



Equal pay-couples benefit the most

EDITOR'S NOTE — Financial results are coming in from the women's lib demand for equal pay for equal work, and women aren't the only ones benefitting. The biggest winners are professional couples. Their double incomes are creating a new kind of middle-class wealth.

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
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BOSTON (AP) — For many upward-bound middle-class Americans, Christine and Richard Lunt live a dream: At age 33 they have a \$120,000 house in the suburbs, live-in housekeeper for their two kids, and an expensive foreign car. They take winter trips to Florida and are members of a tennis club.

Richard Lunt is an engineer for a consulting firm. His salary is good but not lavish.

How can they do it?
The answer is women's lib.
Christine Lunt is a bank executive. Together, they earn \$70,000 a year.

A few years ago, many well-paying, men-only jobs began opening to women. Now the financial result is becoming clear. It is creating a new kind of middle-class wealth in America.

Women become professionals, professionals marry professionals, and between them, they join two medium salaries into a single fat one. Though still small, this category is growing quickly. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there were 686,000 professional couples in 1965. By last year, the number had grown to 1.2 million.

But two workers in the same family creates added expenses. Some couples with children say the first \$15,000 earned goes to higher taxes, housekeepers and babysitters. But Christine Lunt wouldn't have it any other way.

"One of the most important things is the freedom from worry," she says. "We've never worried about whether we'll eat tomorrow. We've never worried about things that we can't afford. If we can't afford something, it's probably a luxury we don't need."

Her husband, Richard, adds, "It's not gross luxury, but we have enough money to do everything that we want to do."

The Lunts are typical of this new version of the good life. They are still young but well established in their careers. They have a big new house on a wooded lot in suburban Acton. They drive a Mercedes. They enjoy giving expensive presents to friends and relatives.

And though they don't boast, they're aware of the style that separates them from fellow workers who support families on one professional income.

"We have more disposable income for things like joining a tennis club," says Richard. "And I

never mow the lawn. It's a decision we can make to hire somebody to do that."

Some of these couples already are thinking about building enough savings to slow down or even retire in middle age.

This is a goal of Lucille Zanghi, 28, a Boston stockbroker. She and her husband, a computer salesman, will make about \$50,000 this year. And next year, with higher commissions, they expect to earn \$80,000.

"One of the reasons why I think it's worth working very hard right now and making a lot of money," says Ms. Zanghi, "is that we feel at some point in our lives... maybe 20 years from now, we're going to be able to say 'To hell with it. Let's go to Martha's Vineyard and raise golden retrievers or live in Europe for a while.' We'll have freedom, and you can only have that if you have enough money to back you."

The Zanghis have no children, so their goals are a little different than those of Lita Nelson, her husband and their two children. For Mrs. Nelson, a chemical engineer in Bedford, Mass., the fun of two incomes is the little luxuries. She and her husband, an electrical engineer, have a combined income of more than \$60,000 a year. She says she likes the idea of being able to serve wine to dinner guests without checking her bank balance.

"It's very middle-class living, but the difference is the freedom to spend trivially," she says. "We can go out to dinner and not worry about it. If I want to buy expensive shoes, I just go out and do it. Those kinds of purchases are made much more casually, and that's probably what the money buys us more than anything else."

Patricia Light, a psychologist at Harvard Business School, says some members of this new middle class don't know the meaning of an important economic factor: "They can't believe there is something called disposable income."

She adds, "There are many young couples who will start out saving the entire second income until they get ready to buy a house."

Still other couples say that two good incomes allow them to take risks, such as starting new careers that can lead to even bigger salaries.

In Newburyport, Linda Miller and her husband, Bill, both architects, are restoring a 250-year-old house. Instead of toiling nights and weekends, Bill quit his job and works on the house full time. His wife's \$15,000 salary pays the bills.

When the house is finished, Bill plans to start his own firm, while his wife keeps her job. Then, if the new business succeeds, she will join him.

His wife adds that she likes the security of being able to change jobs if she wants to.

"It's important for me not to feel trapped," she says. "Having two of us working gives us that flexibility. If I say, 'I can't stand my job. I'm going to quit tomorrow,' I can do it."

Cops dispute victims

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Investigators of the Hillside Strangler case have been hampered by dead-end clues, a lack of tips, and false confessions. But perhaps most frustrating of all has been dissemination among law enforcement agencies drawn together by the dumping of murdered females across the northern suburbs.

The latest disagreement centers on whether one of two young women found slain over the weekend is the strangler's latest victim. But disputes in the case began soon after it was noted in mid-November that the bodies of young girls and women were beginning to turn up with unusual frequency in the Los Angeles area.

Investigators from the agencies then involved — the sheriff's office and Los Angeles and Glendale police — met but could not agree on which victims were connected. They continued to handle the cases separately, although a tentative liaison was set up.

On Nov. 25, Sheriff's Lt. Phil Bollington dropped two names from a list of 11 possible victims of the strangler. He said no definite connection could be established between the nine other slayings and the deaths of 7-year-old Margaret Elizabeth Madrid, found Nov. 6 in the city of Industry, and 19-year-old Theresa Berry of Pomona, found Nov. 4 in Walnut.

But Los Angeles police Cmdr. William Booth declined the same day to rule out any of the 11 victims as targets of the same killer or to pinpoint any as connected.

"Because of the dissimilarities in the case, the ages and backgrounds, there is a strong possibility that a number of the cases are not connected in any way," he said. However, when the strangler task force was formed shortly thereafter and put out its official list, Miss Berry and the Madrid girl were ruled out. At least two more victims have turned up since.

Differences were also apparent in other areas. After interviewing witnesses under hypnosis, Glendale police issued a composite drawing of a man reportedly seen driving the car of Lissa Kustin, 21, whose body was found Nov. 6 on a lawn in Glendale.

Los Angeles police would not comment on the sketch and have not released any drawings of their own.

The drawing was later withdrawn by Glendale police after investigators found the young man described and learned his car merely looked like Miss Kustin's. They said he was not involved in the case.

Tension between the Glendale and Los Angeles departments rose sharply when Glendale Police Chief Duane Baker made an offhand remark at a civic meeting that some of the victims had been sodomized.

Details of the sexual attacks on the victims who were molested had been a closely guarded secret. Police had wanted certain information kept secret so it could be used in polygraph tests of suspects. Another such detail was how the victims were strangled. Police had refused to say, but the county coroner's chief investi-

gator, Bob Danbacher, disclosed Nov. 23: "No necks were broken. There's no other marks on their bodies to indicate they were beaten."

Elected officials entered the case when it was charged that Los Angeles police refused to answer a call about a prostitute who failed to check in when she went to meet a client Dec. 14. The woman was Kimberly Diane Martin, apparently the strangler's 11th victim.



Bound for Lubbock

Three Wheeler-Evans Elevator Company employees load a boxcar with milo bound for Ralston-Purina in Lubbock. The company ships the milo to companies both in and outside Texas for conversion into feed for livestock and pets. The three loading the car are Dave Puttman, Ralph Greenlee and Terry Bixler. (Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

States protest trade treaty

By JONATHAN WOLMAN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry state tax officials are writing President Carter to protest a trade treaty with Great Britain that could deprive states of hundreds of millions of tax dollars from multinational corporations.

At issue is a treaty provision that would prohibit state auditors from considering the costs and profits of foreign subsidiaries in determining a company's taxes.

W.C. Strickland, Georgia state revenue commissioner, said this would allow multinationals to avoid state income tax payments by shifting profits to overseas affiliates.

The treaty, negotiated by the Treasury Department and now pending in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, would apply to British-based multinationals operating in this coun-

try. But state officials say that if British firms are granted the tax break, it soon will apply to all multinationals.

Most states now use some form of the so-called "unitary business doctrine," which considers all operations.

But Treasury Department officials say the unitary doctrine is unfair to corporations because most taxing jurisdictions around the world use the "arms length" approach, in which a company reports only the income and costs that the firm considers relevant to its local operations.

State officials argue that many corporations habitually underreport their tax liabilities under the arms-length system.

The unitary method has increased corporate tax liabilities wherever it has been used, indicating significant disagreement between tax officials and corporate officers as to

what is taxable at a state level. State officials concede that the current unitary method needs refinement.

But "any valid disagreement between the states and the multinationals must be resolved with compromise from both sides, not a total federal caveat to the desires of the multinationals," Strickland argued in a letter to Carter signed by officials from 12 states.

The state officials are not the only ones lobbying on the issue. The multinationals are working for approval of the treaty and have mounted a campaign in California to repeal the unitary approach there.

In his letter, Strickland told the president that, "There is a movement afoot in your admin-

istration which will effectively tie the states' hands in coping with taxation of multinational corporations.

"This proposal is inconsistent with your administration's stated goals for tax reform, especially when major beneficiaries would be multinational oil companies."

California, Oregon and Alaska rely heavily on the unitary approach, and the Western Governors Conference says the treaty would cost these three states an estimated \$150 million a year.

Strickland's letter carried signatures from tax or revenue officers from Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, North

Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont.

Additional letters to Carter were sent by officials from California, Minnesota, Washington and West Virginia, and from the governors of New Hampshire and South Dakota.

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Therapy stirs coma victim

TOKYO (AP) — Harriet Rosenberg, a 34-year-old mother of two from East Monroe, N.Y., who has been in a coma for almost a year, shows "small, first signs" she might regain consciousness through a new blood circulating therapy started last week, her husband said today.

"Doctors told me there have been small improvements. First, her finger muscles softened. Now you can bend her fingers which we couldn't do before," Ted Rosenberg, 38, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Doctors also told him his wife now blinks her left and right eyelids to an equal degree and that she can swallow saliva, although unconsciously, Rosenberg said. She could do neither before the therapy, he added.

"Doctors said the blood-circulating therapy is a step-by-step procedure, especially to a patient of her age. And I don't

expect an overnight miracle. But let me say doctors and I are cautiously optimistic," Rosenberg said.

Mrs. Rosenberg underwent the first of a series of "autogenous blood pumping therapy" sessions at the Iwate Medical College in northern Japan on Dec. 22. The treatment calls for pumping 20 cubic centimeters of patient's blood into an aspirator — a partial vacuum chamber — where a chemical is added and the blood then pumped back into the artery.

The 20-cc pumping process is repeated 30 to 40 times in a single treatment and repeated after two-week intervals. The chemical is added to dilate the constricted arteries suffered by persons in a coma. The resulting dilation of the arteries helps the patient to receive an adequate flow of blood throughout the body, including the brain.

The treatment has been effective more than 50 percent of the time, including the case of an 11-year-old girl, Sachiko Iwadate, who regained consciousness after a three-year coma and now is back in school, Dr. Haruyuki Kanaya of the college reported earlier.

Mrs. Rosenberg suffered brain damage in an automobile collision in January while she was taking her 5-year-old son, Barry, to nursery school. She has been in a coma ever since, although she started to blink her eyelids in March, Rosenberg said.

After about one month of observation, the second series of treatment for Mrs. Rosenberg will start on Jan. 26. Her husband is the consumer relations manager of an American subsidiary of a Japanese camera manufacturer, who is helping defray the costs of treatment.

Fire fee up to \$265 for out-of-city calls

By STEVE WILLIAMS
Pampa News Staff

Four out of five ain't bad. That's how many city commissioners were on hand this morning for the last regular meeting of the year, with Joe D. Curtis being the only absent member.

As Mayor R.D. Wilkerson noted, however, Curtis' power had been "diluted" with the recent election of two new members to the commission, bringing its strength back to the normal five members. With four members present, a quorum was achieved without him.

The abbreviated commission was just about the right size to deal with the abbreviated agenda, since only three items actually required a vote, and no ordinances at all were under consideration.

The commission approved a minute order allowing Pampa Cable T.V. to collect a copyright tax from its Pampa customers. The tax amounts to approximately 12 cents per month per customer, and is the result of the recent inclusion by the federal government of cable television firms under national copyright laws.

Total amount of the tax paid by Pampa residents to the cable television firm will be approximately \$7,500, and Pampa Cable T.V. will simply pass the amount along to a federal taxing authority.

Pampa Cable T.V. had asked for blanket authority to do the same thing if a similar situation arose, in the future, but the commissioners, acting on the advice of City Attorney Don Lane, preferred to grant authority on a one-time basis.

In other words, if the firm's copyright taxes go up in the future, Pampa Cable T.V. will have to come back to the commission for approval to pass the increase along to its customers.

The commission also heard two reports involving increased income to the city, but took no action on either report.

In the first, the commission was advised by City Manager Mack Wofford that fire protection provided to Gray and Roberts Counties and the city of Lefors would be raised in 1978. Currently the city charges the three \$255 per run for calls which Pampa's fire department responds to.

The "per run" charge is based on the fire department's yearly budget, and increases or decreases along with that budget.

The fire department makes approximately 100 runs per year into the two counties and Lefors, with Gray County getting most of them. Last year, for instance, Roberts County requested assistance only 10 times.

The city signs yearly contracts with each entity which allows the fire department to respond to requests for assistance without the possibility of legal action being taken against the city.

Pampa realizes approximately \$20,000 per year in extra income from the agreements, and the new rate of \$265 per run will mean an extra \$1,000 per year for city coffers. Wofford said he felt the income "just about offsets our cost to provide the service."

Mayor R.D. Wilkerson said that as of this morning there was still no agreement with Carson County, where much of the industrial development affecting Pampa has taken place recently. Such firms as Getty Oil, Cabot, Skelly, and Northern Natural Gas have production facilities in Carson, and Wilkerson said "negotiations with that county are still going on."

The commissioners also heard a report on provision of property tax information to the Pampa Independent School District and Gray County.

The two taxing authorities rely on the city's tax office for such things as property size, legal descriptions, ownership, and other factors relating to tax assessment.

Because the city provides the information to both Gray County and the school district, the two entities do not have to duplicate the city's information on their own.

For several years now Pampa has provided the information at a cost of \$4,800 per year and Wofford proposed that this fee be raised to \$5,800 per year to "keep pace with inflation and our increased costs."

Cancer-causing elements not used in water here

Responding to an Associated Press wire story concerning cancer-causing elements in the drinking water of many of the nation's cities, City Manager Mack Wofford told The News this morning that Pampa "doesn't even use the traditional rapid sand filtering method" for its water.

The Environmental Protection Agency is about to institute a regulation requiring cities to replace the "rapid sand" filtering method with activated carbon filter beds.

Pampa uses a mixed media filtration system, a patented process called Micro-Floc provided by Neptune Micro-Floc out of Corvallis, Ore. The method uses semi-precious

materials such as garnet and anthracite to compose the "mixed med." through which all the city's water must pass prior to being distributed to consumers.

Most cities use the "rapid sand" method, which is essentially a filter made up of graded sizes of silica sand. As the water passes through the sand, it is filtered through large and then successively smaller silica particles.

Wofford said Pampa's water supply meets all EPA regulations, sending samples to the EPA on a semi-annual basis for complete chemical analysis. In addition, the city submits 27 samples each month to the state of Texas for bacteriological testing.

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The brake mandate

Back in 1968, Shirley Scheibla authored a widely read book entitled *Poverty Is Where the Money Is*, in which she castigated the federal Office of Economic Opportunity for using taxpayers' money to "follow the Communist pattern of organizing cadres of the poor to form a potential political and indeed revolutionary force."

Judging from her latest research, also involving an agency of the federal government, but on quite a different subject, Mrs. Scheibla might well be in the process of writing another book which, quite appropriately, might be entitled, *Brake Failures Are Where the Mandates Are*.

But, be that as it may, anyone who still believes, after its long and dreary list of failures, that the government is a proper agent for problem-solving would do well to peruse reporter Scheibla's hard-hitting article, "Brake Failure? — Federally Mandated Standards May Be a Safety Hazard," in *Barron's National Business and Financial Weekly*.

Although the article's title contains a question mark the text leaves little doubt that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) hard-headedness and arbitrariness in imposing a questionable braking system upon the trucking industry is, if not the actual cause, at least a contributing factor, to mounting highway trucking disasters.

"Last August," the article begins, "a truck in Salt Lake City crashed into an automobile carrying five teenagers, killed four and severely injured one. Was the tragic accident caused by a failure of impractical airbrakes mandated by the federal government? That issue is now the focal point of a raging controversy involving private lawsuits and investigations by the House, Senate and the states of California and Utah, to say nothing of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) which mandated the brakes."

The braking system, imposed under the NHTSA's so-called "121 Standard," was at first mandated for both trucks and buses despite warnings from the system's manufacturers that it contained "bugs" and that more time and testing were required to insure that the system did what it was supposed to do, that is, prevent skids and jackknifings under hardbraking conditions. However, when the NHTSA was flooded with reports that the system was causing, rather than preventing accidents, the agency temporarily lifted the requirement for buses, leaving it in effect for trucks.

Meanwhile, the Scheibla article points out,

accidents, deaths and injuries resulting from collisions with trucks equipped with the questionable anti-lock braking devices mandated by the NHTSA's "121 Standard" continue to mount and the accident rate is running far above what it was prior to their installation.

So far, reporter Scheibla noted, no court has ruled that failure of an anti-lock device caused an accident, "but there is enough evidence pointing in that direction to cause widespread alarm."

Enough evidence, in fact, the article went on to explain, to cause the U.S. Army, in a recent order for heavy trucks, to specify that they not be equipped with the questionable system, and even NHTSA's sister agency in the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Safety, has refused to stipulate that the devices be hooked up on trucks after NHTSA requires their installation.

In view of all that, one would think, the NHTSA might be willing to admit that it had made a mistake in mandating a faulty system upon the trucking industry or, at the very least, be willing to suspend the requirement until more is known about its effect upon braking and to give the manufacturers time to iron out the "bugs," if any.

But that, precisely, is what the NHTSA refuses to do. In fact, Mrs. Scheibla points out in her article, in spite of all the evidence that the mandated devices are a hazard, rather than a safety measure, NHTSA Administrator Joan Claybrook, former aide to Ralph Nader, adamantly refuses to suspend the "121 Standard" until all the probes are completed. "Indeed," Mrs. Scheibla informs us, "she (Joan Claybrook) plans to extend the rule to commercial buses on January 1 and to school buses on May 1."

Faced with that kind of hard-headed capriciousness, Robert Bernard, general counsel for the Greyhound Bus Lines, told Mrs. Scheibla that his company, rather than endanger its passengers and the public with a questionable braking system on its vehicle's will take the NHTSA to court in an effort to block the federal mandate.

In addition, California truckers currently have a suit pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to block enforcement of the NHTSA mandate on grounds that the anti-lock devices with which it requires brakes to be equipped are, themselves, safety hazards.

We wish both Greyhound and the truckers success in their moves to bring the NHTSA bureaucracy to reason.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 1977. There are four days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act granting sovereignty to Indonesia after nearly 350 years of Dutch rule.

On this date: In 1822, the scientist known as the founder of preventive medicine, Louis Pasteur, was born in the French city of Dole.

In 1900, prohibitionist Carrie Nation staged her first raid on a saloon, smashing bottles at a bar in Wichita, Kan.

In 1944, in World War II, an American tank column smashed across the German bulge in Belgium and relieved U.S. troops who had been under siege at Bastogne.

In 1945, after World War II, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union announced that they would govern Korea as joint trustees for five years and then grant independence.

In 1966, a rally of 100,000 Red Guards in Peking endorsed China's President Liu Shao-chi.

In 1968, the U.S. Apollo Eight space capsule and its three astronauts made a safe landing in the Pacific after a flight that took them into orbit around the moon.

Ten years ago Egypt said it would clear obstructions from the southern end of the blocked Suez Canal to free 15 foreign ships trapped in the waterway.

Five years ago Australia halted military aid to South Vietnam, ending its role in the Vietnam War.

One year ago: Twenty people were reported killed in fighting between two groups of blacks in Cape Town, South Africa.

Today's birthday: Entertainer Marlene Dietrich is 73 years old.

Thought for today: You must be poor to know the luxury of giving — George Eliot, English writer, 1819-1880.

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A ban on aspirin?

Coming too late for consideration at the women's convalescent in Houston, aspirin has been cited as a flagrant discriminating factor against women.

A report on research conducted at the Massachusetts General Hospital shows that aspirin cuts blood-clotting risks in surgery for men but not for women.

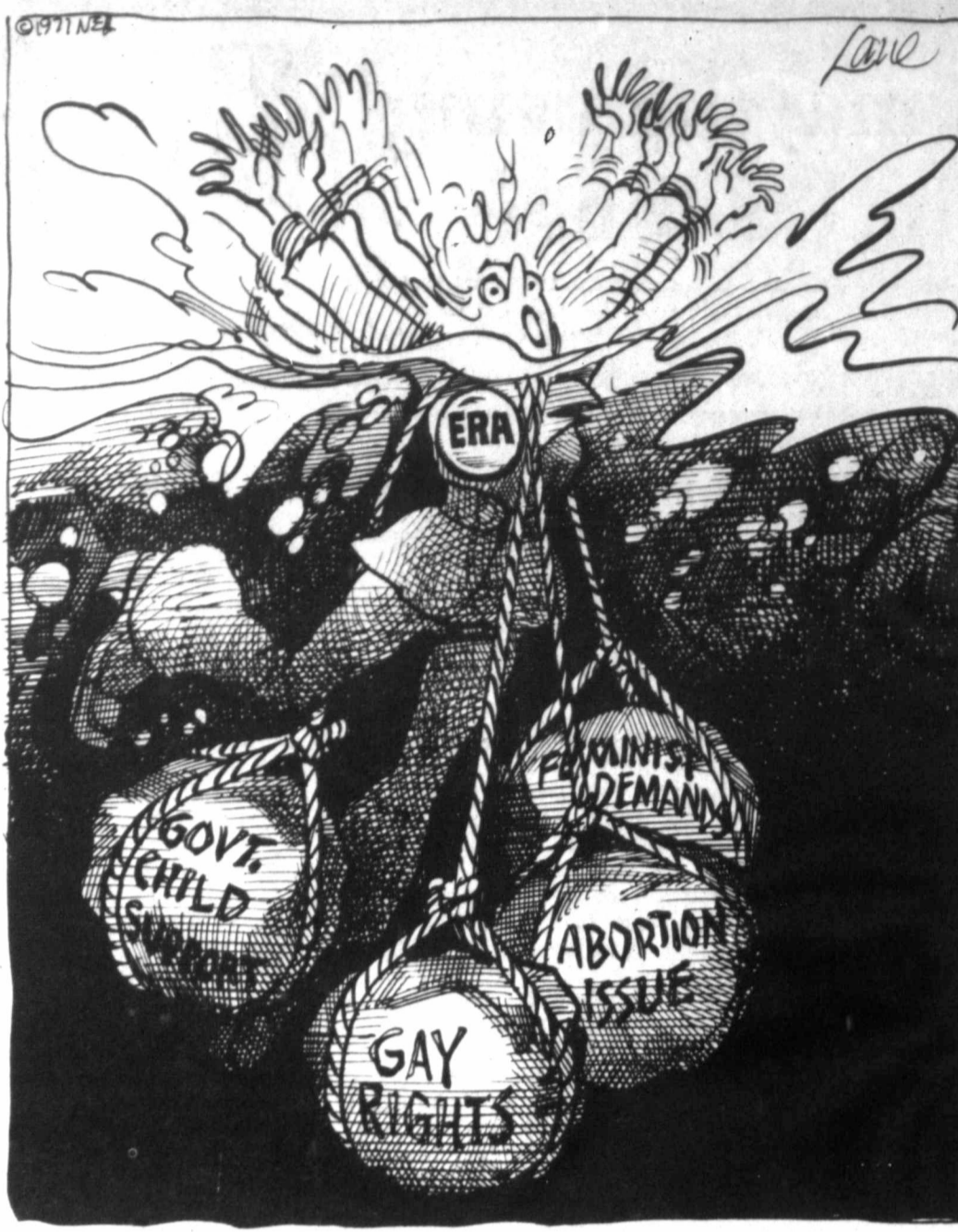
Discovery of sex difference in the anti-clotting effect of aspirin "was unexpected," Dr. Edwin Salzman, Harvard professor of surgery, said in an interview. "I don't really know what the explanation is: we are looking at it at the moment."

Dr. Salzman and four Harvard colleagues reported their findings in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Among men who underwent hip surgery, those who took four aspirin tablets a day had only a third as many cases of dislodged blood clots floating through their veins, the study revealed.

This revelation is bound to cause great consternation among those who prefer not to be reminded that there can be a difference between men and women.

Now questions arise: should aspirin be banned for discrimination? Or should suppression of this study be attempted? Maybe just a nice juicy grant could be had for a counter-study. It would not be the first time a study has been made to prove a pre-determined objective.



Curious omission in Garst's obit

Iowa Farmer Roswell Garst made the news headlines in 1955 when he traveled to the Soviet Union and made the acquaintance of Premier Nikita Khrushchev and again in 1959, when Khrushchev, visiting the United States, stopped off from a swing across the country to chat with Garst on his Coon Rapids, Iowa farm.

Both episodes tended to put the wealthy corn farmer in the bad graces of some conservatives who contended that Garst was thus helping the Soviet Union; in the first case, by arranging the sale of 5,000 tons of highly productive hybrid seed corn to the Soviets and, in the second case, by allowing himself to be photographed laughing and joking with the Russian tyrant.

Free vs. regimented But Garst, admittedly interested in selling corn, was also interested in demonstrating the superiority of the free over

the regimented way of life. Realizing that Khrushchev was looking for ways to boost failing Soviet farm production, the controversial Iowa farmer took advantage of the Coon Rapids chat to get in a bit of person-to-person salesmanship.

Replying to the Russian premier's questions about how he was able to produce such vast amounts of high quality corn on his farm, Garst listed improved farming methods, high quality seed, extensive use of machinery, heavy use of fertilizers, etc. as contributing factors.

"But Mr. Premier," he warned the visiting Khrushchev, "until you free the Russian farmer and allow him to profit by his efforts, Soviet agriculture will fail. It is freedom and the profit motive that have made American farmers the leading food producers of the world."

This exchange between Garst and Khrushchev was widely

reported in news dispatches of the time.

Reported
Farmer Garst, aged 79, died. Colorful, opinionated, controversial, often embroiled in arguments with agricultural professors, politicians and editors, his death was duly reported by the media, including references to both his trip to Russia and Khrushchev's return visit with Garst at his farm.

Singularly missing, however, was any mention of Garst's advice to the Soviet premier pointing up why American farmers grow food products in such profusion, while the Soviets, with their huge collectivized and regimented farms, have to depend upon imported food to feed the Russian people.

We found that curious omission of a news-making exchange between a socialist dictator and an American farmer too bad.

Future Luciano projects?

By Martha Angle and Robert Walters
WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The intelligence and investigative services of the federal government:

(a) claim they are dedicated to eliminating the corrupting influence of organized crime in America.

(b) have little compunction about entering into joint ventures with the Mafia when the occasion demands.

Both answers are correct. Twice in recent years, the public has belatedly learned that federal officials supposedly committed to advancing the cause of justice have enlisted some of the most notorious figures from the world of organized crime as their partners.

The most recent disclosure comes in the form of a newly published book, "The Luciano Project" by Rodney Campbell, a veteran journalist whose startling material comes from the previously secret files of the late Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York from 1943 to 1955.

Dewey touched off a nationwide controversy in 1946 when he commuted the 30- to 50-year prison sentence of Charles ("Lucky") Luciano, one of the country's more infamous Mafia bosses, on the grounds that Luciano had cooperated with military officials during World War II.

The debate over that action had not subsided eight years later, when Dewey sought to resolve the issue by commissioning an official investigation into the Mafia's role in the war effort.

The long-confidential report on that probe forms the basis of Campbell's book, which details a truly bizarre arrangement that existed from 1942 to 1944:

"Up to 73 naval officers and 82 naval enlisted men and civilian agents in the Third Naval District were actively, continuously and effectively engaged in secret intelligence operations that required the complete cooperation of the Mafia and many of its most notorious leaders."

Among the Navy's wartime helpers were Luciano, Meyer (Little Man) Lansky, Joseph (Socks) Lanza and a host of lesser mob figures.

They reported suspicious activities on the New York waterfront, helped to obtain fraudulent credentials for Navy intelligence agents working undercover on the docks and provided detailed information about Sicily's harbors and military installations prior to the Allied invasion of that island.

Campbell concluded that "the Navy ought to be proud of what was achieved" but he also found that when faced with the possibility of public disclosure shortly after the end of the war, "the Navy embarked on a deliberate, ruthless and ill-advised cover-up of the whole Luciano project."

That story has emerged only a few years after the revelation that the Central Intelligence Agency in late 1960 recruited Sam (Momo) Giancana, Chicago's Mafia boss, and John Roselli, a leading West Coast mob figure, to direct an assassination plot against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Operating out of a posh Miami Beach hotel, those two men were supposed to plan the poisoning of not only Castro but also his brother, Raul, and Cuban revolutionary leader Che Guevara. They failed in their mission, however.

The problem with such unholy alliances is that they frequently have resulted in unwarranted leniency for the Mafia figures involved. For instance, the Navy sought in vain to help Lanza "beat the rap" after he was convicted on six counts of extortion.

Luciano had his sentence commuted after serving only 10 years in prison, and a Giancana lieutenant once tried to terminate the Federal Bureau of Investigation's tight surveillance of his boss on the grounds that "we're all part of the same team."

Has government-Mafia cooperation been limited to only those two cases? An indirect answer comes from the admiral in charge of the Office of Naval Intelligence who successfully thwarted public disclosure of the Dewey-commissioned report in 1945 because publication "might jeopardize operations of a similar nature in the future."

Too many cops?

By D.R. SEGAL
I've always thought a cop must have a bad burr under his saddle to knock off an alley crap game and haul the gamblers down to the station. And a prosecutor must be looking for work if he takes these things into court. The judge who finds it in his heart to levy a fine against the culprits would be second cousin to the Grinch who stole Christmas.

Now, that ain't right. No, sir Cops are supposed to arrest people who shoot craps in alleys, spit on the sidewalk or carve up their best friend with a switchblade because all of these activities are against the law and it is not given to the policeman to decide which laws to enforce and which ones to let slide. One does, of course, wonder how a police force can be so over-staffed that they have time to knock over bingo games, while with six or seven houses being burgled every night and traffic snarling something fierce because there's nobody to direct it. I guess we have too many cops and the city might want to make some economies there. Just the other day a prominent citizen dropped around and said

he thought we didn't have enough trained policemen in Gastonia. It was his suggestion that maybe some of us could privately subscribe a fund that would enable the city to hire more policemen and send them to school. It sounded good to me, and then I read that the cops we've got are tied up shutting down a bingo game, so now I don't know.

The prosecutor has said he isn't going to waste time and money going into court against these bingo desperadoes, seeing as how he thinks there is a serious defect both in the law and in law enforcement which countenances gambling if it is for a charitable cause only. I think he is right. If I were a prosecutor and took some bingo players into court, I'd be afraid the bar association might accuse me of lacking for honest work for practicing barratry; and the judge might call me into chambers and touch me up pretty good.

No, I can't fault either the cops or the D.A. The law is damn fool and the cops enforced it in damn fool fashion. Nothing would be more appropriate. The D.A. doesn't think the law is valid, and he refuses to prosecute. I've never been able to understand the rationale outlawing gambling for high stakes. As I recall, the government used to reach into a fish bowl and draw numbers that determined which young men might be sent to their deaths and which ones got to stay home, safe and warm. If that isn't gambling, what is? And if the stakes aren't as high as they can go, tell me the name of another gambling game where you're playing for your life.

About 1,000 tons of meteorites annually fall on the moon's surface. They compose 20 per cent of the lunar soil.

Berry's World



ASTRO-GRAPH Bernice Bede Osol Your Birthday

Dec. 28, 1977

Sound prospects lie ahead for you in the business world this coming year. Tips on investments or opportunities should be followed up if they come from sources you know are reliable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're extra-sharp at anything that has to do with business today. Returns can be grand on old or new commercial ventures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Allow your mate to take the leading role in things vital to domestic well-being today. Be there as a back-up, but retain a secondary role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions relating to your work or career are very favorable today. Should you need allies, they will be available.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you may not have definite social engagements today, you'll still have fun. You generate good times wherever you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Plan some sort of entertainment today, even if it's an impromptu gathering. It would be an excellent time to fulfill some outstanding obligations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Involve yourself in creative endeavor today. You might try painting, decorating or a new gourmet recipe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there's something you've been working on where the returns have been sluggish, don't give up the race now. You could be in the home stretch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be surprised today if you get compliments for doing things in a way that comes naturally to you. Others admire what you accomplish with ease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In a situation where you have a vested interest, take a detached role, but keep an eye on things to make sure all the gears are meshing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There may be factions in your circle today that seem destined to stir up friction. You automatically act as a buffer or arbitrator.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Goals of paramount importance to you are attainable today. Therefore, pull out all the stops in order to accomplish everything you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be philosophical in all things today. You will be able to keep your cool, knowing that very little is worth getting upset about.

THE WORLD ALMANAC'S Q&A

1. The U.S. Bureau of the Mint executes coinage for foreign nations. True-False
2. Budapest is the capital of (a) Hungary (b) Czechoslovakia (c) Yugoslavia
3. Darwin published his *Origin of the Species* in (a) 1900 (b) 1873 (c) 1859

ANSWERS
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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37 Beginning
39 Ship's pole
40 Sort
41 Black bread
43 English poet
46 Slavery

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2 Island of exile
3 Christian holiday
4 Mrs. Eisenhower
5 Employing
6 Vocalize
7 Band instrument (abbr.)
8 Milk producer
9 Animal waste
10 Vases
11 Passing fancies
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20 City on the Rhone
22 One (Ger.)
23 My (Ger.)
24 Charitable organization (abbr.)
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Russians may be using missiles in US range

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of uncertainty, U.S. officials now believe that Russia has started deploying a new mobile land-based missile with potential to hit the United States.

In its present form, the Soviet SS-20 missile's estimated 3,000-mile range limits it to targets in Western Europe, China and the Middle East.

But U.S. specialists say its range can be extended easily to 5,500 nautical miles by adding a third rocket stage to the present two stages.

That would make it similar to the SS-16 intercontinental ballistic missile and put the United States within its range.

U.S. military officials are concerned the conversion could tip the nuclear balance against the United States quickly in a time of diplomatic crisis, especially since mobile missile bases would be hard to find and knock out.

Pentagon officials warned earlier about the potential for conversion of the SS-20, but noted then that the missile had not been deployed.

The months of uncertainty and conflicting reports on deployment apparently stemmed from difficulty in locating and identifying the SS-20's movable launch equipment at combat-ready positions inside the Soviet Union.

However, U.S. military intelligence analysts now say the SS-20 is deployed in eastern Russia.

That suggests the first combat-ready SS-20s, which can carry three nuclear warheads each, are aimed at targets in China, with which Russia has been feuding for years.

Intelligence analysts also believe preparations are under way to deploy mobile missiles in western and central Russia. From western Russia, SS-20s

could blanket Western Europe. From central Russia, the missiles could strike targets in the Middle East.

With their 3,000-mile range, the SS-20s are unlikely to be subject to limitations on strategic nuclear weapons now being negotiated by Soviet and U.S. diplomats.

That is because, although they could be converted to long range missiles, SS-20s as now deployed do not have long enough range to strike the United States from Russian soil.

Also, the Russians have shown no interest in President Carter's bid for a mutual ban on mobile strategic missiles.

The United States is developing a possible huge new intercontinental range missile which could be deployed in underground mobile launch pads, but the Carter administration has delayed full-scale development work.



Life in a germ-free spacesuit

Isolated from his environment by a miniature space suit, six-year-old David, a patient at Texas Children's hospital in Houston, suffers from a hereditary malady limiting his natural immunity. The suit, called an isolator, was developed by NASA technicians to give him greater mobility in germ-free surroundings.

Napoleon III was the last emperor of France (1852-1870). He was the third son of Louis Napoleon, the younger brother of Napoleon I.

The sum of all the water in the world's oceans, ice fields, lakes, rivers, soils, rocks and in the atmosphere adds up to about 326 million cubic miles.

Luxury cars more luxurious

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Don Bruce builds cars for folks who are tired of the mundane world of \$15,000 Lincolns.

For a mere \$20,000 above and beyond the already-handsome price tag on your next Lincoln, Bruce and his auto wizards will turn the luxury car into a more luxurious vehicle — reminiscent of the Lincolns of yesterday.

"People have a quirk," says philosopher Bruce. "As soon as you say you can't have it, they say, 'I want it,' particularly if they have the money."

What they can't have now, without the money, is a Lincoln convertible. The last one rolled glamorously out of Detroit in 1948. But Bruce's crew of expert specialists will add \$20 per yard leather and the other niceties of life to make your common Lincoln into a thing of beauty.

Last year in this Fort Worth suburb, Bruce turned out 10 of the expensive rag tops. This year, he hopes to lighten the bank accounts of another 100 or so motorists who yearn for the years of the grand touring car.

Bruce's plan began a couple of years ago when he built a Cadillac station wagon convertible. The Caddy sold for \$24,000. Now, he specializes in re-working Lincolns, which are sold through a Dallas dealership.

That first creation was bought by a Santa Monica, Calif., car dealer. The car caused such a commotion on the West Coast the dealer gave a cocktail party and auctioned it off. The buyer shipped it to Saudi Arabia. "Just as well," he quipped.

"It's too far to bring in for servicing."

Bruce doesn't think people buy his creations because they have a burning desire for wind-blown hair. Instead, he says: "They are buying a special car — something nobody else has."

Fuel rates reduced

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Residential customers of gas utilities in five states supplied by Cities Service Gas Co. will receive an average \$12 a year reduction in rates, the company announced.

The cut, which took effect last Friday, is the result of Cities Service having more volume in its pipelines than expected when the Federal Power Commission approved a rate increase last year.

The 502 affected communities are in Kansas, western Missouri, northeastern Oklahoma, southern Nebraska and the Texas Panhandle.

TYPE CASTING

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clay Matthews, an inside linebacker at Southern California, has the rugged, handsome looks of a movie hero. Nothing unusual about that, you see he's from New Trier High School in Kenilworth, Ill., which also produced two guys named Rock Hudson and Charlton Heston.

Matthews spent his last two summers working as an extra in television shows at Universal Studios. "Acting interests me," he said. "I'd love to get some speaking parts and also do some TV commercials."

The \$20,000 includes more than simply carving a hole in the roof. The radio speakers are relocated in the rear armrests and every metal gizmo inside is chrome plated. The body is steel reinforced.

Bruce said the automobile has replaced the horse "in man's love of mobility."

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Americans on spending binge

By JOHN CUNIFF

AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans really went on a spending binge in the final weeks of the year, and there are indications that a good percentage of the purchases didn't end up under the Christmas tree.

They were consumed instead, literally swallowed, in the form of food and drink. Or so it would seem.

Final figures won't be available for a couple of more weeks, but we do know this: Food store sales in November rose 2.9 percent over those of October, suggesting an amazing increase in intake.

True, some of these purchases might have made gifts, but another set of statistics suggests otherwise. November sales at eating and drinking places leaped 2.1 percent after having been weak in October.

Economists are now studying such statistics to find out what they can about the behavior of the sometimes unpredictable consumer. They have already drawn some conclusions:

—The public was in more of a buying mood than was generally foreseen. The buying began unusually early; October retail sales leaped 2.7 percent over September, and November added another 1.5 over October.

—Early reports of a 1.5 percent increase in the dollar value of automotive purchases for November are suspect.

"There is a possibility that revisions will trim the November auto component of retail sales," Citibank comments. For one thing, it questions that unit sales would be down but dollar sales up so much.

—Shoppers apparently were not reluctant to use credit. That, at least, was the trend that seemed to be setting in early in the final quarter of the year.

Contrary to what some people might expect, consumers assume credit burdens when they feel confident — not when the absence of ready cash leaves them no other choice.

Personal incomes were up; people were confident; they took on credit.

This burst of consumer activity now presents analysts with the question of how much longer it might continue. Some credit critics say the burden of repayments could hamper sales in 1978.

Another school of thought, however, observes that consumers are still able to repay their borrowings on time. They feel that 1978 sales might indeed be affected by activity this year, but merely because consumers have already purchased many of the items they need.

Farm women set meeting in Amarillo

The first Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) convention will meet at the Quality Inn in Amarillo Jan. 14.

Registration fees must be sent to Nell Finney, Box 91, Tulla, Texas, 79088, by Wednesday. Registration is \$15 for lunch and evening meals and \$7.50 for lunch and speakers.

Rep. Jack Hightower will speak at 12:30 p.m. Ray Fritagerald, head administrator of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will speak at 3:30 p.m.

For more information call Alice Trenfield, (806) 653-4311.

PYRAMIDS PLANNED
NEW YORK (AP) — Pyramid-shaped recording studios will be built in Malibu, Calif., it has been announced here.

The reason is a belief that to achieve the best recorded sound, no two opposite walls should be the same.

The new studio will consist of a giant pyramid with three smaller pyramids inside, each a recording studio measuring 2,500 feet. Interior wall construction will alternate fiberglass squares with flat surfaces, each 16 inches square.

The announcement was made by Roy Cicala, president of the Record Plant here.

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Soviets calls talks failure

'No concessions from Israel'

By The Associated Press Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was quoted today as saying that Israel, under the leadership of Prime Minister Menahem Begin, has not yet made the tough decisions or concessions needed to bring about a Middle East peace.

Arabs living on the West Bank and Gaza Strip with continued Israeli military presence. Sadat held out for creation of an independent Palestinian state and complete Israeli withdrawal.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli prime minister briefed his cabinet on the Ismailia summit and met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel W. Lewis apparently to report on the talks and current status of the peacemaking effort.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda called the Sadat-Begin summit a failure and said that the only way to achieve an overall Mideast settlement is for all parties and their "allies" to cooperate.

Man-in-the-street reaction in Egypt also reflected disappointment. "The Israelis are still insisting on what they want," said taxi driver Saleh Awad.

Hardline Arabs denounced the Egyptian-Israeli summit, as expected, and Palestinian guerrillas joined Syria in pledging a stepped-up campaign to thwart Sadat's future peace initiatives.

Khadi, 39, was killed on a street in Ramallah, five miles north of Jerusalem. In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military command said no progress has been made in solving the slaying and no arrests were imminent.

On the record

Highland General Hospital

Saturday Admissions Ora M. Ramsey, Canadian. Misty Mucosaro, Miami. Maxine Nunn, White Deer. Baby Boy Thomas, 700 Magnolia.

Obituaries

MABEL CLEONE MANN WHEELER - Mrs. Mabel Cleone Mann, 74, died Sunday in Borger. Services are pending with Wright Funeral Home.

Mainly about people

Sham Robert Reese was born Dec. 7 in Redlands, Calif., the son of Rick and Vicki Reese. He is the first great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Walls, 1348 Garland.

Future looks rocky

By LARRY THORSON Associated Press Writer TEL AVIV (AP) - Prime Minister Menahem Begin's declared success in summitry with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat must be translated into action if Israel and Egypt are to make steady progress toward peace.

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AP News Analysis

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Who would represent the Palestinians? This is one of the first questions the foreign ministers will have to handle. Holding their talks in the Israeli capital may indicate some success for Israel's proposal that the Palestinians be represented by people now living under Israeli occupation in the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.



Genesis House receives canned goods

Gena Brainard, left, and Jill Birdsall present a resident of Genesis House canned goods donated by all county clubs. The county extension office had a county-wide Christmas party and admission to the party was one

canned good, according to Marilyn Tate, county extension agent. The extension office presented the canned goods to Genesis House as a Christmas gift. (Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Slayings 'copy' Strangler

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Two men have been arrested in connection with what police believe may be a "copycat" slaying patterned after those of the Hillside Strangler.

way the murders were committed, it's altogether possible that whoever did it tried to make a similar type of killing to the Hillside Strangler murders. Cooke said "Copycat killings are not too unusual when there is this type of publicity in the case."

'CIA didn't order journalists' - Colby

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former CIA Director William E. Colby testified today that intelligence agents doubling as journalists were not told by the CIA how to write their news reports.

34 die on Texas roads

By The Associated Press Thirty four persons died in traffic accidents over the long Christmas weekend, but the figure was seven short of what Department of Public Safety officials had predicted.

Names in the news

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) - A Superior Court in the District of Columbia has dropped charges lodged against comedian Dick Gregory and four other people arrested for protesting at the South African embassy.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has been elected to the board of directors of the Rand Corp. think tank.

Stock market

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Texas weather

By The Associated Press Brisk, cold temperatures again jolted Texans out of their sleep today with many cities in the northeastern third of the state reporting readings in the 20s.

National weather

By The Associated Press A wet weather system covers the Pacific Coast with rain, snow, fog and clouds, while a mass of arctic air is nipping at the East today.

Death toll 362

By The Associated Press Traffic accidents over the three-day Christmas holiday claimed 364 lives - a toll below pre-holiday estimates and last year's three-day Christmas total.

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Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for six years to a man who has some kind of hold on me and I can't shake it. I loved him once, but all my love for him's gone now. I've left him 11 times but he always begs me to come back and says if I don't he'll commit suicide, so I go back to him. We have two kids who are practically being raised by my mother because my husband refuses to work steady. He has a bad drinking problem, too. I can't count the places we've been kicked out of because we couldn't pay the rent; we can't get credit anymore.

When he met me I was really no good. I was a 16-year-old prostitute with a drug habit. He keeps reminding me that he took me out of the gutter so I owe him my life.

Can you help me?

TRAPPED

DEAR TRAPPED: No. But you can help yourself. You need counseling, and so does your husband. There are mental health clinics in your area that offer excellent help, and it's free for those without funds. If your husband refuses to go, go without him. Don't let your past dictate your future. You need a better self-image, and the fact that you wrote to me indicates that you're looking for answers, which is half the battle. Get going and good luck.

DEAR ABBY: Why is the bride expected to write all the thank-you notes for the wedding gifts?

Most of the gifts are for the home—to be shared by the couple. So assuming the husband isn't illiterate, why shouldn't he write half the notes?

JUST ASKING

DEAR JUST: Nowhere is it written that the bride should write all the thank-you notes for the wedding gifts. Acknowledging wedding gifts should be a joint venture (even though some grooms may tear the joint apart at the suggestion).

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to the hospital for some exploratory surgery as I was concerned about the possibility of cancer. Two neighbor women, whom I do not know very well, came to visit me there. They took turns asking prying questions as to the nature of my illness, whether more surgery would be necessary, etc. I tried to fend off these questions as best I could.

After they left, a member of a fraternal group to which I belong called on me. The same line of questioning was pursued. Only this person spent nearly an hour telling me about "similar cases" in which all the patients died—of cancer. I was depressed beyond words. Why do people visit the sick and leave them sicker?

DEPRESSED

DEAR DEPRESSED: Because common sense is so uncommon. My advice on bedside manners: Make your visit short, sweet and cheerful. Leave the coughs and the kids at home. Ask no questions. If you can't do that, stay away.

Getting married? No matter how little you have to spend or how unconventional your lifestyle, it can be lovely. Send for Abby's new booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Enclose \$1 and a long stamped (24 cents) self-addressed envelope to Abby: 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Ask Dr. Lamb
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB: My right leg is always an inch or more larger than my left, ever since my last child was born three years ago. I've been to a specialist and he called it congenital lymphedema. Is there anything I can do through diet or operation? I would hate to see it get worse.

DEAR READER: You are right to ask because the natural history of this disease is that it does get worse. The problem involves a part of the circulation that is often neglected and most people are unaware even exists—the lymphatic circulation. The lymph is a clear liquid that flows in small vessels similar in some respects to veins. These small vessels connect all the various lymph nodes in the body.

The lymph nodes form lymph cells (one type of white cells) found in the blood. The lymph glands are everywhere. You usually don't notice them unless they enlarge as in the presence of an infection. The glands that enlarge in the neck with a severe sore throat are lymph glands. You have them under your arms and in your groin.

The lymphatic fluid is similar to the clear fluid of blood. It contains proteins and can even clot, although somewhat more slowly than blood clots. The amount of lymph fluid formed is dependent upon the amount of fluid in your tissues. The lymphatic vessels in your legs behave a lot like your veins do. When you walk or contract your leg muscles, the compression of the lymphatic vessels helps to empty them. If you stand still, they fill up with pooled lymphatic fluid. That tells you that standing still is not so good for you and that walking promotes emptying

of the lymphatics. The lymphatic vessels also contain valves that normally prevent the fluid from flowing backward. The whole system is designed normally so that the lymph flows toward the heart. All those countless lymphatic vessels finally connect to empty into the heart.

The swelling you describe will lead to fibrosis of the tissues under the skin and permanent swelling if not controlled. You need to treat it a lot like you would treat varicose veins. Try to wear some elastic support hose that provide graded support. Go ahead and walk. Do not wear anything constricting around your thigh or a girdle. Don't constrict the flow of lymph upward toward your heart. Stay slim if you can. When you are resting, put your feet up. At night, you might find that if you elevate the foot of your bed above your head level that this will help to drain your leg. By consciously applying every opportunity you have to promote emptying the lymphatic vessels, you may prevent them from getting worse.

Also, do what you can to prevent accumulation of fluid, as accumulated fluid increases lymph. Avoid salt and, if need be, take water pills (diuretics) to prevent premenstrual buildup of body fluid. These measures will go a long way toward helping you.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 5-8, Varicose Veins, as you need to follow that program. Other readers who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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Polly's pointers

Polly Cramer

POLLY'S PROBLEM

DEAR POLLY: Mildew accumulates on the rubber seal that is around my refrigerator doors. The humidity has been high so the mildew is quite bad and I had tried several things but none of them clean it all off. Any suggestions will be appreciated: — IRENE.

DEAR IRENE: Mildew weakens anything and when stains are deeply imbedded they may be impossible to remove. You might try washing with warm suds with two tablespoons peroxide added to the water and then wipe off, rinse and thoroughly dry. Bleach in water will sometimes work, too, or a cloth just barely dampened with denatured alcohol. Sometimes the rubber is too far gone for real help. — POLLY.

Plants in the home...

Stop talking to plants and listen

ELVIN McDONALD



About three years ago, I was sent on a national media tour to promote a new book. In a period of 18 days I visited 22 cities, from New York to San Francisco, and from Minneapolis to Tampa - St. Petersburg. Early on, I came to the terrible realization that every interviewer was going to ask me if I talked to my plants. The only clever response I could think of that would lead to sensible conversation was to say, "No, but my plants say a lot of things to me."

"What," my host or hostess would respond, "are some of the things your plants say to you?" Well, with a question like that, I was home free, not that anthropomorphism is my thing. Plants are plants and people are people. However, communications is my business and if ascribing human traits to a plant makes its behavior more easily comprehensible, then I am satisfied to set aside such considerations.

After those hectic weeks on the road, I returned home exhausted and eagerly anticipating spending some quiet time with my plants. I found them literally crying for attention and I really couldn't blame my sitters; how could they be expected to master the needs of 300 different plants in three weeks' time? After I had watered those that were really

dry, I began a methodical examination of each plant to see what else was needed.

As I groomed each one, I consciously asked myself, what would it say to me if it could talk. Some of the gardenia leaves showed yellow between the dark green veins, a sure sign that the acid-alkaline balance of the soil was out of whack.



What is that plant saying to you?

"I'm turning yellow because I have acid indigestion," I jotted down in my notebook.

Then I found a semper-florens begonia standing with the base of the pot in a pool of foul-smelling water trapped in the bottom of a ceramic bowl with no provision for drainage. If this plant could talk, I decided it would say, "Help. I can't swim. I'm drowning!"

By the time I finished examining and grooming every plant in my apartment, I had

practically filled the notebook with my interpretations of what their varied appearances and conditions had said to me. Not one complained about not having me around to talk to it or play its favorite music, but all had something important to say about the essentials for healthy growth, such as water, light, humidity and protection from insects. Even the African violets, most of which greeted me with nosegays of bloom, had dead leaves and flowers that needed to be picked off. "A facelift would make us beautiful," I could hear them saying.

Now I've put all the things plants say to me into a new book called "Stop Talking to Your Plants and Listen." It has just been published by Funk & Wagnalls and is available in two editions, a hardcover at \$9.95 and a softcover for \$4.95. The message of my book is really a plea for common sense in dealing with members of the plant kingdom.

However mysterious one of their ways may seem, all plants, but especially those we grow indoors, have very few and very simple basic needs. In most cases, these needs consist of bright light or direct sun, the temperature range of an average dwelling or office, soil that is kept between moist and

slightly on the dry side, with no long periods of extreme wetness or dryness and thorough showering with tepid water once a month to refresh leaves and scourage insects.

When something goes wrong with a plant, usually one or more of these basic needs is not being provided. It's that simple but, as I explain in my book, the domino principle applies: each basic need interacts with all the others. Red spider-mites, for example, are not likely to make a serious invasion unless average temperatures are too high, the relative humidity is too low, and there is a lack of fresh air circulation. And, while we may blame a terminal case of root rot on overwatering, it almost invariably relates also to the amount of light, average temperature, and the general health of the plant at the time.

A Boston fern placed on top of

a radiator or other heat source might say, "I'm calling my lawyer; I don't deserve capital punishment." Until this situation is corrected, nothing else will be right for the fern.

If you want to grow plants in a window that has a steam radiator or other heat source beneath it, place a sheet of asbestos or other fireproof insulation material on top of the heating unit, then add pebble humidity trays. During coldest weather you may have to add water to trays twice a day, since the bottom heat quickly evaporates the water. Be careful not to let any leaves, but especially not thin-textured ones like those of the Boston fern, arch downward so that they come in close contact with the radiator itself. If forced air warms and cools your home or office, simply avoid placing plants directly over the vents. In

the winter, pots closest to the source of heat will require extra watering.

Once you start listening to your plants, you will discover a world of useful communication. While they might well say, "If you don't shape up, I'm going to ship out," they can also say quite affirmatively, "I like you; I just might stick around."

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Club news

American Legion Auxiliary
The Kerley Crossman Unit 334 of the American Legion Auxiliary held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lee Harrah. Eight members attended.

During a business meeting following the party, the group was told that 25 members out of 27 had paid dues for 1978.

The auxiliary also voted to send a contribution to the Peruvian Auxiliary for disaster victims in Peru.

Next meeting of the auxiliary will be Jan. 19.

Twentieth Century Culture Club
Eighteen members of the Twentieth Century Culture Club had a "Merry Christmas" party recently in the home of Mrs. J.R. Donaldson with Mrs. Paul Turner as co-hostess.

Refreshments of Christmas pie were served followed by examples of decorations inspired by the Williamsburg Folk Art Collection. Mrs. J.L. Chase Jr., assisted members in making wreaths from baling twine.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10 at the home of Mrs. M.K. Griffith.

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No chairs, but feds say ramp a must

By DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND
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RUDD, Iowa — The Rudd Public Library has run afoul of the federal and state bureaucracies. It did not mean to, but it has found that that does not seem to make any difference.

The library's sin is that it does not have ramps for people in wheelchairs. That is because none of the 429 residents of this farming community 14 miles east of Mason City in north central Iowa are confined to wheelchairs.

"Why should we do it, nobody's going to use it?" asked Joyce Navratil, the part-time librarian. "Why should taxpayers have to spend the money?"

"I'm all for it if it was going to

be used," said Helene Wood, president of the library board, "but it's like building a house with 10 bedrooms if you live by yourself. It's silly."

But the federal and state governments persist in their contention that Rudd must conform to the law. As one official said, "You can't ever tell when you might have a handicapped person."

What Rudd is enmeshed in is a bureaucratic conflict not unfamiliar to thousands of cities and towns across the nation that have suddenly found themselves confronted with laws and regulations that have filtered down from Washington through regional offices and state capitals to the local level for implementation.

Still, the people who dwell in this quiet village dominated by

towering grain elevators amid miles of corn and soybean fields do not often find themselves on a collision course with far-off authority. The whole matter is almost more than they can comprehend.

As often happens in such affairs, the dispute may linger endlessly. But until now, this is what has happened:

In 1973, Congress passed a Rehabilitation Act that said, among other things, that any institution receiving federal funds must be made accessible to people in wheelchairs and other handicapped persons. Last spring, Joseph A. Califano Jr., the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, had regulations published in the Federal Register setting forth the timetable and methods by which institutions receiving HEW funds must comply with Section 504, the pertinent part of the act.

The regulation said that programs must be made accessible to the handicapped by last Aug. 3 and that any necessary "substantial modifications in existing structures" must be completed by June 3, 1980. It also said that institutions must have on file by Dec. 15 any plans for such modifications.

What that means is that libraries, hospitals, schools and other institutions receiving money from the department, even indirectly, through one program or another must provide such things as ramps for

wheelchairs. No one in Rudd argues with the good intentions of Congress or of Secretary Califano. But the Rudd public library board was stunned when it was abruptly told last month that its 28-by-30-foot, one-story building needed a ramp, or perhaps two ramps, and an outside entrance to the basement, which has none, and possibly wider doors for its two toilets.

The first thing the board did was take a survey of the town's 429 residents. That is how it learned that no one who uses a wheelchair lives in the service area of the tiny library, which is open from 2 to 5 P.M. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 9 A.M. to noon on Saturdays.

"There's one lady with a walker," Mrs. Wood said, "and she has never been inside the library. We would be happy to take her books, but she's never checked one out."

The major problem, as far as Rudd is concerned, is that its library does not have much money. The new building with its brick front and shingled sides was put up in 1967 after a Mason City foundation contributed \$8,000 and the town scraped up another \$8,000.

Last year, according to librarian Navratil's records, the library spent \$3,591. Of that, \$308.70 was for books, nearly \$240 of which went for a set of reference works.

"We've spent most of our money on paperbacks and

second-hand books, and some of the members of our board belong to book clubs and they donate books after they're through with them," Mrs. Wood said. "It's pretty meager. We just haven't been able to buy books after we pay the heat and the librarian and everything."

Most of the money comes from Floyd County, although the town contributes \$800 a year, primarily for heat. Since both the county and the town receive federal revenue-sharing funds, the library could lose most of its income as a penalty for not conforming to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Moreover, its participation in an interlibrary loan program and access to research assistance from the regional library in Mason City could be cut off, since those programs are aided by federal funds.

All the trouble started innocently enough, as Mrs. Navratil tells it, because some groups in Rudd wanted to use the library basement for their activities. But the basement had always been susceptible to water seepage after heavy rains. She said she approached the regional library to see if some funds might be obtained to seal the basement and was referred to the State Library Commission in Des Moines.

Then, she went on, Neil Hampton, the state commission's building consultant, paid her a visit.

"He got here and he wasn't too interested in the basement,"

Mrs. Navratil said, "but he told me about the ramps we'd have to build. He told me we'd have to put one into the basement, and that's what we really went up into the air about."

After getting the bad news from Hampton, she and Mrs. Wood wrote to Charles E. Grassley, the Third District's Republican representative.

Grassley wrote back with what appeared to be good news. He said he had been informed by HEW that if the library did not employ 15 or more persons it did not have to make the improvements.

But Barry Porter, the state librarian, later told the people in Rudd that his information from the HEW Department's regional office of civil rights in Kansas City was that the number of employees did not matter so long as the building was used by the public.

In Washington, Betty Burger, an aide to Grassley, said the Congressman had written to the department asking for clarification.

"As far as we're concerned, we're just waiting for a reply to the letter," she said, "then we'll take it from there."

At HEW headquarters, Elizabeth H. Hughey, chief of the state public library branch of the division of library services, said:

"We are trying to work with the office of civil rights in Kansas City on that. I have said to them to be reasonable about this, that a reasonable approach

is the best one. There's nothing we can do at this time. It's up to the office of civil rights."

In Kansas City, Jesse L. High, who has been dealing with the problem at the office of civil

rights, said that if Rudd or the Iowa State Library Commission would put the question in writing as to whether a town without handicapped people had to conform to the act, he would seek a policy ruling.



CHOICES

Karen Blaker Ph.D.

To be or not to be a teenage mother? More than one million American girls became pregnant last year and had to face this question: Their choices were abortion, adoption or keeping the baby. Forty percent chose abortion. Of the 60 percent who had their babies, 6 percent put them up for adoption and 94 percent decided to keep them.

Sometimes the decision to keep the baby works out well for both mother and child; other times the reasons for keeping the baby are clearly irrational and both mother and child suffer. In this hot line conversation, the counselor helps a teen-age mother-to-be examine her reasons for wanting to keep her baby.

HOT LINE

Jane: I'm under so much pressure... I had to talk to someone. I am two months pregnant, 15 years old and unmarried. I could get married but I don't want to. The guy — well — it was a stupid mistake. It would be doubly silly to spend the rest of my life with him when I don't love him. I am upset about the pregnancy. But now, the more I think about the little person growing inside me, the more I want to keep him for myself.

Counselor: What was your original plan?

Jane: I never considered an abortion because I'm Catholic. I was thinking of going to one of those out-of-state homes to have the baby and then... I was going to put it up for adoption.

Counselor: Do you live at home with your parents?

Jane: Yes, but why do you ask?

Counselor: I was wondering why you wanted to go away to have the baby.

Jane: That should be obvious. My parents made such a scene when I told them. They are ashamed of me and would just die if anyone found out. They want me to go away. They are punishing me — that's how I feel. And it's not fair. They think they're so open-minded. Well, I know different.

Counselor: I can understand how angry and hurt you must feel. Do you think your feelings might have something to do with your decision to consider keeping the baby?

Jane: I don't understand what you're getting at.

Counselor: You said your parents would be upset if anyone found out you are pregnant. And yet you are thinking of keeping the baby. Then everyone would know — right?

Jane: I see what you mean. Yes, I could get back at them that way. I'd like that. I'd like them to feel miserable for a change.

Counselor: I think they're probably pretty miserable right now. And you are the one who will have to care for the child for 16 or 17 years. That fact alone makes this a big decision.

Jane decided that revenge against her parents was the real reason she wanted to keep the baby. Once she understood this, she went ahead with her original plan — to put the baby up for adoption. However, she decided to give birth in a local hospital and get back at her parents after all. In any case, parental criticism almost forced Jane into a decision she might have regretted for the rest of her life.

Dr. Blaker cannot take telephone calls from her readers. However, there are hundreds of crisis intervention phone lines in the United States. For the phone number of one near you, contact

your local mental health association or mental health information service.

Write to Dr. Blaker in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Volume of mail prohibits personal replies, but questions of general interest will be discussed in future columns.

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Family shares Presidential success

By ANN BLACKMAN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be when folks thought of the Carter family, they thought of peanuts. Not any more.
In the 11 months Jimmy Carter has been president, members of his family have parlayed his position into almost a million-dollar windfall.
The president's kinfolk have

come a long way since that hot summer in Plains, Ga., a year and a half ago when Amy was selling lemonade for a dime and tuna fish sandwiches for a dollar.
Now there are books — one about Carter's mother's Peace Corps days in India, two about faith healing and one in preparation about brother Billy.
And there are personal appearances by Billy Carter — at

the World Champion Belly-flop and Cannonball Diving contest in Canada and the World Champion Pole-climbing contest in Kentucky, to name only two.
Billy's agent says he makes four such appearances a month at \$5,000 each. That would be \$240,000 a year.
The president's younger brother has put his picture and signature on a new beer called

"Billy." It was first marketed last fall by the Falls City Brewing Co. of Louisville, Ky., which owns the rights.
Cousin Hugh Carter, who owns a worm farm in Plains, said his business has increased 25 percent since Jimmy Carter went to the White House. He said he sells 15 million worms a year — about \$104,250 gross.
The president's sister, Gloria Carter Spann, compiled the let-

ters her mother wrote while she was in the Peace Corps. The book, "Away From Home: Letters to My Family," has sold 35,000 hardback copies, according to Emily Boxer of Simon and Schuster, the publisher.
Has the president ever discussed the family's money-making ventures with her?
"Jimmy has never said a word to me" she replied.

The president's other sister, Ruth Carter Stapleton, has been a faith-healing evangelist for 20 years. She, too, is doing well as an author. And she recently purchased a 30-acre ranch outside Dallas, Texas, which she plans to turn into a spiritual retreat.
President Carter's children are also attuned to the times.
Son Jeff, 25, and his wife, Annette, who are interested in

photography, recently sold 10 pictures to the annual edition of Life magazine for \$10,000. The first lady's press secretary said they plan to give the money to charity.
Judy Carter, who is married to the president's 30-year-old son, Jack, has become a contributing editor to Redbook magazine, following in the journalistic tradition of presidential daughters.

Carter's middle son, Chip, 27, worked part-time for the Democratic National Committee. He was paid \$8,000 for the seven months' work before moving back to Plains with his wife last September.
His cousin, Hugh Carter Jr., has a \$51,000-a-year job at the White House in charge of administrative matters and cutting costs.

Your money's worth

Insulation: beware unprofessional professionals

Sylvia Porter

If you're among America's millions of "unhappy handymen" about to hire a professional to insulate your home, beware of the "unprofessional professional."
As always when a particular business begins to boom — and the business of energy conservation is an almost classic illustration — unscrupulous fringe operators and relatively uninformed individuals crowd in to grab a piece of the action and profit.

"Insulation contracting is certainly no exception," says Jack Sutton, editor of Roofing-Siding-Insulation, a trade magazine in the insulation industry. "It is only common sense to check prospective contracting firms thoroughly to be sure their motives are in your best interests." You'll find the professional firms in the yellow pages of your phone book under "Insulation Contractors: Cold & Heat."

"You must compare one contractor against another to make sure you are hiring the right one," adds Robert G. Breniff, marketing manager for Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., a leading manufacturer of residential insulations. "It's not easy, but a little homework will make the task much less difficult and protect you against the fringe operator."

Ask each contractor for references. Check with the local Better Business Bureau, your local utility, previous customers — and don't hesitate to probe for facts about the firm's reliability and performance in other jobs.

Find out whether the contractor uses "batt" or "loose-fill" insulation. Some firms handle both, others, only one type. Batts are the familiar insulation blankets, prefabricated by the manufacturer into uniform thickness and density. Loose-fill is insulation in a chopped-up form, which is "blown" between attic floor joists and wall studs with special pneumatic equipment.

"Loose insulation is good for areas which are hard to reach," explains Breniff, "but batts offer the special advantage of assured thermal performance." While there can be variations in the installed thickness of loose insulation (which may affect its ability to keep your home warm in winter and cool in summer),

the variations are reduced with batts because the material is prefabricated into dimensionally consistent blankets before it's installed.
Discuss with each contractor the R-value of the material to be installed. R-value represents insulation's ability to resist heat transfer — into the home in summer, out of it in fall and winter. Thus, specify your insulation needs in R-values, not inches, for 10 inches of one manufacturer's product may not have the same R-value as 10 inches of another's.

Make sure the contractor will provide you with a certificate stating the R-value of the material installed and identifying the manufacturer of the insulation. If and when you decide to sell your home, you then will have proof that it has been properly insulated.

Do not fall to get a written warranty against faulty workmanship. "Most reliable contractors will be happy to provide warranty references, and just about any other information requested," Sutton states flatly. "They'll even tell you whether they're fully insured — and you should ask, since accidents sometimes occur. This is the best way to protect yourself against a possible lawsuit in the future."

Ask for competitive bids. This is fundamental in most fields of this nature, and in insulation one contractor whose work might be of just as high quality as a competitor's, might charge you considerably less.

In getting more than one quote, describe the job's requirements precisely the same way to each bidder to make certain you can realistically compare the merits of each proposal.
Prices charged by contractors vary, of course, depending on local labor costs and the complexity of the job you want done. But a reliable yardstick both Sutton and Breniff agree, is that you'll pay approximately one-third more to have a contractor install insulation in your attic than if you try to do the job yourself.

It's wise spending, though, if you're honestly one of the nation's unhandy handymen (or women). The contractor will save you time as well as the cost and inconvenience of having to do most of the job all over again to correct your mistakes.

Erotic television descends on Italy

ROME (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Italians are tuning in and turning on to sex-oriented programs introduced by the nation's new private television industry.

The erotic TV boom follows surveys showing 63 percent of Italian men and 54 percent of Italian women consider sex more important than ever before.

Most shows appear around midnight and all a viewer needs to get them is a special \$60 antenna to receive cable television.

With that, a spectator can watch hits such as "My Sex, Your Sex" and good-night sign-offs featuring strippers wearing only smiles.

One station in Rome offers "The Gymnastic Hour," with a woman and a man clad only in underpants explaining love-making without resorting to sexual intercourse.

On Turin's TeleTorino, Friday midnight viewers watch volunteers, mostly housewives, taking it all off in "Let's Strip Together," billed as the tube's only strip quiz.

Viewers are asked a simple question and if a man phones in the correct answer, the stripper takes something off. She puts something on if the caller with the correct answer is a woman.
"Ours is not pornography," says TeleTorino's vice president Giuliana Gardini. "We are serious. The audience is ready for our shows and in fact the

people say they need them.
"Complaints are few. Our shows are after midnight, so we don't attempt to reach minors. People flood us with letters and phone calls saying they want us to continue."

On Saturdays, TeleTorino offers a three-hour question-and-answer period with author Franco Valobra on difficulties in the bedroom. "People want to talk about their sexual problems," Valobra says.
Such shows are unique in Europe with a check showing that no major country on the continent offers either private television nudity or nudity on national outlets controlled or financed by the government.

They are also controversial in this heavily Roman Catholic nation. The Vatican has not taken any public position on the shows, but Pope Paul VI assailed "organized action of vice" and "the unbridled justification for the worst instincts through the pornography of the mass media" in his state-of-the-church message Thursday.

A "good" track in horse racing is actually one halfway between fast and slow.

The term "purse" in horse-racing comes from the early days of the sport on the English moors. A bag of coins was hung from a pole at the finish and the first rider to reach it got the purse.

'Old fear nursing homes'

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 83-year-old great-grandmother, still capable and active, refuses pleas to move into a nursing home, saying it will be the death of her.

She may be right, says former Utah senator Frank E. Moss, who has written a book on nursing homes in America.

Moss says the psychological shock to an elderly person taken out of a familiar home setting can be too traumatic. He said many elderly people fear nursing homes because, by their nature, they carry an intimation of approaching death.

But he also noted that some older people need continuous care and cannot cope with home living anymore. A nursing home may be a necessity for them, he said.

Moss, 66, a Washington attorney and former chairman of the Senate's subcommittee on long term care, said one of the biggest failures of the nation's social system is that it does not encourage older people to stay in their own homes.

He suggested that federal and state health care programs provide more financial assistance to those who want to remain at home. For example, he said, more money should be available to hire workers to go to the homes of elderly people to help with cooking or housework.

Agreeing with Moss, Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., said restrictions on home health care coverage and the requirement that Medicare will pay only for "skilled" care means that hundreds of thousands of elderly are needlessly put in institutions.

Pepper, chairman of the House Aging Committee, also noted that Medicare provides no outpatient prescription drug coverage. It does pay for medicines used by patients in hospitals, nursing homes or similar institutions certified by the government program.

In his book, "Too Old, Too Sick, Too Bad," Moss said many nursing homes are below par, but others, especially non-

profit homes operated by religious organizations, offer excellent care.

But he maintains that nursing homes should be viewed as a last resort.

Chaplin buried today

CORSIER-SUR-VEVEY, Switzerland (AP) — Charlie Chaplin was buried this morning in a simple ceremony in the graveyard of this Swiss village where he died Christmas day at the age of 88.

The funeral was as he wanted — without fanfare in the little town overlooking Lake Geneva and the majestic French Alps where he spent the last 25 years of his life.

Only about 30 relatives, close friends and household staffers attended the rain-swept, 20-minute ceremony for the canting Little Tramp of the silent screen.

About 150 reporters and curious villagers observed the ceremony from behind an enclosure set up by police around the burial site.

Chaplin's widow Oona, look-

ing pale, drawn and tired, was surrounded by seven of their eight children as the Rev. David Miller of the Church of England in Lausanne, and the Rev. Richard Thomson, who looks after Anglicans in this region, officiated.

Miller delivered a brief eulogy on the life and work of the great London-born comedian in a low voice audible only to the small group surrounding the grave. Thomson recited The Lord's Prayer.

Thomson said Chaplin was not a member of the Church of England, "but he was a supporter."

After the prayer the family left, Chaplin's widow in the lead, and drove away in a fleet of Rolls Royce and Mercedes limousines, before the coffin was lowered into the grave.

Can't buy a Merry Christmas

DALLAS (AP) — Jimmie Emmons didn't want to spend another Christmas alone. So he saved \$75 and used it to buy a Christmas feast for "those winos, prostitutes and anybody else."

Nobody showed up. And Emmons ended up eating alone after all.

Emmons, a self-described 64-year-old "loner that nobody, not even my children, cares about" had gone out on a Dal-

las street corner to tell anyone who would listen that he was buying them Christmas dinner. "Sometimes I'm nasty," said Emmons, displaying a toothless smile, "but I wasn't today."

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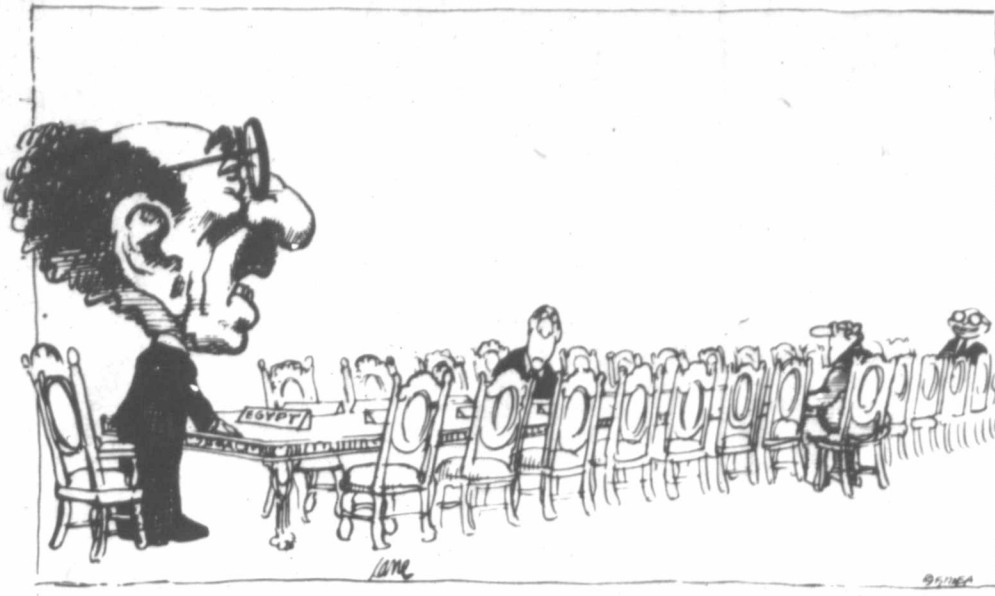
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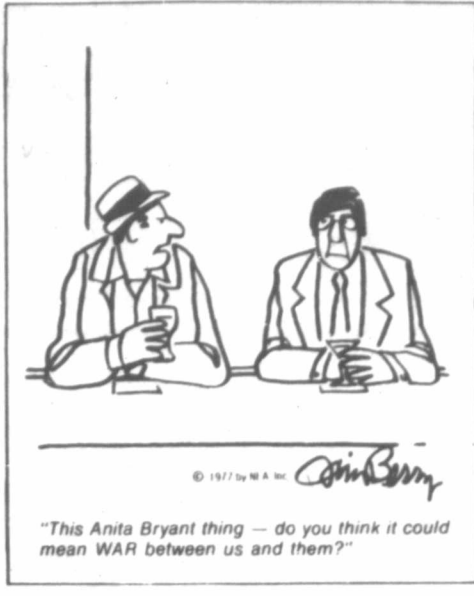
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JANUARY

- 17 - Gary Gilmore executed at Utah State Prison, ending 10-year national moratorium on capital punishment
- 20 - Jimmy Carter inaugurated as 39th president of the United States
- 21 - President Carter in first major executive act pardons draft evaders of the Vietnam war era
- 1-31 - Severe cold and blizzards grip nation in most severe winter in recent years.

FEBRUARY

- 2 - President Carter in fireside chat to the nation asks "cooperation and mutual effort" to develop new programs
- 7 - Adm. Stansfield Turner named by the President to head CIA
- 18 - Press reports reveal secret CIA payments to foreign leaders including Jordan's King Hussein, Chiang Kai-shek and others.

MARCH

- 5 - President answers telephone questions from the public in a two-hour nationally broadcast "call in"
- 9 - Hanafi Moslem's seize Washington buildings and hostages in "holy war" against rival Black Muslims. 1 killed and 19 injured.
- 9 - Federal Drug Administration bans saccharin because of possible cancer link
- 16 - President Carter in first "meet the people" trip attends Clinton, Mass., town meeting
- 21 - Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Congress party defeated in Indian elections
- 27 - In world's worst aviation disaster, 581 killed in Canary Islands collision of two 747s.

APRIL

- 18 - President Carter in nationally televised address outlines energy program calling for concerted effort to avert "national catastrophe."
- 22 - North Sea blowout spreads oil over 1,300 square miles, is capped eight days later.
- 28 - Cuba and U.S. announcing fisheries agreement in first direct negotiations since 1961.

MAY

- 4 - Former President Nixon, in first of five televised talks with David Frost, admits he "let the American people down" in the Watergate affair.
- 7-8 - President Carter and leaders of six other industrial nations confer at London economic summit.

- 9 - President Carter calls for "resolution of the Palestine question and a homeland for the Palestinians"
- 9 - Patricia Hearst placed on five years' probation for her part in Los Angeles robbery and shootout
- 16 - Helicopter crashes atop New York's PanAm building, killing five and injuring seven.
- 17 - Labor party loses Israeli elections, Likud party led by Menahem Begin becomes parliament's largest.
- 20 - Rosalynn Carter begins seven-nation Latin American tour as representative of the President.

- 23 - Park Tong Sun indicted on charges of bribing congressmen.

SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Death in police custody of South African black leader Steve Biko stirs international controversy.
- 20 - Vietnam admitted to United Nations
- 21 - Bert Lance, under investigation for disputed financial practices, resigns as budget director.

OCTOBER

- 12 - Supreme Court hears arguments in Bakke "reverse discrimination" medical school admission case.
- 17 - Supreme Court lifts ban on

- Concorde supersonic flights into New York's Kennedy Airport.
- 18 - West German commandos storm hijacked airliner at Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing 86 hostages.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - U.S., opposed to political bias, quits International Labor Organization.
- 4 - President Giscard d'Estaing assures separatist Premier Levesque of France's support for Quebec self-determination.
- 5 - Former CIA Director Richard Helms fined \$2,000, given two-year suspended sentence for failing to testify fully before Congress on covert activities in Chile.
- 6 - Dam breaks at Toccoa, Ga., in heavy rains, 37 killed.
- 9 - Egyptian President Sadat offers to visit Israel to discuss

- Mideast issues.
- 15 - Prime Minister Begin invites Sadat to Israel.
- 19 - Sadat arrives in Israel.
- 20 - Sadat, Begin address Israel parliament, vow "no more war."
- 26 - Sadat calls Cairo conference of parties to Mideast conflict, Israel accepts.
- 28 - U.S., U.N. accept Sadat invitation; U.S.S.R. and Arab states refuse.

DECEMBER

- 4 - Plane believed hijacked crashes in Malaysia, 100 die.
- 5 - Arab leaders meeting in Tripoli, Libya, "freeze" relations with Egypt. Sadat breaks off relations.
- 10 - Farmers demonstrate in Washington, elsewhere, against low prices.
- 12 - Winston Churchill's widow dies at 92.
- 14 - Cairo conference opens.

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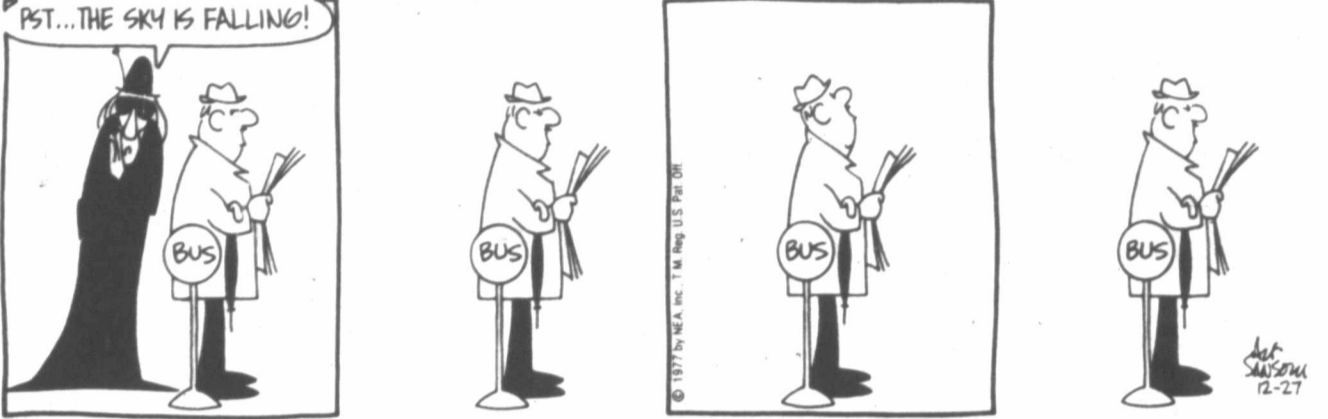
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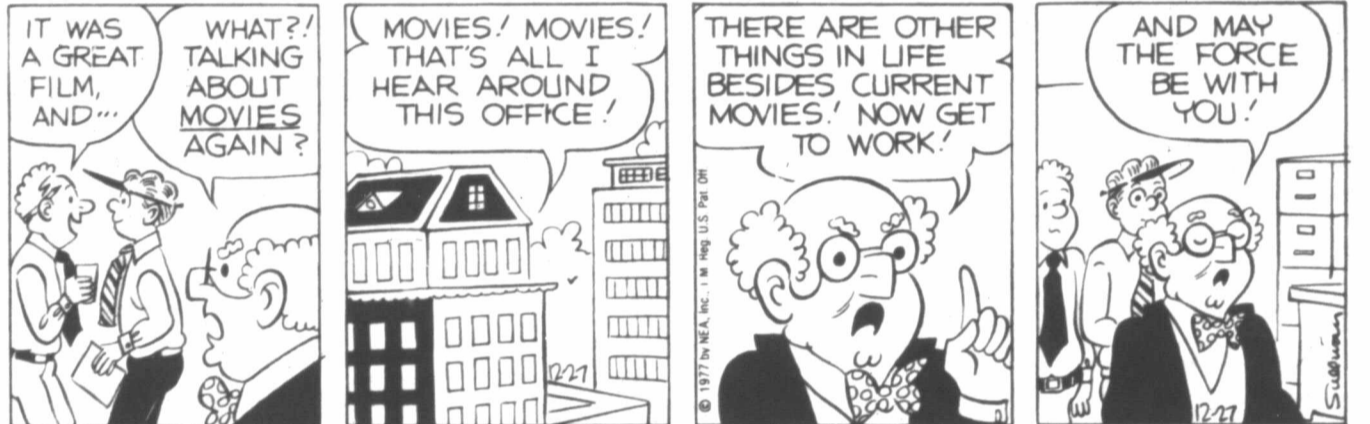
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"I gave him a new leash for Christmas!"

Middlemen get 60% of consumer dollar

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government figures show that middlemen have increased their share of the consumer food dollar, particularly for such staple items as beef, pork and poultry.

The Agriculture Department says that in November the so-called farm-to-retail spread of prices for selected market basket food increased 1.7 percent from October.

Put another way, farmers in November received 38.5 cents of each \$1 spent for food in retail stores, while middlemen got 61.5 cents. In October, farmers got 39 cents and middlemen 61 cents.

The figures are based on a 65-item list of food items which originate on U.S. farms. Seafood, imported products and meals eaten away from home are not included in the analysis.

One of the long-time complaints of farmers is that consumers fail to understand fully that middlemen who

transport, process and sell food after it leaves their farms accounts for most of the average family's grocery bill.

When the middleman price spread is measured another way, the gap between farmers and consumers is even larger. For example:

This year, according to department figures, consumers will spend an estimated \$180 billion on farm-produced food. Of that, farmers are expected to get \$56 billion and middlemen \$124 billion.

The expenditures are for all food purchased in 1977, including items bought in retail grocery stores and meals eaten away from home.

Thus, if a hypothetical basket of food could be put together and sold for \$18 to reflect the total food spending of consumers this year, the farmer's share would be \$5.60 and middlemen would get \$12.40.

On the basis, farmers this year are getting 31.1 cents of each \$1 consumers spend on all food this year and middlemen 68.9 cents, compared to the 39 cents and 61

cents farmers and middlemen got respectively in November for the 65-item list of marketbasket groceries.

Officials said that the difference is due primarily to the added costs of serving food eaten in restaurants.

Meanwhile, the department's regular analysis of the 65-item marketbasket food list showed that retail beef prices edged higher last month to an average of almost \$1.42 a pound, measured on an all-cut basis. That was up four-tenths of a cent from October.

But the farm value of retail beef dropped to 83.4 cents a pound from 94.4 in October. That meant that the middleman's share increased during the month to 58.5 cents from 57.1 cents in October, according to the report.

Farm value is not what farmers get for live cattle since it takes nearly 2.3 pounds of choice-grade steer to make one pound of supermarket beef. It is, however, the producer's share of what consumers pay for beef at store counters.

The retail price of pork also rose to more than \$1.27 a pound, a gain of six-tenths of a cent from October. The farm value was 70.3 cents, down from 72.7 in October, and the middleman share rose to 57.2 cents from 54.2 cents.

European dairy products entering the U.S. market.

Bergland told reporters recently that while specific demands of the European Community have not been spelled out, he thinks that those will be included in negotiations on dairy products.

"They have more than a million tons of non-fat dry milk accumulated in the community. They have cheese and butter in substantial amounts," Bergland said. "In fact, they are putting \$3 billion community funding into the export subsidy on dairy products this year alone."

Thus, Bergland said, the Europeans "will want to talk with us about market access" for dairy products, particularly cheese.

This "becomes sensitive and difficult here in the United States because we too have an abundance of non-fat dry milk and some classes of cheese and butter," Bergland said.

"But we could talk with them seriously about increased imports of certain of their specialty cheeses that are not produced in

the United States. They are competitive in a rough way, but not directly," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association says the crunch on world oil and gas reserves "has ominous implications" for agriculture and the ability of farmers to produce enough food in the future.

Robert D. Partridge, general manager of the association, said in the current issue of the organization's magazine that there is a clear trend toward higher electricity use by American farmers.

Natural gas, coal and other sources are used to generate electricity.

Power sales by member rural electric systems last year grew 9 percent, compared with an annual growth rate of about 6 percent for the electric utility industry as a whole, he said.

Thus, Partridge said, there should be "a national energy priorities policy in fuel selection for electric generation" so that power output can be allocated "to assure the nation its essential needs will be met."

Farm roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland says the United States probably will be asked to ease some of its import restrictions on foreign goods if it wants to gain larger access for American farm products in the world market.

One item which is expected to come up when multinational trade talks enter a crucial phase in Geneva, Switzerland next month involves the possibility of more

Mechanic escapes jail

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — Buddy Cochran, the truck mechanic convicted of ramming a car into a Ku Klux Klan rally in President Carter's hometown of Plains last July, escaped from the Sumter County jail early today, Sheriff Randy Howard said.

Cochran, 30, and another prisoner escaped about 7:45 a.m., the sheriff said. A police radio broadcast had identified the other man as Michael Proctor.

Howard said the search was being concentrated in the area around Americus, about 20 miles east of Plains.

Police broadcast an alert that the two were driving an automobile with Mississippi license plates.

Cochran, from Americus, was convicted Oct. 25 of eight counts of aggravated assault in the July 2 incident which injured 32 persons, many of them reporters covering the KKK rally.

The trial was highlighted by testimony from Carter's mother, Lillian, who said she was watching part of the rally from a distance but left when trouble broke out.

Cochran was sentenced on Nov. 17 to 12 years in prison and 8 additional years on probation.

Rain, snow relieve California drought

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Three solid storms have dumped rain and snow across thirsty California since Thanksgiving, but the two-year drought may not be over yet, a forecaster says.

A wet weather depression meandering in the eastern Pacific funneled another storm into the state Monday, sending added snow to the Sierra slopes and widespread rains to lower elevations. More of the same was expected today.

Despite the storms, National Weather Service forecaster Ray Williams says: "So far this year precipitation is normal, but we don't know what the

rest of the year really is going to do."

Williams noted the water table is still far below what it should be and that water rationing is still the rule in many areas.

Three of the largest reservoirs in California are still at critically low levels, the state Drought Information Center in Sacramento points out.

Shasta Dam, which has a capacity of 4.5 million acre-feet, has only 914,000 acre-feet in storage. Folsom Dam, with a million-acre-foot capacity, has 182,000-acre-feet; Oroville Dam has a third of its 3.5 million-acre-foot capacity.

A fair weather high pressure



Friends of Rehab

Shari Lewis and puppet friend "Lambchop" will join more than a dozen other television performers Jan. 14 for the "Rehab '78" television special to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The program will air from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. on nine television stations and some radio stations. Last year's telecast raised \$326,000 for the facility for the handicapped.

Copter explodes, two dead

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — A radio station traffic helicopter slammed through the roof of an apartment building today and exploded, killing two persons and injuring four others, witnesses said.

Two bodies burned beyond recognition were found near the wreckage of the helicopter, which came to rest on the second floor of the two-story, 23-unit red brick building and started a fire there.

"One would assume they are from the helicopter," a medical examiner said of the bodies.

Occupants of the helicopter were identified as Chip Whit-

more, a reporter for station WEEL, and pilot Red Banks.

Persons in the building who were hurt in the crash were identified as Julia Verga, 62; Ronald Michelson, 28, and his wife, Lynn, 26, and a 10-week-old baby.

All four were taken to hospitals. Their conditions were not immediately known.

Ned Foster, a helicopter traffic reporter for station WBZ, witnessed the crash.

"It went into a dive and crashed through the roof of the apartment building," Foster said. "Then it exploded on impact."

Carrie Fisher: trying to outgrow 'Star Wars'

By JAY SHARBUTT
AP Television Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — New Year's Eve is when many people drink. It also is when NBC, for reasons known to only its deities, airs a TV version of "Come Back Little Sheba." It co-stars Carrie Fisher, 21.

The daughter of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds, she is accustomed by now to living with the fact she played the imperiled heroine of the hit movie "Star Wars" and will play same again in a sequel.

When she arrived at a restaurant here for a "Sheba" interview, she'd just finished posing for "Star Wars" pictures touting "Star Wars" knickknacks. She seemed a mite weary, but not jaded.

Miss Fisher, who has a deadpan, sardonic sense of humor akin to that of Eve "Our Miss Brooks" Arden, was asked how many "Star Wars" interviews she's done. She started adding them up.

"Oh, my God... 300?" she said. She grinned when asked the most-asked "Star Wars" question put to her. She said it was, "Did you know it was going to be a hit?"

Now that the "Star Wars" hype has eased, is there anything you'd like to add, Miss Fisher? She did. It was a discreet screech that briefly startled a cluster of patrons at the next table.

Oddly enough, Carrie, a brown-haired, brown-eyed lady so tiny you could carve a lifesize statue of her from a pebble, didn't get the NBC "Sheba" role because of her "Star Wars" fame.

She said she got it because of her work in her

Man, 32, faces piracy charges

ATLANTA (AP) — A man held for the Christmas Day hijacking of an Eastern Airlines jet faced air piracy charges before a U.S. magistrate today.

Nikolai Wischnewsky, 32, of Pearl River, N.Y., allegedly commandeered the DC-9 about 50 miles from Atlanta on Sunday using a toy pistol and a portable radio taped to resemble a bomb.

The Austrian-born landscaper was being held without bond in the Fulton County jail.

Wischnewsky boarded the Miami-Indianapolis flight in Jacksonville, Fla., FBI agents said.

Agents said the hijacker passed a flight attendant a note demanding that the plane fly to Cuba.

Women and children were allowed to leave when the aircraft landed in Atlanta at 8:20 a.m. and the FBI then persuaded the hijacker to release the rest of the 32 passengers and four crew members. Agents overpowered him a few hours later.

There were no injuries.

Review taxes now; profit later

By Ray De Crane

Between the time you start your last-minute Christmas shopping and before you start to exchange that pink tie with the green stripes, spend an evening reviewing your income tax situation for 1977.

It could be the most rewarding time you will ever spend. But be sure you do it before the bells start to toll on New Year's Eve. At that moment you will be locked-in for 1977 and nothing you do after that will change things for you.

The prudent person will be calculating his moves in these final days of the year to take advantage of every possible opportunity to trim his tax. And there are many ways to be found.

All of this assumes that you are planning to itemize your deductions on your federal income tax return for 1977. If you are not planning to itemize, all you need know is that if you are single you will get an automatic allowance of \$2,200 on that return you will file before next April 17. If you are married and will file a joint return, you will get \$3,200 for deductions, regardless of the size of your income. Married persons filing separately will each be able to claim \$1,600.

But for those sure they will itemize, or those still uncertain what they will do, here are things to review:

Do you have any unpaid medical, dental or hospital bills facing you? If you do, quickly total your income for the year. Now multiply that by three percent. Do your medical payments so far this year exceed that three percent figure? If they do, pay those accumulated bills by Dec. 31. They will swell your deduction total. If paying them now will not help your cause, defer the payment until January. Maybe you can make use of the deduction next year.

If you have any payments involving interest due in early January — say on a mortgage, auto loan or personal loan — advance the payment to December and get the added interest deduction on this year's return.

Do you plan to buy a new car early next year? If you buy it this month the sales tax on that car will be deductible on this year's return. Sure, it could be deductible next year, too, but only if you will be itemizing deductions. If you take the standard deduction a year from now that sales tax would be lost.

Should there be a real estate tax bill that could be paid in December or January, advance the payment to this month if it will put you over the standard deduction limit. Perhaps you have a final quarterly installment on a city or state estimated income tax that is due next month. Step up your payment to this month and reduce your federal tax by the added deduction.

Year-end is the time to increase your charitable contributions if you are looking for deductions. If necessary, ease off early next year, but try to pack it in now.

Maybe you show a gain on your stock market operations this year. If you do,

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