

Baptist Temple loses in court

Pastor plans to appeal and continue operating day care center

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

Pampa District Judge Don Cain today granted the state a permanent injunction ordering the Pampa Baptist Temple to either submit its day care center to state licensing, or shut it down.

But despite the state's order to close, the Rev. Jerry West said this morning his church will appeal and will continue operating the day care center, a position that later could result in a confrontation with law officers seeking to enforce the judge's ruling.

"We will not close...right now we're continuing to operate," West said.

Special Assistant Attorney General C. Ed Davis was elated when told the judge had ruled in favor of the state. He

said the Pampa ruling will help the state to take action against several other Texas church groups, which also have refused to license their child-care facilities.

"We will move on them based on this victory," Davis said.

The Pampa Baptist Temple contends licensing and state inspection of its day care center violate the church's First Amendment guarantee of the Freedom of Religion.

But after a trial spanning parts of two years on the attorney general's request for a permanent injunction, Judge Cain today ruled the state has a "compelling interest" in licensing day care centers.

"The testimony reflected that there are approximately 360,000 children in Texas in day care facilities, giving the

legislature a compelling interest in the welfare and safety of such children," Judge Cain ruled in part.

The judge ordered Davis to prepare the permanent injunction and judgment ordering the church center to license or close.

The special assistant attorney general said he will prepare the judgment in the next few days. He hoped the state could avoid a physical confrontation with the Rev. West and his Pampa church; but, based on the preacher's earlier statements, was doubtful it could.

"Reverend West made it clear that he would not be inclined to shut down the facility," Davis said.

"We don't want a situation where we have to go out there with armed guards

and do something drastic. What we want to do is to get them to accept a license," he added.

West said the church will appeal Cain's decision.

"For the judge to rule against us is not a big deal...This is going to the U.S. Supreme Court," the Pampa preacher said.

"When it comes down to it, there is a law that's over the government — that's God's law, the Bible. When they conflict, you live by God's law," West said.

"If confrontation comes — it comes...With just a few phone calls, we can have 2,000 preachers standing at the church," he said, adding, "I don't think it will come to that here."

"Nobody wants that confrontation.

Both sides are going to sit down with counsel and see if there is any way to work it out," Davis agreed.

The Temple's lawyer, Dan Loomis of Cleveland, Ohio, was unavailable for comment this morning, according to his secretary.

The state's lawyer said for each day West and his followers violate the court order, they can be held in contempt of court. Davis also said he will ask Judge Cain to refuse any requested lifting of the injunction during the church's expected appeal.

West said the church's day care center was caring for about 40 or 50 children this morning.

The dispute began in March 1980

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REV. JERRY WEST...vows to keep day care center open

Wednesday

FORECAST—Fair and warmer through Thursday. High today in upper 50s, low in low 30s. High Thursday in mid-60s. Winds light and variable tonight, northwesterly 5-10 mph Thursday. Tuesday's high, 58; overnight low, 29.

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Lt. Goodman, left, Jesse Jackson depart plane

'God Bless America'

Released Navy flier expresses feelings on return to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr. returned home to America today after a month in Syrian captivity and headed for a White House welcome along with the man whose personal appeals secured the airman's release.

"God Bless America," Goodman said shortly after he and Democratic presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson stepped out of a U.S. military transport provided by President Reagan.

As the men left the blue-and-white plane at 6:35 a.m. EST, they raised their clasped hands amid cheers from more than a hundred well-wishers and the rousing sounds of a military band.

Goodman, dressed in his Navy uniform, received hugs from his wife and family, who had traveled to nearby Andrews Air Force Base.

"I would just like to say I appreciate all the support I received... 60,000 pieces of mail and to me that's awesome, and to me that shows what kind of country this is," Goodman said in his brief remarks on the tarmac.

"I thought daily about the POW experience that I had been trained to withstand. And the time of POW experience the guys had in Vietnam. I would like to take from that experience and say one quote which one man said when he came back from Vietnam — and that was 'God Bless America'."

Jackson, in his remarks, praised Syrian President Hafez Assad for "helping to break the cycle of pain." He singled out State Department officials and Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., for assisting in the efforts to negotiate

Goodman's release. Percy is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The military plane had flown from Damascus, Syria to Rhein Main Air Base in West Germany.

Goodman, 27, of Virginia Beach, Va., appeared happy and fit as he emerged from the Air Force C-141 transport plane that flew him and the Jackson entourage to West Germany.

The bombardier-navigator was freed by the Syrians Tuesday, a month after his Navy attack jet was shot down over Syrian-controlled central Lebanon. The plane's pilot, Mark Lange, was killed in the Dec. 4 raid, which was in retaliation for Syrian anti-aircraft attacks on U.S. reconnaissance flights.

Dressed in a crisp blue Navy uniform, Goodman smiled and waved

Congressional chorus seeking shorter stay for Marines loudens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressional chorus seeking to shorten the stay of U.S. Marines in Lebanon is turning up the volume, with Democratic Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. saying the House will act if the president doesn't and a key Senate Republican declaring the troops are more a cause of war than an encouragement to peace.

"I believe patience in Congress with administration policies in Lebanon is wearing very thin," O'Neill said Tuesday. "There is no way we are going to be idle if the president doesn't do something within the next couple of weeks."

Making no changes in diplomatic or military policies in Lebanon, said the speaker, "is absolutely unacceptable."

Like O'Neill, Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had been a key supporter of a war powers resolution giving Reagan approval to keep the 1,600 Marines in Beirut for 18 months through April 1985.

The resolution was approved in September before 241 Marines were killed in a truck-bomb explosion at their headquarters near the Beirut airport on Oct. 23.

On Tuesday, Percy said, "It is my feeling that we are no longer really a constructive part of the peacekeeping force there. We are a target and we are causing hostile actions in Lebanon. It would be highly desirable for us now to rotate with other forces that would not be such a target."

"I would like to see the Marines home just as soon as possible," he said.

Congress does not return from a long two-month recess until Jan. 23, but Percy said he will convene a hearing on U.S. policy in Lebanon Jan. 11 because the Marines position has become so vulnerable, and the chances for peace grow more distant each day they are there.

O'Neill met Tuesday with a group of about 15 House Democratic members assigned by him to monitor the administration's diplomatic progress in

Lebanon. Participants said there was unanimous agreement that the Marines be brought back before the 18 months are up, and that the administration has not assigned the Lebanon problem a high enough priority.

"The Marines once were a part of the solution," said Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. "Now, they are part of the problem."

The group of House Democrats stopped short, however, of agreeing on a specific date by which Congress would require a withdrawal.

Already in the Senate, Charles McC Mathias Jr., R-Md., has introduced a proposal requiring a pullout by March.

O'Neill and other House Democrats urged Reagan to interpret the release of Navy Lt. Robert Goodman as a sign that the Syrians are interested in a peaceful settlement in Lebanon.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas, said, "This is a moment pregnant with possibility. It might be possible to break the logjam."

Bullock says firm's tax break will wipe out state's surplus

AUSTIN (AP) — Comptroller Bob Bullock says a \$15 million tax break that was allowed Texas Utilities Electric Co. in a merger could wipe out most of the state's expected revenue margin over spending.

He said the firm took advantage of a provision in the 75-year-old utility gross receipts tax law to save \$15 million in state taxes when Texas Electric Service Co. merged with Texas Power & Light and Dallas Power & Light.

The tax law says that since these companies merged I have to treat them as a brand new firm and only charge them a minimum tax of \$50 for the first quarter of

1984," Bullock said.

The firm will pay an estimated \$45 million for the remaining three-quarters of 1984, he said.

"When the Public Utility Commission approved this merger, they said they didn't know how it would affect the company's customers," Bullock said. "I don't know either, but I do know the rest of us Texas taxpayers have taken a \$15 million poke in the eye with the sharp end of an accountant's pencil."

Bullock's last estimate of 1983-84 state revenue was that it would cover state spending for the two years with \$15.9 million to spare.

Building permits up near \$2 million in '83

By LARRY HOLLIS
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Value of buildings issued permits by the City of Pampa totaled nearly \$2 million more for the calendar year 1983 than for 1982, according to reports issued this week by the city's Department of Building Inspection.

Value of building construction or remodeling was \$16,361,635 for the past year, Shirley Muns, assistant building inspector, said. Value in 1982 reached \$14,382,925.

Fifteen building permits were issued by the department in December, with a value of \$391,785. This represents a big decline from the 18 permits issued in December, 1982, when value totaled \$891,217. Amount of fees collected last month was \$525.50, compared to \$3,673 for the previous December.

Building permits issued in 1983 totaled 325 for the calendar year. For the fiscal year to date, beginning in September, 49 permits have been issued, with a value of \$3,104,489, compared to 79 with a value of \$3,241,403 for the same period for fiscal 1981-1982, Ms. Muns reported.

Total amount of fees collected for 1983 from building permits was \$28,482.25. Total for the fiscal year to date is \$4,765, more than \$3,000 under the \$7,833.25 in fees collected for the same period in the previous fiscal year.

December's figures showed a large drop in value from building permits in November, when value of building construction requiring permits hit \$2,545,214, including the new Wal-Mart store currently under construction.

Building permits issued in December included one single family dwelling, one commercial building, five mobile homes, one demolished home, four alterations-additions to dwellings and two alterations-additions for commercial buildings.

Nine electrical permits were issued last month, Ms. Muns said, with the department collecting \$77.68 in fees. In November, 19 electrical permits were issued with fees of \$531.66. In December, 1982, the department issued 18 electrical permits, collecting \$142.25 in fees.

Thirty-seven electrical permits have

been issued for the current fiscal year, with fees totaling \$723.87. In the calendar year, 242 permits were issued and \$6,294.18 in fees collected. For the same period in the previous fiscal year, 67 permits were issued, with \$476.20 in fees.

The department issued 17 plumbing permits last month, collecting fees of \$1,441.68, Ms. Muns reported. In December, 1982, 34 permits were issued for fees of \$274.50. In November city inspectors issued 46 plumbing permits and collected \$796.66 in fees.

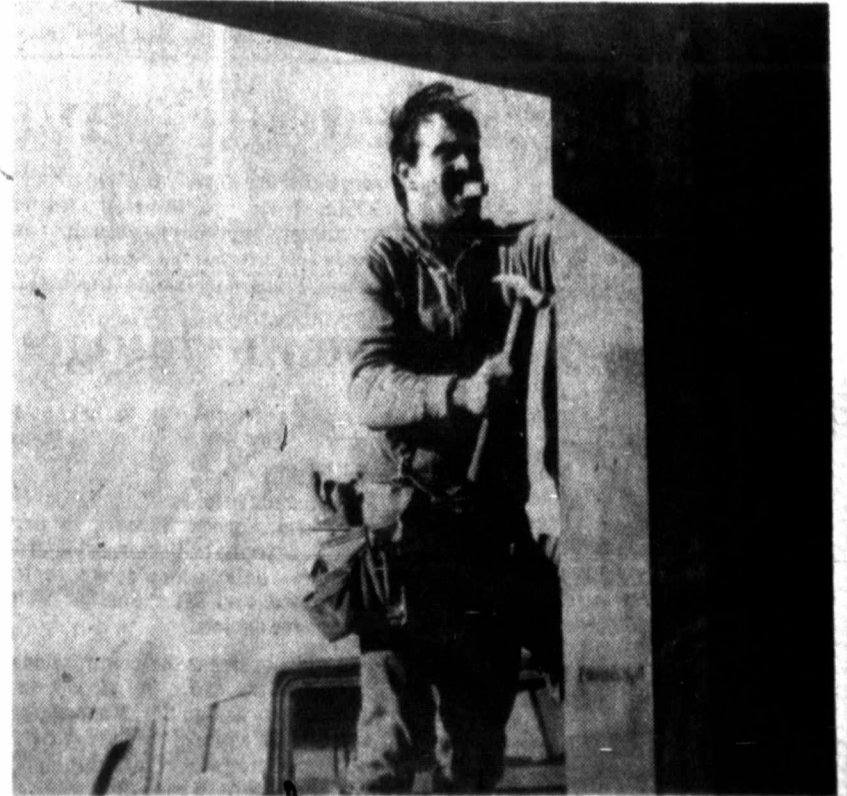
For the current fiscal year, plumbing permits total 102, with \$2,635.52 collected. For the same period in fiscal 1981-82, the department issued 130 permits and collected \$972 in fees. Calendar year totals for 1983 are 501 plumbing permits and \$10,504.28 in fees.

Other fees collected last month totaled \$1,155, compared to \$100 for November and \$675 in December, 1982. Other fees for the fiscal year to date total \$1,255, compared to \$675 for the comparable 1981-1982 period. Total other fees for 1983 are \$1,975, with \$357 collected in fines.

Department officials made 35 building inspections last month, 29 electrical inspections, 52 plumbing and 66 miscellaneous, Ms. Muns said. Inspections conducted in November included 63 building, 54 electrical, 82 plumbing and 47 miscellaneous. Figures for the previous December were 32 building, 29 electrical, 57 plumbing and eight miscellaneous.

For the current fiscal year, officials have inspected 147 buildings, 125 electrical jobs, 232 plumbing jobs and 128 miscellaneous items. This compares with 129 building inspections, 131 electrical, 239 plumbing and 73 miscellaneous for the same period in the previous fiscal year.

For calendar year 1983, total inspections conducted by the department were 735 buildings, 546 electrical, 1,044 plumbing and 398 miscellaneous. These total 2,723 inspections of all kinds by the city department, an average of 10.3 inspections for each working day, Ms. Muns said.



Big year for new construction in Pampa

Home Country

Attorney says

Lucas apparently enjoying his notoriety

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas is reveling in the notoriety he has received since he began talking about the scores of women he has killed across the nation in the past several years, his attorney says.

"He seems to be happy. He is bouncy these days," said Don Higginbotham, one of his two Williamson County attorneys.

"He is getting all this attention, all the coffee and cigarettes he wants. He's getting dental care and visitors on a daily basis. The law enforcement people are having to make appointments to see him. His cell looks like a warehouse stacked full of cigarettes," Higginbotham added.

Higginbotham said Lucas appears to be enjoying the treatment he is receiving in Williamson County, where the Department of Public Safety has set up an office to coordinate Lucas' interviews and collate information on his movements since he was

released from a Michigan prison in 1974.

Lucas, 47, already has been convicted in two Texas killings and has claimed responsibility for more than 150 murders in a nationwide spree of terror.

He is being held in the Williamson County Jail in Georgetown, awaiting trial in the slaying of another unidentified young woman hitchhiker.

Officials said Monday that as many as 200 law enforcement officers from around the country will converge later this month in Monroe, La., to see how many unsolved killings can be linked to him and another drifter, Otis Elwood Toole, who frequently traveled with Lucas.

Many of Lucas' statements about killings he claims to have committed were taken on videotape, and all of them were added to the "flow chart" that Texas officers and others are putting together to document his deadly travels.

Lucas was convicted of killing his mother 23 years ago in Michigan. He now faces charges in eight slayings in Texas.

Lucas was flown to Florida last week to meet with Toole, who is charged with capital murder in three Texas slayings. Toole is serving a 20-year sentence for arson and awaiting trial in Jacksonville, Fla., on an arson-murder charge.

Toole also has been charged with murder in one case in Colorado and warrants have been issued for him in connection with three slayings in Louisiana.

The national meeting of law enforcement officers in Monroe on Lucas and Toole is scheduled for Jan. 18-20 and "will probably be much larger than the first," Monroe police detective Danny Miller told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"A lot of people weren't able to make the first one and have expressed interest in us having another one," Miller said.

South Texas set for next wave of snow birds

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley, winter haven for elderly residents escaping freezing temperatures in the Midwest, is bracing for the post-holiday arrival of about 100,000 tourists in the next 30 days.

Alden Schiller, executive vice president of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, said his office has been receiving about 100 phone calls and 100 letters each day from people wanting information on accommodations in the area.

"The calls started coming with the bad weather up north last month and now we'll see the people who called begin arriving," Schiller said.

Since returning visitors reserve about 85 percent of the available space in older trailer parks by late August, new arrivals may have a little trouble finding a place to park mobile homes. Schiller

said. A number of new parks still have room, but tourists should call ahead to reserve a space, Schiller said.

Schiller and other tourist officials throughout the Valley are reporting a record number of snowbirds visiting this year.

Preliminary figures indicate a 15 percent increase in winter tourism over last year, when between 200,000 and 300,000 visitors spent an estimated \$300 million during their stay. About half the visitors leave in April.

Schiller said that this year "we are seeing for the first time, in an important way, more and more people buying permanent residences and staying longer, some even moving here permanently."

He said the devaluation of the peso caused Mexicans to sell their condominiums. The surplus condos were such "good buys" that visitors were encouraged to move to the Valley full-time or take a plane to their permanent home rather than driving with a mobile home in tow.

In addition to offering low-cost housing, the McAllen area has also improved its health care system in an effort to attract elderly tourists, Schiller said.

McAllen now has two new hospitals with a third new facility under construction. Together, the hospitals will provide 660 new beds to replace the old 220-bed city hospital which will soon close.

Tourists who buy permanent homes also tend to make other purchases which have a positive impact on the local economy.

"They buy furniture, televisions and all kinds of durable goods," Schiller said.

"But these kinds of purchases this year are actually slightly behind 1982 when the peso devaluation caused many distress sales that presented buyers with bargains too good to pass up."

While more people are making the Valley their permanent home, another large group are visiting the area for the first time this winter. Local hotel and motel owners report an unprecedented number of short-term guests this year.

"Many of these people are just escaping the weather and visiting friends from home who are spending the winter down here," Schiller said. "But others are here to check out the area to see if they might like to come and stay a lot longer."

"These tourists are a very word-of-mouth oriented group, and many who are here for a week or less have heard about how nice the Valley is from friends back home."

Snowbirds began arriving in October, but most people set up their winter homes in November and December. January is the third most popular month for arrivals, Schiller said.

And each year the temporary residents stay a little longer, a trend local businessmen like to see.



LEFT WITHOUT CARE—A mongrel dog residents of this Central Texas town. Found dead in their home were Noah Haydon, 60; his wife Edna, 49; and their 5-year-old daughter Amanda.

Sheriff has suspect in triple murder

LOMETA, Texas (AP) — There's little, if any, law enforcement in this West Central Texas town of 670, and, despite, a triple murder, no one's screaming for the police.

Lampasas County Sheriff Gordon Morris said Tuesday he had a suspect in the deaths of a father, mother and daughter found shot to death in their highway-side home on Monday.

"We're pretty strong people around here," the mayor added.

Aaron Murphy, a Haydon neighbor, said he heard no gun shots.

"When I'm in the house it's closed up and the TV is on," said Murphy, whose home is about 100 yards from the Haydons'.

Murphy said he's not panicking about the slayings, but, "I'm nervous as hell and sick and tore up about it."

Lometa residents recall Noah Haydon as a decent citizen who kept to himself. Murphy, a neighbor for 20 years, said, "We never did

neighbor a lot until the last few months."

Justice of the Peace Martin Adams said Noah Haydon "wasn't no braggart of anything, but he didn't mix too well."

Mayor McAnelly remembered "a quiet family that lived to themselves."

All three recalled Haydon's fondness for guns, although Haydon was not a frequent hunter. Adams said the collection featured weapons Haydon had restored by hand.

The lack of fear in the small town could be due to what Adams called "coffee table

talk" about the slayings. The prevalent talk around town is that there is not a random killer at large, but rather a killer who knew the family and chose the Haydons as victims.

"The people in Lometa are pretty calm. They feel like the situation is in 'hand,'" Morris said.

The sheriff was unsure when the slayings took place.

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Trio drowns in partially frozen pond

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Two sixth grade boys and an eighth grader, described by one of their teachers as "inseparable," headed for a neighborhood frozen pond on their last day of freedom before returning to school after the holiday break.

By late afternoon Monday, they still hadn't returned, however, and parents of both boys began a hunt. They were found dead the next day.

Kevin Barnes, 12, was found frozen to death on the bank of the 35-foot-wide pond, about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday. An hour later, a helicopter pilot flying over the pond spotted the bodies of Woody Anderson Jr., 12, and Eddie Ray Thomas, 14, who was Barnes' stepbrother, under the ice.

"They were playing on the ice and fell through," police dispatcher Debbie Ware said. "He (Barnes) was crawling across the field. He did freeze to death."

Police said the pond is in an undeveloped area that is overgrown with weeds and brush.

Woody Anderson, father of one of the victims, said he and his wife searched for hours Monday night without finding any trace of their son.

"We went out walking all night. We went to his friends' houses. I drove the car through the fields but couldn't see anything. The other boys' father left work, and we drove to the

pond. There, we found his baby boy on the bank. He had been wet and was frozen," Anderson told the Dallas Morning News.

A scuba diver with the Grand Prairie fire department recovered the bodies of the two other boys from about five feet of water. A spokesman for the Dallas County medical examiner's office said the two boys had drowned.

An autopsy was scheduled today on Barnes' body.

Police said Kevin Barnes apparently escaped from the pond, but was too cold to crawl for help and died on the bank.

Gaylord Hayes, Grand Prairie crime analysis officer, said the ice had begun to thaw at the edges of the pond, but was 1/4 of an inch to 1 inch thick at the center.

The boys apparently were playing about 15 feet from the bank when they fell through, Hayes said.

Anderson said he had never warned his son about playing on the frozen pond, because he didn't know one was in the fields, which are about 1/4 mile south of the neighborhood both families live in.

"They just went out to play. I didn't know there was a pond there. Woody had never mentioned it," Anderson said.

Kevin Barnes and Woody Anderson Jr. were in the sixth grade and Eddie Thomas was in the eighth grade of Robert E. Lee Middle School in Grand Prairie, a suburb west of Dallas. Speech teacher Bill Bunch described the three boys as inseparable.

Official says EDB standards premature

AUSTIN (AP) — State Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein says it is "premature" to try to set state standards on the use of a cancer-causing chemical in killing weevils while processing grain products.

Bernstein, who commented after State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower called for state and federal controls on ethylene diobromide (EDB), said his department was watching the situation closely.

"We agree that tests show there is some level in some finished grain products, but we don't know how much it affects people," Bernstein said.

"When we find out for sure how this affects people we will do something about it."

"There is no need to flog ourselves for no good reason," Bernstein said.

Old Tyme Foods in Dallas, said his firm and others have already taken steps to prevent traces of the cancer-causing chemical from appearing in their products.

"We buy our corn meal from milling companies and when we learned of tests in Florida on Oct. 15, we stopped using any

such meal. Any of our products since Oct. 15 are safe," Wichter said in a telephone interview.

Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Ron White said "significant" amounts of EDB have been found in each of 10 grain-based grocery products tested by the TDA.

White said he had ordered extensive tests of grain-based grocery products, including all of those discovered in Florida tests.

"There is no need for any consumer panic, since one box of grits won't kill anyone," White said, "but neither should we be nonchalant about this health threat."

Hightower said the Grocery Manufacturers of America, a national lobby group for food processors, admits there is EDB in some products, but says the Florida standard is too low. The GMA asserts the products in question are safe and should stay on the market.

Hightower said EPA began the process to ban EDB in 1977, but no action was taken to remove the chemical from the marketplace until September 1983, when EPA announced an emergency ban on using EDB as a soil fumigant.

A non-emergency ban on using EDB as a grain fumigant was to have taken effect in November 1983. The action on grain fumigants was challenged by several chemical companies, and the EPA said the product could continue to be used until the challenge was resolved.

Suit against handgun maker, Amarillo seller under way

DALLAS (AP) — Opening arguments were scheduled today in a \$43 million lawsuit of a 21-year-old Amarillo man who is suing the marketer, manufacturer and designer of a cheap handgun that accidentally discharged six years ago in a school parking lot, leaving him paralyzed for life.

Attorneys for David Duane Clancy will try to persuade a four-man, eight-woman jury that a .22-caliber Armsco revolver that injured Clancy on Oct. 4, 1977 had a defective design and was unreasonably dangerous to the user and others.

Clancy was in court Tuesday in a wheelchair. The trial is expected to last two to three weeks.

Named in the suit are Zale's, which marketed the gun; Arms Corp. of America, which manufactured it; and Rogers Research and Development Co., which designed it. The suit was filed in Dallas in 1981.

The defendants contend that the gun was not defective. They claim Clancy was shot because the boy with the gun was not handling it properly.

Clancy, then 15, was talking with a group of students on the parking lot of Alamo Catholic High School in Amarillo when he was shot.

A teen-ager who was holding the gun when it fired, wounding Clancy in the neck, testified in a deposition that he bought the gun from another student for \$10 about two weeks before the shooting. He said he brought the gun to school to sell it and was showing it to a girl when it discharged. The bullet lodged in Clancy's spine, and he was left paralyzed from the neck down.

Randa Mathis, an attorney for Zale Corp., argued that Windle Turley, who is Clancy's lead attorney, intends to use the lawsuit to ban the sale of all handguns in the United States.

Turley acknowledged that the case is one of more than a dozen he has filed across the country against sellers and manufacturers of so-called "Saturday night specials." But he denied his intention in Clancy's case is to do anything other than recover damages for his client's injuries.

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Opinion Government gets in the way again

The little drama being played out among the Federal Trade Commission, General Motors, Toyota and other automobile manufacturers illustrates rather neatly how laws ostensibly designed to protect competition can be used to reduce or eliminate competition. The upshot of such meddling, of course, is unnecessary delay in putting business deals together and fewer jobs for Americans. The tempest in bureaucratic halls began when GM and Toyota came up with the idea of a joint venture to produce Toyota-designed cars in a plant in Fremont that GM had closed. If the deal could be worked out, it would mean more cars manufactured in the U.S. and more jobs for U.S. workers. Could anyone find that objectionable? Some of GM's and Toyota's competitors did, but that was to be expected. What businessman could be expected not to be somewhat alarmed to note that competitors were making a move that might give them a leg up? In a relatively free marketplace, of course, the remedy is to redouble your efforts to produce products consumers will prefer. It's hardly ethical to hire terrorists to go bomb the competition's plants.

But if you can get the government to do the job for you... then you have a chance not only to do the competition dirt, but you make all kinds of public-spirited noises in the process. A group of automakers, led by Chrysler, demanded that the FTC look into whether the joint venture would violate anti-trust laws.

Let's step away from the maze of legalisms and look at the real world for a moment. Granted that GM and Toyota are automotive giants. They're not talking about a merger, though; simply a joint venture to operate one plant. If that one plant goes into operation, will it result in less competition in the automotive marketplace? Not likely. It's more likely to result in increased competition, more choices for consumers. Established manufacturers seldom welcome new competition. If they can squash it through the agency of government, using laws that were ostensibly written to keep competition open, all the while talking about the "public interest" and the sanctity of law, it's even more delicious. Why do anything so gauche as to hire a hit-man when the FTC will do the job for you and make it look respectable?

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William Murchison

Computers can't compute people

People who are just awful at mathematics should rejoice at the tribulations of the economic forecasting fraternity. With all their computer models, arcane formulae and hefty fees, our laterday Nostradamuses do well to hit the target, never mind the bull's-eye. Some could as effectively stare into the entrails of a mongoose as at their elaborate printouts. The economic weathermen, for 1983, had forecast heavy clouds, with random and grudging intervals of sunshine; instead the clouds started to break and the sun to beam down. Unemployment dropped more sharply than predicted; inflation rose more slowly; gross national product grew substantially faster. Eighty-three wasn't as bad for the forecasters as '82, but it was no great shakes either. All this is said without animus toward the forecasters themselves, who certainly do the best they can - just as the meteorologists, do their best. Yet who hasn't gotten wet at a football game that was supposed to be dry? If our Lord did not know the hour of his coming again in glory, how is a computer to know the unemployment rate

a dozen months hence? Yet in the past-half-century Western society has grown disgustingly deferential to the economic "experts" whose gaze and vision take in - supposedly - all of human endeavor. Lord Keynes was the most influential of these experts, or at least their most influential champion. The free marketplace, as Keynes saw it, couldn't be trusted to function for the greater good; it had to be taken in hand, manipulated, redirected. Business cycles had to be evened out through the taxing and spending frowner of government. (By the end of his life, Keynes was reportedly disillusioned with this view of things, but alas, wasn't granted space for amendment.) As to economic manipulation of the socialists were even more outspoken. Socialism was a "scientific" affair. The experts didn't know just a smattering about economic processes; they knew everything. Most of all they "knew" the means of redirecting wealth from the rich to the poor. The result is that in no other countries are the poor so miserable as in socialist

countries. (The rich still are rich; after all, they're party members.) The economic forecasters have nothing so malignant as socialism in mind. All they want is to alert their clients as to which way the economy is going. The government's interest in the matter is keen: budgets have to be drawn up, taxes levied, appropriations voted. Yet the government's own experts have no better idea than anyone else what goes on. As Randolph H. Boehm of the Cato Institute has pointed out, the average error in official forecasts of changes in the deficit was 529 percent. Just three times from 1971-1982 was the estimate within 75 percent of the actual deficit. Why doesn't economic forecasting work better? For one reason above all others: That Economics, in the end, is People - specifically, the multitudinous daily decisions that people make about the use of their money. To buy or to save or to postpone purchase; to invest in stocks, bonds or gold; to give to the church or the lodge or the Salvation Army. Such are the fundamental decisions people make every second of every day.

How can the disc-drive "experts," memory banks or not, keep up with so many decisions? They try, of course, because they have to, and sometimes they hit it lucky; but human will and ingenuity simply can't be programmed. For example, the experts were almost unanimous in failing to foresee that energy consumers could cut back their consumption. The economists "assumed" that demand for energy was inelastic; it proved anything but. Most of the lame-brained and futile policies formulated by government to deal with the "energy crisis" presupposed a consumer too dumb to do what was plainly in his own economic interest, i.e., reduce his purchase of expensive fuel. What a piece of work is man! Not least because he confounds all attempts to reduce all of life to digits on a printout. You can't "plan" an economy; all you can do is give rein to human skills and aspirations - as does the free market. Come to think of it, is there anywhere a better argument for letting free men pursue their freedom freely? An argument, I mean, that doesn't have to be run through a computer?

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1984. There are 362 days left in the year.
Today's highlight in history:
On Jan. 4, 1966, Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in California.
On this date:
In 1493, Christopher Columbus left America for Spain aboard the Nina.
In 1785, German fairy tale writer Jakob Grimm was born.
In 1790, George Washington delivered the first annual presidential message to the nation.
In 1809, Louis Braille, who invented the raised-point method of writing for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.
In 1885, Dr. William West Grant performed the first appendectomy, on 22-year-old Mary Gartside in Davenport, Iowa.
Ten years ago: President Richard Nixon rejected the Senate Watergate Committee's subpoenas for White House tapes and documents.
Five years ago: President Jimmy Carter and the leaders of Britain, France and West Germany arrived on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe for two days of meetings on mutual problems.
One year ago: Former Vice President Spiro Agnew paid the state of Maryland nearly \$270,000 dollars, including interest, for kickbacks he had received as governor.
Today's birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 70.



Art Buchwald

Sure ways to start conversation

If you're ever speechless, stick this in your wallet or purse and become the hit of the party.
"My daughter gave up her Cabbage Patch doll for adoption."
"If Ed Meese thought Scrooge was the victim of a bad press, remember what they did to Count Dracula."
"I don't see how you people can celebrate New Year's Eve when Premier Nakasone lost 36 seats in the Japanese elections last week."
"I always cry at the end of 'Love Boat.'"
"George makes spare parts for the Pentagon."
"Would anyone like to come over to our house after dinner and see a videotape of 'The Day After?'"
"Try this cheese. We got it standing in line at government warehouse."
"My kid managed to break into the Chrysler computer and ordered it to ship 1,000 trucks to Lee Iacocca's house for Christmas."

"I don't see why you have to have 'The Right Stuff' to be an astronaut."
"If you want to know what the Germans really think of us, read 'Hitler's Diaries.'"
"You'll never get a nuclear arms treaty with the Soviets by sitting down and talking to them."
"I wish Ronald Reagan would grow a beard."
"Does anyone know if Andropov's health is improving?"
"Shall we all drink a toast to Australia for winning the America's Cup?"
"If I marry Joanna Carson, she'll never get \$50,000 a month out of me."
"I'd rather have my kid learn how to play football than worry about whether he was getting an education or not."
"I think the media are doing one helluva job, and I hope they keep it up."
"Does anyone want to bet that George McGovern will be our next president?"

"Can any of you remember where you were the exact moment James Watt retired as Secretary of the Interior?"
"I'd rather be nouveau riche than not rich at all."
"My son is suing his female boss for sexual harassment."
"We just got into a tax shelter with William Casey, director of the CIA."
"Every time we buy land underneath a volcano in Hawaii, the damn thing blows up."
"Did you hear the latest about Zsa Zsa Gabor?"
"Allan put a dump truck in front of our driveway to stop terrorists, so now we have to park our car in the street."
"No, Sidney, didn't come tonight. He got drunk at his Christmas office party, and they called for a volunteer driver from the Safe Holiday Motor Pool, and she took him home to her apartment, and now they're living together."

"I figure flying must be safe or the Moonies wouldn't hang out at airports."
"I got bored playing golf and tennis when the children left the nest, so I decided to become a lady barber."
"I'll bet you there isn't a person in this room who knows how much I paid for this watch."
"If everyone will shut up for one moment, we'll tell you what our 4-year-old grandchild said to us on Christmas Eve."
"I'll show you my American Express card, if you show me yours."
"Woody had a triple heart bypass before the doctors discovered he was allergic to orlon underwear."
"I'd rather have a gender gap than a missile gap."
"Hey, everybody, it's midnight. Would you all join me in singing the Grenada National Anthem?"
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Edwin Feulner

Hang on to your pocketbooks

Congress is home and the Republic is safe for another couple of months. When they return at the end of January, however, hold on to your pocketbook. In 1983 they almost saddled us with another tax increase; they'll make another valiant try in '84. The problem, according to many Washington movers-and-shakers - everyone from the former head of the Congressional Budget Office, now Brookings Institution Senior Scholar, Alice Rivlin, to Kansas Sen. Robert Dole, Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee - is that President Reagan's 1981 Tax Reduction Act took too much money away from government. Don't you feel just terrible for Washington's big-spending bureaucrats? The 1981 Tax Reduction Act has left the average taxpayer paying essentially the same in 1984 as in 1980. What has been done, however, thanks to President Reagan and some of the bright young stars in the Senate, like Bill Armstrong of Colorado, is to take the profit out of inflation. Specifically, when history is written about the 1981 tax cut, this anti-inflationary "tax indexing" may be viewed as its most

lasting contribution. What indexing does is stop us from being pushed into higher tax brackets simply because of inflation. In the past, congressional spenders have been able to keep ever-larger sums of money flowing to Washington - first by causing inflation, and second because they knew our inflated paychecks would automatically result in bigger federal tax bites. It made the big spenders happy because they could keep on spending without having to vote for tax increases. Santa Claus never had it so good. Well, that jig is up. If the federal government is operating in the red, as it is with a vengeance, Congress can no longer secretly pick our pockets. All this is not to say that the size of the federal deficit is not a serious matter; clearly it is. But the deficit has increased not because of the tax cuts we now enjoy but because federal spending is simply out of control. Tax receipts for the federal government have been remarkably consistent over the last ten years, ranging from 18.1 percent to 20.8 percent of the gross national product (GNP). Preliminary estimates show that

1983 receipts should be in the 18.6-percent range - about in the middle of the most recent period - even with the current lower tax rates. The reason: the economy is now expanding; and revenues can be expected to increase so long as the economic expansion continues. We face a huge deficit, however, because spending as a percentage of GNP has been consistently increasing - from 21.5 percent in 1979 to an estimated 25.6 percent this year. These are staggering numbers. What to do about it? The answer clearly is get government spending under control. Don't increase taxes!

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CLAP TO BEGIN WORKING—Thousands of Tokyo Stock Exchange Market floor workers, including two front rows of women workers dressed in kimonos, engage in the traditional syncopated clappings as a ceremonial gesture to begin their first day of work this year Wednesday in downtown Tokyo. For women, dressing in kimono to work on the first day is a long-sustained business tradition. (AP Laserphoto)

Syrian president grabs center stage

By NICOLAS B. TATRO
Associated Press Writer

Syrian President Hafez Assad, who freed captured U.S. Navy pilot Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr., has thrust himself onto center stage during the past year with a goal of proving himself indispensable to any future peacemaking in the Middle East.

With skill and a sometimes ruthless cunning, Assad has succeeded in turning military defeat into political gain after his army was manhandled by Israel in the 1982 war in Lebanon.

He has:
—Forced Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat out of Lebanon and taken firm control of the remaining guerrilla organizations.

—Persuaded an initially reluctant Soviet Union to invest its prestige in the rebuilding of Syria's military forces.

—Consolidated his control on nearly one half of Lebanon's territory and reasserted Syria's political influence with leftist militias and traditional Moslem leaders opposed to the U.S.-backed government of President Amin Gemayel.

—Fostered guerrilla attacks designed to pressure the United States and Israel into pulling their troops out of Lebanon and forsaking the U.S.-mediated Lebanon-Israel agreement. The pact signed May 17, 1983, could have forced Syrian troops to leave Lebanon and given Israel a de facto peace treaty with a second Arab country.

With remarkable alacrity, the 53-year-old Assad has moved simultaneously on a variety of fronts to turn the tables and force recognition of his central role.

Releasing the U.S. Navy flier shot down over Lebanon is seen as part of Assad's attention-getting political campaign. It also serves to embarrass President Reagan, who ignored him in the pursuit of the Lebanon-Israel agreement and who failed to mention restoration of Syria's Golan Heights in his September 1982 peace plan.

Consumer confidence in economy high

By The Associated Press

Consumers' confidence in the economy has jumped to a five-year peak, although the government's first economic reports of 1984 give a mixed reading of industrial activity.

The Conference Board, a research group whose work is sponsored by business interests, said Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence rose in December to 94 from 90.2 in November. The December reading was the highest since reaching 94 in October 1978.

The December figure shows the economic recovery will remain strong well into 1984, said Fabian Linden, the board's director of consumer research.

He said rising personal income, a subdued inflation rate and an increase in jobs all contributed to an increasing sense of security among consumers.

The Commerce Department, meanwhile, said a big jump in orders for military goods pushed total factory orders to \$185.8 billion in November, a gain of 2.2 percent from October.

Manufacturers boosted their shipping even faster and their stocks of goods stayed about the same — leaving the

shipment-to-inventory ratio at its lowest level in 33 years, the report said.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said the value of new construction put in place in November was at an annual rate of \$271.9 billion, the same as October. The October rate had been 4.7 percent below September's. Private non-residential construction was up 5.1 percent in November while residential construction fell 2.8 percent.

In other economic reports Tuesday:
—General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. said they will reduce the suggested retail prices of their 1984 cars and some trucks an average of \$10 because a federal excise tax on tires was eliminated. American Motors Corp. said it will not match the price reductions.

—Manville Corp. said it filed another lawsuit against the federal government, charging that officials did not fulfill contractual obligations when asbestos products were used in U.S. Navy shipyards. Manville said the \$36 million claim is the third — and largest — that it has filed in U.S. Claims Court in Washington.

Assad's military buildup has raised concern in Israel about the long-term prospects of a new war. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government has been alarmed by the Soviet Union's increasing involvement and the expansion of its army to 700,000 men.

Israel has stressed it does not want war with Syria but tensions have remained high because of Syrian-sponsored guerrilla attacks and Israeli counterattacks from the air, including one today in Lebanon's Bakaa Valley.

Several Israeli politicians have stressed the need for some form of an agreement with Syria over Lebanon to reduce the risk of war and Shamir indirectly acknowledged the central role that Assad is now playing in the region.

"Ever since our state was established, there has always been an Arab ruler in the Middle East who fancied himself another Saladin," Shamir was quoted as saying in the daily Maariv newspaper. Saladin was the 12th century Arab leader who defeated the crusaders and captured Jerusalem.

US may increase military aid to El Salvador, no reductions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has promised the El Salvadoran government an increase in military aid if that country removes military officers and others linked to death squads from positions of authority, U.S. officials say.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said no aid cutoff is contemplated if the Salvadoran government fails to take action. But they said Salvadoran authorities have sufficient incentive to carry out the administration's wishes because they recognize current aid levels are insufficient.

According to the officials, the administration has set Jan. 10 as a "threshold date" by which it expects the Salvadoran government to act against death squad chieftains.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said Tuesday the recent destruction of the Cuscatlan Bridge by rebel forces, severely restricting traffic to

the eastern third of the country, underscored the need for an aid increase. He did not specify figures or the conditions under which an increase would be sought.

Other officials said the administration is fully prepared to forego the proposed increase if Salvadoran authorities do not move decisively against the death squad leaders.

They said one such leader,

Hector Antonio Regalado, is expected to be removed shortly from his position as chief of security for the Constituent Assembly. That step, the officials said, is being facilitated by the recent resignation of Roberto D'Aubuisson as assembly president. Regalado is regarded as a protégé of D'Aubuisson.

D'Aubuisson, leader of the most powerful rightist party

in El Salvador, stepped down as assembly president after announcing his candidacy for the presidential elections set for March.

The officials said other reputed death squad leaders are widely known to American and El Salvadoran officials. They said the transfer of these individuals from their current positions would satisfy minimal U.S. requirements.

Groups such as the Secret Anti-Communist Army and the Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez Brigade are believed to receive money from wealthy Salvadoran exiles living in the United States. Their list of targets has included peasant union activists and others who support the American-backed land redistribution program and other reform measures.

The Congress has approved \$64.8 million in military aid for the current fiscal year but only \$45 million of that is available to El Salvador.

Eviction attempt is rejected

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An eviction case against an ice cream salesman whose landlord removed the doors of his apartment during subfreezing temperatures has been tossed out of court.

Justice of the Peace Armando Flores dismissed the case Tuesday after the landlord, Charles Omundson Jr. of Corpus Christi, failed to appear for a 10 a.m. hearing.

Edwards said Omundson removed the front and back doors of his apartment the day after Christmas, when temperatures were in the mid-20s.

Omundson, in a telephone interview last week with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, said Edwards owed him rent and had refused to answer an eviction notice. "Sometimes it's (taking doors off apartments) the only way to get their attention," Omundson said.

Edwards said he spent the first night in the frigid apartment but "gave up" the next day and spend the night with a friend. He moved out of the apartment for good on Dec. 28, he said.

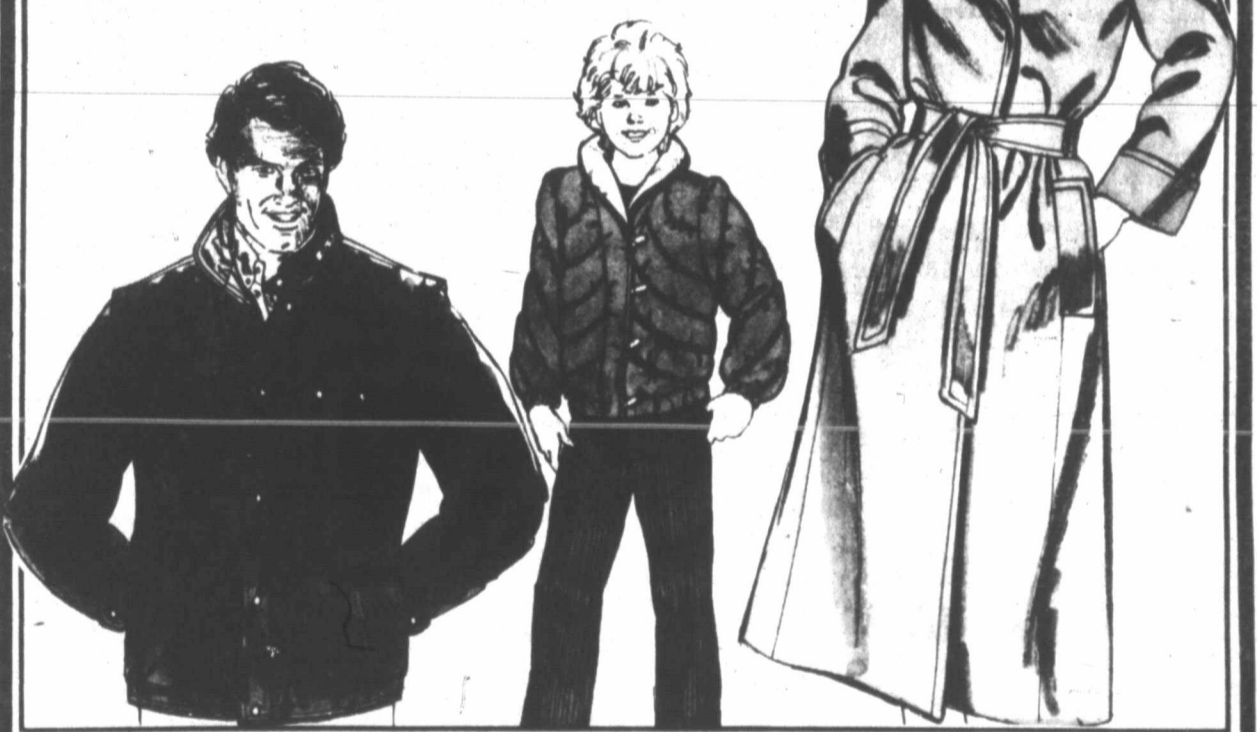
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Early prenatal care decreasing among poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration's budget policies and the recession are causing increases in infant mortality and reducing the proportion of poor women getting medical attention early in their pregnancies, a children's advocacy group is warning.

Marian Wright Edelman, of the Children's Defense Fund, said Tuesday that the babies of women who have early prenatal care are three times more likely to survive than those whose mothers don't get it.

Ms. Edelman said that although the recession is responsible for part of the problem, a better economic climate won't be enough to put things on track. Moreover, said the group's report, "American Children in Poverty," even where there is progress in the health status of white children, non-white children lag.

Ms. Edelman said her group's analysis of birth data from all 50 states from 1978 to 1982 shows that the shift away from early prenatal care and towards late or no prenatal care is nationwide. The data also shows that infant mortality rose in 11 states.

She claimed that federal spending on basic health, nutrition, education, child-care and family support programs has been reduced by \$10 billion a year. The federal cuts have had a ripple effect, causing every state to reduce health services for mothers and children, Ms. Edelman added.

Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia reported data on all pregnant women and 20 of them showed that lower percentages of women were receiving early prenatal care. The 20 are Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

New York leads the states in the percentage of non-white women receiving late or no prenatal care. More than one

Lifestyles

Hot, homemade soup—easy for youngsters to make

On a chilly day, there's nothing quite so welcome as a steaming bowl of soup. It's the one-pot meal that beats all others hands down and spoons up! What better way

to introduce kids to the wonders of the kitchen than by preparing hearty soups?

Some soups are all-day projects, but many require just a few basic skills and the careful blending of simple ingredients. These are ideal for beginning cooks. With the guidance of an adult "cooking coach" to teach basic techniques and kitchen safety rules, success is almost guaranteed... even for first-timers.

Soup making usually requires chopping and slicing vegetables and other foods. Beginners will need careful supervision while learning these techniques. Provide a cutting board and explain that it must be used for all cutting jobs to protect counter tops and keep knives sharp.

Select a knife with a two to five-inch blade that will be easy for small hands to control. Be sure it's SHARP — a dull knife requires more pressure to cut through foods, making slipping and accidents more likely to occur. Show youngsters how to hold the knife with fingers on the handle, away from the blade, and how to cut slowly and carefully.

Newcomers to the kitchen will need help with unfamiliar recipe language. Assist by translating and demonstrating these basic cooking terms as you encounter them together:

CHOP — To cut in random-size pieces. Unless the recipe says to "finely chop" (tiny pieces) or "coarsely chop" (large pieces), you may cut the size pieces you prefer.

STIR — To mix 'round and

It's smart to start junior cooks with simple recipes that yield quick results such as Garden Vegetable Soup. This family-pleasing soup combines fresh carrot, celery and onion with mashed potato flakes and pasteurized process cheese spread. The cheese spread melts smoothly and quickly, so it's ideal for soup. A small rubber scraper will help remove it from the jar.

Be sure to show children what $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch carrot and celery slices look like and plan to stay close at hand to assist with testing the vegetables for tenderness.

GARDEN VEGETABLE SOUP
You will need:
2 to 3 carrots
1 stalk celery
1 small onion
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. mashed potato flakes
1 T. margarine
1 (8 oz.) jar cheese spread

For maximum flavor in slow-cooked stews, you must brown the meat before putting it into the pot, just as if you were going to cook in a Dutch oven or casserole. If you throw all the ingredients into the slow cooker, add water, and make no further effort, the food will taste like soup. On the "low" setting, no steam escapes, so sauces tend to be thin. When cooking is completed, thicken these sauces with a roux.

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Paper towels
cutting board
small sharp knife
metal and glass measuring cups
Slotted spoon
Fork
Wooden spoon
Rubber scraper

Wash carrots and celery and dry with paper towel. On cutting board, slice carrots and celery about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick, using small sharp knife. Measure one cup carrot slices and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup celery slices. Chop enough onion to measure $\frac{1}{4}$ cup.

Combine water, carrot, celery and onion in saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low. Cover saucepan and simmer 15 minutes.

Uncover saucepan and remove a few vegetables, using slotted spoon. Place vegetables on cutting board. Test carrot for tenderness, using fork. If carrot is not tender, cover and continue cooking a few minutes longer.

Stir in potato flakes and margarine. Mix well with wooden spoon. Add process cheese spread. Stir until cheese spread is melted.

A simmering pot of homemade soup fills the house with an irresistible aroma, beckoning the family to gather 'round. When junior cooks are responsible for this happy event they'll feel great pride in the grown-up accomplishment.

Frank 'n Bean Soup is a "soup-er" recipe for kids because it's made in minutes with some of their favorite foods — frankfurters, beans and mild-flavored pasteurized process cheese spread. Satisfying and wholesome, this one-dish dinner is perfect for hearty, casual meals. Crusty bread and crisp raw vegetables are all that's needed to complete the menu.

Cooking terms are a "shorthand" way to describe certain steps the cook must perform. Here are two with which beginners will need your assistance:

CUBE — To cut into square pieces of uniform size, usually $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch or larger.

DRAIN — To separate liquid from solids by placing food in a colander or small strainer to drain into a bowl.

A dash of pepper flavors the soup. Be sure to show children how much a "dash" indicates, to avoid overseasoning. It should be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon.

FRANK 'N BEAN SOUP
You will need:
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. frankfurters
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cheese spread
1 small onion
29 oz. can tomatoes
16 oz. can kidney beans
2 T. margarine
Dash of pepper

Take out:
Cutting board
Small sharp knife
Wire cheese cutter
Strainer or small colander
2 small mixing bowls
3 qt. saucepan
Wooden spoon

On cutting board, cut frankfurters into $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices. Cube process cheese spread using wire cheese cutter or small sharp knife. Thinly slice onion.

With a strainer or small colander, drain tomatoes into small bowl. Place drained tomatoes on cutting board. Coarsely chop and add to tomato juice in small bowl. Drain beans into another small bowl. Discard liquid. Melt margarine in saucepan over medium heat. Add onion. Cook and stir until onion is tender and loses its very white color.

Add frankfurters, tomatoes and juice, beans and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add process cheese spread cubes and stir until melted.

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Dear Abby

Frugal bride's savings plan has bitter payoff
By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I am the divorced mother of two small children. When I married eight years ago, my parents gave me a large, expensive wedding. I am being married again and refuse to let my parents give me another wedding.

My fiancé has built a nice little home for us. He is not wealthy, just conservative. We're getting married in my parents' home with only immediate family members and six couples who are very close friends. After the ceremony we will all go to a small neighborhood restaurant for dinner.

I invited the guests by phone and told them all that they would be paying for their own meals. Everyone seemed to think it was OK.

I am enclosing this letter I just received from one of our "close" friends:

"Dear () W. I regret to inform you that we cannot accept your ill-mannered invitation. To invite people to a wedding and expect them to pay for their own meals afterward shows a definite lack of class, taste, dignity and pride. "It is really too bad that you can afford to build a brand-new house, but can't see your way clear to pick up the tab for your wedding guests. You two have some nerve! You are just plain cheap and selfish and ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

Abby, were we wrong to ask our guests to pay for their own meals? And what should we do now?
SECOND-TIME BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: I think you went overboard trying to conserve when you asked your guests to pay for their own meals. If it's not too late, please pay for your guests' dinners and economize somewhere else. The "close" friends who wrote that letter were cruel. A simple "no" would have sufficed.

DEAR ABBY: You have often dealt with the problem of guests who arrive late, but please say something about the boorishness of guests who arrive for a dinner party 15 minutes early.
IRKED HOSTESS

DEAR IRKED: Ask any hostess if she prefers to have guests arrive 15 minutes late or 15 minutes early. I think the lateness would be more readily forgiven. The 15 minutes before guests arrive are crucial for the hostess. Considerate guests never intentionally show up early.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the lady who was concerned about her husband's habit of talking to the television: She shouldn't worry. I also talk to the television. For instance, every time I see a rerun of "The Rockford Files," and a beautiful woman comes to Jim Rockford with a sad story about why she wants to hire him as a detective, I always yell, "She's lying to you, Jim!" Does Jim listen to me? No. She hires him. Then he gets beat up by a couple of thugs who have been hiding in his trailer.

I yell at my car when it stalls at intersections. I yell at the wire coat hangers when they fall on the closet floor and get all tangled up. I yell at the door of my clothes dryer when it won't come open, and I yell at it again when it won't stay closed. I have had some very heated arguments with my home computer when it doesn't do what I want it to.
Am I crazy? I think not. It's natural to talk to inanimate objects.

I also talk to myself sometimes. Why not? I'm a fascinating conversationalist and a good listener. Sometimes I argue with myself, and there are even times when I'm not on speaking terms with myself, but I always kiss and make up.
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Keep diet resolution for a new you in the new year

If January has a sound, it's the sound of shattering New Year's resolutions. But one resolve must not lie among the wreckage — your promise to yourself of a slimmer, healthier future. Here are some practical suggestions to help from a medically-approved, national diet center.

1. Set realistic goals; impossible promises are broken promises. Look at yourself in the mirror. Talk to yourself and tell yourself that you owe it to yourself to become the very best you possibly can.
2. Set a long range goal for six weeks and set daily goals. Make them goals you can meet. For example, "I plan to lose 10 pounds in six weeks." "I will weigh myself daily to be in control of my weight." "I will diet one day at a time."
3. Drink at least eight glasses of water daily. Many dieters

think water makes you heavy. In reality water carries nutrients to your body and even more importantly water flushes out impurities. "Hunger" is often thirst in disguise, so drink water before eating.

4. Eliminate that extra slice of bread, pat of butter or teaspoon of sugar and you will go a long way toward bring your weight under control. Cut out refined starches, boxed foods and all sugar. No gimmicks are necessary. Just subtle, permanent changes in your eating habits.
5. Replace soft, highly processed foods with bulky fruits and vegetables. Eat one-half of the vegetables raw because they have more staying power. Handfuls of chocolates and potato chips can be gobbled in less time than it takes to eat an apple or a fresh salad. Give your brain time to discover that your body is full. Unprocessed foods give long term satisfaction

instead of sugar highs followed by letdowns. Fruit sugars enter and leave the bloodstream more slowly than table sugar.

6. Limit your salt intake. Excess sodium increases water retention and contributes to high blood pressure. Most processed foods already contain salt, so hide that shaker. A dash of spice can replace salt for livelier meals.
7. Caffeine is a super diet wrecker. Remember that coffee is not the only source of caffeine; tea, cola and chocolate also contain sizable amounts. Replace your morning cup of coffee with decaffeinated brands, herbal teas or lemon in hot water for a healthy pick me up.
8. Cut every ounce of fat off all meat. You don't need it and it will help lower cholesterol.
9. Read labels carefully. Avoid preservatives, chemicals and dyes. Eat foods as close to natural as possible. Steam

vegetables or cook them in a microwave.

10. Think nutrition, not calories. During a diet, your body is on a budget; pick the best buy! A given quantity of junk food may contain the same number of calories as a salad, but the salad contains vitamins and minerals while the junk food contains other goodies like artificial color, sugar and preservatives.

11. For additional benefits, supplement your diet with increased activity. End your affair with the car — walk right out! Beware of escalators, elevators, buses and any other replacement for your own two feet.

To keep your resolutions unbroken set realistic goals, eat controlled portions of nutritious foods and increase your activity. Here's to a new you in the new year!

Reader requests recipe for tangerine sherbert

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

DEAR CECILY: I'd like to use fresh tangerines for a sherbet, but I lack a recipe. Can you help? — ENTERPRISING.

DEAR ENTERPRISING: Here's a recipe for Fresh Tangerine Sherbet. I'm happy you asked for it because these days light and refreshing fruit desserts are welcome at every season of the year. You can serve the sherbet as is or with vanilla ice cream — one of my favorite combinations to offer to guests. — C. B.

FRESH TANGERINE SHERBERT

- 12 to 14 medium tangerines, cut in half crosswise
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup milk

Using a reamer, squeeze the juice from the tangerines. If necessary, use a fine-mesh strainer to remove any seeds. You will need 3 cups tangerine juice.

In a medium bowl sprinkle the gelatin over

1/2 cup of the tangerine juice and let soften — about 5 minutes. Heat 1 1/2 cups of the remaining tangerine juice until it begins to boil; pour over gelatin mixture and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in until blended the remaining 1 cup tangerine juice, the syrup and milk. Turn into a 9 by 9 by 2-inch pan.

Cover pan with saran. Freeze until very firm — overnight if you like.

Let stand at room temperature to soften slightly — about 10 minutes. Turn into the

large bowl of an electric mixer. At low speed, beat until smoothly combined but not melted. Turn into a freezer container and cover tightly. Freeze to have firm — 4 hours or longer.

Before serving, let stand briefly at room temperature to soften slightly. Offer as is or with vanilla ice cream. As a garnish, you may want to use curls or shaving of semisweet chocolate.

Makes about 1 quart.

Few workers don't file income taxes

By Robert Metz
(Third of 14 articles)

Those rare individuals who have an income and don't have to file a tax return must feel as if they have their cake and can eat it too. That does happen. But what is much more common is the individual who owes no tax but must file an income tax return anyway.

To learn whether you must file a 1983 return, find your filing status in the accompanying table. If your gross income is at least as much as the amount shown, you must file a return even if you owe no tax.

Individuals who should file tax returns even if they don't

have to. That's true of anyone who had taxes withheld from earnings who did not earn enough to file a tax return. The only way that person can have those taxes refunded is by filing a tax return. This situation often applies to students who work part time and and to retired persons who earn modest incomes.

There is another group of taxpayers who should file tax returns even though they are not required to do so. These are individuals who are eligible for the earned income credit. Generally, these are taxpayers who have a child living with them and who have incomes of less than \$10,000 from any of three sources — wages, salaries and tips — or some combination thereof. The earned income credit can be subtracted from the tax owed or may be refunded even if no taxes have been withheld from the individual's pay.

is too young to file a required return, you must file in place of the child. Remember that a penalty ranging up to the lesser of \$100 or 100 percent of the tax owed applies for failure to file within 60 days of the day any tax return is due.

If, for any reason, your child cannot file a return, sign the child's name in the proper place on the return followed by the words: "By (signature) Parent (or Guardian) for minor child."

Individual tax returns must be filed on or before April 15 (at least for calendar year taxpayers, which means most of us). Ordinarily, your return is on-time if postmarked April 15, but since April 15, 1984, is a Sunday, 1983 returns are not due until midnight on April 16.

In many large cities, the post office handles the rush of last minute filers by stationing employees at barrels located outside the post office until midnight on the due date. In recent years about 30 million taxpayers have

waited until the last day to file.

TAX TRAP: Do not use a postage meter if you are filing near the deadline. If your return is delayed in the mails, the IRS may not believe that you mailed it on time. Postal regulations forbid it, but a postal meter can be set to reflect whatever date the sender chooses.

TAX TIP: The IRS insists that you do not reduce your chances of being audited by filing at the last minute. The government's computer will screen the same way whether you file on Jan. 1 or during the April 16 rush.

Next: Exemptions
(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

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Who must file?

| If your filing status is: | You must file a return if your income was at least: |
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| • Single, under 65 | \$3,300 |
| • Single, 65 or older | \$4,300 |
| • Single, claimed as a dependent on parents' return and having taxable dividends, interest or other unearned income of \$1,000 or more | \$1,000 |
| • Married filing a joint return and: | |
| Both under 65 | \$5,400 |
| One 65 or older | \$6,400 |
| Both 65 or older | \$7,400 |
| • Married filing separately, or married but not living with spouse at the end of 1983 | \$1,000 |
| • If you are a qualifying widow or widower with a dependent child and: | |
| Under 65 | \$4,400 |
| 65 or older | \$5,400 |
| • If you are self-employed | \$400 |

Even if you're not in any of the above categories, it may make sense to file a tax return.

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45 Sioux Indian
46 Paving liquid
49 Pilot
51 Rings
53 Excessively
54 Changed course
55 Sycophant
56 Billiard shot

DOWN

17 Brainstorms
19 Energy-saving time (abbr.)
20 Throwback
22 Secure
25 Hank of twine
26 Auditory
30 Norse deity
31 Retain
32 Masculine
33 Went quickly
34 Jane Austen title
35 Label
38 Being (Lat.)
39 Western mountains
42 Mao tung

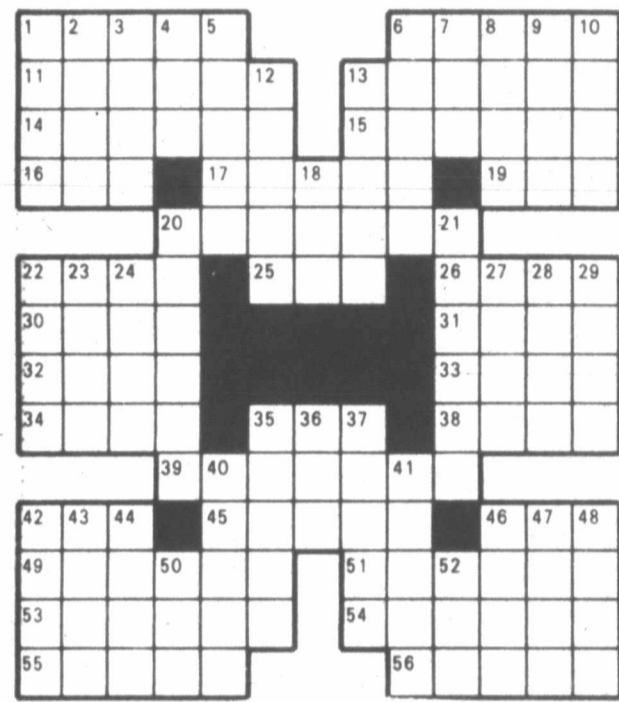
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23 Common ancestor
24 Thin layer
27 Lights out (prefix)
28 American folk singer
29 Yield
35 Very small
36 Skill
37 Old English coin
40 Alpine country
41 Year (Lat.)

42 Stretched tight
43 Chinese
44 Goddess of fate
46 Wine casks
47 Beers
48 Take the bus
50 Mire
52 Depression initials



Astro-Graph by bernice bede osol

Persons in positions to do so will help you in ways this coming year that they won't employ for their other friends. However, they'll back off if you attempt to bring the uninvited into the act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a possibility today that by overselling, you could undo the good that you do for yourself. Stop pressing when you get a "yes." The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Mail an additional \$1 and your zodiac sign for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unless it's absolutely necessary, it's best not to request favors today. There's a chance friends might feel you are using them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, others are apt to have more faith in your abilities than you have. Even when you accomplish something, you may not give yourself credit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful today about becoming too deeply involved with persons about whom you know little. Take time to study their characters thoroughly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If negotiating an important matter today, leave space for revisions, just in case you misread something up front. Alterations may be necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Early in the day you're likely to be enthusiastic and industrious, but these drives could diminish if you tackle tasks that are too tough.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Speculative financial situations today could be subject to unexpected swings. One moment you might be ahead — the next, nursing your wounds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Family members will be disappointed today. If you fail to follow through on promises. Once you make a commitment, do your best to keep it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Dealings with coworkers could be a trifle tricky today. You must put your best foot forward by being diplomatic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take anything for granted financially today. You might go in thinking you're in the catbird seat only to discover you're not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial and worldly affairs should work out to your satisfaction today, but things might not go equally as smoothly in your domestic relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Normally you're an open person who discusses things that bother you, but today complications could arise because you won't say all that's on your mind.

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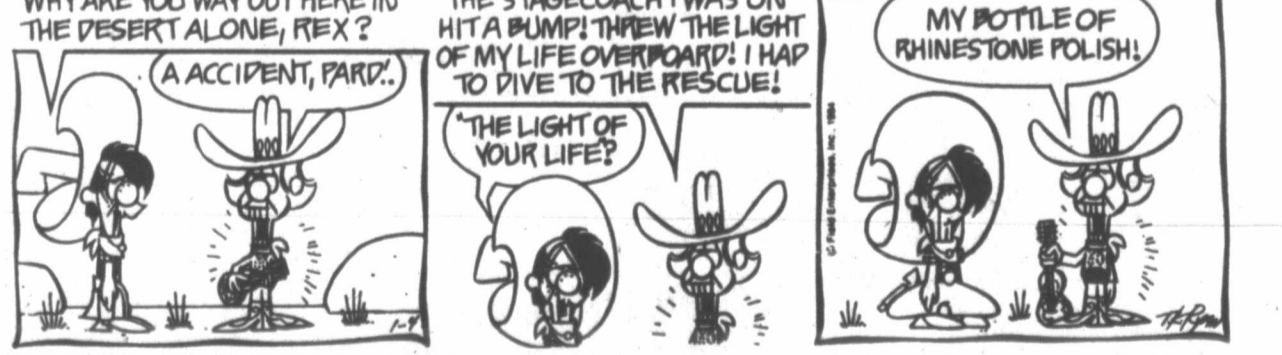
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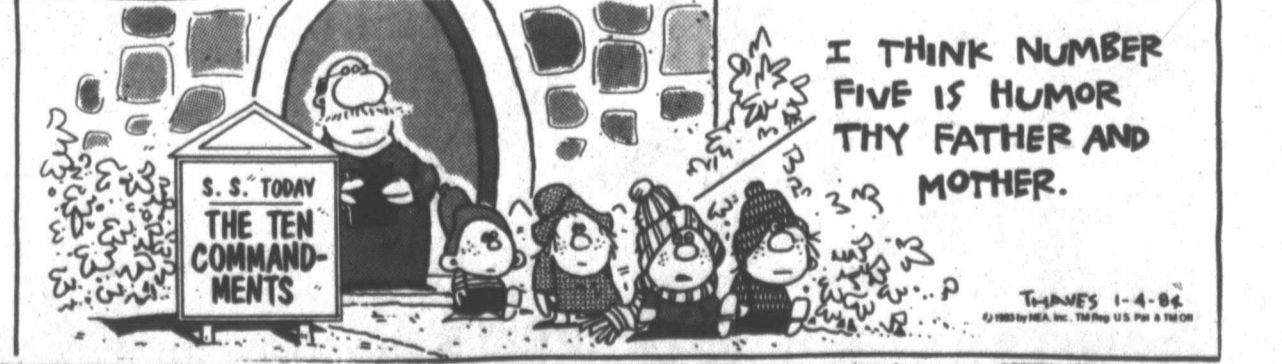
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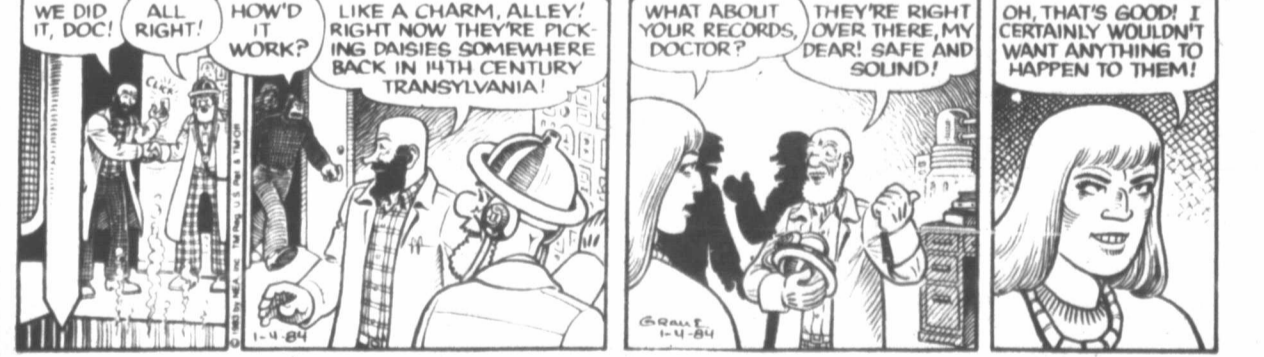
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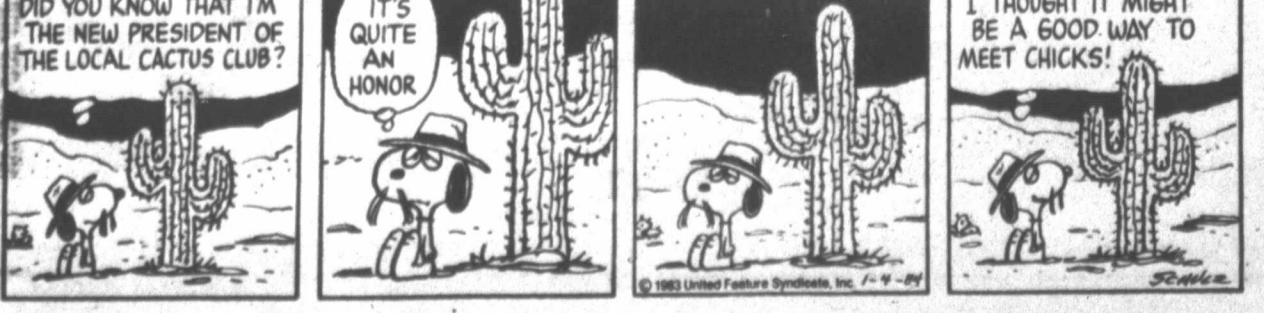
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Prospect of more terrorist violence against France

PARIS (AP) — Agents of terror and death, who long have used France as a killing ground for external disputes, appear to have turned against France itself, and the bloody bombings on New Year's Eve have led many people to fear the worst for the future.

International terrorism and murder are nothing new to the French, who for years have watched as bombs and guns felled Palestinians, Iranians, Israelis, Syrians and Americans and settled grudges between Armenians and Turks or Arabs and Jews.

But Saturday night's bombings at the main railway station in Marseille and aboard a high-speed train traveling from Marseille to Lyon which killed four people and injured dozens of others may be a sign of things to come.

As the Paris daily *Le Matin* p... it in Monday's editions: "A country like France must expect in the coming years to be the 'Great Satan' of evil in the world."

And it may be the price France must pay for its increasing role in the Middle East.

Numerous anonymous callers have claimed responsibility for the latest bombings, ranging from those professing to represent Shiite Moslems to a revolutionary army against all non-white foreigners. None of the claims is being given credence by police, who nonetheless say no hypothesis has been rejected.

But speculation is running high that the bombings were the work of a Shiite group called Islamic Jihad, or "Holy War." That organization has claimed responsibility for several attacks, notably the Oct. 23 bombing at U.S. and French military headquarters in Beirut that killed nearly 300, a similar attack on an Israeli headquarters in south Lebanon that killed 62 people on Nov. 4, and the bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut April 18 in which 69 people died.

The day after a Dec. 21 truck-bombing at a French regimental headquarters in Beirut, Islamic Jihad announced it was giving the French and American contingents of the multinational peacekeeping force 10 days to get out of Lebanon or it would make "the earth tremble beneath their feet."

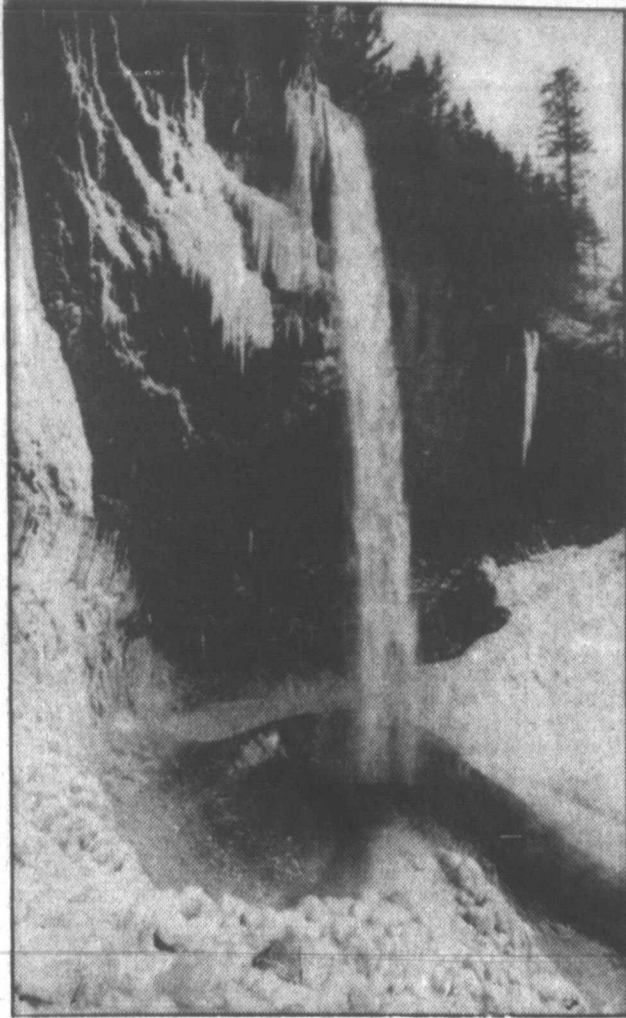
Many French newspapers and commentators have dwelt on the fact that Saturday's attack came exactly 10 days after the bombing in Beirut and were quick to blame the pro-Iranian organization for Saturday's explosions.

"The New Year's Eve deaths are to be attributed, as those in Beirut, to the Franco-Iranian contention, to the struggle between Shiite Moslems and the West," wrote the *Quotidien de Paris*.

Though powerful, the bombs in St. Charles station and aboard the train were nothing like the massive truckloads of explosives used in Lebanon. And so far, Islamic Jihad has not manifested itself outside the Middle East.

Fourteen people were killed and 135 injured in terrorist attacks in France during 1982, but most of those either came from homegrown Corsican or Basque nationalists or were aimed at obvious political targets, most of them foreign.

And in 1983, the most serious attack was carried out by Armenian militants in a bombing at the Turkish Airlines counter at Orly airport, killing eight people and injuring 54.



ICY FALLS—Cold weather in the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon has caused icy conditions, as evidenced by this view of Latourell Falls near Bridal Veil. The Columbia River Gorge Scenic Highway was cleared of snow slides and opened to traffic early this week. (AP Laserphoto)

A bit of modesty

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — You have heard everyone and your brother-in-law tell what the new year will bring, with never a by-your-leave or a curtsy to modesty, and never an assumption of responsibility for what is said.

You have heard them say that as January goes so goes the stock market, that you should never invest on Monday morning or Friday afternoon, and that the economy will be good to you this year.

The raw truth, however, is neither easily nor immediately discernable to laymen, or even years later to historians. And the latter will tell you that if you don't know the past you cannot foretell the future.

A furious debate exists among historians about the American economic past, in which it is claimed the footings of American history from which many people make their predictions are not what you thought they were.

In spite of the Boston Tea Party and all the assumptions you may have made about it, for instance, England may have poured more money into the American colonies than it took out in taxes. Or so some historians say.

How do they know? By the study of cliometrics, or the use of the same statistical methods employed in economic forecasting, except that they work their way back into the past.

By this technique you may offer evidence that before the Civil War the economy of the South was growing more rapidly than that of the North, and that slave plantations were more efficient than free farms.

Cliometrics, defended by Prof. Robert Fogel of the University of Chicago Business School, suggests it isn't true either that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

In the United States, according to the cliometricians, children of the poor generally move up the economic ladder while the kids of the rich tend to slip a bit for any number of reasons, maybe including taxes and lack of motivation.

In Greensboro, N.C., researchers at the Center for Creative Leadership are fond of blasting away business myths by applying scientific methods.

You probably assume, for example, that great business managers don't make big mistakes — errors of the dimension and impact of those you've probably made. Well, it isn't so, successful business managers say so.

Nearer the truth is that successful managers learn how to weather the storm that follows the mistake. "You can't get too concerned about losing millions or you'll become paralyzed," said one. "After all, money is lost every day."

Gypsy leader says it's time to end prejudices

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — The days when Europe's elite hunted Gypsies for sport are gone, but old prejudices linger and the world fails to recognize that "Roms" have the same problems as other minorities, says the first Gypsy to represent his people at the United Nations.

Joseph Galalta, of Sparks, was recently appointed by the Romany Union to represent Gypsies before "non-governmental" organizations of the United Nations. His appointment came after the United Nations granted "roster status" to the union, an international organization of Gypsy leaders formed in the 1970s.

Galalta's status will enable him to represent Gypsies at meetings and gives him the right to "oral and written intervention," but he will not have a vote in any U.N. body, said Virginia Saurwein, chief of the U.N.'s Non-governmental Organizations Unit.

Galalta, 29, said in an interview that his top priority will be to help end stereotypes of Gypsies and to inform the public of problems facing the group.

"For centuries, Gypsies have had a history of nothing but persecution," Galalta said. "The time is here now that stereotypes about the Roms end." Rom, a derivative of Romany, is the word Gypsies prefer in describing themselves.

Gypsies are a nomadic people with particular folkways and a unique language who live on every continent. They are believed to have originated in northwestern India. There are an estimated 5 million Gypsies in the world, including 250,000 Americans.

Galalta said the American media perpetuates false stereotypes of Gypsies as fortune tellers, drunks and organ grinders. The media also has failed to record the horrors that Gypsies faced in Adolf Hitler's death camps, he said.

"Long before Hitler went after the Jews, he stole Gypsy children and sterilized them, but no one records that," he said.

The world has largely forgotten that 500,000 Roms died in concentration camps, but the pain of that experience still lingers for many Gypsies, Galalta said.

"As far as I know there is not one memorial — not even a plaque — marking Rom victims of the Holocaust. We're not demanding one, but it's necessary for people to know."

He also said that in European countries, particularly Sweden, Gypsies were hunted like foxes 200 to 300 years ago.

He said a primary concern now is the preservation of Romany, the language of Gypsies which Galalta said is being lost in some areas and radically changed in others.

Galalta said he would push for Gypsy study programs modeled after black and Hispanic culture courses at universities.

"Being ignored is our biggest problem," he said. "Simply being ignored can be an act of persecution."

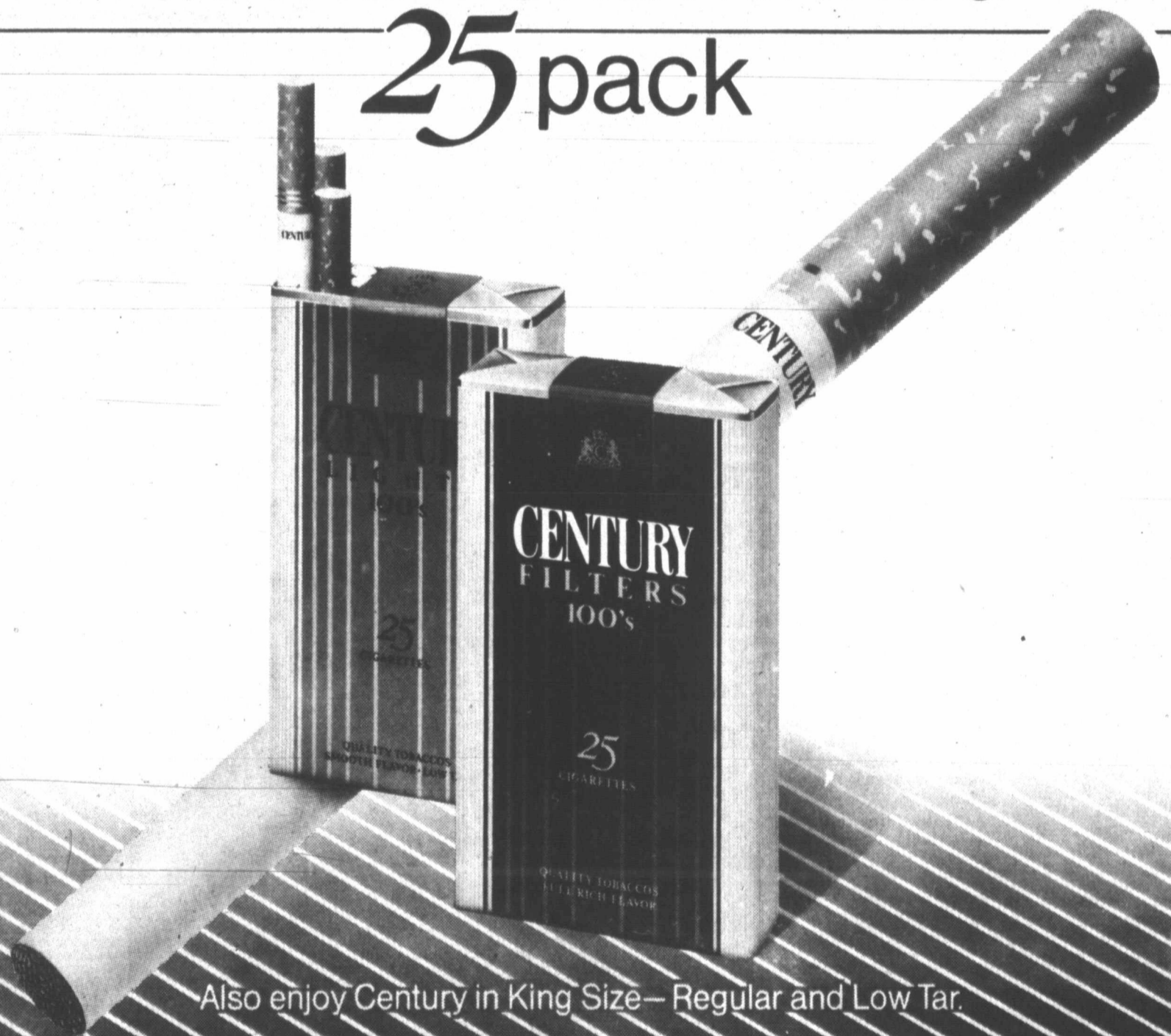
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Restaurant's liquor sales banned on New Year's weekend in settlement

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — As part of an unusual \$1 million court settlement, the owner of a popular Mexican restaurant was ordered to stop serving liquor during the busy New Year's holiday weekend.

George Cortez, however, said his loyal customers at Mi Tierra Restaurant didn't seem to mind.

"New Year's Day was one of the busiest days of the year," he said. "We're in the food business and that's why people come here."

The parents of 16-year-old Daniel B. Davis had sued the restaurant after their son died of injuries suffered in a Jan. 16, 1981, traffic accident.

The Davises said their son and other under-aged youths were served several pitchers of margaritas at Mi Tierra and never were asked for any proof-of-age identification.

State District Judge Peter Michael Curry settled the lawsuit Friday, ordering the liquor ban over the four-day holiday and awarding the Davis family \$1 million.

Beginning Feb. 1, Mi Tierra also will be prohibited from serving alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21. The drinking age in Texas is 19.

Cortez stopped selling alcoholic beverages at 5 p.m. Friday, but began serving liquor again at 10 a.m. Tuesday. He said he could not estimate how much money he lost in liquor sales.

Customers continued to pour into the popular eating spot over the New Year's holiday weekend, many of them not aware of the liquor ban, he said. But several customers said they didn't care.

"We wouldn't drink the liquor if they sold it today," said Johnny Shipman, who was with a group of visitors from Dallas. "We're with a Baptist minister... and we don't drink. We came here for the food."

Cortez said he disagreed with many of the contentions in the Davis' suit, but pledged to abide by the judge's order.

Man charged in policeman's death

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The district attorney has vowed to seek the death penalty for a man charged with murdering a San Antonio patrolman, promising to do "anything and everything" he can to deter such attacks on the city's police officers.

Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap said grand jurors took less than 30 minutes Tuesday to indict Gustavo Pimental, 42, on a capital murder charge.

Patrolman Gilbert Ramirez, 34, was shot in the face and neck late Dec. 23 after answering a disturbance call.

The officer died at an area hospital the next day, the first San Antonio policeman to be killed in the line of duty in more than five years.

Pimental, a garbage collector, has been jailed on \$150,000 bond since being taken into custody near the scene of the shooting incident.

News in brief

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand presented 200 tons of rice to Laos today and said it sought better relations with its Communist-ruled neighbor.

The presentation was made by Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila to Laotian Ambassador Khampan Simalavong.

Siddhi said his government will try by all means to promote a good relationship and cooperation with Laos.

Since the communist takeover of Laos in 1975, there have been eruptions of fighting along the Mekong River frontier. However, relations between the two countries have been far better than those between Thailand and two other neighbors, Vietnam and Cambodia.

LONDON (AP) — Two Chicago men have been ordered to stand trial for a 1980 armed robbery in which jewels worth \$3.4 million were taken from a store in London's Knightsbridge district. None of the gems has been recovered.

The men, Arthur Rachel and Joseph Jerome Scalis, both 45, were arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport the day of the robbery, but their extradition was delayed for nearly three years by court litigation.

The two appeared Tuesday in Horseferry Road Magistrate's Court to hear the order for their trial in London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court.

Both are charged with armed robbery in the holdup of the Graff jewelry store Sept. 11, 1980.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court is allowing the Senate Intelligence Committee to intervene in the case of a former CIA official's widow trying to find out how he died.

The body of John A. Paisley of Washington was found in the Chesapeake Bay in 1978, with a bullet in the head, a week after his sloop was found grounded with no one aboard. He was wearing divers' weighted belts around his waist and chest. Police said they believed he committed suicide.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday said the committee could intervene in the case of Maryann Paisley, who is seeking documents from the CIA and the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act.

The case has been sent back to district court for further proceedings.

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GENE KELLY: GENE BARRY: Names in news: SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — First lady Nancy Reagan, accepting a plaque at a new hospital suite named in honor of her mother and her late father, said it was a "strange feeling" to be among the people with whom he spent his last days.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING: Security Federal Savings & Loan Associations annual Members' Meeting will be held January 18, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. at the Home Office, 221 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas.

Phone taping legal, but is it ethical?

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Other people have done what Charles Z. Wick, the director of the United States Information Agency, reluctantly has owned up to doing: taping telephone calls.

Some reporters do it, too. Anybody can. It is illegal in some states, but not most. The question is whether it's ethical anywhere. The device itself — a piece of wire, one end of which fits into a tape recorder and the other end of which has a suction cup that attaches to a telephone — is available for a few dollars at shops that sell electronic equipment.

It's not very complicated and is widely available. Yet there's something distasteful about recording people's telephone conversations without first telling them. If there weren't, why did Wick first deny that he'd ever done it, and only later, faced with evidence to the contrary, modify his statement?

And why did Wick feel obliged to telephone the White House to report that, as spokesman Larry Speakes said, he did not tape the president or Mrs. Reagan.

There's something unsavory here, but it's slippery. The difference, of course, between Wick doing it and reporters doing it is substantial. People talk to reporters knowing that their words are going to be shared with the world. That's why the reporter is asking questions — to put the answers in the papers.

Wick is a high government official, not a reporter, and people talking to him have no reason to think that their words are going to be put on paper and circulated.

But the issue goes beyond that obvious distinction. The bad taste remains. There's something fundamentally different between taking notes and recording a conversation.

Here's how the conversation might go between the reporter who does it, and wants to keep on doing it, and his conscience, which tells him he oughtn't.

Reporter: Well, what is the big difference? After all, the guy I'm talking to doesn't know whether I'm taking notes or not, so you might say I'm doing that surreptitiously, too.

Conscience: Sure, but notes aren't a verbatim repetition of everything he's said.

Reporter: That's because my note-taking ability is so poor. The recorder gives me the ability to take totally complete notes. Then I'm able to quote my source with absolute accuracy. That's in my interest, but in his interest, too. Anyway, what if I'd been smart when I was a kid and taken a shorthand course in high school; then I could take what you so stiffly call "a verbatim repetition."

Conscience: Shorthand's different.

Reporter: Why? It's verbatim.

Conscience: Yeah, but it's deniable. The source can claim that he's been misquoted. If you produce your shorthand notes, he can say you wrote them later. But he can't deny a tape recording.

Reporter: So your objection is that the guy can't lie and claim he's been misquoted when in fact he hasn't been misquoted, is that it?

Conscience: Well, everybody — even scoundrels — ought to have the right, when cornered, to claim they've been misquoted. It gives them an out. No one ever believes it anyway, I don't think.

Reporter: Wait a minute. You want to protect a source's right to lie while removing a reporter's means of getting accurate quotes? Is that it? What kind of a conscience are you, anyway?

Conscience: Hmm. Well, there's another ground for objecting. When you take notes, the source can tell when you get particularly interested in some aspect of what he's saying. You're questioning slows down so you can take more complete notes, and he senses your interest. That puts him on notice, gives him a chance to expand on what he's saying, explain himself. But if you're recording him, he never knows what aspect of what he's saying interests you.

Reporter: The way I work, I never know what aspect interests me until later, and then I wish I'd taken better notes.

Conscience: Well, look. Go ahead and record. All I'm really asking is that you tell your source that he's being recorded.

Reporter: I can't do that! He'd clam up!

Conscience: Exactly.

Reporter: Some reporter you'd make: go to deliberate lengths to scare sources away from saying anything newsworthy.

Conscience: Some conscience you'd make: Trick people into saying what they'll later wish they hadn't.

Reporter: I guess the moral is that reporters can't have consciences.

Conscience: No, the moral is that the federal government ought to outlaw surreptitious telephone tape recording so neither reporters nor Charles Z. Wick are tempted.

Kennedy has several ailments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., remains hospitalized for a series of illnesses including a mild case of hepatitis, according to press secretary Robert Shrum.

On instructions from Kennedy's office, the hospital refused to discuss the senator's ailments. Hepatitis is defined as an inflammation of the liver.

Kennedy was admitted to George Washington University Hospital Monday night with what Shrum called "symptoms of gastrointestinal flu and dehydration."

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