

What Happened To Nixon's Book?

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Q: When will Richard Nixon publish that book about his presidency for which he got a huge advance payment?

—F.L.

A: The advance payment came from a paperback company but no hardcover publisher has yet been announced. We hear a rumor that the Book-of-the-Month Club editors found the first installment of Nixon's manuscript dull and self-justifying, which may indicate that hardcover publishers won't be scrambling for a chance to pick up rights to the long-awaited book.

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Q: Will Hayley Mills have time to get a divorce from husband Roy Boulting before she has her baby by her boyfriend, Leigh Lawson?

—G.T.

A: It looks like the stork is moving faster than the divorce proceedings, but Hayley has come up with a novel way of having the baby officially born with its father's name. She's gone to court to have her own name legally changed from Boulting to Lawson.

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Q: What happened to Warren Beatty's idea of starring in an x-rated movie called "Hard Core"?

—E.O.

A: If you spotted Beatty at the Democratic convention, you know he has been hobnobbing with politicians a lot lately. Their advice to him was: "If you have any political ambitions, stay clear of porn." So Warren tried changing the nudie script and then abandoned it altogether to concentrate instead on his Howard Hughes bio-pic.