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Food prices down; earnings up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first decline in food prices in eight months helped hold the over-all rise in consumer prices in November to three-tenths of a per cent, the same as in October, the government said today.

At the same time, the government said real spendable earnings — a worker's take-home pay after adjustment for taxes and inflation — increased eight-tenths of a per cent in November, the biggest monthly increase in buying power in more than a year.

The Labor Department said that for the 12-month period ending in November, consumer prices increased only 5 per cent, the smallest 12-month gain in more than three years.

The favorable inflation report was certain to be welcomed by economists in both the Ford and incoming Carter administrations as confirmation of their belief that inflation will not get out of hand again in the near future.

The Consumer Price Index stood at 173.8 last month, meaning that a marketbasket

of goods costing \$100 in 1967 now cost \$173.80.

Over-all food prices declined two-tenths of a per cent in November. The department's index of mortgage interest rates fell 2.1 per cent, while household services costs were down one-tenth of a per cent, the first decline in that category since early 1971.

The Labor Department said the prices of a large number of grocery items fell during the month, led by fresh vegetables, down 6.5 per cent; pork, down 3.1 per cent; and dairy products, which declined for the first time since early this year.

Some of the wholesale price hikes eventually will be reflected in higher consumer prices, but possibly not all.

For example, the recent move by some auto makers to give \$200 rebates to consumers for purchases of some autos is reflected in the Consumer Price Index, but not the wholesale index.

The wholesale index has been criticized in recent months because it is based on list or official prices. Discounts and re-

bates are not reflected, even though they are the actual prices paid by buyers.

Economists still aren't sure of the impact on the economy of two major price developments in recent weeks.

The most important of these is the increase in the world price of oil by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Although dissent in OPEC caused a two-tiered price increase — 5 per cent by some and 10 per cent by others, effective Jan. 1 — the result likely will be some increase in prices at the gas pump and in other energy prices.

The second price increase, whose impact is still to be felt by consumers, is the 6 per cent hike in some steel prices. The increase is for steel used in autos and appliances, which eventually will push up prices of these goods if the steel increases hold.

It is estimated that the higher steel price tag will increase auto makers' costs by \$25 per car.



Welcome, winter

The legendary lone star shines through a symbolic remnant of the Old West as winter officially arrives. Despite the fact that today is traditionally the first day of winter, the sun shines over most of Texas.

Conditions are different in the Great Lakes and New England areas, however; snow, ice, and frigid winds are ushering in the new season there.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

Campbell calls regents spineless

By PAUL SIMS

Pampa News Sports Editor

CANYON — Jim Campbell, business manager of the West Texas State University athletic department, may, along with several coaches, be minus a job soon, depending on action taken by WTSU's board of regents, a board he calls "spineless."

The regents met Monday and appointed a committee which will study the feasibility of eliminating football at the school or curtailing the overall athletic program. The board also discussed financial problems of the athletic department for five hours Monday in executive session after meeting for four hours last week.

The status of Gene Mayfield, athletic director and head football coach, was discussed at both meetings.

Campbell, who says the regents have "blown matters out of proportion," is upset at the board's official statement of Monday's session, a statement he calls "a cop-out."

The statement read in full:

"In light of the fact that West Texas State University may be facing a deficit in the athletic department for the school year 1977-78 in the approximate sum of \$300,000; and because the Board of Regents does not have a solution that would allow the present athletic program to be continued; and in view of the fact that West Texas State University must, in all probability, eliminate the football program or drastically reduce the overall athletic program; and because a decision on whether or not West Texas State University will have any football program might settle the question of the athletic administration.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the chairman of the board of regents appoint a committee to meet, investigate and recommend back to the Board of Regents by the 18th day of January, 1977, the course of action that would cause the least amount of harm to West Texas State University, its students, athletes, and coaches."

Campbell accused the board of refusing to take direct action on Mayfield.

"I think it's a cop-out on the regents' part by not making a decision. They're putting the bead on Gene's back with their decision that it would solve the administration's problem. We don't have an administration problem in athletics — the problem comes through the administration," Campbell said.

"Personally, in my opinion, it's a technique the regents are using to not have to make the decision on Gene Mayfield. I really believe it's a cop-out."

Campbell added that the overall administration at West Texas State hasn't always been a problem. "The old board of regents wasn't spineless," he said.

The possible \$300,000 deficit is linked to a legislative proposal — a rider attached to an appropriations bill. The bill, expected to pass early next year, would spell an end to paying coaches' salaries out of state-supplied instructional funds to Texas' colleges and universities.

Most of West Texas State's coaches get three-fourths of their yearly salary from instructional funds and about 25 per cent from the school's athletic funds.

"It's getting out of proportion," Campbell said. "You can work with statistics and turn them around any way you want to. They (the regents) are getting ahead of themselves."

Campbell said the athletic department is in good shape financially, in spite of the regents' contention.

"Because of our radio and television coverage, we got \$65,000 more from Missouri Valley Conference television, which makes the total revenue from the football program this year \$365,000. That's directly from football alone. Football expenditures this year will be approximately \$364,000."

"It'll be a balanced budget and this does not

include the \$125,000 that was raised (through contributions) last year ... If everyone stays within their budget in the total athletic program, then at the end of this fiscal year (Aug. 31, 1977), we'll show a surplus of \$40,000, counting the contributions."

Campbell said the regents "are running scared of this legislation."

The regents, Campbell said, "are putting the bead on Gene Mayfield's back. Gene Mayfield was brought in here after Joe Kerbel was fired because the athletic program was in excess of \$300,000 in debt."

"They brought Gene Mayfield in to balance the athletic department's debts. Gene Mayfield, with inflation staring him in the face and also adding seven women's sports, has brought the budget this year to plus \$40,000, and that's what he was brought in here to do."

"And he still has put a fairly respectable team on the field — they haven't blown anybody out but they've been under the 50 per cent margin. He's really been under fire for two years."

And, Campbell said, Mayfield has trimmed the deficit despite a handicap.

"We have a distortion of the chain of command here. Gene Mayfield has been severely handicapped because the chain of command is not intact. For example, the basketball department does not even have to report to Gene Mayfield; they report to the president."

"It has all resulted from a weak administrator (Dr. Lloyd Watkins, WTSU president). It's pretty evident because the chief administrator of this university cannot go directly to the department head and say this is the way it's going to be. He has to stick an intermediary in there and have him do his dirty work for him."

The "intermediary" is Jack Bullock, the assistant to the president for intercollegiate athletics, a man that "I can't even tell you what his job is," Campbell said.

The Board of Regents was warned that WTSU would have a huge financial problem in athletics, the business manager said.

"When the old administration left over three years ago, they pointed out the fact that there would be a problem in the area of funding but it could be resolved if they started working on it then. To this day, they have not sat down and said, 'Hey, let's look this over and come up with a solution we can work on.' Instead, it's all been negative."

So negative, in fact, that Campbell said he may quit his job even if he isn't asked to leave.

"Whether they drop athletics or not, there's a hangover if I'll stay anyway, because of the administration. If they drop athletics, I'll probably go back into my private business — I have investments back in Odessa."

The regents' committee consists of Jack Shelton of Amarillo, James Lovell of Dumas, Wallace Harrell of Gonzales and T.L. Roach of Amarillo.

Asked whether the statement released Monday by the regents implies that Mayfield will be fired if football isn't dropped, Roach said, "I wouldn't want to comment on that. Those things were discussed in the executive session and I don't feel free to talk about personalities."

Campbell's criticism included a remark about the Amarillo newspaper, which he said has printed only the regents' side.

"Yes, it has irritated me, they're printing just the regents' statements. I think it's been one-sided. They haven't heard the athletic department's side, just the administration's side."

And the regents aren't hearing Campbell's side, he said.

"They won't talk to me; I have no idea why. There's only three regents that talk to me."

Other regents include Dick Todd of Crowell, Wayne Harrell of Gonzales, Irby Carruth of Canyon, Don Curry of Fort Worth, Dee Osborne of Houston and Mrs. B.M. Sims of Wellington.

Daley death stuns Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — His bodyguards wept, his city was stunned, and his fellow national leaders expressed grief at the death of Mayor Richard Joseph Daley, lord of a political fiefdom whose likes may never be seen again.

The nation's most powerful mayor, last of the big-city political bosses, who cultivated family, love and, above all, party loyalty, died Monday at 74 of a heart attack in his doctor's office.

Within hours, while his body was being prepared to lie in state today, leaders of the city's aldermen met in his fifth floor City Hall office to probe Chicago's future leadership.

State law provides that the City Council, long a rubber stamp for Daley, select one of its own as mayor until a special election is held within six months.

But Chicago also has "home rule" under the Illinois Constitution and, conceivably, could change the procedure, legal officials said.

Until some action is taken, Ald. Wilson Frost, council president pro tem, may become acting mayor — the first black to assume the post in the city's history.

Possible permanent successors include Ald. Michael Bilandic, from Daley's own

ward, Ald. Edward Vrdolyak, from a Southeast Side ward, and the late mayor's son, Richard, now a state senator.

Daley's body was to lie in state from noon to 8 p.m. today at The Nativity of Our Lord Church in the mayor's Bridgeport neighborhood, where he took daily Communion and from which both his parents were buried. Parish Secretary Shirley Connors said visitors would be allowed to pass by to pay respects, but would not be permitted to sit down. A Mass was planned for Wednesday.

Daley had gone to see his personal physician, Dr. Thomas Coogan Jr., for a regularly scheduled visit, complaining of chest pains. Coogan ordered an electrocardiogram, confirmed an irregular heart beat and left his office to make emergency arrangements at a nearby hospital.

Daley telephoned one of his seven children, Michael. He apparently concluded the conversation and then collapsed.

Coogan, paramedics and doctors from Northwestern Memorial Hospital tried desperately for nearly two hours to revive Daley as family members recited

the Rosary in his office.

Daley was pronounced dead at 3:40 p.m., CST, and a rule that spanned three decades ended in a breathless last hurrah.

Eulogies poured in. President Ford, vacationing in Vail, Colo., called Daley "a towering figure on the American scene." President-elect Carter said he was "deeply saddened" by the death of "a great and good friend to me and a great Democratic leader."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., whose brother, John, received both Daley's blessings and the votes from Chicago that gave him Illinois in his 1960 presidential victory, called Daley "one of America's greatest mayors."

James R. Thompson, a Republican who beat Daley's handpicked candidate for governor on Nov. 2, said "a part of Chicago died." Thompson, as U.S. prosecutor, jailed several of Daley's cronies for official corruption.

New York Mayor Abraham Beame, struck a theme common among many big-city mayors, saying Daley's death "marks the passing of one of the strongest, best-known mayors of this century."

Word of Daley's death was slow in coming, the uncertainty reminiscent of the stroke he suffered in May 1974. He required surgery at the time but went on to win an unprecedented sixth term as mayor. At that time, friends and foes alike concurred he'd have the job as long as he lived.

Richard Joseph Daley was born May 5, 1902, the son of Michael Daley, a sheetmetal worker born in County Wexford, Ireland. He grew up in a small apartment in the heavily Irish and political neighborhood where he lived most of his life.

He married a girl he met at a softball game, Eleanor "Sis" Guilfoyle. As a teen-ager, Daley worked briefly in the Chicago Union Stockyards, but he soon plunged into the political life of the 11th Ward. He became a precinct captain and then Secretary to a powerful alderman.

He worked at City Hall while attending De Paul University law school at night.

In 1936, Daley ran as a Republican write-in candidate for state representative — and won. When he got to Springfield, he sat with the Democrats.

Telephone rates drop today

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's new rates, which lower one party residence service and business service, but increase the cost of some long distance rates, went into effect today.

The primary decrease for the Pampa area means that telephone company patrons will pay \$5.25 monthly instead of \$6.25 for one-party residence lines, and \$11.25 instead of \$13.50 for one-party business lines.

However extensions will cost more — increasing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per month.

Also included in the new rates are a plan to charge for excessive calls to directory assistance; new methods of charging for installation, moves

and changes of telephone service; a statewide 20-cent rate for coin telephone calls; a uniform extension telephone rate and higher charges on most intrastate long distance calls.

Under the directory assistance charging plan, customers will pay 20 cents for each call to directory assistance — after the first 10 calls per month. Visually or physically handicapped customers will be exempt from the charge, as will calls from coin telephones and hospitals.

The directory assistance charging plan, however, does not go into effect until Jan. 7.

Charges for moving, rearranging and installing telephones will be based on a

five-element charging plan. The maximum charge for installation of one new residential telephone under the plan would be \$30; the maximum charge for the installation of one new business phone would be \$48.25.

Changes in long distance rates include:

- Lower rates for the initial minute on many customer dialed long distance calls.
- A reduced number of applicable rate steps from 18 to 10.
- Increased rates for additional minutes on some long distance calls.

Officials said the restructuring will give Texas

customers more control over their long distance costs. The most notable reductions are on the initial minute rates for short distance toll calls, those from 1 to 57 miles, and on intrastate toll calls of more than 133 miles.

Charges are also reduced for additional minutes on intrastate long distance calls of less than 22 miles.

Officials said the reductions will allow Texas customers to save money, since 25 per cent of all Texas intrastate long distance calls last less than one minute, and about two-thirds of all intrastate long distance calls will experience reduced initial minute rates.

Charges are increased for the

initial three-minute period for intrastate operator handled long distance calls, reflecting the greater expense to the company of providing this service, and for additional minutes on all intrastate long distance calls of more than 22 miles.

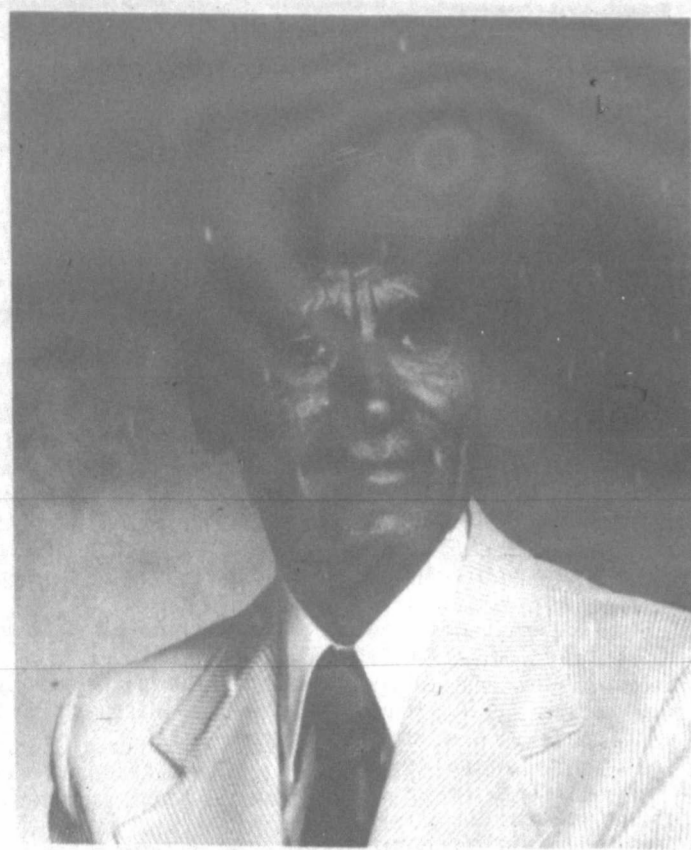
The Public Utilities Commission issued an order Monday implementing all the new rates, except for those for information calls.

The effective date of the order was immediately. But the telephone company gave notice it wants a rehearing on the order which gives "a net increase of \$7.8 million, compared with the \$29.3 million it requested."

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Paden retires

L.B. "Bill" Paden assistant district gas production superintendent for the Oil and Gas Division of Cabot Corporation, retired from the company effective December 1. Paden had 41 years of service. His career with Cabot began on May 27, 1935, at Cabot Shops, Inc. His other early service with Cabot was at the Armstrong Plant, Bowers Plant, the Keystone Gas Department and the West Texas Gas Department in Kermit, Texas, and in the Gas Department located in Pampa. In 1944, Paden was transferred to Guymon, Oklahoma, as field superintendent over drilling and pipeline work when Cabot began drilling operations in Texas County, Oklahoma. From Guymon, he returned to Pampa as assistant general superintendent of the oil and gas department, and at the time of his retirement he was assistant district superintendent in charge of gas production and gas transmission. Paden and his wife, the former Juanita Henson, live at 2017 Mary Ellen. They have three daughters; Sally Brewton of Los Alamos, N.M., Suzanne Hylton of Elk City, Okla., and Nita Paden of Garland, Tex.

FBI veteran says Oswald by himself

DALLAS (AP) — Robert P. Gemberling, who directed the FBI investigation of the 1963 John F. Kennedy assassination, says the current U.S. House investigation into the killing is "a waste of time and money." Gemberling is scheduled to retire in two weeks and will embark on a series of lecture tours to try to convince people that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone and there was no conspiracy. "The 33-year FBI veteran said in Dallas this week he is convinced that Oswald, the man the Warren Commission said fired the shots that killed President Kennedy, acted alone. "I am so convinced and I feel that any other person, anybody with average intelligence, if he's seen as much of the investigation as I have, there is no other way he can reach any other conclusion," he said. Gemberling said he has some qualms about the new investigation to be carried out by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and added he sees more problems for the FBI during the investigation. "I hope they do it completely independently," he said. "If there is to be an investigation, I hope they don't come to the bureau and say, 'what do you have on this?' because somebody searching the files may miss something. And when it comes out later, they may say, 'we asked you for everything and you didn't give it to us.'" Gemberling, who was in charge of the investigation in Dallas, says he has written 31 different reports, some of them as long as 500 pages, and hundreds of memos about different aspects of the case. Gemberling says he intends to lecture on his conviction that there was no conspiracy involved although he is aware he will have trouble getting people to believe him because of "the way our society reacts to the FBI today." But, he adds, "I can't believe that anybody could sit with me for long without me being able to refute a lot of things they might say. If you extract the politics out of it and you use common sense, you're gonna come up with a lot of the same answers that I did." Gemberling admits that there were some things that should not have been done by the investigators in the Dallas bureau. He referred to a note that Oswald left in the FBI bureau in Dallas two weeks before the assassination threatening the agents. He said Oswald's presence in the FBI office in Dallas was a rebuttal to rumors that Oswald was a paid informant. "Do you suppose we're gonna have some guy come in threatening our agents if he is a paid informant?" he asked.

Rape charges filed Monday against Pampan

Charges of rape were filed Monday afternoon against a 23-year-old Pampa black male. Charles Alonza Johnson was in Gray County jail this morning in lieu of \$25,000 bond set by Justice of Peace Nat Lunsford. The incident allegedly occurred about 3 a.m. Sunday, southwest of Lefors. Johnson is charged with raping a 20-year-old white female. Deputy Sheriff Randal Nichols said officers began looking for Johnson as soon as the incident was reported. He was located Monday afternoon and arrested in the 100 block of West Foster after he allegedly registered in a local motel under an assumed name.

P.R. Jones pleads case

Paul Russell Jones, 46, of Pampa, pleaded no contest to a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$200 and 30 days jail probated to six months unsupervised probation.

Carter flinches at 'rookie'

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter looked just a bit uneasy the night a fellow Democrat declared that it was no time to put rookies in charge of the government. After all, Carter, then a candidate, was something of a rookie himself.

That comment about putting rookies in charge of the government came from Michael J. Howlett, the Democratic nominee for governor of Illinois, who eventually lost to Republican James R. Thompson.

Howlett was talking about putting Thompson, a rookie, in charge of the government of Illinois when he made the remark at a Democratic convention in Chicago during the fall campaign.

But Carter had been campaigning as a non-Washington candidate, a government outsider, if not a rookie.

Furthermore, he had said he meant to install a new generation of leaders in top positions of the government if he became president.

But President-elect Carter evidently sees the merits of seasoning, seniority and experience now that he is selecting a cabinet.

He made that clear on Monday in dealing with the question of an enlarged role for blacks and for women, saying it will take time to develop a larger pool of

An AP news analysis

qualified minority candidates for cabinet-level posts. So far, the choices Carter has made are very much in the tradition set by newly elected presidents of both parties.

There are veterans of past administrations, like Secretary of State-designate Cyrus R. Vance. There are long-time personal associates like Griffin Bell,

who will be attorney general. There is a woman for the Commerce Department, just as there is now a woman at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A black, Mayor Kenneth Gibson of Newark, may take over the latter agency. A black, Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr., serves in the Ford Cabinet.

Two of the men Carter had been considering for cabinet duty are men who served in President Ford's Cabinet.

While Carter is continuing the appointment process, the pattern is evident, and it is a traditional pattern. He comes to office committed to a change in policy, but his appointments seem to indicate continuity as well, for many of his nominees were seasoned in the last two Democratic administrations.

As a candidate, Carter had said his inclination would be to install a new generation of leaders — rookies if you will.

It isn't turning out that way.

Bell decision stirs blacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The selection by President-elect Carter of Atlanta lawyer Griffin E. Bell as his attorney general is spurring statements of regret and alarm from the Congressional Black Caucus and from top NAACP officials.

Some black leaders who said Bell was not acceptable were

making their first public criticism of Carter or his appointments. They said they found it hard to credit Carter's statement that after an intense, nationwide search, the best qualified individual he could find for attorney general was a long-time friend who supported G. Harrold Carswell's nomination

to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970.

Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP national board, said she sent a telegram to Carter urging him not to name Bell, whose appointment, she said, would be "keenly resented by those of us deeply involved in the civil rights move-

ment and concerned about the role of the court in securing and protecting the rights of black Americans."

The Black Caucus sent Carter a telegram noting "the growing feeling of uneasiness and concern across the nation... and the development of some frustration," according to Rep. J. Parren Mitchell, D-Md.

Both blacks and women's groups were part of the coalition Carter assembled to defeat President Ford. In return for their support, he promised to oust a previous administration in appointing blacks and women to policy-making positions.

Carter thus far has announced 11 major appoint-

ments, including seven cabinet jobs, the ambassador to the United Nations, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and the head of the Office of Management and Budget. One appointee has been a black — U.N. Ambassador-designate Andrew Young. Juanita Kreps became the first female when she was named secretary of commerce on Monday.

Feminists said they were pleased, but not satisfied, by Carter's choice of Mrs. Kreps. Her appointment "is not enough," said Jane McMichael, head of the National Women's Political Caucus.

A firefly is really a light-producing beetle.

Gilmore won't block death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Condemned killer Gary Gilmore will not seek release on a legal technicality but will wait until death penalty opponents make a move to block his Jan. 17 date with a five-member firing squad, his attorney says.

Gilmore was returned to a maximum security cell at the Utah State Prison on Monday after a brief stay at the prison's infirmary where he was recuperating from a second drug overdose in as many months.

Warden Samuel Smith said changes have been made to prevent similar overdose in-

cidents. Previously, Gilmore had had contact with other inmates and was checked every 30 minutes. Now, Gilmore is guarded continuously and is separated from other inmates by vacant cells, Smith said.

In both overdose incidents, the 36-year-old inmate was found unconscious in maximum security during morning checks.

Gilmore's attorney Ronald Stanger said his client has decided not to file a writ of habeas corpus in federal court seeking his release because he was not executed within the 30-60 days from sentencing required by Utah law.

Stanger quoted Gilmore as saying, "I want to wait and see what anyone else does," referring to attempts to stay his execution.

The attorney also quoted Gilmore as saying, "I'm looking forward to the 17th and wish it were here quicker." Over Gilmore's protests, two other execution dates were delayed by stays.

Earlier, Stanger had said Gilmore wanted the writ filed because he didn't want to wait another month for the execution. A similar writ of habeas corpus was rejected by Utah's 4th District Court last week.

Eagles' Gay stabbed, dies

BLACKWOOD, N.J. (AP) — "My wife stabbed me. I am bleeding. Please send help." Blenda Gay told a telephone operator. Moments later, the Philadelphia Eagles' defensive end was dead.

The 27-year-old Gay made the call Monday morning to a Camden County emergency telephone number. The operator recorded the message, then notified police and an ambulance.

Gloucester Township police found Gay, a five-year veteran of the National Football League, in his two-bedroom apartment with his throat slashed. Authorities said he was stabbed in his sleep with an eight-inch kitchen knife.

His wife, Rosanne, 25, was arraigned Monday on a general charge of homicide at a 10-min-

ute hearing before Judge Peter Corrucci. She was jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

The Camden County prosecutor's office said the degree of the homicide charge would be determined after an investigation. Mrs. Gay also was charged with atrocious assault and battery, police said.

The couple's 3-year-old daughter, Fonda, was in the apartment when the stabbing took place, police said.

Hugh Kelly, the Gloucester Township public safety director, said "there was a history of domestic problems in the family." Kelly said police visited the Gay apartment several times, the last time on Saturday.

Police Chief Seth Stichler said, however, "There's nothing

which indicates a brawl took place."

Mrs. Gay's attorney, Jeffrey Miller, said Gay "physically abused" his client. In her statement to police, Mrs. Gay reportedly said she was afraid of her husband.

News of the 6-foot-5, 225-pound lineman's death sent shock waves through the Eagle organization.

Coach Dick Vermeil said, "It's a tragic thing. Here's a young guy with everything going for him and he's gone. He didn't have a great deal of talent, but he gave you everything he had."

Gay was originally signed by the Oakland Raiders in 1972. He also was with the New York Jets and the San Diego Chargers.

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Half school taxes collected

By JANE P. MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees Monday night shelved a proposition to buy 12 sewing machines for the high and junior high schools.

The request was to spend \$2,960. But board members decided, after lengthy discussion, to table action so they could study a five-year plan to replace all the school machines and could examine the over-all sewing program.

The tabling passed unanimously.

After an executive session in Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, the board:

- 1 - approved a leave of absence for temporary

disability for Cleona Sears for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Sears is in Highland General Hospital.

- 2 - hired Donnie Cain to fill Mrs. Sears position to teach junior high social studies and to be assistant basketball coach.

Pampa school board meets

- 3 - denied a request from Mrs. Dianna Boher to resign. She teaches Spanish at Houston Middle School and Paul Simmons, board president, said the school did not have a

qualified replacement. He added that the board policy states that resignations will not be accepted after the school year begins.

In executive session, the board evaluated the superintendent, Bob Phillips, who was hired this summer.

"He is one of the most open superintendents we've had and he works with us well," Simmons reported.

Phillips' contract is up for renewal in January.

Nearly \$1.5 million has been collected by the Pampa Independent School District in taxes for 1976-77, according to business manager Dwain Walker.

He reported to the board that the figure represents 48 per cent

of the total taxes.

The board accepted the 1976-77 tax roll as approved by the Board of Equalization. The amount, \$1,984,165, represents 60 per cent of the market value and will yield \$3,214,212.25 in taxes to run local schools.

The figure, Walker said, does not include levies on Northern Natural and El Paso Natural gas companies. The two have filed suit against the school district.

Litigation is expected to continue into spring.

On Dec. 7, Transwestern Pipeline Company joined the suit.

In other business, a two-year extension of the contract to Pritchard - Abbot to appraise oil, gas, utilities and industry for

the school district was granted.

The annual fee for services is \$15,300, an increase of \$1,300 above the 1975 charge.

The board re-employed Nestiel and Doggett as the district official auditing agency. Fee for two audits will be \$3,500.

The two 1975-76 audits, district audit and one for the Consolidation Application for State and Federal Assistance, were approved.

Bills were approved. Some of the items included: \$1,473,800 Builders Plumbing Co. for handles, thermostat, etc.; \$45 to Copper Kitchen for tablecloths; \$3,615.36 to Exxon for gasoline; \$49 to The Hobby Shop for alcohol lamps and wicks; \$90 for dishwashing machine

compound; \$1.80 to M.E. Moses for Christmas boxes; \$4,526.28 to Kelly Farms for milk; \$186.91 to Ogden and Son for tires changed and flats; \$80 for Cokes for Amarillo High and Plainview; \$1,488.80 to Pampa Hardware Co. for basketballs, scorebooks, etc.; \$10,399.91 to Pioneer Natural gas for November bill; \$6,214.58 to Southwestern Public Service for November electric bill; \$500 for tax contract with city of Pampa; \$264.20 to Don Lane for collection of delinquent tax; and \$294 to A.R. Nooncaster to film October and November football.

Trustees present were Simmons, Bill Arrington, Bob Lyle, Curt Beck, David Crossman, Buddy Epperson and Al Smith.

On the record

Obituaries

MRS. PHOEBIA LOLA SHOCKLEY
GROOM - Services are pending for Mrs. Phoebe Lola Shockley, 87, with N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Shockley died yesterday.

She was born in Washington, Tex., and had lived in Groom since 1914. Mrs. Shockley was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a United Methodist Women volunteer.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Beulah Shockley of the home, and Mrs. Opal Stamps of La Habra, Calif.; one son, W.A. of Dumas; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Lester of Holdenville, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include the widow; three sons, Neal Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif., Dick of Eureka, Calif., and Billy of La-Crescenta, Calif.; and 18 grandchildren.

W.R. ROBERTSON
Services for W.R. Robertson, 71, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Duenkel Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Amos Meador with the Church of Nazarene in Borger will be officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson had lived in Pampa since 1941.

Survivors include a sister, a brother, a niece and two nephews.

MRS. C.T. (Lettie) LOCKE
MIAMI - Mrs. C.T. (Lettie) Locke, 79, died at 6:45 today at Highland General Hospital.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, at the First Baptist Church in Miami. The Rev. Mike Sullivan, minister officiating. Burial will be in the Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael - Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Locke was born May 26, 1897 at Ada, Kansas. She moved to Miami in 1912. Mrs. Locke was a member of the First Baptist Church of Miami.

She married Clarence Thomas Locke on April 6, 1916. Mr. Locke died June 21, 1975.

Survivors include two sons, John of Pampa, Lewis of Ponca City, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. G.B. Mathers of Canadian; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church at Miami or to High Plains Eye Bank.

The casket will not be opened at the service.

MRS. ETHEL GLADYS PETERSON SHATLUCK Okla. - Mrs. Ethel Gladys Peterson, 74, died on Monday in Higgins.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Higgins.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by one son, Ernest King of Higgins; three brothers, Everett Tarbox of Pampa, Clyde Tarbox of Higgins and Elmer Tarbox of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

NEAL M. RENFROE WHEELER - Neal M. Renfroe, 84, died on Monday.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Renfroe was born in Garland, in 1939 he married Effie Helton in Yuma, Ariz. The couple moved to Wheeler in 1942. He was a member of the Baptist church and Masonic Lodge.

Highland General Hospital

Monday Admissions

Fred R. Sloan Jr., 1829 N. Wells.	Mrs. Joy Brummett, 1026 Duncan.
Mrs. Fredi E. Walker, White Deer.	Mrs. Flora Keeton, Amarillo.
Mrs. Andrea L. Wyatt, 2506 Charles.	Mrs. Kay McGahen, Borger.
Robert F. White, Leisure Lodge.	Dismissals
Billy R. Downs, 1629 N. Faulkner.	Mrs. Allie Huckaby, 1316 Terrace.
James McCoy, 1432 E. Browning.	Mrs. Ruth Sewell, 2122 Williston.
David L. Hallett, 430 1/2 St. George.	Mrs. Sherry D. Wilkie, Georgetown.
George N. Massey, 1818 Evergreen.	Nick Slaymaker, 2605 Rosewood.
Baby Girl Wyatt, 2506 Charles.	William Price, Skellytown.
Zearl Devoll, 325 Canadian.	Mrs. Irene Smith, Pampa.
Mrs. Sherry Haddon, 1228 Williston.	Otto Mangold, 2405 Navajo.
Donald Burns, 516 Doucette.	Births
Baby Girl Walker, White Deer.	Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wyatt, 2506 Charles, a girl at 2:00 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 14 ozs.
	Mr. and Mrs. Randall Walker, White Deer, a girl at 5:34 p.m., weighing 7 lbs.



Santa all year 'round

Jerry Ferris is credited with bringing "lots of joy to the other residents of Pampa Nursing Home," by Mrs. Donna Martin, activities director. The two share a moment of the festivities during Monday afternoon's Christmas party at the home. Ferris is 95 years old.



Nice to see you again, Inez...

Santa is on a first-name basis with Mrs. Inez Parker of Pampa Nursing Home, and well he should be - it's his 99th annual Christmas visit with her. Mrs. Parker, Santa, and the other residents of Pampa Nursing Home were on hand for a Christmas party Monday afternoon. There were refreshments, musical entertainment, gifts, and lots of yuletide cheer as a capacity crowd of guests joined in the festivities.

(Pampa News photos by Gene Anderson)

Tanker splits near Nantucket

By JOHN J. MULINS
Associated Press Writer
NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) - A Liberian oil tanker split in half today amid stormy seas at the edge of the North Atlantic's richest fishing grounds, but the Coast Guard said the vessel "apparently" was not spilling large amounts of oil.

"Please use the word 'apparently,'" said Coast Guard spokesman James Perkins.

"We have a boat nearby but we haven't gotten a good look at her. The weather is too bad."

The Liberian tanker Argo Merchant, which seven days ago piled onto the Nantucket shoals 27 miles off this resort island, fractured amidships shortly before 9 a.m. Her bow swung around at a right angle to the stern.

"The stern is still hard aground. The bow appears to

be floating," Perkins said.

The 640-foot vessel, which already had spilled a fifth of its 7.6 million gallons of heavy industrial oil, broke up as seas in the area were building to 20 feet and winds gusted at 35 miles per hour.

"It's so rough out there we can't even get a plane into the area," Perkins said.

"Our cutter Vigilant is there and they told us there appar-

ently is no great amount of oil in the vicinity. It might have split between tanks," Perkins said.

Soon after the break-up, the State of Massachusetts announced it was asking President Ford for disaster relief to help combat what was considered a major oil spill even before the ship split.

On Monday dead and oil-soaked sea birds started washing onto the Nantucket shores. The slick from the tanker then was reported to be more than

60 miles long and heading seaward away from land.

There was no one on board the tanker when it split.

As seas and frozen spray pounded the vessel, environmentalists were taking action to deal with the oil. Massachusetts Environmental Affairs Secretary Evelyn Murphy told The Associated Press that private contractors were being sought to stand by if the oil washed ashore.

The Coast Guard said as of Wednesday it has already spent

\$500,000 on attempting to free the ship.

The tanker is stuck on sand near the western edge of Georges Bank - for centuries one of the most prolific fishing grounds of the world.

The tanker's oil posed a new and deadly threat to Yankee fishermen trying to wrest a living from the sea off New England. The oil that has spilled and leaked into the sea has contaminated some shellfish and crippled or killed thousands of sea birds.

Pampa man recovering after shooting accident

Keith Wayne Bennett, 22, of 914 Wilcox was in good condition this morning at Highland General following an accidental shooting Friday afternoon in the welding shop at Crall Products.

Gray County Deputy Sheriff Handol Nichols, one of three investigating officers, said his report indicated that Bennett took a .380 automatic pistol to work with, and asked his welder (Bennett is a welder helper) to shoot it.

Tommy Snider, the welder, took the pistol and fired one shot, according to Nichols, and

Santa Claus jailed today in Galveston

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) - Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He is in jail today in Galveston.

Police said a 20-year-old man hired by a shopping center to work as Santa Claus was arrested Monday for helping himself to some of the Christmas goodies.

Officers said the man fought with a security guard and then officers found two bags of gifts on him when he was searched. He was charged with theft under \$200 and taken to jail.

Rabin resignation sets stage for showdown

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's resignation has set the stage for an election showdown between Israel's doves and hawks over future moves toward peace with the Arabs.

Rabin's resignation Monday night was a tactical maneuver designed to undercut rivals within his ruling Labor party and take Israel to the polls before an embryonic centrist movement could get strong enough to challenge him.

The government was preparing a bill dissolving the Knesset and calling an election for a new parliament. There must be at least 143 days between the resignation of the cabinet and the balloting, and an election in late May was expected. This would be five months before the Knesset's term would have ended.

Meanwhile, Rabin and his cabinet remain in office as a caretaker government.

Rabin's chief opponents in the election will be the right-wing Likud bloc, which advo-

Four more dead in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) - Black nationalist guerrillas killed four more whites in the past 24 hours, the Rhodesian government reported today.

One was a South African vacationer who was killed in northwest Rhodesia when guerrillas raked a ferry on Lake Kariba Monday with machine gun fire, security chiefs reported today. The others were young Rhodesian policemen killed in clashes with insurgents, a communique announced.

Second letter request ban

Another letter urging removal of the concession stand from the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and a ban on smoking there was received today by City Manager Mack Wofford.

Copies of the letter also were sent to Mayor H.D. Wilkerson, city commissioners and the news media.

Today's letter was from the executive board of Friends of the Pampa Library and was signed by Mrs. David Fairberree, president.

It contained the same protests and urged similar action requested in a letter a week or so ago from the Twentieth Century Forum, local women's club.

Both letters deplored burning of carpet in the lobby, the sake of food and drink and asked that smoking be allowed only in the outside lobby.

The city manager said the matter will be given consideration and study by the City Commission as soon as possible after the holidays.

Police report

A theft was reported at 5:15 p.m. Monday from a vehicle parked at 700 W. Brown. Taken were two chrome wheels and two tires.

A theft from a parked vehicle parked in the S.E. parking lot of

Stock market

Stock	Price
Abbot	41
Calumet	49
Clayton	52 1/2
Coca-Cola	33
DIA	31 1/2
Franklin Life	34 1/2
Kerr-McGee	66 1/2
Phillips	58 1/2
PX-A	61 1/2
Skelly	38 1/2
Southwestern Pub Service	13 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	37 1/2
Texas	26

Texas weather

By The Associated Press
Today is the first official day of winter and temperatures across Texas this morning were appropriate for the season.

The mercury dipped into the teens and 20s overnight in most sections of the state and reached the 40s in extreme South Texas.

Wichita Falls reported an 18 degree reading early today and pre-dawn temperatures dipped to 20 at Abilene and 22 at both Waco and San Angelo.

Skies across Texas were clear late Monday and today in the wake of a cold front that passed through the state Sunday and Monday. Only portions of extreme South Texas and far West Texas had cloudy skies.

Monday's highs hovered in

the mid and upper 40s in the northern half of the state and reached the low 70s in South Texas. Some rain was reported in southeast Texas along the tail of the departing frontal system.

Winds gusted to 30 miles per hour in some areas. The U.S. Coast Guard said high winds were responsible for the sinking of a tugboat in Galveston Bay Monday afternoon.

Skies were expected to remain clear to partly cloudy through Wednesday, with cloudiness increasing in most sections of the state by Wednesday afternoon.

Forecasters said Texas would undergo a warming trend with Wednesday's highs expected to reach the 50s and 60s.

Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I've always been a soft touch for a bum asking for a handout, but many people say that giving a bum spare change does him more harm than good. What do you and your readers think?

SOFT TOUCH

DEAR SOFT: What's a bum? Is he a victim of circumstances or a self-made failure? Since it's not possible to know, I'd rather err on the side of generosity and give a small temporary assist to a man who's obviously down on his luck.

DEAR ABBY: I have known this guy for two years, but we didn't get really serious about each other until seven months ago. I'm 18 and he's 19. He kept trying to get me to go to bed with him, and I kept saying no. Finally I gave in. I really was in love with him, Abby. I'm no tramp. I thought it would bring us closer together. Maybe even get him to figure out some way we could get married.

Well, I was wrong. After that evening I didn't hear one word from him. Finally I ran into him by accident three weeks later, and his attitude toward me was completely different. He acted like a stranger.

I feel so cheated and cheap. If I had known then what I know now, I never would have given in. But now it's too late, and there's nothing I can do about it.

I wasted something very precious on someone who wasn't worth it and didn't appreciate it.

Please keep telling girls that the way to keep a guy is by NOT giving in to him. I wish I hadn't.

FOOLISH IN FLORIDA

DEAR FOOLISH: I will. And maybe your experience will help some other girl when she has that decision to make.

DEAR ABBY: I am the secretary, receptionist and telephone operator in a one-girl office. I love my job and my boss is the greatest. The problem is his wife. She is very friendly toward me, but you would think I am working for HER.

She asks me to write all of her thank-you notes, address her Christmas cards and run her errands.

Yesterday she sent some pantyhose to the office with her husband for me to return to the store for credit. (No sales slip. Just try it some time.) She also sends things to the office for me to gift-wrap and mail out of town for her. All this takes time.

Now she has a new one. Every Friday afternoon she brings her pre-school son to the office for me to entertain while SHE goes to the beauty parlor.

How can I put a stop to this without starting a cold war? She considers me a friend.

HAD IT

DEAR HAD IT: Tell your boss that you enjoy doing what you were hired to do, but you haven't the time to run his wife's errands. And let HIM handle it. (It might cool your friendship, but it needn't start a cold war.)

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Ask Dr. Lamb

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Could you please let me know what effects taking two Catapres pills for blood pressure plus two or three Valium pills a day would have on a man's sex life?

My husband is taking this medicine for high blood pressure. Is he too relaxed or too tired? After supper he just falls asleep and sleeps all evening, then gets up to go to bed and sleep again.

DEAR READER — Valium is what you probably know is a tranquilizer. Catapres does cause drowsiness. I am not surprised that the combination makes your husband so sleepy. Catapres also makes some men impotent. When that occurs there is little else they can do in bed besides sleep.

These effects occur with some other medicines used in the treatment of high blood pressure. There are good reasons why some doctors think treatment with some of the high blood pressure medicines can be worse than the disease.

I agree with treatment for elevated blood pressure, but whenever possible I do think it is better to use mild medicines — just enough to do the job — or lower the blood pressure by changing one's living patterns.

That means anyone with any elevation of blood pressure should eliminate any body fat they can. Every ounce of fat under the skin should be eliminated by weight control programs. When this is done and the salt intake is reduced, the need for powerful medicines with undesirable side effects can often be reduced or eliminated.

So I think your husband should eliminate any fat deposits he has. And a word of caution, if a person is taking Catapres and stops it suddenly there may be a severe sharp rise in blood pressure. If his doctor decides to eliminate it he should be gradually withdrawn from the medicine to avoid this dangerous response.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-8, Blood Pressure, to give you more information on the problem. Others who want this information can get it by sending 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB — My doctor told me that I must eat one cup of All-Bran every day to alleviate a colon problem I was having. Since I don't really like the stuff, I have been putting it into liquid form in my blender and mixing it with other things such as chocolate flavoring, yogurt, a banana, with milk, etc. I am wondering if I am still getting the benefit from the bran even though I put it in liquid form. Am I eliminating the roughage my colon needs by doing this? Incidentally, even though I am doing this, my problem seems less severe.

DEAR READER — It doesn't make a particle of difference. The cereal fiber in various bran-type breakfast foods is what counts. Many people use pure bran and mix it with apple sauce, ice cream and an infinite variety of foods. The bran in whole wheat flour is also fine, and it makes no difference if the bran is in a baked or cooked food.

The cereal fiber, bran or breakfast foods containing them are not roughage as you think. As soon as cereal fiber is moistened adequately it becomes soft. Just look again at a bowl of cereal that you have let soak in milk for a while and ask yourself if that is really roughage or softage.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Polly's pointers
By Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — My Pet Peeve concerns those people who accuse the innocent of going into their neighbors' yards and gardens and taking flower slips and vegetables while they are away on a trip. The neighbors said to get vegetables and use them while they were away and to feed and water the dog and watch the house while they were gone. I would not call this stealing when they were told to do these things. It is so nice to have good neighbors and friends you can trust every day and count on in time of need. — DALE

DEAR POLLY — I want to tell Violet that she should cook apples, rhubarb or tomatoes in her discolored kettles. The inside will come out with no stains and be shiny.

Also, R.C. who has the dingy looking glass fiber curtains should make a good detergent suds, douse the curtains up and down in the suds until clean and then rinse in clear water the same way. Continue until rinse water is clear. Then roll up in a large bath or beach towel long enough to remove excess water and hang right up at the window. There will be no dripping and the colors and whites will be sparkling. These curtains do not absorb dust so wash quickly. Never hang them outside as the wind breaks the glass fibers. — B.J.

New Years resolution for decorator wives

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures

Wives — want a good New Year's resolution? A four-times married man suggests you give more consideration to the home comfort of your mate in 1977.

"Many husbands are treated like boarders. They must ask permission to put a glass on the polished table top. Men are no longer lord of the manor, not that I'm suggesting such a thing in these days of liberation. But a husband should at least have equal rights. The average home is female dominated and oriented and not designed for a man's comfort."

A man's needs may be different from his wife's in the art of living. More muscle and more work tension makes their requirements for relaxation and occasional isolation important to their happiness, he says.

Here are a few simple ways he suggests to make a happier home life for the man in your life.

—Encourage him to spend some time alone. If a house is big, perhaps a family room, attic or dining room could be converted into a den or subdivided into a little niche where a comfortable chair might be screened off. When a man returns from work in the evening, let him unwind. He may want a brief nap. He may want to sit quietly and think out the day's problems or read. Such respite may be necessary to his survival. Be cooperative.

—He may tolerate your color schemes.

floral patterns, ruffles and lace, but his own private abode should be of his own contrivance. A man likes a rugged look. He wants to be able to kick off his shoes in an untraveled world. Most men abhor the word "decorating." They don't like a rigid code where things out of place are swooped up before they can be enjoyed. Most women are too hung up on appearances to enjoy a home comfortably and seldom tolerate a man's effort to get out of the straitjacket he has worn all day. He himself, the man adds, has often felt like a schoolboy trying to get permission to live in comfort in his various homes.

—Save the day's horror stories until after he has had his dinner. The children's shortcomings, current bills, feuds with neighbors and unpleasant gossip can add to his tension.

—Consult him about the activities that relate to the home. What colors in the living room? What kind of new chair shall we buy? And don't veto his suggestions before he utters them. A man wants to feel more useful than "the guy who takes out the garbage."

Most women don't realize that they would be far happier if they let the man have a voice in the running of the home (or let him think he has.) A subtle woman, the much-married man says, can get her own way by cleverly persuading him that it is what he wants, too.

"In one home we had a 22 by 18 foot dining room that had been used only four times in two years, but the wife who went

with it shrieked when I moved a comfortable chair into it so I could read in solitude," he recalls.

Another wife moaned when he removed a tie or jacket in the living room "and some nights I was too tired to give a hang." One wife resented it when he stretched out on a sofa. She would sigh as she put a towel under his head. On one occasion she complained that perspiration from his hands must have caused stains on the arms of the chair upholstery.

In addition to having a hangup "about people seeing them with their decorating down," he contends most women want the undivided attention of a man when he is in their presence.

"And shouldn't a man have equal space for his treasures? If a woman can put her dressing dummy in the bedroom and her wig stand in the bathroom, why can't a man put his sports trophies where they might be visible?" he asks.

He is proudest of his prizewinning mounted salmon, he explained, but he has never been able to hang it in one of his homes. One wife "couldn't believe I would kill such a beautiful fish." Another declared it did not go with the decorating scheme, and one said her decorator told her it would clash with the wallpaper. A fourth wife intimated that it was either her or the salmon. So he took his salmon and now has "a nice bachelor apartment" and knows what he has "been missing all these years."

They bronze cupcake, Big Mac

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Bronzing a cupcake was no big deal for a Columbus firm which stepped in to solve a dilemma for Sara Ogg.

After all, the Bron-Shoe Co. does a lot of that sort of thing, in addition to baby shoes.

Stanley McCloy, vice president for sales, mentioned galls, sea shells, bras, false teeth, and even a Big Mac hamburger as just some of the things Bron-Shoe has sought to make eternal.

Mrs. Ogg was delighted when McCloy said it could bronze her memento after reading about her plight in an earlier newspaper story.

Mrs. Ogg had saved the cupcake from her 18th birthday party 12 years ago and feared it would crumble.

"After that story was in the paper, so many people wanted to see the cupcake that the nuts came off the top. We had to glue them back on," she said.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Dominic Derfus, 13, jumped on a passing freight train for a ride to a nearby restaurant, and ended up in Illinois.

When he was reported missing Saturday, police organized a large air and ground search over southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Meanwhile Dominic was hitchhiking back home, where he arrived safe and sound Sunday afternoon.

Dominic and a friend jumped on a slow-moving freight train on the city's South Side Saturday afternoon.

"The train speeded up, so we couldn't get off," he said. His companion finally jumped clear, but Dominic said he clung to a ladder between two cars all the way to Des Plaines, Ill., a two-hour trip.

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Club news

Pampa BPW A puppet show and Christmas gift exchange topped the Dec. 14 meeting of the Pampa Business and Professional Women's club at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

The program was opened with music by the Bell Ringers and a devotional by Laura Belle Cornelius.

With puppets, a modern interpretation of the message of "goodwill toward mankind" was presented through humorous skits intermingled with Christmas carols by Randy Cunningham, Chris Alexander, Craig Cone, Mark Lehnick, Leslie-Michael, Kim Campbell and Kathy White.

The Bell Ringers and Puppeteers are youth groups from the First Baptist Church trained and directed by John Glover, minister of music, who was assisted by Larry Huffman. President Dovey Massie welcomed members and guests. Ethel Anderson was in charge of arrangements.

The evening's festivities were concluded with a reception and gift exchange. Food gifts for the Pampa Day Care Center were assembled for delivery by Clara Lee Rhoades.

During the business session, Ruby Crocker, finance chairman, announced that Sue Holder, 1060 N. Wells, won the color TV set that was given away by the Pampa BPW Club.

Mildred Wilkie introduced

Lorena Zamora, December Girl of the Month. Lorena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Zamora, 613 S. Ballard.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 28 at 7:30 pm at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

American Legion Auxiliary The American Legion Auxiliary met recently in the home of Mrs. Lee Harran for its Christmas party. Mrs. Harran had the table centered with Christmas candles and centerpiece of Christmas greens.

After a covered dish supper, the group had a short business meeting. Mrs. J.M. Turner, treasurer, reported the grave markers had been shipped, as ordered. Mrs. Libby Shotwell, president, read a Christmas greeting sent by the District President, Mrs. V. Beard. Mrs. Georgia Mack was a guest.

Mrs. W.R. Campbell gave the Christmas story and then the group drew names from the Christmas tree. The next meeting will be at Furr's Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20.

20th Century Culture Club The Twentieth Century Culture Club met recently at the home of Mrs. E.E. Shelhamer for the group's annual Christmas party. Mrs. Joe Curtis served as co-hostess.

Mrs. McHenry Lane presented a Christmas story. Mrs. Joe Autry was welcomed into the club by the 20 members attending the meeting.

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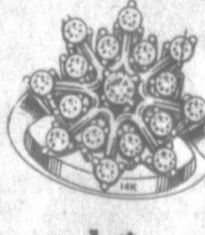
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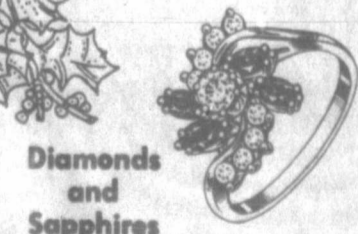
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Santa and the Giant Fighter

By Lucrece Beale



Synopsis: Billy and the dragon get the moon out of the cave. When Goko sees the moon in the sky he flies into a rage. He thrashes the other giants, gives them no food and orders them to guard the castle.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN GOKO'S BOOTS

In her prison in a turret of the castle the Fairy Queen saw the moon sailing overhead before it set beyond the sea.

When Goko the giant came in she said, "Your time is near for the moon will shine full tonight."

Goko laughed. He had gotten rid of his rage by beating up all the other giants. Now he felt safe and strong.

"Your time is near," he retorted. "Tomorrow is Christmas Eve and the next day you will be my bride."

"You are not so powerful as you think," said the Queen, trying to hide her trembling. "Even the moon has escaped you."

"Ha!" scoffed the giant. "I shall capture it again when it sets tomorrow. And I shall capture Santa Claus when he flies tomorrow night. Then I will be King of Fairyland and Santa Land and all the world will do my bidding."

"There is still tonight," said the Fairy Queen bravely.

The giant flew into a rage all over again. He picked up a chair and tore it apart with his hands. A mirror fell from the wall and Goko jumped up and down on it smashing it to bits. Then he stormed out shouting, "I'll show you! Wait until I am King!"

Meantime Billy had arrived at the castle and was searching for a way to enter. There were giants guarding the drawbridge and every door and window.

The boy hid in the bushes near the bridge that crossed the moat. Two giants were guarding the bridge. One of them had a bandaged head. The other was limping. Billy could hear them



"You will soon be my bride," chuckled Goko.

talking.

"I have never seen him in such a rage," groaned one. "We are lucky to be alive."

"We must do something to calm him," whimpered the other. "Or he'll serve us no meal this day."

"We could clean his boots. That would please him!"

"I'll get them!" exclaimed the broken-headed giant.

He darted across the bridge and into the castle. He returned lugging Goko's enormous black boots.

"He was taking a nap," he gasped. "We'll have them back before he wakes."

They set to work washing the boots with water from the moat. When they finished they carried the boots up to the bridge. Then they went back to the moat to clean their hands. While they were gone Billy slid out of the bushes and climbed into one of the boots. It was so big he could curl up in the toe and never be seen.

The broken-headed giant came back and dragged the boots into the castle. He set them by Goko's bed and went back to guard the bridge.

Goko's snores sounded like dishes falling off the pantry shelf. Billy climbed out of the boot and stared at the sleeping mammoth.

"I can slay him now!" he cried to himself. But as he pulled his sword from his belt the giant hulk stirred and groaned and opened one eye.

Billy dropped to the floor and rolled under the bed.

Goko stood up and yawned. He felt calm and rested. He hung three gold necklaces around his neck and fourteen bracelets on his arm. He loved jewelry and was very vain.

He leaned over to put on his boots. When he saw them bright and shiny and newly polished he was very pleased. He wondered if he hadn't been too harsh with the other giants. He decided he would let them have some supper after all.

He went out and ordered the giant guarding the hall to serve soup to everyone.

When Billy heard them moving off to the kitchen he rolled from under the bed and stole out behind them.

Tomorrow: Green Pea Soup

Carter wants tv time for cabinet members

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — It probably won't do a thing for the television ratings, but if President-elect Carter has his way, the Mike Blumenthal show and the Cyrus Vance hour will be on the air next year.

Carter would like broadcast time slots for others in his cabinet, too, to report to Congress and the nation on their stewardship of the new administration.

This proposal, first made during the campaign, is to be presented to Senate and House leaders after the new Congress convenes next month, according to Carter transition aides.

Carter has said he wants regular appearances, preferably before joint sessions, in which the cabinet members would answer questions put by members of Congress.

"I will also request that these sessions be available for live broadcast," he said.

It would, in effect, be an American version of Britain's question hour in parliament. It is somewhat doubtful of achievement: except on occasions of state or emergency, joint sessions seldom draw much of a crowd.

Furthermore, the networks

aren't likely to offer valuable broadcast time for regular appearances by the cabinet, although, depending on the issues of the hour, sessions featuring such figures as Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance or Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal could be exciting and informative.

Whatever the outcome, the proposal itself reflects a new view of the role of a cabinet, a subject now under study by Carter's preinauguration team.

Several points are clear: —Carter is determined to let his cabinet officers run their own shops, subject to his direction, but not to the day-to-day intervention of the White House staff.

—He does not see the cabinet as a decision-making unit, or a board of directors, the role it

came to play under Dwight D. Eisenhower.

—While administration and execution will be handled in the departments, Carter will make policy, and insist that it be

coordinated across the sprawling executive bureaucracy.

—Carter and his top aides will be involved in the selection of the No. 2 and No. 3 officials in the departments, subject to the concurrence of the cabinet officer.

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power of any administration; that's why Nixon moved to install his own people in all those posts after the 1972 election.

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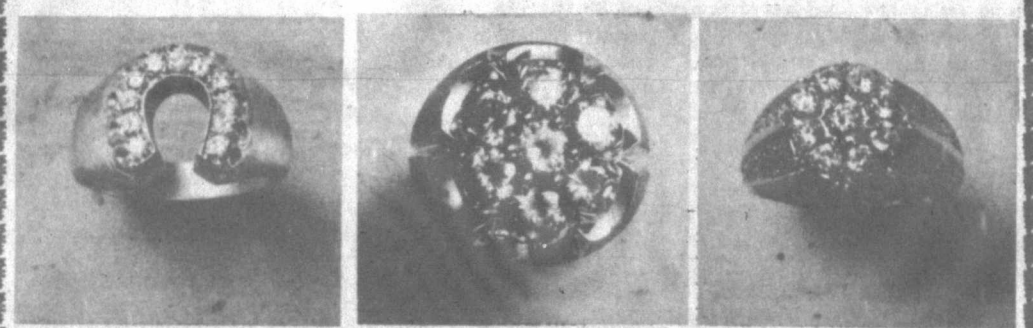
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Names in the news

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — First Lady Betty Ford "emphatically today's independent woman, expressing her views honestly and forcefully," said University of Michigan President Robben Fleming in presenting her with an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Mrs. Ford combines "an assertive position on women's rights with the dedication to family values and ties," Fleming said during Sunday's ceremony.

President Ford and two of their four children sat in the audience as Mrs. Ford received the degree from her husband's alma mater.

best interest of all parties concerned," McQueen said.

A TV weatherman for 27 years, Antoine was suspended Nov. 24, when, after a news announcement of a rapist's attack on an 8-year-old girl, he remarked on camera that "Confucius say, if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it."

There were eight George Washingtons in the 53rd Congress of 1893. They were George Washington Smith, Pithian, Ray, Houk, Hulick, Wilson, Shell and Murray.

LONDON (AP) — A speeding charge has been filed against England's Princess Anne, who has in the past been warned about her driving habits.

Her latest brush with the law involves a charge of driving her Rover sedan at a speed of 90 miles an hour through a 70 m.p.h. zone, police said Sunday.

The 26-year-old princess is alleged to have topped 90 m.p.h. on the drive through Derbyshire in the English midlands while accompanied by her husband, Army Capt. Mark Phillips, and her police bodyguard.

Police were publicly criticized in 1972 when they failed to prosecute Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, for earlier driving offenses.

NEW YORK (AP) — Television weatherman Tex Antoine, suspended for an on-camera remark about rape, returns to WABC-TV's "Eyewitness News" today, but he won't be in front of the cameras.

Kenneth McQueen, vice president and general manager of WABC-TV, said Antoine will continue drawing his \$56,000-a-year salary while helping prepare reports for his replacement, Storm Field.

Keeping Antoine off the air was a decision made "in the

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Financier gives money-saving tips

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — Keep in mind these items that might have an impact on your pocket-book in 1977:

1. Home mortgage lenders are becoming more and more exasperated by what they feel is the illogic of guaranteeing a fixed borrowing rate on loans.

Donald Kaplan of the Federal Home Loan Board, a federal agency, put it this way: "What other businessman, whose cost of materials is not

fixed, contracts to deliver goods and services for 30 years on a fixed-price contract?"

With the world apparently going through a prolonged period of economic instability, during which interest rates might rise or fall precipitously, you can

look for lenders to raise their pressure for variable-rate loans.

As applied to mortgages, such loans would rise or fall in accordance with the general level of rates, or costs the lender must pay in order to have money to lend.

2. Commercial banks are seeking to end the interest rate differential that permits savings banks to pay a higher return on savings.

At the moment, savings banks are permitted to pay up to 5.25 per cent on ordinary passbook savings, and 7.75 per cent on certificates of deposit. Commercial banks are limited to 5 and 7.50 per cent, respectively.

The commercial banks are quite unhappy about this situation, especially since their big, wholesale business has been off

this year. They are probably more interested in small retail customers than ever before.

The big commercial banks, therefore, are fighting to end Regulation Q, which enforces the differential on them. They want to be able to offer borrowers an interest rate attractive as that paid by the thrifts.

But there's a catch about which you should be aware: Whereas the thrift institutions have been offering the top rates of 5.25 and 7.75 per cent, the commercial banks have not.

3. Municipal bond funds are the latest rage in the mutual fund industry.

The "munifunds" are catching on strongly among small investors, who seem to have become decidedly conservative. For an investment of as little as \$1,000, a buyer can take advantage of the tax-exempt quality of municipal bonds.

Because they are not federally taxed, an interest rate of 6 per cent on one of these securities, typically issued by a city or school district or municipal authority, can be the equivalent of 9 per cent or more offered

on a taxable security, depending upon the buyer's tax bracket.

Many people seem to think that such securities involve little or no risk, since the taxing power of the issuer stands behind the bonds. But many buyers fail to recognize the obvious, which is:

Municipal bonds commonly are sold with long maturities. The full price is guaranteed if the bonds are held to maturity. But if redeemed before maturity, a bond-holder often must accept a lower price.

Mafia swindle found

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities have uncovered a nationwide, Mafia-operated swindle operation that bilks businessmen out of millions of dollars and takes over companies that owe them money, the New York Times said today.

The newspaper said detectives in six Western states had discovered evidence that hundreds of people may be involved in the racket and several minor figures have already been arrested.

Investigators believe the Carlo Gambino crime family of New York is a major cog in the operation whose prime activity is a variety of the oldtime, Mafia loan sharking game, according to the article.

Law enforcement officials from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah have pooled their information in an effort to focus on the swindlers that involve at least 20 other states, including New York. Several investigators have called it the largest example of organized economic crime they had found, the Times said.

Most common of the methods used to dupe victims, according to investigators, was a so-called "advance loan scheme."

The swindlers promise busi-

nessman having trouble obtaining loans from legitimate sources they will get the money for them. They then give the businessmen a fraudulent letter of credit in exchange for an advance fee, usually one per cent of the loan.

The commitment is first delayed by stalling tactics until the victim finally discovers that the promise is worthless.

"The average swindle is \$5,000 to \$10,000, but some have gone over \$25,000," according to Capt. Jerry Kimmell, chief of the Phoenix, Ariz., police in-

telligence unit.

Another common practice, investigators said, was to loan more money to a financially ailing business than it needed or had the resources to repay and then take over the property after default.

Detectives asserted that the organization under investigation also was involved in other varieties of crime in addition to the advance-fee swindle. They cited land frauds, vending machine tampering and even medical malpractice insurance, as examples.

Highway improvement meeting topic

AMARILLO — The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 12, in the City-County Building on Main Street in Miami for the purpose of discussing the need for and suggested alternatives for the possible improvement to Farm to Market Highway 3367 in Roberts County.

A.L. McKee, Amarillo District Engineer, said the proposed improvements concern FM 3367 from FM 1268, five miles east of FM 748, north four miles.

McKee said all interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting to express their views.

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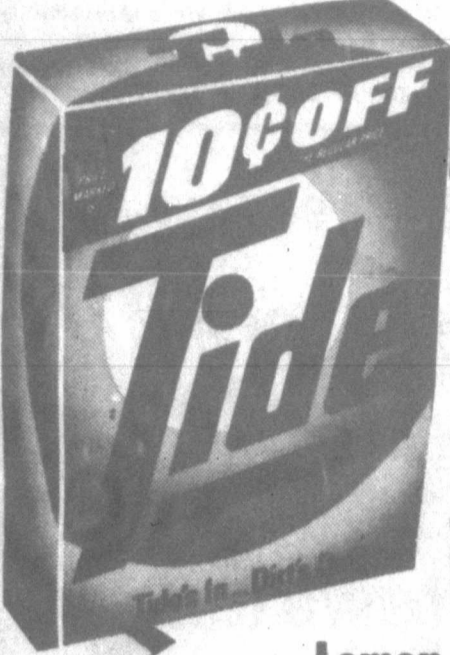
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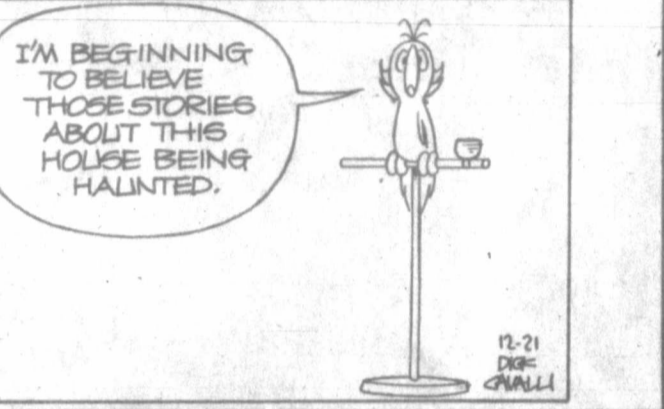
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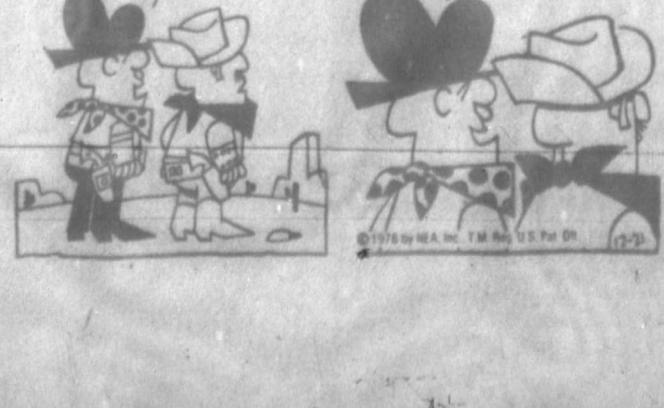
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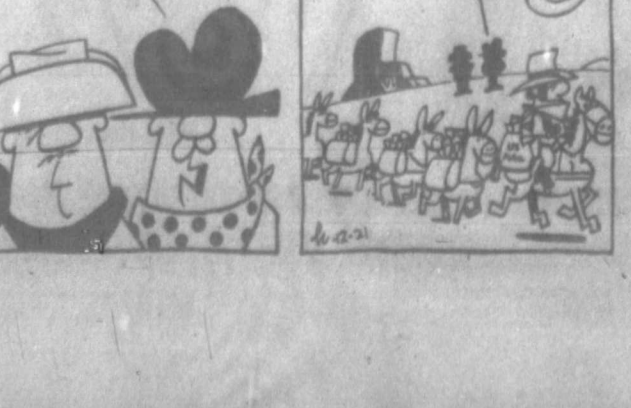
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The Presidents and God
Third in a five-part series

Lincoln, no church member, religious

EDITOR'S NOTE: This third installment of a five-part Christmas series on the religion of U.S. presidents, "The Presidents and God," deals with Lincoln's view of God.

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Out of his rustic origins, his native wisdom, the Biblical grain of his thinking and the

fiery trial of the nation, Abraham Lincoln emerges as the most deeply religious of American presidents. He never belonged to a church. His faith was not a set of creeds or formulas. But his mind and spirit radiated the fundamental essence of religion, an awareness of acting under the surpassing rightness

of the divine will. "If I can learn what it is, I will do it," he said, subjecting himself — unpretentiously — to it. He sensed an overruling objective and way to it that he himself could not fully make out. He saw his decisions measured against a sought-for but unclear greater truth. He was a man "under God."

In fact, he first applied those words to the United States in his Gettysburg address in the midst of the Civil War, urging high resolve "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom." The phrase now tempers the pledge of allegiance.

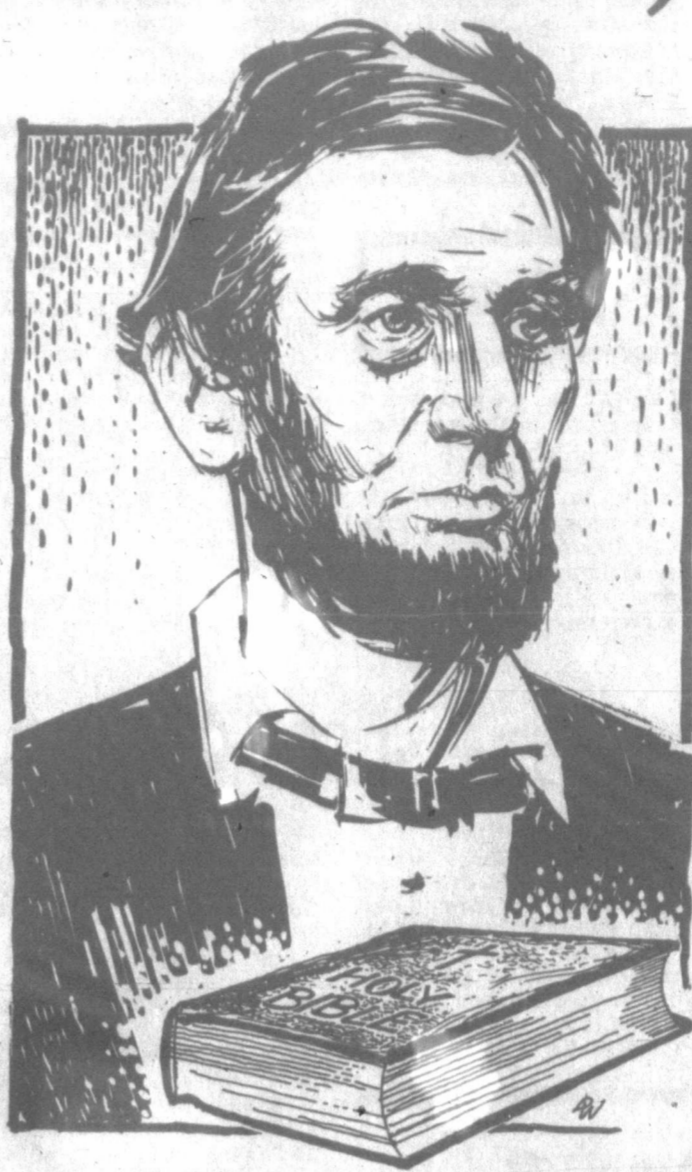
Lincoln said his aim was to be "an humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty." He disagreed with numerous callers, including clergy, who expressed hope for God to be on "our side." That wasn't Lincoln's concern, he said, "for I know the Lord is always on the side of right."

"But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and the nation should be on the Lord's side." It was a perceptive, submissive distinction, devoid of the self-righteous postures of those presuming to pinpoint God's way. Yet Lincoln's sense of its elusiveness did not to him lessen its mandate on humanity, nor deter him from hard decisions in pursuit of it.

"We can but press on, guided by the best light He gave us, trusting that in His own good time, and wise way, all will yet be well," he said.

A craggy, 6-foot-4 man of brooding melancholy and wry humor, of forbearance and determination, of plain honesty and deep compassion, he saw God's purposes working in the complex events of history, within its mixed fallible motives.

He is "one of the greatest theologians of America," writes Episcopal scholar William J. Wolf, "not in the technical meaning of producing a system of doctrine, but in the sense of



fer from that of either side, even though both serve as instrumentalities in effecting his ends. "Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other," Lincoln said. "It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's brows. But let us not judge that we be not judged."

"The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has his own purposes."

Yet, to Lincoln, God was no mere impersonal, immutable power, but intimately active in persons and events. So strongly did Lincoln feel this that when he decided in 1862 to issue his proclamation emancipating slaves, he discussed it with his cabinet, then concluded in a low voice:

"I made a solemn vow before God, that if General Lee (the southern confederacy commander) was driven back from Pennsylvania, I would crown the result by the declaration of freedom to the slaves."

That emancipation proclamation came Jan. 1, 1863 — "a solemn recognition of responsibility before God and before men," Lincoln phrased it.

He himself had long opposed slavery, which he saw as denying God's intended destiny for the nation, a built-in contradiction to the law of its life. In the 1858 campaign debates with Stephen Douglas two years before Lincoln was elected president, he declared:

"My ancient faith teaches me that 'all men are created equal'; and that there can be no moral right in connection with one man's making a slave of another." This, he said, is inherent in "the justice of the Creator to His creatures . . . Nothing stamped with the divine image and likeness was sent into the world to be trodden on, and degraded, and imbruted by its fellows."

Yet Lincoln always expressed sorrow, not condemnation, toward the South in the conflict and was often attacked by radical abolitionists as being too mild.

Born in a Kentucky log cabin, he was reared in poverty. His family soon moved westward into the wilds of Indiana, where his farmer-carpenter father and stepmother helped start the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, which he attended as a boy.

His total schooling amounted only to about one year, but he read avidly from the Bible and borrowed books — Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Shakespeare, Aesop's Fables. He liked to write antic verses, and put down these lines on the death of a local character, a Kickapoo Indian:

"Here lies poor Johnny Kongapod
Have mercy on him, gracious God
As he would do if he was God
And you were Johnny Kongapod."

The doggerel indicates an aspect of Lincoln's religious conviction which he maintained through his life — that God intended the ultimate salvation of all men — a view most denunciations sharply rejected. Lincoln had little use for the frontier fire-and-brimstone preachers, sometimes joking about them.

Moving farther west to Illinois, he split rails, did odd jobs, managed a mill, worked at stores, as a village postmaster, a surveyor, studying on his own for the law. He built a law practice in Springfield. Known as a story-teller, who usually had some folksy tale to make a point, he became a popular figure, served in the

state legislature and eventually, in a sectionally torn nation, became president in 1861.

Three months later came the attack on Fort Sumpter, and the four-year war was on. Surely, he wrote later, God "intends some great good to follow this mighty convulsion, which no mortal could make, and no mortal could stay."

Sometimes in the pitch of crises, Lincoln said he would go to his room, lock the door and get down on his knees and pray. His secretary, John Nicolay, reported, "Mr. Lincoln was a praying man." Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd, joined the Presbyterian Church, as she had in Springfield, and he went with her to services, but never joined himself.

Coupled with his worries and serious religious reflections, however, was his humor. He called a laugh "good medicine," and encouraged it with homey anecdotes, including a story attributed to two Quaker women conversing on a train about Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, president of the southern confederacy.

One said, "I think Jefferson will succeed."

"Why does thee think so?" asked the other.

"Because Jefferson is a praying man."

"And so is Abraham a praying man."

"Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking!" Lincoln set April 30, 1863, as a national fast day, his proclamation for it sounding like a passage from the Book of Amos. It called both sides to their knees in repentance for "sins and transgressions" that have brought on the "awful calamity of this civil war."

"We have forgotten God," Lincoln said. "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us."

But in spite of his anxiety about the nation's fate and grief as the toll of death mounted, Lincoln never lost faith in the ultimate triumph of God's will. "Let us diligently apply the means, never doubting that a just God, in his own good time, will give us the rightful result."

His great second inaugural address, rooted in a Biblical understanding of God and history, includes 14 references to God, four direct quotations from the Bible and other Scriptural allusions. In it, he termed slavery "an offense" to God's justice that had brought on this "terrible war" — to purge the wrong.

"Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Yet Lincoln also urged mercy and healing. "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in . . ."

That spring, the war was over. A few days later, Lincoln told of a premonitory dream about White House mourning over his coffin. At Ford's theater that night, he was assassinated. Shortly before, he had written:

"I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me. . . God alone can claim it."

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Amarillo undercover policemen put the wraps on an armed robbery case Sunday when they arrested the 16-year-old suspect in a topless bar.

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seeing' the hand of God intimately in the affairs of nations." To Lincoln, this was not a simple, obvious process, imposed mechanically on the world from without, but working inexorably, inscrutably within it, through the stumbling, ambiguous gropings of humanity.

"The purposes of the Almighty are perfect and must prevail, though we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance," he said. At a low point in the war to preserve the Union, he wrote:

"I have desired that all my works and acts be according to His will, and that it might be so, I have sought His aid — but if, after endeavoring to do my best in the light which He affords me, I find my efforts fail, I must believe that for some purposes unknown to me, He wills it otherwise.

"If I had my way, this war would never have been commenced; if I had been allowed my way this war would have ended before this, but we find it still continues; and we must believe that He permits it for some wise purpose of His own, mysterious and unknown to us."

From the days of his backwoods, rustic schooling, in which the reading lessons were from the Bible, he immersed himself in Scriptures, and often had a battered, old family Bible in his hand at the White House.

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