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## Bell must pay \$3 million for executives

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A state district court jury here this morning ordered Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to pay a total of \$3 million for damages to a fired Bell executive and the wife of another executive who committed suicide.

Today was the third day of

deliberation for the jury which had been asked to rule on a \$29 million damage suit against Southwestern Bell.

State District Court Judge Peter Michael Curry gave the panel of 10 men and two women a weekend recess after the group had deliberated for a total of 12 hours Thursday and

Friday.

The suit in state court was filed by fired Bell executive James Ashley and the family of T.O. Gravitt, who was the company's top Texas official when he committed suicide Oct. 17, 1974, at his home in Dallas.

The jury must answer 35 separate questions given them in

the charge by Judge Curry. The key questions will determine whether an internal investigation by Southwestern Bell in 1974 maliciously slandered Ashley and Gravitt, driving Gravitt to his wrongful death and resulting in Ashley's improper dismissal.

American Telephone and Telegraph Corp., Southwestern Bell's parent company, also is a defendant in the case.

The jury must also consider the counterclaim of Bell that Gravitt defrauded the company of about \$26,000 by filing false expense vouchers. Ashley was dropped from the counterclaim in the jury instructions.

Bell officials testified the internal probe was launched because of rumors of sexual misconduct involving San Antonio-area employees, including Ashley. The company said Gravitt was never investigated before his death.

The suit contends the two executives were targets of the investigation to drive them out of the Bell power structure because they had become critical of certain alleged company practices.

Bell lawyers said Ashley and Gravitt "did themselves in" by their own actions within the company.

Gravitt was making \$80,000 annually at the time of his death. And Ashley was a \$55,000 a year executive in the San Antonio office of Bell when he was fired Oct. 31, 1974.

The suit, filed Nov. 15, 1974, also alleged that Bell libeled the two executives but those charges also were not submitted by Judge Curry for the jury's consideration.

## Young witness confused over killer's height

By MIKE COCHRAN

Associated Press Writer  
AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — A young state witness in the capital murder trial of millionaire Cullen Davis told a jury today he once said under oath the man who shot him last year was about 5 feet 6 inches tall.

Davis is 5 feet 9 inches tall. "I believe you said the man was much shorter than you," defense lawyer Phil Burleson said as he resumed cross examination of Gus "Bubba" Gavrel Jr., 22.

"Yes sir," said Gavrel, who hobbled on crutches into court last week and identified Davis as the man who gunned him down in the midnight shooting spree at the Davis mansion in Fort Worth.

Gavrel, who is 5 feet 10, confirmed he previously described his assailant as "real short" and "real small" but said, "I didn't mean he was a midget or anything."

"But you swore under oath he was 5-4," Burleson pursued.

"I didn't get out there and measure how tall he was," Gavrel said. "It was just an estimate."

The husky witness's testimony was punctuated with prosecution objections as Burleson questioned him about conflicts in times and events of that ill-fated evening.

"I wasn't lying," Gavrel said at one point. "I just didn't remember. I didn't know all this was going to happen. I didn't have any reason to think about it."

Two persons died and another fell gravely wounded that night but Gavrel's date, Beverly Bass, escaped unharmed.

Davis, 43, is accused of killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn, in a prelude to the August 1976 attack on his estranged wife Priscilla, 36, and her boyfriend, Stan Farr.

Farr, his 6-foot-9 frame riddled by four bullets, died on a mansion floor shortly before Mrs. Davis, a bullet wound in her chest, fled to a neighbor's home for help.

Gavrel was partially paralyzed by the .38 caliber slug that remains lodged near his spine and now walks with the aid of aluminum crutches.

Gavrel told Saturday of returning to the mansion to

drop off Miss Bass who intended to spend the evening there with Davis' elder daughter, Dec. 19.

The brown-haired Gavrel, speaking in a monotone, said he recognized Davis in the split second after he turned and shot him on a walkway leading into the mansion.

"It felt like a horse kicking me in the chest," he recalled.

Gavrel said he "played dead" until the assailant disappeared down the walkway, then crawled through a broken window and across a bloody floor to a telephone to call for help.

The phone, he said, was inoperative, and he lost consciousness, awakening some time later when Miss Bass arrived back at the mansion with a security officer.

On cross examination, Gavrel denied ever telling anyone that the shooting occurred so quickly he did not know who it was that shot him.

The witness also denied that he and Miss Bass smoked marijuana the night of the shooting.

Gavrel said he had seen Davis on three previous occasions but had never met him



Under-tube fun

The hands belong to Steven Horton of Wheeler, a seven-year-old who recently found a good way to beat late summer heat at Lake McClellan. The odds were in favor of his keeping wet and cool because the tubes were stacked against him. As Steven illustrates, inner tubes can pro-

vide fun in the water, but they should be used only with close adult supervision, water safety experts say, because they can be unstable and small folks can slip right through them — like Steven.

## Electric company seeks hike

The Pampa City Commission will consider a request from Southwestern Public Service Company in regard to an increase in lighting and power rates to the City of Pampa during the Commission's 9:30 a.m. Tuesday meeting at city hall.

The total rate request, which applies to the city as a

governmental unit, covers a four-year period and would range from a 28 to 30 per cent hike according to Mack Wofford, city manager.

"And this doesn't include street lighting," Wofford added.

Wofford said the increase would not affect household and business consumers — only the city of Pampa.

Wofford cited an example of 3,469,000 kilowatts used in 1977 at a cost of \$71,909. The same would cost \$79,307 at the end of 1978, \$86,475 in 1979, \$92,917 in 1980, and \$95,558 in 1981.

The agenda also calls for a public hearing on a Special Use Permit, on Alcock by Superior Sales, which has been openly opposed by some local residents. Other issues on the agenda call for adoption of the budget, tax levy, water rate increases, and sanitary sewer rate and sanitation rate hikes.

A resolution authorizing the city to participate in the improvement of Farm to Market 750 on McCullough Street will be considered.

The 1975-76 audit as prepared by Nensuel & Doggett, a local accounting firm, is also on the agenda.

## Councilman resigns

E.J. Tarbox, city councilman for Ward 3 in the southeast portion of Pampa, has submitted his resignation as councilman.

Commissioners will consider the resignation at the council meeting set for Tuesday said Mack Wofford, city manager.

Tarbox's reason for resigning was that he has moved out of the ward, Wofford said.

"City Attorney Don Lane is studying the situation now and will report to the city council tomorrow upon the proper method of replacing the commissioner, probably by a special election," Wofford said.

## Carter told Lance's problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter was fully briefed last December on the restrictions which had been placed on one of Budget Director Bert Lance's banks, a Senate committee was told today.

The testimony by Robert Bloom, first deputy comptroller of the currency, appeared to contradict Carter's statement Saturday that he knew of only one Lance financial difficulty before nominating his close friend.

The nomination was submitted to the Senate after Carter took office in January, although Carter had announced his intention to nominate Lance on Nov. 24.

Carter was asked the extent of his previous knowledge of Lance's financial difficulties while campaigning in Newark, N.J. for Gov. Brendan Byrne.

"The only thing I knew was that he had a problem in the 1974 campaign for governor of Georgia and it had been resolved," Carter said.

Asked if he knew of any other difficulties, he said, "No, I didn't."

Bloom told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on Dec. 1, after press inquiries concerning the existence of a so-called enforcement agreement at the Calhoun First National Bank in Calhoun, Ga., he suggested that Lance fully brief either Carter or his press secretary, Jody Powell, on the matter.

"Subsequent events confirm that Mr. Lance followed my advice," he said.

Bloom acknowledged, however, that he did not himself tell Carter. Senate investigators or the FBI about the enforcement agreement because he thought they already knew and he was worried "about the effects on my career."

A career employee, Bloom said he had hoped, as then-acting comptroller, to be appointed to the comptroller's job and had sought advice from Lance about the procedures he should follow in pursuit of the post.

Lance told him to talk to Treasury officials, he said. Bloom did not get the appointment.

"I did not think I was sitting on any smoking pistol," he said of the enforcement agreement. And "it was only human on my part to worry about the effect on my future" if he had voluntarily disclosed its terms prior to Lance's confirmation.

Earlier, a Justice Department spokesman confirmed that the criminal fraud division had received a comptroller's report which reportedly shows that Lance widely used bank-owned aircraft for family and political purposes. But he said the referral was routine and did not necessarily mean prosecution was under consideration.

The enforcement agreement mentioned by Bloom called for the bank to discontinue allowing overdrafts to Lance, his wife and directors of the bank who were members of his wife's family. Lance was chairman of the board of the Calhoun bank.

The agreement was entered

into in December 1975 and was lifted two days before Carter announced his intention to nominate Lance.

In an Internal Revenue Service investigative report issued last Friday, John Moore Jr., an Atlanta lawyer who was a member of President-elect Carter's transition team, is also quoted as saying Carter was briefed on the agreement.

The IRS report quotes Moore, now president of the Export-Import Bank, as saying that Lance called the president-elect on Dec. 1 and briefed him on the contents of a proposed press release concerning both the agreement and the problems arising out of Lance's campaign for governor.

Overdrafts to the Lance campaign committee had been referred to the Justice Department, but the case was closed without prosecution.

Bloom was acting comptroller at the time of the Lance nomination.

President Carter, meanwhile, was said to be considering the postponement until next week of a news conference which almost certainly would be focused on the financial affairs of his budget director, including the question of whether Lance should resign.

Press Secretary Jody Powell said today no final decision has

been made on whether to put off the session, originally scheduled for Wednesday. But he indicated the President may want to wait until Lance completes his testimony scheduled to begin Thursday before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

In Lance's native Georgia, the president-elect of the American Bankers Association said today that the Lance affair "is casting a pall over the banking industry... it may give banking a black eye if it goes unchallenged."

A.A. Mulligan, in a speech prepared for the National Bank Card Convention in Atlanta, said he doesn't know if Lance actually has done anything wrong, but some of the alleged activities "are clearly not typical of banks in this country."

"I see red whenever I hear anyone dismiss the allegations about overdrafts and improper disclosure about loans as being 'just typical business practices,'" Mulligan said.

But the Washington Post said in today's editions that the report says Lance, who heads the Office of Management and Budget, used two planes owned by the Georgia banks he headed to take personal vacations to fly his children to school to commute and to take part in politics.

Dr. Gates dies

AUSTIN — Dr. Phillip A. Gates, 56, died Saturday in Austin Services were at 10 a.m. today at Westlake Hills Methodist Church and burial at 5 p.m. at Throckmorton.

He practiced in Pampa, and has lived in Austin for the past 13 years. Dr. Gates was retired as a Deputy Commissioner of Medical Administration with the State Department of Welfare. Dr. Gates was a former physician in Pampa.

He is survived by his wife, Doris L. Gates, one son, Philip

E. Gates of Charlottesville, Va.; two daughters, Kitty J. Duckett of Houston and Mary F. Burke of Johnson City, Mo.; Bertha M. Gates of St. John's, Kan.; two brothers, the Rev. Charles Gates of Marble Falls and Joe W. Gates of Denton; one sister, Jane Bandy of St. John's, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Weed - Corley Funeral Home in Austin. The family asks that memorials be in form of donations to the Arthritis Foundation or other charities.

## Sylvia Porter joins The News

"Men would stop any place and look at Sylvia Porter," a magazine once declared, "but in Wall Street they stop, look and listen."

For Sylvia Porter is also a financial expert whose 5-times-a-week column,

Your Money's Worth, is read by millions and consulted by presidents, top government officials and big-businessmen. Beginning Tuesday, the column will be published in The Pampa News.

Ms. Porter began in the market crash of 1929. Her mother, a successful businesswoman, lost money "Why?" asked Sylvia, and was not satisfied with the answer. She switched her college major at Hunter College, N.Y., from English to economics and emerged from college at 18 with a magna cum laude degree, every honor offered in economics and a Phi Beta Kappa.

Today her column, written for the expert and non-expert alike, is distributed by Field Newspaper Syndicate to over 450 newspapers in the United States, and also is read in several foreign lands.

But in 1932 when she was graduated from Hunter, Ms. Porter found no demand for a woman financial writer. Her Phi Beta Kappa key did win her a job with a highly unconventional firm of investment brokers. Still

aiming at financial writing, she worked with other Wall Street firms and went on to graduate school.

Finally, with a background as a partner in an investment counselor's office, and with a sheath of clippings of her articles in such journals as the Commercial and Financial Chronicle and the American Banker, Sylvia Porter got a job as a financial writer in the New York Post. At first she had to continue writing under the unimpressive byline "S.F. Porter" until, after seven years, she "publicly became a woman."

Ms. Porter, a champion of the consumer, has long had an influence on how Americans spend their money. She was the only journalist invited to President Ford's economic summit conference in the Fall of 1974. Later Ford asked her to coordinate a nationwide volunteer program as full-time director of the Citizens Action Committee to Fight Inflation. But, just as she turned down President Lyndon Johnson's offer to become president of the

Export-Import Bank in 1965, Sylvia refused. However, she did agree to play a key role in organizing the consumer volunteer program.

Ms. Porter has been honored with numerous awards for her financial writing.

In addition to her newspaper column, Ms. Porter has authored "The Money Book," writes a monthly question-and-answer column for Ladies' Home Journal, and prepares a yearly paperback guide to income taxes.

Sylvia Porter covers the field of the nation's pocketbook in a way never before tackled by any financial reporter. She feels, "The key to world peace will be found in the pocketbook of nations." Her range of subjects runs the gamut from the family budget to government bonds, to Wall Street trading, to international affairs, with side forays into the cost of living, income taxes, consumer problems, installment credit and housing.

She lives in New York City with her husband, Sumner Collins.



Sylvia Porter

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No orders from Rome, priest feels freer

# American Catholics drop confession



Spiritual leader of his small flock, Archbishop Simon Eugene Talarczyk stands in the aisle of the American Catholic church in Laguna Beach, Calif. The church, handbuilt by its congregation and pastor in 1933, has only 14 pews, seating three each. Talarczyk says high mass here each Sunday for an average of 11 worshippers. Sometimes it's as few as two, but as many as 50 turn up at Easter. (AP Newsfeatures photo)

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The only American Catholic Church in the world had an unusual beginning, and the denomination a somewhat bizarre founder. The story unfolds at a quaint adobe edifice built of earthquake rubble.

By HUBBARD KEAVY  
For The Associated Press  
LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A small adobe building reposes in the sun of this seaside village south of Los Angeles.

It is the only church of American Catholicism, a kind of stripped down Roman Catholicism begun nearly a century ago.

The spiritual leader of its small flock today is Archbishop Simon Eugene Talarczyk, a Roman Catholic priest for a decade. He uses the liturgy adopted by the founder of the American church, which is the Roman liturgy virtually word for word. One sacrament, confession, has been dropped and its clerics may marry.

"As a Roman Catholic, I could not think as freely as I do now," Talarczyk says. "I felt that I wanted to perform services for people without being constantly told by superiors what I could and could not do. It was a life strictly by the rule book, and I began to feel like a hypocrite. The life was too routine."

Talarczyk is the sixth successor to the man who built the church, Percy Wise Clarkson. Clarkson had been an Episcopal rector. For unfathomable reasons, he declared all of the property of his Episcopal church his own, and his bishop defrocked him. He switched to American Catholicism.

After being deposed, Clarkson's superior threatened suit, but a compromise was reached: he was given a piece of church property 24 feet wide and 60 feet deep. From the rubble of the Long Beach earthquake of 1933, Clarkson, then a bishop in the American Catholic Church, and his followers erected this building, which is 17 feet wide and as deep as the plot. It has only 14 pews, seating three each.

Henry Brandreth says Clarkson taught "numerology and other strange superstitions." The signs of the zodiac in the tile floor indicate the diverse means of the searchers for truth.

the walls by itinerant artists, and the shabbiness of the turquoise carpeting project a feeling of honesty.

Joseph Rene Vilatte founded the American Catholic Church in Green Bay, Wis., almost a century ago. However, it apparently was not called that until he incorporated the church in Illinois in 1915.

A Parisian trained for the Roman Catholic priesthood, he sought solace in churches of several different nations. After he came to America in 1876 he became a Methodist, became a Congregational minister, was twice a Presbyterian and once an Episcopalian.

He turned up in Green Bay in 1884 where an Episcopal bishop urged him to work as a lay missionary among the French people, both Catholics and Protestants. Vilatte urged them to ignore differences in doctrines and to unite and form one congregation. This was the start of his church.

Vilatte arranged to be ordained in the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland, which had broken with Rome.

Now a priest, he returned to this country, where he conducted services in Green Bay and Chicago for 40 years. During this period, he went on two strange errands. One was to Ceylon in 1892 to be consecrated a bishop in the Independent Catholic Church so he would have sanction to bless the oils essential to the administration of some sacraments.

Six years later, the capricious ecclesiastic went to the Vatican to seek a reconciliation. While in Italy, he compounded his erratic behavior by founding the National Episcopal Church in Milan. For this Rome excommunicated him.

Returning to America, he continued his career with the church he founded until age 80. He consecrated a successor and retired to his original seminary in France. He reached accord with Rome four years before his death in 1929.

Miami is the only other city to have an American Catholic congregation, but it has no church. As primate for the United States, Simon Eugene

went to Miami recently to consecrate a bishop, but the man chosen by the board defected to another sect hours before the planned ceremony.

Talarczyk, an affable, soft spoken man of 49, says a high mass each Sunday for worshippers numbering as few as two. The average is 11, including last Easter's 50. The small attendance does not worry Talarczyk, although he has taken out advertisements in a local paper.

"We are worker priests and do not have time to proselytize," the archbishop says. He is assisted by two priests, both of whom are in mechanical trades. With doctorates in canon law and divinity, Talarczyk teaches English and the classics in public schools.

On a recent Sunday the congregation consisted of the wife of a priest, two clerics from a nearby minor dissent sect, and Jack Campbell.

Campbell became a regular communicant "because I became frustrated in my own church. I was a Roman Catholic for 52 years, but the services have been so changed that I left mass feeling frustrated."

"It is a harbor for the harborless, where all can find hope and guidance," says Talarczyk. "We preach the gospel, as did Vilatte, and not hell fire and brimstone. All God's children are welcome."

## At wit's end

By ERMA BOMBECK

Years ago, I swore off going to Mexico because I had a biological intolerance for gift shops. The condition is called Montezuma II's revenge. (Few people realize this, but there were two Montezumas. Montezuma II is credited with lending his name to an urgency Americans refer to as the Green Apple Two-Step. Montezuma II is generally known as the patron saint of gift shops. Both are unkind to foreigners.)

With Montezuma II's revenge, I wouldn't be in the country five minutes before I got severe stomach cramps, my right hand would stiffen into the shape of a credit card, my step would quicken and I'd rush into the streets shouting, "Cuanto? Cuanto?"

Despite all my precautions, on

my recent vacation to Europe, I fell victim to the malady. Sometimes, early in the morning, I would leave my room and wander up and down sniffing the wind and saying, "I smell gift shops. Don't worry, I'll just buy a few cards and be back in time for lunch."

My husband was less than sympathetic. "Will you get hold of yourself!" Remember, you're on a ship and the last port when you tried to swim ashore you nearly drowned."

I was a woman obsessed. I bought a head scarf that when worn in the rain gave me a navy blue face. I bought a toilet tissue holder carved out of wood and held by a man with one tooth. I bought keyrings, flags, patches, and a left-handed letter opener made out of reindeer antlers.

After a while, I couldn't sit on

sight - seeing bus any longer than an hour or so before leaning over to the bus driver and saying, "Aren't we going to make a gift-shop stop soon?"

"Is it absolutely necessary?" he'd plead.

"Are you willing to take a chance it isn't?"

I bought boxes of matches, T-shirts, paperweights, pennants, ships in bottles, small glass ducks, corkscrows, and rocks with the Lord's Prayer on them.

I bought a moose for my charm bracelet, a cocktail apron, three cheese slicers with fur handles, a Spanish doll for my bed, a small chicken coming out of a soapstone egg, ashtrays, a set of coasters, a linen calendar with months I couldn't translate and a wild boar cookbook.

One night I met a woman with Montezuma II's Revenge roaming the deck. "I ate the lettuce," she said miserably. "What's your excuse?"

"I spent it."

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## Thatcher tours space center

HOUSTON (AP) — British Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher, on a tour Saturday of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters, remarked, "It is unfortunate that our nation didn't take advantage of joining in on the space shuttle project."

Mrs. Thatcher was guided through the Johnson Space Center by astronaut John Young.

He explained to her the new space shuttle project and its advantages for scientific research in the 1980s.

Mrs. Thatcher sat in a training model of a lunar rover vehicle with Young at her side. Young set a lunar speed record in a similar vehicle during the Apollo 16 flight when he drove at a speed of 106 miles per hour on the moon's surface.

The tour was made during a violent thunderstorm that swept across the Houston area and

threatened a planned trip by Mrs. Thatcher to an offshore oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

The British politician spoke at a Houston country club dinner Friday night, where she said her nation may one day become "the Texas of Europe in the production of oil if the government doesn't become too involved."

She said production of offshore oil could provide "a major hope for a more vibrant economic society in Great Britain."

Mrs. Thatcher warned against growing government power in all of Great Britain "and as we see this type of power increase we have seen our standard of living decline in the past three years. People have little choice and little responsibility and because of high taxes, no incentive to really work and achieve."

She said production of off-

shore oil along Great Britain's coastlines would aid her country's economy and "make it possible for us to give our full commitment to defense and to NATO."

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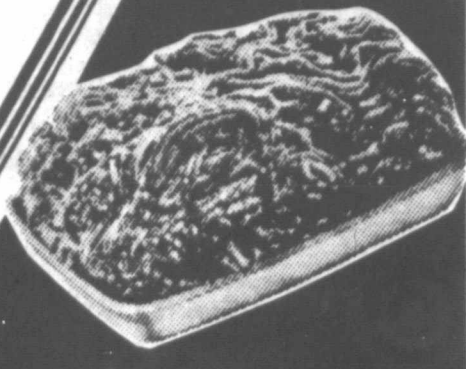
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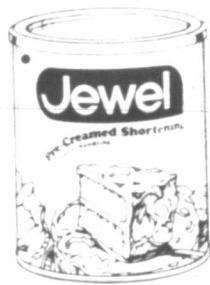


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**FUNNY BUSINESS** By Roger Bollen

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I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ONCE MORE IN A POLITE MANNER...

ACE WRECKING COMPANY

ROG BOLLN 9-12

**DOONESBURY** by Garry Trudeau

SURE, I'D BE GLAD TO HELP. HMM! WHAT SORT OF SYMBOL ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

WELL, I'M NOT SURE, DUANE, BUT THE PRESIDENT FEELS LANCE IS GETTING A BAD RAP, AND HE WANTS SOMETHING THAT WILL DOWNPLAY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS PROBLEMS!

UH-HUH. WELL, TELL ME, HAM, JUST HOW GRAVE IS THE SITUATION, ANYWAY? HOW ARE BERT AND JIMMY HOLDING UP WITH MOST OF THE PRESS PEOPLE?

NOT GOOD. THEY'RE SPURTING TO CALL THEM 'PRICE AND PRODE'.

OKAY, THEN WE BETTER MOVE FAST!

9-12

**SIDE GLANCES** by Gill Fox

"I agree that there's excessive TV violence...especially when our children want to watch different channels!"

9-12

**STEVE CANYON** by Milton Caniff

I DISCOVERED THIS HIDEOUT WHEN I WAS GROWING UP HERE!

BART ENGLEWOOD AND THE PALM SPRINGS POLICE SEARCH THE MAIN HOUSE BUT FAIL TO FIND ANYONE HIDING INSIDE.....

I'LL DRIVE THAT BART ENGLEWOOD AWAY BEFORE MY MOTHER RETURNS FROM EUROPE...

THEN PERHAPS I'LL HAVE SOME TIME WITH MY BEAUTIFUL MOM...BEFORE THE NEXT BOYFRIEND MOVES IN!

MEANWHILE=

POTEEET, I AM NOT YOUR KEEPER ON THE PALM SPRINGS STORY...

...BUT IF YOU DON'T SOON WRITE SOMETHING ON THAT PAPER, IT WILL ROT-AND CLOG YOUR TYPEWRITER!

9-12

**B.C.** by Johnny Hart

SON-OF-A-GUN, --A LADYBUG!

**ZOT**

... WAS YOUR MOTHER DRIVING A VOLKSWAGEN?

9-12

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sansom

YOU'LL LOVE THIS LITTLE CREAMPUFF...

... GETS 30 MILES TO THE GALLON...

...AND WAS ONLY USED BY A DOCTOR FOR HOUSE CALLS.

BUY ME!

9-12

**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT CAMOUFLAGE, ERNIE.

9-12

**PRISCILLA'S POP** by Al Vermeer

NO MORE FOOLING AROUND IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

I'M GOING TO STUDY HARD AND GET THE BEST GRADES EVER!

I'M REALLY SINCERE ABOUT IT...

OH, CARLYLE...

SCRAM, PRISCILLA! I'M REHEARSING A PITCH FOR A BIGGER ALLOWANCE!

9-12

**CAPTAIN EASY** by Crooks & Lawrence

BEFORE RETURNING TO MCKEE INDUSTRIES, EASY FLIES TO WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH J.P. MCKEE

ABOUT THIS FIGHTER PLANE YOU WANT TO BUILD, EASY--

EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE, J.P.! HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE PENTAGON PICTURE?

I HAVE!...WOULD YOU LIKE A BLUNT BUT FAIR ASSESSMENT OF THE MARKET FOR SUCH A PLANE?

RIGHT, SURE! HOW WOULD YOU RATE OUR CHANCES OF SHARING A CONTRACT?

NIL!

9-12

**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Graue

WHAT IS HE DOING? GET AWAY FROM THERE, YOU!!

9-12

**EKK & MEEK** by Howie Schneider

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF THERE ARE NOT TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS OF JUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY... ONE FOR THE RICH AND ONE FOR THE POOR

THERE IS ONLY ONE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE...

...AND ONE SYSTEM OF INJUSTICE!

PROF. WISDUMB

9-12

**THE WIZARD OF ID** by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

IT'D LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED AS KING ID, THE HONEST!

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY WE CAN DO THAT...

WHAT'S THAT?

...LIE

9-12

**WINTHROP** by Dick Cavalli

WINTHROP'S LAW #1: A LIGHT BULB IN AN EASY-TO-GET-AT PLACE...

...WILL LAST FIVE TIMES AS LONG AS A LIGHT BULB...

...IN A HARD-TO-GET-AT PLACE.

9-12

**BUGS BUNNY** by Stottel & Heimdahl

HIYA, BOSS, GOT SOME NEWS ABOUT MY RAISE?

THE WORLD FLIPS FOR SCHEDULE CLIPS

YEP!

I'M AFRAID AN INCREASE IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

GROWN!

BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU THAT'S ALMOST AS GOOD!

WHAT'S THAT?

I'M GOING TO LET YOU MOVE YOUR DESK TWO FEET CLOSER TO MY DOOR!

I.M. SCHOOGLE, PRESIDENT

9-12

**OUR BOARDING HOUSE** with Major Hoopie

FLAMM IS THE NAME AN' PLUMBIN' IS THE GAME, SON AN' THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY! WHERE WOULD I BE IF I HALF-FIXED LEAKS?

THE PLAYERS MUST BELIEVE HIM! THEY HAD A FIVE-GAME LEAD TILL THEIR STAR PITCHER HURT HIS ELBOW PUNCHIN' THE MANAGER FOR TAKIN' HIM OUT!

PUT THAT IN BASEBALL TERMS AND IT'S A PENNANT EVERY YEAR!

BACK TO BASICS=

9-12

**SHORT RIBS** by Frank Hill

WATCH SNOOPY... I THINK HE'S GOING TO PULL THE OLD STATUE OF LIBERTY PLAY...

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

SOMEHOW I JUST SENSE IT...

9-12

**MARMADUKE** by Brad Anderson

"I don't think you should tell your 'dumb dog' story right now, Carl."

9-12

**SHORT RIBS** by Frank Hill

GORN HAS FALLEN MADLY IN LOVE...

...WITH ONE OF THE NEW MARK X ROBOTS.

A WELL-TURNED ANTENNA ALWAYS DID CATCH HIS EYE.

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# Westinghouse, utilities go to court over uranium

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Westinghouse Electric Co. is defending its cancellation of uranium supply contracts with utilities serving 33 million customers in a federal court suit that could raise utility rates.

If Westinghouse is forced to pay the \$2.5 billion asked by the utilities, it could have a serious impact on the giant firm. If Westinghouse wins, it could mean higher bills for consumers.

The utilities have asked Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. to compel Westinghouse to sell them uranium at between \$8 and \$12 per pound in the case that was scheduled to go to trial today.

Invoking the legal doctrine of impossibility, Westinghouse says the contracts were signed before the wholesale price of uranium soared to \$40 per pound, following general increases in all fuel prices because of the Arab oil embargo. Westinghouse contends an international cartel increased the prices.

Two years ago last week, Westinghouse announced it was canceling long-term contracts to supply a total 80 million pounds of uranium over periods varying from contract to contract.

The company distributed or allocated 15 million pounds last year, according to published reports, but that uranium had been purchased before the prices went up. The published

accounts quote the utilities as saying Westinghouse was to have delivered another 47 million pounds by the end of last year.

Some plaintiffs in the contract trial say consumer costs won't be increased.

"The price of uranium could go up quite a bit without having an effect on consumers," said Gene Hosansky, spokesman for the Long Island Lighting Company, a New York firm involved in the suit.

In a telephone interview early today, Hosansky acknowledged that a small amount of uranium produces a large amount of energy, so any price hike per pound would be spread over a large number of customers. He could not supply exact figures. He also pointed out that a loss of uranium would increase dependence on more expensive fossil fuels.

If Westinghouse loses, even if it isn't required to pay \$2.5 billion in damages, it would cost nearly that much if it were compelled to sell \$40-a-pound uranium at \$12 a pound.

In all, 17 lawsuits involving 27 utilities have been filed against Westinghouse. One case involving three Pittsburgh-area utilities was settled out of court in March. The 10 utilities involved in the current case had filed separate suits, and had their cases consolidated.

A local federal court official said last week that three other

contract cases, cut from the trial list in an earlier order by Judge Merhige, could end up being heard here at a later date.

The utilities represented today, besides the Long Island firm, include: Texas Utilities; Houston Lighting & Power; Wisconsin Electric; South Carolina Electric; Florida Power & Light; Alabama Power; Northeast Utilities; Tennessee Valley Authority; and Virginia Electric & Power.

The three companies that might be added later are: Consolidated Edison of New York; Kansas Gas and Electric; and Union Electric Co. of St. Louis.

# Hose breaks; city dries

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (AP) — A 16-inch-wide rubber hose kept at least some water flowing today into this Central Texas city where water supplies have dropped dangerously low following the collapse of the canal that fed the local treatment plant.

The city of 20,000 normally consumes about 12 million gallons of water a day from nearby Lake Brownwood, said officials who added that the city had about two and a half million gallons Sunday afternoon.

Work stopped late Sunday night on a plastic pipeline being built around the 200-foot gap in the 40-year-old canal. The gap was created Saturday when a section of a hill on which the canal sits gave way.

Levie Old, president of Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1, had said Sunday he hoped to have water moving by midnight.

About 30 workers were at the site of the break where a special machine had been brought from Tulsa, Okla., to fuse together lengths of 36-inch wide plastic pipe. Old said.

A spokesman for the Brownwood police department said residents had been asked to reduce their water consumption to absolute necessities. He added that the police had ordered all laundromats and car washing establishments closed.

A fire department spokesman said a tanker had filled up at Lake Brownwood in case of a fire.

Superintendents of school districts in Bangs and Brooksmith, communities near Brownwood, said classes had been cancelled today because of the water shortage.

City officials in Bangs turned off the water supply Sunday for all but one hour.

# Toward better relations Latin America okays treaty

By KERNAN TURNER Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY, (AP) — Latin American governments approve of the new Panama Canal treaty, but a few countries, notably Mexico and Brazil, are less enthusiastic than others, an Associated Press survey shows.

Some express concern that eventual Panamanian control of the canal over a period of 23 years will result in increases in transit fees.

While some right-wing military leaders in the area privately express pleasure that the treaty allows the United States to continue canal defense, others express misgivings.

There is general agreement, however, that the treaty will lead to better relations between the United States and Latin America.

The AP survey indicates most Latin American governments agree with the Costa Rican foreign minister, Gonzalo Facio. He said the treaty signing in Washington last week "erased the last vestige of colonialism remaining in America, and a new era arrived in which the relations of the United States with Latin American nations will be better."

President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela said President Carter had "passed the test" in his dealings with Latin America.

Neighboring Colombia said the treaty "should put an end to a remnant of colonial rule in Latin America."

But President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico turned down an invitation to the signing ceremony and sent Foreign Minister Santiago Roel to Washington. The semi-official newspaper El Sol said Lopez Portillo was unhappy with the separate treaty which allows the United States to defend the canal if its neutrality is threatened.

Mexico accepted the Declaration of Washington, signed by other hemispheric governments shortly before the treaty ceremony, only after the elimination of a paragraph recognizing the right of the United States to defend the canal even after the year 2000, when Panama gets full control.

Brazil, governed by the military since 1964, has remained officially silent about the treaty. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the day after the signing, "We only received the official texts a couple of days ago. We are still analyzing and studying them."

In Chile, where relations with the United States are at a low point over human rights violations, the government newspaper El Cronica said in an editorial that the treaty was "particularly positive" because it permits continued U.S. military security of the canal.

This attitude is shared in Argentina, where the military government's policy has been to support a solution equitable for both countries rather than total support for Panama.

It is generally recognized that the potential for improved U.S. relations with Latin America will be shattered if the Senate fails to ratify the treaty.

Ev Bauman, the associate director of the Caracas, Venezuela, English-language Daily Journal, suggested that "far more important support for Carter may come from the U.S. business community when it becomes clear in New York corporate board rooms that Latin American investments may be endangered by the backlash expected if the Senate rejects the treaty.

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# Saying it with flowers costly

By LOUISE COOK Associated Press Writer

In bouquets, arrangements and bunches, Americans buy billions of flowers every year and the same inflation that has been eroding buying power in other areas has boosted the price of the blossoms.

Industry spokesmen blame higher fuel costs for much of the increase. Many flowers are grown in greenhouses and the natural gas to heat the greenhouses has risen in price. Labor, materials and shipping charges also are more expensive.

"Energy costs alone have tripled in the past three years," said Douglas Gordon of the Denver Wholesale Florist Co., which ships about 80 million carnations a year from Colorado — the nation's biggest carnation producer — to the rest of the country and overseas. Labor, fertilizer and pesticides also have gone up sharply, he said.

Flower prices vary widely from area to area and season to season, making it difficult to compile statistics on percentage increases. Price rises generally have ranged from 10 to 50 cents a flower, however. Long-stemmed roses start at about \$1.50 each in big cities.

Gordon, who handles flowers from 85 growers, said the average cost of producing one carnation is 11 cents, but prices for individual flowers vary, according to quality. The top grade brings 22 cents a blossom; the bottom grade, "practically nothing."

At the retail level, he said, you might get a dozen carnations for \$3 or less in the supermarket or at a street stand or you might pay \$10 or more for an arrangement delivered from a florist.

Part of the difference in cost between the grower and retail levels is shipping charges. Getting the flowers from the market in Denver to the wholesaler or retailer in other parts of the country — usually by air, in boxes holding anywhere from 700 to 1,000 blooms — adds four cents to the cost of each carnation, Gordon said.

Spoilage also boosts prices. The wholesaler and retailer do not know exactly what the demand will be and have to have enough on hand to anticipate buyers. Sometimes, they have too much. The flower seller is "faced with a lot of spoilage," said Gordon. He said he could not estimate exactly how many of the blossoms he ships are never sold, but said it was possible that the loss was as much as one in four.

Roses are even more delicate, Gordon said. "They have to be cut at the right hour and sold immediately," he added.

"The whole thing accumulates to make the final cost involved," said Jim Krone of Roses, Inc., an association of commercial growers in 29 states. He noted that prices probably will be lower in smaller cities where the cost of doing business is less.

Once you've bought your roses, you can expect them to last five to seven days at home if you take a little care, Krone said.

# In England, smokers switch to legal non-cigarettes

By TAD BARTIMUS Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Britain's tobacco giants say they aren't worried that their new substitute cigarettes aren't going up in smoke.

A \$7-million advertising campaign heralded the July 1 arrival of 11 brands containing the government-authorized tobacco substitutes, which were ballyhooed as a revolutionary innovation.

Industry hopes were high that the new brands would catch on fast with a public being increasingly warned by health officials of the dangers of high nicotine and tar intake.

Now, two months later, many observers say initial statistics indicate the substitute cigarettes haven't captured the public's imagination or the consumers' coins.

But the industry insists it is satisfied with early sales and says it is prepared to wait patiently for its latest brainchild to expand on the market.

Most companies estimate the tobacco substitute cigarettes have garnered only 3 per cent of the market. Twenty-two million of Britain's 56 million population smoke, and some 130.6 billion cigarettes were sold in 1976.

The new cigarettes' manufacturers emphasize it still is too early to issue a verdict on the success or failure of the slickly packaged substitute cigarettes. They are unwilling to set a deadline for making that decision.

The marketing gamble is the result of 20 years' research which has cost \$122 million from development to sales.

The idea behind the synthetic substitutes was to free manufacturers from relying upon imported tobacco and its fluctuating prices. The industry also says it wanted to show a visible response to growing pressures against smoking by government health agencies.

The new cigarettes, say the manufacturers, "contain no nicotine and compared with tobacco produces much less tar ... and a less irritant smoke."

Nearly all the 11 new brands are in the government's low tar category, which means under 10 milligrams per cigarette; the rest are in the low to middle tar category, which means 11 to 16 milligrams per cigarette.

Two types of cellulose substitutes are the key ingredients in the brands marketed by three leading companies — Gallaher, Imperial Tobacco and

Carreras Rothmans. NSM — which means new smoking material — and cyrel both are made with a wood pulp base. NSM is made in Britain jointly by Imperial Tobacco and Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI). Cyrel is an American Celanese Corp. product and is manufactured in Cumberland, Md.

The proportion of substitute to tobacco varies from 25 per cent to 420 per cent, according to brand. The cigarettes cost between 45 pence (79 cents) and 60 pence (\$1.05) per pack of 20, an average price spread for all brands of British cigarettes.

Although the tobacco substitute-advertising indicates that because of the reduced nicotine and tar content they are safer than 100 per cent tobacco brands, that premise has been hotly disputed by numerous health officials and antismoking groups.

"There is no medical proof of this," says Alistair Mackie, director of Britain's Health Education Council. "It will take years to test the substitute and the public are the guinea pigs."

# Old movie stars turn to dinner theaters

By BOB THOMAS Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Old movie stars never die; they simply go out and play dinner theaters.

They are a fairly recent phenomenon in American show business. The gimmick: you pay about \$13 for a passable dinner served buffet style, then watch a play starring a Hollywood name. The play may be a standard like "The Odd Couple" or "Barefoot in the Park." Increasingly the theaters are presenting original, non-Broadway shows that are wholesome, surefire and somewhat hokey.

The Drury Lane operation of Tony DeSantis in Chicago was the pioneer in the field; he now has three theaters operating year-round. Similar theaters have sprung up all over the country, often in new, affluent suburbs of metropolitan areas.

Agent Ben Perason, who books name talent, estimates there are 50 to 60 such theaters.

Among those who regularly work the dinner theater beat: Mickey Rooney, Van Johnson, Myrna Loy, Ann Sothern, Robert Cummings, Dorothy Lamour, Cesar Romero, Richard Egan, Don Ameche, Forrest Tucker, Carolyn Jones, Pat O'Brien, Broderick Crawford, Gig Young, Cyd Charisse, Virginia Mayo, Gale Storm, Ann Miller.

"I play 'em because they're fun and I make a lot of money," explained Cesar Romero, whose career is now largely devoted to dinner theaters. In the past year, he has played the same show, "Never Get Smart with an Angel," for 14 weeks in Chicago, 10 in Florida, 6 in Phoenix. Just returned from

Houston, he is leaving shortly for a run in Seattle, then Louisville, returning here Nov. 12.

"You can play the circuit from now until Doomsday," Romero added. "And the money is there. If you don't believe me, look at this." He displayed a contract that specified \$5,000 a week — "that's double what I made when I was under contract to Fox."

"In 'Never Get Smart with an Angel' he plays an Italian shoe manufacturer who can't understand why his daughter wants to marry a non-Italian. 'Abie's Irish Rose' covered the same territory."

The new career has changed Romero's life style. For 37 years he lived in the same rambling house he built in Brentwood. He recently sold it for a handsome profit and moved to an apartment nearby.

"It didn't make any sense to keep the big house, since I was seldom there," the New York-born actor explained. "I did a picture in Rome last year and another on location in Phoenix, plus some TV here and there."

Though the handsome hair has whitened, Cesar Romero at 70 still looks as if he could tango all night. He enjoys going out to meet the audiences who remember his long string of movies — musicals with Betty Grable and Sonja Henie, adventures like "Captain from Castile" and "Vera Cruz."

"They're the people who come to our plays — the older, mature people," he said. "You don't see the middle-aged waiting in line to see 'Star Wars.'"

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65-74	16.00	8.50
75 & Over*	18.00	9.50

\*See below for benefits over age 65.

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Are all applicants of the Family Group now in good health and free from any physical or mental defect? Yes  No   
Will proposed insurance replace any existing policy? Yes  No   
I hereby apply to American Life and Accident Insurance Company. I understand my coverage will take effect on the Effective Date shown in the Policy Schedule. I further understand that injury or sickness suffered before the Effective Date will be covered after the Policy has been in force one year, and that new conditions are covered immediately.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE (X) \_\_\_\_\_  
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