

COMICS

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

IT MUST BE IN THE WAITERS' RULE BOOK OR SOMETHING... BUT WHEN THE SERVICE IS FAST AND EFFICIENT... THEN YOU HAVE TO SIT AND STEW FOR AN HOUR TRYING TO GET THE CHECK....

HEY! NEXT TIME I'LL BRING SIGNAL FLAGS!!

OH, WAITER!

I THINK SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO ATTRACT OUR ATTENTION! DO YOU HEAR ANYTHING?

NOTHING!

THEY'VE GOT THE PRESENTS FOR A PRESENT!

HE GOT THE NECKLACE LAST NIGHT FOR \$105. AT ONE OF THOSE STORES THAT'S BEEN GOING OUT OF BUSINESS IN 30 DAYS FOR TWO YEARS!

HE'S GIVING HER THE PRESENT NOW SO SHE'D GET HIM SOMETHING; HE PAID ONCE FOR GETTING HER EARRINGS PICKED, BUT SHE HAD TO BUY THE EARRINGS!

WHY AMOS, I'M SPEECH-LESS— I—AH—UH—

THAT, MY DEAR, IS YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT! A BIT PREMATURE, BUT THEY ARE GENUINE CRYSTAL OF SUPERIOR QUALITY!—EGAD, THEY SHOULD BE— COST ME A PRETTY PENNY! BELONGED TO A DUCHESS OF THE FORMER IMPERIAL COURT!

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MR. BUMSTEAD, WHAT DOES C.O.D. SPELL?

C.O.D. SPELLS COD— THAT'S A FISH

IT'S THE ONE THAT MAKES CODFISH BALLS OUT OF

WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS WORTH OF CODFISH BALLS FOR SUPPER

HOLY SMOKE! THAT CURLY'S A WIZARD! WITH A CHRISTMAS TREE HE GETS A TURKEY TOO!

THAT'S NOTHING! FER HIM—HE'S ROPED A HACKER BRUSH THAN THAT HALF HIS LIFE! WHY, AFTER KETCHING A STEER HE'S PICKED MORE BRUSH OFF HISSELF THAN THAT!

OUT OUR WAY

SECOND NATURE

Death Row Population Is Growing

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN
United Press International
SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UPI) —The state of California, which almost every year executes more criminals than any other state in the Union, has sent only one person to the gas chamber this year.

The death of James Abner Bentley on Jan. 23 was the 500th execution at San Quentin Prison. It happened in a state where an average of eight persons die in the gas chamber annually; and it happened in a prison where 44 men currently live on Death Row.

In early November, Gov. Edmund G. Brown, long an outspoken foe of the death penalty, commented on these unusual statistics.

"It's a situation," he said, "that really means capital punishment has been repealed by the courts. I think I've granted only two commutations this year, and all the rest have been stays by either the Supreme Court, the circuit court or the state courts."

Three days after Brown made his statement, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a stay of execution to Harold A. Spencer, six days before his date with death. Then, within 19 days, the high court followed its action with two more stays, both for men scheduled to die in December.

Grow In Number

During the past year, in a state where the arguments for and against capital punishment often rise to fever pitch, there have been so many stays of executions that prison officials have had bookkeeping problems in maintaining an accurate count.

The situation has created, in effect, a backdoor moratorium on the death penalty, one that neither California law nor the state constitution provides for.

For the past 30 years, state legislators who have opposed capital punishment have attempted to pass laws making the death penalty illegal. The matter has been debated either in committee or on the floors of the Senate and the assembly 19 times.

It has failed of passage 19 times.

On Death Row

Meanwhile, the population on Death Row grows. At San Quentin, 44 men are waiting; and at Corona Institution for Women, California's only other condemned prisoner, double-slayer Iva Kroeger, is waiting.

Whatever their crime, they all know they still will have their day in court.

If the past 10 months of court actions have any significance, this means they all have a chance, perhaps a good chance, to escape death in the temporarily out-of-use gas chamber.

Dear Santa: I want Pop to get one of those fancy new boots for Christmas.

And a fur coat for Mom...

Got Carlyle one of those little forum cars.

GEE, I'M SURE GIVING EXPENSIVE PRESENTS THIS YEAR!

MAYBE THERE CAN NEVER BE TRUE PEACE... EACH ONE OF US IS SO MIXED HE'S USUALLY AT ODDS WITH HIS OWNSELF.

ISN'T IT NICE THAT WE GET A NEW MOON EVERY MONTH?

YEAH.

EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OLD ONE?

SORRY I'VE BOTHERED YOU, OOP... BUT WHEN Y'DIDNT SHOW UP LAST NIGHT, WE KINDA GOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

WE COULDA SWORE DAT BALL WEIGHED HUNDREDS OF POUNDS...

TCK, TCK! I'D NEVER MENTION THAT! IT'D REFLECT ON YOUR SOBRIETY AND GANITY! A SOLID LEAD BALL WOULD WEIGH ONLY A FRACTION OF THAT!

DEN IT MUSTA BEEN A OFFICAL DELUSION, MR. UH...

ALLENBY YUNK... SECRET SERVICE! I CAN USE YOU AS PEGS TO LEAD US TO A SPY RING WE SUSPECT OF OPERATING OUT OF LABRADOR!

YOU KNOW HOW TO DESTROY A CHILD'S HOLIDAY SEASON?

MAKE HIM TAKE PART IN A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! TELL HIM HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO SING "JINGLE BELLS" IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE PTA!

THAT'S HOW TO DESTROY A CHILD'S HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

MY BACK'S KILLIN' ME AN' THIS STOOPIN' OVER FER TOOLS AIN'T HELPIN' IT!

WHY ALL THE WEEPING AND WAILING?

BECAZ TH' YOKUMS IS GONNA TANGLE WIF DOGPATCH'S MOST-SHIVER-F-SHAKER-UNIQUE PRODUCT!!

AN' ALL THEY GOT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, AGIN TH' PRODUCT, IS SUPER-GAUGE BUFFALO GUNS!!

BANG! BANG!

Delivering Christmas packages early isn't working out, s'peez? Nobody's been home!

Aver, and Doc were out, too, Nina, but there are lights at Uncle Walt's!

Well! Wa-pie the jackpot!

Merry Christmas! Christmas? Not already!

THAT BAG THEY BURNED CONTAINED SECRET RECORDS, APPARENTLY.

THERE ISN'T A PIECE LEFT.

PROBABLY RECORDS OF ILLEGAL SURGERY AND RESEARCH ON THE HUMAN HEART.

AND TO THINK OF THE UNFORTUNATE WRETCHES WHO CAME INTO OLGA'S LABORATORY AND CLINIC.

THERE'S EVERYTHING FIXED FOR MY PARTY!

HILDA! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE OVERDOING THE MISTLETOE?

COULD BE! WILL YOU FIX IT SO AS TO BE IN GOOD TASTE, DADDY?

SNIP! SNIP! SNIP!

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I'M GOING TO EDDIE HAYGOOD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY TOMORROW.

I'D LIKE YOU TO SIGN ME OUT RIGHT BEFORE LUNCH, DR. CASEY, ANDREA GALT IS STOPPING BY TO DRIVE ME TO THE AIRPORT.

IS THIS THE MOTOWN HOTEL FOR MODELS?

ELWOOD! THE VERY IDEA! "FINDING" THAT NICE POLICE CAPTAIN'S BADGE AND EVIDENCE! I WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?

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NO, CHURCHY... IT'S TOO BAD, BUT BASICALLY EVERY MAN IS UGLY, AT WAR WITH HIMSELF.

WE KNOW WHEN TO GO ON OUR OWN BUSINESS!

LURK! THIS WON'T WORK, EITHER, HMM!

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I NEED SOME-ONE TO TAKE TO THE ENLISTED MEN'S BALL. WILL YOU GO?

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Test May Predict Coronary

LOS ANGELES (UPI) —The day appears to be around the corner when physicians will be able to "see" a heart seizure coming on.

When electrocardiograms were found to be inconclusive for predicting coronary thrombosis or coronary occlusion, four Los Angeles doctors in the departments of radiology and medicine at the University of California School of Medicine began work on a test that promises to be a reliable indicator of heart disease.

It's called Coronary Flow Index (CFI), and, broadly speaking, is a comparison by X-rays of the rate of flow between various parts of the body and the coronary arteries (the arteries that feed the heart).

The comparison is the CFI and in test studies of 31 patients, the researchers found 25 cases of definite occlusive disease whose CFI was much lower than that of normal patients.

In their report in a recent issue of Radiology, a medical journal, the four researchers said the advantage of CFI is not only its accuracy, but its relative speed and simplicity.

It's done by a single small intravenous injection which makes the X-rays possible. Then serial X-rays are taken in about 30 seconds. The results are fed through a digital computer and recording equipment for the doctors.

The results, Harry A. Bishop, Albert A. Kattus, Leslie R. Bennett, and Ismael Mena, are optimistic that this new ability to "see" an incoming heart case through relatively simple tests will lead to greater control of the nation's top killer.

EXPECTED AT CEREMONY

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy is expected to go to New York Tuesday to attend the ceremony remaining idled at airport in honor of his slain brother.