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# SOUTHWICK'S RANSACKED!!



Blarney—(AP)—A robbery is now in progress at Southwick's Emporium. The heist was reported just hours ago when a Southwick employee found the safe open and ransacked. Gold bags and suitcases filled with currency are said to be missing. The number one suspect is Harry Hooligan, a recent escapee from Sing Sing. He is believed to be still at large in the store. Officer Keystone Kelly is already on the scene, hot on the tail of this alleged culprit.



## JAILBREAK AT SING SING!! Harry Hooligan Missing!

New York, February 13—(UPI)—State officials have reported the escape of Harry Hooligan from Sing Sing maximum security prison. The notorious thief was serving ten years for grand larceny after burglarizing 29 department stores last year.

Head warden, Ronald Riggle, described Hooligan as a quick-witted, no-holds-barred burglar who uses everything at his disposal to pull off a job. Riggle said Hooligan is famous for using toy biplanes to foil security guards and is adept at switching floors without using elevators or escalators. Finally, he added that Hooligan was captain of the prison track team and voted 'Most Likely to Escape' in the prison yearbook.

## INTERVIEW WITH KEYSTONE KELLY
*Exclusive!*

Taking a break from an exhausting chase, Officer Kelly shared these crimebusting tips with our reporter:

**US:** What advice can you give to new recruits coming to your aid at Southwick's?

**K.K:** DON'T GET STUCK ON THE ROOF! Because you can't get back down. To avoid this embarrassing predicament, stay behind the crook and don't go to the roof until he's up there.

**US:** What can someone do to prepare for the chase?

**K.K.:** I'd practice me jumpin', duckin' an' runnin', until it's all perfectly timed to avoid collisions. By the way, when the beachballs really start bouncing high, forget about jumpin' 'em. Just duck under 'em when they're at their highest point.

**US:** How can collisions be avoided when so much junk is being thrown around at such high speeds?

**K.K.:** Get to know the rhythms of the objects, so you'll actually be jumpin' or duckin' before an object is even on screen.

**US:** Can you think of anything else that may help a rookie out?

**K.K:** Let's see...you can save yourself a few steps if you JUMP onto the escalators. You'll immediately be halfway up. Last but not least, don't forget to use the Security Scanner—it really helps.

And, with that, Officer Keystone Kelly bounded back into the Southwick melee.

## SPACE AGE SECURITY AT SOUTHWICK'S!
*But where did it come from???*

Blarney—(AP)—Southwick's, the downtown emporium which boasts of being first in fashion, may also be first in futuristic devices. Yesterday, a security system was unveiled there that is so highly advanced, it's got military officials anxious and bewildered. "We haven't even invented this stuff yet," said a Washington spokesperson, "so we want to know where it came from."

Suspicious equipment includes surveillance cameras, hidden monitors and something called a 'long range scanner'.

As their investigation progressed, it was discovered that a patent for the system was issued in Europe, seven years ago. It was registered by Mae Tarantino, an Italian farmer responsible for solar hummingbird feeders and three books of poetry.






## THE REAL CULPRIT REVEALED?

One hour before presstime, this publication received a photo and an anonymous letter claiming that the Southwick heist was planned, in its entirety, by someone named Garry Kitchen. We rushed to gather his prior records from Police files, but found nothing. The only reference to a 'Garry Kitchen' we found was in an East coast phone book under "Top notch software designers." But, since it's only 1926, we haven't the slightest idea what that means.

## NEW RESTAURANT BOASTS STRANGE FARE.



Another new eatery has opened its doors in Blarney, with a menu that's bound to arouse curiosity, if not customers. "Nature's Hut" claims to serve "...only natural and organic food with the vegetarian in mind," according to Ludwig Waitunsee, its proprietor.

The menu offers items like wheat germ, rose hips, carrot juice, corn meal, soy pate, bean curd and alfalfa sprouts, a selection not too dissimilar from the Burpee Seed Catalogue! Mr. Waitunsee, however, insists that this type of eating will be commonplace one day. What's more, he'll soon be offering classes in 'yoga', an exotic exercise system popular in India! What'll they think of next??!!

## DON'T WALK–RUN!! Timer clocks cops –Will the pressure be too much???

Blarney, February 14—In an effort to improve employee performance, the Boston police department has begun a controversial merit system. Merits are now awarded on the basis of time: The less time a cop takes to bust a crook, the more merits he or she is awarded. The controversy centers around the fact that the officer will be replaced and reassigned if the timer is allowed to run out before an arrest has been made. Critics feel this puts unnecessary pressure on our already stress-prone police.

"This is ridiculous!" quipped a sergeant who asked not to be identified. "A major arrest takes time...ya got it?? Time! T-I-M-E!!! Merits, shmerits. What we need is a good union! That's what I say!" The officer was Sergeant Paddy O'Leary.

Southwick's Emporium has incorporated the controversial merit system into their new security device. Keystone Kelly, the officer in charge of their current crisis (see related stories), had this to say: *"#$??**$$##!?#$*!!! ++??!! |~#$???!!#!*.....But, then again, maybe 'twill improve our motivation."

## WOMAN RAISED BY GORILLAS, NOW SKI INSTRUCTOR IN VERMONT!

Ten years ago today, this paper reported the incredible discovery of a healthy, 14 year-old girl living among the gorillas of Botswana, Africa. She was then identified as Zsa Zsa Rosenblum, long-lost daughter of Judy and Satch Rosenblum, formerly with the U.S. foreign service.

In an effort to report on Miss Rosenblum's progress, the Blarney Beacon investigated her current whereabouts. Incredibly, we found her working as a ski instructor at a Rutland, Vermont resort. We asked her what aspect of her orientation into society she found most difficult. "Waiting in line at the grocery store," she replied. Co-workers say Zsa Zsa is a responsible, fun-loving staff member whose only quirk is an inability to use a fork and knife.


DR. ROBERT GODDARD PAVES WAY FOR SPACE AGE BY LAUNCHING THE FIRST LIQUID FUELED ROCKET. Story on page 3.


## THRIFTY PLANNERS MAKE BIG BOO BOO. What goes up can't always come down.

In an effort to economize, the facility planners at Southwick's hired a newborn company to install its escalators. As the department store was getting ready for its grand opening, it was soon discovered that there was just one escalator on each floor—and it was 'UP ONLY'!

"Well that's a fine how-do-you-do!" said Harry G. Willickers, Southwick's general manager. The company responsible for the installation was Binky Electronics. Orville Batts, a Binky electrician said, "I can show you the contract. That's just what they ordered: 'A system of escalators, one per floor.' I don't understand the commotion. Why are they mad at us?"

The 'up-only' escalators are causing only a slight inconvenience, since shoppers may still go up *and* down on the elevator. However, the escalator is still the only way to the roof, from which, henceforth, one cannot descend.

## "I Was Right There!" *Southwick Employee Tells All!!*



Blarney, February 14—Bea Goode, the accountant who discovered the Southwick robbery, gave reporters her own inside 'account' as she left the scene: "Why, it's almost as bad as opening day at Bargain Ben's! Keystone Kelly had better be ready to run, duck and jump every step of the way. The crook took all the beachballs and biplanes from our toy department and is hurling them all over the place. Shopping carts, too! He's also using our supply of cathedral radios as blockades."

Ms. Goode said she's never seen this much chaos in all of her years at Southwick's. "It's a good thing we're insured! It would've been a catastrophe if Fred forgot to send that renewal check..." Fred Dorkie, Southwick's insurance coordinator, was last seen at the Blarney airport, reportedly on his way to Brazil.

# Atari® Home Computer Operation Revealed!

- Plug in cartridge. Turn power ON.
- Select level, 1-16, by pressing SELECT until desired level appears on the screen.
- Press OPTION if you do not wish to hear the musical theme throughout the game.
- Press START to begin. When the music stops or decreases in volume, Keystone Kelly is ready to move.
- Keystone Kelly follows the left or right movements of the Joystick. He jumps when you press the red button. For a long, running jump, press the red button while pushing your Joystick left or right. Keystone will duck when you pull the Joystick back. He'll step into an elevator when you push the Joystick forward, and he'll step out when you pull the Joystick back.
- The security scanner at the bottom of the screen is an overview of all the floors and the roof. Keystone is the black dot, the crook is the white dot. The elevator is the moving blue square in the middle and the escalators are the black slashes on either end.
- The merit system's timer is beneath your score. It starts counting down as soon as the game begins. Nine seconds are deducted whenever Keystone collides with a shopping cart, beachball or radio. When only 10 seconds remain, the timer flashes. Be warned!
- To pause the action, press the space bar or a letter key on the keyboard. To resume the action, press it again.
- The game ends when your entire squad of cops has gone 'off duty'. Any of the following will send them on their way:
  Colliding with a biplane.
  Running out of time.
  Allowing a crook to escape off the roof.
- Scoring. Each time a crook is apprehended, you'll receive 1000 points plus a bonus based on the time remaining. Also, points are scored for recovered loot:

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| Suitcase | 200 points on floor 1 |
| | 400 points on floor 3 |
| Gold Bag | 500 points on floor 2 |
| | 1000 points on the roof |

- Bonus cops. You begin with Keystone Kelly on active duty and three cops on reserve. With every 10,000 point increase, a bonus cop is added to your reserve squad, up to a maximum of 3 on screen at a time.



*Al DeMeo, adapter for the Atari® Home Computers and the 5200™*



*Sydney Software, adapters for Colecovision®*

# New Scoop on 5200™!

- Plug in cartridge. Turn power ON.
- Select level, 1-16, like this: First press 0, then press the appropriate number(s) on the hand controller.
- Press the asterisk(*) if you do not wish to hear the musical theme throughout the game.
- Press START to begin. When the music stops or decreases in volume, Keystone Kelly is ready to move.
- Keystone Kelly follows the left or right movements of the Control Stick. He jumps when you press the lower red button on either side of the controller. For a long, running jump, press the button while pushing the control stick left or right. Keystone will duck when you pull the control stick back. He'll step into an elevator when you push it forward, and he'll step out when you pull it back.
- The security scanner at the bottom of the screen is an overview of all the floors and the roof. Keystone is the black dot, the crook is the white dot. The elevator is the moving blue square in the middle and the escalators are the black slashes on either end.
- The merit system's timer is beneath your score. It starts counting down as soon as the game begins. Nine seconds are deducted whenever Keystone collides with a shopping cart, beachball or radio. When only 10 seconds remain, the timer flashes. Be warned!
- To pause the action, press PAUSE. To resume the action, press it again.
- The game ends when your entire squad of cops has gone 'off duty'. Any of the following will send them on their way:
  Colliding with a biplane.
  Running out of time.
  Allowing a crook to escape off the roof.
- Scoring. Each time a crook is apprehended, you'll receive 1000 points plus a bonus based on the time remaining. Also, points are scored for recovered loot:

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## ST. MARY'S BAKE SALE

St. Mary's annual bake sale will be held this Sunday, after all services, in the church basement. If you can donate some baked goods or would like to help out at the sale, please contact Sara Beanhofstaedter in the church office. Thank you.

# Instructions Disclosed for Colecovision®

- Plug in cartridge. Turn power ON.
- As soon as the title screen disappears, the timer will start counting down. You can now begin moving Keystone.
- Keystone Kelly follows the left or right movements of the control stick. He jumps when you press either side button on the controller. For a long, running jump, press the button while pushing the control stick left or right. Keystone will duck when you pull the control stick back. He'll step into an elevator when you push it forward, and out when you pull it back.
- The security scanner at the bottom of the screen is an overview of all the floors and the roof. Keystone is the black dot, the crook is the white dot. The elevator is the moving grey square in the middle and the escalators are the black slashes at either end.
- The merit system's timer is to the left of your score. It starts counting down as soon as the game begins. Nine seconds are deducted whenever Keystone collides with a shopping cart, beachball or radio. When only 9 seconds remain, the timer flashes. Be warned!
- To pause the action, press 0 on the controller. To resume the action, press it again.
- The game ends when your entire squad of cops has gone 'off duty'. Any of the following will send them on their way:
  Colliding with a biplane.
  Running out of time.
  Allowing a crook to escape off the roof.
- Scoring. Each time a crook is apprehended, you'll receive points based on the time remaining. Also, 50 points are awarded for each recovered suitcase or gold bag.
- Bonus cops. You begin with Keystone Kelly on active duty and three cops on reserve. With every 10,000 point increase, a bonus cop is added to your reserve squad, up to a maximum of 3 on screen at a time.

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