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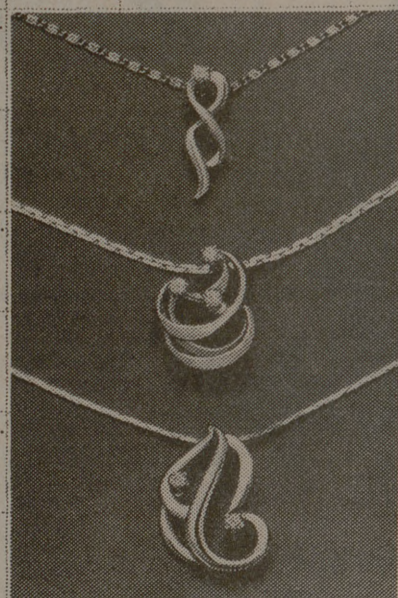
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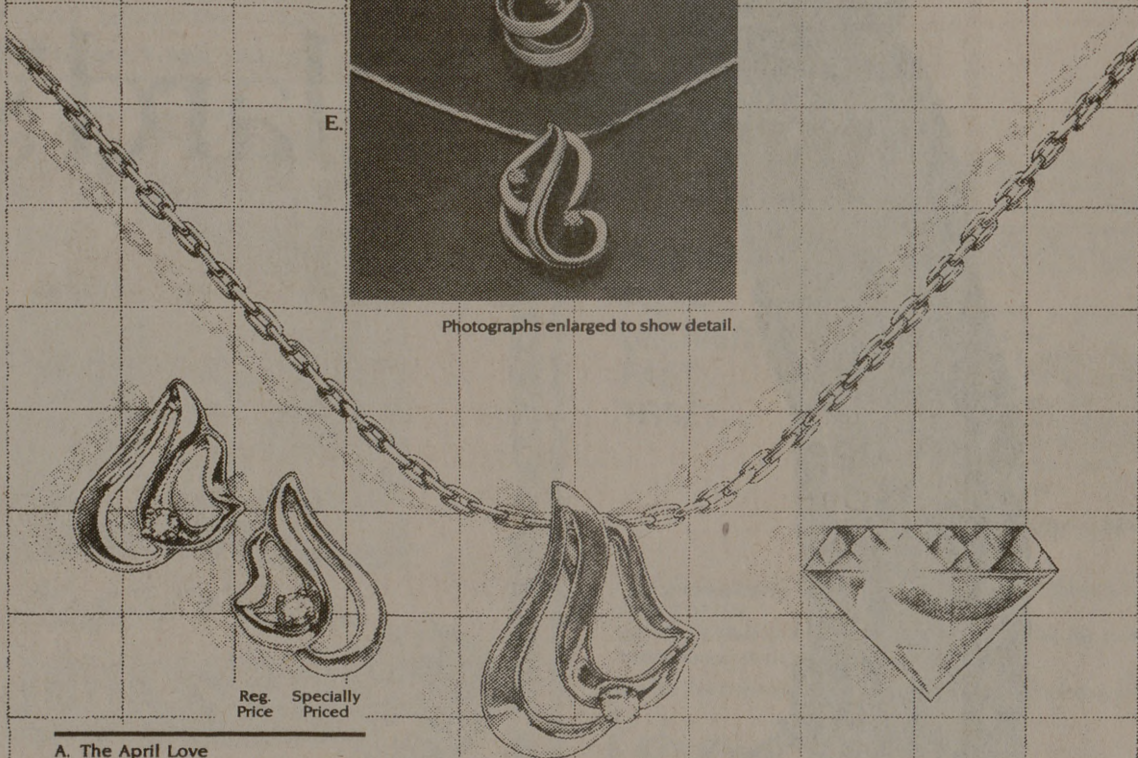
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## Woman groom first at Anheuser Busch

United Press International  
ST. LOUIS — Colette McGee is a woman in a traditionally male profession dealing with a breed of horse that would give pause to many a large man.

But working alongside — and under — the massive Clydesdale horses of Anheuser-Busch brewery fame hasn't bothered the slender 5-foot-6 McGee, even though she admits she was somewhat intimidated at first by the 2,000-pound draft horses.

And she's proud of the fact she is the first woman ever allowed to work with the beer company's Clydesdales, even though that wasn't her intention in seeking the job.

"I think that maybe my being a woman was my in," said the 29-year-old groom. "But that wasn't what I was thinking. That was the furthest thing from my mind. I just wanted to work with the horses."

And there's a lot of horse to work on. Besides weighing a ton, the horses must stand at least 18 hands (about 6 feet) before

being allowed to join the beer-wagon teams.

"There was a lot of adjusting to do," she said. "But as a rule, they're very gentle. I get attached to the colts here."

August A. Busch Jr., an avid horseman who attends shows

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throughout the world, introduced the first Clydesdale team as a surprise for his father to celebrate the repeal of Prohibition.

The company now has three

eight-horse hitched to the grounds. Their brick stable was built in 1880 by the founder, Adolphus Busch, and is one of the oldest in the nation.

Besides cleaning and grooming the animals, McGee trains the colts to wear harnesses and pull the beer-wagon teams.

Since the huge Clydesdale became the symbol of Anheuser-Busch, McGee's woman had never worked in the groom. But that changed in 1978, when McGee was hired to work with the animals at the brewery.

"I jokingly said I was an application," she said. "I was working at the stable at the time."

## Scientist estimates 30 million insect species

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — There is a virtually unexplored world of insects in the tree tops of tropical forests, and pioneering studies by a Smithsonian scientist indicate the jungle canopy may harbor hundreds of thousands of unknown species of bugs.

In fact, Dr. Terry L. Erwin estimates there may be as many as 30 million species of tropical insects around the world — not 1.5 million as generally assumed.

"We know nothing about the top of the canopy," Erwin said. "It really is the last biotic frontier on Earth."

Erwin, curator of entomology at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, is assembling a massive collection of tens of thousands of insect species collected from expeditions in Panama and more recently along the Amazon River in Peru.

He is concentrating solely on insects living in the tree tops, anywhere from 50 feet to 200 feet above the ground. And he and co-workers are working quickly because the pristine forests of today are rapidly being destroyed in many parts

of the tropics for lumber and farmland.

Erwin estimates that thousands of insect species are being wiped off the face of the globe each year by deforestation in South America, Africa and Asia.

To examine the insects in the inaccessible jungle canopy, Erwin and associates hoist a radio-controlled fogger to the tree tops to spray an insecticide that kills insects but does not harm foliage or people.

Broadcloth trays are suspended on ropes beneath the trees to collect the insects as they drop like rain when the fogger is activated.

The researchers then collect every dead bug except ants — there are too many — that falls into the trays. The insects are brought back in sample bottles to the Smithsonian for painstaking mounting and examination.

Erwin estimates 70 to 75 percent of all insects in the canopy are new species.

The storage cabinets at the Museum of Natural History house a collection of 128 million insect specimens taken from all over the world. Moth balls are

placed in each cabinet to keep live insects away from the others.

The Peruvian insecticide was done during the rainy season, a time when the canopy has the most insects.

Erwin said there are bugs around in the canopy and he said 97 percent of insect species change wet to dry times of the Amazon jungle.

Erwin based his species estimate on the tops of 19 trees in Panama and more recently in the Amazon.

The medium-sized tree on F large leaves in Panama, but alone, not including Texas. Studies in Brazil show more same species of tree. The Ag weevil species.

He said a conservative estimate is that 13 percent of the species rely on a certain tree to live. The other 87 percent were merely resting there at the time or passing through the insecticide was sprayed.

## Church man called divorce sin, now he's filing for one

United Press International  
TUCSON, Ariz. — Herbert W. Armstrong, the elderly founder-patriarch of the Worldwide Church of God, has filed to end his five-year marriage even though he once called divorce an "appalling" sin.

"Mr. Armstrong deeply regrets that he has to seek a legal dissolution of his marriage bonds," a spokesman at the 75,000-member Pasadena, Calif.-based church said

Wednesday. He would not comment on reasons for the divorce.

The divorce petition, filed last Friday in Pima County Superior Court, was not announced until Wednesday. Armstrong described the marriage as "irretrievably broken" in the document.

In the 1973 pamphlet "Marriage and Divorce," Armstrong said God "demands faithfulness to the marriage covenant."

"God's law regarding marriage institution is one thing and one thing only: break that marriage and you are committing DEATH!" the pamphlet said.

"This appalling national (international) sin reaches its peak in the divorce rate. Our people are thus committing sin against the living God and their own souls. It is threatened destruction of nations."

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