



## '74 legal opinion: 'possible conflict'

By THOM MARSHALL  
Pampa News Staff

In 1974, a parking area at Highland General Hospital was built using ready-mix concrete from Pampa Concrete Co.

Fred Neslage was then serving as treasurer of Pampa Concrete Co. and on the board of managers for Highland General Hospital.

In late 1975, The News contacted Robert Monogue, administrator of Highland General Hospital, and asked about the parking lot project which, by then, had been completed. At that time he divulged only that the contract had been awarded to Wes-Tex Construction Co., Inc. of Borger for a bid of \$73,402.82.

It wasn't until later that The News learned the Borger firm used concrete purchased from Neslage's company in the project.

However, Monogue and Neslage apparently became aware of possible violations of the law involved in the transaction shortly after The News had questioned the administrator about the project.

The Pampa News has only recently come into possession of a copy of a legal opinion dated Dec. 12, 1975, regarding regulations concerning possible conflict of interests for board members.

The opinion was addressed to Robert Monogue, administrator of Highland General Hospital, and was submitted by Robert Finney of the law firm Warner, Finney and Marnocha. John Warner of that firm was serving as Gray County Attorney at the time the opinion came from his private practice law partner.

I have researched the applicable case and statutory law concerning the possible conflict of interest question which may arise from having a member of the Board of Managers of Highland General Hospital participate in an action by the Board to purchase goods or services from a business which a member of the Board either controls or is an officer thereof. Finney's opinion opens:

Other statements from the three-page opinion include:

All members of the Boards of Managers of Highland General Hospital are held to a duty of loyalty in all dealings with the Hospital. This duty is to promote the interest and well-being of the Hospital without regard for personal gain or profit to the individual members of the Board of Managers. Conflict of interest issues may arise when the Hospital contracts to purchase property, goods or services from a business entity which has a member on the Board of Managers.

Following the Texas view, the first issue always is whether the interested director has made a full and complete disclosure to an independent board of all factors affecting the fairness of the transaction.

I am of the opinion that full and complete disclosure requires him to inform the board as to all matters affecting the value of the goods and services sold and the amount of his profit.

An independent board has been defined to mean that the other directors are not under the control of the interested director either directly or indirectly.

There is some case authority holding that even if there has been a full and complete disclosure, a contract may still be voidable if it is shown to be fundamentally unfair to the corporation (the hospital). Fundamental

unfairness can be either in price, in terms or in condition of the sale.

Our situation would be compounded by the fact that the Hospital is essentially an agency of Gray County, Texas. As such, in addition to the Board itself voiding a contract, any citizen has the right to bring a lawsuit to enjoin the performance and completion of a contract.

If such a suit is instituted by a taxpayer, the burden of proving the fairness of the transaction is usually placed on the interested director. In effect, this creates a presumption of unfairness which he must rebut.

As such, I advise that this potential situation be disclosed to an interested director immediately.

A hand-printed notation at the top of the first page of the opinion says, "Copy Fred," a possible indication that Fred Neslage was provided a copy of the opinion.

The News has been unable to find any indication that Neslage informed the hospital board as to all matters affecting the value of the goods and services sold or the amount of his profit.

No mention of the amount of profit made on the ready-mix sold by Pampa Concrete has been found in the minutes of hospital board meetings.

Neslage resigned from the hospital board on Oct. 12, 1976, along with three other board members. Replacements were appointed by Gray County Commissioners Court and on Oct. 15, Monogue was fired, even though he had submitted a resignation a week earlier which was to become effective on Nov. 11.

The Gray County Grand Jury, apparently investigating Highland General Hospital, subpoenaed Neslage in December.

In a certified letter to Neslage dated Sept. 23, 1976, he was requested by The News to help clarify some questions about the paving project.

He was asked what portion of the \$73,402.82 total was paid to Pampa Concrete for the ready mix. He was asked why he did not consider the situation a conflict of interest. He was asked if he has financial interests in any other companies involved in selling products or services to the county hospitals. And, if Pampa Concrete had been involved in other sales to the hospital or to companies for use in hospital projects.

A return receipt showed the letter was delivered. Neslage did not reply.

District Attorney Harold Comer, who numbers Pampa Concrete among his private practice clients, said this morning he believes that, "legally, from the criminal end of it, the only thing the law requires is that he abstain from voting."

And he said that Neslage did abstain from voting when the paving project contract was awarded, probably in case Wes-Tex did select Pampa Concrete as the cement contractor.

According to Comer and to Pampa News investigations, Neslage apparently has no financial interest in the Borger firm, Wes-Tex.

Pampa Concrete reportedly was the only company in town where ready-mix could be purchased.

Comer said that he was not present when Neslage appeared before the grand jury.

Concerning his relationship with the firm, he said, "I advised the grand jury of this. If they feel I can be impartial, I suppose the next one in line would be the county attorney, but I'll leave that decision to them."

## Armstrong sheriff quits

CLAUDE — Armstrong County Sheriff Evert W. Johnson resigned Wednesday in the midst of an investigation into the alleged theft of sanded and block livestock feed from the sprawling JA Ranch near Clarendon.

The Donley County grand jury will meet Friday morning to probe the alleged thefts. District Attorney Charles Darter of Wellington, whose 100th judicial district includes Donley County, said that Johnson "has been invited to appear if he wishes."

Darter would not say who is the subject of the grand jury probe.

"I can't say who is involved yet," Darter said. "We are involved in looking into the theft of feed in Donley County."

Asked whether Johnson is involved in the probe, Darter said, "All I can say is he was invited."

Johnson has held the office of sheriff for six years. He was appointed in January 1971, to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Ben Halsted, who died in December, 1970. Johnson later was elected and has held the office since.

Darter said he is working with Tom Curtis, 47th judicial district attorney whose jurisdiction includes Armstrong County, in the investigation.

Reportedly at least 80 sacks (about two tons) of livestock feed allegedly taken from the JA Ranch Ashtola Camp 11 miles west of Clarendon have been recovered in a garage next to a public building in Claude.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association headquarters in Fort Worth said today that field inspectors were looking into the alleged thefts at the JA Ranch, located southeast of Amarillo. JA Ranch President M.H.W. "Montie" Rutebe reported the missing feed to the TSCRA.

Johnson was not available for comment this morning. Armstrong County Deputy Ross Boyles, who was appointed temporary sheriff, said he did not know the whereabouts of Johnson.

Johnson had written a brief letter of resignation, which was accepted Wednesday afternoon in a special called meeting of the Armstrong County Commissioners Court.



And in the spring....

Sunshine, new buds of spring, to hold your hand, and share my love for thee. With early dawn of spring weather in the Panhandle and continued fair weather many youngsters are now partaking in out-of-door activities. And these youths, Keziah Rucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Terrell Rucker, 1002 S. Hobart, and Britt Trigg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trigg, 1101 Kiowa St. shared Wednesday's sunshine in a Pampa play area.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

# Bomb threatens House

By LEE JONES

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The morning session of the Texas House of Representatives was interrupted this morning after a capitol security officer received a call saying a bomb had been placed in the building set to go one hour after the call.

Speaker Bill Clayton interrupted the morning session and ordered the evacuation of the building. A security officer said nearly 5,000 persons, including visitors and staff were told to leave the building.

Capt. Charles Bright of Capital Security said he received the call at 10:30 a.m.

The man just made the statement that there was a bomb set to go off in an hour, Bright said.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby told the Senate he and Speaker Clayton had agreed to order the building evacuated before the 11:30 a.m. deadline set by the telephone caller.

The Senate hoped to finish work on two measures and hold an executive session prior to the evacuation.

Legislation that would cut farmers' ranchers' and timber owners' taxes by basing them on the productivity — not the speculative value — of their land won final House passage today.

The measure, approved on a voice vote, now goes to the Senate.

Final House action was marked by none of the rancor that caused hard feelings when the bill came up earlier.

Before going into executive session the Senate approved a bill by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, designed to help schools in his area hard hit by bad weather and natural gas curtailments.

The measure would allow schools to operate less than 180 days in a school year "in case of calamity and emergency."

It won tentative approval late Wednesday afternoon, 112-34, but a series of tissue-thin votes on amendments reflected the true divisiveness of the issue.

A constitutional amendment, pending in the Senate will be necessary for the agricultural tax break to take effect.

The measure would base the taxable value of farm, ranch and forest land on the average net income it would earn over a five-year period if cultivated with "ordinary prudence."

In most cases, the productivity figure would be multiplied by 10 to produce the taxable value.

If land were sold for a non-agricultural purpose, the owners would have to pay four years' back taxes at market value, plus 5 per cent annual interest.

Corporations could not receive the tax break unless they had fewer than 10 shareholders — normally family-held firms.

Speculative value as real estate, not productivity, now determines the value assigned to agricultural land for tax purposes.

At least some urban representatives feared the bill would result in higher school taxes for their constituents by lowering the amount of rural areas' total

local share of the Foundation School Program.

Figures circulated that indicated taxes would jump in some cities.

Rep. Bill Sullivan, D-Gainesville, the sponsor, contended the figures were a "scare tactic" concocted by Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, an opponent of the bill and chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

It is not going to hurt the school districts the way they indicate, and Sen. Mauzy knows that," said Sullivan.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, said, however, the figures came from the Texas Education Agency and accused Sullivan of rejecting an offer to examine the figures and their origin.

This bill takes \$40 billion out of the tax base of this state. You don't know what the impact of this bill on your district is," Bryant said.

Rep. Don Cartwright of San Antonio urged passage of the bill as a means of keeping land in cultivation.

"I've seen the farms disappear from my district because the taxes are too high," he said.

The House adopted 74-72 an amendment by Rep. Bob Malone, R-Dallas, that would keep the productivity values from binding the legislature in determining allocation of state school aid.

Bryant failed on a 73-73 tie to add an amendment upping the interest rate on rolled back tax payments from 5 per cent to 8 per cent.

The Senate passed, 25-6, and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit auto insurance

surcharges for speeding tickets in the 55-20 mph range. Neither could the tickets be used to suspend a driver's license, as present law requires.

Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan, author of the bill, said "everybody speeds. It's just those who can't afford a lawyer who have to pay."

The Senate also approved and sent to the House a bill providing criminal penalties for misusing food stamps.

"Food stamps now are being used in crap games and poker games and traded across the border," said Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, author "For the

first time this would provide a penalty for those who possess food stamps illegally."

He said it also would help stop food stamps from being spent for beer and cigarettes, although that is illegal now.

Senators also sent the House a proposed constitutional amendment requiring the governor to fill state board and commission vacancies within 60 days or the position will be declared vacant. Currently, an appointee serves until replaced.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has allowed four years to lapse in one case before making a new appointment.

## Carter wants Cuba friendship

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is asking that Cuba pursue a policy of restraint abroad and respect for human rights at home as his price for friendlier U.S. relations with Havana.

Cuba in turn is demanding that the United States lift its trade embargo against the island if Washington wants an extension of an anti-hijacking agreement past its scheduled April expiration.

Carter took his White House advisers by surprise when he said Wednesday he has received indirect word that Cuba intends to remove its troops from Angola.

Other U.S. officials said they were unaware of any such signal from Cuba. The most recent State Department estimate is that 10,000 to 15,000 Cuban troops remain in Angola, comparable to the figure cited at

the height of the Angolan war, which ended a year ago.

If the Cuban troops were removed, Carter said, that would be a step toward full normalization of relationships with Angola.

Then the President, speaking to Agriculture Department employees as part of his series of visits to federal agencies, added, "The same thing applies ultimately to the restoration of normal relationships with Cuba."

"If I can be convinced that Cuba wants to remove their aggravating influence in this hemisphere, will not participate in violence in nations across the ocean, will recommit itself to the former relationship which existed in Cuba toward human rights, then I would be willing to move toward normal relations with Cuba," Carter said.

# Pay hike block unlikely

By EDMOND Le BRETON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some House members may try to prevent the House from adjourning for the weekend in order to force a vote on their \$12,900 pay raise that takes effect automatically Sunday.

But it appeared all but certain that the increase from \$44,600 to \$57,500 for members of Congress and similar pay boosts for judges and other high officials will go into effect without a vote.

An attempt to force a recorded vote in the House failed Wednesday. Members who object to the raise or to the method of getting it then focused their efforts on House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

They insisted O'Neill has enough clout with the Rules Committee to push through a special procedure allowing a vote on resolutions to kill the raise. Under regular House rules, there could be no vote before

the deadline. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee has not voted on any of the resolutions and a subcommittee on Wednesday recommended against them.

O'Neill, who favors the raise and has said he would vote for it on the record, insisted the speaker has no power to take the resolutions out of committee jurisdiction and send them to the floor.

The issue is already dead in the Senate, which is not in session this week. The House is scheduled to adjourn for the weekend today after hearing a speech by President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico.

The time for blocking the automatic pay raise proposed by former President Gerald R. Ford and supported by President Carter runs out Saturday at midnight.

"It looks like things are stacked against us, but we'll fight until the last minute," said Rep. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa.

One strategy, he said, would be to try to

hold the House in session until leaders agreed to ask for a Rules Committee meeting.

Grassley and others said that even if they did not succeed in blocking adjournment, a roll call vote on the issue of remaining in session would give some indication of how members stand on the pay raise.

In addition to the congressional pay hikes, other pay raises include:

Vice president, chief justice, House speaker, from \$65,000 to \$75,000; associate Supreme Court justices, \$63,000 to \$72,000; Cabinet members, \$63,000 to \$66,000; majority and minority leaders in Congress, \$52,000 to \$65,000; district judges, \$42,000 to \$54,500.

Raising the pay of the government's top 2,000 officials would also lift the lid on civil service pay scales, now frozen at \$39,600. Some 20,000 top-level civil servants would receive boosts of up to \$7,900.

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Weather will be warmer today with a high expected in the low-70s and a low tonight in the low-30s. Fair conditions will continue through Friday with a high in the upper-60s.



# School tax may come to vote

By GREG THOMPSON  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Texas voters may get a chance to decide whether to discard the local property tax that has been used to finance Texas public education for more than a century.

Sen. Bill Moore, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Com-

mittee, guided his proposed constitutional amendment, which abolishes the local property tax, out of the committee Wednesday by a 7-4 vote.

But the resolution, which would be subject to a statewide referendum in 1978 if passed by two-thirds of both the Senate and House, is facing heavy opposition from the Texas State

Teacher's Association.

The TSTA claims the proposal, which provides for the state financing of public schools from other taxes at a cost of \$1.6 billion, would wipe out some smaller districts and "guarantee mediocrity" in Texas schools.

"This gives the people of Texas a chance to express

themselves on the issue," said Moore, who called the local property tax, "the most unfair tax ever devised by man."

"The tax is a burden on the homeowner and land owners," added Moore. "There are many tax sources other than ad valorem."

Moore, D-Bryan, said he supports a penny per gallon refine-

ry tax as one possible avenue of funding for his proposed state financing of schools.

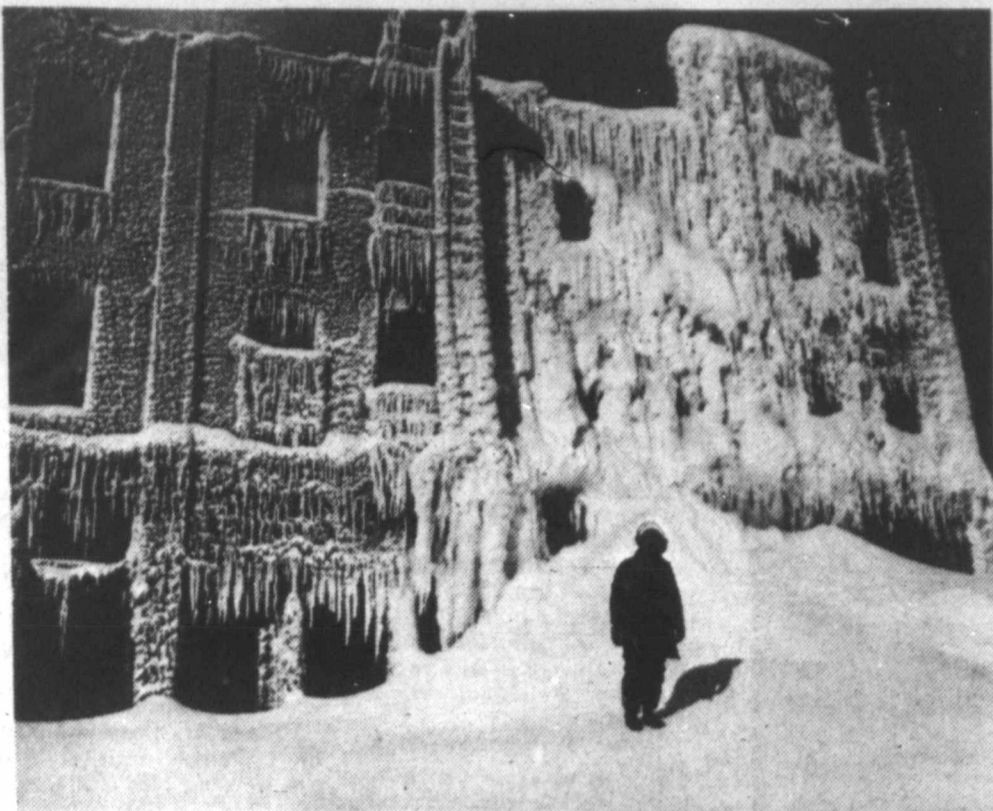
The new plan, if approved, wouldn't take effect until September 1979.

In committee hearings Wednesday, former TSTA official, L.P. Sturgeon said the measure would wipe out about 500 local school districts in Texas that use local funds to hire a majority of their personnel and support some of their programs.

"This would completely change the course of education in Texas," said Sturgeon. "It would force about half of the 1130 school districts in the state to close."

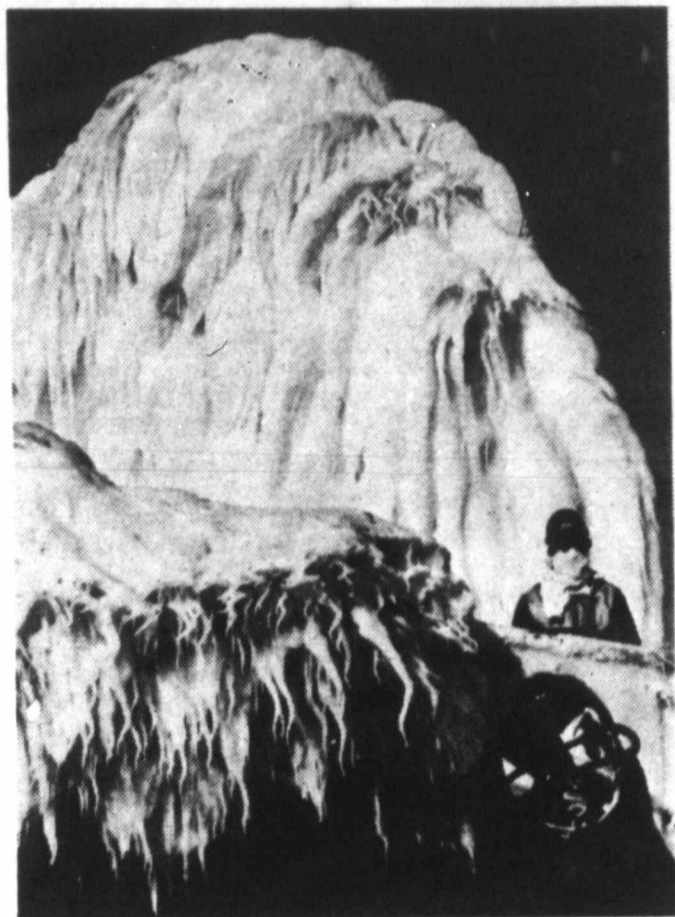
TSTA President Grace Grimes testified, "When you take away any local support, you also take away local control and bring about sameness and mediocrity in the school systems."

Mrs. Grimes said the proposed amendment doesn't allow local districts to gear their programs toward the "differing" interests of the students in the areas.



## Crystal palaces?

Winter has been no wonderland for the East which recorded the coldest winter in history. Above is a warehouse which was gutted by fire that broke out when the temperature was 29 degrees below zero. A Minneapolis fireman walks from the ice-encased remains. At right, ice takes a fanciful form on the Great Lakes tug-barge carrier "Presque Isle" pulling into Milwaukee's harbor on a minus -10 degrees day.



# Would-be stars compete

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — They have 20 minutes to give it their best shot and if they try for more time, somebody pulls their plug.

That's the challenge faced here this week by 37 different bands and musical groups from across the nation as they vie for a share of the lucrative college campus entertainment market.

Some of the entertainers already are well known. Others are not. Some make it big — like Simon and Garfunkel, Chicago, Jerry Jeff Walker and others did. Some just flop.

Nearly 3,000 students reviewing the "showcase" auditions at the National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association (NECAA) convention represent some 600 colleges and universities.

To the entertainers, they represent \$250 million in combined purchasing power.

These students, who sit on the committees and councils that operate campus entertainment programs, are deciding this week how to spend that money for the next year, said Fred Williams, NECAA spokesman.

In addition to auditioning a total of nearly 70 various acts, the students are screening more than 25 hours of 16 mm films, like "all the president's

men," which are newly released to the campus market.

They also will review performers on the collegiate lecture circuit, novelty acts, travel programs, "coffeehouse" entertainers and dance and theater groups.

Delegates will hear addresses from Harry Chapin, Robert Klein, John W. Dean III, and transsexual Christine Jorgensen.

Wednesday night, the NECAA honored actor John Wayne as "star of the century" and presented him a special, star-studded belt buckle.

Students also can visit booths of 250 exhibitors who represent commercial firms handling talent, services, products or programs of interest to the collegiate extracurricular market.

Nearly 90 educational sessions are offered where student delegates can discuss the nuts and bolts and philosophy of extracurricular activities. They can learn how to prepare budgets, promote programs and fire up volunteer workers.

"The students are inspecting the wares," said Williams. "Most of the performers are basically unknowns trying to make it on the college campuses."

Others, like Ronnie Millsap, already established as a coun-

try-western singing star, are hoping to expand their markets and incomes by reaching a new audience.

The "showcase" auditions are tough, said Henry Israel, road manager of a six-member rock group from Atlanta, Ga., called "Mother's Finest."

"You've got 20 minutes to warm up the audience and get accepted. Then you're through. It's hard to quit when you're just getting going."

But if you make it, he added, the rewards can be great.

Alaska reported 53 cases in

# Measle cases increase

By JACK STILLMAN  
Associated Press Writer  
ATLANTA (AP) — Outbreaks of measles, one of the most serious of childhood diseases, are increasing at alarming rates in some states, and public health officials are calling for means to curb their spread.

Although most states have laws requiring immunization against measles, an Associated Press survey shows little is done to enforce them.

Peter Crippen, head of Indiana's immunization program, said that state's law has loopholes "so big you could drive a bus through."

Last year 39,585 cases of measles were reported nationally — the largest number since 1971, said the national Center for Disease Control. The all-time low was 28,094 in 1974.

Many of the states responding to the AP survey report large increases of measles cases last year over 1975 and many said 1977 likely will be even worse.

Dr. Walter Orenstein, a medical epidemiologist at the CDC, said he believes most states which have immunization laws are not enforcing them.

Orenstein said the mortality rate of the disease is about one in 1,000. In rare cases it can also cause permanent brain damage.

Measles are most infectious before diagnosis, he said, and by then a child can infect an entire classroom unless the children have been vaccinated.

Orenstein said a child may have it 10 days before it is diagnosed.

Public health officials attribute the increase to several things.

"One is that many children not vaccinated in the 1960s would have gotten measles then but there was so little virus around they didn't," Orenstein said.

"Now they are in an older age group and they get around more. They are among other children. We are seeing the increase in the 10-plus age group."

Alaska reported 53 cases in

Fairbanks and others in Anchorage.

Dr. John Middaugh, Alaska's epidemiologist, said there had been no measles in that state for three and one-half years, and he attributes a decline in immunization to newcomers.

"We didn't know the problem existed until we went into the schools to try to contain outbreaks of measles which occurred in Anchorage and Fairbanks," he said. "We discovered the law had not been enforced and records were poorly kept if they were kept at all — immunizations had fallen dramatically."

Indiana reported 520 cases in 1975 and 4,400 in 1976. Crippen said the outlook for 1977 "looks bad, because we're already above 1976 levels for this time of year."

Indiana has an immunization law but Crippen said, "That doesn't mean every child entering public school is immunized. A parent could object to it."

He said he believes the law is strong enough if it were enforced.

"It's more a question of convincing parents of the worth and necessity of immunization without going after them with a stick," he said.

In Georgia, Dr. John McCroan, state epidemiologist, said 500 cases were reported in 1975. He said there were about 600 last year and "I would say in 1977, we'll have 1,200 cases at least — the way we've started out."

He said Georgia's immunization law apparently is being enforced, but the problem is the state had no immunization law until 1969.

"We still have some children in high school who have not been immunized," he said.

Kentucky reported 758 cases in 1975 and a decline to 166 last year.

"I don't think that we should have the total responsibility for what I believe are the responsi-

bilities of parents," said Dr. Carlos Hernandez, director of preventive services.

Maryland, which leaves vaccination enforcement up to individual school principals, reported 64 cases in 1975 and 719 last year.

Delaware, which has no immunization law, reported 39 cases in 1975 and 130 last year.

In California, measles declined last year but a spokesman said an increase may be on the way this year.

Utah has a law which requires children to be immunized — unless their parents object and then they don't have to.

Utah reported 373 cases in 1975 and 2,351 last year.

Donald Biemiller of Virginia's epidemiology division said he believes that state's immunization law should be enforced uniformly.

Virginia reported 38 cases of measles in 1975 and 844 last year.

Pennsylvania, which saw measles bounce from 626 in 1975 to 2,682 last year, has a law providing for fines and imprisonment for failing to comply, but state health officials say no one has ever been penalized.

One state which apparently enforces the measles vaccination law is Hawaii. That state

reported 64 cases in 1975 after three years without any. Last year, there were 11 cases and health officials said they believe that if Hawaii gets measles, the disease will be imported.

In Ohio, there were 1,000 cases last year, compared with 106 in 1975. Public health officials say they fear a possible epidemic. It was noted that more than 100,000 children in Ohio had not been vaccinated.

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BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — An \$8 million damage suit filed in federal court here accuses Exxon Co., U.S.A. of negligence in the death of a Jasper man who died Jan. 27 in an explosion and fire in the Houston Ship Channel.

Mrs. Eleanor Wolford, widow of Delton Ray Wolford, 38, filed the suit Wednesday in behalf of herself and her four minor children, including a son from a previous marriage.

Wolford and two others died in an explosion and fire in the ship channel. He was captain of the Nathan B., a tugboat that was beside an Exxon tanker at the time of the explosion and fire.

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## Advice

Dear Abby  
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: What would your reaction be if a young woman who worked for your husband named her baby after him? Well, that's my problem, and I'm still upset about it.

This girl has worked for my husband for about two years. She's only 22, but that's old enough to know better. I wonder what her husband thinks? It seems to me that they could have found someone in his or her family to name their baby after.

We were invited to the christening. My husband went, but I said I had a headache and stayed home. I might add that my husband felt "honored," and he boasted to several of our friends that a woman in his office named her baby after him.

What do you think this foolish girl had in mind? Was she trying to make Brownie points with her boss? Or trying to obligate him so he'd give her baby a more expensive present?

THE BOSS'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: It's possible that the young couple named their baby after your husband because they respect and admire him—and for no other reason. Why assume that there's an ulterior motive? There may be none.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 10-year-old girl with a big problem. It's Sinbad, my kitten. He isn't even a year old and he keeps running off to be with a girl cat. What can I do?

I treat him nice, but since he met this girl cat he's hardly ever home. He comes home when it rains, but he just sits on the porch and won't even look at me, and when it stops raining, he is off again.

How can I keep Sinbad home?

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DEAR MISS TALBOTT: You could keep Sinbad fenced in, but you'd have a very angry and frustrated cat on your hands. (How would you like to be "fenced in" so you couldn't mingle with boys during your teen years?)

DEAR ABBY: We are just ordinary people. My husband has a 9 to 5 job and I am only a housewife. We have been married for 10 years and in all that time we have never gone anywhere without taking our children. (We have three.) I have never had one night away from home except those few when I went to the hospital to have another baby.

We have never hired a sitter. Never needed one. My husband said the children grow up so fast we should enjoy every moment we can with them. I love my children, Abby, but don't you think I deserve a night out without the children just once a year?

STALE MATE

DEAR MATE: Your husband forgets that you "enjoy" your children all day, every day when he is at work. Remind him. You not only "deserve" an occasional night out, you NEED one.

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 — I would like some help. I am 40 and my doctor told me I have multiple sclerosis and that there is no cure or treatment for it. I have seen two neurosurgeons who agree that this is my problem.

With a wife and four kids you can see why I am upset. Not one of them gave me any help in the line of what to do about it. Is there anything I can do?

DEAR READER — You can't make realistic plans for your family or for yourself without knowing the truth — even if the truth isn't very pleasant. It is true that there is no treatment for multiple sclerosis (MS) that will really cure it. I am optimistic that medical science will have an answer to multiple sclerosis in the near future.

MS is a disease that affects widespread areas of the nervous system. It can cause trouble with vision and speech as well as paralysis. It can be disabling and fatal. On the positive side many patients with the disease live a long time with minimal, if any, disability. Hopefully you will fall into that group and will live long enough for the entire picture of multiple sclerosis to change.

In one study of MS patients 74 per cent were alive 25 years later compared to 86 per cent of a population of the same age who did not have MS. At the end of 25 years two-thirds of the surviving patients are still ambulatory. Some patients have immediate and even fatal outcomes, others live for years, often with remissions and little, if any, evidence of the disease.

Which will you be? It is difficult to predict because of the nature of the disease to have complete remissions and severe relapses without warning.

While MS is still classified as a disease of unknown cause

there is now considerable evidence that it is caused by a "slow virus." There is evidence that the body produces antibodies to the virus. Also there is evidence that some people seem to be resistant to the virus infection and others susceptible. That may explain the differences in geographic distribution of the disease.

If the virus evidence holds up and the virus is identified there is hope that a vaccine can then be found to prevent MS. At present 250,000 Americans have the disease. Also it suggests that there may be new ways of treating the disease. Investigators think an exposed person produces antibodies to the mysterious virus. The MS patient then develops an allergic reaction to the antibodies formed.

Meanwhile the most that can be offered is really supportive care if you should need it. Steroid hormone treatment is sometimes helpful. There have been several diet treatments suggested but none has proved to be really useful and the best dietary approach is a well balanced diet that meets the nutritional needs of the patient. Remember, no matter how bad things are, there are remissions and you have good percentages on your side for your overall outlook for 25 years. A lot can happen in that length of time.

Strokes are the third most common cause of death in all Americans. They can also be crippling and affect a person's personality. To learn more about strokes and how to prevent them send 50 cents for The Health Letter number 2-5. Send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Write to Dr. Lamb in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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### Polly's pointers

By Polly Cramer

#### Polly's Problem

DEAR POLLY — Please tell me how to eliminate cooking odors such as from bacon, fish, onions, etc. I have tried many deodorizers and many supposedly scented candles without any success at all so would appreciate some suggestions. — MRS. J.S.P.  
DEAR MRS. J.S.P. — Different things remove different odors but you might try an open container of vinegar or one with vanilla. — POLLY.

DEAR POLLY — I read in the column about Mrs. F.A.'s problem with a dog odor in her rug. Like her I, too, had tried everything for this and nothing worked until one day I read in your column about stuffing old newspapers in a trunk or anything with an odor. I thought that there was nothing lost in trying, so I put newspapers under my rug. It worked for me so I thought Mrs. F.A. might like to try this as nothing else has worked for her. — MRS. A.E.W.

DEAR POLLY — Carry a child's broom in your car during the winter and use it to sweep snow off the windshield and windows of your car. The long handle makes it easier to reach across than a regular snow scraper and saves steps. I use the upholstery attachment on my vacuum cleaner to keep the turn table on my record player free of dust. — MARGARET L.



### Ham with marmalade

Place a 7-10 pound boneless, smoked, fully-cooked ham on a rack in an open roasting pan. Insert roast meat thermometer so the bulb is centered in the thickest part. Do not add water; do not cover. Roast at 325 degrees until thermometer registers 140 degrees, or approximately 2 1/4 to 3 hours. Twenty minutes before end of cooking time, spread with orange marmalade glaze made by combining 1/2 cup orange marmalade, 1 tablespoon orange juice and 1/2 teaspoon ginger in small saucepan. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally; spread over ham. Garnish service platter with "orange blossoms" made by cutting a thin slice across stem end of medium orange, leaving slice attached. Continue cutting around orange (without removing knife) to form spiral of peel. Curl peel onto base to resemble blossom; secure curl to base with wooden pick. Insert piece of maraschino cherry in center of blossom. Two smaller blossoms can be made from one orange by cutting peel from each end.

### Cooking just for two

Cooking for two can be frustrating, especially if you're a little weak on math. Often it is necessary to convert a recipe designed for six, eight or more servings and this can be a bother.

Here are some recipes that call for basic ingredients in the quantities needed to help you with your shopping. Many of the items you already have stocked on your kitchen shelves. You can now make a royale round steak, savory chicken, calico macaroni or chili-style franks with ease. Serve with potatoes, rice or green salad or a fruit cup.

- ROYALE ROUND STEAK**  
1/2 pound round steak (3/4-inch thick)  
2 tablespoons shortening  
1 can (7 1/2 ounces) semi-condensed tomato royale soup  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
2 teaspoons bottled meat sauce  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Cooked rice

Pound steak. Cut steak into serving-size pieces. In skillet, brown steaks in shortening; pour off fat. Add remaining ingredients. Cover. Cook over low heat 1 hour 30 minutes or

- until done. Stir occasionally. Serve with rice. Makes 2 to 3 servings.
- SAVORY CHICKEN**  
1 chicken breast (about 1 pound), split  
1/4 cup finely chopped onion  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 cans (7 1/2 ounces each) semi-condensed golden chicken and noodle soup  
1/2 cup water  
1/3 cup chopped turnip  
2 tablespoons chopped

parsley  
1 cup biscuit mix  
1/3 cup milk

In saucepan, brown chicken and cook onion in butter until tender. Add soup, water, turnip and parsley. Cover; cook over low heat 20 minutes. Stir occasionally. Meanwhile, combine biscuit mix and milk with fork. Drop by spoonfuls onto pieces of chicken. Cook uncovered 10 minutes. Cover; cook 10 minutes more.

- CALICO MACARONI**  
2 slices bacon  
2 frankfurters, sliced



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## For new snack, walnuts are fried, sweetened

By CECILY BROWNSTONE

Associated Press Food Editor

One Saturday night friend Margaret Spader, a spare-time teacher of Chinese cooking and one of the best food researchers in this country, came to dinner. She brought with her a jar of Chinese fried walnuts she had just made. They were new to my other guests (all in the food field) as well as to me. One taste of that sensationally good tidbit and we had to know where the recipe came from.

It's in "The Good Housekeeping Cookbook," Margaret said. "One of Mildred Ying's contributions."

Mildred is associate food director of The Good Housekeeping Institute at Good Housekeeping magazine and a marvelously gifted person. Born and raised in China, she came to America when she was college-age to take a degree in home economics. She has a cozy knowledge of both Chinese and American cuisines because she has always drawn on both in preparing meals for her engineer husband, Stephen, and for their two sons, Chris and David, while the boys were growing up.

These days, with Chris and David away at universities, Mildred usually gets dinner only for Stephen and herself — and still varies her cooking.

"When Steve sets the table," Mildred says, "he always asks me whether we'll need forks and knives or chopsticks."

When I asked Mildred how fried walnuts were served in China she said, "As a snack. Just the way peanuts might be, passed with a drink in the United States, the walnuts might be offered with a cup of tea in China. Some time ago we

started serving the walnuts when Good Housekeeping gave afternoon parties and they became so popular that now we always have them on the buffet table. Guests keep asking for the recipe."

When the recipe is followed at Good Housekeeping, walnuts in varied-size pieces, just as they come in 1-pound see-through bags, are used. But you may want to use only walnut halves, as Margaret Spader did when she brought the snack to my house. You can buy walnuts in the shell, crack them yourself and pick out the halves. Here you may be interested in a cracking method demonstrated by Nolan Taylor, a candymaker (non-professional) in Oregon, when he was interviewed recently by The Oswego Review: "He placed a walnut on a steady flat surface, pointed it lightly with a hammer and out came perfect halves."

MILDRED YING'S FRIED WALNUTS

- 4 cups California walnuts
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - Salad oil
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
1. In large saucepan over high heat, heat 6 cups water to boiling; add walnuts and reheat to boiling; cook 1 minute. Rinse under running hot water; drain.
2. In large bowl, in sugar, toss walnuts.

### Has anyone Seen This 40-year-old Woman?



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### Names in the news

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth was greeted today by 12 black-robed chiefs who presented her with whale teeth as an assurance of a safe and warm stay in Fiji.

She arrived with her husband Prince Philip from Tonga aboard the royal yacht Britannia for a two-day visit marking the 25th anniversary of her coronation.

Police said crowds watching as the couple rode in a closed car to Albert Park for welcoming ceremonies were the largest they could recall.

In keeping with Fiji custom, the crowds kept complete silence as a sign of respect.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor, wowing a curious campus crowd, rode the back of a 30-year-old Lincoln Continental and fondled a soup-bowl-sized glass diamond that accompanied her selection as Harvard Hasty Pudding woman of the year.

Miss Taylor cupped the hand of her latest husband, former Navy secretary John Warner, and told reporters Tuesday: "I think men are sexy."

Her appearance wasn't all roses.

There was a moment before the award presentation when the undergraduate club's president, Mark Szpak of Manchester, N.H., recalled that a previous winner had been Debbie Reynolds.

Szpak probably was not old enough to remember that Miss Taylor took Miss Reynolds' spouse, Eddie Fisher, in the fourth of her seven marriages.

And, some members of the audience whistled loudly what a few claimed was Miss Taylor's theme song: "I'm Getting Married in the Morning."

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt is on the road for a series of public appearances while his obscenity conviction is on appeal.

Flynt, freed from jail the previous day, flew to Miami on Tuesday for taping today of appearances on the Phil Donahue Show and the Public Broadcasting System's McNeill-Lehrer Report.

Before departing, he issued a statement accusing anti-pornography groups of trying to steal his thunder.

The recent publicity about child pornography is a concentrated effort by anti-pornography groups to offset favorable editorial support I have been receiving in the past week, Flynt said.

Several New York groups have protested use of children in X-rated films and last week, the indictments of 14 persons on obscenity charges were announced in Manhattan.

GENEVA, N.Y. (AP) — A 22-year-old junior at Hobart College is looking for a wife among the faculty's single females. But it's strictly a business proposition.

Paul Ferbank wants to be the husband of a professor, because spouses don't have to pay tuition — a saving of \$3,400.

In exchange, he says, his "wife" would get a \$750 tax deduction because "she could declare me a dependent."

His ad in the school newspaper says: "Needy tax deductible male student seeking marriage contract for tuition purposes."

Ferbank, a science major from Swampscott, Mass., says he placed the ad mainly so "people would get a chuckle," but insists he will proceed with his plan if he gets a favorable response.

College treasurer William P. VanArsdale described Ferbank's scheme as "rather humorous."

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Howard Freed has sworn off cigarettes. You can look it up.

Freed, president pro tem of the state senate, was moved to say: "I'm finished with smoking forever," after a 26-24 vote on a bill that would require no-smoking sections in public

### Border Patrol assigns Pampan to El Paso

James B. McLane Jr., 30, of Pampa, has been graduated from the U.S. Border Patrol Academy at Los Fresnos, Tx., and will perform duties as a Patrol Agent in the El Paso, Texas Border Patrol Sector.

McLane was a member of the 112th Session of the Border Patrol Academy and successfully completed the intensive Academy course in Immigration and Nationality laws and regulations, Spanish language, duties and authority to act, court procedures, constitutional rights, physical training, and other studies involving the duties of patrol officers.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. McLane Sr. of 1208 East Foster Street. He attended Pampa High School and Murray State University in Kentucky while assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

places such as government buildings, restaurants, theaters and auditoriums. Violators would be subject to a \$100 fine.

As the vote was being tallied, Freed pitched his pack of cigarettes into a wastebasket behind him and then stood to announce to the chamber:

"I just threw away my cigarettes. I'm finished with smoking forever."

NEW YORK (AP) — There are more than 250 shopping days left until Christmas, but the nation's toymakers aren't wasting any time. They have already introduced the products they hope will capture millions of consumer dollars in the 1977 holiday season.

Buyers can expect more electronic toys and games; a revival of a few old favorites; tie-ins with television, movies and sports figures; and a wide

range of mock Citizens Band radios. Some of the more elaborate playthings will retail in the area of \$50.

David A. Miller, chairman of the board of the Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc., said 1976 sales, at the wholesale level were \$3.1 billion, up 14 per cent from 1975. He predicted 1977 sales would be 8 to 10 per cent higher than last year's.

There seemed to be less emphasis on violent toys than in

past years. Toy guns occupied only one page of a 75-page catalogue distributed by one company, Mattel Toys, the world's largest toymaker, offered a line of "Shogun" warriors, complete with battle axes and rockets.

The Ideal Toy Corp. linked two fads with its Evel Knievel CB van — one of several additions to the Knievel line, introduced five years ago. One model cycle was tied to an upcoming Knievel movie. An

ideal spokesman said the company had sold \$125 million worth of Knievel toys.

Among the highlights of the fair: —The "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" game produced by Reiss Games. Described as "Fun for All Ages," the board game features the less-spicy episodes of life as portrayed in the syndicated television series. "We left out everything risqué," said a spokesman, who added that the game would re-

tail for \$8. —"Slime." A greenish-yellow substance — 95 per cent water and 5 per cent chemical compound — designed to slide through your fingers. The manufacturers describe it as "yucky." One spokesman said it "feels like thick Jello — only heavier."

—Dolls that develop a "tan" in one minute when placed in sunlight or close to an artificial light. The extra color lasts for an hour.

Several offerings loosely tied to current events: "Lie, Cheat and Steal," described as "the game of political power;" "Changeover," a board game designed to help the player adapt to the switch to the metric system; and a plastic bank in the shape of a peanut, complete with a big grin on the front.

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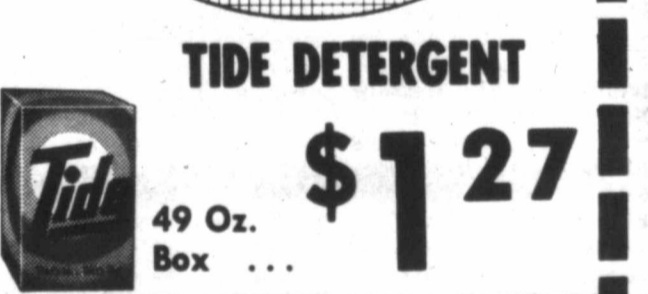
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# Murder-for-hire conviction reversed

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed and remanded Wednesday the murder-for-hire conviction of Eugene Oliver of Dallas, accused of paying for the death of Billie Barnes in order to collect Barnes' \$200,000 "key man" insurance.

"Key man" insurance is that taken out by a company on one of its top officers or employees because his expertise or knowledge is of such great value to the company.

Oliver allegedly contracted with John Craner Jackson to kill Barnes. Jackson drew a life sentence, which was upheld by the appeals court.

Jackson claimed at his trial he killed Barnes in self-defense after going to Barnes' office in an attempt to persuade him to stop harassing Oliver. Barnes became violent, Jackson said, and Jackson hit him first with a three-hole paper punch, then with a piece of pipe in a plastic satchel which he said he took

with him just in case Barnes made trouble.

Jackson and another man loaded Barnes' body in a car trunk and took the car to a parking lot at Love Field.

At Oliver's trial, the prosecution introduced pleadings and the judgment from a civil suit involving the insurance policy. Oliver's company claimed the entire proceeds, but the judgment allowed only half, the remainder being awarded to his children and others.

"The admission of these exhibits was error, since each was admitted to show the truth of the statements contained in the exhibit and each was incapable of being cross-examined," the appeals court said.

"Nor can we conclude that the error was harmless. The exhibits have a strong tendency to show that Lectron (Industries, Inc.) settled for less of the life insurance proceeds than it was entitled to, and less than it originally claimed in its

third party pleading, from this the jury was likely to infer that the exhibits, taken together, amounted to an implied confession of culpability on the part of (Oliver), who the jury knew was Lectron's president the owner of 90 per cent of its stock," the court said.

The high court said a circumstantial evidence charge should be given at any new trial, and "we trust that... the prosecutor will refrain from sidebar attacks on opposing counsel."

# NBC slips more in ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC has slipped deeper into third place behind CBS in the national television ratings race, according to the latest A.C. Nielsen figures.

Claiming four of the top four programs for the week ending Feb. 13, ABC retained its grip on first place. CBS, meanwhile, extended its lead over NBC for the season to date by two-tenths of a point.

The most popular program last week was the second part of "How the West Was Won" last Monday night. At the bottom of the list of 68 rated shows was "Executive Suite" on CBS.

National Nielsen prime-time averages gave ABC a 23.2 rating, meaning it was preferred in an estimated 16.5-million households during the week. The CBS average was 19.1, or 13.6 million homes, and NBC's was 16.7, or 11.9 million.

The season-to-date ratings stand at 22.1, or 15.7 million, for ABC; 18.8, or 13.9 million, for CBS; 18.5, or 13.2 million, for NBC.

Two premieres were tied in 35th and 36th place. They were "Blansky's Beauties" on ABC and "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams" on NBC. But NBC's "Big Event" Sunday night, "2001: A Space Odyssey," turned up in 46th place.

According to the Nielsen figures, the top 10 shows were as follows:

"How the West Was Won," ABC, a 32.2 rating, seen in 22.9 million homes; "Happy Days," ABC, 31.8, or 22.6 million; "Laverne & Shirley," ABC, 31.4, or 22.4 million; "Charlie's Angels," ABC, 27.9, or 19.9 million; "M.A.S.H.," CBS, and "Six Million Dollar Man," ABC, each 27.6, or 19.7 million; "People's Choice Awards," CBS, 26.6, or 18.9 million; "The Last Dinosaur," ABC's Friday movie, 25.2, or 17.9 million; "One Day at a Time," CBS, 25, or 17.8 million; and "Welcome Back, Kotter," ABC, 24.8, or 17.7 million.

The next 10 shows were, in order: "Baretta," ABC, "60 Minutes," CBS, "All in the Family," CBS, "Starky and Hutch," ABC, "Switch," CBS, "Bionic Woman," ABC, "Carol Burnett," CBS, "Alice," CBS, and "What's Happening," ABC, tied in 18th and 19th place; and "The Jeffersons," CBS.

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## Kansas City paper keeps its editors

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The Kansas City Star, sold Tuesday to Capital Cities Communications, Inc., will get a new director but will remain editorially intact, according to its new owners.

Capital Cities, a New York-based broadcast and newspaper operation, paid an estimated \$125 million for the Star and its two paper plants.

The sale ended 50 years of employee ownership of Kansas City's two daily newspapers, both published by the Star.

James H. Hale, 49, will become the chief executive officer and chairman of a newly expanded board of directors on the Star, according to Thomas Murphy, chairman of Capital Cities.

Hale has been executive vice-president and general manager of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which was acquired by Capital Cities two years ago.

Daniel Burke, Capital Cities president, and John B. Sias, executive vice president of the company, will also be added to the board.

But Murphy said that the management and staff of the paper would remain intact and that news and editorial decisions would continue to be made in Kansas City.

Capital Cities also publishes Womens Wear Daily and more than a half dozen other trade publications. The company is also the licensee for television stations in six cities and radio stations in seven cities.

## Viking 1 searching for oxygen

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists plan to instruct the Viking 1 Mars lander to dig a one-foot-deep hole in search of large amounts of oxygen in the surface of the Red Planet.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists here do not expect the dig to be completed before mid-March, but they hope it will help determine if large amounts of oxygen are found deeper than the few inches the probe's claw has gone previously. Large amounts have been found in shallow samples.

They also want to study soil composition and chemistry. "It's like sitting on the beach, putting your palm up and shoving forward in the sand," JPL spokesman Don Bame explained Tuesday. "If you keep repeating that, you'll have a hole."

The scooper will collect its first sample for Viking 1's inorganic soil analysis laboratory in mid-March. A final sample will be obtained about a month later.

The claw does not dig constantly, but is programmed to act when Viking 1 is not busy at other chores.

In addition to Viking 1's dig, Viking 2 today was to produce a soil sample from a shallow trench in an inorganic experiment, scientists said.

Above the twin landers, Viking Orbiter 1 is to take pictures of the Martian satellite Phobos starting Friday, making 11 passes of the tiny moon, the closest bringing the orbiter within about 50 miles of Phobos.

# Schools neglect writing skills

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Does writing mean penmanship and spelling? Words and sentences? Sentences and paragraphs? A group of university researchers got a gamut of answers and one harsh reality: a lot of high school graduates don't know how to put thoughts on paper.

By MARY GANZ  
Associated Press Writer  
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Does it matter, in an age of television and telephones, whether a high school graduate is able to write an essay?  
A group of writing instructors associated with the University of California decided to find out and came up with the Bay Area Writing Project, a program aimed at reducing the number of high school graduates who are barely equipped to write.  
Among other things, said codirector James Gray

and Miles Myers, the survey showed that there is indeed a need to write. "Everybody's filling out paper," Myers said. "Application blanks, resumes, reports... People are expected to be able to write a coherent sentence."

But in recent years, it has become obvious that schools aren't teaching that basic skill. Nationwide, verbal achievement scores of college-bound high school seniors have dropped steadily.

At the University of California, where entering freshmen are drawn from the top 12 per cent of the state's high school students, the number unable to pass the university's basic writing test had risen to 45 per cent.

The Bay Area Writing Project, supported by the university, the Carnegie Council and other foundations, now is 2½ years old. Already there are signs that it might be working.

—The average verbal achievement scores of

students at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek jumped 85 points on college entrance exams after their teachers took part in the program.

—The number of freshmen required to take the remedial writing course at the University of California at Berkeley dropped last fall from 45 per cent to just over one-third.

—The National Endowment for the Humanities is considering a \$200,000 program to spread the idea to 14 centers around the nation, and the California Department of Education has undertaken funding to spread the idea around the state, starting with schools in Los Angeles, San Diego and Chicago.

In the project's five-week summer institute, 25 Bay Area teachers from elementary through college level meet to share experiences and theories of how to teach writing.

# Newspaper reading guide developed for teacher use

DENTON — The best reading material in the home for developing reading skill in children — the newspaper — may be the only reading material available to some, and a North Texas State University professor has developed a guide for teachers to teach children how to use this accessible reading.

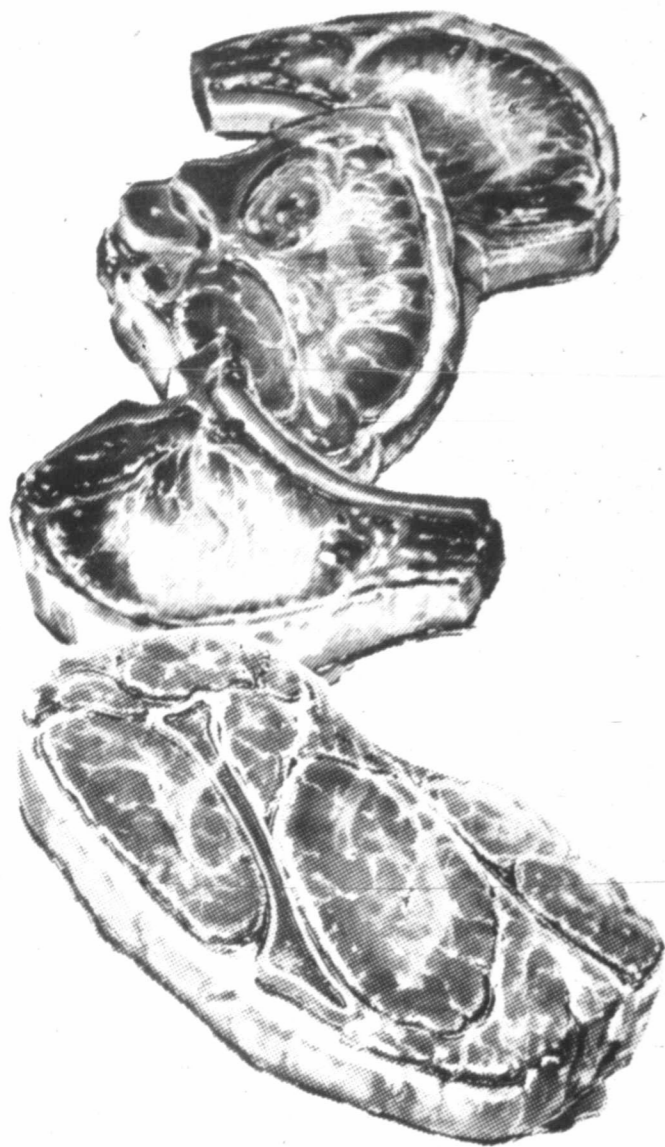
Dr. Ann Williamson of the NTSU College of Education faculty has developed a three-volume guide on "How to Read a Newspaper," published this year by Dreier Educational

Systems. "I and several other educators feel that the newspaper is the most accessible reading material a child has in his home. It is the only reading material for some children," she said. "Studies have shown that if a child learns how and begins to read newspapers as a child, he will continue to do so as an adult, and the reverse is true."

The NTSU reading specialist said there are several advantages to reading a newspaper, which usually is written for the reader with about

a sixth grade reading ability. The first advantage, of course, is accessibility, she said.

The second is that the child will be able to reach a great variety of information; third, he will learn to locate services he can use; fourth, he can be entertained or can find information about available entertainment; fifth, he will be practicing his reading and thus increase his reading skills, and sixth, the little bit of information the child reads in a newspaper might stimulate his curiosity to search other sources for more.



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# Mother finds 'lost' children

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Mrs. Betty Gordon of Xenia, Ohio, had coffee with her two daughters this week, the daughters she "lost" 28 years ago.

Nearby were grandchildren she had never seen.

Sue Bush of Austin, and Nancy Shurila of Altus, Okla., were reunited this week with their mother who left them at the Green County Children's Home in Xenia in 1949. They were four and five years old then and their names were Kathy and Tina Chambliss.

Mrs. Gordon told the Austin American-Statesman she left the girls at the home with the understanding that she would return when she had a means of caring for them. She said her husband had deserted her, was not paying child support and she had no food in the house.

She said when she returned two weeks later her children were gone, adopted by a couple in

nearby Springfield, Mo. The children's home said her husband had signed the adoption papers.

Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Shurila say they remember being wakened one night by a matron of the home and told to "meet their new mother and daddy." They were driven that night to Springfield.

Mrs. Gordon said she searched futilely in the Springfield area for the little girls but could find no one who knew anything about them.

Throughout the long years she kept a photograph of the girls displayed in her home.

"Everytime I'd see little girls, I'd look to see if they were mine," Mrs. Gordon said.

Meanwhile, the girls began to ask about their natural mother.

They said their adopted mother kept telling them she would tell them about the adoption when they were mature enough to understand. But they still didn't know when they were grown and had children of their own.

## We Hold These Truths... A Chronicle of America

### 'Different Drummer':

Henry David Thoreau, 19th century philosopher: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."



—By Ross Mackenzie & Jeff MacNeily/©1977, United Feature Syndicate

# Poor won't get rebates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department has rejected a proposal to let some four million of the nation's poorest citizens file tax returns listing no income so they could receive President Carter's proposed \$50 rebate.

The idea was one of several the department decided was not workable. It has failed to figure out a system to put the money into the hands of some of the poorest Americans, who will be left out of the rebate scheme under present plans before Congress.

Others proposals involved taking names from the states of

people on welfare rolls who would not be found in Internal Revenue Service computers. That idea was rejected because of distrust about the accuracy of local welfare lists. Assistant Treasury Secretary Laurence N. Woodworth said recently.

The zero-income tax return would have been filed by individuals on welfare who earn no income and whose identities are not included in IRS computers that would be programmed to send out rebate checks to taxpayers. State agencies would help the welfare recipients fill out the returns. But treasury officials said

that procedure could open the door for fraudulent claims made for rebate checks. Woodworth said the IRS would have no way of determining whether an individual was filing more than once in order to receive rebate checks.

His assessment is disputed by several members of the House Ways and Means Committee and by IRS technical experts.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a member of the Ways and Means Committee, said recently he wants the committee to look into the suggestion.

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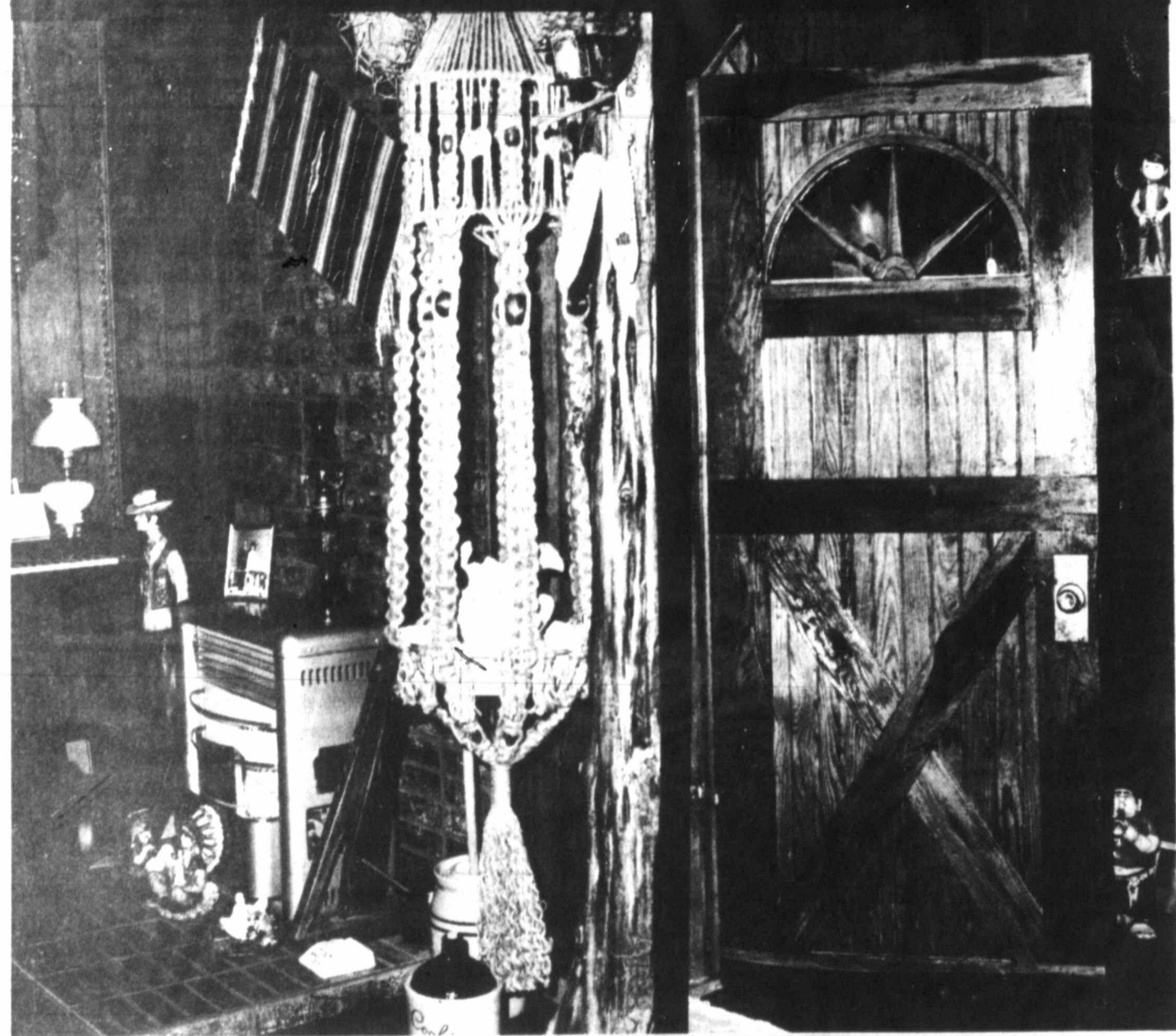
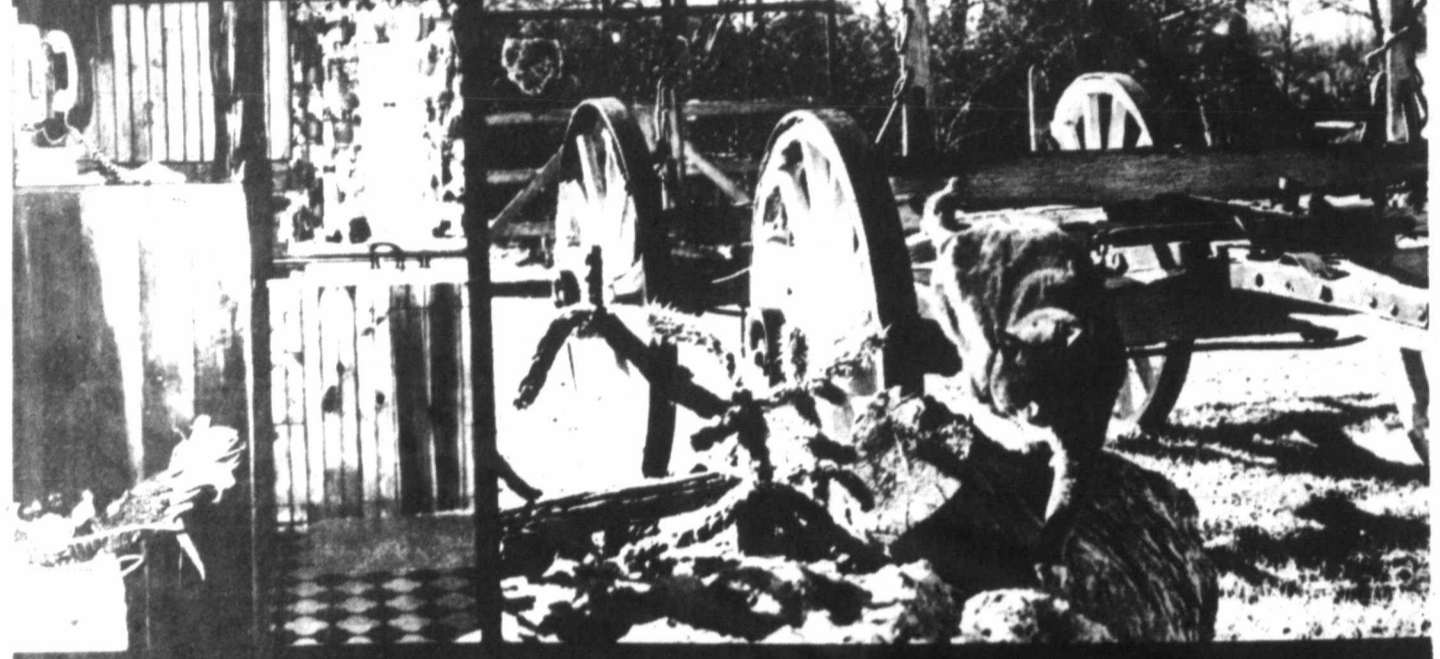


**By SHIRLEY ANDERSON**  
Pampa News Staff

Visitors to the Norvel Huckins home in Skellytown see a water pump from a ghost town in Colorado, a cypress knee from a Louisiana swamp, an Indian community grindstone from the Texas plains.

"Just go out onto the bald prairie, and you'll find all sorts of interesting things," Mrs. Huckins said.

The exterior of the Huckins home is trimmed with pine posts and slabs from a sawmill near



(Pampa News photos by Gene Anderson)

# The look: Panhandle eclectic

Trinidad, Colo. Wagon wheels, cactus, driftwood, and rustic fencing create a look of the Old West, highlighted by a sign reading, "Oleo Acres — one of the cheaper spreads."

Mrs. Huckins, an Indian culture enthusiast, recalls the day she found a large community grindstone on the prairie. The artifact had seven hollows, indicating the number of squaws who used it, and two of the depressions still contained monos (small stones used to crush grain).

A winch truck was used to move the massive stone to its present location in the Huckins front yard. "It was badly cracked, and I held my breath the whole time it was being lifted," she said, adding, "Don't you know many an Indian brave was cursed out around that old stone?"

Souvenirs of the Old West combine with Indian artifacts, antiques and Mexican mementos to make the home's interior a visitor's delight. The whole family contributes to the decor.

A crossbow made of solid oak and a Model-T car spring by son Steve, now a contractor in Beaver, Okla., hangs in the den. It was refused a place in district high school Science Fair competition because the judges wouldn't believe he made it.

He was back again the following year with a hand-carved gunstock, and reletting judges sent it all the way to a first place in the state.

Not to be outdone, son Tim, now of Lefors, constructed a solid oak coffee table with ornate carving. He said the project taught him one thing: never to make another.

Terry, a senior at White Deer

High School, admired macrame plant hangers but spurned lessons in the craft. "He went to town and bought some juke, then came home and started making hangers," his mother recalls.

Huckins, a unit operator for Kerr-McGee, made the front door. Starting with pine boards, car siding and a slab of oak, he amazed the family with the project. "Don't you worry; when I'm through it'll look all right," he told them. The resulting door with its carved wagon wheel windowpanes is a conversation piece.

Mrs. Huckins is a needlework hobbyist. Last year she corched six tablecloths and three afghans, quilted a king-size "Cathedral Windows" coverlet using 55 yards of muslin and 2,300 brightly-colored blocks — "I begged, borrowed, and sent to foreign countries for them" — and knitted her husband's work socks.

A highlight of the home's decor is a pair of cedar fenceposts brought in from the Rob Harlan Ranch. Ceiling-high, their mellow wood is coated only with clear liquid plastic to emphasize their natural beauty.

Not all the family's possessions lean toward the rustic; there's a collection of exquisite lead crystal which eventually will be given to daughter Norvalene Contakus of Ashfield, Mass., and a similar collection of ruby glass for another daughter, Teresa Gillman of Lefors.

The family's arrowhead

collection is due in part to a prophetic dream. Mrs. Huckins awoke one morning and told the family that she dreamed she was at Sand Creek finding arrowheads. Although she hadn't discovered anything of value there in the past, she went to the site and immediately found an arrowhead described by experts as "a classic... the one they tried to make the others look like."

One year to the day later, she returned to the spot and found another exactly like it. "And I haven't found even a tiny chip of flint there since," she said.

A set of antique wagon jacks stand near the hearth. "Norvel bought them for \$6 at a flea market in Massachusetts because no one else knew what they were," Mrs. Huckins said, adding that none here seems to be able to identify them either.

Huckins figured out what they were by the deduction that if "he were building wagon jacks, that's the way he'd make them."

Whether logic or imagination, his reasoning is representative of the family. As Mrs. Huckins put it, "I just love to take nothing and turn it into something."

## Bell tightens block

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell says he will increase efforts to prevent aliens from entering the United States illegally.

Bell also said he probably will support proposed legislation making it illegal for employers to hire aliens they know have entered the country illegally.

Bell said, however, he opposes any large deportation of those already in the country, saying that would be "inhumane and impractical."

"I am inclined to support legislation containing civil penalties that would prohibit employers from knowingly hiring illegal aliens," Bell said Tuesday, speaking to the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"If the employment ban were a reality, the number of per-

sons trying to enter the country illegally would diminish sharply."

Bell said the problem of illegal aliens "has defied solution for years and all indications are that it is becoming more severe."

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## Entire coaching staff resigns at McLean

McLEAN — Resignations of the entire coaching staff of the McLean Independent School District were submitted and accepted during Monday night's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Homer Jefferson, Superintendent, said head coach Jesse Smelley, girls' coach Mike Gray and junior high athletic instructor Mike Viles resigned effective at the end of the school year. He added that applications are now being accepted for the posts.

In other action, the board renewed the yearly contract of elementary principal John Sallis Jr. with no increase in salary.

The trustees voted to accept sealed bids for the sale of a 1966 Chevrolet 48 - passenger bus. Deadline for submission of bids to the school's business office is March 7.

It was announced that a new 54 - passenger bus will be delivered to the school by April 1.

Discussion included updating school board policies, and Jefferson reviewed the state accreditation procedures recently enacted into law by the Texas legislature.

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# Football prospects sign national letters

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD  
AP Sports Writer

Would-be Mustangs, Bears, Longhorns and Aggies today are Bruins, Sooners, Cowboys, Cornhuskers and Wildcats after the first day for schoolboy football prospects to sign national letters of intent.

David Caldwell, a 6-2, 218-pound fullback from Pampa, stuck to his conference letter of intent and signed a national letter Wednesday with Texas Christian University of the Southwest Conference.

Ricky Moore, a 6-0, 190-pound halfback,

signed with the University of New Mexico in the Western Athletic Conference.

UCLA and four Big Eight Conference schools took highly regarded prospects who had signed Southwest Conference letters with Southern Methodist, Baylor, Texas and Texas A&M.

Southern Methodist was the biggest loser, failing to sign three key prospects who they had signed to SWC letters of intent—Billy Don Jackson of Sherman, running back Worley Taylor of Houston Washington and lineman Terry Crouch of Dallas Skyline.

Jackson signed a national letter with UCLA. Crouch signed with Oklahoma and Taylor cast his lot with Oklahoma State. Texas Football magazine listed Jackson as the state's No. 1 lineman. Taylor was one of Texas' 14 bona fide bluechips and Crouch was a Texas Football Top 30 player.

"It hurts, but we're going to have to move on," said SMU Coach Ron Meyer.

Another bluechip running back, David Overstreet of Big Sandy, who signed a Southwest Conference letter of intent with Baylor last week, also signed a national

letter with Oklahoma.

"I'm disappointed," said Baylor Coach Grant Teaff after losing Overstreet. "But this doesn't detract from the impressive list that chose to play with Baylor."

Overstreet said: "I have nothing against Baylor but Baylor is trying to get where Oklahoma already is."

Other SWC defections to the Big Eight included defensive linemen Jerrell Franklin of Houston Yates and Ben Landry of Port Arthur Lincoln, both to Kansas State, and Maurice McCloney of Beaumont

Hebert to Nebraska. McCloney, who was named the No. 1 wide receiver in the state by Texas Football, has signed an SWC letter last week with Texas, while Landry and Franklin had signed with Texas A&M.

Meyer, who refused to announce his SWC signees until they gave SMU a national letter of intent, released a list of 21 players Wednesday.

The top prospects include quarterbacks Mike Ford of Mesquite and Mark Gibson of Duncanville, running back Derrek Shelton of Silsbee, tight end Glenn Box of Dallas

White, offensive lineman Vincent Cain of Tyler and wide receiver Anthony Smith of Houston Kashmere.

TCU won two battles to keep big running backs. The Horned Frogs outbid Tulane to get David Caldwell, a 6-2, 223-pounder from Pampa and kept Southern University from signing Chester Strickland, 6-3, 225-pounds from Pittsburg, Tex.

Texas' signees on the national signing day included quarterback Sanford Coggins of Laverne, Calif., and lineman Greg Ferata of Vanden, Calif.

## McLean loses another head coach

By PAUL SIMS  
Sports Editor

McLEAN — Jesse Smelley became the fifth McLean head football coach to resign in five years Monday, quitting along with the school's girls coach and the junior high's boys coach.

The three resignations were accepted Monday night in the regular monthly meeting of the McLean school board. Applications are being accepted in an attempt to fill all three positions, according to Homer Jefferson, superintendent.

Jefferson said the McLean Independent School District "would miss" the coaches but he was not specific as to why they resigned.

"They had other things they wanted to do," Jefferson said. "That's about it. I think Coach Smelley wanted to go on to a larger school. Gray (girls' coach Mike Gray) wanted to go back to Oklahoma and Viles (junior high coach Mike Viles) wanted to go back to college."

None of the coaches cited those as reasons for their resignations, which will become effective at the close of the current school year.

"I'd rather not comment too much," Smelley said, "but I resigned mainly because I just felt like we had a problem here and I can't change it around. It's an attitude among the kids."

"I'm leaving because I feel

I've made about all the progress I can make here. The apathy here among the players and the town seems to be strong... You can't whip attitude — a coach can't give it to the kids. They've got to already have it, want it."

McLean has won four football games over the last three seasons. The Tigers were winless in 1974, won three games in 1975 and managed one victory last season over the Pampa sophomore team.

Gray said the reason the three resigned was the lack of town and school board support in building adequate facilities.

Smelley said: "I'd rather not comment along that line."

"No comment," Viles said. "Just say that the atmosphere

here calls for a change. I'm 25 years old and I'm not married. The social life up here is not too exciting. And I just think I can find something better."

Gray was the most outspoken of the three.

"The reason I resigned was because of the fact the people here don't want to spend money on the program. I don't have any dissension or anything but I just arrived at the conclusion that I want to go some place where the people have a little vision or ambition. I can't sit in a place all my life and never do anything."

"Our girls need better facilities all the way around. We need a new gym. If they had another gym, they could work out sixth hour. We have to work

out fifth hour so we only get to work out 45 minutes — it's hard to get done what you need to get done."

Smelley's predecessor as head coach, Robert Mears, now an assistant at Hart, agrees with Gray.

"They just don't want to come across any money to get anyone in there and stay. And they don't try to work with you. Last year, we were going to buy new helmets so we ordered all new helmets and made our own money," Mears said.

"Our kids had to get out and make the money to buy them. They ran a concession stand and sold T-shirts and did things like that."

Mears also expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities.

Townspeople in McLean, for the most part, don't see the need to spend money in building a new gymnasium, according to Eddie Bailey, publisher of the McLean News. Bailey has been at McLean for 12½ years and has been through two bond elections which failed to get a new school built.

The members of the school board, all of whom pushed for a new building, were not re-elected.

"They all got run off," Bailey said. "The people here didn't like it rammed down their throats."

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### Barons hold meeting in anger over owner

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — With rebellion in the air, the financially shaky Cleveland Barons of the National Hockey League were scheduled to meet today and discuss avenues open to them in the wake of the latest problem.

Angry, confused and frustrated, several of the Barons were open in their contempt for Cleveland majority owner Mel Swig and the situation in which they found themselves.

"Some of them are mad," explained Barons player representative and team captain Bob Stewart after Cleveland's 5-3 loss to Toronto Wednesday night.

"They are all very frustrated and disappointed at the way things have been done. We don't know any more now than we did two weeks ago," he added. "These are not very nice circumstances to be under."

The latest trauma to befall the Barons came Wednesday when Swig, with money apparently advanced the Cleveland franchise from NHL television and Canada Cup revenues, paid 27 players salaries due from Feb 1.

That just added to the frustration, though, because — team unity suffered as three Barons' players Phil Roberto, Frank Spring and Glenn Patrick and 13 minor league players at Salt Lake City, who were not paid, become free agents at midnight tonight.

Two more weeks of uncertainty were almost assured when the payroll due Tuesday was not paid, again giving the players still under contract the option of requesting the league to make them free agents if the money is not forthcoming within 14 days.

Jay Johnstone of the National League East champion Phillies made four straight hits in the 1976 playoff against Cincinnati.

### Home court gives NBA teams edge

By ALEX SACHARE  
AP Sports Writer

Home cooking continues to provide the fastest remedy for whatever is ailing your favorite National Basketball Association team.

Seven NBA games were played Wednesday night, and the home teams won all seven.

The New York Knicks were at home, beating the Chicago Bulls 123-103. But Knicks Coach Red Holzman knew his team's turn would come.

"To make the playoffs, we have to put a streak together," said Holzman, whose club is 19-8 at home but just 6-21 on the road. "To put a streak together, we've got to start winning on the road. And that hasn't been very easy this year."

Not for the Knicks or for anyone else. The latest league-wide figures show home teams winning 71 per cent of the games, a marked increase over last year's 65.6 mark.

The increased traveling caused by the expansion to a 22-team league and the adoption of a balanced schedule have been given as major causes why teams are finding it harder to win on the road, but Chicago Coach Ed Badger pointed to a couple of other factors.

"A noisy crowd on the road shouldn't bother you in the professional ranks but sometimes it does, especially with younger players," he observed. "And I never seem to be happy with the officiating I get on the road."

In other games Wednesday night, the Washington Bullets beat the Boston Celtics 111-92, the Indiana Pacers topped the Phoenix Suns 111-93, the Philadelphia 76ers edged the Buffalo Braves 117-113, the Denver Nuggets defeated the New York Nets 116-102, the Houston Rockets clobbered the Seattle SuperSonics 124-95 and the Detroit Pistons trimmed the Portland Trail Blazers 125-118.



Tri-Star champions

Winning overall high-point honors last weekend in the Pampa Optimist Club's Tri-Star Basketball Tournament were Randy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris of 1610 E. Harvester, with 159 points, and Carla

Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rogers of 1915 Dogwood, the high girl with 103. Pampa High basketball coach Robert McPherson, left, was one of the judges, while Raynard Screws was chairman of the tourney. (Pampa News photo)

## Detroit pops Marquette

By HERSCHEL NISSENON  
AP Sports Writer

It looks as though Dick Vitale will have to find a new idol... and Marquette may have to find a new tournament.

Vitale, who often has said that Marquette Coach Al McGuire was his idol, finally came out on top in their fourth and final meeting Wednesday night — this is McGuire's last season of coaching — as his 15th-ranked University of Detroit Titans knocked off ninth-ranked Marquette 64-63 on Dennis Boyd's last-second 20-foot jump shot.

The triumph was Detroit's 21st in a row and probably cemented an NCAA tournament berth for the Titans, who are 22-1 over-all but have not been to a post-season tourney in 12 years. Meanwhile, the home court loss may have ended Marquette's string of six consecutive NCAA appearances.

"I'm a little depressed about not making the tournament," sighed McGuire, who said before the game that a defeat probably would cost Marquette, now 16-5, an NCAA bid. "We were 1-23 in the polls before the season. I guess I've done a lousy job."

It also was a night to forget for two other members of The Associated Press Top Twenty. Dave Koesters' career-high 28 points led Virginia to a 71-65 Atlantic Coast Conference upset of 18th-ranked Clemson, while William & Mary stunned No. 19 VMI 86-84 when the losers' Dave Montgomery was called for goaltending on John Lowenhaupt's layup at the buzzer, ending the Keydets' 21-game winning streak.

Elsewhere, seventh-ranked Wake Forest needed freshman Frank Johnson's last-second 20-foot jumper to nip Davidson 70-68. No. 10 Cincinnati downed crosstown rival Xavier 77-68 behind Steve Collier's 23 points, and Olympian Walter Davis led a balanced North Carolina attack with 20 points as the 13th-ranked Tar Heels smashed South Florida 100-65.

Boyd not only scored the winning shot for Detroit against Marquette, but stole the ball

from the Warriors' Bo Ellis with 36 seconds left to set it up. Ellis topped all scorers with 21 points for Marquette, which led 20-10 in the first half. John Long had 20 for Detroit after managing just one basket in the first half.

Davidson, which has won only five games all season, threw a colossal scare into Wake Forest as sophomore John Gerdy poured in 40 points on 18-of-24 shooting, including a three-point play that tied the score 68-68 with 17 seconds left. Skip Brown paced the winners with 21.

Cincinnati just had too much of everything for Xavier, as all five starters hit double figures. North Carolina breezed to a 12-0 lead against South Florida and Coach Dean Smith cleared

his bench in the second half. The Tar Heels face the Golden Brahms again tonight.

Koesters hit 12 of 17 shots for Virginia as the Cavaliers upset Clemson for their first ACC triumph. Billy Langlof added 14 points.

VMI suffered its heart-breaking Southern Conference defeat after battling back from a 69-56 deficit with 8:45 to go. George Borojevich tied the score with six seconds left, but Montgomery, the game's high scorer with 24 points, was called for goaltending when the officials ruled he blocked Lowenhaupt's shot on the way down.

Missouri and Kansas State remained tied for the Big Eight lead. The Tigers opened a 44-31 halftime lead, then hit 68 per cent from the floor in the sec-

ond half, plus 23 of 24 free throws, in routing Colorado 101-74. Meanwhile, Kansas State downed Oklahoma State 74-67 as Mike Evans and Larry Dossie connected on a combined 18 of 25 shots.

Elsewhere, Connecticut held 19-4 Holy Cross without a field goal for nine of the final 10 minutes and upset the Crusaders 89-85. Army, 17-6, turned back Iona 62-56. St. Bonaventure, 15-5, rolled over 16-4 Gonzaga 91-65. Rutgers, 15-7, downed George Washington 112-90 as Abdel Anderson, Ed Jordan and James Bailey combined for 76 points; Temple defeated 16-6 Villanova 73-66 as Walt Montford and Marty Stahurski split 40 points, and Kenny Carr's 27 points led North Carolina State over Duke.

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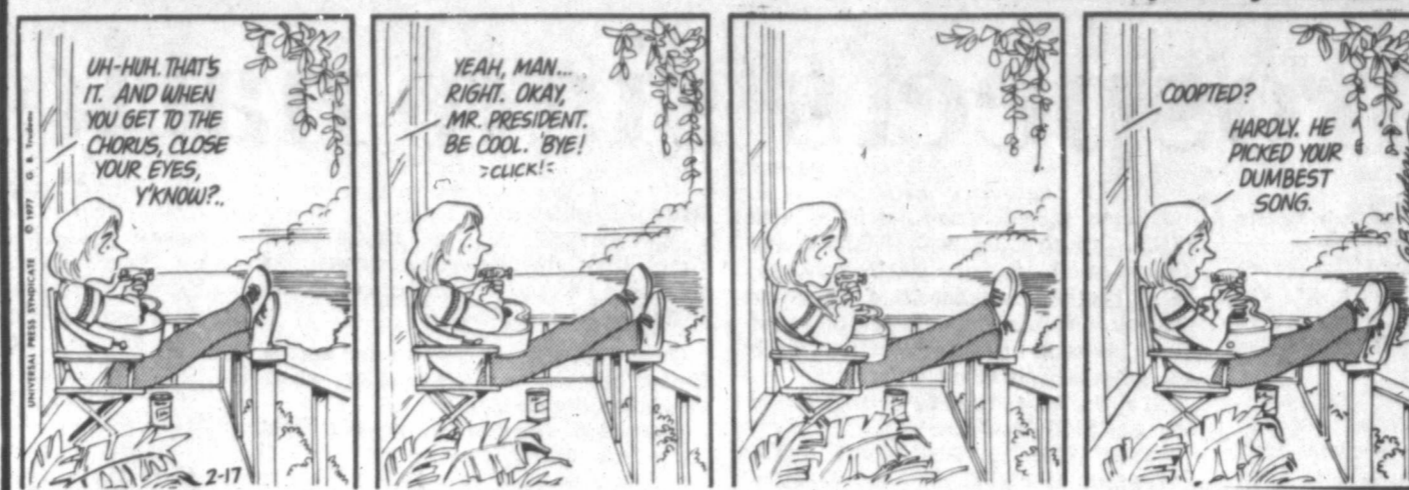
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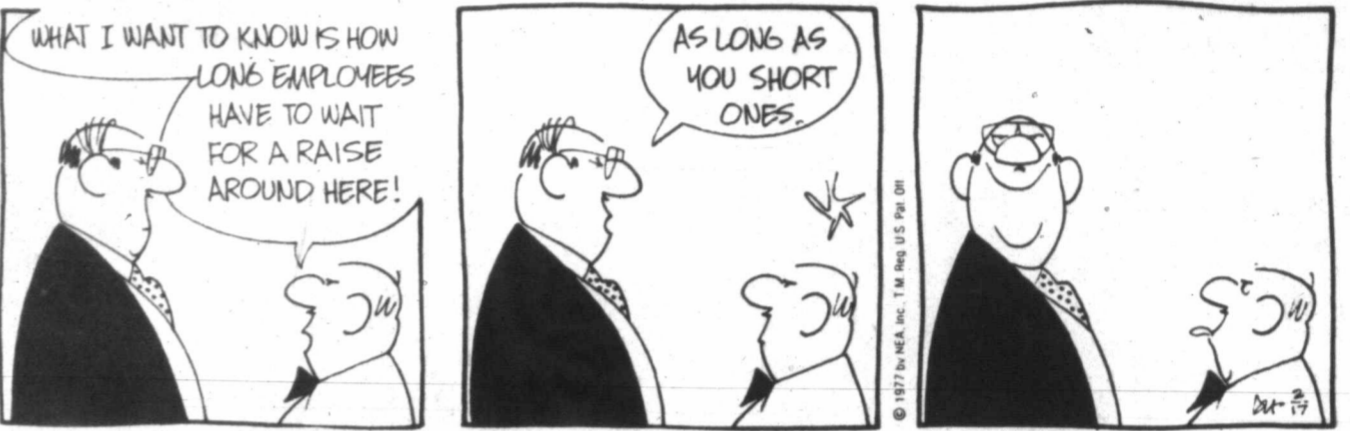


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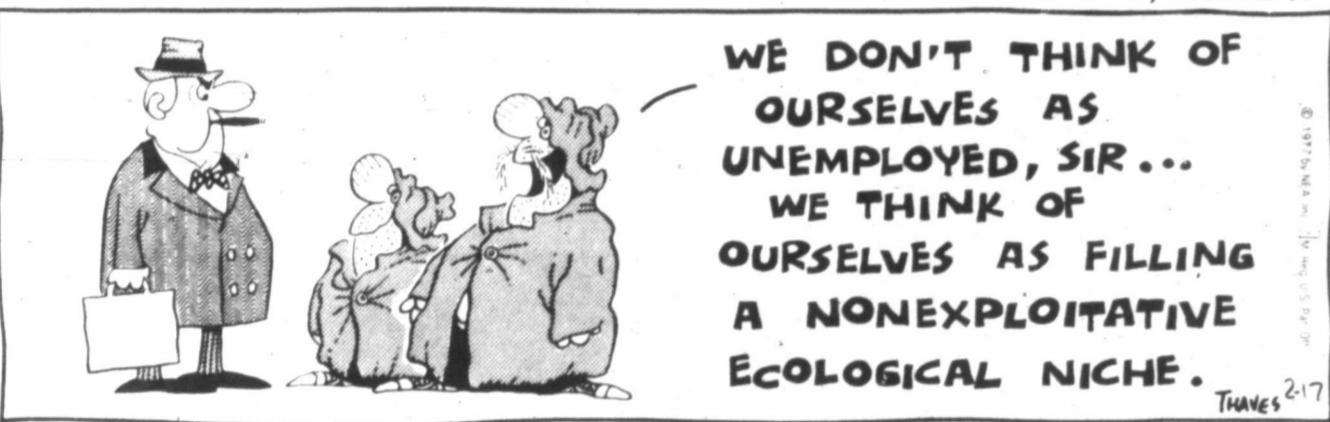
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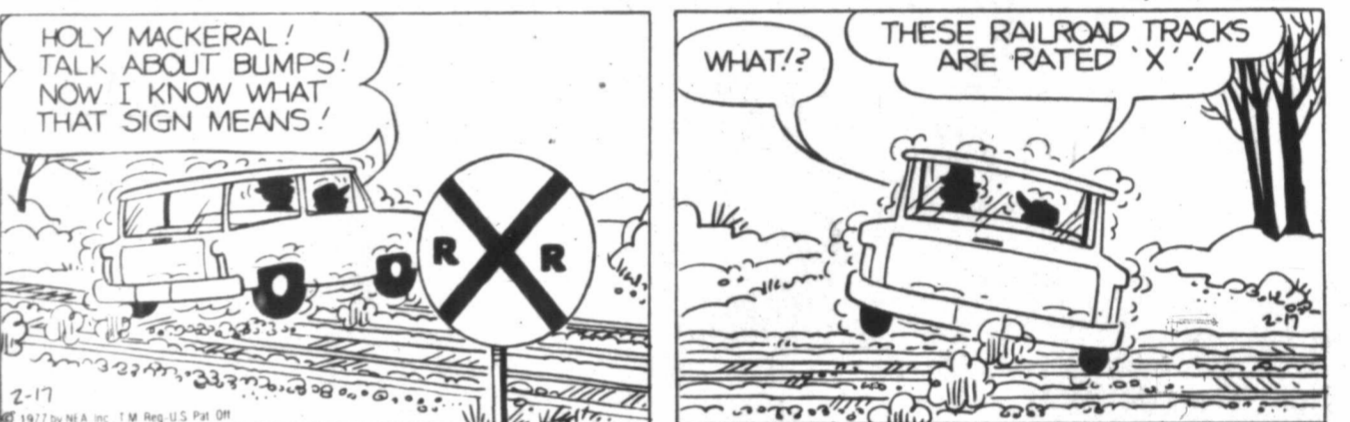


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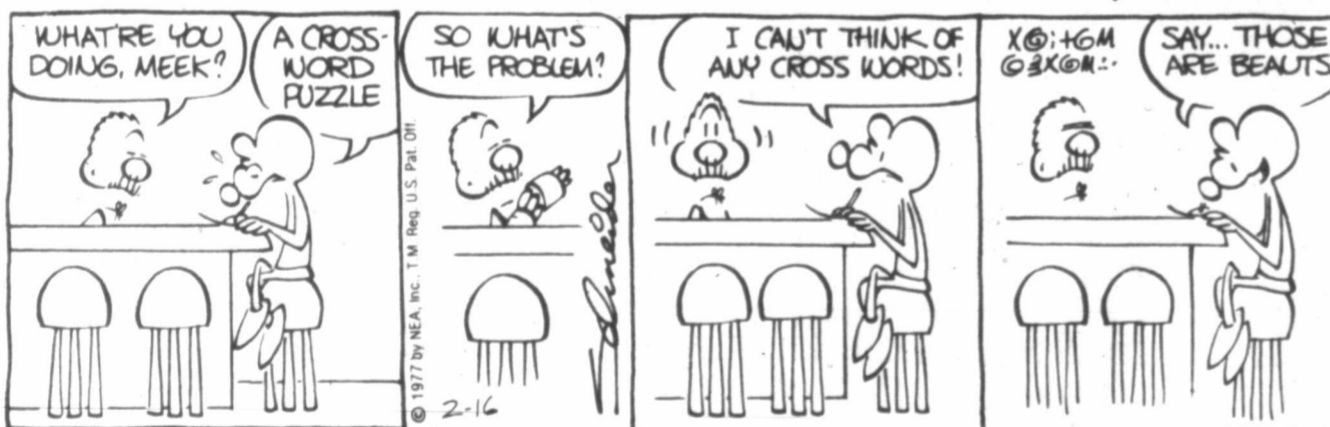
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### New at Black Gold

Nebraska couple, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomsen, have taken ownership of the Black Gold Motel and Restaurant effective Monday. Thomsen and his wife, Marilyn, moved last week to Pampa from Omaha where he was an engineer. They took operation of the facility from J.R. Gillespie and the 30-unit motel has been redecorated and new furniture placed in the rooms. The restaurant remains under lease to the past operators. The Thomsens are parents of two children, 10-year-old David, and Cheryl, who is 15. The new owner said future plans call for new carpeting and exterior painting at the motel.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

## Fish gets his own show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having kids around will make you feel young again, says Bernice, wife of detective Fish. The dour old cop replies: "I don't want to be young again. I was young once and I wasn't good at it."

Thus will veteran actor Abe Vigoda, who has become to ancients what The Fonz is to teenyboppers, check in Saturday night to his new home and his own ABC series, "Fish," a spinoff from "Barney Miller."

The exchange comes as he and Bernice (Florence Stanley) move into a big, dilapidated old house. There, they'll be caring — for a fee — for five unruly kids the courts call persons in need of supervision.

The kids come equipped with "an associate house parent," Charlie Harrison (Barry Gordon), a bumbling nebbish of 27, who is working on a doctorate in child psychology.

Fish, who isn't enthusiastic about the whole thing, is doing it only because, after 38 years as a New York cop, the gray wolf of low-pension retirement faces him and he needs to augment his income.

As he mournfully puts it later in the show, his future could be in the blue uniform of a store security guard, sitting "with a paper bag, egg salad and powdered donuts at three o'clock in the morning."

But still, in the beginning, he knows he's in for grief as he asks the cop bringing in the kids for advice on handling them. Advises the gendarme: "Keep 'em away from regular people."

And the kids, two girls and three boys, ranging in age from preteen to teen, tumble in. They set off one of the most crisply paced, well-written opening episodes I've ever seen in situation comedy.

Vigoda, the sad, gentle, set-upon soul of the 12th Precinct, makes it all work. It's not that the others are bad, they're great, but he has such timing, such acting economy he's in the one-of-a-kind class.

One pause, one shrug by him says it all.

If that doesn't do it, the expression on his basset-hound face does.

The kids, played by Denise Miller, John Cassis, Sarah Natoli, Lenny Bari and Todd Bridges, are quite believable, particularly Bridget, a black actor not yet in his teens.

### Balloon survivor files against estate

HOUSTON (AP) — The lone survivor of a hot air balloon crash in which two persons were killed has filed a \$50,000 damage suit against the estate of a sister-in-law who was the balloon's pilot.

Also named defendants in the state district court suit filed Tuesday were a Dallas balloon company and an Austin balloon school.

Susan Selden, 30, received burns and other injuries in the Dec. 30 Northwest Houston crash in which her father-in-law, Percy Selden, 74, Houston, and the sister-in-law, Marjorie Selden Sparks, 36, Austin, were killed.

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### Ford posts record profit

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. posted record profits of \$983 million in 1976 despite a four-week nationwide strike which the company said trimmed earnings by an estimated \$348 million.

Ford is the second U.S. automaker to report a record-shattering financial performance for the year.

The firm's yearend results, released Tuesday, also provided the latest evidence of the auto industry's sensational turnaround from a two-year slump which Chairman Henry Ford II called "the worst recession in 40 years."

Also on Tuesday the industry reported that record demand for big cars during the first 10 days of February pushed domestic sales to the highest levels for the period in 12 years.

Ford and General Motors, the leading big-car makers, posted sharp sales gains from a year ago, while Chrysler and American Motors, which put more

emphasis on small cars, reported declines. Overall, dealers delivered 224,601 new cars in the period, up 19 per cent on daily sales basis from a year ago.

Ford's profits were triple its 1975 income of \$323 million — the firm's lowest return for a non-strike year since 1958 — and topped the previous record of \$906.5 million set in 1973.

Sales by the world's No. 2 automaker were a record \$28.8 billion, up 20 per cent from \$24 billion in 1975.

Fourth-quarter earnings of \$171 million were up slightly from \$170 million in 1975 but down from the quarterly mark of \$240 million set in 1972. Sales in the quarter were a record \$7.2 billion, up 9 per cent from \$6.6 billion in 1975.

In September and October 170,000 United Auto Workers struck the company. Ford said the strike cut earnings by about \$348 million, including \$198 million in the final quarter.

# Congress works on tax bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax writers in Congress are considering whether to take President Carter's proposed \$50-per-person rebates away from upper income taxpayers and give a few dollars more to those in lower brackets.

That is one of the alternatives that the congressional tax staff has outlined for the House Ways and Means Committee, which started work Wednesday on the tax proposals in Carter's \$31.2 billion economic stimulus plan.

Meanwhile, a published report said Carter plans to propose increasing the deficit for fiscal 1978 by \$11 billion to \$14 billion above levels recommended by the Ford administration in its final budget.

The Washington Post said today the Carter administration estimates receipts at just under \$400 billion and expenditures approaching \$460 billion. Former President Gerald R. Ford's budget envisioned receipts of \$393 billion and expenditures of \$440 billion.

The Ways and Means Committee, where all tax legislation must originate, is likely to use the President's tax proposals as the vehicle for extending existing general tax cuts through next year.

The President's tax plan calls for a flat \$50 for nearly all Americans regardless of income.

The tax staff said that phasing out the rebate for those with gross incomes between \$25,000 and \$35,000 would reduce the refund's total by \$818 million. The revenue saved could increase the rebates for those making less than \$25,000 to \$54, the staff said. Persons with an income of \$30,000 would get \$25 rebates, but those earning more than \$35,000 would get nothing.

Or, the staff said, the rebates could be raised to \$57 for those making below \$10,000, \$53.50 for those at the \$12,500 level, \$50 for those making between \$15,000 and \$25,000 and then phasing it out by \$35,000.

The committee also may reshape other tax parts of Carter's two-year stimulus program. Changes are expected in the package's business tax portions.

However, Ways and Means is generally expected to stay close to Carter's recommended total of \$22 billion worth of plans over two years involving taxes and rebates.

Non-tax items in the President's package, such as job-creating programs, are being handled by other committees, which are likely to increase the spending levels.

The general tax cuts that are expected to be continued through 1978 include individual credits, a special bonus for the working poor, and corporate

tax rate revisions to aid small businesses.

Meanwhile, the Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday that unless the economy develops unusually strong growth, the country will not have both a balanced budget and unemployment down to 4.1 per cent by 1982.

A more moderate growth rate, the office said, could produce a balanced budget with some leeway for new programs by 1982, but with unemployment still about 5.5 per cent.

The unemployment rate was 7.3 per cent last month. Bert Lance, director of the Office of Management and

Budget, indicated in an interview on CBS radio Tuesday that if the choice comes to a balanced budget or reduced unemployment, he would choose to balance the books.

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# Carter seeks power to reorganize

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — So far, the controversy over President Carter's effort to begin reorganizing the federal government is one of form, not substance. The real challenge is one step away.

What Carter seeks now is the authority to act, and the odds are that he'll get it by springtime. That is only the beginning of what he has said will be a four-year reorganization program to consolidate, compress, abolish and overhaul scores and eventually hundreds of government agencies, offices and commissions.

The administration already is reviewing the lineup of agencies that may be affected, beginning with the White House itself and with 1,250 advisory boards and commissions.

No one argues with Carter's goal of a simpler, more efficient, more economical federal government.

That goes for Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Tex.,

chairman of the House Government Operations Committee and principal opponent of Carter's request for authority to order reorganization moves subject to congressional veto.

What Brooks objects to is the proposed system, which would give Carter power to

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reorganize agencies unless Congress says no. Instead, Brooks insists that Congress should approve any proposed changes before they take effect.

Nonetheless, Brooks' rival reorganization bill endorses Carter's objective of overhauling a government grown too big and too complex.

Carter is asking Congress to reinstate

presidential powers that were on the books for 24 years until they expired on April 1, 1973. He is almost certain to have it his way. But that will only be a beginning. The real tests will come when Carter proposes specific changes in the government and, in the process, starts stepping on some toes.

Every agency in Washington exists because somebody wanted it there, and had the clout to get it established. Every significant agency has its constituency in Congress. Even the most ardent advocates of efficiency will start shouting when their pet agencies are marked for consolidation or elimination. That will have to happen to produce the overhaul Carter advocates.

As a candidate, Carter said the 1,900 agencies or offices that now make up the federal government could be streamlined into no more than 200. He has not backed away from that goal. But he never specified which agencies should go, saying that would have to await a detailed study.

"Our confused and wasteful system that

took so long to grow will take a long time to change," he said in his fireside chat. "Government reorganization is a project that will require the full cooperation of the Congress and the public during the next four years — just to make a good start."

There was a sample of the problem awaiting Carter when the Senate overhauled its committee structure recently. Bureaucracies, in Congress or the executive branch, die hard. Nonetheless, the Senate went in the direction Carter wants to take the executive branch — toward a system based on broad, functional responsibilities. In energy, for example, duties splintered among seven Senate panels were consolidated in one.

It took compromise to get there, and the reorganization left the Senate with 25 committees, six fewer than it had, but 10 more than reformers wanted.

Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III, D-Ill., chief draftsman of the Senate reform plan, said

every effort to do away with a committee drew cries of indignation from special interest groups, staff members and senators.

That's one reason Carter has avoided naming his targets in advance. Piecemeal reform efforts, he holds, invite the interests involved to mobilize their forces in opposition to change.

Carter will not bend easily to compromise on reorganization. In seeking the authority to begin, he told congressional leaders, "I'm not asking for 100 per cent of what I requested — only 99 per cent."

He said reorganization would be impossible if Congress must approve every step. Carter wants the power to make changes effective in 60 days unless the House or Senate votes to block them. He wants it without the old limit that barred submission of more than one reorganization plan within 30 days, although he has promised not to sandbag

Congress with a deluge of plans that it wouldn't have time to review.

The system Carter wants reinstated was enacted in 1949 and extended periodically until the second Nixon administration when Congress, worried about centralization of power in the White House, refused to reinstate it.

Under that law, presidents submitted 97 reorganization proposals and Congress allowed 78 of them to take effect.

The authority was used by Dwight D. Eisenhower to create the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1953, and John F. Kennedy tried to use it to set up the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Senate balked, and while the department later was created by law, Congress also forbade the use of reorganization authority to create or change Cabinet departments.

## Accused bishop killed

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The Anglican archbishop of Uganda and two government ministers accused with him of plotting against President Idi Amin were killed in a car crash after they apparently tried to overpower the driver, Uganda radio said today.

The broadcast said Archbishop Janani Luwum, Internal Affairs Minister Charles Oboto-Olumbe and Lt. Col. Orinayo Oryeman, the minister of land and water resources, were being driven from the international conference center in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, to an officer's mess a few hundred yards away for questioning.

A government spokesman in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, said by telephone that the

Range Rover in which they were riding collided with a car, overturned and skidded across the road.

The three prisoners were killed instantly and the driver, a Maj. Moses, was critically injured, he said. Radio Uganda said a government investigation was planned.

In Geneva, the International Commission of Jurists termed the deaths an "assassination" and said, "The pretense that they were killed in a motor accident will deceive no one."

The commission, made up of law teachers, judges and lawyers from the non-Communist world, said the deaths added urgency to appeals for a United Nations investigation into "a consistent pattern of gross vio-

lations (of human rights) in Uganda."

Archbishop Luwum and the two cabinet members were arrested Wednesday following a rally in Kampala at which they were implicated by three men who confessed taking part in the alleged plot against Amin.

One of those confessing, the former head of the public service commission, said the plot was planned by former President Milton Obote, whom Amin ousted in 1971. He lives in neighboring Tanzania.

Archbishop Luwum met with Amin in Kampala last weekend and denied taking part in any plot against Uganda's ruler.

In London, a spokesman for the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, who is the spiritual leader of the Anglican

Communion, said Archbishop Luwum was "a great Christian, huge personality, and a big man in all ways." He said Dr. Coggan was deeply shocked at the news of his death.

Church officials outside Uganda said they feared Amin was planning a purge of Christians in his East African country. About half of Uganda's 11.6 million people are Christians, but Amin and about 15 per cent of the population are Moslems.

Archbishop Luwum was among a number of church leaders and government officials assembled Wednesday outside Kampala's Nile Gardens Hotel to hear confessions read by Abalala Anywui, former head of the public service commission; John Olobo, an official of the labor ministry, and an army officer, Lt. Ben Ogwang.

As the three men read their statements, 3,000 troops brought from all parts of the country shouted "Kill Them! Kill Them Today!" But Amin said the prisoners would get a military trial and be "judged properly before any sentence is passed."

The purple-robed archbishop shook his head in denial when he was mentioned in the confessions.

Also on display was a cache of arms which the government claimed was found on the grounds of the archbishop's residence in Kampala. It included about 100 Chinese automatic weapons, thousands of rounds of ammunition and hundreds of grenades.



'Fifty-eight good years'

Long-time Pampa residents Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Jones of 600 N. Gray observed their 58th wedding anniversary Wednesday, including lunch at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center in their day's activities. They were married Feb. 16, 1919 in Pampa; he was a farmer-rancher until his 1961 retirement. The couple has a

daughter, Mrs. Mary Cantrell of 452 Hughes, and two grandchildren. They agreed their marriage has been happy, with Jones offering his formula for its success: "Start right out helping one another, and never give it up."

(Pampa News photo)

## God's masterpiece unexposed

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Despite the endorsement of tourism officials — and a councilman's contention that "God's masterpiece" should be given greater exposure — barebreasted bathing still is against the law in Miami Beach.

The city council voted 6-1 Wednesday not to change a city ordinance against toplessness on the beach. Councilman Phil Sahl cast the lone vote in favor and said, "God's masterpiece is a well-built woman, and Mayor, you should look into it."

But Mayor Harold Rosen was unmoved. "If we had secluded beaches, like California or some of the islands, it would not bother me," he said.

The change in the ordinance was proposed two weeks ago by the city's Tourist Development Authority, which said it would help draw tourists

"I didn't know it was going to be so sensationalistic and I didn't have the idea of merchandising women's bodies," said Bob Grenald, a grandfather and the TDA member who originated the proposal.

The council first turned the question over to the city's Commission on the Status of Women. The proposal lost 10-8, despite the argument that the current ordinance was discriminatory because it required that only women cover their chests.

Dorothy Serotta, head of the commission, said topless beaches would be degrading.

Mayor Rosen said topless bathing for women actually had been tolerated at one beach last year.

"We overlooked it because it was done discreetly," he said, "but then a small entrepreneur came along and began giving massages in public and we had to stop it."

## Tourism headache for Galveston

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Tourism, one of the major sources of income for Galveston Island during the past decades, is becoming a financial headache for city and county officials.

Acting city manager Steve Huffman, in an interview, said the expenditures to keep the beaches clear and provide other services are taking a deep bite out of the budget "and we can raise taxes only so high."

"Our streets are in the worst shape ever," Huffman said because more and more dollars are going for the maintenance of the recreational areas.

City councilwoman Edna Fuller said, "We are using so much money for outsiders, we have none left for ourselves."

Curtis Brown, assistant manager of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, said the "trash problem is horrendous. The growing number of people coming down is a burden on those living here. We are concerned about the tourists, all of the tourists, but the citizens of Galveston are having to take it on their backs to maintain the facilities."

"Perhaps what we need is to get the cars off the beach and to concentrate parking within certain areas. We are too spread out now," he said.

The city government has asked the federal agencies for funding to help meet the rising costs of maintenance.

"I took a drive the other day," Huffman said, "and there were campers from New York and Illinois and Tennessee and other places where it has been so cold.

"I'm not sure they contribute much to our economy. They lie in the recreational vehicles and prepare their own food and bring in their own drinks. They're not helping the hotel owner or the restaurant owner, and our citizens are having to pay for the upkeep of the recreational areas," he said.

Huffman said the federal government should realize that tourists from throughout the nation visit Galveston and "therefore we deserve some federal assistance."

The city manager said the state has been contributing funds to help the city.

Huffman said the pay for life guards along the 32 miles of public beach "is another drain on our budget. We must have them because so many people who come here have learned to swim in a swimming pool, but know nothing about the tides and currents."

## Clean air rules would cost grain elevators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Grain and Feed Association says that federal clean air regulations will cost country elevators which handle grain for farmers up to \$1.1 billion in capital outlays and \$234.5 million a year in additional operating costs.

Translated, this could mean "a total emission control bill at country elevators of at least 2.9 cents per bushel of grain handled," the association says.

The Environmental Protection Agency regulations are still pending and will be open for further public comment through March 14, the association said. The curbs are intended to reduce dust pollution caused by grain handling. Association officials said

their estimates were based on a study conducted by Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City. If all elevators are considered — including subterminal, terminal and port facilities — the initial investment may be more than \$1.5 billion and the annual operating cost as high as \$500 million, the association said.

James Layton, chairman of the association's environmental quality committee, said Wednesday, "I do not believe that farm producers and consumers are willing to pay this bill" to remove grain dust.

The proposed standards will apply to all new, modified or reconstructed farm elevators, country elevators and terminal elevators which have a grain moving capacity of more than 10,000 bushels an hour.

The standards apply to facilities which handle wheat, corn, soybeans, sorghum, rye, rice, oats or barley.

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## USDA employees greet new boss

By DON KENDALL  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 800 enthusiastic Agriculture Department employees gave a friendly welcome Wednesday to their new boss and to another farmer, President Jimmy Carter.

"I'm new here," the first man said. "My name is Bob Bergland. I have an office on the second floor and I hope that you'll come and see me sometime."

The standing crowd did not quite fill USDA's inner patio on the first floor. Those were employees who were issued tickets so they could get close to Agriculture Secretary Bergland and his guest. Hundreds of others crowded stairways and balconies.

"It's my pleasure to in-

troduce my farm adviser, the gentleman who gives me advice on most agricultural matters except peanuts," Bergland said.

It was Carter's turn, and the ex-peanut farmer from Georgia, who has told Bergland not to mention peanut policy to him, told the audience that he had selected "the best person that I could find," to be his secretary of agriculture.

Carter's opening remarks were interrupted several times, but it was later in the question session that he drew the most applause. The first query was about all the paperwork USDA employees have to do in filling out vouchers to prove their travel expenses and wouldn't a simple credit card statement suffice?

"Sounds great!" Carter re-

plied, and briefly conferred with Bergland. "Secretary Bergland said it sounds like an excellent idea, so I think you'll see some changes made about that very shortly."

There were more serious moments, particularly when Carter outlined conditions he said had to be met before restoring normal U.S. relations with Angola and Cuba, about welfare reform and taxes.

Carter drew further applause and cheers with his pledge of support to agricultural research. Many in USDA have felt for years that basic research on farm crops, livestock and ways to produce more food have taken a back seat to medical, space and defense projects without just cause.

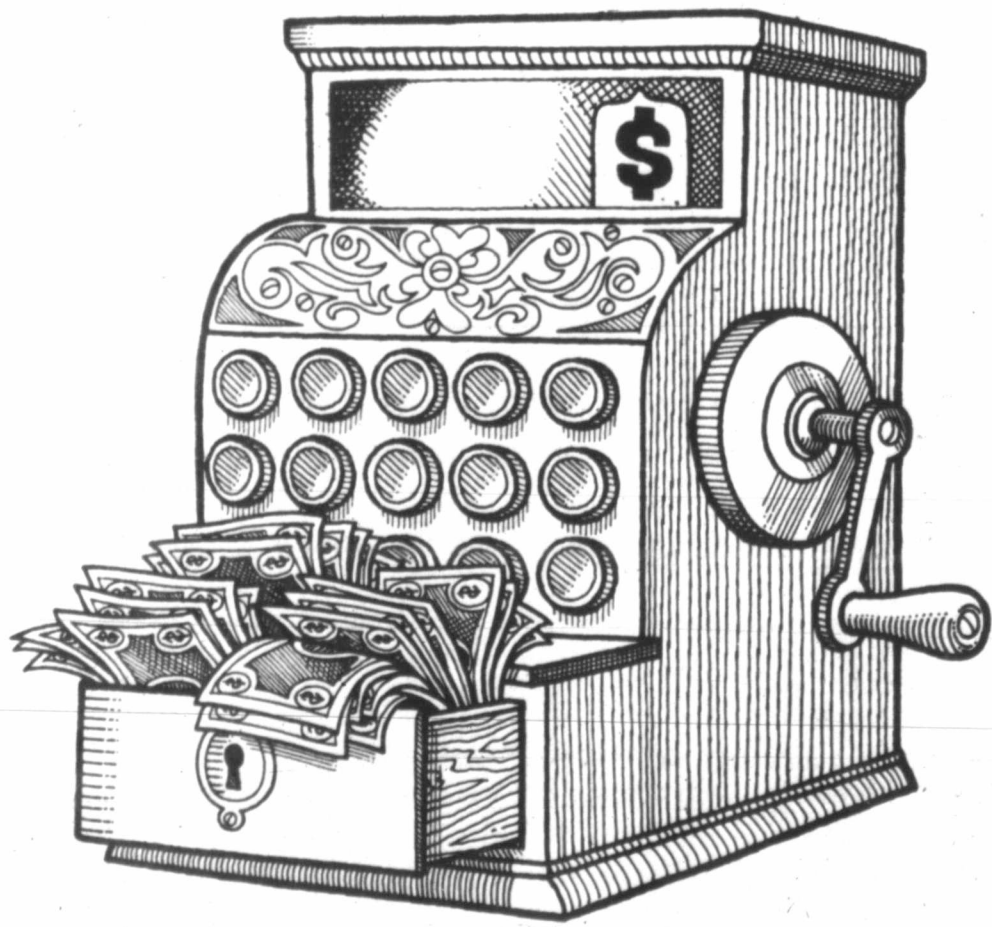
Asked if he thought the competitiveness of basic agricul-

tural research can be improved, Carter replied, "Certainly, yes." He cited "tremendous benefits" of research in his own experience of growing peanuts in Georgia.

Carter said he has rejected the names of six persons to be his science adviser. All were physicists. "I turned them all down," Carter said. "I'm going to choose an earth scientist as my No. 1 scientific adviser and that will be another insurance — in addition to my own interest."

Carter referred to the \$44,600-a-year post created by Congress and approved by President Ford last year in order to give scientists a direct access to the White House for the first time since former President Richard M. Nixon abolished the office three years ago.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Uncle Sam, with no special fanfare, has embarked on a program to help keep America beautiful. The IRS says facelifts, nose jobs and figure flattering surgery are tax deductible. A doctor who reforms Hollywood stars and housewives says it probably is our only such luxury.

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
Associated Press Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The facelift, an operation once mentioned in whispers and attempted only by daring movie stars, is becoming as respectable as a trip to the dentist, says a leading Hollywood surgeon.

If you don't believe him, ask Uncle Sam.

The Internal Revenue Service, of all places, recently issued a ruling to answer an apparently burning question of many citizens: Is a facelift tax deductible?

The answer is: Yes, placing cosmetic surgery within the federal definition of medical care "for the purpose of affecting any structure or function of the body."

Implicitly, the ruling also covers improvements such as breast enlargements, nose jobs, belly reduction and ear flattening.

"Our inquiries on the subject have skyrocketed since the revenue ruling was issued," says Charles Dougherty of the Los Angeles IRS office.

For the past two or three years, he said, his office has felt that a facelift was deductible. But there was no written ruling.

"This really nails it down," said

Beverly Hills tax attorney Bob Forst, who has confronted the question with some of his clients. Now, he predicts, more people may use the deduction.

"It's a fair conclusion that if it is publicized, more taxpayers will be taking advantage of it," said Forst.

Even before the ruling, facelifts had been gaining middleclass popularity.

"It's no longer just for movie stars and the rich," says Dr. Robert A. Franklyn. "It's for everybody. And now it's probably our only tax deductible luxury."

"Plastic surgery is becoming as common as kids getting their teeth straightened."

Franklyn, 58, celebrated inventor of the breast implant operation in the 1950s, has been a sculptor of famous faces and figures for more than 30 years. Business, he says, has never been so lively.

"We are in the age of the youth and beauty culture, and people are more liberated," he says. "They take more pride in their appearance than they did 30 or 40 years ago."

There are no figures available on the actual numbers of facelifts and other cosmetic surgery performed in the United States, says a spokesman for the 1,700-member American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, headquartered in Chicago. But he says,

"It's everywhere's impression that it's increasing."

He said the capitals of cosmetic surgery are Los Angeles, Miami and New York City but that doctors in places as remote as Billings, Mont., are getting more requests for facelifts.

"It's a nationwide phenomenon," he said.

Franklyn says one contributing factor is that a facelift is a much easier procedure these days.

"Most of our surgery now is simple and fast, which appeals to the public," says Franklyn.

With the use of local anaesthetic, Franklyn claims he can do a facelift in 30 minutes, a breast enlargement in nine minutes and a nose reduction in 10 to 12 minutes.

A few years ago, a facelift took a minimum of four hours on the operating table and several days of hospitalization. Franklyn, who operates at his "Beauty Pavilion" on Hollywood's busy Sunset Strip, sends patients home the same day.

Other plastic surgeons confirmed that new methods have sliced large amounts of time off cosmetic operations to the patient's benefit. Quick surgery, they say, results in less swelling and discoloration, thus lessening recovery time.

But other time estimates were higher than Franklyn's speed record.

Dr. Richard Cavanaugh of Beverly Hills says he still allows about two hours for a full facelift — longer if it's for a man. "One out of every 10 facelifts is done on a man," he said, but men's beards complicate the procedure.

Cavanaugh sends patients from his clinic to a private convalescent hospital for a day or two "to make sure they get adequate care."

The trend is away from hospitals and toward European-style private clinics

which offer a more glamorous atmosphere.

Franklyn's circular salon was designed by United Nations architect Oscar Neimeyer and features a skylight in the operating room.

Cavanaugh is preparing to open a new beauty spa at Pala Mesa near San Diego which incorporates tennis, golf, weight reduction and cosmetic surgery.

However, the clinics' big lure is secrecy. At a clinic, there's no chance a gall bladder patient will spot a neighbor having a facelift.

Obviously, one element of cosmetic surgery has not changed — few patients want the world to know they've been altered. The exception was comedienne Phyllis Diller who bragged about her makeover.

Franklyn, who works on many celebrities, says, "Nobody seems to tell anything because they feel people will look at them as artificial. Once a movie star becomes identifiable, they want to keep their features just as they are. We have to keep them young but not scramble their features."

Although he does facelifts and breast implants on "ordinary housewives," Franklyn sees cosmetic surgery as most essential for those in show business and politics — "the personality businesses."

"These people can't afford to grow old gracefully," says Franklyn. "If you're old in show business, you're out of a job unless you're a character actor. In politics, well, let's just say that one fellow might be President of the United States if he'd gotten a facelift." He said he was referring to Ronald Reagan.

# At wit's end

By ERMA BOMBECK  
My typewriter developed a case of hiccups the other week that nearly drove me up the wall. Every time I hit the "S" it would rat-a-tat-tat to the end of the line and hiccup in place. I didn't think it was too serious until I got the bill.

"Of course you have a policy on the typewriter, don't you?" asked the repairman, his pencil poised in mid-air.

"Oh sure," I giggled. "My husband and I took out an endowment on it the day it was born. That way we don't have to worry about its education."

"I am quite serious," he said. "A policy on a typewriter is not unusual. Or for that matter, neither is a policy on your washing machine, lawn mower, dishwasher, furnace, picture window, septic tank, or the picture tube on your television set."

"You mean people buy insurance policies on all those inanimate objects?"

"They're the most unpredictable kind. We can pretty much determine the life span of people, but these little turkeys can go just like that!"

"How much money are we talking about?"

"Well, to insure this machine for a year with a minimum of three service calls, including the yearly service and cleaning and a guarantee on

the 'S' key against hiccuping, would run somewhere in this neighborhood." He slipped me a piece of paper with a figure on it.

"That's some neighborhood. For a few bucks more, I could have the column carved on stone tables on Mt. Sinai. That typewriter would be worth more to me dead than alive."

"Others have considered that," he said stiffly.

"Are you saying that some people 'do their appliances in' just to collect the insurance?"

He smiled. "Let me just say that there are a lot of little old ladies touring Europe every summer on the insurance money left by their dead dishwashers."

I told him I'd think about it, but when he left I sat down at my typewriter and got a letter off to his company.

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# She's 14, bridge master

By JOE BIGHAM  
Associated Press Writer  
MODESTO, Calif. (AP) —

When Regina Barnes plays bridge, she chews gum and blows bubbles to help her concentrate. Think twice before you criticize the habit, because she's one of the best players in the country. Besides, she's only 15.

Miss Barnes is the youngest life master in bridge history, certified by the American Contract Bridge League.

She earned the coveted gold card last February when she was 14, realizing a goal she began pursuing at age 9.

"I wanted to do it by my 15th birthday," she said. "I was really happy it was over with, relieved that there was no more pressure."

It takes 300 points won painstakingly bit by bit over the years to become a life master of the league. Points — or often just fractions of a point — are earned by finishing near

the top in duplicate bridge tournaments.

During the year before Miss Barnes reached her goal, she kept her grades at honor level but had to give up the usual high school fun to concentrate on bridge games with her father.

"When I was trying to become life master, we played almost every weekend, sometimes twice a week at night," she said. "During the summer, we played a whole bunch."

She built up 190 points in 10 months to go with just the 110 she won during her first four years of play.

Several veteran players asked her to be their partner in various tournaments, which helped her compile more master points.

"But my favorite partner is my dad," she said. "We've just played together longer — and besides, he's my dad."

She learned the game by ki-

bitzing when her father, Charles, played. Miss Barnes also read bridge books and took lessons. They won a novice tournament together and have been a team ever since.

"I sure am proud of her. She's better than I ever was," said Barnes, who won his life master card in 1974.

With her main goal achieved, she now rarely plays in tourna-

ments. Instead she said she's concentrating on the football games and dances she missed last year and learning to drive so she can get her license when she turns 16.

And she knows that her own fame is as fleeting as the next successful challenger. She said a 12-year-old from Palo Alto, Calif., Steve Cochrane, "wants to beat my record."

## Dallas rape overturned

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A Dallas rape conviction was overturned Wednesday because the sexual assault actually occurred in a neighboring county after the victim was abducted from a parking lot in Dallas.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said the state's code of criminal procedure required trial in the same judicial district where the rape occurred.

It ordered a new trial for Roy Sylvester Bell, who was as-

sessing a 99-year prison sentence by a Dallas jury.

According to testimony Bell abducted the victim from a discount store's parking lot in Dallas, drove her to a house in Heath, Rockwall County, and raped her.

Driving her back to the Pleasant Grove area of Dallas, Bell was chased down by police and arrested.

So, the court said, Bell should have been tried in one of those three counties — not in Dallas.

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