

Opinions

Women owning more businesses

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People and Issues

The number of small businesses owned by women has grown faster in recent years than those owned by men. Female-owned small businesses rose by 33% between 1977 and 1980, the latest year for which figures are available from the Small Business Administration.

In comparison, small businesses owned by men increased by only 11% in the same period, according to SBA.

CAR DEATHS ... Alcohol was involved in an estimated 25,000 automobile-related deaths in 1982, says American Life Insurance, which means that about 70 people were killed each day due to drinking.

In addition, some 670,000 people were injured as a result of alcohol-related crashes, according to the latest available government statistics.

BREAD WINNING WIVES ... Wives contribute about 30% to the household income in two-income marriages, we read.

When both husband and wife work full-time, year-round, the wife's contribution constitutes 38% of the household's income, according to Census Bureau data.

However, wives earned more than husbands in only 16% of the households in which both worked.

CLERICS LIVE LONGER ... Ministers may preach about the hereafter, but as a group, they remain longer in the here and now, according to records.

Ministers and other religious professionals who are now 35-year-old, will live on-the-average to be 83-years-old; according to an ACLI member company, the Presbyterian Minister Fund. For the general population, federal government data indicates that the average 35-year-old will live to be only 76.0-years-old.

The cleric's lifestyle has fewer risks than that of the general public. For one thing, many do not smoke and may be healthier as a result, says an actuary of the Fund.

REPORTED MISSING ... We read that about 200 children are reported missing each hour. Most are runaways, and about 90%

return home within a few days. about 100,000 are abducted by parents following divorce. But 50,000 vanish, leaving few if any clues to their fate. Nobody knows how many of them are kidnapped, how many are raped, and how many are murdered. According to one estimate, 80% of children kidnapped by strangers are killed within two days!

1 IN 40 ON FARMS ... About one in 40 Americans - some 5.6 million - were living on farms on April 1, 1980. In 1970, the ratio was 1 in 25 on farms.

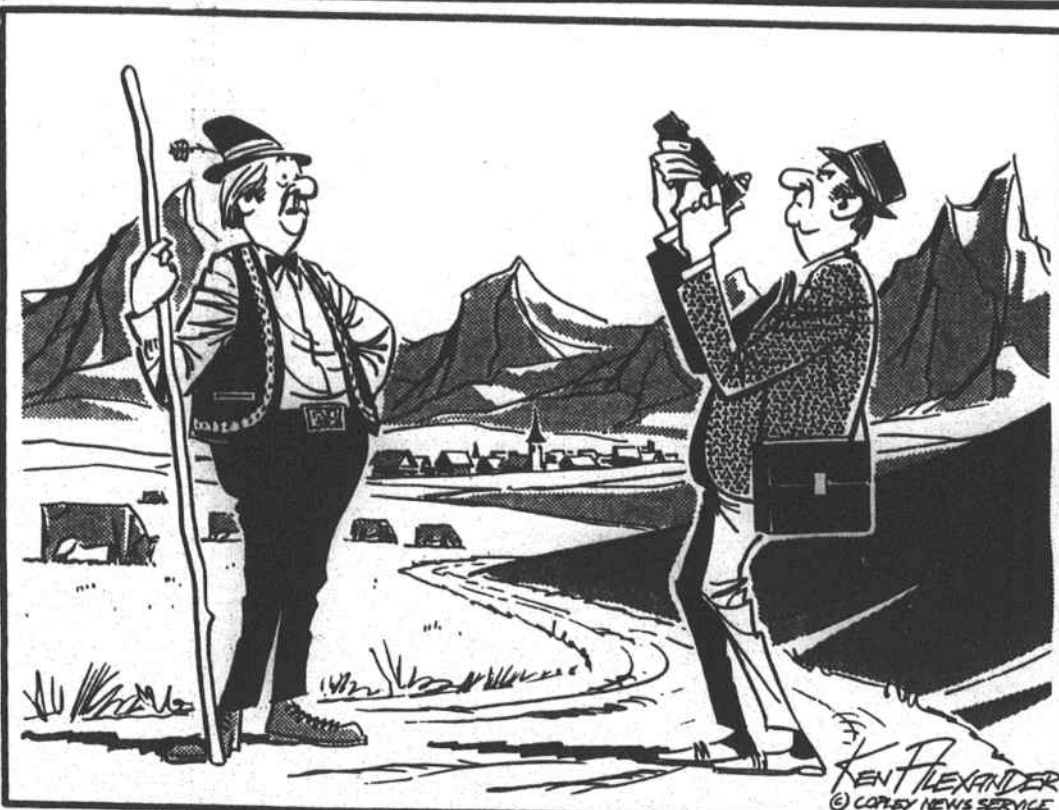
PERSONAL TAX ... We read that there will be no major overhaul of the U.S. personal income tax system within the next five years.

The poll, taken earlier this year, revealed that 98 percent of the leaders surveyed felt that the current personal income tax system, will still exist in five years, with some modifications such as fewer loopholes.

Generally, the leaders said that they believed that if nothing is done to improve the personal tax system, budget deficits and taxpayer non-compliance will increase.

Those polled consisted of congressional and federal officials, and executives in tax-related trade associations, law and accounting firms, and the media.

PENSIONERS ... The number of people covered by private retirement plans insured by life insurance companies grew to 34.4 million in 1983, up from 30.4 million a year earlier, says an insurance company. The plans include tax sheltered annuities, individual retirement accounts, Keogh plans that provide retirement income for the self-employed.



Season for fulminations could bring weak humor

With the political conventions behind us, the battle of the candidates is now in full swing. For the next two months we will be treated to the fulminations and posturings of political orators as they bravely slog through verbal swamplands in search of an original thought.

As usual, humor (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) will be a standard part of the political repertory. Regrettably, our current crop of politicians aren't very good at it.

Probably the keenest wit on the political scene in recent years was



Things That Matter

John F. Kennedy. He had a rare gift for impromptu humor, as well as for the carefully planned joke. For instance, when a little boy asked him, on one occasion, "Mr. President, how did you become a war hero?", Kennedy replied, "It was absolutely involuntary. They sank my boat."

Winston Churchill was another politician with a sharp wit. One day, during a parliamentary recess, Churchill is said to have tarried too long at a local tavern. On his way back to Parliament, he was accosted by an acrimonious female, a long-time political opponent. "How disgusting," she said, reprovingly, "you, sir are drunk."

"And you, madam, are ugly," Churchill replied, "but the difference between us is that I shall be sober come tomorrow."

Which brings us back to the rhetorical boondoggling on the current political scene.



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