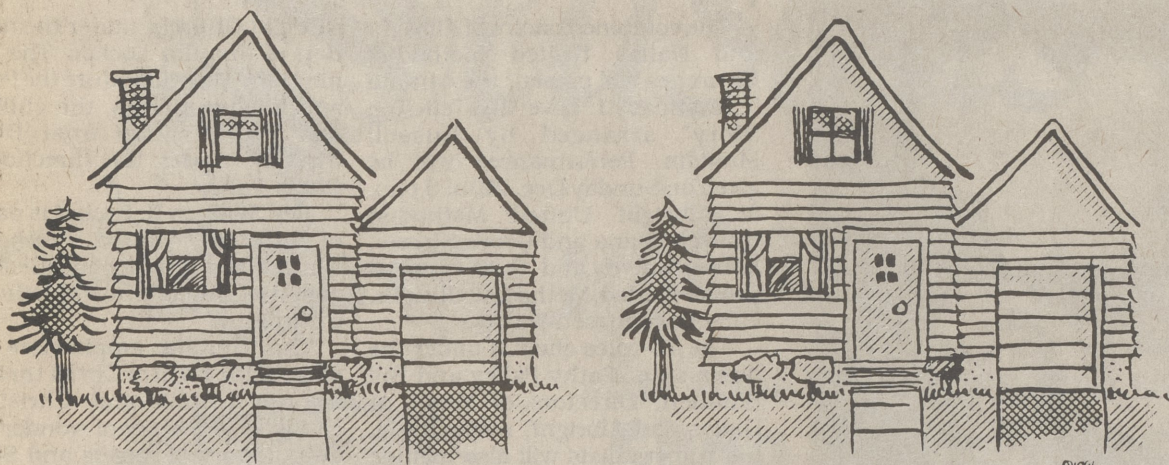


Q WHICH HOUSE PAYS MORE PROPERTY TAX?



A THE ONE WITH THE MOST CURRENT ASSESSMENT.

Hunters

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processors must adhere to government quality standards which the home butcher does not need to follow.

According to Carl Kaschenbach, CEO's director of administration, the agency's food bank has already received 75 lbs. of venison, which was greatly appreciated by the area needy families who received it. The meat is available in 1 lb. packages of ground or cubed meat or 2-1/2 to 3 lb. packages of venison roast.

"Hunters Sharing the Harvest" is modeled on programs in Ohio and Texas, according to Ken Brandt, executive director of Pennsylvania's for the Responsible Use of Animals. "This is the first year that Hunters Sharing the Harvest has operated in Pennsylvania," Brandt explained. "Through cooperation between hunters, professional meat processors and food banks, a small amount of the deer harvest can go a long way in helping needy families."

Assuming that the average field-dressed deer's weight is approximately 100 lbs, Brandt has calculated that each deer will yield between 50 and 60 lbs of meat. If each hunter designated only 10% of their harvest, or 5 lbs, 830 tons of venison would be available to Pennsylvania food banks. He has based his figures on last year's deer harvest of 415,000 animals.

Local response has been sparse, probably because the program is new and hunters don't know about it yet, Kaschenbach says. "We appreciate the generosity of the hunters who have donated. We hope that more hunters will learn of the great need for meat and designate a portion of their venison for use by the program."

Here's how you can help less fortunate friends and neighbors by donating venison to "Hunters Sharing the Harvest."

1. Go hunting. When you bag your deer, field dress and legally tag it as usual.
2. Take the tagged deer to a professional butcher who handles game. If he is not participating in "Hunters Sharing the Harvest," notify Commission on Economic Opportunity's food bank that your butcher will have venison for them. CEO will arrange to inspect the donated fresh meat before it is frozen.
3. Have your venison cut and packaged as usual. Tell your butcher how much meat you wish to donate to the food bank.
4. The butcher will notify CEO when the fresh venison is ready for inspection.
5. Your donated venison will be distributed to needy families in your area by CEO through its food bank.

Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals is a federation of Pennsylvania agricultural, biomedical/veterinary research and professional wildlife management organizations interested in the

continued responsible use of animals used by man for food, clothing, apparel production and biomedical research and of animals whose welfare is the responsibility of the state's wildlife protectors.

Drowning

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Nesbitt Hospital, where, after numerous attempts to revive him, he was declared dead at 5:13 p.m. Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George Hudock, Jr., ruled the cause of death as accidental drowning.

The pool where Michael drowned is accessible by a deck with a railing. According to Harvey's Lake Zoning Officer Daniel Samson, the borough's zoning ordinance mandates a four-foot fence around any swimming pool. A deck with a railing and removable steps complies

with the ordinance, Samson said. "Calling 911 saved a lot of time," commented Harveys Lake Police Chief Lionel Bulford. "Unfortunately it didn't save a life, even with the prompt response by the 911 dispatcher and the ambulance crew. The emergency crew did an excellent job, but they couldn't stabilize the child. I have known the family for many years and feel very sorry for them."

Harveys Lake Patrolman Jeff Butler investigated the accident

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Reliance on litigation weakens society

By J.W. JOHNSON

"So sue me!" is a retort most citizens have heard. That phrase has crept into the language and is now comfortably lodged in the American psyche.

More's the pity. And doesn't it seem there are more "sue me" jokes than usual circulating now. For example, the following examples were heard in the space of 48 hours.

—Question: What's the difference between a dead lawyer in the middle of the road and a dead snake in the middle of the road?
—Answer: There are skid marks in front of the snake.

Or this:
—Question: What do you call six lawyers up to their necks in sand?
—Answer: Not enough sand.

And this:
—Question: What do you call 20,000 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean?
—Answer: A good start.

Many jokes are formulated and repeated primarily as socially acceptable attempts at seeking compatriots to vent frustration. Lawyer jokes are just one such example.

And there's good reason for a general society-wide frustration about the legal profession.

—The general feeling of being a victim of government, concurrent with the vast majority of our federally elected officials being lawyers.

—Lawyers (and the greed that ambulance chasing lawyers spawn and then feed) are the primary reason we pay such high insurance premiums.

—Lawyers (in exercise of an admittedly flawed criminal justice system), routinely manipulate the system in causing known criminals to walk the street.

So should we, as Shakespeare suggested, kill all the lawyers?

Hardly. However, we do need to re-examine a system, for example, which finds us in Pennsylvania electing judges that 99 percent of the voters have no knowledge about whatsoever.

We do need to revamp a system in which the certainty of punishment is exceeded by the ability to pay for acquittal...not that judges and juries are bought; that literally the amount of money which can be brought to bear upon the question so often delays the process that justice is seen blowing in the wind.

And why do we need lawyers in the first place? Unfortunately, and in place of common sense and integrity, lawyers have become the first line of inquiry in the free enterprise/private ownership of property economic system. The vast majority of lawyers are engaged in business and property law.

The rest of the lawyers are engaged primarily in the protection of citizens against the heavy hand of government at all levels.

And since most Americans would want to continue owning private property and functioning in the free enterprise system, and also want protection under law from government, then we're stuck with lawyers to afford us those privileges.

We don't, however, need lawyers with gratuitous advertisements, i.e., a New York radio station recently aired an ad by a law firm which suggested that "to protect your rights and be compensated by a large cash award", a person should call XYZ law firm. There was a time when this sort of solicitation was illegal. Sadly, that

is not the case now.

But perhaps the single most important thing we can do is look in the mirror. We, as in we the people, have become the most litigious society on the planet. Everywhere you look, someone is suing someone about something.

—Item: Parents sue balloon manufacturer because balloon breaks and frightens child.

—Item: Parents sue school district because child is not permitted to go on school trip as punishment for being disrespectful.

—Item: Man sues soft drink manufacturer because he cut his lip trying to remove a bottle cap with his teeth.

—Item: And last year, the airline and pilot who managed to save a crippled plane from crashing but who, nonetheless, according to a lawsuit against them, should not have caused its passengers the fright of potential death.

Where is it written that life is fair? And it will become no more fair by looking to the legal system as an adjunct to the economic system in providing money to us. It only then becomes fair for the lawyers who get rich bending the rules, torturing common sense, and chasing the ambulances.

To quote English jurist Lord Moulton: "The measure of a civilization is the degree of its obedience to the unenforceable."

And if you agree with Lord Moulton, then the frightening reality is that this nation is rapidly becoming a band of uncivilized savages, roaming the courtrooms of America in search of legal firewood with which to burn the bonds of honor, integrity and mutual respect, the very fibers of which a free nation, intending to remain so, depends.

Early publishing schedule next two weeks

Because the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on Wednesdays this year, the Dallas Post will be published on Tuesday the next two weeks. Deadline for all advertising and news copy

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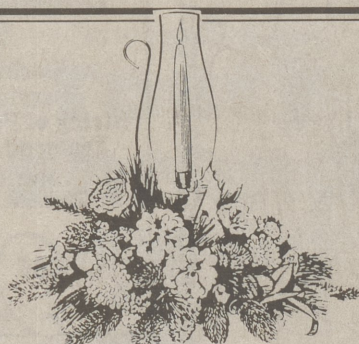
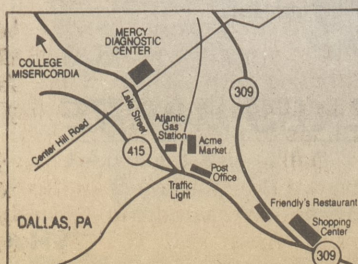
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