

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO MAKE BENEFITS RETROACTIVE TO JAN. 1

## Social Security Hikes Given Okay By Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's little chance Congress will complete work on a major Social Security benefit increase before time runs out Sunday.

But chances are good the new Congress will pass the measure quickly and make the benefits retroactive to Jan. 1.

Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Tuesday "it is utterly impossible" to reconcile differences between a Senate version of the Social Security bill and less liberal House proposal in

the few days left to the 91st Congress.

**100 CHANGES**

President Nixon has said he will ask the 92nd Congress to make increases retroactive to the first of the year if the current Congress fails to act before its term expires at noon Sunday.

Mills' assessment came after the Senate voted 81 to 0 for a bill to give 26 million Social Security beneficiaries added money totaling \$6.5 billion. Three million welfare recipients would get an additional \$1 billion.

He said it would take committee technicians

at least three days to draft a compromise reconciling "at least 100 substantive changes" the Senate made in the House Social Security proposal.

One thing both House and Senate agreed on was the paycheck bite: The bill raises the base income subject to Social Security tax from the current \$7,800 to \$9,000 yearly. Under a previous law, the percentage of deduction goes up automatically in 1971 from 4.8 per cent to 5.2.

**10 PER CENT BOOST**

The Senate version would provide a 10 per cent increase in payments effective Jan. 1 to all

beneficiaries of the three Social Security cash programs: retirement, survivor and disability.

Those at the bottom of the scale would be raised from the current \$64 monthly minimum to \$100, a 56 per cent increase. The House bill calls for only a 5 per cent increase, raising the minimum to \$67.50.

But both versions have provisions increasing several other Social Security benefits and tightening up on medicare and medicaid health program costs.

Both would establish a new system raising benefits whenever the cost of living jumps 3 per cent. And widows would get 100 per cent of husbands' payments instead of the current 82½ per cent.

**\$110 FLOOR**

Each house would increase the amount of annual wages a retired person can earn without losing benefits — the Senate to \$2,400 and the House to \$2,000. Current yearly maximum is \$1,680.

On welfare, the Senate voted to give an extra \$1 billion to the aged, blind and disabled on welfare by establishing a \$130 monthly minimum income level. The House version established a \$110 floor.

The Senate would let a permanently disabled person receive benefits after a four-month waiting period instead of the current six. The House version has no such provision.

### Howard County Insurance Bite

AUSTIN (AP) — New car insurance rates issued today by the State Insurance Board vary according to a number of factors.

Here is the increase, territory by territory, for a medium-priced Ford, Chevrolet or Plymouth, not used in business but driven to and from work by a driver who is over 25. The coverage is \$100 deductible collision, \$50 deductible comprehensive and the basic liability policy of \$10,000 per person with a limit of \$20,000 per accident for death or injuries and \$5,000 property damage.

Howard County: \$30.

### 'This Case Is A Lynching'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Manson's attorney has told the jury in the Sharon Tate murder trial "this case is a lynching. They are trying to lynch Mr. Manson."

Thus, Irving Kanarek began his final summation Tuesday, saying that the hippie-style clan leader had been a victim of prejudicial pre-trial publicity created while he "has been sitting in a dungeon."

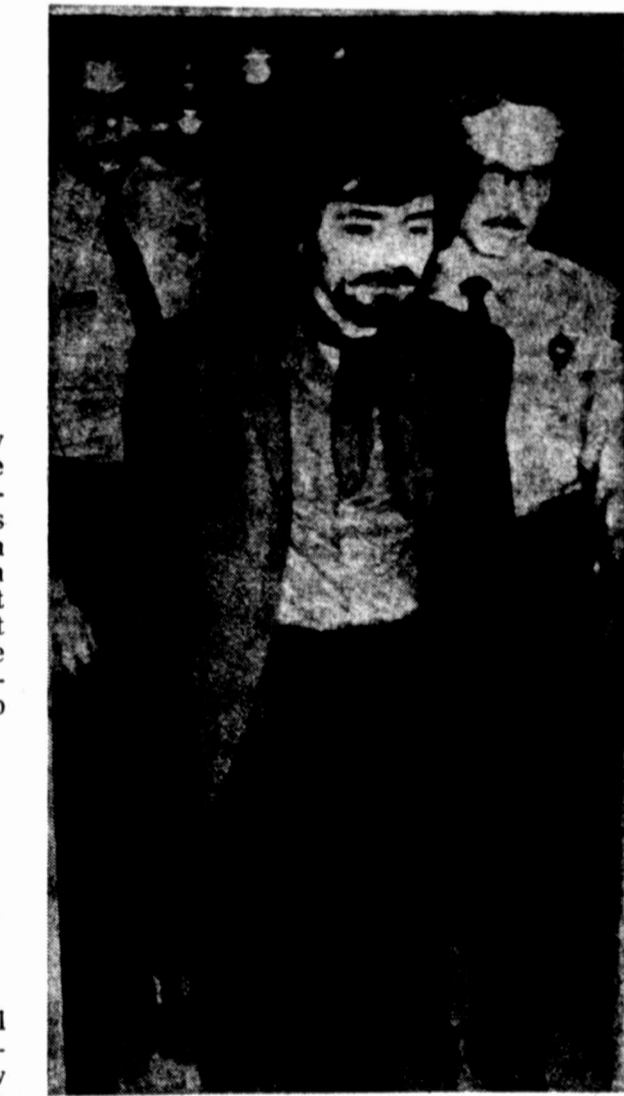
Kanarek was the third defense attorney to speak during the day's court session.

Earlier, chief defense counsel Paul Fitzgerald finished a day and half of argument attacking state's evidence against his client Patricia Krenwinkel and her codefendants.

Manson and three young women are charged with murder-conspiracy in the August, 1969, slayings of Miss Tate and six others.

The second attorney to speak, Daye Shinn, representing Susan Atkins, 22, spoke for an hour. His main point was that the key witnesses against Miss Atkins were two women ex-felons who told of purported jail cell confessions by her.

"All you had to say was that you wanted to testify in the Tate case and they let you out of jail," he said.



**CHARLES MANSON**  
Tagged Out In New Outfit  
In Today's HERALD  
Judge Blocks Park

A federal court order blocks — perhaps for good — the purchase of Mustang Island. See Page 2.

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## State Auto Insurance Rates Orbit

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Insurance Board raised auto insurance rates today by a state-wide average of 14 per cent for private passenger cars, effective Jan. 1.

**BITES VARY**

Actual rates will vary widely, depending on type of coverage,

make and model of automobile, age of drivers and the part of Texas where a car is garaged.

After public hearings in Austin, Dallas and Houston, the board decided against an 18.6 per cent statewide increase recommended by its rate experts.

Breakdowns on statewide av-

erage increases for such categories as liability, collision and comprehensive were not at once available.

In ordering the new rates, the board returned to its practice of providing only 5 per cent of premiums for profits, contingencies and federal income taxes. The formula used by the staff in its original recommendation provided 4.7 per cent for profits and 4.3 per cent for a federal income tax allowance.

**PROFITS STICK**

The board explained the lower increase and the return to the old profit allowance by saying it had decided to use assets as the measuring stick for profits. The rates proposed by the staff Nov. 23 depended on the use of net worth as the profit base.

The new rates are designed to give insurance companies a total profit of 7.25 per cent of assets before taxes, counting investment profits and returns from writing car insurance. The after-taxes profit would be 5.1 per cent of assets.

On a net worth basis, the total return would be 10.7 per cent after taxes. The rates recommended Nov. 23 would have given the companies a profit, after taxes, of 11.7 per cent of net worth.

The decision to lower the profit factor pulled up the amount of permissible losses—the crucial factor in setting rates—but 4 per cent.

**TEXAS FIRST**

Texas is the first state to adopt a "total income" approach to rate making, the board said. At hearings on insurance company profits and on the new rates, insurers recommended rates that would yield a profit of 11.7 per cent of net worth. Anything lower, they asserted, would reduce the availability of car insurance to the public.

The board was asked whether it feared today's rate decision would cut back the availability of car insurance.

"I have some fear" of that, said board member Durwood Manford.

But later all three board members said they thought the new rates are fair to the public and adequate for the insurance companies.

The rates will be effective for only eight months, the board indicated.



**TWO SONS LOST** — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and sons of Portland, Ore., show pictures of two other sons who were killed in Vietnam. The Defense Department announced the death of Army Sgt. Clifford T. Johnson, 21, (in left frame) today. Charles (right frame), a Navy medical corpsman, died less than three years ago. Youngest boy Gordon (left) has not been in service. William (second from left), 28, was in the Marines for four years.

## Bickering 91st Approves \$66.6 Billion For Defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bickering 91st Congress scheduled another attempt today to resolve the controversy that may yet keep it in session as long as the law allows: the future of the supersonic transport plane.

**TUNNEL AHEAD**

While the House and Senate settled one major problem Tuesday night by passing a \$66.6-billion defense appropriations bill, Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said "there's still a long tunnel ahead."

Mansfield said it appears Congress will have to keep working

into the weekend, and possibly until noon Sunday—the final moment the 91st can do business.

After that, the Constitution says the Capitol belongs to the 92nd Congress, which actually doesn't plan to meet until Jan. 21.

The Senate Tuesday tabled, thus killing a compromise \$7-billion transportation appropriations bill that includes \$210 million to subsidize the airplane. The Senate earlier had voted to spend nothing at all.

That action prepared the way for a new conference with the House, which first voted \$290

million for the SST and then accepted the conference recommendation of \$210 million.

The Senate expanded to nine men its negotiating delegation, adding Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., chief SST foe and Sen. Norris Cotton, R-N.H., who favors the plane.

**FRESH DOUBT**

But it appeared unlikely the new conference would even begin work before tonight. The House recessed until evening while many members attended the funeral of Rep. L. Mendel Rivers in Charleston, S.C.

## Vow To 'Sit And Hate Until The Pigs React'

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — An estimated 1,000 convicts, vowing they will "sit and hate until the pigs react," remained confined to their cell at Washington State Penitentiary here

today for the ninth day.

Prison officials made no predictions on when they would be released.

Meanwhile, prison superintendent B.J. Rhay said he had ordered two prisoner leaders of the Inmates Advisory Council transferred to another facility "because of the strike."

**'HAIRY' BUNCH**

The deadlock began Dec. 22 when prisoners walked off their prison jobs in support of about 140 convicts who refused to shave, violating prison regulations.

"I cannot speculate on when it will end," said Rhay. However, he said Tuesday night that he had spoken with some inmates about subjects "pertinent to this thing" and was "pleased with progress being made."

Attorneys representing some of the convicts released a statement from prisoners which vowed they will "sit and hate until the pigs react—they (prison officials) will if we hang tough as a solid group of men—not animals."

The statement also called for the return of inmate council president Don Coe and secretary James Robideau, who were transferred from the prison on Christmas Day to another facility at Shelton, Wash.

"I thought it was in the best interest of the institution that they should be rehoused," Rhay said Tuesday night. He said the

transfer was only temporary.

Earlier, in a Christmas Day memorandum to prisoners, he said the transfer occurred because "these two individuals seem to say one thing to me in council meetings yet turn around inside the walls and act directly opposite. I believe that if we are going to firm up the communication line it is absolutely necessary for everyone to be above board and open."

### Many To Get Holiday Friday

City and county offices, local banks and many area merchants will be closed New Year's Day to allow employees to say goodbye to 1970 and glue themselves to their television sets for the first football games of 1971.

Many offices will close at noon Thursday to allow the employees time to stock their refrigerators for the football games or to make last minute preparations for New Year's Eve party.

Local law enforcement officials will be on patrol to insure that everyone has a happy new year — unless they break the law.

## Twister Hits Texas City

A tornado touched down at Texas City about 11 a.m. today, damaging the downtown area.

It hit shortly after the National Weather Service ordered a tornado watch for Central and Southwest Louisiana, the extreme southeast portion of Northeast Texas, and a small section of South Central Texas.

First unreported reports from Texas City said the tornado also struck a tower being constructed at the nearby Monsanto Co. and that several workers were thrown to the ground. However, there were no immediate reports of injuries.

**DODGED IT**

The tornado knocked out traffic lights, broke windows and damaged wooden buildings along Texas Avenue near the dock area which was scene of the famed Texas City explosion in 1947.

Witnesses said: "We saw this thin black funnel, kind of yellowish in the middle, come right down Texas Avenue."

One man said a huge metal sign came hurtling towards him and he barely dodged it.

The National Weather Service said the threat of tornadoes

would exist from noon until 6 p.m.

**HAIL FORECAST**

One was sighted shortly before noon north of Fort Arthur but no damage was reported. Wind gusts of up to 50 miles an hour and small hail were reported when a storm lashed nearby Nederland.

At the same time a few severe thunderstorms, with large hail and locally damaging winds, were forecast.

### Club Turned Over To City

The city commission was to have met informally today at 2 p.m. to receive ownership of the Cosden Country Club property.

R. H. Weaver, attorney for the Dora Roberts Foundation, and Joe Moss, attorney for Cosden, flew to Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon for an exchange of deeds at the Fort Worth National Bank, trustee for the Dora Roberts Foundation.

The Foundation agreed in July to buy most of the club property from the Cosden Petroleum Corporation Pension Trust and present it to the city, after new Liquor Control Board rules and declining use of the club by Cosden employees made Cosden officials reluctant to keep it in operation.



**COUNTY JUDGE LEE PORTER RETIRES**  
... joins former judges John Dibrell (l.), Walter Grice (r.)  
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## Key Officials To Be Sworn In At Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Swearing-in ceremonies will start the new year for new state officials.

Land Commissioner-elect Bob Armstrong will take the oath Jan. 1, succeeding Jerry Sadler, who has had the job since 1960. Sadler also is a former legislator and railroad commissioner.

Saturday there will be oath-taking ceremonies for new judges in the Court of Criminal Appeals and on Monday, Jan. 4, new justices of the Supreme Court will take office.

Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, both re-elected for second terms, will take their oaths in inauguration ceremonies Jan. 19 after the legislature meets Jan. 12.

Judge John Onion Jr. of San Antonio, a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals since 1966, will become presiding judge Saturday succeeding Judge K. K. Woodley, who retired. Onion will be sworn in by his twin, Dist. Judge James Onion of San Antonio.

Also taking the oath Saturday will be Dist. Judge Truman Roberts of Hamilton, who won election to the Court of Criminal Appeals in November, to succeed Judge Ernest Belcher, who did not run for re-election. Also taking the oath will be Dist. Judge Wendell Odum of Houston, appointed by Smith to fill the vacancy created when Onion was elected presiding judge.

The former chief justice of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals, Judge James Denton, will be sworn in Monday as a justice of the Texas Supreme Court, succeeding Judge Robert Hamilton who did not seek re-election.

Former Gov. Price Daniel will be sworn in Monday afternoon as a justice of the Supreme Court, succeeding Justice Clyde Smith, who resigned. Daniel was appointed by Smith to complete Smith's term, ending Jan. 1, 1973.

## Death Row Decision

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Edgar H. Smith, the nation's longest death row resident, has been granted a new hearing Jan. 18 in his 13-year battle to overturn his murder conviction, it was learned today.

U.S. District Court Judge George H. Barlow will preside at a hearing during which Smith, now 35, and his attorneys said they will present "new evidence" in an attempt to overturn a confession police said Smith gave after his arrest.

Smith was sentenced to death June 4, 1957, after a jury convicted him of the murder of 15-year-old school girl Victoria Zielinski of Ramsey. She was killed March 4, 1957, in a deserted sand pit in Mahway, N.J.

Smith, represented by Edward Bennett Williams of Washington and Stephen P. Lichtenstein of Trenton, contends he was browbeaten into a confession by police through incessant questioning.



(Photo by Danny Valdes)

FIRST BABY BORN IN 1970  
Carmen Denise Spivey, almost 1

## Only One Contender For First Baby Of 1970

By JEAN FANNIN  
Carmen Denise Spivey, not quite 1, celebrated her first Christmas this year, but this will not be her first New Year's Day.

Carmen celebrated her first New Year's Day in 1970 by being born, winning the title of the 1970 New Year's Baby.

Born shortly after 9 a.m. Jan. 1, 1970, she won the title hands down; there were no other contenders in the race.

The daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Wayne Spivey, stationed at Carswell AFB, Carmen walks and talks enough to make herself understood by her parents.

Lt. Spivey graduated Dec. 12 as a member of pilot training class 71-04. In January he goes to California for more training before returning to Carswell where he is copilot on a B-52.

Lt. and Mrs. Spivey, both Texans, have been married five years, and have another child, Gregory Wayne, 3½. Spivey is from Madisonville, and Mrs. Spivey is from Marquez. Spivey graduated from Sam Houston

State University in 1969 and entered the Air Force in July of that year. They moved to Big Spring in October, 1969.

Carmen, who weighed 6 lbs., 15½ oz. when she was born, now weighs close to 25 lbs. And she is wearing the shoes given

her by J&K Shoe Store on her arrival last January.

She has gray eyes and dark brown hair, and she received her first haircut in recognition of a visit by The Herald photographer — Daddy cut her bangs.

Mrs. Spivey said Carmen has three teeth, and she likes to play patty-cake — and pester her big brother. She likes music and dances around the living room of the family trailer when music is playing. Like all children her favorite toys are her mother's pots and pans. "She likes to take the lids off and put them back on — I guess she's just learning coordination," her mother said.

Again this year Big Spring merchants are sponsoring the annual New Year's Baby contest with prizes going to the first baby of 1971.

Contributing merchants and their gifts include:

Blum's Jewelry, special gift; Furr's Super Markets, case of baby food; Big Spring Savings, baby ring; Montgomery Ward, 2 dozen diapers; Big Spring Furniture, special gift; First National Bank, special gift; J & K Shoe Store, pair Jumping Jacks baby shoes; Gandy's, quart milk daily for one month; First Federal Savings and Loan, \$5 savings account; and Anthony's, gift certificate.

He did the problem anyway, and "gave the answers they wanted."

But after the test the Portland High School pupil wrote to the Education Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., to tell them about the mathematical mistake.

He received a reply this week, in a letter saying the officials of the testing service "are embarrassed that this detail slipped our inspection."

The letter also commended Leigh's score on the test. He got 790 of a possible 800.

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Johnson alleged that the \$1,100 per acre price tag violates a provision in the State Constitution against payment of more than the fair market value for land.

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## Judge Blocks Park Project

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal court order blocked the purchase of 3,802 acres of Mustang Island for a state park Tuesday, perhaps for good.

With just two days remaining before the state's option to buy the land runs out, U.S. Dist. Judge Jack Roberts issued a restraining order forbidding payment of federal and state funds for the park.

Interior Department officials in Washington said a check had already been drawn at the request of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as an advance. But the check was withheld when the department learned of Roberts' order.

Pearce Johnson, chairman of the State Parks and Wildlife Commission, and several others sought the order, which Roberts issued after a noon hearing.

**NO HEARING DATE**  
No hearing date was set on Johnson's request for a permanent injunction.

Johnson, who was outvoted 2-1 in the decision to buy part of the island from Mrs. Sam E. Wilson Jr. of New York and Corpus Christi, has been trying for weeks to halt the purchase.

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**DON'T PAY**  
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**TEACHER IN TROUBLE WANTS TO HAVE BABY WITHOUT BEING MARRIED**

RENNES, France (AP) — The village of Medreac is divided over a 26-year-old teacher who thinks it her affair if she wants to have a baby without being married.

Annick Araujo, who was assigned to the public school as a teacher last fall, expects a baby early in 1971. She scorns suggestions that she marry the man with whom she is living.

"We intend to marry, but later, after the baby is born," she said. "In any case, I don't want to be forced."

Miss Araujo also refused when a transfer to another school was proposed. She was then suspended by the school authorities.

Parents of the school's 63 pupils have taken sides. One group, pressing for her ouster, said: "We cannot permit our children to be turned over to a teacher who is not morally irreproachable." About 20 parents signed a petition backing Miss Araujo. The union of teachers is also supporting her.

## Heavy Clouds, Warming Weather Blanket Texas

By The Associated Press  
Light to moderate rain peppered wide areas of the state from West Texas into North Central Texas early today with weathermen expecting it to spread to the coastal plains and Southeast Texas by nightfall.

Temperatures before dawn were chilly and seemed to intensify as the rain moved across the state. The temperature range was from the 30s and 40s across North Texas and the Panhandle to near 70 in the Corpus Christi and Brownsville areas.

The Weather Bureau said rain would cover nearly all of the state by darkness tonight although an invasion of cooler air

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Education Costs 'Explosive'

(Editors' Note: Rising education costs seem certain to be one of the 1971 legislative problems. This, the eighth in a series of pre-session stories, tells what legislators think about possible increases in college tuition, state aid to private colleges and changes in financing public school education.)

By JACK KEEVER Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Evenly split survey results on possibly raising tuition to state-supported colleges backs up Gov. Preston Smith's statement that the issue is "highly explosive politically."

Thirty-five lawmakers who responded to an Associated Press mail questionnaire said they favored increasing tuition — although several specified they only wanted out-of-state students to pay more.

LAST RESORT

Texas residents now pay \$50 a semester tuition to state col-

leges, and out-of-state residents pay \$200.

Thirty-two lawmakers rejected completely any tuition increase.

"Only as a last resort," said Sen. Joe Christie of El Paso. Responses from 58 House members and 11 senators to the AP questionnaire also indicate fairly even votes on two other issues relating to the financing of education.

Twenty legislators said local school districts should, in some way, pay more of the cost of public education. Thirty-two opposed the idea.

A committee of legislators and citizens recently voted, 10-6, to change local financing for public schools with an "equalization" school tax program that

calls for assessment of true market value of all real estate. Some city dwellers have argued that the present economic index for figuring local fund assignments have allowed rural districts to escape their fair share of the cost of public school education because they lack industry and the emphasis on real estate is too low.

Replying to the question of whether local districts should pay more, Rep. Forrest Harding of San Angelo said, "Yes, maybe they would get the idea of cost."

CAN'T AFFORD IT

Rep. Dean Cobb of Dumas said, "It's easy to say yes but most can't afford it."

Rep. Ed Harris of Galveston suggested that taxes on alcohol-

ic beverages might be made available for the local districts. "If other districts paid the same percentage as Houston I'd be satisfied," said Rep. Tom Bass of Houston.

Thirty-two legislators also said they favored state aid to private colleges, and a couple specifically mentioned Baylor Medical School at Houston. Eighteen opposed the proposal, and 12 said they would have to study the possibility.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes claims "The average taxpayer of today—at least when he writes to the lieutenant governor—says that one of the places we don't need to increase appropriations is in higher education." Time should tell who else is getting that message.

H-SU Receives \$83,000 In Gifts

ABILENE — Year-end gifts totaling approximately \$83,000 have been received by Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. Clyde Childers, vice president for development, disclosed Wednesday.

Two anonymous gifts, one amounting to \$25,000 and the other \$19,000 from a major U.S.

Corporation are among the December gifts, Childers said. During December, \$14,835 was contributed through the Presidents' Club, making \$140,000 so far raised by the means.

Double Tragedy

WACO, Tex. (AP) — Robert Kramer, 80, and Mrs. Lena Kramer were killed when their car and a truck collided here Tuesday night.

Life From 'Dirty Ice'

CHICAGO (AP) — Pioneering experiments suggest that living creatures on earth—and conceivably elsewhere in the universe—in effect evolved from chips off the "dirty ice" of interstellar space, a New York scientist reported today.

"Dirty ice" is the pet name given by space scientists to super-cold grains of solid matter suspended in the thin gases that pervade the space between the stars.

IMPORTANT ROLE

Known to play an important role in the condensation processes leading to the formation of the stars and planets, the pip-squeak dirty ice particles are believed by some scientists to consist mainly of frozen water, methane and ammonia. Their "dirtiness" comes from a small admixture of heavier elements such as iron.

Dr. J. Mayo Greenberg of the State University of New York at Albany said there's at least suggestive new evidence that the heavenly grains may be potential yielders of some of the basic chemicals of life itself.

WORLD'S FIRST

In a report prepared for the closing session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's 137th meeting and amplified at a news conference he gave this account:

In the world's first experiment of its kind, Greenberg and several space-science colleagues reproduced a laboratory version of dirty ice by deep-freezing a mixture of water, ammonia and methane at nearly 300 degrees below zero.

Then they bombarded the dirty ice with ultraviolet radiation to further simulate space conditions.

Finally, they evaporated the mixture, studied the resultant gases with a spectroscope—and found a variety of complex organic molecules, "resembling those of biological interest."

Most exciting, said Greenberg, one of the molecules closely resembled molecules of a cyanide-acetylene mixture recently discovered in interstellar space by a researcher of the government's National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, W. Va.

RATHER COMPLEX

The implication, said Greenberg, is that the grains of dirty ice in interstellar space "contain rather complex molecules, a significant fraction of which are possibly of biological significance."

"It may further be con-

cluded that the prebiogenic (precursors of life) materials in the universe may be created independently of the formation of the planets," he said.

Greenberg's report discussed work completed only in recent weeks. It was a special added attraction to an association symposium at which a battery of other scientists rounded up the "state of the art" on what they termed one of the most exciting new fields of space science.

They referred to the relatively recent discovery, in interstellar space, of a number of molecular chemicals which, in theory at least, could be elementary seeds of life.

And recently a scientist of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported evidence of amino acids—the building blocks of living protein—in a meteorite that had fallen to earth.

ORIGIN OF LIFE

Dr. Lewis E. Snyder of the University of Virginia, one of today's panelists, said the hunt is on now for amino acids in interstellar space far beyond the realm of the solar system's meteorites.

"And if such are found," he told newsmen, "we'll begin to ask ourselves questions about the origin of life in our entire galaxy—and it will perhaps force a revision of our thinking as to the origin of life on earth."

He indicated that if amino acid evidence is found in the far reaches of the Milky Way, it could mean that the earth—and possibly undiscovered planets far beyond the solar system—derived life-forms from the stuff of interstellar space.

MIGHT OFFSET BEAD JANGLES

AUSTIN (AP) — Notre Dame Drive in northeast Austin was officially renamed "Beat Notre Dame Drive" Tuesday by Mayor Travis LaRue.

LaRue issued the proclamation renaming the street at the request of residents who live on Notre Dame Drive. Texas plays Notre Dame at Dallas in the Cotton Bowl Friday.

Horoscope Forecast

TOMORROW

—CARROLL RIGHTER

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until evening take no chances in any way but make your preparations for bringing in the New Year 1971. The early evening has little influence but you can enjoy yourself very much if you engage in unusual pleasures. Be careful in travel. Do nothing to disturb sensitive feeling of associates. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Ideal day to communicate with good friends, provided you avoid a controversial subject. Attend group meetings that are really in your own element. Show that you have your feet on the ground. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You can do a civic duty today that will stamp you as an excellent citizen. Wait until evening and all goes fine. Do anything that will jeopardize your good reputation. After sun sets, you are able to have a delightful time with right companions. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You want to get a course of action in motion, but the morning is not good to start. Wait until evening and all goes fine. Study those new ideas you have carefully and quietly. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Keeping promises made early in the day is wise. Then the evening is fine for celebrating. You have important obligations to discharge in the afternoon. Do so with enthusiasm. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid losing your temper with an associate who irks you. All will soon blow over. Be objective in solving problems during day. The evening can then be a most happy and enjoyable one for you. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't neglect to get work done during the day that is important. Show appreciation to co-workers for their cooperation. Join

Charged In Gun Death Of His Heist Partner

DALLAS (AP) — Jimmie Lee Barnett, 24, charged with murder in the shooting death of his partner during a nightclub hold-up here, was jailed early today after being arrested in Houston.

Barnett was arrested at the home of his in-laws by Houston police who said they found Barnett in an attic. They said he offered no resistance. He was transferred to jail here late Tuesday.

Murder charges were filed against Barnett in the Christmas Day shooting death of Dennis Scholl, 25, during the robbery of a Dallas night spot. Scholl was a Dallas resident. Police said witnesses at the

Villa Fontana Lounge told them Barnett and Scholl robbed several patrons and then Barnett ordered Scholl to shoot the bartender and one customer. They said Scholl complied. Witnesses said Barnett ordered Scholl to shoot a third victim but when he refused Barnett shot and killed Scholl.

Houston police said Barnett told them Scholl shot two people and then handed him the gun so he could collect wallets. Barnett said the gun discharged as Scholl handed it to him.

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Bridge Test

—CHARLES H. GOREN

BY CHARLES H. GOREN (1970: By The Chicago Tribune) Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH: ♠ J97, ♥ J6, ♦ AK3, ♣ AKQ54. WEST: ♠ A1043, ♥ 102, ♦ J862, ♣ 987. EAST: ♠ Void, ♥ AKQ9875, ♦ Q4, ♣ J1063. SOUTH: ♠ KQ8652, ♥ 43, ♦ 10975, ♣ 2.

The bidding: North East South West 1♣ 2♥ Pass Pass. Double. Pass 3♣ Pass. 4♣ Pass Pass Pass.

Opening lead: Ten of ♠. An alert defensive maneuver by East in today's hand, brought about declarer's defeat in a most unusual manner.

North opened the bidding with one club and East made a preemptive jump overcall of two hearts. South lacked the requirements to make a free bid at the two level in a higher ranking suit, but his partner was sufficiently well heeled to reopen the proceedings with a takeout double. South now came to life by jumping to three spades to show that he was bidding not merely because his partner had forced him to take some action. North had enough in reserve to carry on to game.

West opened the ten of hearts and East cashed the

first two tricks with the queen and king. A brief examination of the dummy revealed that there was virtually no hope of winning any further tricks in the side suits. East's void in spades did suggest, however, that West's trump holding might prove useful. In an effort to attack declarer's trump suit for his partner, East continued with a third round of hearts, even tho this presented South with a ruff and discard.

Declarer trumped in his hand to preserve North's spade holding, and West discarded a club. The king of spades was led on which West played the ace and East showed out. The club return was taken in the dummy and South ruffed himself in with a club.

A small spade was led next and when West played low, North's nine was successfully finessed. The jack of spades was cashed, and all that remained for declarer was to get back to his hand so that he might draw West's last trump. When he attempted to trump in another club, West overruffed with the ten of spades to score the setting trick.

East's play of a third heart permitted his partner to discard a club early in the hand. Had East shifted to another suit, West would have been obliged to follow suit as the declarer ruffed himself in with clubs, and the ten of spades would have succumbed lamely to South's drawing of trumps.

with the king of clubs and returned another spade.

South tested the hearts next by leading a small one from his hand. Without undue hesitation, West played the nine of hearts and North's queen won the trick. His opponent's play had all the earmarks of being from a short suit and, inasmuch as the fall of the nine had established a two way finesse position in hearts for the declarer, he hastened now to cash dummy's king of that suit. It was his intention to take a finesse against East's jack on the following round if West showed out, as appeared likely.

To South's great consternation, it was East who failed to answer the call on the second heart lead, and now there was no way to avoid losing a trick in the suit. West is to be commended for playing a clever false card, but declarer could have uncovered the maneuver had he not been in such a hurry.

When the nine of hearts appears, South should abandon that suit temporarily in order to obtain a count of the remaining distribution. If he will take the time to cash out his high cards in all the other suits, he will discover that East has five diamonds when West fails on the third round of that suit. When East follows to three rounds of spades and clubs, he becomes marked with a maximum of two hearts. It will now be routine to play West for the heart length and, when South cashes the ace from his hand, his opponent's deception will be exposed to view.

BY CHARLES H. GOREN (1970: By The Chicago Tribune) Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH: ♠ A105, ♥ KQ108, ♦ AK10, ♣ J85. WEST: ♠ 987, ♥ J643, ♦ J965, ♣ 3. EAST: ♠ J643, ♥ 3, ♦ J8743, ♣ 1094. SOUTH: ♠ KQ2, ♥ A742, ♦ Q65, ♣ AQ2.

The bidding: South West North East 1NT Pass 2NT Pass. Pass Pass.

Opening lead: Nine of ♠. Contracting for slam in today's hand involved nothing more than simple arithmetic on the part of North and South. South with 17 high card points opened the bidding with one no trump. North, holding 17 points himself, knows that the partnership has at the very least 33 points, enough to undertake a slam and he proceeded directly to six no trump.

West didn't have much to work with but on the alert—he put that little to good use in casting a spell on declarer. West opened first with the nine of spades. Declarer saw when the dummy was spread that 12 tricks were there for the taking provided that hearts were not badly stacked. He put up the ace of spades from dummy and as a preliminary measure, took the club finesse by leading low toward the queen in his hand. West took in the trick



## A Devotion For Today . . .

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I, have no fear." (Matthew 14:27, RSV)

PRAYER: Lord of our future, as we launch out into a new year, may we keep Thy gracious words in mind. "Take heart, it is I, have no fear." In joys and sorrows, may Thy presence sustain us and Thy power deliver us. Humbly thanking Thee for Thy loving care, we pray as Jesus taught us, "Our Father who art in heaven . . . Amen."

(From the 'Upper Room')

## The Matter Of Bail Bond

The legislative committee now examining the bail bond system in Texas has revealed some sordid abuses connected with this provision of the law. From this has come a few suggestions which may lessen abuses and make the system more savory, but they skirt the problem.

A committee of 11 distinguished lawyers — judges, practicing attorneys, prosecutors, professors and investigators — has recommended in an American Bar Association study that the cash bail bond system as now operated be abolished outright.

The bail system as it now generally exists is unsatisfactory from either the public's or the defendant's point of view. Its very nature requires the practically impossible task of translating risk of flight into dollars and cents and even its basic premise — that risk of financial loss is necessary to prevent defendants from fleeing prosecution — is itself of doubtful

validity," the committee has reported.

Thus, as indicated, the purpose of bail bond is to furnish reasonable guarantees (on pain of financial penalty) that the defendant will appear for trial if he is freed until that time. Bail, therefore, is not to be used as a punitive instrument, because guilt or innocence is to be determined by the courts. Suppose a poor person, unable to post rigid bond, eventually comes to trial and is found innocent? Tough luck — so sorry, says society.

Some alternatives have been suggested. One is posting a certain amount of cash (probably the customary 10 per cent fee now charged) with the court, same to be returned to the defendant when he appears for trial. Another is to grant courts far greater latitude so that in many instances bail would not even be required pending trial.

## Some Time For Bobby?

The mills of the Gods grind slowly and for some of them they grind more slowly than for others.

Bobby Baker, for instance.

Bobby Baker is a young man (he's only 41 now after seven years of wrangling over the content of indictments against him and, eventually, appealing his conviction). He held a position of public trust — protegee and assistant to then Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson. He was convicted of larceny, fraud and tax evasion. For that he was sentenced to serve one-to-three years in prison!

He contended he was convicted with illegally obtained evidence; that by joining the charges against him, his rights were violated.

The Supreme Court denied his plea, and now it appears he may spend some time in jail. It's about time, for even three years out of circulation (the maximum term, which likely won't all be served) is scant time for Bobby Baker. Since his case first broke, he has been making hay by developing a \$50 million apartment tower in Maryland.

## Rare Sight

### Grab Your Scissors And Cut This Out

By ROBERT HEARD  
Associated Press Writer

A rare phenomenon will be visible for the early riser in the southern sky just before dawn Jan. 23. Five planets will hang out there above the horizon, like five eyes that decided to look at the earth from the same angle at the same time.

Grab your scissors and cut this out because the explanation gets complicated and you will be too sleepy to remember if you get up that early to stare back.

At about 6:30 a.m., the constellation Scorpius will be about a third of the way up the sky a little east of due south. This is one of the few constellations that bear a resemblance to what it is named for — in this case, a scorpion.

**HOLD YOUR** hands at arms' length about a foot apart. Scorpions covers about that much sky. Its head is to your right, and the tail curves down to the left, then hooks upward into the Milky Way. The constellation includes about 15 main stars in the outline of a scorpion or a baling hook with a bent shank.

Above the head and in front of the top claw will be two bright "stars"

## Billy Graham

We are both in our forties, with mental problems, making it hazardous for us to marry. We both want to live the Christian life, and thus far we have restrained ourselves from having sexual relations. Must we go on being deprived of that fuller relationship?

T. I.

In my mail this week, I have had three letters wanting to know why sex is not permissible outside of marriage. You see, if I were the judge and set the standards, I might be more lenient. But, as a minister of Christ the Word of God is our rule of standards and conduct. You say, "You want to live the Christian life," so here is my answer.

The Bible forbids sex outside of marriage, period. In your case, if your mental problems make it hazardous for you to marry, it would seem to me to be all the more hazardous for intimate relations outside of marriage. I know it's tough, but when we follow Christ, we must follow the ethics and standards He taught.

The Bible speaks of those who are called upon to restrain themselves from sex for the glory of God. Jesus said: "For there are some . . . who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake." (Matthew 19:12) I know Christian widows and widowers who have laid their sex life on the altar for the praise of Christ. I also know unmarried people who have not bowed down to the graven image of sex, for the glory of God.

I know the world has a permissive philosophy regarding sex. But, Christ who, "was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin," will give you grace and strength.

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THE BARGAINING AT PARIS

## John Cuniff Housewives Joining Co-Ops

By BOB DUBILL  
(Substituting for John Cuniff)

UPPER MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — Co-ops are sprouting in cities and suburbia as housewives close ranks in the battle against food price inflation.

"I can pretty safely guarantee a family of four a saving of \$1,000 a year. But even more important, the eating's a lot better," insists Vivian Crandell of the Downtown Co-op of New York City.

"You save 20 per cent right off the bat by beating the markup at the supermarket. You save an additional 20 per cent because the quality is so much better," says Mrs. Crandell.

Marcia Schachter, co-founder of a co-op of 15 families in an upper middle class neighborhood of this metropolitan suburb, contends that quality is the major dividend.

"Our families eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. We eat more fish. The bread we buy from a wholesale routeman is whole wheat. It has no preservatives."

Each Tuesday members of the co-operative take turns driving a station wagon to a wholesale market in Newark, N.J., to load up with supplies for the week. Returning home, a mini-market is set up in a garage where housewives pick and choose.

For two hours on shopping day the garage is a busy place as members—many with children in tow—stock up on food supplies for the week. Purchases here are on an honor system. Current prices are listed on each item.

"We work strictly on a cash basis," said Mrs. Schachter. "If food is left over we divide it among those who might need a particular item most."

At the Newark market, Ben Smolenski takes special care of his co-op customers.

"A good buy on mushrooms. Twenty cents a pound less than in the supermarket," he'll say during Christmas or Thanksgiving week. "The pears are a bit expensive. Wait until next week."

A typical week may find a co-op buying 24 heads of lettuce for \$4.50 and selling them to members for 19 cents a head. Apples

were real bargains at Ben's during Thanksgiving week, 8 cents a pound.

"That's 19 cents less than supermarket prices," beamed Mrs. Schachter. "Very good McIntosh apples."

Operating procedures vary among co-ops.

Meat was dropped from the shopping program here because prices weren't attractive enough. But the Downtown Co-op operating out of a first-floor apartment on New York's West 15th Street has an arrangement with a meat supplier for hotels and restaurants.

"Meat has to be delivered 24 hours in advance," says Mrs. Crandell. "A woman from the

co-op is designated meat buyer for the week. She'll check by phone to see what the supplier's special will be for the week. On Sunday evening we'll phone her our orders. She'll then decide whether to take advantage of the bargain cut or pick an alternative that costs a little more. We don't go higher than \$1.10 a pound for any meat. We're basically a middle class co-op."

As in the garage in Upper Montclair, the housewives gather at the distributor's apartment where the buyers make their choices. The business of bookkeeping and handling the meat order is passed around, but each person participates in some phase of the business on a rotational basis.

## Hal Boyle Another Udder Error

NEW YORK (AP) — As the old year wanes and the new year looms, now is as good a time as any to take mental stock of yourself.

Well, here's an easy way to find out how normal you are. Simply ask yourself the following questions:

Do you sometimes have an impulse to put your head under water and keep it there just to drown out the noises of this world?

Would you conscientiously return a dime to someone who overpaid you that amount in making change? Would you do the same thing if the sum was a million dollars?

Naturally, your own merit has gone largely unrecognized, but if you had the chance would you like to change places with your boss—that is, you would have his income but would also have to go home to his wife?

Do you feel criminals should be punished because they are guilty of a wrongdoing, or because the only reason they let themselves be caught at all is because they have an inner compulsion to pay a penalty?

If asked how many faucets there are on a milk cow, would you make an udder error?

When a man next to you in church falls asleep, do you brusquely kick his ankle to wake him up, or do you surrep-

ticiously waylay him later and kindly give him a synopsis of the sermon he missed?

Is there anything you'd rather do than inherit money? Give three reasons why.

If money isn't everything to you, is sex everything to you that money isn't? Give four reasons why.

When you meet a liberated woman, do you wish to rush up and praise her for gaining her freedom, or do you have to suppress a desire to chain her to a fire hydrant and throw spitballs at her?

If you saw Lady Godiva riding by on a white horse, would the first thing you started conjecturing about was how long it had been since you saw a white horse?

Can you tell what time it is by rubbing two sticks together furiously in a driving rain? Well, well, well—really?

How far does snow have to be driven before it becomes as white as driven snow?

If you had it all to do over again, what is the first thing you'd shirk doing all over again?

Those are the questions. Now what about your box score?

Well, if you took the questions as seriously as the man who composed them, you're about as normal as he is.

## To Your Good Health Can She Have Burn Scars Repaired?

By G. C. THOSTESON, M.D.  
Dear Dr. Thosteson: I am 16. When I was 7 I was severely burned by water over my chest and shoulders. The doctor said I should have plastic surgery but my family was poor and had no hospital insurance.

Now I am older and would very much like to have plastic surgery, but we are still poor and my mother says we can't afford the operation. Is there any organization that could finance the operation?—C.M.

Laws and conditions vary from state to state, so I can't give you a simple, easy answer — but I suggest that you do some inquiring yourself.

After this length of time, the surgery would be an extensive procedure involving skin grafting, and probably would mean some study of your case before a decision could be made.

At your age you (or your mother) might well see whether Aid to Dependent Children can advise how you could be helped. Many states have crippled-children's funds or funds for afflicted children and adults. A

social service department at a hospital might be able to guide you. Anyway, check with some agencies of this sort and see if one of them can't guide you in the right direction in your particular community.

Chances are also that an opinion from a plastic surgeon, as to both the feasibility and necessity of such an operation, would be helpful, not to say necessary.

Because, as I said, local conditions can be so varied, I can't give you any specific answer — but I'm a great believer in asking questions when you find yourself in a puzzling situation. You may have to ask at several counseling agencies before you find a clue to the right answer.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: I have a hearing aid which is not very satisfactory. How satisfactory is ear surgery? I have been informed by some people who have had this operation that it is not very satisfactory. They claim that it may last two or three years, then they become totally deaf. I would like your

opinion.—R.L.M.

When you speak of "this operation," you confuse matters, because there are different operations to restore hearing, depending on what is causing the deafness. There are also conditions (such as nerve damage) that cannot be helped by surgery.

Ear surgery has advanced greatly in the last decade or so, provides excellent results in suitable cases, and does not lead to loss of hearing — unless some other condition also is damaging the ear structure.

The only sound advice I can give you is to get the opinion of an ear specialist as to whether one type of operation or another will help you. If he says yes — go ahead. If he says no, don't.

Much heart trouble is preventable. Write to Dr. Thosteson in care of The Herald for a copy of his booklet, "How To Take Care of Your Heart," enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25 cents in coin to cover cost of printing and handling.

## Around The Rim Opening Of The Bids

For excitement, suspense and drama, it's hard to beat a major bid opening.

DEPENDING ON the size or number of contracts, these may attract 50 to 100 persons. The major portion will be connected with contractors who are bidding a job, along with bondsmen and potential suppliers of fuel, materials, etc.

Almost invariably they will tax the seating capacity of the bid opening site, and even if there is an ample number of chairs, some will prefer to line up against the wall, sit on their haunches with back against the wall, or mill around in little knots in and just outside the doorway. The room is filled with smoke and banter as they visit and trade quips before the meeting is called to order.

"GENTLEMEN," says the chairman. Quiet falls instantly over the group, for the stakes are high and the competition may be keen between those who have bid the job or supplies with a close margin, or those who have no work and want to get a project to hold a veteran staff together while waiting for something more profitable to turn up.

"Gentlemen, we want to thank each and every one of you for your interest in this work, and for going to the time and expense of making your estimates," the chairman says. "The architect (or engineer) will read the bids."

SOME TRY TO get hold of tabulation forms prepared for the occasion; others have yellow, legal-sized tablets, a few jot down on scraps of paper or in notebooks.

"Bid bond enclosed," says the architect. "By the way, did everyone who submitted a bid receive all the addendums? Ok. Base bid of \$—."

## David Lawrence Lobby Pressures Always At Work

WASHINGTON — As one surveys the news about Washington, much space is taken up in the press telling about many trivial matters, while penetrating stories of what's really going on in the national capital aren't being obtained.

Social parties and the criticisms that disgruntled officials may utter are given much prominence. But the important thing the public needs to know about Washington is the continuous pressure by certain organized groups to get specific legislation passed or defeated. The public reads of close votes in the House or in the Senate and of conference committees working out compromises. The story of what is back of it all, however, rarely gets into print.

PERHAPS THE most powerful influence in Washington is organized labor. Although federal laws forbid contributions by labor unions to political campaigns, they manage nevertheless to make them, for the laws are not too clear and are easily circumvented. Separate organizations are formed which collect money from union members, who presumably contribute "voluntarily." But the fact remains that the political strength of unions exerted through campaign contributions is the biggest factor in American politics today.

NEXT IN importance are the lobbies conducted by large business organizations. These are put into action when particular pieces of legislation are proposed which are deemed to be harmful to certain interests. The business groups are powerful, and they exercise their influence by lining up leading members of the Senate or House in the Committees where vital decisions often are made.

WHERE LARGE defense contracts

## Andrew Tully North Vietnamese Tired Of War

WASHINGTON — Even after allowing for the sometimes virtually criminal optimism of the American military in its appraisal of the Vietnam War, it seems responsible to commit to print intelligence that North Vietnam — as a people — could be getting fed up with the fighting.

IN JUSTIFICATION, it should be noted that this latest morsel of optimism comes from military and State Department intelligence sources who have been right before in challenging rose-colored estimates by their official peers. These sources are the professional cynics of the business — men who in the past have always played a devil's advocate role. They do not swallow the official line until they have done some personal checking.

And so, in this holiday season, there is encouragement in their latest findings.

ITEM: North Vietnamese civilian demonstrations against the war have increased during the last three months, not only in the provinces but in tightly-controlled Hanoi itself.

ITEM: The desertion rate is up. Since Nov. 15, more than 2,000 North Vietnamese army regulars have "disappeared."

ITEM: There is some mild dissent within the ruling Hanoi "committee" over the regime's continued hard line at the Paris peace talks.

ITEM: North Vietnamese radio stations in the past two months have conducted an unprecedented campaign against "defeatists" in both civilian and military ranks. The campaign has been accompanied by a series of arrests of "subversives," whose number some experts put as high as 1,200.

and so it goes.

MOST OF THE contractors sit impassively. One man stares straight ahead, chewing a wad of gum as though he has a quota of chomps to get in before the opening is completed. Another has a cigar stuck in the side of his jaw, rolling it nervously, and nearby another puffs up a smoke screen. One man sits with his hands clasped, a ball point pen stuck between his fingers. Across the room another is tapping a nervous tattoo on his chin with a pencil. One purses his lips. Several scribble figures. Most of them are as poker-faced as a gambler in on a big pot.

WHEN AN exceptionally high figure is quoted, there is a mild ripple and a few knowing glances. "Must have wanted to get well," mumbles one man. "Courtesy bid," shrugs another. "Can't stand that," groans a board member or owner of the project. But when an extraordinary low figure is called, there is a rumble, perhaps a subdued whistle, plus excited chatter. A few men get up and stalk out. For them, the game is over.

Eyes are glued on one or two other contractors who have indicated they have really sharpened pencils in figuring the job. They sit with stony countenances, not betraying if they will be high — or even lower.

"THAT'S ALL the bids," eventually announces the chairman. "Again, we thank you for your interest. We would like to meet briefly with the apparent low bidders, if you can stick around."

As he slips toward the door, one contractor jibes the low bidder. "How much did you leave lying on the table?" (the difference between his bid and the next highest).

"TOO MUCH," smiles the one who landed the job.

—JOE PICKLE

## David Lawrence Lobby Pressures Always At Work

are to be awarded and certain states will be directly affected, it is natural for organizations in the areas to seek to curry favor with Congress. While the Senators and representatives from those states may be responsive, the problem is how to win others to their side. This requires many a conference in Washington at which important discussions are held. Many a member of Congress can find himself with unusual opposition in his next campaign or else with an "unexpected" form of assistance depending upon how he has voted on a particular issue.

ALL OF THIS activity is more or less invisible. But the press seldom takes note of the changes which occur in the voting process itself — why certain members shift their votes at critical moments. This happens even with some senators and representatives who have been very outspoken in favor of or against a measure.

WHEN A SESSION is in its closing days, as is happening with the 91st Congress, many important decisions are reached in the final moments. But it is probably true that few of these are much different from the basic positions taken by special groups throughout the session. Unfortunately, these organizations hold sway whether the Republicans or Democrats are in power. Of course, the enactment or defeat of special interest legislation which lobbyists have supported or opposed is not always unjustified. It would certainly be a help to the American people if the organizations openly expressed their viewpoints and were able to prove convincingly the merits of their arguments.

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## Andrew Tully North Vietnamese Tired Of War

Granted this is the sort of news one likes to hear, especially at this special time of the year. But there are circumstances of some obviousness that would seem to support the premise that North Vietnam, again as a people, has lost some of its enthusiasm for the fighting.

WE TEND TO forget that North Vietnam, after all, is populated by people. They may be so foreign as to be inexplicable to the citizen of Gary, Ind., but they are just as human as we are and, indeed, in part represent an ancient culture that was highly civilized when the West was still existing in caves and communicating by grunt. It would seem fair, then, to suggest that war is not this people's normal occupation, any more than it is the chosen pursuit of 100 per cent Americans.

Also, the Vietnamese of the North have a right to be tired of war. They have been at it ever since VJ Day, first suffering the murderous purges of millions of their countrymen by the late Ho Chi Minh, then doing battle with the French and finally with the Americans. A whole generation has never known peace.

THEY LIVE under a tight dictatorship. But as the Russian czars and even Stalin discovered, a dictatorship cannot stop people from thinking, or for caring for a better life. Except for the political elite, the North Vietnamese have barely and miserably existed for more than 25 years. Because of the cost of the war and their own rulers' indifference to their subjects, these people have had few of the consumer things that make life more comfortable and convenient.

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# 'ROUND TOWN

BY LUCILLE PICKLE

If the days of Christmas shopping were trying on the clerks in the numerous stores, it was as nothing to compare with the trying of their patience when they rose as one to cope with the Great Return. From the looks of the stores on Monday, there were very few people who chose the correct sizes when they made those carefully thought out gift purchases. The clerks will probably hold up just through the January sales and then they too will have that nervous breakdown they have worked so hard for . . . and no one is going to beat them out of having.

Guests expected this week in the home of MR. and MRS. LYNDELL ASHLEY of the Midway community are MR. and MRS. ANTHONY CARPENTER and Tony of Austin who will arrive today, and DR. and MRS. MAPLE AVERY, Kenda, Graham and Jan, of Conroe who will be at the Ashley's Thursday. The friends are coming for the wedding of Shelton Ashley to Miss Lucretia Drake which will take place on Saturday.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES DUNAGAN and their son of Houston were here for the holidays with her mother, MRS. CONNIE GARY, and his father, C. R. DUNAGAN, and Mrs. Dunagan.

MR. and MRS. LLOYD THOMPSON of Lamesa were here from Wednesday until Saturday with their three daughters and their families. They visited in the homes of MR. and MRS. ELVIN BEARDEN and MR. and MRS. R. E. MITCHELL here, and MR. and MRS. DAVID HAYES and Van came over from Snyder to join them. Also here was MISS SUE BEARDEN who has returned to her home in Dallas.

Sunday the Beardens went to Ackerly to visit his parents, MR. and MRS. A. F. BEARDEN and they all went to the J. C. BEARDEN home for a family gathering.

MR. and MRS. GLENN BANKS are in Texas on a 30-day leave from his duties with the U. S. Navy. They are visiting his parents in Snyder and her mother, MRS. GENE RUSH, and Mr. Rush, here. Mrs. Banks is the former Ann Isaacks. They have been stationed in San Francisco but will be in San Diego after Jan. 1.

Student-doctor ROBERT J. BRECKENRIDGE, son of DR. and MRS. ELMER O. BRECKENRIDGE, 1612 Indian Hills, and his family have been here for the holidays with his

parents. Breckenridge is a member of the beginning class of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth. He holds a bachelor of music and a master's degree in education from Texas Technological University and was band instructor at Mesquite before resigning to study osteopathic medicine.

DR. and MRS. J. E. HOGAN have spent the holidays in Ann Arbor, Mich., with their son-in-law and daughter, MR. and MRS. PAT LARKIN, Hank and Jana.

MR. and MRS. JOHN COUCH, Martha and Annette, spent Christmas in San Angelo with his sister, MRS. JOHN BRASHERS, and her daughters, Sarah and Patricia. The girls accompanied the Couches back to their Luther home and were with them until Sunday when they joined their family in Abilene for the A. B. COUCH family reunion at the Moose Lodge.

On Dec. 23, Mrs. Couch accompanied Martha, Betty Johnson and CAROLYN HUTTON of Fort Worth to Midland where they attended the wedding of a Tech suite mate, Miss Suzan Rattou to Orval Nutting of Portales, N.M.

JANIE and JANA SIMS, daughters of MR. and MRS. JIM SIMS of Dallas, are visiting their grandparents, MR. and MRS. H. D. McELRATH. They remained here for a longer visit after their parents returned home to prepare for a move from Dallas to Jackson, Miss., about Jan. 10.

Also in the McElrath home for the Christmas holiday were MR. and MRS. BOWMAN ROBERTS of Mineral Wells. Roberts is a helicopter pilot and returned in August from a year tour of duty in Vietnam.

Guests of her mother, MRS. EUGENE GROSS, are MR. and MRS. BILL FLETCHER, Pam, James and Nancy of Irving. Coming Thursday are DR. and MRS. BOBBY GROSS, Suzanne and Brian of Pecos. They will all stay over the New Year weekend.

Mrs. Gross has recently returned from Malvern, Ark., where she visited her parents. Her father is very ill.

MRS. SAM BLACKBURN returned Sunday night from Ardmore, Okla., where she spent Christmas with relatives.

JAMES BECKHAM of Lubbock is due back here to spend some more of his holidays with his parents, MR. and MRS. FRED BECKHAM.

Our neighborhood has had a couple of medical students home for a few days. MR. and MRS. SAMMY WATERS were guests of his mother, MRS. O. M. WATERS, and MR. and MRS. TAYLOR SMITH were guests of his parents, MR. and MRS. VERNON SMITH. Sammy is a third year medical student at the University of Texas in Galveston, and Taylor at UT in San Antonio.

MR. and MRS. HERBERT B. SHAW of Albuquerque, N.M., are here for the New Year weekend with their son and his family, MR. and MRS. DAVID SHAW.



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**CIRCUIT RIDER** — Girl rodeo rider Mary Jane French, 16, of Fort Myers, Fla., leans on the bridle of her horse, "Ducky," which she hauls in a trailer behind her car while traveling to rodeos across the country.

## Guests Return Home After Holiday Visits

FORSAN (SC) — Holiday guests of the B. R. Wilsons and the A. D. Bartons were the W. G. Browns, Covington, Ky.; the M. E. Wilsons, Alamogordo, N.M.; the M. L. Westons, Ft. Walters; the Cleo Wilsons, Big Spring; Mrs. Ruth Minor, Fort Worth; Miss Beulah Russell, Lewisville; and the Dennis Hughes, Hobbs, N.M.

The Bobby Baker family of Andrews were guests of the J. M. Craigs.

Visiting the A. P. Oglesbys for the holidays were the Sammy Porters, Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Al Oglesbys, Odessa; Dr. Gwen Hale and children, Dallas, and Mrs. Betty McAdams and children of Big Spring.

Guests of the Gordon Hodnets were the Lynn Hodnets and the Larry Hodnets, Odessa; the Murphy Daniels, Sands Springs; and the Charles Reeves, Hodgens, Okla.

Out-of-town relatives visiting the L. G. Shoults for Christmas were the Jackie Shoults, Lubbock; the Buster Griggs, Abilene; the Mack Alexanders, Midland; and the C. L. Girdner Jrs., Austin.

Mrs. Vera Harris has returned from a visit with the James Craigs in Robert Lee. Jim I. Miller is a patient at Medical Center Memorial Hospital following a heart attack Dec. 16.

Guests of the Earl Beesons were Pvt. Bill Willis of Ft. Hood and the Johnny Stokes' of Odessa. Earl Beeson was dismissed from the Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital where he was admitted Christmas night. Friends in Forsan have

## Beauceant President Due Here

Mrs. Warren Brown of Hutchinson, Kan., supreme worthy president, Social Order of Beauceant, will inspect the Big Spring assembly on Jan. 18.

At its meeting Monday in the Masonic Temple, the order made plans for the installation of new officers Tuesday at the temple. The joint installation ceremony with the Sir Knights will be preceded by a dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wright Vickers presided and introduced Mrs. John A. Hendricks, past president of the Sweetwater assembly, as a guest.

The next regular meeting is Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

## Rebekahs Honor Outgoing Officer

Mrs. G. C. Beck, outgoing noble grand of John A. Kee Rebekah Lodge No. 153, was honored in the IOOF Hall Tuesday. She presented gifts to each of her officers.

Mrs. Everett Hood, lodge deputy, presented certificates of perfection to Mrs. Lee Thackrey, Mrs. Alton Allen, Mrs. M. R. Ray, Mrs. LaVerne Rogers, Mrs. Ted Brown, Mrs. Jones Lamar and Mrs. W. R. Loftis.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. W. E. Rayburn. Members reported 25 visits to the sick during the week.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the IOOF Lodge Hall.

## Clever Fakes

The status "furs" this fall are cleverly designed deep-pile fabrics. New synthetic fibers simulate guard hairs, special printing methods duplicate the exact markings of the animals and machines direct the hairs to get natural pelting effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fairchild and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Digby of Odessa have been guests of the M. M. Fairchilds.

Mrs. Jim Lowery and daughters of Cypress are with Mrs. Lowery's mother, Mrs. Lois O'Barr Smith, and the Gene Smiths during school holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Hoard Jr. and daughter, Bonnie Ellen, of Nunn, Colo., have returned home after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Hoard.

The James Kennedys of Crane were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy and the Don Murphys.

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# Party Series Honors Miss Paula Buckner

The series of complimentary parties honoring Miss Paula Ann Buckner, bride-elect of Robert Steven Chrane, continued with two affairs this week.

The first was a seated luncheon hosted by Mrs. H. G. Keaton, No. 8 Indian Ridge. The quartet tables, covered with white linen, were accented with arrangements of white spider chrysanthemums centered with American Beauty roses.

Receiving guests with her mother, Mrs. Charles Buckner, and her grandmother, Mrs. R. V. Middleton, the honoree was attired in a red wool knit dress. All three were presented cor-

sages; Miss Buckner of white spider chrysanthemums and the mothers' of red roses.

Tuesday evening, Miss Buckner was honored with a kitchen shower in the home of Mrs. Bill Estes, 1609 Osage, with Mrs. Rogers Hefley and Mrs. Jack Cox as cohostesses. Assisting were Miss Denise Estes, Mrs. Joey Baker and Miss Marie Buckner, the latter presiding at the guest registry.

Corsages of tiny red velvet apples were presented to the honoree, her mother, her fiance's mother, Mrs. Bill Chrane; his sisters, Miss Karen Chrane, Miss Sharon Chrane, Miss Carla Shrane and Miss

Cindy Chrane, as well as Miss Marie Buckner, the honoree's sister.

The honoree's attire was a grey bolero costume with white blouse and orange belt. Refreshments were served from a polished table centered with a silver candelabrum holding red candles and based in a circle of greenery and red velvet apples. Calling hours were from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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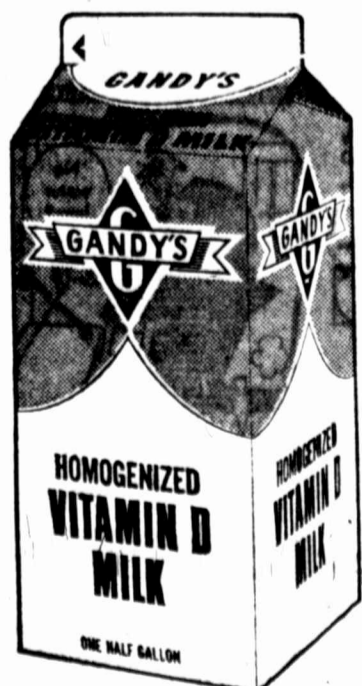
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**BUZZ SAWYER**

PRETTY POLLY! PRETTY POLLY!

CAW CAW! SCREECH!

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, WHAT?

THIS IS BUZZ SAWYER, MR. BERRY, I'VE FOUND DAISY, YOUR ELEPHANT.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

12-30

GOOD! BUT I'M SHORT-HANDED, HOW'LL I EVER FIND THE TIME TO DRIVE OVER AND PICK HER UP?

DON'T WORRY, MR. BERRY.

SHE'S SAFELY LOCKED IN MR. FOXWORTH'S HOTHOUSE FOR SURE I CAN PERSUADE HIS GARDENER TO FEED AND CARE FOR HER... FREE, WITHOUT CHARGE!

WONDERFUL! THANKS A MILLION, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER.

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

Our name is on it, Skeezeix.

Could be the guy's name! Joe Paid!

People just don't go around leaving free sewing machines on doorsteps! There has to be a catch!

Until we find the catch... can I try it out?

Don't touch it! If it falls apart we're stuck for sure!

12-30

"A YEAR AGO TODAY TESS AND I WERE PRISONERS IN THE FRUIT CELLAR OF OUR BURNING HOME."

AND I WAS BLIND.

TIME IS A GREAT MAGICIAN.

THEN I MET TINKY AND THE "BLIND" LED THE "BLIND!"

AT THAT TIME A WAG ASKED, "IS THIS THE END OF AN EPOCH?"

AND EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE COUNTRY KISSED YOU RIGHT OUT OF THE SCENE.

THE POOR CAPST!

**NANCY**

CAN I BLOW YOUR BUGLE?

SURE, TINY.

TOOT TOOT!

I GUESS I BLEW TOO HARD

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REY, NOW, MR. DANVERS! YOU OFFERED TO SEE ME SAFELY TO MY APARTMENT! -- NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT YOUR COMING IN!

IF YOU TELL ME TO LEAVE, I'LL GO, TEENA!

LAY OFF YOUR THINGS! I--I'LL TURN ON SOME LIGHTS!

WHY BE IN SUCH A HURRY, DARLING? IT'S NICE -- THIS WAY!

**L'I'L ABNER**

YOU CAN GO NOW, DOC--

BUT SHOULDN'T I PUT THE TOP BACK ON HIS HEAD?

SUIT YOURSELF.

YOU AN 'TH' DAME, CAN GO NOW, TOO, SHRINKAFELLER--

CHUCK-- IN A MOMENT IMPETUOSA, MY PET-- I'LL GIVE YOU A NECKLACE WORTHY OF A QUEEN--

12-30

"HARRISSE COLLEGE," YEAH! I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK, TROOPER SAID THERE WAS A VILLAGE...

...WHICH WOULD SEEM TO BE A GROSS OVERSTATEMENT!

NOW, IF I CAN FIND THE ACCESS RAMP, GET BACK ON THAT HIGHWAY TO NEW YORK...

**BLONDIE**

COCA CLOSED ME LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE I CAME HOME WITH A LITTLE LIPSTICK ON MY CHEEK

ALL I DID WAS HELP A LITTLE OLD LADY OFF THE BUS AND SHE KISSED ME IN GRATITUDE

NOTHING WRONG IN THAT, MR. DITHERS--HOW OLD WAS THE LITTLE OLD LADY?

OH, SHE WAS PROBABLY IN HER LATE THIRTIES

FRANKIE TOOK MY MONEY--

YES, HE CONFESSED TO ME--

AND HE'S BEEN PUNISHED, HERBY! YOU SEE, HE BOUGHT A CHEMICAL SET WITH THE MONEY AND HAD AN ACCIDENT--

HE'S A SORRY BOY-- HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON--THE EXPLOSION DID SOMETHING AWFUL TO HIM--

YEAH, I SAW HIM! HA HA HA

NO! TOO LATE!

THESE TWO RASCALS KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T!

**RICK O'SHAY**

BY DOGIE, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN LIL... COULD YOU USE A CUP O' COFFEE OVER 'T THE GREASY SPOON?

WELL-- I DON'T KNOW, RICK--

...HAVIN' COFFEE WITH ANOTHER GAL'S INTENDED MIGHT NOT BE PROPER.

BESIDES, PRUTHER HAVE ME A BEER!

**TERRY**

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**SNUFFY SMITH**

TATER IS WRITIN' LETTERS?

FIDDLE DEE DEE-- I NEVER SAID HE WUZ WRITIN'--

I SAID HE HAD THREE PEN PALS

**MARY WORTH**

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**DENNIS THE MENACE**

CHOCOLATE MALI

IF SHE DOESN'T WANT WHIPPED CREAM ON HER SUNDAE, DENNIS, NOBODY GETS IT!

**KERRY DRAKE**

A WIRE... BURIED IN THE SNOW... AND JERKED TAUT AS YOU ZOOMED DOWN TOWARD IT! YOU WERE SET UP FOR A BROKEN NECK, LEFTY!

LET'S SEE WHAT'S AT THE END OF THIS!

FRESH SKI TRACKS! AND A PAIR OF GLOVES... REINFORCED WITH METAL PLATES... THAT MY WOULD-BE EXECUTIONER APPARENTLY DROPPED!

WHOEVER TRIED TO CUT ME DOWN COULDN'T GET ON THE SLOPE WITHOUT TI SKI-MASTER KNOWING IT... ACE MORRAL BETTER COME CLEAN, OR I'LL HANG HIM BY THE HEELS ON HIS OWN LIFT-CABLE!

**BEEBLE BAILEY**

DO YOU BOYS HAVE TO GO BACK TO CAMP SOON?

I'M AFRAID SO, MRS. BAILEY

LET ME JUST TAKE A LAST WALK AROUND YOUR CHARMING HOUSE

BY "HOUSE" HE MEANS "KITCHEN"

OH, DEAR, HE FOUND MY PIE

HAMMM

I'LL GO UN-PACK

**PEANUTS**

SCHROEDER, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER MARRY ME SOMEDAY?

LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I PUT IT?

**NOT FOR ALL THE BEAGLES IN BEAGLELAND!**

THAT'S A GOOD WAY OF PUTTING IT.

**DICK TRACY**

"A YEAR AGO TODAY TESS AND I WERE PRISONERS IN THE FRUIT CELLAR OF OUR BURNING HOME."

AND I WAS BLIND.

TIME IS A GREAT MAGICIAN.

THEN I MET TINKY AND THE "BLIND" LED THE "BLIND!"

AT THAT TIME A WAG ASKED, "IS THIS THE END OF AN EPOCH?"

AND EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE COUNTRY KISSED YOU RIGHT OUT OF THE SCENE.

THE POOR CAPST!

**PEANUTS**

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**MARY WORTH**

REY, NOW, MR. DANVERS! YOU OFFERED TO SEE ME SAFELY TO MY APARTMENT! -- NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT YOUR COMING IN!

IF YOU TELL ME TO LEAVE, I'LL GO, TEENA!

LAY OFF YOUR THINGS! I--I'LL TURN ON SOME LIGHTS!

WHY BE IN SUCH A HURRY, DARLING? IT'S NICE -- THIS WAY!

**PEANUTS**

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LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I PUT IT?

**REX MORGAN**

"HARRISSE COLLEGE," YEAH! I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK, TROOPER SAID THERE WAS A VILLAGE...

...WHICH WOULD SEEM TO BE A GROSS OVERSTATEMENT!

NOW, IF I CAN FIND THE ACCESS RAMP, GET BACK ON THAT HIGHWAY TO NEW YORK...

**PEANUTS**

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LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I PUT IT?

**TERRY**

FRANKIE TOOK MY MONEY--

YES, HE CONFESSED TO ME--

AND HE'S BEEN PUNISHED, HERBY! YOU SEE, HE BOUGHT A CHEMICAL SET WITH THE MONEY AND HAD AN ACCIDENT--

HE'S A SORRY BOY-- HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON--THE EXPLOSION DID SOMETHING AWFUL TO HIM--

YEAH, I SAW HIM! HA HA HA

NO! TOO LATE!

THESE TWO RASCALS KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T!

**PEANUTS**

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LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I PUT IT?

**SMITTY**

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**PEANUTS**

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**MOON MULLINS**

WOW! THANKS FOR HELPING US, MR. DOODLE!

DON'T MENTION IT... NOW, GO BRING ME SOME GRAPE JUICE AND A WATER PISTOL.

WHY?

TO SIGN MY WORK-OFF, COURSE.

**PEANUTS**

SCHROEDER, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER MARRY ME SOMEDAY?

LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I PUT IT?

**JUMBLE** -- that scrambled word game

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CELEX

ULARR

PUDETY

DEYMEI

Print the SURPRISE ANSWER here IN A

WHERE THEY MIGHT PUT A MAN WHO'S BEEN CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the SURPRISE ANSWER here IN A

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OUNCE PHOTO GIGGLE BEHLD

Answers: What you get when you cross a dog with a hen-- A POOCHED EGG

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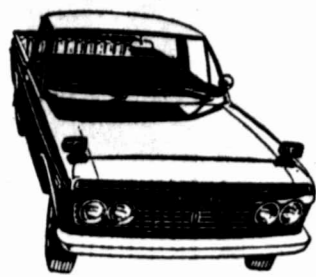
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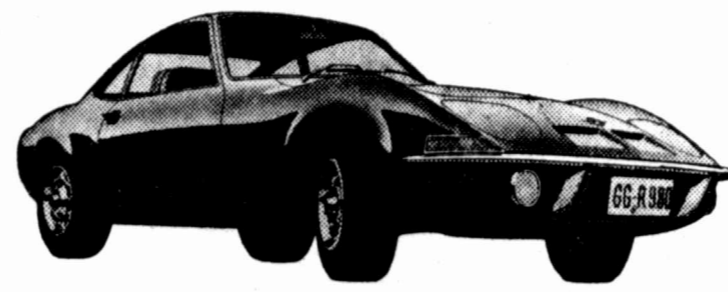
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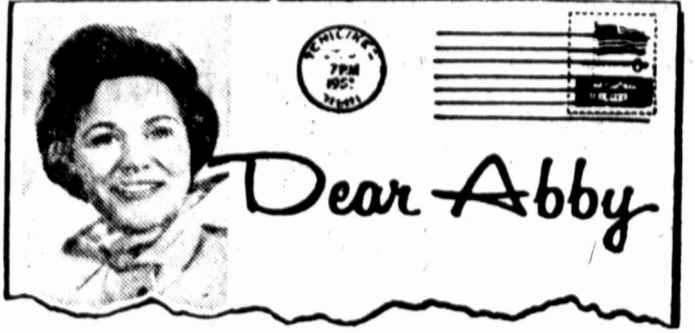
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**Dear Abby**

DEAR ABBY: I am only 13, and for a while I was looking forward to getting married some day, but since I've been reading your column, all those letters you get from married people who hate each other has made me change my mind.

Also, I really don't think it will be so much fun to be grown up because adults have so many problems, like income tax, employment and politics. I don't like school too much, but I think I would rather spend my life in school than be an adult in a world like this one. People all say they want peace and they kill each other.

What do you think I should do, Dear Abby?

AFRAID TO GROW UP  
DEAR ABBY: I have been 100 per cent faithful, but now I'm beginning to understand why husbands start looking around.

Any advice for me: If so, please put it in the paper. Everything else has failed. Thanks and God bless you.

TRIED EVERYTHING  
DEAR ABBY: A man can help his wife clean up her kitchen, buy her perfume and sheer nightwear, and offer to take her out for dinner, but he hasn't tried everything until he has laid it out on the line in plain (and loving) language! Don't tell me — tell her!

You may need counseling, both of you. If she won't go alone, if that fails, then I would say that you have indeed tried everything. And where you go from there must be your own decision.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 36-year-old son who for the last five years has been living common-law with a woman who must be around 50. This woman has had nine children (none by my son), the oldest is in her thirties and the youngest is 16.

Well, my son and this woman are finally going to get married, for which I am happy, but she is sending out wedding invitations! Now, that's all right, too, but a lot of people (especially my friends) thought they were married already.

She is having a big church wedding. Shouldn't this wedding be a quiet wedding with perhaps a nice reception later?

Is there anything that I, as the future mother-in-law, should do?

STEADY READER  
DEAR ABBY: The "bride" is engineering everything, so all the arrangements are up to her. Under the circumstances, a "quieter" wedding might have been more appropriate, but since you weren't consulted, you aren't responsible. Just go and don't "do" anything.

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**It's Cheaper In Cowtown**

FORT WORTH (AP) — Is it more expensive to live in Dallas than Fort Worth?

Yes, say senior marketing majors at Texas Wesleyan College. Some seven per cent so.

The students at the Fort Worth college conducted a study and said they have the facts and figures to support their findings.

They used the "market basket" listing of 238 representative items selected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is divided into such categories as food, housing, apparel, transportation, health and recreation.

"Within each of these categories, the U.S. Census tract enabled us to carefully select each retail outlet for representatives and proportionality," said Jack Deegan, a professor in the TWC Business Department.

"Careful comparisons of the same regular price 'market basket' items in both cities shows a seven per cent cost of living reduction in favor of Fort Worth."

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Hospital Plans

Plans are being drafted for renovation of two buildings (504-505) at Big Spring State Hospital. Improvements will be mostly to plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems, and this will include air conditioning. In addition there will be some remodeling of the structures of the buildings, part of the original complex constructed in 1939. Planning is being done by Gary & Hohertz, Big Spring.



RETURN MAIL — Robert F. Preston holds a bottle like the one he tossed into the Pacific from a troopship in October, 1965, with a note to the finder inside, and a letter and snapshots from a 7-year-old boy who found the bottle on a small uninhabited island near Truk in the South Pacific five years later. The letter was written by a Peace Corps worker for the boy.

**Pesticides Penetrate Fish In Gulf Of Mexico**

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP) — A high degree of pesticides has been discovered by Texas A&M University oceanographers in a fish captured more than 100 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Thomas J. Bright, chief scientist for the cruise during which the fish was caught, said the significance is two-fold: That pesticides have penetrated so far offshore and the high level of concentration.

The fish, a three and one-half foot barracuda, was caught during some general investigations at the Flower Garden Banks 120 miles south-southeast of Galveston.

The Flower Gardens are the northernmost living coral reefs in the Gulf.

Texas A&M's Sea Grant Program is considering a study which might lead to dedication of the unique reefs as a national resource preserve.

"Analysis of the barracuda indicates pesticides are getting far offshore and probably into the deeper aspects of the Gulf of Mexico," Dr. Bright said.

He said the barracuda probably never ventured closer to shore than the Flower Gardens.

Detailed analysis of the fish's brain indicated 15 parts per million of DDT residues, which Bright described as "a pretty high level."

He said such a level might be significant in influencing the fish's behavior.

The analysis also revealed a DDT concentration of .6 parts per million in the liver and .17 in muscle tissue.

Bright noted a .09 concentration was recently discovered in the muscle tissue of a dolphin caught 30 miles off the coast of Charleston, S. C.

"A comparison would indicate concentrations are slightly greater in the Gulf of Mexico, because of its enclosed nature and also because of the greater river discharge into the gulf," the Texas A&M oceanographer explained.

**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1 Press agent; slang  
6 Sorrow  
11 Proceed; 2 w.  
13 Dispute  
15 Less smooth  
16 Free meal  
17 White robe  
18 Emotion  
20 Number  
21 Simmer  
23 Brainy  
24 Silver amalgam cone  
25 Tendon  
27 Diamond  
28 Records  
29 Sneeze-producing  
31 Dwarf  
32 Nothing; French  
33 Gouge  
34 Stuffy  
36 Paucity  
39 Split  
40 Brick carrier  
41 Writer — Loos  
43 Rabble  
44 — hand; helped  
46 Federal employee; 2 w.  
47 Founded; abbr.  
48 Five year periods  
50 Golf teacher  
51 Oriental

**DOWN**

1 Baseball term; 2 w.  
2 Softly bright  
3 Mountain  
4 Skullcap  
5 Leg joints  
6 Admit  
7 Pealed  
8 Midwest state; abbr.  
9 Boastfulness  
10 Volubility  
11 Tumbler  
12 Mischievous being  
13 Social swim  
14 Heaters  
19 Secular

**22** Pass away; 2 w.  
**24** Coloring  
**26** Joint  
**28** Girl's name  
**30** Plain on moon  
**31** Seat  
**33** Unnecessary procedure; 2 w.  
**34** Student groups  
**35** Raial  
**36** Type assortment  
**37** Single  
**38** Young actress  
**39** — of the crop  
**40** From now on  
**42** Celeban oxen  
**44** — Hunt; poet  
**45** Make suitable  
**48** School groups; abbr.  
**49** Pack  
**52** "Happy — lark"  
**54** Roofpoint cap

**Puzzle of Tuesday, Dec. 29, Solved**

**BIG HEADACHE FOR ANACIN**

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association said today that the makers of Anacin had voluntarily agreed to discontinue an advertising campaign which implied AMA endorsement of the non prescription pain reliever.

A spokesman for the AMA, which had objected to radio and television commercials advertising the widely used product, said the manufacturer, Whitehall Laboratories, a division of American Home Products Corp., had advised the AMA it was in the process of discontinuing the advertising campaign.

**Cleanliness, Hips Add Up To Profits**

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston firm finds that cleanliness and hippos add up to big profits.

Hap Hedges, who heads Apartment Aid Inc., said the company was founded about six months ago to clean and refurbish apartments. Most complexes have maintenance men, he said, but labor is scarce and since most apartments are vacated on the first of the month complex owners can't get them cleaned up fast enough to show to new customers.

"The greatest secret," Hedges said of his business, "is longhairs."

"The first person I hired was a college graduate from Sam Houston State who grew a beard and was fired from his job," Hedges said.

Soon, he was a supervisor. Longhairs like the work, primarily because they are not harassed, Hedges said.

He ran a spot on one of the Houston rock stations and got 300 applications at one time, he said.

"I realize many of them are transients going all over the country looking to find themselves. But once they get a job where they aren't harassed, they are fine. We've had very, very few turnovers."

And the first employee, "who wasn't interested in making a lot of money, turned out to be the most conscientious guy I have ever worked with," Hedges said.

"He is just great. In fact, if I could find the person who forced him out of his previous job I'd like to take him to lunch and thank him for the favor."

**'Staging News Coverage' Dope Raid Draws Fire**

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — A Jefferson County grand jury has criticized local law enforcement officials for what it called "staging news coverage" of a massive drug raid this month.

"The news media could have served the public adequately without previous notification..." the investigative panel's report said.

It added that such "staging of a television production tends to deter the chances of rehabilitation of juvenile defendants."

The report also recommended that city and county police should handle future raids "in a more professional manner, with the solving of the overall problem more in mind."

Submitted by a majority of eight members, the report was from the county's first split grand jury in nearly 10 years.

A minority report, apparently not so critical of police, was under preparation by the remaining four grand jurors.

**Services Today For Rep. Rivers**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Many of the nation's top government and military officials gathered here for the funeral today of Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Afternoon services for the South Carolina Democrat were scheduled at the Grace Episcopal Church with burial in the Episcopal Church cemetery 40 miles away at St. Stephen, in the South Carolina low country where he was born 85 years ago.

Rivers died Monday in Birmingham, Ala., 17 days after he underwent surgery to replace a faulty heart valve with one made of plastic.

Thousands filed through the church Tuesday after the casket had been placed in the nave.

Rivers had been a member of Congress for 30 years. He was elected to his 16th term, without opposition, in November.

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**Early Retirement For More Pilots**

DALLAS (AP) — Increased responsibility and work load are causing more airline pilots to retire before the compulsory age of 60, one of them said here recently in an interview.

The flier, himself retired, is Capt. William J. Fry, in Dallas for a reunion of the Delta Golden Wings, a group of retired pilots.

"Increasing responsibility and work load, including (air) traffic, contribute to early retirement," said the airman.

Upsetting is flying back and forth across time zones and the international datelines, he said.

"It can be difficult to go to sleep and you don't eat or digest your food well," he said.

"You may wake up at 4 a.m. and be hungry but nobody else is eating."

Fry flew 31 years for Delta Air Lines, retiring in 1965. He lives now at Ojai, Calif.

He would like for pilots to fly less hours per month and be able to retire with "adequate pay."

Fry also urged improvement in airline scheduling and crew rotation, noting that younger pilots with no seniority privileges may "leave home at 8 a.m. and get back at 10 p.m." but not have flown more than seven hours—"but they're beat."

One problem pilots do not have, said Fry, is boredom. "They're too busy," he said.

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