

Committee agrees on reform plan

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — Legislative negotiators agreed on a school finance reform plan, but some said there is no guarantee it will be adopted by the House and Senate.

One negotiator predicted House failure for the plan, which would shift hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts.

Lawmakers are working to meet an April 1 deadline for reform set by the Texas Supreme Court. Justices threatened to order a halt to state public education spending if a reform plan is not devised by then.

The court unanimously ruled unconstitutional the current \$14-billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Differences in local property wealth now lead to wide disparities in education funding, and the court said poor districts must be equitably funded.

Legislative leaders predicted the House and Senate would consider the reform plan by Wednesday.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he is enthusiastic about the measure, but that he would encourage lawmakers to vote for it. The Fort Worth Democrat would not predict whether the plan would be held constitutional.

"She's an ugly little baby, but

she's the only baby we've got," Lewis said of the plan, quoting one leader in negotiations.

Sen. Carl Parker, a Port Arthur Democrat who heads the Senate Education Committee, said he wanted to see support from a majority of school groups before putting the plan to the Legislature. Many such groups have opposed legislative plans this session.

"Why pass something that's going to end up right back in the courthouse, with the entire school establishment of Texas fighting over it?" Parker asked.

The legislative conference committee, which labored to resolve differences between House and Senate versions of school finance reform, endorsed the plan 8-0. Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, abstained.

"My gut feeling is it won't pass" the House, Fraser said. He said the plan makes it too difficult for school districts to raise local taxes for enriching their own programs.

"I think there's a feeling that the court has backed everyone into a corner," Fraser said.

Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, an Alice Democrat and House Public Education Committee head, said, "I think there's a good chance it won't pass. I think there's a good chance it will pass. My prediction is that it will pass."

The negotiators said they will look at the plan again Monday

before signing it. The plan would create 183 education taxing districts, largely along county lines, with some multi-county districts.

When fully implemented in four years, an estimated \$400 million to \$500 million a year in local tax money would be redistributed among school districts within the tax regions, according to a Legislative Education Board spokesman.

Additional state aid of \$1.4 billion also would be added to the system over the next two years.

The bill would set a minimum local property tax rate of 60 cents per \$100 valuation, climbing to 90 cents in four years.

School districts also could tax up to another 25 cents to enrich programs and 20 cents for construction when the bill is fully implemented, with each school district guaranteed the same amount of money per penny of tax.

On top of that, school districts could levy another 15 cents to 35 cents for their programs. The school district would keep half the money, and the other half would be pooled within the taxing region based on districts' tax rate, wealth and number of students.

The last provision is in response to a supplementary Supreme Court opinion that absolute equality may not be necessary for a constitutional school finance system.



(AP Laserphoto)

Fort Worth emergency personnel remove an injured victim from the downtown Water Gardens where an extremely large ornamental light pole fell in high winds. Two persons died, and two others were injured in the accident late Thursday.

Two die, two injured when light pole falls at Fort Worth Water Gardens

By JAY JORDEN
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FORT WORTH (AP) — A light pole's collapse that killed two men at the Fort Worth Water Gardens frightened other visitors at the downtown park, and police say high winds were a factor in the deaths.

The dead were identified as Larry Watkins, 43, of Greensboro, N.C., and 44-year-old Michael Barnett, 44, from West Columbia, S.C. Autopsies for the men, both Internal Revenue Service employees, were scheduled today, the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office said.

Watkins was pronounced dead at the scene Thursday with head injuries, while Barnett sustained internal injuries and died after arrival at Harris Methodist Hospital, said Ed Bodiford, a medical investigator.

Two other people were injured when the 80-foot light pole fractured at the base and toppled onto them. The water gardens and adjacent streets remained closed while authorities decided whether to remove five other light poles.

"When the pole fell, there were three men sitting on the wall," said Kevin Mikesell, a witness. "As the pole fell over, there was a lady standing over there talking to them.

She must have seen it coming because she jumped out of the way."

The 54-year-old California woman was slightly injured but refused treatment, said Fort Worth Police Lt. Alvin Allcon. He said Glenn Britt, 53, of Jackson, Miss., was in good condition at the hospital with injuries sustained in the accident.

"It sounded like a garbage truck had fallen off a cliff and rolled," said Deane Watson, another witness. "It was just a real loud, hollow sound. And people were running everywhere."

Mary McClendon of Wichita Falls had just been in the gardens with her two nieces when the light standard toppled from its position in the middle of the park just before 5:30 p.m., falling to the northeast along a sidewalk.

"No, no way," she said when asked whether she thought such a mishap could occur. "And they need to get every light out here down, forever."

Emergency crews fearful of gusty winds in Fort Worth, which remained under a severe thunderstorm watch early today, began lowering parts of the other standards to reduce weight, said Allcon.

"The winds are going to be a contributing factor" in the collapse, he

said. "I don't know that it is the causal factor. The city has contacted a crane company and they have had some folks out there. They are looking to see what is required to take down the remaining standards."

Fire department spokesman Butch Hall said the victims, who were staying at a Hyatt Regency hotel several blocks away, had attended an IRS convention that ended Wednesday.

Police dispatchers, shortly before the collapse, had received reports of gunfire in the area. But Allcon said the noise probably was the sound of electrical lines snapping inside the pole.

Part of the metal pole fell into water, which comes from some of the fountains at the park.

"There was an electrical danger," said Allcon. "In fact, we still have live wires there."

He said roadblocks were set up at the four streets surrounding the gardens, which would remain closed at least through tonight.

The 4.3-acre, multi-level park, which contains concrete-and-stone waterfalls and benches shaded by trees, is a popular landmark.

It was not known how many people were in the 16-year-old park when the collapse occurred, Allcon said.

Congress approves another \$30 billion for S&L bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new \$30 billion taxpayer check to bail out depositors in savings and loan associations is awaiting the signature of President Bush, who already is preparing to ask for another \$50 billion.

The Resolution Trust Corp., which is managing the bailout, has spent most of the \$50 billion that Congress approved last year. The new \$30 billion, to which the House gave final approval Thursday, will allow bailout operations to continue through Sept. 30.

The administration says Bush will sign the bill, which was approved by a 225-188 vote. The Senate accepted the compromise Wednesday on a voice vote.

Congress has refused to give the administration open-ended authority to spend whatever it takes to complete the bailout of depositors with savings in failed S&Ls. Thus, Bush will have to ask Congress later this year for another \$50 billion, pre-

sumably enough to carry operations through Sept. 30, 1992.

In addition, the bailout agency is borrowing another \$100 billion or so that it expects to repay after disposing of assets from failed institutions.

Estimates of the total taxpayer cost of the bailout range as high as \$500 billion.

For that reason, few lawmakers have been eager to approve a new installment of taxpayer funds, even though the money will go to depositors rather than to S&L investors and operators whose lending policies caused much of the problem.

The RTC already has shut down 373 S&Ls that ran into financial problems in the late 1980s. Another 125 insolvent thrifts are expected to be closed or reorganized by Sept. 30. The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which guaranteed deposits, has been depleted by those failures.

"The administration will continue its efforts to prosecute the culprits

where there was wrongdoing," said House Republican Leader Bob Michel of Illinois. "We in the Congress have a responsibility to those depositors who have relied on a federal guarantee of their accounts."

"Every day we delay only results in throwing away additional money," said Rep. Chalmers Wylie of Ohio, senior Republican on the House Banking Committee.

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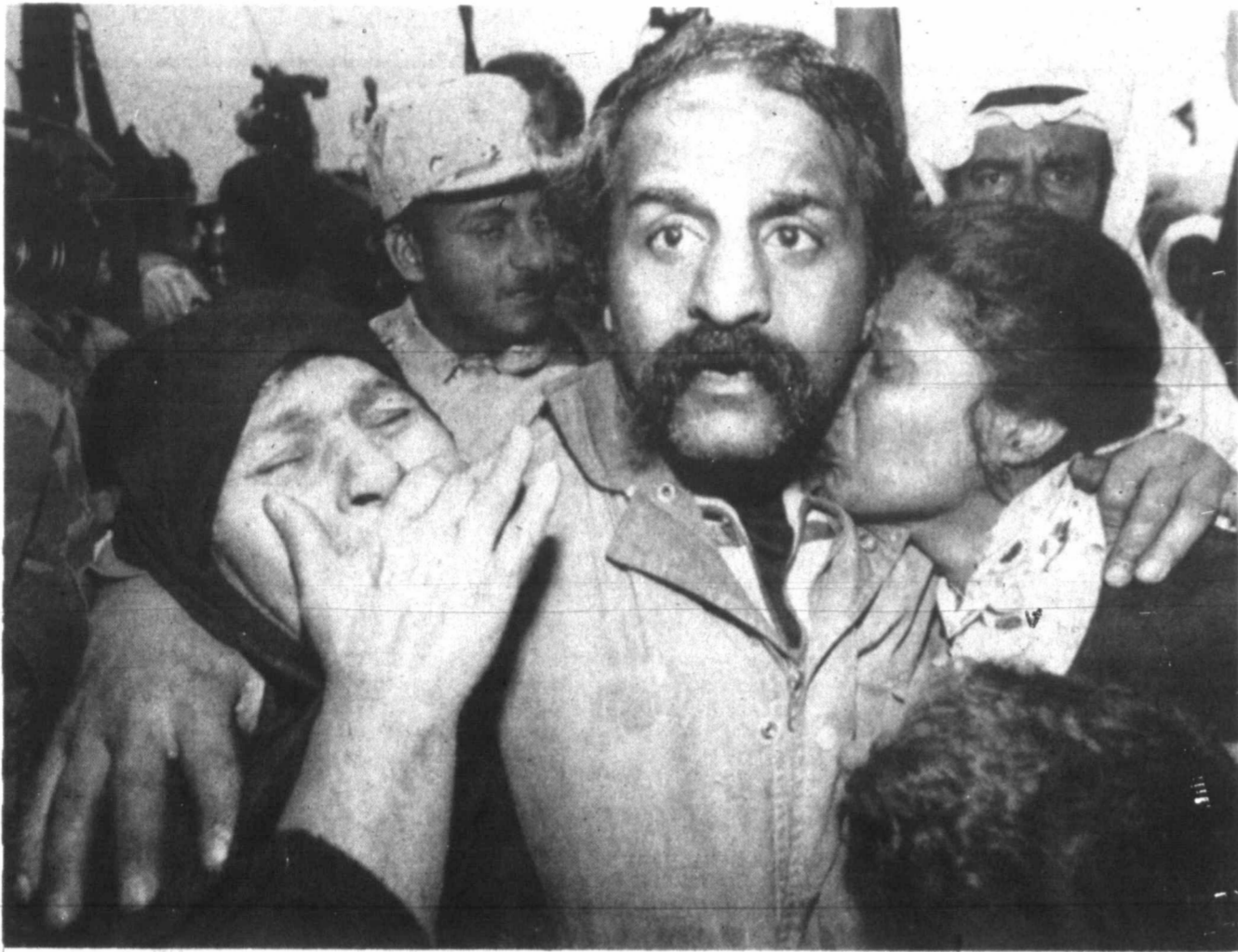
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Kuwaiti POWs return, families reunited, while others left wondering



By JOHN POMFRET
Associated Press Writer

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Hundreds of Kuwaiti soldiers, captured by Iraqi troops during the occupation, returned home today in an emotional scene at a converted wedding hall.

"It's a dream come true," said Redha Meqwar, a 30-year-old sergeant in the Kuwaiti army who was taken on Aug. 2, the day Iraq invaded Kuwait. "There's a lot of feelings in my heart that I can't express."

The first 145 soldiers landed at Kuwait International Airport at mid-morning from Iraq via Saudi Arabia. A second flight arrived about an hour later.

In all, eight flights, carrying 1,150 Kuwaiti soldiers were expected today, Red Crescent officials said. All had been freed from the Iraqi town of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown north of Baghdad.

From the airport, the soldiers were bused to a wedding hall in the Surra section of Kuwait City.

Hundreds of expectant relatives massed in front of the hall, hoping for a chance to be reunited with loved ones. Many were disappointed.

The Kuwaiti government did not release names of the prisoners

beforehand, so many relatives of missing Kuwaitis came to the center with hope as their only companion.

"It's worse than torture," said Ghada al-Adwani, a 27-year-old woman who was waiting for her soldier husband. "I haven't seen or heard from him in seven months. Why can't they tell us who is coming so we know what to do?"

The Red Crescent, the main Muslim relief organization, has estimated 11,000 Kuwaiti civilians and soldiers remain in Iraqi hands. Of them, about 3,500 are civilians, according to Bader al-Munafi, a Red Crescent official.

The release was the second official freeing of Kuwaiti prisoners and the first of Kuwaiti soldiers. Iraq earlier freed about 1,200 detained Kuwaiti civilians. Hundreds more Kuwaitis have returned home after Iraqi rebels occupied several towns in southern Iraq and opened jails.

No government officials were present at the hall today. A small delegation, led by Brig. Gen. Jasim al-Shihab, one of three Kuwaiti commanders who fled the emirate with the invasion, met the first Kuwaitis at the airport.

As the buses pulled in, women ululated, men jumped from the crowd. Little boys cried.

"Thanks to God, he is alive," said Badria Nasser Mubarak, a 36-year-old woman reunited with her brother, Jaber.

Shaking with tears, she gestured to the sky. "Thanks to God," she said.

Her brother fainted as he hugged his mother and father. A sprinkling of water revived the man. Jaber, 30, said Iraqi troops took him and two brothers in August.

"But we are all three safe and free now," he said.

Like most of the soldiers returning today, Jaber said he and his comrades had not been beaten by Iraqi troops.

"Living conditions were horrible. The food, medicine, sanitation was all bad, but the Iraqis generally didn't hurt us," he said.

No officers appeared to be among the soldiers released today. Officials said Kuwait's officers were being kept in the Iraqi town of Ba'qubah, half-way between Baghdad and Tikrit.

The soldiers were released in Saudi Arabia Thursday in compliance with terms set by the Allies during cease-fire talks.

Iraq had bused them to a remote Saudi border town and Saudi authorities then took them to Arar, 550 miles northwest of Riyadh where they boarded flights home today.

Jaber Nasser embraces his mother, Malla Mohammed, left, and an unidentified woman as he is reunited with them for the first time today after being released from captivity in Iraq. Nasser was among the first planeload of 145 Kuwaiti prisoners of war to be released today from Iraq.

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Club News

The Pampa Art Club met for a luncheon and workshop in the home of Mrs. Francis Hall. After a short business meeting, the members worked on their various projects.

The next meeting will be a workshop in the home of Mrs. Bob Mack, north of the city on April 2.

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society, P.E.W.S., met March 12 at the Club Biarritz. Hostesses were Billie James, Barbara James, and Retha Franklin. The buffet luncheon was followed by a program on living wills presented by Don Lane. The meeting was addended by 28 members from Borger and Pampa.

Next meeting will be April 9, in Borger and will include a program on fabric painting. For more information call president Jean Andrews at 665-0155.

The Progressive Extension Homemakers Club met March 13, in the Gray County Annex Building.

President Eva Dennis call the meeting to order. Ten members and one guest were present and answered the roll call with "Something a child taught me". Dennis announced the district meeting for extension homemakers clubs will be in Perryton on April 16. Priscilla Rains was appointed telephone chairman. An Oriental cooking school will be March 18-19 at Southwestern Public Service Building. Barbara Shaw gave a program

on weight loss and stressed the importance of water, exercise and diet. Virginia Jones was welcomed as guest.

New members are welcomed. Any one interested in joining a home extension club should call Eva Dennis at 665-3095, or Marilyn Butler at 665-4994.

Barbara Shaw was hostess and carried out a St. Patrick's Day theme.

The next meeting will be at the home of Pauline Dorman, 2207 Lynn, on April 10, at 2 p.m.

The Wortwhile Extension Homemakers Club met March 15, in the home of Audrey Steward. The meeting was called to order by president Steward with a period of silent prayer.

Roll call was answered with "What I do to Unwind", but six members and three visitors, Nicole Cox, Ruby Smith, and Linda Carlton.

Belle Lee gave the program on "Meat: A Convenience Bill of Fare". She reminded the group of over 100 entrees and dinners, both frozen and on the shelves of the grocery stores. These can be prepared quickly in a conventional or microwave oven. All of these contain meats but side dishes are needed for nutrition. Fact sheets were distributed to aid meal planning.

For more information, call 669-8033.



Right, Jocelyn Chen, and Shannon Sehorn, are two of 41 Pampa High School students who will compete at University Interscholastic League competition on March 28, at West Texas State University. Chen and Sehorn will compete in science.

Know ins-and-outs of retirement plan

DENVER (AP) — Because employment patterns and the corporate landscape have changed in the last 10 years, a company retirement plan is no longer the guarantee of the good life once your working days are over.

Even when most workers spent 30 or more years with one company and built substantial benefits, employees needed to know more about the workings and rewards of their retirement plans than they did, says Jan Walsh, an academic associate at the non-profit College for Financial Planning and retirement planning expert.

Today, in a time of changing tax laws and investment options, having detailed information about your benefit plan is even more important.

"With that information, we can integrate its benefits into the broad picture of Social Security benefits and personal savings that make up an important part of a comprehensive retirement plan," Walsh says.

To assess your company's plan, first determine its type. There are two general types of retirement plans: the defined-benefit plan and the defined-contribution plan.

A defined-benefit plan promises to pay a retirement benefit based on length of service and salary. To estimate benefits, a plan will calculate 1 percent or 2 percent of your average annual compensation as specified in the plan and multiply this by the number of years employed.

For example, with 30 years' service at 2 percent of compensation, you would retire with 60 percent of that figure.

Under a defined-benefit program, the company is obligated to pay a stated amount of benefit and so bears all the investment risk. Payments from defined-benefit plans are insured, up to the monthly maximum, by the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corp., to which the employer pays an annual premium for each plan participant.

Growing in popularity are defined-contribution plans, in which the company makes an annual contribution on each employee's behalf to a 401(k), profit-sharing, money purchase, thrift, savings, or employee stock ownership plan. The company

defines the contribution, not the final benefit.

In a defined-contribution plan, the risk has shifted to the employees, who may be asked to make investment choices for their retirement plan nest eggs. Just how well these investments perform determines the employee's retirement benefit.

"Every plan will play a different role in your retirement planning decisions," Walsh says.

Walsh advises employees to take time to learn who determines the choice of investment options in a defined-contribution plan, and who manages the investments themselves. That manager may be an employee committee, a financial consultant, or an investment firm. In some cases, the company's principal directs the investments.

Types of contributions vary also, Walsh says. In some plans, contributions are made only by your employer; in others, you make all the payments; and in some, your company matches the funds you contribute. In the case of a 401(k) plan, your contributions are made in pre-tax dollars.

"If your company matches one-half of your contributions, you're making 50 percent on your money immediately," Walsh says. "Whether you can take full advantage of this depends on your financial situation, but if you can, it means you'll receive maximum benefit."

It's important, too, to know the basis of your company's contribution, Walsh says. "Is that 20 percent contribution based on salary only, or does it also include overtime?"

Keep an eye on your plan and its progress, Walsh suggests, even to the point of making sure that the contributions your company promises are shown on your statements, and are directed to the fund or savings vehicle you've selected.

Much of a plan's pertinent information is relayed within a Summary Plan Description, which must be distributed to you within 90 days of your eligibility. Additionally, each year a Summary Annual Report will capsule the plan's structure, management and other useful information.

Be aware of the different ways companies will present plan data.

Many private qualified plans — plans that meet Internal Revenue Service requirements — integrate Social Security benefits into the plan's benefit formula. However, that may confuse participants who think the numbers reflect their retirement plan only.

Whether your investment in your contribution plan should be in stocks, for instance, or fixed-income securities isn't a straightforward decision; the mix depends on your goals, your tolerance for risk, and your proximity to retirement age.

"The moment when you're asked to make a choice about investment funds is when you may want to consult a professional financial planner," Walsh says. "He or she can help you make an informed decision that makes sense for your situation."

Other areas to note include:

- Vesting. Companies generally offer either "cliff" vesting, which provides full benefits after five years, or "graded" vesting, which allows employees to claim 20 percent of their benefits after three years, plus 20 percent each year until they are 100 percent vested after seven years. Today's trend toward job-hopping means more workers will finish their careers without reaching 100 percent vesting at any one company.
- Low-cost loans. Loan provisions within many plans offer unusual flexibility and the ability to borrow at low cost.
- Disability benefits. Don't forget to factor in your company's disability retirement benefit when you assess your full financial plan.
- Distribution options. Plans usually offer numerous methods of distribution, including lump-sum payments and joint and 50 percent survivor annuity payments.

"The real goal of financial planning is a successful retirement," Walsh says. "Your company's retirement plan won't fulfill all of your retirement needs, but you should know its provisions and benefits so that you can plan wisely for what you'll need to accomplish outside your company's program."

Forty-one Pampa High School students ready for UIL competition on March 28

University Interscholastic League competition will be held on March 28, at West Texas State University.

Forty-one students from Pampa High School are scheduled to participate in fifteen different events.

Participants in speech and debate are Caleb Headley and Andrew Ackfeld. Substitute is Monica Hokit. Jennifer Sinches and Dede Moultrie with Shannon Grant as substitute will compete in poetry interpretation.

Prose interpretation will be represented by Kara Kay Skaggs and Ellen Steele, with Lisa Winborne as substitute.

The cross examination team debate is made of Jason Lemons, David Loyd, Shelly Stubblefield,

Josh Steele, Lesley Montgomery, and Jenny White.

Representating the field of journalism are Jesaka Long and Steve Murphy, in editorial writing. Jenny Edwards, Jesaka Long, and Steve Murphy are competing in feature writing. Headline writing entrants are David Cumpston and Michelle Sy. New writing entrants are Jesaka Long, Jenny Edwards, and Steve Murphy.

Melissa Bye and Brandi Ellis will compete in accounting.

In the field of current issues and events are Andrew Ackfeld, Caleb Headley, and Michelle Sy.

Julian Chem, LaDonna Sumpter, and Charise Davis will compete in keyboarding.

Laura Hamilton represents PHS

in literary criticism.

Ready writing is represented by Jocelyn Chen, Joyce Osborne, and Angela Rodriguez.

Spellers are Michelle Sy and Shannon Sehorn.

Science students are Jocelyn Chen and Shannon Sehorn.

The purpose of the UIL academic program is to use competition to develop students' higher order thinking skills.

Students who win at the regional meet qualify for the Texas state meets. The students may also qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. During the 1990-1991 year, TILF awarded 380 scholarships worth more than \$490,000, to students who competed at the UIL State Academic Meet.

Missouri mom shows ex shares college fees

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter in your column from a minister who is "flat broke" and doesn't think it's fair that he has to pay college tuition for his two children who live with his ex-wife.

Abby, you should have checked with the Missouri Bar Association before you told him that "nowhere is it written that a parent who is flat broke must pay to put his children through college." No doubt my ex-husband, on reading your reply, will be on the phone with his attorney, quoting you.

Please be assured that it is written somewhere. My ex would do anything he thought he could get away with to avoid supporting his children. He presently works in a job paying one-third of his former annual income so that he could "poor-mouth" to the judge when it came time for the court to order him to pay support. The judge can't force him to get a job at the salary he is capable of earning as long as he's employed somewhere full time. Guess who loses in this situation?

In Missouri, the non-custodial parent who pays child support must pay the equivalent of half the total cost of state university for four years

other's property during vacations etc.), she said she hoped there wasn't a baby on the way! (There isn't.)

This really made me quite angry, but I was so taken aback by such a cruel and insensitive remark I replied, "I certainly hope not!"

The more I thought about this, the angrier I became. Now that plans are being made, I don't feel like including her name on the guest list. What would you do?

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DEAR READER: After a friendship of 25 years, I would forgive the neighbor for her tasteless remark and invite her to the wedding.

DEAR WOMAN: I'll take your word for it. Who said it's a man's world? It's not — if he's the non-custodial parent and lives in Missouri.

DEAR ABBY: My son recently announced his engagement. When I told my next-door neighbor (we have lived next door for 25 years and have been friends, taking care of each



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Roy Jones checks a dumpster for aluminum cans in Dallas Thursday. Jones says he makes about \$3 a day to supplement his Social Security check, but he faces a \$240 fine if he is ticketed.

Homeless, poor face fines for hunting for aluminum cans in Dallas trash bins

DALLAS (AP) — Rummaging through trash bins for enough aluminum cans and bottles to collect a few dollars can cost a homeless or poor person a \$240 fine as police and city code enforcement officers have launched a crackdown against code violations.

Police and city code enforcement officers have been ticketing people caught rummaging through trash bins for the past few weeks.

"This is just absolutely incredible," said Bill Trantham, a Dallas lawyer who handles civil rights cases. "I guess there's nothing too outrageous for Dallas."

Most of the handful of people who have been cited either are homeless like James Poole or are on fixed incomes. They collect the cans and bottles to earn a few dollars a day from recycling centers.

Poole, a homeless man whose territory is downtown streets, has two friends who have received tickets from police officers. They

feel harassed, he said.

"I pick up cans to make a living. I don't rob or steal," Poole, 59, said Thursday as he pushed his shopping cart of cans, clothes and bottles through a parking lot near downtown Dallas.

City officials said the can collectors are being cited because of a City Council push for more aggressive enforcement of the sanitation code.

"The City Council is asking that we become more pro-active in our enforcement, rather than only responsive," said Maria E. Goodnight, a supervisor in the Street and Sanitation Department. She said code enforcement inspectors have been driving around town looking for people violating trash ordinances.

"It's not a new thing, but it's something the City Council has focused on more than before," Ms. Goodnight said.

Poole, who makes a little money recycling cans, said he has been

living on Dallas streets for five years after losing his job because of poor eyesight. He recently underwent cataract surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Poole said he and his friends couldn't come close to paying a \$240 fine.

"If we go to court, I believe the judge will go along with us. We ain't got nothing on us," he said.

Ms. Goodnight said the city realizes that most people cited for trash violations can't afford to pay fines.

"In the past, we have had people who can't pay off their fines, and the city has put them to work in charitable organizations," she said. "That's what they may do with these homeless people."

City court Administrator George LaBrie said municipal court clerks have handled "a minor amount" of citations for illegal trash collection. He said the tickets began appearing during the past two or three weeks.

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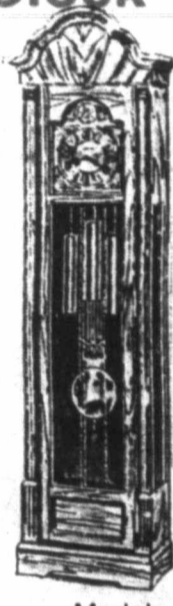
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U Drop Inn was landmark during heyday of Route 66

By KERRY CAMPBELL
Amarillo Globe-News

SHAMROCK (AP) — Its high domes have lost the green and red neon that once shone for miles, but the U Drop Inn Cafe will forever remain a landmark both on Route 66 and in the hearts of Shamrock residents.

During the late 1930s, the U Drop Inn Cafe was the only place on Route 66 between Oklahoma City and Amarillo to stop and eat, said Bebe Nunn, original owner of the cafe.

Mrs. Nunn's father had owned the precious lot on the well-traveled highway U.S. 83. Later, when Route 66 passed through, the cafe was right on the intersection of the two major highways.

"They don't cross anywhere in the world but right here at the light in front of the cafe," she said. "And both of them are cross-country highways."

Mrs. Nunn's father would not sell the land because he knew Route 66 was coming and he owned all four corners of the intersection and Highway 83 would create. Plus, he had the only gas station on its intersection, she said.

Mrs. Nunn said that when her father died, Amarillo businessman James Tindall told her husband John that he would build him any kind of building he wanted on the land if he could get her mother to sell it.

"So my husband picked up an old rusty nail in our yard and drew up just what he wanted," Nunn said. "It took a long time to build it. It is made of polished tile and is just as pretty today as the day we opened it in 1936."

When Route 66 came through in 1937, the cafe sometimes had more business than it could handle, she said.

"Our business got a lot bigger after 66 went through," she said. "But we had all we could handle."

In 1938, during Shamrock's first St. Patrick's Day festival, Mrs. Nunn said the cafe had so many people wanting to eat that many of them could not be seated.

"In '38, you didn't have all these little places to eat. You had to come here," she said. "We had 20 people in the kitchen. We fed more people out the back door in a paper sack than we could fit in the cafe."

The only eating establishment for hundreds of miles along Route 66, the U Drop Inn Cafe, which could

be seen for miles at night, set the mouths of weary travelers a-watering.

"Back in the '30s, neon was all the go. Our sign and tower was all bordered in green and red neon," Mrs. Nunn said. "It shined so bright that you could see it from way back past McLean."

The name, which originated from a 10-year-old Shamrock resident, and the unusual architectural style of the building have never clouded in people's memories.

After selling the cafe and then repurchasing it in the '50s, Mrs. Nunn and her husband changed its name to Nunn's Cafe, because they were afraid the old owners had abused the U Drop Inn name.

Mrs. Nunn said she was pleasantly surprised several years ago when a man who had bought the cafe called her and asked if he could change its name back to the U Drop Inn Cafe.

"He was a little bitty kid when we opened it up in '36," she said. "He came back through here and bought it. He called me up and said he'd been all over the world and had people show him match covers from the U Drop Inn Cafe. He said they would always ask if it was still here."

Although the cafe might have been only a "good place to stop and eat" to tourists, it was a heartfelt home to many Shamrock residents. The Nunnns soon became Aunt Bebe and Uncle John or simply Mom and Dad to Shamrock teens.

"My husband would let the kids come and have dances there with the nickelodeon on the weekends, and then he would take them home when it was over," she said.

"We were just the mother and daddy. The biggest portion of them would call us Aunt Bebe and Uncle John — they still call me that."

Mrs. Nunn said the cafe was famous for its freshly cut steaks and good clean service.

"My husband was strict. All the girls wore starched uniforms, aprons and caps. He demanded hair nets and long hose — no bobby socks were allowed," she said.

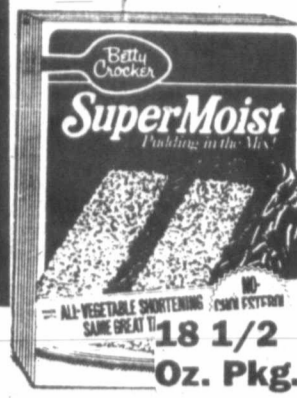
Every morning at 5 a.m. Mrs. Nunn would cross the street from her home to find a group of coffee drinkers already waiting, she said. At noon, she would go home and rest before returning to work until 10 p.m.

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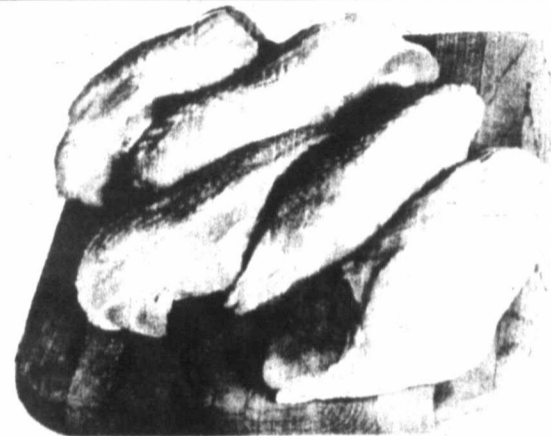
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Does anyone in Russia know what time it is?

By JOHN IAMS
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Red-faced Soviet officials are admitting they haven't kept the correct time in more than six decades, blaming a mistake in the Stalin era when clocks should have been turned back an hour.

As a result, the officials are scrapping the Soviet version of daylight-saving time this summer. Clocks, however, will still "fall back" an hour in the autumn.

All this timekeeping havoc is bound to further baffle a nation that has had its share of confusion for 1991.

March 31 is when clocks usually are moved forward an hour for summer time in the Soviet Union, which has 11 time zones.

But the Cabinet of Ministers has decreed that the move won't be made for most of the Soviet Union — the huge Russian Federation, which includes Moscow; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Byelorussia; Turkmenia and the Ukraine.

The republics of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Moldavia, however, will follow their rebellious tradition and move their clocks ahead as before.

To confound the masses even more, Tadjikistan, parts of Kazakhstan and some other regions will actually set their clocks back an hour to better organize the hours of daylight, the decree said.

As if the decree itself weren't puzzling enough, it appeared to have been stuck in a time warp. The Cabinet adopted it Feb. 4 but did not release it until Wednesday, only days before the clocks were to have changed.

Even without the time confusion, 1991 has been among the most confusing of times for the Soviet Union.

Residents' lives were thrown into chaos when the government confiscated 50- and 100-ruble notes in a bid to shore up the economy.

They've voted in a confusing referendum on preserving the union that featured one question that in reality was three. And they're facing perplexing price increases next week.

"Are We Going to Move Our Hands?" asked a headline in Moscow Pravda as it tried to explain the time troubles.

According to the newspaper Evening Moscow, the move was made to correct a 61-year-old mistake.

"In 1930, it was decided to introduce summer time and move the hands of clocks one hour ahead," Evening Moscow said.

In the passage of time, they did not announce winter time" in the fall of 1930.

For reasons that remain a mystery, summer time was not re-introduced in the spring of 1931, leaving the country with a single time year-round.

In 1981, it was decided to restore summer time. But it was begun in spring, rather than fall, giving the country two extra hours of sunlight during the summer months instead of the intended one.

"Since 1981, after the introduction of summer and winter time, the gap in genuine time increased by two hours and that fact caused inconvenience and complaints," the newspaper said.

"That is why the Cabinet of Ministers decided to cancel the 'decreed hour' that had become an anachronism."

"They didn't declare winter time, and that's why all these years we've been one hour ahead of the real time zone," the newspaper quoted D. Sayenko, a leading specialist of the State Commission on Time and Standard Frequencies, as saying.

Officials figured that the end of March — the regular date to move clocks ahead — was the best of times to correct the imbalance.

"On March 31, one should not move the hands of the clock ahead, but go to bed as usual," the newspaper advised.

Cell bank provides tissue for Alzheimer's research

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A university cell bank that distributes genetic material to researchers could help overcome some of the problems of competition among researchers hunting for the elusive sources of Alzheimer's disease.

Researchers suspect genetic factors in two of the three types of "Alzheimer's," a degenerative disorder that is the fourth-leading cause of death among the elderly. Genetic factors also may figure in the third type.

"How genes play a role in various disorders is becoming a very important area," said Dr. Zaven Khachaturian, associate director for neuroscience and neuropsychology at the National Institute for Aging.

"Researchers need to have material available so they can carry on their studies."

The Alzheimer's Genetic Repository at Indiana University Medical Center is one of the first cell banks worldwide to specialize in a single disease on a large scale, Khachaturian said.

The university is receiving \$500,000 each year for six years from the National Institute for Aging to develop and maintain the cell bank. Indiana University was selected in part because it is not among the leaders in Alzheimer's research, so can serve as an impartial banker providing material to scientists at competing institutions.

Since the school announced the formation of the cell bank in June, it has been contacted by about 200 families in the United States and Canada with recurring cases of Alzheimer's and has created more than 250 cell lines from donors' blood samples.

In a laboratory, technicians extract white blood cells from the blood samples and let them grow in an incubator.

The repository provides white blood cells, or in some cases only the extracted DNA, to "legitimate, individual scientists who aren't doing something willy-nilly," said Dr. P. Michael Conneally, director of the project and, according to Khachaturian, one of the world's top experts in tracing the genetics of various disorders.

The first group of recipients last month included scientists at the University of Oregon, Duke University and St. Mary's Hospital in London, he said.

Each of the institutions has been studying particular families and genetic material over generations, but is reluctant to share cells with other researchers because the search for a cause and cure for the disease is competitive, Conneally said.

"We are a neutral group," Conneally said. "We have no vested interest. We will share them (cells) with anybody."

And by using cells from the bank, researchers will have a larger pool from which to draw information. Such banks exist for some other diseases.

About 50 institutions nationwide are performing serious research on Alzheimer's. As many as 20 will want to tap into the cell lines available at the repository, Conneally said.

The repository has "been really successful in finding families. But that's just the beginning. We don't have the building built yet," he said.

Researchers are concentrating on two forms of familial Alzheimer's: early onset by age 60, in which initial research indicates the disease gene may be found on chromosome 21; and a more often occurring form that appears after age 60, which possibly can be traced to chromosome 19, Conneally said.

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St. Mark schedules fellowship

The St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm St., is sponsoring its 10th Annual Women and Men's Day Fellowship at 3 p.m. Sunday. Speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Pampa.

The South Side Ministerial Alliance will also have a service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. There will be preaching and the combined choirs are scheduled to sing.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:22-25 NIV)*

One of my daughters is a gentle little space cadet. She is bright, talented, and exceptionally capable; but the ability to take care of business seems to have eluded her. When it comes down to practicalities, her theme song is "I forgot."

Recently, her car insurance was due. Her dad paid the premium and handed her the card which was proof she was insured, and he told her to put it in her glove compartment. She forgot. Who knows where that card ended up because she doesn't even remember having had it.

A couple of days ago, she was stopped by a policeman. All of a sudden, that little card became important, and she took that glove compartment apart in her search. Although she knew she was fully insured, she found she couldn't prove it and was ticketed.

Christian, if you were required to prove your relationship to Jesus Christ, would your behavior and habits be the documentation needed to prove you have an eternal assurance plan?

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Amarillo church to host evangelist

AMARILLO — Christian Heritage Church in Amarillo will host a special guest evangelist, Dr. Jerry B. Walker, on April 7-14.

There will be professional children's church for ages 5-8 and a nursery and toddler's class.

Service times will be 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. nightly, Monday through Saturday at the church, 900 S. Nelson.

Religion roundup

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — More Americans now believe in heaven and hell than ever recorded before, reports the Gallup Poll.

As published in Emerging Trends of the Gallup organization's Religion Research Center, 78 percent of Americans surveyed said they believe there is a place where people who have lived good lives are eternally rewarded.

Sixty percent said they believed there is a place where those who have led bad lives and die without being sorry are eternally damned.

Previous records for Americans expressing these beliefs were in 1952 when 72 percent said they believed in heaven and 58 percent said they believed in hell.

Most of those saying they believe in heaven expect to go there.

The information came from interviews with 1,108 adults. Those who claim no religion (9 percent) and those who do not belong to a church (7 percent) expressed most concern about going to hell.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Testifying for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer voiced strong support for proposed legislation outlawing the hiring of permanent replacements to take jobs of workers who go on strike.

"When employers are allowed to offer permanent jobs to strikebreakers, strikers lose their jobs," Bishop Rodimer of Paterson, N.J., told a Senate subcommittee. "It's that simple. If workers lose their jobs, what does it mean to have the right of strike?"

NEW YORK (AP) — About 3 tons of Passover foods have been shipped by Manhattan's Park East Synagogue to Jewish communities in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. The weeklong Passover observance begins next Friday, March 29.

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First Pentecostal to mark pastor's 25th anniversary

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will have a special service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to mark the 25th year of service to the congregation by Pastor Albert Maggard and his wife, Mary.

The morning service, titled "The Message of the Ladder," will be the same text and theme used in the pastor's first sermon in Pampa.

The Maggards, with their children, Adrian and Susan, held their first services in Pampa on March 22, 1966. At that time, pastors in the denomination were elected annually and it was unusual for a minister to remain at the same parish for more than two years. Both of the children started in the first-grade at Horace Mann and graduated from Pampa High School.

High points of the past 25 years of the church include retirement of the debt. The mortgage burning was celebrated with a special service during which the sky over Pampa was filled with balloons released by the children of the church.

The church also was able to purchase land west of the church after years of attempting to acquire the property. Demolition and construction started with most of the labor



The Maggards

being donated by members and friends of the church.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the addition was another exciting event. Mary Maggard turned the first shovel of earth at the controls of a large, earth-moving machine. The smaller children took shovels in hand to complete the groundbreaking.

During the past 25 years, the fel-

lowship hall has also been completed except for exterior bricking.

Pastor Maggard said his bond with the church family is a source of rich satisfaction. He added that church picnics, ski trips and other events are part of his collection of happy memories.

"We've seen many changes, both in the community and in the church," Maggard said, "but through them all, God has remained the same, and his work in Pampa goes forward."

The congregation invites the public to share in the anniversary celebration.

Evangelist to speak at Briarwood Church

The Rev. B. Owen Oslin, an evangelist, will begin a pre-Easter revival at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, on Sunday. He will speak at the morning worship service and the



Oslin

evening evangelistic service. Services will also be held Monday through Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The Rev. Oslin has spoken at Briarwood many times in the past. He and his wife, Barbara, have authored many books and have traveled extensively conducting seminars and crusades.

The public is invited to attend the services. A nursery will be provided.

Lutheran task force calls for limits on abortions

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After a two-year inquiry, recommendations have been completed for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to approve abortion only under only certain limited conditions.

These basically are danger to the mother's life, severe abnormalities of the fetus, rape or incest.

However, beyond those restricted circumstances, the recommendations say "we as a church disagree" on what other conditions, if any, would make abortion morally responsible.

It was the first time that a position on abortion has been projected for the 5.2 million-member denomination, formed through a merger in 1988.

Seeking a path through the thorny issue, a special church task force acknowledged a quandary — that agreement could be reached only up to a point but was blocked beyond that.

In short, the findings would condone abortion in limited, specified situations, but also recognize that some members feel there should be greater latitude.

They "would include additional considerations necessary for minimal quality of life for the woman as well as the child," the recommendations say.

Drawn up by a 15-member task force in two years of hearings and analyzing input from congregations, the report was approved last Saturday by the church's Commission for Church and Society, meeting in Park Ridge, Ill.

The commission, in turn, is proposing the report's adoption by the denomination's assembly Aug. 28-Sept. 4 in Orlando, Fla., as a guiding church position.

It would not be binding on individual consciences.

The report came at a time when several Protestant denominations have gradually stiffened limitations on abortion, and moves are afoot for doing so still further.

Regarding government regulation of abortion, the ELCA report says, "The position of this church is that government has a legitimate role to play in regulating abortion."

But there needs to be "sufficient consensus" on such policy for it to be enforceable, and formulating it presents a "double challenge," the report says, adding:

"One is to effectively protect prenatal life. The other is to protect the dignity of women and their freedom to make responsible decisions in difficult situations. ...

"Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life, and should avoid unduly encumbering or endan-

gering the lives of women." The report favors prohibiting abortions after "the fetus is determined to be viable, except when the mother's life is threatened or when lethal abnormalities indicate the prospective newborn will die very soon."

On the other hand, the report opposes the prohibitions of abortion "prior to viability" of the fetus outside the womb.

If a law requires parental consent for abortion when the woman is a minor, the report says the law "should specify other trusted adults as alternatives if parental involvement is inappropriate or unsafe."

The task force that drew up the report was co-chaired by Lorrie Ellis, a nurse in a prenatal center at Centerville, Ohio, and the Rev. M. Ted Steege, director of a Lutheran public policy office in Madison, Wis.

Of cases in which abortion was agreed justified, the report says:

"An abortion is morally responsible in those cases in which continuation of a pregnancy presents a clear threat to the physical life of the woman.

"Extreme abnormalities of the fetus, which will result in severe suffering and early death, may make abortion a morally responsible act. The continuation of such pregnancies requires extreme parental sacrifice which may bring rewards, but which is not a moral requirement.

"A woman should not be morally obligated to carry the resulting pregnancy to term if the pregnancy occurs when both parties do not participate willingly in sexual intercourse. This is especially true in cases of rape and incest.

"This can also be the case in some situations where women are so dominated and oppressed that they have no choice regarding sexual intercourse and little access to contraceptives. Some conceptions occur under dehumanizing conditions that are contrary to God's purposes.

"Beyond the above circumstances, we as a church disagree on what conditions, if any, make abortion a morally responsible act. For some these are the only conditions; others would include additional considerations. ...

"Although abortion raises significant moral issues at any stage of fetal development, the closer the fetus is to having a life of its own distinct from the mother, the more serious these issues can become.

"When a child can survive outside a womb, it becomes possible for other people, and not only the mother, to nourish and care for the child. This church opposes ending intrauterine life when a fetus is developed enough to live outside a uterus with the aid of technology."

Cowboy camp meeting set for summer

MASON — The Lazy H Ranch and Retreat at Mason announces its first Lazy H Cowboy Camp Meeting, set for May 30 through June 2.

The camp meeting is interdenominational. It is affiliated with Ranchmen's Camp Meetings in the Southwest, and a large committee of ranchmen and businessmen from all denominations control the camp meetings.

Primitive camp sites will be available. Those attending the camp meetings must furnish their own camping equipment. Recreational vehicle parks are also available in Mason and Junction, as are motels.

Meals are chuckwagon style, prepared three times a day by the Valdez family of Van Horn.

There is no charge for meals, camping or other activities. There will be planned activities for youth and children. There will be a nursery provided for children 3 years old and under during preaching services.

Camp preachers will be Boyce Evans and Hugh Harris, both of Lubbock, and Steve Cody of Lenapah, Okla. Music director will be Paul Biggs of Bartlesville, Okla. Youth director will be David Burk of San Angelo. Camp director will be Rick Steele of Alcedo, Ill.

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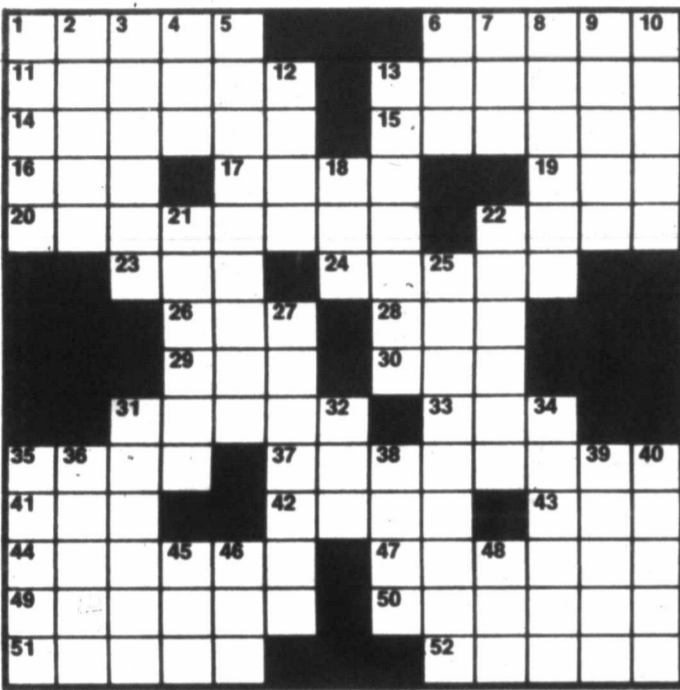
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 - 6 Saying
 - 11 International org.
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 - 15 Portable steps
 - 16 3. Roman
 - 17 Fight with swords
 - 19 Bernstein, for short
 - 20 Most wary
 - 22 Strap on a falcon's leg
 - 23 Manage
 - 24 Colors
 - 26 Ocean
 - 28 Shelter
 - 29 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
 - 30 German article
 - 31 —washy
- DOWN**
- 1 Bird
 - 2 Little Orphan
 - 3 Smaller
 - 4 Valuable card
 - 5 Preparedness
 - 6 Sine — non
 - 7 Type of bean
 - 8 Lots
 - 9 Forest items
 - 10 Wins
 - 12 Chimney passage
 - 13 Everything counted (2 wds.)
 - 18 Superlative suffix
 - 21 Lenin's country
 - 22 Boosed
 - 25 Poverty
 - 27 Sports figure
 - 31 Decay of timber (2 wds.)
 - 32 Actor Brynner
 - 34 Geological deposit
 - 35 Habitual
 - 36 — White
 - 38 Unconscious state
 - 39 Cut of beef
 - 40 Units of measure
 - 45 Uncle
 - 46 Hockey team
 - 48 Sgt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) In an important situation where the end is in sight, don't make sudden, impulsive changes. It could destroy everything you've attempted. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Steer clear of a debate with a friend over a volatile issue today; you might treat this event more emotionally than logically and jeopardize the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is a possibility at this time that you might suffer some form of loss from a misplaced trust. If you are watchful now, this result can be minimized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel comfortable about making snap decisions today, but this does not automatically assure the worth of your judgments. Hasty assessments can be erroneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Time you delegated to yourself may be usurped by some unexpected problems. They will be thrust upon you by someone who should be able to handle such matters without assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is a possibility that someone you recently met, and with whom you've become involved, might suddenly make a quick exit from your life. Actually, you two have little in common.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you are going to be successful in your endeavors today, you cannot do things in fits and starts. You must define your objectives and proceed methodically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A rule which you feel strongly about might need a bit more work at the drawing board before you try to impose it upon others. Save your push until your precept is perfect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An arrangement in which you're presently involved tends to favor the other party more than it does you. When profits are to be distributed, inequities could surface.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might be easier for you to make promises today than it will be for you to fulfill them. Don't get wound up in things you may not be able to unwind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have some confidential information of interest to another. This individual is a skillful inquisitor and, if you're not careful, will get you to reveal it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you start treating a new acquaintance better at this time, a sensitive friend's feelings may be hurt. Include your old pal in your new involvement.

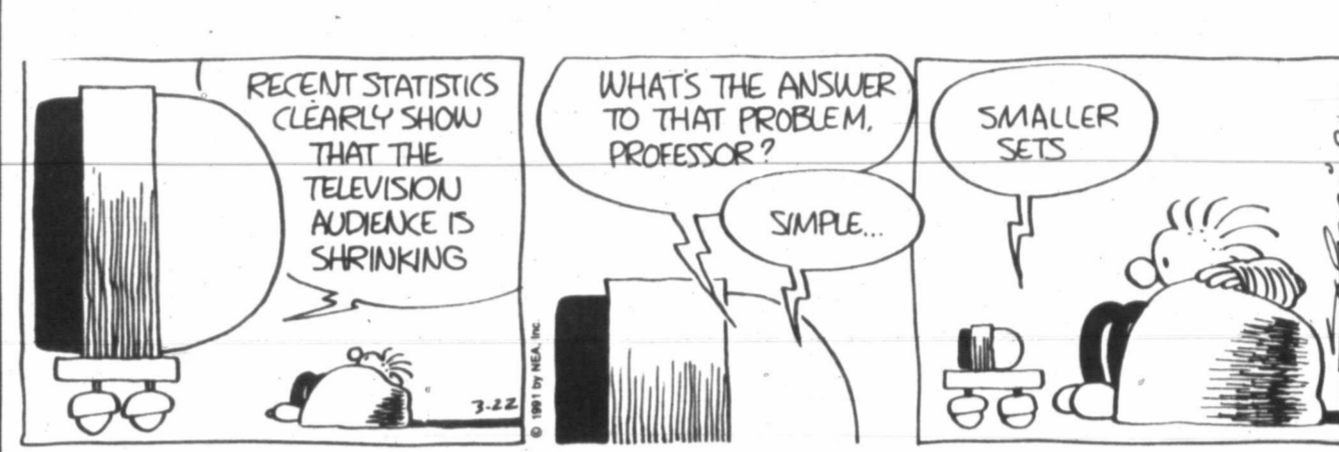
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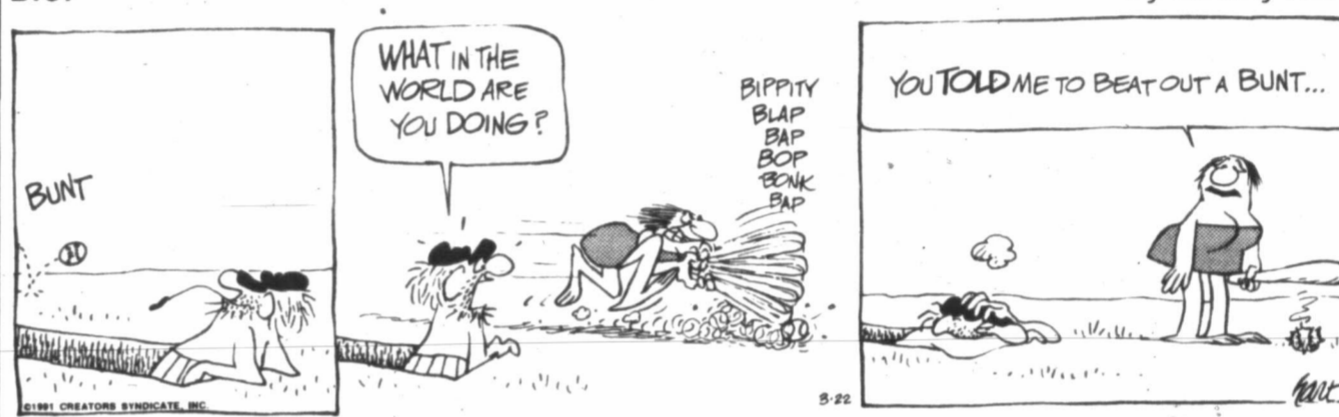
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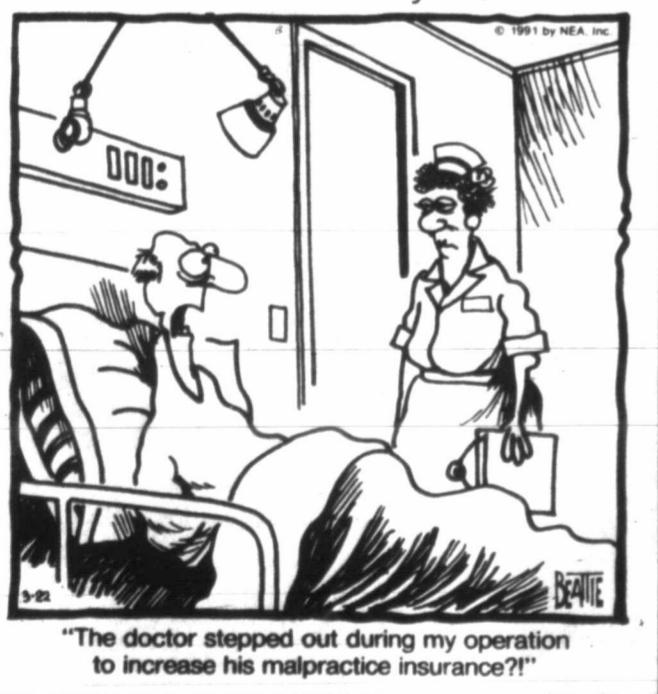
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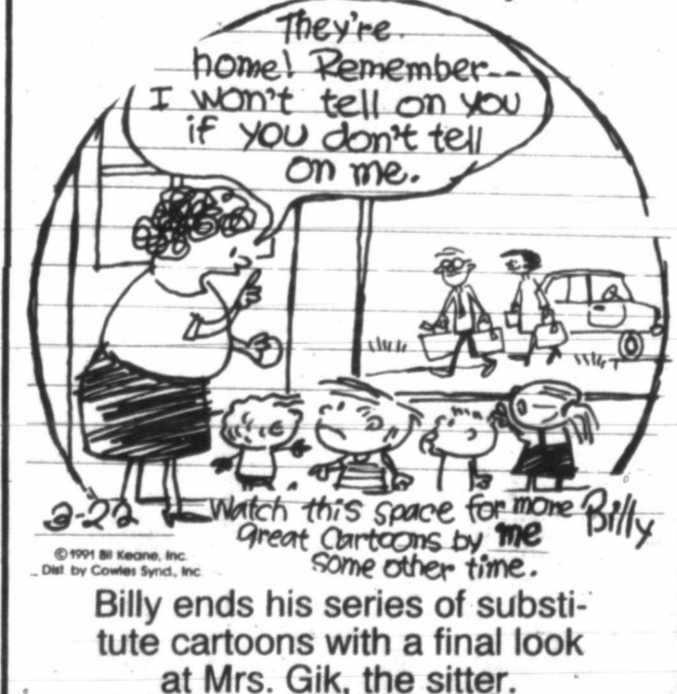
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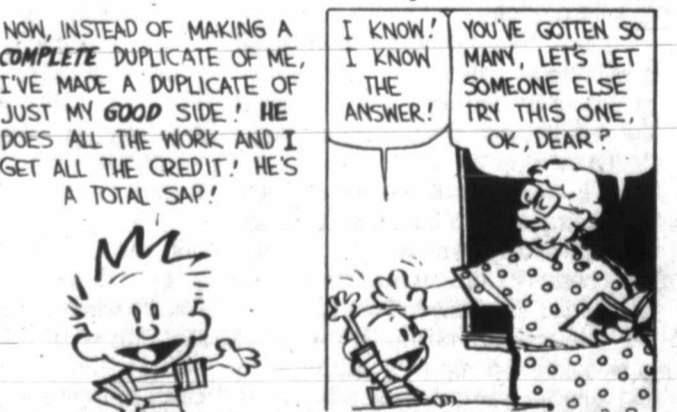
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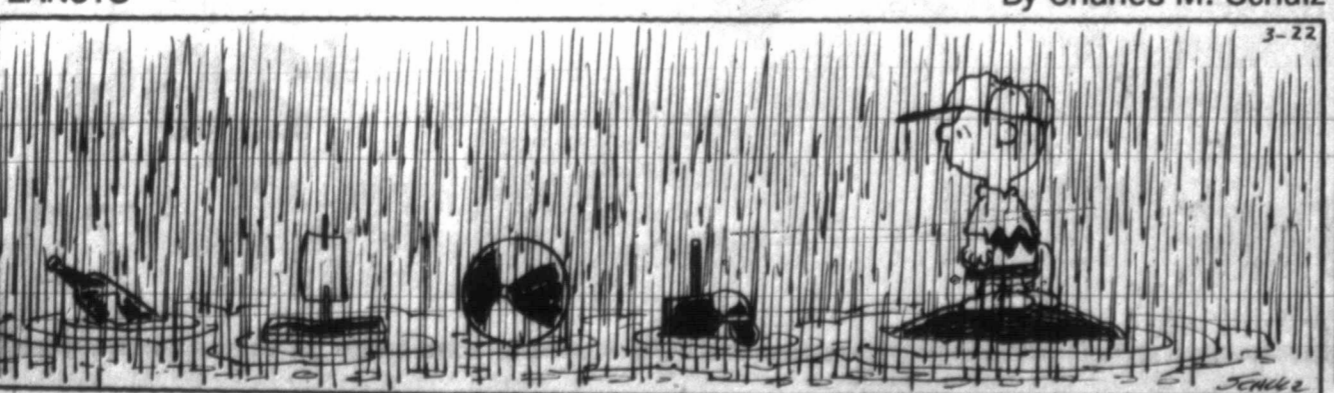
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