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NATO says Soviets 'ominous'

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Soviet military might is "ominous" and approaching a dangerous level of superiority, the chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization military chiefs warned today.

"Soviet confidence in the effective utility of her military power, coupled with a willingness to use it to achieve political ends as we have seen in Afghanistan, makes it clear that we are entering a period of high risk," said Norwegian General H.F. Zeiner-Gundersen.

Zeiner-Gundersen's assessment of Soviet bloc strength was issued at the opening of a NATO defense ministers' meeting planning for contingencies rising out of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Among those attending was U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown. Edmund S. Muskie, making his first foreign trip as secretary of state, will participate in a joint defense-foreign ministers' meeting on Wednesday.

Zeiner-Gundersen said that since 1970, the members of the Warsaw Pact have increased their manpower by 20 percent, to about 225 active divisions.

"This increase in itself gives some cause for concern, but in combination with a constant flow of new equipment, all of which reflects extraordinary progress in advanced technology, the improved capacity to make war and to use military power to achieve the stated aims of the Soviet Union could be described as ominous," Zeiner-Gundersen said.

He said that in 10 years the number of long range Soviet bloc missile launchers has remained the same, but that with the introduction of multiple warheads, missile strength has increased from 1,300 to 5,000.

"And this number of warheads will continue to grow as more of the new generation of missiles replace older models," he said.

He said intermediate and medium range missiles have been made more mobile and that the number of nuclear powered, missile-firing submarines has tripled to about 70.

Major Soviet warships have increased from 200 to 275, but the important aspect of the naval balance, he said, is the introduction of Kiev class aircraft carriers,

tripling to 25 of the number of missile cruisers, one of which is nuclear powered.

"These improvements, coupled with the acquisition of bases in distant areas have allowed the Soviets to expand their operations into every sea area of the world in which they have an interest," he said.

Today's meeting is NATO's first since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan last December. Brown warned Monday that because of the Soviet action and the U.S.-Iranian crisis, "a greater part of the increase included in the American defense budget for the next five years will have to be assigned to Southwest Asia."

"As a result, the European allies and Japan will have to take on a larger share of the increases in the allied defense effort. This will be necessary in their immediate regions," Brown said in an interview published by the Rome newspaper Il Tempo.

The defense ministers of 11 West European members of NATO agreed at a preliminary meeting Monday to try harder to carry out their 1978 pledge to increase defense spending 3 percent a year.



AFTER CRASH DOWN. Maxie Anderson of Albuquerque, N.M., scratches his head after he and his son Kris crash landed the balloon Kitty Hawk Monday near the Quebec village of Grosves-Roches on the Gaspe peninsula, ending the first non-stop balloon flight across North America. (Copyright by Boston Globe Photographer John Blanding. AP Laserphoto)

Gasoline tax may be unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices may go up 10 cents a gallon Thursday unless a federal judge rules against President Carter's plan. U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. was considering a suit that claimed the gas fee is unconstitutional. The losing side is expected to appeal his ruling, which he promised by the end of today.

Carter announced the fee as a gas conservation measure, saying the higher prices would force drivers to use less gas and thus help cut U.S. imports, which now are 7.3 million barrels of crude oil daily. The fee is due to take effect Thursday.

Miller was scheduled to testify Wednesday, and the vote was to follow.

Vanik told reporters, "I think the oil import fee is dead. We're just arguing about how to bury it." The full committee was scheduled to take up the measure Thursday.

Prisoner charged in jail fire

Arson charges have been filed against a Pampa man by the city police department after a small fire was ignited in the city jail while the man was incarcerated there early this morning.

Danny McGill Daugherty, 30, of Star Route 2 was charged with arson after a fire alarm went off inside the jail area at 3:20 a.m., according to the police report.

Dispatcher Evonne Cash radioed the alarm to the officers on duty, Sgt. George Keely and Patrolman J. D. Smith.

The fire was about two feet high when the officers arrived at the jail, it was reported. However, they were able to contain the fire before it reached cans of paint and paint thinner stored in the jail area.

The prisoner had found some matches in the "drunk tank" (jail where drunk prisoners are kept) and had used them to start a fire with some rags and papers, Police Chief J. J. Ryzman said.

"All of these things (like matches)," he said, "are taken from the prisoners when they are searched."

"A trustee might have left them there," the chief said.

Damage to the jail was light, "approximately \$5," he said.

It was fortunate the smoke alarm sounded, he said, adding the jail did not have the protection four months ago.

Meanwhile, the chairman of a House Ways and Means subcommittee today proclaimed the levy "dead," even though a expected vote on legislation to block the tax was put off for a day.

Rep. Charles Vanik, D-Ohio, chairman of the trade subcommittee, delayed until Wednesday a vote on the measure, heading a last-minute request by Treasury Secretary G. William Miller to testify.

Marines held hostage in Lubbock by ex-Marine

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Two combat-trained Marines held hostage at a recruiting office by an armed man said they didn't take their captor seriously until he began firing shots.

The man, reportedly an ex-Marine, entered the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Office Monday afternoon and took four Marines captive, demanding \$1,200 in back pay, police said.

After a 2-hour standoff with Lubbock police SWAT team members, the man was surprised and subdued by police. No one was injured.

David M. Vance, 32, of nearby Levelland, was charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping late Monday. State District Judge Wayne LeCroy set bond at \$250,000 on each count.

Vance remained jailed in Lubbock today.

Staff Sgt. Adrian Swafford and Master Sgt. Peter Delandero, who remained behind, said they thought the gunman was "a nut" until two shots were fired. The man then ordered them to barricade a front picture window with a desk, chairs and a couch, they said.

"After he started making us barricade the place, we realized he meant business," said Swafford, a veteran of Vietnam.

One of the soldiers, Gunner Sgt. Tom Chagnon, fled to safety at the beginning of the siege, but three others remained. Staff Sgt.

Robert Rameriz was later released because his wife is pregnant, police said.

"He (the gunman) couldn't have picked two worse hostages... both Marines with combat experience," Chagnon said.

During their ordeal, Swafford said he was seized on the floor, the gunman holding his collar and pointing a .22-caliber rifle at his head.

Swafford said he shifted his position "to try to strike the gunman in the groin," but Delandero shook his head "No" when the rifle's safety was clicked off.

Officers said the man secluded himself in a small office in the northeast corner of the building, located in a shopping center, after taking the hostages. He would emerge occasionally and point the rifle in the hallway, they said.

Police said tactical officers managed to get inside a hallway near the recruiting office while the gunman was checking on Swafford, who had gone to the restroom.

Delandero, who accompanied the gunman, said he "banged him in" with his elbow, knocking the gun to the floor just as SWAT team members jumped from their hiding place behind filing cabinets and subdued the man.

Police, however, said they knocked the gun away before overpowering and handcuffing the man.

City denies mobile homes in Sumner area

City commissioners upheld the zoning board's decision to deny Bernice Rippetoe's rezoning request, which would have allowed mobile homes in the 400 to 600 blocks of Wells, Sumner and Faulkner Streets. The decision was made during the regular city commission meeting at 9:30 a.m. this morning in city hall.

"I think it's politics," Mrs. Rippetoe, of 601 N. Nelson, said after the commissioners voted unanimously to retain the present zoning. "It was cut and dried before I ever got over here (city commission room)."

Mrs. Rippetoe expressed her intention of consulting an out-of-town attorney to see what further rights she may have to pursue an overturn of the decision.

"I'm going to go to an attorney in Amarillo," she said. "Now I've got to find out what the law is," she added.

"I wish there was some way we could please everybody in this," Commissioner Coyle Ford said. "I think the people out there (400 to 600 blocks of Wells, Sumner and Faulkner — the area in question) had decided that they wanted it the way it was by their actions," he said.

In other personal comments, the rest of the city commissioners agreed the ruling of the zoning board should be upheld.

Flaudie Gallman of 615 N. Nelson, a neighbor of the Rippetoe's and leader of the group against the rezoning, said he was "satisfied" with the commission's actions.

"I'm not out to gloat," he said, but he said he believes the commission made the correct decision.

Should the rezoning be brought again before the board, he said, "I'm pretty sure we'll go back and do the thing (protest the request) again, if they can do it."

The request, first made to the city zoning board on Feb. 22, was made by Mrs. Rippetoe so a mobile home could be placed on two vacant lots adjacent to the 601 N. Nelson St. address for her recently-divorced daughter.

The mobile home, bought in late December, has been placed and tied down on the lots since the first of the year, Mrs. Rippetoe said. In deference to city regulations, she said, no utilities have been hooked up, nor has anyone been living in the trailer.

She said she did not know when the home would have to be moved.

In other business, city officials voted to hold four proposals for a new city employee health insurance program for further study before awarding contracts.

Proposals were received by the current insurance

coverage holder, Blue Cross — Blue Shield, the Texas Municipal League program and from two private agencies.

Commissioners gave final approval on four ordinances to be incorporated into the city charter. The ordinances included:

- The creation of a Board of Adjustment to be used as a "middle man" to handle zoning disputes and appeals.
- The creation of a Planning and Zoning Board and the definition of its powers.
- Provision for storage of explosives within a light industrial district with a specific use permit.
- The changing of zoning of an area west of Price Road at its intersection with Kentucky Street from agricultural to commercial.

The commission also authorized payment for partial services for construction on Harvester Avenue, roof construction on M.K. Brown Auditorium and for engineering services in regard to the annual seal coating contract.

Steve Vaughn, disaster plan coordinator, outlined the preparation of the Disaster Emergency Management plan to commissioners.

In final action, commissioners approved current accounts and salary changes for April.

Rabies clinic underway

The regular annual rabies clinic is underway through Saturday, May 17, with all three Pampa veterinary clinics participating.

The vaccination of pets will be at a reduced cost to pet owners. However, prices may vary from one veterinarian to another. Pet owners are asked to check with their veterinarian.

Pets may be brought to the clinics between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday or between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during week days.

Offices will be closed for the lunch hour from noon to 1 p.m. daily. No appointments are necessary during the Rabies Clinic Week.



TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE. Red Cross Water Safety Chairman Lillian Esson, left, presents a plaque to Water Safety Instructor Jack Chisum, right, for his 26 years of water safety instruction with the Red Cross. Chisum has instructed water safety with the Red Cross since 1954. He was honored at the Red Cross breakfast this morning at the First United Methodist Church. Related photos and a related story appear on page 2. (Staff Photo)

Calls bombard stations after broadcast

By The Associated Press

Thousands of viewers called public television stations across the country following broadcast of a program about the execution of a Saudi Arabian princess for adultery — some worrying the Saudis would play rough with oil supplies in response to the broadcast and others defending free speech.

"I've been here eight years and this is the most number of calls we've gotten on a program," said Caroline Kowalski, a spokeswoman for television station KAET in Tempe, Ariz. The station received about 400 telephone calls Monday with negative calls outnumbering positive ones, she said.

A few of the 130 stations that broadcast the show — titled "Death of a Princess" — reported receiving bomb threats, but all turned out to be hoaxes.

The two-hour film dealt with the execution of a married Arabian princess who took a commoner as a lover. The airing of the film in Great Britain last month prompted the Saudi government to expel the British ambassador. The Saudis complained the film was inaccurate.

The Public Broadcasting Service supplied stations on the network with a news segment on reaction to the film and a panel discussion on the program, as well as the film itself.

In Atlanta and San Francisco, federal judges on Monday rejected attempts to prevent the airing of the program.

U.S. District Judge Robert F. Peckham in San Francisco said a court order blocking the airing of the film would mean "turning our backs on 200 years of heritage."

A three-judge federal appeals court panel overturned a lower-court decision requiring a Houston TV station to broadcast the program. KUHT-TV had decided not to show the program.

The Saudi government had complained about the broadcast to the State Department, which passed the objections on to PBS.

At television station KUED in Salt Lake City, Station Manager Bruce Christensen said he received 12 to 14 telephone calls after the show, all positive. Before the show was aired, there were about 50 calls, he said, and they ran 2-1 against showing the film.

At WNET-TV, which broadcasts in the New York City area, spokesman Harold Holzer said calls before the show was aired ran about 4-1 against broadcasting it. He said there were 1,500 calls between Thursday and Monday.

Ruling frees Journal to publish story

DALLAS (AP) — A judge's ruling freed The Wall Street Journal to publish an investigative story about an oil and cement company in today's editions of the nationally-circulated newspaper.

The story was carried on page one.

State District Judge Joe Fish reversed himself Monday and dissolved a temporary restraining order he had issued against the newspaper Friday.

Fish, who earlier admitted he did not know all the facts of the law before issuing the order, said he wished he had "more time to study the case." He said he does not have a complete law library or law clerk to help in his research.

Fish said when the lunchtime request was made Friday, he was under the impression the newspaper would not object strenuously to a temporary restraining order and that other judges had ruled similarly on the issue.

"It appeared to me over the weekend my impression

was wrong on both those," he said. "This morning (Monday), I had a chance to look at the cases filed by Dow Jones & Co. (owner of the Journal) lawyers and upon review of the cases, it appeared to me it probably was a violation of the First Amendment to have signed the order I signed Friday."

"He found out he made a mistake and he changed his order," said Robert D. Sack, attorney for Dow Jones.

Attorneys for OKC Corp., a Dallas company that was the subject of the article, had asked Fish for more time so they could determine whether the newspaper illegally acquired a copy of a report on which much of the Journal story was based.

The OKC attorneys contended publication of the report would constitute a violation of the attorney-client privilege.

OKC attorney Arthur Mitchell said the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating the company, and reporters for the Journal and The Dallas

Times Herald conspired to publicize the report.

"The SEC gave it to them in violation of federal law," said OKC attorney Paul Hoover.

"It's no coincidence" the story was to be published the day of a stockholders meeting to decide OKC's fate, Mitchell said. But he conceded that more than 95 percent of the shareholders already had voted by proxy to liquidate the company.

Dow Jones attorneys argued that the report was obtained legally as a public document. They said the Journal was a third party and not subject to the privilege. They said the restraining order constituted prior restraint and censorship.

The attorneys cited the Pentagon Papers case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of The New York Times, despite the fact that the documents were obtained illegally.

Tornadoes - Can man tame their fury?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a three-part series on preparing for killer tornadoes.)
 BY KAREN J. GILLELAND
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Of all the winds that sweep this planet's surface, tornadoes are among the most violent. These cyclonic storms can uproot trees, hurl cars through the air and even level buildings. Thus scientists are trying to learn exactly how tornadoes form, how they move on the ground, and how, if possible, man can tame their fury.

During April and May of 1979, weather scientists gathered in Norman, Okla., to conduct the Severe Environmental Storms and Mesoscale Experiment, dubbed SESAME. SESAME promises to net scientists a wealth of data about severe storms, such as tornadoes, as well as clues about how to conduct further experiments.

The roll call of participants was a virtual roster of federal agencies and universities with activities in the atmospheric sciences, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Science Foundation providing much of the funding.

"Meteorologists waited a long time for SESAME," says Douglas Lilly, scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research, who chaired the SESAME steering committee and was a prime mover in transforming SESAME from a paper proposal to a major field experiment.

"One reason for undertaking SESAME last spring," he says, "was that automation and data management techniques have caught up with the project's needs." Severe storms are so complex and the measurements that must be taken are so many and so varied that the barrage of information would take years to unravel without the help of sophisticated automation.

Ron Alberty of the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) at Norman, who managed the two-phase SESAME field program, says the first phase (April) covered a huge region from Albuquerque to Nashville and from Chicago to the Texas Gulf Coast.

The second-phase (May) area shrank to 250 square miles centered on Norman, to focus on individual storms. A three-dimensional radar network, nearly a dozen aircraft and other scientific sensing equipment were in the field. All instruments operated around the clock when severe weather was expected.

SESAME had just begun, and instruments were operating when the April 10, 1979, outbreak of tornadoes hit the Texas-Oklahoma border. The enormous amount of digital data obtained from the storm now has been converted into information that can be programmed into models and, within the next couple months, released to researchers studying various aspects of tornado development and behavior.

Interest in SESAME was evident during a Jan. 24-25, 1980, data user workshop. More than 100 people from government and universities across the United States, Canada, and as far away as the People's Republic of China attended sessions to learn about the types of data acquired during the field experiment and to find out where the data will reside and how they can obtain it.

The prime objective of SESAME is to learn how to predict severe storms, flash floods and tornadoes much earlier than is presently possible. "Eventually," says Stanley Barnes, of NOAA's Environmental Research Laboratories, "we'd like to be able to provide detailed severe weather forecasts over periods of 6 to 12 hours."

Until now, the best look at the birth, life and death of a tornado had been on May 24, 1973, when a severe tornado touched down near Union City, Okla. Everything was in readiness at NSSL when the storm began developing. Meteorologists on the Tornado Intercept Team jumped into a specially equipped van and raced after the twister.

The team filmed the entire life cycle of that storm at close range in both still and motion pictures; others filmed the total cloud system from a distance. The entire episode was tracked and recorded by radar.

The combination of data allowed scientists to accurately measure how fast a tornado spins at different times during its life cycle. By tracking the debris swirling outside the funnel frame by frame, Joseph Golden of NOAA confirmed theories that the tornado's vortex (spin) averages around 200 mph, rather than the previously estimated 300 to 500 mph.

Based on Doppler radar tracking (which gives the speed as well as the direction of movement) that day, NSSL meteorologists Donald Burgess, Leslie Lemon and Rodger Brown made two other important discoveries. Winds on one side of the funnel were blowing just as fast in the opposite direction. They identified this wind pattern to be unique to tornadoes—a radar "signature," so to speak.

Tracking the wind pattern throughout the entire storm and matching data to the 1973 photos, the scientists were surprised to find that the radar signature was not limited to the visible funnel dangling from the cloud base to earth; rather it stretched up at least six miles more than halfway to the top of the parent cloud—a whirling core within the towering storm.

Most important, the signature was spotted 23 minutes before the tornado touched down.

Another tornado detective, T. T. Fujita of the University of Chicago, says that "tornadoes are like criminals who cannot get away without leaving behind their fingerprints at unexpected locations." After examining hundreds of tornado ground scars, Fujita

concludes that some of them could not possibly have been produced by a tornado acting alone.

Instead, he believes that a tornado has more than one single spinning column. A ring of smaller vortex tubes, which he calls suction vortices, may swirl around inside the large tornado. Such a combination of funnels explains the erratic damage that tornadoes can do.

Witnesses often remark, "My house was badly damaged, but the wind did not touch my neighbor's." With multiple funnels moving together, it is possible for one house to be demolished while others not directly in the path of the suction vortices escape damage.

Movies taken of a tornado which struck near Enid, Okla., on May 2, 1979, tend to support this theory. Tornado chase teams from NSSL and the University of Oklahoma succeeded in filming a long portion of the storm. Analyses clearly show multiple vortices—smaller circles chasing each other around within the funnel.

Is there some way to control tornadoes? C. C. Chang, scientist at Catholic University of America, has conducted some imaginative experiments. In a laboratory tornado-generator, Chang attempted to break tornado apart using a balloon filled with a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gas.

An electric system ignited the gas, and the subsequent explosion did break up the spinning core. While the solution is interesting, Chang admits that the experiment is a long way from operational.

"Although we can't tame a twister with today's technology, we can design tornado-resistant buildings," says J. J. Abernethy, architectural professor at the Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Buildings, especially schools, in tornado-prone areas should have a few windows and corners as possible on the south and west sides; they should have frame construction and incorporate shelter areas with short-span roofs, entrances with foyers that redirect the wind, sloped roofs with little overhang, pressure relief devices (such as exhaust fans), and, if possible, basements (which still remain the safest tornado shelter).

These suggestions are based on some predictable tornado traits. U.S. tornadoes generally strike from southwest to northeast. They may be on the ground from two minutes to an hour or more, leaving an average trail an eighth of a mile wide and up to five miles long. However, some have traveled hundreds of miles.

The forward speed of tornadoes has been clocked from 5 to 10 mph up to 70 mph. Wind speeds within the funnel are generally less than 175 to 200 mph, but some powerful tornadoes have been documented at speeds up to 250 mph.

Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who sponsored the amendment with Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Although congressional leaders had targeted the \$10 billion from the fee for tax cuts, some have conceded that the money might be needed as a cushion to keep the budget in balance if the economy worsens.

The oil import fee has also been under attack in the House where the Commerce Committee has approved legislation intended to block the fee and a subcommittee of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee was set to take up a bill today to repeal it.

The Senate's budget votes, combined with growing concern that the recession might be deeper than expected, sparked new concern about the likelihood that Congress will stick to its goal of balancing the 1981 budget.

Some economists believe the recession alone could create a \$40 billion shortfall by driving unemployment up to 9 percent—from its current level of 7 percent.

Senate votes to keep Saturday mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, voting to keep alive Saturday mail, state revenue sharing and aid to local police departments, is complicating the drive to balance the federal budget for the first time in 12 years.

The Senate's refusal to ax those programs creates new conflicts between its defense-heavy, \$613.1 billion balanced budget and the House package which favors killing all three.

The Senate approved its budget for fiscal 1981, which starts Oct. 1, on a 68-28 vote Monday night, with 19 Republicans joining 49 Democrats in favor of the spending plan.

The budget was scheduled to go today to a House-Senate conference assigned the task of reconciling the differences between the Senate's version and a \$611.8 billion balanced budget approved by the House.

President Carter has proposed a \$611.5 billion balanced budget that generally parallels the House proposal.

Although House negotiators were expected to object to the Senate's high defense outlays and deep cuts in social program, the Senate created a new batch of differences in its last-minute budget changes.

Along with funds for Saturday mail, state revenue sharing and law enforcement grants, the Senate also voted 87-6 to raise veterans spending by \$300 million and pay for it by dipping \$100 million into President Carter's \$10 billion oil import fee.

In proposing to balance the 1981 budget, Carter and congressional leaders vowed not to use the import fee which is scheduled to begin Thursday and which will add about 10 cents a gallon to the price of gas.

Ironically to use the import fee money followed a 75-19 Senate vote expressing strong displeasure with the fee and making it easier for Congress to repeal Carter's authority to impose it.

"This vote will send a loud and clear message...to the administration that members of the Senate do not want the oil import fee," said said Sen. Howard

Officials say governor will block prison

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Starr County officials say they're counting on Gov. Bill Clements to keep a maximum security state prison out of their backyard.

"The governor is going to swing it (the final decision)," Starr County Judge Blas Chapa said Monday after appearing before the State Board of Corrections.

The board has approved plans to purchase the 5,293-acre La Casita Farms for \$7.8 million but Clements and Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong blocked the deal until May 22.

The two officials said they wanted to give local residents more time to learn about the proposed purchase, which was negotiated secretly by demand of the farm's current owners.

Chapa said he and other local residents want to meet with Clements in Austin later this week on the matter. The

governor has said there will be public hearings in Starr County on the prison but he has not set a date.

"Ninety-five percent of the people are opposed to it," Chapa said. "I don't think the people can be convinced that prison is going to be profitable for Starr County."

Clements and Armstrong are on the approval board that reviews prison land purchases. James Windham, chairman of the Corrections Board, is the other member. He voted against delaying the sale.

Windham talked briefly with the Starr County group Monday during a break.

"We'll bring down about 300 jobs and it will be a pretty good boost into your economy," he said.

"But you'd be taking out a lot of business. We're going to get \$3 million to \$4 million from your payroll but we're already getting \$3 million from La Casita," said businessman Pete Diaz. "I'd rather the owner sell it to the private sector."

Bruno Trevino, chairman of the Starr County Industrial

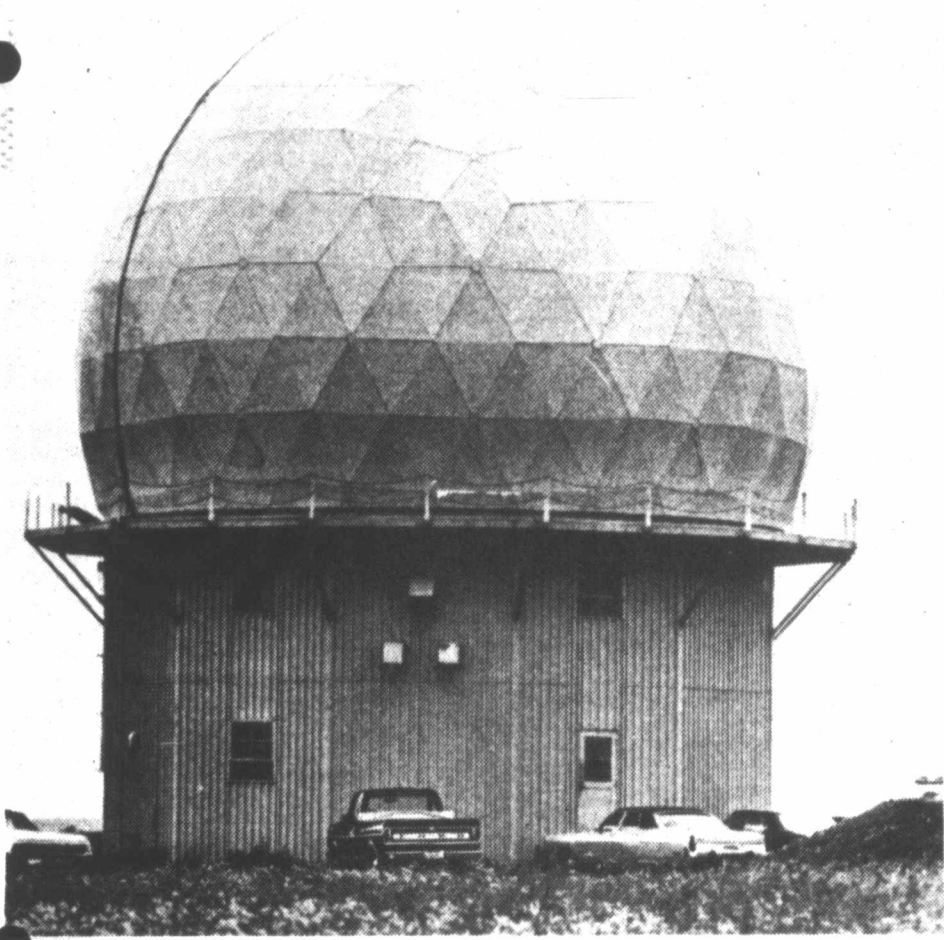
Foundation, said the huge farm is one-sixth of the county's productive acreage and spends \$5.5 million annually. Most of that goes into the local economy, he said, whereas the prison would be self-sustaining.

Trevino said the figures came from a former La Casita employee familiar with the farm accounting.

A delegation of local citizens will visit state prison facilities in East Texas on Wednesday at the invitation of TDC Director Jim Estelle.



THIS SAVAGE TORNADO, (above) struck near Union City, Okla., in May 24, 1973, and was filmed by meteorologists on the Tornado Intercept Team. Below, the dome structure is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's powerful Doppler radar installation near Norman, Okla. (NOAA Photos)



NEW OFFICERS of the B. M. Baker Elementary School are (back row, from left) Lea Ann Cochran, treasurer; Cheryl Robbins, parliamentarian; Jacque Gillum, secretary; (front row, from left) Judi Metts, vice-president; Emma Leta Morris, historian; Eloise Lane, life member; and Barbara Rose, president. (Staff Photo)

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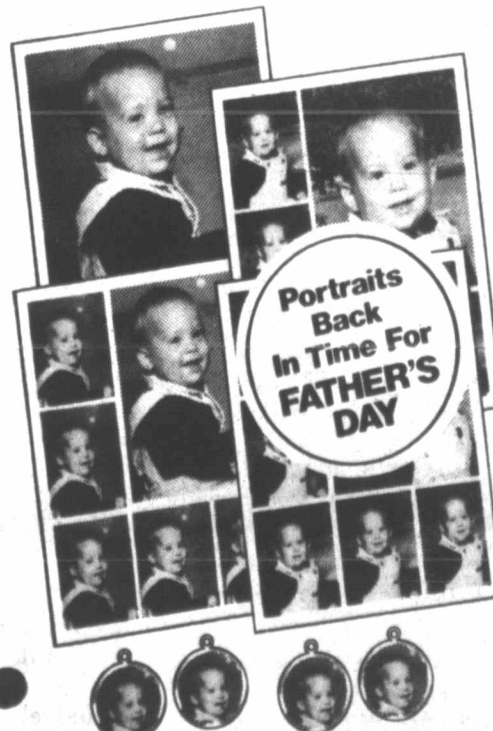
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Thousands write for suicide guide

LONDON (AP) — Flooding into a basement office in London's Kensington district are thousands of letters from people who want to know how to kill themselves.

They want to pay \$11.50 for a controversial do-it-yourself guide to death that has been compiled by Britain's 45-year-old Voluntary Euthanasia Society, which recently renamed itself "Exit, the right to die with dignity."

The booklet was written by a committee of doctors, lawyers and social scientists, and publication is planned for June or July if the society's lawyers decide it is not illegal.

Exit will not give details in advance. But it says the guide lists four bloodless methods, including specific instructions on fatal overdoses of pills available at drugstores without a prescription.

The organization, which has long pressed unsuccessfully for liberalized euthanasia laws, has held up publication while its lawyers decide whether it could be prosecuted. Suicide has been legal in Britain since 1961, but — as in the United States — "aiding and abetting" suicide is an offense, punishable here by up to 14 years in jail.

"We are deeply concerned with the plight of the dying, and determined to go ahead and publish," Exit's secretary, Nicholas Reed, 32, said in an interview.

The suicide guide is intended primarily for the painfully and incurably ill and aged persons who are incapacitated.

Reed contended there is increasing public acceptance of the viewpoint that it is better to die than to linger on when incurable disabilities "make each day and night a death in life."

He concedes that Exit's rule that the booklet will be sold only to members of three months' standing, is a precaution against its being acquired by the healthy in despair, including the impulsive.

The British Medical Association, dismayed by Exit's plans, declared in a recent statement that the booklet was liable to wide abuse and "may discourage people suffering from acute depression from seeking help."

The Samaritans, an international suicide-prevention organization, takes an equally dim view. Jean Burt, its joint general secretary in Britain, said most survivors of suicide attempts are glad to be still alive, but "Once people know how to do it, they probably will, and then there's no second chance."

"It's fear of bungling it that stops many people," Ms. Burt added. Exit argues that it is precisely because dying, like living, can be a risky and painful business that it compiled its booklet.

Since Exit announced last fall that the booklet was finished, membership in the society has soared from 2,000 to more than 6,000, including about 100 Americans. The membership fee is \$6.90 a year for residents of Britain, \$23 for foreigners and \$69 for life.

Most of the sheaves of letters Reed produces come from middle-aged or elderly people who say they are healthy and happy now but want the information just in case. But a sprinkling of members intend to use the booklet right away.

"Mostly they regard it as a safeguard," Reed said, "but we have about 10 people just waiting for it to come out."

Some members describe watching parents or others they loved die slowly and in agony and say they do not want it to happen to them.

A 36-year-old New Jersey teacher wrote of his father-in-law's lingering death. "What I watched made me realize, if possible, I would prefer to make my own decision," he said.

Another member wrote: "I'll just feel better, knowing where the exit is."

Reed says he has had only two calls from unhappy teen-agers. Exit wants euthanasia legalized under strict controls and says its booklet is a "second-best."

"Doing it yourself is never as reliable as getting professionals to do it," Reed said. He pointed out that the booklet is not practical for the severely disabled who would have to ask for help.

The plight of such desperate people is well publicized in the current London and New York theater hit "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" — about a young quadriplegic who longs for death but is physically incapable of killing himself.

"I suppose in a sense we should measure our success by the number of members we lose," said Reed.



KEEPS AQUARIUM STAFF BUSY. Tichuk, the first captive-born sea otter ever to live more than a few weeks, is giving his keepers fits at the Seattle Aquarium. Shown eating a clam, the sea otter pup

has become so rambunctious that the aquarium staff spends much of its time repairing the damage he inflicts on the 74,000-gallon tank he lives in with other sea otters.

(AP Laserphoto)

Teen-age otter becomes 'juvenile delinquent'

SEATTLE (AP) — Tichuk, the teen-age Alaskan sea otter, is becoming a juvenile delinquent and his keepers at the Seattle Aquarium are trying to keep him from a life of crime.

Tichuk has removed a drain from the bottom of his tank and

filled it with 10 pounds of rocks. He's pulled loose underwater lights and cables. He's even figured out how to remove nuts and bolts from the window frames in his pen.

"He keeps disabling the device for keeping the water level stable in the pool," says John Nightingale, general curator for the aquarium. "He keeps threatening to flood us out."

Not only is Tichuk a devil, he's also something of a pig. He weighs 55 pounds, but eats

about 16 pounds a day of clams, crab, squid and rockfish filets. That's normal for sea otters, who consume 30 percent of their body weight at five daily meals.

"It's the equivalent of one of us eating 180 Big Macs a day," Nightingale said.

Silkwood children represented in estate

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A new co-administrator has been named for the Karen Silkwood estate after the woman's ex-husband said he wanted someone appointed to help look after the best interests of the three Silkwood children.

A \$10.5 million federal court plutonium contamination suit award for the estate is under appeal by the Kerr-McGee Corp.

Ernest L. Massad of Ardmore, a retired Army general, has been named to help Miss Silkwood's father, Bill Silkwood of Nederland, Texas, administer the estate.

"Bill Silkwood doesn't represent the children, only the estate," said Oklahoma County Associate District Judge William C. Kessler.

"The children are the ultimate beneficiaries of the estate and their natural father has expressed concern that someone help look after the best interests of the children," the judge said.

Miss Silkwood was a Kerr-McGee nuclear fuel plant worker when she died in a Nov. 13, 1974, car crash. She had learned the week before the wreck she was contaminated with highly-radioactive plutonium.

Her estate was awarded \$10.5 million after an 11-week trial that ended on May 18, 1979. Kerr-McGee has appealed the judgement.

Kessler said lawyers and others involved in the case recommended Massad.

Many states are raising the legal drinking age

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Georgia will do it in four months. New Hampshire and Massachusetts did it last spring. Florida and at least eight other states are thinking about doing it, too.

The issue being discussed in statehouses — and high schools and colleges — is drinking or, more precisely, how old people should be before they may legally consume alcoholic beverages.

A new Georgia law will go into effect Sept. 1 boosting the age from 18 to 19 but exempting young people in the armed forces. Other states — Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Tennessee — also raised the minimum legal drinking age during the past year.

But Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, a University of Florida researcher who runs a college alcohol awareness program called "Baechus," contends such laws are backfiring.

"My feeling is that raising the drinking age causes more problems than it solves," Gonzalez said after a recent visit to the University of New Hampshire to talk to college officials about the effects of the new law in that state.

"What they have found are problems like their residence assistants being assaulted by students when they try to enforce the new law, and increasing (traffic) fatalities among the 18 to 20 age group," said Gonzalez.

When the issue came up in the Florida Senate earlier this month, it was sent back to committee after a joking suggestion by Sen. Jack Gordon, D-Miami.

Gordon drew hearty laughs when he suggested an amendment to prohibit people between the ages of 34 and 36 from drinking, noting statistics that show that age group has the highest incidence of alcoholism.

Gordon also raised the main argument against raising the legal drinking age, saying it's hypocritical to permit 18-year-olds to vote and serve in the military but bar them from buying a drink.

Proponents all along have argued that the higher drinking age would reduce the number of alcohol-related highway deaths.

"The No. 1 killer of young people in this state is not cancer. It is not heart disease. It is alcohol-related accidents," said Democratic Rep. Fran Carlton. "Raising the drinking age will help to save the lives of young people who are dying by the hundreds in alcohol-related accidents."

Gonzalez and others contend there's no such proof.

"While the efforts are well-intentioned, the evidence does not support such a move," Gonzalez said.

"In Massachusetts, they have found an increase in DWI (driving while intoxicated) arrests in teen-agers," he said. "We get the opposite effect of what it intended."

The same thoughts were voiced in Washington at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, which picked "Baechus" as a national model.

"There's no conclusive evidence that the drinking age makes any difference because young people are drinking at a younger age, prior to any age limit," said institute spokesman Paul Garner. "Let's face it, most of the kids get the liquor out of their homes anyway."

Garner and Gonzalez say what's needed are programs

like "Baechus" to inform young people about what will happen when they drink to excess. Death in an automobile should be high on the list, they say.

"I think it's pretty well established that laws in and of themselves do not change social customs," Gonzalez said. "What we need is to support a comprehensive and sustained commitment toward alcohol education — drinking and driving, the effects of alcohol on grades, and some of the other negative consequences."

Students visit dormitories, sororities and fraternities warning their peers about the hazards of over-indulgence and giving tips on how to be more responsible. For example, they urge party hosts to serve non-alcoholic beverages along with booze and not force "one more drink for the road" on departing guests.

Garner said there is some evidence that people are more aware about the risks in excessive drinking and its effects on young people.

"The other night on television they had a chug-a-lug contest between two college groups," he said, "but there was a disclaimer at the end of the sequence saying that we — the network — don't condone these kinds of practices and that alcohol may be harmful."

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Police say financier attempts suicide

NEW YORK (AP) — Italian financier Michele Sindona, convicted earlier this year for bankruptcy fraud in the largest bank failure in American history, was rushed to a Manhattan hospital early today after he tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists, police said.

Sindona, 59, was in the federal Metropolitan Correctional Facility when he cut his wrists, authorities said. He was taken to Beekman-Downtown Hospital where he was listed in critical condition, hospital officials said.

Sindona was convicted on 65 fraud counts last March 27 after a seven-week trial. The main charges against him involved \$67 million authorities said he stole from banks he owned in Milan to gain control of the Franklin National Bank, which he then looted into bankruptcy.

He allegedly took some \$45 million from Franklin to use in unauthorized foreign currency speculation, causing the bank's failure.

Sindona is now wanted by Italian authorities on similar fraud charges.

Last Aug. 2, Sindona disappeared while he was supposed to have been walking down Fifth Avenue. He just as mysteriously reappeared Oct. 16, claiming he had been kidnapped by Italian leftists who wanted him to expose corrupt Italian businessmen and politicians.

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A DEPARTURE from ordinary wall-paint treatments, above, results in dramatic "framing" of an ordinary room. Designer Pat Laughman bordered the living room in a typical model home with bold stripes. Below, interior designer Nan York used simple plywood shelving on visible brackets around the upper perimeter of a living room to create visual importance at a higher level. Display of important family treasures, together with storage, solves both budget and decorating problems.

Dramatic heights achieved easily, even on a budget

A few dollars and a few hours are all that are necessary, sometimes, to reach dramatic heights in room decorating. And—as a bonus—storage and display problems can also be solved.

Two interior design professionals executed different, but equally exciting, approaches to less-than-spectacular rooms.

With a small budget and typical tract houses to work with, designers Nan York and Pat Laughman had little architectural detail to lift the rooms out of the mediocre category. By breaking away from traditional wall treatments, the designers created high drama at high altitudes.

One approach required only paint. Pat Laughman brushed two widths of paint in coordinated-color borders as high up the wall as possible in her living room. She felt it was a simple replacement for expensive molding.

The oversized furniture pieces, like the armoire and drop-lid desk, then related better to the room. Wall-to-wall carpet helped extend the size of the room visually.

The floor and wall treatments literally framed and finished an otherwise uninteresting living room.

Nan York went a step further and resolved the age old problems of where to put treasured accessories—the things that make a personal statement in any decor.

With little money to invest in etageres (or other furniture pieces that might actually clutter floor space), Ms. York installed "lofty" shelving which provided an area for baubles and bibelots.

Again, wall-to-wall carpet magnified the size of the room.

Because accessories provide a real opportunity for self-expression, it's a shame when there's no place to display them. Family photographs, sports trophies, and other mementos can seem out of place and in the way on coffee and end tables.

Simple shelving on brackets like Nan York's is not only a practical solution, but a decorative one to boot.

The best decorating tricks are the simple ones.



Avoid gardening gimmicks

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Millions of Americans have learned to harvest savings from family vegetable gardens, but would-be farmers who get too ambitious or rely heavily on gimmicks can end up wasting money.

"If you're interested in growing plants, learn the basic principles and use your head," advises Ernest F. Schaufler, a professor at the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

"You need light, nutrients, supporting media, water and optimum temperature," says Schaufler. "No gadget or gardening miracle can substitute for these factors."

The gardening boom began in the early 1970s when food prices soared and it has continued ever since. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that more than four families in 10 now have household plots. In 1977 alone, home gardeners harvested \$14 billion worth of fruits and vegetables.

The growth is not confined to the country. Urban gardening programs where city residents share public land in community plots are expanding. One such program, in Los Angeles, helps low-income families lease land and teaches them about planting, harvesting and preserving.

Ron Baker, manager of the program, which is run by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California in Los Angeles, said the three-year old project started with 2,000

participants. This year, Baker expects 30,000 gardeners to join. "The interest is there," he said.

Successful gardening, however, takes planning. "Think small," advised one Agriculture Department expert. You may dream of big savings from a big garden, but the size could end up defeating you.

A USDA book, "Gardening for Food and Fun," points out that gardening is hard work and warns: "Things have to be done at certain times during the growing season for best results. This could interfere at times with things like golfing, fishing or weekend outings." A 10-foot-by-10-foot plot should provide enough vegetables for a family of four—if everything grows.

Don't get carried away with fancy equipment. Cornell's Schaufler warns against "brightly packaged, short-cut gardening gimmicks." He adds: "Know what you want to accomplish before spending money for any item. The convenience might be worth the time and effort it saves you, but only if your time has a high value."

Once your garden is planted, you will have to water frequently, particularly if you have sandy soil. As a general rule, it's time to water when you can stick a 10-inch trowel straight down in the soil and it comes up almost dry. One good watering is better than two or three light sprinklings: the moisture has to get to the roots of the plants to do its work.

Special homes assist parents of cancer-stricken children

EDITOR'S NOTE — Cancer can be treated, successfully or in vain. But what about the families of cancer patients? And, especially, what about the families of children with cancer? The Ronald Houses across the nation have tried to help.

By JO-ANN PAIGE
Associated Press Writer

Diagnosis: leukemia. Patient age: 6. Treatment: chemotherapy at a cancer clinic two to eight hours away. Cost: \$15,000 up.

For parents facing the loss of a child to cancer, that diagnosis is shattering enough.

From that day on, life ruptures into a grueling round of antiseptic lobbies, hungry parking meters, rush hour traffic—with a nauseous child in the back seat—and warmed-over dinners.

"First, you think your child is going to die," says Karen Daly, of Stoneham, Mass., remembering the day the doctor said 3-year-old Janet had leukemia. "Then, you think, 'The cost is going to break us.'"

Now, thanks to the Ronald Houses, life is going to be a little easier for thousands of these families across America.

A Ronald House is a home where parents can stay for \$5 or \$10 a night while their children are being treated nearby for cancer.

The idea was born in the city of Philadelphia four years ago when Philadelphia Eagles football player Fred Hill, whose 3-year-old daughter, Kim, had leukemia, wanted to do something to help fight the childhood killer.

McDonald's restaurant came up with the money, and in less than nine months, Philadelphia introduced the first Ronald House

— named for Ronald McDonald, the hamburger chain's clown mascot.

Eleven other cities have opened houses near major cancer centers, and they're being built in 22 other cities.

After accidents, cancer is the No. 1 killer of children after the first year of life. Doctors estimate 6,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. Of those, 95 percent can be brought to remission with sustained chemotherapy.

"The treatment of childhood cancers has become very complex and very intense," says Dr. Denis Miller, chairman of the Pediatrics Department at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "We treat as many as we can as outpatients, and usually require they come in five days a week."

For most children, that phase lasts for three years, according to Miller. Annual cost: \$5,000.

Doctors say that even more valuable than the savings is the emotional support the Ronald House offers.

"Doctors and nurses cope with dying children by staying busy," says Dr. Stephen Sallan, head of the Pediatric Cancer Clinic at Boston's Children's Hospital. "The House gives parents something to do."

"It's great for fathers and brothers and sisters to be able to come down for the weekend," he adds. "It's very spooky for the kids at home. They are confused by what is happening to their families. This gives them a chance to get into the picture."

Not to mention the small patients, who welcome at Ronald House during outpatient treatment.

Urban exhibition

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An exhibition of original contemporary architectural drawings by 30 European, Canadian, Japanese and American architects is on view through June 15 at Walker Art Center.

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DEAR ABBY: Back in 1956, Reader's Digest ran a story that went something like this:

A man from the Midwest wrote: "My wife and I were waiting for our plane in the Seattle-Tacoma airport terminal when a friend from our hometown spotted us and came over to say hello. After visiting for a few minutes, she said she had to leave us to join the group of women with whom she was traveling. I asked her what kind of group it was, and she replied, 'They're a group of widows who book tours together. I waited three years for my husband to die so I could join them.'"

After reading the above article, my wife said, "That's not for me." I agreed. Result: Since 1956 my wife and I have seen Hawaii, England, Belgium, Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, Ireland, India, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

At 73, we are glad we read that article and did something about it.

JOE CARROLL IN L.A.

DEAR JOE: Wonderful. But how much of the good old U.S.A. have you seen?

DEAR ABBY: Please print my letter for all of those brides-to-be who may not be aware of a problem that could ruin their wedding. For months my fiancé and I planned the most important day of our lives. Every detail was covered (we thought), but our wedding was ruined because nobody suggested that we use the church nursery for small children and infants. It would have cost us an extra \$25 at the most to hire a "sitter" for these youngsters.

As it was, it cost us a lot of heartache and tears. As you can guess, one of those egotistical new mothers was present. No sooner had she planted herself and her 4-month-old son in the center of the third row when the baby started to cry. I was told later that she tried her best to quiet the child, but not until we had said our vows and turned to make our way down the aisle did this mother get up with the child and exit.

The tapes we had made of our wedding were ruined because of the baby's crying. I find it hard to look at that child today—much less his mother. To make matters worse, they are now a part of our family, and I will be reminded of this episode every time I see them.

Please print this, Abby. Maybe new mothers will think twice before bringing an unpredictable child to a wedding. And future brides will insist that infants be left in the nursery.

IT HAPPENED IN DALLAS

DEAR HAPPENED: I'll print your timely letter, but somewhere some new mother will be sure her baby will not cry. But, alas, he will.

DEAR ABBY: If you could give the young parents of today just one piece of advice, what would it be?
NEW MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Start early! Be consistent. A child must learn that no means NO! It doesn't mean maybe. Add maybe doesn't mean yes.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

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MENDING MATURE MARRIAGE

By LOUISE PIERCE

We all thrive on compliments. We enjoy being liked, being told that we are smart or attractive or entertaining. We don't even mind if somebody flatters us a little sometimes.

But there is a kind of ill-meant soft soap that we can do without. I'll give you some true cases of this.

Not long ago a writer friend told me, "Your work is getting better. I think it will be real good some day."

A married couple of modest means once invited a group of us to their new home for dinner. The guests included a pompous man of means who was asked because his lovely wife was not the snob he was. He looked the little house over critically and said, "It's a pretty good place." Then he added, "For a working man."

But the worst left-handed compliment I ever heard was a wife's speech on the occasion of her and her husband's 35th wedding anniversary. She told her friends and relatives, "Well, he finally bought me a corsage. He'd never done it before. It's awful little, but I guess I should be glad he jarred loose four or five dollars to get it. He's tight as skin, you know."

Everybody pretended to think she was kidding. Everyone except her husband.

Each of these cases illustrated the present-day query, "Do you want the good news or the bad news first?" But when a couple has been married as long as most of us have, I believe we should never qualify the good things we say about other people, especially about our mates. The receiver of a speech that builds him up and then tears him down would rather be without it.

Even a longtime marriage can edge toward the rocks of separation if either partner strips the other of pride or personality. Perhaps we can smile and forget it when casual acquaintances say, "You're pretty bright but not near as smart as So-and-So." But if our mates voice that belief, we are crushed beyond caring, sometimes beyond endurance.

I can't remember when I first heard the admonition, "If you can't say something good about a person, don't say anything at all." I think it applies to us older mates more than to anybody else. We will keep on loving if we are loved in return.

If the time ever comes when Otis tells me, "You're a pretty good wife, but ...," I'll know he has stopped loving me.

DEAR LOUISE: We've got enough money to spend on extras now that we're retired. But my wife is scared of everything. Says we could go broke before we die. Says we've got to stay home

instead of taking the trips I want to take. Says we've got to wear the old clothes we've had for years. Says we've got to send cards but not presents at Christmas.

She's a good woman in lots of ways. But it's sure hard to put up with this notion of hers that the whole world is "falling to pieces. It's put a crimp in how I feel about her. Am I right or wrong? B.A.

DEAR B.A.: I'd say you are partly wrong. Your wife evidently wants you, as well as herself, to be able to live comfortably for the rest of your life. That is commendable. But it is unwise of her to deprive you both of pleasures you deserve and can afford.

Remind her of how proud you used to be of her in new clothes, how happy you both were when you splurged on trips, how much you want that enjoyment to be part of your retirement. Few wives can resist sincere compliments or happy nostalgia.

DEAR LOUISE: How long can a person live with picky criticism? My husband of 45 years howls about almost everything and everybody. I don't mind so much when he fusses at me because I'm used to it. But when our children and grandchildren come to see us, he picks them apart every minute they're here. I take their side and we're at it.

Several times I've gone home with them and stayed a few weeks or months. I thought it might make the old rascal understand that the family can't put up with him always saying they've got to change their ways and be more like him. May the Lord forbid them ever doing that. But he's never budged.

I think every family has the right to live like they please and not be fussed at by Grandpa. My daughter says I can come live with them if I want to leave home. Would you do that? W.S.

DEAR W.S.: Never! You'd find things that bothered you even if you lived with them. If you voiced your feelings, you'd be as bad as Grandpa. If you kept them inside, you'd be uncomfortable. Even a sympathetic grandpa can't agree with everything.

You're used to the "old rascal" and you say his fussing at you doesn't upset you. You must love him after all your years together. I'd advise keeping your marriage intact. The kids can move away and leave you two alone. You need each other.

If the kids can't stand the fussing, agree with them that they should stay away until Grandpa promises to stop his pesky criticism.

Write problems to DEAR LOUISE, Box 616, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Ground pork is popular for school lunches

Ground pork is an especially popular choice for school lunches because it is one of the most economical and versatile pork

cuts available. Some of the tasty ways the youngsters are enjoying ground pork are in loaves, patties, sauces and stews, pre-

pared with recipes developed by the National Live Stock and Meat Board.



"HERE'S NEW YORK and Showtime on Broadway" is the theme of the 15th annual revue of the Linda Germany School of Dance in White Deer. Performing in the "Le Freak" jazz dance will be, standing left to right, Trena Ruthardt, Kala Haiduk, Kelly Stevens, Shelly Wells and Barbra Cox; kneeling, Troyce May, Danita Pryor and Kristi Stevens. Slated Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the White Deer High School Auditorium, proceeds from the show will go to the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. The dance review is sponsored by Xi Sigma Beta and Alpha Theta Omega, White Deer's two Beta Sigma Phi chapters.

(Photo special to the News)

DR. LAMB

DEAR DR. LAMB — I would like to know a good exercise for my stomach and upper arms. Also the upper middle part of my back. I have a lower back problem so sit ups are too strenuous on the lower back. I'm 42 years old and in good health but about 10 pounds overweight. My upper arms are very flabby and there's a roll of fat around my back.

DEAR READER — Before you start any exercise program, I think you should talk to your doctor because of your comment about having low back problems that make it difficult for you to do sit ups. Exercises are wonderful for prevention of back pain but if they're used improperly they can aggravate the condition.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 13-10,

Backache and What to Do About It. Other readers who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Send your request to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

The issue of The Health Letter that I'm sending you includes the types of exercises usually recommended for the control of backache problems. But, again, you should check these out with your physician for your own particular case.

Perhaps you are doing sit ups in the wrong way and that could cause you some problems. They are important as are all the exercises to strengthen the abdomen in patients who have lower back problems. Strong abdominal muscles help to support the spine. If you can't do anything

else you can at least lie on your back and contract and relax and contract and relax your abdominal muscles over and over and try to build up their strength that way. You can do this without bending your spine at all.

I would also hope, though, that with your physician's aid you can get to doing some modified sit ups and perhaps some modified leg lifts. The latter must be done carefully and properly in people who have low back pain. When you get so you can do them, they're helpful in strengthening the lower abdomen.

Ordinary push ups are good for the upper arms, particularly the muscles over the back of the arm. You can also put one hand against the door jam or wall and lean against the wall and then push yourself out from the wall. The

pushing effort as you straighten the elbow will work the muscles at the back of the upper arm.

You may need exercises to strengthen the muscles between your shoulder blades. This involves exercises that have the motion of the back stroke. Or if you want you could get some stretch springs. As you hold the springs and stretch your arms out that strengthens the muscles between the shoulder blades.

You may need some generalized exercises that improve your flexibility and strength for your entire trunk. This often helps a variety of back complaints when they're done properly. Finally, I'd like to add that not all back complaints are due to muscles, bones and joints. Some of them are referred pain from

things inside the body. That includes disorders of the colon. Also there can be primary disease of the bone which involves a whole list of disorders other than just arthritis.

DEAR READER —

Pounds, fat and calories are not the same thing. Three pounds of milk is about a quart and a half ("A pint's a pound the world around.") If you weigh yourself before you drink it and then drink it and hop on the scales, you will weigh three pounds more than you did before. There is no difference between drinking the milk and hanging it in a milk carton around your neck.

All weight is not fat tissue, however, that may be what's bothering you. Nearly 90 percent of the weight of milk is water.

By DON KENDALL, AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It appears Americans are eating more fats than ever before, partly because of a rise in fast-food restaurants, according to an Agriculture Department expert.

"The average American is eating more food fats today despite attempts by many to cut back," says George W. Kromer of the department's Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service.

"Some of the fat is consumed unknowingly and in forms not readily recognizable by the consumer."

But Kromer cautioned in a new "fats and oils situation" report that the analysis is based on "disappearance" of products and then translated into per capita consumption. Thus, he said, the results are considered to be "apparent domestic disappearance" of fats.

"While not a measure of the quantity of fat actually ingested, such estimates are useful for analyzing trends and consumption patterns," he said.

On that basis, Kromer said the annual consumption of food fats — including both invisible and visible forms — rose from about 126 pounds per person in 1969 to a record high of 135 pounds in 1979.

About 90 percent of the nutrient fat in American diets is in three groups of foods: fats and oils; meat, poultry and fish; and dairy products.

Kromer identified visible kinds of fats as butter, lard, margarine, shortening, and salad and cooking oils. The invisible fats include dairy products other than butter, eggs, animal products such as beef and pork, and various fruits, vegetables and cereals.

"Apparent consumption of invisible food fats rose 5 percent, from about 73.5 pounds per person

in 1969 to 77.5 pounds in 1979," Kromer said.

"Much of the increase occurred in the form of fat in meat, poultry and fish, which rose from 45 pounds to 47.5 pounds. Fat in dairy products, excluding butter, held fairly steady throughout the 1970s at about 16 pounds per capita."

Some reduction was reported in fat from eggs in the 1970s; but that "was more than offset by a gain in the category that includes dry beans, peas, nuts, soya products and cocoa," he said.

Looking at invisible fats, Kromer said the "apparent use" of those rose from 52 pounds a person in 1969 to 57.5 pounds in 1979, "a boost of 11 percent in the decade."

Americans are eating more salad and cooking oils, shortening and margarine but less butter and lard. Per capita use of salad and cooking oils, for example, rose nearly 40 percent in the 1970s.

Kromer attributed much of the gain to "increased use of liquid edible oils ... by the consumer" and their use in commercial frying, roasting and production of prepared foods.

"The rapid growth in fast-food outlets over the past decade has been an important development in boosting salad-cooking oil consumption," he said.

Kromer said American consumers have been shifting from butter to margarine as a table spread for many years, basically because of "the substantial price difference" and improvements in the formulation and quality of margarine.

"Butter consumption fell from about 4.5 pounds in 1969 to 3.5 pounds in the mid-1970s, but has since held steady at this level," he said.

"Meanwhile, margarine consumption rose from just under 9 pounds in 1969 to a peak of nearly 10 pounds in 1976, but since has held steady at around 9.5 pounds."

Americans eating more fatty foods with fast-food rise

Religion important in maintaining good mental health

WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — What relationship is there between mental health and religion? What influence does religion have on mental health?

Some 270 physicians, psychologists, priests, ministers, nuns, social workers and nurses joined in an all-day conference here to discuss these questions recently.

The conference's consensus was that psychiatry and religion have much to offer each other, and that religion may be an important element in maintaining mental health.

Judith Krauss, associate dean of Yale University's School of Nursing, told participants that while neither psychotherapy nor religion can substitute for each other, both come together in meeting human needs.

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Call TV lineup interesting

By PETER J. BOYER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — It is an interesting schedule that NBC forwards for the fall, a lineup without a single new half-hour comedy. Either program development broke down or NBC's programmers have recognized that 30 minutes of 'silly' is no longer a ticket to glory.
Or perhaps, both.
When Fred Silverman abstains from sitcom, observers immediately suspect that something is wrong. In 2 1/2 years at ABC, Silverman used comedy as a healing balm, and as president of NBC he has repeatedly declared that comedy will be that network's salvation.

So, what's with this 1980-81 NBC schedule? This is supposed to be the year of the Silverman payoff, the year when the \$1 million-a-year programming whiz delivers the goods. He has promised to be No. 1 by Christmas, and he's going to do without sitcoms?
He might. At least, he stands a better chance of pulling it off with this schedule than he would have had he kept pumping away with losing sitcoms, as he did for more than a year with the miserable "Hello, Larry."

I have the feeling that Silverman and Brandon Tartikoff, Silverman's chief operative, have recognized that the 30-minute sitcom isn't what it used to be. A new sitcom works these days only by getting a leg-up, by being a spinoff of a successful series, as was the case with CBS' "Flo," or by being surrounded by hits, as was the situation with ABC's "Benson."

Otherwise, a sitcom will sink. Witness the fall of ABC's "Mork and Mindy" or "The Ropers."

The possibility that NBC's announced new hour-long shows are going to be dogs notwithstanding, the new NBC schedule makes sense. Still, commercial television isn't the most daring arena, and Tartikoff hedges his bet by saying, "We're going to be ordering in the next two weeks three, possibly four comedy series based on pilot ordered by NBC for the fall."

These pilots will become backup series and make the fall schedule by demonstrating "sensational" potential over the summer, Tartikoff says.
Anyway, it is encouraging to believe that Silverman has taken his chips off of the sitcom number. If he backs off, it's a pretty sure sign that the sitcom, which has though reckless proliferation become synonymous with mindlessness, is dying.

The new fast taxis in TV are soap operas and non-fiction entertainment, and the '80-81 NBC schedule has these. The new "Flamingo Road" on Tuesdays is a soap from the makers of "Dallas," and George Schlatter, who has made NBC the home base for non-fiction entertainment, has another NBC hour called "Speak Up America" to complement his "Real People."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

BONN, West Germany (AP) — The victory of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party in Germany's most populous state signaled a probable win for the party in the Oct. 5 national elections.
The ruling social Democratic Party won 48.4 percent of the 12.3 million votes cast Sunday in North Rhine-Westphalia, giving it 106 of the 201 seats in the state legislature.

The rival Christian Democratic Union won 43.2 percent of the vote, enough to retain its 95 seats. The liberal Free Democrats lost the 14 seats they had held.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. (AP) — The worst labor dispute in Swedish history, a 10-day strike and lockout that idled 800,000 workers, is over and many workers were returning to their jobs today.

The Swedish Employers' Federation reversed its position late Sunday and accepted a final contract offer from a government appointed mediation panel. It calls for wage increases of about 7 percent.

Subways, hospitals, air traffic, telecommunications and customs, as well as many private businesses, had been disrupted by the strike, which shattered Sweden's image of labor peace.

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MARK JENNINGS, second baseman for the Pampa Harvesters, received the most valuable player award from head coach Steve Scott (right, top photo) during the annual baseball banquet Monday night in the Optimist Club Building. Jennings, who is expected to play college baseball, led the Harvesters in hitting with a .467 average while knocking in 35 runs. Jennings batted .400 in his three years as a starter. He was named District 3-A AAAA sophomore of the year. Lining up for chow and a photograph

(bottom photo) are coach Scott and the senior members of the 1980 baseball squad. They include (left to right) Brett Aitchley, Clyde Coffee, Mickey Bynum, Joe Jeffers, Keenan Henderson, Mark Jennings, Monte Covalt, and Greg Quarles. The Harvesters won their last two games of season over Palo Duro and Amarillo High to finish with a 13-10 record.

(Staff Photos by Larry Cross)



Martin returns with a vengeance

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

He warned you. He told you he'd be back. He told you exactly what would happen if he got fired, how somebody else would take a chance and hire him, and how he'd come back and haunt you.

And wouldn't you know it, the rascal called the shot.

He's done it before, of course. First, he did it in Minnesota. Then he did it in Detroit. Then there was Texas and finally there was New York. Oh, was there ever New York.

Don't look now, but Billy Martin is doing it again in, of all places, Oakland.

The sophisticates across the bay in San Francisco like to look down their noses at little 'O' Oakland and the rest of baseball has been doing the same thing for the last few years.

Even when the team was winning three straight world championships, some baseball folks sneered at the Oakland operation. They called the coliseum, where the team plays, a mausoleum, and, to be

perfectly honest with you, it sometimes resembled that. And when the baseball revolution came along, the A's best players fled as fast as they could, leaving Charles O. Finley with the shell of a franchise.

Baseball said sell and Charley, occasionally obstinate before this, tried to oblige the game. There were several near deals, but the sale always fell through at the last minute.

Then Martin crossed paths with the marshmallow man in Minnesota and was told by George Steinbrenner that the New York Yankees would no longer require his managerial services.

Along came the moribund A's, slumbering wistfully at the bottom of the pack in the American League West.

Finley was without a manager, not an unusual condition for him. Martin was without a job, something that has happened to him before, too. And the A's and Oakland have not been the same since.

Martin has the team playing his style of heads-up, aggressive baseball. They are

running the bases with reckless abandon. You've heard of double steals? Well, Martin's A's pulled a triple steal against Detroit. When the man on the front end of that maneuver came sliding across home plate it was the A's second steal of home in that particular game. That sent Tiger catcher Lance Parrish into such a frenzy that he did a number on a dugout water cooler. He was fined \$200 for rearranging the plumbing.

It's Billy Martin baseball and it has the town excited. The attendance for 18 dates is 161,196, unspectacular by baseball's boom standards but terrific for the mausoleum, where the A's had drawn 79,838 for the same number of openings a year ago. The increase is 81,358 and remember, it took Oakland 42 dates to reach 161,000 in 1979.

Oakland's fans are all pumped up over Martin and his first-place A's, who packed their track shoes for a road trip that begins against the Tigers in Detroit tonight.

Look out, Lance. Here they come again!

Flyers, Islanders open hockey series

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Coach Pat Quinn wasted no time eliminating one potential excuse should his Philadelphia Flyers lose in tonight's opener of the best-of-seven series against the New York Islanders for the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup.

Not that Quinn is thinking in terms of losing. Nothing is further from his mind, but the inevitable question came up after a practice session Monday.

"Do you think your players will need some time to get back their legs?" a reporter asked. "You've been off since eliminating Minnesota Thursday, while the Islanders played through Saturday night to get rid of Buffalo."

"They won't," Quinn replied. The forcefulness of his answer was like getting forcechecked into the boards.

He was reminded the Flyers lost the opener at home of the semifinal series against Minnesota after a long layoff.

"That was seven days. This is just four. That's fine, just ideal," Quinn said.

Quinn personally scouted the Islanders Saturday night. Did he see any differences in their performance from the regular season?

"They've got a bit more movement in the mid-ice areas," he said. "In coming out of their zone they're springing a guy more often. But their checking and their grit are the same."

Quinn said the acquisition of center Butch Goring from Los Angeles had helped give the Islanders' balance and confidence. Since New York Coach Al Arbour mixes his lines, Quinn said Goring helps them all.

Islanders wing Bob Bourne agreed with Quinn.

"Right away after Butchie came here, it allowed us to move 14 forwards around. He didn't give us just a second line. He gave us a third and fourth line," Bourne said.

Quinn was asked if it was true as some said that the Islanders and Flyers could look in the mirror and see each other, their style of play was so similar.

"Philosophically the teams are similar,"

Quinn said. "But it's winning the little battles that make up the total package. The team that exercises the fundamentals will make the difference."

The regular season competition between the teams leaves forecasters hanging on a partially sawed limb. They met four times. Each won two. Each won at home and away. And all four scores were 5-2.

Quinn said his team was ready.

The last time these teams met in playoff action was the 1974-75 semifinals. The Flyers won the first three, lost the next three, then prevailed 4-1 in the final game and went on to win the Cup for the second straight year. The Isles had lost the first three in the quarters against Pittsburgh and came back to take four straight.

The Islanders' Denis Potvin said of the impending series. "It's more exciting than the miracle year in 1975, because we only made it to the semifinals that year. And even though we lost in the seventh game against Philadelphia, the finals were something unbelievably far away."

Tennis just ain't like it used to be

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent

They've come and gone, those racket-swinging, world-girdling gypsies in white shorts, leaving New York tennis fans with both pleasant and bitter tastes in their mouths.

It is good to see the old West Side Tennis Club, with its 65 years of tradition tracing back to Big Bill Tilden and Helen Wills, alive and jumping again — even if it is Lamar Hunt's WCT Tournament of Champions instead of the U.S. Championships.

"But, my, how the scene is changed. Who ever heard Don Budge grunt? Or swear aloud?"

Tennis, 1980 version, is an orchestration of grunts and groans, tirades against linesmen, unharassed profanity, constant controversies with umpires and linesmen.

"It's dreadful," said Sheena Hamilton, a U.S. Tennis Association committeewoman who runs the Easter Bowl

tournament for juniors. "This is an awful example to set for the kids."

"I heard somebody remark the other day, 'Isn't it too bad they can't bottle Arthur Ashe?'"

She is was one of the sensitive souls offended by John McEnroe's deportment in an early round match against Terry Moor of Memphis.

Although never in danger of losing, McEnroe got upset at one of the linesmen, Dr. Ted Powell. He kicked up clouds of dirt. He purposely stalled. He got into a shouting match with Powell, using words you see written on latrine walls.

Twice the lady umpire, Judith Lesing, warned the gifted U.S. Open champion but she declined to exercise her prerogative and impose a point penalty. Powell strode to the umpire's chair, offering in writing what he said were the insults hurled at him.

"Only the umpire can impose such a penalty, and I didn't hear anything," Lesing said.

Forthwith, McEnroe obliged by walking toward the net and repeating the epithets within earshot of the lady ump.

"Penalty point!" barked Lesing.

This was just one of the incidents which marred a week of sparkling tennis.

Vitas Gerulaitis in Saturday's semifinals got in a nasty, continuing hassle with a linesman named Adrian Clarke.

In the final on Sunday, the crowd, having to choose between two sore toes, threw its allegiance behind the golden haired Gerulaitis.

The only rumpus occurred at 1-1 in the first set when McEnroe, drenched by rain, called Fred Hoyles, the English referee, to court-side and argued the match should be stopped.

Hoyles, citing the crowd and TV, refused.

"Okay, default me," McEnroe was heard to mutter over the air. Nevertheless, he agreed to go on, proceeding to lose 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, another in a series of recent disappointments.

McEnroe made no pretense of hiding his displeasure and finished listlessly, bereft of his old fire and spirit. The crowd cheered Vitas.

Sports

Potts rejects offer

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University Athletic Director Russ Potts says he has turned down an offer to become athletic director at the University of Maryland, his alma mater.

Potts had earlier said he had no intention of pursuing the open post at Maryland.

"After much deliberation, I have decided to remain at SMU," Potts said Monday. "I feel a great sense of loyalty and commitment to SMU and the citizens of Dallas."

"I feel that we are very close to building Southwest Conference championship contenders in both football and basketball, and we are establishing strong contenders in other sports," said Potts.

"This has been the toughest decision I've ever had to make," he said. "Maryland is my alma mater, and I have many friends there. But I feel I belong at SMU."

Prep rodeo results

Four Pampa athletes placed in the Dumas High School Rodeo held last weekend.

Placing were Kevin Langley, third, bull riding; Jo Linda Lowrey, fifth, barrel racing; Lena Stewart, second, goat tying, and Kelli Brock, fifth, goat tying.

This weekend, Pampa High Rodeo Club members compete in a rodeo at Canadian.

Jenkins places

Kevin Jenkins of Miami placed sixth in both the 100 and 200 meters during the Class B state track meet last weekend in Austin.

Jenkins was timed at 11.4 in the 100 and 22.6 in the 200. Larry Kerr of Snook won both events.

Lefors wins

Lefors defeated McLean and Groom in little league baseball action last week.

Billy West pitched a shutout as Lefors blanked McLean, 15-0, in a Babe Ruth contest.

In a little league game, Lefors defeated Groom, 16-7. Clint McMinn was the winning pitcher.

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — When Austria's Annemarie Moser-Proell won the gold medal in the women's downhill ski race at the Winter Olympics, the celebration was loud and long in her hometown of Kleinarl. She owns a discotheque and bar there, named the Cafe Annemarie.

Annemarie has her own training menu, consisting of Soup Pavese, Peppersteak and Red Gluhwein (hot spiced wine).

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- Tropical plant
- Become insipid
- What (It)
- Navy ship prefix (abbr.)
- Impudent
- Mexican laborer
- Collection of papers
- Elis and Wright
- New England cape

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- Organ tube
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

May 14, 1980

Valuable contacts can be made this coming year to enhance your social life and romantic pursuits. There is no need, however, to spend beyond your means in order to enjoy your company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Self-indulgence and extravagance can be your two worst enemies today. You'd be wise to moderate in everything you do. Romance, travel, luck, resources, possible pitfalls and career for the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph Letter, which begins with your birthday. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Those at home will show impatience if you try to place your needs above theirs. You'll have to give a little in order to get some cooperation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Indignities you think are directed at you may be a complete misunderstanding on your part, stemming from a tendency toward being overly sensitive today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keeping up with the Joneses may turn into a pretty expensive deal today. Stick to activities you can afford, with friends in your own economic strata.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take things easy today. Don't push too hard on those you need to get your act under way. If you go over the line, they won't be forgiving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your pride or foolish vanity could stand in the way of your seeing things realistically today. Deceiving yourself can only be harmful to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's possible you could be the unwitting pawn in another's chess game today. Steer clear of any persons you feel may be trying to use you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Question your goals or your approach to them if you find a lack of cooperation among associates. Perhaps an adjustment is called for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friction with coworkers can be avoided today if you don't take their moodiness too seriously. Your work could suffer if you let things get to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others could feel you are trying to rearrange their lives if you undertake to help them without being asked, even though your intentions are charitable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is no place for unyielding or strong opinions in the household if harmony is to prevail today. Do your part keep the peace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not be realistic about something you want today if you expect it to be handed to you, chances are you won't get it.

STEVE CANYON By Milton Caniff

SOME BIG SECURITY DEAL... BENEDICT ARNOLD DIED IN LONDON, BUT WHO KNOWS WHERE HE LIVED?

YET THE AMERICAN TOURISTS HEARD ME MENTION IT TO THE TAXI DRIVER - AND TAILED US - BUT WE DIDN'T SPOT THEM.

SO EASY TO BE CARELESS!

BUT ENOUGH OF THAT! NOW WE START TO ROMANCE DAME EPITH...

SOME NICE FLOWERS - AND A NOTE...

...ASKING IF WE MAY GO BACKSTAGE AND SAY HELLO

MY HUSBAND PURRS ON PAPER TO AN INTERNATIONAL LADY SPY - WHILE I HAVE THE THRILL OF READING THE HOTEL LAUNDRY LIST!

SIDE GLANCES By Gail Fox

"Would you have a less expensive businessman's lunch? I'm bankrupt!"

THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

WHERE IS THAT DRUNKEN VESTER?

THEY GOT HIM ON A COWL, SIRE

...A CWI?

CRAWLING WHILE INTOXICATED

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

THAT WAS POP, CALLING FROM THE AIRPORT! HE AND MARLAYNE WILL BE RIGHT HOME.

BORE HER? ARE YOU FORGETTING THAT IM IN CONSTANT DEMAND AS AN AFTER-DINNER SPEAKER? THEY MAILED HER WITH ALL YOUR STORIES!

NOW DON'T GO BORING HER WITH ALL YOUR STORIES!

AT LEAST HE HAS A WRITER'S IMAGINATION

EEK & MEEK By Howie Schneider

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE FINALLY DONE IT!

I'VE ACCEPTED MY SHORTCOMINGS AND LEARNED TO LIVE WITH MYSELF

UNFORTUNATELY IT TAKES TWO TO CELEBRATE!

B.C. By Johnny Hart

IS THERE ANYTHING FOR ME IN THE NEW CLEOPATRA MOVIE?

THERE IS IF YOU DON'T MIND MAKING AN ASP OF YOURSELF

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

"Nosey, here, had to keep checking the camera!"

PRISCILLA'S POP By Al Vermorel

I READ AN ARTICLE YESTERDAY THAT MADE ME THINK OF YOU, JENNY LU!

OH, WOW! WAS IT ABOUT HOLLYWOOD? BROADWAY? THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT?

NOT EXACTLY!

HEY, LISTEN, DRAFTING WOMEN WOULDN'T BE ALL THAT BAD!

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE MONTH OF MAY THAT'S ESPECIALLY EXCITING.

MAYBE IT'S THE BRACING SPRING AIR, OR THE WORLD TURNING GREEN AGAIN...

...OR MAYBE IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT SCHOOL VACATION IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY.

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

OSCAR, AND OOOO! HOW NICE TO SEE YOU TWO!

HELLO, IS GUZ HERE?

UMPA! YOUR HIGHNESS? I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM!

NO, HE ISN'T, OSCAR! HE WENT DOWN TO THE BEACH WITH THE SERGEANT...

...THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT GOING OVER TO FOG ISLAND!

...NOW WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND HAVE SOME OF THIS FRESH HERB TEA I JUST MADE, AND...

HMMMPH! MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE OFFERED THEM FRUIT JUICE!

TUMBLEWEEDS By T.K. Ryan

PUT ME DOWN, CLODWELL GUNKLEY!

GAPS! I HAVE DID ANOTHER NO-NO!

OH, WHY'S THERE NEVER NO DO NOT HANDLE SIGNS WHERE YOU REALLY NEED THEM?

THE BORN LOSER By Art Sansom

HURRY IT UP!

10 MINUTES, 58 SECONDS...

YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO KNOCK A COUPL'A MINUTES OFF THAT TIME, IF WE'RE GONNA PUT YOU UNDER WATER.

FRANK AND ERNEST By Bob Thaves

NASA: WHAT DO YOU THINK - DOES A SKATEBOARD INDICATE INTELLIGENT LIFE OR NOT?

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz

ON A NATURE HIKE SUCH AS THIS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN TO IDENTIFY CERTAIN PLANTS AND FLOWERS

HARRIET, YOU'RE A GIRL... GIRLS LIKE FLOWERS... WHAT KIND OF FLOWER IS THIS?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? WELL, THAT'S AN HONEST ANSWER...

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NOW WHERE COULD MY RUBBER MOUSIE BE?

EIYEEEEEE!

SPLASH!

THAT'S RIGHT, I LEFT IT IN THE BATHTUB

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'Dove' and 'Hawk' views concerning Vietnam 'repeat'

Senator George McGovern speaks

EDITOR'S NOTE — With the fall of Saigon five years ago, America's long, continuous involvement in Vietnam came to an end. What are the lessons applicable today? How does the Vietnam adventure appear at the remove of half a decade to two senators who were at the opposite ends of the "dove" vs. "hawk" spectrum? In the following interviews, George McGovern and John Tower offer their reflections.

By **TOM RAUM**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. George McGovern, one of the earliest Senate critics of the war in Vietnam, says it could happen all over again.

The lessons of Vietnam have not been learned by U.S. policy makers, says McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee. He draws a parallel between the nation's initial policy line in Vietnam and the anti-Soviet mood following the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

The South Dakota lawmaker scoffs at those who say the United States could have won in Vietnam. Such a military victory probably

would have required nuclear weapons, raising the prospect of "eliminating Vietnam to save it," he says.

Today, McGovern remains a self-described "dove" and is strongly opposed to increases in defense spending. But he says that under certain circumstances he too could be a hawk.

Senator John Tower, 'We could have won it'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The irony of the Vietnam war is that "we could have won it," says Sen. John Tower of Texas, a leading hawk during the Vietnam era.

The ranking Republican member of the Senate Armed Services Committee believes that failing to win the war was an "even bigger mistake than getting involved in Vietnam in the first place."

Five years after the last American was evacuated from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Tower says his philosophy hasn't changed much. He remains one of the staunchest congressional boosters of defense measures and of high levels of military spending.

Here are excerpts from an interview with The Associated Press:

Q. Do you see a swing back toward hawks in the United States today for the first time since the Vietnam War?

A. I think it's an oversimplification these days to talk of hawks and doves. The terms aren't applicable in the present context. We do have to defend our vital interests abroad because we're dependent upon so much of the world for so much of what we need in raw materials.

Most of our exotic metals, for example, come from other sources that require the preservation of sea lanes. That dictates the necessity for a global naval force. We have to understand that if the Soviets achieve their objectives and gain access overland to warm-water ports and to the Middle Eastern oil fields, it would make them the dominant power in the world.

It was arguable at the time whether we were defending a vital interest in Vietnam. But in retrospect, it appears now that Vietnam is more valuable than we realized.

Q. Why?

A. For one thing, it flanks China to the southeast with an ally of the Soviet Union. There also has been Vietnamese domination of Laos and Cambodia — the whole Indochina complex. This area is strategically important. It's contiguous to the Straits of Malacca, to Indonesia with all its vast resources. It also affords the Soviets several naval bases which we built — very thoughtful of us.

Our own restraint cost us Vietnam. We forced Hanoi to the Paris

accords by choking off its lifeline through the mining of Haiphong and through interdicting the supply routes from southern China into North Vietnam.

The accords were not so bad. But Congress refused to permit the administration to enforce them. So Congress, in effect, handed South Vietnam over to Hanoi.

Q. What should Congress have done differently?

A. I think it should have permitted a higher level of military assistance to South Vietnam, and also permitted the subsequent military action by the United States to further interdict Hanoi's supply lines when Hanoi unilaterally broke the accords.

I talked to a British diplomat who was stationed in Hanoi during this period. He said, "I could not understand why you Americans let up on them. You had them beat."

Q. Would the United States have been in a better position today, both militarily and economically, if Vietnam had never happened?

A. We wouldn't have suffered from that anti-military reaction that I think influenced the state of preparedness we now find ourselves in. A lot of the military expenditure during the period of Vietnam went to the prosecution of the war rather than for qualitative improvements in our weapons systems.

'Mideastern interests' try to suppress news

LONDON (AP) — A former United Nations official said today he has evidence of a major oil find in troubled Uganda and claimed "Mideastern interests" tried to get him to suppress it.

George Ivan Smith, who was special representative in Africa of two U.N. secretaries general, Dag Hammarskjöld and U Thant, said in an interview he discovered documents showing the existence of highly promising oil deposits near Lake Albert.

Former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin initiated talks with British and American firms to develop those resources in 1972, but Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy intervened and blocked any prospective deals, Ivan Smith said.

Ivan Smith, an Australian who has had access to Amin's private papers in Uganda's capital, Kampala, plans to publish a book next month on how Khadafy persuaded Amin to abandon ties with Britain and Israel and embrace Libya as an ally.

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STATES WILL SUE FOR FOOD STAMPS, according to New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, left, and Ronald Rollack, chief attorney for the lawsuit Food Research and Action Center, during a meeting Monday with reporters in Washington. They announced New York and 27 other states will sue the Department of Agriculture if it orders a suspension of the food stamp programs on May 15.

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