

If they have to show you the way to go home

# Let somebody else do the driving



(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

By THOM MARSHALL

Pampa News Staff

W.C. Fields is reported to have commented that it was a woman who drove him to drink.

"And you know, I never wrote to thank her," was his punch line.

The tipping comic didn't say who drove him home afterwards, but that's who really deserved his gratitude.

Getting to the drinks — driving to a holiday party — is a simple matter for sober folks. It's the return trip, after over-imbibing of boozey beverages, that is tricky. Nay, more than tricky — a downright dangerous proposition somewhat akin to that famous football coach's opinion of passing.

"Only three things can happen," he said, "and two of them are bad."

The good thing, the desired outcome, is for the drunk driver to safely and successfully complete his homeward journey.

But weaving, speeding, or other such observable carelessness on the part of an intoxicated driver often leads to his being intercepted by a police officer.

The penalty often is a stay in the drunk tank and an appearance in county court. A first offense charge of driving while intoxicated in Gray County normally elicits a 30-day jail sentence, usually commuted to six months probation, and a \$200 fine.

Unpleasant, expensive and embarrassing, but much better than waking up mangled in a hospital bed or not waking up at all in a morgue.

"Alcohol is the biggest highway killer during the Christmas - New Year holiday," said Maj. C.W. Bell, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

In a recent news release, Bell reviewed some well known facts about drinking and driving.

"Alcohol is not a stimulant, but rather a depressant," he said. "Even small amounts of alcohol tend to reduce judgment, self-control, and driving ability."

"Coffee will not offset the effects of alcohol, only time can eliminate it from the bloodstream. It takes at least one hour to oxidize an ounce of alcohol."

"The motorist does not have to be obviously intoxicated to be under the influence in order to become an unsafe driver."

A news release from the Texas Medical Association places a lot of responsibility on party hosts for getting guests safely home.

Advice from the TMA is for party givers to provide plenty of snacks with an emphasis on cheese, sour cream dip, meats, eggs and fresh vegetables. Any foods, but especially high protein foods, slow down the rate the body absorbs alcohol into the bloodstream.

A variety of non-alcoholic beverages should be available for folks who don't drink alcohol or who prefer to alternate alcohol and non-alcohol drinks as a matter of pacing themselves.

A word on mixers: non-alcoholic beverages used as mixers can slow down the body's alcohol absorption rate — unless they are carbonated. Carbonated mixers speed up the rate and a faster absorption rate means people get drunker quicker.

A host who notices that a guest is becoming tipsy can mix the next one light and bring some food back with it.

The TMA release calls a good host one who respects his guests' wishes if they do not want more drinks.

If, in spite of all precautions, a guest does get drunk, a host should arrange for safe transportation or provide overnight accommodations.

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## Carter may talk Mideast peace in Cairo

By FRANK CORMIER  
Associated Press Writer  
WARSAW, Poland (AP) — President Carter began meeting with Polish leader Edward Gierk today after placing floral wreaths at the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier, the Nike statue and the Warsaw Ghetto monument under somber, snowy skies in a round of ceremonial visits.  
Carter holds an unprecedented news conference later in

the day at which the sensitive subject of human rights is expected to come up.

In a surprise development, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Carter was considering an unscheduled stop in Cairo Wednesday to discuss Middle East peace talks with President Anwar Sadat for several hours. Powell said a final decision would be made Saturday. Such a stopover would be in line with U.S. interest in furthering Egyptian-Israeli peace talks, lately strained by stands taken by the nation's two leaders as well as Carter himself.

Carter, hatless and wearing a blue topcoat, paused for a moment in silent prayer and placed a gloved hand over his face in a gesture of humility before the Warsaw Ghetto monument, a stone memorial to the thousands of Jews who held out in the walled ghetto against the Nazis during a short-lived uprising in 1943.

At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Polish and American flags whipped in the chill wind under gray skies and the muffled drums of a Polish honor guard sounded a cadence as Carter placed the wreath. Rain turned to snow during the ceremony at a monument built on the remains of an 18th century palace destroyed by the Nazis in World War II.

Two Marine guards from the U.S. Embassy carried the wreath up to the monument for Carter. Hundreds of Polish spectators were on hand as the national anthems of the two countries were played.

Carter, accompanied by his wife Rosalynn, shook hands with Polish veterans after the ceremony and signed a guest book, just as Presidents Ford and Nixon did on their trips to Poland.

Arriving here long after dark Thursday, Carter's third sentence in his first formal pronouncement on Polish soil re-

ferred to human rights. Still later, in responding to a welcoming address by Communist leader Edward Gierk, Carter cited the Polish constitution of 1791 as one of "the great documents in the struggle for human rights."

After visiting three Polish memorials today and conferring with Gierk, Carter was to hold a formal news conference being broadcast live in the United States and to East European audiences by the Voice of America. This will be the first full dress news conference ever held by a U.S. president in a Communist country and Carter's first outside the United States.

Before Carter left Washington Thursday on the first leg of a six-nation tour, Polish diplomats there entertained members of his traveling party at a luncheon during which some of them voiced apprehension about human rights becoming the major issue discussed at the news conference.

In a television interview from the White House Wednesday, the president touched on human rights in Poland, saying the government here is "relatively willing to give people their reli-

gious freedom and other freedoms."

During the flight to Warsaw, presidential adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, a native Pole, told reporters aboard Air Force One that Poland's human rights

record, "relatively speaking, is reasonably good."

However, Brzezinski contended the Polish government has "been lagging" on permitting Poles to emigrate and join their families.

## Ag leader says parity possible

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown said today he supports 100 percent parity for farmers only if it can be achieved in the marketplace through the free enterprise system.

Brown issued a new statement in answer to requests by farmers and ranchers for his position on the current agricultural "strike" movement.

"The call for 100 percent parity by many farmers and ranchers is a position I can support if their goals can be achieved in the marketplace through the free enterprise system," he said.

"The farmers and ranchers assure me that is their objective. I support their efforts to receive a fair return on their investment in the marketplace through the free enterprise system."

Historically, parity between the prices farmers receive for their produce and the prices they pay has been pursued

mainly through government programs.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe recently called on President Carter for a more aggressive federal promotion of agricultural exports as a means of strengthening farm prices through wider markets and greater demand.

Bob Bain, his press secretary, said today he had received no response from the president.

Brown said in his statement, "Farmers and ranchers must have access to unimpeded domestic and foreign markets. This means protection from embargoes, boycotts, restrictive legislation, price ceilings and other restrictions to free trade. We can achieve for the farmers and ranchers a fair share of this country's prosperity."

He said production costs, compared with prices received by farmers and ranchers, "place losses at Depression levels."

## County to appoint hospital two

Two appointments to the board of managers of Highland General Hospital will be considered at a 9:30 a.m. meeting of the Gray County Commissioners' Court in the county courtroom Monday.

Also on the 8-item agenda are discussions of a gasoline contract with West Texas Gas Co. and continued participation in the retirement program for

county officials and employees.

The commissioners will consider approval of bond for independent public weigher Lee Heaton of Wheeler-Evans Elevator Co.

The commissioners will consider transfers and time deposits and pay salaries and bills as approved by County Auditor A.C. Malone.

## Brother conducts band now

# New Year's without Guy

By WILLIAM GILLEN  
Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — New Year's Eve and Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians go together like champagne and cheerful toasts. You can't have one without the other — but this year will be different.

The 1½-hour televised broadcast from the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday night will be the band's 49th annual New Year's Eve appearance, and its first without Lombardo, who died last month at 75.

For tens of millions of Americans the link between the years has been the soothing sounds of the Canadians, playing what Lombardo liked to call "the sweetest music this side of heaven."

And this year will be no different, said Lombardo's brother, Victor, who conducts the band now.

"We're going to carry on what Guy established," he said at rehearsal Thursday. "That's the kind of music people want to hear."

"We've been doing it for so long," said another brother, Lebert, who plays first trumpet and is the band's concertmaster. "We're like the milkman's horse. We don't need a lot of directions."

The broadcast will be carried by CBS-TV and 1,000 people are expected to pay between \$100 and \$150 each to hear the band play some of the top songs of yesterday as well as those of 1977.

Among them are such standards as "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra, That's an Irish Lullaby" and "Mississippi Mud," two songs associated with Bing Crosby, who died just a few weeks before Lombardo. Kenny Gardner and Ty Lem-

key, who also plays electric guitar, will croon two of this year's hits — "New York, New York" and "You Light Up My Life."

Other songs on the program include "Enjoy Yourself," "Spanish Eyes," "Your Cheating Heart" and "Somewhere, My Love."

Joining the Canadians for the evening will be performers Leslie Uggams and Paul Williams.

The broadcast will switch to Times Square shortly before midnight, where CBS-TV personality Lee Jordan will supply the commentary that had been carried on for many years by Ben Grauer, who also died in 1977.

At midnight, as the ball drops from the top of the Allied Chemical Tower at Times Square, the band will break into its familiar theme — "Auld Lang Syne."



Guy Lombardo once joked, "When I go, I'll take New Year's Eve with me." He died Nov. 5.

## Sadat 'embarrassed'; Carter may visit Egypt

By The Associated Press  
President Carter is considering adding Egypt to his current foreign tour to talk with President Anwar Sadat who has said he is "disappointed" and "embarrassed" by Carter's latest statements on the Middle East.

U.S. presidential spokesman Jody Powell said today in Warsaw that Carter was thinking of going to Cairo and a final decision would be made Saturday morning. The Cairo stopover would come Wednesday after his meeting with Jordan's King Hussein in Tehran on Sunday and with King Khalid of Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

There were unconfirmed reports in Warsaw that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin would fly to Tehran Sunday to join the Carter-Hussein talks. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who is traveling with Carter, meanwhile was trying to defuse mounting Arab criticism of President Carter's Mideast remarks on the eve of his departure on the six-nation trip.

In a television interview Wednesday Carter backed Begin's rejection of Sadat's demand for an independent Palestinian state in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

Vance told reporters aboard the president's plane that Carter did not endorse Begin's insistence that Israeli troops garrison the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Vance called the Begin proposal offering civil autonomy to the 1.1 million Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

"an appropriate starting point for discussion."

Carter, talking to television news correspondents Wednesday night, said Begin's stand on troops was a "reasonable negotiating position." The president also backed Begin's rejection of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's demand for an independent Palestinian state in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

The comments sparked angry reaction Thursday in the Arab world. Sadat said he was "disappointed" and "embarrassed" by Carter's statements. In an interview with ABC News in Cairo, Sadat said the U.S. president's remarks would hamper Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations, already strained by tough negotiating stands from Cairo and Jerusalem. He cautioned

that the signing of a Mideast settlement "might be delayed for some time."

Sadat has rejected the Begin plan, presented when the two leaders met last weekend in Ismailia. Egypt demands full Israeli withdrawal from war-won Arab lands and creation of an independent Palestinian state.

Conservative Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, added its powerful voice to the Arab world rejection of Begin's proposal.

The Saudi state radio served notice that King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd would try to persuade Carter — due in Saudi Arabia next Tuesday —

to squeeze more concessions from Israel.

"There is no doubt the United States is the only country that can pressure Israel to become more lenient," the broadcast said.

Carter is expected to seek Saudi help in bringing more Arab states into the negotiations now underway between Israel and Egypt.

The president was scheduled to meet with King Hussein New Year's Day in Iran in an effort to bring Jordan into the talks.

The Jordan government issued a statement in Amman rejecting the Begin plan, labeling it a scheme to "legalize Israeli occupation."

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YEARS ARE LIKE SWIMMING POOLS CHUCK...



WE JUMP IN ONE END AND WE SPLASH AROUND UNTIL WE REACH THE OTHER END



Find out why. See comics on page 8.

Pampa will have fair skies and mild afternoons today and Saturday. High temperature today will be 55 degrees (13 degrees Celsius), the low tonight near 30 degrees (-1 degree Celsius) and the high on Saturday near 50 (10 degrees Celsius). Winds will be from the southwest at 15 to 20 miles per hour.

## City, county offices to open Tuesday

Most city and county offices will be closed from 5 p.m. today until 8 a.m. Tuesday in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Exceptions include the police, fire and sheriff's departments, and the city's landfill will also observe regular hours. The sanitation department will not make its normal Monday pick-ups.

The Gray County Commissioner's Court, however, will meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Monday.



# Briscoe aide calls criticism 'hatchet job'

By LEE JONES  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Governorial aide Rudy Flores thinks critics of his Uvalde department store's handling of federally subsidized on-the-job trainees are trying to "play a hatchet job" on him.

Two state agencies have come to the defense of Flores Department Store by knocking down reports of alleged irregularities concerning its trainees.

The Texas Department of Community Affairs overruled an evaluation by its own staff. The Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs is rebutting findings of a private auditor who is under contract to the department.

Flores says he plays no role in the management of the store, although he owns it. He says he's never even "sold a handkerchief at the store."

Two persons received on-the-job training at the store under the U.S. Department of Labor's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). The Middle Rio Grande Development Council was the contractor in one case, the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs in the other.

The labor department paid half the \$2.30 hourly wages of the CETA trainees.

Both contracts were funneled through the Department of Community Affairs.

Flores and officials of the state agencies asserted his store was performing a public service. They said there was no

conflict of interest between his government post and the store's employment of trainees under programs overseen by the state.

Department of Community Affairs evaluators said the Flores store violated a rule that only one employee in four can be a CETA trainee. At one time, two of the store's five employees were subsidized by CETA grants.

They also found that one of the workers "had previously been an employee of the department store."

"Future OJT (on-the-job training) contracts should not be written with Flores Department Store," the evaluators said.

Their comments were overridden, however, at an administrative conference over which department director Ben McDonald presided.

A supplement was added to the evaluation, saying that while rules might have been broken, small employers such as Flores' store are not expected to know them.

The evaluators "placed incorrect emphasis on how the matter came to pass, and unfair reflections were directed at the Flores Department Store," the supplement said.

It placed responsibility on the

Several salamanders, which are amphibians, have external gills. The redbacked salamander, common in suburban woodlands, has neither lungs nor gills, but breathes entirely through its skin.

local subcontractor for manpower services, Val Verde County.

Flores' store also is mentioned in an audit of the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs which was made by a private firm for the Department of Community Affairs.

Joaquin Rodriguez, an official of the migrant affairs office, said the audit found wages had been paid to an OJT employee when there was no contract authorizing their payment. Since then, he said, the OJT contract was located.

"The only thing that was questioned was there was no contract that could be found. Apparently it was misplaced," he said.

Rodriguez said that would "be part of our report" to the Department of Community Affairs.

The department says it will withhold the audit report until all comments are received. The

Associated Press formally requested a copy Wednesday, meaning the department has until Jan. 7 to ask Attorney General John Hill whether it legally can deny access to the audit.

Flores said his store manager was approached by CETA contractors and did not seek the trainees. Flores said he himself was not involved in hiring them.

He, Rodriguez and Tom Laramie, counsel for the Department of Community Affairs, said Flores has no authority over the issuance of CETA grants nor over the persons who approve them.

Despite the fact that half the wages of CETA trainees are paid by the federal government, "It's no bargain," Flores said.

"Is there any conflict of interest because I pay state unemployment compensation, federal unemployment com-

pensation, Social Security taxes and workmen's compensation on these employees?" he said. Besides those expenses, he added, there is the loss of the services of regular clerks who

must provide training to employees hired under the CETA program.

"I think somebody was trying to play a hatchet job with me," he said of the criticisms.

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New Year's in Vegas

Just when it seemed the lights of Las Vegas could get no brighter, an enterprising hotel sponsored a New Year's fireworks show that put the city's neon to shame. More than 70,000 tourists jammed the nation's gambling capital to celebrate New Year's Eve 1977.

## French may develop cruise missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — France, which maintains an in-

dependent nuclear striking force, is reported moving toward development of its own cruise missile.

U.S. intelligence sources estimate French research probably could produce such a missile in from five to 10 years.

Reports of French interest in developing a cruise missile come while the United States and the Soviet Union are discussing possible formulas for controlling cruise missiles within the framework of an overall U.S.-Russian agreement to curb strategic nuclear weapons.

A number of North Atlantic

Alliance member nations have indicated an interest in developing cruise missiles for NATO, but these hopes may hinge on whether a U.S.-Soviet SALT agreement will permit the United States to share such technology with its European allies.

The French formally broke with NATO militarily in the 1960s and have gone their own way in developing and deploying nuclear-armed land-based and submarine-launched missiles and nuclear weapons for bombers.

Gen. Charles deGaulle,

France's leader in those days, questioned whether Western Europe could rely on the U.S. nuclear umbrella in a crisis of the Soviet Union, and his successors have followed the independent nuclear policy he charted.

As a result, U.S. intelligence specialists believe France has the necessary technology and expertise to achieve a cruise missile, which is essentially a small pilotless jet bomber that its backers say would add a new dimension to nuclear deterrence.

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## Boy stabbed at Nelson concert

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was stabbed to death and two others were in critical condition with stab wounds sustained while more than 10,000 music buffs were attending a Willie Nelson concert here Wednesday night.

No one has been arrested in the incident.

James M. Goodson of Bedford died at a hospital shortly after being stabbed at 11:15 p.m.

Police said two brothers, 15-year-old Darrell and 18-year-old John Drake, also of Bedford,

were in critical condition with stab wounds received during a fight at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

One witness told authorities that a man in his 20s with long, black hair attacked the youths. The stabbings apparently occurred, authorities said, when a drink was spilled in a crowded aisle at the center.

"This is going to be a tough case to crack," one officer said. "There was so much noise, so many people and it was so dark most folks didn't know what was going on."

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## Advice

Dear Abby  
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Because of you, my Christmas was a lot merrier this year. Last year my husband drove me crazy sitting around the house doing nothing. He had just retired at age 65, was in good health, and didn't know what to do with himself. He'd worked hard all his life and never had time to cultivate any hobbies.

I kiddingly suggested he write to you, and he did. You told him to offer his services to some volunteer group, and you named a few. He called the Crippled Children's Society, and they gave him the names of some handicapped children who needed transportation to and from the therapy clinic. He's never been happier.

Aren't men peculiar? They'll listen to advice from a stranger, but just let their wives tell them the same thing and they'll say she's off her rocker.

Thanks, Abby. You gave me the best Christmas present I've had in years.

ANGIE

DEAR ANGIE: Don't mention it. Greet your wonderful husband for me, and thank him for giving me this opportunity to remind others that they, too, can improve the quality of their retirement years by volunteering their services. Everybody can do something.

DEAR ABBY: I may be old-fashioned, but I think it's in very poor taste to give a child money for Christmas. My mother-in-law sends my child a check every Christmas, and I get furious with her. I have been tempted to send it back or to send HER a check in the same amount.

I feel if she can't take the time (of which she has plenty) to shop for her grandchild, she can keep her money. My child would be more impressed with a sack of jelly beans than he is with grandma's check. Should I tell her to forget it next year?

FURIOUS

DEAR FURIOUS: No. I think giving a child a check makes more sense than giving him a gift he feels he must keep (or worse yet, wear) because it's grandma's Christmas gift. You can't go wrong with money; the color is always right, and you don't have to worry about "fit"—it fits into any pocketbook.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is a husband who expects me to keep up an active sex life while I'm pregnant.

I've tried to tell him that being in this condition doesn't make me feel very seductive. Between heartburn, nausea, backaches, fatigue and swollen feet, not to mention the feeling that there must be ten babies in there beating on my ribs, spine and other vital organs, the one thing I don't feel is lust!

This is my second pregnancy and I'm not looking forward to the upcoming fights.

How can I explain to my husband that having sex, especially during the last stages of pregnancy, is not all that enjoyable? I don't expect complete abstinence, just a break now and then. Help me!

PG in S.C.

DEAR PG: You can explain it to your husband just as you've explained it to me, and in even more explicit language.

Hate to write letters? Send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212, for Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (24¢) envelope.

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

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have been using two different decaffeinated brands of coffee. Recently, a friend told me that when the caffeine is removed something else is used to replace it that can cause cancer. Is this true?

I've seen TV commercials stating doctors say it's okay to drink decaffeinated coffee. So, I am quite concerned if I should continue to drink decaffeinated coffee or not.

DEAR READER — You can forget about the cancer problem in relation to decaffeinated coffee. A few years ago, some of the decaffeinated products were made using trichlorethylene, a chemical related to vinyl chloride, as a degreasing agent. It was found that large amounts of this chemical instilled in the stomachs of mice with a gastric tube might cause cancer in some strains of mice.

You need to know that some mice are particularly susceptible to cancer and others are more resistant. The amount of chemical used was comparable to a human drinking 50 million cups of decaffeinated coffee a day, which I think most reasonable persons would consider somewhat unrealistic.

Nevertheless, the companies using the chemical as a degreasing agent stopped using it entirely rather than fight the hysteria. I would like to emphasize that not one case of liver cancer or other cancer in human beings has ever been shown to be caused by drinking any amount of decaffeinated coffee. So, if it is fear of cancer that concerns you about drinking decaffeinated coffee — fear no more, and drink up.

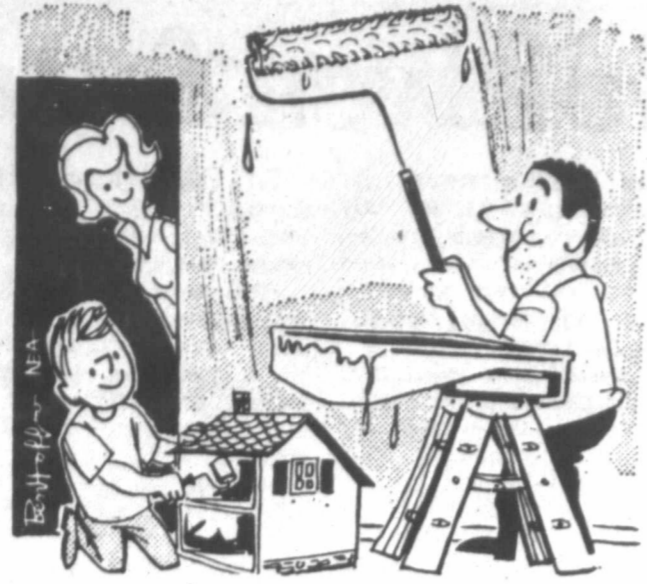
I have a somewhat different opinion about advising everyone who cannot tolerate coffee well to switch to a decaffeinated brand. Despite the TV commercials, caffeine is only part of the

Polly's pointers  
Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — Do you know how I can get a five-pound bag of white granulated sugar back to grains again? It must have picked up a little moisture somewhere so it is now a five-pound lump.

ARLENE — The easiest way I know is to pound on the unopened bag until the sugar is broken into lumps. A rolling pin serves the purpose well and covers more ground than a hammer. When the mass is pretty well broken up dump into a strainer and push through the holes with a wooden spoon. How about this, readers, do you have an easier way?

POLLY.



## Stinginess will hurt home painting job

By Herb Alexander

The paint roller has made experts of us all and if the resulting paint job isn't quite what it should be, most of us assume that this is because we are too new at being experts.

Now and then we blame the paint and try another brand. Occasionally we see that some of the trouble is technique.

As for the roller itself — well, one spends good money on a paint brush, but not on a roller. Use it, wash it maybe, or just throw it away when the job is done. The very expediency and simplicity of this gadget makes us overlook it.

But there is a difference in rollers. Some of it is quality. Other differences are purposely built in by manufacturers who realized that rollers — like brushes — can be designed differently for different jobs.

While the 3/4-inch nap of mohair or synthetic fibers suits the average wall job, there are other types as well — 1/2-inch nap for textured and masonry surfaces; 1 1/4-inch for link fencing and very rough masonry; carpet for stippling.

The biggest improvement in rollers has been the use of

synthetic fibers (Dacron, Dynel, others) in place of lamb's wool and mohair (good) and rayon (not so good).

The synthetics work beautifully with latex paints, holding their form, not turning soft and messy, washing easily and remaining good for many, many paint jobs.

Buying the best could save you money in the long run. Since the best will wash out and remain as good as new for the next job, one of these will outdistance a number of cheaper throw-away rollers.

Pick the shortest nap for the job, since it will result in a smoother surface. After that look for quality. Spread the fibers apart with your fingers. If you can see the material at their base the fibers are too thinly set; get one with denser fibers.

Cheap roller covers have thin cardboard cores — fine for paper towels but no good for painting. On a good roller cover, the core is plastic or plastic impregnated.

Pick a roller with a handle that is comfortable. It should have provision for adding extensions for painting ceilings, high walls and floors.

See how easy it is to slip the roller cover on and off. Avoid the kind that requires loosening or removing a wing nut. A good type is one that consists of flexible metal rods that give way to allow the cover to be slipped on and off.

The roller should spin easily without being too loose.

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## Club news

Pampa Music Teachers Association

The Pampa Music Teachers Association met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chaivin Whatley for a Christmas dinner. Mrs. Whatley and Telma Cooper served as hostesses.

After the dinner, a Christmas program was presented by Gary and Jamey Henderson.

Piano recital

Piano and organ students of Mrs. Darville Orr were presented in a December recital at Tarpley's Recital Hall.

Students performing were Kathryn Peeler, Kelli Snider, Shanna Etheredge, Damon Harvey, Tracy Goodwin, Paula Allison, Vonda Johnson, Rhonda Patton, Karen Peeler, Tomia James, Karla Harris, Dana Dykes, Kimberly Peeler, Dean Birkes, Diane Havery, Michelle Houston, Tracey Poole, LaBrenda Driver, Jacque Gilbert, Sharia Vaughn, John Orr, Dawn Carter, Casey Rice and Deena Chumbley.

Refreshments were served following the recital with Rita Chumbley, Janice Snider, Nelda Patton and Lynn Lockwood serving.

## Divorce Upper Volta style public

By MARK CRANE  
Associated Press Writer  
CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A gaggle of your neighbors will either commiserate or hoot with derision at your marriage problems. And you have no choice but to sit there and take it. That's Divorce Upper Volta style.

Airing one's dirty linen in public might not be such a bad idea, says a Rutgers University law professor who spent last summer in the African nation to study their divorce procedures.

"The divorce courts are more like public marriage guidance sessions and the entire tribe is encouraged to participate," said Dr. Carole E.R. Bohmer, who teaches family law and comparative matrimonial law at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden.

"If a couple has a fight but isn't really considering divorce, they may go to the court to hear the comments of the tribal elders and their neighbors," said the New Zealand native, who studied several African matrimonial systems under a National Science Foundation grant.

The divorce courts in Upper Volta serve a much greater function than to provide free entertainment and juicy gossip for the tribe. The sessions set moral standards for the community. The audience learns from the misfortune of others how to conduct oneself properly in a marriage, Dr. Bohmer said.

"Our system may be much more sophisticated legally, but their approach is much more pragmatic, more realistic," she said. "They just look at a mar-

riage and try to see whether it is really workable or not."

The divorce system works well for men, but women in Upper Volta have little to say about it.

A woman who brings a divorce action against her husband would not be well received, Dr. Bohmer said. "There is a bias against women in the court. Wives are frequently laughed at and sent home to 'improve' their behavior before the court will rule on whether to grant a divorce."

While divorce is increasing in most African nations, polygamy

is on the decline, Dr. Bohmer said.

The most common ground for divorce in Upper Volta is to show disrespect for one's in-laws. Sexual misbehavior also is a major reason but men are allowed more license than women, the professor said.

The courts actually grant very few divorces. "The court is inclined not to make specific decisions. The 'assessors' or judges prefer to have the couple work out the problem themselves," she said.

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Questions about insurance

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When 1977 passes into history this weekend, sales of life insurance policies to individuals will have shown a rise of 11.8 per cent for the year to nearly one-quarter trillion dollars. In 1978, total sales easily will surpass this historic mark.

And most provocative, annuities are coming back into style, after a long period during which they were shunned. In fact, reports the American Council of Life Insurance, sales of annuities are growing even faster than life insurance.

But while life insurance annuities - term insurance - convertible - renewable, etc., etc., may seem clear to you while the salesperson is with you and explaining the lingo, the whole sticky subject fades into vagueness or even utter misunderstanding once the salesperson has left. Here, therefore, are just a few of the questions you most frequently ask with answers from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies, headquartered in Boston, Mass.

**Q. What is an annuity?**  
A. Because of the unexpected upswing in sales of annuities, this question takes on special significance. An annuity is a contract which provides you (the annuitant) with a guaranteed lifetime income, usually after your retirement. You, an individual, purchase an annuity either through a lump-sum payment or through regular installments. At a specified age, you, the annuitant, receives regular monthly payments for as long as you live.

**Q. Can my life insurance policy's premiums ever be raised?**

A. Once a policy is issued, the premiums stated in that policy can never be raised, unless the contract calls for periodic increases. The amount and time of any such increases should be printed in the policy.

**Q. How much life insurance do I need?**

A. Contrary to the oft-repeated cliches, there is no definitive answer to this question, since the proper amount depends on your individual situation. For instance, the amount of Social Security, savings, real estate, other benefits and assets that will protect your loved ones when you die. The generally used estimate is that five times your annual income is reasonable, adequate life insurance protection. But for a more precise figure, consult a trained professional who will

create a plan for your needs.

**Q. What kind of life insurance is best for me?**

A. If your need is only temporary protection against untimely death and your aim is the most death protection premium dollar, buy term insurance. It's the form of insurance with the lowest premium rates.

But term protection eventually stops and will not continue for your lifetime. So if your need is long-term death protection for the rest of your life - and if you also want income for your retirement or cash to settle your estate - buy cash value insurance. The most popular form of cash value insurance is whole life.

**Q. What are the definitions of convertible and renewable?**

A. One or both of these provisions may appear in a term insurance policy. A convertible policy is one you can exchange for another plan of insurance at your option and without evidence of insurability. Usually, a policyholder will convert a term plan to a cash value policy.

A renewable policy can be renewed (or extended) at the end of the plan's specified term, again at the policyowner's option and without evidence of insurability. When convertible and renewable provisions appear in a policy, they will continue until certain specified ages, and then will stop. Premium rates also will increase at each renewal based on the current age of the insured.

**Q. How does my group life insurance plan differ from a personal life insurance policy?**

A. Since group life is issued as a single master policy to an employer or association, you, the individual participating in a group plan, have no control over the price or amount of insurance coverage offered. And if you leave the group, your group coverage (usually term insurance) will terminate.

In some states, an individual policy may be issued to replace your group coverage. The new policy's premium rate will be based on your age at the time your group coverage terminates. This "conversion" to a new policy does not require evidence of insurability, and you may have a period of time to make the conversion.

**Q. Must my beneficiaries be related to me?**

A. Generally, no. Your range of choices is almost unlimited and could include persons to whom you are not related.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government is studying the feasibility of what may be the ultimate in recycling - fattening up farm animals on other animals' manure.

The Food and Drug Administration has a 1967 policy against that practice, and says it has no immediate plan to change its mind. But it wants to study the arguments involved, particularly since some

states have authorized manure feed additives within their borders.

The process of using manure additives involves collecting wastes from various animals, drying and processing the waste to kill bacteria and make it acceptable to the animals, then mixing the result with regular feed.

Using treated animal wastes in feed may provide an economic benefit to consumers, the FDA said, since it is less costly than other sources of nutrition.

The FDA's current disapproval is an actor in those states unless the product crosses state lines.

"The research to date has demonstrated that animal waste contains nutrients that can be used either by the species that produces the waste or by other species," the FDA statement said.

Scientists estimate that 1.7 billion tons of animal waste is produced in the nation each year and as much as 143 million tons of this can be used as animal feed.

While the agency noted that many persons might find such feeding repugnant, it pointed out that eating excrement is natural among many wild and domestic animals.

The agency also said that studies have failed to show any difference in the composition, taste or acceptability of the resulting meat from the meat coming from other animals.

# Manure additives fatten animals

## Fighting the PO

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - Rain, snow and sleet didn't deter the P.H. Brennan Hand Delivery Service from competing with the U.S. Postal Service. But a court order may send the husband-wife 10-cents-a-letter, same-day delivery system to the dead letter office.

"It's going to be a long law suit," said Patricia Brennan, 25, who runs the business with her husband, J. Paul Brennan, 38. "By no means are we down and out."

Mrs. Brennan said Wednesday that she had not been served with any papers yet. She said the decision would be appealed. The delivery service continued Wednesday, but it was not clear whether it would continue operating during the appeal.

U.S. District Judge Harold P. Burke ruled Tuesday in favor of the Postal Service which filed suit in February to protect its statutory monopoly on first-class mail.

"Elimination of this monopoly would seriously threaten the very existence of the U.S. Postal Service," the government's brief said.

The Brennans contended in court that Congress had over-

stepped its authority in granting the Postal Service such a monopoly.

But the government argued that Congress and the courts have recognized for more than 200 years the need for a monopoly.

"There is a strong and abiding national interest in having one uniform postal system, operated impartially, unturned by considerations of profit, serving the entire country," the government brief said.

Although unwilling to say exactly how many letters a day the private service delivers in downtown Rochester, Mrs. Brennan confirmed that she and her husband handled about 1,000 pieces a day during November. The Brennans charge 10 cents a letter and guarantee same-day delivery. Many of their clients are lawyers.

Messenger services operate in many cities dispatching couriers to companies who call each time they have something to send. The Brennans' firm, however, picks up mail every day from its 300 customers.

Mrs. Brennan said she got the idea for the delivery service two years ago when she received a letter from Idaho 13 days after it had been posted.

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## Cochran recaptured

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Cochran was charged on Wednesday with escape, a felony, and two counts of damaging property at the Sumter County jail. He escaped Tuesday and was recaptured 15 hours later in an Atlanta suburb.

Michael Sylvester Proctor, 30, who escaped with Cochran, was still at large. Proctor was awaiting trial for attempted rape.

Sumter County Sheriff Randy Howard said Cochran was charged with causing \$600 in damages to his jail cell lock during the escape and to a toilet in the cell after he was returned to the jail Wednesday.

Cochran and Proctor escaped by sawing through the lock on the jail door, Howard said. Cochran ripped the toilet off the wall in a fit of anger, apparently because "we aren't al-

lowing him any visitors until we determine who brought the blades in," the sheriff added.

Cochran was convicted on eight counts of aggravated assault and sentenced to 12 years in prison after the incident July 2 in Plains. Thirty-two people were injured when a car ramed a speakers' platform at the rally. Cochran has appealed.

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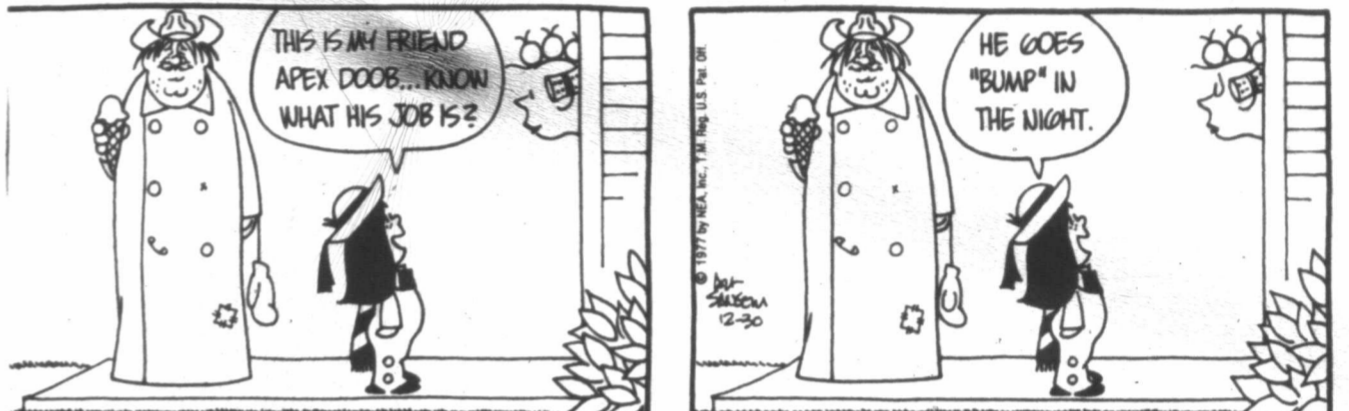
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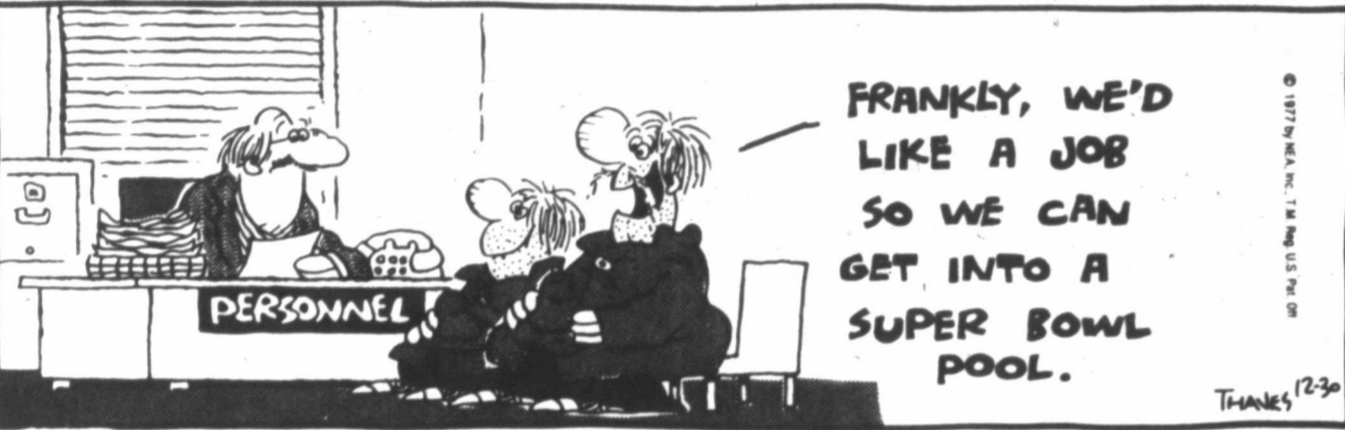
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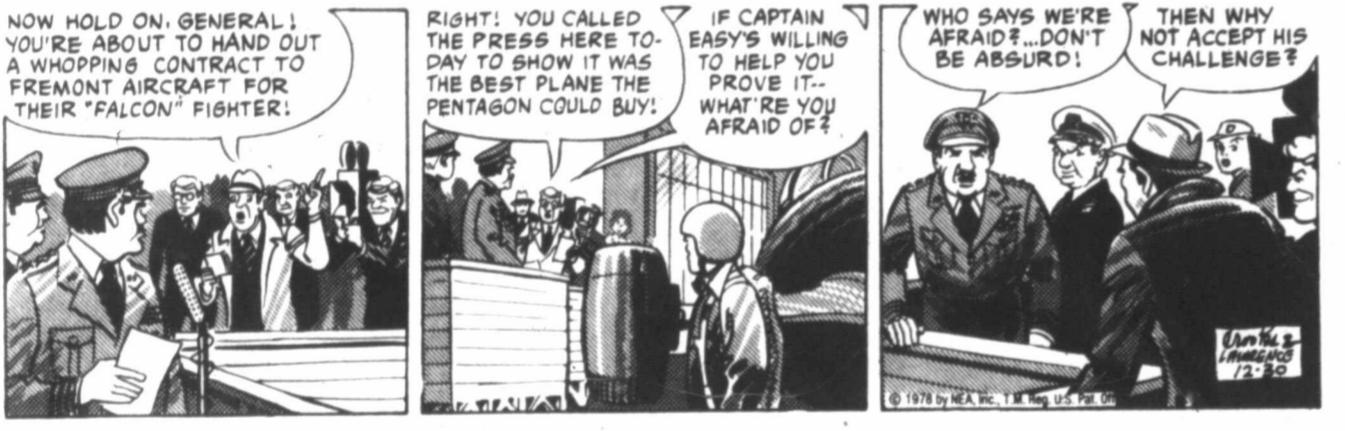
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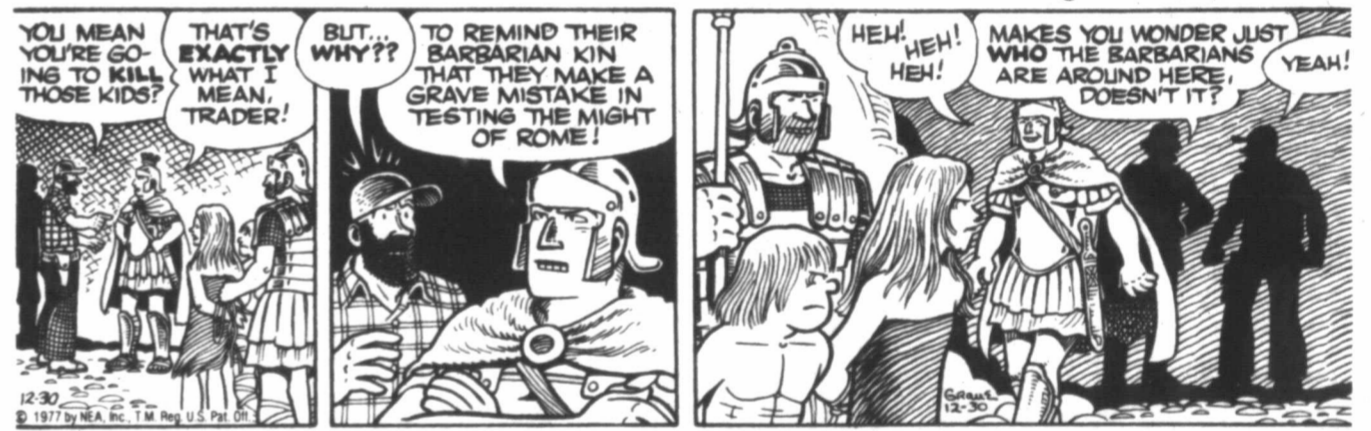
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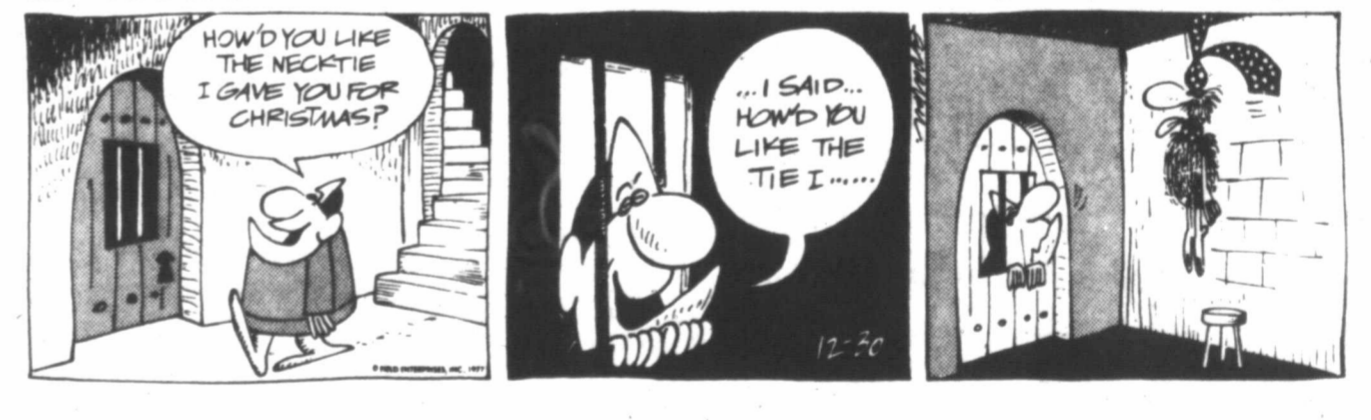
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