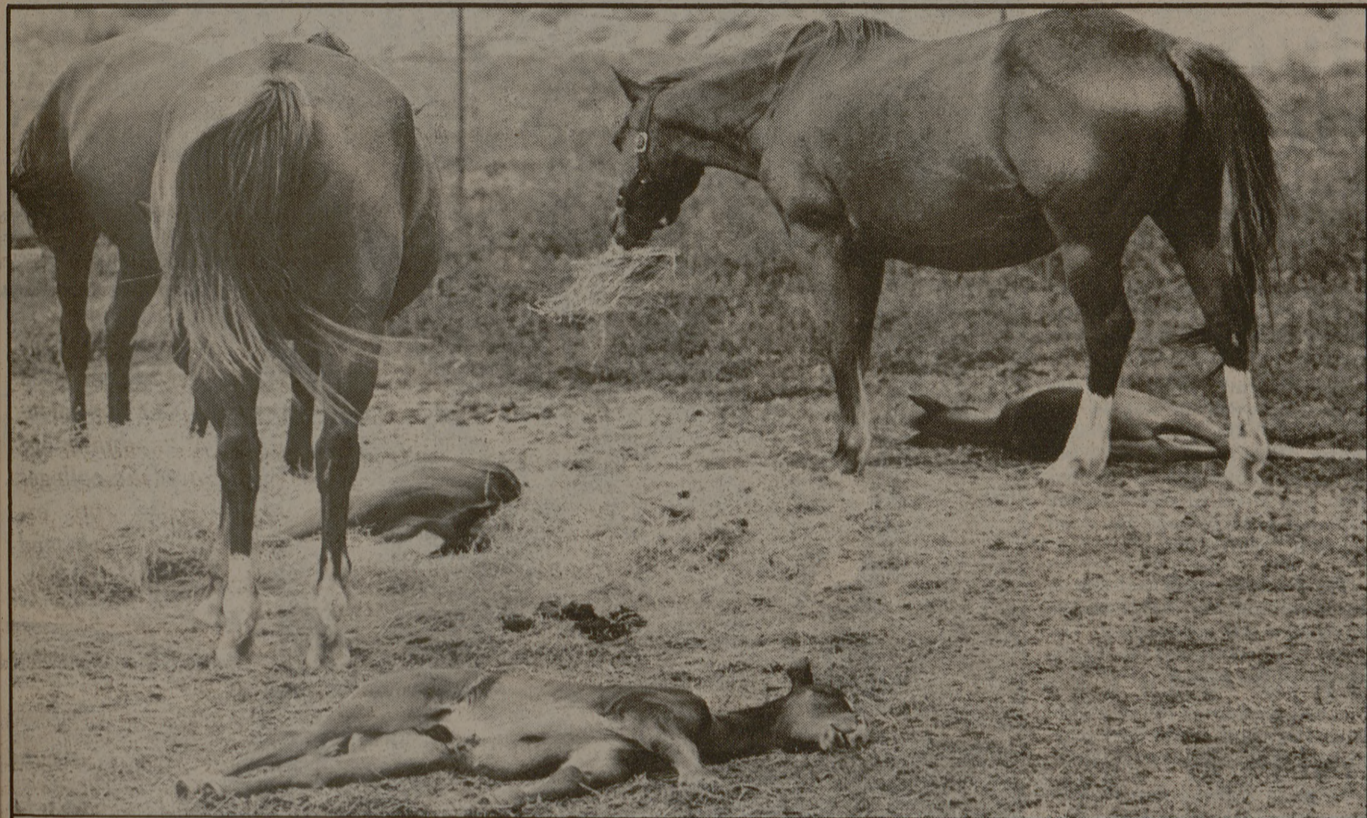


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Not dead, only sleeping

Staff Photo by Brian Tate

These mares and colts behind the College of Veterinary Science are being used for disease research. The 1-month old colts and the mares are stock that the vet school

raises for the sole reason of testing different experiments for various disease classes.

Caveman courting lives

United Press International
SEATTLE — Modern man may not be much beyond the cave man when it comes to courting girls, says anthropologist David Givens.

Givens, a University of Washington professor, specializes in studying the ways men and women are brought together.

His main laboratory is the Hub, the student gathering center on the university campus. He spends hours quietly observing young men and women and what they do to attract persons of the opposite sex.

Givens finds early communication between strangers is nonverbal body language. This, the professor says, involves preening, drawing in of the stomach and posture correction as each gradually becomes more aware of the other.

A man and a woman who reach the conclusion they are attracted to each other are in a state of "isopraxism," Givens says. They are behaving in like patterns. He says this behavior pattern is also found among birds and fish and is "real, real important in courtship."

Givens says men and women can't just go up and say something when they want to meet because there's something in the mind that prevents this approach.

"In the emotional centers of the brain, we're jerked around by these patterns formed millions and millions of years ago.

"... in courtship, we're still with the apes and monkeys and whatever."

Besides, Givens says a spoken message is "too strong." The preening, hair tossing, tummy tucking or chest expanding is the unlearned, non-conscious, instinctive stuff of which budding romance is made.

The professor says the milestone in early courting lies in finding ways to "accidentally" touch. "They'll do the sneakiest thing to get a touch," he says, then they'll snitch a hug and modify it with humor. Givens says humor is vital.

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Consumer adviser agrees that inflation is biggest worry

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Virginia Knauer, consumer adviser to presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan, said most consumer issues have now been buried by an overwhelming worry about inflation.

"The whole mood in the country is 'Let's make sure that all the regulations that are coming forth are cost effective.' I think that's

"The whole mood in the country is 'Let's make sure that all the regulations that are coming forth are cost effective.' I think that's exactly what this administration is doing," Knauer said in an interview.

and I think they will then begin to go back to some of the generic consumer issues — the ones we used to have."

Knauer said she will not lobby Congress to restore budget cuts in consumer agencies.

"It's really up to the agencies," she said. "We all have sustained budget cuts but I think this is what the people wanted. I think the perception was that the government had grown too big."

"But even if the president gets every single one of his cuts, this administration will be spending six percent more than he did this current year. So what he has done is not wipe out everything, but shift the emphasis."

In her return to the White House Knauer has been given expanded duties involving aged and disabled Americans as well as more general health and safety issues.

"I'm particularly interested in the area of aging women," she said. "They face many, many problems. One of the ones that is surfacing now that distresses the most is the lack of safety on the streets and in their homes."

"Every day we read about some elderly person, man or woman, whose house has been invaded

"There's no doubt in my mind that inflation became the number one consumer concern," Knauer said.

and they've been brutalized. This has become a major concern," she said.

Knauer said specific programs

for her new responsibilities have yet to be devised, but education and working through groups which represent the elderly will be one direction in which she will head.

When she was asked whether she thought the organized consumer lobbyists in Washington should give up and leave town, she said:

"No, No. I think it's very important they express their concern

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and the concern of their constituencies. I do feel that we don't have to agree on everything but, we can seek common ground. This is what we've been saying to each other."

Knauer also said she thinks Americans are "much better consumers" today.

"They're more sophisticated. They're much more able to handle complaints than they once were, and I think this is largely traceable to what we did in the '70s."

"And also because business has responded by having consumer affairs professionals right in their own companies. And, let's face it, when I came to Washington (12

years ago) there were only 16 state bureaus (of consumer protection). Now they have consumer protection offices in every state, and most states have two — one in the governor's office and one in the attorney general's."

In her time out of office Knauer opened a consulting firm. She divested her interest in it to return.

In other areas Knauer said: "Her 'favorite grandchild' is the Consumer Information Center that she helped found 10 years ago. The Boulder, Colo., center promotes and distributes a host of government publications, many of them free."

"She has ordered the staff of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, which she heads, to stop intervening in proceedings in other regulatory proceedings. 'I thought that was not proper. Obviously Congress was outraged about it. I don't think a White House spokesman or a federal officer should be intervening in any state ratemaking case, for example.'"

"She still backs the concept of a Federal Trade Commission proposal to require more consumer information from funeral directors."

"I just think people in a time of grief need all the information they can get. And the ethical undertakers have been supplying that information."

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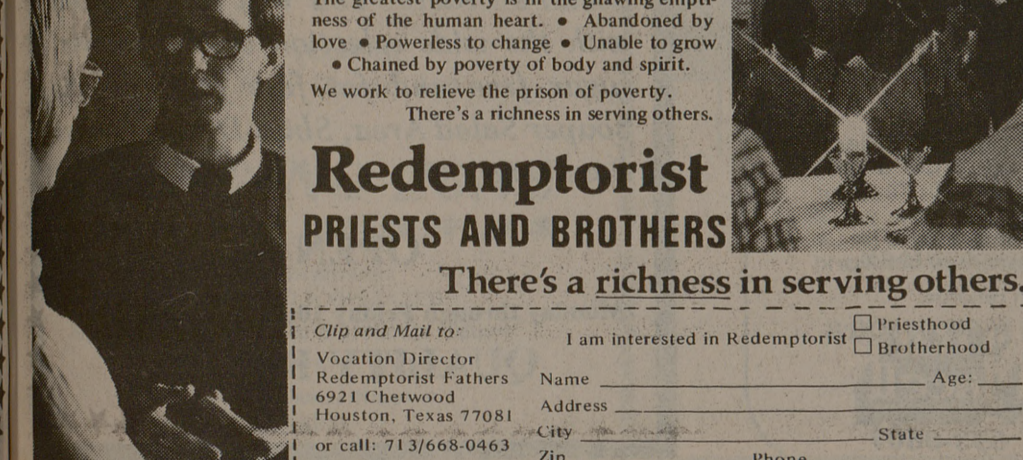


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