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Mailman Tortured

Zip Code Gives Dick West Early Jump on Christmas Gift Shopping

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — As one of the last holdouts against the digitization of the human race, I have refused to tell anyone what my zip code number is.

But now I am beginning to see the folly of these obstructionist tactics.

Despite my efforts to maintain secrecy, several mail order

houses have been able to learn my zip number, presumably by kidnapping my mailman and torturing him until he squealed.

As a result, this year's Christmas gift catalogs are being delivered anywhere from 24 to 36 hours ahead of last year's crop.

For a person who likes to do his Christmas shopping early, as I do, every minute counts. So I suppose I should apologize to the Post Office Department for having been such a sorehead.

As usual, the catalogs are filled with wonderful gift suggestions, and I can hardly wait to get at the order blanks.

One item that caught my eye is a "beer can launcher." Using a .22 caliber blank for propulsion, it will hurl an empty beer can as far as 100 feet.

The catalog touts the launcher for target practice, but I see them as splendid gifts for motorized drinkers who are always throwing beer cans from car windows.

The launcher will enable them to litter suburban lawns that are presently beyond their range. Should make beer cans disposal infinitely more satisfying.

Another attractive item is a box of "magic birthday candles . . . huff and puff with all your might but you can't blow them out."

Imagine the fun you can have watching your child get blue in the face trying to extinguish the candles on his birthday cake.

As a companion gift, I recommend a mouthpiece advertised in one catalog as an aid in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

And here's a nifty: An ice tray that freezes just enough cubes for one drink! Just the thing for your friends who are solitary drinkers!

Or how about father-and-son money belts. Helps teach a lad to be as miserly as his old man.

Having these suggestions on hand now gives each of us a big jump on Christmas. And we owe it all to zip code.

Attempt Being Made To Acquire Part of Will for U.S. Hotel

An attempt to obtain part of the \$173,000-estate of the late Robert Vinton Beall, Rogue valley photographer and rancher for restoration of Jacksonville, has been announced by William Mansfield, Medford lawyer who was attorney for the Peter Britt Gardens Music and Arts Festival association.

Under the provisions of Beall's will, the bulk of his estate was left to the regents of the University of Oregon, to establish a memorial to pioneer women of Oregon. University officials last year said that they hoped to erect some building on campus,

part of which would serve as the memorial, thereby meeting the specifications of the wills.

A suit was filed later by relatives of Beall, charging that there were no regents for the university since it is now administered by the state board of higher education. The court

awarded jurisdiction of the funds to the University of Oregon Development Fund, Inc., Eugene.

An Appropriate Memorial

In a letter to Wolf von Otterstedt, lawyer for the fund, Mansfield explained that the restoration, maintenance and operation of the historical site of the U. S. Hotel in Jacksonville would be an appropriate memorial to pioneer women who settled Oregon prior to 1860. He suggests hanging a painting or photograph of Beall's mother in the hotel's lobby.

The building would be available for non-profit activities of historical interest and to activities devoted to the arts, Mansfield's letter states.

The letter continues that such a plan would not only benefit Jacksonville, but Jackson county as a whole.

It would restore and maintain the most important historical building in town, provide a focal point for the many historically oriented organizations in the community, provide a center for wintertime community activities for the people of Jacksonville and the entire Rogue valley, provide a center for the summer, tourist-oriented activities that the community undertakes, and provide a living memorial to the pioneer women, the intent expressed in Beall's will to give focus of interest to present and future generations.

The U. S. Hotel could be re-

stored for an estimated cost of \$40,000, according to Jack Sutton, president of the Siskiyou Sites Foundation.

The building, if restored, would include meeting rooms for civic groups, art gallery, museum rooms for permanent or rotating displays, recital hall, little theater activities, senior citizens meeting facilities, teenage center, hobby shop rooms, box office for the Music Festival, welcome rooms and facilities for visitors, lecture hall, and usable hotel rooms for visiting dignitaries.

President Rutherford B. Hayes spent a night in this old hotel during the gold mining days of the 1880s.

Mansfield notes that Beall's will provides for the establishment of a small trust to maintain the family burial lot in the Jacksonville cemetery, indicating his family ties with the town.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

THE LADIES LAUGHED AND THEN SOME, AT THE STORY OF PONCE, THE SEEKER OF YOUTH . . .

BUT WOULDN'T OLD PONCE GET A CHARGE OUT OF THEM IN THE BEAUTY SALONS? DON'T ASK!!

SO THEY SAY, DEAR . . . HA-HA! IT ALWAYS STRUCK ME FUNNY THAT A GROWN MAN BELIEVED IN SUCH A THING! HEH-HEH! RIGHT MRS. BIGDOME?

WAS IT REALLY TRUE THAT PONCE DE LEON WAS LOOKING FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, MAMA?

YEAH! HOW GULLIBLE HE MUST HAVE BEEN—HA-HA!

THROW A TIP OF THE HAT TO JIM TOLLEY, KANSAS CITY, MO., WICHITA, KAN.

American Airman Dies in Barracks Brawl in France

EVREUX, France (UPI) — U. S. Air Force officials today stepped up their investigation into the death of a white airman killed during a barracks brawl which involved Negro paratroopers.

Airman I. C. Robert R. Padgett, 23, of Woodlawn, Va., died following the fight last Friday and French newspapers said flatly that a racial squabble precipitated the incident.

"We all read the newspapers and know what is happening in the states," an Air Force spokesman said. "There is no confirmation so far this brawl reflects the racial troubles there but we are, of course, investigating that possibility."

Clubs Welded

Padgett was battered to death when five soldiers attached to the 557th Quartermaster Co., welding clubs, entered another barracks occupied by five airmen. Fighting developed between the two groups and the five airmen wound up at a hospital at Saint Michel where Padgett died of injuries. The four others were treated and discharged.

The Air Force spokesman said the incident was the first case of serious violence recorded at the base. But he said security arrangements will be tightened "especially at weak ends" to prevent any repetition.

An informal survey of the opinions of both white and Negro servicemen here tended to blame drinking for last Friday's fight.

Evreux is a city of 20,000 persons about 60 miles west of Paris. About 4,000 American airmen are stationed near it.

Although dormitories at the base have been desegregated for years, both its servicemen and the citizens of Evreux have long recognized the color line in the city's bars. The segregation there is voluntary but it strikes the non-serviceman as if it were mandatory.

Resolution Urges Viet Nam Aid Halt

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The first indication of congressional anger at the Ngo Dinh Diem government's action against the Buddhists came today when a resolution was offered in the Senate urging that all U.S. aid to South Viet Nam be cut off.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) who sponsored the resolution, said Americans were "dismayed" at the Diem government's "cruel repression" of the Buddhists. "Such grisly scenes have not been witnessed since the Christian martyrs marched hand-in-hand to the Roman arenas," he said.

Church rejected arguments that U.S. aid was needed to stem the Communist tide in South Viet Nam. He said that if the Diem government did not change its policy the country would fall to the Reds anyway.

"To persist in the support of such a regime can only serve to identify the United States with the cause of religious persecution, undermining our moral position throughout the world," he said.

Specialist Returns To State CD Agency

SALEM (UPI)—Joseph Vogt has resumed his duties as communications specialist for Oregon's civil defense agency.

Vogt quit two weeks ago to take a job in Alaska, but returned to Oregon after determining the cost of living was too high in the far north state.

Meanwhile, it was announced the federal government had approved \$3,000 in matching funds for Oregon CD. All federal matching funds had been cut off when the legislature slashed the state agency from 18 to 3 persons.

The federal funds will be used for surplus property and other purchases, and for civil defense schooling.



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