

faces 'n' places

Led Zeppelin folds

The rock group Led Zeppelin, creator of such "heavy rock" classics as "Stairway to Heaven," has broken up because of the death of drummer John Bonham.

In a statement on Thursday, the band said it could not go on as before out of respect for Bonham's family and because of a "sense of undivided harmony felt by ourselves and our manager."

Bonham, who helped found the band 12 years ago, was found dead Sept. 25 at the mansion owned by the group's lead guitarist, Jimmy Page, in Windsor, 30 miles west of London.

Bonham died as a result of inhaling vomit after drinking about 40 shots of vodka in 12 hours, according to a coroner's inquest.

There had been speculation the group might seek a new drummer and re-form, as The Who did after the death of its drummer, Keith Moon.

Redford honored

The guest of honor was Robert Redford, who never has won an Oscar for his acting but has collected more awards for his environmental efforts than just about any other actor — or civilian. This time he won the environmental award presented at the 10th anniversary dinner of the Natural Resource Defense Council in New York. The presentation was made by Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz. Also on hand were Lola Redford, and the co-chairmen of the event, NBC's Tom Brokaw and Mrs. William O. Douglas, widow of the Supreme Court justice.

Out of exile

Movie star Michael Caine has returned from tax exile in California to spend Christmas in Britain. But he didn't have a good word to say for his native land.

"They've made a mess of everything over here — the car industry, electronics, books and films," he grumbled to reporters at London's Heathrow Airport.

"And if you think it's bad now wait till Michael Foot gets in," said the 47-year-old Londoner. Foot is left-wing leader of the opposition Labor Party.

Caine has been in exile for two years. "The government was cheating me for 83

percent of what I earned and nobody gets that sort of money out of me. So I turned it in to live in the States. I want at least 51 percent of what I earn and I get that in America."

British tax exiles are allowed short visits home without changing their status.

Question of attitude

Miss Alaska, forbidden to make public appearances last month when her weight crept up to 139½ pounds, is ready to take up the burdens of the crown again.

Sandra Lashbrook now tips the scales at 133, and the Miss Alaska Scholarship Pageant board members lifted the appearances ban.

The pageant's executive director, Carol Beck, had said Miss Alaska also had an attitude problem, and told Lashbrook to change her attitude and lose weight.

Lashbrook said she was "pretty meek" in some of her dealings with the pageant board.

"When I got angry and said what I felt, then I had an attitude problem," she said. "I don't think I have an attitude problem."

What she does have is a financial problem, said Lashbrook. She depends on fees for official appearances for her income.

"Right now I want to make as many appearances as possible to straighten that out," she said after the board's decision.

Stamp fuss

Indian artist Charles Banks Wilson would like to cancel the new 19-cent postage stamp commemorating Indian leader Sequoyah. The U.S. Postal Service used Wilson's portrait of Sequoyah as its model, but Wilson took one look at the new stamp and said, "I couldn't believe it. The stamp version doesn't even look like an Indian, and certainly not Sequoyah." Wilson will boycott the stamp's unveiling ceremony.

In-law trouble

Philippe Junot blames the breakup of his two-year marriage to Princess Caroline of Monaco on his in-laws. He claims Prince Rainier and Princess Grace couldn't bear to see their daughter unhappy — not even with the normal ups and downs of married life. "There were prob-



After a period of going their separate ways, Harvey Korman (left) and Tim Conway, who amused viewers of the now-defunct Carol Burnett series, are happy to be together again. Korman, who bombed with his own comedy series, has become a regular on Conway's weekly comedy show, which has had a bad case of low ratings lately. — UPI

lems with her parents," Junot, 40, told the magazine, "Woman's Own." "If they ever saw Caroline unhappy everything got exaggerated." He said he wanted time to work out problems with 23-year-old Caroline. "But then her parents interfered and the press and the whole thing became impossible." Those pictures of him with a series of beautiful women? Nothing to it, he said. He just likes to be around people, while Caroline doesn't.

Hot stuff

Police said a 44-year-old woman told them she drove nude on Interstate 55 for 20 minutes because she got too hot in her car.

A St. Louis County police spokesman said the woman, who was not identified, was observed driving north on the highway south of the city.

She drove about 20 miles before she pulled into a shopping center parking lot and got dressed, authorities said.

The spokesman said the woman told officers she did not realize she could have caused an accident.

Police said the highway became jammed with truck drivers when the report of a woman driving nude was broadcast by a trucker over a citizens band radio. The woman was not detained.

No more hot air

Two Arizona men landed in their helium-filled balloon in a pasture about 10 miles south of Plains, Kan., ending an attempted transcontinental flight less than halfway through the trip.

Meade County authorities and the Federal Aviation Administration office in Kansas City, Mo., reported pilots John Shoecraft, 36, and Ron Ripps, 37 were on the ground without injuries.

The balloon, Super Chicken II, had encountered serious problems over Colorado, being buffeted by turbulent mountain winds.

The two businessmen, leaving from Oceanside, Calif., had hoped to reach the East Coast within three days.

Social outcasts

Sen. Ted Kennedy and his wife, Joan, are "out" socially, as far as the Social Register's new 1981 edition goes. The book of national society listings, edited by an anonymous advisory board, dropped the Kennedy listing that had appeared in the 1980 Register with their McLean, Va., address. The listing in the past even survived the Chappaquiddick scandal of 1969. Still in the Register are Ethel Kennedy, Robert Kennedy's widow, and their children: Mrs. and Mrs. Sargent (Eunice Kennedy) Shriver, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy II (he's Robert and Ethel's son). Mother Rose has never made it, nor have her daughters, Pat Lawford and Jean Smith.

Conservative tie

Albert Schwabe has what he calls a conservative tie in the window of his Charleston, W.Va., shop. It's a \$2,000 handmade, diamond-studded, gold-encrusted, midnight blue cravat of pure silk and cut velvet. "It's pretty conservative, really," he said. "After all, it's a solid color." Schwabe insists the tie is practical. "When a man has worn the tie as long as he wants, he gives it to his wife," Schwabe suggested. "She takes it to the jeweler and has the ornaments made into a brooch." So far Schwabe hasn't convinced anyone, but he predicts the tie will sell.

Chiming in

As if backseat drivers weren't bad enough, now even the gas tank talks back. In chimes, yet. Nick Gelormini, a Pittsburgh grocery store clerk who frequently runs out of gas, has patented a chime box that goes off when the car's gas gauge hits the 2-gallon level. General Motors has turned down the device that Gelormini estimates would cost \$12, and he's looking for a buyer. "It's a pleasant sounding noise," Gelormini said.

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Russian-born actress Victoria Fyodorova, 34, the World War II "love child" of an American admiral and a Russian actress, became ill from an overdose of pills aboard a jetliner, a South African newspaper has reported. The scheduled flight from Johannesburg to Germany returned to the airport shortly after takeoff. Fyodorova was removed from the plane and taken to a local hospital where her stomach was pumped, according to the newspaper. There has been no comment from Fyodorova, who was in Johannesburg to promote a book on her life, "The Admiral's Daughter." — UPI