

Palms read by nun

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NEW ORLEANS — Palm reading is not the sort of thing you'd expect to find a Catholic nun doing, but Sister Grace Mary Flickinger specializes in it.

However, she's quick to add, it's all in the name of science.

Sister Grace Mary is one of the few scientists around the world specializing in "dermatoglyphics" — the study of palm prints and fingerprints for clues to genetic defects and other health problems.

All those little lines, ridges, loops and whorls — often studied by fortunetellers to "predict future" — may actually give doctors and scientists a method of checking whether infants have Down's Syndrome. Mongolism, are prone to leukemia or carry the traits of sickle cell anemia.

What's more, the initial tests would be quick, painless and cheap.

"You could do a finger and palm print at birth, because it's not going to change the rest of life," Sister Grace Mary said. "There's no one characteristic which would pinpoint any sort of genetic disease, but

Liddy out of prison

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DANBURY, Conn. — Watergate mastermind G. Gordon Liddy emerged yesterday from prison the same way he entered in January 1973 — cloaked in self-imposed silence.

Liddy, who has never spoken out publicly about the nation's biggest political scandal, left the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution at 9:30 a.m., officially a pauper.

He refused to answer all but two questions from reporters. Asked where he was headed, Liddy re-

plied, "East of the sun and west of the moon." Asked how he felt, Liddy uttered a German phrase, apparently meaning, "It doesn't really matter."

Liddy, 46, once told presidential aide John Dean he would rather be gunned down on the streets of Washington by a sniper than divulge the details of Watergate. A former FBI agent, Liddy was imprisoned Jan. 30, 1973 and has served by far the most time of any Watergate figure, 52½ months.

He took a pauper's oath Tuesday in Williamsport, Pa. where he told U.S. Magistrate William H. Askey he could not pay a \$40,000 fine before leaving prison because he owes \$275,000 in legal fees and has assets of only \$310.

Liddy's release had been contingent on his paying the fine or taking a pauper's oath.

President Carter this summer reduced Liddy's 20-year sentence — plus 18 months for contempt of Congress — to eight years, making him eligible for parole.

Irate Warren tired of being left out

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WARREN — The way Mayor Ted Bates figures it, a city with a population of more than 185,000 "and one of the largest and most unique waste water treatment plants in the world" should not be left off any map.

With that in mind, Bates fired off a letter of protest to Rand McNally Co. of New York, publishers of "Road Atlas and Travel Guide."

According to Bates, the latest edition of the publication omits Warren from the map of Michigan and the map of the tri-county Detroit metropolitan area. Neither is Warren listed in an accompanying alphabetical list of Michigan cities, Bates said.

"For your information," he wrote, "Warren is the fourth largest city in the State of Michigan with a

current population of over 185,000 people, operating on a budget of \$45 million.

"Within our city limits, and indeed, directly across from City Hall, is General Motors' fabulous multimillion-dollar Tech Center, which is only one of the many multimillion-dollar diversified industries.

"The Warren Tank-Automotive Command, in war years cited as the 'arsenal of democracy' builds our mighty tanks for the nation," Bates wrote. "Too, we have one of the largest and most unique waste water treatment plants in the world."

Bates said he enclosed some brochures on Warren and urged the map publishers to explain their omission to the "indignant citizens" of Warren.

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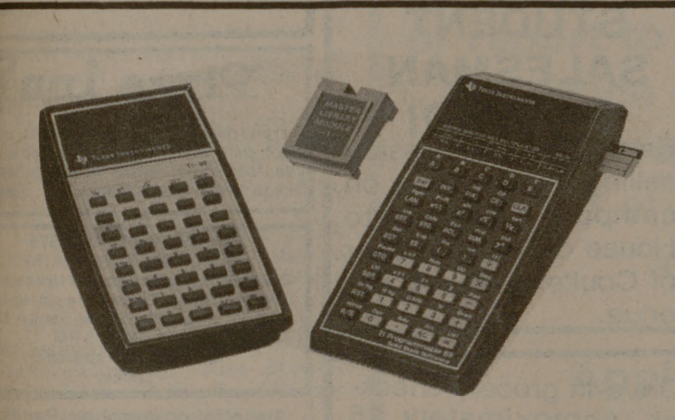
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