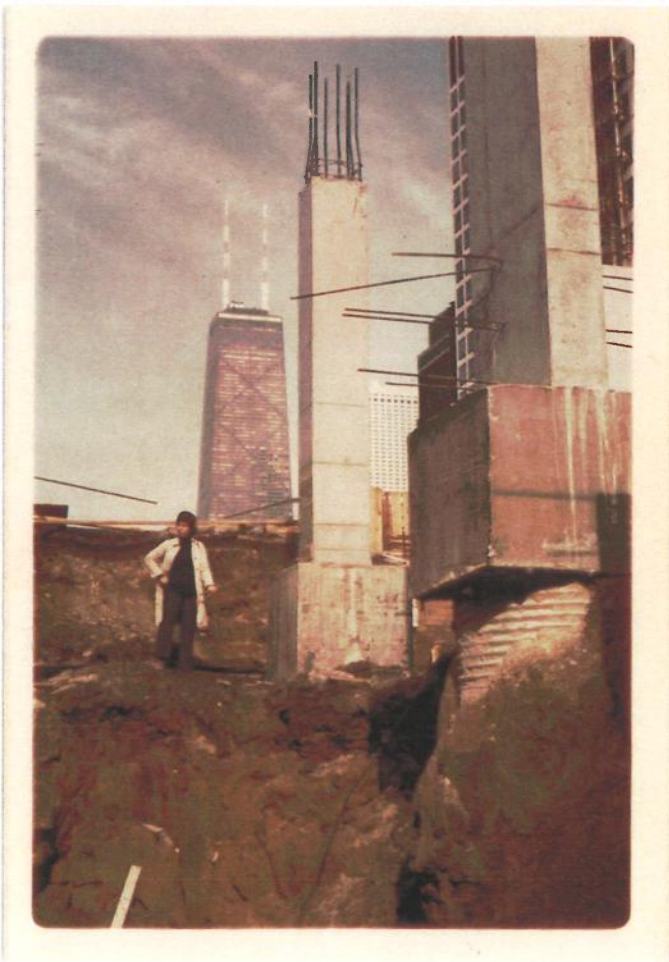
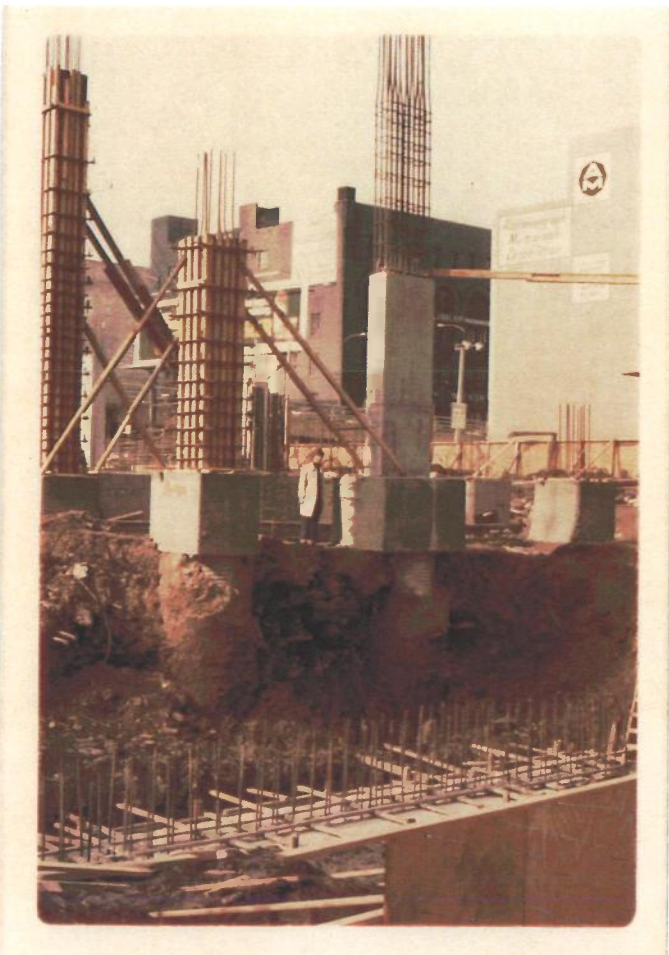




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Kup's column

Political experts are mystified over Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign and its innumerable gaffes. They can't understand how Jimmy conducted such a brilliant primary campaign to win the Democratic nomination and, in a complete turnabout, such a ragged presidential campaign...

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The presidential debates start Thursday night, but the kibitzers are saying Carter started a few weeks ago—debating with himself. . . . Gil Stern on Carter's interview in Playboy: "The Gospel according to Peanuts!"

POLICE ARE CONVINCED THE MOB, which wanted in, was responsible for the slaying of Paul Gonsky, but not because of his porno movies. Gonsky also owned some 20 pornographic book stores, which were more profitable than his films. In the rear of most of these stores, Gonsky operated peep shows. For \$1 patrons could peer at the explicit sex scenes. The mob, which reportedly helped Gonsky at one stage of his business, had declared they were his partners in the porno book stores—or else.

THE TV CRITICS TOOK ONE LOOK at the new CBS series, Jim Bouton's Ball Four, and cried "Three strikes, y'er out." . . . In recent days, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd and Rod McKuen came out of the closet to discuss their homosexuality. This could be a trend. Who's next? . . . Former hairdresser Jon Peters, Barbra Streisand's love who produced her movie, "A Star is Born," visits Our Town Oct. 1 to discuss the film. And Hollywood reports Barbra and Jon soon will wed.

ARTURO PETERINO, THE PUMP ROOM'S colorful maitre d', is the subject of a Page 1 story in the Wall Street Journal.

Arturo, dean of the elegant, palm-outstretched maitre d's, compares the clubs of yesteryear with today's. He likes the old era better. Arturo, known to hundreds of celebrities, indicates his earnings, including tips, run to \$50,000 per. He currently is writing his memoirs, titled "This Way, Please." . . . WGN's Roy Leonard will be feted by fellow Red Clouds Thursday at Ray Harrington's on Milwaukee Av.

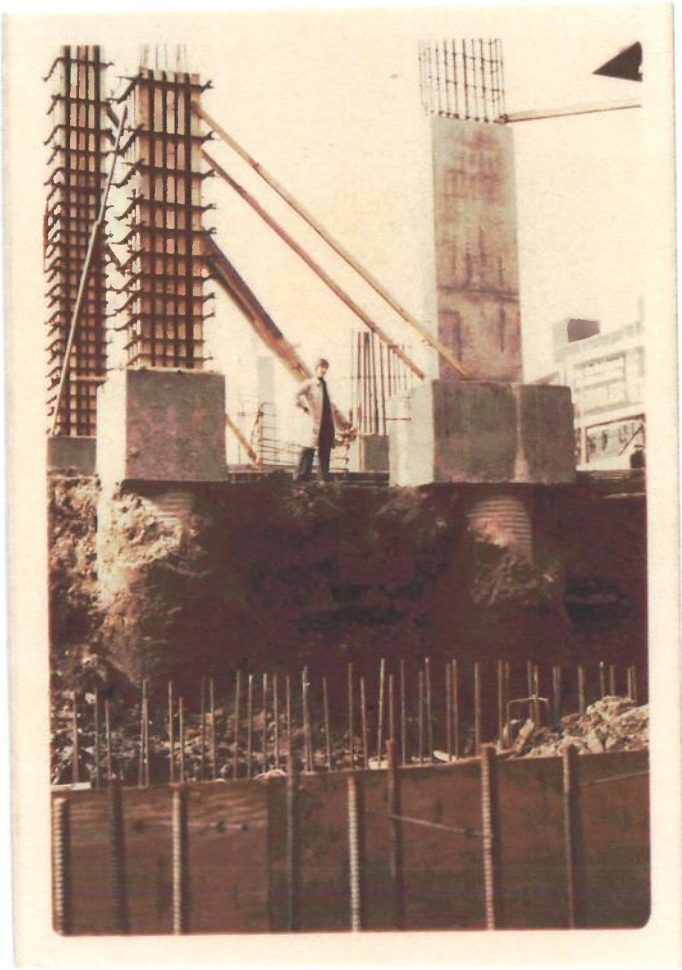
THE UNSINKABLE DEBBIE REYNOLDS, in an interview in the October McCall's, relates that she had only admiration for Elizabeth Taylor, to whom she lost Eddie Fisher, and Edie Adams, both of whom assumed tremendous debts when their husbands died. "When Mike Todd died, he was \$8 million in debt," Debbie explains, "and she paid off every cent." And the same for Edie, currently starring in "Bus Stop" at Drury Lane North. "Ernie Kovacs owed more than \$500,000 when he died. And Edie went to work and paid that one off." Debbie admires that trait. She did it herself when financial reverses hit her former husband, Harry Karl, which cost her a tidy fortune.

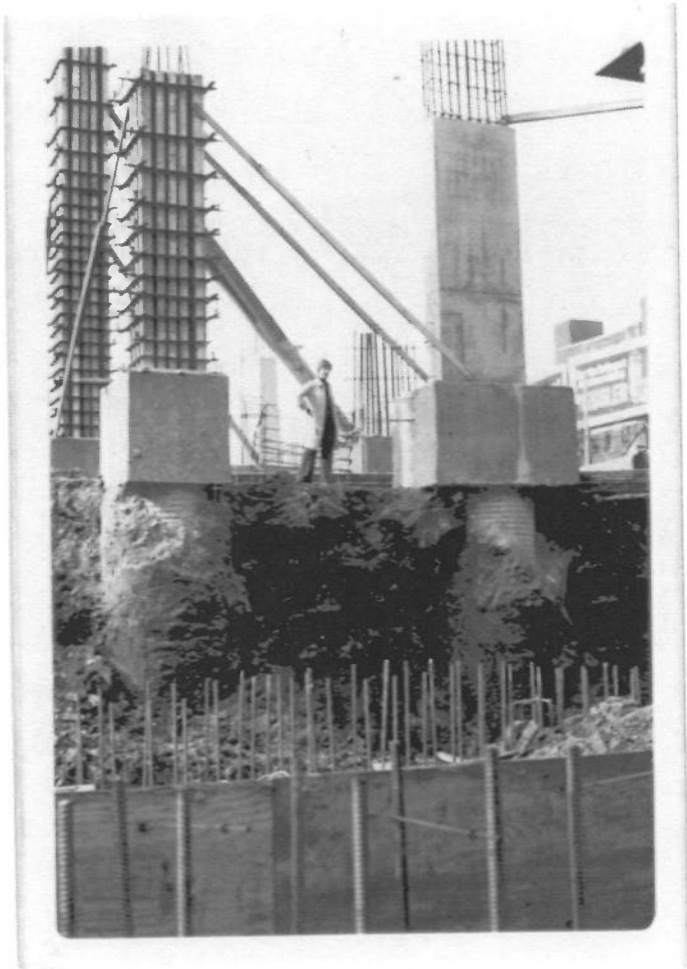
EX-CHICAGOAN HARVEY KORMAN, a regular on the CBS-TV Carol Burnett show, just signed with ABC for a half-hour comedy series next season. . . . Dick Kallman, now very large in men's fashions, visits Marshall Field & Co. at Water Tower Place Thursday to exhibit the latest styles. . . . Our condolences to publicist John Iltis on the death of his father Fred. Funeral services will be Thursday.

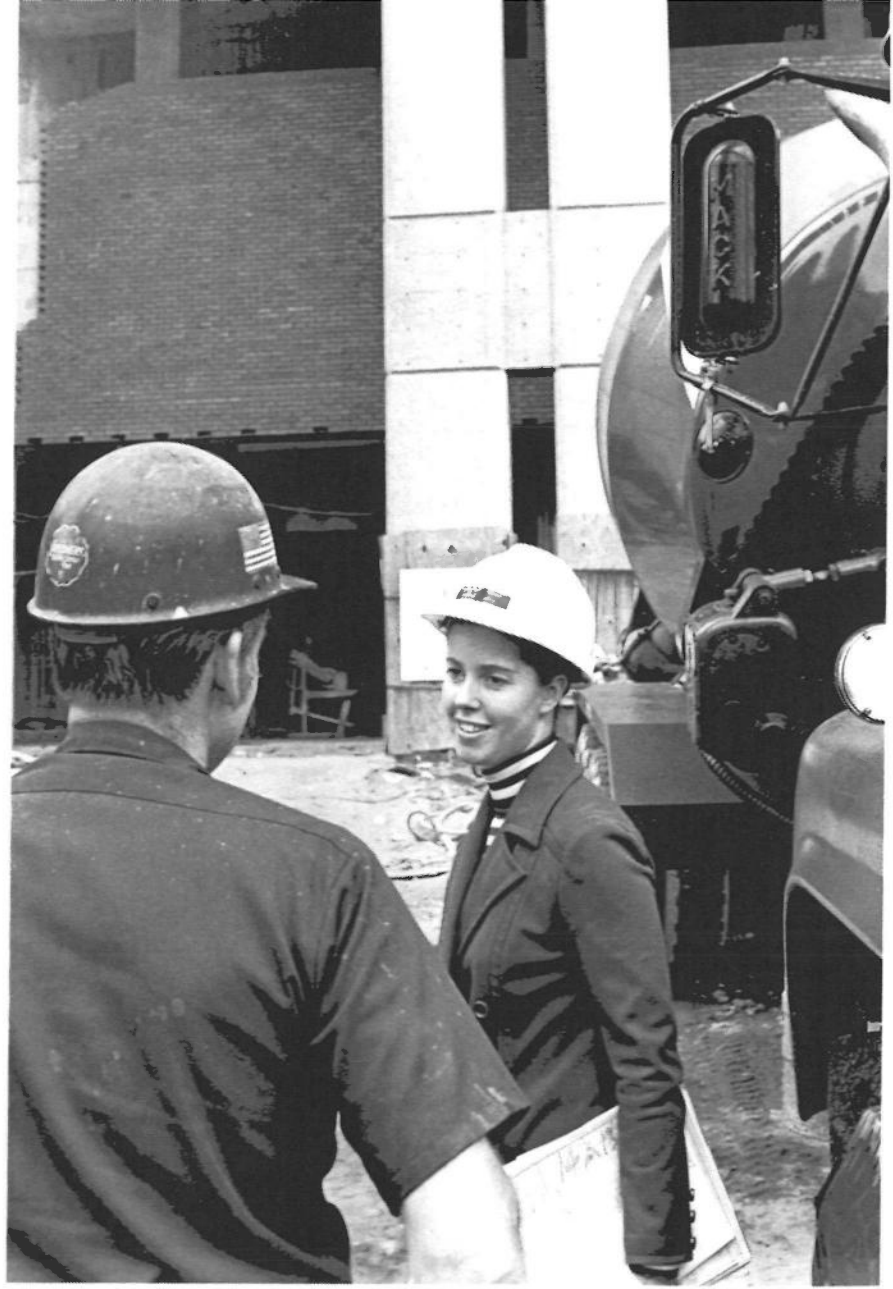
CERCHEZ LA FEMME: River Plaza, the 56-story apartment building going up just north of The Sun-Times and Daily New Building, has an attractive woman project architect bossing more than 100 men. She's Margaret Young of Ezra Gordon & Jack Levin Associates. . . . Judy Baar Topinka is the new president of the West Suburban Executives Breakfast Club, first woman so honored. . . . And Mrs. Carolyn T. Miller, mother of three and holder of a B.A. degree, becomes the first female to graduate from Coyne American Institute's electrical course on Thursday. She'll



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