





# Burn victim: 'They should've let me die'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten years after he was horribly burned in a gas pipeline explosion, Dax Cowart, 35, of Henderson, Texas, says his feelings haven't changed. He still wishes they had let him die.

"I'm glad to be alive. I'm enjoying life. I have a very good quality life," says Cowart, who's lost his sight, his hands, who has trouble hearing, and who has undergone seemingly endless skin grafts and surgical operations to try to repair the damage from the explosion.

But he says, "The intense amount of pain I had to go through, and what I had to do to get here, to me was not worth being forced to go through it."

A videotape from a Texas hospital, made in 1974, shows why he feels that way. In it, Cowart, emaciated as a Holocaust victim, one eye missing and the other bandaged,

his hands gnarled and twisted stumps, his skin, what is left of it, raw and peeling, is lowered into a tub of medicated water.

"Oh, easy, easy, hey, easy on the back of my legs," Cowart pleads as medical personnel cut bandaging from the tortured flesh. "Oh easy, oh God."

Cowart recalls today how, even after he had been removed from the tub, his flesh "was still burning like hot coals ... I could do nothing but scream at the top of my lungs." Finally, he says, "I would just go to sleep from exhaustion."

A former Air Force pilot and athlete, Cowart was convinced his life could never be the same. At hospital after hospital, Cowart says he asked for only one thing: that treatment be discontinued and that he be allowed to go home and die.

Always, Cowart says, he was refused. And he was unable

to find a lawyer who would take up his cause, he says.

In a nation where individual freedom was a cherished principle, he was not free to do what he wanted most, which was to stop living, Cowart says.

"I had absolutely no idea an individual who was mentally competent could be forced to undergo treatment," Cowart says.

For the past year, Cowart has been presenting his story at seminars sponsored by Concern for Dying, a New York-based council that promotes the right of terminally ill patients to refuse life-prolonging treatment.

Cowart was here Monday for one such seminar, attended by about a dozen graduate students in various disciplines. Panelists warned that despite increased social sensitivity to the rights and problems of the terminally ill, a case like

Cowart's could happen again.

They noted that in a report issued in March, a presidential commission for the study of ethical problems in medicine supported the right of a patient such as Cowart to refuse further treatment if he were mentally competent.

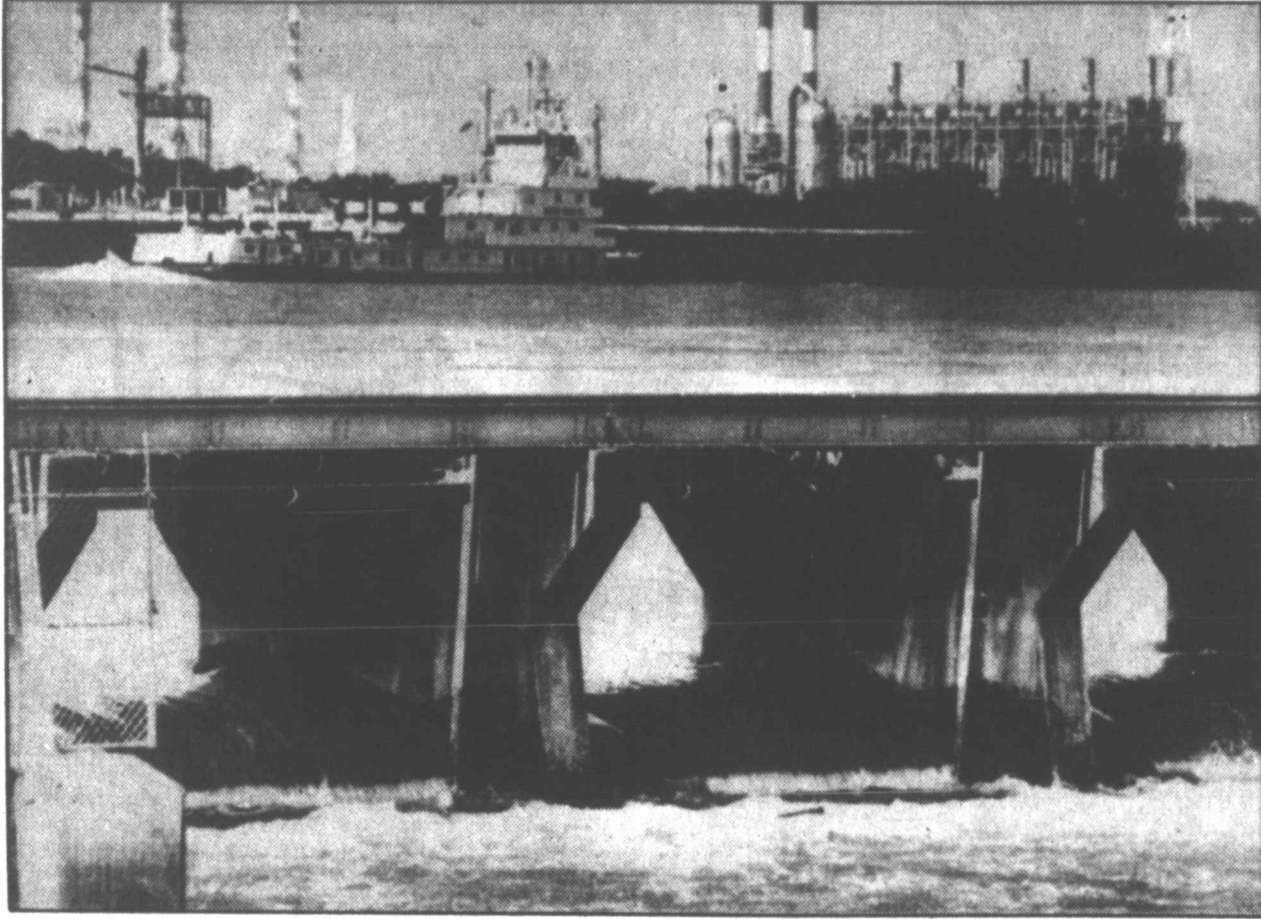
Patients must be given that choice, "otherwise we have a system of uncontrolled jailing," Joanne Lynn, the commission's assistant director for medical studies, said Monday.

However, John A. Robertson, professor at the University of Texas Law School at Austin, said the right could be meaningless if a patient is unable to gain access to a lawyer to support his case, as Cowart was unable to.

"Absolutely the same thing could happen again," Robertson said.

## Home Country

### Spilling over



A tugboat pushes a barge up the Mississippi River at Norco, Louisiana, as waters flow through the opened gates of the Bonnet Carre Spillway on Monday. All 350 gates of the spillway were opened to relieve pressure on levees downriver at New Orleans. It's only the seventh time in 52 years the spillway has been opened. (AP Laserphoto)

## Pampan helps keep Lash from hanging up the whip for good

By SONNY RHODES  
Log Cabin Democrat

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Western movie hero Lash La Rue, who disarmed bad guys with bullwhips sometimes 35 feet long several decades ago, is looking for work in this central Arkansas city.

Nicknamed "King of the Bullwhip," La Rue was popular at the box office in the mid-1940s and early 1950s. Lash La Rue comic books sold in English, Spanish, German and French at the rate of 12 million copies a year.

He visited Conway last week to negotiate with representatives of Castle Industries of Arkansas Inc., a mobile home manufacturer, for public relations work.

He was introduced to Castle officials by Jon Sisco, a Castle dealer in Pampa and longtime fan. Sisco recently had the cowboy star do promotional work for his business.

"Being on Social Security is not so secure as people would think it would be, so I work, every once in a while, to supplement it," La Rue said.

Asked about his age, "I'm not as old as George Burns," he said. "Age is a psychological trap, and I don't intend to start worrying about it."

Biographies vary. One book says he was born in 1917. Another says 1921.

Born Alfred La Rue in Gretna, La., his career as a western hero began in 1945 when he made the "Song of Old Wyoming" for a company called Producers Releasing Corp. He played the "Cheyenne Kid," a bad guy who wore black, naturally, and carried a whip. The character turned good in the end, but was killed.

"The movie closed on my gravestone, which read, 'In the worst of us, there is some good.' You know, that's true."

Though the star of the movie was Eddie Dean, fan mail began arriving at the studio addressed to "the man in black" or "the man with the whip."

"From then on," La Rue said, "the fan mail got to be so much that the studio put me in a series of my own."

Early film credits listed him as Al La Rue, but after "Song of Old Wyoming," he adopted the name "Lash."

"I never liked my first name."

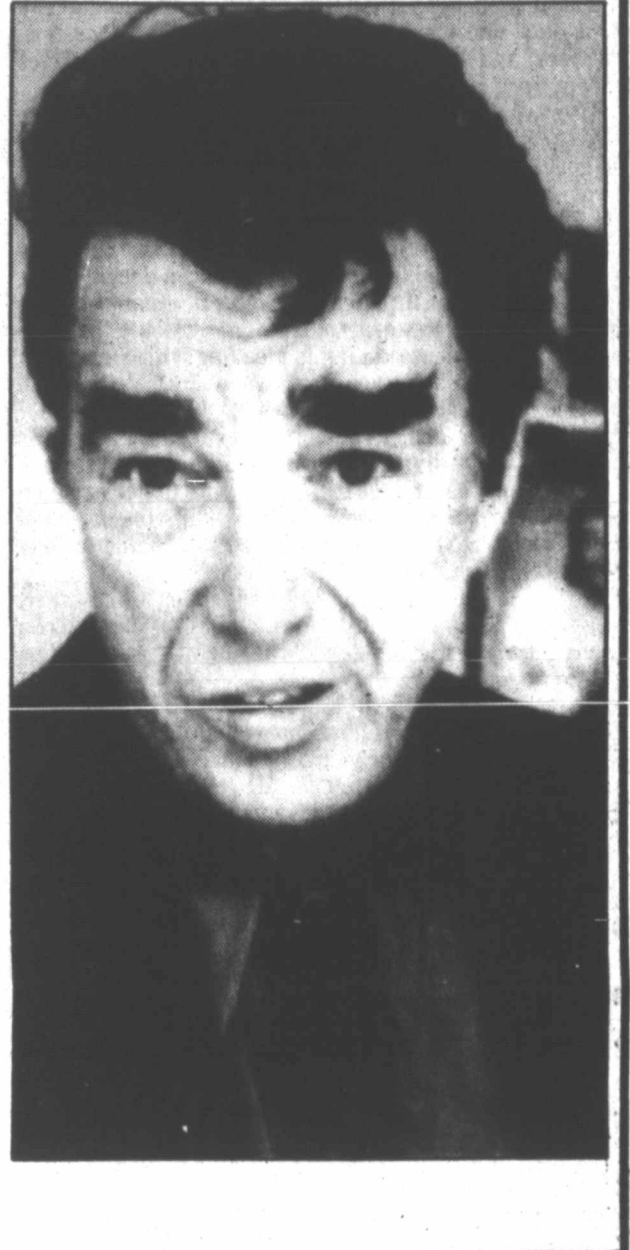
La Rue made some 35 films in his black outfit. "The idea behind the whip was to bring the bad guys to justice rather than to kill them," he added.

Asked when he made his last film, La Rue replied, "I haven't made it yet."

He has a home in Hollywood but travels to supplement his Social Security income: hosting a television series of old western movies, appearing at film festivals, doing promotional work, and speaking to civic groups.

He enjoys running into old fans.

"It's nice to be able to meet grown men who come up and say, 'You were my hero and I want to thank you for many happy Saturdays.' The sincerity of it is overwhelming. It's very flattering."



## This prof toots his own horn

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Neill Humfeld likes to blow his own horn — not the kind that are synonymous with the University of Texas and Longhorn steers in the Lone Star State, but musical ones.

Humfeld, an East Texas State University music professor, uses a long horn to reach out to members of his brass section.

The horn is a straightened trombone that measures 9 feet, 1 inch from mouthpiece to bell.

Humfeld, a member of the ETSU faculty since 1958, conducts trombone clinics throughout the United States, including one at the International Trombone Workshop at Belmont College in Nashville from May 30 to June 3.

"The most important concept teachers must convey to their students is to produce a tone with good breath support," Humfeld said.

"I'm a graphics person, and I want to show how far a person has to blow to play a trombone," he said. "I make the students aware that they must fill up a tube at least nine feet long and then project that sound even farther to an audience."

He said that when he realized that a trombone was 109 inches long in the first position, he "conceptualized it as a 'herald trombone' with no crooks."

Humfeld has tried several techniques in illustrating the importance of blowing "through the horn," including having a student look down a 109-inch ribbon stretched horizontally from his face to the other side of the room.

Last year, he mentioned his "herald trombone" concept to Walter Pace and Larry Price, repairmen at McKay Music Co. in Sulphur Springs.

"I asked them to straighten out a trombone so I could use it for teaching," Humfeld said.

said, "All I wanted was a trombone 109 inches long. It didn't matter if I could play music with it."

"They adapted a Model 6 Bach Tenor Trombone to my request, and it was far more than I expected," he said. "The instrument does play, its pitch is good and it is tunable. But it is really a strange feeling to play a note and hear it come out halfway across the room from where you are sitting."

To play the horn, Humfeld must use a stand to support it. To move the instrument to each of the seven positions, he must shuffle back and forth on a chair with rollers.

The instrument, which is worth about \$650, can be disassembled and transported in a specially made carrying case.

Humfeld said he does not intend to perform a recital with the instrument, but he "might work out a solo."

"As a teaching device, it

really makes the point come through," he said. "It's a gimmick, but it's a gimmick that works. It gets people's attention. While I give a presentation, I set it behind me so that the audience or class can see it."

Humfeld, 55, has played the trombone since he was 8 years old. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas and doctorate degrees from the Eastman School of Music where he studied under the late Emory Remington.

Besides teaching at ETSU, Humfeld is a trombone clinician, soloist and technical adviser for the Bach Instrument Division of the Selmer Corp.

He helped establish the International Trombone Association and served on its board of directors 10 years and as president from 1980 to 1982.

At ETSU, he organized and developed a trombone choir which has performed nationwide. He also has served as director of bands.

## Three of the stolen combines are found in Oklahoma; hunt still on

DEKALB, Texas (AP) — Three of 19 combines worth a total of \$19 million that disappeared without a trace last week have been found in Oklahoma, and authorities said they are still puzzled as to what happened to the other machines.

The combines, which disappeared from a farm equipment dealer, were found by John Deere Co. officials at a Haworth, Okla. farm, said DeKalb Police Chief Clarence Kight.

Kight said Monday that officials located the combines in Oklahoma on Thursday, but officials withheld the information because they had hoped to make arrests.

He said no arrests had been made in the case but the investigation "was still continuing on full scale."

Kight said over the weekend that he asked for assistance in the investigation from the FBI and the Bowie County sheriff's department because "the equipment could be spread anywhere over the county or into the adjoining states."

The three combines found in Oklahoma were apparently

on their way to a Missouri farm equipment dealer, Kight said. He said they were confiscated by John Deere officials and returned to Texas.

There were 24 combines and tractors on the lot of the Blackmon Machinery Co. on May 12, he said. Three days later, when John Deere representatives arrived from Dallas to take inventory, 19 of the machines were gone.

The owner of the John Deere dealership, Eddie Blackmon Jr., has been

unavailable for comment and his telephone was disconnected. But his attorney, David James of Texarkana, said Blackmon had been in contact with authorities.

"We just don't know what happened," James said. "I wouldn't want to speculate one way or another. We're trying to locate the equipment."

He said the combines sell from between \$75,000 to \$100,000 each.

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Calgary stuntman J.R. Beauregard screams for help after being engulfed in flames after driving his flaming car into a stationary car as part of the Canadian Stuntman Championships on the weekend. He is in the hospital in stable condition with burns to arms and body today. (AP Laserphoto)

## Just send my mail...

By NORM CLARKE

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The cellblock is still wet from a hosing down, but water can't cleanse the foul air — your lungs rebel at the stench of raw sewage.

Several floors above, from behind a row of bars, come anguished wails from a mentally disturbed woman.

From cell A-8, a 6-foot-wide cage stuffed with more than a dozen inmates, a rumpled prisoner slouched on the concrete floor calls out a welcome.

"Hey, mister, how do you like our hotel?" Moments later, a shoe flung from an upper cell hits the floor with a whack.

The Kingston Trio sang about it in the 1950s. Others have scorned its squalid conditions, less lyrically. The Tijuana jail of the 1980s has not lost its place among the most notorious lockups in North America.

Even those hardened by frequent visits to the jail, a three-tiered brick compound a block off the city's busy main street, find the conditions wrenching.

"Some days you want to close your eyes to what you see, your ears to what you hear and your nose to the smell," said one of several people who regularly visit the jail but asked not to be identified for fear they would be barred from the facility.

"It has the image of being the end of the earth," said Robert Chavez, an official at the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana.

Ernesto Gallardo, a 38-year-old ex-police officer who became the head jailer two years ago, denied through an interpreter that prisoners were mistreated.

But a visitor noted that tiny cells designed for a few were routinely crammed with 15-20 prisoners, their arms and legs spilling through the pale green bars.

The only furnishings are old toilets, often overflowing, and corroded, dilapidated steel bunks without mattresses or springs — just sheets of iron on frames, with khaki blankets.

Only a few of the roughly 150 inmates in the jail each day have cells of their own. Most of those appear to be deranged.

Tijuana, a city of almost 1 million residents, has no facility other than the jail in which to care for its mentally ill.

Hands clenched on the bars, the screaming woman whimpered as a visitor passed her third-floor cell, its walls smeared with human waste. Across the cellblock from her was a man who stalked back and forth, glowering at anyone who met his menacing stare. An insider said the man was homicidal and warned two visitors to stay at least an arm's length beyond the cell.

In 1982, a total of 612 Americans were arrested in Baja California. Of that number, about 90 percent of the arrests occurred in Tijuana.

For most Americans, the stay is a short one, usually no more than 48 hours. But that's an eternity for some.

## Consumer prices may be up sharply in coming months

By SALLY JACOBSEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, barely rising so far this year, are likely to increase sharply in coming months because of higher gasoline taxes and weather-damaged fruit and vegetable crops, economists say.

Even so, economists say the jump, expected to be the biggest in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index since last summer, should only last a few months.

"It is a temporary blip in the index," Ted Gibson, economist at San Francisco's Crocker National Bank, said in advance of today's release of inflation figures for April.

"We don't think it's a fundamental upward shift in the rate of inflation," he said.

Gibson predicted consumer prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.6 percent last month, and another private economist, Donald Ratajczak, forecast a 0.7 percent gain.

If so, that would be the sharpest gain since the summer when consumer prices soared 1.1 percent in June and 0.6 percent in July.

After the summer, price increases tapered off considerably.

Those costs went up only 0.1 percent in March, after falling 0.2 percent in February and rising 0.2 percent in January.

That meant for the first three months of the year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 0.4 percent, the smallest advance for a calendar quarter since 1965.

April's expected surge is being blamed on the nickel-a-gallon increase in federal gasoline taxes that began on the first of last month and increased fuel oil prices.

Sizable increases also were expected in the prices of fresh fruits and vegetables because winter crops were seriously damaged by an unusual cold snap and heavy rains.

Additional gains in food and energy prices were forecast in May. Ratajczak, forecaster at Georgia State University, predicted a 0.5 percent gain in this month's inflation rate.

### Demos to unveil economic plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of 147 House Democrats is unveiling a legislative plan to overcome what it calls the economic "devastation caused by Reaganomics."

The Democrats were presenting their ideas at a Capitol Hill news conference today.

They issued a statement saying they plan to introduce legislation and support existing bills in this session of Congress that follow the policies of their "National Economic Recovery Project."

While representing just over a majority of the 266 Democrats in the House, the group acknowledged its plans do not constitute an official Democratic Party document.

Despite the expected pickup in prices, economists were still holding onto their forecasts of a low inflation rate for the year, in the range of 4 percent to 5 percent.

Last year's increase of 3.9 percent was the smallest rise in a decade.

The falling prices recently registered were largely driven by sharp drops in energy costs, reflecting the worldwide oil surplus. Despite recent increases, gasoline prices tumbled by record amounts, so that those costs in March stood 17.4 percent below their peak of

two years ago, according to the Labor Department.

Economists predict consumers have likely seen the end of those sharp price declines for a while because world oil prices have risen in recent months.

Ratajczak, however, predicted "some weakness in energy prices may reappear by early summer."

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# Racial tensions simmer after black shootings

By SCOTT SHEPARD  
Associated Press Writer  
EUFALA, Ala. (AP) — Racial tensions are simmering in this historic southern town on the banks of the Chattahoochee River where two black brothers were shot death during an Easter weekend scuffle with two white policemen.

And a special grand jury's finding last week, exonerating the officer who did the shooting, has done nothing to satisfy civil rights leaders who say the incident was racially motivated.

Blacks have been marching through the streets for weeks and more than 350 demonstrated Saturday at city hall, shouting for the dismissal of the white policeman. Black leaders are now planning an 80-mile march to the state Capitol in Montgomery on Memorial Day weekend.

Blacks say they intend to keep marching to promote voter registration as a tribute to Hamp Russaw, 33, and his 19-year-old brother, Anthony, who died in the shootout. They also plan to continue their boycott of white merchants until their latest demands — for the officer's dismissal and a new investigation — are met.

"We're going to continue to engage in protests until the city fathers hear us," said the Rev. Fred Taylor, a Southern

Christian Leadership Conference official from Atlanta.

Taylor is a veteran of civil rights struggles. He was beaten severely during riots in Wrightsville, Ga., in 1980. Earlier this year, he lost a \$1.2 million federal suit

accusing city officials in Wrightsville of violating his civil rights.

"We've tried negotiating," said Taylor. "Now we're going to do a little agitating."

The white city fathers, meanwhile, feel they have done their duty, and they are content to weather the racial

troubles they believe are being aggravated by what they call "professional rabble-rousers."

Taylor is one of the civil rights organizers Mayor George Little refers to as "an outsider."

The April 2 shootings of the Russaw brothers by veteran police Capt. Ted Dotson inspired a 12-mile march from the site of the incident to the Eufaula City Hall.

That march, which attracted almost 1,000 people, was held to protest Little's decision to suspend Dotson

and another policeman, rookie Wayne Cutchens, with pay, pending an investigation.

SCLC President Joseph Lowery said the grand jury decision to take no action against Dotson or Cutchens was "a license to kill for irresponsible police officers, so long as the victims are black."

"These outside people are saying all kind of things that aren't true," said Little. "But you can't lie to folks on and on. The shootings were a tragedy, but our officers have been vindicated by the

investigation.

The Rev. G.E. Martin, pastor of the First African Baptist Church of Eufaula, said ministers and leaders of the SCLC will announce details of the march to Montgomery today. Along the route of the march, which will begin May 28, protesters will try to get blacks in small towns to register to vote.

Merchants have been reluctant to talk about the boycott. They fear they will be singled out.

"There's no question that some of the merchants are

hurting a little from the boycott. But we're going to weather the storm stirred up by these rabble-rousers," the mayor said.

Many merchants can't understand the racial tension. "We've never had a problem with race relations here," said Chamber of Commerce representative Mary Woodward. "This town is very historic but it's also very progressive."

The antebellum mansions on streets lined with oaks, azaleas and dogwoods attest to Eufaula's Old South

tradition. The mansions are opened for thousands of tourists each spring.

But this town of 7,938 whites and 4,159 blacks also is mindful of the future, pursuing space-age industries such as the Hughes Missiles Electronics plant, one of Eufaula's major employers.

City officials point to the city's new multimillion-dollar high school as proof there is no white flight from Eufaula's public schools.

Black political power in town has been minimal, civil rights leaders say.

The city council is elected at large, and no blacks serve on the council. Only two of the town's 30 police officers are black, although a black

serves on the school board, and two blacks are on the Barbour County Commission.

Dotson, who has been temporarily assigned to desk work, and Cutchens, who has enrolled in a police academy at Dothan for more training, both say the captain acted in self-defense.

"I've thought over and over if there was any other way I could have handled it," Dotson told Little.

## Oil slump awakens Alaska

By HAL SPENCER  
Associated Press Writer  
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Like the mercury in a thermometer at windswept Prudhoe Bay, the world price of oil continues to inch downward in the face of falling demand.

That cold reality is shaking awake this oil-rich state, which once had dreams as grand as Mount McKinley.

Three years ago, Alaska repealed its personal income tax as billions of dollars flowed into state coffers from royalties on state-owned oil and gas leases.

Now, some legislators whisper privately about restoring the tax, as oil income, representing about 90 percent of state revenues, dwindles to less than half what it was two years ago.

"I'm scared," says state Sen. Don Bennett of Fairbanks, co-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

"I don't think the people of Alaska realize how serious our fiscal situation is, or how much trouble we'll be in if the price of oil continues to fall."

Every drop of \$1 per barrel costs Alaska \$150 million a year in revenue. Others are less gloomy, but nevertheless worried.

"We're still in decent financial shape," says Peter McDowell, head of the state Office of Management and Budget. "But we no longer have the money to pay for a lot of things we've come to expect."

While most of the nation suffered from skyrocketing oil prices in the last decade, previously poor Alaska prospered.

The avarice of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was cause for rejoicing in a state that had Prudhoe Bay, the nation's richest oil field, and the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline to get the oil to market.

Alaska, whose land mass would cover one-fifth of the lower 48 states, embarked on a spending binge ranging from cash appropriations for hydroelectric projects to 100 percent funding for public education.

Now, says freshman Gov. Bill Sheffield, "The party's over."

"It's hangover time," adds Attorney General Norman Gorsuch, the governor's right-hand man.

Despite protests from special interest groups, Sheffield wants to scale back such ambitious projects as development of a farming industry in the interior.

The governor also wants to cancel the oil revenue "dividend" program that last year put \$1,000 checks in the hands of Alaska's estimated 460,000 residents. He hopes to use the \$200 million earmarked for the program this year to help finance operating and capital construction costs.

That idea, too, is being greeted with protest by a vocal segment of the population.

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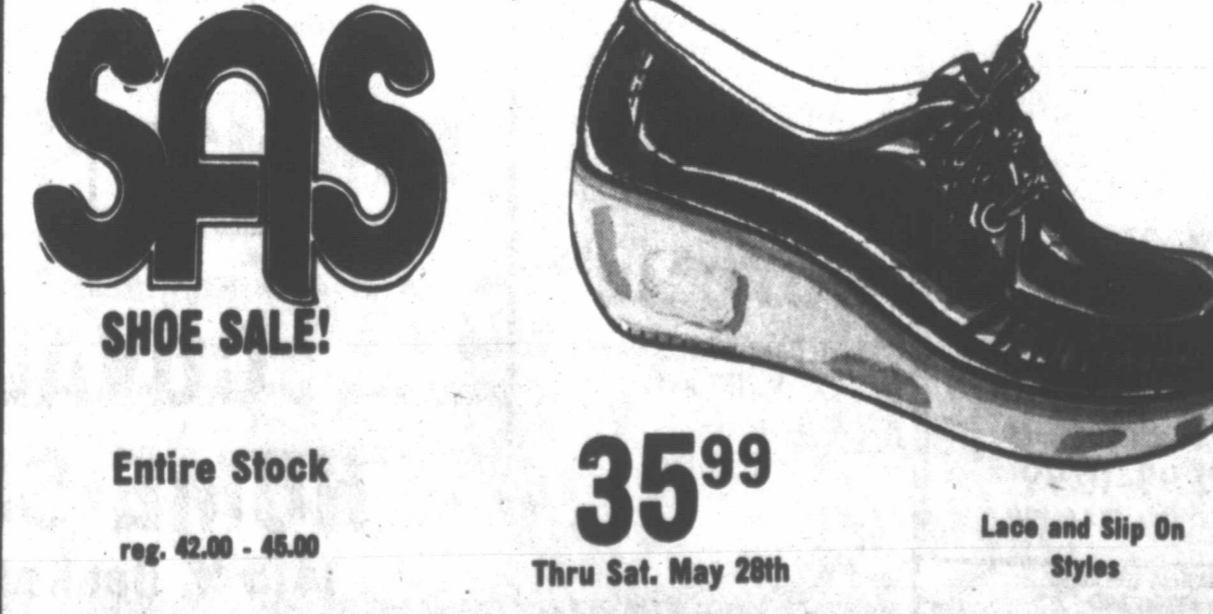


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## Dear Abby

Unfeeling husband adds to rape victim's trauma

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was raped four months ago in my own home by a "friend" of my husband. Because I wasn't beaten half to death or killed, my husband insists I must have led the guy on.

Now I'm living in hell, and wish to God I'd kept my mouth shut. It did me no good to tell — only harm. Why do men think a woman would lie about such a thing?

I had told my husband years ago to keep this guy away from our home because he had made passes at me, but he wouldn't listen. This "friend" had raped another woman, but he got off because he'd known her for a long time and she was too embarrassed to press charges. My husband knew all this, but he still accuses me of encouraging the guy.

If you had any idea of what I've been through, you'd know why so many rapes go unreported. I know there must be plenty of women who have been through the same thing. Maybe if you print this it will open the eyes of men who claim to love their wives, but blame them if they get raped.

My marriage is hanging by a thread. I've cried until there are no more tears. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest, Abby. I feel better already.

DON'T USE MY NAME

DEAR DON'T: Please call your local rape crisis facility without delay. It offers free counseling to women — even those who were raped years ago but have felt too guilty and ashamed to tell anyone.

Just being able to verbalize the terrifying experience with others who have shared that nightmare can be enormously therapeutic. And from what you have told me about your husband, he needs counseling to understand that you were the victim and deserve support and comfort — not blame.

...

DEAR ABBY: How can I get my husband to be as romantic and thoughtful as he was before we were married?

Our first anniversary came and went. No flowers. No card. Nothing. That day really meant a lot to me, Abby. A holiday to him is just another day.

I'm a very sentimental person, and it hurts to be forgotten. I enjoy doing special things for him, but he never reciprocates. I know he loves me, but it would be nice to have some tangible evidence once in a while.

FEELING DEPRIVED

DEAR DEPRIVED: Wait for the appropriate time, then without being critical, judgmental or sulky, tell him you feel sad when he forgets those special occasions. And just to make sure he remembers, clip this column and tape it to his bathroom mirror the day before you want to be remembered.

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DEAR READERS: The "unknown" author of "It's the Driver," a poem I published in this space, has surfaced. She is Frances Ellsworth Asher of Eustis, Fla.

Having been married for 61 years to a retired Colorado state patrolman, this prolific poetess has written a book of safety verses. My favorite:

TRAFFIC GEM

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"But when walking, I alter the facts,  
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...

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## High Plains DRT outlines goals and plans for future

Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) from Pampa, Canadian, Borger and Amarillo attended the annual meeting of the High Plains chapter conducted here recently. Mrs. Jeff Anderson of Pampa and Mrs. Glen Wotipka of Baytown were accepted as new members. The chapter was also awarded the President General's Award for past financial support to the Alamo fund and to the restoration fund of the French Legation in Austin.

Members decided to limit efforts to the ongoing project of helping others trace their early Texas ancestors and explaining the process of becoming a DRT member to those who wish.

In the discussion, it was mentioned that DRT now has about 80 chapters in Texas with more than 4,000 members this year. To qualify for membership the woman must be 16 years old and can furnish documented proof that an ancestor received land grants in Texas or were settlers before or during the time it was a Republic — before 1846.

Also mentioned were the three volumes of "Founders and Patriots" an invaluable source for information about early Texas ancestors. These books list mostly ancestors who have already been proven and who descendants could use as their proof.

High Plains chapter's other main project involves the next three years leading up to the celebration of Texas' 150th birthday in 1986. Plans are underway to celebrate the sesquicentennial. (Information is available from the officers below.)

The following officers were elected for a two-year term: Mrs. Denver Cornelius Jr., of Borger, president; Mrs. James Novak of Amarillo, secretary; Mrs. Charles McDaniel of Canadian, treasurer; Mrs. John Rump of Canadian, registrar; Mrs. R. E. Maddox of Pampa, historian; and Mrs. Louis Barnes of Pampa, parliamentarian.

## Man wraps home up

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A Louisiana homeowner weary of ever-present flooding hopes to solve the problem of damage by wrapping his house in a plastic bag.

John Barnes, who says he has spent more than \$10,000 in repairs over the past nine years, recently agreed to test-market a new device that consists of heavy vinyl sheets fastened to the house below the slab line.

John Barnes, who says he

## Pampa Garden Club officers



New officers for the Pampa Garden Club for 1983-84 are, seated from left, Georgia Mack, secretary; Clara Quarry, president; Irene Moore, corresponding secretary; and standing from left, Libby Shotwell, historian; Hesta Heston, treasurer; and Jane Gattis, publicity. Not pictured were Mrs. W.R. Campbell, vice president; and Alice Gray, parliamentarian. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

## 1963 Class reunion



Classmates of Pampa High's Class of 1963 Sheridan Walker Harnly (standing), Linda Holt Reed (left), and Jerry Herlacher Coffman are searching for 13 missing members of the class so the 20th reunion planned for June 25 will be complete. Besides a family get-together at the high school and park, there will be a dinner at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in the evening. For more information on the reunion, call 669-2005. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

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"Sales calls are incredibly expensive," said Hernandez, "and calls by our team of technical service reps are even more expensive. If we can answer a few questions through this network, we might save an expensive visit for us and provide cost-saving information to our

customers on a more timely basis." Borg - Warner claims the system, called Plastivision Molding Assistance Network, is a first for suppliers of metals, plastics or wood materials.

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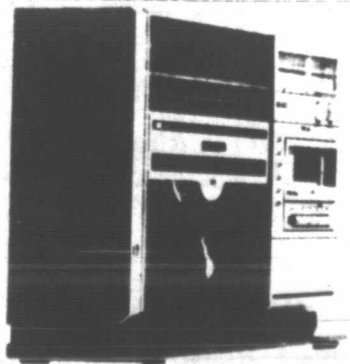
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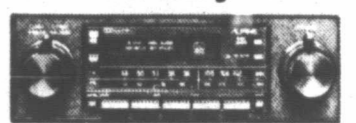
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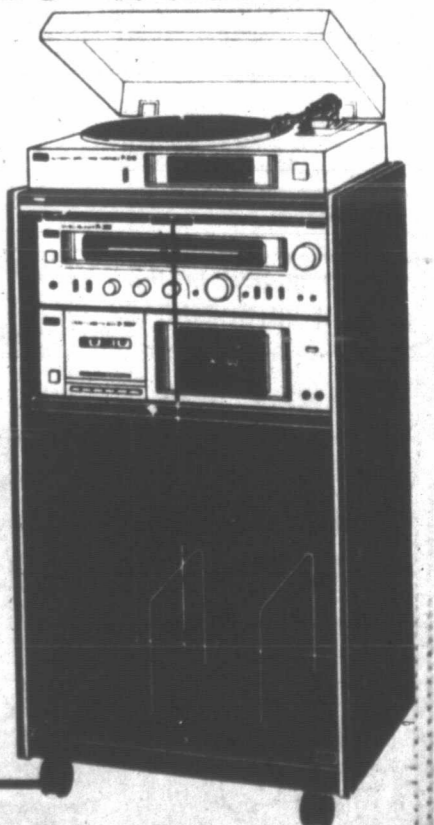
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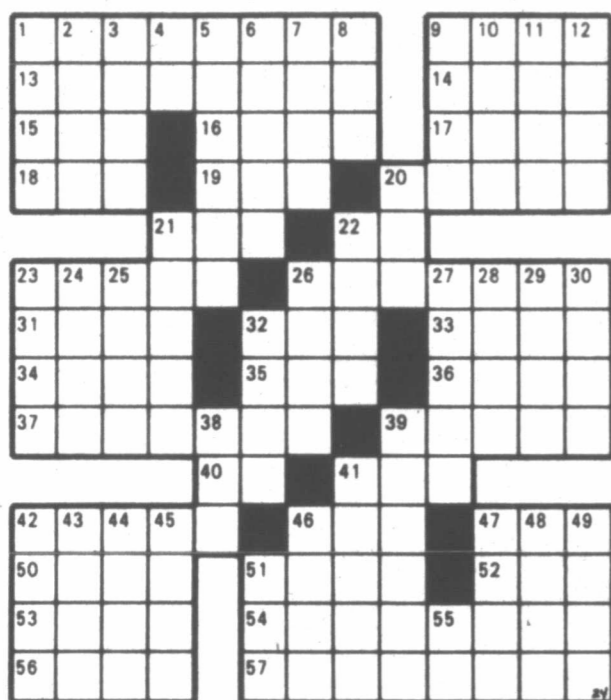
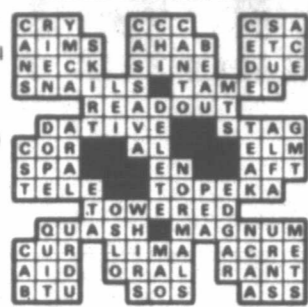
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- 1 Raised
  - 9 Whirl
  - 13 From orient
  - 14 German title
  - 15 Part of the mouth
  - 16 Cognomen
  - 17 Actress
  - 18 Louise
  - 19 Printer's measure (pl.)
  - 20 Poplar
  - 21 Sting
  - 22 Cheese state (abbr.)
  - 23 Congealed
  - 26 Wandering
  - 31 Paradise
  - 32 Depression initials
  - 33 Erin
  - 34 Quality of sound
  - 35 Alley
  - 36 Weather forecast
  - 37 Breaks
  - 39 Bath aids
  - 40 Gangster
  - 41 Bore into
- DOWN**
- 1 Skinny fish
  - 2 Milk (Fr.)
  - 3 Look at
  - 4 Green mountain state (abbr.)
  - 5 Virgil's poem
  - 6 Bum
  - 7 Kind of tree (pl.)
  - 8 Stain
  - 9 News
  - 10 Fall in drops
  - 11 Resident of Copenhagen
  - 12 Chinese currency
  - 20 Make known
  - 21 Dozen less
  - 22 Infold
  - 23 Acquires
  - 24 Esau's country
  - 25 Songstress
  - 26 Son of Aphrodite
  - 27 Fabulist
  - 28 Columbus' ship
  - 29 Riding stick
  - 30 Evergreens
  - 32 Playwright
  - 38 Auxiliary verb
  - 39 Most sensible
  - 41 Tuberous plant (pl.)
  - 42 Horse directives
  - 43 Inner (pref.)
  - 44 Eve's mate
  - 45 Repeating
  - 46 Transcribe shorthand
  - 47 Far (prefix)
  - 48 Chimps
  - 49 Fiber
  - 51 Take a meal
  - 55 Note of scale

Answer to Previous Puzzle



### Astro-Graph by bernice bede osol

This coming year you are likely to associate with more influential people than you have in the past. Don't miss opportunities to strengthen these relationships.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Carefully weigh and analyze your alternatives in career matters today, but don't do so to the point where it leads to indecisiveness. Gemini predictions for the year ahead are now ready. Romance, career, luck, earnings, travel and much more are discussed. Send \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Send an additional \$2 for the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet. Reveals romantic combinations and compatibilities for all signs.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** There may be a great deal you would like to do for others today. This could upset you, because you might not be able to accomplish it all.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Normally you are able to tolerate, or at least cope, with a demanding friend, but today his request could get under your skin and cause you to snap back.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In competitive involvements today, it's important to do your best at all times. If you become too complacent, the opposition could win.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Subdue urges today to contradict others merely for the sake of argument. Actions of this

nature could trigger futile debates.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be practical in joint ventures today, or you may find yourself operating from a weak position where you are giving away more than you'll get.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your judgment might not be up to par today and steps may have to be retraced. Be prepared to have in your feet what you don't have in your head.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Uncharacteristically, you may have been neglecting duties which you said you'd attend to for another. Get on them before he gets on you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Friends may not be around to bail you out today if you get yourself in over your head. To be on the safe side, strap on your own lifejacket.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** That little green-eyed monster could taunt you today if you compare your status with that of others. Brush him off the moment he appears.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try not to be impulsive or impatient in your commercial affairs today in your haste to get things done, you could make a big mistake.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't let persons less prudent than yourself influence your thinking in money matters today. They could be indifferent to your needs.

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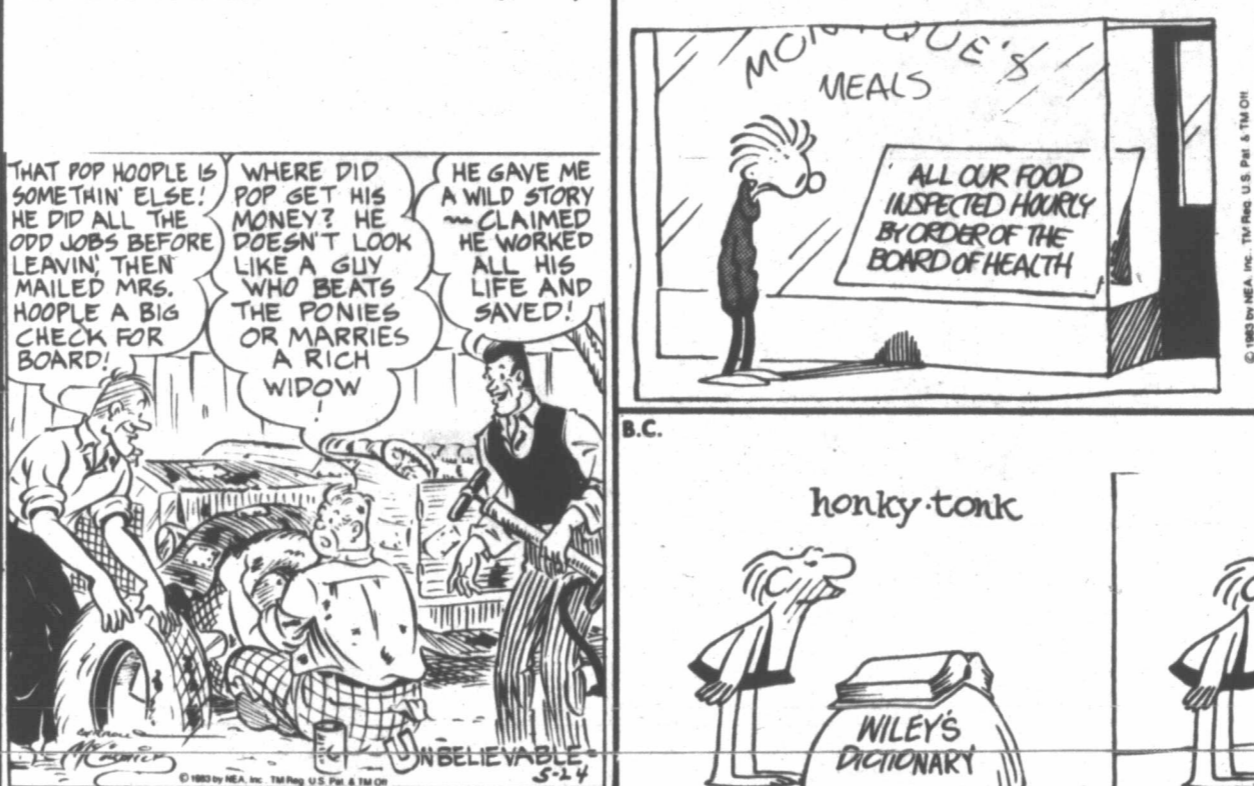
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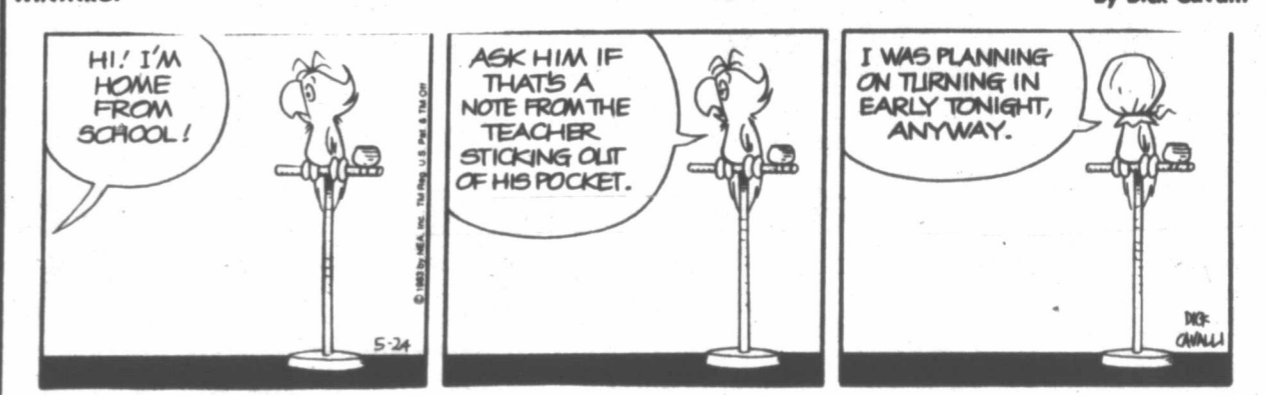
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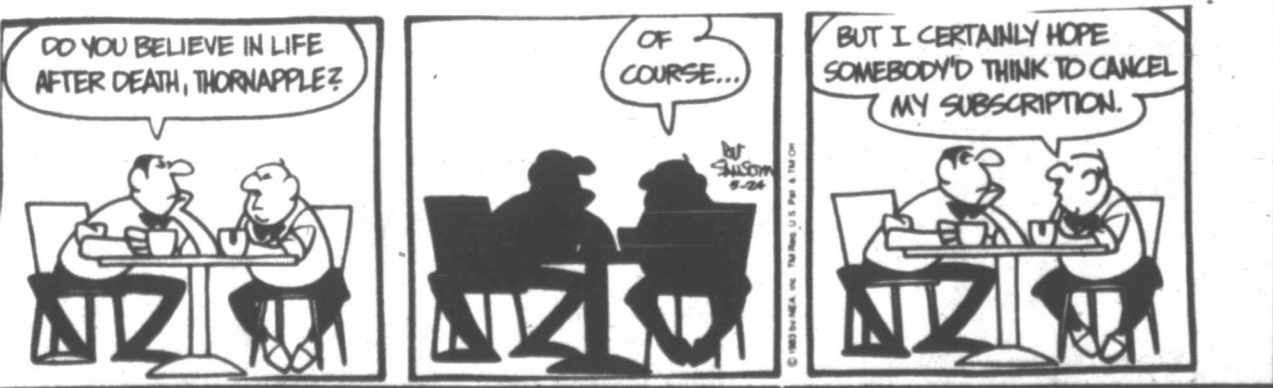
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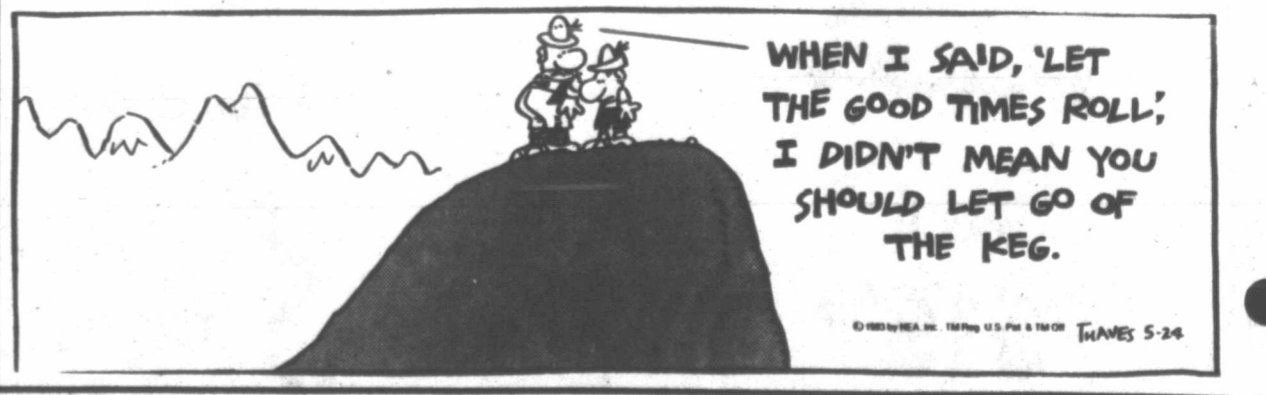
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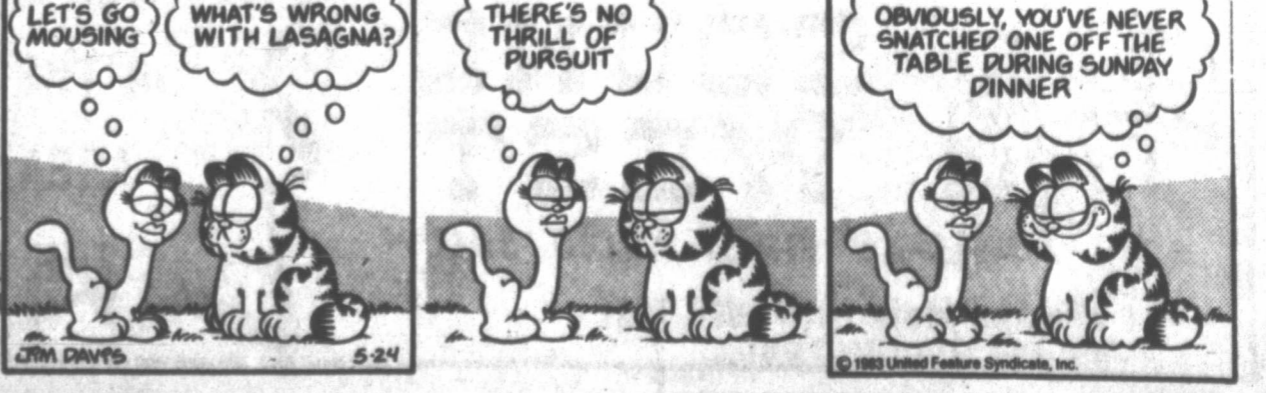
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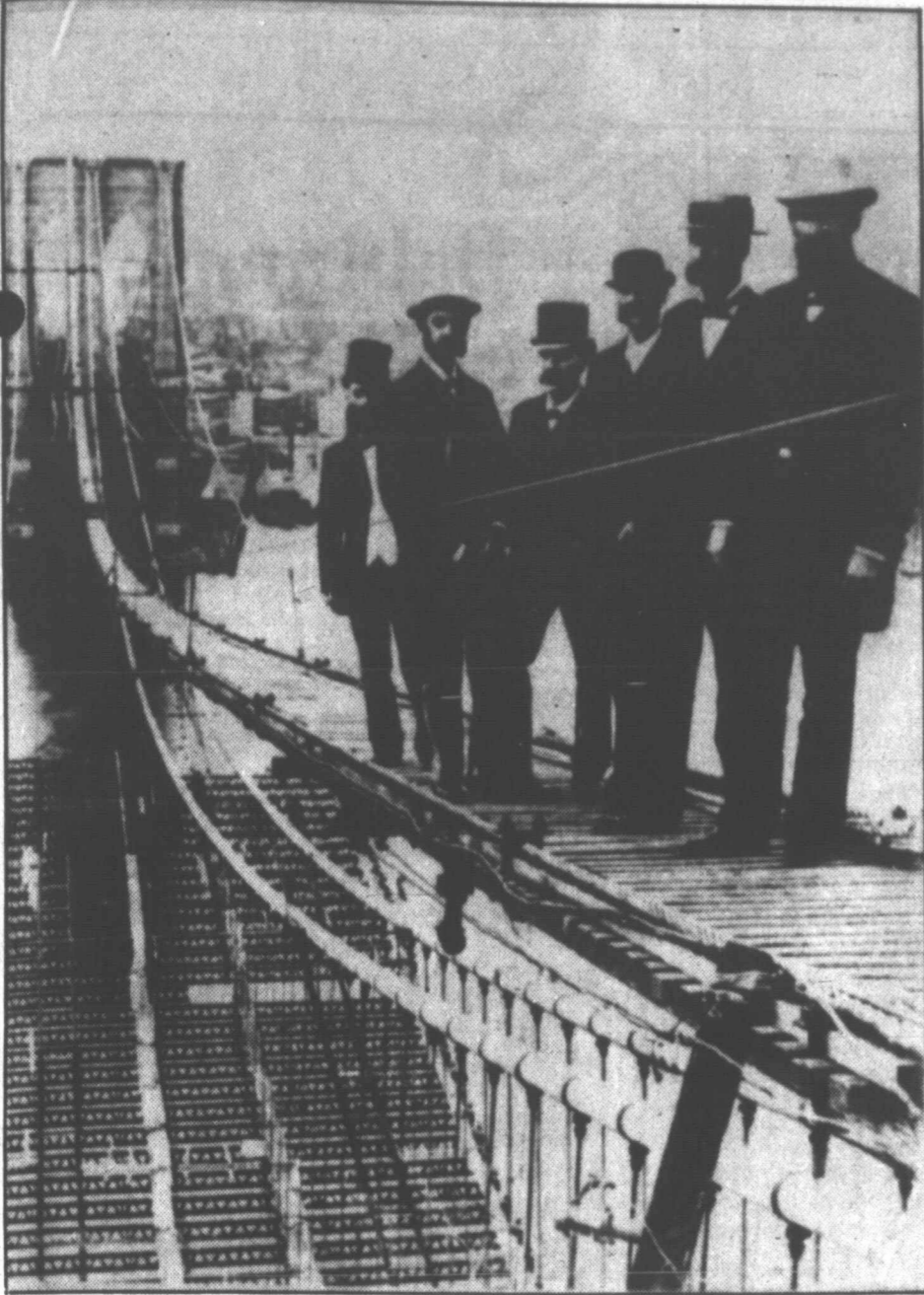
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# Brooklyn Bridge, an engineering marvel and con man's friend, is 100 years old

By JERRY SCHWARTZ



NEW YORK (AP) — The Brooklyn Bridge, whose soaring granite towers and graceful steel cables inspired painters and poets, filmmakers and flimflam men, passed the century mark today, still recognized as an engineering marvel from a proud, young America.

About 15,000 marchers, many in period costumes, prepared to walk this morning across the suspension bridge that linked the nation's first- and third-largest cities on May 24, 1883.

Its 276-foot towers dwarfed any other buildings; its 5,989-foot span made it the longest in the world. It was the first bridge to use steel wire; it was the first to use electric lighting across a river.

Other plans for the birthday celebration included a flotilla of ships and boats on the East River below, formal rededication ceremonies, and a sound-and-light show and massive fireworks display tonight for tens of thousands of people expected to jam lower Manhattan and the

Brooklyn shoreline.

The bridge, originally intended for horse-drawn carriages and now carrying 110,000 cars each weekday, was closed at midnight for the big day. A complement of 3,000 officers was assigned to direct traffic, keeping in mind the structure's first party 100 years ago, when newspaper headlines reported "IMMENSE CROWDS ATTRACTED BY THE CEREMONIES."

The bridge, painstakingly assembled with hand-made rivets and more than 14,000 miles of wire, took 14 years to build at a cost of more than \$15 million. It claimed at least 20 lives, and its designer, John A. Roebling, never lived to see it finished; he died of tetanus when his foot was crushed as he surveyed the Brooklyn side.

His son, Washington, directed construction of the bridge, though he became an invalid after suffering the bends from his work in the bridge's underwater caissons. His wife, Emily, relayed his instructions to the builders.

"It is a bridge not only from New York to Brooklyn but

also from that era to our own," said David McCullough, author of "The Great Bridge."

"What bridge?" wrote Thomas Wolfe in 1935. "Great God, the only bridge of power, life and joy, the bridge that was a span, a cry, an ecstasy — that was America."

The bridge unified two cities — Brooklyn and Manhattan were joined officially in 1898. Its fame has spread around the world. An Italian chewing gum called Brooklyn has the bridge's picture on the wrapper. A

Netherlands man publishes a newsletter called the Brooklyn Bridge Bulletin.

The bridge has been used recently to advertise Kentucky Fried Chicken and cowboy boots, and a revival of Arthur Miller's "View From The Bridge" is playing

on Broadway. The movies "Annie Hall" and "Sophie's Choice" both included scenes from the bridge.

The bridge also has sparked legions of stories about unscrupulous hucksters who have "sold" it to unsuspecting visitors.

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Six unidentified men pose for a photograph on the catwalk span connecting the two towers of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1880. The building of the steel structure of the bridge and the supports for the bridge's promenade can be seen below. (AP Laserphoto)

## TV techniques help youths save a life

WESTWOOD, Mass. (AP) — Four young men risked death to save a man trapped in a burning car, pulling him free just before the gas tank exploded, then used a technique they saw on television to extinguish the flames on his body, authorities said.

"These kids deserve a lot of credit," said Fire Lt. Robert Wood after the rescue of Richard Salerno, 21, of East Falmouth. "There is no question they saved his life."

David Langdon, 19, of Dedham, pulled Salerno from the flaming wreck on Sunday, and with the help of friends rolled the burning man on the ground to help put out the flames. Salerno was reported in critical condition today at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston with third-degree burns over 50 percent of his body.

"I guess I knew to roll him on the ground from seeing it on television," said Langdon, who was burned himself during the rescue. "His arms and the upper part of his back were burning. We tried to keep him talking by asking him his name and address."

His father, Frank, said the teen-ager saw the technique illustrated by comedian Dick Van Dyke on a series of TV public service announcements.

Langdon, 18-year-old John Kenney, 19-year-old Patrick Sullivan and another friend saw the fire after the car hit a utility pole about 50 yards from a Westwood restaurant, where they had stopped after their high school graduation party.

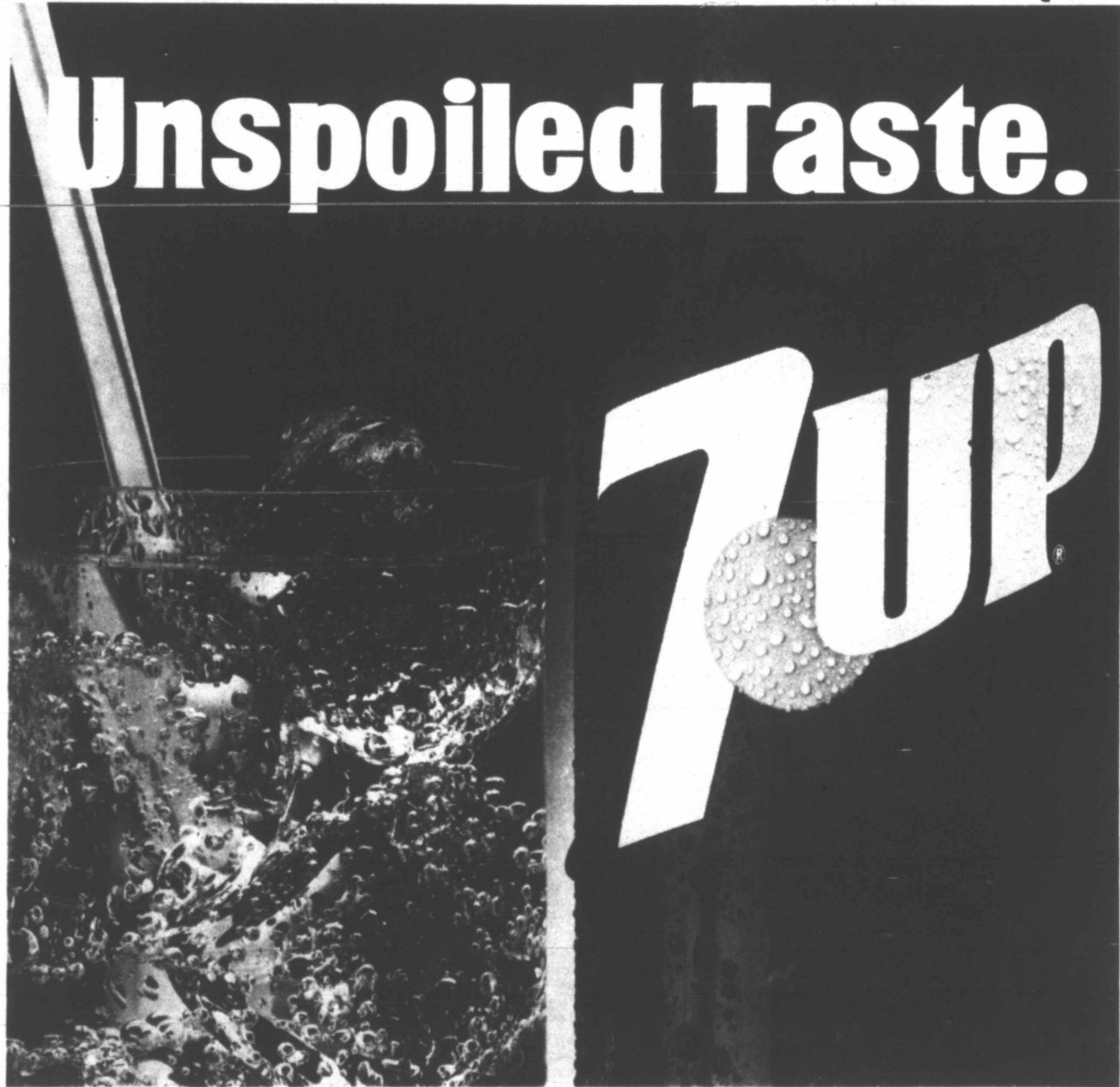
The flames were so high, they first thought it was a bonfire. "Then someone said, 'Oh, my God, there's somebody in there,' and we all rushed over to the car," said Sullivan.

Salerno was in the back seat surrounded by flames, Sullivan said.

"He must have been thrown into the back seat when he hit," said Langdon. "We had to reach through flames to get him. It never occurred to us that the car might blow (up) until we were around 20 yards away, and it did."

Salerno "was on fire from head to toe," said Kenney. "I held his head on my lap and kept pouring water over him."

Langdon is recovering from second-degree suffered in the rescue, said his father, adding: "I don't think they realized the possibility of explosion."



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