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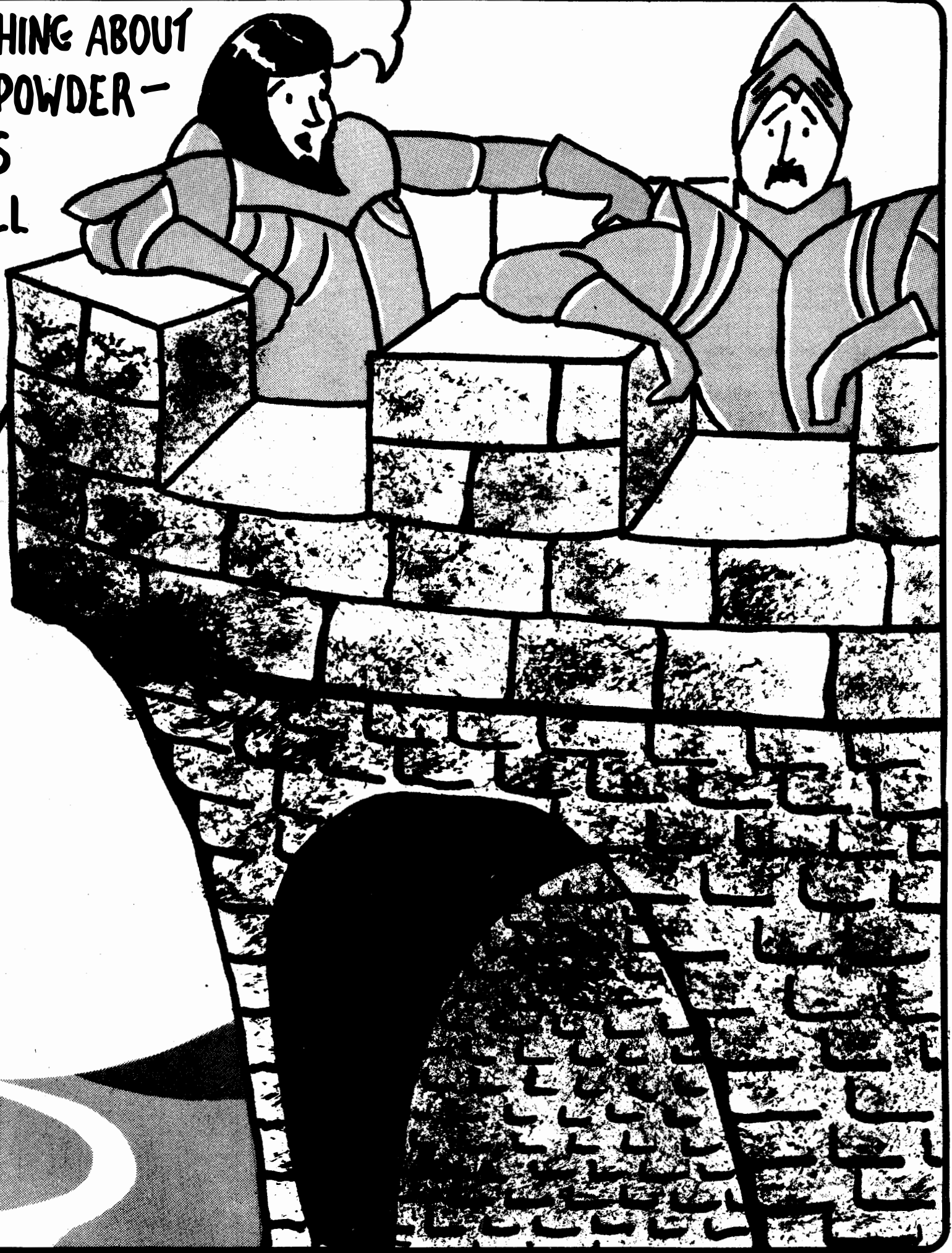
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Whose irresponsible journalism?

The Post-Amerikan has come under some heavy (albeit misguided) criticism over last month's publication of an Illinois Wesleyan University administration memo.

The memo--which reveals an effort to woo a local athlete with a "no need" job--seemed to speak for itself and the Post staff chose to allow it to do so.

Typically, we would expect, perhaps welcome, a blistering denouncement from the embarrassed officials attempting to explain themselves. But in this case, the attack came from a most unusual source: the IWU student newspaper (Argus) editor.

My impression of what a student newspaper should be about is apparently at odds with a new reality; however, if what we have been treated to in the pages of the Argus is indicative of the future of conventional journalism and its practitioners, there seems to be little hope.

Instead of engaging in a healthy adversarial relationship with the university hierarchy, the newspaper leaped to its defense in a most shameful display that would make even a public relations flak blush.

In its April 15 issue, the paper sported a front-page "news article" defending the memo and the university's policies while insinuating the Post's publication of it constituted some sort of wrongdoing. The apologetic piece carried the byline of one Chris Hewitt.

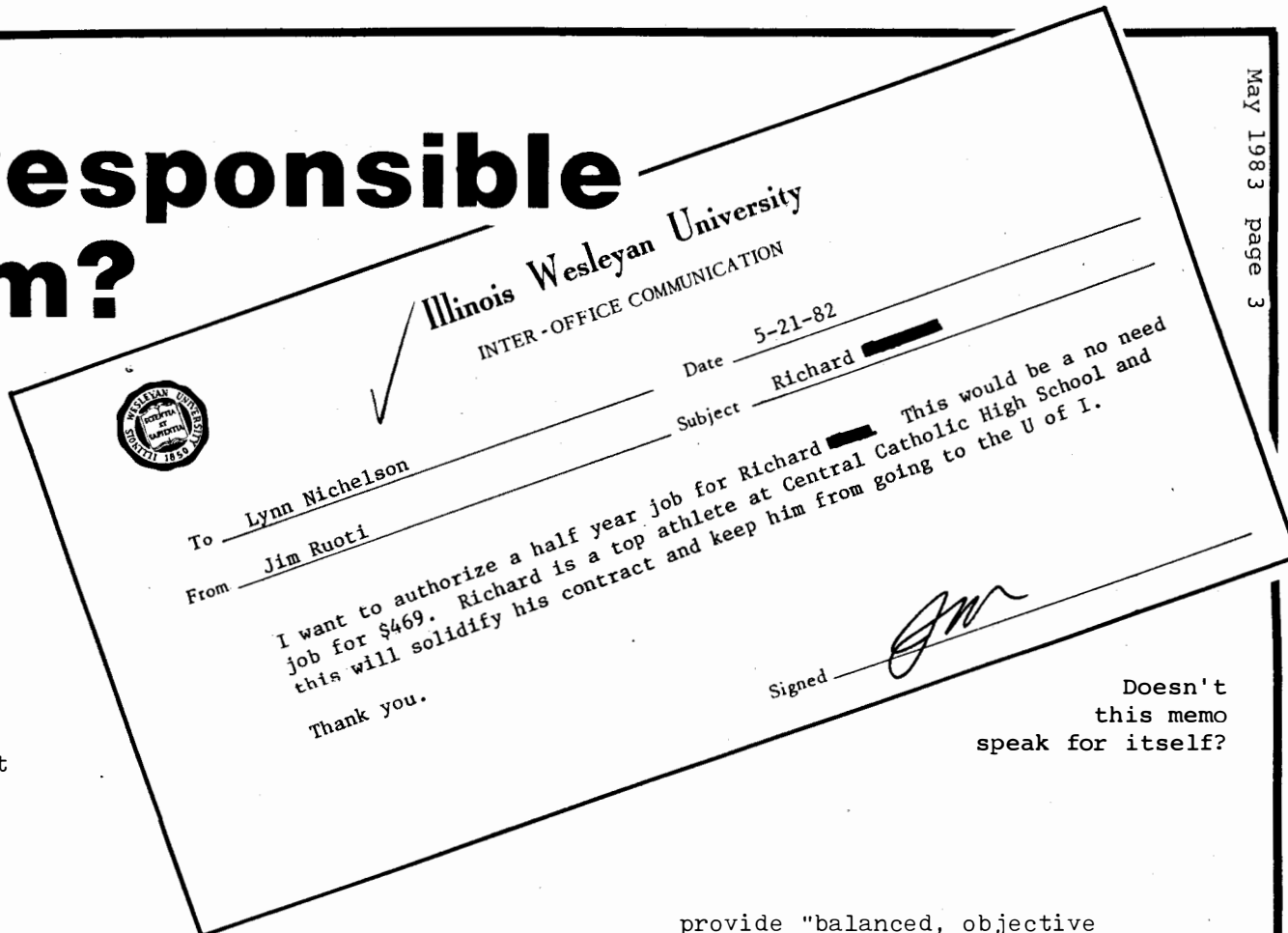
If you turn to page three, the masthead will tell you that Hewitt is the editor-in-chief. Look up to the top of the page, and you'll find an editorial, also written by Hewitt, headlined: "P-A p. o.'s editor."

Among other things, he accuses the Post of "irresponsible journalism" and charged that it "sinks to the level of the National Enquirer."

Well.

Normally, I wouldn't think of boring the Post's readers with a discussion of journalistic practices, but since this snotty-nosed punk brought it up I think we should take a look at the issue.

His editorial case hinges on the patently absurd comment that the Post did not bother to "check the facts"--while his news article unabashedly tells us the facts are that the job offer was university business-as-usual and without cynical motivation.



If that is true (though I personally doubt it), fine. The Post merely ran the memo to let readers see what goes on in those hallowed halls of higher learning, using the words of those in power.

Hewitt also accuses the Post of "unchecked inaccuracies." Since the memo was written by admissions Director Jim Ruoti, it is hard to see how the Post could be guilty of any inaccuracies it might contain.

In his quest for the Holy Grail of media stardom, Hewitt should know that the reprinting technique is also employed by one of the most respected independent publications in all of journalism--The Washington Monthly.

That aside, it may be helpful to analyze Hewitt's diatribe within the guidelines of "responsible journalism."

I challenge Hewitt to find a responsible journalism teacher or editor to stand up for his flagrantly one-sided news story, complete with unsubstantiated innuendo about the Post's motives.

In it, we find that he swallows without question the officials' line that they could not remember the name of the student-athlete referred to, although they acknowledged that "he did go to the U of I." Come on, Hewitt, any first-semester reporting student would have enough sense to ask how they knew where he went to school if they didn't know who he was.

While he is at it, Hewitt should show that his mentors approve of allowing an editor, who has admitted having strong opinions on an issue, to write the news article that is supposed to

provide "balanced, objective coverage."

If that is not evidence enough of his own journalistic irresponsibility, Hewitt also victimizes an innocent party in the article.

The memo the Post ran deleted the last name of the student involved, but Hewitt trots out his investigative techniques to tell us that "the Argus has learned that it was probably Richard Fox."

In the name of Joseph Pulitzer, how does a conscientious newsperson "learn" that something "was probably"?

And since the student did not accept the "self help"--which is how Hewitt describes the job offer--why should his name be published?

Two more examples of Hewitt's peculiar brand of responsible journalism, I suppose.

Using the criteria Hewitt bases his editorial policy on, I "have learned" that he "is probably" looking to curry favor with university officials in the hopes that they will like him enough to provide references when he leaves his make-believe world.

I have also "learned" that as student editor he "is probably" having lunch with top university officials and accompanying them to sporting events, then writing glowing praise of the ideal institution he believes himself an important part of.

Ah well, perhaps journalism will be spared after all.

What better reward than for the university to give him a job on their public relations staff? ●

--Murray Poppins

WESN to fight budget squeeze

If you miss WESN (88.1 FM) when Illinois Wesleyan takes a break or vacation, imagine how you'd miss the free form non-commercial station on a reduced broadcast day.

Like almost everyone else, WESN learned its budget was getting axed--by about 1/2--during hearings April 13 and 14. Almost immediately the station's staff and management went on the air with their plight, determined to find a solution. WESN currently broadcasts 24 hours a day while IWU is in session.

Sara Davies, WESN station manager for 1983-84, said that some of the initial hustling by the staff helped a lot. Grants and pledges worth \$700 were

raised almost at once, leaving WESN \$100 shy of a bare-bones 24-hour format.

Davies said that sports, including Titan basketball, would not be broadcast to help save resources. Acquisition of costly public service programming, which is needed to replace some years-old programming, will be delayed. But WESN will face its cutbacks head on with a sponsorship drive and will accept donated programming.

WESN, by virtue of its charter, must air almost any donated program. That's why we hear the "Israeli Press Review" with its racist Zionist posture against the claims of Palestinian right to a

homeland. The U.S. Army and Marines also furnish slick jazz and rock programming free of charge.

According to Davies, WESN would accept local programming because there is so much air time to fill. WESN could furnish production facilities to local persons, if necessary. Davies said she would also like to see a listener-involved program, such as a WESN forum.

WESN plans to continue developing its new wave tradition next year. Other programs, like "Fade to Black," WESN's popular soul and funk program, will return next year, as well. ●

--Jay Tea

Why waste your time on Ag Census '82?

The Department of Commerce must've thought I'd spaced out and lost it--so they sent me another Agricensus '82 form to fill out. This time they made it clear if I didn't file I'd be subject to penalties. I don't farm.

The Census Bureau oiled up its machinery for another information excursion this year after Congress won a pouting match with Reagan's hatchet men. I actually wish Reagan had won this budget battle to keep the census dormant for another 7 years.

Who must file?

Everyone. I assume even if you hatched an egg in biology class, the census would want to know the extent of your poultry operation.

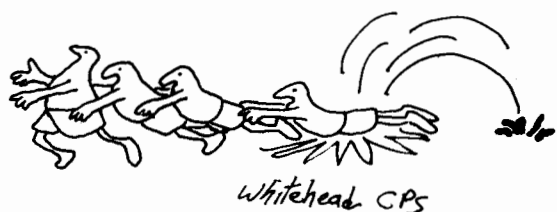
But even more important than that was the census's prime directive spelled out in capital letters on form 82-A01 (I): "WE NEED A REPLY FROM EVERYONE RECEIVING A REPORT FORM INCLUDING . . . THOSE NOT CONDUCTING AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS." I was even assigned my own unique file number (CFN).

Apparently the Census Bureau obtained leads for this survey from all over, hoping to get as large a sample as possible. The reason I call it a sample is because the census can easily miss a lot of home gardening operations which in some areas provide a lot of food for people. Some key people didn't get this form. Some liars probably will file. Not that I'm upset about the census missing its mark . . .

The form itself

This thing is a 5-page monstrosity printed in 8-point type with 6-point numerical assignments for each answer. If you were really a concerned farmer, you could easily spend a day on this form, not to mention a couple long distance calls to confirm your accuracy.

All sorts of agricultural goods are asked about. But I noticed that even though the census asks for your quantities of bromegrass grown, they neglected to request production statistics for triticale. Triticale is a tasty high-protein hybrid of wheat and rye. I wonder what else the census forgot to ask about.



They didn't forget to ask the race and sex of the farm operator. Hopefully, everyone answering this abomination skipped these distasteful questions which are none of some census bureaucrat's damn business.

Uses of the census

A spokesperson for the USDA Ag Stabilization Service Center, who refused to be named, told me they always get their ag census book 2 years after it's compiled. She claimed that it can reveal some farming trends, besides providing updates for grade school social studies texts.

Because the report is so late in coming, many farmers and others working in ag-related fields rely on USDA reports, many of which are quarterly as well as extensive annual reports. FS Service Grain Dept. relies most heavily on USDA reports, as does the Ag Stabilization Service Center.

If you can think of any other uses for this census, write the Post and let us know what they are.

If you don't file...

You are in violation of title 13 of the U.S. Code. If you blow off the census and do not file, you could be fined not more than a C-note. If you lie on your questions, you could be fined no more than \$500. In all cases the government would have to prove you at fault.

Not wishing any more interference, I called Jeffersonville, IN, where they are compiling the census. I talked to a nice woman named Lee Ann who works there, and she said I didn't need to file. (Even though the printed matter said I did.) To be sure, she asked if I had raised any rabbits this year. Satisfied that I hadn't produced anything agriculturally significant, she apologized, took my CFN #, and called off the dogs.

For all the money and effort put into this AG Census, it's too bad nobody is developing solutions to the stalemate most farmers face in light of increasing production costs and uncertain prices, despite the PIK program.

Three statistics are predictable with or without a census: lots of farmers went bankrupt in 1982; more are just barely hanging in for 1983; and corporate farms continue to crowd out smaller or family farms.

--Jay Tea

Brokaw loses it again

Maybe you thought Brokaw Hospital was done screwing their neighbors now that the new parking lot is finished and the neighbors have been relocated. Not so.

An anonymous Northern Illinois Gas Employee told a Post reporter recently that it's not so. NI-gas will have to replace a gas line along Virginia Ave-

nue. Because Brokaw doesn't want them to tear up the new sod along the parking lot, NI-gas workers will have to switch the line over to the other side of Virginia, tearing up the parkway in front of your house.

Just when you thought it was over, neighbor.

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Local banks sting senior citizens

I am once again impressed by the creative genius of our local financial wizards. In these hard times our money changers have supplemented their loss of usury income by charging heavy fees for cashing social security checks.

To be fair I will say that our banks are charging these fees only to those undesirable low-life creatures who willingly and knowingly refuse to participate in our great financial network and don't keep a lot of spare money lying around in a bank account. Isn't a \$5.00 fee a small price to pay to receive your own money? How many of these lazy rustics are we talking about anyway?

Using census data we can get a rough estimate. All social security recipients do not qualify because some can afford to have spare money. Using only low income counts, we see that there are 2,435 people in McLean County who are both over 60 and below the poverty cutoff. Social Security comes in at about age 65, so let's be careful and use about 1,800 of these cases. If 1,800 people in McLean County paid a \$5.00 fee for S.S. check cashing in 1982, that would come to a mere \$108,000!

Fees vary by the bank used. I called around this morning and here's what I found out:

--American State Bank: won't cash checks if no account.

--Bank of Illinois (Normal): Fee varies by amount of check.

--Citizens Savings and Loan: Won't cash check if no account.

--Corn Belt Bank: Won't cash check if no account but will be doing so in a few days when new policy becomes effective (will involve a fee).

--First National of Normal: 50¢ per \$100 if no account.

--McLean County Bank: \$5 if no account.

--National Bank of Bloomington: \$5 if no account.

--Peoples Bank of Bloomington: Won't cash check if no account.

--Prairie State Bank: Won't cash check if no account.

In short, I couldn't find one bank that would cash a S. S. check for a non-customer without a fee.

Now here's an idea: There are 13,371 people over 60 in McLean County who are above the poverty line. You know, I'll bet the first bank to see this will get smart and eliminate the check cashing fee. Once this bank has established itself as the bank that understands the needs of seniors, all the area seniors will pull their money out of the other banks and go where their money is wanted--right? I wonder how much money we are talking about now.●

--Joe Phillips



Even student tenants have rights

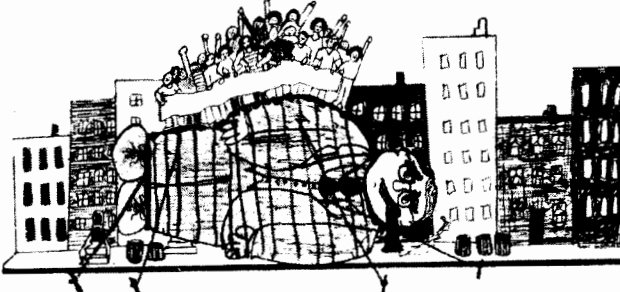
Because of the influx of people going to school at I.S.U. and I.W.U. the housing market in the Bloomington-Normal area is flooded with people who must have housing and cannot afford the luxury of searching around as much as most would like. This situation is perfect for the profit-hungry landlords (many times slum lords). Most student and some non-student off-campus housing is 2 to 3 times as expensive as comparable housing in other similar University towns.

The problem does not stop at the rent. It starts there. Many of the large rental and management companies demand payment plans that have the tenant fully paid up on a 9-month or year lease before the term of the lease is over. Now ask yourself: what is the incentive for landlords to do repairs or provide services when they already have your money? This play makes it easy on their bookkeeping and supplies them with added profit from interest on money they should not be entitled to for months.

One of the most scandalous aspects of the landlord-tenant relationship is the issue of security deposits. This deposit, usually \$110 to \$150, is held from the beginning of the lease until the tenant moves out, of course collecting interest the entire time. Some landlords have no intention of returning the deposit unless they are pressured.

The deposit is to be used to cover any damages or unpaid bills left by the tenant. If a tenant gives proper notice of intention to vacate the premises (30 days on a month-to-month lease) or if the date is in the contract, a landlord of premises containing ten or more units may not withhold any of the deposit unless he or she gives the tenant a list of estimated or actual costs of repair within 30 days of tenants' vacating. If the statement gives actual costs the landlord must give paid receipts. Failure to follow this procedure can make the landlord liable for two times the deposit. If the landlord rents 25 units or more, he or she must pay 5% interest to the tenant within 30 days of each 1-year rental period.

A practice common to the landlords in this area is to include unenforceable and illegal clauses in their leases in the hopes that the tenants will not have the lease reviewed by anyone who might be able to discover such clauses. These clauses usually either release the landlord from some responsibility or give them more than their legal rights.



An example you might be able to find in your lease, if you knew enough to look, could be a release of the landlord from liability for damages incurred by the tenant. But under Illinois law one cannot release him/herself from liability for negligence. Let's say that the landlord knows a certain apartment has flooded before, but rents you the apartment anyway.

You bring in your \$2500 stereo, and with the first heavy rain your Band and Olufson is ruined. The landlord knew of the condition and even a clause in the lease cannot protect her or him from liability if you seek damages.

One very common illegal clause gives the landlord the right to enter your apartment and dispossess you of tenancy (throw your ass out) should you fail to pay the rent or any portion of it. Wrong! This clause is wholly unenforceable. Chapter 80 of Illinois' Revised Statutes provides the eviction procedure.

It must be followed. Only a court order served by a sheriff of the county can evict you.

The inequity of the landlord-tenant situation will not be solved by this article. Tenant unions and education of people concerning their rights to decent housing will also be needed in the future. I can only hope that people will become more aware of their rights and how they are being abused.●

--Geoff Ferguson, ISU Tenant Union Representative

Welcome in Spring

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GUITAR WORLD

We teach you to play;
then sell you the right guitar.

Wonder of wonders ...

JASPER, ALA.--The Walker Medical Center in Jasper has a very special door. The image of Jesus is said to have appeared in the wood of the door after a man prayed for a sign from the Lord that his son, a patient at the Center, would recover.

Shore nuff, the knots in the door seemed to the man to now look like the face of Jesus. Hospital spokespeople agree and intend to move the door to a glass case in the lobby for "all to see what many already have."

One man who looked at the door told Cable Network News, "From all the pictures I've ever seen of Jesus, it looks just like Him."

I, too, saw the now (in)famous door, albeit on TV. The image does bear a

somewhat similar resemblance to the photo Jesus had taken when he was named Time's Man of the Year, but it is not a great likeness.

The wood is dark, for one thing, adding a distracting color to Jesus' well-known blond hair and blue eyes. Could one identify an image of Marilyn Monroe's face if she had mahogany hair and ebony eyes? Doubtful.

For another thing, it is nearly impossible to tell the real Jesus from all the Jesus impersonators which cropped up after his death, even in snap shots, let alone in images in doors. The image in Jasper could very well be the latest Jesus impersonator's publicity stunt.

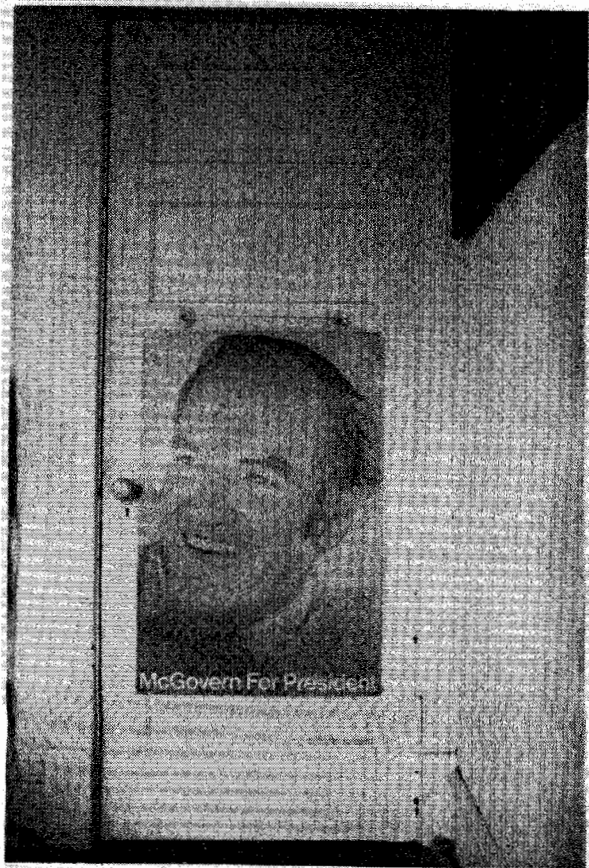
And lastly, why would Jesus have gone

to the trouble of putting a barely recognizable image in a door when he could have much more easily sent an 8-by-10 autographed glossy (the one of Jackie Onassis and him at Studio 54 is one of my personal faves) instead?

Three days after the alleged image appeared, Columbia Records announced the sale of previously uncollected Country/Western songs by Jesus, John, and Mary. The third cut on side one of the album (and the only song released as a single) is entitled "I Saw Jesus in My Hospital Door."

The innocent public has obviously been taken in yet again by stupid promotional stunts. Images on doors indeed! ●

--Deborah Wiatt



...Miracle of miracles

Boy, is my face red! Less than a week after I wrote about the image of Jesus in a door (see adjoining article) my house in Bloomington had its own miracle.

I was again watching Cable Network News and learned that yet another Democratic unknown had announced his candidacy for president in the 1984 elections.

"When Walter Mondale is the best-known name around," I muttered to no one in particular, "you know you're in trouble." I rolled my eyes and sighed, "Lord help us."

And I believe I was given a sign!

I know, I know, I don't believe in that stuff. Well, I didn't. I think I do now. Because when I glanced at the door of my TV room, I believe I saw the image of George McGovern in the door!

Several other people have examined the

door. I asked them if they saw McGovern in the door, too, and most of them said they did. Two people thought they also saw the words "McGovern for President" printed under the face, but I think that's pushing it.

A couple of people have said they see no face in the door whatsoever, and one person says it's an image of Teddy Kennedy. So I ask you--what do you see?

If you see any image at all in this door, please write to the Post-Amerikan's "Is There an Image in Deborah's TV Room Door?" Poll, P.O. Box 3452, Bloomington. Results of the poll will be printed in next month's Post.

I deeply appreciate your help in this endeavor. I really do need to know if I should keep the door on the TV room or if I should donate it (if there really is an image) to the Democratic National Committee. Your opinion could determine the fate of my door--and maybe the country. ●

--Deborah

Censorship in child porn bill

House Bill 539, sponsored by Rep. Jane Barnes of Palos Heights, has been introduced into the state legislature. Known informally as the "Child Pornography" bill, HB 539 is really a continuation of the battle that raged a few years ago over the book Show Me, which some suburban residents wanted removed from their public library.

Similar legislation was defeated in the last session of the Illinois General Assembly.

HB 539 intends to do more than prohibit "kiddie porn" (i.e. the sexual participation of persons 16 years of age or under in live performances, motion pictures, photographs or other visual representations exhibited before an audience). It also wants to suppress any materials that have pictures of sketches of "prepubescent appearing persons," and to punish those who "recklessly disseminate" such materials (like the librarian who orders an art book or the clerk who checks out a sex education text).

Remember, the controversy started over Show Me, a book that used drawings and illustrations to teach kids about their bodies and about sex.

The key to the hidden intent of HB 539 is that it doesn't contain any affirmative defense provision for librarians and library employees. That's not an oversight; the last bill didn't contain one either. And the proposed law doesn't punish those who "knowingly" distribute child pornography; it uses the vaguer term "recklessly" for describing the act of distribution.

The authors and supporters of HB 539 don't want to limit themselves to Gay Teens in Bondage. They also want to get that "dirty" stuff like Human Reproduction and The Drawings of Michelangelo out of schools, libraries, museums, and anywhere else decent folk might get a glimpse of it.

As the Post goes to press, HB539 is undergoing hearings before the house judiciary committee. Last time, the so-called "Child Porno" bill was seen for what it really is and didn't get reported out of committee. Let's hope the same thing happens this time. ●

--Ferdurdurke

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1983, not 1953.
I checked twice.

From the text and the picture, we find out that this fellow's wife cooked, sewed, washed dishes, tidied up (note the squalor), ironed, mopped, paid the bills (note checkbook and calculator), helped the boy with homework, read kiddie books to the kids, dealt with the squalling infant, provided emotional cushioning, and--this is the real whammy--put up the wallpaper. She also had "part-time or full-time work outside the home."

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R.I.P., fourth amendment

Santa came 8 months early for the local constabulary this year. All during April the cops were allowed to stop motorists and check for drunk drivers and expired licenses, with no legal backlash for such patently unconstitutional activity. They must've been in hog heaven, if you'll pardon the expression.

What better gift for your neighborhood fuzzi than free rein to set up roadblocks and sift an entire highway full of taxpaying voters? He gets to go through your identification, search your car on a whim, play with the police computer, and --best of all--run roughshod over the Bill of Rights. It sure beats the socks and the Swiss Colony cheese assortment he got from the little woman in December.

In case you don't remember the Fourth Amendment (and it's getting harder to remember all the time), here's a reprint: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreason-

able searches and seizures shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Now maybe I'm just stupid, but I interpret this to mean that the cops need a warrant for me and my car specifically, issued because of eyewitness evidence. I also interpret "persons, houses, papers and effects" to apply to me and my car. If a car isn't a temporary home, then it's surely one of my "effects."

This amendment was included in the Constitution because of British practices of raiding homes to search for anything that would convict you of being in cahoots with those evil revolutionaries who wanted free speech and fair taxation and all of that liberal hogwash.

The idea was that you should be innocent until proven guilty, and

innocent people's homes shouldn't be ransacked without hard evidence of probable guilt. You just aren't allowed to buzz around looking for something to bust a guy on.

But that's exactly what the police are doing, under the pretext of "protecting" us from drunk drivers. I'm no fan of drunk driving, but Wake Up, Folks! This country's legal system is based on precedent. There's literally nothing now to prevent house-to-house searches for liquor and expired drivers' licenses. Don't laugh. Once you permit these road searches, the jump to homes is easy, natural, and predictable. We're playing hardball now!

So write your senators and congress-people, and bitch, bitch, bitch. There are those who honestly think that these police searches make the world safer, and they write to say so. And we have to do the same.

There is more at stake here than busting a few drunks. They're busting our rights. ●

--Scaramouche

NEWS GRIEFS

Activist video

Normally I'd rather be drafted than give any credit to Bill Flick, "the dean of American journalists," but this time I have to. He wrote an article condemning the Custer's Revenge video game, and I have to thank him.

In case you've missed this thoroughly American product, let me clue you in: the object is for you to maneuver a very masculine cowboy around assorted obstacles and eventually rape--yes, rape--an Indian woman. Only in this country is rape accorded sports status.

At the risk of lending any dignity to this sick enterprise (it certainly has none now, with the unbeatable combination of sexism and racism), I have come up with a few more games that would be preferable to market:

--Taxpayers' Revenge--you are the taxpayer; your goal is a harem consisting of the president, the joint chiefs of staff, and the entire congress.

--Picnickers' Revenge--you pursue James Watt; be careful of foot wounds as you close in.

--Drinkers' Revenge--with a twist; your weapon is an empty muscatel bottle; your aim, the Liquor Commissions of Bloomington and Normal.

--Brokaw Neighbors' Revenge--you must first rezone and demolish the enemy's castle, then score.

Will wonders never cease?

Can anyone figure Ronnie Reagan out? Just when he was going along, digging a deeper grave for himself and his ideology, he tells Israel that it can't have any F-16s until it gives up its death grip on Lebanon. How dare he do the right thing?! I'm so confused...

It looked like Ron's kind of conflict--a lovely holy war against those godless Arabs who dare to want their homeland back. He had a big Jewish lobby to keep happy, to say nothing of all the folks paying big money to run their Chryslers. How could he let them all down in defense of a piece of fire-



blackened beach?

Anyone with the answer to this puzzle, please drop me a line at the Post-Amerikan.

Shroud of Turin

Pope John Paul II was pink with delight recently when he inherited the famous Shroud of Turin from Italy's last King, Umberto II. But he said it was "too early to say" what he was going to do with his legacy.

So I have some suggestions for the Pope.

Designer jeans--Even the Vicar of Christ needs to unwind. Since the Shroud has the face of Jesus on it, this would be the ultimate in snob wearing apparel.

Drapes--A unique design, but difficult to get a matched set.

Needlepoint pattern--Common, but always in style.

Shower curtain--John Paul needs something to really personalize his bathroom; something that says "Pope."

Tablecloth--Finally, something truly appropriate for Easter dinner.

Washcloth/Towel set--for cleansing those sins.

Rich men, poor women

The "femination of poverty" is no longer just sociological theory or feminist rhetoric. According to a recently released U.S. Civil Rights Commission report, it's now economic reality.

Between 1960 and 1981, the commission found, the number of below-poverty-line households headed by women jumped by 54%. Poor families headed by black women increased at twice that rate. If that trend continues, columnist Sydney Harris observed, by the year 2000 the only poor in the U.S. will be women and children.

--In These Times

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Little Miss Exploitation

Contrary to what many of you might believe, the National Little Miss Pageant is not an altruistic program designed to give proper recognition and reward to deserving female children (ages 4-7) throughout the country. According to a recent Pantagraph article, the Little Miss Pageant is a crass commercial venture that selects its state "finalists" on a first-come, first-served basis and requires a \$150 "sponsor fee" in order for them to compete.

Yes, I know you're shocked and disappointed. I, too, was numb with indignation and despair to learn the ugly truth about this heartless scam. Until I realized that 60 finalists at \$150 a head (so to speak) meant a cool \$9000 per state contest, and a whopping \$450,000 for all 50 state pageants.

Not only that, but I also noted that the National Little Miss Pageant was a spinoff of the Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant (ages 8-12) and the Miss National Teen-ager Pageant (ages 13-18), all run by the same Florida-based corporation.

"Well, hell," I said to myself, "if they can exploit sexism and parental dotage for all that bread, why can't we? After all, the Post-Amerikan needs money."

I cleverly observed that there were no contests for children under the age of 4, and concocted the following ideas for fund-raising pageants, which I submitted to my fellow collective members:

--Little Miss Rugrat (ages 2-3). Contestants will be judged on toddling or crawling skills and ability to stuff their entire fists in their mouths. Sponsor fee: \$125.

--Little Miss Mewling-n-Puking (ages 0-1). Contestants will be judged on the quality of their mewling and puking. Sponsor fee: \$100; designer diapers, extra.

--Little Miss Fetus (ages conception to birth). Judging criteria will be difficult to set. May have to change this category to Little Miss Third Trimester. Sponsor fee: \$95; amniocentesis, extra.

So far my proposals have not met with approval from the Post staff. Bleeding-heart types, grumbling about taste and integrity, are blocking consensus.

But you can help. If you like my ideas, write a letter of support to: We Want Post Pageants, P.O. Box 3452, Bloomington. Be sure to include your \$10 supporter fee.

--Ferdurdurke



Whacko homo theory time again

The Post-Amerikan's WhackoHomo Theory award for the spring quarter goes to the Aesthetic Realism Foundation for their totally unintelligible views on changing hapless homosexuals into healthy heterosexual breeders.

Now I don't know what the Aesthetic Realism Foundation is or who makes up their membership, but based on their newsletter I'd say they're all recent escapees from the Massachusetts Home for the Badly Bewildered. Just another snide Ferdurdurke put-down, you say? Read on.

The letter they're currently (10 March 1983) circulating is addressed to the "American People" and is signed by 26 alleged converts from (male) homosexuality. The letter claims that the American press is keeping the news of Aesthetic Realism (AR) from the country (and has been for 4 decades) and that homosexual men are dying in epidemic numbers from AIDS because they don't know about AR's "dignified and scientific means of changing from homosexuality."

That's the comprehensible part.

The accompanying flyer, entitled "Contempt Causes Insanity," makes you realize that indeed a wasted mind is a terrible thing. Here are some points and quotations that, as best as I can tell, represent their theory:

1. AR is an educational philosophy founded in 1941 by poet and critic Eli Siegel.
2. Aesthetic Realism "defines beauty," "explains the structure of the universe," and "is fair to the depths of man."
3. Eli Siegel wrote: "The world, art, and self explain each other; each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites."
4. The basis on which "men have changed from homosexuality" is found in a lecture by Siegel on the 18th century poet Alexander Pope and his "great desire to be friendly to someone."

(I am not making this up.)

5. The key sentence in the lecture that



that explains how homos have changed is: "If you cannot like what is outside--the world--you cannot like anybody, whether in sex or out of sex, in a way that you want to."

6. The "scientific basis" for change is stated in two principles by Siegel: a) "All homosexuality arises from contempt of the world, not liking it sufficiently" and b) "This changes into a contempt for women."

Like Queen Victoria, AR apparently doesn't believe in lesbianism. Although the letter does speak of "over 100 men and women" who have changed, that's the last you hear about female homos.

Also, it seems you can change through consultations over the telephone. A kind of Dial-a-Preference, I guess. The cover letter ends with this sentence: "We don't want one more man to get sick and die." I suggest they quit publishing their little newsletter, then. It certainly made me nauseous.

--Ferdurdurke

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Prof fakes credentials, fools six schools

As the number of unemployed graduates grows, so does the suspicion that college degrees aren't worth the paper they're printed on. Paul Arthur Crafton has recently demonstrated that sometimes the paper is all that counts.

In the past 5 years Crafton has taught at 6 different schools in 5 states, using 4 different names. In at least 4 instances, Crafton assumed the identities of 2 professors who teach outside the U.S. and submitted their academic credentials with his job applications.

College authorities aren't saying how Crafton managed to slip the phony papers by them.

In reality?

In reality--if that word can be used in reference to Crafton--the academic hoaxer is a tenured professor of engineering administration at George Washington University (Wash., DC), where he's been on the faculty for 27 years. He lives in Potomac, Md., a suburb of Washington, with his wife and two children.

But within the past five years, as far as investigators can discover, Crafton has taught at:

--Millersville State College (Pa.), where he has been known since last summer as Peter Hector Pearse, an associate professor of economics and business administration;

--The Camden (N.J.) campus of Rutgers University, where in 1982 he was also known as Peter Pearse, but was dismissed after only 3 weeks because he had missed so many classes;

--Shippensburg State College (Pa.), where he was known as John Byron Hext, an instructor of mathematics and computer science, until college officials came across an article by the real Hext in a mathematics journal;

--Towson State University (Md.), where he taught business administration from 1979 to 1982 under the name David A. Gordon;

--The University of Delaware, where he was known as Jonathan D. North and taught evening courses in computer science in the spring of 1981;

--Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., where he again used Hext's name and was an associate professor of mathematics during the spring semester of 1982.

Amused

The real John Hext, who is a lecturer in computer science at MacQuaire University in Sydney, Australia, seems amused by the hoax. "I have an unusual name and there are very few Hexts around--even fewer in the computer-science field," he said. "I don't see how he got away with it."

The real Peter Pearse, whose identity Crafton used at Millersville State and at Rutgers, is a professor of economics and forestry at the University of British Columbia.

Millersville's vice-president for academic affairs, Keith Lovin, said that Crafton had presented solid scholarly credentials--all of them Pearse's--in applying for the teaching post at Millersville. Crafton told college officials he had been a consultant in Baltimore, but wanted to start teaching.

Telephone calls to the Baltimore numbers that Crafton provided were returned by men who confirmed Crafton's story and praised his talents, Lovin said.

The hoaxes unravel

Crafton's hoaxes began to unravel when a Shippensburg student remembered seeing the fake Hext at Millersville, prompting Shippensburg's security director to send a photo of the man to Millersville officials. Crafton was arrested shortly thereafter.

Lancaster, Pa., police discovered more than a dozen boxes of credit cards, drivers' licenses, and other forms of identification in an apartment that Crafton is believed to have

rented under the name of Anthony S. Williams. They said he was thought to have applied for more than 20 other faculty posts.

A Navy spokesperson said last week that that Crafton had been employed from 1944 to 1969 as a full-time mechanical engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington. Crafton had been granted a security clearance to work on sensitive projects.

Administrators at the colleges where Crafton taught are unsure how to treat credits given for classes he taught on their campuses under assumed identities.

Crafton faces 27 criminal counts in Pennsylvania alone, including charges of forgery, theft by deception, and tampering with official records. The administrators who hired Crafton haven't been charged with anything.

--Ferdurdurke

Sources: Chronicle of Higher Education, April 6 and March 30, 1983.

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Please keep up the good work. I know you're in straits (financially) right now, and a donation from me is forthcoming, but I urge you to remember the good you do, both directly and indirectly for all of us out here.

Incidentally, Ferdurdurke's article-collage on the Gay vs. the "Way" was stellar. It's of the calibre we as readers have come to expect. Keep the quality journalism coming!

Yours in the struggle,
Cajole

Help the Post get graphics

Operating on a limited budget often means the Post staff has to do without many of the luxuries of journalistic life. We've learned to live without word processors, official press cards, and clean coffee cups. But sometimes there's an item we really lust after.

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--The Post staff



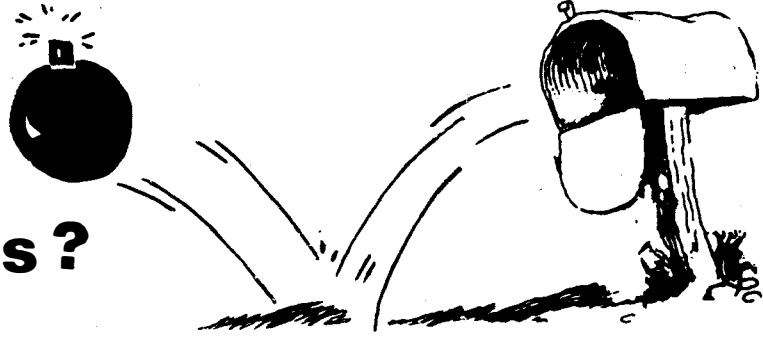
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Guest editorials?

Dear Post Staff,

A "real newspaper" has an editorial page with real insightful comment. How about the Post starting a guest editorial column with "big name journalists?" You could invite E.B. Rust to describe "Capitalism--The Insurance Companies' Role in the Coming Reindustrialization of America." And the Catholic Monsg. could review The Catholic's Right to Choose Literature.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen



Post reader pleased

Dear Post Folks,

The paper has been getting better and better lately. It's always good to see what's happening in Bloomington.

Gail

And we're stuck with Madigan

If we've got to have a Congress, then all its representatives should be the kind Phillip Burton was. He opposed militarism and corporate interests, and fought in favor of civil rights, welfare recipients, and the environment.

For almost 20 years, Burton represented the 6th Congressional district in California (located in San Francisco). When he came to Washington in 1964, his progressive liberalism collided head-on with a Congress steeped in conservatism. Burton was 1 of only 5 representatives who voted against the Vietnam War in May 1965. In 1968 he was 1 of 2 who opposed criminal penalties for protestors who burned an American flag.

But as his image and expertise grew, Burton became a powerful force for the liberalization of Congress. He helped abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and he worked to increase liberal Democratic influence in House committees. In 1976 he made a strong bid to be-

come the majority leader of the House.

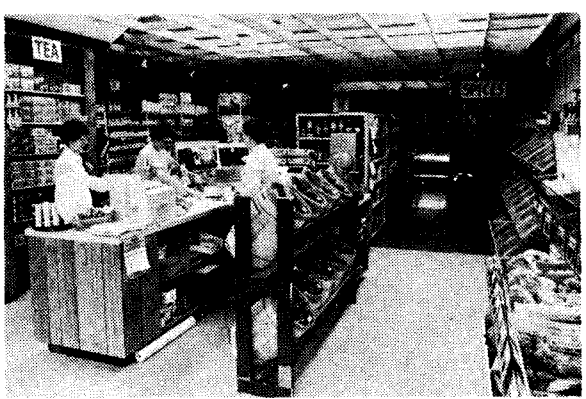
Burton used the system to produce an impressive record of legislation: the Omnibus Parks Act of 1978, aid for aged and disabled citizens, compensation for black-lung victims, extension of food stamps eligibility to strikers.

He was one of the 4 original sponsors of the federal gay rights bill that was introduced in the 98th Congress in January, and he introduced the \$15-million funding bill that the last Congress approved for AIDS research.

On April 10, Phillip Burton died at the age of 56. The needy and the powerless have lost an important champion.

--Ferdurdurke

Sources: Nation, 23 April 1983; The Advocate, issues 362 and 364.



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Naturopaths may practice a multitude of therapies but they have a single goal in mind--to allow nature to heal. To achieve this goal, cleansing, physical therapies, and diets are used. Some items in the diet create a unanimous response from Naturopaths. Salt and refined sugar, for example, find no advocates among Naturopaths. One item, however, seems to elicit a range of opinions as to its merits. That item is milk.

Here are some points about the consumption of milk and milk products. It will be quite obvious where the author stands on the issue.

An infant is born with a thymus gland which is as big as the heart. This gland atrophies as the child grows. In an adult it is the size of the tip of one's finger.

One of the functions of this gland is to allow the infant to consume milk. According to the Australian biochemist Mira Louise, this gland triggers the sucking sensation. It also produces the formation of rennin in the infant's stomach for the digestion of the milk protein casein and promotes the enzyme lactase in the intestines for the breakdown of the milk sugar lactose. Mother's milk also contains the enzyme lactase to aid in the digestion of the lactose.

As the infant develops teeth, the digestive juice ptyalin is formed in the saliva. The ptyalin allows for the digestion of carbohydrates. If the infant is given solid foods before sufficient ptyalin and teeth are in the mouth, the food will be incompletely digested. Mucus problems develop, as well as constipation, colic, coughs, or smelly stools.

When sufficient ptyalin and teeth are in the mouth and the child is weaned from mother's milk, that child should be completely weaned. This means that the child should not be put on cow's milk. Youngsters of 4, 5, and 6 years who are drinking cow's milk are ripe for a multitude of illnesses even if they began life on wholesome mother's milk. They have lost rennin and lactase simultaneously with gaining the ability to digest solid foods. Naturally the same is true for teenagers and adults. Instead of digesting completely, the milk putrefies--which means it rots.

Diseases of all sorts begin to develop when the digestion is not complete: tonsil troubles, colds, adenoids, catarrhal conditions (mucus, phlegm), asthma, abscessed ears, bronchial and sinus troubles, headaches--even migraines, indigestion, dental problems, swollen glands, colic, diarrhea, constipation, sleeplessness, hives, sneezing, vomiting, loud hoarse breathing, allergies, dizziness, fatigue. In addition, the toxic intestinal tract makes the person susceptible to all manner of contagious diseases.

When any of the above signs of sickness occur, the infant, child, or adult should stop drinking cow's milk and see how soon the problem disappears.

According to Canadian writer John Tobe, milk from animals has been a source of food for adults for ages. Sources of milk around the world are the cow, sheep, goat, mare, camel, ass, zebra, reindeer, yak, llama, and

water buffalo. Despite this wide usage of milk, it was not used for infants in the place of mother's milk until the 1900's in American culture. Another difference in the traditional usage of milk is the milk is fermented before adults drink it.

Milk products--cheese, yogurts, kumiss, buttermilk--are consumed, unlike milk in its original state. Why can adults eat milk products and not drink the milk itself?

As mentioned, the infant has the digestive aid rennin in the stomach, which coagulates the milk casein into tough clots, or curds. That produces the soured effect. Since adults, on the whole, do not have this digestive juice, they lack the ability to break down the casein.

When the casein is not digested, the multitude of problems listed begin to occur. The material begins to decompose and decay in the intestinal tract and becomes the source of the odorous stool.

The bacterial action of fermentation which takes place when milk is left at room temperature or when a specific culture is added produces the products we know as cheese, yogurt, etc. This bacterial action prepares the milk for digestion with the child or adult who lacks the rennin.

The adult who proclaims that he or she has never had any trouble drinking milk will be interested to know that there is a possibility that some adults possess the rennin because of a possible genetic mutation. However, just as eating meat stimulates the formation of hydrochloric acid in the

Chicago election shatters ideals

I never really cared about politics before. Whether on a national, state or local level, it just never seemed to interest me. However, the last mayoral election in Chicago not only stirred up my interest but my emotions as well.

I am a black woman who believes that people from every race, creed or color should be judged by their character and ability, not by their heritage.

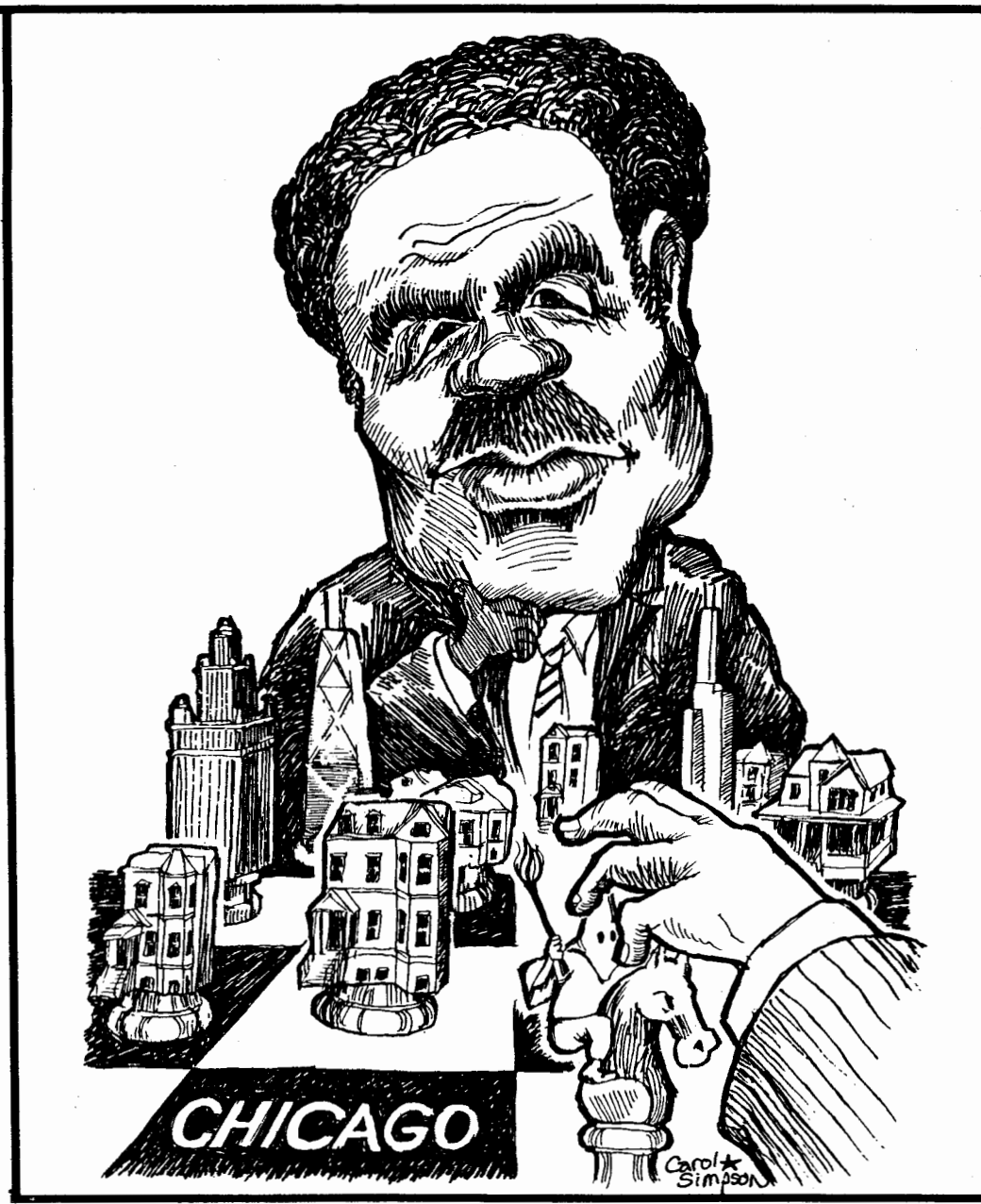
When I found out that a black man, Harold Washington, was running for the office of Mayor of Chicago, I started inquiring about his ability to perform the job. After I did my research, I found that Mr. Washington was as qualified as Bernard Epton and therefore wished Mr. Washington the best of luck. However, as the election campaign progressed, my nonchalant attitude towards it started to change.

This election was involving people even if they didn't want to be involved. The means of doing so were the television, radio, and newspapers. Everywhere I turned truths and untruths regarding the candidates were being brought out--especially concerning the black candidate, Harold Washington.

The media concentrated heavily on Washington's supposed failure to pay his taxes some years ago and repeated statements putting Mr. Washington in a negative light. Not once did the media concentrate on any of the negative aspects of Epton's past. Whether it was not known that Bernard Epton suffered a mental breakdown or was just being covered up, I don't know. One thing I do know is that if the media are going to expose one candidate, they should also expose the other.

The unfair coverage of Chicago's mayoral campaign not only enraged me, but the simple fact that life-long Democrats were switching their vote to Republican also made me think that racism played a large part in this election. The city was so divided that it actually made me ill. Why were the people so divided? Is prejudice still as strong as it ever was?

These questions and more weigh heavily on my mind. Such as, why Governor Thompson made this statement about



the Chicago election:
"The days when the 'mayor of Chicago can pick up the phone and get something done in Springfield' are probably gone with the election of Harold Washington as the mayor of that city." (Pantagraph, 14 April 1983).
Does that mean that Governor Thompson

is going to cooperate only to a certain extent or not at all?

What I have written here explains the bitterness I feel today. My hope that someday everybody will be treated as equals is shattered. I am very disappointed in the American people which in turn causes my shame at being labeled an American. ●

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stomach (necessary for the digestion of the meat), so the drinking of milk will stimulate more and more rennin in the person who can still manufacture the substance. One result of too much rennin in adults is the formation of the hormone angiotension, which is known to cause high blood pressure. Better to avoid milk than to develop the hypertension and be told to get off the milk.

An October 1972 article in Scientific American discusses research which found that most adults around the world lack the enzyme lactase necessary for the digestion of milk sugar lactose. This is consistent with Mira Louise who maintains the ability to metabolize the milk sugar ceases as the thymus gland atrophies. The article states that the lactase enzyme usually disappears between the ages of two and four, the period when children are usually weaned.

The research in Scientific American was promoted because of the numbers of children and adults around the world who got ill from drinking milk sent to them by the U.N. and other relief organizations.

When milk is drunk and the enzyme lactase is absent, the lactose remains undigested. The lactose molecules increase the particle content of the intestinal fluid, and by osmosis water is drawn out of the tissues into the intestine. Water in the intestines causes diarrhea.

It is true that some mammal species have milk which does not contain lactase sugar at all--for example, the seal and walrus. Supposedly adults could consume this milk with no side

effects, but it has 30% to 40% more fat, which is necessary for these water animals. It would hardly be an advisable switch.

This brings us to the question of cow's milk and the so-called need for calcium. Just as the seal and walrus need more fat for their specific needs, cows need more calcium. A calf grows structurally, but a human infant's growth is in the nervous system and brain. The reflexes and alertness are developed long before nature puts an emphasis on structural development. Consequently, the need for calcium has been overstated.

The teenager who continues to drink milk for the sake of development of large bones and structure (football or basketball ambitions?) faces another problem. The cow's milk is rich not only in calcium but also in albumen, a substance needed for the processing of the calcium. According to Mira Louise, this albumen is far more than any human can handle. It "stagnates in the membranes and glandular tissue, causing abscesses and swollen glands." This swollen effect is seen in babies who drink cow's milk. It is sometimes described as the "fat and healthy" look in the infant.

There are many more aspects to the question of milk consumption. Pasteurized milk is in a completely denatured state. Cheese and other milk products which are made from pasteurized milk do not compare to the milk products found around the world which are made from raw milk. Millions of dead bacteria--the result of pasteurization--do not lend themselves to the necessary fermentation that raw milk, rich in live bacteria, goes through.

Vegetarians are inclined to switch from eating meat to the eating of



denatured cheese, as if it were necessary for their source of protein and calcium. The outcome is often the same mucus, constipation, boils, headaches, tooth decay, etc. that we see in the milk drinker. Consuming raw, ripe, fresh fruits and vegetables along with whole grains and legume foods provides plenty of what one needs.

Ice cream has not gone through the process of fermentation as has yogurt or cheese. Further, ice cream is loaded with sugars and artificial flavors and colors. If one has any health problems, it is better to do without any milk products until one is sure of their effect on your system.

If this article raises questions in your mind about milk, be sure to let us know what they are. Since the concept of health and the balanced diet has always included milk, eliminating milk from one's diet may be an important psychological decision to make.

--Marjorie Kinsella,
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gay group announces plans

The last meeting of the school year for ISU's Gay People's Alliance (GPA) will feature readings from contemporary gay drama. The program will include scenes from the Broadway success Torch Song Trilogy and other readings. The meeting begins at 8:30 p.m. on April 27 in room 112 of Fairchild Hall on the ISU campus.

As a continuation of GPA, some gay men and lesbians in Bloomington-Normal will begin regular Wednesday evening meetings for discussion, socializing, and planning community events. The nature and function of these meetings will be determined by the interests and ideas of those attending. At present there have

been some preliminary suggestions of organizing a group to march in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade in late June and of holding a picnic sometime in the summer. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at 501 W. Mulberry in Bloomington. For more information about the Wednesday evening group and an update on gay community activities, call the Gay/Lesbian information line at 829-2719.

The Metropolitan Community Church of Bloomington-Normal is changing its meeting time and place. Current information about MCC can also be obtained from the Gay/Lesbian information line, 829-2719.

Music gathering May 6

The Midwest People's Music Network will hold its semi-annual gathering this May 6-8 in Chicago in conjunction with PEOPLE YES! Mark your calendar now!

The PEOPLE YES! involves artists and organizers of different disciplines to establish a common language and communication for diverse issues we're all working on. It is a good quality, multi-racial event of people's culture and a great opportunity for us all to reaffirm our own ideas and get inspiration for our own work.

This gathering will be a new and different type for MWPMN--we will be having a couple of round robin song exchanges as usual, as well as being able to participate in PEOPLE YES! workshops. Their tentative schedule is as follows:

- Friday: Song Exchange and Round Robin
- Sat. a.m.: Round Robin; slideshows and videotape display
- Sat. p.m.: Workshops
- Sat. night: Concert
- Sun.: Organizing sessions

If you are planning on coming and could help arrange a car pool in your area or can take riders, contact us

immediately, so we can start making arrangements. Our number (Barb Tennis and Chas Moore) is 608-258-9253; call before 7 or after 5; keep trying.

Housing and breakfast will be provided. We'll be staying in a church which also has kitchen facilities available. Cost of registration will be in line with the previous gatherings (approx. \$25) and will include admission to all PEOPLE YES events.

Barb Tennis and Chas Moore
PO Box 10
Madison WI 53701



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Operation Recycle expands

Operation Recycle (OR) has had the opportunity to expand its efforts to save natural resources. This opportunity was made possible by a state grant obtained through the Mid Central Economic Opportunity Corporation (MCEOC).

The group plans to continue the regular recycling drives every 5 to 7 weeks at the Eastland parking lot and the lot next to ISU's Turner Hall, and it also hopes to try other ways to increase recycling.

Through available funding, the group was able to hire a Coordinator and 2 CETA workers. Despite this, the operation will still depend heavily on volunteers to staff the sites and collect recyclables.

OR has opened another recycling drop-off center--in the parking lot of MCEOC, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington. Newspapers, tin cans, glass, and aluminum will be accepted at any time. In addition, OR will staff this drop-off each Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon to collect cardboard and office paper beginning May 7.

OR is now also available to pick up recyclables from area businesses, such as bottles from restaurants and bars, and office paper from copy shops, etc.

Future plans include establishing 6 to 8 drop points in the twin cities where residents may deposit recyclables at any time, and offering a buy-back program on some items. Another goal is the creation of more employment opportunities for low income residents.

For information about Operation Recycle, call MCEOC at 829-0691.

Get help for heat bills

Although this past winter has been relatively mild, many are still trying to recover financially due to the depressed economy. Spring may brighten the outlook for many, but warm weather also means that utility companies are more free to sever service on delinquent accounts.

For eligible low-income households assistance is still available with heating bills and/or to get service reconnected. Persons who have received assistance for the Illinois Home Energy Assistance program since Jan. 1, 1983, may not reapply for IHEAP, but may be assisted once on an emergency basis if their main heat source is shut off by the utility company.

The income guidelines for the Illinois Home Energy Assistance Program are:

#of Persons in House	90 day income
1	\$1,347
2	1,783
3	2,187
4	2,668
5	2,956
6	3,231

Applications will be taken on a walk-in basis. If you wish to make an appointment, or have questions, call 829-0691 for McLean County or (815) 844-3201 for Livingston County.

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Still room in Community Gardens

With the warm weather just around the corner, Mid Central Economic Opportunity Corporation (MCEOC) is gearing up for their Summer Programs being offered to McLean County residents.

MCEOC has worked with the Bloomington Housing Authority and local volunteers to organize a Community Garden. This innovative project offers a garden plot, all necessary seed, plants and equipment free of charge! No income guidelines are required. All people need is the willingness to get a little soil under their nails, keep up their gardens, and reap the benefits of good nutritional food at no cost.

The plants have been donated by local garden shops. Equipment will be purchased by MCEOC, and the Bloomington-

Normal Sanitation Dept. has donated use of two acres of land located on West Illinois St. in Bloomington.

Thirty households have registered for garden plots, but there is plenty of space for more gardeners. Applications for a garden plot are available at MCEOC, the Salvation Army, Bloomington Township Office, Head Start, Bloomington Day Care and the Bloomington Housing Authority.

MCEOC will also be providing a low-cost lawn mowing service in an effort to provide employment opportunities. The charge for the Better Lawns And Dependable Employment Program (BLADE) will vary according to lot size. For further information on either of these programs, phone 829-0691.



Popular economics for activists

The Center for Popular Economics in Amherst, Massachusetts is offering a week-long course in economics for activists in labor unions; religious, community, minority and women's organizations; the environmental movement, and other progressive groups. There will be three one-week sessions of the 1983 Summer Institute for Popular Economics at Hampshire College in Amherst: July 10-16, July 31-August 6, and August 14-20.

The week-long course provides an intensive exposure to economic analysis, facts and research methods. Topics covered include unemployment, inflation, the tax revolt, the U.S. and the Third World, unions and labor markets, the economics of racism and sexism, occupational health and safety, the environment, runaway shops, and Reaganomics. The goal of the Institute is to provide activists with economic knowledge and skills that will help them in their organizing and political work, and in combatting "New Right economics."

The cost for the seven-day session, for room, board, and the use of recreational facilities is \$220 for low income people and \$330-440 for others. Scholarships are available. For additional information and an application form for the Summer Institute, please write to the Center for Popular Economics, P.O. Box 785, Amherst, Massachusetts, 01004.

Contact for information and/or questions:
Betsy Hamilton or Lynn Wilson
(413) 545-0743
Please leave a message if we are out when you call.

Radical Therapy Conference slated

This year's Radical Therapy conference offers many new and exciting changes. The conference will be held at a new location: Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. The conference theme, Emotional Literacy--Political Power, introduces a powerful new direction for both therapists and organizers. The intent of this year's conference is to bring political therapists and community organizers together to exchange information and methods for continued mental health, political action, and the development of organizational solidarity.

The conference has always encouraged workshops presented by anyone interested in presenting them. Workshops should be consistent with the theme of the conference. If you think that you can contribute to the program of this gathering, please contact:

Gil Lopez
369 Haight St.
San Francisco CA 94102

For registration materials or more information about the conference please contact:

Free eyeglasses

A 10-year-old boy can finally learn to read. A husband and father can fill out a job application and go to work. An elderly woman can see the stars again. Each of these people and thousands of others all over the world have vision problems. You can help make more of these happy endings come true by participating Project Vision.

May is Project Vision month, sponsored by drycleaners across the nation. Drycleaners are collecting used glasses which are recycled to people who could not otherwise obtain glasses.

Locally Holiday Cleaners, Hanson's One Hour Martinizing, and Wolfe's Cleaners are the participating drycleaners. The glasses they collect will be sent to Eyes for the Needy, a 50-year-old volunteer organization which tests and analyzes glasses and sends them to medical missions all over the world to be matched with people who can use them. They collect over a million pairs of glasses each year. In the United States, New Eyes for the Needy applies funds raised by the sale of precious metals reclaimed from old glasses and jewelry to assist in the purchase of new glasses.

The project is being sponsored nationally by the International Fabricare Institute, the worldwide association of drycleaners and launderers.

National Chairman Robert Stanberry, of Sacramento, California, says, "Eyes can't see with glasses in a drawer. We hope everyone will share their vision this spring by bringing their used glasses to a participating cleaner. This is an opportunity for people to assist with world vision needs."

Sue Brown
2101 Pickett
Springfield IL 62703

This year's conference (consistent with tradition) convenes on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 1983, beginning at noon Friday and ending at noon Monday.

Registration fees will be done on a sliding scale based on yearly income and time of registration. Early registration is encouraged. The fee will range from \$70 to \$99.95 and covers food, lodging, workshop costs and recreation. Child care will be provided free of charge. Some partial scholarships are available on the basis of financial need. For more information about scholarships please contact:

Doug Nicodemus
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Lead detection available

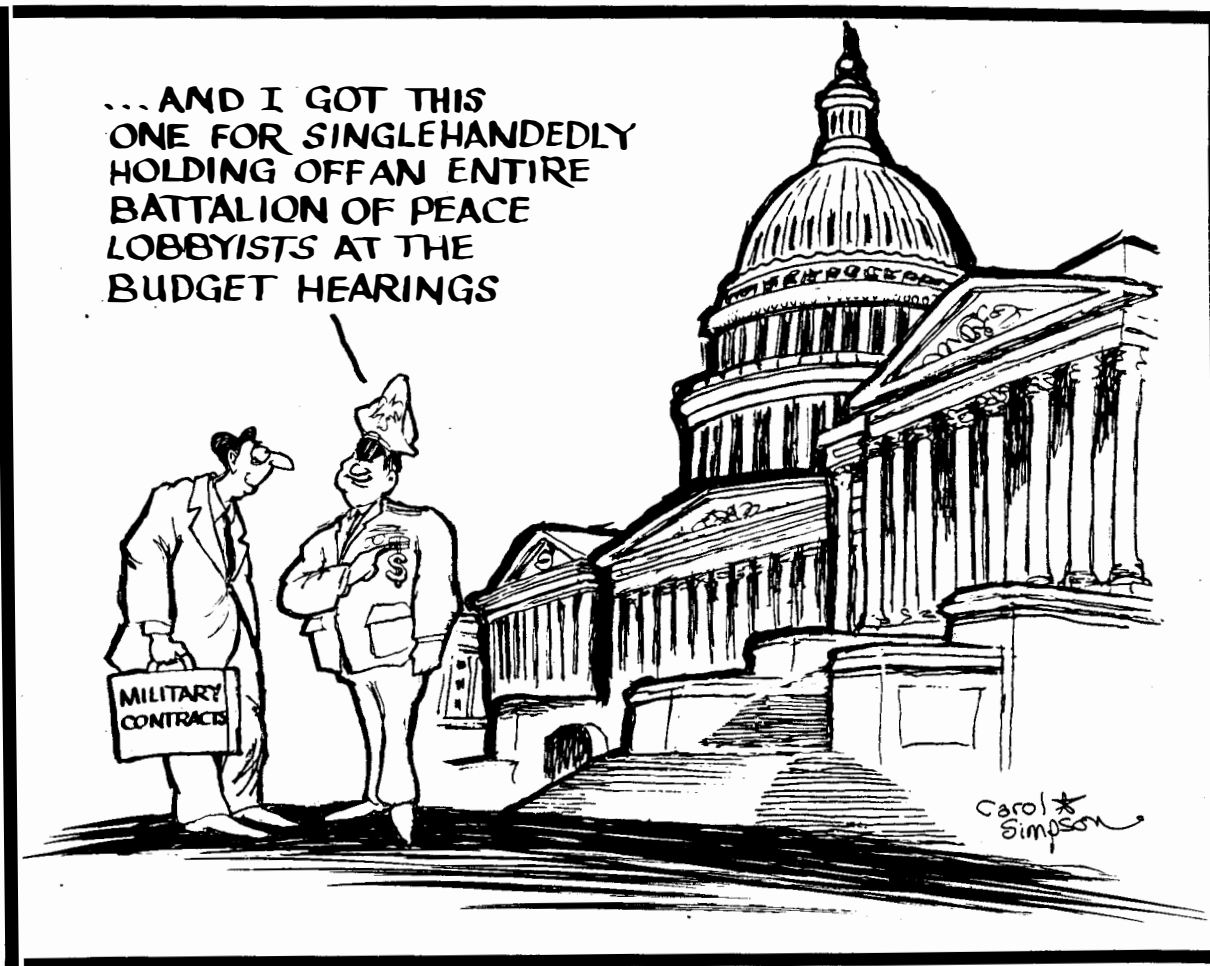
Through a Preventive Health Block Grant, the McLean County Health Department is now able to evaluate homes for potential lead hazards. The program is aimed at detecting residential lead hazards before they become possible sources of lead poisoning in young children.

By eating or chewing particles of chipping or peeling lead-based paint, a child can possibly receive an extremely high dose of lead. Older homes built during or prior to the

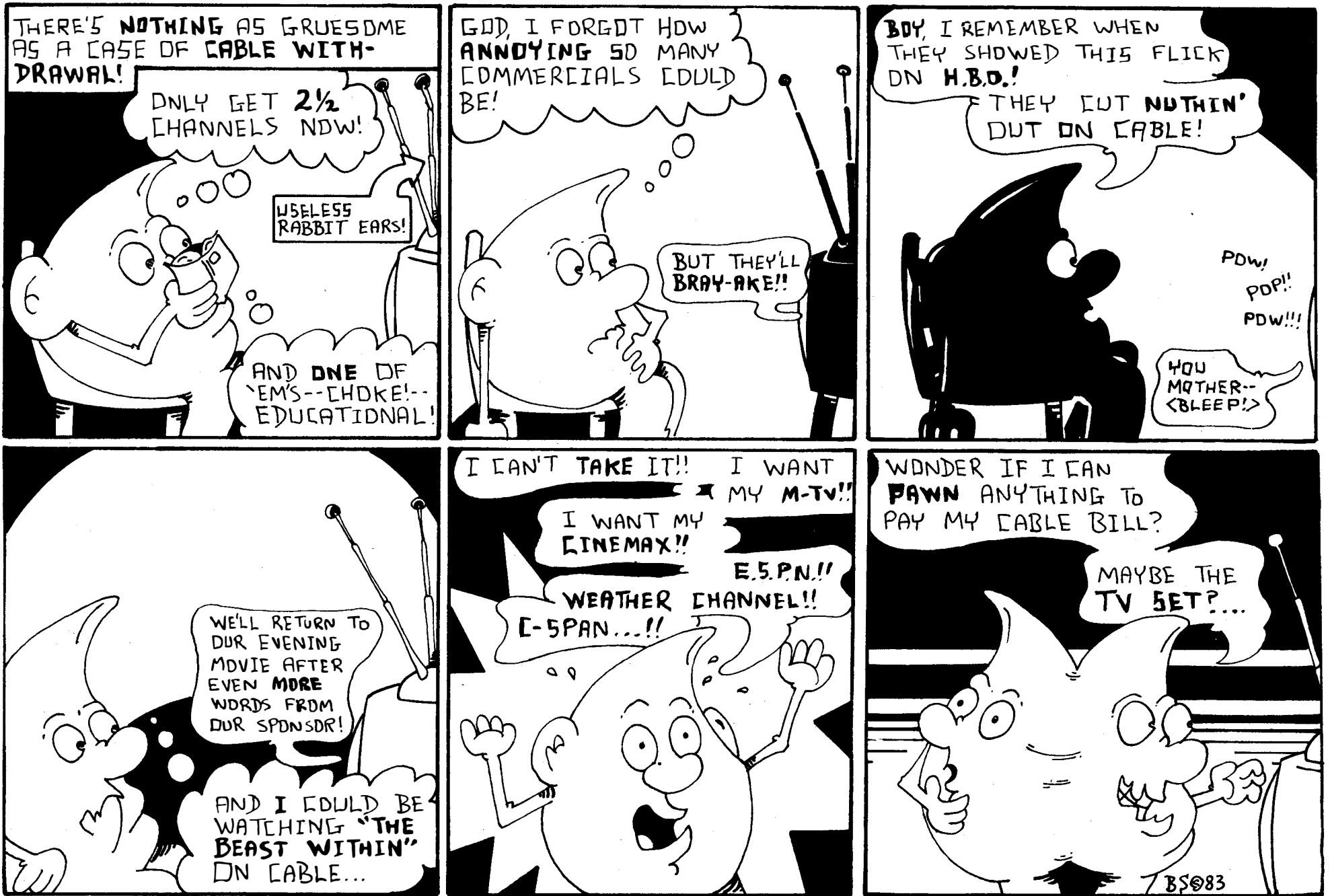
1950's may contain lead-based paint. Peeling paint from walls, window sills and other areas of the home are potential sources of lead hazards.

Residential lead detection surveys will be conducted by representatives of the Department's Environmental Health Division utilizing a portable X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer. McLean County citizens residing in older homes with small children may contact the McLean County Health Department at 454-1161 to schedule an appointment.

... AND I GOT THIS ONE FOR SINGLEHANDEDLY HOLDING OFF AN ENTIRE BATTALION OF PEACE LOBBYISTS AT THE BUDGET HEARINGS



COMIX



Little gems of doom

This Was Your Life; Frame Up; The Poor Revolutionist; Who Me?; How To Get Rich (And Keep It); etc., etc. By J. T. C. (Jack Chick). Chick Publications, Chino, California.

"A few years ago, Communist agents watched our children spend hours reading comic books. At the cost of millions of dollars, communist propaganda in the form of cartoons were printed to influence the Asiatics. Their success was fantastic." (Who Me?)

Chaplain: May I tell you about the biggest frame-up in History?
Death Row Convict: I guess so. Yeah-okay, let's hear about it. I got the time. (Frame Up)

Shining Being: Open the book of life.
Angel: His name does not appear, Lord.
Shining Being: Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. (This Was Your Life; The Poor Revolutionist)

This is less a books review than a genre review. These little illustrated gems of from 10 to 24 pages each are all over the place. I read my first copy of How To Get Rich in a lounge in the library where I work. As pointed out in Who Me?, one may even find a copy of any of at least 25 titles in: "restrooms, at laundro-

mat, in library books, in rented cars," even "the church tract rack."

Why, according to Losing the Old Zip?, "booklets have been found between the pages of off-color books in public libraries." There is one somewhere nearby, left to save your soul, and assure the leaver of his (rarely "her") place of esteem before the Shining Being.

After reading about 28 of these "comics," one can hardly shake off the idea that someone is trying to present an important message. If the overwhelming concept of Christ is not communicated through the words, scriptures, footnotes (all of which show some knowledge of the bible), then surely the graphic pictures of Man being thrown into the Lake of Fire would elicit repentance. After reading about 28 of these pulps, I found myself wishing that I would know the hour of my death so I may ask forgiveness, so my name may be written in the book of life, so the Shining Being may glow down upon me and say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . . . Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (This Was Your Life)

In ten chapters a day and four easy steps, you too can avoid the somewhat confused coming of the Antichrist. Date the form provided, mark yes or no for your decision to be saved, and prepare to live with this decision forever.

If you said yes, then you, for only \$6.00/month, may join the Fisherman's Club, a ministry for laymen, and leave 100 of these annoying, amusing "soul-saving" books lying in the lounge of the place where you work.

I have seen these little gems and now recognize their style, and they're much better than listening to someone at the bus stop: "You know, Christ is coming soon" (corner of Center and Locust), or hiding from someone in my own home: "Do you ever think about why we have to die?" (person with a bag full of bibles, at my casa).

I feel fortunate to know many who have said no, have saved \$72.00/year, have saved themselves inner torment, have themselves been saved. Any way you look at it, the recipient gets saved.

"When he (Man) is at his very best, he is a sort of lowgrade, nickel plated angel; at his worst he is unspeakable, unimaginable; and first and last and all the time, he is a sarcasm" (Satan, in Letters Earth by Mark Twain).

A few days after writing the above review, I was lucky enough to find two new issues of these publications. Are Roman Catholics Christians? and My Name?..In the Vatican? both warn open-minded, easily persuaded, desperately lost persons of the horrors of Catholicism. Check for them in your local unlikely place. ●

--Verle Spears

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Tues., April 26
Community Garden meeting, Sunnyside Center. 7 p.m.

Weds., April 27
Film, With Babies and Banners. Free at Laborers Local #362, R.R. 3 Bloomington. This award-winning film traces the "Women's Brigade" at the Flint Sit-Down strikes of 1937.

Gay People's Alliance meeting: readings from gay plays. 112 Fairchild Hall, ISU. 8 p.m.

Thurs., April 28
1979: Anti-nuclear protesters occupy Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. 284 arrested.

Fri., April 29
Kristin Lems in concert!!! Miller Park Pavilion, Bloomington. 7 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 donation at the door. Also appearing: Frank Shepke!!

Sat., April 30
Nuclear Freeze March in Champaign-Urbana. Central Illinois Freeze supporters will march from Carle Park to West Side Park. For more info call Virginia Gilmore (217) 344-5348.

1975: Viet Nam War formally ends.

Sun., May 1--May Day
International Workers Day celebrates the long campaign for worker's rights through working class solidarity. Fight for good jobs building a society of peace and justice.

Bloomington-Normal Nuclear Freeze Coalition meets. 8 p.m., 304 S. Evans, Bloomington. Call 828-4195.

Blossom Time Festival, Lincoln Memorial Gardens, 2301 E. Lake Drive, Springfield. Guided wild-flower walks conducted against a natural setting of Illinois' largest collection of red buds and white flowering dogwoods. Also May 8. 1-4 p.m. (217) 529-1111.

Weds., May 4
Film, Magnificence in Trust. Noon, Bloomington Public Library.

Organizational meeting of community discussion group for gay men and lesbians. 7:30 p.m., 104 W. Mulberry, Bloomington.

1970: 4 students shot and killed in Kent, Ohio, while protesting the Viet Nam War.

Thurs., May 5--Cinco de Mayo
The Bloomington-Normal chapter of NAPSAC (International Association of Parents and Professionals for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth) meets at 7 p.m., 201 E. Grove, Bloomington. (McBarnes Bldg., 2nd floor). Call 452-0310 for more information.

1818: Karl Marx born.

Fri., May 6
"All that Jazz" Jazz festival in Peoria. 4:30-11:30 p.m. Info: (309) 676-0303.

Sat., May 7
Operation Recycle drive at MCEOC, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington. Newspaper, tin cans, container glass and aluminum will be accepted 9-12 a.m.

Sun., May 8--Mother's Day
Small Changes Alternative Bookstore Lending Library opens today. 1311 W. Market, Bloomington.

Blossom Time Festival, Lincoln Memorial Gardens, Springfield. See May 1 for details.

Mon., May 9
1981: Alexander Haig greeted by bloodstained demonstrators and heck-

lers; graduates and faculty walk out; receives dishonorable degree at Syracuse University.

Tues., May 10
1950: President Truman announces his willingness to use U.S.'s newly developed Hydrogen Bomb.

Weds., May 11
Community discussion for gay men and lesbians 7:30 p.m. Phone 829-2719 for info.

Thurs., May 12
1958: General McNamara responds to weapons protests by suggesting Americans eat cabbage and broccoli to increase their capacity to withstand radiation from fallout.

Sat., May 14
Operation Recycle workers accept newspaper, container glass, tin cans and aluminum at MCEOC, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington, 9-12 a.m.

1970: State police fire at Viet Nam War protesters in dormitory. 2 students killed, 30 wounded in Jackson, Mississippi. Subsequent student strikes stop "education as usual."

Sun., May 15
Bloomington-Normal Nuclear Freeze Coalition meets. 304 S. Evans, Bloomington. Call 828-4195 for info.

Weds., May 18
John Wesley Powell Audubon Society meets to discuss proposed Interior Department sale of a portion of the Shawnee National Forest. 1st Financial of Chicago, 1515 E. Empire. Call 662-1808 for more information.

Thurs., May 19
1925: Malcolm X born.

Friday, May 20
CRISIS March to Springfield for Jobs and Human Needs is scheduled to pass through Bloomington-Normal today or tomorrow. Sponsored by the Illinois Public Action Council. Marchers will converge on Springfield May 25 to call for jobs, human services, and an end to evictions and farm foreclosures. Info: call IPAC (312) 427-6262.

Women's Exotic Drink Festival and Slumberfest. 8 p.m. 1311 W. Market St., Bloomington. Bring your exotic drink recipes, some drink fixin's, and be ready for some fun. Door prizes, of course!

Sat., May 21
Armed Forces Day demos at parades and other symbols of militarism.

Operation Recycle workers accept materials at MCEOC, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington, 9-12 a.m.

Thurs., May 26
Deadline for letters, stories, ads for the next issue of the Post Amerikan.

Fri., May 27
Radical Therapy Conference, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Conference will begin at noon Friday and end at noon Monday. For more info see article in this issue of the Post-Amerikan.

1907: Rachel Carson born.

Peace Sabbath May 27-29.

Sat., May 28
Operation Recycle at MCEOC, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington. 9-12 a.m.

Run for Special Olympics and Recreation. 10,000 meter, 1/2M. and fun run! For more info call 828-7361 ext 260.

Mon., May 30
Memorial Day Peace Service. Call 829-8180 for time and location.

Classified Ads

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ANNOUNCING SMALL CHANGES LENDING LIBRARY. Opening May 8 at 1311 W. Market in Bloomington. Small Changes Alternative Bookstore has closed but the lending library will continue. Remember: we're at a new location. Come to see us soon.

Come to the annual **WOMEN'S EXOTIC DRINK FESTIVAL AND SLUMBERFEST.** Friday, May 20 at 8 p.m. at 1311 W. Market St., Bloomington. Bring your exotic drink recipe, some drink fixins and be ready for some fun. Door prizes, of course!

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Lems' new album will stir your spirit

Kristin Lems, a feminist folksinger and songwriter from Champaign/Urbana, has released her third album. We Will Never Give Up is her first live album and it captures the spirit of her concerts. Gone are most of the backup instruments and vocals of her first two albums, Oh Mama and In the Out Door. Replacing this complexity is the rousing folk guitar that gets people on their feet singing or the quiet simplicity of an artist and her piano. Laurie Haag adds a bass guitar to some of the songs.

The first side of the album focuses on one theme, the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Recorded at an ERA rally in Washington, D.C. on June 30, 1982, the songs capture the energy of that movement. (In case you don't remember, this date was the last day for states to ratify the ERA, this time around.)

Featured songs on side one include the now classic "Ballad of the ERA," a Lems original. "Failure Is Impossible," by Eddie Grogan of the Indianapolis N.O.W. chapter, and "I'm Gonna Be an Engineer" by Peggy Seeger will also be familiar to those who have heard Lems perform live.

I found the other two songs on the ERA theme more exciting, perhaps partly because they are new to me. Kristen Lems is joined by several kids in singing her own "My Mom's a Feminist." She introduces this as a song about intergenerational feminists. The lyrics are catchy and the guitar transitions are exceptional.

The title Song, "We Will Never Give Up," features Lems' special ability to raise the spirits of her audience to join in the singing. I especially enjoyed her harmonies with the audience on the last chorus. A more intimate version of this song ends the second side.

Unlike the first, side two offers only one sing-along. All these songs were recorded at a club in Urbana on July 14, 1982. They reflect a still atmosphere and one is aware only

rarely of the audience quietly listening. This side of the album shows Kristin Lems' many other concerns. Included are a love song, "Dangerous Spring," and a Persian song, "Kashke."

My favorite song in the Lems repertory is "The Witches Song." I'm glad this song is finally on an album. It is special and Lems does a moving rendition of this song by Bonnie Lockhart. It's also a great sing-along. I think of Kristin Lems' life work when I hear her sing:
"The power to heal and to help and to care
Isn't something to fear--
it's a treasure to share."

I've saved the best for last. My absolute favorite song on this album is a new one by Lems. "The First Five Minutes of Life" is a beautiful ballad featuring the melodic piano and thoughtful lyrics Lems does so well. Based on friends' home birth experience, the song tells of their decision not to ask the gender of their baby for the first five minutes after birth. They just held this new child and celebrated "its babyhood," Lems explains in her introduction to the song. This is Kristin Lems at her best--beautiful, moving, and subtly pointed. Well, maybe its not so subtle, with an ending like:
"The freest moment that baby had
Was the first five minutes of life."

This album is not without its flaws. The general recording quality is much better than Lems' first two albums. However, her voice is sometimes strained, sounding as tired as she must have been with her schedule at that time. I could have done without the vocal harmonies of Judy Goldsmith on "Ballad of the ERA." Lems' accompaniment is certainly competent but rarely noteworthy. This is not uncommon in folk music, where lyrics are more important.

We Will Never Give Up is altogether a fine sampling of Kristin Lems' work. Her fans will be pleased at the variety and spirit. Rally-goers can sing along with side one, and quiet listeners will find some

treats on side two. Newcomers will learn why the rest of us continue to come back for more. Kristin Lems is not only a fine woman but also a musical worker worthy of our continued support.

--Susie Sewell

KKK declares war on libraries

The Ku Klux Klan is opening a "full scale war" on the American Library Association (ALA) over pornography, announced the King Kleagle of the Indiana Realm of KKK National Knights. Daniel Emery (he's the King Kleagle) described the ALA as "a sodomite organization dedicated to the overthrow of the U.S."

Emery made the statement at a meeting of the Niles (Mich.) Community Library board, where he backed the efforts of local religious activists to remove 4 books about homosexuality from the library. The board had turned down their appeals in October and also rejected a proposal to rate library materials.

The KKK has since requested use of the library auditorium for a meeting about the controversy to "let every American citizen know what their children are exposed to."

In nearby Three Rivers, Mich., the King Kleagle and a local minister, Rev. Edward Varner of the Trinity Full Gospel Missions, requested a Three Rivers Public Library meeting room so that the Klan could "talk about the library's policy of promoting subversive acts." The library board had earlier rejected Varner's demand that 3 books be removed.

The meeting application was submitted too late for the January board session, and a few days later the Three Rivers City Commission limited use of all public buildings to governmental groups pending the development of new guidelines. King Kleagle Emery branded the commission's action "unconstitutional."

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KRISTIN LEMS LIVE:

...a charmer in the most literal and least artificial sense of the word...delivered some nice feminist lyrics... — *The New Yorker*
...one of the many important things about Kristin is that she is a one woman argument against the notion that the women's movement doesn't have a sense of humor. It is humor in the best sense — a new kind of humor that doesn't put anybody down but exposes the truth...there are a few people in the women's movement that are so quotable that you end up using their phrases all the time. Flo Kennedy is one — Kristin Lems is another. — *Gloria Steinem*
...it was not surprising that Kristin Lems would be a hit...for instance, Friday night (she) brought the house down with her own "Ballad of the ERA" and other songs. — *Pittsburgh Press*
"The performance was simple yet substantive; humorous, yet poignant and always energetic and warm." — *Evansville Courier*
"Kristin Lems is an energetic singer and songwriter who offered...fine topical songs." — *National Public Radio*
"Her tunes are catchy, her voice full and clear. The crowd...responded with hearty applause, hand-clapping and foot-stomping." — *Buffalo News*
"There's no question as to Kristin Lems' musical talent or feminist determination..." — *The Depauw*
"Lems has a marvelous repertoire, personable style, and good stage delivery." — *Plexus*
"In concert and on records, Lems' enthusiasm is what counts. Her songs take complex social issues and make them easy to sing about...she ties our most personal hopes and fears to the causes for which we fight." — *In These Times*
"...brought laughter and cheers from her audience..." — *Louisville Times*

KRISTIN LEMS RECORDED:

"Kristin Lems has loads of talent and good energy and her first album of all-original material proves it...the variety of *Oh Mama!* is especially remarkable — Lems can write in many different musical genres with equal ease." — *Prairie Sun*
"All the songs but one are Kristin Lems originals. Kristin not only has a beautiful voice, clear, crisp, and forceful, but she is a very creative and thoughtful lyricist." — *Illinois Times*
"*Oh Mama!*...creates a relaxing, pleasant mood...her voice is Carly Simon-Joni Mitchellesque...For a debut album, *Oh Mama!* is very professional." — *Pittsburgh New Sun*
"Lems has a knack for catching the telling feature of a particular style and emphasizing it in a certain song...heartily recommended by the WIN staff." — *WIN magazine*
"There's a lot about Kristin Lems' music that endears her to me. I love her whole first album, *Oh Mama!*, almost unreservedly..." — *Post Amerikan*
"...clear tone and untrained honesty characterized Ms. Lems' interpretations...through it all, Kristin Lems was able to shine..." — *Evansville Courier*
"Those who have been part of audiences brought to their feet at her concerts will find many of their favorites included (in her) long promised lp., *Oh Mama!*" — *Womankind*
"Kristin Lems...proudly and justifiably, says she can write a song on any topic." — *Paid My Dues*