

Presidential death hex forgotten

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NEW YORK — There's one factor often overlooked in this year's hectic election battle — the reported zero-year presidential hex.

The last seven presidents to win an election in a four-year term have died in office, four of them assassinated.

Many call the zero-year presidential death nine of 10 a freak coincidence. But one legend suggests it's an old curse from an angry Indian medicine man.

The death streak began with President William Henry Harrison, best remembered by the politician he shared with running-mate John Tyler in the Battle of Tippecanoe and Tyler too.

In 1800 President John Adams appointed Harrison as governor of Indiana territory, then largely inhabited by Indians. He negotiated treaties with the Indians, opening new lands to white settlement and sparking outrage among many Indian leaders.

They united under the Shawnee chief Tecumseh and his brother, "The Prophet," — a medicine man — and began fighting the settlers.

Harrison took command of the territorial military and set out to drive the Indians from treaty lands. In 1811 Harrison shattered Indian forces at the Battle of Tippecanoe, winning his nickname "The Prophet" that was to help propel him to the White House.

Later, during the War of 1812, Harrison's troops won a major victory over British forces and

their Indian allies, led by Tecumseh, in the Battle of the Thames in Canada. Tecumseh, himself, was killed in the battle.

Legend says that Tecumseh's brother, "The Prophet," then pronounced a curse: Harrison and all future presidents elected in a zero-year would die in office.

Harrison was elected to the presidency in 1840. In March 1841 he gave an hour-long inaugural speech, the longest in history. It was a rainy day and he caught a cold. His cold soon developed into pneumonia and he died on April 4, only 30 days into his presidency. He was 68.

Since then:
— Abraham Lincoln, elected to his first term in

1860, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865.

— James Garfield, elected in 1880, was assassinated in 1881 by Charles J. Guiteau.

— William McKinley, elected in 1900, was assassinated in 1901 by Leon F. Czolgosz.

— Warren Harding, elected in 1920, died presumably of pneumonia, a complication of food poisoning, in 1923. No autopsy was performed and the exact cause of death is unknown.

— Franklin Roosevelt, elected to a third term in 1940, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1945.

— President John Kennedy, elected in 1960, was assassinated in 1963.

Tower denounces giving Iran arms

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DALLAS — Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, says the American people would not support giving arms to Iran to secure the release of the Iranian hostages.

Tower, in a kickoff press conference for a trip around Texas by the "Republican Truth Squad" and the "Reagan Roundup," referred to the possi-

bility of the Carter administration giving Iran arms shipments paid for by the deposed shah of Iran.

"The release of the hostages should be a prior concession for negotiations for arms," Tower said. "We've never released arms to a hostile country. Those arms were sold to the shah of Iran. It is clearly unwise for us to position ourselves on one side of this war."

Red Light Museum' features prostitution memorabilia

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WASHINGTON — The history of prostitution behind closed doors and in the streets is showcased in the nation's newest museum — a monument to bawdiness called the "Red Light Museum and Gift Shop."

Occupying two rooms on the second floor over a strip bar just off Connecticut Avenue, the museum uses memorabilia dating back to a time when prostitution was legal and thriving in the street was not.

The red-draped rooms feature a collection of century erotica including a Victorian-era slide show, 19th century photographs, daguerotypes and lithographs of ladies of the evening, blow-up newspaper

clippings of 1915 vintage, copies of old police reports and a 1913 map of the District of Columbia locating the never was red-light district.

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Sobin and others claim the word "hooker," meaning prostitute, is derived from the camp followers who set up shop near the Civil War encampment of Gen. Joseph Hooker, in downtown Washington.

The soldiers were camped on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the Capitol. The women were nearby in an area of the city that became known as "Hooker's Division" and later "The Division." It remained as the capital's red light district for nearly a century until it was leveled in post WWORLD War II urban renewal.

Hooker's portrait is featured in the museum as well as relics from the age including a "hygiene book," that is nothing less than a sex manual.

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Sarah Hill, was arrested for "swearing in the street."

Reproductions of posters adorn the walls with such sayings as: "Sailors Registering with Street Girls must pay for room in Advance," and "Commit no nuisance. This is a Clean and Moral Establishment. Scoundrels will be dealt with Severely."

In 1898, Congress passed a law banning prostitutes from working on the street. This, Sobin said, drove the women indoors where they had to rely on hanging out of windows or on pimps to bring in business.

By 1913, laws banning prostitution were passed. A 1915 Washington Star clipping reports that efforts to guide former prostitutes into more respectable pursuits had failed miserably.

Sobin has researched his museum well, using files from the Library of Congress and the National Archives as well as the LBJ Collection in Texas, a primary source for materials collected by the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography.

Hansel and Gretel get off the hook

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DENVER — A jury has confirmed the feelings of generations of fairy tale readers, ruling that Hansel and Gretel acted in self-defense when they shoved their wicked stepmother into an oven and baked her.

The jury, comprised of fifth and sixth graders from Littleton, recently found Hansel and Gretel guilty of theft and vandalism, but innocent of murder.

The trial was held in Denver District Judge Karen Metzger's courtroom to give students an understanding of the judicial system. Witnesses were sworn in on a copy of Grimm's Fairy Tales.

Public Defender Dan Cook noted Hansel was kept in a 30-by-30-inch cage and fed all he could eat, in an

apparent effort to fatten him. A student-portrayed pediatrician said Gretel was fed only crab shells and water, which could have irritated her digestive tract and been partially responsible for her actions.

Nicole White, portraying the dis-

trict attorney, presented a strong case against Hansel and Gretel on the theft and vandalism charges. She produced jewels allegedly stolen from the victim, Mrs. Salem, and also stressed Hansel's admission that he had eaten part of Salem's house.

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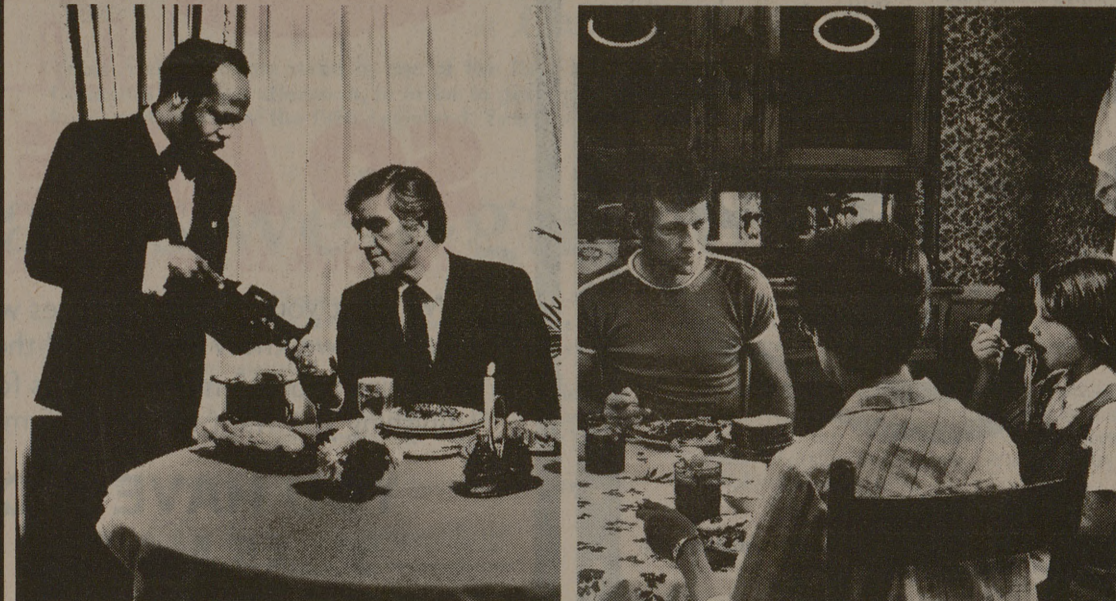
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