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Liars fibbing again after two-year break

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BURLINGTON, Wis. — You say you sometimes stretch the truth a little? Facts never get in the way of your best stories? Well polish up your repertoire because the Burlington Liars Club will be back in business soon. No lie. Old Otis Hulett, the former newspaperman who ran the club for 52 years, shut it down two years ago because he said he was getting too tired and the lies weren't as good as they used to be. Hulett is near 90 and is reportedly opposed to restarting the club, with its annual New Year's Eve awards for championship lies. "Otis has gotten a little cranky with the world," said James Weis, executive secretary of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, who has pushed

hard to get the club cranked up again. "It's good for Burlington," he said, relating the story of a town resident remembered at a Rotary meeting in Australia as "coming from that place where they tell lies — Burlington." "You'd be amazed at where the letters come from, from the Philippines to Philadelphia," Weis said. The club got started around a pot-bellied stove when a former police chief said it was a quiet day and asked Hulett if he "had heard the one about," Brannen said. "The lies have been coming in almost daily, even though the club was shut down two years ago," said newspaper publisher William Brannen, who also helped get the club reincorporated. "We've got several lies already," Brannen said. "Peo-

ple enjoy telling fibs, trying to outdo each other." Hulett wouldn't permit politicians and newspaper people to enter, Brannen said, because he considered them "professional liars." The three men who will judge this year's entries are John Soeth, director of curriculum for the city schools, retired journalist Donald Reed, who helped Hulett, and Mitzi Roberts, a Burlington resident. In his cluttered office, Hulett framed the winning entries each year and sent the winner a stick pin in the shape of a little angel holding a harp. "The diamond in it was from Woolworth's," Weis said. "We might come up with something a little more elaborate" for the first award of the reborn club this coming New Year's Eve, he added.

Two more women arrested

Radicals linked to robbery

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NEW YORK — Federal authorities investigating the bloody \$1.6 million Brink's heist arrested two more women, one in Manhattan and one in a remote Mississippi farmhouse, and said four radical groups may have been involved in the robbery.

FBI Special Agent Richard Bretzing identified the four groups Tuesday as the Weather Underground, the Black Liberation Army, the Black Panthers and Republic of New Africa, a radical black separatist group.

Nathaniel Burns, a former Black Panther, at his arraignment on charges of trying to kill the six police officers who arrested him, claimed New York City police beat him for 4½ hours.

He said he was also burned with a cigarette and that police held a gun to his head and fired on an empty chamber four times.

Burns, 37, arrested after a shootout with police, was taken to the hospital over the weekend, suffering what authorities would

only describe as "blunt abdominal trauma."

The shootout was prompted by a chase that began, police said, when they noticed the car Burns was driving in had the same license plate as that used in the Oct. 20 Brink's holdup that left two Nyack cops and one guard dead in Nyack and Nanuet.

In the latest arrest in a stunning week-long sweep of radicals, police in Nyack arrested Eva Rosahn.

Rosahn, 30, who officials said also uses the name Judith Schneider, was charged with supplying a rented 1981 Chevrolet van for the Brink's holdup gang as well as her own 1980 Honda.

Rosahn had been charged last month with rioting at Kennedy Airport during a protest against the Springboks, a South African rugby team. At the demonstra-

tion, acid was tossed at a policeman, partially blinding him.

Authorities said Rosahn was arrested after a rental slip for the van, in the name of Judith Schneider, was discovered in Kathy Boudin's Manhattan apartment.

Boudin, 38, a Weather Underground leader who was on the run for 11 years since the explosion of a Greenwich Village "bomb factory," was captured just after the Brink's shootout. Three other suspects were arrested with her.

Earlier in the day, FBI agents, police and four Air Force SWAT teams swooped down on a clap-

board farmhouse in Gallman, Miss., and arrested Cynthia Boston.

Boston, the Republic of New Africa's minister of information and her common-law husband William Johnson, were named conspirators in the holdup in a FBI complaint filed at U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Bretzing said the only outstanding warrant in the Nyack holdup was for Johnson, who is also known as Bal Sunni-Ali. Johnson suspected of belonging to the Black Liberation Army, was believed to be in Mississippi.

Convention president elected, moderate Baptists win victory

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WACO — Middle-of-the-road Southern Baptists won a victory Wednesday with the election of D.L. Lowrie as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

In a late-morning runoff election, Lowrie, a Lubbock native and chairman of the state convention's executive board, was named to the post.

The election of Lowrie represents a victory for middle-of-the-road Southern Baptists whose 2.2 million members in Texas have been wrangling over theological and related biblical issues in recent years.

Lowrie defeated the Rev. Darrell Robinson of Pasadena, Texas. Lowrie received 1,311 votes while Robinson received 952.

The Rev. Joel Gregory of Fort Worth nominated Lowrie for the position. With his election, Lowrie is no longer a possible nominee for executive director of the convention.

Before the balloting began, the Rev. Billy Graham, the dean of American evangelists, held a news conference at the 96th annual meeting of Baptists.

Four-thousand messengers — the official term for each church's representative — were present Tuesday night, laying aside doctrinal differences for the three-hour opening.

Graham refused to criticize fundamentalists Wednesday by advocating a rigorous separation of church and state.

"It's a very clouded issue," said the 62-year-old Southern Baptist preacher. "But there's no way to have total separation of church and state in the United States."

Graham referred to the Puritan fathers of New England, the activity of the National Council of Churches and recent activities of New Right groups such as the Moral Majority.

"At first I was opposed to the Moral Majority, but after listening to the Rev. Jerry Falwell I've

changed my mind," Graham said. He indicated that the key to his new attitude came from seeing that Falwell wears two hats. On the one hand Falwell wears the hat of a fundamentalist preacher; on the other hand, that of a political activist.

James Landes, outgoing executive director, told the gathering at Waco's convention center: "Our desire to win the lost world must be our magnificent obsession, our determined position and our all encompassing strategy."

Tuesday, a 14-member committee charged with selecting the religious group's new executive director, chose Dewey Preseley, a layman from Dallas, as its chairman.

A trustee of Baylor University, Preseley was instrumental in bringing Herbert Reynolds to the

convention's most prominent school as president. He has worked as a consultant to the board of directors of First International Bancshares of Dallas and is regarded as a moderate.

Observers indicated the six presidential nominees are theologically conservative.

"What we've got is a situation where not a single person is running who is not a conservative," said the Rev. Paige Patterson of Dallas' Criswell Center for Biblical Studies.

Patterson, State Appellate Judge Paul Pressler of Houston and others recently expressed concern over what they perceive

as a drift toward theological liberalism in some of the state conventions' 26 institutions.

Pharmacist bridges language barriers

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CHICAGO — If pharmacist Frank Lee doesn't understand what his customers want, he just calls an interpreter — and now he's making that option available to other merchants.

Lee's "Ethnic Hot Line" goes beyond the "se habla espanol" signs that are displayed in many store windows.

Lee, 69, who has been operating his own pharmacy for 51 years — 30 years at his current site — said he wants to develop a translation service to help other merchants at the Lincoln Village shopping mall overcome what he calls the area's "language barrier."

"Our neighborhood has changed a lot," Lee said. "Suddenly I find I got 11 different languages here. A lot of people can't make themselves understood."

"I find people saying they are shopping for a neighbor because she doesn't speak English. We want to change that," he said. "What we intend to do is put ads into all ethnic newspapers that say, 'Come to Lincoln Village to

shop because we speak your language.'

"It has applications in all kinds of areas — the police, for instance. Say there's an accident. We've had schools call saying they've got people who want to take courses but they can't speak English. And we could charge a small service fee so we could pay the interpreters."

Lee said the Lincoln Village area, which is right on the Chicago-Lincolnwood border on the city's northwest side, is made up in large measure of immigrants speaking Spanish, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Assyrian, Russian, Hungarian, Yiddish, French, German and Italian.

"Right now I have one woman who translates six languages," Lee said.

"Then I have somebody who speaks Polish and Hungarian, and one other person who translates Japanese — so that's nine of the languages taken care of," he said. "We hope to fill in the others soon, especially if we can work out something with a university."

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