

FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Make your own garden grow

DEAR ABBY: A couple of years ago, you had a beautiful piece in your column I would love to have, but I can't remember the name of it. It was this line: "Kisses aren't contracts, and presents aren't promises, and sunshine burns if you get too much of it."

JOYCE IN K.C.
DEAR JOYCE: Here it is. It was copyrighted in 1987. The author is Joy Whitman.

COMES THE DAWN
After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and sharing a life and you learn that love doesn't mean possession and company doesn't mean security and loneliness is universal.

And you learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises and you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes open with the grace of a woman not the grief of a child.

And you learn to build your hope on today as the future has a way of falling apart in mid-flight because tomorrow's ground can be too uncertain for plans.

yet each step taken in a new direction creates a path toward the promise of a brighter dawn.

And you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much so you plant your own garden and nourish your own soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that love, true love always has joys and sorrows seems ever present, yet is never quite the same becoming more than love and less than love so difficult to define.

And you learn that through it all you really can endure that you really are strong that you do have value and you learn to grow with every goodbye you learn.

RECORD

About Town

Hockanum river walk

The Hockanum River Linear Park Committee will sponsor a walk along the Hockanum River on Sunday at 1 p.m. The walk will start at the Adams Mill Restaurant where parking is available. This is the most strenuous walk and will require sturdy boots and a walking stick. The rain date is Dec. 23.

Career change workshop
A "Career Change Workshop" an opportunity to work through the process of changing careers, will be offered

Lottery

Here are Friday's lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily: 0-0-5. Play Four: 5-6-0-8. Lotto: 7-28-38-41-42-43

Massachusetts
Daily: 0-4-8-7. Mass Millions: 9-12-26-35-37-45. Bonus Number: 27

Northern New England
Pick Three: 8-8-7. Pick Four: 9-7-6-9. Vermont Lotto: 1-8-19-21-22-28. New Hampshire Lotto: 4-17-20-25-28-35

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Saturday, Dec. 15
Accu-Weather's forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



Weather summary for Friday, Dec. 14, 1990:
Temperature: high of 38 at 12:30 a.m., low of 22 at 7:30 a.m.
Precipitation: trace.

PEOPLE

Though she is seen more in advertisements for eyeglasses than in movies nowadays, **Sophia Loren** bristles at the idea that her husband and frequent producer Carlo Ponti has done a poor job shaping her career.

"In the mentality of the public, how many names have lasted?" Loren says in Vanity Fair's January issue. "Very few, I tell you. I'm known all over the world."

Loren, 56, has a movie tentatively scheduled for a spring U.S. release. Directed by Lina Wertmuller, "Saturday, Sunday and Monday" is the story of a large, noisy Neapolitan family.

Despite persistent rumors that her marriage is troubled, Loren said: "I don't think I could live without Carlo. I need him. I don't need anybody else."

Former President Ford asked the public Friday to help find a donor for a 9-year-old boy desperately needing a bone marrow transplant.

Robert Valdivia, who is suffering from a kind of anemia and is expected to die within two months without the transplant, shook hands with the former president at Sunny Sands Elementary School.

"Robert badly needs your help for a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible," Ford told a gathering of students and reporters. "Please check at the blood bank to see if you can save his life."

The boy, though not feeling well Friday morning, told his family he still wanted to go to school to meet Ford.

"I really want to go this morning because what if (Mr. Ford) can find someone who can help me," Robert said. "What if I can get well?"

The family has been trying to find a compatible donor ever since the boy was diagnosed 2 1/2 years ago, said his aunt, Yolanda Vasquez.

"The probability of finding a donor remains a one-in-20,000 chance," she said.

Actor and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Jason Miller says he's getting back on track by completing an alcohol rehabilitation program.

Miller issued a statement in connection with being freed Tuesday after he and a companion pleaded guilty to public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Charges of terrorist threats and possession of marijuana were dismissed.

The charges against Miller resulted from an Oct. 22 incident when he was flying from South Bend, Ind., to his home in Scitagon after attending the Miami-Notre Dame football game.

The pilot said Miller and Ronald Dushey were disorderly during the flight, which stopped in Pittsburgh. Allegheny County arrested both men when they continued to act unruly at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Surgery repairs chronic hernia

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a hiatal hernia seven centimeters in diameter. Two local doctors feel the operation you claim to be a cure is more a farce than a fix, since the procedure only lasts for about two years. Why would you recommend this for older citizens?

DEAR READER: Because it works. And, in most cases, it's permanent.

Hiatal hernia is usually a small opening in the diaphragm that permits stomach acid to backwash into the esophagus, causing heartburn and indigestion. However, on occasion, patients have large hernias through which portions of the upper stomach protrude into the chest.

In these cases, the discomfort is severe and unremitting; medicine doesn't work. Therefore, while not an appropriate procedure for most patients with small hiatal hernias, an operation to repair the stomach to its normal position and repair the hernia can be a godsend for others.

Obviously, I would not presume to reach a conclusion about your hernia; your doctors are in far better a position to do that than am I. Nonetheless, I still endorse surgery in patients of any age who have large hiatal hernias which cause symptoms that are not controlled by antacids, diet and drugs, such as Zantac, to reduce acid.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give your opinion on cell therapy as offered in Mexican and European clinics.

DEAR READER: Based on the limited information in your question, I cannot answer you specifically. As a general rule, however, I am wary about miracle cures or treatments that have been popularized in foreign countries but have not gained acceptance in the United States.

Despite its drawbacks, American medicine is still the best in the world. In large part, this is the result of the assiduous testing and cross-checking required by U.S. authorities, such as the Food and Drug Administration. Moreover, the revolution in communications has eliminated medical provincialism: A medical breakthrough in one part of the world seldom stays secret very long. It is tested and tried by American investigators and, if appropriate, is released for use in this country.

Conversely, discoveries by U.S. scientists are quickly embraced by health professionals the world over. Thus, it is unthinkable that Americans would be deprived of truly useful therapy developed in a foreign country. My advice is: Be skeptical about unproven health claims made by obscure foreign clinics—until these claims have been thoroughly investigated by reputable professionals using scientific methods.

Entertainer Wayne Newton says money is not the driving force behind his career.

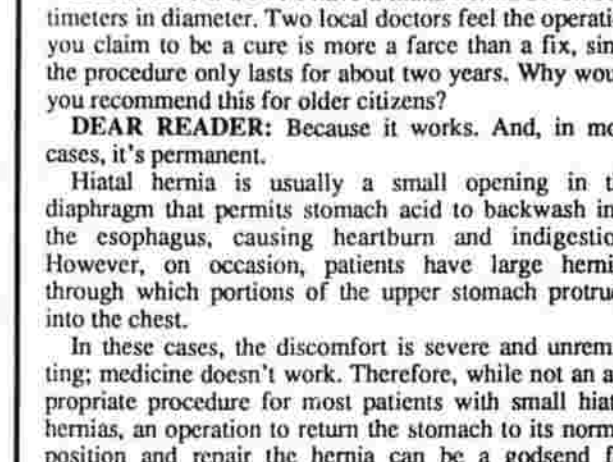
"I don't make career decisions based on monetary considerations," he said in an interview to be broadcast Dec. 26 on cable's The Nashville Network.

"When I was making \$700 a week, I was working just as hard. I wasn't enjoying it as much. The money end of it is important, but it's not the most important thing and never has been."

Light Moment

The Associated Press

Actor Sam Waterston laughs as he spoke with reporters at a news conference in Hartford. Waterston is opening Dec. 29 in a Hartford Stage Company production of Henrik Ibsen's "The Master Builder."



Miller, 51, said both men are sorry.

"It is situations like these, that cause you to reflect on what you are doing with your life and the direction that you are heading," Miller said. "This incident made me realize that I had a problem and I have taken steps to get back on the right track."

Miller is scheduled to begin rehearsals Jan. 2 for a production of "Inherit the Wind," in Los Angeles. Miller will play Clarence Darrow.

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Cinema

EAST HARTFORD
Beverly Hills Cinema — Rocky V (PG-13) Sat 12:30, 9:30. Showtime Cinema 1-19 — Denise With Wolves (PG-13) Sat 12:30, 9:30. Sun 12:30, 9:30. Fri, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 30, 1 to 5 p.m. (Mahoney Rec only); Monday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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WILMANTON
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Weicker names Morris to public works post

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr., in an expected move, on Friday picked state Sen. Bruce L. Morris to be his commissioner of public works, making the New Haven Democrat the first black appointed to a high-level post in his administration.

Morris became the third Democratic lawmaker to join the Weicker administration, following state Reps. William Cibes and Edith Fraga.

Morris, who was elected in November to his first full term in the Senate, was mentioned earlier this year as a potential running mate for Weicker before Weicker chose

Emice Croak.

The public works job is a powerful position that carries an annual salary of \$80,318 and controls much of state spending on construction projects and upkeep of state buildings.

At a news conference to announce his appointment, Morris praised Weicker for appointing him to what he described as a non-traditional job for a black person.

Morris said one of his priorities once he takes the job will be to focus on road and bridge repairs as much as possible within the current state budget crisis.

The public works department has

Bush names labor head

By KAREN BALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Friday he would nominate Rep. Lynn Martin of Illinois to head the Labor Department, choosing a longtime friend who lost her congressional seat last month in a failed Senate bid.

The choice of Martin to replace Elizabeth Dole, who resigned to head the American Red Cross, will assure the continuing presence of at least one woman in Bush's Cabinet.

Another congresswoman defeated in an effort to unseat a Democratic senator, Patricia Sisk of Hawaii, is considered a frontrunner for the top position at the Education Department, where Laura Cavazos was forced to resign this week.

Bush called Martin, 51, a "dis-

tinguished public servant and cherished friend."

The announcement got a somewhat chillier reception from labor leaders. Lane Kirkland, president of the 14.2 million-member AFL-CIO, said that during her 10-year tenure in Congress her voting record "has not reflected a sensitivity to the needs of workers."

Bush's announcement, made hastily before he boarded a helicopter for Camp David, Md., appeared designed to end a week of turmoil within the administration on a positive note.

Cavazos resigned Wednesday — after being told to leave by White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, according to administration sources. And Bush's choice as the new Republican Party chairman, William Bennett,

bowed out Thursday when he found out how drastically new ethics rules would limit his outside income.

Martin, in Illinois on Friday, was informed only an hour ahead of the formal announcement that she had landed the job, an administration source said. Martin declined to be interviewed, but issued a brief statement saying her nomination was "a high honor."

"I look forward to appearing before the Senate for the upcoming confirmation hearings," she said, thanking Bush for his "confidence and support."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., whose Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee will hold Martin's confirmation hearings, commended her on her nomination.

DCYS standards slammed

HARTFORD (AP) — The state Department of Children and Youth Services has no standards on when a report of abuse should be investigated, how long that inquiry should take, or even when an abused or neglected child should receive treatment, according to a report released Friday.

—In Hamden, only 18 percent of the reports of child abuse that are reviewed are referred for treatment; the other 82 percent are closed out after the first review. In Hartford, 46 percent of the reported cases are referred for treatment; in New Britain, the figure is 25 percent.

The committee's investigators concluded that the merits of the cases could not account for such a wide discrepancy. They attribute it to the "informal standards" of local DCYS offices and the central office's "perceived inability to compare standards to staff."

—The average amount of time it took DCYS offices to complete investigations of reported abuse and neglect also varied widely, from

three days in Stamford to 33 days in New Britain. The Hartford office completes 75 percent of its investigations within 16 days; the average in Meriden is 28 days.

—Sixty-one percent of DCYS management staff members rated the agency's training of its social workers as "poor"; an additional 21 percent gave it a rating of only "fair."

The current record-keeping system of DCYS is "burdened with excessive paperwork and doesn't meet the needs of social workers or the client." The committee recommends a computerized record-keeping system with 24-hour access.

—DCYS rarely documents whether children referred to community programs attend or benefit from them. Committee investigators said that of 90 files they reviewed, only seven contained any notation about client participation.

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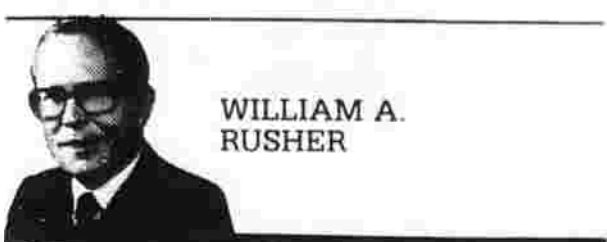
OPINION

Dems will pay for 'quota' bill

Congressional Democrats have painted themselves into a corner so tight that it may wind up costing them the 1992 presidential election.

The trouble began, as so many troubles do, with Sen. Ted Kennedy, who introduced in the last Congress what it pleased him to call "the Civil Rights bill." (After all, who could possibly be against a Civil Rights bill?) Several recent decisions of the Supreme Court have held that a plaintiff who alleges racial discrimination by an employer has the burden of proving it. The controversial provision of the Kennedy bill would in effect reverse these rulings, putting the burden on the employer to prove that he had not discriminated.

President Bush objected to the bill as drafted, pointing out that under it the only sure way an employer could prove he hadn't discriminated would be by adhering rigidly to racial hiring quotas — something Mr. Bush and a great many other people oppose. Sen. Kennedy blandly



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denied that his bill would in effect mandate quotas, and even added some language to the text denying gratuitously that it had any such purpose. But he refused to modify the provision shifting the burden of proof. Mr. Bush thereupon vetoed the bill, and his veto was sustained in both houses.

The Democrats have vowed to reintroduce the bill in the next Congress and fight for it to the bitter end. But they are beginning to sense uneasily that they are holding the short end of this particular stick, and that the issue, if dragged into the 1992 presidential campaign, may do them deadly damage. (They are already convinced that it was responsible for the defeat last month of their liberal black candidate, Harvey Gantt, by Sen. Jesse Helms.)

Thus far, however, the congressional Democrats and their liberal allies in the media have remained on their collision course with disaster in this regard. Democratic spokesmen are quoted by the media as rejecting "angrily" or "furious" the contention that Kennedy's measure is a quota bill — which merely means that they are perturbed by the charge. They have lashed out at the bill's Republican critics, charging them with "racism" — probably the ugliest accusation currently available in the lexicon of American politics.

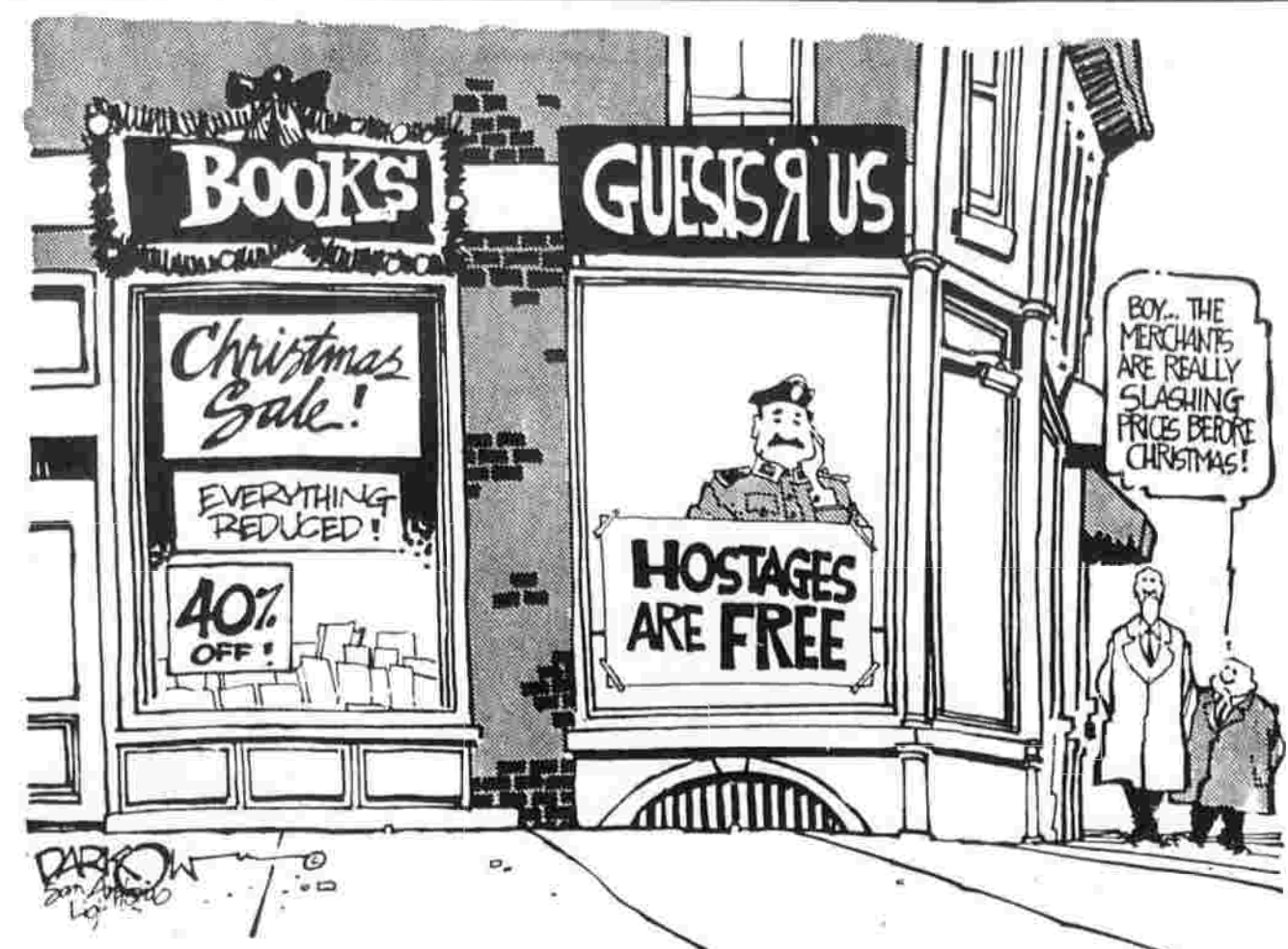
But the Republicans have kept their cool, as they ought to. In the words of House Republican whip Newt Gingrich, "People who want some kind of quota or set-aside based on your racial background should be forced to debate in public their views on America."

The truth is that the Democrats, in their tireless pursuit of black voters, have gotten in the bad habit of disregarding the legitimate interests of white Americans. They only hope now is to prevent anybody from raising the point by denouncing everyone who does so as "racist."

But even this malignant tactic has its limitations. Most Americans, after all, are white, and their resistance to reverse discrimination in hiring (which is what quotas amount to) is likely to rise if that recession the Democrats have been praying for actually arrives and the unemployment statistics begin to climb.

It is hard to see what political benefit the Democrats can hope to squeeze out of this issue. Their share of the black vote in recent presidential elections has hovered around 90 percent, while it has been over a quarter of a century since a majority of white voters voted Democratic. The party, or at least its congressional leadership as typified by Ted Kennedy, appears to be in the grip of a compulsion to perpetuate that state of affairs.

The Republicans, for their part, simply cannot afford to let legitimate white concerns become the exclusive province of such genuine racists as David Duke. They should take a firm stand against quotas, and let the Democrats sweat.



Iraq's missile cache

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — Iraq has an arsenal of formidable long-range missiles, which may include the Soviet SS-12 "Scaleboard" missiles that the Soviets agreed to destroy under the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty. The Soviets made the missiles to carry nuclear warheads, but it is unlikely that the SS-12s were given to Iraq, the Soviets would have been foolishly enough to include the nuclear warheads.

Top-secret Central Intelligence Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency reports say that a Soviet diplomat in Baghdad has secretly warned both Turkish and U.S. diplomats there that the Scaleboards were given to Iraq. The transaction predated the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The Scaleboards and other Iraqi-dropped missiles have the capability of dropping chemical and conventional warheads on American troops in Saudi Arabia and on Saddam Hussein's most hated enemies, Israel and Syria.

The only bright spot in the alarming reports is that Iraq has such a limited number of missile launchers for its several hundred missiles that it is currently trying to jury-rig flatbed trucks as launchers. One classified estimate says Iraq has no more than 60 fixed launch pads and 36 mobile launchers.

In these circumstances, wrote Ahsop, "It is not surprising that the British regard the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms, and especially Kuwait, as their hole card." Looking increasingly vulnerable to the specter of Arab nationalism, a serious question hovered over the Gulf: Should Britain — and could Britain — maintain that hole card by force?

The dangers were profound. A move to protect Kuwait from Arab nationalism could stir even greater nationalist fervor, Ahsop wrote, "and one can foresee all sorts of other, very grave troubles, perhaps on the borders here, certainly at Saad, and quite probably at Aden."

And yet there was really only one answer, "The choice," wrote Ahsop, "has already been made in London. The Sheikdoms will be held, by naked force if necessary."

It never came to that, of course. But clearly the British understood the importance of the Gulf, and its role as the commodity that was so vital to the industrial life of the West.

It is to be hoped that war can be avoided this time, too. But if it should happen, it should be accompanied by a clear sense of its purpose and rationale. For a nation that goes to war without such a sense of purpose and rationale is a nation facing an added dimension of risk.

The added risk is that it will end up fighting not just the enemy in the field, but itself as well.

Is oil really important?

By ROBERT W. MERRY, Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Back in May of 1956, columnist Joseph Alsop filed a dispatch from the tiny desert kingdom of Kuwait, which he described as "little more than a vast oil well with a small town on top of it."

Americans didn't know much about Kuwait then, but Alsop considered it a crucial piece of real estate. Dangerous forces were percolating in the Middle East, Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser sought to forge a growing sense of Arab nationalism into a weapon against the West. The Soviet Union, smuggling its way to Nasser, also sought to exploit Arab nationalism to further its own strategic ends.

Alsop put it: "The Soviet object in the Middle East is simply to use Arab oil to bring down the Western Alliance by encouraging the Arab states to deny to the West the vital oil on which Britain and Western Europe so absolutely depend."

This perception from the past is worth noting in the context of the current Persian Gulf drama, which began with Iraq's resolve to wipe little Kuwait off the map. With President Bush's expeditionary force growing to 50,000 troops, a home-front question casts a political pall over the operation: Why are we there?

Some suggest it is to deter the military aggression of Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Others say the crucial element is Saddam's emerging capacity to produce weapons of mass destruction. Secretary of State James A. Baker III has cited U.S. jobs and Bush has listed, among these other factors, "the brutality of Saddam Hussein."

Uneasy over chemical dump

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa — When the governors of the U.S. territories and possessions in the Pacific met here recently, there was no debate over the Defense Department's plan to decommission lethal chemical weapons in the region.

Instead, they quickly approved — without discussion or dissent — a resolution that reflects the hostility throughout the Pacific to the use of remote Johnston Island, slightly more than 900 miles west-southwest of Hawaii, for the disposal of chemical munitions.

Endorsed by the governors of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa was a statement calling upon the Pentagon to limit its decommissioning operations in the region and to expedite a search for alternative disposal sites and techniques.

Independent countries in the Pacific have been even more antagonistic to Washington's plans. Indeed, their opposition led President Bush, including the leaders of more than a dozen small island nations to discuss the issue with him when he visited Hawaii in late October.

But that extraordinary meeting did little to assuage the region's concerns about chemical weapons so toxic that the Defense Department acknowledges "exposure to nerve agents can result in convulsions and death due to paralysis of the respiratory system ... often within 10 minutes of exposure."

Residents of the U.S. mainland who ignore that festering controversy because they assume Johnston Island is too distant to be relevant to their lives are deluding themselves. The huge chemical weapons incinerator already constructed there is a prototype for similar facilities to be built in eight states.

In the early 1970s, the Defense Department began using Johnston Island to store aging stocks of artillery shells,

But one element rises above all others: Mideast oil. Oil represents more than material comfort in the West. It fuels not just our cars and power plants, but the Western economy itself. It makes possible the economic activity that feeds, clothes and houses the people of the West. It also makes possible the U.S. military, which in turn serves as a force for international stability.

While some argue the United States could move beyond its dependence on foreign oil through conservation, that thinking ignores America's commitment to the economic well-being of its industrial allies.

Oil is a foundation stone of our way of life and of our strategic position in the world. And yet, many Americans appear uncomfortable with the idea that we would go to war for a commodity that is extracted from foreign soil and that contributes to our material lives. As 45-year-old Richard Will, a telephone lineman from Towson, Md., recently told *The Wall Street Journal*, "Americans don't want their sons killed for oil."

It is to be hoped that war can be avoided this time, too. But if it should happen, it should be accompanied by a clear sense of its purpose and rationale. For a nation that goes to war without such a sense of purpose and rationale is a nation facing an added dimension of risk.

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designated it as the disposal site for another 100,000 nerve gas shells stored in West Germany.

Inhabitants of countries throughout the Pacific are concerned about accidental releases during shipment through their region or handling on Johnston Island as well as contamination produced by disposal of the residue from the incineration process.

The Pacific and German stocks represents only 6.5 percent of the United States' inventory of toxic chemical weapons. Bush says there are "no plans" to destroy the remaining 93.5 percent on Johnston Island — a tentative commitment at best.

If those plans do not change, however, the deadly nerve and blister agents that were incinerated at their current storage sites, including Tooele, Utah, where more than 82 percent of the stockpile is held. Smaller reserves are stored in Umatilla, Ore.; Pueblo, Colo.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Newport, Ind.; Ammisson, Ala.; Richmond, Ky.; and Aberdeen, Md.

Residents of the regions surrounding Johnston Island will have to contend with the issues that now seem to be so distant in the mid-Pacific.

Min-editorial

Rep. Chuck Douglas, R-N.H., got his walking papers from the voters in November and now he's job hunting. But don't look for Douglas in the unemployment line. He used the House free media privilege to send letters to prominent law/lobbying firms in Washington telling them he is available to begin lobbying Congress come January. Douglas was careful to point out that he wasn't bound by pesky new rules about going from a member of Congress to lobbyist because they take effect after he steps down.

Douglas now says using the free mail privilege was a mistake and he will repay the House, but there was no apology for his pell-mell rush through the revolving door.

Make oil, not war Japanese officials have tried to convince American officials privately that war with Iraq would be a mistake. A regional conflict in the Persian Gulf, they fear, would boost the price of oil. And if the price goes much higher, it will start cutting into Japanese business profits.

Then the Japanese could no longer afford to continue their heavy investments in U.S. Treasury bonds.

QUESTION: I've heard that there is a maximum family benefit under Social Security. Does this mean that once the maximum is reached, some family members won't get benefits?

ANSWER: No. Under Social Security, each family member entitled to receive a monthly benefit will receive one. The total benefits received by the family, however, cannot exceed the family maximum amount. The amount is divided among all entitled dependents. The more dependents who receive benefits, the lower the family benefit amount will be for each dependent. The retired worker's benefit amount, however, is not reduced for this reason.

QUESTION: I just began receiving supplemental security income (SSI) payments. Will Social Security tell me how I must use this money?

ANSWER: No. The government places no restrictions on how people spend their SSI payments. Each recipient is free to make decisions about how their payment will be used.

HOME Insulate your attic to save energy

By READERS DIGEST

One way to keep your heating costs from going through the roof is to make sure your attic is properly insulated. If your attic is unfinished, or if snow on your roof melts in one spot before others, it's a safe bet that it needs insulation — especially if you live in a house that was built more than 15 years ago.

Insulation works by trapping heat. Tiny air pockets in insulating materials resist the transfer of heat, keeping it inside your home in cold weather, and outside in warm weather. The ability to resist heat flow is measured in R (for Resistance) values. The higher the R value, the greater the insulating power. Buy insulation on the basis of R value, not thickness.

Look for the R value printed on the insulation or its packaging. If the R-value is given per inch, simply multiply it by the thickness of the insulation in inches.

For example, solid rock wool and fiberglass insulation has an average value of R-3.3 per inch. You would need a 6-inch thickness of these in-

sulations to meet the R-19 value recommended for ceiling insulation on the West Coast. Twice that thickness would be needed to meet the recommended value of R-38 for the northernmost parts of the country. Ask a local utility for the recommended value for your area.

Insulating materials are available at home supply centers. To determine the square footage of insulation needed, multiply the length by the width of the attic floor.

A vapor barrier is a crucial part of any insulating material. In winter, warm household air loaded with moisture from washing, bathing and cooking moves toward colder, drier air outside. Without a proper vapor barrier, the moist indoor air seeps into an attic, freezes on the backside of roofing material, then thaws and drips down to rot wood, saturate attic insulation and possibly stain interior ceilings.

Batts (precut 4- or 8-foot lengths) or blankets (continuous rolls) of fiberglass or rock wool are sold with or without attached vapor-barrier facings. If the insulation you choose doesn't come with a vapor barrier, you must install a separate vapor barrier first.

Laying Insulation To insulate an unfinished attic, lay temporary plywood flooring and hang one or more work lights. CAUTION: When working with insulation, wear safety glasses, a breathing mask and gloves. Also wear a hard hat. It's easy to bang your head on the rafters.

If you use loose fill or unfaced batts or blankets, install a vapor barrier first by laying strips of six-mil-thick polyethylene in the spaces between, staple them to the sides of the joists, then install the insulation. If you use insulation with a vapor-barrier attached, start by laying batts or blankets, vapor barrier down, at the outer edges of the attic and work toward the center. This way, you can do any cutting or fitting in the area with the most headroom.

Make sure the ends of the insulation but tightly together. To cut, set it on a board, compress it with a 2 x 4 and cut it with a serrated knife.

QUESTION: I'm replacing some bad sections of copper water pipe. Can I use PVC pipe for the repairs?

A — Plastic water pipe can be joined to steel and copper pipe by means of plastic threaded adapters. Both male and female plastic adapters are available. One end of the plastic adapter is glued to the plastic pipe and the other threaded into a fitting or onto a pipe. When joining the plastic adapter to existing metal piping, wrap the male threads with plastic pipe-joint sealant tape. Because plastic female adapters can expand when threaded onto male threads, a better choice is to use a plastic male adapter threaded into an iron or copper female adapter or fitting.

QUESTION: I'm wondering if any home further information on any home problem, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 214 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019. Phone: 212-649-3121.

SENIOR CITIZENS Seniors should join everyday activities

By JEANETTE CAVE, Senior Center director

Men pool players are urged to register for the Senior Center Eight Ball Tournament to begin the end of the month. Individuals will be given one week to complete their matches with the seniors advancing. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

Feb. 12: Valentine Day Party at Aqua Turf, \$31, register Jan. 9. Feb. 21: Atlantic City at the Showboat, \$79, call 289-7458. Apr. 3: Radio City Music Hall Easter Show, \$44, register Jan. 15. Menu: (A) Square Dancing, 10 a.m.; Bowling "Silver Lanes," 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping (Stop & Shop), call by Monday morning. Wed. Friends, 10 a.m. Arts and Crafts, 12:30 p.m.; Bridge, 12:30 p.m.; Nongrocery Shopping (Bradlees), call by Tuesday morning. Thu. Program "Christmas Party" with Kasha Breaux, 12:30 p.m. Fri. Bingo, 10 a.m.; Setback, 12:30 p.m.; Duck Pin Bowling at Holiday Lanes, 9:30 a.m.

Score: Tue. Dec. 4: Bowling — Bruno Giordano 516; Paul Conroy 500; Fred Leonard 507; George Janosak 219; Fred Sillman 211; Harvey Daplin 541; Ray Conroy 500; 547; Hardy Thompson 540; Dino Benar-

QUESTION: My 21-year-old brother was injured in a work-related accident and has lapsed into a coma. We have been urged to apply for Social Security disability and Medicare, but even so, it will be 24 months before he can have Medicare. What can we do?

ANSWER: First of all, you should apply for Social Security disability benefits for him. If he has met the work requirement of the law, if it is determined that his disability will last 12 months or more and he will be unable to perform any substantial gainful work during that entire time, he can receive disability benefits. He can subsequently receive Medicare protection. Now with little or no other income coming in, if his total countable resources are \$2,000 or less, he may be eligible for SSI and its corresponding health protection, Medicaid. Call Social Security today. The people there will explain what is available under both disability programs and will be able to direct you to other potentially helpful assistance programs in your area.

QUESTION: My 17-year-old daughter who is blind, will graduate from her training in school in

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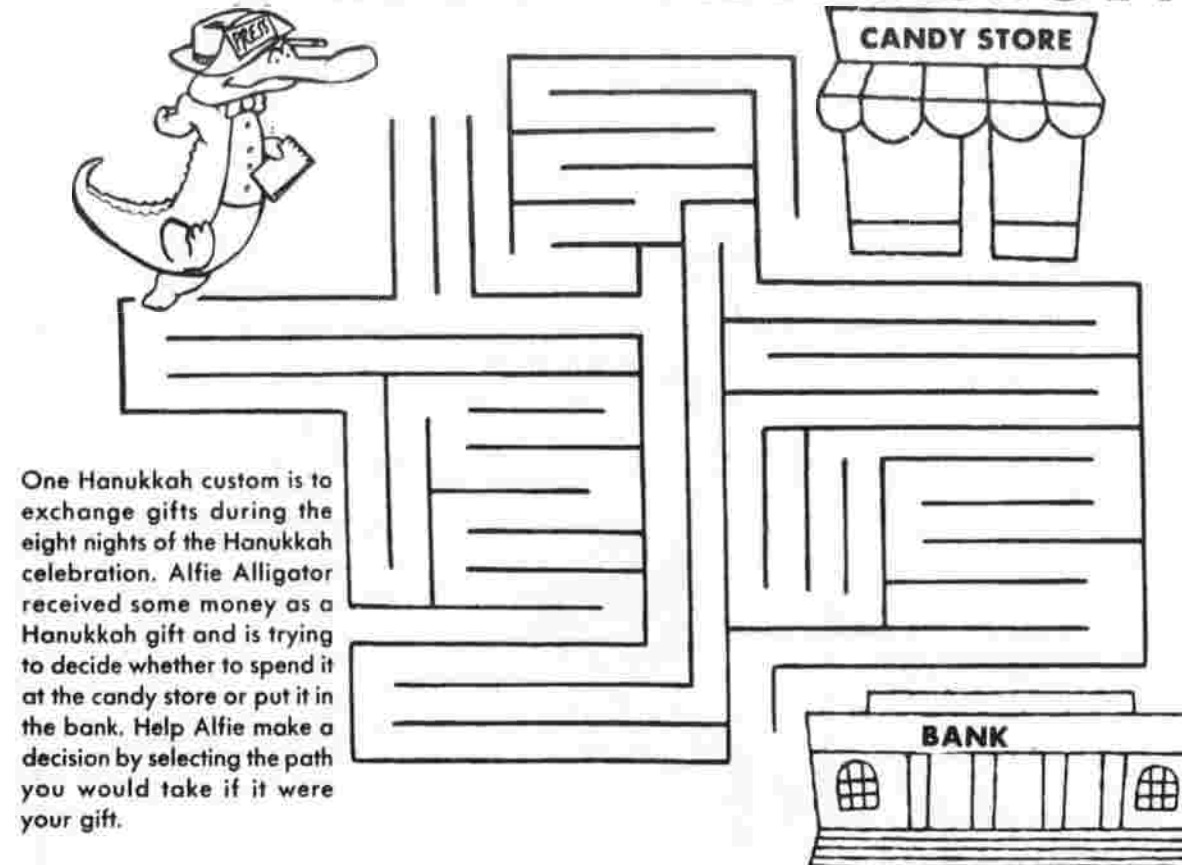
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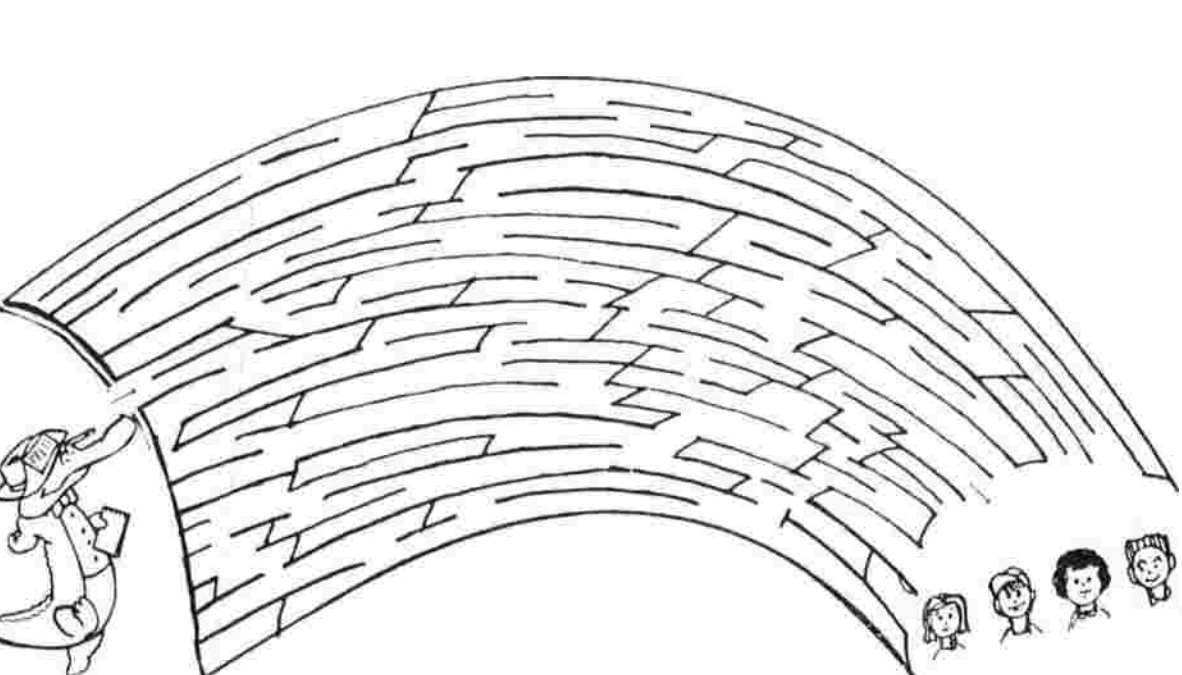
A DIFFICULT DECISION



One Hanukkah custom is to exchange gifts during the eight nights of the Hanukkah celebration. Alfie Alligator received some money on a Hanukkah gift and is trying to decide whether to spend it at the candy store or put it in the bank. Help Alfie make a decision by selecting the path you would take if it were your gift.

Over the Rainbow Bridge

Rainbow Bridge National Monument in Utah is the largest known natural bridge in the world. The name comes from the Indian legend that a rainbow was turned to stone to allow hero gods to escape a flood. Alfie's friends are waiting for him on the other side of Rainbow Bridge. Help Alfie through the maze so he can join them.



RELIGION

In Brief . . .

Christmas concert dedicated to troops

The 66th annual Christmas candlelight concert, scheduled for Sunday at 7 p.m. at South United Methodist Church, 1236 Main St., will be dedicated to the U.S. troops serving in Saudi Arabia.

The concert of traditional Christmas music will feature the chancel and youth and junior choirs directed by David C. Morse.

The Liturgical Dance Choir, directed by Marilyn De Lorge and the Wesley Ringer Handbell Choir, directed by Morse, will also be featured.

The free-will offering to be collected will go to purchase gifts to be sent to the troops.

Church offers series of brochures

Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St., Manchester, is offering a series of free brochures to anyone interested.

This week's featured brochure is titled, "You Can Enjoy Being a Parent."

"It explains that parenting can be enjoyable, not just a job or a duty or an unpleasant obligation.

Anyone wishing a brochure should send the request to the church.

Church of Christ sponsors TV program

The Manchester Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St., sponsors a television program, "The Herald of Truth," shown each Thursday evening on Cox Cable channel 33.

The program for Dec. 20 is entitled, "Faith and Change: Dealing with Life's Twists and Turns." For free literature on this subject, call the church office, 646-2903.

Church members produce X-mas video

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Members of the Discovery United Methodist Church have produced a Christmas video that portrays the story of the birth of Jesus and also the history of Santa Claus.

"Many people just don't realize the connection between Santa Claus and the birth of Christ," said the Rev. Jim Lavender, the church's pastor. "We want to bridge that gap between religious and secular philosophies and let people know that, indeed, two historical legends are intertwined."

Church members wrote, produced and acted in the 30-minute video, using help from a Richmond-based production company. The video has a cast of 70 people, 30 sheep, 4 camels and a donkey.

Poll shows female priests welcome

CHICAGO (AP) — The monthly U.S. Catholic said that 76 percent of readers responding to a survey would welcome female priests in their parishes and that a third believe that perpetuating the male-only priesthood is sinful.

The magazine, which is published by the Claretian order, said the results were based on responses from 274 of the 1,300 readers to whom questionnaires were mailed. A majority of the respondents were women.

Sixty-nine percent said they thought that if Jesus were living today in the United States, he would ordain women.

If women were admitted to the Roman Catholic priesthood, 50 percent of

Community responds with tons of toys

By NANCY GARR
MACC executive director

It's Christmas in Manchester and, as usual, the community has responded in the most generous way to the Manchester Herald's photograph of our empty toy shelves.

TOYS, TOYS and more TOYS are pouring in in response to the Herald's photograph of our "empty shelves." Beth Harlow tells me that not only have the toys come pouring in, they are "gorgeous — nicer than past years."

The coordinators are ecstatic with joy and grateful because the toys are so needed this year. There will be a lot of happy children and parents in Manchester on Christmas Day.

So thanks to all of you following yesterday's disbursement to families with letters of invitation, we are calling Manchester/Boston parents needing help with Christmas. If you are having financial difficulty this year providing toys for your children, you are invited to attend the Toys for Joy disbursement at St. Mary's Episcopal, 9 a.m. to noon today. There are still some lovely good-as-new toys available. Please feel free to come select one major toy and several stocking stuffers for your child. For proof of residency, a license or letter addressed to you will suffice. Volunteers will be available to help you select age appropriate gifts.

Special thanks to Paulette and Nancy (Toys for Joy coordinators) and to the Santa's Helpers who sorted and arranged the toys: Anne Kibbe, Jane Zemke, Edith Brault-lette, Bud Michalek, Charles and Lorraine Ferguson, Sharon Simler, Lillian Legier, Gerry McNamara, Lorraine Leone and Lenore Rossillo. Great job.

Share Christmas Dinner with your

MACC News

Manchester friends and neighbors at the annual Community Christmas Dinner, noon Christmas Day, St. Mary's Episcopal Church is hosting the dinner again this year and warmly invites all those who would be eating alone or lack cooking facilities to join them. Free tickets are available at the MACC Department of Human Needs, Center Church, 11 Center St., or you can make a reservation by calling 646-4114 or 649-2093.

The Annual Community Carol Sing with the Salvation Army Band will be inside this year. The Carol Sing will be held between 3 to 4 p.m. this Sunday beside The Giving Tree, Sage Allen Court, the Pavilion, Buckland Mall. Our thanks to all the good-hearted volunteers who have staffed The Giving Tree these last few weeks for us.

Gift Suggestions for the Homeless — Cotton sports socks, men and women's underwear, hats, gloves and mittens for men, flannel shirts, small size shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, combs, Christmas wrapping paper and bows. CBT in Manchester invites you to participate in their Stockings of Joy program. They have the stockings and we can fill them with some of the personal care items listed above. The stockings will be distributed in Samaritan Shelter on Christmas Eve, Dec. 20. We've already recorded an all-time record number of referrals: 455 unduplicated baskets and will be delivering between 60 and 80 baskets Thursday morning.

Families to Adopt Families — It's not too late to adopt a household for Christmas basket-giving, but you'll have to work fast. Please call 646-4114 or 649-2093 for information.

Food Donations — The deadline for dropping off gifts and non-perishable foods at our Christmas Centers is Tuesday, Dec. 18. MACC Christmas Centers are the fire stations and Condit Main Street office. The deadline for perishable foods is 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Christmas Packing Center at Concordia Lutheran Church. Your fruits, vegetables, turkeys and fresh-baked goods are most appreciated.

Urgently Needed — Drivers to help deliver Christmas baskets between 10 a.m. and noon Thursday, Dec. 20. We've already recorded an all-time record number of referrals: 455 unduplicated baskets and will be delivering between 60 and 80 baskets Thursday morning.

Church of Christ Lydall & Vernon Streets Phone:646-2903

fant clothing for our Christmas babies.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

by Eugene Brewer

Our society is never wanting for "experts," whatever the field. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the present midwest crisis. These self-proclaimed wizards are appearing from the ranks of syndicated columnists, liberalist postagers, educators, Congressmen, talk-show file citizens, and dogmatists (believer us).

It's interesting that in any discipline draws authoritative pronouncement from laymen. Professionals in said discipline usually are much slower to express an opinion, even slower to participate. Which is not to say that the professional is always correct.

This tendency to assume weightiness outside one's field is singularly strong in theological and religious matters. Academic credentials certainly are no assurance of religious soundness. But if you are seeking answers to religious questions you would do well to demand Biblical authentication wherever your source is — let him speak as the oracles of God! — 1st Pet. 4:11.

Share Christmas Dinner with your

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16
LESSONS & CAROLS
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Rev. David Mullen

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896 Main Street, Manchester
MASS SCHEDULE
December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00PM Mass
6:30PM Children's Liturgy
Midnight Mass
December 25
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THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & By Barry
BUILDING A BARRICADE
COME WITH ME, RICKY
YOU'LL STAY HERE WHEN THE HUNTERS COME
THEY'LL KILL ME, AND EVERYONE IN THIS PLACE
THE HUNTERS
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Browne
YOU'RE TOO FAT, HAGAR — YOU HAVE TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU EAT
WHY ARE YOU STARRING INTO SPACE LIKE THAT?
DOCTOR'S ORDERS
ALLEY OOP by Dave Coverly
HANDS OFF! (DANNY) WE'RE HERE FROM THE OTHER SIDE!
WE TAKE FROM THEM THAT HAS US!
GREAT! I'VE FOUND THE STAMPS!
I'M MIGHTY HUNTER, GAM!
I SURE AM STUPID!
LISTEN, EARLY ALLY!
YOU COULD IF THEM YOU! JUST DO LIKE ME!
NOW?
I DID IT! I FINISHED ALL THE CHRISTMAS CARDS!
AND I ADDED STUFFED AND SEALED ALL THE ENVELOPES.
EVEN TOOK 'EM DOWN TO THE MAILBOX!
GREAT! WHERE DID YOU FIND THE STAMPS?
THE BORN LOSER by Art Sanborn
I DID IT! I FINISHED ALL THE CHRISTMAS CARDS!
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THE NEW BREED

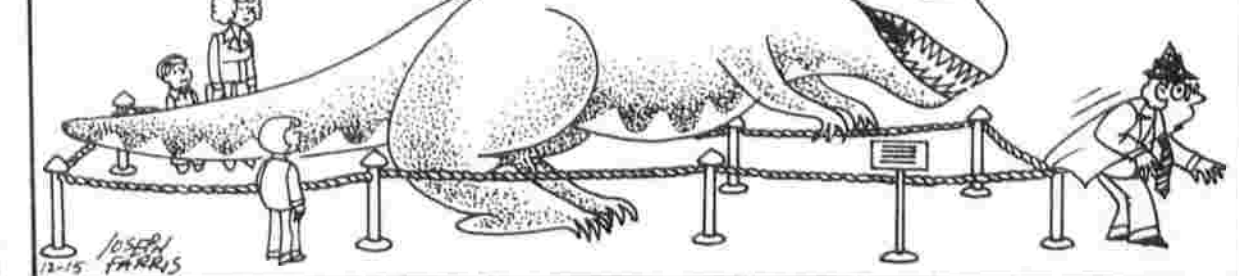
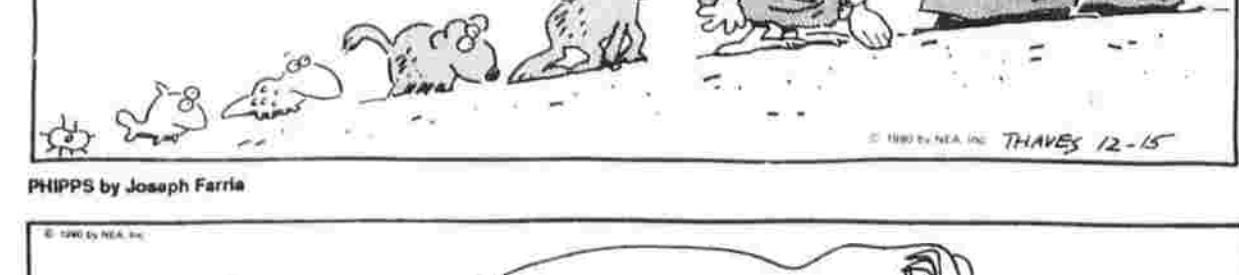
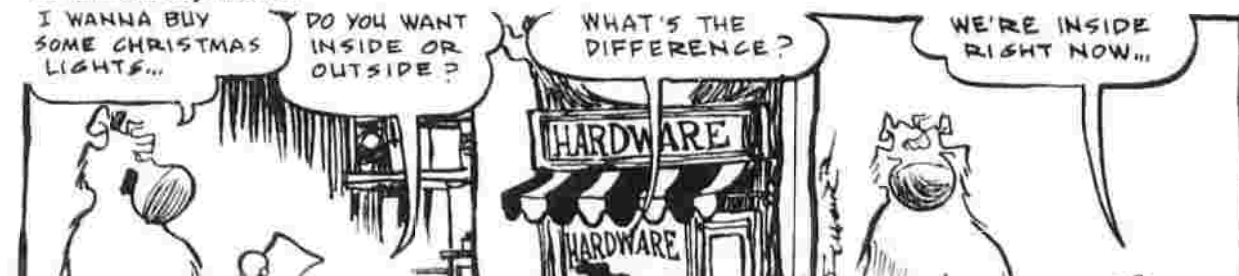
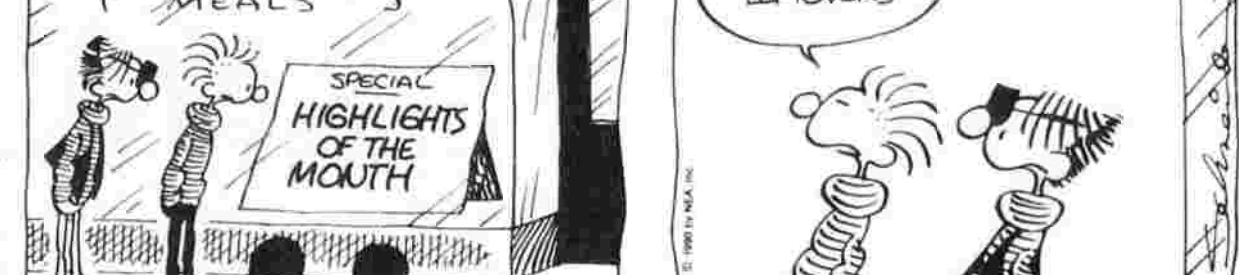


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"I only worry about two things: sharks and people pouring honey into my suit while I'm napping."

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that people having loans with the savings bank will soon be dealing with new managements — some who may be out of state.

The regulatory takeover of Comfed is just the latest in a string of Connecticut bank failures. Among others, the federal government has had to acquire and liquidate the Columbia Federal Savings Bank in Westport and the Brooklyn Savings Bank in southeastern Connecticut.

At Comfed, Smith cited an excessive amount of unsafe loans resulting in numerous delinquencies, a high-level of property in arrears due to foreclosures, and other consistent losses as reasons the thrift had to be bailed out by governmental measures and placed in a conservatorship.

Banks in financial trouble often try to take on many loans at a single period in order to pull themselves out of the gutter. On the brink of financial ruin, Comfed adopted this tactic venturing heavily into risky mortgages.

The Savings Bank, with its main Connecticut office at 1007 Main St., struggled through a series of fraud schemes by its employees which wreaked havoc on its assets.

In October, 12 people, including two former executives, were indicted by the federal government in connection with attempting to commit mortgage fraud, which exposed the bank to \$12 million in losses.

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Although the Resolution Trust Corp. — an entity controlled by the FDIC — may continue to operate the local Comfed branches for a while, it is likely that the offices will be offered for sale to other banks, either as a package or individually.

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Gulf

Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington as the ambassador stepped off a plane with about 50 American and foreign hostages he led from Iraq and Kuwait. "As you were freed, now too we must see Kuwait freed of Iraqi occupation," Baker declared.

The group was welcomed by a crowd of cheering friends and family members waving flags and bearing balloons.

The White House indicated it was ready to pounce if Iraq and the United States failed to agree on a date for gulf talks.

The Buffalo Bills offense and the New York Giants defense will be out to prove a point Saturday.

The visiting Bills have scored the most points in the National Football League this season (373, an average of 28.7 per game), and the Giants have allowed the fewest (163, a 12.5 average).

On the other side of the coin, Buffalo is fourth in the American Conference in points allowed (207), while the Giants are eighth in the National Conference in points scored (285).

The Giants (11-2) have clinched the NFC East, while Buffalo, assured of a playoff spot, has the AFC's best record (11-2) and owns a one-game lead over Miami in the AFC East.

NFL Roundup

Washington plays at New England in another Saturday game.

In Sunday's action, Seattle will be at Miami, Houston at Kansas City, Cincinnati at the Los Angeles Raiders, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Green Bay at Philadelphia, Phoenix at Dallas, Minnesota at Tampa Bay, San Diego at Denver, Indianapolis at the New York Jets, Atlanta at Cleveland and Chicago at Detroit.

San Francisco plays the Rams at Los Angeles Monday night.

Raiders (8-5) at Patriots (11-2): For a team in contention for a playoff spot, as Washington is, the Patriots would seem to be the perfect opponent. It is only the fourth meeting between the teams, with New England's only victory coming in 1972.

Seahawks (7-6) at Dolphins (10-3): Miami, assured of its first playoff spot since 1985, will be seeking a fourth straight victory for the first time since 1986. The Seahawks are in a must-win situation.

Oilers (7-6) at Chiefs (9-4): A matchup of teams who need to win to stay in at least a tie for their division leads — the Oilers with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh in the AFC Central and the Chiefs with the Raiders in the AFC West. The Chiefs are on a four-game winning streak. The Oilers are coming off a 58-14 victory over Cleveland.

Bengals (7-6) at Raiders (9-4): These clubs are in the same situation as the Oilers and Chiefs. The Raiders hold a 25-5 lead over Cincinnati in their series, and won the 1989 meeting 28-7. Bo Jackson rushed for 159 yards for the Raiders in that game, but Bengals' quarterback Boomer Esiason saw little action because of a bruised lung.

Steelers (7-6) at Saints (6-7): While the Steelers are tied for the AFC Central lead, the Saints are still alive for a wild-card berth in the NFC. This could be a real football game, with the No. 2 and 3 all-time NFL field-goal kickers in action. Gary Anderson of the Steelers has converted 77.8 percent of his field-goal attempts, while Morten Andersen of the Saints has a 77.1 percentage.

Packers (6-7) at Eagles (7-6): Both contenders for NFC wild card spots are coming off losses — the Eagles 23-20 to Miami in overtime and the Packers 20-14 to Seattle. The Eagles lead the series 18-5.

Cardinals (5-8) at Cowboys (6-7): Both NFC teams are looking for an NFC wild card berth and also are riding three-game winning streaks. The Cowboys lead the series 33-21, but the Cardinals have won the last four, including a 20-3 victory Oct. 14.

Vikings (6-7) at Buccaneers (5-8): The last thing the Vikings want to see during a game is the sky. All of their victories have come under domes. It will be the first game for the Bucs under coach Richard Williamson.

Chargers (6-7) at Broncos (5-8): A second victory over the Broncos this year would keep the Chargers in playoff contention, but they have lost three straight at Denver and have not swept the Broncos since 1982.

Colts (5-8) at Jets (4-9): The Colts are looking for a sweep and a seventh victory over the Jets in eight games. The Jets have kept the Colts alive. They are, however, on a two-game losing streak. The Jets had last week off.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		ATLANTIC DIVISION	
W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	18	4	81%
Philadelphia	13	9	59%
New York	9	13	41%
New Jersey	8	14	36%
Washington	7	15	32%
Miami	7	15	32%

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PACIFIC DIVISION		CENTRAL DIVISION	
W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	12	7	63%
Golden State	11	7	61%
LA Lakers	11	7	61%
LA Clippers	11	7	61%
Seattle	6	13	31%
Sacramento	2	21	9%

Friday's Games

Time	Home	Visitor
7:30 p.m.	San Antonio	LA Clippers
8:00 p.m.	Portland	Golden State
8:00 p.m.	LA Lakers	LA Clippers
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NBA results

Game	Home	Score	Visitor	Score
DETROIT (10)	Indiana	106	Pistons	100
MEMPHIS (10)	Memphis	102	San Antonio	95
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Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
 Washington — 27 26 18 20 — 88
 Philadelphia — 23 26 31 — 106
 Baltimore Orioles — 23 26 31 — 106
 Detroit — 23 26 31 — 106
 Toronto Blue Jays — 23 26 31 — 106
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 Kansas City Royals — 23 26 31 — 106
 Milwaukee Brewers — 23 26 31 — 106
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Hockey

NHL standings

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Houston	14	7	66%
Dallas	11	10	52%
Minnesota	7	14	33%
Denver	5	16	24%
Colorado	2	19	10%

Friday's Games

Time	Home	Visitor
7:30 p.m.	San Antonio	LA Clippers
8:00 p.m.	Portland	Golden State
8:00 p.m.	LA Lakers	LA Clippers
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NHL results

Game	Home	Score	Visitor	Score
PHOENIX (10)	Phoenix	4	Sabres	3
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 Noon — College basketball: Division I AA Championship — Nevada vs. Georgia Southern, Channel 30.
 12:30 p.m. — Bills at Giants, Channel 30.
 WFOZ (AM 1400)
 1 p.m. — Red Wings at Flyers, SportsChannel.
 2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Minnesota at Houston, WISN-TV 12.
 2 p.m. — Tennis: Grand Slam Cup, semi-finals, ESPN (delayed broadcast).
 2 p.m. — GOLF: New York Life Senior Classic, second round, CBS, 4:40.
 4 p.m. — Redskins at Patriots, Channel 3.
 WFAN (AM 660)
 4 p.m. — College basketball: UNLV at Michigan State, Ch. 8, 40.
 4 p.m. — Soccer: English League highlights, SportsChannel.
 6 p.m. — Horse racing: Bay Meadows Handicap, ESPN.
 7 p.m. — Devils at Bruins, NESN.
 7:30 p.m. — College at West, Channel 18, WLI (AM 1400).
 7:30 p.m. — College basketball: Alabama at North Carolina, ESPN.
 7:30 p.m. — Islanders at Nordiques, SportsChannel.
 8 p.m. — College football: Independence Bowl: Maryland vs. Louisiana Tech, Ch. 26, MSG.
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 10 p.m. — College hockey: Maine at Boston College, NESN.

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Olivia back to acting

By JERRY BUCK The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It took a long story about a young girl's Christmas wish for a new mother to get Olivia Newton-John to return to acting after a seven-year absence.

"A Mom For Christmas," a holiday fantasy on NBC Tuesday night, is the singer's first movie for television and her first dramatic appearance since the 1983 theatrical release "Two of a Kind."

Miss Newton-John plays a department store mannequin who comes to life to fulfill the 11-year-old girl's wish following the death of her natural mother. Juliet Sorcery is the child and Doug Sheehan plays her father.

"The little girl makes me wish at the department store's wishing well," Miss Newton-John said. "I overheat it and turn up at her house. I'm there for the position of nanny and bamboozle my way in. The little girl knows I'm the mannequin, but the father doesn't. He thinks I'm a doppelgänger."

"I had been several months ago when Miss Newton-John was approached by two networks about doing a series."

"I met with people from NBC and we talked about what I'd like to do," the actress said, explaining that she didn't want to do a series.

"A month later the script arrived. Production was starting in Cincinnati in two weeks and I had to cancel my mind in a hurry. I'd gotten scripts before, but I was busy with my life and my child. I had to cancel a lot of stuff for this."

"It appealed to me because it's about Christmas and a mom. My confidence to do it came because I'd done the 'Big Green' environmental concert and another charity concert. I'd thought I'd never do a concert again. I didn't miss it. My life was full. But once I did (the concert), I found I enjoyed it. I think that helped me up to accepting the movie."

"During the past seven years, Miss Newton-John was born in England and raised in Australia, she spent most of the time on her album, a chain of Australian-themed boutiques, environmental causes and raising her daughter."

"Two of a Kind" was a bomb, and it also showed the movie career of co-star John Travolta until last year's "Look Who's Talking."

"I don't remember what it was about," Miss Newton-John said. "It was a nice premise that didn't work out. You go into a film believing it's going to be a good thing. You really can't tell until all the pieces fall together."

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Angel now on cable

By JAY SHARBUTT The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Back in 1946, director Frank Capra came up with "It's a Wonderful Life," a wonderful film starring Jimmy Stewart. It has become a Christmas favorite on television, at least the uncensored version.

Now comes "Clarence," a gentle, at times slyly funny, computer-age variation of "Life," that cable television's The Family Channel is showing Sunday.

It stars Robert Carradine as Clarence Oddbody, the gentle angel who in Capra's film descended to earth to gently persuade the downcast despairing George Bailey that his life was not as worthless as he thought.

There are a few changes in the new film, of course. In Capra's movie, Clarence, played by Henry Travers, was a gentle old duffer who landed in a small town.

Carradine's Clarence, who has got much younger in heaven since his fine work 44 years earlier, lands in a busy, noisy big city. He'd prefer to stay where he is, working on clocks.

He has agreed to go only because (a) a fellow angel's family is in trouble, (b) the angel's widow may commit suicide, and (c) there's a shortage of guardian angels, what with the world's wicked men and women.

The fellow angel (Richard Fitzpatrick) was a computer whiz who died suddenly before he could perfect "Doctor," a revolutionary voice-activated computer cartoon toy for kids.

Unlike other kid's computer games, which have considerable violence and all sorts of warlike tricks stomping on each other, his would have emphasized kindness, decency and even education.

Now, his widow, Rachel, played by Kate Trotter, must keep their struggling computer going, perfect her late husband's invention, and fend off an evil mogul (Louis Del Grande) with a soul of garlic. He wants to buy their firm and use its technology to create even more violent computer games for kids.

At the same time, she must care for their two kids, Brent (Nicolas Van Bank), a sulen teen-age computer ace, and Casey (Jamie Ratter), a sweet but very sharp little girl.

Clarence humbles his way into their lives after he lands on earth and is immediately accosted by a panhandler asking a cup of him. He takes a coin from the cup, telling the starved beggar, "Thank you."

It's one of the many low-key but funny little scenes that dot the film. Another has little Casey mysteriously suspecting the visitor of being from elsewhere than planet Earth.

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Weekly Health Tip. Roy D. Katz. ESSENTIAL SKIN Care. Difficultly shaking off colds, repeated sinus infection, sore throat, sinusitis, can mean a zinc deficiency. Loss of taste or smell signals a serious lack of zinc. Zinc is essential for your immune system. For more information, contact your doctor or pharmacist who suggest a daily zinc supplement.

The Medicine Shoppe. 348 Main Street, Manchester, 649-1025. National Prescription Center.

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Friendly and courteous person with telephone and light typing skills. Word processing and computer experience helpful. Must be good in dealing with people. Please write to: Pus, Semel, & Chick 76 South Frontage Road P.O. Box 2250 Vernon, CT 06066

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Great opportunity for the 1st time buyer. Spacious Cape with a personality and charm all its own. Seller will entertain all offers. DW Fair Real Estate, 643-1591.

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\$116,900. Hard to find! 1500 sq. ft. 2 1/2 baths, full kitchen, full private back yard, trees and brook. Great complex offers tennis, pool, walking trails, top floor (Option possible) Anne Miller Real Estate, 647-8000.

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CHIFA-Money still available!

Call 648-2482. 8 Room ranch, 2 1/2 baths, "We're Selling Houses" Blanchard & Rossetto Real Estate, 647-1419.

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OWNERSHIP

Selling vinyl sided 2 bedroom, possibly 3 ranch, 1-1/2 baths, 2-Car under. Easy commute, \$165,500. Very negotiable. 646-7460.

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NEED MORE STORAGE?

Approximately 700 square foot barn with 2 floors will solve your problem. Add to this a house and your personal touch. Reasonable prices. Manchester, 138,962 Phillips Real Estate, 742-1450.

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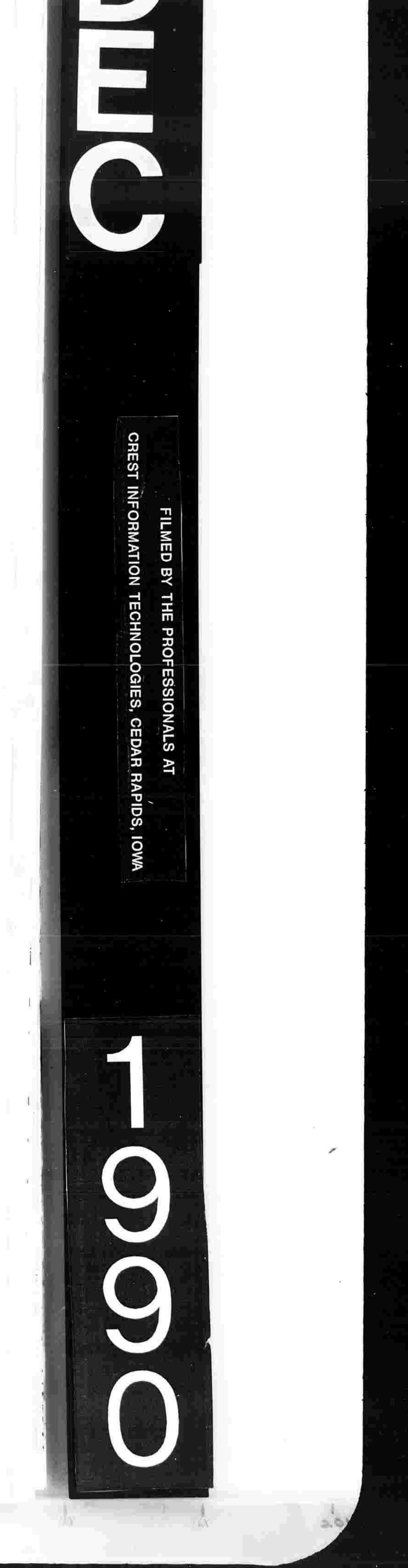
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