

Hughes 'mystery ship' to perform secretly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "mystery ship," Glomar Explorer, built by Howard Hughes and used in a secret government mission to salvage part of a sunken Soviet sub-

marine, will perform an undisclosed mission off the California coast, said officials of its operating company.

Meanwhile, in the first formal public assertion that the federal government owns the ship, the Justice Department announced in Washington it is seeking an injunction to prevent the County of Los Angeles from levying a \$7.5 million tax against the vessel.

The government still has not formally acknowledged the

submarine-raising operation conducted by the ship for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The injunction is being sought in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on ground the ship is the property of the United States and thus not taxable by a state or any of its subdivisions.

The Los Angeles County tax assessor slapped a 25 per cent fraud assessment on Hughes' Summa Corp. in June because, he said, it

told him in 1974 the ship was registered in Delaware when it actually was registered in California and taxable there.

The assessment brought Hughes' 1974 tax bill on the vessel to \$4,395,152. The assessor previously levied 1975 taxes of \$3,119,865 on the ship.

A spokesman for Global Marine Co. in Los Angeles, operator of the sophisticated vessel, would not divulge the nature of the upcoming

experimental mission to be performed by it.

"We're free to say that it (The Glomar Explorer) will be doing some experimental work by the isthmus," near Catalina Island, about 28 miles off the California coast, said Taylor Hancock.

Hancock made the statement when asked about recent reports that the vessel would undertake a new assignment.

CIA Director William Colby and

other CIA officials unofficially briefed newsmen earlier this year about the Glomar during a time when Colby was trying to keep the story out of print.

Without officially acknowledging the CIA's role in the Glomar's sub recovery project, Colby has alluded to it in some speeches.

On these occasions Colby says that President Dwight D. Eisenhower's public acknowledgment of U.S. U-2 flights forced

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to react more seriously to the downing of one of the planes. Khrushchev used the incident to abort a planned Paris summit meeting late in the Eisenhower administration.

There has been no public Soviet reaction to the Glomar project.

A CIA spokesman, asked for comment on the latest events affecting the Glomar Explorer, responded: "We haven't said diddly-squat about any of these tales."

Transfers appease authorities

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin school officials have transferred 86 school teachers across town to keep Washington authorities from withholding about \$1 million in federal funds.

Forty-three black and Mexican-American teachers in 16 eastside schools and 43 Anglo teachers from schools in other parts of the city will swap places when school starts next week.

The transfer is the answer of the Austin Independent School District to federal government charges that too many minority teachers have been assigned to minority schools.

Emergency School Assistance Act (ESSA) funds of up to \$1 million have been withheld from the district by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare because its Office for Civil Rights had contended the Austin teacher distribution violated the district's desegregation plan.

Supt. Jack Davidson said most of the 43 minority teachers transferred are black since the Mexican-American teachers in eastside schools are involved with the bilingual program.

Nude men now leap from cakes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Partygoers, be prepared. Nude men have begun leaping out of cakes — to mixed reviews.

Some entrepreneurs in the San Francisco Bay area have reached back for the basic idea to the Roaring Twenties, when nude women enlivened parties by jumping out of "cakes" made of wood and other materials.

Now, though, the so-called pastry popper is sometimes decidedly male. The men who do it say the setting is usually a celebration such as the female version of a bachelor party.

"Generally, the reaction borders on hysteria," says David Williams, 35, a university student who earns as much as \$50 a pop.

At a recent prewedding party, women stood on chairs and cheered when a male pastry popper jumped out of a giant gift-wrapped box.

Another popper, 30-year-old Danny Zezzo, got a different reaction at a surprise birthday party thrown by a businessman for his 45-year-old wife.

"There were a lot of embarrassed smiles in that mixed crowd," Zezzo said. "I was a little embarrassed, too. But I like the money."

Zezzo, who runs a theatrical agency specializing in dancers and models, added: "Most of those I've done have been bachelorette parties."

Zezzo said he thinks the idea is catching on because it usually "adds surprise and spice to what otherwise might be a dull affair."

Williams, a psychology student at San Jose State University, said another part of the story is that women's attitudes toward sex have been changing.

"Nowadays, women can feel free to admit they have a sweet tooth for men," Williams said. "They're beginning to see men as a piece of cake. It's only fair."

Nevertheless, Williams says women are still in more demand as pastry poppers.

"I'm something of an amateur compared to her," Williams says of a woman he knows. "She gets about seven or eight pops a week. I'm doing half that number."

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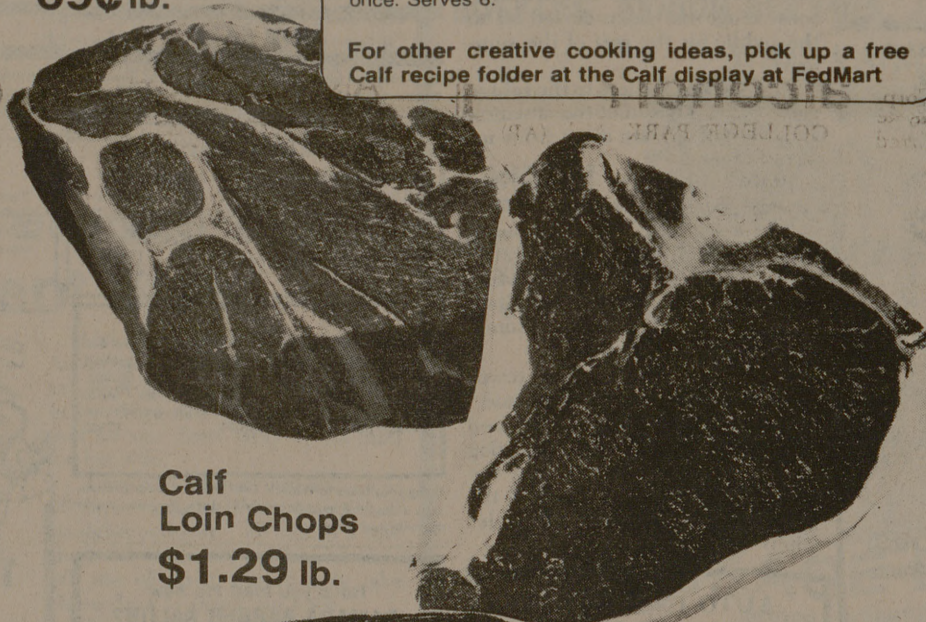
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1/2 bay leaf
1/3 cup white wine

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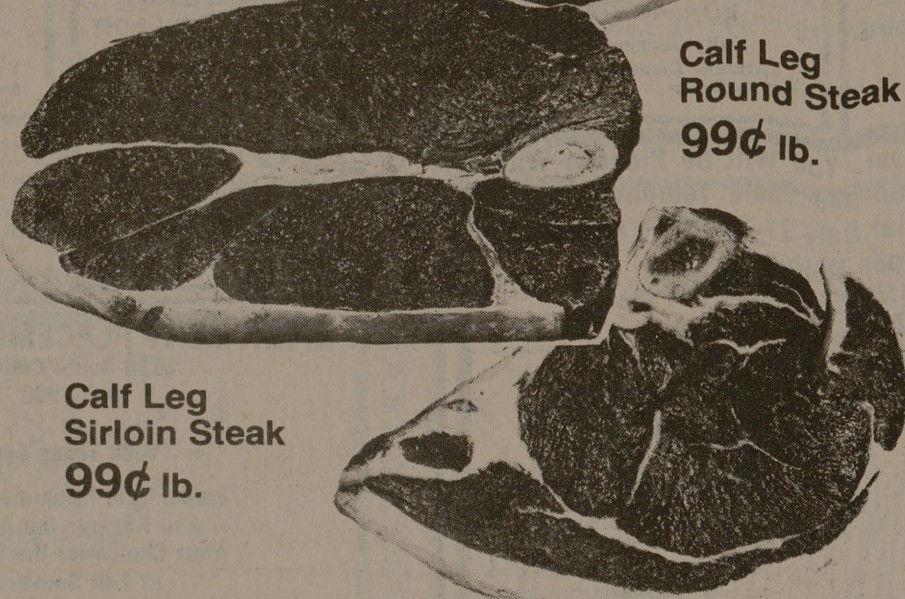
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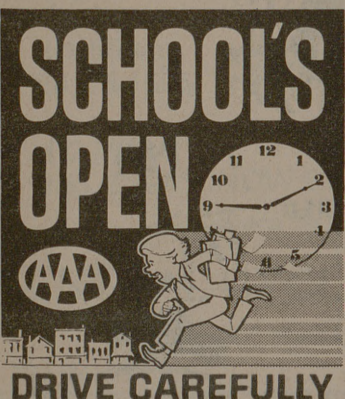
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