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## Happy Days Aren't Here Again

McGregor gave the bar another swipe with his towel in hopes the two beer nursers would take a hint. There they had sat for the past three hours soaking up McGregor's expensive heating at a faster rate than his cheaper booze. The tall professional looking gent, whose name was Percy, gyrated his tweed encased arms as he explained in detail why Ronald Reagan had just kicked Jimmy Carter to hell in the recent election. His partner, a rotund gentleman named Clarence, who could have passed for Art Buchwald on bowling night, chewed his cigar and stared at his beer with the rapture of a barrucuda who had followed a minnow up the jaws of a Great White Shark.

"It's the collapse of the Roose-

velt coalition," Percy insisted. "Your laboring man forgot how he got to his present state of affluence with three cars and a home in the suburbs. Now he believes he did it on his own and Uncle Sam is trying to rip him off by spending tax dollars to coddle



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# TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Reading Ms. Brink's compilations of consolations provided a rare bright spot amid this November's electoral and climatological chaos. Despite this comforting warmth, however, I am confused by one thing. It had been my understanding that when Pam's "patterns for action" were disrupted by alien forces" she drew "sustenance" not from "the wisdom of the ancients" but from the vintners of France.

Montgomery Forest

## Orlando's Quits

Dear People,

I must inform you that I can no longer lend my financial support to your publication or your organization. This decision is a result of a difference of opinions between us on the subject of abortion.

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# Happy Days

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blacks and white dropouts. Your farmer likes the old subsidies provided by the government but rejects the need for regulation. He prefers free enterprise with 100% parity price supports -- the best of both worlds. The South, of course, has resented federal government meddling ever since Lincoln freed the slaves."

## Carter Failings

After exhausting his long-range vision, Percy turned to the particular failings of Carter. Pausing for a judicious sip of his rapidly molding malt, he continued: "Carter helped accelerate the discontent by alienating the Jewish voters. The U.N. vote on Palestine, Billy's foray into diplomacy with Qaddafi, and the pusillanimous reaction to Khomeini made Reagan look good. Inflation continued to concern the middle class."

## The Duke

Clarence roused himself at last and threw out a rebuttal tightly curled around his smouldering panatella: "Granted Carter fell on his face in Iran and in dealing with the economy, how will Reagan do any better? His solution is to disinter Adam Smith and John Wayne to lead us to glory. He wants to cut government spending while keeping his gun hand filled. How can he control inflation if we remain dependent on foreign

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# To the Editor

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from a forcible rape, preferably soon as possible after the unfortunate occurrence. Also, where a mother's life would be unquestionably endangered, a case could be argued.

What I am totally against is the feeling that women as a right have a choice whether or not to abort a creation of their own choosing. Sex was designed for procreation -- men and women have made it a pleasurable game. This is fine, but the players must bear up to the consequences of their actions, and not be allowed an "out" by taking the life of an embryonic child. Perhaps then sex could be seen as the more serious and sacred "game" that it is.

I thank God we live in America where we can share differing opinions and not fear being locked up or stoned by the other party. I love you as people. God Bless.

Sincerely,  
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# SCREENINGS



When I discussed Claudia Weill's Girl Friends in these pages (March 1979), I noted that she'd had difficulties raising enough money to make the film. I speculated that the picture was

dated in its concerns because of the resulting delays. In short, I blamed Hollywood rather than Weill for the movie's shortcomings.


I hate letting the studios off the hook, but after seeing It's My Turn, Weill's new film, I'm forced to reconsider.

Weill does small things -- shots, scenes, sequences -- very well. Moreover, she draws fine performances from her actresses and actors. I want to like her films. But, like Girl Friends, It's My Turn lacks a useful vision. It's fuzzy where it needs to be sharp. It fudges on the issues it raises.

Jill Clayburgh is Kate, a mathematician at the University of Chicago. She lives with Homer (Charles Grodin), a genial real estate developer who wants a comfortable rather than an intensely committed relationship. In New York City to interview for an administrative job at Columbia, she

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"My dear boy," responded Percy, after brushing off the hot embers Clarence had sprayed hither and yon in the course of his questioning, "you miss the point." "Reagan had no more prospect of returning the United States to the glorious prosperity of the 1950s, when the CIA sat on Iran and God was in his heaven, than you or I. We live in a world of finite resources and the rest of the world no longer accepts our need for one-third of these resources at cheap rates to maintain our standard of living. Carter was blamed for problems no one can solve. The American electorate has taken to using the president as a national fire-hydrant. Given our political balkanization at home, the disappearance of cheap energy sources and the unreasonable expectations of Americans, the problems are unsolvable. Reagan won, not because he


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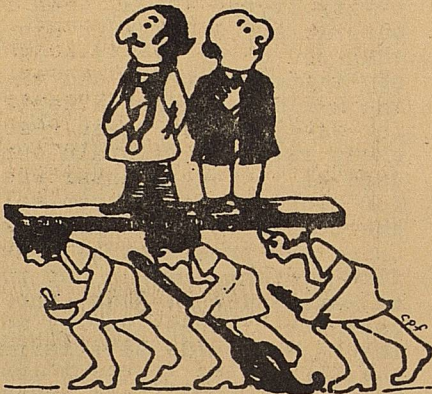
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could solve problems, but because he remembered an old political adage. Self-deprecation lacks the appeal of self-confidence. Even if the president can't solve these problems, he should still pretend he can. The pathos of Rodney Dangerfield has been displaced by the heroic lines of Marshall Dillon."

"But what of the future," moaned Clarence, "the future of the Democratic Party and liberalism?" Percy thought for a moment, fondling his stein as though he hoped its contents would turn to brandy. "We can dig up someone," he replied. "Don't be ridiculous," said Clarence, "FDR has been dead too long. It would cost a fortune to make him presentable for T.V."

George Q. Flynn



"There is no such creature as a poetess; you're either a poet or you're not."  
Babette Deutsch

## Screenings

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attends her father's wedding and meets Ben (Michael Douglas), her step-brother to be, a retired baseball player trying to make it on the rubber chicken circuit.

All of these characters and their relationships are finely drawn. Clayburgh's mathematically precise, intellectual intensity sharply contrasts with Grodin's relaxed hedonism and Douglas's caring macho. It's easy to see why they all get together at the time they do, and easy to understand that a relationship with neither man will work out well for Clayburgh. Her nervousness and ambivalence toward the job change and the wedding are convincing; her discomfort around the physically aggressive Douglas is both believable and comic.

Despite all of this, the film goes wrong.

Kate's decisions all have to do with relationships and career. She wants more from the former than Homer is interested in providing. Ben, who offers emotional intensity, looks to her like the answer, but he's not ready to abandon his foundering marriage for a chancy thing.

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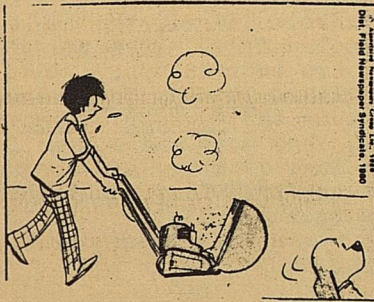
The Jury Exemption Statement, Lubbock County, allows the following, among others, to be exempt from service: "Female with legal custody of child or children under ten years old."

Submitted by Jeffrey M. Gamso

The following appeared in an "Ann Landers" column:

"Dear Ann Landers: What ever happened to the 'girl next door?' I am 30 years old and two years 'behind schedule.' I decided a long time ago that I would marry at 28. I belong to two dating clubs and have attended over 200 church socials. (Continued on page 11)

FRED BASSET



By ALEX GRAHAM



PRICILLA'S POP



By AL VERMEER

The comic strips above, submitted by Richmond Flowers, appeared in a single issue of the Avalanche-Journal, October 11, 1980.

Contributions to HOGWASH should be sent to the Editor, 2405 27th Street, 79411.

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by  
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That brings us back to Homer. He won't (can't) leave Chicago, and Kate must leave if she's to take the job at Columbia. But should she take the job if that means leaving Homer? Whatever should she do? For one thing, she probably shouldn't take the job, because it won't give her the time to do what she really wants to do, research. She takes the job. Now, what about Homer?

"Wait," you say, "why should she take a job she doesn't want when she's already got a great job? Why should Homer's geographic problems matter to her since she wants to leave him?"

These are excellent questions. Alas, It's My Turn doesn't answer them. The closest it comes is in Ben's advice to decide about the job on the basis of the job, and on Homer in terms of Homer. In

others words, Ben tells her she ought to do what she wants.

That's good advice, but why is it coming from Ben? He does nothing that he wants. And why is Kate so determined that she needs a man all the time, anyhow? Beats me. All we learn is that by the end of the film Ben's decided that maybe he ought to go after Kate, and Kate's decided to dump Homer.

All of this verges on arrant nonsense. Indeed, the whole thing is implausible. Even the film's fans are incredulous. Janet Maslin (who liked It's My Turn very much) wrote in the New York Times that Kate, "has more spare time for shopping, cooking, and decorating than any brilliant mathematician I've ever heard of."

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# Son of Hogwash

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5. All food prepared from scratch (no frozen foods either).
6. No excessive allowance
7. No second car (This only tends to make a woman independent.)
8. Eat out only once every two weeks
9. I choose our friends.
10. "The man of the house" should be the final boss in all situations. I know the girl next door is out there somewhere. Will you help me find her, Ann?

B.W.J. in East Liverpool, Chicago

From Avalanche-Journal, November 17, 1980. Submitted by Jeffrey M. Gamso



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Pomerleau was being cross-examined by an attorney for Officer Mary Stout who is suing the department over alleged discrimination in promotion and assigning women officers.

Her attorney, Kenneth Johnson, asked Pomerleau if he had once publicly called women "balls of fluff." "All women are little balls of fluff in the eyes of the Creator," he told U.S. District Judge Frank A. Kaufman. "It's an endearing term I would use to describe my wife."

Dennis Hill, chief spokesman for the police, reiterated that Pomerleau often used the phrase when referring to women and intended no offense.

"He's been using the term for years," Hill said. . . . "I've known him for fourteen years and I've known him to use it as a term of endearment."

Hill said news accounts of the commissioner's remarks took them out of context, and argued that Pomerleau had a good record of working to bring women into the police department.

There are 125 female police officers here, compared with 2,093 men.

Avalanche-Journal, November 27, 1980.  
Submitted by Dannie Botros.

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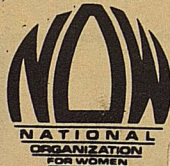
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