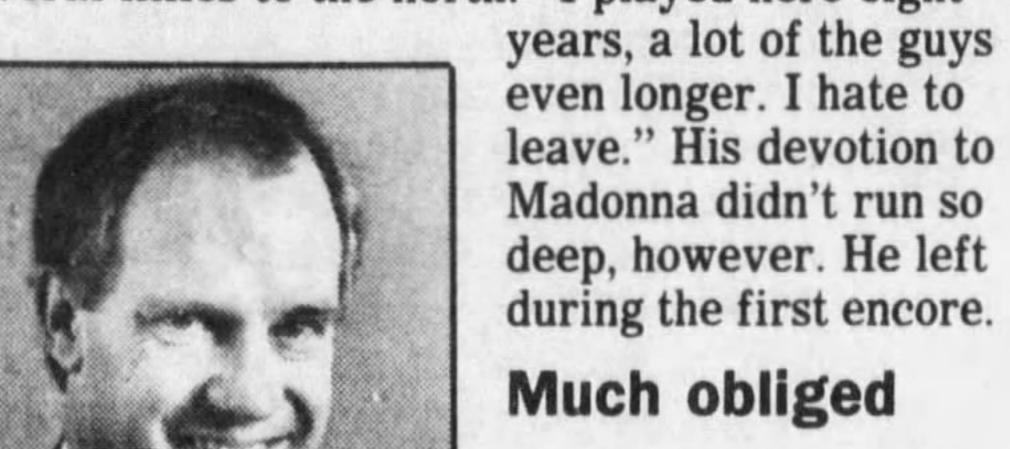
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Orange Bowl still feels like home

Miami Dolphins safety Mike Kozlowski found himself in an unusual position in his last visit to the Orange Bowl - unrecognized. Saturday night he played devoted parent, escorting his kids to the Madonna concert, where he was joined by linebacker Andy Hendel.

"I'll really miss that grass down there," said Kozlowski, who in two months will join the rest of the Dolphins in the new Robbie Stadium several miles to the north. "I played here eight



THOM SMITH

famous occasionally must pay dues, especially when you're a scientist and depend on the kindness of others for support. So last week Jane Goodall,

"the chimp lady," grudgingly attended the American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Awards in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I was annoyed to have to go," Goodall said Monday while visiting Lion Country Safari, "but I had to go because Gordon Getty proposed me, and he's donated quite a lot to the (chimp) project. But I was quite amazed by it all."



Goodall

Goldwater and Hasbro's Stephen Hassenfeld, who were inducted with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Dr. Luc Montagnier and Muppeteer Jim Henson, among many others, including 50 high school honorees. "It was just incredible, really," Goodall

Goodall was flanked by

former Arizona Sen. Barry

Even the world-

said before heading to England for a month with her human family and then returning to her chimp family in Tanzania.

Saving musical souls

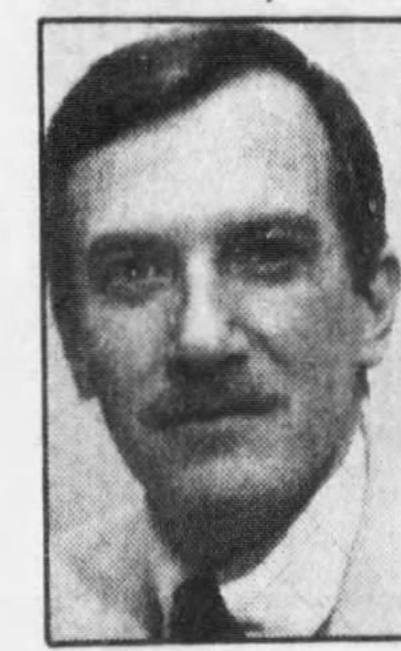
Unless you were among the few score on hand at Comedy Corner two Mondays ago, you missed a religious experience. Blues singer Diamond Teeth Mary Smith McLain wailed or as one afficionado expressed it: "Before the night was over, we'd been rocked, rolled, preached at, prayed over and had our musical souls saved. Truly legendary."

Despite the small crowd, the brass at Comedy Corner (usually dark Mondays) may set up a monthly Monday show.

A test of metal

"Part man . . . part machine . . . all cop" touts the ads for the new movie Robocop, a model of which in quasi-droid hardware strolled the infield of the Grand Prix of Palm Beach. "I wouldn't mind him backing me up," mused one West Palm Beach police officer. His partner, however, showed in a whimsy the depth of the department's leadership and morale problems, when he suggested: "Why don't they make him chief."

Nickels, dimes add up



Tom Sisco, who was killed March 31, was known for his work with The Children's Place, and his pals at Fraternal Order of Eagles 4018 in Lake Park are making sure his legacy continues, even if it's a nickel here, a dime there.

Last Saturday, the Eagles presented more than \$1,300 to Children's Place chief Mary Kay Murray,

Sisco gleaned from a recent golf tournament and from spare change tossed into a 5-gallon water bottle at the clubhouse. "Sisco's father Jock is a member," said vice president Craig Mahan. "Every two weeks we have a meeting and there's always remembrance of Tom. We thought the Children's Place would be an appropriate charity to adopt. It's just loose change and dollar bills, whatever we have, but we're doing our share and I wish some larger organizations would get involved, too."

AMELIA EARHART

50 YEARS LATER, HER FINAL FLIGHT STILL STIRS SPECULATION



Illustration by TRACY DUDLEY

Earhart's stepson discredits 'wild-eyed' stories

By CHRIS WELIN Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

The Amelia Earhart story is a

closed book to George Putnam. Putnam, 66, of Boynton Beach is the stepson of Earhart. He believes her plane simply ran out of gas and fell into the Pacific Ocean.

"It's pretty deep water out there," said Putnam, a retired citrus grower who also served as a member of the board of directors for Binney & Smith Inc., makers of Crayola crayons.

"The radio operator on the Itasca heard her after she went down. He said she sounded so close, like you could stand outside and see

Putnam was 16 when Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan vanished. He remembers his father

and older brother, David, flew out to the Pacific to corroborate what

they had heard. Other theories that developed out of the event have merely been moneymakers, he said. "There's always somebody who wants to sell a story. I think this is normal with any well-known event. There's absolutely no validity to any of the theories. Most are just wild-eyed stories."

If Earhart, for instance, had been involved in a spy operation, her husband, Putnam's father, would have known it, he said. "And there was never any hint of any-

Air navigation in the 1930s was very tricky, he said. "You could be

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Earhart, Noonan with map of trip in 1937.

By JAMIE RENO

On the windy morning of July 2, 1937, the already famous aviator Amelia Earhart piloted her Lockheed Electra down the 3,000-foot Lae, New Guinea, airstrip. Along with navigator Fred Noonan, she was bound for Howland Island -2,556 miles away in the Pacific.

The scheduled flight was one of the last legs of an ambitious global trek that had already taken them to South America, Africa, India and Australia.

But the lanky, twin-engine monoplane never reached its destination.

Today, Earhart and Noonan's disappearance remains enmeshed in mystery. They are still officially listed as "lost at sea." No bodies were ever found, nor was the air-

'Seems like yesterday'

Probably no one recalls the events that took place 50 years ago today more vividly than Muriel Morrissey, 87, Earhart's younger sister, and the only living member of her family.

"It all seems like yesterday to me, I suppose, because of how much I loved Amelia," she said. "We were always very close."

Morrissey and Earhart, three years apart in age, and the only two children in the family, spent their childhood at each other's side.

Few stories have, in fact, garnered such lasting interest as the disappearance of Earhart. Recently there has been a rash of books on the subject, each claiming knowledge of what really happened to Earhart and Noonan.

Long before announcing her plans to be the first woman to circle the globe, Earhart had carved her own lofty niche among aviation's elite. The only woman whose name was to be unhesitatingly spoken in the same breath as Charles Lindbergh and the Wright brothers, her accomplishments were something she was rightly proud of.

She was the first woman to: Fly across the Atlantic

Fly an auto-gyro aircraft Fly from Mexico to the United Receive the Distinguished

Flying Cross

Fly non-stop across the United

States Fly from Hawaii to the United

But, as Morrissey stressed, "Amelia never got too complacent with her achievements. She always needed new challenges, a new mountain to climb. That's just the way she was."

Earhart's idea: to circle the globe at the equator, flying to Venezuela then eastward across the Atlantic Ocean to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Ocean and back to the United States.

7,000 miles to go

In the early morning of June 1, 1937, Earhart began the journey from the old Miami Municipal Airport. Successfully negotiating most of the trip, she had just 7,000 miles to go when she left New Guinea.

She was simply to stop at Howland, refuel, go on to Hawaii and then continue to Oakland. The USS Swan was stationed halfway between Honolulu and Howland, and the USS Ontarin was halfway be-

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Fall of Queen Bess: New York abuzz with tales of 'Myerson Mess'

By ELIZABETH MEHREN

Los Angeles Times News Service NEW YORK — The well-known political consultant was calling from a pay phone outside City Hall.

Try this story on for size, David Garth suggested: "She's tall, she's beautiful, she's one of the best-known people in the city, one of

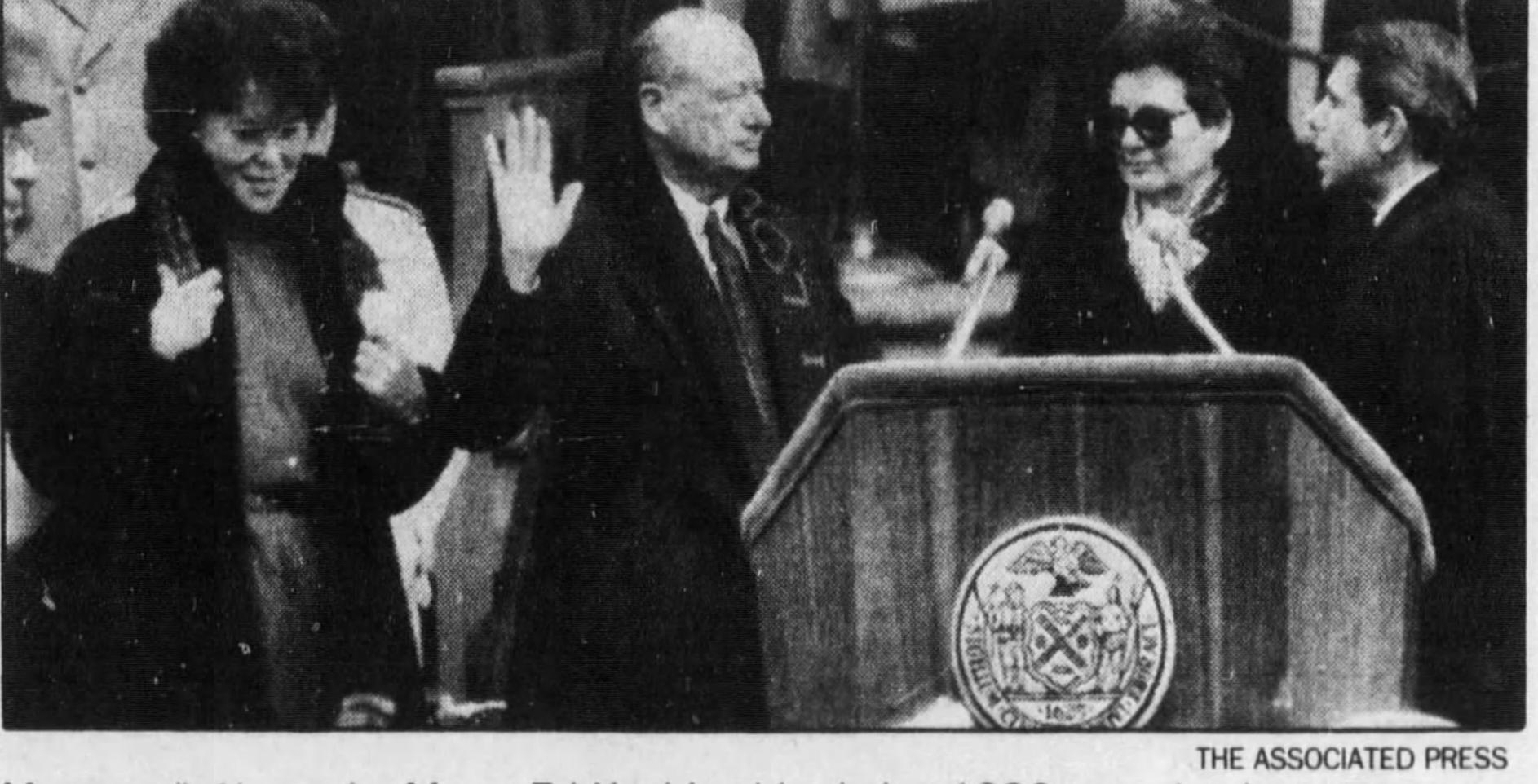
the most popular. "She's the first Jewish Miss America, and she's also New York's Miss America, in a sense. She's the personification of the combination of brains, beauty, intelligence and career that so many women strive

for." He plunked another quarter into the phone.

"Then she gets involved in a very romantic and painful love affair with someone who was born the year she won Miss America." Garth paused. "If I said to you, 'Write this book and here's the outline,' you'd say no one would buy this story."

Who would believe it?

Nonetheless, perfectly sane people were coughing up perfectly good money to buy



Myerson (left) was by Mayor Ed Koch's side during 1986 swearing-in ceremony.

magazines and newspapers that were filled with the story of the "fall" of the woman known as Queen Bess or Bessie From the Bronx.

Hard on the pedicured heels of Donna Rice, Bess Myerson — Miss America 1945 - found herself on the cover of People magazine.

At least one New York publisher, Newmarket Press, was wagering that the interest in Myerson would translate into sales of a book commissioned a year and a half ago and due out in October.

Tale of the Myerson Mess Over cocktails, at lunch and in the sub-

offs of envelopes filled with money to dogged harassment of an ex-boyfriend who spurned her - have some in this city's power structure at once clucking in amazement and groaning at possible ramifications.

way, New Yorkers turned their tongues

from the Ballad of Bernhard Goetz to the

Daily disclosures about the activities

and involvements of Myerson, the city's

former commissioner of cultural affairs

- from reports of chauffeur-driven drop-

Tale of the Myerson Mess.

"What makes it interesting in New York is the potential that she could bring down Koch, and no one else has been able to do that yet," said a public relations executive who once worked for an opponent of New York Mayor Edward I. Koch.

"What worries people at City Hall the most," he said, "is that Bess is linked with Koch in the entire public mind, not just in

the minds of the political insiders." Political consultant Garth, long a Koch insider, agreed: "It's going to hurt the mayor in the sense that she is personally

close to him. "But the tragedy in this thing is a personal love affair."

More allegations

Accused of "serious misconduct" in improperly influencing a New York judge on behalf of her longtime companion, 62year-old Myerson was forced to step down in April from the \$83,000-a-year cultural affairs job.

Since then, there have been allegations that Myerson hired the daughter of state Supreme Court Justice Hortense W. Gabel in exchange for Gabel's leniency in the divorce case of Myerson's boyfriend, contractor Carl A. Capasso. And they have been compounded by evidence that Myerson engaged in what Koch has termed "erratic" behavior seven years ago after the breakup of another relationship.

In that case, a report to Koch in 1980 showed that Myerson made abusive telephone calls and sent anonymous letters to the financial investor with whom she had been involved. Dismissing the matter as "personal" and "a lovers' quarrel," Koch overlooked the police report on Myerson

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