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Beef Across the Border

A bad premise usually begets bad ideas and action, a dominoing of untoward results in perpetual violation of the truism that two wrongs do not make a right. This is so in international economics as in everyday individual behavior.

So that that observation does not seem too banal for consideration, we offer it as a worthwhile meditation concerning the catastrophic effects portending as a result of the beef-pork import skirmish now developing over the Canadian border.

The free market has been overruled entirely by the two nations' governments and neither side seems willing to reintroduce its principles as a corrective.

The Canadian political establishment, attempting to protect Canadian meat industry, not long ago announced import quotas against U.S. meat. That was an ill-advised move defiant of economic reality: the free play of supply and demand. It was an overt attempt by politicians to appease farmers threatened by a slackening market.

Now the U.S. government has announced an official "retaliation" against Canada — U.S. devised quotas against Canadian beef and pork. The word "retaliation" itself betrays the incivility of this arrangement, assuming as it does that meat raisers and consumers on either side of the border cannot exchange peacefully. The idea is that their differences should be fought out by politicians transnationally.

U.N. Protection Money

New York City's \$750,000 tab for protecting Yasir Arafat and his Palestinian Liberation Organization officials is another reason to get the U.S. out of the U.N. and to get the U.N. out of the U.S.

Since 1951, extra police protection for foreigners coming to U.N. gatherings has cost that city \$335 million. That may not seem so great a sum in overall government spending, but isn't the U.N. supposed to be dedicated to peace?

The theory of the U.N. is that disputes between nations would be settled with peace and justice through open forums. Violence no longer is necessary.

The fact that New York City claims it cost \$5 million to protect former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Fidel Castro of Cuba back in 1960 and now \$750,000 to protect Arafat is more than a mere suggestion that confidence in the U.N. is less than solid.

There are those who simply do not trust the U.N. to provide justice.

DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



"OH, NO. I'M NOT GOING OUT IN THAT PARKING LOT CARRYING A BAG OF SUGAR!"

Dilemma Faced By Democrats

By GARRY WILLS
KANSAS CITY — All recent gatherings of Democrats, like last weekend's mini-convention, have been like those family reunions at which a blowup is constantly expected even if it does not occur. Is this merely a matter of the party members' temperament, of sheer cantankerousness, or does it have some structural explanation? I think the latter is clearly the case. The Democrats are a party in search of identity, and have been for some time. Critics here traced the struggle back to 1972 or 1968; but the causes of the present trouble lie even further back.

We must remember that the base of the Democrats' great power was for decades an ability to reach the industrial areas of America while counting on the votes of the agrarian "Solid South." The importance of that largest coherent voting bloc in America was most often celebrated in the appointment of a Southerner to the second spot on each Democratic ticket.

Roosevelt first ran with Jack Garner, Truman with Alben Barkley, Stevenson with John Sparkman (and later with Estes Kefauver), Kennedy with Lyndon Johnson. It is true that Roosevelt ran in 1940 with Henry Wallace, but he had previously offered the second spot to two Southerners who turned him down — Cordell Hull and Jimmy Byrnes. Besides, with war threatening in Europe, the belligerent Southerners could be counted on, the isolationist Midwest had to be wooed — and Roosevelt chose Wallace to get the farm vote.

Roosevelt faced another special case in the wartime election of 1944, when he appointed Harry Truman, a senator best known for his investigations of the military, a man who was keeping the war honest.

For years, in other words a Northern liberal was able to run with a moderate racist from the South, and the anomaly did not cripple their effort. In the thirties, the Democrats even had the useful support of the Ku Klux Klan. This winning combination began to unravel in 1948, with Hubert Humphrey's civil rights challenge and the withdrawal of the Dixiecrats.

In the fifties, Eisenhower made inroads on the South, but Democrats treated this as a passing phenomenon, the result of Ike's personality, not a long-range matter of party structure. But in the early sixties, the South was restless under Kennedy, for all of Lyndon Johnson's appeal — and the region began its definite swing to the Republicans in the first race since Woodrow Wilson's that had a Southerner at the top of the Democratic ticket. The importance of the 1964 defeat of Goldwater was misread at the time. The real point of that campaign was that the South was in full revolt, even though a Southerner was the sitting President as well as the Democratic candidate.

Things went from bad to worse in 1972, when McGovern did not even bother to campaign in the South, and only took a border state Maryland as his running mate after his Midwesterner had been forced off the ticket.

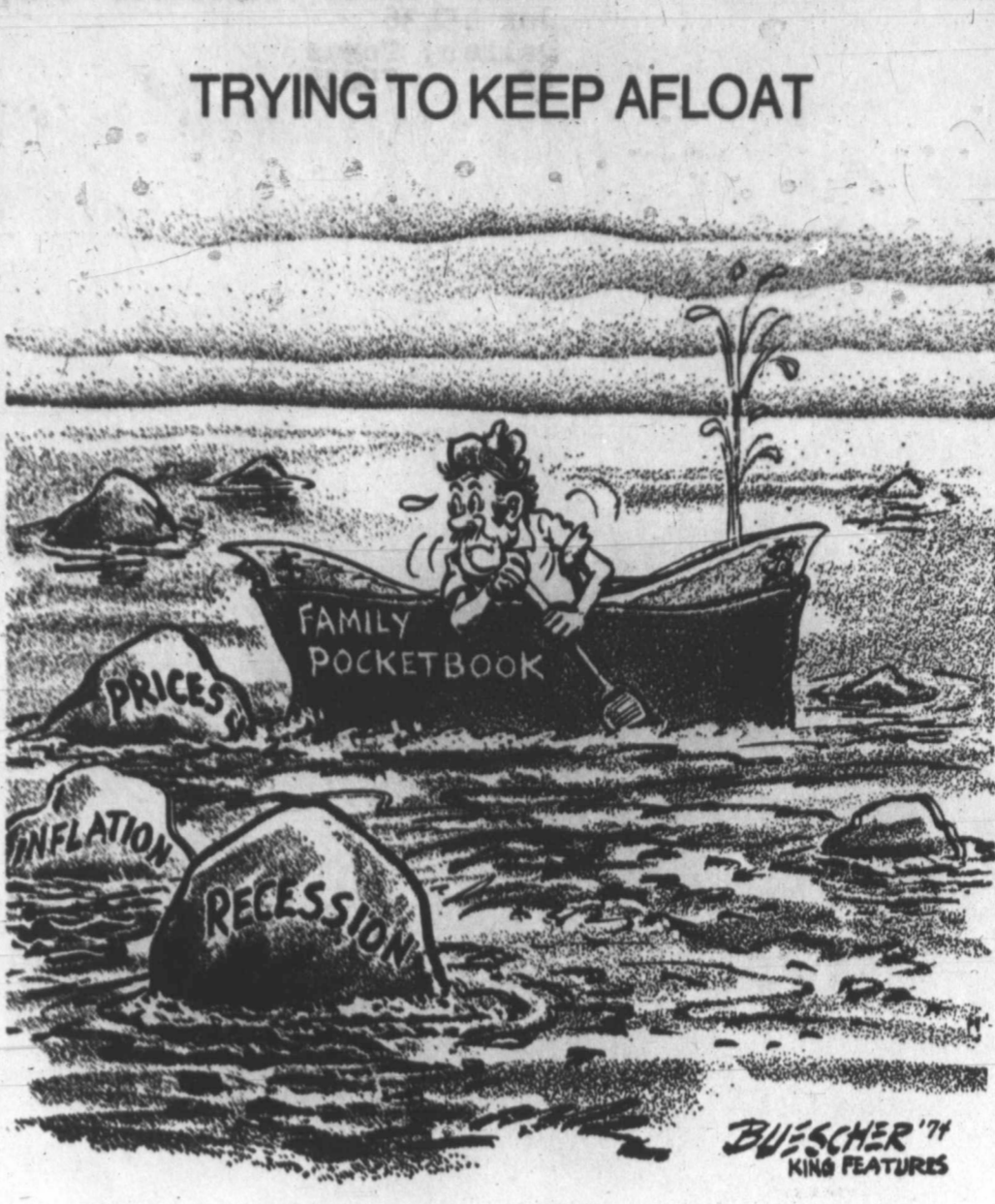
This background explains the deep ambivalence that was felt towards Wallace here in Kansas City. It is not merely his personality that makes him a thorn in the Democrats' side, yet forces them to press that thorn in deeper. He symbolizes the whole Democratic problem as it has shaped up over the last quarter of a century. The dilemma is total. The Democrats cannot win nationally without the South.

THE CONSERVATIVE ADVOCATE

The Politics of 'Hunger'

By WILLIAM RUSHER
The recent World Food Conference in Rome undoubtedly had its defects, but at least it served to focus attention on the very real problems of hunger, malnutrition and outright starvation that are currently afflicting many millions of people in Africa and Asia.

In thinking intelligently about this whole problem, it is wise to bear in mind the distinction between those three quite different terms.



TRYING TO KEEP AFLOAT

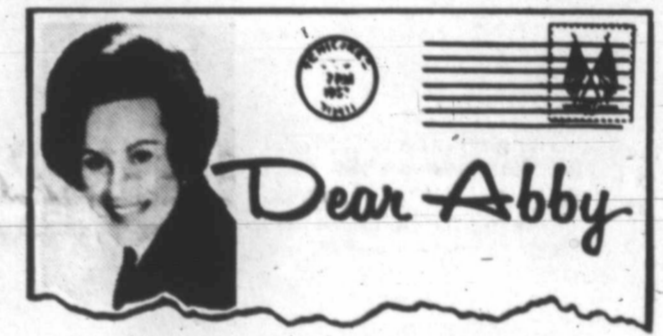
"Hunger" is precisely that, and all of us feel it at one time or another. "Malnutrition" is the condition which results when, for whatever reason (frequently just pure ignorance), people do not get enough of the right kinds of food to keep them properly nourished. "Starvation" is the consequence of a prolonged absence of almost any food whatever, and can ultimately result in death. All three are present today in crisis proportions in the Sahara-Sudan region of Africa, as well as in India, though hunger is chiefly serious as a symptom, and malnutrition owing in part to ignorance is (as usual) more widespread than actual starvation.

Of what concern is all this to the government and people of the United States? We can reject the notion that America owes anybody an apology for the fact that the typical U.S. rice farmer, for instance, grows and harvests an acre in two man-days, as against the 400 man-day average in most developing nations.

We can also disregard such coldly prudential considerations as whether starving people are more likely to "go Communist," since I am sure that most Americans would like to help starving people if they can, whether they are likely to go Communist or not. But note here one important distinction between the individual American and his government: private charity is up to the individual, and may begin at home or not as he chooses; but the first obligation of the government of the United States is to its own citizens. Is there hunger, malnutrition or starvation in America itself today?

Just four years ago, in 1970, Senator Ernest F. Hollings, the South Carolina Democrat, got a gratifying number of headlines by insisting that there was. He staged some showy Congressional hearings on the subject, and even wrote a book called "The Case Against Hunger." The liberal media played along, with articles, television documentaries and lavish reportage. That very November, by a funny coincidence, Senator Hollings was triumphantly reelected, and hunger in America promptly receded to levels that didn't require national television coverage.

But if there was in fact so much as a grain of truth to Hollings' noisy charge, then it seems to me that the obligation of the U.S. government (private charity being, I repeat, quite another matter) is to eradicate malnutrition, let alone starvation, from this land of ours before it sets out to feed the world.



If that were a wig, it would've flipped

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having an argument and don't know whom else to ask, so you are nominated.

My husband says that Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, wears a wig. I say that's his own hair. Who's right?

C. IN DETROIT

DEAR C.: You are. If Arthur Burns wore a wig, he'd have flipped it long ago.

DEAR ABBY: Why do so many people look down on cocktail waitresses?

When I went home for Thanksgiving, my mother asked me to tell the relatives that I work in an office. (I'm a cocktail waitress.)

Abby, I am a 23-year-old unmarried woman and I've been on my own since I was 18. I still send a part of every paycheck home because my father is too sick to work, and I'm the oldest of six.

I've never been into drugs and I don't let guys use me like some of those so-called "respectable" government girls who hang out at the bars and go home with the first guy who buys them a drink.

Will you please do me (and lots of other respectable girls) a big favor and print this with your opinion?

DECENT IN D.C.

DEAR DECENT: Cocktail waitresses are entitled to the same consideration and respect due to anyone who performs honest work for a living. The person gives dignity to the job — not the other way 'round.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the 16-year-old girl who feels herself better qualified to rear children than "old" people of 30 or 40.

When I was a scant two years older than this girl, I had a child. I was unmarried at the time.

I put the baby up for adoption. It was my own decision, and no one tried to influence me.

Now that I am mature and happily married, I can't begin to tell you how happy I am that I made that choice. It would have been unfair of me to have taken an innocent infant with me through the "growing up" process which took place between then and now.

I agree with you that having a child is a wonderful experience — but only when a woman is mature. How many teen-age girls do you think have this degree of maturity? My parents taught me things when I was growing up that only an "old" 30-year-old parent could know.

LUCKY

DEAR LUCKY: Thank you for giving others the benefit of your experience. Very few unmarried teen-age mothers are sufficiently mature to handle motherhood.

DEAR ABBY: I read with some amusement about the girl whose boyfriend told her she couldn't get pregnant because he had been "injured" playing football.

My husband told me the same story — only he was injured playing baseball.

We are now the proud parents of triplets!

"For it's one — two — three strikes, you're out at the old ball JO JO IN COCOA, FLA."

EDUCATION IN AMERICA Teachers Urged to Rap Use of English on TV

By MAX RAFFERTY
Q — "Congratulations on your rebuttal to the professor of English who wants to accept almost any kind of language as correct. Ten years ago, my daughter was given a 'C minus' on a composition because her grammar was 'too correct.' Why don't the English teachers across the country start a drive asking TV programs to drop the 'he don't's' and 'they ain't's' where so many children pick up incorrect usage?" — H.C. Birmingham, Ala.

A — For the same reason they don't picket the tobacco companies for such advertising abominations as "Winstons taste good like a cigarette should," and "Us Tareyton smokers would rather fight than switch." The English teachers have been sold the tired old "progressive education" clunkers that one kind of English is really just as good as any other kind, and that we mustn't hold Junior to an arbitrary standard of oral and written English because how do we know the grammar books and dictionaries are right, after all?

Mass softening of the brain? You'd better believe it.

Q — "In your column on reading disabilities, you've lost me but good and probably a lot of others who know more about early childhood education that you seem to know. I doubt if you've ever been a classroom teacher for long and particularly an elementary teacher.

There are brilliant youngsters who are unable to learn certain subjects no matter how hard they try. It is usually a physical thing and they can be taught by specialists and occasionally helped." — L.D. Fairview Heights, Ill.

A — I — Banish your "doubt." I've been an elementary teacher for 11 years, an elementary principal for four and superintendent of elementary school districts for 10.

2 — And certainly there are youngsters who have reading disabilities. I never said there weren't. In the article you mention, I criticized some Colorado idiot who was going around saying there are "millions" of children with such disabilities, and that dyslexia is a "common" disability.

This is hogwash. L.D. and you know it.

Q — "In my hometown, an expensive educational program has been announced by the state superintendent of schools. The new project, entitled 'Educational Accountability — a Mutual Responsibility,' will examine the procedures by which desirable attitudes can be identified.

"When I grew up, we didn't have such fancy projects and very few electives, but we learned and learned well. But then, we had dedicated teachers who taught education and not gobbledegook.

An example: My granddaughter recently graduated as a National Honor Society student, yet one year later she asked her father what the word 'extinct' meant! On the other hand, her cousin didn't attain that high (?) achievement but in his first year in college was on the dean's list with a 4.0 average.

"I think the NHS should be either abolished or overhauled but good. Don't you agree?" — Name and city withheld by request.

A — Oh, I don't know. Your granddaughter undoubtedly is adjusted to her environment, accepted by her peer group and relevant as all get 'out. In addition, I'll bet she's ongoing, forward-looking and in-grouping to the point of ecstasy.

You see, these are the goals of today's education, Grandma. Subject matter? Facts? Good spelling? Definitions? Pooh — pooh. Who cares for such stuffy drudgery? It's so much more fun to be creative and innovative in our modules, buzz sessions and encounter groups.

(Dr. Rafferty welcomes questions for use in this column once each week, but regrets he cannot answer all mail personally. Please send your questions to him in care of Dr. Max Rafferty, Los Angeles Times Syndicate, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053.)

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Club News

SKELLYTOWN TOPS
TX Tops Club No. 255 of Skellytown met recently in the library with members being weighed in by the weight recorder, Odell Hassler.

The club pledge was given in unison by the members and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Mrs. Cecile Grange.

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TUESDAY
6:30 p.m. — American Business Women's Association, Starlight Room West, Coronado Inn.
6:30 p.m. — Civic Culture Club, Mrs. H.W. Waters, 1445 N. Russell.
6:30 p.m. — TOPS Club, Chapter TX-255, Skellytown Library.
6:30 p.m. — Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Lodge 420 W. Kingsmill.
7:30 p.m. — Business and Professional Women's Club, City Club Room.
8:00 p.m. — Women of the Moose, Moose Lodge.

THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. — Duplicate Bridge, Quivira Room, Coronado Inn.
1:30 p.m. — Senior Citizen's Center, Lovett Memorial Library.
6:30 p.m. — Gavel Club, Reddi Room, Southwestern Public Service.
7:30 p.m. — Top O' Texas CB Radio Club, Optimist Building.
8:00 p.m. — Rebekah Lodge, 100F Hall, 800 E. Foster.
8:00 p.m. — Circle L Square Dance Club, Lefors Civic Center.

FRIDAY
9:30 a.m. — TOPS Club, TX 840, 2100 Coffee.

Mrs. Evelyn Patterson was crowned weekly queen for a loss of 3 lbs., the club lost 13 lbs.

Evelyn Patterson was crowned queen for the month of November for a loss of seven lbs. and runner up was Mrs. Odell Hassler for a loss of three lbs. Club members lost a total of 37 pounds for November.

A letter was read from a member Mrs. Juanita McCarthy who is visiting her son at Orange.

A thank you note was read by the leader from Barbara Easley for a gift she was presented from the club.

Members are to meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and will leave for Pampa at 6:30 p.m. where they will attend a supper prepared by Mrs. Mildred Prince at the Southwestern Public Service building.

The meeting adjourned and the ladies made a trip to Borger to view a Tops Film by Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Area Captain of Pampa.

Attending were Mmes. Evelyn Patterson, Frances Stamps, Jane Russell, Odell Hassler, Sadie Lane, Barbara Easley, Margaret Fox, Fannie Coleman, Dorothy Williams and one guest Miss Jane Easley.

WEDNESDAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High School
Butter Corn
Cabbage, Carrot Slaw
Cornbread
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

ST. VINCENT'S
Turkey & Dressing
Gravy
Candied Yams
Cranberry Sauce
Bread & Butter
Milk

Golden Anniversary



Friends and relatives are invited to the 50th wedding anniversary reception Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-5 p.m. at 1817 N. Dwight honoring Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Cox, 720 N. Zimmers. Hosting the event are child of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Gallimore, and Mr. and Mrs. O.N. Lofton. The former Blanche Reger married Herbert D. Cox Dec. 24, 1924 at Altus, Okla. and they resided in Archers County until 1934 when they moved to the Texas Panhandle where he was employed by Skelly Oil Co. until retirement in 1970. They resided in Lefors 30 years before moving to Pampa in 1970.

The Woman's Page

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At Wit's End

By ERMA BOMBECK
I poured myself a bowl of cereal this morning and out dropped the weirdest array of raisins, flakes, oats, puffs and squares I have ever seen.

"Whatya call this?" I asked one of the kids.

"Frosted, fortified, cracked, Cranbran flakes."

I dropped my spoon and slumped. "Don't tell me. Your father is on his annual crusade to consolidate all the empty boxes cluttering up the cupboards into one box!"

"Right," said my son. "If you think the cereal tastes rotten, you should dip into the ice cream. He found six cartons, each with a different flavor, with a spoonful left in each box, and put them into one bucket. It looks like someone spit up at Howard Johnson."

"Please," I cautioned. "No more."

"Not only that, he mixed all the cookies left lying around into one bag and everytime you reach in, it's like Trick or Treat. You don't know if you're getting one baked this year or not."

"I'll speak to him," I said. I found their father in the bathroom trying to siphon a cap of toothpaste into another tube. "I want to talk with you," I said.

"If it's about the jellies being mixed together into one jar, I think you'll find the flavor rather interesting."

"It's not just the jellies," I said. "You're becoming paranoid about empty boxes."

"What's wrong with that?" he asked.

"You're making skeptics out of the children. They don't believe in anything anymore. They grabbed a box marked pretzels off the shelf the other night and sank their teeth into a banana flavored corn chip."

"The banana corn chips weren't moving in their box," he said.

"That's not the point. You do it with everything. Mother asked for an aspirin. I gave her one of the pills that you mixed together into one bottle I didn't know if it would cure her headache, sweeten her breath, dry up her cold, put her to sleep, make her regular again, or control birth. I can't go on living with a man who grafts soaps together in the soap dish and who puts cake coloring in old shampoo and pours into herbal shampoo bottles."

"Go on out and have your cereal," he said softly. "You'll feel better after breakfast."

I checked the dog's food supply. The box was full. I felt better already.

PJH Choir Entertains Beta Sigma Phi Group

Rho Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently met in the home of Ramona Houseman, Joyce Barrett, who was in charge of the program for the evening.

Special recognition was also given to Ed Roberts, David Chambliss, and Margaret Winkleman employees of KGRO who helped Rho Eta with their Spook House.

Mrs. Barrett lead the closing ritual.

Following the business meetings, Martha Porter and Cathy Green presented a program entitled, "Love and Marriage." They reviewed selected poems of Rod McKuen and Judith Viorst.

Hostesses for the evening were Ramona Houseman and Martha Porter.

Members present were Joyce Barrett, Pam Crockett, Cathy Green, Jan Reader, Sharron Hurst, Vickie Hayes, Debbie Callison, Jan Morris, Lisa Maddux, Clara Mae Sailor, Marilyn Mitchell, Jenny Dorman, Pat Winkleblack, Martha Porter, Connie Holland, Carolyn Maxey, Ramona Houseman, Nancy Sowers, and Georgia Mack, sponsor.

GOP Women Attend Dinner Installation

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club met recently at Furr's Cafeteria for installation of officers.

Mrs. Freda Seitz, president, presided during the business meeting. Mrs. Bonnie Stuckey, secretary, read the minutes, and Mrs. Treasa Reed, treasurer, gave the financial report.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year.

Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Mrs. Bobby Nesbet expressed the Clubs' appreciation to Mrs. Seitz for her work and leadership as president for this year and presented her with a gift from the club. Mrs. Nesbet presented the program giving some of the highlights from Governor Reagan's TV interview.

Beginning in January, Gov. Reagan plans a radio show. As Governor of California, Reagan said in order to pass the legislation he felt important to the people, it was necessary to take the issues to the people, she stated. When he took the Governor's office, California was spending one million dollars a day more than they had, she said.

After his program went into effect, a \$250 million dollar surplus was refunded to the people. Twenty percent was taken off of their state income tax, she continued.

Governor Reagan stated that government doesn't have to cost as much as it is costing now. Forty-five cents of each \$1 earned goes for taxes. It is never easy to cut taxes, he said, but it can be done, the speaker concluded.

Mrs. Nisbet installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Twyla Nunn; Vice - President, Mrs. Virginia McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. Hadda Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Hill; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Helen Knox.

Mrs. Nisbet reviewed the objectives and challenged the newly elected officers to carry out their duties to the best of their ability and for the membership to support these officers. A jewel key ring was given to each officer.

TRANSPOLAR SERVICE
The first regular transpolar air service between Los Angeles and Northern Europe was inaugurated by Scandinavian Airlines on Nov. 15, 1954.

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Yesterday and Today And the Look That's Right, Right Now



THE STAR LOOK of the '30s called for thin brows and ripe flaming red lips.

WARTIME beauties of the '40s piled hair atop heads and painted lips bright red.

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

MANY WOMEN have a beauty look that's more yesterday than today, says Pablo Manzoni, Elizabeth Arden's creative director. They simply repeat the makeup they wore when they were their most attractive.

"Perhaps it's the pale lipstick of the '60s, or the browless look of the '20s and '30s," says Pablo. "And it's wrong for now."

Pablo thinks women should change with the times. For 1975, makeup is a matter of balance, he feels.

"It's a look that gives equal importance to eyes, lips and cheeks," he says, "with each feature receiving as much attention as the others. Color is important. It's of medium intensity, warm and pretty."

"Today," says Pablo, "it's not how much makeup you wear but how well you apply it to create a look that doesn't give away the number of products you have in your makeup case."

On Nov. 13, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation of the races on public buses as unconstitutional.



TODAY'S LOOK calls for makeup that gives lips, eyes and cheeks equal importance. Hair is soft and pretty.

Best Sellers

- (UPI - Publishers Weekly)
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The Dogs of War — Frederick Forsyth
Harlequin — Morris West
Jaws — Peter Benchley
The War Between the Tates — Alison Lurie
The Rhinemann Exchange — Robert Ludlum
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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise
Here are some helpful hints for a fire-safe Christmas. Keep your tree outside until you are ready to set it up. When you bring it in, use a sturdy stand that can hold water.

Set the tree so it won't block doorways, and away from sources of heat. Keep the water container filled.

A metal tree should never be strung with electrical lights! Instead, use off-the-tree lighting, with colored footlights for a safe and colorful illumination.

In trimming the tree, use flameproof decorations of glass or metal, not flammable cotton or paper.

Inspect your lighting sets for fraying and loose sockets. Discard damaged sets. Make sure the ones you use have been safety-tested. Avoid overloading your electric circuits.

There should be a separate switch at some distance from the tree for turning the tree lights on and off.

Never leave tree lights burning when you go out or go to bed.

Check the needles around the lights from time to time. If they begin to turn brown, change the position of the lights.

Decorative lighting should not be so concentrated as to overload circuits. Wiring and electrical equipment used outdoors should be designed for that purpose.

Take the tree down when the needles begin to fall. Discard it outdoors: if your community has a "Burning of the Greens," get rid of it that way. Never burn it in the fireplace or in an incinerator.

Gift wrappings should be gathered up and disposed of promptly after the presents have been opened.

Also, insist on safe toys. Those which can't cause fire, shock or explosion.

Good judgment is essential in purchasing chemical sets for children. Toys requiring fuels may be especially hazardous in young hands. All play with chemical toys or those involving fuels should be supervised by parents.

When buying electrical toys, choose only those which have been safety-tested.

If an electric train is on your shopping list this Christmas, make sure you set it up well away from the Christmas tree. Have a joyous and fire-safe Christmas!

Sincerely yours,
M. Thomas Slater,
Senior Fire Inspector

Good advice, kind sir. And we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Gals, heed the Inspector's warnings. Let's don't turn a happy occasion into something less.

Dear Heloise:
I would like to share my hint with all of your readers.

Sweet potatoes are great this time of the year and I used to try soap, cleanser, etc. to get that sticky goop off my hands after peeling them.

Now I use a little grease, rub all over my hands, then use a paper towel, and wipe off. Presto! It's gone.

Mrs. J.L.B.

A little oil or margarine added to the pot you boil them in keeps the sticky stuff from sticking to the pot, too. Makes it easier to clean.

Dear Heloise:
I keep an inexpensive bathroom bowl brush (sprayed with dust magnet) with my carpet sweeper and vacuum.

As I am running the vacuum cleaner, I keep the brush in my left hand. One flick with the brush on base boards, corners, around doors, etc. makes going back with another attachment unnecessary.

Very important these busy days.

Mrs. Lee Fort

Dear Heloise:
To save time and money and lessen confusion when wrapping Christmas presents for the family, I buy several large economy rolls of gift paper.

I wrap all the gifts for one child with green paper, all of another child's gifts with red paper, etc. This eliminates the need for tags (which often fall off), and on Christmas morning each child can immediately identify her presents under the tree.

Santa's Helper

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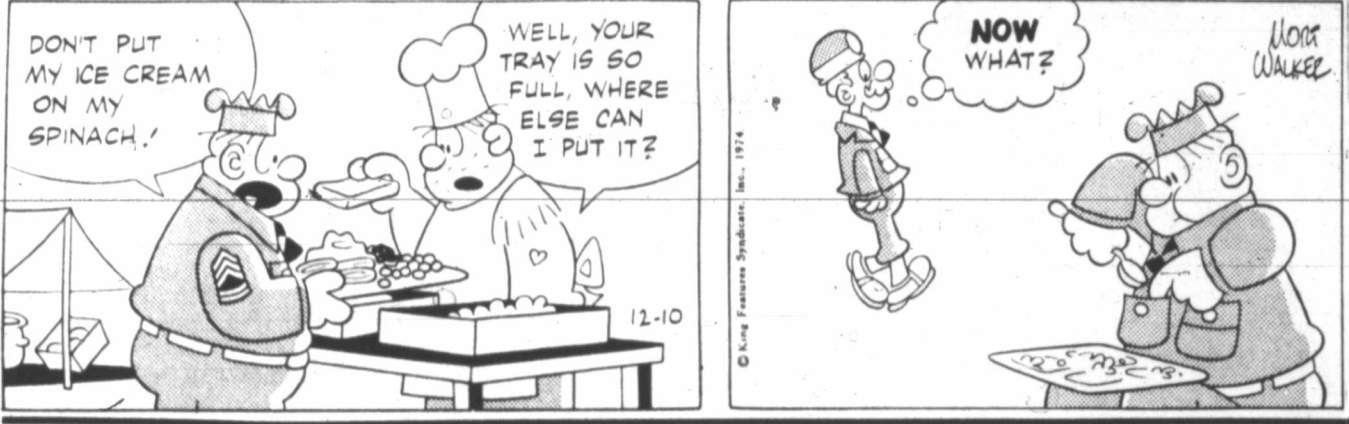
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WALT DISNEY'S SANTA'S CRUCIAL CHRISTMAS



'EAT OUT WAY OUT' Too Many Cattle Hurt Consumers At Market

TAHOKA, Tex. (UPI) — There are too many cattle in the world and they are being fattened on grain instead of grass and it's costing Americans too much at the supermarket, a West Texas legislator and rancher said today.

Rep. E.L. Short, D-Tahoka, said American cattlemen are going broke and the solution is to encourage everyone to eat more beef.

"We're just going to have to eat our way out," said Short, who is chairman of the Texas House agriculture

subcommittee. "It's not just a Texas problem, it's a problem for the whole nation."

"People have become accustomed to grain-fed, fat beef at the market," he said. "But there is nothing wrong with grass-fed, lean meat. And, that's the only way we are going to be able to use up all the cattle we now have and get the price of beef back to a position that cattlemen can again afford to produce it."

Short said Congress must be made aware of the problem and urged to solve it.

"Then, the consumer—that's you and me and our wives when they go to the grocery store—can feel the results."

possible solutions.

He said the problem is too many cattle—they aren't being slaughtered because cattlemen can't get enough for their animals—which in turn have created too small a market for beef. As a result, both cattlemen and dairymen have no profitable place to sell their finished product.

The solutions to improve the beef market for cattlemen include a curb on beef imports and dairy products, a crash program backed by the Agriculture Department to purchase grass-fed beef opposed to grainfed cattle and a call upon government agencies to buy the grass-fed beef, he said.

"These are just a few of the proposals included in our report, but they would certainly solve the cattlemen's problem," Short said. "We feel Congress must become involved. It's not just a local problem for Texas—it's a federal matter involving many states."

Illegal Aliens Hurting Job Rate In State

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Mexicans immigrating illegally into the United States are competing with poor Mexican-Americans in a glutted job market and are condemning them to a life of squalor, according to a University of Texas economist.

The influx of Mexicans has been particularly hard on Chicano citizens of the U.S. Southwest and set in motion a process whereby poor Mexicans make poor U.S. Chicano poorer, Professor Vernon Briggs Jr. said Monday.

Briggs said the flow of illegal aliens into the United States could be at least reduced by:

- Legislation to make it a crime to employ illegal aliens.
- An increase in manpower for border patrol and deportation officials in the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- Concerted drives to apprehend illegal aliens living in the United States.
- Jail terms for repeated offenders.
- Closing loopholes in existing immigration policies that tolerate daily and commuter workers from Mexico.

"The presence of a 'shadow labor force' of rightless individuals who are easy prey for the most exploitive elements of American society is bad for both the aliens and the nation," Briggs said.

"But of even greater consequence than the victimization of these illegal aliens is that, collectively, they constitute a clear and present danger to the standard of living of all with whom they compete for jobs, housing and community services."

Briggs, in a paper prepared for an international conference on labor migrations in Berlin Wednesday, said 650,000 illegal Mexican aliens were apprehended by U.S. immigration officials in 1973, while 3 million remained in the country undetected.

WAR DECLARED
China declared war against Japan, Germany and Italy on Dec. 9, 1941.

SCHOOL PRESIDENT SAYS No State Funds Used To Build Golf Course

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The president of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin insists no state funds were used to plan and develop a golf course and a duck pond for the university. But one legislator isn't too sure.

Rep. Neil Caldwell, D-Alvin, said Monday some questions have arisen about where the money for the projects came from.

Caldwell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the committee asked campus president Dr. William Amstead last March if state money was used for the projects.

"The president said in effect 'No,'" Caldwell said. "Those weren't his exact words, but that was the implication."

But Caldwell said he learned state funds may have been used following a talk with H.W. Hise, executive director of development at the West Texas campus.

"Substantial funds were used, as I understand it, at the direction of the president," Caldwell said. "Nobody knows how much."

But Amstead insisted Monday state money was not used in a manner it wasn't designed for.

"No funds appropriated for any other purpose were

wrongly diverted to the golf course construction," Amstead said. "All our accounts are periodically audited by the university and the state."

Caldwell asked Tom Keel, director of the Legislative Budget Board, to investigate the source of the money used for the projects and, if state funds were used, to find out if the University of Texas system can be held accountable for it.

"I'm concerned about being lied to, if it were, but I'm also concerned about the controls the UT system has over its people and expenditure of its funds," Caldwell said. "If what I've been told is true, they don't have any."

Caldwell said UT systems regent Frank C. Erwin Jr. told the appropriations committee the golf course was a makeshift course built by workers in a Youth Corps project for low income families.

Caldwell said Hise told him, however, an irrigation system was installed and the duck pond was dug out and lined with a plastic type material to prevent leaks. Hise was not available for confirmation.

Caldwell told Keel questions about the planning, development and financing of the two projects must be answered.

Uncle Says Sniper Is Crack Shot

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Hunter Barry Shirley liked to stalk game. He became a crack shot and his uncle said he could hit a bird in flight.

He was friendly and warm. He earned a degree in commercial art from Louisiana College at Pineville and then enlisted in the Air Force. He enjoyed his years in the service and was discharged two years ago.

The depression set in while Shirley, 26, was still in the service. He discovered he did not like himself and he sought psychiatric treatment. The doctors at the Veterans Administration hospital at North Little Rock thought he was making excellent progress. Everything seemed to be working out—until Sunday.

Then, Hunter Shirley, armed with a high-powered rifle, a shotgun and a pistol, braved freezing weather and climbed into an 80-foot tower overlooking a railroad bridge spanning the Arkansas River and started shooting.

Shirley held off police officers almost 10 hours, firing volleys of shots occasionally. Police Chief Gale F. Weeks tried to cajole him down with a bullhorn. His psychologist tried to talk him into giving up. Finally, Shirley shot himself.

He was reported in very serious condition today at the University of Arkansas Medical Center following surgery. He was under police guard, but no charges were filed against him.

"He's very friendly and warm and kind—a good guy," said Dr. Robert Kaye, a psychologist who treated Shirley at the Veterans Administration Hospital. "He was depressed last night."

Kaye said it was a general depression that bothered Shirley in the past. He said Shirley's problem was "related to a dislike about himself."

But, the doctor said, Shirley progressed since getting out of the hospital earlier in the year. "He was doing excellent," Kaye said.

Kaye kept in contact with Shirley since his release from the hospital.

"I had gone out to where he worked since he got out of the hospital to see how he was doing," Kaye said. "He had come by the hospital to tell us how great he was doing."

"I hope he will get some more treatment, go back out again and function in society."

He said Shirley's skill in shooting was a result of his hunting during his younger days.

"He liked hunting," Kaye said. "I wouldn't say that any of this came from his military stuff."

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The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 1974 with 21 to follow.
The moon is approaching its new phase.
The morning stars are Mercury, Mars and Saturn.
The evening stars are Venus and Jupiter.
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In 1898, Spain signed a treaty officially ending the Spanish-American War. It gave Guam, Puerto Rico and the Philippines to the United States.
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In 1971, the Senate confirmed President Nixon's nomination of William Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court.
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Copley News Service

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Too bad, for they miss a lot. Consider Lantau, for instance.
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You can reach Lantau Island aboard large ferriesboats in a matter of minutes. More fun, though, is on a tour aboard a junk. It takes a bit longer, but there usually are fewer passengers.
Too, it's a more fitting mode of transportation. Though today's junks are motorized and equipped with a bar, in design and feeling they are very much like their counterparts of a century ago and even earlier. Such a ride prepares you for Lantau: a tranquil mountainous island still in the 19th Century.

Broker Changes Stocks For Socks

By BRENT BOWERS
NEW YORK (UPI) — The decision to switch from selling stocks to washing socks came easy for Lawrence Hetherington.
"I worried so much about my customers, whether they'd make or lose money. I couldn't sleep at night," the former securities broker said as he folded shirts in his laundromat on Manhattan's West Side.

As a result, the slight, gray-haired Hetherington urged clients not to buy certain stocks and ended up losing money himself.
"Finally, I decided to go into my own business. It didn't really matter what, as long as I knew it couldn't hurt anybody," he said.
So when a friend offered early this year to sell his part-time laundry business, Hetherington didn't hesitate. He left his thick-carpeted office at the firm of Bache & Co., plunked down his savings, and went to work.

what? I sleep pretty good these days."
Whereas previously Hetherington puzzled over the comparative price-earnings ratios of blue chip stocks and wondered what direction the Dow Jones would take, now his main concern is how to fold "silky" garments.
"They just slide and come

unfolded, and my customers must wonder why I didn't do a better job," he said.
In general, however, Hetherington thinks his customers appreciate his performance and he says his trade is growing so fast he'll have to expand soon. "Hard work works," he said. "I believe if you want to be in a service business, you should give good service."
His former clients apparently thought highly of him too. Several have called him to ask for advice and urge him to return to his old job.

The Lighter Side

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The committee will come to order. Gentlemen, we have before us today the nomination of Kris Kringle, otherwise known as St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, to be Vice President of the United States.
"Please be seated, sir. We are delighted to have you here to clear up certain matters that have arisen with respect to your confirmation. Do you have a question, Senator Byrd?"
"Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Kringle, our records show that in the past 10 years you have given away more than 3 billion toys, dolls and other playthings to approximately 60 million good little girls and boys."
"This committee would like to know the circumstances under which these gifts were made."
"Certainly, senator. And may I say I appreciate the opportunity of coming

before you to answer certain allegations and insinuations, that have appeared in the media and elsewhere concerning my activities."
"First of all I would like to say I have never at any time given a good little boy or girl a toy with the expectation of receiving something in return."
"Occasionally, a boy or girl may leave a cookie or some other goodie for me on the mantelpiece. But since they are always in bed when I come down the chimney, there is no possibility of making any deals with them."
"I'm pleased to hear you say that, Mr. Kringle. But if you expected nothing substantial in return, why did you give away billions of toys?"
"I'll be glad to answer that, Senator. These gifts were given to encourage goodness among boys and girls, some of whom would not otherwise afford to be good."
"The thing that disturbs me, Mr. Kringle, is whether one man should be in the position of determining who has been naughty and who has been nice."
"Let me just say that these gifts represent only a small fraction of the production capacity of my family's top shop at the North Pole."
"When I give away 3 billion toys, it's like the average person giving some child a tricycle, an electric train or a white fur muff."
"I'm not questioning your right as a private citizen to give away toys. But as I see it, it wouldn't be proper for the vice president to be popping in and out of chimneys with a sack full of toys on his back."
"I understand your position, senator, and I pledge to this committee that if I am confirmed I will pack away my red suit and turn my reindeer out to pasture for the duration of my term."
"In that case, Mr. Chairman, I see no reason to further delay action on this appointment."

What does the broker-turned-soaker do in his spare time? "What spare time?" he asked, then admitted he sneaks away from his business every couple of weeks to watch the New York Jets football team in action. And sometimes, he added, he stops in at a bar after work. "Just so somebody'll wait on me for a change."
"I know too many investors who say 'never again,'" he said. "It'll be 15 years before we get a new generation of people who never got burned and see the stock market rising and decide they want a piece of it."
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Television In Review

By F.S. SWERTLOW
NEW YORK (UPI) — I sat in the dark recesses of a Broadway theater watching Elliott Gould dance across the brightly lit stage. He is a big man, yet his movements are as graceful as a matador's.
Then the lights were dimmed, and Elliott Gould walked off the stage and out of his makeup. Gone were the props and the words of others. He was alone, a naked actor without a script. Only then I realized how shy and desperate he was to be understood.
"I enjoy being shy," said Gould leaving the theater where he was preparing Tuesday night's ABC special: Out to Lunch. "I used to be embarrassed about being sensitive. Now, I'm more relaxed about it. I can live with it. I can be alone now."
"Many people think that just because you are shy you resent life. Life is being shy, and the world is growing up to that."
Talking to Gould is like waiting for Godot. Sometimes you understand him, sometimes you don't; but in the end, you come away feeling that he is still searching his mind for the meaning of life.
"You have to have patience with me," said the 36-year-old actor. "I put walls around me, but you can get through. I don't want to open myself up. It hurts. I can't take a gift unless I give one. Taking a gift means responsibility."
Gould's casual and amiable portraits of frustrated men cast adrift in the tensions of modern society have made him one of Hollywood's top stars. At one point, he had a splash of hits, including "M-A-S-H," and "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice."
But then Gould found he was mentally unable to continue the film, "A Glimpse of a Tiger."
Two years later, Gould was back at work in Robert Altman's "The Long Goodbye," an iconoclastic look at Raymond Chandler's gumshoe, Phillip Marlowe.
Since then, he's been working steadily in films. His ABC special is his first TV show since 1964. It's about a day ABC's bosses go to lunch, and the network is taken over by the characters in "Sesame Street" and "The Electric Co."



Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11
Your birthday today: The first three-quarters of your year are spent searching for a more practical life-style. An abrupt, positive solution is promised in the final quarter. Relationships are tested; significant ties prove themselves through day-to-day experience. Today's natives are independent, aggressive and willing to differ with the establishment.
Aries [March 21-April 19]: Complete whatever can be in the morning. You are restless in afternoon and evening and tempted to pull things apart. Put off travel.
Taurus [April 20-May 20]: It's a great day for spotting discrepancies, finding fault in others, but not one for holding back impulses and anger. Leave your loose cash in safe places.
Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Opinions clash; everyone considers only their own interests. If you can "sit this day out," you'll be way ahead of the game. Hold your temper tonight.
Cancer [June 21-July 22]: It's normal to have extra work thrust upon you. Perform routines that require no decisions or cooperation. Avoid anything mechanical or electrical.
Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Sudden hunches are no basis for settling issues today. Listen carefully for details without making commitments. Be considerate of your loved ones.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Make any decisions early and let them stand despite later impulses to change your mind. Be tactful even though others disagree.
Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Neighborly comments provoke bickering and worse if you don't respond or intervene. People don't always understand what you mean.
Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Stay away from gambling or enterprises with close collaboration. Take the afternoon off for your own private "think session."
Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Express your personal initiative subtly. Fill in vital details of your plans. An odd fact discovered today changes your outlook.
Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: You have a chance to find some previously hidden information by being discreet and attentively listening. Mind your own business.
Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Your temptation to tell everyone else what to do can get you into hot water with your friends today, but they're likely to try advising you as well. Patience!
Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Don't rush into anything in work or home life. Let others take the lead and also the responsibility for their decisions.

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More than four million people pack both the streets and the steep hills of Hong Kong Island, all 30 square miles of it. Trackless thousands are "boat" folk whose homes are sampans or junks. Lantau, on the other hand, is twice as big but home to less than 20,000 souls. Another world, yet only eight miles west of Hong Kong.

You can reach Lantau Island aboard large ferryboats in a matter of minutes. More fun, though, is on a tour aboard a junk. It takes a bit longer, but there usually are fewer passengers.

Too, it's a more fitting mode of transportation. Though today's junks are motorized and equipped with a bar, in design and feeling they are very much like their counterparts of a century ago and even earlier. Such a ride prepares you for Lantau: a tranquil mountainous island still in the 19th Century.

Broker Changes Stocks For Socks

By BRENT BOWERS
NEW YORK (UPI) — The decision to switch from selling stocks to washing socks came easy for Lawrence Hetherington.

"I worried so much about my customers, whether they'd make or lose money. I couldn't sleep at night," the former securities broker said as he folded shirts in his laundromat on Manhattan's West Side.

the promise to wash, dry, fold and package all their dirty clothes for 15 cents a pound.

"It's not quite the same as trading in securities, but it's an honest living," Hetherington, 44, said, pausing to light up a little cigar. "I work 75 hours a week and I go home exhausted. But you know

what? I sleep pretty good these days."

Whereas previously Hetherington puzzled over the comparative price-earnings ratios of blue chip stocks and wondered what direction the Dow Jones would take, now his main concern is how to fold "silky" garments.

"They just slide and come

unfolded, and my customers must wonder why I didn't do a better job," he said.

In general, however, Hetherington thinks his customers appreciate his performance and he says his trade is growing so fast he'll have to expand soon. "Hard work works," he said. "I believe if you want to be in a service business, you should give good service."

His former clients apparently thought highly of him too. Several have called him to ask for advice and urge him to return to his old job.

"No way," is his answer. "I still see some of my former colleagues and I think I can sum up their mood pretty well: Gloom and doom."

However, unlike some economists, Hetherington does not believe a depression is imminent. The government, he says, "pumps too much money into the economy for a repeat of 1929."

On the other hand, brokers who are hoping that the general public will start buying stocks again soon are off base, in his opinion.

"I know too many investors who say 'never again,'" he said. "It'll be 15 years before we get a new generation of people who never got burned and see the stock market rising and decide they want a piece of it."

What does the broker-turned-soaker do in his spare time? "What spare time?" he asked, then admitted he sneaks away from his business every couple of weeks to watch the New York Jets football team in action. And sometimes, he added, he stops in at a bar after work, "just so somebody'll wait on me for a change."

The Lighter Side

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — "The committee will come to order. Gentlemen," we have before us today the nomination of Kris Kringle, otherwise known as St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, to be Vice President of the United States.

"Please be seated, sir. We are delighted to have you here to clear up certain matters that have arisen with respect to your confirmation. Do you have a question, Senator Byrd?"

"Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Kringle, our records show that in the past 10 years you have given away more than 3 billion toys, dolls and other playthings to approximately 60 million good little girls and boys.

before you to answer certain allegations and insinuations, that have appeared in the media and elsewhere concerning my activities."

"First of all I would like to say I have never at any time given a good little boy or girl a toy with the expectation of receiving something in return."

"Occasionally, a boy or girl may leave a cookie or some other goodie for me on the mantelpiece. But since they are always in bed when I come down the chimney, there is no possibility of making any deals with them."

"I'm pleased to hear you say that, Mr. Kringle. But if you expected nothing substantial in return, why did you give away billions of toys?"

"I'll be glad to answer that, Senator. These gifts were given to encourage goodness among boys and girls, some of whom would not otherwise afford to be good."

"The thing that disturbs me, Mr. Kringle, is whether one man should be in the position of determining who has been naughty and who has been nice."

"Let me just say that these gifts represent only a small fraction of the production capacity of my family's top shop at the North Pole."

"When I give away 3 billion toys, it's like the average person giving some child a tricycle, an electric train or a white fur muff."

"I'm not questioning your right as a private citizen to give away toys. But as I see it, it wouldn't be proper for the vice president to be popping in and out of chimneys with a sack full of toys on his back."

"I understand your position, senator, and I pledge to this committee that if I am confirmed I will pack away my red suit and turn my reindeer out to pasture for the duration of my term."

"In that case, Mr. Chairman, I see no reason to further delay action on this appointment."

As a result, the slight, grayhaired Hetherington urged clients not to buy certain stocks and ended up losing money himself.

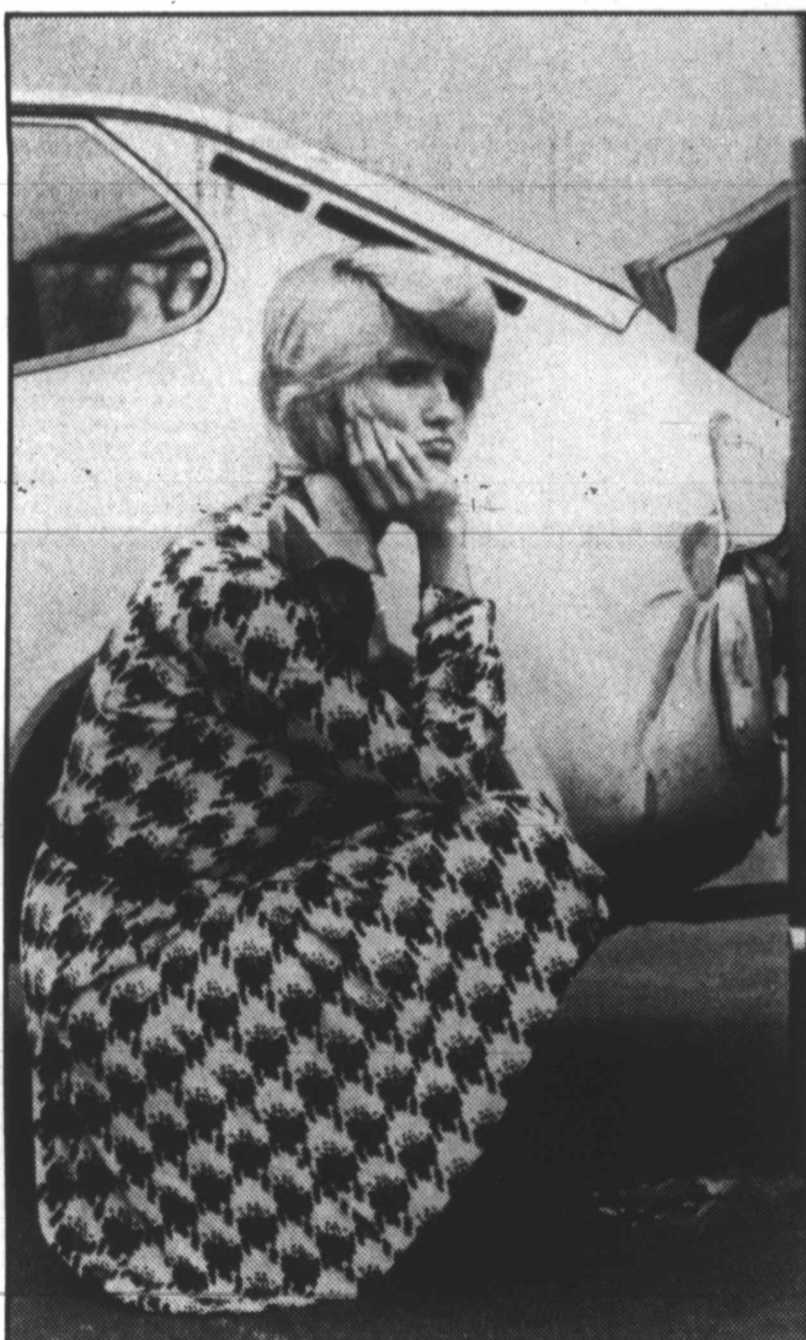
"Finally, I decided to go into my own business, it didn't really matter what, as long as I knew it couldn't hurt anybody," he said.

So when a friend offered early this year to sell his part-time laundry business, Hetherington didn't hesitate. He left his thick-carpeted office at the firm of Bache & Co., plunked down his savings, and went to work.

Immediately, he transformed the business into a full-time, one-man operation, keeping it open nearly 12 hours a day and greeting housewives, construction workers, office clerks and even an actor and a novelist at his door with

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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11
Your birthday today: The first three-quarters of your year are spent searching for a more practical lifestyle. An abrupt, positive solution is promised in the final quarter. Relationships are tested; significant proves themselves through day-to-day experience. Today's natives are independent, aggressive and willing to differ with the establishment.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Complete whatever can be in the morning. You are restless in afternoon and evening and tempted to pull things apart. Put off travel.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: It's a great day for spotting discrepancies, finding fault in others, but not one for holding back impulses and anger. Leave your loose cash in safe places.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Opinions clash; everyone considers only their own interests. If you can "sit this day out," you'll be way ahead of the game. Hold your temper tonight.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: It's normal to have extra work thrust upon you. Perform routines that require no decisions or cooperation. Avoid anything mechanical or electrical.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Sudden hunches are no basis for settling issues today. Listen carefully for details without making commitments. Be considerate of your loved ones.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Make any decisions early and let them stand despite later impulses to change your mind. Be tactful even though others disagree.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Neighborly comments provoke bickering and worse if you don't respond or intervene. People don't always understand what you mean.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Stay away from gambling or enterprises with close collaboration. Take the afternoon off for your own private "think session."

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Express your personal initiative subtly. Fill in vital details of your plans. An odd fact discovered today changes your outlook.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: You have a chance to find some previously hidden information by being discreet and attentively listening. Mind your own business.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Your temptation to tell everyone else what to do can get you into hot water with your friends today, but they're likely to try advising you as well. Patience!

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Don't rush into anything in work or home life. Let others take the lead and also the responsibility for their decisions.

Television In Review

By F.S. SWERTLOW
NEW YORK (UPI) — I sat in the dark recesses of a Broadway theater watching Elliott Gould dance across the brightly lit stage. He is a big man, yet his movements are as graceful as a matador's.

Then the lights were dimmed, and Elliott Gould walked off the stage and out of his makeup. Gone were the props and the words of others. He was alone, a naked actor without a script. Only then I realized how shy and desperate he was to be understood.

"I enjoy being shy," said Gould leaving the theater where he was preparing Tuesday night's ABC special: "Out to Lunch." "I used to be embarrassed about being sensitive. Now, I'm more relaxed about it. I can live with it. I can be alone now."

"Many people think that just because you are shy you resent life. Life is being shy, and the world is growing up to that."

Talking to Gould is like waiting for Godot. Sometimes you understand him, sometimes you don't; but in the end, you come away feeling that he is still searching his mind for the meaning of life.

"You have to have patience with me," said the 36-year-old actor. "I put walls around me, but you can get through. I don't want to open myself up. It hurts. I can't take a gift unless I give one. Taking a gift means responsibility."

Gould's casual and amiable portraits of frustrated men cast adrift in the tensions of modern society have made him one of Hollywood's top stars. At one point, he had a splash of hits, including "M-A-S-H," and "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice."

But then Gould found he was mentally unable to continue the film, "A Glimpse of a Tiger."

Two years later, Gould was back at work in Robert Altman's "The Long Goodbye," an iconoclastic look at Raymond Chandler's gumshoe, Phillip Marlowe.

Since then, he's been working steadily in films. His ABC special is his first TV show since 1964. It's about a day ABC's bosses go to lunch, and the network is taken over by the characters in "Sesame Street" and "The Electric Co."

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Austrian composer, died in Vienna at age 35 on Dec. 5, 1791.

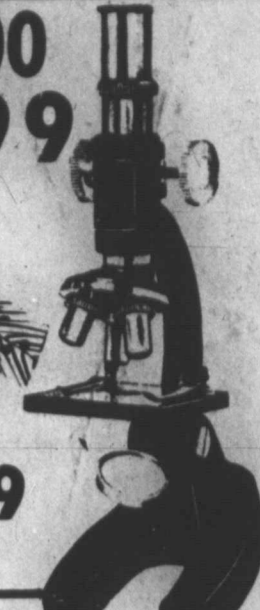


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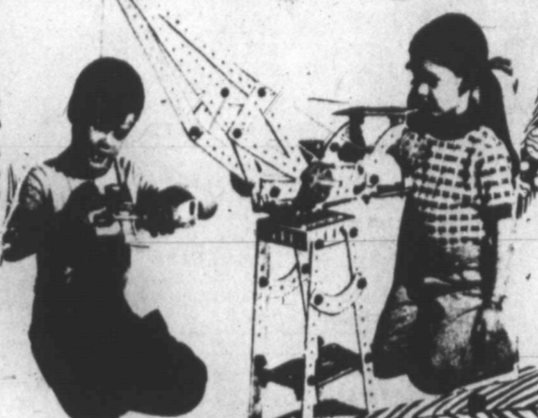
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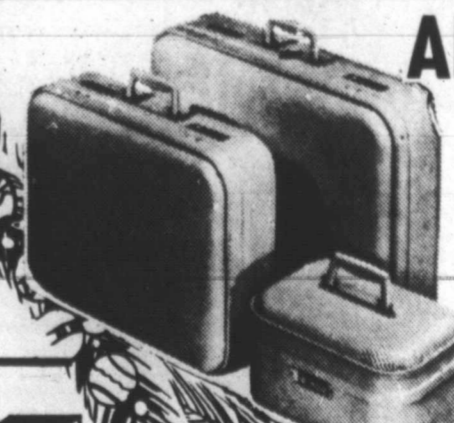


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