



Kathleen O'Brien [Anna] and Thomas Bohrer [the king].

'King and I' Scheduled

A royal treat is planned for this year's musical show at St. Agnes High School. The St. Agnes Glee Club will present "The King and I" Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oriental extravaganza on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 and 8 p.m.

The King of Siam will be played by Thomas Bohrer, who teaches at West High School, is president of the Blackfriars Theatre Guild, is founder/director of the Wakefield Players Guild and has played with the Avon Players Guild.

Anna will be played on alternate nights by two St. Agnes students, Kathleen O'Brien and Jeanne Hickey. Other principal parts will be played by Joyce Bernard, Lisa Boyle, Ann Edelman

and Nadine Gager of St. Agnes; Larry Nagle, Bruce Swagler and Andy Krenzer of McQuaid High School. Anna's son will be played by Danny Meade of Wheatland-Chili and Prince Chulalongkorn, the King's son will be played by Tony Jerris of Avon.

An added attraction is featured in view of the lavishness of the production. The world's first and only 'ring-top' curtain, 36 feet long and 12 feet high, is part of the set. It was made from over 29,000 beverage can ring tops collected by the students.

Tickets may be obtained from any St. Agnes student, or at the door. The musical is under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan and Mr. William Andia, assisted by Miss Corinne Jerris all of the St. Agnes faculty.



ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

The fellow who sells us firewood reports that he is swamped with orders this year. And two of the TV networks plus the New York Times have all done features on the foundries where employees are working overtime to supply a sudden surging demand for Franklin stoves.

Behind it all is the reported energy crisis. People who rely on oil and gas to keep warm during the winter want to make sure they have an alternative if the fuel supply is short.

Reading and listening to all the stories on the Franklin stoves made me go back 30 years to my grandparents' home. A black pot belly stove in the living room and a monster of a woodburning cook stove in the kitchen were all that stood between them and the killer winters. In the early years of their marriage my grandparents lost two babies to pneumonia which they blamed in part on a drafty house, although the real problem was that medical help was 20 miles away and roads usually snowbound.

My grandfather set about insulating and enlarging the structure and by the time my mother had married and I had come along and become a frequent visitor the house backed up to a mountain and cut off from the rest of the village by a creek seemed snug and secure.

If one stayed under Gram's quilts at nights, what did it matter that you could see your breath in the bedrooms.

And since we were children we did not feel obligated to make trips to the outhouse secure in the knowledge that there was a chamber pot under every bed.

Dressing in the morning was a matter of reaching for one's clothing at the foot of the bed, sticking out one flannel arm from the warm coziness. Then running with the speed of the deer that came to forage behind the wood shed, our bare feet hardly touching the cold linoleum, we were down the stairs through the kitchen sniffing once to savor the pancakes, through the relative chill of the dining room and into the living room where the pot belly stove was a red glow.

Facing the stove we would remove one layer of clothing, leave one on and add two more.

When our faces would start to flush from the heat and our backs long for the warmth of the quilts we would turn around and continue the dressing process.

From there we headed back to the kitchen for the hot and substantial breakfast, unaware that years later we would regulate comfort into our lives with something called a thermostat. I'm sure my grandfather who had to feed the potbelly every three hours throughout the night to keep the fire going never dreamed of it either.

Catholic Conference Aide Hits Right-to-Life Tactic

Trenton, N.J. [RNS] — A last-ditch campaign by anti-abortion forces in New Jersey to sway the Catholic vote toward the conservative gubernatorial candidate was criticized by an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference but in many areas of the state pastors backed the effort.

The campaign centered on the distribution (Nov. 4), in or near Catholic churches, of pamphlets backing Congressman Charles Sandman, the Republican candidate for governor, and opposing Brendan Byrne, the Democratic candidate, in the Nov. 6 election.

The distribution of the anti-abortion pamphlets backing Sandman was carried on by the New Jersey Right to Life Association, the political arm of the state's Right to Life Committee, headed by the Rev. Samuel Jeanes of Merchantville, N.J., a Baptist clergyman. According to reports, the state's Knights of Columbus Respect Life Committee also helped in distribution.

New Jersey's Catholic bishops and diocesan authorities did not authorize or officially support the distribution of pamphlets, which stated, among other things, that Byrne "feels that it is an individual's right to kill the unborn."

Msgr. Harold Murray, secretary of the USCC's Department of Social Development and World Peace and a priest of the Newark archdiocese, criticized the pamphlets as "unfair" and "distorted."

The priest, who preached during a Mass at St. Theresa's Parish, Summit, N.J., on Sunday Nov. 4, said the distribution of the anti-abortion materials inside or near the churches "put the Church in a very difficult position, that of seeming to support the contents of the brochure."

"The Church has to be careful not to take sides in a contest of this sort, especially when both men are Roman Catholics," he added.

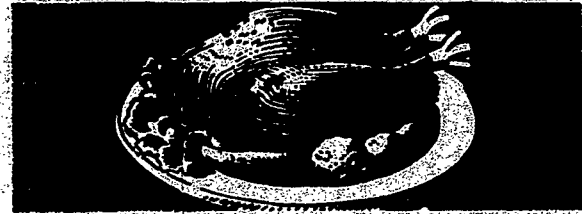
Msgr. Murray, an acquaintance of Byrne, a former state prosecutor and judge, said the pamphlet "distorted his (Mr. Byrne's) position on the issues quite a bit."

Byrne, like Sandman, was contacted by the N.J. Right to Life Association and questioned about his position on abortion. He said he is personally opposed to abortion and that he would support public hearings on a constitutional amendment to give full legal protection to the unborn.

However, he did not endorse a proposed constitutional

amendment now before the Congress, a measure of which Sandman is a co-sponsor. Sandman is also strongly opposed to the release of Medicaid funds to pay for voluntary abortions. Byrne said he would leave the matter to the courts.

The anti-abortion materials were distributed irregularly throughout the state, but reportedly were concentrated in the more heavily populated areas of Northern New Jersey and in the suburbs of major cities. Byrne won the election by a substantial margin.



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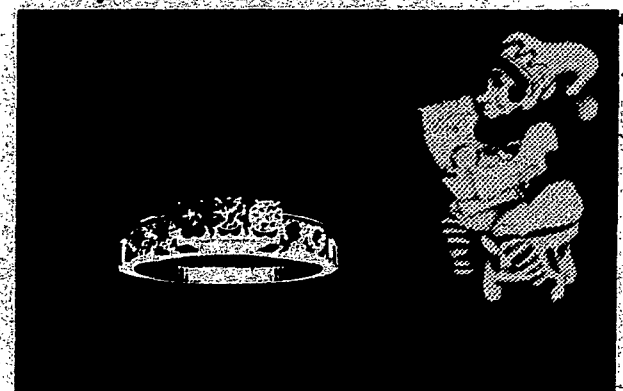
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