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Tony Orlando

Tony's dawn

Tony Orlando is coming back to the show business he quit when his friend, actor Freddie Prinze, killed himself. Orlando threw in the towel in July, saying the pressure was too much for him. He says he was suffering manic depression, but "through therapy, love and a miracle medicine known as lithium, my manic depressive episode has passed and I am cured." The two female singers who made up the "Dawn" of the CBS-TV show "Tony Orlando and Dawn" are gone now — pursuing their own careers, but Orlando says he'll make his comeback Nov. 22-27 at the Circle Star Theater at San Carlos, Calif., followed by two weeks at the Las Vegas Riviera Hotel.

Bleeped out

The family comedy team of Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara have been blue-penciled by the censor. The NBC Standards and Practices Department has chopped two skits — one of which dealt with a homosexual dog — from their syndicated show, "Take Five with Stiller and Meara." The writer — Frank Jacobs — is a regular contributor to Mad Magazine. Stiller and Meara say they're surprised — that they consider all their sketches "family humor."

Getaway

Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw are calling it quits. A Los Angeles spokesman for the two of them says they're officially separated and that one or the other soon will file for a divorce. The 47-year-old McQueen and Miss MacGraw, 38, had been romantically linked since 1971 when they costarred in "The Getaway." They married [illegible], in, Cheyenne, Wyo. — the second [illegible] for both.

No answers

Veteran California state Sen. Peter Behr says he'll retire next year, after 26 years in politics — all for the sake of a little privacy. Says Behr, "I'm really looking forward to a private life where one can properly refuse to answer questions about almost anything. That is a luxury that most people take for granted until it is lost."

Illinois briefs

Howlett bid

CHICAGO (UPI) — Michael J. Howlett Jr. has announced plans to seek the Democratic nomination for state attorney general. The 29-year-old son of former Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett was to present his credentials to Democratic statemakers in Springfield today. Howlett will face Chicago lawyer Patrick Murphy — the only other announced candidate for the post — before the statemakers.

Woman killed

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (UPI) — Minerva Roberts, 67, was strangled to death with a nylon stocking, Police Chief Jim Kinsman said. The victim's body was found on her living room floor. Authorities said Monday an autopsy showed she apparently died Friday night. Kinsman said police went to the home after the woman's brother called them and said he had tried to call his sister several times. He said he was told by the telephone company that her telephone was off the hook.

Vandals strike

ELGIN, Ill. (UPI) — An estimated $10,000 in damage has been caused by vandals who tore up two golf courses recently, police said. Officials at Elgin's Sportsman Modesto Golf Course reported $10,000 damage to greens, grass and golf carts. Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett reported $6,000 damage. Police said Monday they also had received a rash of reports of damage to lawns at private homes.

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"If you're coming ashore buddy, I wanna see your passport."

Car bomber hunted

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Fifteen teams of investigators were combing a south St. Louis County neighborhood today, seeking clues to lead them to a car bomber who has set three bombs that have killed two persons.

"We settled down to a lot of leg work," said Capt. E.J. Hanneken, head of the investigation by federal and county authorities. "We're knocking on doors and talking to people. It's a lot of long, tedious leg work."

Hanneken said more than 150 tips were telephoned to a special police number, but none of the callers shed light on the bomber who killed Shirley Marie Flynn Thursday and Robert C. Jackson on Oct. 18.

Both victims lived at south county apartment complexes. They died when dynamite charges rigged under the driver's seats were detonated by the ignition, police said.

Police said the method of wiring the charges indicate the bombs were set by the same person. However, no other links have been found between the victims, leaving police without a motive for the bombings.

"There are absolutely no motives at all that we can locate," Hanneken said.

Authorities believe the bomber was responsible for an explosion Oct. 7 in the same vicinity. Ronald T. Sterghos escaped serious injury when what police said was a lighter charge than was used in the later bombings exploded under his car.

Firemen may strike

LONDON (UPI) — The British government is vowing to call out troops if the nation's 22,000 firemen carry through on their threat to strike unless they get 30 percent pay increases.

Leaders of the firefighters' union voted at an emergency session Monday to strike next week unless they get an immediate pay increase from an average $92 a week to $120.

It was the latest outbreak of labor unrest that is sweeping Britain and threatening to undermine the government's policy of holding pay increases to 10 percent.

Newspapers denounced the firefighters' decision. "Would you refuse to rescue children?" the Daily Mail asked in a headline splashed across its front page. "The answer with a roar from the firemen was YES."

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, speaking to parliament after special cabinet-level discussions, said that "if necessary, troops may need to be used" to replace striking firemen.

"In these circumstances the government is quite clear that people's lives and safety are the paramount conditions," Rees said. He said senior fire officers would train and supervise soldiers as the Monday settlement deadline approaches.

In another labor dispute, 4,000 rebel power workers offered to end a nine-day slowdown, which has closed almost half of Britain's electrical plants and produced sporadic power cuts, if the government agrees to three demands.

They include mediation of improved fringe benefits, a promise of no sanctions against individual workers and full pay for the strike period, and the right of shop stewards to negotiate outside the union.

Union leaders would not predict whether Energy Secretary Anthony Wedgwood Benn and his electricity board would accept the deal.

In a related development, a doctor at a London hospital charged that a temporary blackout was partly to blame for the death of an 85-year-old heart attack victim undergoing emergency surgery.

At major air and sea ports, customs and immigration officers threatened a four-hour walkout to press demands for better pay.

And London transport officials said the scheduled Dec. 16 opening of a London-Heathrow railway link by Queen Elizabeth may have to be postponed because of a wildcat walkout by escalator workers.

"They will be lucky to complete the project by January," a union spokesman said.

On Fleet Street, Daily Mirror reporters threatened with the loss of their jobs agreed to end their slowdown.

In the country's longest-running labor quarrel, 1,000 policemen confronted 3,500 demonstrators and made about 70 arrests at the Grunwick photographic laboratory in North London. Several pickets and officers were injured.

Sea lion or wolf?

Cindy Darlene of Chesapeake, Va., who is representing the U.S. in the Miss World contest, gets a big kiss from a ball sea lion named "Jingles" as she and other Miss World contestants visit the Woburn Abbey Wild-life park. (UPI wirephoto)

Peace plan on the rocks

LONDON (UPI) — The joint Anglo-American peace plan for Rhodesia looks like it's on the rocks.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the man appointed by Britain to end Rhodesia's five-year guerrilla war, returns home this week from a swing through Rhodesia and black African nations with little or no progress to report.

None of the major roadblocks in the way of a transfer of power to a black majority government in 1978 has been solved — or looks anywhere near being solved.

The major decision facing the British government is whether to make still another attempt at agreement between Rhodesia's white minority and black majority or let them fight it out on the battlefield.

It is a safe bet Britain will make no decision without new consultations with the United States, which has supported the plan throughout.

It also is certain both London and Washington will exhaust every possibility of a negotiated settlement before leaving the Rhodesians to fight it out in a war the British government has warned could plunge southern Africa into a bloodbath.

But there still is no indication what new diplomatic initiative is possible.

The Anglo-American plan, published Sept. 1, called for Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith to step down, the stationing of a U.N. force in Rhodesia for six months before transfer of power, holding of free elections on a one-man, one-vote basis and ultimate replacement of Smith's armed forces by a new army recruited mainly from the present nationalist guerrillas.

Carver, named as resident commissioner for the transition period, met Smith, all the nationalist leaders and most of the presidents of the front line states surrounding Rhodesia during his swing through southern Africa.

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Bazaar planned

The Christian Women's Fellowship of Marshall Avenue Christian Church will hold a bazaar and rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the church, located at 2509 Marshall. Pie and coffee will also be on sale. Preparing for the event are (from the left) Grace Perry, Bessie dowell, Sylvia Duncan, Dorothy Lilipop and Angie Williams. (JG photo)

Supermarket to open

CHARLESTON — A second Wilh Walker Supermarket will open in Charleston Sunday.

The new store will be located in the old IGA building on 18th Street. The store will open following ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The opening of the new store will mark the establishment of the third Walker store in the Charleston-Mattoon area. The other stores are located on Lincoln Avenue in Charleston and on Western Avenue in Mattoon.

Following extensive remodeling, the new store will feature about 10,000 square feet of selling space. It will offer a full line of meat, produce and dairy products.

In addition, the new facility will include an in-store bakery and delicatessen.

New store manager Al Define said the 18th Street store, although smaller in size, will offer a comparable variety of products as the other two Walker stores.

Define comes to the Charleston store after serving as assistant manager of the Mattoon store for seven years. Joining Define will be assistant manager Robert McDowell, formerly with the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Mattoon, is a member of the Mattoon school board.

The new store has also meant added employment for the area, as 40 workers have been hired to operate the facility.

Of the store, Define said "we hope to be able to offer the same fine service as in the other stores. We will run a clean and neat store, and we hope to be a service to the community."

Store hours will be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Schools discriminating

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lax government enforcement of the law banning sex discrimination in schools has meant little progress for girls and women, a [illegible] organization for Women study says.

The study was done by NOW's Project on Equal Education Rights, which is supported with foundation funds, and published Monday.

The report, entitled Stalled at the Start, found that during the last four years:

— Only 16 of the nation's 16,000 school districts agreed to change employment practices to treat both sexes fairly.

— 21 agreed to upgrade sports programs for girls.

— 77 agreed to open up single-sex courses to both sexes.

— 20 agreed to change sex-biased student rules.

— 21 institutions agreed to miscellaneous changes.

"When you add it all up ... the government's [illegible] compliments in over four years of Title IX were very small," the report said. "Astonishingly small, given the resources at hand."

PEER's criticism was directed at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which is charged with enforcing the 1972 law prohibiting sex discrimination in schools and colleges receiving federal funds.

HEW's civil rights chief, David Tatel, agreed in a written response to the report that it "is an essentially accurate analysis of the past administration's failure to enforce Title IX."

But he said it fails to recognize "the deliberate and continual efforts of the (HEW) Office for Civil Rights under the [illegible] administration to reverse that record."

He said the administration has reduced the number of unanswered inquiries on Title IX from 416 to fewer than 100 and cut in half the number of pending letters of findings in alleged discrimination cases.

PEER said the department received 671 complaints charging Title IX violations in schools between July 1972 and October 1976. More than one-third concerned discrimination in employment and 22 percent athletics.

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