

Name dispute leads attempt to block Louisiana primary

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BATON ROUGE, La. — None-of-the-Above, also known as L.D. Knox, filed suit in district court to block the Oct. 27 primary unless his newly acquired name is on the ballot for governor.

Knox changed his name to None-of-the-Above Sept. 11, and

has said he does not want to be governor but wants voters to have a chance to reject all other candidates by voting for "none of the above." Secretary of State Paul Hardy, who is also a gubernatorial candidate, refused to put Knox's new name on the ballot on the grounds that the name was deceptive.

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U.S. to begin year without new budget?

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WASHINGTON — There is a growing possibility the federal government will begin its new fiscal year a week from now without a budget approved by Congress.

Will it matter? The federal government will keep running. Bureaucrats will remain at their desks. The computers which spew out government checks at the rate of nearly \$1.5 billion a day will continue to purr.

The biggest loser from any long delay would be Congress itself, and many on Capitol Hill are deeply disturbed by the possibility.

The House, divided over the issues of tax cuts, defense spending and the deficit, voted 213-192 last week to kill a \$548.6 billion proposed federal budget for fiscal year

1980, which starts Oct. 1.

Leaders will go to the floor again this week with an almost identical version, scaled down by \$400 million. They hope that by rounding up a score of members who missed last week's vote, and by twisting the arms of a few others, they can reverse the outcome.

Even so, the fiscal year may be under way before differences with the Senate can be ironed out and a joint budget agreed to.

No one is worried about a delay of a week or two — although that has never happened since Congress launched its budget process in 1975.

The deeper concern was expressed by House Budget Chairman Robert Giaino, D-Conn., who said after last week's vote: "I'm not so sure we're going to have a budget this year."

"Congress," Giaino said later,

"will have announced to the American people that it is very good at spending money but cannot live with budget discipline."

Before 1975, Congress never wrote budgets. Only the president did. Congress passed tax and spending bills one at a time but never looked at the whole picture.

The House and Senate budget committees were the first to have jurisdiction over the whole range of taxing and spending.

The essence of the budget process is that each spring these two committees hold hearings, and Congress approves an initial budget resolution to guide it in passing substantive bills during the summer.

Then, theoretically by Sept. 15, Congress puts the final stamp on the budget for the fiscal year starting two weeks later.

Insiders still are debating exactly why the House killed the budget — which, incidentally, it has done twice before and made good later, though never so close to the new fiscal year.

Apparently it was a combination of some congressmen favoring a tax cut, others wanting higher or lower defense spending and many disturbed over a projected \$29 billion deficit.

The proposed budget is designed to slow the growth of government spending in order to fight inflation and lead to a budget surplus in 1981.

Carcinogen found in 28 kinds of beer

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Test results just released by the Food and Drug Administration show at least 28 beers have traces of carcinogenic nitrosamines, with Schlitz leading the list.

The test, made public late last week, showed 17 domestic and imported beers contain detectable levels of the contaminants.

The highest reading for an American beer — 7.7 parts per billion — was found in Schlitz. The lowest — no detectable level — was found in Coors, with Stroh's a close second.

The highest reading among imports — 3.6 ppb — was found in Heineken sample. Low among the imports was Guinness Stout, no detectable level.

Both the FDA and the brewing industry have said they are confident the nitrosamines can be eliminated through changes in the brewing process, and they expect a clean-up within a few months.

The FDA also has said the amount of nitrosamines in beer is not enough that — based on what the agency knows now — there is a reason for moderate beer drinkers to change their habits.

FDA released the latest test results — from studies made in spring — after it got several requests citing the Freedom of Information Act.

A part per billion is a very small amount — the equivalent of one ounce of vermouth in 10,000 tank cars of gin. But scientists have said there is no known safe level of exposure to cancer-causing agents, partly because of their cumulative impact.

The FDA said its test results are based on a "limited survey" of beer and most of the figures below 5 ppb can only be considered "presumptive" on a scientific level since they can be detected by absolutely confirmed by a spectograph.

These are results of the FDA tests: Domestic beers and their readings in parts per billion (more than one figure for a beer means several samples were taken):

Schaefer, 2 and 2.5; Budweiser, 3.2, 4.4, 5.4, 5.8 and 5.3; Miller, 1.7 and 1.8; Colt 45, 6 and 6.4; Schlitz, 2.8, 7.5, 7.7 and 7.4; Lone Star, 8, 3 and 3.3; Colt 45 Silver, 3; Stroh's, none detectable by test and 0.9 in another; Olympia, 1.7 and 1.9; Old English, 1.3 and 1.3; Blitz-Weinhard, 6.2, 5.7 and 6.2; Carling Black Label, 4 and 4; Coors, none detected; National Bohemian, 3.6 and 3.3; Milwaukee, 1.9 and 1.8; Pabst, .7; Tuborg, 6.2 and 5.7; and Schlitz, 1 and 1.6.

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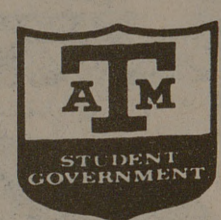
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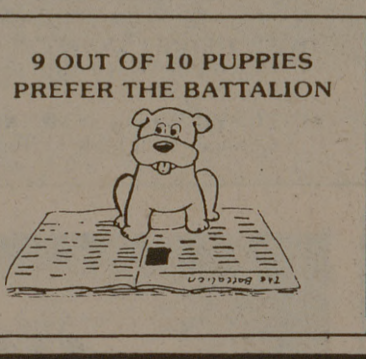
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Decision for Rizzo brings probe of court

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is undergoing a rare review by a judicial watchdog because the chief justice has suggested improper influence played a part in a decision favoring controversial Philadelphia Mayor Frank L. Rizzo.

Chief Justice Michael J. Eagen speculated in an interview recently that some justices might have been improperly influenced by political friendships in the seven-member court's ruling to knock out a citizen attempt to recall Rizzo.

That 4-3 decision, which ruled the recall provision of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter unconstitutional, was issued in September 1976 but the rationale was not known until six separate opinions were issued seven weeks later.

Anti-Rizzo groups had collected over 210,000 names on petitions in their attempt to oust the controversial mayor shortly after he was re-elected to a second term. Rizzo is barred from running for a third term this year.

The anti-Rizzo forces alleged that the mayor misled voters on the health of Philadelphia and started to force to raise city taxes to pay for the recall drive was halted.

Richard E. McDevitt, chief of the Pennsylvania State Board of Inquiries and Review Board, said he began a preliminary investigation of the court in view of Rizzo matter this week.

Eagen made his remarks in an interview with United Press national published Aug. 23.

Buddhists near end of 800-day journey

United Press International
TALMADGE, Calif. — Two American Buddhist monks, bowing to the ground in full prostration every three steps of the way, Saturday approached the end of an 800-mile journey.

Heng Sure, 29, and Eng Chau, 32, have been making their way north from Los Angeles to the City of 10,000 Buddhas monastery in Mendocino County since May 7, 1977.

Sure has maintained a vow of silence since the journey's start, and Chau acts as spokesman.

"We bow to get rid of our own greed, anger and stupidity, and work to prevent disasters, wars and suffering of all kinds," Chau said.

He said his companion got the inspiration for the trip while making many bows in San Francisco's Gold Mountain Monastery.

"He had a vision of calamities and suffering and to do something about it," Chau, who went along as "protector," drives their 1978 station wagon a half mile about turns and joins his partner to cover a mile a day.

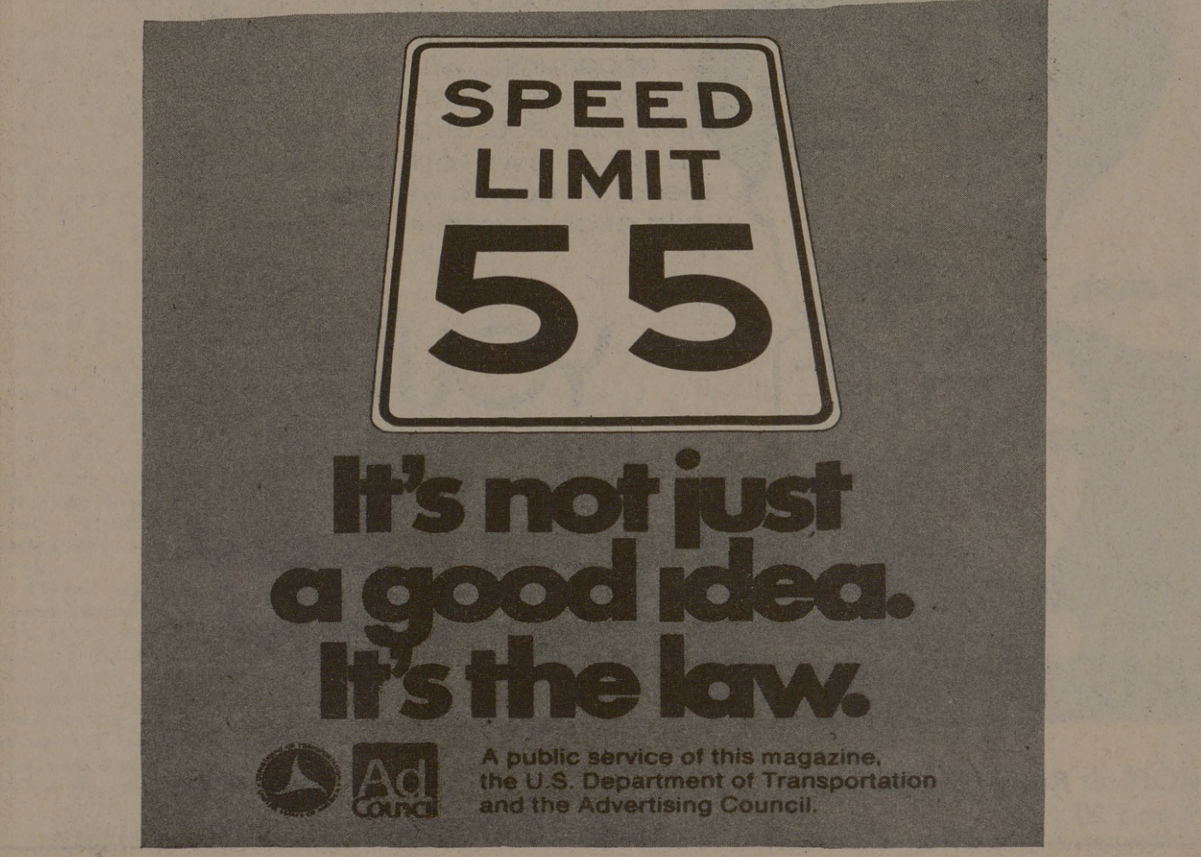
"It's a big job," Chau said. "It's done until all living beings, including animals and even insects, find the peace and happiness they are seeking." For 16 days, the pair bows every 300 yards. The two monks have only sleep only four hours a day — only sitting bolt upright in that position.

"It keeps your head clear," said Chau.

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