I was thinking the other day about what new major innovative proposals might be forthcoming next year and the year after. I can't think of any. I think we have addressed all of the major problems already."

Then, in December, Califano began sending out subtle signals that the health plan might have to await more guidance from the states.

Instead of complaining again publicly, Kennedy sought out UAW President Douglas A. Fraser, and together they called on Carter to tell him privately that they wouldn't stand for further delay.

The president, apparently realizing that national health

insurance legislation had little chance of passage without labor support, reaffirmed his commitment.

Kennedy apparently promised that the principles of the administration proposal would be completed in March and specific legislation would be submitted to Congress in time for Kennedy to hold hearings on it before adjournment.

in the summer or autumn. Last week, Kennedy reportedly was setting a bill before his subcommittee by then.

Friendly bandit happy

DETROIT (AP) — She apologized to clerks for robbing their stores — she'd been beaten, she said, or her baby had died. Afterward, she called to make sure everyone was all right.

Police called her the "Friendly Bandit," and the woman they arrested says she is glad she was caught.

Rosemarie Wojtaszek, weeping while awaiting arraignment, said she resorted to rob-

bing clothing stores because a bookmaker threatened her family over a \$6,000 gambling debt.

"See, I got these beautiful kids at home and a wonderful husband and I didn't want to hurt them," she said.

Police said Mrs. Wojtaszek implicated herself in a string of robberies beginning Feb. 2 — three clothing stores in Detroit and five in the suburbs — and they believe her.

After each of the eight cases,

police said, store clerks noted how friendly, even apologetic, the woman was.

Mrs. Wojtaszek, 39 and the mother of five, said she was addicted to gambling and hated robbing stores. She said she wanted to be caught.

She was last Saturday, police said, after a woman wearing a red wig walked up to a clerk at a cash register in Fuhman's Apparel Shop, pulled a gun and said: "My baby died. I need money."

The woman took \$46, then demanded several articles of clothing, including three fur coats. While she gathered the clothes, a clerk called police. Mrs. Wojtaszek was arrested as she walked out the front door, police said.

On Sunday she was arraigned for the Saturday crime. On Tuesday, after talking to police, she was arraigned for the Feb. 2 robbery of a dress shop — the first of the "Friendly Bandit" incidents. Police said they may charge her in the other robberies, and she was being held in Wayne County jail on \$150,000 bond.

In the Feb. 2 robbery, a middle-aged woman wearing a red wig got away with clothing worth about \$350 after telling two elderly female clerks she had been beaten and needed

money for an attorney.

Afterward she called to make sure no one was hurt.

"Those poor old ladies were so sweet to me," Mrs. Wojtaszek said Tuesday. "I never pointed the gun at them and when I got home, I was shaking like a leaf. I thought: 'Those poor old ladies. What if someone had a heart attack?' So I called back to see if everyone was all right."

Mrs. Wojtaszek said her gambling addiction started with a few football bets and quickly grew into bets of up to \$1,000, placed with a bookie she refused to name to reporters.

Her husband, Herman, an auto worker, said the gambling losses amounted to \$20,000 last year. He said he helped pay the debt and tried unsuccessfully to get his wife to seek help for her addiction.

Mrs. Wojtaszek said the bookmaker called a few weeks ago and demanded immediate payment of the outstanding \$6,000.

"He told me: 'Your kids might turn up missing, or we might put a bomb in your car. We know where your husband works.'"

"That's when I knew I couldn't stand it anymore," she said in a whisper. "When they began threatening my family, I had to do it."

Open Meeting Act cited

CRYSTAL CITY, Texas (AP) — Former city manager Raul Flores has filed suit in state district court contending his removal from the post last week was illegal because the city council acted in violation of the Texas Open Meeting Act.

Flores, who had been city manager since last July, seeks reinstatement.

Three of the city's five council members, including Mayor Francisco Benavides, voted for

Flores' ouster on grounds he was incompetent.

Flores' attorney, Oscar Cisneros of San Antonio, said a hearing has been scheduled Feb. 27 before Judge Jack Woodley on the request to reinstate Flores. The suit was filed Wednesday.

Cisneros said Flores was removed from office during an emergency city council session Feb. 8 and Palomo was named acting city manager at another emergency meeting two days later.

"We're contending that the removal was illegal and violated the Texas Open Meeting Act because Flores was not given notice that his dismissal would be acted upon," said Cisneros.

Published reports quoted sources in Crystal City as saying Flores was removed for "playing politics" with assistance programs established to help Crystal City cope with its natural gas cutoff.

The town's gas supplier shut off service last September, contending the town's utility owned more than \$800,000 in back charges.

Flores suit names as defendants Mayor Benavides, the other two council members who voted for his removal and the current acting city manager.

Insurance denial for Borger woman in coma 'proper'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — American National Insurance Co. did nothing improper in the denial of health coverage to Mrs. Ricky Goforth of Borger, the State Insurance Board said Wednesday.

The board had ordered an investigation following reports that Mrs. Goforth was denied coverage after she suffered a heart attack and gave birth while in a coma.

The Goforths had applied for insurance before she had the heart attack, and notice of rejection came after she was hospitalized in December.

Mrs. Goforth, 18, remains in a coma.

"Investigators went to Borger, Amarillo and Galveston to interview those connected with the case, and found nothing to indicate that the company had acted improperly," the insurance board said.

GLASS SHOW
CORNING, N.Y. (AP) — The Corning Museum of Glass is soliciting glass objects for consideration as possible exhibits in an upcoming display of contemporary glass works from all over the world. The show is planned to open in the spring of 1978.

Antony E. Snow, coordinator for the exhibition, said the objective of "Glass '79," is to "identify the finest glass made anywhere in the world" and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of "Glass '59," the museum's first such display.

Entries must be objects made after Dec. 31, 1975, Snow said, for decorative or functional table use or as works of art. They may be made by hand or machine. Individuals can submit up to 10 objects on color slides, companies up to 20, by May 1, 1978.

The exhibition is sponsored in cooperation with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Collection of Fine Arts and the Toledo Museum of Art.

Basketball to net funds for fire truck

A fund raising basketball game between the Lefors women's basketball team and the KIXZ Poorboys will be at 8 p.m. Monday in the Lefors school gymnasium.

Proceeds from the game will go towards paying for the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department fire truck which recently arrived. A payment of \$8,000 is still owed.

A concession stand with home baked goods will be set up in the gym.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Gary Kotara enters race for WD school

Gary Kotara, native of White Deer, will run for position No. 7 of the White Deer - Skellytown Independent School District.

Kotara, 31, is a farmer and has operated in business in White Deer for 12 years. He attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He is a member of the White Deer Young Men's Association, the White Deer Fire Department, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and president of the White Deer Gun Club.

Kotara and his wife, Sam, have two children.

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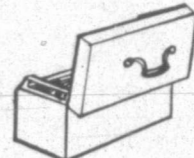
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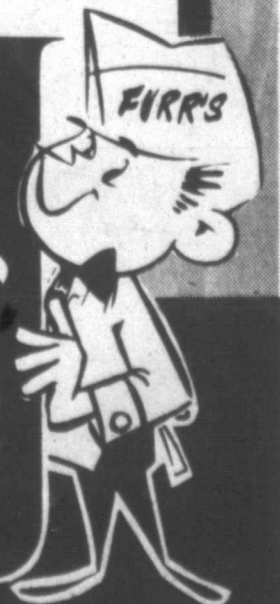
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Dr. Freda Adler sees terrorist activity by women as deviant expression of feminism. (NYT photo)

Why are there 'sisters in crime'?

No longer 'second best'

By JUDY KLEMESRUD
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News Service
NEW YORK — Last fall, a prominent West German industrialist named Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped and murdered by a band of terrorists. The leader of the suspected group is a 27-year-old woman, Freiderike Krabbe, who once studied sociology and psychology.

Miss Krabbe, a dark-haired, round-faced, angelic-looking young woman, is one of the latest of the seemingly growing number of women terrorists around the world who, along with men, have murdered, kidnapped, bombed, hijacked and taken hostages in the name of revolution.

Many of them, including Susanne Albrecht, accused of murdering an influential West German banker who was a friend of her family in his home last July, belong to remnant groups of West Germany's Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang.

Women terrorists are also active in other countries, including Japan, where a woman named Fusako Shigenobu is considered "the queen of the Japanese Red Army" in Italy, where Margherita (Maria) Cogol, an extremist who was slain in a shootout with police, has become a folk heroine among Italian radicals; in Ireland, where the slain "Grandma Venon," Maire Drumme, a former vice president of the Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional Irish Republican Army, once asserted that Belfast would be torn down "stone by stone" if the status of I.R.A. prisoners were changed, and in the Middle East and Latin America.

In the United States, the kidnapped Patricia Hearst took part in violent activities with members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, whose leaders included five women; and women have also figured prominently in the Weather Underground, the Black Panthers and the Armed Forces of National Liberation (F.A.L.N.).

Why is the hand that once rocked the cradle now sometimes tossing a grenade? It is a question often asked these days of Dr. Freda Adler, who is widely regarded as one of the world's leading authorities on female criminality. The 43-year-old criminologist is an associate professor of criminal justice at Rutgers University (Newark), and the author of one of the few available books on women criminals, "Sisters in Crime." She is also a consultant on female criminality to the

United Nations. "Everywhere I go, Italy, Europe, the Caribbean, people are asking me why so many women are becoming terrorists, which is the ultimate of masculine roles," Dr. Adler said, as she sat in her penthouse apartment overlooking the East River.

One reason, she believes, is what she calls the "second best syndrome." "In years past," she explained, "women were generally precluded from these activities. But now, as they are gaining acceptance, they want to prove themselves. Anyone who is newly accepted in any activity wants to prove good, and if you've always been thought of as second best in the past, you want to come out on top."

As Dr. Adler spoke, it was clear that, far from seeing women terrorists as glamorous, she viewed them as violent deviants who do not want to be thought of as second class even when it comes to the most heinous crimes.

Dr. Adler, who is 5-foot-1 and has long blond hair streaming down past her shoulders, said other reasons that women become terrorists was because of their increased political

awareness and participation in society's mainstream; as a statement of liberation, and because of the vast social changes since World War II.

"When you have increased participation of females in society," she said, glancing at notes she had made on the subject, "there is no reason why they wouldn't become involved in such things as big business, or government, or even violent crimes that men are involved in. And the men, in this case, are accepting them once they have proved themselves."

The worldwide spotlight offered to terrorist activities also appeals to women terrorists who want to make a public statement of their liberation, Dr. Adler added. "It gives them a platform to say, 'I am liberated from past stereotypes,'" she said, and also to say, "I am accepted in the ultimate of masculine roles."

Although no statistics are available, the total number of terrorists throughout the world is thought to number no more than several hundred. In West Germany, 22 of an alleged group of 55 terrorists are women, Dr. Adler said, quoting from United Nations statistics. "And I am

told that in Italy, there are more women terrorists than there are men," she added.

Commenting on social change since World War II as a reason for women becoming terrorists, Dr. Adler said: "The old ways are crumbling. It no longer gives a woman brownie points to have someone say about her, 'She's the best mother.'"

As a result, she said, many women become alienated from their past sex roles in society, and seek new ones, often with men as role models.

Sometimes a woman turns to terrorism out of simple boredom, Dr. Adler said. "It sounds strange, I know," she said, "but boredom is one of the pathetic rights and privileges of the middle-class woman. What does a middle-class woman do who doesn't happen to be interested in a career or college? What does she do in 1978?"

Dr. Adler, a native of Philadelphia, has a partner in crime here. Her husband is Gerhard O.W. Mueller, chief of the crime section at the United Nations. ("We're a crime family," she said.) She also has three children by a previous marriage.

At Wit's End

BY ERMA BOMBECK
You know what this country needs?
Something that doesn't last forever.

I never saw the advantages of buying a carpet that would last a lifetime... or a winter coat that never went out of style... or lawn furniture that you never had to replace.

When one has a low threshold of boredom, a lifetime guarantee can be depressing—especially when it applies to things you hate.

In 1953, I bought a set of plastic dishes. They came two shocking pink and two dramatic black plates to a set. The first year we had them I thought they were chic beyond description.

By the fifth year, they began to grate on my nerves and I begged the kids to take them to the sandbox or lose them on a picnic.

After seven years of those crummy dishes (do you know how disgusting liver looks on a black plastic plate?) I resorted to sneaking out at night and putting them under the rear wheels of the car and allowing the kids to sit in them and sled down the hill in back of the house.

There isn't anything biodegradable anymore, with the exception of marriage which seems to decompose before the honeymoon.

The shine on my car is built to outlast the motor. The fillings in my teeth are good for 50 more years after I'm gone and my deodorant is so dependable, I've given up showers.

If American ingenuity keeps pace, I predict all the excitement will go out of our lives. Light bulbs will burn forever, tennis shoes will have to be put to sleep to get rid of them, and we'll never know the exhilaration of tossing away a wafer-thin piece of soap and saying, "I thought you'd never leave."

Maybe it doesn't bother anyone else, but this morning I did a gusty thing. I took a paper clip which I've been using and reusing for ten years and threw it away. That's right—just dropped it off in a waste can and said, "Bunkie, you're finished!"

Someday, I know as sure as I'm sitting here, strangers from another planet will poke through the rubble of our civilization and try to figure out what we were all about. There's no doubt in my mind a woman will unearth a set of dishes, two shocking pink and two dramatic black plates to the set, and exclaim, "Hey, these look like they'll last forever."

That will be her first mistake.

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Footless woman reported stable

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mary Northern is reported in serious but stable condition at a Nashville hospital, where she faces amputation of her gangrenous feet against her will to save her life.

The Tennessee Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled the state had a legal right to authorize amputation when two doctors said the surgery is needed to keep the 72-year-old woman alive.

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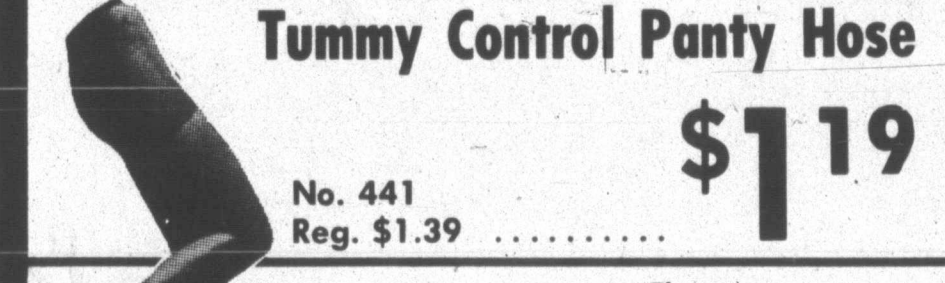
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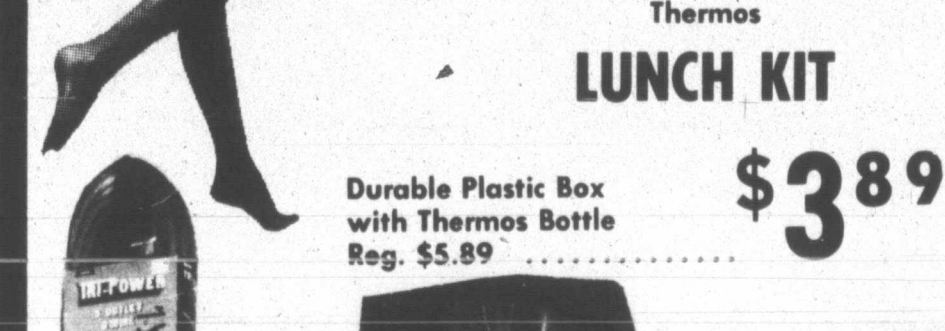


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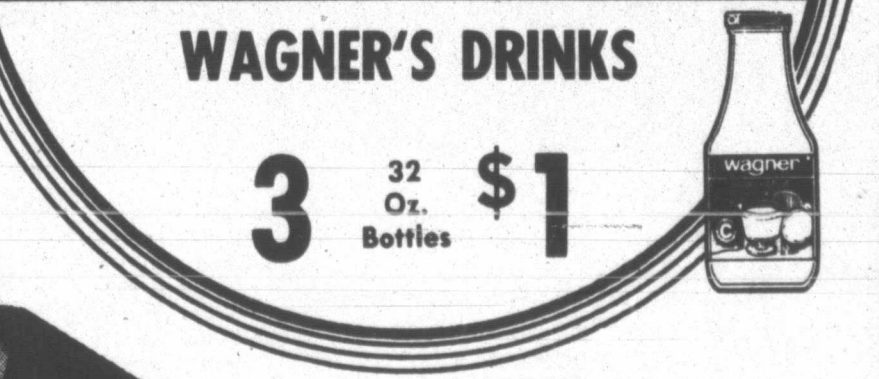


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Here's today's mail — delivered by Lloyd Parsons of Advent, W. Va., one of the last remaining horseback mailmen in the country. His 17-

mile route takes him over rough Appalachian terrain to reach 25 to 30 homes, mostly of older folk.

(AP Newsfeatures photo)

The last of the horseback mailmen

EDITOR'S NOTE — In winter, he's often the only outsider to forge his way into the back hills and hollows of Central West Virginia. He's one of the last horseback mailmen in the country.

By STRAT DOUTHAT
Associated Press Writer
ADVENT, W. Va. (AP) — Betty Godby's post office was still shrouded with mist when the sound of hoofbeats began floating up the narrow, winding hollow.

Clip-clop. Clip-clop. Clip-clop. The hoofbeats grew louder. And as they did, the figures of a fat, bay mare and a slim, gray-haired man began to emerge from the early morning fog. When they reached the old frame house containing the post office, the man dismounted, tied the horse to a tree and went inside.

Lloyd Parsons had come for the mail. Although he had ridden through the fog from his home a mile away, in another sense he had come through the mists of time.

Nearly 120 years after the demise of the Pony Express, this weatherbeaten West Virginian still is delivering mail on horseback. In fact, postal authorities in Washington, D.C., say Parsons is one of the last horseback mailmen in this country.

"There used to be a fellow

down in Kentucky that delivered on a horse but I hear he's retired," says Postmistress Godby, stuffing a fistful of envelopes into Parsons' canvas mailbag. "I guess Lloyd here might just be the last of the line."

If so, Parsons and his mare, Ginger, take the distinction in stride.

"The people down in Charleston are always after me to have a fixed schedule, but you can't have a schedule out here," he said, tying the mailbag to the saddlehorn and climbing aboard Ginger's broad back. "How long it takes me to deliver the mail depends on the conditions of the roads. It may take me four or five hours or it may just take me all day."

The Advent Post Office, a fourth class operation, is located six miles up a dirt road in central West Virginia. Two carriers serve some 70 families in the surrounding hills and hollows.

Parson's 17-mile route takes him over some of the most tortuous terrain in Appalachia. He relies on a Jeep during summer but turns to Ginger from November through May.

"It takes me a little longer this way but I never get stuck," he said, rolling a cigarette as he rode along, completely at ease in the saddle.

A bright winter sun burned

through the mist, instantly converting dewy spiderwebs into giant, sparkling jewels.

"I've lived around here all my life," Parsons said, taking a deep drag. "Been riding horses since I was in diapers and don't ever intend to stop."

But he did, just a moment later, dismounting to drop a couple of letters into a roadside mailbox.

"This here's First Creek," he said, climbing back aboard. "I go from here over to White Oak Creek and then up to Price's Ridge. There must be 25 or 30 houses along my route."

Parsons has been delivering mail for more than 20 years, since he was in his early 30s. He says he's gone through three horses during this time and hasn't missed a single day. A contract carrier, he earns about \$3,000 a year, has no hospitalization and gets no vaca-

tion.

"My contract calls for me to deliver the mail 13 days a month, year round. I deliver on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and do some truck farming the rest of the time. If it wasn't for the farming I'd starve on what I make carrying the mail, but this job will make me eligible for a Social Security pension when I'm 62."

Looking ahead, he spotted a white-haired woman standing beside a mailbox on the crest of the ridge, some 50 yards up the hill.

"That's Harriet Taylor," he said, urging Ginger into a trot. "Hi, Lloyd," the woman said as he approached. "Got any mail for me today?"

Parsons pulled out a package and handed it to her. They exchanged a bit of smalltalk and then he rode on, along the ridge.

La Joya mayor 'tactless'

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer
LA JOYA, Texas (AP) — Except for Big Leo's Fried Chicken To Go and a couple of grocery stores, there is nothing in this Rio Grande Valley town named for Leo J. Leo — long-time mayor and alleged keeper of the keys.

His son Billy thinks he knows why the 1,300 townspeople have not dedicated a Leo J. Leo Road or a Leo J. Leo City Hall. It's his temper.

"If it would not take control of him, every street and the city hall would be named for him. He doesn't have any tact, any way to handle people," Billy Leo said.

What Leo does have, however, is the firm handshake it takes to pump votes from the town's migrant worker populace.

Leo brought the city government back to life in 1965 after La Joya — the jewel — had been dormant for about 40 years. The grateful citizenry elected him mayor by a comfortable margin of 26 votes.

Since then, his opponents (known to Leo as The Opposition) have tried to unseat Leo. Several times, they have attempted to have the city dissolved.

But Leo, the boss, has held on by providing for his people.

Now he thinks The Opposition is out to get him again, this time by dragging him into the federal Manpower program turmoil in the Valley.

"I'm proud to be able to do things for my people," he boasts. But his opponents say "my people" means the Leo Party, not the people of La Joya.

Rodolfo Farias, a former police chief here and a former Leo, told a court of inquiry Leo keeps a city park under lock and key. Leo loaned the land for the park to the city, but Farias testified the key is available only to Leo.

Twisting and turning in his seat, the 61-year-old Leo watched Farias testify. Amid the mayor's mumbling, a state judge thought he heard a Spanish obscenity. Leo spent the night in jail.

"I swear I didn't say anything. Maybe he read my mind what I was thinking about Farias," Leo said later.

His honor is glad to show out of towners his fair city. He climbs into his Leo J. Leo Enterprises pickup truck and starts the tour of the dirt streets of La Joya.

On the right is a meager frame house.

"They have a blind son who is going to Pan Am (university). He wants to be a lawyer. I

helped them get the house," he said.

On the other side of town, there's a man who suffered severe burns in an accident. Leo said he helped him get a house for his family of nine.

But it is the allegation about the park that most upsets the rotund mayor. He recalled that as a youth he learned to swim in the lake adjacent to the land he now owns.

"Only the gringos have property there now. They run our people out. Where do they go? Leo's place," he said with a grandiose, sweeping gesture.

The charges nag at Leo. He said he can't understand why, after providing a park, a Little League field and two dumps for the city, he is being questioned.

He told a local television reporter he feels he is being persecuted. He knew immediately he had said something that might upset state District Judge Joe Cisneros, who is presiding over the inquiry.

But Leo has told the judge the inquiry was mere politics. That doesn't scare Leo, he said. He said he knows how to play

"I'm a political animal," he said.

His city hall office bears the souvenirs of state and national politics. There are pictures of Leo with Dolph Briscoe, the late Hubert Humphrey, the real Don Yarborough, and President Carter.

Recently, while on a campaign swing of the Valley, Senatorial candidate Joe Christie dropped by for a few minutes and, he hoped, about 1,300 votes. Leo, however, already has Bob Krueger stickers on his truck.

Leo is not going to seek reelection when his current term ends, he said. But he promises to keep a hand in local politics and to provide for his people. It's obvious that he could not stay on the sidelines if he wanted to.

It's his temper. "We really go at it," Billy Leo said of La Joya politics. "This is a way of life for us around here."

Charles MacIntosh, who invented waterproof fabrics, was born on Dec. 29, 1776.

STEP reveals locations

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Walter among winners

By KARL SWANSON
Associated Press Writer
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The original broadcasts of the award-winning programs probably were unfamiliar to most regular television viewers. Only five of the 19 documentaries or news reports cited were for programs carried by one of the three major networks.

The Cronkite show was the most widely known recipient of a silver baton from the awards committee, operating under the wing of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, which also administers the Pu-

litzer Prizes — pride of the print media — and the National Magazine Awards.

Cronkite was cited as a "particularly eloquent and effective spokesman for the demanding profession of TV newsman." The program he anchors was termed "the most successful and technically proficient of the three networks' evening newscasts."

The NBC network and WTTW-TV in Chicago both were cited twice. NBC won a single award for two programs, "Human Rights—A Soviet-American Debate" and "NBC Reports: The Struggle for Freedom." Both dealt with human rights.

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At the same time, the U.S. dollar was at its peak in prestige, the pivot around which all other currencies revolved. And, while, within the U.S., the dollar of post-war 1948 naturally bought less than the dollar of pre-war, depression - scarred '38, it still had enormous clout in the markets at home as well as the finance ministries of nations all over the globe.

But now... on this 30th anniversary of the emergence of the post-World War II era, it is appropriate both to look back and forward. Perhaps this perspective will help us in our search for solutions to inflation - the greatest economic evil and challenge of the closing half of the 20th century.

Q. How much has the U.S. dollar lost in buying power in our markets in the 30 years since 1948?

A. The dollar which bought 100 cents of goods and services in the marketplace of 1948 buys only about 38.9 cents of the same basket of goods and services now.

Q. In terms of prices, how much has the cost of living increased during this period?

A. The marketbasket for which you (or your parents) paid \$100 in '48 costs you more than \$257 in '78.

Q. How much value has the dollar lost since the escalation of the Vietnam conflict began in 1965 and distorted what had been a well - balanced economy into a society blighted by soaring inflation, then recession and high unemployment?

A. Just between 1965 and the end of '77, the buying power of the dollar crashed 49.5 per cent. For a while after the escalation, this reflected demand - pull inflation - rising demands

hitting into limited supplies and pulling up prices. Then it reflected (and still reflects) cost-push inflation - rising costs hitting into restrained profits and pushing up prices.

Q. What has been the record on inflation under the succeeding administrations - with both Republicans and Democrats in the White House? To answer that, assume that the 1948 dollar bought 100 cents of goods and services in the marketplace in that first "normal" postwar year. Then the tale is:

Truman 1-49 - 1-53, 90.2 cents.
Eisenhower 1-53 - 1-61, 80.7 cents.
Kennedy - Johnson 1-61 - 1-65, 77.0 cents.

Johnson 1-65 - 1-69, 67.6 cents.
Nixon 1-69 - 8-74, 48.0 cents.
Ford 8-74 - 1-77, 41.0 cents.
Carter 1-77 - 1-78, 38.9 cents.

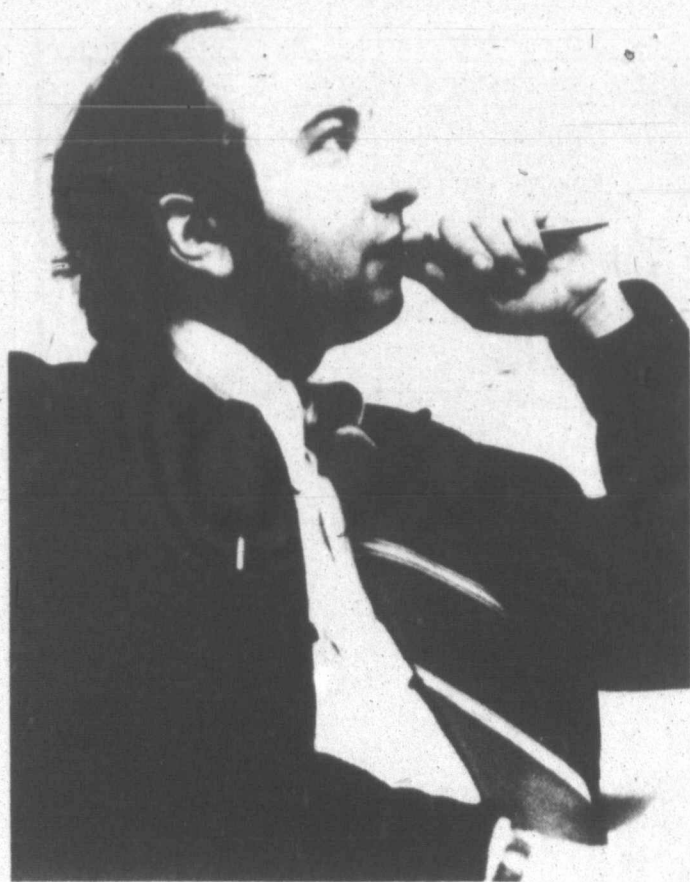
Under President Johnson, our cost of living went up 14 per cent - and his refusal to admit that Vietnam was a war and to ask that it be financed as such set the stage for the blow - off later.

Under Nixon, double disaster struck - runaway inflation side by side with surging joblessness and the deepest business slump of the entire post-World War II period. Our cost of living in his aborted tenure skyrocketed 40.5 per cent.

Under Ford, the erosion amounted to 10 per cent. And even in Carter's first 12 months, the erosion has come to 5.8 per cent.

The look back screams that we have failed to rise to the challenge, perhaps even to admit it. It warns us that unless we do tackle the problem, our dollar is doomed to repeat the pattern of all paper currencies during more than 6,000 years of recorded history - relentless loss of buying power ending in extinction.

The look forward shouts that we must - we absolutely must - concentrate on regaining our great productivity, the efficiency of our plants and equipment, the per-hour output of our workers, if we ever are to restore our economy to tolerable stability. When the White House finally grasps this fundamental, perhaps a cohesive, constructive economic policy will be created.



Knife, Fork speaker slated

Guest speaker at the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club will be Jack Booch, a Californian who is a professional lecturer and professional stage player. The dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn. Tickets will be on sale at Heard and Jones Rexall Drug, 114 N. Cuyler. Deadline for purchasing tickets is at noon Monday. Tickets are \$5 each.

Plane's cost -- \$30 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - The estimated cost of the Navy's new F-14, already the most expensive jet fighter in history, is climbing by more than 45 percent to \$29.7 million apiece, Pentagon sources say.

The sources, who asked not to be named, say a quarterly report will show that the cost of an F-14, the Navy's chief fleet air defense fighter, is going up by about \$9.3 million.

At the same time, the price of an F-18 fighter - described

by Defense Secretary Harold Brown as "a low-cost complement to the F-14" - is rising by about \$2.2 million to \$18 million each.

The Air Force's two prime fighters, the F-15 and F-16, also are registering cost boosts, sources said, but much less than the Navy aircraft experienced.

The F-15, designed to defeat any known Soviet fighter in a battle for air superiority, is up by about \$200,000 a plane to \$18.1 million. The F-16, the Air Force's lightweight fighter, is increasing by about \$800,000 to \$10.8 million.

The sources said much of the increase in the costs of the F-15, F-16 and F-18 is blamed on projected inflation in the years the planes are being produced.

Man subsidizes ex-wife's affair

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - A divorced man has been ordered by the state's highest court to keep paying \$160 a month in alimony to his former wife who is living "openly and notoriously" with another man.

Over a dissent that said the "grotesque" ruling would obligate a husband to subsidize his ex-wife's affairs, the Court of Appeals held 5-2 on Tuesday that state law requires alimony even for ex-wives who have moved in with other men.

Alimony payments in New York normally end only with the death or remarriage of a former wife, but this case turned on an obscure section of a 1938 law which allowed the cutoff of payments in instances where an ex-wife is living with a man and "holding herself out as his wife."

The court majority, led by Judge Lawrence Cooke, held that the woman must actually try to pass herself off as legally married to the man before she can lose her alimony payments. Such action would include applying for utility or bank accounts using his name and making statements to other people.

That interpretation is "unrealistic in terms of current social

standards and practices," said the two dissenting judges, who held that it should be enough that a woman live with another man as his wife - sharing his bedroom, cooking his meals and sharing expenses.

At issue was the 1974 divorce of a Rochester couple, Ray and Anna Northrup.

He won custody of their children but was ordered to pay her \$160 a month alimony. He stopped after two months, citing the fact that less than two weeks after the divorce she had moved in with a man named Ray Prentice.

Two lower courts ruled that Northrup had a right to stop alimony payments. But the high court reversed those rulings, holding that "there was no evidence that plaintiff ever stated to anyone that she was married to Prentice."

In his dissent, Judge Sol

Wachtler called the decision a "narrow, technical and unrealistic" interpretation. "It is hard to imagine that the Legislature ever intended such grotesque result," he wrote.

"Today's decision leaves the courts powerless to relieve the

former husband of the obligation of subsidizing his former wife's affairs no matter how unfair this may be under the circumstances," Wachtler wrote.

Judge Dominick Gabrielli joined in the dissent.

Nun's habit was morphine

DENDERMONDE, Belgium (AP) - A nun from a nursing order is suspected of killing up to 10 elderly patients to get their belongings and sell them to support her morphine habit, police said today.

Cecile Blombeek, 44, known as Sister Godfrida in the Apostolic Order of the Holy Joseph, was arrested last week on theft, drug and forgery charges, police said.

They said she became addicted to morphine eight years

ago following surgery for a brain tumor, and that she was dismissed as matron of a geriatric ward at a clinic last year and sent to a private clinic for detoxification.

Authorities said they have ordered the disinterment of the bodies of 10 of Sister Godfrida's patients who died between January and August 1977. Autopsies will be performed in order to establish whether they died of insulin injections which are fatal in excessive doses.

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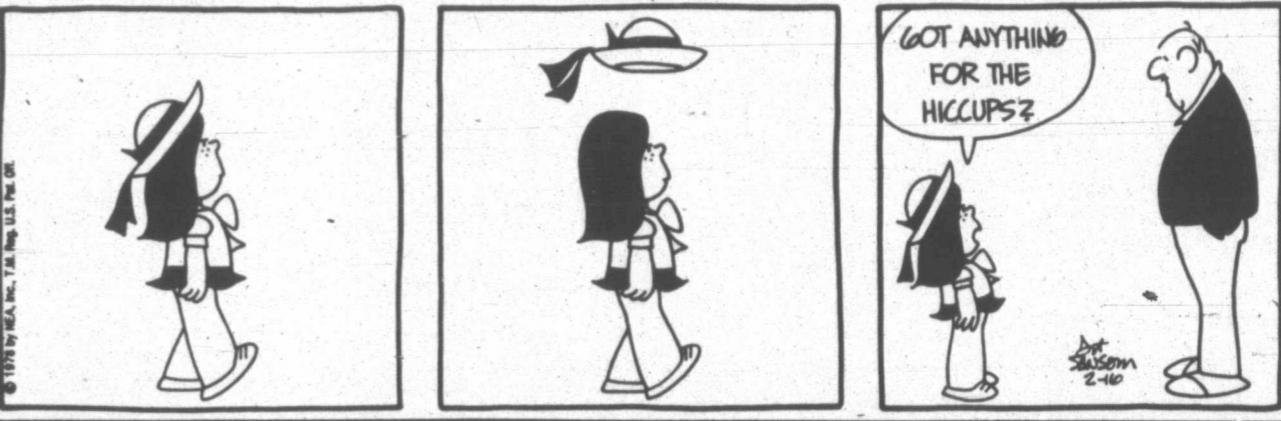
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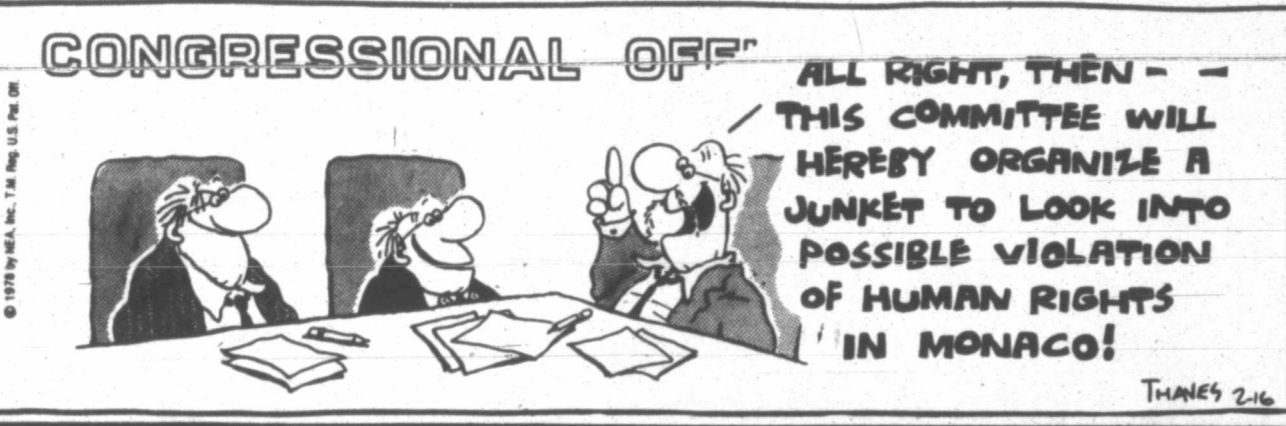
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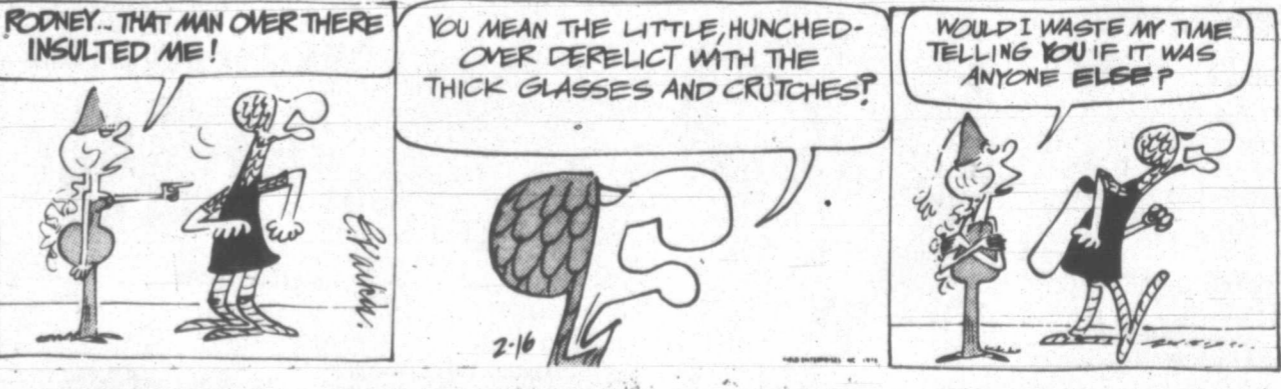
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When they're drunk, monkeys act like people

By Hugh A. Mulligan
AP Special Correspondent
VENICE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Corradino is the nation's, maybe the world's, only licensed and bonded monkey catcher. Right now he is looking after 115 "homeless and unwed monkeys." He was once up to 160. The other day Eastern Airlines called him up: "We got a monkey for you. Come get it." Unsolicited, some guy in Pennsylvania had sent him a monkey.

"I get them from every state," said Mike, who is the unsalaried curator of the Florida Monkey Sanctuary, located on the 10 acres behind his house. "It's the same old story. People buy a young monkey for a pet, then when it gets old and makes a mess or bites one of the kids, they want to get rid of it."

Mike was a disc jockey with WJRZ in Newark, N.J., who came South 10 years ago to get out of the rat race and instead ended up in the monkey marathon.

It started simply enough, like most domestic situation comedies.

Three days after they arrived in Florida his wife Maryjane wanted a pet monkey. She had once made a movie for NBC with J. Fred Muggs, the chimpanzee star of the early TV talk shows, and went ape over the scene stealing primate. So for \$80, "including the cage," Linus, a cinnamon ring tail, came into their lives. Mike and Linus never hit it off.

"He was very intelligent, used to watch Captain Kangaroo and Sesame Street," Mike recalled. "He was a great escape artist and great at breaking and entering. You couldn't keep a combination lock in the house; he'd watch you once and knew the combination. But he didn't like me and I guess I didn't care much for him, for \$160, including the cage. I got my own pet monkey, a wooly monkey."

Then one day the Humae Society called and asked if Mike was interested in buying a homeless monkey for \$2, the base fee.

"The mathematics seemed right after spending \$80 and \$160," said Mike. "This poor monkey had lost all its hair because the pet shop had kept it in a cat cage. A lot of pet shops don't know anything about monkeys."

Next the county called and asked Mike if he would capture a monkey that someone had abandoned. One thing led to another and Mike, who was living downtown then, soon had 28 monkeys in his backyard.

He successfully petitioned the Sarasota County Commission for \$500 for a watergun to clean out the monkey cages, and thereby became the country's first official monkey catcher.

In his first year on the job, Mike captured 70 monkeys, while working full time as a newspaper man with the Sun Coast Times. One of them, who had bitten five children, took three days to corral, with the

dubious help of a woman who appeared on the scene and said she could tranquilize runaway monkeys with a primitive sexual dance.

"She lifted her skirt and began making weird girations," Mike recalled the dance. "The monkey fled in horror into the garage, where I managed to grab him with a great Lou Brock slide."

Another day a man called up with the anguished plea, "Come get this monkey before I kill it." It was a spider monkey that had all but wrecked the house, ripped out the telephone lines, torn up the upholstery and curtains and blocked up the plumbing by dropping stones in the toilet.

"Softly, softly catchee monkey," advised ancient simian lore. After three futile days with a net, Mike concocted what he called a "Monkey-toff cocktail, two parts vodka, one part peach nectar. It worked, but the totally bobed captive bellowed in his cage and pounded his chest like King Kong."

Mike gave up using his special cocktail "because monkeys when they're drunk act too much like people. Some get ugly, some sit and cry. Now I use a tranquilizer rifle and a net."

Moved out to his new 10-acre place, the Florida Monkey Sanctuary was almost entirely supported by recycling aluminum cans, until the price of aluminum went from 10 to 17 cents a pound. About this time, the state came up with new

regulations for wildlife and animal centers, which would mean \$28,000 worth of improvements for Mike's nonprofit sanctuary. The county approved a grant of \$2,500 for some new cages and a septic system, which is when some official ruled that anyone receiving that amount in public funds should be bonded. Thus, Mike Corradino became the nation's only licensed and bonded monkey catcher.

While working late at night atop a cage to meet the new standards, Mike was attacked by a white faced Capucian monkey. "It bit me on the ankle, almost severed the Achilles tendon. Monkeys have very sharp teeth, you don't even feel it. I don't know how often he bit me, but I had to get 35 stitches and almost died. He weighed only seven pounds, but monkeys pound for pound are four times as strong as men and they come at you with four fists and a tail."

Mike estimates there are three-quarters of a million pet monkeys in the United States, but since the government two years ago banned the import of monkeys his work and sanctuary population has declined.

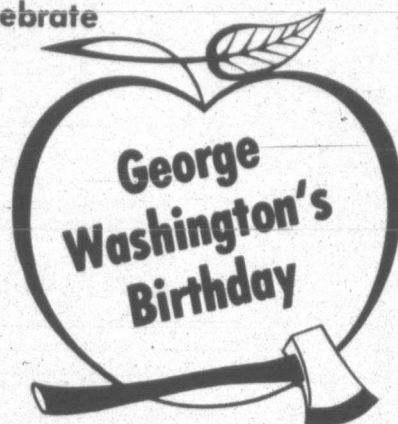
Contrary to popular opinion, monkeys can swim better than Johnny Weismuller. Mike sets the record straight. "And they don't pick fleas off each other. They pick off salt flakes and dry skin. It's a social gesture, like shaking hands."

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Snow stops normal living

BOSTON (AP) — For a week people slept in movie theaters and skied on interstates. They mourned and partied, prayed and frolicked in the disastrous, delightful aftermath of the Blizzard of '78.

Some rejoiced over unscheduled vacations; others waded for their lives through nightmarish floods of ice-chunked seawater.

Since last Monday, normal life has all but stopped in many of the cities and towns of southern New England. Between two and three feet of wind-stacked snow and the vicious inundation of usually-gentle surf have changed the routine of almost everyone.

In Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the governments forbade driving. But thousands had to give up their cars regardless. Motorists bogged down in the snow and lunged off on foot for shelter. Some tried to wait out the storm and died of asphyxiation. In all, more than three dozen were killed by the storm.

In startling proximity, win-some adventure contrasted with agony.

Under a rich blue sky on the day after the storm, one light-hearted Beacon Hill couple set up a barbecue in a snowbank outside their brick townhouse. They gave away hotdogs and

Bloody Marys to anyone who passed by.

Four miles away, drenched policemen churned through the water-filled streets of Revere in an amphibious "duck." They rescued terrified residents from second-story windows.

The camaraderie broke down occasionally.

In East Providence, R.I., a frustrated truck driver, tired of being stuck behind a slow-moving snowplow, got out and punched the operator in the nose.

In Boston people waded through neck-deep drifts and broke into grocery and liquor stores. In the suburbs, looters operated on snowmobiles.

Police guarded homes in ravaged coastal towns to keep out the scavengers.

And people skied. They skied so much that they got in the

way of plows, and Cambridge banned skiers from the streets.

Some people staggered. Boston police complained that drunks were lurching in front of plows.

While the streets filled with snow, life went on, and death, too.

Ambulances could not get through Boston's Dorchester section, so Ruth Devenport delivered Essie Coston's baby by candlelight.

"I was scared to death," Mrs. Devenport said later. "I've got two grown children, but I don't know anything about delivering babies, nothing more than you see on the television."

Meanwhile, hearses could not navigate the streets, either. Funeral homes advised people to put their dead in back rooms and turn down the thermostat.

Love carefully says ZPG

WASHINGTON (AP) — No candy or flowers came with the Valentines sent by Zero Population Growth, a group of birth-control crusaders.

Instead ZPG adorned its cards with a pink, plastic-wrapped condom, which it said was "the necessary equipment" to carry out its message for this Valentine's Day to "love carefully."

The two panels on the pink-hued card show a young Victorian couple wooing on a loveseat, then, on the inside, sitting ruefully with the young lady obviously pregnant.

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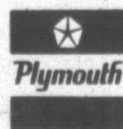
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