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The case #RoeVWade was decided January 22, 1973.

But, "Roe" aka Norma McCorvey never actually had an abortion.

Ever.

In 1973 Sarah Weddington, the young lawyer who argued the case, called Norma & said “We won!”

She replied: “No, you won. Why would I be excited? I had a baby.”



The fact that Roe was no longer pregnant was an issue before SCOTUS.

But, Sarah Weddington had already modified the case to a class action— so even if Roe wasn't pregnant there was some woman somewhere in Texas pregnant who didn't want to be.

Fantastic move on her part!

Sarah Weddington, who argued Roe v. Wade before the Supreme Court at age 26, brought her parents & husband to oral argument.

Just like any mom— Sarah's asked if she could bring a camera & tape recorder. She had to tell her mom they weren't allowed in the courtroom.



Years before Roe v. Wade, Sarah Weddington, who remains the youngest person ever to have argued a successful Supreme Court case— had an illegal abortion herself, in Mexico.

No one knew this at the time. She said, "I secretly resolved to find a way to fix things in the future."

At the time, so many single women were on flights to El Paso, TX to cross the border to terminate their pregnancies, they called them "abortion flights."



After her illegal abortion, the idea for Roe v. Wade started at a garage sale in Texas.

It was a fundraiser for a local abortion referral group. In the driveway the women asked Sarah Weddington the initial legal questions they wanted answered— which eventually led to the case.

We now know "Roe" was Norma McCorvey... but, who was "Wade"?

Henry Wade was a Texas politician elected District Attorney in Dallas County. He was DA for 35 years & sent 29 people to death row.

So... not exactly "pro-life." ¯_(■)_/¯



They initially won Roe v. Wade in federal district court, but luckily, Henry Wade was arrogant— he publicly stated that he refused to obey the decision & would keep prosecuting women & doctors for abortion in Texas.

His arrogance helped fast-track the case to the Supreme Court.

When they won the initial step in Roe v. Wade in Texas in 1970, the Houston Post wrote, "If their day in court proves anything, it certainly proves that genteel Southern ladies can indeed be very good lawyers."



SIXTEEN PAGES TODAY

All the News While It Is News.

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MAY DAY DISORDERS OF FRENCH WORKMEN

The Long Dreaded Day Failed to Produce a Revolt, but the Riots Were Serious.

CROWD TRAMPLED ON

Cavalry Charged Into the Masses on the Streets.

MANY PEOPLE WOUNDED

Workmen Claim Action of Troops Was Brutal and Will Bring Trouble.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS GENERAL

Disorders in the Provinces Were Marked by Violence in Which Numerous Injuries and Damage to Property Resulted.

(Associated Press Report.)

PARIS, May 1.—Till long-dreaded May day failed to bring the revolution which inflammatory journals predicted, but none the less it brought scenes of extreme violence. The labor distrurs, which thousands of troops controlled with difficulty, even central portions of Paris, have taken on the appearance of a siege with regiments of infantry and cavalry camped about the Arc de Triomphe, the Bourse, the Bank of France and the great railway stations, while military sentinels paced before banks and private establishments. The main thoroughfares in the residential portion of Paris remain tranquil. In the west and far removed from riotous scenes people are disposed to treat the events in the labor quarters as harmless effervescence. It was, however, much more than that. Throughout the afternoon dragoons, republican guards and cuirassiers chased disorderly crowds, sweeping the Boulevard de Magenta and the Place de la Republique. Toward night the cavalry charged with drawn swords and many persons were wounded on both sides. The manifestants overturned omnibuses and threw up hasty barricades. Over 200 arrests were made during the day.

At no time did the demonstration reach the magnitude of a revolt, but was rather a leaderless tumult, in which the serious labor element, struggling for a principle, was hopelessly confused with violent agitators, anarchists, revolutionists, roughs and a large number of curious people. The workmen never succeeded in forming a procession or even in assembling about their respective bands. Their chief action was a reunion of several thousands in the labor exchange, at which a resolution was adopted not to return to work until the eight-hour day shall have been accorded.

CHARGED INTO CROWDS.

The worst hour of the day was toward 5 o'clock this evening, when the police practically lost control and were compelled to rely on the mounted troops. The latter, former in line fifteen yards apart, swept around the Place de la Republique, driving the disorderly crowds into the surrounding streets. Most of the mob sought refuge in the Boulevard de Magenta and at the Quai de Valmy, which became centers of disorders. Here the trumpets sounded repeated commands to disperse, and the troops charged into the crowds, trampling and injuring many. A body of foot guards became surrounded by manifestants and was rescued with difficulty by cavalry with drawn swords. Here a number were wounded. By 6 o'clock calm had been measurably restored and most of the troops returned to their barracks.

Throughout the disorders the troops succeeded in executing their original plan of holding the cavalry charge as escort to the limits of the labor district and not permitting them to press toward the wealthy commercial and residential sections. Tonight vehicular traffic is completely suspended. Cabs, omnibuses and street cars are not running, the result being to give the unusually busy boulevards a singular aspect of deserting.

Enormous crowds of curious people fill the streets. The opera house was crowded and open, the opera having two squadrons of cuirassiers in the house. Camille Felix Ewingartner is conducting a Beethoven festival in the auditorium. Ten of the leading theaters closed on account of the disturbed conditions. The banks were closed throughout the day.

ONLY BEGINNING OF AGITATION.

At 1 o'clock tonight dragoons still occupied the streets surrounding Bourse and the other great financial establishments.

The temper of the workmen tonight is threatening. They claim that the police acted brutally and cite many instances of innocent people being beaten and arrested. They declare that today is only the beginning of the movements.

Reports from the provinces show that there were violent demonstrations at Marseilles, Brest, Bordeaux, St. Etienne, Lyons and Rouen.

At Marseilles processions carrying red flags and creating violent disorder came in collision with the troops and a number of persons were injured. At Bordeaux processions paraded the streets singing revolutionary songs, and the cavalry charged them, suspending many. At Lyons crowds of manifestants attacked the street cars, breaking the windows, whereupon the troops charged the rioters, wounding a large number. There were lesser disturbances at many points.

Italy Escaped Disorders.

(Associated Press Report.)

ROME, May 1.—Labor demonstrations are quietly here today. Workingmen's meetings were held in all the large towns and many inflammatory speeches were delivered, but no disorders have yet been reported.

Street Clashes With Troops.

(Associated Press Report.)

ARCHANGEL, Russia, May 1.—Street fights occurred here today between manifestants and the troops and troops, during which the chief of police, an officer and four soldiers were wounded.

BOMBS DISCOVERED,

But None Were Exploded in the Streets of Paris.

(Associated Press Report.)

PARIS, May 2, 4:30 a. m.—The streets have been quiet throughout the night. Several bombs were discovered by the police, but none was exploded. The bombs were conveyed to the municipal laboratory for examination. One was found at the Austerlitz bridge, one at the Metropolitan viaduct, in the vicinity of the opera. A further attempt was made to derail the Tidal train proceeding to Dieppe.

TO ACCEPT ALL AID

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WELCOMED BY SAN FRANCISCO.

Efforts Are Being Made to Place the Ablebodied to Work and Protect Relief Funds.

(Associated Press Report.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—It was decided today that the citizens' committee would accept all offers of aid from foreign countries. This decision was reached when a communication was received through Japanese official sources stating if the mayor would receive the contribution of $50,000 made by the emperor of Japan and declined by the United States government. The finance committee held that San Francisco, being essentially a cosmopolitan city, it was obliged to care for many destitute foreigners, and that it would be proper in these circumstances to accept all outside tenders of assistance.

The local money stringency was somewhat relieved today by the banks resuming business in a small measure through the branch United States mint. Well known depositors were given certified checks for small sums by the savings banks, and business clients of commercial banks were accommodated if they so desired with sums not exceeding $500 each.

The relief of the destitute was conducted today under the new system devised by Dr. Devine of the National Red Cross and the local authorities, and it is reported that all unworthy and undeserving persons within a few days will be eliminated from the list of those entitled to assistance.

Plans for establishing and maintaining a large free employment bureau here have been perfected and will be speedily put into operation. Through this means it is hoped to afford another chance for assistance and to distinguish the able adult who is willing to work from the man who prefers to subsist on the generosity of others.

James D. Phelan, chairman of the finance committee, today received a telegram from Secretary of War Taft, notifying him that only $790,000 remained out of the $2,500,000 appropriated by congress, and that this sum would be expended for supplies, etc.

The telegram was read at the session of the finance committee and filed without discussion.

CAVALRY ESCORT CURTAILED.

Troops Can Accompany Father Sherman Only Short Distance.

(Associated Press Report.)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The president has directed the curtailment of the movement of the Twelfth cavalry as escort to Rev. Father Thomas S. Sherman, and Father Sherman, on a march over part of the line of General Sherman's famous march to the sea. Instead the trip may be made from Fort Oglethorpe as far as Rome, which is within about fifty miles of Fort Oglethorpe, when the cavalry detachment is to return to the latter place. Orders to this effect were given tonight following the receipt of a long-distance telephone message from Brigadier General Duvall, commanding the department of the gulf, by whom authority for detachment was ordered to accompany Father Sherman, and a conference on the subject between the president and General Bell, chief of staff.

WESSEN TESTIFYING

As an Expert in Favor of Patrick This Time.

(Associated Press Report.)

NEW YORK, May 1.—Expert testimony was heard today at the trial of Albert T. Patrick on the motion for a new trial, as to the effects of embalming fluid in concealing evidence of death by the accused of chloroform. Dr. Albert T. Wessen, a coroner's physician, was identified in behalf and said that he had injected embalming fluid into the bodies of twelve babies before making an incision in the lungs and that he was forced to flood the fluid nearly twice into the lungs before he was able to make it difficult to determine whether death had been caused by breathing in an irritant vapor, chloroform included.

That embalming fluid may prevent chloroform poisoning was contended by Patrick.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Eight Hundred Labor Leaders Taken Into Custody by the French Police.

(Associated Press Report.)

PARIS, May 1.—4:25 p. m.—The arrests are now estimated to number 700 to 800. The secretary of the labor union is among those taken into custody.

Prefect of Police Lepine has announced that Paris is calm outside of the labor district and the Place de la Republique.

May Day Observed in Germany.

(Associated Press Report.)

BERLIN, May 1, 4:50 p. m.—May day assemblies of workmen were larger in Berlin and the industrial centers of Germany today than for years.

Eight-hour meetings of socialists were held in Berlin and its suburbs. At one of these meetings 15,000 persons were present.

THE GOLDEN ARGOSY.

MONEY IS WITHHELD

SECRETARY TAFT WILL DO BUYING FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Informed Relief Committee that He Could Not Turn Congress Appropriation Over to It.

(Associated Press Report.)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—In reply to a telegraphic inquiry from Chairman Phelan of the finance committee of the relief and Red Cross funds committee at San Francisco, as to the extent his committee may expect to handle the government appropriation, Secretary Taft sent a message to Mr. Phelan today advising him that more than one and a half million dollars had already been expended in the purchase of subsistence, quartermaster's and medical stores and transportation of these articles and the transportation of troops to San Francisco and that there is still available $790,000 of the appropriation for the purchase of supplies, etc., and which can only be expended by the lawful agents of the war department.

Continuing, Secretary Taft says:

"Should you think that the supply of rations or quartermaster's stores or medical supplies ought to be increased I shall be glad to direct the purchase and forward them to the proper army officers in San Francisco for distribution, but I can not order the payment of money out of the treasury of the United States to your committee for any purpose. My discretion is to be exercised only as to the amounts to be expended for the specific purposes mentioned in the congressional resolutions and thus limited by law.

"As president of the Red Cross I have already directed the remittance to you by telegram of $250,000 out of the funds of that society and am prepared to order the remittance of more as you shall need it.

"It will aid us in taking proper action if you will advise me of the amount of money you have on hand and in general the purpose for which you need more. I infer from your telegrams that you have on hand food, supplies, tentage, blankets and clothing enough for present needs.

"(Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT,
"Secretary of War and President of the Red Cross."

TOKEN FROM SOLDIERS.

Regiment that Camped at San Francisco During War Sent Relief Funds.

(Associated Press Report.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The Tenth regiment of Pennsylvania, which camped in this city at the time of the Spanish war, sent a donation of $10,000 to the relief committee. In a note the officers told how well they were treated by the people of San Francisco during their sojourn here and said that as a token of appreciation they made up this handsome purse to help out the big-hearted people of this city.

EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO.

People Going from Central America to Seek Relatives.

(Associated Press Report.)

MEXICO CITY, May 1.—A large number of people, some fifty-two in all, have reached here from Central American countries on their way to San Francisco, where they had friends or relatives. They showed great anxiety, not having been able to get from communication with them. By taking the Tehuantepec railway and connections to this city the travelers saved nine days over the water route.

SUMMARY OF NEWS

THE WEATHER:

East Texas—Scattered showers; fresh southwest winds.

Domestic.

MOVING DAY in Chicago cost a million dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO decided to accept relief funds from any source.

TELEPHONE and piping mill employes are on strike at Cincinnati.

LAKE TRAFFIC at Cleveland is completely tied up by the longshoremen's strike.

THE CARPENTERS walked out at Chattanooga, where their demands were refused.

SECRETARY TAFT informed San Francisco that he could send supplies but no money.

JOSEPH W. PFEIFFER, a student at Madison, Wis., was treated in horrible fashion by hazers.

THE INSURANCE companies do not yet know their Frisco losses, but will try to avoid litigation.

NEW YORK capitalists offered to furnish San Francisco $100,000,000 on the bond and mortgage plan.

SECRETARY TAFT is said to have finally consented to being put on the supreme court bench in October.

COTTON GROWERS and manufacturers formed a permanent organization at Washington with a view to fixing prices for cotton.

Washington.

THE OUTLOOK for a plant laboratory in Texas is deemed brighter.

A NUMBER of Texans are attending the meeting of cotton growers and spinners at Washington.

THE HOUSE restored the clause providing for the free distribution of seeds to the agricultural bill.

SENATOR TILLMAN attempted to have the senate make an investigation of the Morris incident.

SENATOR BAILEY is keeping in close touch with Aldrich's endeavor to defeat the free alcohol bill.

Foreign.

ROSE THROWING marked the disorders in the Paris riots.

A CLASH between troops and rioters at Warsaw resulted in several deaths.

MAY DAY failed to produce a revolution in France, but the disorders were serious.

Texas.

A BIG BUNCH of new charters was filed.

THERE WERE a number of prominent speakers at the Weimar musicfest.

SIXTY HEAD of cattle were suffocated in the hold of a vessel at Galveston.

A LARGE number of Texans sailed for Germany aboard the Kola from Galveston.

THE DE FOREST company may establish wireless stations at Brownsville and Port Arthur.

THE SHELBY County Lumber company has been adjudged bankrupt in the Federal court at Tyler.

THE BODY of the man found dead near Bryan was identified as that of William Walton of Brooks.

THURSDAY Judge C. K. Bell will make his formal announcement for governor in a speech at Tyler.

DIRT HAS been broken at Bryan for the first of the permanent buildings of the Texas Woman's college.

THE SAN ANTONIO coroner is of the opinion that Jack White came to his death by taking prussic acid.

THE BONDS of William Rezner, charged with being one of the murderers of Pete Bain, has been declared forfeited.

EAGLE LAKE and 220 acres of the Donovan estate in Colorado county were sold to Houston and Austin parties.

THIRTY-EIGHT carloads of strawberries were shipped out of Tyler, the Cotton Belt handling them in two trains.

THE FISHING BOATS seized by Meaker, it is reported, have been sold at auction while the American consul was making an investigation.

A NUMBER of those sued under the anti-trust law as members of the Fort Worth Live Stock exchange raised the attorney general to call over matters with him.

IN A SPEECH at Weimar Mr. Colquitt contended that a corporation commission is not essential and that the anti-trust laws are ample and the machinery for their enforcement sufficient.

Sport.

HOUSTON, Austin and Galveston won.

TEMPLE AND CLEBURNE won in the North Texas league.

A HEAVY PLUNGE was made on Lely Hendricks at Memphis, but she was never in the running.

GRENADE beat out Jennie McCabe in the fastest event at Juneau.

THE KENTUCKY derby is to be run today. Sir Hoss is the overnight favorite.

BOARD OF REVIEW of the National Trotting association has taken up the Memphis gold cup scandal.

DROPPED WITH CRASH

RISE IN CALL MONEY CAUSED A DECLINE IN STOCKS.

Heavy Liquidation Was Followed by a Scramble to Throw Issues Over and Margins Were Wiped Out.

(Associated Press Report.)

NEW YORK, May 1.—A rise in the call money rate this afternoon in the stock exchange to 28 per cent, caused by the calling of loans on stocks, precipitated renewed heavy liquidation in the stock market. With the decline once established there was a heavy throwing over of speculative accounts, due to exhaustion of margins and shortening of stop-loss orders. Prices fell violently to a level materially below the lowest prices of last week. Net declines from last night at the low point reached in Anaconda were 12¾; Great Northern preferred 9¾, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Omaha 8, St. Paul 6¾, Tennessee Coal 6¾, Amalgamated Copper and Colorado Fuel 4. The volume of the market's activity rose to large proportions on the selling movement and the trading was accompanied by considerable excitement.

Ardmore Houses Blown Down.

(Houston Post Special.)

ARDMORE, I. T., May 1.—During a heavy rain last night a severe wind did much damage in several portions of the city. Several houses were blown down, but no one was injured.

Commercial.

A RISE in call money caused a ruinous drop in stock values.

COTTON QUIET, with the final movement steady at a small loss.

STOCKS were nipply demoralized and the decline was heavy.

COFFEE WAS improved on the better foreign cables. Sugar was generally firm.

SEED OILS were quiet, but the prices were higher on scarcity of offerings and bull support.

WET WEATHER and a smaller world's visible supply caused a higher tone in the wheat market.

CATTLE HAD just enough supplies at Fort Worth to make a good market. Hogs were higher on outside buying.

Railroads.

A STEAMSHIP line from Port Arthur to Havana is said to be projected.

FORMAL NOTICE of the claim departments of Sunset Central lines has been published.

THE STATEMENT of earnings as prepared by Auditor Askew shows a healthy increase.

HEAVY PENALTIES are incurred in a suit now being tried in the Federal court at New Orleans on petition of the interstate commerce commission.

Houston.

CAPTAIN CHARLES ISEM died suddenly last night.

O. H. BAUM of El Paso became enthusiastic in discussing his city's future.

THE HOUSTON Cotton Exchange has completed all arrangements for a trip down the ship channel Thursday morning.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the State Republican league met in Houston yesterday and elected delegates to the national meeting in Philadelphia.

FRANK M. ALDRIDGE, one of the leading officials of the Kirby Lumber company, expired suddenly from a stroke of paralysis in the office of the company.

MRS. GEORGE HARLOW, residing at 2001 Jackson street, awoke at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and, missing her husband, searched and found him lying dead on the floor with a bullet through his brain. Coroner rendered a verdict of suicide.

A FIERCE WINDSTORM DID MUCH DAMAGE

There Were Three Distinct Disturbances Near Decatur, Wise County, During Tuesday Afternoon.

WARSAW VERY QUIET.

Only Three Policemen Killed During the Day.

(Associated Press Report.)

WARSAW, May 1.—Three policemen were killed in the streets today, but the threatened May 1 outbreaks have not materialized up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Warsaw is like a city of the dead. The shops and restaurants are closed. No cabs and no street cars are running and no newspapers are being sold. The streets are patrolled by troops, but a heavy rain is falling, which is keeping the populace indoors.

OFFER OF CAPITALISTS

NEW YORKERS WILLING TO LOAN SAN FRANCISCO MONEY.

A Syndicate Agreed to Furnish Hundred Million on Bond Mortgage Plan for Building Purpose.

(Associated Press Report.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The first definite proposition for furnishing money on a large scale to San Francisco for the purpose of rebuilding of one of the burned sections was made public today, when it was announced that a syndicate of New York capitalists had agreed to advance $100,000,000. The news came in a telegram received by W. F. Herrin, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, from Senator Newlands of Nevada, who has a large interest in the burned district. Senator Newlands said he had submitted the plan to financiers and that they had virtually consented to supply the money on a bond and mortgage basis. The names of the New York people are not given. The offer is under discussion by the local finance committee.

The subject of having a special session of the legislature called at an early day is being earnestly considered by the general committee. The calamity San Francisco has suffered will call for many changes in the California statutes and in the city charter in order to permit of new regulations in the matter of increasing indebtedness, making longer leases, etc., and Governor Pardee is urged to convene the legislature in extra session as early as possible.

Considering the condition of the city an astonishing amount of building has commenced. The new structures are all one story frame, but they will be sufficient for a time to provide for the immediate needs of their builders.

TAFT HAS GIVEN IN.

He Will Consent to Being Benched in October.

(Houston Post Special.)

NEW YORK, May 1.—A special to the Times says: Despite emphatic declarations concerning Secretary Taft's availability for the republican nomination for the presidency in 1908, it can be said on the highest authority that Secretary Taft has given up all presidential aspirations and will accept President Roosevelt's offer of appointment as associate justice of the United States supreme court.

October 1 is named now as the probable date when Judge Taft will leave the war department.

WOMAN WAS KILLED

At Cowan When Her Home Was Destroyed by Wind.

(Houston Post Special.)

DECATUR, Texas, May 1.—Three distinct storms of great intensity passed over this section this afternoon and the damage wrought is beyond computation at this hour.

The torrential rains were accompanied by cyclonic winds and heavy hail.

At Cowan, seven miles from this place, the Methodist church was demolished and Mrs. Parks was killed. Her son, Robert Parks, resides here.

The first storm occurred at 1 o'clock and the two subsequent ones came at 4 and 6 o'clock this evening.

WINDSTORM IN JONES COUNTY.

Some Damage Was Done, but No One Is Reported Hurt.

(Houston Post Special.)

ABILENE, Texas, May 1.—A heavy storm passed to the northward in Jones county this afternoon. It was accompanied with much hail, some stones falling weighing two ounces.

At Hamlin, on the Orient railway, a large two-story house was blown down; no one was hurt.

The above section was also visited by a fine rain.

Rain Has Done Damage.

(Houston Post Special.)

SHERMAN, Texas, May 1.—The condition of the roads already soaked by the heavy rains yesterday, was made worse in Sherman this morning by another heavy rain fall. The rains have delayed farm work greatly and have been especially destructive to the first crops of alfalfa, much of which is lying out in the fields.

Fruit Greatly Damaged.

(Houston Post Special.)

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, May 1.—Great damage to the fruit is reported from Throckmorty and many sections of the county report wheat blown down. Heavy showers of rain, accompanied by wind has been falling last night and today.

ONE WOMAN KILLED

The Property Loss Is Now Said to Be Very Heavy.

A TORRENTIAL RAIN ALSO

A Number of People Were Injured Near Red Oak.

WAS A CLOUDBURST NEAR CHICO

Damage Was Done to Buildings and Crops by the Great Fall of Water. Heavy Hailfalls Are Also Reported.

(Houston Post Special.)

DALLAS, Texas, May 1.—A tornado swept over parts of Brown, Wise, Denton and Grayson counties late this afternoon, doing great damage to crops and farm property. Two persons are known to have been killed and probably two others.

At the village of Cowan, in Wise county, ten houses was destroyed and Mrs. Parks was killed. Two other occupants of the house were so badly injured that they may die.

At Sivey, Denton county, the house of Joseph Foster was blown down on the family and the ruins took fire. Mrs. Foster and the children crawled out of the ruins safely, but Mr. Foster was pinned down by heavy timbers and before rescuers could get him out with an ax he was so badly burned that he died tonight.

At Sherman a Methodist church was blown down and at Brownwood several houses were partly wrecked.

NUMBER WERE INJURED

When a Cyclone Destroyed Houses at Red Oak.

(Houston Post Special.)

M'KINNEY, Texas, May 1.—Red Oak, a small town in the northeastern part of Collin county, was struck by a cyclone at 4:30 o'clock tonight and the houses of Mr. Chitsworth, James George and Mr. Calhoun were totally destroyed, as were also the farm houses of L. G. Mosely and Mr. Hadly.

In the wrecking of the Chitsworth house several children of the family were severely injured. Hurry calls were made over telephone for physicians, but the torrents of water had so swollen the creeks that it was impossible to reach the sufferers with medical aid.

Several members of the Holly family were also injured and they were cut off from assistance.

Desert Pilot and Sister Grove creeks are great torrents of raging waters tonight, and they have never been known to be so high. The telephone lines are all down and means of travel and communication are cut off.

The storm spent its greatest force between the little town of Cotton and Blue Ridge.

There were many narrow escapes from death and the full extent of the damage will not be known for some time, as travel is impossible during the night. It is feared that the unprecedented high waters will be attended with loss of life.

CLOUDBURST AT CHICO.

Town Was Inundated and People Took to Cellars.

(Houston Post Special.)

CHICO, Texas, May 1.—Chico had a cloudburst, wind and hailstorm today at 12:30 which did considerable damage to the town and to the crops around here. A large part of the town was overflowed by Dry creek.

The sawing of the Morris Mercantile company was blown 100 yards.

Machinery of the Farmers' gin and of Waggoner's gin was injured by water, and several bales of cotton from the latter were floated off.

The homes of June P. Miller, Mrs. S. A. Bailey and Hardy Kirby were destroyed, and there was much damage to fences and outhouses all over town.

The wires of the Independent Telephone company were blown down.

Most of the people took warning and found safety in storm cellars, but R. F. Whitaker was driven from his cellar by the caving in of the walls, and J. H. Gardner's filled with water and he had to get out into the ground.

Ira Sykes came in from the Sand Flat neighborhood this afternoon and reported the crops in that section badly damaged. Cotton and garden truck are destroyed and will have to be replanted.

Another gale arose about 4:30 o'clock and caused considerable alarm, but did no further damage.

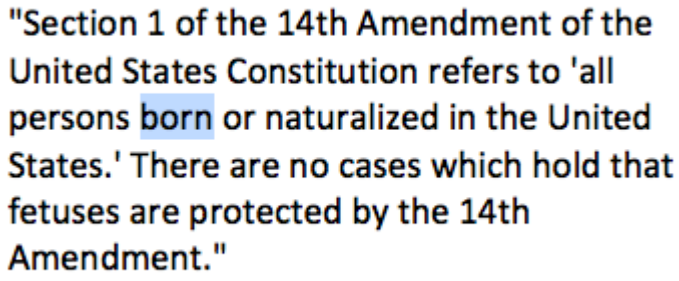
Ten-Inch Hail Stone.

(Houston Post Special.)

BROWNWOOD, Texas, May 1.—During the rain which fell here this afternoon some of the largest hail stones fell that was ever seen in this section. Rev. John Power measured one that was ten inches in circumference; others were picked up ten minutes after they fell and when weighed they tipped the beam at eight ounces. It was without question the largest hail ever seen here.

As the Roe v. Wade lawyers prepared for the Supreme Court, they debated whether some facts were *too obvious* to even include.

One, in footnote 96, became one of the most important parts of the brief.



The lawyers for Roe v. Wade argued that property rights were contingent on being born alive.

And, no benefits were given to fetuses for things like workman's comp where benefits are normally allowed for "children."

So... a fetus was *not* actually a child under the law.

Sarah Weddington, the attorney behind Roe v. Wade & the one who argued it before the Supreme Court, was 25 years old when she first argued it in federal court— she had never before argued a single contentious case in her life.

Her age & gender led to a lot of discrimination.



Roy Lucas, a New York attorney, stepped in to help prepare Roe v. Wade for the Supreme Court— but, he sent a letter to the Court, BEHIND THE BACKS of the female attorneys who filed the case, saying HE would argue the case at the SCOTUS, in an attempt to steal it from them.

Luckily, the clients in the case have the final say about who argues it.

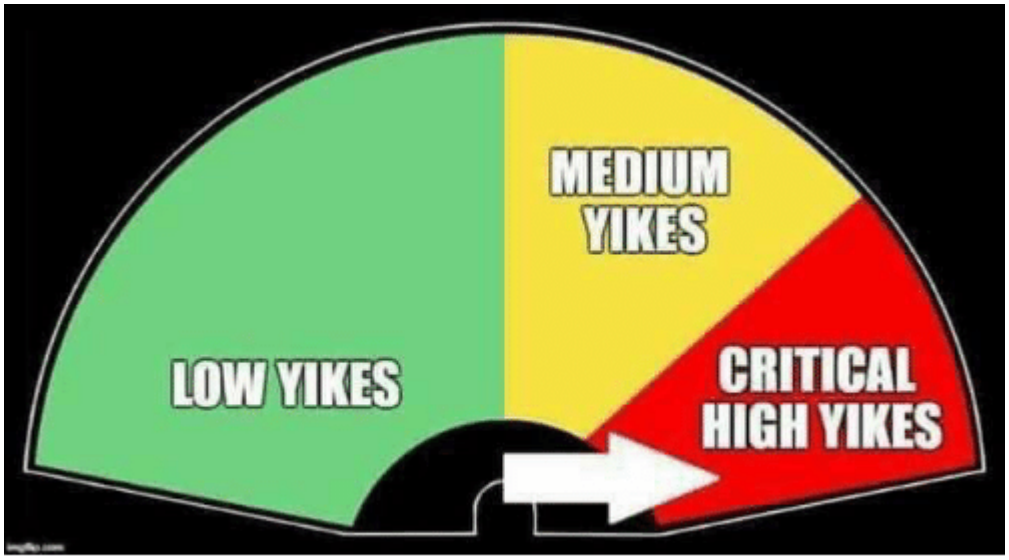
Linda + John Doe (the companion case) & Jane Roe wrote a letter to the Court informing them Sarah Weddington (not Roy Lucas who they had never met) would be presenting the oral argument in Roe v. Wade.



There were 2 cases December 13, 1971— a Texas case (Roe v. Wade) & a Georgia case (Doe v. Bolton).

3/4 attorneys arguing were women bc Georgia chose Dorothy Beasley, an assistant AG, to argue against abortion.

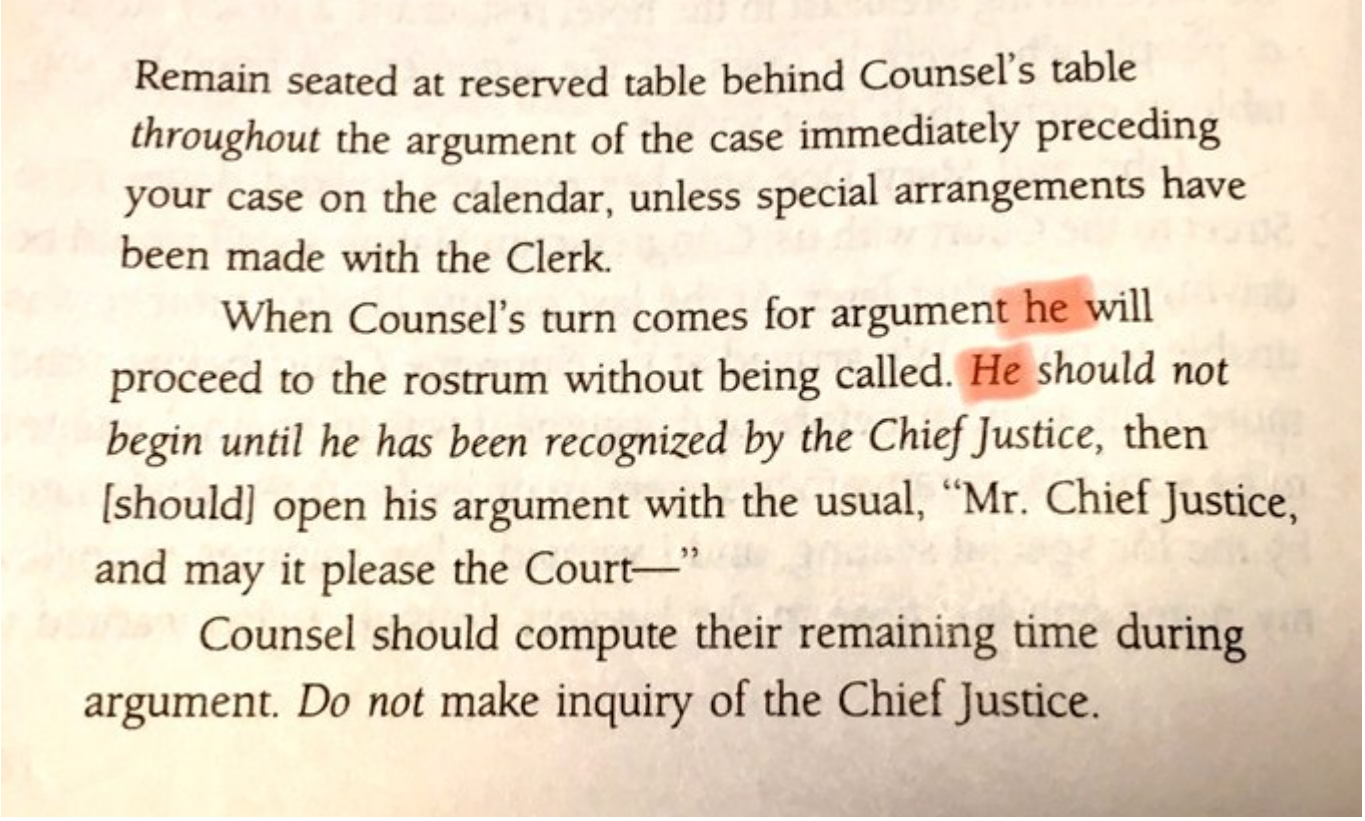
Supreme Court personnel referred to it as, "Ladies' Day."



These instructions were given to the attorneys arguing Roe v. Wade.

The Supreme Court only used male pronouns when referring to Counsel.

(This is from Sarah Weddington's book, "A Question of Choice"— where I'm getting all this trivia from. It's a fascinating read!)



Remain seated at reserved table behind Counsel's table *throughout* the argument of the case immediately preceding your case on the calendar, unless special arrangements have been made with the Clerk.

When Counsel's turn comes for argument he will proceed to the rostrum without being called. *He should not begin until he has been recognized by the Chief Justice,* then [should] open his argument with the usual, "Mr. Chief Justice, and may it please the Court—"

Counsel should compute their remaining time during argument. *Do not* make inquiry of the Chief Justice.

The lawyer for Wade (TX) in Roe v. Wade, Jay Floyd, started his oral argument before the Supreme Court w a "joke."

"When a man argues against two beautiful ladies like this— they're going to have the last word." ■

Literally no one in the courtroom laughed & it unnerved him. ■

In June 1972, Roe v. Wade was scheduled by the Supreme Court for RE-argument, which is extremely unusual.

Yep, Roe was argued TWICE.

A rumor as to why was Nixon did not want the Court— sometimes called "The Nixon Court"— to decide the case WHILE he was running for a 2nd term.

In 1971 & 1972 when she argued the case (twice) they didn't even have a women's bathroom in the Supreme Court "lawyer's lounge" & Sarah Weddington said when she went back in 1992— over 20 years later— they STILL DIDN'T.

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