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Smoking areas favored at high school meet

BY PAUL PINKHAM
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Student tobacco use was once again the main topic of discussion during a public hearing on a proposed discipline management plan for Pampa Independent Schools at the high school Monday.

Parents, students and teachers voted 16 - 5 for continuing to allow designated tobacco use areas at the high school, breaking ranks with straw votes taken at previous public hearings. The vote came after lengthy discussion of the issue.

The proposed plan includes policy banning all student tobacco use on Pampa school grounds. It is scheduled to be voted on Tuesday by the Pampa Independent School Board, then sent to the Texas Education Association for approval.

If approved, the plan will take effect in September.

Several of the 31 in attendance said if students are not permitted to smoke, teachers should not be allowed to either. One woman, a teacher, asked how the district could expect the students to follow something "we can't stand behind."

Another woman predicted students will be more

rebellious about the proposal if the district continues to allow teachers to smoke.

"It's monkey - see, monkey - do," she said. Others spoke of teachers as role models for students and of the importance of good rapport between students and teachers. But one man noted most students are younger than 18, the legal age at which tobacco can be sold, and teachers are legally old enough to purchase tobacco.

Walter Raines, industrial cooperative education teacher at the high school, used that argument to argue against the new proposal. Raines said student tobacco use is a legal problem and should be addressed as such by the authorities, not the school system.

"To me, it seems we're dumping all our social problems here on the school system," he said. "It is a legal problem and it is a parental problem. I think this problem needs to be addressed before it is addressed here. Let's just don't come to the school and say 'you do it.'"

Raines said school policy will not do anything toward enforcing Texas laws banning the sale of tobacco to minors because students who smoke probably will go across the street from the school to do so.

Another man remarked: "You can't legislate morality. It'll never work."

But one parent brought up the issue of non-smoker rights. He said his children have to enter the building through a cloud of smoke every day.

Assistant Principal Tim Powers said student tobacco use does present some discipline problems, such as dippers spitting on school property or an occasional cigarette butt thrown in a corner.

"It's ugly to say the least," he said.

When asked how the policy would be enforced, Powers said he does not plan to "man every corner." He said no new help will be hired to enforce the law, although he added some extra duty by teachers may be required to check restrooms.

"I don't plan personally to go hunting for them," Powers said. "I don't think it should be blown out of proportion — made a big issue — because it's not. I'm not going to lose sleep over the fact that we have kids up here dipping and we're not catching them."

The group also discussed corporal punishment at length before voting on it. Corporal punishment was approved at the elementary level by a vote of 14 - 2 and at the secondary level by a vote of 11 - 6.

Raines voiced disapproval of corporal

punishment, particularly at the secondary level. He said as a teacher, he is trying to prepare his students for adulthood and knows of no institution after high school where "busting butts" is used as a form of discipline.

He urged the group to "be creative" and come up with new discipline techniques. He also recommended a committee be formed to develop new ideas.

Powers said that, excluding his first year at the high school, no student has received a paddling or spanking without the parents being notified.

Other topics of discussion included student and parent rights and responsibilities, the behavioral learning center and classroom discipline.

One man expressed a general comment about the plan. He said the plan should include information about finding the causes for discipline problems and about available counseling for students.

"I don't see any reaching out to help the child," he said. "All I see in this is punishment."

The final three public meetings on the plan are tonight at Austin, Lamar and Mann elementaries. Each begins at 7 p.m.

'86 deficit to trigger huge cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. agencies have been told by the White House to brace for automatic spending cuts of nearly 5 percent as new estimates of the 1986 budget deficit soared to a record \$220 billion.

That's \$48 billion above the \$172 billion target for fiscal 1986 set by the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. The cuts are triggered if the deficit exceeds the target by \$20 billion or more.

The Congressional Budget Office and the White House Office of Management and Budget were to release their official deficit projections on Wednesday, along with details of the cuts that will be required.

However, White House spokesman Larry Speakes on Monday announced that the cuts would amount to 4.3 percent for most domestic programs and 4.9 percent for the military.

Military programs are receiving a higher proportional reduction because the law exempts some weapons contracts from being cut and because of a presidential decision to shield all military personnel from the reductions. That shifted a larger burden of the cuts onto other military programs.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Edward R. Roybal, D-Calif., chairman of the House Aging Committee, called for Congress to block automatic cuts in the Medicare program that would be triggered under the Gramm-Rudman formula.

The law calls for automatic cuts of 1 percent in Medicare payments to doctors and hospitals.

Even though this is far less than the 4.3 percent cut in most other domestic programs, Roybal said it still posed "a major threat to the elderly's access to quality health care." He said the payments should be boosted 1 percent this year, not reduced.

Medicare and other health programs are in a separate category under Gramm-Rudman. They can be cut automatically, but not more than 1 percent in fiscal 1986 and 2 percent in subsequent years.

Social Security benefits, including the annual cost-of-living increases, are exempted entirely from the cutbacks.

Despite the \$48 billion shortfall in meeting the deficit target this year, Congress limited the first round of Gramm-Rudman cuts on March 1 to a total of \$11.7 billion.

The Gramm-Rudman act, named for sponsors Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., requires a series of successively lower annual deficits until the federal budget is balanced in 1991.



REVIEWING PLANS — Officers of the newly established River Valley Pioneer Museum board — from left treasurer Pam Spencer, president Sue Bartlett and vice president Bill Hodges, look over plans for a proposed county museum with Hemphill County Judge Bob Gober. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

County to consider new fire contract

Faced with an increase of more than \$100 per fire run, Gray County commissioners will examine a new fire service contract proposed by the City of Pampa when they meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The commissioners will also consider extending the existing contract until an agreement can be reached concerning the new one. The contract is for fire runs made by the city fire department outside city limits.

County Judge Carl Kennedy said the city currently charges \$532 per run. Under the new proposal, that would increase to \$750 per run for a base cost with additional expenses charged past certain time and mileage limits, Kennedy said.

The judge also explained that the proposed contract also calls for the county to reimburse the city half the replacement cost for equipment lost.

Pampa City Manager Bob Hart said he feels the proposed contract reflects what the city calculates its costs to be. He estimated the city will break even with the new contract.

City records for 1985 show that 24.8 percent of the city's fire runs were outside city limits in Gray County but the county only paid 4.6 percent of the city fire budget. Hart also noted the city lost a truck on a county run in 1983 and was never reimbursed for it by the county. He said the city lost about \$43,000 on that particular run.

Hart also said the cost of liability insurance and overtime liability have increased and county runs usually have plenty of overtime liability. He said the city fire department probably would be better off not making any runs into the county.

In other action, the commissioners will consider a resolution supporting Hansford County's efforts to fend off a toxic waste disposal site near Gruver.

ANR Pipeline of Detroit, which operates the E.G. Hill plant in Hansford County, has proposed placing a Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) disposal site in Hansford County.

Hemphill County puts museum project on hold

BY CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

CANADIAN — Hemphill County Commissioners want to make sure the River Valley Pioneer Museum board has adequate funds and definite plans before they spend money on a proposed county museum.

Commissioners opened contractors' bids for the proposed museum Monday, but decided to take no action until members of the new museum board, established in December, can decide what they want and come up with enough funds to support construction of the \$250,000 structure.

They also agreed on a proposal by Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Thomason that \$80,000 in county funds originally

earmarked for the museum be put into a certificate of deposit or some other fund until the museum board can make a decision.

"If nothing is worked up in 18 months, it would go back to the county," Thomason said.

The museum plans call for a 80 x 200 foot steel structure with a western style wooden facade. The county allocated \$40,000 each from last year's budget and this year's budget to go for the museum, which is the main project of the Hemphill County Texas Sesquicentennial Committee. The remainder would come from donations or other funds.

Some area residents protested the museum proposals, claiming that with the

economy declining and a \$850,000 county surplus, the county money proposed for the museum should be refunded to the taxpayers.

"You're talking as if the \$80,000 is eight dollars," said one resident.

Another said that most people would only visit the museum one time.

"How many of you have stopped at the Miami museum on the way to Pampa," one resident asked. "It would be cheaper to go there."

"We feel we have a heritage to protect," said board member Nan Ezzell. "This museum has been selected as our major project for the Sesquicentennial."

"We used to have a museum here 15 years ago," she added. "And a lot of the pieces are

still at hand. But a lot has been donated to the Roberts County Museum and the Panhandle Plains Museum. I think you'll find that the schools are interested in our history and I think we need to protect this."

"The county is perfectly able to build this building for the display of our county's heritage," she concluded.

The River Valley Museum Board began work earlier this month and officers admit they're not entirely sure of their plans or status.

"We had our first board meeting about a week ago," Board President Sue Bartlett said this morning. "Until yesterday at the commission meeting I hadn't seen the museum plans."



Dr. Robert Montgomery

Veteran doctor retiring as health officer

BY CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

MIAMI — More than 35 years of county service will come to an end in February when Dr. Robert Montgomery quits as Roberts County Health Officer.

Montgomery, who's practiced in Miami for more than 50 years, Monday turned in his resignation to Roberts County Commissioners, who accepted it with regret.

"I've been gone a lot, and I'm getting old," said the 80-year-old "Dr. Monty."

"I'm closing out my private practice; let someone else take

care of it for a while," he added.

"We hate to lose him," Roberts County Judge Newton Cox said. "He's from the old school and we're all good friends."

The resignation has been expected, he said.

The doctor, who was honored by Miami residents at a Thanksgiving dinner in 1984, said that his job as county health officer has changed over the years.

"We used to do a lot more than we do now," he remembered. "We gave flu shots, but the state health departments has teams that go around doing that. We used to inspect restaurants; the

state does that. We took care of indigent cases."

The county health officer is also responsible for making sure county health facilities and nursing homes — which Roberts County does not have — comply with state standards.

Montgomery is the only doctor in Roberts County. With the exception of a local paramedic and residents trained as Emergency Medical Technicians, the nearest medical services are 25 miles away in Pampa or Canadian.

Cox said that he talked with State Department of Health officials in Canyon on how the

county can manage with no county health officer.

"We may have to set up some kind of arrangement to get services in an emergency," said Cox.

"There's someone from the state who may come up here once a month," Montgomery said.

"There's always some regret," the doctor said about the end of his practice. "I've been phasing out my practice and have just been on hand to take care of shot-ins who can't get to other doctors."

"But there's always a time to quit."

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Proposed AIDS quarantine rule draws heated criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Quarantining "incorrigible" AIDS victims for the public's sake could backfire, chasing male homosexuals into the closet and preventing early detection of the disease, witnesses told a state health department hearing examiner Monday.

A New York cancer researcher said if an AIDS quarantine rule proposed by the state health department is adopted, "resentment, fear, suspicion will explode in cruelties" against "people fighting for their lives."

Dr. Mathilde Krim, who has headed the Interferon Laboratory at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said although the proposed rule is "based on logic and restraint," it "is illogical and dangerous" and "will have little or no effect in terms of protecting the public

health."

The stated purpose of a rule proposed by the health department is to protect the public health by isolating AIDS patients who refuse to curtail sexual activities that could spread the fatal disease.

AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — cripples the body's immune system, leaving the victim vulnerable to infections and other diseases, including cancer. The disease is spread by sexual or blood-to-blood contact, and 800 Texans are among 16,000 AIDS victims nationwide.

The rule was proposed on Dec. 14, after a male homosexual who had AIDS refused to stop working as a Houston prostitute. He later died.

According to witnesses, no other state has invoked a quarantine law as a solution to any aspect of the

AIDS problem.

"The degree to which Texas does, or does not, handle this issue responsibly may well prove to be the historic national benchmark," said Dr. Ronald Stegman, president of the North Texas Association of Physicians for Human Rights in Dallas. Stegman said his organization is "firmly opposed" to the rule.

Mike Richards of Dallas, speaking on behalf of the AIDS Action Council of Washington, said he feared that if Texas adopted the rule other states would follow and break the "bond of trust" between the gay community and public health officials.

This could drive homosexuals "underground or back into the closet, and we will not see them," Richards said.



CONGREGATION BUILDS ANEW — First Baptist Church of Daingerfield pastor Norman Crisp holds an artist's rendering of the church auditorium. The new building, under construction, is to replace the smaller brick sanctuary where in June of 1980 a gunman burst through the door killing five and wounding 15. (AP Laserphoto)

Phillips will pay for relocation

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Citing environmental concerns, Phillips Petroleum Co. has announced a program to move 400 homeowners near the firm's refinery and chemical operations in Borger, Texas.

According to a statement issued from Phillips' corporate headquarters in Bartlesville, details of the land development and

moving assistance plan will be completed by Feb. 1. Value of the plan is approximately \$3 million, the company said.

Phillips said it will develop land where the houses can be moved. The company also said it has purchased MM Cattle Co., which owns the land where the homes are located.

In the statement, Phillips said

the relocation was necessary for two reasons: "so that the land will be readily available when needed, and because of environmental concerns."

"The most immediate environmental problem has to do with local sanitation," the statement said. "The expense of replacing the sewage system cannot be justified, considering that the land will eventually have to be cleared."

Phillips said the other environmental concern is the nearness of the houses to the company's plants.

"Prudence dictates that we take all reasonable steps to minimize the potential for damage near our facilities," Phillips said.

Phillips said a formula is being developed to determine the monetary allocation to individual homeowners.

"Phillips will donate the land and will pay a major part of the development cost" of the new lots, the statement said. "Homeowners will own their lots and receive individual titles."

Residents hope new church may help forget day gunman killed five

DAINGERFIELD, Texas (AP) — After five and a half years, worship in the yellow brick sanctuary of the First Baptist Church here is still painful for some who remember the gunman who burst in, killing five and injuring 15 others.

Others hope a new church to be completed in May will help end the bitter memories.

Within three months of the tragedy, plans began to construct a new church next to the old building. The massive, modern auditorium now towers over this northeastern Texas city.

Carolyn Milam's father was gunned during church services on June 22, 1980, along with Cheryl Linam's 7-year-old daughter Gina.

Three others also died that bright June morning when Alvin Lee King

III, armed for combat, rushed through the door, shouted, "This is war," and sprayed the congregation with gunfire.

King committed suicide Jan. 19, 1982 in his Daingerfield jail cell during change of venue proceedings.

"I've started going back to church there," Ms. Milam said. "I can handle it but my children haven't been able to go. There are still a lot of the kids who have trouble with it."

"But I think the new church will help with the memories. I really feel good about the new church," she said.

A memorial service was held a few weeks after the shootings. On the first anniversary of the deaths, the families received roses.

But it takes no special occasion

to recall the memories, survivors say.

"I made myself go. I had to. But I knew exactly where she was when I go to her. And every time I went in there I'd look at that spot," Mrs. Linam told the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune.

The Linam family attended the church for about a year after the shootings, but her husband returned to the ministry, and he now is pastor at a church in Pittsburg.

"The first year after the shootings, we went to church — at least the children and I did. Larry didn't go as much. He just couldn't do it," she said.

"We felt the timing was right," said First Baptist Pastor Norman Crisp.

The old yellow brick church may be converted into a fellowship hall.



Off beat By Cathy Spaulding

What, keep my desk clean?

Our publisher walked into the editorial office recently and told us to try to keep our desks clean.

In total disbelief, I peeked up from behind a stack of newspapers: "You want us to what?"

Now is a fine time to clean the office clutter, I thought. We're picking out our best material for contest.

That's right, just as high school students venture to University Interscholastic Leagues speech and academic contests each spring, we on The Pampa News have our own contests to compete in. The first one is the Associated Press Managing Editors contest, in which we compete with AP newspapers from all over the state. That one's the real wolly-booger because we're up against some south Texas papers (Huntsville is the first to come to mind) that have won some national awards. We have had our tiny share of awards and close calls in that one.

Then come the Panhandle Press Association Awards, in which we compete against Borger, Plainview and Hereford, to name three. It's obviously smaller, but the competition is still pretty stiff. We've done much better there.

While Wally, the editor is going over each front page layout with a fine-tooth eye and DeeDee is trying to sort the really outstanding Lifestyle pages from the merely very good ones, the rest of our staff is flipping through back issues to see if we've done anything worthwhile.

Picking outstanding news stories is relatively easy since judges tend to go for the way a reporter covers an important event. If a reporter completely and accurately covers a natural disaster, a crooked public figure or an ongoing controversy or crime wave, then he's got a better chance of winning something than the person on the civic club and stock show beat. Which is not to say there's been no surprise winners from the latter category.

Picking the best feature stories is a bit more difficult because we're not sure whether the judges will go for the cute story on funny animals at the shelter, a touching salute to a couple's 75th wedding anniversary, a searing look at the effect of high utility bills on a poor family or an in-depth survey on how well students are doing in school.

The real bugaboo, on this staff at least, is picking out the best column. Each reporter has been asked to pick out his three best humorous and three best serious pieces. Paul and Danny have it easy, since they've not been here a full year they don't have as many columns to sort through as DeeDee, Larry, Warren Hasse, Fred or I do. Want to get into a confusing situation, try sorting through 52 columns to find six masterpieces that you think the judges would even be remotely interested in.

What type of humor will tickle their fancy: warm nostalgia, biting satire, an amusing incident? Must it be timely and relevant or could it be completely off-the-wall? In serious columns, should it be a strong statement attacking South African politics or could it just be a fond recollection?

A writer gets real picky reviewing her own columns; it often gets down to counting the dangling participles or misspelled words. The writer is caught up in reading her deathless prose and there it is, that misplaced comma that could mean death to the whole project.

I guess we could make a running tally of the number of compliments or snide comments we get on each column. But that can get tricky sometimes. A popular column on cats can be so full of grammatical errors, it would flunk a freshman English class. I've gotten compliments on some horrid pieces I never want to see again while many of what I thought were my best columns got no response whatsoever.

Newspaper judges are human, too; and sometimes the oddest items may pique their interest. With that in mind, we usually end up picking the entries we like and the heck with what anyone else thinks. I just hope the judges like that cow-calling column.

Sometimes we newspaper people want to shoot ourselves. I kept laboring under the idea that All State choir contests are next week. But they were on Saturday. Since I failed to give our weekend reporter the names of non-Pampa students who were competing, we listed all the Pampa All State Choir members and omitted Canadian High School's Amy Hester, who also qualified. Congratulations to all

Prison board votes to keep rodeo

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Corrections officials say they'll allow the 54-year-old Texas prison rodeo to continue, but the annual event may be turned over to a new organizer.

"We want to continue with the rodeo. It's a tradition that should not be scrapped," James Parsons, a member of the Texas Board of Corrections and chairman of a special rodeo study committee, said Monday.

Board members voted 7-1 to accept the committee's recommendation to continue the rodeo, held during weekends in October at the Walls prison unit in Huntsville. Board member Robert Lane cast the only dissenting vote.

The rodeo has come under scrutiny because of several unprofitable years, although it turned a profit last year.

Parsons said that because the rodeo is an integral part of Huntsville and Walker County, perhaps a non-profit local group could get involved and stage the rodeo.

"We feel the rodeo is a great

tradition in the Texas Department of Corrections and offers public involvement in TDC," he said.

But Parsons said he had "fundamental questions" over whether the board should worry about deciding on entertainers when they also have to worry about spending millions in connection with a prison reform lawsuit.

The board also took under advisement a plan under which inmates within six months of their parole would be released into a kind of "house arrest" program suggested by the State Board of Pardons and Parole.

Under the program, inmates would be confined to their own residences as part of a pre-parole program. The program is modeled after similar efforts in other states where up to 15 percent of inmates are involved, said prison board chairman Alfred Hughes said.

"This is a more major step than appears on the surface," Hughes said. "This for the first time in recent times sits TDC and the Board of Pardons and Parole across the table to discuss inmates."

But board members said they were reluctant to immediately get

involved with such a program because of questions in legal liabilities.

"Philosophically, I'm in favor of this," Parsons said. "It's the mechanics that bother me."

Lawmaker to make bid for Senate

DALLAS (AP) — State Rep. Jesse Oliver announced his candidacy for the Texas Senate Monday and immediately challenged other candidate to a round of public debates.

Oliver, D-Dallas, said he would send a registered letter to all coandidates officially requesting the debates.

The 41-year-old attorney's unexpected entrance into the race comes after state Rep. Paul Ragsdale announced Friday that he would not pursue the seat being vacated by state Sen. Oscar Mauzy.

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More character needed

When President Reagan signed Gramm-Rudman he publicly noted that this legislation would force both the White House and the Congress to determine once and for all what the federal government should be doing and what it should not be doing. The implication of his statement is that since Gramm-Rudman mandates a balanced budget by 1991, real limits have been imposed on spending and these limits will have to be honored in the kinds of programs which are funded and the kinds of programs which will be abandoned from the federal budget.

On the same day Mr. Reagan signed the Gramm-Rudman deficit-cutting bill, his administration - while publicly advocating that the federal government has no business trying to develop synthetic fuels - was privately urging the federal synthetic fuels corporation to spend at least \$484 million on two plants to extract oil from shale even though Congress had already voted this program out of the budget.

Technically the federal government's U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation doesn't manufacture oil from coal or shale. Instead it signs contracts with private firms to guarantee loans for such projects and to buy the oil they produce at above-market subsidized prices. On December 17, Energy Secretary John Herrington was reported to have advised the corporation's board to sign contracts for such loan and price guarantees in the amount of \$300 million with the Unocal Corporation's Parachute Creek, Colorado, oil-from-shale plant and \$184 million with Geokinetics Inc., and Peter Kiewit Son, Inc., for their Seep Ridge oil-shale project in Utah.

The world price of oil is falling. The OPEC oil

cartel is in shambles. Synthetic oil has, when viewed from any reasonable investment time-horizon, no economic future. To guarantee loans for such projects now, and to stand ready to buy synthetic fuels at artificially high prices in the future - as these two proposed contracts would have obligated the federal government to do - makes absolutely no sense at all. Add to this the fact that the Unocal funding would open the government's Synthetic Fuel Corporation to additional subsidy funding and loan guarantees for as much as \$600 million, and the whole thing becomes a nightmare.

Apparently Mr. Reagan wants to talk about making bold choices to cut spending under the mandate of Gramm-Rudman. Yet certain elements within his own administration don't seem to be listening. The Syn-Fuels board, according to reports in the Wall Street Journal, was put under heavy pressure from Western senators to approve these contracts before President Reagan could sign legislation ending new synfuels commitments. Even the supposedly tight-fisted new Director of the Office of Management and Budget, James Miller, sent a letter to the House and Senate Appropriations committees suggesting that the administration would support such funding even though the Congress had - at the Administration's request - already written such spending out of the budget.

Thankfully, in the true spirit of Gramm-Rudman and in opposition to pressure from within the White House, the U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation refused to fund the projects without an open and public request from the White House. On December 19th, the board refused to

even meet to consider the request for the \$484 million aid package, according to Thomas Corcoran, vice-chairman of the Synfuels board. In this matter the administration deserves not one word of thanks.

The federal government did not come to the present point of \$200 billion annual deficits in one thundering \$200 billion excess appropriation. Our deficits have emerged slowly and over a long period of time from what Georgetown University's Paul Craig Roberts calls the "Laying of budget land-mines". These "land-mines" take the form of foreword commitments of a half-billion dollars here and a quarter-billion dollars there. After a while we wake up to find that they have grown and multiplied into huge sums of more-or-less permanent budget "entitlements" with powerful political constituencies. We all know about the powerful political constituency which supports the billions for low-rent housing. When that program began it was a relatively nickel-and-dime operation. Had it been stopped years ago, as Mr. Corcoran and the Synfuels board seem to be willing to stop the synthetic fuels program now, we probably would not have needed Gramm-Rudman.

But Mr. Reagan's people don't seem to have the courage they need to have. If they can't stop a relatively small program before it grows into a multi-billion dollar monster, how can they muster the courage to put a stop to such well-entrenched subsidy programs as agriculture? It's an open question. If Gramm-Rudman is to work, Mr. Reagan and his people are going to have to be willing to show more character than they have shown in the synthetic fuels case.

Opinion

They who benefit should pay cost

Faced with a mounting debt, will Congress ever see the light? Increasingly, there is talk on the Hill of making people who ask for handouts contribute more on their own behalf.

But that sensible approach got botched in the water-projects bill that won House approval handily.

First, the representatives stuck with the superstition that local commitment means local government commitment. Thus the present formula under which flood control projects are paid for requires state and local governments to come up with between 25 and 30 percent of the cost.

But when the latest bill went through the House, it excluded six southern states from those requirements. Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee get free rides, thanks to an exemption in the Army Corps of Engineers project authorization bill.

The Southerners agree that the lower Mississippi River Valley drains such a huge area of the nation that flood-control projects in this area are rightly a national problem - everyone should pay, not just those who live there. So projects on any creek or stream that can be traced ultimately to the Mississippi are eligible for 100-percent financing from the feds.

The House attitude: Bully for the interior, tough luck for the fringes - including Texas.

What the House bill did was ignore a concept that most people accept: that people who choose to live and work in flood plains should pay for their own protection.

It may be moot to argue that development ought not to have occurred to the extent it has in the flood plain of major rivers like the Mississippi. It is not hypothetical to suggest that people who have chosen to live and build and do business there bear the responsibility for living with the risk.

The present cost-sharing percentages are low, but at least they make an attempt to place some of the responsibility where it belongs - on the people who live and work in the flood plain.

That responsibility should apply no less to residents of those six southern states than it does to residents elsewhere. If the \$2-trillion federal debt is ever to be reduced, people will have to begin depending less on the federal government and more on themselves.

It may be hopeless to wish for enough common sense to place the cost of such projects not simply on local entities, but on private voluntary agencies instead of government. But at least, no states should get an illusory "free ride" from taxpayers all over the country.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1986. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified the peace treaty with Britain that ended the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

Ten years ago: The government of Spain drafted several thousand postal workers into the army in an effort to stem labor unrest.

Five years ago: Outgoing President Jimmy Carter said farewell to the nation in a nationally broadcast speech; and the Federal Communications Commission freed radio stations of several major regulations, including limits on number of commercials and minimum requirements for news and public affairs programming.

One year ago: Bowing to protests, President Reagan's inaugural committee, in charge of the inauguration festivities, reversed its decision to hire 200 amateur performers for free, and agreed to pay them triple union minimum wage.

Lewis Grizzard

A real tough assignment

DEER VALLEY, UTAH - The Rolls Royce of American ski resorts is this lovely snow-covered settlement nestled in the Wasatch Mountains.

The food is great here, the ski slopes are magnificently groomed, and rumor has it that if Deer Valley ever got low on snow, it simply would order some more from the Gods of Snow, which are on a Deer Valley retainer.

The spiffiest place to stay in Deer Valley is the Stein Erickson Lodge where they feature afternoon teas in the lobby and the live entertainment is a piano, violin and cello trio.

Stein Erickson is a Norwegian skier, and his trophies are all on display. If you want to eat wild rabbit, it's included in the \$24.95 dinner buffet.

I don't fit in that well with people who attend afternoon teas, I don't particularly care for classical trios, and I don't speak Norwegian, so when I checked out the Stein Erickson Lodge to find out how the upper crust spends its ski vacations, I talked to one of the bellmen. "Jane Fonda just loves it here," the bellman told me.

"You mean a nice place like this allows communist sympathizers?" I asked.

"As long as they don't attempt to eat their wild rabbit with their hands, sure," the bellman said.

I asked what other notables had stayed at the Stein Erickson Lodge in Deer Valley.

"Robert Wagner was here," said the bellman.

"And last week I saw Dustin Hoffman."

The only celebrity I saw was Robert Penske, who builds racing cars, and he had remembered, I am happy to say, to clean the dirt and grime from under his fingernails before he checked in.

The big news, however, was that Madonna, the rock singer, might soon be visiting at Stein Erickson.

"The only thing that is unsettled," the bellman said, "is she wants to rent out the health club so she can use it in private while she's here, and management can't decide whether or not they're going to let her do it."

Here was an issue I could sink my teeth into: Millionaire rock singer doesn't want to get into hot tub with relative commoners like Roger

Penske or communist sympathizers like Jane Fonda.

I also checked out the Stein Erickson health club. There was a hot tub, of course, not to mention a sauna and weight room and an outdoor heated swimming pool.

I saw pictures of Madonna in a recent issue of Playboy. She had hair under her arms. I also understand she is quite popular amongst the younger set because she is not afraid to show her bellybutton during her performances.

Perhaps, I mentioned to the bellman, Madonna wants the health club to herself because she needs to shave under her arms, and she would be embarrassed if anybody saw her bellybutton, in which all sorts of things can collect if it is not covered.

As far as I know, the Madonna visit to Stein Erickson still isn't official, but I will keep an eye out for further developments.

The bellybutton beat at a millionaire's ski resort is a tough assignment, but somebody has to do it.

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Berry's World



"Like George Shultz, I got strong feelings about lie detector tests - know what I mean?"

Reagan's tough talk means very little

By Robert Walters

WASHINGTON (NEA) - First, let it be stipulated that Col. Muammar Khadafy is an egomaniacal despot who presides over a malevolent Libyan government that has repeatedly supported acts of international terrorism.

Second, let it be just as clearly understood that President Reagan's prospects of improving that situation range from slim to none if he persists in his inept campaign of saber rattling, name calling and cosmetic sanctions.

The saber rattling peaked on a single day in early January when various news-gathering organizations simultaneously reported that:

- Five EA6B Prowlers, aircraft packed with highly sophisticated electronics equipment capable of intercepting communications and jamming radars, had been redeployed to the Mediterranean from their home base on Whidbey Island, Washington.

- The aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea steamed out of Naples, Italy, and headed for patrol in the Mediterranean.

- The aircraft carrier USS America and the battleship USS Iowa were placed on alert in Norfolk, Va., and ordered to also prepare for duty in the Mediterranean.

Such information about the movement of troops, planes and ships normally is - and ought to be - highly classified. If the news media had un-

covered it themselves, Reagan surely would have been critical of "leaks" supposedly damaging to the national security. But the White House applies an exculpatory double standard when engaging in self-serving disclosure.

As in the past, Reagan's flamboyant threats have not been matched by decisive action. Indeed, he has turned upside down President Theodore Roosevelt's sensible admonition to "speak softly and carry a big stick."

The president's name calling and cosmetic sanctions shared top billing at his early January news conference. At various times during that event, he characterized Khadafy as "irrational," a "zealot" and "not only a barbarian but... flaky."

That certainly ought to make the

colonel tremble in his boots - and if it doesn't work there's also the immediate termination of all mechanical shovel exports from the United States to Libya.

That's right, mechanical shovels. Last year, they were the largest single component of the approximately \$300 million worth of exports, followed by such other strategic necessities as sorting machinery, mining equipment, railway cranes and power-operated hand tools.

Imports from Libya to the United States totaled almost \$40 million last year, placing the total value of trade between the two nations at \$340 million. The Libyans engage in about 14 times as much annual trade with Italians.

Going hungry: homes on the range may not be so poor

By MARTIN STEINBERG
Associated Press Writer

Folks who live in the Farm Belt counties stamped as the nation's hungriest in a new study by Harvard University researchers say those Eastern academics simply don't know what they're talking about.

"I haven't seen any people starving. Maybe there are some senior citizens who are hard up, but that's true anywhere," said Jim Ithurralde, assessor of Eureka County, Nev., tagged by the researchers as the nation's hungriest.

"In fact, the sheriff's office put out baskets of food at Christmas and they could only find 15 people who wanted them," said Ithurralde, whose county covers 4,175 square miles and has only about 1,500 residents. "I'm going hungry right now but it's because I'm on a diet."

In a report released today, the Physicians Task Force on Hunger at the Harvard School of Public

Health found 150 "hunger counties," where more than 20 percent of the residents live below the federal poverty level — now \$10,609 for a family of four — and fewer than one-third of eligible residents actually receive food stamps.

But officials in some of those states and counties said they weren't sure the conclusions were warranted and the researchers admitted the study was based on statistics in government reports and said nobody had actually been there.

"We begin extensive field work in February. We may well start in Nevada," Judy dePontbriand, a spokeswoman for the task force, said in Boston. She said the report was "a blueprint for ongoing research."

Local officials said one reason why Eureka County might show up as so poor is because there is no food stamp office in Eureka, the county seat, and that many people who might qualify don't bother to make the 77-mile drive to the nearest office, in White Pine County.

Only 12 people get food stamps in all of Eureka County, said Nevada Welfare Director Linda Ryan. "The real problem when you're talking statistics with 1,400 or 1,500 people is that every statistic is skewed."

In Madison County, Idaho, rated fifth-hungriest in the nation, officials said the figures probably were influenced by the fact that about 93 percent of its residents are Mormons, whose leaders counsel members to seek assistance from church, rather than government, agencies.

In Brazos County, rated worst in Texas, County Judge Dick Holmgreen noted that the 30,000 students at Texas A&M University make up a third of the population.

"I think their statistics are as screwed up as they can be," said Holmgreen, who administers the county, which often posts the nation's lowest unemployment rate. "I don't deny the fact we've got some low-income areas, but if there are people

actually hungry, I'm not aware of it."

The physicians' report showed Texas with the most "hunger counties," with 29. South Dakota followed with 28.

In South Dakota, James Ellenbecker, director of the Department of Social Services, said his program is effective.

"I don't think that we have a serious hunger problem beyond what our programs are already addressing," Ellenbecker said. "The food stamp program is a program that is pretty well known and has been established in the state for some time."

He said he's not surprised that 28 counties made the list because income levels in the state generally have been low, but "we don't feel there's a tremendous amount of hunger that goes unaddressed in South Dakota."

In Deuel County, S.D., Food Stamp Administrator Olga Triebwasser of Clear Lake said she has noticed more food stamp cases lately — and more of her clients are farmers.

Texas counties perplexed at hunger report

By The Associated Press

Texas topped the list of a Harvard study on the hungry counties of America, but some of those named don't consider themselves so poor, much less hungry.

"I think their statistics are as screwed up as they can be," said County Judge Dick Holmgreen of Brazos County, which was No. 46 on the Harvard list of the 150 hungriest counties and topped the list in Texas.

The "hunger counties," identified in a report by the Physicians Task Force on Hunger at the Harvard School of Public Health, were ranked based on the highest rates of poverty and lowest rates of participation in the food

stamp program. Texas was listed as having 29 "hunger counties," where more than 20 percent of the residents live below the federal poverty level — now \$10,609 for a family of four — and fewer than one-third of eligible residents actually receive food stamps.

But Brazos has repeatedly posted among the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Not only that, the county is the home of Texas A&M University, whose more than 30,000 students comprise a third of the population.

"I don't deny the fact we've got some low-income areas, but if there are people aware of actually hungry, I'm not aware of it," Holmgreen told The Dallas Morning News.

In Gaines County, County Judge Max Townsend said, "We just don't have that many poor here. Of course, with this farming situation, that may change, too."

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Meanwhile, Collingsworth County Judge Zook Thomas acknowledged that his county did have a low per-capita income: "We've got a railroad spike plant, a bolt plant and a wrecking yard.

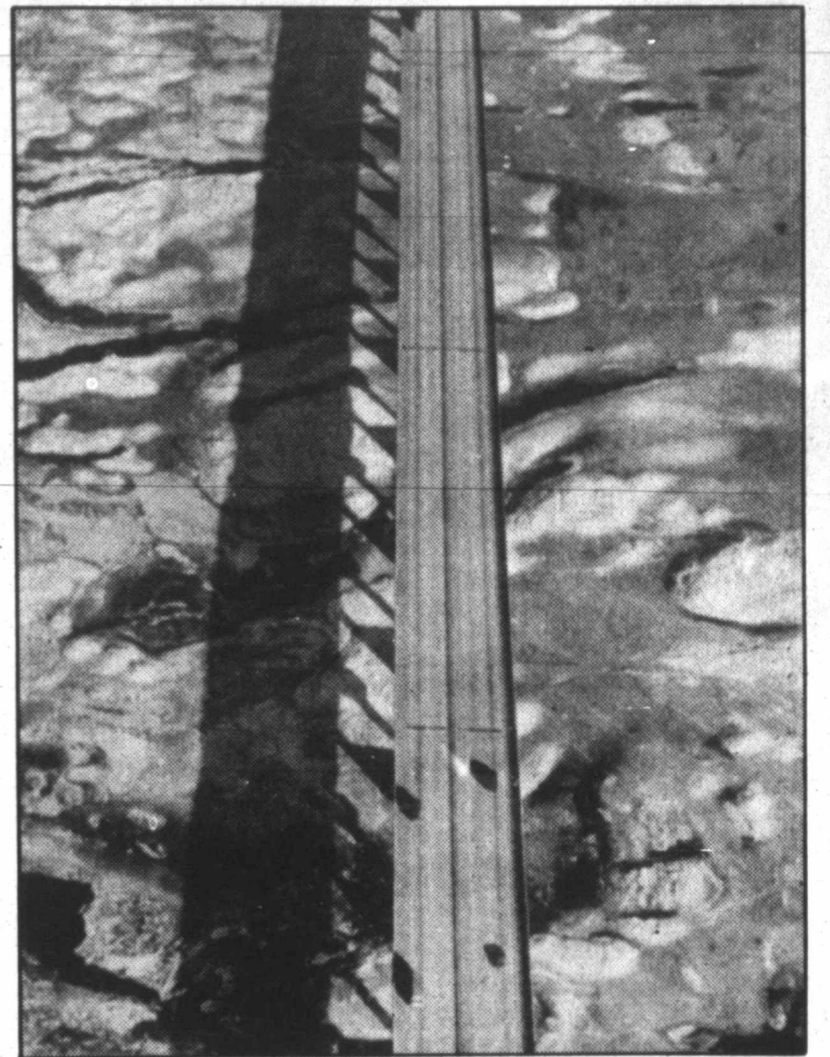
Other than that, we're strictly agriculture."

But the judge said he knew most of the county's 4,600 residents and knew none who were hungry.

"We did have some elderly people who didn't want to go ask for them (food stamps,) but I think that's over with," Thomas said.

Most of the 29 counties identified in Texas are in West Texas and the High Plains area of the state.

Other "hunger counties" in Texas identified by the study were Motley, Wilbarger, Mason, Glasscock, Farmer, Hays, San Saba, McCulloch, Briscoe, Haskell, Brewster, Dickens, Jeff Davis, Caldwell, Concho, Menard, Limestone, Mitchell, Real, Leon, Knox, Swisher, Red River, Walker, Milam and Sabine.



AERIAL ABSTRACT — The Route 30 bridge connecting Lancaster County and York County in Pennsylvania crosses an ice-covered Susquehanna River. The long shadows from the late afternoon sun combine with a birdseye view to create an aerial abstract of winter. (AP Laserphoto)

Texas, N.M. governors say

More federal aid needed in drug war

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Drug smuggling is a foreign policy problem as well as a law enforcement problem, according to New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya, who suggested that aid to narcotics-producing nations could be made conditional to the elimination of drug crops there.

Anaya and Texas Gov. Mark White offered suggestions at a hearing of the U.S. House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control on how to fight the drug trade more effectively. The governors also told of how the illegal business has affected their states.

"It's not just a law enforcement problem but a foreign policy problem," Anaya told the committee Monday.

New Mexico's vast, uninhabited spaces lend themselves to undetected drug smuggling, said Anaya. He called his state a pipeline for narcotics trafficking from Florida to California.

But while the supply of drugs must be targeted, the demand should also be taken into account, he said.

"Ultimately ... the root of the problem is not in marijuana, coca and poppy fields of the developing countries," Anaya said. "It is within our own society, hometowns and schools."

Anaya told of an incident last week in which the Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to students at Albuquerque High School and asked those in the audience who had used drugs to step forward.

"Nearly two thirds of the students in the packed gymnasium came forward," Anaya said. "And there were more in the bleachers who were just as guilty but were hesitant or intimidated."

Gov. White told the panel that Texas, with about 1,000 miles of border with Mexico and more than 600 miles of Gulf coastline, is a haven for smugglers.

Last year the Texas Department of Public Safety seized more than 50,700 kilos of marijuana, a 200 percent increase over 1984, White said. Heroin smuggling is on a similar increase, the governor added.

"Our situation has deteriorated rapidly over the last four years, coinciding with the establishment of a multi-agency drug

enforcement task force in South Florida," he said.

"We haven't stopped the traffic, we just diverted the traffic," White said. "If we do a good job in Florida, then we must do a good job in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas..."

But Gulf Coast states affected by the shift of drug smuggling from Florida lack the resources to fight the trafficking in their areas, White said.

Former USDA official will be ag head

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Dr. Richard Lyng, a former U.S. assistant of agriculture, is President Reagan's top choice for the secretary of agriculture cabinet post, the Lubbock

Avalanche-Journal reported today, as saying. Lyng, the No. 2 U.S. Department of Agriculture official from 1981 until stepping down last year to start a consulting firm, will replace Agriculture Secretary John Block. The newspaper quoted an Avalanche-Journal on pending farm programs.

Doctor: no evidence of nursing malpractice

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Nurses kept accurate records on patient care at a Texas City nursing home, a doctor has testified in a murder-by-neglect trial.

The state claims nurses at the Autumn Hills nursing home falsified patient charts and kept notes so haphazardly that it was impossible to assess patient conditions.

"Were you able to form an opinion as to whether those nurses' notes appeared unreliable or made up?" defense lawyer Tom Sartwelle asked.

"I would say the nurses' notes appeared to be written in a normal

way — not made up — a true reflection of what happened," said Dr. Anthony Silvetti, an expert in the healing of wounds.

The testimony Monday came in the murder trial of Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. and four of its current and former employees.

They are charged in the Nov. 20, 1978, death of Elnora Breed. The 87-year-old woman died 47 days after entering the Autumn Hills home in Texas City.

The state has called medical experts who testified she died of starvation and overwhelming infection from bedsores — all brought on by poor nursing care.

The defense claims Mrs. Breed died of a recurrence of colon cancer.

Silvetti agreed with that contention, saying Mrs. Breed wasted away.

"They were dealing with a patient at the end of the normal lifespan on this earth," Silvetti said. "They felt this patient was very close to dying and there was nothing they could do to save her," he said.

"Did you find any evidence of nursing mistreatment, nursing neglect or nursing malpractice at

Autumn Hills?" Sartwelle asked.

"None whatsoever," Silvetti replied.

Under cross examination, Silvetti admitted the nursing notes indicated the nurses did not contact the attending physicians at the proper time when bedsores developed on patients.

"Assume the patient was left lying in her own urine and feces. Assume the patient was not bathed daily or turned regularly. Assume the patient was restrained and the restraints were not monitored," Voller said.

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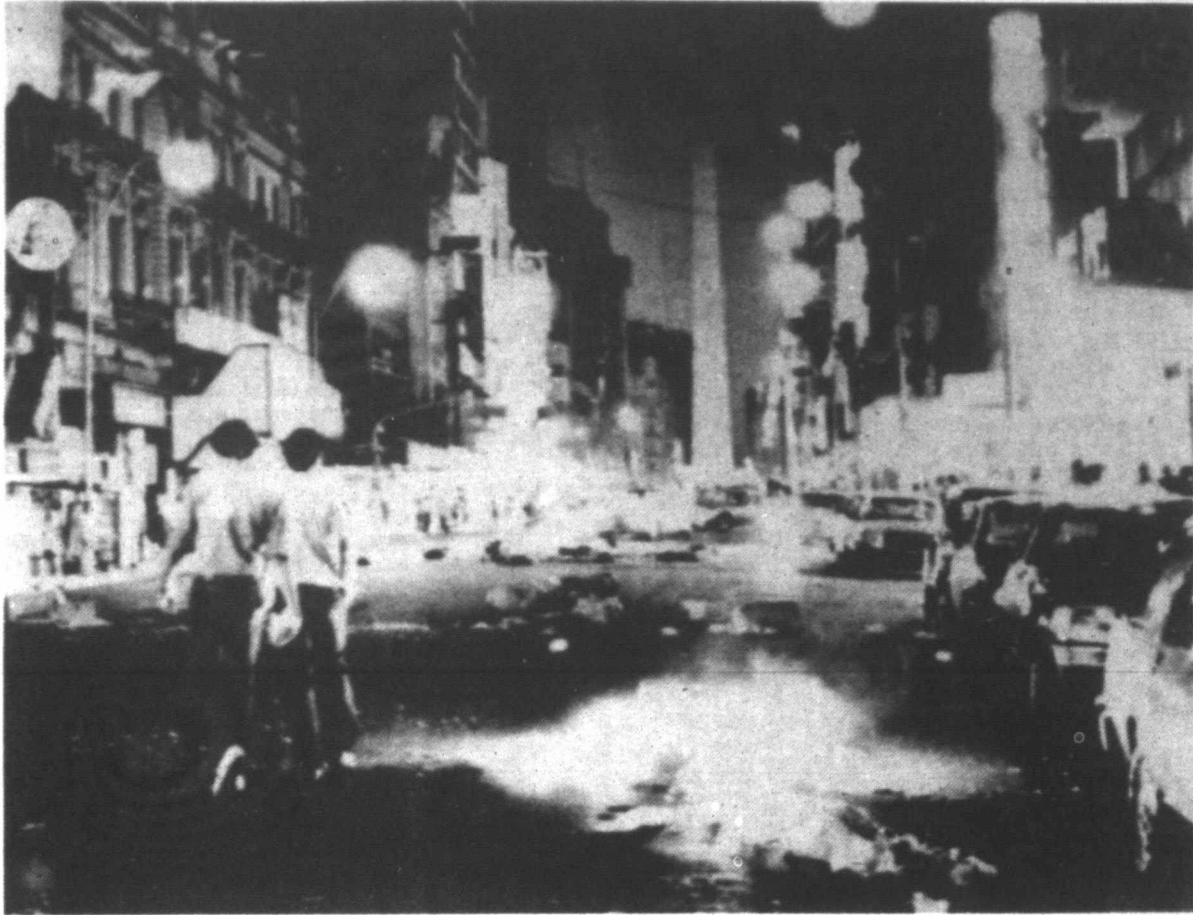
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ANTI-U.S. PROTEST — Several small fires set by leftist demonstrators burn on a downtown Buenos Aires street Monday night. The demonstration, broken up by police using tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons, was called to protest a visit by U.S. banker David Rockefeller. (AP Laserphoto)

Astronauts troubleshoot camera

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Like many shutterbugs whose cameras give out at a critical moment, Columbia's astronauts today tried to fix a device that could provide clear shots of Halley's comet, while officials considered ending the shuttle mission a day early.

Mission Control radioed up a set of trouble-shooting instructions for astronaut George Nelson to follow in an attempt to repair a light image intensifier, which failed Monday when he photographed the comet.

He took the intensifier off the camera and shot a series of 30-second exposures, but officials on the ground said they may be no better than those taken from Earth by amateurs.

Flight director Jay Greene said Monday he expected shuttle

managers to consider shortening the much-delayed mission from five days to four. This would help the National Aeronautics and Space Administration keep on its tight schedule of 15 shuttle launches this year.

If the flight is shortened, the crew, which includes a Florida congressman, would land here Thursday. Greene said it is important to get Columbia back to this spaceport to start preparing it for its next flight, an astronomy mission set for liftoff March 6.

Challenger is scheduled for launching Jan. 24 with schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe aboard.

The schedule tightened when Columbia endured seven launch postponements before finally getting off the ground on Sunday.

The seven-man crew spent much

of its first full day in orbit Monday setting up experiments and fixing minor mechanical malfunctions.

Astronaut Steve Hawley planned to spend today pointing a pair of telescopes at various stars and sectors of the universe to search for sources of ultraviolet radiation. Robert Cenker was to photograph volcanoes, thunderstorms, shorelines, cities and other Earth features with an infrared camera.

Rep. Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat whose district includes Cape Canaveral, continued his medical and crystal-growth experiments. He is flying as a congressional observer in his role as chairman of the House subcommittee on space science and applications.

Farmers must accept big acreage cuts for supports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lower crop prices and large cuts in producing acreage would be imposed on farmers by the 1986 commodity program outlined by Agriculture Secretary John R. Block.

Farmers will have to accept lower price support "loan" levels in a move aimed at making U.S. crops more marketable overseas, Block said Monday.

The acreage cutbacks will be the maximums allowed by the new Food Security Act of 1985, the farm bill passed by Congress last month and signed into law by President Reagan.

The programs will affect wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice in 1986. Agriculture Department officials said they could not estimate how much U.S. exports might improve because of the cuts in loan rates. The loan rate is the amount the government pays farmers for each crop. If market prices fall below the loan rate, farmers can post

their crop as collateral and receive government loans at the guaranteed rates.

Thus, the loan rates effectively set the foreign prices of U.S. commodities. The administration contends foreign suppliers have been able to undercut relatively high U.S. commodity supports.

The loan rate for 1986 wheat crop, for example, will be \$2.40 per bushel, compared with \$3.30 for last year's harvest. Corn supports will be \$1.92 per bushel, compared with \$2.55 in 1985; barley, \$1.56 and \$2.08 last year; 99 cents for oats and \$1.31 last year; and \$1.82 for sorghum and \$2.42 last year.

Loan rates for 1986 crops of cotton and rice will be announced later, Block said.

Under the acreage reductions announced for 1986, wheat farmers will have to idle 25 percent of their base acreage; feed grains, including corn, 20 percent; rice, 35 percent; and upland cotton, 25 percent.

Included in the reductions for wheat and feed grains is a 2½ percent paid diversion. Under the paid diversion program, farmers are paid for diverting land from production.

The new law froze target prices for two years at the 1985 rates, so no changes were made for those. Target prices are used to determine federal "deficiency" payments to farmers when market prices drop below the target levels.

Targets for 1986 are: wheat, \$4.38 per bushel; corn, \$3.03; sorghum, \$2.88; barley, \$2.60; and oats, \$1.60.

Signup in the 1986 programs is expected to begin in March.

Block also announced some provisions of the dairy program, which includes an 18-month "whole-herd buy-out" operation intended to reduce the number of milk cows.

Under the plan, dairy farmers will submit sale bids for their herds based on base period milk marketings.

Black publishers joining forces

AUSTIN (AP) — Publishers of Texas' black newspapers are forming a trade association they hope will give them added clout in their communities and statewide.

"Through this association, we hope that we can get some respect for the black press from political leaders, community organizations and especially advertisers," said organizer T.L. Wyatt of Austin.

"This organization will be made up of the black newspapers of the state and will be represented by virtually every area of Texas," he said in announcing the group Monday.

Wyatt, publisher of the Villager newspaper in Austin, said 13 weeklies in Texas currently belong to the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a nationwide organization of primarily black publications.

It is hoped that those 13, plus several others around the state, will join the new regional group called the Texas Publishers Association, the Black Press of Texas, Wyatt said.

He said the Texas papers, with combined circulations of approximately 500,000, are following the lead of black newspapers in other regions of the country in forming a local association.

Besides advertising, the new group will consider statewide editorials on some issues, look for improved training opportunities for young journalists, share

business advice among members and take other actions to strengthen the newspapers, Wyatt said.

While the national association has helped members obtain some national advertising, Wyatt said, efforts are needed to sell advertising for the Texas papers as a group.

"Advertisers are more inclined to deal with the regional than the national office. In Texas, we have so many Texas-based companies that don't advertise on a national basis, so therefore we miss that," he said.

Now that 1986 is two weeks old let's look at 1987

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — With 50 weeks to go in 1986, two of the country's biggest equity research firms, Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers, have decided it is time to look into 1987.

They like much of what they see, including no great threats from those old bugaboos of inflation and interest rates, which probably accounts in part for the unusually early forecasts.

ML expects 1987 "will be another year of real growth," with gross national product swelling 2.9 percent. With a 4.3 percent forecast, Salomon is even more bullish. Last year's growth rate was 3.1 percent.

Their interest in the future is reasonable enough, because current stock prices are set by expectations of future gains or losses, but these forecasts come at a time when most forecasters aren't even through with 1986.

Salomon seemingly couldn't restrain itself, explaining that after years in which Murphy's Law held sway we are now into a new era, one marked by supreme confidence that Forbush's Law will be a dominant force.

Forbush's Law is named for Miss Nelli Forbush, the cockeyed optimist in "South Pacific," the famous musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Forbush is the reverse of poor old Murphy, according to the Salomon researchers, in that everything that can possibly go right proceeds well above expectations.

The key barometers of stock market activity, they explain, make it "hard to believe that Miss Forbush will not have her way," a statement likely to be viewed as the ultimate expression of optimism in an optimistic year.

In fact, contrary thinkers — those who question trends, consensus views, and expressions of optimism — may see the viewpoint as evidence of the smug euphoria that, they say, comes before any stock market fall.

The Salomon researchers, however, aren't without

ammunition to defend their view, and they point them out right at the beginning of their analysis.

Interest rates, they note, have fallen to the lowest level in five years, moderate economic growth has left credit markets in good condition, and the dollar has fallen 20 percent in less than a year.


That's only the beginning of the bright picture.

They continue: Inflation has been only moderate, oil prices are weakening, Congress seems to be facing tax and deficit problems, there are underutilized resources in the economy, and the Federal Reserve's posture have been "accommodative."

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Military jet crashes

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Military authorities were investigating the crash of a Navy jet fighter which went off a runway and pierced a fence after an aborted takeoff.

There was no explosion or fire in the Saturday accident, but the F-18's undercarriage was damaged, officials at the Marine Corps Air Station here said.

The plane stopped in a dirt field, and only its nose went through the fence, officials said.

Convicted con man confesses

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Five months after he was sent to prison for swindling an Austin man by promising he could bring the man's son home from Vietnam, phony Russian agent Bratislav Lilic is confessing.

Lilic, 34, says he has found religion and patriotism in a federal prison at Sandstone, Minn.

"I was nothing but a criminal and a con man," he said in a telephone interview last week with The Associated Press.

Lilic also called Douglas Pierce, the Austin businessman who is searching for his missing son. Pierce said the call was not the first he received from Lilic since a 30-year prison sentence was ordered.

"He's called me quite a number of times," Pierce said. "It's always to get him out of prison so he could get my son back."

But the most recent call was a confession.

"He told me he is a born-again Christian," Pierce said. "I think he conned the priest."

Lilic and Pierce first met amid intrigue suitable for fiction.

Pierce's son John has been missing since his ship — the Glomar Java Sea — sank in the South China Sea in 1983. There were believed to have been no survivors — but Pierce, a wealthy and persistent man, refused to believe the official version.

After Pierce's search received national publicity, he was contacted by Lilic, a Yugoslavian living in Chicago. Lilic told Pierce he worked for the Soviet KGB and could bring John Pierce home from Vietnam, where Douglas Pierce believes his son might be a prisoner.

Lilic claimed to have seen the younger Pierce in Vietnam. The father paid \$46,000 to have his son brought home. It never happened.

Even after the conviction, Lilic maintained Pierce and the prosecutors had cut off the Austin man's last chance of finding his son.

Now Lilic has a new story, this one involving Christ and a vision.

"I have accepted Christ. My mother died while I was in prison. She came to me in a vision on Jan. 7," he said from prison. "She told me to do right from now on through the rest of my life."

Lilic is apologizing profusely.

"I've conned governments of hostile countries, hundreds of thousands of dollars from these people. I wish the people to forgive me," he said.

"I say to my family (in Chicago), and everybody else I have hurt, I'm sorry. I'm sorry for the families of the people on the Glomar Java Sea. I'm sorry to (Austin federal judge James) Nowlin for lying in his courtroom," he said.

"I'm sorry for lying and saying that I saw POWs in Vietnam, which I never did. If there are any POWs in Vietnam they are probably traitors who don't want to come back," Lilic said. "I'd like to apologize to the American government. This is the best system there is in the world."

Douglas Pierce, who is busy tracking down other leads that could produce his son, said he doesn't spend any time thinking about Lilic.

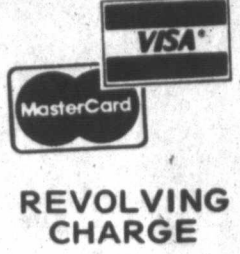


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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Skips
 - 9 Orange skin
 - 13 Birthstone for February
 - 14 Polynesian god
 - 15 Needle (comb. form)
 - 16 Bohemian
 - 17 Accelerates
 - 18 Malay ape
 - 19 Actress Farrow
 - 20 Eagle's nest
 - 21 My (Lat.)
 - 22 Music buff's purchase
 - 23 Point of orbit in astronomy
 - 26 More fearful
 - 31 Cambodian money
 - 32 Relative
 - 33 Church court
 - 34 Narrative
 - 35 Judean king
 - 36 Sweetsop
 - 37 Insult
 - 39 Slightly underwater
 - 40 While
 - 41 Actor Murray
 - 42 Vertical
 - 46 Barrel
 - 47 Pixie
 - 50 Wedding band
 - 51 Go by car
 - 52 Senorita's aunt
 - 53 Measure
 - 54 Awkward
 - 56 River in Flanders
 - 57 Of ant eater order
- DOWN
- 1 Babylonian deity
 - 2 Charitable organization (abbr.)
 - 3 Fear (Fr.)

- 4 In
- 5 Disgraces
- 6 Arab country
- 7 Is (Sp.)
- 8 Pigeon
- 9 Exceptional
- 10 Roman road
- 11 Birthmarks
- 12 Medicinal unit
- 20 Baboon
- 21 Track runner
- 22 Songstress
- 23 Singer Edith

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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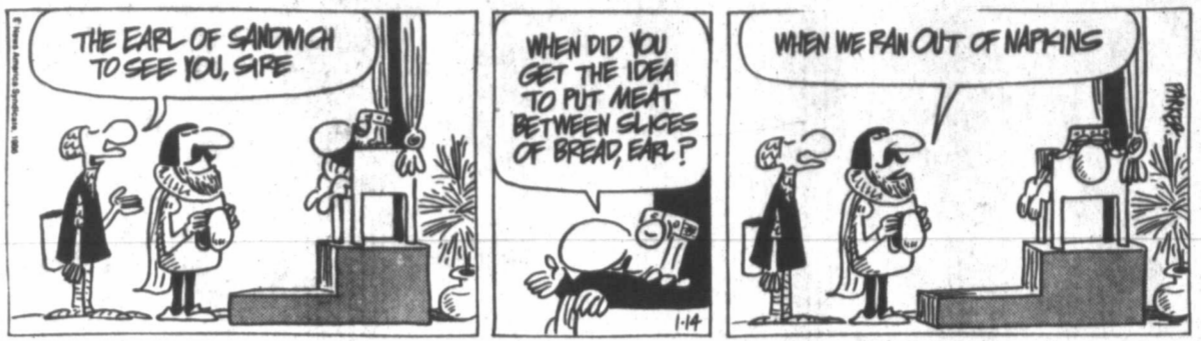
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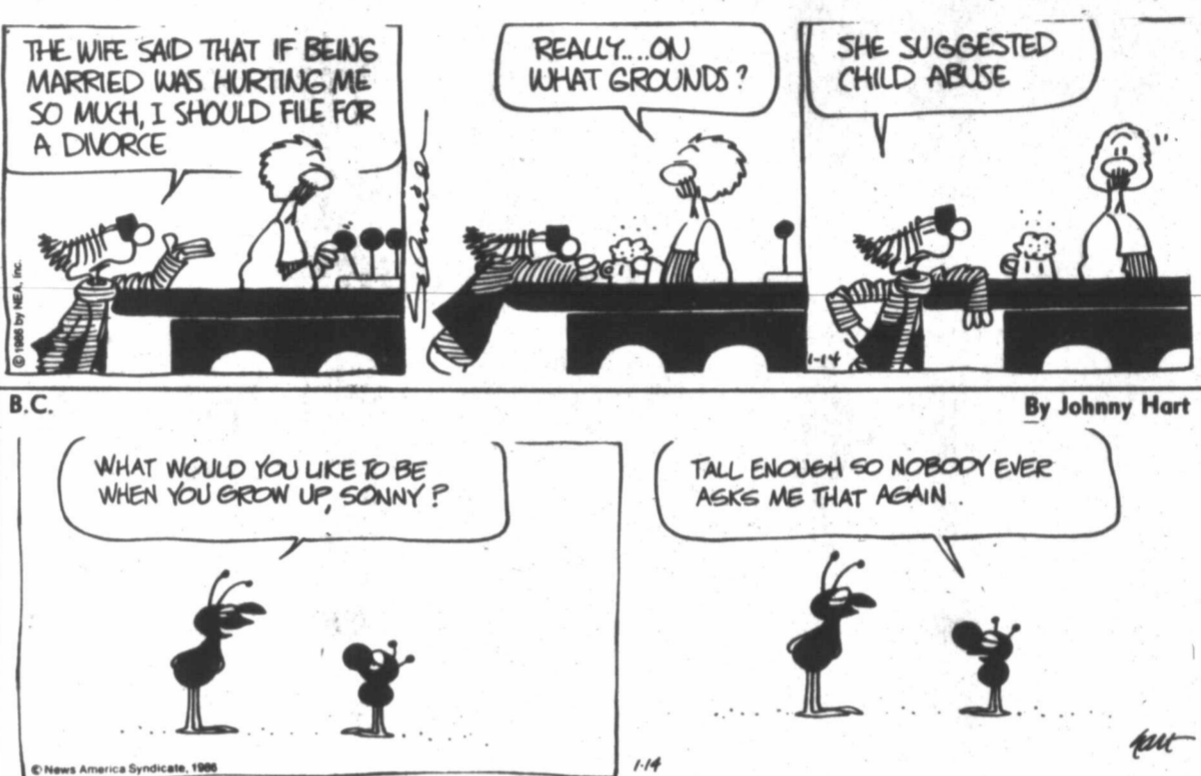
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol Jan. 15, 1986

The secret to your success in the year ahead is to want to do more for those you love. In situations where you are motivated by unselfishness, the reward will be substantial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to treat matters that affect your self-interests differently today. But this won't be true in situations where you are looking out for another. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before passing on to others a bit of juicy gossip you heard about a mutual friend, make certain the facts can be verified. Better yet, say nothing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Early on, you may be a bit of a daydreamer and get off to a slow start, but once you get zeroed in on a goal, there will be no deterring you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associates might not be interested in the same objective as you today. Don't put spurs to a dead horse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Negative financial conditions can be overcome today if you are motivated strongly enough to do so. Why accept defeat?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A direct and firm approach with a friend will be required today to rectify a delicate matter that you are anxious to resolve. Get to the point.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are too indecisive in career situations today, it will work to your detriment. Once you set your course, proceed forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't yield to tendencies to put things off until the last minute today. This will increase the pressure, not only on you, but someone else as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful when talking to a friend today that you don't probe too deeply into areas about which he is sensitive. Keep your curiosity in check.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In your dealings with family members today you will accomplish more if you set the proper example. Instead of admonishing them about things you fail to do yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not be bashful about speaking up today if you are owed money for work or service you perform for another. Your chances for collecting are good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take pains to be a comparison shopper today. Don't buy merchandise without first looking around to see if you can get the same item at a better price.

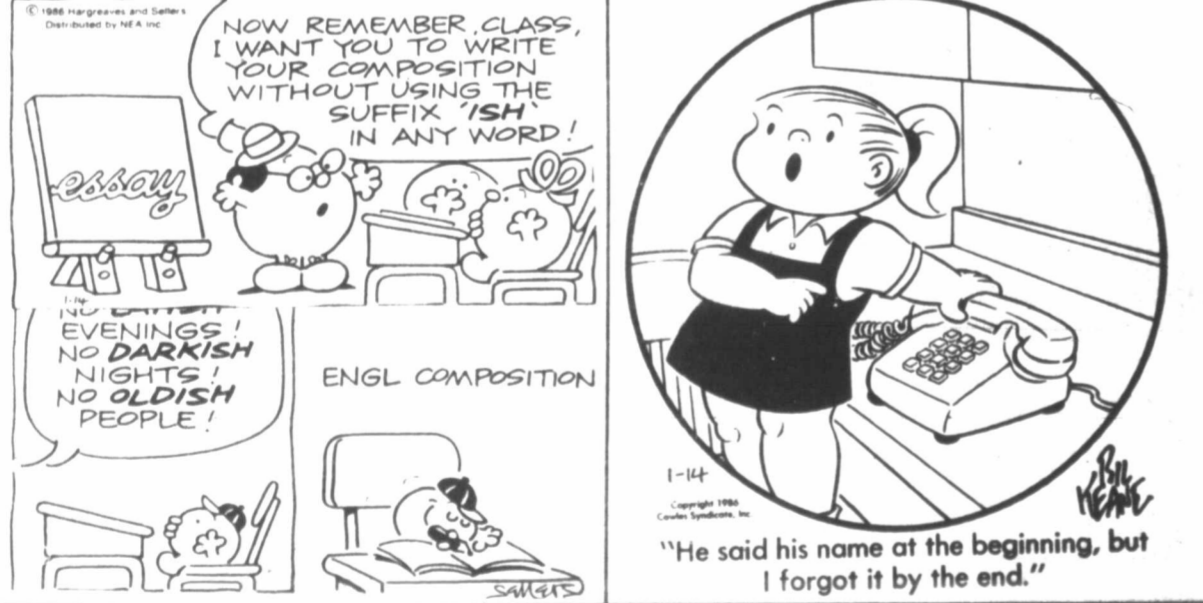
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Attic may hold hidden treasure

Were you planning to clean out the attic or basement and call the trashman for an extra pickup to prepare for a neater new year?

Before so much as throwing out a candy wrapper, take Helaine Fendelman's advice and stop. Mrs. Fendelman, who held her first tag sale 17 years ago when she and her husband discovered they had bought too much to fit into their new home, says you owe it to yourself to find out whether you're throwing away trash or treasure.

Her own passion for holding onto odd bits and pieces has led her to a satisfying career as a tag-sale planner, dealer, appraiser and author of books on collectibles.

Recently, Mrs. Fendelman co-authored a book to tell others how to evaluate what they have, find out what the things are worth, and how to dispose of some and insure and appraise those they decide to keep.

In "Money in Your Attic," she

says, recycling your "junk" into someone else's home at a tag sale can lead to fun and profit.

Naturally, one of the first questions to ask is: What do I have? She has found a common error is to value the wrong things and overlook gold among the dross. For example, while old Christmas ornaments dating as late as the 1940s are collectible today, old books, encyclopedias and most old magazines are almost valueless.

Those who have been saving National Geographic and World Books have probably been wasting storage space. On the other hand, if you've saved old movie magazines, or the first issue of Antiques Magazine which she says is worth between \$75 and \$100, you are in a position to profit.

Many think that old children's toys are valuable — and they are. But generally they must be in mint condition, preferably in the original box, to garner good prices.

Broken toys aren't wanted by most collectors and dealers and are not worth saving (unless they happen to be from the 17th or 18th century). Old china and jewelry are popular right now, as are linens, handmade lace textiles and even old clothing. But they have to be in good condition.

Many people have taken in the fact that old pieces have value, but like some vaccinations, they have taken it in too well. They are victims of what Mrs. Fendelman calls the "exactly-like-it" syndrome.

These people may see a china set at an antique show marked \$500. They have a set that is in the same design or is, perhaps, by the same maker, so they set out to sell it for the same price. Perhaps theirs is the wrong color, the wrong maker, badly damaged, cracked and chipped. Or some significant pieces may be missing. "Then they have a hard time understanding

why they are offered only a small fraction of the \$500 for their set," she said.

Condition and completeness govern the value of most objects that can be used in the home, she said. An old set of bed linen is in great demand, as are banquet cloths and napkins. But if your tablecloth has a large brown spot and there are only three napkins, the value will be significantly reduced.

You have five choices when it comes to disposing of objects, says Mrs. Fendelman. You can have a tag sale or house sale; you can take the pieces to a consignment shop; consign them to an auction house; call in a dealer to buy the lot for an inclusive price, or give the stuff to charity for a tax deduction.

When donating items to charity, however, if the dollar value is over \$5,000 you'll have to get a professional appraisal to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service, and Mrs. Fendelman advises getting an appraisal when values reach \$1,000.

When there is a fair amount of merchandise, it can be worthwhile to have an appraiser go over it. You can find someone by contacting groups such as the Appraisers Association of America (the book lists a number of sources for information). The author's advice is to choose someone who is a member of a professional appraisal group, to avoid anyone who charges a fee as a percentage of appraised value. Rates, which vary widely from \$45 to about \$250 an hour, are not very informative because one appraiser may go through five times as much stuff as another in an hour.

Local college offers banking, electronic classes

New continuing education classes beginning soon at Clarendon College - Pampa Center are D.C. Electronics and Principles of Banking.

D.C. Electronics begins Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101 at the Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost. Lee Jackson, chairman of the electronics department, is to be instructor. Registration is open today through Thursday.

Feb. 27 is the beginning date of Principles of Banking to be taught by Debbie Stokes of the First National Bank. Class begins at 7 p.m. in Room 9 of the Pampa Center.

For more information about these and other classes offered by Clarendon College - Pampa Center, call 665-8801.



DESK & DERRICK OFFICERS — Officers of Pampa's Desk & Derrick Club have taken over the duties of their offices. They are, front row, from left: Marilyn Lewis, vice president, M.D. Snider Trucking Company Inc.; Charlotte Lewis, president, IRI International; Maxine Morgan, secretary, IRI International. Back row, from left, are Alberta Jeffries, director,

Dunigan Operating Co., Inc.; Carla Schiffman, director, Schiffman Machine Co.; Marquette Joiner, director, IRI International; Carolyn Kitchens, treasurer, Cree Companies, Inc.; and Mary Ann Ashley, director, George W. Arrington Oil Co. Inc. Not pictured is Connie Ball, past president, Leonard Hudson Drilling Co., Inc. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Selling houses requires special vocabulary

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobody knows better than real estate people that a creative imagination and a vocabulary unrestricted by dictionary definitions is often needed to make a homely house sound like a castle.

Anybody who ever looked for a house is familiar with the linguistic gymnastics that describe the area. "Down a country lane" means a dirt road without storm sewers. "Water view" might describe an undrained swamp.

But not everyone is aware of

some of the subtler refinements used to set the mood for a sale. Smart salespeople, for example, almost always use the term "home" rather than "house" to create a warm rather than cold impression.

Good salespeople seldom squander the tricks of their trade, but Irene W. Cashman, a Cheshire, Conn., Realtor, magnanimously listed some of her subtleties in "Real Estate Today," a magazine of the National Association of Realtors.

"Cellar" is out. Many people remember when cellars were in, because when they were young they used to keep the potatoes down there among the cool stones where they would not sprout. That is where the coal bin used to be, too.

Instead of "cellar" a good salesman uses "basement," which has the attractive feature of suggesting a paneled family room with perhaps a fireplace and a television set.



Dear Abby

Story of damsel in distress is tall tale to dubious wife

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You once said that you could usually spot a phony letter. Well, today is my 70th birthday, and so help me, this is true. The letter in your column from "Jane," who refused to open the door to a stranger, struck home.

On a recent Saturday, at midnight, I was still reading when I heard a timid knock at the front door. I peered out, and saw a topless young lady standing there with her arms crossed! Fearing a ruse for a robbery, I opened the door slightly and said, "Yes?"

She asked, "Could you please lend me a shirt?"

I said, "What happened?" She replied, "The guy I was riding with took my shirt. Where is the nearest bus stop?" I thought, should I ask her in and wake my wife—she has 99 blouses—no, that might mean trouble, so I reached into the hall closet for an old windbreaker I use in the garden, and handed it out the door. She put it on and tried to work the zipper, but it was broken, so rather than have her stand there fussing with it, I said, "Bring it back; here is my business card."

She said, "I will. Thank you, thank you, thank you." Then she left.

The next morning at breakfast I told my wife what happened, and she didn't believe a word of it. Now my wife thinks I lied, and I'm out a jacket.

How should I have handled the situation?

EDDY HILL, VAN NUYS

DEAR EDDY: I think you handled the situation with gallantry, chivalry and style. Your wife may not believe you, but I do. P.S. Let me know if you ever get your jacket back.

entering her teens soon, and I know the other kids will make her life miserable. Kids can be so cruel. Our son, who is 7, is so fat he can barely walk, let alone run. How will he be able to play sports?

If my wife is bent on destroying herself, why is she doing this to the kids, too? When I mention that the kids are fat, she flies into a rage. What can I do?

NO NAME, NO CITY, NO STATE

DEAR NO: The children are not your wife's responsibility alone—they're yours, too.

Your wife desperately needs to be examined mentally as well as physically. She could be suffering from emotional problems. (One of the cheapest and most accessible mind-altering substances available is FOOD.)

The poor woman is also guilty of child abuse, and if you permit her to continue fattening the children, you're equally guilty. First express your loving concern, then get her to a doctor! and insist that the children get into a weight-loss program recommended by their pediatrician.

DEAR ABBY: Child Help of the United States and the Fraternal Order of Eagles recently took an interest in abused and runaway children. For information or help, children may call a free hotline number anywhere in the United States or Canada. All calls are strictly confidential. Dial: 1-800-4 A CHILD.

I hope you find room in your column for this, Abby. Thank you.

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Underdogs all the way

New England Patriots driven by adversity

MIAMI (AP) — Young but unflappable, the New England Patriots march on to another

date with adversity that they so often turn into prosperity. Soon after their third upset

victory of the National Football League playoffs Sunday, they were made substantial

underdogs to the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl Jan. 26 in New Orleans.

"We lost to the Bears," said Patriots' offensive tackle Brian Holloway. "I think that's a factor in our favor."

The drive to make up for that 20-7 setback in the second game of the regular season is the same drive that motivated them to avenge a 30-27 loss to the Miami Dolphins here Dec. 16.

"We've known all along we could win down here," guard Ron Wooten said after New England snapped an 18-game Orange Bowl losing streak by rolling over the Dolphins 31-14 in Sunday's AFC title game. "When we lost the Miami game, that gave us more conviction."

By beating the New York Jets, Los Angeles Raiders and Dolphins, an unprecedented three-game road playoff sweep, the Patriots paid back three of

the five teams that beat them during the regular season.

That isn't all the adversity that strengthened rather than shattered a club whose starters' average age is just 27.6 years, experienced enough to have jelled yet young enough not to be frustrated by the team's failure to win a playoff game during the past 21 seasons.

At the end of last season, the Patriots had a porous offensive line. It has tightened into a solid unit.

Judging by the Patriots' status as underdogs, there will be a lot of surprised people if they pull a fourth consecutive upset by beating Chicago. After shutting out their two playoff opponents, the Bears have won 17 of their 18 games this season.

Berry's father sees video of Patriots-Dolphins game

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Mark Raymond Berry had heart bypass surgery earlier this month, and to avoid excitement, doctors ruled out his watching his son's New England Patriots take on the Miami Dolphins in Sunday's American Football Conference championship game.

Instead, he was allowed to return home on Monday from a Dallas hospital and — with some of the tension gone because he already knew the outcome — permitted to watch a videotape replay.

His son, Raymond Berry, is

coach of the Patriots, whose 31-14 victory over Miami sends them into the Super Bowl on Jan. 26 against the Chicago Bears.

The younger Berry left Paris, Texas, some 35 years ago, but he has said he took a lot of his father's philosophy with him.

The elder Berry was head coach at Paris High School for more than 30 years before he retired, and his son once played for him. However, it was only in his senior year, after his father decided he had properly learned the game, before he was a starter.



HAPPY TICKET HOLDER — Josh Crowley of Gardener, Mass. holds his Super Bowl tickets Monday after waiting for hours in line in Foxboro, Mass. The New England Patriots

meet the Miami Dolphins Jan. 26 in New Orleans for the NFL championship. (AP Laserphoto)

McEnroe hopes to salvage pride

NEW YORK (AP) — John McEnroe is unhappy with his 1985 season, which could spell trouble for his opponents in the final tournament of the year.

Despite the calendar, the \$500,000 Nabisco Masters tournament, beginning today at Madison Square Garden, is the culmination of the 1985 season, bringing together the

top 16 players in the world.

"Rather than push myself to another level, I sat back to see what others would do," McEnroe said Monday.

What the others did was obvious. Mats Wilander of Sweden won the French Open, West Germany's Boris Becker captured Wimbledon, Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl took

the U.S. Open and Sweden's Stefan Edberg won the Australian Open.

With all of the Grand Slam tournament titles gone, McEnroe has a last chance to salvage some pride if he wins this indoor event. He begins play Wednesday night when he faces fellow American Brad Gilbert.

Horford to play for Kentucky?

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Alfredo "Tito" Horford is reportedly coming to play basketball at the University of Kentucky, but a conference official says it may be some time before the 7-foot-1 native of the Dominican Republic suits up for the Wildcats.

Horford's attorney, Pat Ellis, said, "I talked to him this evening (Monday), and presently that's what his plans are. He will enroll at Kentucky as early as tomorrow."

Ellis' comments appeared in today's Lexington Herald-Leader. UK Coach Eddie Sutton acknowledged that he spoke with Ellis on Monday and had been informed of Horford's decision. "That will be good news if he's eligible," Sutton said.

Sutton declined further comment, saying he and his staff would be checking into Horford's eligibility today.

An NCAA appeals committee ruled Sunday that Horford was ineligible to play for the University of Houston because of an illegal recruiting contact in 1984.

Horford had also enrolled at Louisiana State University, like Kentucky a member of the Southeastern Conference. Horford's brief stay at LSU could cause him problems if he wants to play for Kentucky.

John Guthrie, associate commissioner of the SEC, said once a player signs a conference scholarship he cannot play for another league school unless he gets permission from the school that holds the original scholarship.

Even with the school's permission, the player would have to sit out two seasons before he could play for another SEC school, Guthrie said when Horford left LSU.

Dave Maggard, chairman of the NCAA appeals committee, said it would have to be determined later whether Horford would be eligible to play anywhere else.

Ellis said he believed Horford would be considered a transfer student and could be eligible to play for UK beginning with the end of the 1986 fall semester.

Horford said he has given up hopes of playing for the Cougars. "There's nothing else I can do," he said. "We have tried our best and lost. It is time to think about our other choice."

He said he planned to go to Lexington today to register. "I thought it was the best option I had," he said.

Reports that Horford, who attended high school in Houston, would attend UK surfaced last

summer. But instead, he showed up at LSU.

Ellis said the initial report that Horford was coming to UK was a rumor.

"This is not. I don't think Tito ever said he was coming to Kentucky then. I certainly didn't say it," Ellis said. "I wouldn't say it now if I wasn't convinced he wanted to be a Wildcat."

Horford signed a national letter of intent to play at Houston. However, a squabble arose over the validity of the letter.

The NCAA later ruled that Houston assistant Donnie Schverak illegally contacted Horford during the no-contact period in July 1984.

Before the NCAA could rule on Houston's appeal, Horford enrolled at LSU.

Horford failed to show up for a preseason practice and scrimmage and was dismissed from the LSU squad.

Horford surfaced at Houston again and resumed his appeal to have his eligibility re-instated.

Charges wrong, Akers says

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas football coach Fred Akers says a former assistant is wrong in alleging that Akers is trying to show former Longhorn coach Darrell Royal he made a mistake in taking away Akers' offensive responsibilities in 1968.

The charge was made last week by fired UT assistant Ronnie Thompson, who claimed Akers is

still angry over being replaced by Emory Bellard nearly 20 years ago.

"Some of the things you do laugh at," Akers said Monday, after returning to Austin from coaching in the Japan Bowl game.

"I'm not sure what motivates him (Thompson), but I'm sorry he did that. I'm sorry it affected him that way. But sometimes, especially when you make sweeping changes, you hear rumors and remarks," Akers said.

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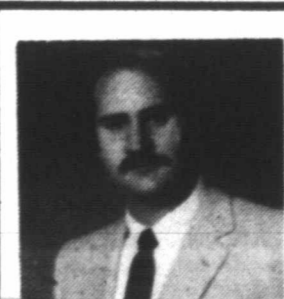
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If you've been treated for lower back problem and the pain and discomfort are still there, you may be able to benefit from chiropractic treatment.

If your spine is out of alignment, this may be causing other problems in addition to lower back pain. Because the body's nervous system is closely integrated with the spine, any misalignment can cause painful irritation. Abnormal nerve function may affect whatever organs, glands, or tissues that are supplied by that nerve.

The nerves of the lower back, for example, are connected to certain organs and other structures in that area. If lower back spinal misalignment is putting undue pressure on the nerves, you may be suffering from more than lower back pain. It may be having a direct effect on other areas of your body.

A thorough examination can disclose exactly where the problem is and how it can be corrected.



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Colorado ski report

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major Colorado ski areas on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

- Arapahoe Basin — 6 new, 58 depth, packed powder.
 - Aspen Highlands — Open, no report.
 - Aspen Mountain — 6 new, 21 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Buttermilk — 6 new, 29 base, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Beaver Creek — 6 new, 29 depth, packed powder.
 - Borthland Pass — Open Friday through Sunday.
 - Brookridge — 6 new, 26 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Ski Broadmoor — 6 new, 12 depth, 100 percent snowmaking, hard pack.
 - Crested Butte — 6 new, 29 depth, 100 percent snowmaking, packed powder.
 - Ski Cooper — 6 new, 49 depth, powder, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Copper Mountain — 6 new, 49 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Crested Butte — 6 new, 42 depth, packed powder.
 - Catchers Valley — 6 new, 19 depth, 65 percent snowmaking, hard pack.
 - Eldora — 6 new, 22 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Ski Estes Park — 6 new, 27 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Gorena Basin — Not open.
 - Ski Idledale — No report received.
 - Kayakona — 6 new, 21 depth, packed powder.
 - Loveland Basin and Valley — 6 new, 29 depth, packed powder.
 - Monarch — 6 new, 42 depth, packed powder.
 - Powder Horn — 6 new, 41 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Purgatory — 6 new, 45 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Rocky Top — Open weekends only.
 - Silver Creek — 6 new, 24 depth, 60 percent snowmaking, packed powder.
 - Snowmass — 6 new, 29 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - St. Mary's Glacier — Open weekends only.
 - Snowmass Springs — 6 new, 42 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Sunlight — 6 new, 46 depth, packed powder.
 - Telluride — 6 new, 42 depth, packed powder.
 - Timberline — 6 new, 26 depth, packed powder.
 - Winter Park — 6 new, 22 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Ski Zinn — 6 new, 47 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
 - Wolf Creek — 6 new, 21 depth, packed powder, hard pack.
- Lower depth to higher refers to untracked natural snow at midlevel, 7 means trees.
- Figures are applied to Colorado Ski Country USA, a ski industry organization, by individual areas. For updates, call (303) 537-6997.

Loss of earth's ozone layer could be worse than thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — New research suggests that depletion of the earth's protective ozone layer by man-made gases could be greater than previously thought and greater in far northern regions than toward the equator.

Ozone, a form of oxygen that is a pollutant near the ground helping to form smog, might even increase

at low altitudes near the equator, according to a draft report prepared by 150 scientists from 11 countries.

The report, made available Monday, raised the question of whether the predicted stripping away of protective ozone might already be occurring, based on an unexplained but now confirmed

"hole" that occurs in the springtime in the ozone layer above Antarctica.

Relatively high concentrations of ozone about 12 miles to 30 miles above the surface of the earth make life possible by screening out ultraviolet rays of the sun. Less ozone at high altitudes means more skin cancer, more crop damage,

possible eye damage in some species of cows and a shorter life for plastics, scientists say.

Since 1974, scientists have predicted that chlorofluorocarbon compounds could attack the high-altitude ozone layer.

For this reason the United States banned those chemicals as aerosol propellants in 1978, but their use is still increasing worldwide because of their versatility and safety as refrigeration fluids and as foam blowing agents.

The report, coordinated by scientists from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said new estimates of the rates of the dozens of chemical reactions involved suggest the average amount of ozone above the earth would fall 4.9 percent to 9.4 percent, depending on the mathematical model used, if chlorofluorocarbons were released

at 1980 rates.

A National Academy of Sciences report two years ago estimated the decrease at 2 percent to 4 percent.

So-called two-dimensional models, which take into account distance from the equator as well as height, yield decreases of 4 percent to 5 percent at the equator, 8 percent to 9 percent at 40 degrees north latitude — the latitude of Philadelphia — and 9 percent to 14 percent at 60 degrees north latitude, the latitude of Oslo and Leningrad.

"There are a lot of very fair-skinned people at those high latitudes," said Steve Seidel, an EPA policy specialist working on the problem.

Fair-skinned people are more vulnerable to skin cancer.

Below about 60,000 feet altitude and about 40 degrees latitude, ozone could increase, even though

the total amount in the atmosphere above those places would be less, the models predicted.

Since the late 1950s, a team of scientists from the University of East Anglia in Britain has been measuring the amount of ozone above a station at Halley Bay, Antarctica. Since about 1966 the amount in October — the Antarctic spring — has steadily fallen until it is now about 60 percent of what it used to be, with most of the decline coming in the 1970s.

Satellite observations from 1979 on reported last year have confirmed this trend, the report noted, adding that it is "not obvious" what the still-elusive explanation will mean for predictions for the world as a whole.

"It's real, and it's not something anyone is even venturing a guess about at this point," Seidel said.

'Star Wars' lasers could be offensive weapons

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — Lasers central to the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative could be used as weapons against ground targets such as cities as well as for defense against incoming missiles, a new study suggests.

In the "Stars Wars" defense system, high-powered lasers might one day be fired down from space stations or shot up from the Earth to be reflected off orbiting mirrors to provide a defensive shield against enemy missiles.

But according to an article in the current issue of Physics and Society, a publication of the American Physical Society, and a separate defense study by R&D Associates in the Los Angeles suburb of Marina del Rey, high-intensity laser light also could be used to incinerate cities.

"In a matter of hours, a laser defense system powerful enough to cope with the ballistic missile threat can also destroy the enemy's major cities by fire," concluded the R&D study, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

"The attack would proceed city by city, the attack time for each city being only a matter of minutes. Not nuclear destruction, but Armageddon all the same," it said.

"Such mass fires might be expected to generate smoke in amounts comparable to the amounts generated in some major nuclear exchange scenarios," according to the magazine article by Caroline L. Herzenberg, a government physicist at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago.

This could cause "a climatic catastrophe similar to 'nuclear winter,'" named for speculation that dense smoke generated by many nuclear weapons blasts and their resulting fires would block sunlight and reduce temperatures, she wrote.

The eight-page R&D study does not mention a "nuclear winter," but stresses that lasers are not intrinsically defensive.

"The lasers can be employed in a manner not contemplated by the (Strategic Defense Initiative)," said Albert L. Latter and Ernest A. Martinelli, authors of the R&D study.

Their study cautions that lasers could be used against U.S. cities if the "Star Wars" defense technology is shared with the Soviets as President Reagan has suggested.

When asked to comment, a Strategic Defense Initiative spokeswoman told the Los Angeles Times: "Lasers could start fires. (But) this is not a problem that we

are addressing at this time. It is not the intention of (the Strategic Defense Initiative) to start fires. This is an anti-ballistic (missile) program."

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THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF COLOR SCHEMES

In working out color schemes for your rooms, it might be helpful to know the four basic classifications that color experts use.

One is called monochromatic, which means using different shades and tints of one color throughout a room, with the possible addition of some black, white or neutrals. A monochromatic room might have, let's say, basically green plus light greens and dark greens.

The next category is what are called analogous or related color schemes. That is, using colors that are side-by-side on the color wheel. For example, a room done this way could have reds and oranges or greens and blues.

Then there is the complimentary or contrasting color scheme where you use colors that are opposite each other on the color wheel such as red and green or yellow and violet.

The fourth category is called triad which uses not just two, but three basic colors which are spaced equally on the color wheel, such as red, yellow and blue, all in the same room.

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