



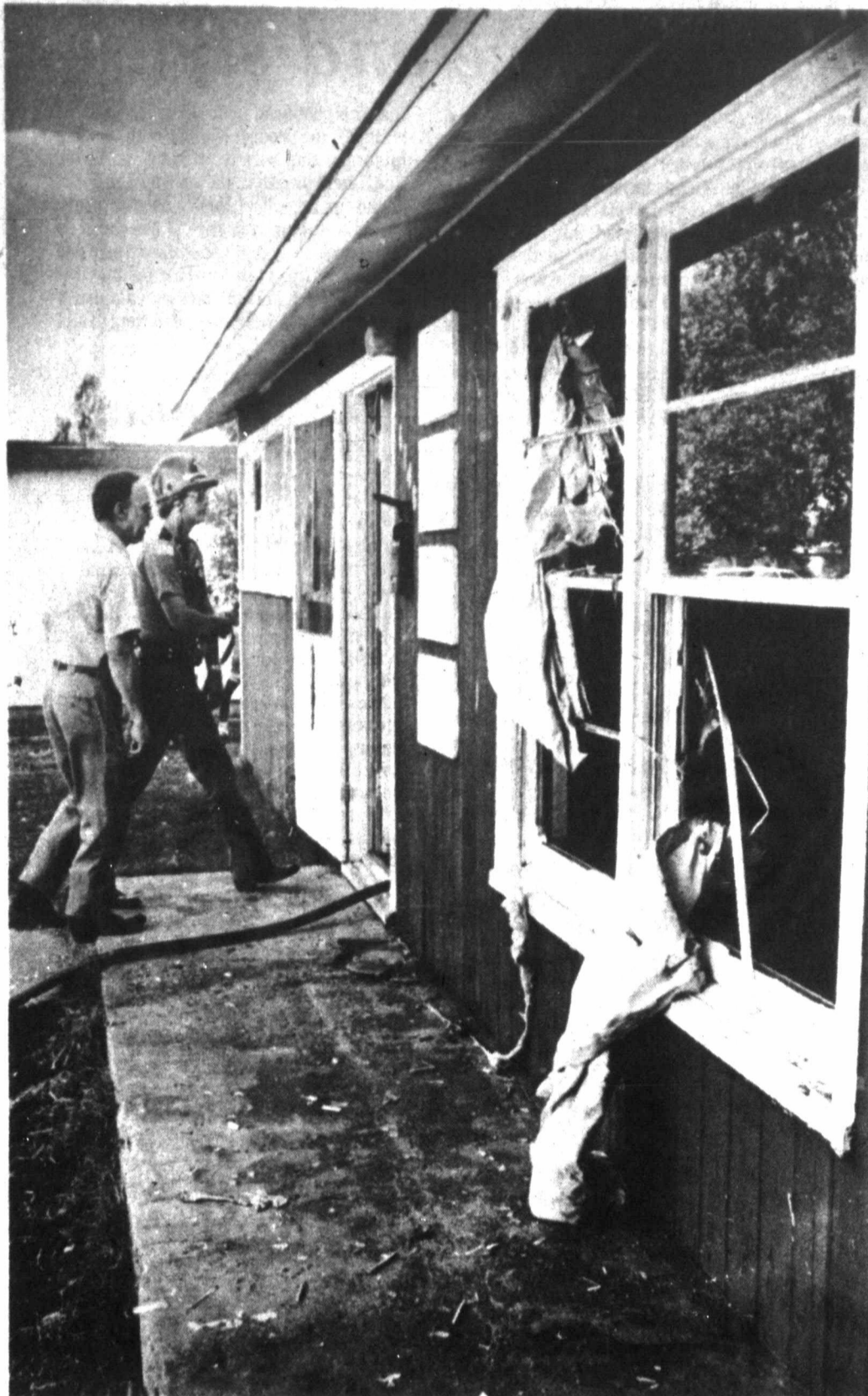
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600 to 800 homeless in Houston Fire ravages apartments

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Mayor Jim McConn said today he will ask that a tabled ordinance requiring fireproofing of wood shingle roofing be enacted at once in the wake of a huge apartment complex fire that left 600 to 800 persons homeless Tuesday.

McConn described the blaze as "the worst residential fire Houston has ever experienced." No one was killed, but six civilians and seven firemen were taken to hospitals.

The seven-alarm blaze destroyed 400 to 500 of the 1,080 wood-shingled units of the Woodway Square apartment complex, said Jerry Privette of the Woodway Square management. Privette said a \$2 million renovation had just been completed and damage to the near West Side complex would be a "conservative \$20 million." The estimate did not include losses by residents.

"It looks like somebody dropped a bomb," Dale Everitt, fire department spokesman, said after checking the site today.

"I expect our units to have to stay here two days or longer to get all the smoldering under the rubble and keep sparks from flying again."

Of those taken to hospitals, two were injured seriously. A jewelry store manager suffered severe burns and a fireman received what Everitt described as severe lung damage.

"We're lucky nobody was killed," McConn said. The cause of the fire had not been determined but Everitt said Fire Chief V.E. Rogers, arson specialists and other officials were investigating. Two men were questioned briefly Tuesday night but released.

McConn and Rogers said the wood-shingles were not the cause of the fire but Rogers said they were a severe hazard in that "they're just like burning paper."

Rogers said sparks from the shingles started another fire at an apartment building five blocks from Woodway Square.

Ironically, the City Council on Tuesday had delayed

action for two weeks on an ordinance that would place tougher building code restrictions on wood-shingle roofs for multi-unit residential projects. One councilman tagged the proposal for further study.

McConn said he would ask the council to suspend the two-week tabling action today and pass the ordinance.

"This fire didn't originate in the shingles but they contributed greatly to the spreading," McConn said.

Under terms of the ordinance, wood shingles would be permitted for multi-units only if they are installed on solid wood decking covered with asbestos.

"The dog saw it and started barking," Nancy Wood, 44, said in recalling that her beagle, Blue, gave the first warning of the fire.

Even as the sun was setting, six hours after Blue barked at the red flames, the gutted buildings radiated a glow. Firemen still shot water to the structures. And residents tried to sort out their lives.

The Red Cross and others quickly set up shelters for the homeless, and two bulletin boards in the apartment clubhouse were filled with offers of help, homes for the night, free meals, animal shelters, storage areas.

For some, though, the tragedy was too great.

"Go away, please," said a young man with soot-stained clothes.

His roommate, 25-year-old Rod Hainey, explained they had lost everything in the seven-alarm fire.

"There was nothing to save," said Hainey, his face reddened by the flames. "Everything was burned."

"We just moved from Canada," added Hainey. He said they just moved three months ago and work for themselves in the construction business.

Behind him, on the tennis courts, people arranged plush velvet sofas and oak china cabinets, preparing for the night.

Police Chief Harry Caldwell said the area would be well guarded, and issued passes to residents to let them back in. All others would be kept out of the fire area.

littered Tuesday night by on-lookers with expensive cameras.

For Caldwell and others, the fire was the second disaster in a week.

Tropical Storm Claudette chased 5,000 out of their homes last Wednesday and Thursday, dumping up to 30 inches of rain on the northeast Texas coast.

More than 12,000 homes were damaged in the flood.

"Thank God nobody was killed," said Jim Privette, the designer for planned-renovation of the Woodway Square Apartment clubhouse.

"We're getting lots of help from a lot of people," he said. "I'm impressed with the people offering help."

Privette saw the fire as he flew into Houston from Denver Tuesday afternoon.

Mary Jane Carpenter, who drove past the blaze on her way home, said, "It was a huge column of billowing black smoke - just a mass of flames."

"I've never seen anything like it in my life."

Privette doesn't know if the clubhouse will be remodeled now.

Standing beside the swimming pool were two young women in bikinis - their only clothes.

"Everything, everything's gone," mumbled Peggy Gardner, 19, a waitress in Cowboy's restaurant. "No shoes, no money."

She and roommate Bette King, 21, spent the day at a Galveston beach about 30 miles south of Houston.

"When we got home, our apartment was burned to the ground," Ms. Gardner said.

The first thing they did was call their parents in Buffalo, N.Y., who had already heard reports of the fire.

Then they started looking for the apartment manager, to get their \$600 security deposit.

"That's the only money we have," Ms. King said. But they hadn't yet secured a bed for the night.

"We're taking one thing at a time," she said.

POLICE SUSPECT ARSON may have been the cause of a natural gas explosion Tuesday evening at 1148 Neel Road (above). The house had been vacant for two days. Earlie Jackson III, 14, of 1117 Huff Road reportedly received burns on his face, arms, back, chest and stomach from the explosion. Authorities have not determined what young Jackson was doing at the time of the explosion. He was taken by Metropolitan Ambulance to Highland General Hospital, where he was treated and transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was transferred again Tuesday night to Parkland Burn Center in Dallas. Reports on his condition were not available this morning.

(Staff photo by Gary Clark)

By 31 percent County insurance costs increase

Inflationary health costs showed up once again in Gray County commissioners court this morning, as commissioners agreed to a 31 percent increase in premiums for Blue Cross and Blue Shield group health insurance for county employees.

The premium increase represents an increase of \$840 a month — or \$10,080 a year — in the county's portion of the payment for the group insurance premiums.

According to Blue-Cross Blue-Shield representative Dan Talley, county employees paid \$42,110 into the program in the year ending today, while receiving total benefits of \$42,206.

The percentage of claims to premiums with Gray County Employees has been 67, 104, and 100 percents, respectively, in the last three years, Talley said. The insurance representative said it "would probably be

unrealistic" to expect the percentage to decrease "into the generally acceptable 70 to 75 percent range" next year.

He cited flat percentage rates of Blue Cross Blue Shield reimbursement and rising health costs as the main reasons for the higher percentages over the last three years.

The 31 percent increase will probably lower the possibility of an increase next year, Talley said. But the insurance representative said there still could be another increase of "about 10 percent" next year.

With an eye toward developing next year's budget, commissioners also heard a request from Lovett Memorial Library Administrator Dan Snyder and members of the Lovett Library Board for an increase in annual county support of the library from \$2,100 to \$5,000.

Snyder estimated that the residents outside the city constituted about 20 percent of the library's use.

Although commissioners took no action on the proposal, they seemed to react favorably to the request.

Snyder said the library faces an estimated \$25,000 expense for the renovation of its heating and air conditioning system. Kay Fancher of the library board said the library was requesting possible county aid next year for help in the heating and air conditioning expense.

In other business this morning, commissioners turned down a request from Highland General to dispose of some excess equipment including typewriters and office equipment. Kennedy suggested that all surplus equipment be "checked over at one time" at the termination of the hospital corporations lease with the county.



THIS LITTLE BIRD appeared to be wondering, "Which way should I go?" as he stopped to read the street signs at the corner of Finley and Crawford.

(Staff photo by Gary Clark)

Weather

The forecast for today calls for a continued chance of nighttime showers and thunderstorms and continued warm and humid temperatures through Thursday. The high today is expected in the mid 80s with the low tonight in the mid 60s. Winds today will be out of the southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

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What's inside

For PRPC services

Non-members may be charged

By JOHN PRICE
Pampa News Staff

MCLEAN — Representatives from Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) Planning and Service Area Five, which met here Tuesday night, gave their support to a PRPC Board of Directors proposal whereby non-members would be charged for the commission's services.

The PRPC's public image and the value of membership in the commission were also discussed at the PSA Five meeting. PSA Five consists of Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Briscoe and Hall counties.

The proposal to charge non-members for services resulted from the withdrawal of Potter County from the commission a few months ago. At that time, Potter County Judge Cliff Roberts said membership was costing the county more than it was worth.

PRPC Executive Director George Louder and several PSA Five representatives defended the PRPC's record at Tuesday's meeting.

"We have had the opportunity since Potter County withdrew to review the planning commission's accomplishments," Louder said. The PRPC has helped channel a total of \$5,456,000 into PSA Five since 1974, he said.

Discussion of membership in PSA Five "takes a different light" than in other PSAs, Louder said, because all of the counties and most of the cities in PSA Five belong to the PRPC. This area is well-represented in the board of directors, he noted. Five of the 20 directors, including Pampa City Commissioner O.M. Prigmore, are from PSA Five.

In a meeting last month, Louder said the board and PRPC staff proposed to begin charging non-members for three areas of service: technical assistance of the staff, use of a law enforcement academy, and review of grant applications from Panhandle counties and cities.

Louder estimated the review and commentary process "conservatively" costs the PRPC \$80,000 a year. The board of directors allocates \$66,000 of this area's criminal justice money for the law enforcement academy.

Non-members currently are not charged for the services. In the past, Louder said, members and non-members more or less have been treated equally.

Asked what representatives of the other PSAs have said about charging non-members, Louder replied "I think there is a general consensus that everyone pay their own share. There is no free ride."

Only about \$30,000 of the PRPC's \$6 million budget comes from member dues, he said. Pampa pays between \$1,500-\$2,000 to the PRPC per year.

Charging non-members for services remains "only a concept," Louder said, adding he has "much more work to do" before he makes a recommendation to the board about the proposal. He said he anticipates the board will make a decision on it in November.

Although a majority of PSA representatives favor some sort of non-member fee, Louder said "I'm not real sure we're definitely going to follow that course." He is leery of scaring off potential PRPC members, Louder said, and he is deliberately moving cautiously so that any fees established will not be seen as punitive.

Only six Panhandle counties do not belong to the

PRPC, Louder said. He thinks some of those counties will eventually join, he said, because the PRPC takes "spoils," or misconceptions, about its functions and problems and "addresses these things head-on."

The spook most difficult to kill, Louder said, is "that we are the constant dollar hunters from the federal and state treasuries."

"That is really not our priority," he said. "We spend very little time seeking grants. If you belong to the planning commission for grants, you belong for the wrong reason."

From reading news accounts of the PRPC's role in obtaining grants for Panhandle communities, the public gets the impression "that we have a bag of money to give away," Louder said.

The PRPC would like to do more planning, he said, but it doesn't have enough time and money.

"Planning is not one of our more important activities," Louder acknowledged.

"What is your primary function if it is not planning or seeking grants?" Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy asked Louder.

"We spend most of our staff time providing local governments with the capacity to settle more issues locally," answered Louder.

He said the state and federal governments, not the board of directors, dictate the PRPC's priorities because they provide the planning commission with most of its funding. Louder agreed when Kennedy said that state and federal power over the PRPC makes its name "a misnomer" and doesn't help the planning commission's public image.



PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER shakes hands with workers at a Louisville (Ky.) Gas & Electric power plant after touring the facility Tuesday during a visit to the Midwest. The president toured the power plant, spoke to a town meeting in Bardstown, Ky., and made a quick trip into Indiana to talk with flooding victims.

(AP Laserphoto)

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Lottie Rockwell receives Thomas F. Frist Award

Lottie "Rocky" Rockwell, a vocational nurse at Highland General Hospital for nearly 30 years, was honored Monday with the Dr. Thomas F. Frist Humanitarian Award, an annual prize presented at the local, regional, and national level by Hospital Corporation of America.

The award is named after the founder, first president and chief medical officer of the corporation.

Mrs. Rockwell received an award medallion and a gift of \$250. As a local winner of the corporate award, Mrs. Rockwell's name will be submitted for consideration as one of the corporation's divisional awards. A national winner will be selected from the divisional winners.

Mrs. Rockwell has been with Highland General continuously since her employment there in January, 1951. She presently works in the hospital's emergency room which she finds "rewarding. I love helping people and comforting their families," she said.

Mrs. Rockwell was officially cited by hospital personnel for being "a professional nurse in every way... a splendid example of what a nurse should be. She shows exceptional concern for the care and comfort of her patients and sympathy to the family."

Mrs. Rockwell was born in Gray County and has lived in Pampa most of her life. She and her husband, Scott, have four children.



MRS. LOTTIE ROCKWELL (center) was honored with the annual Dr. Thomas F. Frist Humanitarian Award Monday at Highland General Hospital. Hospital Administrator Guy Hazlett (left) and Mrs. Geneva Gobin, Director of Nursing Services, present the award medallion and flowers to Mrs. Rockwell, who has worked at Highland General since 1951. She also received \$250 as part of the award. (Staff photo)

Wheeler County men finish medical course

Adding a new safety feature to their area, seven Wheeler County residents have learned emergency medical skills through a paramedics course taken in Amarillo with 45 other Panhandle men and women.

Receiving the state paramedic state certificate, which is given on completion of the IV Fluids course, are Dr. Tommie Hennard, David Cross, Dwight Tipps and Louis Stas with the North Wheeler County Ambulance Service.

Other recipients of this certification that involves the three paramedic modules of intravenous fluids, respiratory therapy and cardiac, are Don Carlton and Jim Bryant with the South Wheeler County Ambulance Service and Carl Knoll, the County Co-ordinator.

Under professional medical supervision, these students are qualified to start IV's, administer some medications, monitor the heart, read electrocardiograms (EKGs) and treat cardiac shock.

Before enrolling in the class, the paramedic student must have been an active member of an ambulance service for at least one year and be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). EMTs have had 120 hours of classroom and in-hospital training.

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School Board to meet on Thursday

The Pampa Independent School Board will consider cafeteria food bids for the 1979-80 school year and personnel matters at an emergency meeting at 7:30 Thursday morning in the Conference Room of Carver Center.

The consideration on food bids probably will reflect a recent federal payment increase on breakfast and lunch programs.

The increase was enacted as an adjustment to the 6.88 rise in the Consumer Price Index for food away from home during Nov. 1978 through May 1979.

The board also will be discussing new personnel, as principals of Pampa High School and Middle School have announced a shortage of staff members.

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Borger contestant will perform dance

Catherine Dianne Ratliff of Borger will be one of 15 contestants in the annual Miss Top of Texas pageant, scheduled for Aug. 18 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Miss Ratliff, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Ratliff, will perform a novelty jazz dance to "Barnyard in Orbit" in the talent competition.

The 18-year-old, a graduate of Borger High School, is a sophomore student at Frank Phillips College, where she is feature twirler.

The ash blonde, green-eyed contestant has studied voice, saxophone, drama and twirling. She hopes to earn a degree in theater arts or television choreography.

Hobbies for the young woman include costume design, animal training and art.

Her sponsor for the pageant is Gibson's Discount Center of Friona.



DEAR ABBY

Shorts offensive to father

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As the father of an intelligent, well-developed 17-year-old daughter, I would like your opinion on a matter that troubles me.

Lisa wears short shorts that are just about as short as shorts can get. To be even more specific, a good portion of her shapely rear end is exposed to public view. It wouldn't be quite so offensive at the beach, but when she walks around the shopping center in high heels with half her behind showing, I must object. My wife agrees with me.

I voiced my disapproval to Lisa, and she informed me that it's the accepted mode of dress these days for her generation, and furthermore, my prudishness amazed her.

What do you say, Abby? Sign me...

OUT OF WORDS

DEAR OUT: Inform Lisa that it may be the accepted mode of dress these days for her generation, but her Southern exposure is offensive to yours. And to please show a little more consideration—and a little less cheek.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter from JOHN who complained because his name is synonymous with a toilet, a hooker's customer, and a "Dear John" letter saying "It's all over, so get lost."

Well, my name is Mary. And my name, too, has been abused. For example, "Lazy Mary, won't you get up", "Mary, Mary, quite contrary", "Bloody Mary", and don't forget that suggestion that "we all make Mary".

Yes, I know there is a song stating that

"Mary" is a grand old name, but that doesn't help.

Sign me...

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 33, married to a wonderful man, and we have two fine children. So what's my problem?

I eloped at 16 and never had a wedding, which is the one big regret in my life.

My husband and I are going to Las Vegas for a vacation soon and I understand there are places where couples can get married in a church-like setting. I am told they have beautiful chapels, filled with flowers, and they even have someone to perform the ceremony. Furthermore, you can rent a lovely wedding gown and tux, and have regular wedding pictures taken.

I want to know if you think I'm crazy to want a really beautiful wedding. Abby, my dream is to have a picture of myself as a bride in a real wedding gown.

I am embarrassed and ashamed to ask my husband what he thinks of my secret wish, but if you reply I will show him your letter, unless you think the whole idea is completely nuts. Sign me

SENTIMENTAL IN TEXAS

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: I don't think the idea is nuts. It's lovely. Since you are already married, why not have your marriage vows renewed in that lovely Vegas chapel? Five will get you 10 that your husband will agree to. I hope so.

Travel packages offered with fall foliage tours

If you're planning a fall vacation, but haven't decided on a destination, you might consider a breathtaking foliage tour.

Mrs. Arleigh Hoobler of Canadian is coordinating two foliage tours, one for seven days and one for two weeks.

The seven-day chartered bus tour will take the travelers to the Ozarks and on to Presley's Mountain Music, Branson, Mo., and Silver Dollar

City are also on the schedule. Cost of the trip is \$289.

The two-week foliage tour includes a trip to Oryland, U.S.A. and Nashville and a visit to Mammoth Cave, Ky. The package cost for the 14-day bus trip is \$498.

For more details contact Mrs. Hoobler at Box 4, Canadian, or call 323-6514, as soon as possible.



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

DEAR DR. LAMB—I am 42 years old and of medium complexion. I usually get a healthy tan by routine exposure to the sun—gardening, outdoor recreation but not sun bathing.

This summer I have had rather extreme skin irritation—redness, severe itchy dryness—and it seemed to follow a period outdoors. I was told by a dermatologist that it was an allergic reaction to the sun and that it wasn't uncommon. He gave me an ointment to use but said that avoiding the sun is the only real treatment. This is very hard to do.

Would you please comment on this? Is it likely to be a permanent condition? Is there a medication which would prevent or offset the effect of moderate exposure? I have noticed some itching even on mild spring days and hate to accept the idea that I cannot enjoy outdoor activities without a reaction.

DEAR READER—There is such a thing as solar urticaria which simply means hives or allergic-like skin reaction to sun exposure. I gather from your remarks that's what your dermatologist thinks you have.

This is truly an allergic-type reaction to sunshine, but have hope because there are things that can be done to protect you.

In the first place, the normal physical and chemical barriers to sunlight do help. For this reason, I am sending you The Health Letter number 7-10, Your Skin: Sun, Aging, Spots and Cancer. It includes in it information about protecting the skin from the sun. Other readers who want this issue can send 75 cents by check or coin with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Send your request to me at P. O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

I would suggest that every day when you first get up that you use one of the sunscreens that contain PABA (paramino benzoic acid). Use them carefully, since some PABA preparations stain clothing. In addition, when you get ready to go out in the sun to do your gardening or for recreation, you should probably use one of the physical blocking agents on all of the areas of the skin that are apt to be exposed to the sun. And since it's an allergic-type response, the antihistamine medicines used for allergies may also help.

DEAR DR. LAMB—My question is, how do you figure a woman's menstrual period days to find the 24th day? Do you count from the first day of her period or do you count from the day she stops her period?

DEAR READER—The first day of the menstrual period is considered the first day of the menstrual cycle. If the period lasts for four days, the fourth day of the period is the fourth day of the cycle.

I get quite a few letters asking for information about this and usually it's because someone thinks that she is going to use this method to avoid pregnancy. I'd like to caution you against thinking that that's such an effective measure. A woman who is absolutely regular may menstruate the 14th day after ovulation. This always means that you know after ovulation when it occurred rather than before. There are quite a few variations involved and a woman who is regular all the time may just not be regular the critical month.

TWEEN 12 AND 20

Students can save on travel

By Robert Wallace, Ed.D.

Teens: If you are embarking on a vacation this summer, you can save more than half of the expense of the trip. Numerous publications and money-saving opportunities are available to the person who researches carefully the possibilities.

One very helpful publication, for those contemplating travel to New York or Los Angeles, is the "1979 Student Travel Catalog" which describes details of nine monthly coast-to-coast charters costing just \$99 each way. The catalog, which also describes international charters available, is obtained by sending 50 cents to the Council on International Education Exchange, Department PRST79, 777 U.N. Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Two other useful books, available through

bookstores, are "Mort's Guide to Low-Cost Vacations and Lodgings on College Campuses" and "Where to Stay U.S.A."

Planning ahead enables one to get the best price break on air fare, train and bus costs.

By booking 30 days in advance, staying at least seven days but not more than 65, and flying at night during midweek, a vacationer can trim a full 50 percent off the fare.

If train travel is contemplated, a good bargain is Amtrak's U.S.A. Railpass which entitles the holder to 14 days unlimited travel for \$385. Greyhound offers a similar savings package with its Ameripass. For just under \$100, a person can travel anywhere over Greyhound's 100,000 miles of routes for a week. For just under \$200, a person has unlimited riding privileges for 30 days.

Deaths on Saturday outnumber others

Saturday is the most dangerous day of the week, notes the American Council of Life Insurance.

More deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents and homicides occur on Saturday than any other day of the week, says the Council. Government statistics show that motor vehicle fatalities in the nation average around 191 on Saturday, compared to an average of 107 deaths on Tuesday, the "safest" day of the week. At the same time, homicides on Saturday average around 76, compared to an average of 44 homicides on Wednesday.

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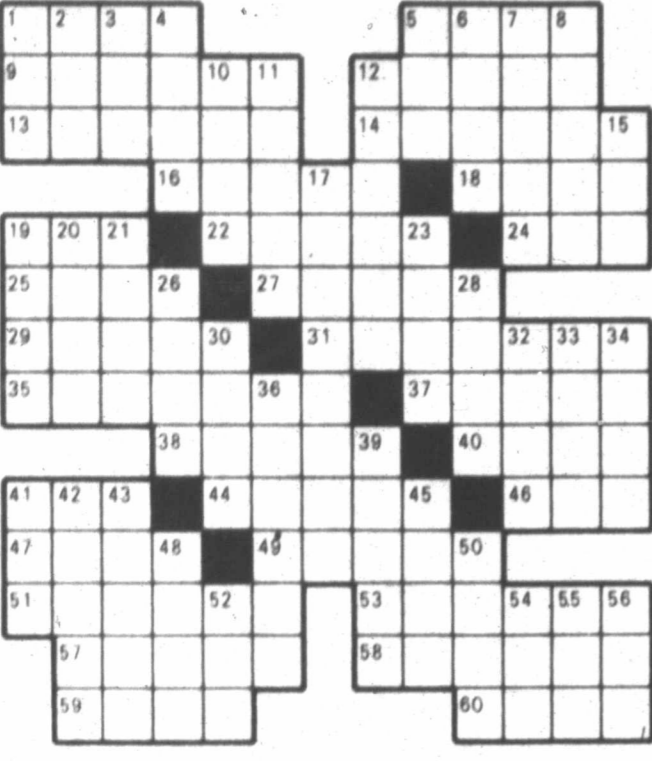
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Aug. 2, 1979

This coming year you may experience a more active social life and a notable gain in popularity. Much of this will be due to an increase in your self-confidence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others, especially the opposite sex, find you most appealing today and will seek out your company. Your charm and wit are showing. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter Mail #1 for each to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Those who are dear to your heart will feel your compassionate and understanding ways today. Much to your credit, you go out of your way to be kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Friends will occupy part of your day and add a great deal toward making it a pleasant one. Beneficial communications will take place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could find it possible today to obtain something you had your heart set on getting. Much will be due to your own efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your approaches to things are both creative and thoughtful, making it quite easy for other to go along with your

ideas. You can profit from this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're a bit of a romanticist today, and that's good. To create a balance in life, we all need to dwell in the sentimental world from time to time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Because you really care, you'll take the time to be thoughtful and considerate to all whose paths you'll cross. Needless to say, you'll be popular.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) More doors than usual are open to you today if you choose to enter them. People are in a generous mood and will make your way easy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things look pretty good for you in the romance department today. Chances are you'll spend the day with one who means a lot to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That artistic ability you possess is pouring out of you today. You're especially sharp at taking old, worn items and turning them into things of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could hear of something quite flattering to your ego that will make you feel good today. You'll know you're appreciated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's not too much you mind doing today. You'll take any project and turn it into a labor of love.

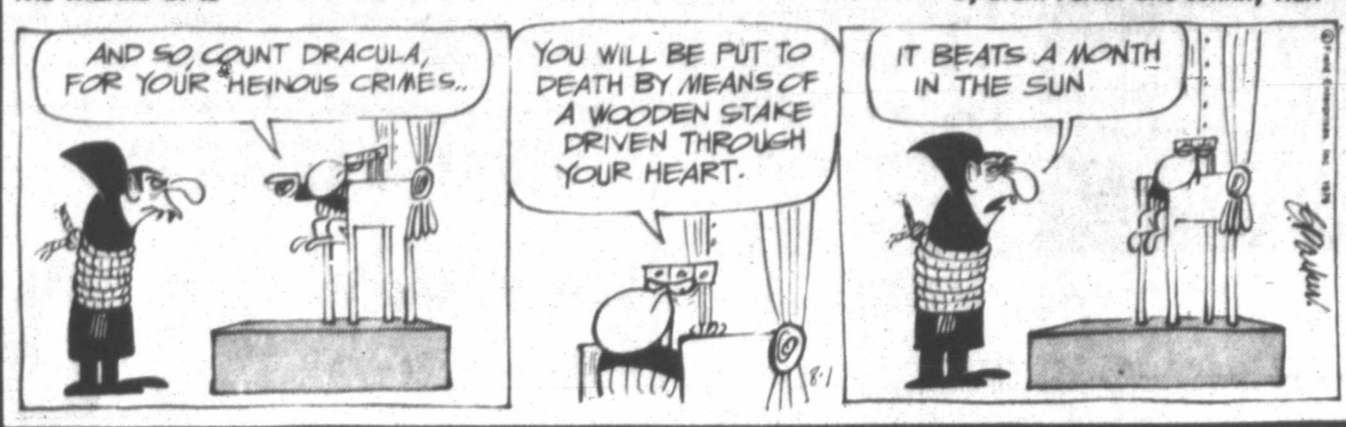
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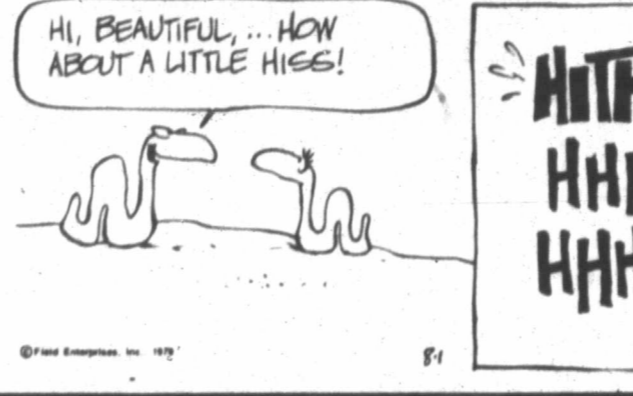
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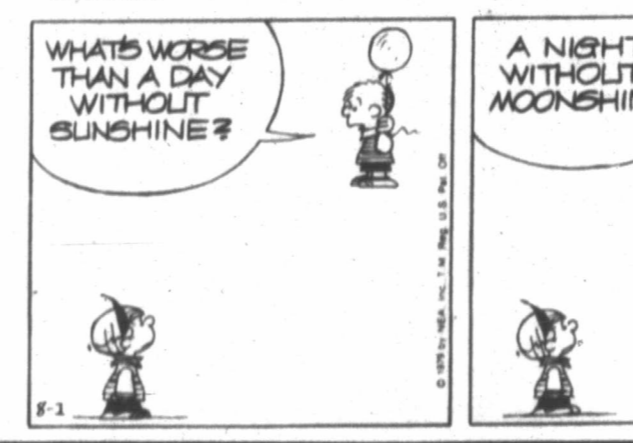
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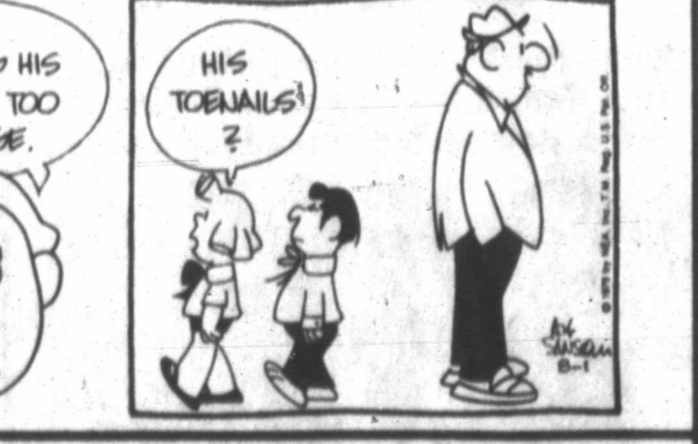
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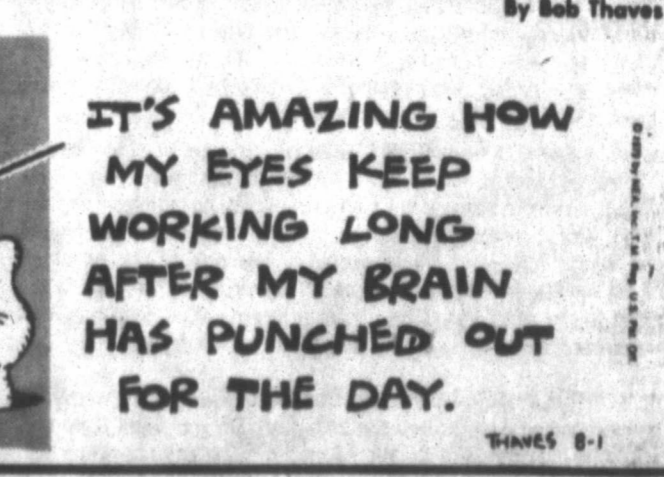
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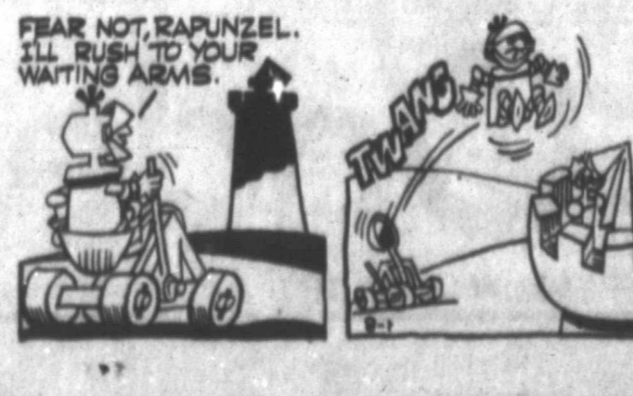
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Gardening by signs

The moon will be increasing: 1-7; 23-31. The moon will be decreasing: 8-21. The Fruitful Signs are: 1-2 (Scorpio); from 2:20 p.m. the 17th through the 19th (Cancer); from 3:15 the 27th through the 29th (Scorpio).

The Semi-Fruitful Signs are: 5-6 (Capricorn); 13-14 (Taurus); 26 through 27 until 1:15 p.m. (Libra).

The Barren Signs are: 3-4 (Sagittarius); 7-8 (Aquarius); 11-12 (Aries); 15-17 until 2:15 p.m. (Gemini); 20 through 22 until 2:15 p.m. (Leo); from 2:15 p.m. the 22 through 24 (Virgo); 30-31 (Sagittarius).

Remember the fruitful signs are the Wet Signs and this is the time to water; it seems to go farther and do more good when done on these signs.

We measured over six inches of rain in July. This is great compared to last July when we didn't measure any moisture.

The fields and roadsides are green like spring. Our yards and gardens are lush and beautiful. With so much humidity the bugs and insects are flourishing too.

You have to be diligent in your control program. We are getting results from hand-picking. But this has to be done every day, at least for about two weeks. Then you can ease off for a period, but watch carefully. For there will be another infestation or crop in about two weeks.

Some are using successfully for squash bugs a spray made from the bugs run through the blender and strained and mixed with three parts water.

If the wasps are sampling your grapes, protect bunches with paper bags, fastening them with paper clips or twist-ems. They do not need the sun for ripening; they will make perfect bunches.

Oriental poppies can be divided successfully at this time by root cuttings. They can also be grown from seed planted now.

Keep okra, squash, peas, cucumbers and other vegetables picked regularly; this will keep them bearing all summer.

Wrap sticky bands around peach, cherry and apple trees to trap borers. The codling moth larvae are emerging from the fruit they have ruined and will return to the soil to make their egg bags. In the late fall remove and burn these bands and replace with new ones. These will catch the late ones.

It is time to lift and divide day lilies. Try planting some of the newer ones that will stay open as late as 10 p.m. and come in beautiful colors and combinations. They make a pretty color splash in your background plantings and bloom for about two weeks.

Be sure to use all grass clippings for mulching, putting them on at least two inches.

Dig potatoes when the vines have turned brown and died down. Dig them in a barren sign on the decrease of the moon; they will keep better and not rot.

Baskets, tubs and window boxes need to be watered regularly and thoroughly, adding liquid fertilizer to the water every three or four weeks. If there is room add some potting soil at this time.

Feed chrysanthemums and keep well watered. Give them a side dressing of fertilizer.

If you are planting out new fruit trees, cherry, peach or apricot, plant garlic buttons around the newly set trees; this will help to prevent the

borers. We have had calls about when to harvest garlic. When the stems lose all trace of green and the tops fall over they are ready to dig. Store in a dry place where they will not freeze, and you will have a supply for all winter use.

The 18th and 19th take cuttings of geraniums. From your healthiest plants break off stems about three inches long; breaking is better than cutting with a knife, as it prevents spreading disease from plant to plant. Strip the stem of all but three or four leaves and leave the stem exposed to the air for a day to dry the end and prevent rotting.

The next day moisten the end of the stem slightly and dip into rooting powder. Then set the stem into a pot of coarse builders' sand. I do not cover the pot with plastic as I do with many other plants I am rooting, because geraniums are prone to decay so they do better exposed to the air. They will wilt, but give them a light sprinkling of water every two or three days. They should root in about three weeks. They can be repotted into regular potting soil. They should be potted as soon as the roots are about one inch long.

Cantaloupes should be ripening this month. It is sometimes difficult to know just when they are ripe. This test works for us. When the color has changed from green to beige give the melon a slight twist and if it is ripe it will separate from the vine.

When you dig your onions you will see that some have thicker necks than others; these do not keep as well so they should be used first.

Plant some winter radishes the 18th. These are different from other radishes; they grow bigger and have milder flavor, so it is important to give them plenty of room. They should be thinned drastically, to four to five inches apart.

The 8th plant New Zealand spinach. Prepare the soil with well-rotted manure or compost or use 10-10-10 fertilizer working it into the top two inches. Plant in a double row eight inches apart. They will be up in about 10 days. Thin to about six inches when seedlings are about three inches tall; these are especially good in salad. After well-established you will never be without spinach. We rotate till our garden every spring, but the spinach always comes back in the same spot.

Have you ordered your daffodil bulbs? Or is it narcissus, or jonquil? Many may look for three different plants under these names. But they are all really narcissus for this is the botanical name. England calls them daffodils, and we Americans generally call them jonquils. But they are all one and the same. Now you know, if you didn't already know.

If you would like to have dried beans instead of canned or frozen, for winter cooking, leave them on the vine until the pods have become completely brown and the pods are crisp before picking.

Break the pods and remove the beans; there will be a lot of chaff left in the beans. To get rid of this hold the container with the beans high above an empty container; the beans will fall straight down but the chaff will blow away, that is, if you choose a windy day for doing this. This process is called winnowing.

How good it is to eat your own fresh vegetables, gathered by your own hand from your own garden patch, with all their good nutrition and vitamins.

Insurance against volatile politics

NEW YORK (AP) — Iran was a disaster. Nicaragua remains a cliffhanger. China promises the best opportunity in ages but also the greatest risk.

That is the American businessman's sober view of recent political developments in a changing world where it is becoming increasingly difficult for the safety of foreign investment to be guaranteed.

"We don't use gunboats anymore, and the Maripies aren't available either," said Alexander Lotocki, an underwriter with a large insurer, the American International Group, who commented that U.S. assets have been expropriated by 24 countries, most of them in the Third World, in recent years.

But increasing numbers of businessmen are turning to "financial gunboats" — or political risk insurance — to bail them out of serious trouble abroad and protect their American investment overseas, now estimated at \$160 billion.

"The phones really began to ring when Nicaragua started to collapse," said underwriter Lotocki. With the new regime still sorting out policy, American businessmen with millions invested in Nicaragua are waiting anxiously for word. Very few had insurance.

"Iran is the excellent example of how American companies were caught short without adequate political risk insurance," said Jay A. Shapiro, president of the JLS Group, an insurance broker based in New York that specializes in political risk policies.

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ECONOMY

Wheat, corn prices soaring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Average prices for wheat in July reached their highest level in 45 months while June corn prices were the highest recorded in three full years. Agriculture Department statistics show.

The Crop Reporting Board said Tuesday in its monthly report that higher prices for corn, wheat, lemons, potatoes and grain sorghum contributed most to the 0.75 percent increase from June to July in prices farmers receive for raw food products.

The price jumps for potatoes, from \$1.22 a hundredweight to \$4.57 as a new crop went to market, and for lemons, from \$8.63 to \$17.60 a box, were more dramatic.

But the volume of grain in the farm economy apparently made the difference, since lower prices were reported for cattle, hogs, broiler chickens, oranges, eggs and tomatoes.

The boom in prices for key food and feed grains began in early June after reports of problems with the Russian crop.

A Soviet harvest below its goals would keep the Russians as strong buyers next year in the U.S. market, where stocks are plentiful. They have purchased more than 14.8 million-metric tons of grain for delivery by October and substantial purchases are expected in the next year as well.

Prices at the farm for all types of wheat averaged \$3.95 a bushel last month as a result. That's 23 cents above June's mark, a 94-cent gain since April and the highest average since the \$4.02 of October 1975.

Corn, the major feedgrain for animals that produce consumer meat and dairy products, rose 24 cents to \$2.73 a bushel nationally, the top return since \$2.82 in July 1976.

Soybeans, at their highest level since the spring 1977 peak, averaged \$7.38 a bushel, compared to \$7.36 in June and \$6.40 a year ago.

Average farm prices have dropped only twice since a steady upward swing began last December — in April and June by about 1 percent each month.

Motorists should get break for carpooling

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Motorists who regularly leave their cars at home to ride in carpools should get a break on their auto insurance, an insurance industry spokesman said today.

The State Insurance Board should study creation of a separate rating classification for people who carpool at least half their work week, said David B. Irons, attorney for the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office.

"Whether or not participation in carpools actually reduces the insured exposure, we believe such a program would be worthwhile if it served only to inspire a conscious participation by a broad segment of the work force in the program of national energy conservation," Irons said in testimony prepared for a two-day insurance board hearing on car insurance rates.

The industry has asked for an average statewide rate hike of 21.9 percent. The insurance board's experts have recommended an 8.9 percent average increase.

Last year, the board raised rates an average of 3.2 percent after the companies requested an 8.9 percent increase.

Irons said the average motorist who drives his car to work pays 26 percent more in collision rates than the car owner who uses his car for pleasure and recreation.

If a motorist leaves his car at home at least 50 percent of his work week, he should pay less for collision coverage, Irons said. The industry tentatively recommends lowering collision coverage so that it is only 13 percent more than paid that paid by motorists who do not drive to work.

The new classification would help drivers who choose to carpool some days but take their own cars to work at other times.

Under the industry recommendation, the average Harris County driver would save \$22 by leaving his car in the driveway at least half his work week.

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Offer remains under consideration

DALLAS (AP) — A joint offer from Weyerhaeuser Co. and Mobil Oil Corp. remains under consideration after shareholders of Dallas-based Bodcaw Co. turned down a merger bid from International Paper.

About 300 shareholders voted, 182,055-1,099, Tuesday afternoon to reject IP's \$610 million, tax-free stock trade offer.

The Weyerhaeuser-Mobil offer was not discussed at the meeting. The two firms mailed a tender offer to Bodcaw stockholders to pay \$3,055.70 per share, or \$695 million in cash.

They also have offered a merger-like agreement to purchase Bodcaw for \$695 million, either in cash or tax-deferred notes, other bids before committing the family-owned timber firm.

The sought-after Bodcaw, a family-owned timber firm, has not disclosed financial figures.

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