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Jack Klugman: From Oscar To Doctor



HAS NEW ROLE

The untidy half of 'The Odd Couple' on television, Jack Klugman, has a new role on NBC's 'Sunday Mystery Movie,' portraying 'Quincy,' a hard-charging city medical examiner who does autopsies and solves crimes. (AP Wirephoto)

By JAY SHARBUTT
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Klugman, the untidy half of 'The Odd Couple,' now is on NBC's Sunday Mystery Movie. He plays 'Quincy,' a hard-charging city medical examiner who does autopsies and solves crime.
 He has a nifty debut, Sunday in an opus that starts with him wooing his sweetie (Lynette Mettrey) on his drydocked boat. The woo wanes right at sundown when Dr. Quincy is called to study the strangulation murder of a pretty City Hall secretary at a nearby beach.
 The call causes a lively 90 minutes of good humor, two more slayings and a discovery that City Hall is missing \$3 million or so.
 Now, Quincy, employed by the Los Angeles coroner's office, is no mere body inspector. He can detect murder most foul in the most innocent-looking subdural hematoma or myocardial infarction.
 He plays detective to prove his murder theories when cops don't believe him. This playing makes the cops mad, particularly his chief disbeliever, Lt. Frank Monahan (Garry Whimbey).
 In the case of the late secretary, there is no doubt she was strangled to death. Even Quincy agrees to that.
 Monahan has no doubt who did it when a young thing is caught three miles from the murder scene — having been shot resisting arrest — with the handbag of the departed. But Quincy thinks the wounded thing is innocent. Why? Because the thing has small hands.
 See, Quincy, while unsuccessfully trying to lift the murderer's fingerprints from the victim's neck with new techniques, has noticed the marks on said neck were made by someone with large hands.
 This fails to impress the lieutenant, possible because the show has at least an hour more

to go. So Quincy goes into detective mode. He visits City Hall to trace the dead girl's background and then:
 —Probes the hanging "suicide" of a weak-willed city finance man.
 —Suspects a City Hall conspiracy against him is afoot.
 —Flies to Mexico with his lady to check an earlier possible murder of an earlier City Hall secretary (and almost gets

himself and his lady killed when a baddie pushes their car over a cliff).
 —Comes back to find a harbor commissioner the victim of an "accidental" drowning while scuba diving.
 Fans of hard-nosed realism won't find such in this show, only a brisk pace, interesting characters and a nice tongue-in-cheek approach akin to that of 'The Rockford Files.'

Arkansas' Vote On Override

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how Congressmen from Arkansas voted Thursday in a roll call by which the House overrode President Ford's veto of a \$56.6 billion appropriations bill for the departments of labor and health, education and welfare. A yes vote means a vote to override. x-denotes not voting.
 Arkansas: Democrats — Alexander yes; Mills yes; Thornton x. Republican — Hammer-smidit yes.



Strolling Along

Lou Ann Carroll, a business major, just strolls along in the water at Miami Beach, Fla. Lou Ann, a green-eyed blonde, enjoys fishing, boating, and riding swampbug-gies in the Florida Everglades. She also likes modeling. (AP Wirephoto)

Texan Takes On Great White Shark

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — Dick Minns is one of those average guys who jumps off cliffs, waterskis for eight hours at a stretch and wants to fight a Great White Shark.
 "Sure, I know there will be these coming to watch me die," said Minns, 48. "It's just like boxing, or a bullfight. People want that gore."
 Dick Minns is aggressive. He's celebrated recent birthdays with long-distance swims, thousands of sit-ups, dives from high cliffs. Training for the shark fight has been for Minns, hours at a time on waterskis. He gulps bowls of vitamins and has a weightlifter's physique.
 Minns, who is from Houston, made millions in the health spa business. He's a former Golden Gloves boxing champ, a bull rider, an ex-newspaperman and an advertising wizard. He lives every day as if it were his last.
 As a newspaperman, he said, "I got a lot of new titles over the years, but never a pay raise. Finally I went into public relations and took over the as and ended up ahead."
 "I never went out after money, but I am a competitor, and money is one way to keep score," he said.
 "Now I am ready to do my

thing. There's danger, and plenty of danger, but this is going to be a lot of fun and I will have a fine shark dinner," Minns said.
 Minns, clad in T-shirt, blue jeans and sneakers, said the movie "Jaws" convinced him this year's act should be killing a white shark, 2,000 to 3,000 pounds.
 "The Houston Nut — that's what he calls himself — said he wants to prove a 150-pound

man can kill a big white shark so "more and more people, maybe millions, will no longer be afraid of the ocean and can enjoy the water."
 Minns' birthday was Aug. 17 but he said he plans to fight the shark next May when "conditions are right." The slowdown will be somewhere off the Great Barrier Reef near Australia or in Samoa, he said.
 Several television producers have approached him about closed circuit rights to the shark fight, he said. "I don't do anything for money. But if somebody wants to pay me, that's fine. I'll give all the money to charity. If they don't pay, I'll do it alone and enjoy the water," he said.
 "I have made a covenant with myself to fight and kill a great white shark, nothing will interfere with that. I will fight the shark without any financial gain to me. I will fight it without having to compromise with Hollywood promoters, government and presidential politics, humane societies and ecological groups."
 "The shark goes at you at 42 miles an hour with one great big mouth and 400 teeth coming at you," said Minns. "They have no fear, but I'll take it, you can count on that, mister."

Eugene McCarthy

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — All 75 of the state's county election commissioners have notified that Eugene McCarthy will be a write-in candidate for president. McCarthy campaign officials said.
 The notification is required by law to qualify a write-in candidate for the Arkansas ballot.
 The former Minnesota senator is running in several states as an independent.
 However, his Arkansas supporters decided it would be too expensive and burdensome to gather the necessary petition signatures to get McCarthy on the Arkansas ballot as an independent.

Rate Reduction
 LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Liberty Telephone and Communications at Hardy is asking the state Public Service Commission for something most utilities don't think about very often. They want a rate reduction.
 Actually, the company is only asking for a reduction in an original \$425,000 increase request. But the company wants to cut it by about \$225,000.

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