

Housewife rejects state legislature

Sex is becoming a nat'l pastime according to anti-feminist crusader

SEATTLE (AP) — A 35-year-old housewife from Kennewick, Wash., says she would pass up running for the state legislature to take her fight against feminism to the national arena.

The women's movement has gone too far, Susan Roylance said. Traditional family values are in trouble, and sex is becoming a national pastime.

"I realize I sound like I'm on a moral soap box," Roylance said. "That's because I am."

Roylance is on the soap box to crusade for a list of "family issues" that include opposition to sex education in public schools, the Equal Rights Amendment, and "sex as recreation."

She started her campaign by forming WIN — Women for Integrity in the Nation — and sponsored a referendum to block statutory establishment of a state Women's Commission.

WIN said the commission supported birth control for minors, abortion and ERA, stances it did not believe were popular with homemakers.

The commission was defeated by more than two-to-one. After the success at the polls, there was talk of running for state representative in the 8th Legislative District.

"I won't say I've ruled it out," she said, "But at this point I don't even consider it a slight possibility." She said it is more important to raise her children and work to stop the ERA.

Roylance believes the ERA would take away rights protecting homemakers and housewives, things like child-support laws and protective legislation, and would decriminalize prostitution, require a quota for women in military combat duty, and lower the age of sexual consent to 12.

Like the ERA, Roylance believes the feminist movement has over-extended itself by melding lesbian rights with women's rights.

"I am very concerned about those areas of gay rights where homosexuals may affect other people's children," she said.

Roylance is opposed to hiring homosexuals as school teachers, day care counselors or librarians. "But if there was a school teacher that was living with someone and not married, I'd be just as concerned as if it were a homosexual."

Sex should be for procreation, she said, or as an emotional bond between married couples, not as a form of "recreation."

"We have a problem with teenage pregnancy, and birth control is just putting a bandage over the cancer."

Part of her solution is a national "pro-family" organization to fight feminism and moral erosion.

"My husband agrees with me completely and realizes this is the type of thing which can't really be done by men."

"I probably have a more liberated household than most feminists even dreamed of having," Roylance said. "Only we came by it naturally, rather than forcing it."

Oil still seeping from USS Arizona

HONOLULU (AP) — Tiny oil slicks scatter bubbles in rainbow circles in front of the long lines of fascinated visitors.

Thirty-six years after the USS Arizona was sunk, oil still seeps to the surface from the battleship's watery tomb 40 feet beneath the sparkling waters of Pearl Harbor.

When Japanese bombers struck Dec. 7, 1941, the Arizona held 1.7 million gallons of oil, said Fred Kukono, historian and narrator at the USS Arizona Memorial.

As the bombs hit, the two forward fuel tanks exploded and caused the wreckage to burn for months. The two aft tanks remained intact, sinking with the ship that entombed 1,102 men.

"No one knows how much oil was in those aft tanks," Kukono said.

Salt water slowly erodes the hulk of the ship and the oil — estimated at perhaps one cup a day — escapes from crevices.

"The oil comes up and spreads out as the air hits it," Kukono said. "The people are fascinated."

The amount of oil in the hull and speed of seepage are both unknown, as is the length of time it will take the oil to seep out.

Three hundred years is a possibility, said Kukono, who watches for changes in the seepage. About two years ago, he said, the oil floated to the surface in a new area and at a faster rate.

Sixteen of the 18 ships destroyed or damaged during the Pearl Harbor attack were raised and their oil drained. The USS Utah, still entombing 58 men, lies opposite the Arizona. It is not known why the Utah leaks no oil.

The last effort to reach the Arizona's hull was made in 1947, when two divers made cuts in the hull to determine the feasibility of raising it.

But polluted water acting on old bits of paper products on board had created vapors of the flammable gas hydrogen sulfide. The divers' torch hit an air pocket and both died in the resulting explosion.

The wreckage later was declared a gravesite, which cannot be disturbed.

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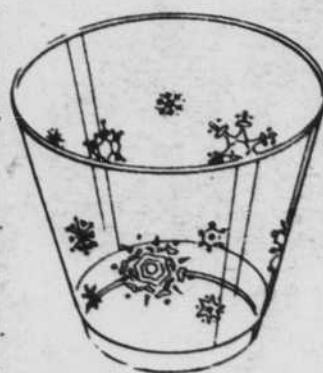
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