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DEMANDED \$55 MILLION IN \$1,000 BILLS AND 200 MILLION YEN

## Capture Hijacker Of Jumbo Jet

TOKYO (AP) — An 18-year-old Japanese hijacker of a Japan Air Lines jumbo jet with 425 other persons aboard today but was captured seven hours later by police bringing food on board.

Police said the youth, who carried a black bag but turned out to be unarmed, told them he wanted to do research of the earth.

### OBEY OUR ORDERS

They said he took over the Boeing 747, with a record number of persons aboard for a hijacking, by presenting a note to

a crew member saying "Obey our orders. If not, I cannot guarantee the lives of the passengers."

An officer said the youth's comment about wanting to study the world might be the reason he demanded Alpine equipment including ropes, shovels, knives and face masks, and 15 parachutes.

JAL officials said he also demanded \$55 million in \$1,000 bills and 200 million yen, about the equivalent of \$666,000, in 10,000-yen notes.

Police identified the youth at Katsuhito Owaki but prohibited publication of the name in Japan since he is a minor.

### BIOLOGY BUFF

Police said the youth told them he had planned the hijacking for about a month. Since childhood, they quoted him as saying, he had been interested in geology and biology but had no money to pursue studies in these fields.

Police said the youth was not believed to be connected with any radical group.

At one point when the pilot

asked him what he planned to do with the equipment he requested, he replied that the equipment was to be picked up in Tokyo and he would give further instructions then.

### OPERATED ALONE

He took over the plane on a domestic flight and allowed it to continue to its original destination of Naha on the island of Okinawa for refueling.

The youth had operated alone and there were no other hijackers, authorities said.

He was seized by police who dressed as aircraft attendants

to bring food ordered by the hijacker for the plane. Three police in attendants' uniforms seized the hijacker in the plane's cockpit.

Officials said police had carried food onto the plane twice previously to see how many hijackers were aboard before moving against the masked youth.

### 111 WOMEN

A JAL spokesman said the hijacker had not made any threats about blowing up the plane or other violence. Ninety minutes after the

plane had landed at Okinawa, the youth allowed 162 passengers to leave the plane. They included 111 women, three children and 48 men who were elderly or in frail health.

With these passengers gone, 264 persons remained captive aboard the plane, equal to the previous record hijack load aboard a KLM jumbo jet seized by Palestinian guerrillas over Iraq last November.

### 300 POLICE

While the hijacker negotiated with airport officials, the plane

was parked on the center of the runway, with more than 300 police surrounding the area.

The hijacker reportedly told authorities he would do nothing until the president of Japan Air Lines, Shizuo Asada, arrived on the scene. The youth was then seized shortly after 8 p.m., just about the time that Asada was due to arrive at Okinawa.

The hijacker's use of "we" and "our" in his notes to the pilot had suggested at first that he had accomplices aboard the plane.

## The World At-A-Glance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Fresh admissions are expected in what courthouse officials are calling "Watergate Midwest," the tangled antitrust case against the nation's largest dairy cooperative. Lawyers for the Texas-based Associated Milk Producers Inc., subject of multiple lawsuits and a Watergate grand jury investigation, are scheduled to submit a lengthy document admitting facts which have developed in pretrial testimony of roughly 100 witnesses and in approximately 2 million documents identified as potential evidence. U.S. District Court Judge John W. Oliver set a hearing today to receive the anticipated documents.

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif. (AP) — Newspaper executive Randolph A. Hearst says he will attempt to respond

to the letter to demands made by the kidnapers of his daughter. He pledged Monday to do "everything we can" to meet the Symbionese Liberation Army's demand for the distribution of \$70 worth of quality food for every needy resident of the San Francisco Bay area. And he said he would try to arrange a nationally televised news conference for two imprisoned SLA "soldiers" as demanded by the terrorist group which kidnaped Patricia Hearst, 20, on Feb. 4.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Finance Committee to Re-elect the President has closed its books and transferred \$3.57 million to a trust account with a Washington bank. The committee, which raised more than \$60 million for President Nixon's re-election campaign, now is known as the 1972 Campaign Liquidation Trust.

## White House Counterattack

### BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said today it would be "constitutionally irresponsible" for President Nixon to agree to provide further material to the Texas Judiciary Committee until the panel defines its charges against the President.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Wilbur Mills repeated today that he believes that a congressional report on President Nixon's taxes will lead the President to resign—but said he was not accusing Nixon of tax fraud.

His comment came as the White House stepped up its counterattack on those who suggest Nixon should or will resign.

### NO IDEA

"I said specifically I was not accusing the President," Mills, D-Ark., replied when newsmen asked about the thrust of his allegations at a Little Rock, Ark., news conference last week.

Mills said today "I have no idea" if any fraud was involved in handling of the President's tax affairs.

Mills said he had arrived at no conclusion on whether the President had any personal

knowledge of possible violations of tax laws in returns prepared for him.

"I don't know that he had any knowledge of them," Mills said.

Mills was questioned briefly by newsmen as he arrived back to chair the House Ways and Means Committee, following lengthy treatment for a back ailment.

### CHEAP SHOT

He refused to comment on White House allegations that he had taken a "cheap shot" against the President or White House aide Bryce Harlow's statement to reporters on Nixon's jetliner en route back from Florida Monday night, that Mills was engaging in McCarthy-like tactics.

## Billy's Hair Sparks Fight

PASADENA, Tex. (AP) — The Pasadena School Board has upheld the suspension from kindergarten of a 5-year-old boy whose parents say his long hair covers birth defects.

Lawyers for the parents said they will return to court in an effort to get the boy readmitted to school in this Houston suburb.

Billy Epperson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Epperson of Pasadena, was suspended Feb. 22 from Golden Acres Elementary School because his hair violated school policy, which states that hair must not touch the eyes or ears and must be off the shirt collar.

### 'BOUT SAME

Carbon copy of Monday. Fair through Wednesday. High today and Wednesday, mid 70s. Low tonight, mid 40s. Westerly winds 8 to 16 m.p.h. and diminishing tonight.

## 'HE JUST HATED VIOLENCE'

## 'Eddie Wasn't A Coward'

DETROIT (AP) — The widow of the only American soldier shot for desertion since the Civil War is living here under an assumed name and trying to forget, a Detroit newspaper reports.

### EVACUATED

Antionette Slovik, wife of Pvt.

Eddie Slovik, who was executed during World War II, had been presumed dead for nearly a decade by all who knew her, except a few close relatives. She and Slovik had no children. But obscurity may become more difficult for Mrs. Slovik, now 60.

NBC Television is scheduled to air a movie-length documentary Wednesday on the life of Eddie Slovik, whose execution was kept secret from even the Detroit GI's wife for nine years.

Based on a book by William Bradford Huie, the movie



GROOMING LAMB FOR SHOW — Lita Cox, 15, and Brent Nichols, 11, prepare a Hampshire lamb for competition in the Howard County Junior Livestock Show, March 14-16. The show, which will feature 114 lambs and 41 steers, will be held at the Howard County Fair Barns. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nichols. Lita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fern Cox. The two youth belong to the Lucky Acres 4-H Club, Big Spring.

## Landfill Offers Range Upward From \$200 Acre

City officials re-opened four bids for a landfill site and released the bids for publication Monday afternoon.

Lowest price per acre was \$200 asked by E. W. Richardson for 183.55 acres abutting the present dump grounds.

"If sold now, there is 6 acres of land on the top of the hill that is fenced and just across the fence from the present landfill site available now," Richardson wrote.

"I would like to use the remainder of the land until October 1st, 1974, to give me time to dispose of my stock and equipment," Richardson said.

A 53.33-acre tract was offered for \$250 per acre.

To find this land, drive two miles west of Webb Air Force Base on U.S. 80 and then one-quarter mile south.

Norma Elsie Woods, Wanda Louise Ford, Lois Gertrude Murphree and Jerry D. Ford signed the bid.

M. W. Griffice and P. M. Garrett wanted \$850 per acre for 76.02 acres. This land is located on Farm Road 700 north of IS-20.

Caliche deposits and utility connections here were mentioned in the bid.

W. D. Caldwell proposed sale of 36 acres on U.S. 87 south adjacent to Municipal Golf Course for \$1,000 per acre.

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## Meeting With Airlines' Officials Is Cordial

Three men representing Big Spring and Howard County got a cordial reception by Texas International Airlines Monday in Houston, but nothing changed in TIA's plans to ask suspension of service here.

No change in position was expected, however, for one of the understandings for the parley was that there would no discussion of the TIA case which has been set for a pre-hearing March 27.

"It was a very cordial meeting with the Texas International representatives," said president Ralph McLaughlin and County Commissioner Jack Buchanan in a joint statement. "There was a basic understanding that there was no change of opinion in the pending request of Texas International to delete service to Big Spring which is before the Civil Aeronautics Board."

The three met with Don Burr, chairman of the TIA board, Jim Cassidy, senior vice president of public relations and marketing, and Jack Manger,

vice president of TIA. Frank Lorenzo, president, was in Dallas where TIA, with other feedlines, are embroiled in a suit to compel them to transfer service from Love Field to the new regional airport near Grapevine.

TIA officials expressed an interest to cooperate in providing best possible service and schedule. There was no commitment to try and hammer out a morning flight, for which local interests have contended, but rather a promise to look at it. What, if anything, can be done in this direction should be known within two or three weeks. The local group talked of some ways the community could cooperate.

Earlier, the CAB denied TIA's request for temporary, immediate suspension of service here, hence the case for a permanent suspension moves to a hearing on its merits. The presiding is to determine what sort of information the CAB requires and each side will want from the other. No date has been set for the hearing itself.

## FROM INQUIRY Customer Gets Quick Results

Service with a smile is the keyword of the Big Spring Herald classified department.

But a local policeman who came in to purchase a lost and found ad got even better service than he had counted on.

He was advertising for a lost brown and white Brittany Spaniel which fled from his father's back yard while the policeman was out of town on vacation.

While the officer was describing the dog to Mrs. Nellida Wild, classified ad clerk, she interrupted him by exclaiming, "That's the dog my children have been playing with the past two days."

She made a couple of phone calls and located the dog, much to the delight of the customer.

The Herald often gets rapid results with their classified ads, but the paper's personnel doesn't claim it will always be so expeditiously.

## Quakes Jar Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two mild earthquakes rumbled through downtown Los Angeles early today, apparently causing no damage and attracting little attention from a sleeping city.

A spokesman for the Seismological Lab at California Institute of Technology at Pasadena said the first quake, registering 3.0 on the Richter scale, occurred at 12:33 a.m. PDT.

The second quake five minutes later registered 2.5, he said.

The spokesman said a quake of 3.0 would be unlikely to cause damage and would be undetected by some residents in the immediate area.

## Briscoe Wins First Round

AUSTIN (AP) — District Court Judge Herman Jones today blocked the taking of depositions from 90 persons, including Gov. Dolph Briscoe, by lawyers for Frances Farenthold in her suit against the governor.

Jones also said that he opposes any effort by any party to the suit to use his courtroom "to ventilate issues for a political campaign."

Mrs. Farenthold, Briscoe's main opponent in the Democratic primary, has filed a \$3.5 million civil suit, alleging that some contributions received in connection with the Oct. 3 Dolph Briscoe Appreciation Dinner were illegal.

## St. Mark May Have Been A Streaker

There was a ray of hope this week for those who look askance at the 'streaking' fad and find it hard not to pronounce judgment.

The Rev. Harland Birdwell, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, noted in the church bulletin:

"Back to the phenomenon currently referred to as 'streaking'... after careful consultation with several eminent Biblical scholars, I have decided that 'streaking' is quite Biblical and must, therefore, be looked at with more sympathy than at first glance. It is rumored that St. Mark may have been a 'streaker'. I refer you to Mark 14, verses 51 and 52. And for further Biblical reference, we are told that the Day of the Lord will be occasioned by 'streaking,' see Amos, chapter 2, especially, verse 16. I hope you find this helpful, comforting and reassuring."

Note Amos 2:10 — "And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the Lord."



TRIES TO FORGET — Eddie Slovik, the only American soldier shot for desertion in World War II, is shown with his wife, Antionette (left) on their wedding day in 1942. Mrs. Slovik, (right) now 60-years old, who didn't know of her husband's execution for nine years, lives alone in Detroit trying to forget the past. NBC television is scheduled to air a movie-length documentary Wednesday on the life of Eddie Slovik.

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# Hail Rattles Off Rooftops

By The Associated Press  
Hail rattled off the rooftops and briefly torrential rains soaked parts of Texas again today as a stalled cool front set off another round of showers and thunderstorms.

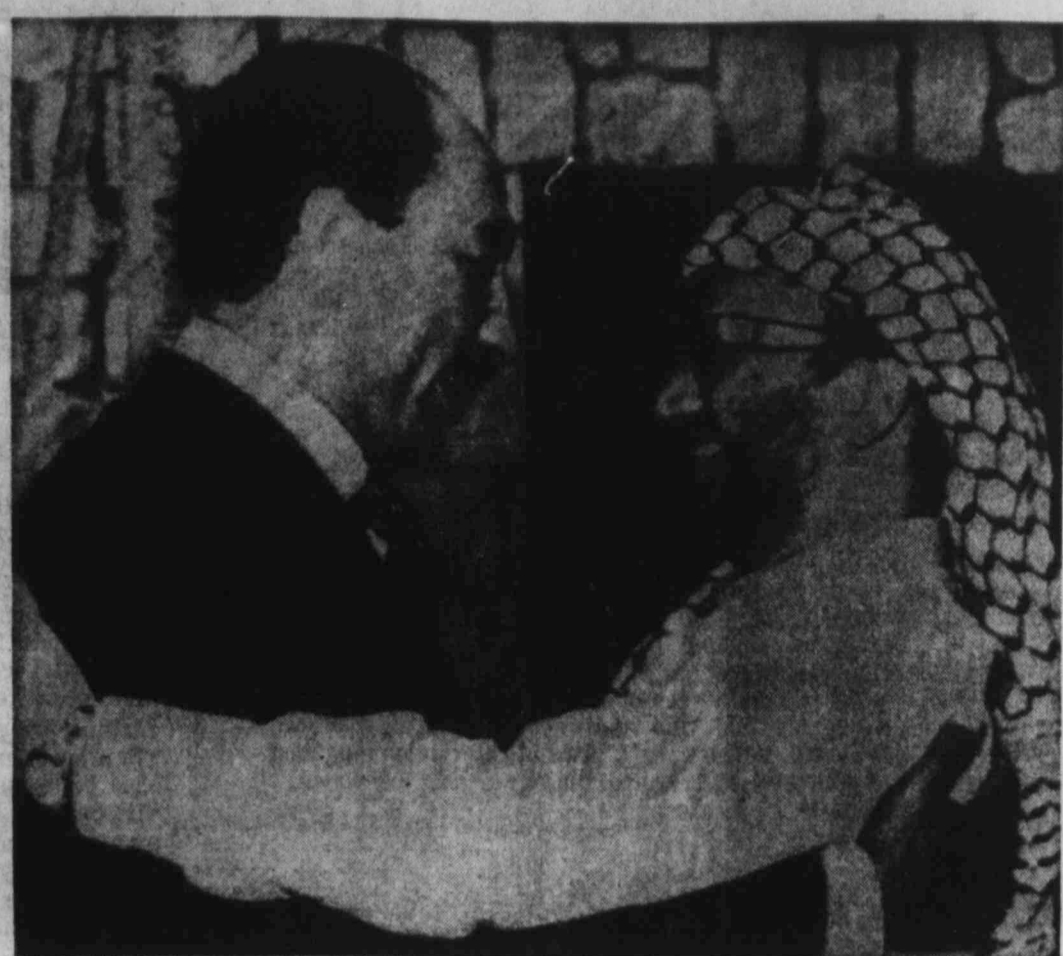
There also were threats of local flooding as the unruly weather concentrated on areas from Central Texas into the northeast corner of the state. Water filled some streets at Teague for a time, police reported.

from hen eggs at Wills Point down to golf balls at Edgewood, both east of Dallas, and marbles at Mexia, farther south. Outside the moisture belt, skies also remained cloudy over the rest of East and Southeast Texas. It was generally clear over western sections of the state.

During the fore part of the night other storms moved from Southwest Texas into the central part of the state.

Moisture amounts Monday included Longview .67 inch, Tyler .43, Mineral Wells .32, Lufkin .25, Dallas .22, Fort Worth .20 and Waco .16.

Temperatures near dawn today ranged from 34 degrees at Dalhart and 38 at Amarillo in the Panhandle up to 73 at Corpus Christi and 74 at Brownsville and McAllen in the extreme south.



(AP WIREPHOTO by radio from Cairo)

**EMBRACE FOR ARAFAT** — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, embrace Monday before they met in Cairo. Sadat also planned to meet late Monday with some of the oil ministers of the Arab states.

## Saudi Arabia Is In Favor Of Lifting Oil Embargo?

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt's semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram gave another indication today that Saudi Arabia, the key to the Arab oil embargo against the United States, is in favor of resuming shipments to America.

The paper said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the prime mover for an end to the boycott, met Monday with the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain, and all six agreed on "all aspects of the oil policy."

ter, Ahmed Zaki Yamani, called for an end to the ban.

The oil ministers' meeting in Tripoli Wednesday was first scheduled for the Libyan capital on Feb. 14 and then was postponed at Sadat's request. Sadat tried to get the meeting held in Cairo last Sunday, but Algeria and Libya — both militant defenders of the embargo — insisted on meeting in Tripoli.

pull back on the Syrian front. In Washington, a State Department spokesman said he expected Syrian and Israeli negotiators to begin discussing a disengagement agreement within two weeks in Washington.

**SOLID BLOC**

This indicated that the six nations would form a solid bloc in opposition to Libya, Algeria and Syria at the meeting of Arab oil states in Tripoli, Libya, on Wednesday.

**HOME GROUND**

Presumably they felt their case against lifting the embargo would be stronger if they were arguing it on their home ground.

**NIXON TO VISIT**

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy told the Cairo newspaper Al-Gomhuria that President Nixon plans to visit Egypt between May 10 and May 15. In Washington, the White House refused to rule out such a trip and indicated some tentative plans had been made, but spokesmen would not confirm that the President had decided to visit the Middle East.

Saudi King Faisal, who controls the world's biggest known oil reserves, has never publicly retracted his repeated demands for an Israeli withdrawal from all captured territories, including Old Jerusalem, before the embargo is lifted. But early last week the Saudi oil ministers

Algeria, Libya and Syria want at least a pullback of Israeli forces on the Syrian front and there is no assurance that even that will satisfy Libyan President Moammar Khadafi.

The Egyptian ambassador to the United States, Ashraf Ghorbal, said Monday in Seattle, Wash., that lifting of the embargo might depend on some U.S. "gesture" to get Israel to

## TRIAL OF POLITICO Banker Undergoes Lengthy Quizzing

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP) — A government prosecutor questioned a South Texas banker for six hours Monday concerning the financial records of Duval County political leader George B. Parr.

Parr, 73, a bald man who spends recesses chatting in the hallways in Spanish, is being tried in federal court here on an eight-count indictment accusing him of evading more than \$129,000 in income taxes and understating his income by more than \$287,000 between

1966 and 1969. Asst. U.S. Atty. Ed McDonough went through a tedious, repetitious series of questions each time he introduced a total of 135 documents pertaining to Parr's finances.

Carl Williams, vice president and cashier of the First State Bank of San Diego, identified each paper after going through the series of questions concerning the bank records.

McDonough did not actually question Williams as to what was contained on the checks, cashiers checks, deposit tickets and bank ledgers.

The jury of seven men and five women spent a good portion of the day examining the documents as they were introduced.

Many of the checks introduced were salary checks of \$1,000 each in payment for Parr's work as lawyer for the Duval County Conservation and Reclamation District, a water district.

Earlier in the trial, McDonough said he would prove that \$248,000 in water district funds were used to pay bills Parr owed.

McDonough introduced nine

deposit tickets for 1969, a year in which Parr claimed his taxable income was only \$850.13. The amount of the deposit tickets was not mentioned.

Defense lawyer Douglas Tinker of Corpus Christi, who failed in an attempt to keep the bank records out of the trial on grounds they were not relevant, was to cross examine Williams today.

One of the next witnesses scheduled to testify will be D.C. Chapa, an official of the water district who was granted immunity from prosecution before he testified before a federal grand jury at San Antonio.

Chapa will testify in Spanish through a court interpreter.

## Proves Can't Please Them

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) —** The National Organization for Women and three individuals have filed suit challenging a state law that gives women an unqualified exemption from jury duty.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court claims that, because women are allowed to miss jury duty because of their duties as housewives, juries in Erie County do not properly represent the population.

The suit said 85 per cent of the jury pool in the county is male.

The suit named Erie county Clerk Robert Grimm and Crucian Messina, Erie County commissioner of jurors. It asks that a three-judge federal panel look into the constitutionality of the law.

## 'Card' Swindlers Fleece Braceros

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Authorities on both sides of the Mexican-United States border here have expressed concern over schemes by which Mexican workers are misled into believing they can get jobs on the U.S. side with questionable papers.

Sergio Conde Valera, city executive officer in Juarez across the border from El Paso, said he told Manuel Casanova Monday to stop recruiting Mexicans from the interior into his labor union or face prosecution under laws forbidding recruitment for work in the United States.

**\$50 FEES**

Casanova claims he is merely offering prospective workers a service by advising them on the problems of obtaining jobs in the United States and having them prepared to go first if the border is opened further to Mexican workers.

Some of the workers report to newsmen that they are charged from \$25 to \$50 for this advice and for cards showing they belong to Casanova's union, called Alianza (union or fraternal organization) de Braceros (workers).

In the last few days, the Mex-

ican consul general in El Paso, Fernando Fernandez, has conducted a radio campaign in Juarez telling Mexicans that the union cards are not valid for admission to the United States as braceros.

**'GREEN CARDS'**

Observers estimate that 2,000 would-be workers from the interior have congregated in Juarez recently, believing they could get work in the United States.

Conde Valera said that at no time had Casanova misrepresented his union cards as "green cards," otherwise known as U.S. alien registration cards, which are used by thousands of Mexicans as work permits on the U.S. side.

In another development, several aliens have been brought before the U.S. magistrate here recently on charges of illegally seeking to cross into the United States with forged green cards.

Last Friday, four were brought into court and said they had bought the cards in Juarez from persons who only have their first name. Two said they paid more than \$200 for the forgeries, another said he paid \$400 and another \$700.

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## Dozen Die In Flames

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — A newsstand operator, his pregnant wife and 10 of their 13 children were burned to death in a fire that gutted their Dublin home Monday.

The three surviving children, a 19-year-old girl and two younger brothers, were hospitalized with burns.

Firemen said it was the heaviest fire toll in Dublin that they could remember.

The dead couple were Mr. and Mrs. Derek Howard, in their late 30s. Howard ran a newsstand at the Dalkey railroad station. The children who died ranged in age from one year to 19.

Neighbors said they were wakened by screams from the burning two-story house and saw some of the family trying to escape. But they said they could not break through the double-glazed windows. Neighbors tried to get into the house, but the smoke, flames and intense heat drove them back.

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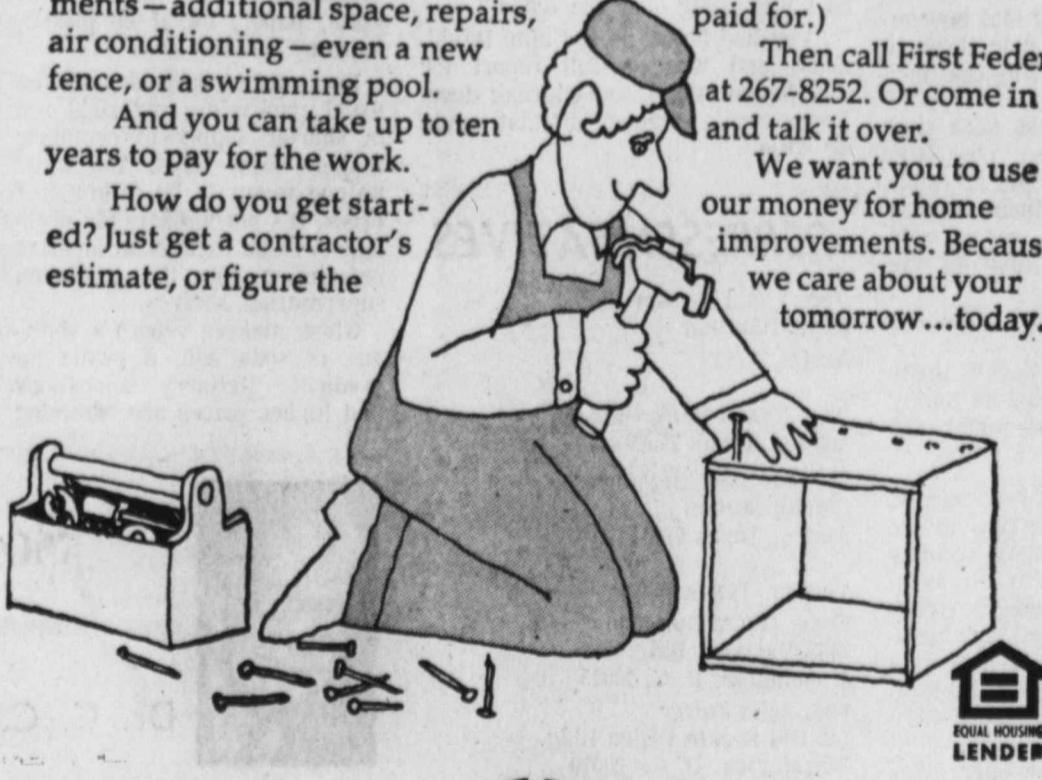
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# Reasonable Accommodation

Struggling to rewrite the "McGovern rules" for delegate selection without returning to the old days of unit rule and domination of party affairs by insiders, the Democratic party's national committee has come up with a reasonable compromise.

According to the latest draft approved by the committee, each step of the delegate selection process will afford a voice to virtually all shades of opinion within the party. At 1976 precinct, county and state conventions, delegates to the next highest party level will be selected on a percentage basis, reflecting the presidential choices of those in attendance. Each presidential hopeful will get a 15 per cent of the convention votes will get a proportional share of the delegates. No quotas on minorities will be enforced, but the unit rule will still be dead.

There are other problems to be worked out. Chief among them is the degree of policing of state party affairs — to insure minority participation — the national party will assume. But the basic formula for delegate selection would seem to protect the views of all, and protect against dictatorial rule of the party by a few.

The proportional assignment of delegates probably will benefit George Wallace most among the prospective candidates; the one who might be the big loser is Sen. Edward Kennedy. Wallace has some support throughout the country; proportional representation will give him some delegates in states he could not hope to carry in a winner-take-all primary fight. The opposite applies to Kennedy, a likely strong vote-getter in primaries

who will be prevented from taking all of any state's votes by the new rules.

But whoever benefits or loses, the proportional rule does continue the democratization of the party, opening it up to participation at the grassroots. While that may create problems in the process — particularly for those who would manipulate — it likely will produce long range results in maintaining viability as a broad-based entity.

# Don't Over React

In his weekly report, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby addresses himself into the danger of environmental protection becoming a casualty to the energy crisis.

He correctly states to some degree overzealousness of clean air and water enthusiasts did contribute in some measure to the energy pinch. "But we were running perilously short of energy years before environmental protection became widely fashionable," notes. "The greater

danger, I believe, is that the environment may become a victim of the energy crisis."

A good dose of commonsense will help solve the problem. It was costly folly to assume that an oil pipeline from Alaska would threaten the whole of the northwest American continent. Thus, we will be a year or two late in receiving benefits of that line. But that does not mean that we should not take all prudent precautions against practices which would foul our air and our water.

# Show Goes On



**Around The Rim**  
Jo Bright

The energy shortage, felt first in major resort areas, is also effecting attendance at state conventions, sports events, festivals and whatever else is designed to attract travelers or tourists.

STILL, THE show goes on, hopefully, drawing revenue from persons within reasonable driving distance. In some instances, small towns, as well as cities, depend on annual or regularly-scheduled functions to put extra money in circulation or raise funds for specific community improvements.

Big Spring, for example, would like to draw as many area people as possible to its junior stock show and Rattlesnake Round-up this month.

I'm not advocating driving all over the country. But as long as it's permissible to sell gas, I guess it's alright to buy it.

My Texas Events Calendar extends through March and, if you're on the highway, you may want to linger along the way.

AT LUBBOCK, THE Southwest Junior Livestock Show ends Wednesday while, at Dallas, the Southwest Sports Camping, Boat and Vacation Show continues through Sunday. Also, slated through Sunday is the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Championship Rodeo at Mercedes. The Eastland County Art Show begins Wednesday for a full week at Cisco, while the county livestock show will be at Eastland Thursday through Saturday. Goliad's county fair, livestock and flower show is March 14-18; Austin's show and rodeo is March 14-23; and there's a dog show at Galveston March 15-16. Those dates

have also been pegged for the West Texas Relays at Odessa and the 28th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at Shamrock.

New Braunfels has its antique show and sale March 15-17, the same time that San Antonio is hosting the Southwest Gem and Mineral Show.

McAllen is quite away down the road, but the International Spring Fiesta March 15-24 sounds worth it — tennis tourney, German festival and flower, arts and crafts shows. On the 16th, there are junior stock shows at Bastrop, Carthage and Willis Point. Brownwood has its snake round-up March 16-17.

Mid-March marks the beginning of spring at Athens where the Henderson County Dogwood Trails should be in full bloom until the end of the month. Nederland, near the coast, has planned its Heritage Festival March 21-24.

HERE'S ONE THAT sounds intriguing: on March 22 at Post there is to be Tabo'Na Yuan'E. That's defined as an Indian legend breakfast at sunrise.

The dates of March 22-24 have been chosen for an art festival at Breckenridge and the southwest area square dance festival at El Paso. A day earlier, the Rattlesnake Round-Up and antique show begins at Ballinger. (Stay home for our round-up March 23-25.)

Winding up the month will be such things as a porcelain art show, Austin, March 24; tour of homes, Brenham, March 25; Galveston Island Intercollegiate Golf Classic, March 25-29; international fair and exposition, Laredo, March 25-31; and San Angelo Relays, March 29-30.

# VOA's Cop Out

Robert Novak

WASHINGTON — The Voice of America (VOA), this nation's overseas propaganda arm, has been strangely mute about Alexander Solzhenitsyn's monumental "Gulag Archipelago" despite pointed pleas from the U.S. embassy in Moscow to pass the dramatic word in detail to the Russian people.

WHEN EXCERPTS of the great author's work first appeared in Western newspapers last December, the embassy cabled the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) commending VOA's first handling of what was becoming a big international story. But the diplomatic cable also strongly pressed USIA which runs VOA, to be sure and get into "the substance" of Gulag — that is, to beam great gobs of it into the heart of Russia.

Yet, the USIA high command is so timid about seeming to undercut President Nixon's detente with Moscow that that telegram was never answered.

JUST HOW much of this policy has been dictated to USIA director James Keogh by the White House or the State Department is not known. Keogh told us VOA policy is made by him and his top aides in conformity with U.S. policy.

Whatever the answer, USIA's refusal to exploit Gulag is infuriating not only anti-Soviet hardliners but other politicians fearful that President Nixon's weakness at home may lead him into unwarranted concessions abroad in his search for foreign successes.

KEOGH BEGAN subtly toning down VOA's coverage of the Watergate scandal when he took over USIA from Frank Shakespeare in early 1973 at the recommendation of then White

House staff chief H. R. Haldeman. But political reaction to Keogh's muted coverage of Gulag far transcends criticism of his kid-glove treatment of Watergate. Powerful politicians of both parties are quietly campaigning to force Keogh to tell millions of radio listeners in the Soviet Union far more about Solzhenitsyn's bitter outcry against the Stalin era.

THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL target was not USIA's treatment of Gulag but its apparent playing down in broadcasts to the Soviet Union of news about Soviet dissidents. In a January speech, Sen. Henry M. Jackson questioned whether USIA was trying "to accommodate the Soviet demand that we refrain from broadcasting about what Soviet authorities consider to be matters of an internal nature."

Eugene P. Kopp, Keogh's deputy director, wrote Sen. Jackson that the new regime at USIA was trying to "reach a wider Soviet audience with more news and information about the United States." In short, spare newsless Russians the harsher facts of Soviet life and give them goodies about America.

IN THE PAST, VOA seldom if ever broadcast to Communist nations lengthy excerpts of published material. But Gulag is unique: the most powerful expose ever published of life under Stalin. That's why the Russian service of the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) has been reading lengthy excerpts from Gulag. Similarly, the German overseas radio, Deutsche Welle, has given its Soviet audience a regular dose of long quotations. But not VOA, which is being switched from no-holds-barred news into a policy arm of the U.S. Such a switch could destroy its credibility and lose its audience.



"... Meanwhile, back at the no-lack-of-energy crisis ..."

# Streiking Options

Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON — "Mr. President, you know those seven people who were arrested for streaking through the Watergate fountain last week?"

"I READ ABOUT it in the newspaper, John."

"It turns out several of them worked for the White House."

"Why didn't I know about this sooner?"

"Well, Mr. President, we thought we could keep it from you."

"I AM VERY disturbed that anyone on my staff would run nude through the Watergate fountain. Why did they do it, John?"

"They thought it would help you in the polls. The problem now, Mr. President, is that the people arrested say if we don't help them they're going to reveal that we've been streaking in the White House for the last six months."

"That's blackmail, John. What are our options?"

"We could pay the money to them to hush them up. But counting family support and lawyers that would cost \$1 million."

"WE COULD raise that easily. We could say we streaked in the White House for national security reasons. We had to hire streakers because the FBI refused to streak for us, and the CIA under their mandate could streak only in a foreign country. Our streakers were hired to find out what other streakers were up to."

"I SEE. Do we have any other options?"

"We could refuse to pay the money to the defendants, and let them reveal

the streaking that went on here. As soon as you heard about it you ordered an investigation of the streaking and insisted that those who did it had to resign!"

"HAVE YOU ever streaked, John?"

"Yessir, I have, Mr. President. One afternoon while I was working on some legislation for you, I suddenly took off all my clothes and went running on the White House lawn. The Secret Service caught me just as I was going over the fence."

"You had better go to Camp David, John, and write a full report for me. Meanwhile, I could streak down Pennsylvania Avenue, but that would be wrong."

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# Food Comes Back

John Cunniff

By JOSH FITZHUGH  
(Substituting for John Cunniff)

NEW YORK (AP) — There have been plenty of problems with food in the last year or so, but now there are reports of a new one for the people who produce it and sell it.

Raw material shortages, increased demand and energy cutbacks have tightened the container market, whether the containers are made from glass, paper, metal or plastic, industry officials say.

For various reasons, all the usual packaging materials are in shorter supply to container makers these days. And while no one seems to be calling it a crisis, it's not unlikely the problem will be mentioned in price calculations for the goods on supermarket shelves.

Glass makers report a shortage of soda ash, a prime ingredient. Refinery allocations and higher prices are trimming

production of the oil-derived plastics, polystyrene and polyethylene. Heavy demand for tin plate and paper are creating bottlenecks as well.

Packagers are having to dip into inventories and wait longer for new shipments, industry spokesmen say. Yet there seems little worry at the food stores.

"By late spring or summer of this year there will be container shortages in the U.S. because of raw material shortages and possible energy cutbacks," says one respected Wall Street analyst, more bearish than most.

"Manufacturers who have the ability to switch from one material to another are weighing one shortage against the other," says a plastics producer.

Where possible, packagers are converting to less scarce supplies, like substituting paper milk cartons for plastic ones.

But the overall tightness and investment in specialized machinery is stopping most from changing over, analysts say.

Different factors are affecting supplies in this varied industry, which produces "tin" cans (made mostly of steel), paper wrapping and boxes, glass bottles, plastic jugs and liners.

"Steel will be a seller's market in 1974," says the National Canners Association. "Domestic lead times on tin plate are much longer than ever experienced and some new customers may have trouble obtaining products."

The study saw no "major breakthrough" in increasing tin plate production this year.

The closing of several synthetic soda ash plants for environmental reasons has given some bottle makers headaches. Sand and soda ash are principal ingredients in glass.

# Some Coronary No-Nos

Dr. G. C. Thosteson

Dear Dr. Thosteson: My brother is recovering from a coronary occlusion suffered about three months ago. I would like to see your comments on the likely effects of the following items:

- 1 - Tobacco.
  - 2 - Coffee (three to five cups a day).
  - 3 - Beer of wine in small amounts.
  - 4 - Light work in yard or garden. — C.A.J.
- First of all, his physician should advise him on all these questions. Not all coronaries

(heart attacks) are of the same severity. A lot depends on his heart reserve, which should improve with time, but can vary greatly soon after an attack.

But assuming your brother's case to be more or less "average," here are my answers:

- 1 - Tobacco. No. Cut it out entirely.
- 2 - Coffee. Not over three cups, and use decaffeinated coffee.
- 3 - Beer or wine. Okay in small amounts, but I trust that you and he have a conservative

view of what "small amounts" means.

4 - Walking a mile at one time. No. Go short distances at first and work up to a mile or so as tolerance improves.

5 - Yard work. Same answer as No. 4.

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

# Forms Of Rationing

William F. Buckley Jr.

I have a letter from a gentleman who asks: "Why not get on with it and let us have rationing, so that I can go to a gas station and fill up my tank with dignity."

AS A MATTER of fact, such sentiment notwithstanding, one is cautiously hopeful about the controversy around rationing. I have seldom seen a more effective analysis than that made by friends of the free market place. Surely there was never a more devastating 600 words than those by Prof. Milton Friedman in the issue of "Newsweek" 10 days ago? And the oil companies are showing spunk, talking back even to Tom Wicker — an extraordinary act of audacity, it being Mr. Wicker's assumption that oil companies should be spoken to, not heard from. On the whole, one is optimistic. If only now Congress and Nixon don't cave in — as they did with price controls in the summer of 1971, a capitulation to witch-doctorism not unrelated to our present plight.

But back to the gentleman who wishes to fill his tank with dignity.

WHAT MAKES him believe that with rationing there would be no lines? The rationers would not print coupons in sums less than corresponded with the amount of gasoline available. Rationing isn't going to increase the supply of gasoline. Approximately 10 per cent of the country's gas stations have closed down, so you would still have a) fewer gas stations; and b) gas stations running out of gas to sell. So why would one expect shorter queues?

There are four kinds of rationing, Mr. Alan Reynolds of New York points out neatly. Queue rationing is one of them. By this means, some people will in fact drive less. Either they will take the position that they will not endure the tedium of standing in line one or two or three hours. Or they will, putting a value on their time of, say, three dollars per hour,

figure that the gas isn't worth it. If you buy three dollars worth of gas after an hour's waiting, it has cost you six dollars.

ANOTHER FORM of rationing is pluralistic favoritism. The gas station that fills up the tanks of old friends, customers, pretty girls. Under coupon rationing, there is a lot of this. Doctors, for instance, would qualify for unlimited supplies of gas, and no serious effort would be made to distinguish between those doctors who do in fact spend time on the road to look after their patients, and other doctors who do not budge out of their offices, but are glad of the extra gas to go cruising. There is no monster-mechanism capable of distinguishing between the two, and no one should try to devise one.

A THIRD form of rationing is allocation according to political favoritism, or effort to be "fair." This we have at the present time, and as Mr. Reynolds points out, the Great Allocator in Washington is going to be under tremendous pressure. Indeed, the political fortunes of governors, senators and congressmen may well fluctuate on whether this area got more gas than the other area this spring or this summer or this fall.

The fourth form is of course price rationing. This is what, increasingly, one sees in Europe. In Germany, and in Switzerland, there are no lines, and there is gasoline, which has increased in price over last fall about 20 per cent. There is this kind of rationing, of course, always — in respect of every commodity of which there isn't a natural surplus, such as air and, as a rule, water. In this sense, meat is rationed, and also bread and beer and movies and books and magazines. You don't hear it proposed about beef that it should be rolled back in price to what it was before the Arab's embargo of — not beef, but oil.

# MY ANSWER

Billy Graham

Isn't it true that the most dramatic conversions take place in those who previously rejected Christ? Would a person reared in a Christian home and church necessarily need to "feel" any great change when he becomes a believer?

M. H. Every conversion is dramatic, for it indicates a change of mind, heart and destiny. As to the need to "feel" a change, that depends on the individual. Look at the 16th chapter of Acts. Here are two conversions recorded. One was highly emotional (v. 25-33), and the other was quiet and passive (v. 13-15).

Contrary to popular thought, our salvation is not based upon emotion,

or an ecstatic experience — although these can result from conversion to Christ. The Bible says that the Christian life comes from placing your faith in Christ, in His finished work on the cross, and nothing else. Now, when you do this, there may or may not be emotion. If there is, it is merely a fruit, not the root. The basic rule is: "The just shall live by faith." That is not just an abstract faith, but faith in a Person (Christ) and His accomplished redemption.

Our salvation is positional, not emotional. The phrase "In Christ," mentioned so many times in the New Testament, alludes to resting our faith, and our case completely in His hands.

# A Devotion For Today

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

PRAYER: O Father, we thank You for the joy of our salvation. May our hearts bow to Your will that our joy may be made full. Amen.

(From the 'Upper Room')

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# 'STRANGE WAY TO SAVE ENERGY' Oil Advertising Plea

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to counter oil company advertising, 16 members of Congress asked the nation's 7,000 broadcasters Monday to carry commercials suggesting the oil companies, not the consumers will have to change their habits.

Announcing the media campaign at a news conference, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., cited the "Fairness Doctrine" in his effort to convince the radio and television stations to carry the announcements to balance what he calls a multimillion dollar advertising campaign waged by the energy industry.

**TAX EXEMPTION**

He said that if his efforts are not successful within 30 to 60 days, legislative action to remove certain tax exemptions granted to companies for advertising expenses may be necessary.

"The average consumer—the average American—simply has not been afforded an equal opportunity to hear the other side," Rosenthal said.

"We must combat the gross imbalance created by the industry's advertising blitz if the public is to make intelligent and well-informed decisions about the current situation and future national energy policy."

**CHEAPER POWER**

The group of representatives, joined by five consumer and environmental

## Randy Airhart Has Winner

LAMESA — Randy Airhart showed a 1080-pound Crossbred steer to claim the title of Grand Champion of the show Friday at the annual Dawson County stock show here. It was one of four crosses shown at the annual event.

The grand champion had been bred by J. D. Nix of Lamesa. Airhart will show the Charolais-Hereford Cross at Lubbock this week.

**RESULTS INCLUDED:**

**SHEEP**  
LIGHT WEIGHT FINE WOOL — 1. Diane Roberts, Welch 2. Brenda Vaughn, Lamesa 4-H 3. Donna Meares, Lamesa 4-H.

**FINE WOOL HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Kere Tostley, Lamesa FFA 2. Ken Campbell, Welch 4-H 3. Shora Airhart, Klondike 4-H.

**FINE WOOL MEDIUM WEIGHT** — 1. Kent Alford, Klondike 2. Danny O'Donnell FFA.

**FINE WOOL-MEDIUM WOOL CROSS**  
LT. WT. — 1. Carrie Bartlett 2. Cindy Bartlett 3. Ben Phelps.

**FINE WOOL-MEDIUM WOOL CROSS MEDIUM WEIGHT** — 1. Ted Phillips 2. Shora Airhart 3. Ted Phillips.

**FINE WOOL-MEDIUM WOOL CROSS HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Lisa Montgomery 2. Lisa Montgomery 3. Lisa Montgomery.

**OTHER CROSSES** — 1. Ben Phelps 2. Brenda Vaughn 3. Gordon Brennan.

**SOUTHDOWN-CROSS LAMBS**  
Gordon Brennan 2. Becky Schooler 3. Ben Phelps.

**SOUTHDOWN LIGHT WEIGHT** — 1. Kent Alford 2. Danny Grov 3. Ben Edwards.

**SOUTHDOWN HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Danny Grov 2. Sherrill O'Donnell 3. Ben Edwards.

**SUPPLER LAMBS, LIGHT WEIGHT**  
1. Great Griffin, Lamesa 4-H 2. Brad Bell, Lamesa 4-H 3. Gordon Brennan 4-H.

**SUPPLER LAMBS, HEAVY WEIGHT**  
1. Great Griffin, Lamesa 4-H 2. Mark Frantson 4-H 3. Mark Frantson 4-H.

**HAMPSHIRE LAMBS** — 1. Cindy McDonald, Sonda FFA 2. Brad Bell, Lamesa 4-H 3. Brad Bell, Lamesa 4-H.

**HAMPSHIRE LAMBS, MEDIUM WEIGHT** — 1. Shelly Montgomery 2. Shelly Montgomery 3. Shelly Montgomery.

**HAMPSHIRE LAMBS, HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Shelly Montgomery 2. Shelly Montgomery 3. Shelly Montgomery.

**DORSET LAMBS, LIGHT WEIGHT**  
1. Angie Airhart 2. Angie Airhart 3. Angie Airhart.

**ANGUS LIGHT WEIGHT** — 1. Arlon Gentry, Lamesa 4-H 2. Janet Miles, D'onnell FFA 3. Duv Miller, Welch 4-H.

**ANGUS HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Shelly Montgomery 2. Kevin Wood, O'Donnell 4-H 3. Travis Miles, O'Donnell 4-H.

**HEREFORD, LIGHT WEIGHT** — 1. Terri Miles, 2. Jan Reed, Sonda FFA 3. Angie Airhart.

**HEREFORD HEAVY WEIGHT** — Lisa Montgomery 2. Cindy McDonald 3. Kelly Youniss, Coprock 4-H.

**CROSS-BRED STEERS, LIGHT WEIGHT** — 1. Poole Echols 2. Cherril Woods, O'Donnell 4-H 3. Sherril Howard.

**CROSS-BRED STEERS, HEAVY WEIGHT** — 1. Randy Airhart 2. Jane Love, Coprock 4-H 3. Pepper Echols.

## IMPEACHMENT TALK 'And Richard Nixon Gave A Tax Cut For Himself'

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said Monday he would vote to convict President Nixon on impeachment for "an indictable crime or a major attempt to subvert the political processes of the country."

Impeachment goes beyond indictable crime, the Texas Democrat told a news conference following his speech to a convention of the Texas AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education.

Two other Texas congressmen criticized Nixon.

## Rocky Plato New Manager

The White Store on 1607 Gregg has a new manager, Rocky Plato, lately of Odessa.

"I won't make serious changes in the set-up here. Detail work maybe. The operation looks pretty smooth as it is. The former manager, Norman Sene, wanted to go back to Pampa, his original home," Plato said.

Originally from Hobbs, New Mexico, Plato said he is having some trouble finding a place for his wife and two little girls.

"But I like the town real well. So far, the people seem real friendly. I plan to stay here permanently," he added.

## Deputy In Coahoma

A tax deputy was to be in the Coahoma City Hall today from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to issue license plates of all types, said Howard County Tax assessor collector Zerah L. Bednar Monday.

## Change In Work Rules Will Follow Hearing

"We've got a district clerk that thinks the same thing about his employees."

"We've got a sheriff that thinks the same thing about his employees," County Judge A. G. Mitchell commented in a discussion over wages paid a road department worker Monday.

"You've got to stop somewhere," Mitchell said.

J. D. ("Trouble") Fortenberry, business representative of the International Union of Operating Engineers, presented the complaint of Austin Morton.

Morton wanted more money because he had supervised a construction project several months ago, Fortenberry said.

There was disagreement over whether Morton was to act as a construction foreman. Marvin Hanson, road administrator, said he, Hanson, did not tell Morton to act as foreman.

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## Fence Ring Specialized In Stealing Farm Items

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A prosecutor says an Imperial Valley fencing ring took orders for farm items, recruited drug addicts and others to steal them and delivered "hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods."

The size of the operation may never be determined, Asst. U.S. Atty. Steve Nelson says.

Two indictments returned by a federal grand jury in San Diego last week name 19 persons as defendants, including a Texan, John Claudell, 38, of Brownsville.

The ring allegedly specialized in stealing and selling motorized farm vehicles, irrigation equipment, bulk seed and grain.

The thefts took place from early last year until last month, Nelson said. The requested items would be located, he told newsmen, then the premises would be examined to determine "the most efficient and expedient means of theft" and then whatever tools were needed would be given to the selected burglars.

## Latino Night Is Set At Center

Friday night is Latino night at the John H. Lees Recreation Center here. A Taste of Latin will be providing the music for the affair which carries an admission fee of 50 cents. The dance is open to the public but those who plan to attend need an I.D. to show they are 18 or older.

## Bridge Test

BY CHARLES H. GOREN  
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North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 9  
♥ J 8 6 2  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ K Q 7

**WEST**  
♠ 8 2  
♥ K Q 10 4  
♦ A 9 7 4  
♣ 9 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ 6 5 3  
♥ A 9 7 3  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ 10 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 7 4  
♥ 5  
♦ J 5 3  
♣ A J 6 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.

Declarer counted his losers and saw only three. Unfortunately, he never bothered to check whether he would have the time to cash his winners!

Since his only four-card suit was not biddable, North elected to open with the "convenient" bid one club. After his partner's one spade response, North opted for a rebid of one no trump as being more descriptive than a raise to two spades with only three trumps and a perfectly balanced hand. However, when South showed club support, North decided it was time to reveal his spade support, and a good contract of four

spades was the result. West led the king of hearts and continued with the queen, which declarer ruffed. South could see only two diamond losers in addition to the heart he had already lost, so he proceeded to draw trumps in three rounds. Next he set about trying to establish a diamond trick by leading low from his hand toward dummy. However, West was alert. He rose with the ace of diamonds and led the 10 of hearts, forcing declarer to ruff with his last trump. When East won the king of diamonds, he still had the ace of hearts to cash for a one-trick set.

Declarer should have realized that he would not have time to set up a diamond winner. Instead, dummy's high trumps should have suggested the possibility of a dummy reversal.

After ruffing the second heart, correct technique is to lead a low trump to the nine and ruff another heart. The king of clubs serves as an entry to dummy for a third heart ruff. Declarer overtakes his king of spades with dummy's ace and draws the outstanding trump with the queen, discarding a diamond from his hand. Now he can cash three more club tricks for his contract. In all, declarer scores three ruffs, three trumps and four clubs — tho he doesn't make a diamond trick, he does fulfill his contract.

## Vic Damone And Heiress To Wed

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Vic Damone and oil heiress Becky Jones will marry next month, following a telephone proposal, the singer's agent says.

Agent Laura Deni said the two will be wed at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., on April 12. It will be Damone's third marriage and Miss Jones' first.

Miss Jones is the daughter of A. J. Jones of Houston, Tex.

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## Look At Key Con-Con Bills

By The Associated Press

Here is the status of the various articles of the proposed new state constitution after nine weeks of committee work and general debate:

Bill of Rights—approved tentatively by convention; needs a final vote.

Separation of Powers—still in committee.

Legislature—still in committee; 28 amendments made to preliminary draft.

Executive—pending in floor debate; four floor amendments approved.

Judiciary—still in committee; "semifinal" draft made March 3.

Voters' Qualifications and Elections—tentatively approved by convention; needs a final vote.

Education — tentatively approved by convention; needs final vote.

Finance—still in committee with final vote expected shortly.

Local Government—still in committee; one amendment made to preliminary draft.

General Provisions—still in committee; 17 amendments made to preliminary draft.

Mode of Amending Constitution—ready for floor debate.

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

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLAZE AFOOT FELLOW OBLONG  
 Answers: What modern cops sometimes are — "OFF BEAT"

**Crossword Puzzle**

- ACROSS**  
 1 Chew upon noisily  
 6 Recording signal  
 10 Makes small talk  
 14 Truman's birthplace  
 15 Raision d'—  
 16 Unemployed  
 17 Papal scarf  
 18 Asterisk  
 19 Downcast  
 20 American group founded March 12, 1912: 2 w.  
 22 Transmitted  
 23 Total  
 24 City in Portugal  
 26 Dirk  
 30 Opera by Massenet  
 32 Plant louse  
 33 Cavalry horse  
 36 Mall brew  
 37 Outspoken  
 39 Moslem scholar  
 41 Alto—  
 43 Trophy  
 44 Sudden raid  
 45 Wallow  
 46 Painfully controversial  
 49 Cacophony  
 50 — Shankar  
 51 Activities of 20  
 58 Sleeping  
 59 Seaweed  
 60 Primitive  
 61 Wild pineapple  
 62 Pinchle combination
- DOWN**  
 1 Obstruct  
 2 Mata —  
 3 Persian poet  
 4 Shaded walk  
 5 Imported  
 6 Twig broom  
 7 "—, Brute!"  
 8 Quod — demonstrandum  
 9 Confidential  
 10 Feminine ideal of the 1890's: 2 w.  
 11 Austrian psychiatrist  
 12 Brusque  
 13 Take care of: 2 w.  
 21 Mongrel  
 25 For; Spanish  
 26 Small amount
- ACROSS**  
 27 Mimic  
 28 Indian butter  
 29 Executive's secretary: 2 w.  
 30 The real —  
 31 Cry of triumph  
 34 Radiate  
 35 Demolish  
 37 Identical one: 2 w.  
 38 Eggs; Latin  
 40 Mal de —  
 42 Charged particle  
 43 Lance streamer  
 44 Intelligence  
 45 Percussion instruments  
 47 Fixed pattern  
 48 — Culp Hobby  
 49 Pairs  
 52 Ball of yarn  
 53 Eye amously  
 54 Banister  
 55 River to the Ligurian Sea  
 56 — Wilson  
 57 River to the North Sea

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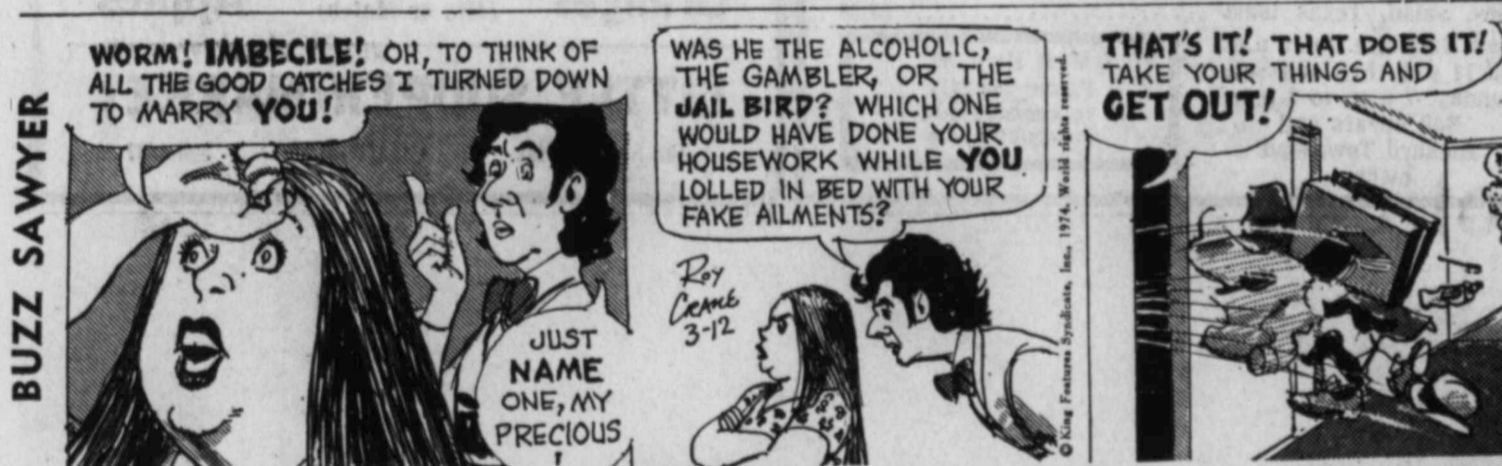
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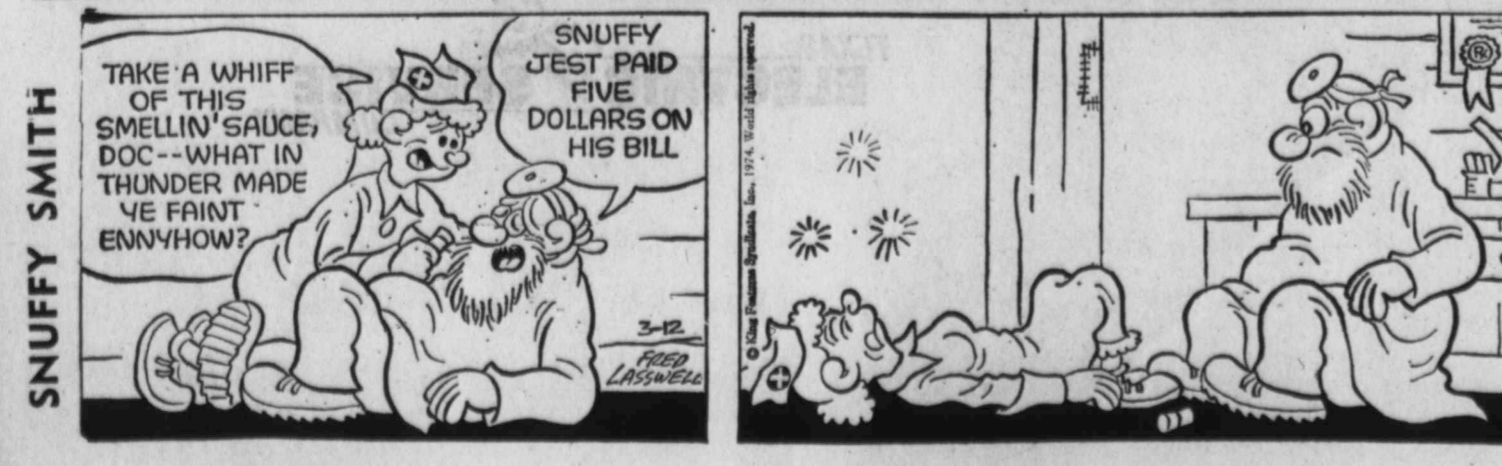
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# Debuts Mark Spring Work

By The Associated Press

Hank Aaron made his spring debut Monday and Bowie Kuhn didn't even have to order it.

Dick Williams made his spring debut and Joe Cronin didn't veto it.

Steve Blass made his spring debut and discovered that 1974 shows no signs of being that wonderful year which 1973 was.

Shortly before Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn virtually ordered the Atlanta Braves to change their plans and send Aaron out to pursue Babe Ruth's home run record on opening day in Cincinnati, the veteran slugger appeared as a pinch hitter against the New York Yankees. He fouled off eight pitches—from Mel Stottlemyre and then struck out.

However, Aaron's inauspicious debut was overshadowed by the pitching of Atlanta's Ron Reed and three un-sung hurlers — Dave Cheadle, Joe Grezda and Jamie Easterly.

ly. They combined to hurl a no-hitter and the Braves won 4-0, with Rowland Office smacking a two-run homer.

Thanks to last December's ruling by Cronin, then the American League president, which upheld the Oakland A's claim on Williams and prevented him from managing the Yankees, Williams was spared the embarrassment of piloting Monday's hitless wonders.

But he was in the stands at West Palm Beach, Fla., for the no-hitter. He came over from his home at nearby Riviera Beach on behalf of a friend who has a son with major league pitching ambitions.

"I came to see if I could arrange a tryout with the Braves," he said.

Williams spoke briefly with Yankee President Gabe Paul, then sat and watched the game surrounded by newsmen. He confirmed that A's owner Charles O. Finley called him last week and told him he was free to manage any team except the Yankees.

## Sports... In Brief

**HOCKEY**

**BOSTON** — The Boston Bruins suspended center Derek Sanderson for the rest of the current National Hockey League season and the Stanley Cup playoffs for "conduct detrimental to the proper operation of the hockey team."

**BUFFALO** — The Buffalo Sabres of the National Hockey League traded center Doug Rombough to the New York Islanders for left winger Brian Spencer.

**TENNIS**

**SAO PAULO, Brazil** — The top-seeded American doubles team of Tom Leonard of San Leandro, Calif., and Tom Edtessen of Los Angeles defaulted because of injuries to the Brazilian team of Thomas Koch and Carlos Alberto Kirmayr in the opening round of the World Championship Tennis green group's current tournament.

**BASKETBALL**

**ERIE, Pa.** — Dave Markey, Gannon College basketball coach for the past five years, was fired despite a winning 15-11 record in 1974.

"We had a pleasant chat," Williams said. "You know Charlie. We didn't get along for three years. If you don't get along with your wife for three years, you get a divorce. We just got a divorce."

In Sarasota, Blass, a World Series hero in 1974, gave up four runs in his 1974 exhibition debut as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-2.

Buddy Bradford hit a 450-foot homer for the White Sox off reliever John Morlan.

Elsewhere, Vada Pinson, playing his first game for Kansas City since being acquired from California, smacked a tie-breaking home run that helped the Royals beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-1.

Boston's Doug Griffin and John Kennedy hit consecutive home runs off Houston rookie Carlos Alfonso in the seventh inning and the Red Sox went on to beat the Astros 9-5.

Billy Williams walloped a grand slam and Bill Madlock and Jim Hickman also homered in the Chicago Cubs' 10-0 rout of the California Angels.

The Texas Rangers scored six runs in the fourth inning, three on Toby Harrah's homer, and defeated the Baltimore Orioles 9-6. Joe Lovitto also homered for the winners.

For What It's Worth

Jack Cowan

Basketball season always ends so abruptly that it probably takes the folks on the inside quite a while to adjust. I imagine the Howard College Hawks are missing working out right about now, after bowing to Hill Junior College in the Region V finals 107-99 Saturday in Brownwood.

A victory, of course, would have propelled them into the NJCAA nationals in Hutchinson, Kan., later this month. But now, about six months since the first basketballs started bouncing around HC, there's only next year. And for sophomores Taylor Williams, Thomas Bledsoe, Mike Randle, Bobby Beall and Leroy Lumzy there is only the next team.

The Hawks hardly need feel ashamed about losing to Hill. I can't believe the Rebels didn't play their best game of the year against the Hawks, shooting an unbelievable percentage from the field. Coach Harold Wilder's folks had a good game, too, but faded a bit in the end.

Hill had done the same thing to Odessa the night before, exploding in the final minutes to advance.

I blew it Sunday when I said that the Region V tournament would probably return to Brownwood. It won't return to Brownwood, because Brownwood didn't bid on it.

The tournament will, though, be in either Big Spring or Amarillo in 1975. Both places will bid on it for next year, and the place that serves up the best offer will host the event. Big Spring is the only place where the tourney has drawn decent crowds in recent history, and there's little doubt it would support the meet in the same fashion again. Now, if there was only a decent facility...

Three Hawks hold important positions in HC history today. Williams, Bledsoe and Lumzy rank second, third and fourth on the HC all-time scoring list, with Lumzy making his move in the final game of his career.

All-American Archie Myers is still tops with 2,199, but Williams totaled 1,677 in two years. Bledsoe scored 1,585 and Lumzy's mark stands at 1,366 points. The three pushed Walter Carter, who was No. 2 going into the season, into fifth place with 1,245 points.

Though five sophomores depart this season, a look into next year's HC season doesn't bring all tears. Five freshmen logged lots of playing time, and if Wilder can come up with another good 6-7 performer or two the Hawks will be right back in business. As a matter of fact, they would be among the top contenders for next year's Western Conference title even if they didn't recruit anybody.

Though David Tolliver is small for a post man at 6-4½, he surprised more than one team with his shooting ability and he became known as a game-breaker early in the year. Keith Lewis, 6-4, was an able replacement for Williams, but he was better off playing forward and that's probably where he'll be next year, along with Alfred Gladden, one of the best shooters and best jumpers on the squad.

With guards Johnny Harris and Willie Young both due back, the Hawks are sure to be the fastest-moving team around and the fast break will no doubt be deadlier than ever. Snickle Beal and Don Davis will also probably see more duty as sophomores the next season.

# 'COACHING CAN'T FULFILL WHAT I WANT' Laughter Dies As Knodel Leaves Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — Don Knodel has resigned as head basketball coach at Rice University, leaving the Southwest Conference without its No. 1 court jester and Knodel's 12-year old son Mark without a bench to sit on.

The normally wise-cracking and smiling Knodel was solemn and misty-eyed when he made the emotion-tinged announcement Monday. To make it even more surprising, the 42-year-old Knodel was also announcing his retirement from coaching.

"Coaching can't fulfill what I want now," said Knodel, who led the Owls to an SWC championship in 1970 but was largely unsuccessful in seven other campaigns.

"This is not something that came up over night," Knodel said.

"You don't just walk away from something you've been doing 20 years without some feeling. But after taking a long look at myself and reevaluating where I stand, I thought it was the best thing for me and for Rice."

Knodel said he had an understanding family that would accept his decision but it was hardest for his son Mark. "It really fractured my son," Knodel said. "It hit him hard. He liked sitting on the bench at our games."

Rice Athletic Director A.M. "Red" Bale said he would begin a search immediately for a new coach. Rice has three assistant basketball coaches, George Mehaffey, Greg Williams and McCoy McLemore.

Knodel's eight year record at

Rice was 77-126 overall and 40-72 in the SWC. Except for the Owls' championship season in 1970 and a 14-12 record in 1971, the Owls had losing seasons during Knodel's tenure.

Knodel's final season was frustrating from the start. Even before workouts started, three promising freshmen left the team including Wynn Wilson, Jan Jacob and Mark Landsberger.

Landsberger transferred to Hancock, Calif., Junior College where he averaged 27 points and 16 rebounds last season and is considered one of the top junior college players in California.

Knodel also lost Bill Sparker, the leading scorer on last year's freshmen team because of a blood clot on the lung, and

starter Randy Youngling was lost because of tendonitis.

Despite all their losses in personnel, Knodel pulled the Owls together enough for a 5-9 finish in the SWC after they were unanimously picked for the cellar.

Knodel also kept his humor. After playing well but losing in the season's first two games against Wake Forest and Vanderbilt, Knodel said "We're really 2-0 for the season because this year I'm counting moral victories as wins."

Knodel spent eight seasons complaining about Texas' Gregory Gym. He griped about the lighting and prior to one game in Austin he made his players sit in total darkness five minutes prior to the game so the gym would appear

brighter.

It was Knodel who left his own bench during a game at Arkansas last year and sat down among the surprised Arkansas players on their bench. With the Owls trailing badly, Knodel said "I just wanted to see what it felt like to sit on a winning bench."

Knodel made several attempts at humor Monday but it wasn't the same. It was an agonizing decision to make and it was tough to talk about it.

Knodel said his son Mark told him sitting on the bench with the Owls "made him feel important."

Knodel said he told Mark "Son you can still be important. Maybe some day I can sit on your bench."

## Shot-Blocker, Guard Head 'Little' Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — A shot-blocking marvel called a "near-pro franchise" and a player termed the best college division guard in the United States headline the Associated Press' 1974 Little All-America basketball team.

Marvin Webster, Morgan State's "Human Eraser" who once blocked 15 shots in one game, and West Georgia's Clarence Walker, called the nation's "premier small college guard" by pro scouts, were among those named to the team Monday.

Along with the bruising, 6-foot-11 Webster and the slick, 6-foot Walker, the AP's gold-plated team included Tennessee State's Leonard Robinson, Eugene Short of Jackson State and Jerry Davenport of Cameron State.

Webster is perhaps the most spectacular in the gilt-edged group because of his fancy rebounding and shot-blocking talents.

He was the perennial weekly leader in the NCAA's Division II rebounding category and finished the regular season with a nation-leading average of 23 rebounds per game.

While leading Morgan State to the co-championship of the Mid-East Conference, Webster was selected the league's most valuable player. He averaged almost 22 points per game and 56 per cent from the field.

One pro scout called him the best small college player in the United States.

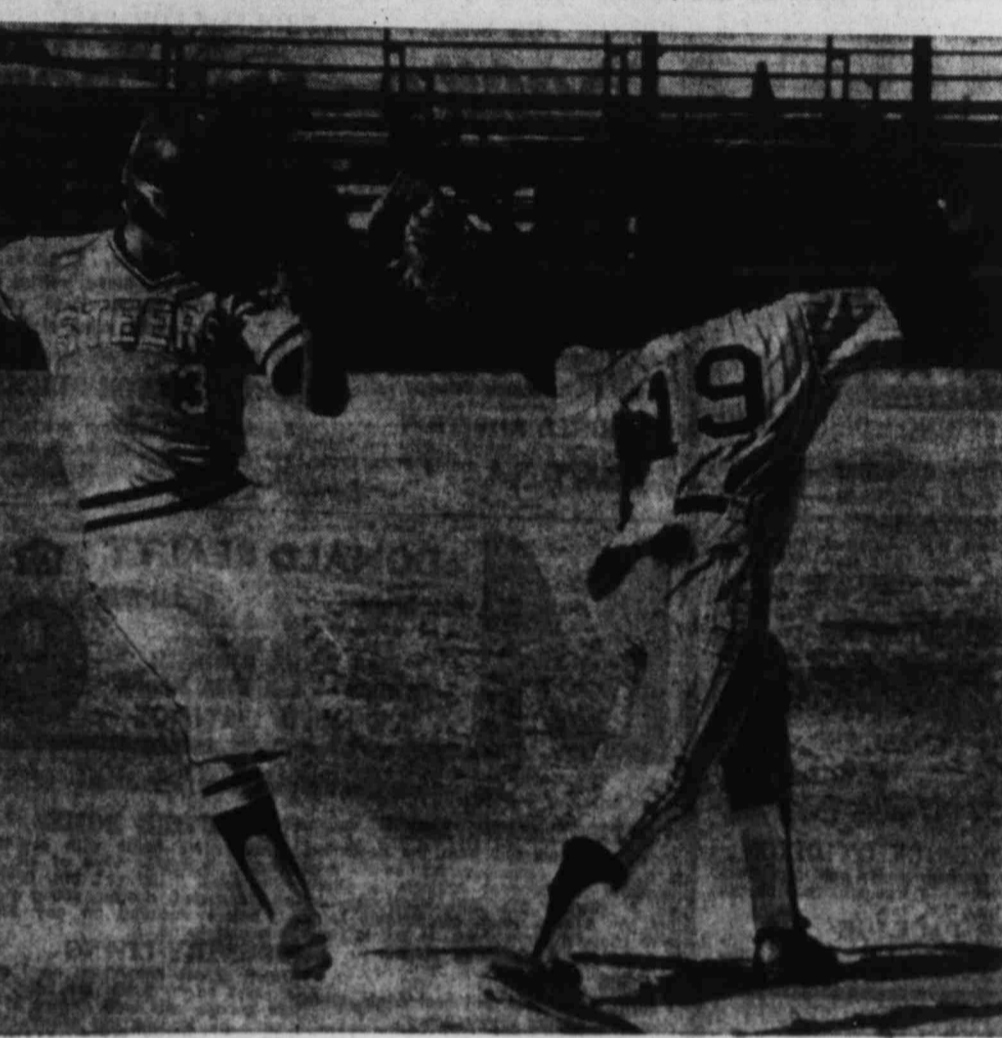
"The consensus is that if he decides to claim himself as a hardship case to play pro basketball, then he will be the No. 2 draft choice behind UCLA's Bill Walton," said the scout.

While leading West Georgia to a regular-season 22-4 record and a berth in the NAIA playoffs, Walker was described by one talent-finder as a "super player... definitely the premier small college guard in America."

He averaged about 23 points and seven assists per game during the regular season.

Robinson, described as a "pro-type forward certain to go in the first two rounds of the pro draft," was responsible for Tennessee State's berth in the College Division playoffs. He averaged about 25 points per game.

Short, 6-7, and the only sophomore on the first team, triggered Jackson State to a 22-5 record. He was described by one scout as the best forward in the country next to David Thompson of North Carolina State.



NOT CLOSE ENOUGH — Big Spring's Albert Alvarez is thrown out at first base by Snyder third baseman Ralph Lewis Monday at Steer Park, and first baseman Robert Braziel makes the putout. Snyder scored its second victory of the year over the Big Springers, 8-3, and the Steers fell to 1-8 on the year.

**Snyder Smothers Longhorns By 8-3**

By JACK COWAN

Snyder's Tigers turned a couple of home runs into all the fire power they needed early, and then tacked on a few more during an 8-3 non-district blitz of the Big Spring Steers Monday at Steer Park.

Randy Lewis slammed a solo home run in the first inning and Sid Perry added a three-run shot in the third that gave the Tigers a 5-0 bulge and boosted them on the way to their eighth season win against one loss.

For the Big Springers, who slumped to 1-3, a fourth inning rally sparked by run-scoring singles off the bats of Albert Alvarez and Sammy Rodriguez wasn't enough to halt the Tigers, who had run to a 7-0 bulge.

Randy Gressett registered the victory for the Tigers, his first decision of the year, but reliever Robert Braziel hurled the last three and two-thirds innings and allowed just one hit.

Wayne Dickens was the Steers' loser, as he worked two and one-third innings, and after Billy Don Whittington gave up a home run to the first batter he faced, he did a creditable

## TORS TOP 3-3A LIST

Three Lamesa players, including 1973 all-stater Kent McCurley, headed the Dist. 3-AAA All-Star squad chosen Monday by the league's coaches.

McCurley was a unanimous pick, along with Brownfield's Lewis Robertson, Lubbock Dunbar's Sidney Davis, Colorado City's James Estacado and Lubbock Estacado's James Boyd.

Rounding out the team were Brownfield's Mat Adams, Dunbar's Duke Holmes, San Angelo Lake View's Orval Jackson Sweetwater's Michael Thomas and Estacado's Victor Hicks. Named honorable mention were Lamesa's Eddie Spencer and Bryan Meeks, Tommy Williams of Dunbar, Robert Riles of Lake View and Calvin Walker of Dunbar.

With one out in the Steers' fourth, Lawrence Byrd singled and Barry Canning and Whittington followed with walks to load the bases, and Alvarez and Rodriguez came up with back-to-back singles. That's when Braziel came in and put out the fire, allowing just one run as Whittington scored on Earl Reynolds' ground out to first.

Snyder got its final tally in the fifth when Gressett singled, stole second and scored on Alderete's single.

Big Spring's only other threat was in the first inning, when the Steers loaded the bases with two out but couldn't push any runs across.

Next action for the Big Springers is this weekend, when they visit Roswell, N.M., for three games, one on Friday at 4:30 p.m. followed by a 10:30 a.m. doubleheader Saturday.

## Bruins Bound Into 2nd Spot

By The Associated Press

UCLA, which wrapped up the Pacific-8 conference title with an 82-52 triumph over Southern California last week, leaptfrogged over Notre Dame into second place behind North Carolina State in the weekly Associated Press college basketball poll released today.

UCLA, the defending national champion with a 23-3 record through games of Saturday, will meet 20th-ranked Dayton in the NCAA's West regional semifinals Thursday night.

Dayton, 20-7, replaced NCAA Midwest host Oral Roberts in the poll after handing Notre Dame its second loss of the season, a 97-82 upset.

North Carolina State, which will seek to preserve its unbeaten record — best of the ranked teams — against No. 5 Providence in the NCAA East semifinals, received 24 first place votes and 782 points from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

UCLA, with three losses for the season, received 17 first place votes and 748 points while the Irish amassed 652 points for third place.

Maryland remained fourth in the poll despite its 103-100 loss to N. C. State in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship tournament Saturday night. The loss ended the Terps' NCAA playoff hopes and their season at 23-5 since they declined a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

Providence, eighth a week ago, improved its ranking with triumphs over Brown and Penn

and losses by Vanderbilt, North Carolina and Southern Cal. The three teams had been fifth, sixth and seventh a week ago.

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## Fort Worth Team Runs To Golden Gloves Crown

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Beaumont boxing coach said Monday morning the 120-man field which began the State Golden Gloves eliminations last week was the weakest overall he had seen in 10 years. But there were no weak fists on the Fort Worth team.

Delegates from the host city took seven of the 10 crowns, a record breaking number of the

## COLLEGE SCORES

**Big Ten Conference Playoff**  
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**TOURNAMENTS**

**NAIA Basketball**  
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# District Contestants Chosen At County's 4-H Food Show

Eight winners, four each in the Senior and Junior II divisions, were chosen at the Howard County 4-H Food Show held here Saturday. Fifty-five boys and girls who have been participating in food and nutrition groups since the first of the year climaxed their projects with the show. An additional 75, who have been enrolled, were not in the competition.

Saturday's contest offered three classes in which to participate. Winners, in each of the four food categories, in the Senior group and Junior II class will represent the county at the district food show in Lubbock March 23.

Senior winners were Kayla Gaskins, Knott 4-H, side dishes; Donna James, Coahoma 4-H, breads and desserts; Patty Peugh, Knott 4-H, main dishes; and Kaye Hunt, Knott 4-H, snacks and beverages.

The Junior II representatives will be Kristi Franklin, side dishes; Carmen Holman, Coahoma 4-H, breads and desserts; Karen Spears, Coahoma 4-H, main dishes; and D'Ann Hall, Knott 4-H, snacks and beverages.

In the senior division, red BPO Does will serve refreshments to patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital March 18 according to plans made at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Marvin Hayworth presided, and Mrs. Alma George served as junior councilor. Reports on the Texas West meeting were given by Mrs. Kay Williams, Mrs. Harvey Clay and Mrs. L. D. Jenkins.

The meeting concluded with a birthday party honoring Mrs. George, Mrs. Max Moore and Mrs. A. J. Prager.

The next meeting will be March 19.

Former Residents Here For Visit

Mrs. Floyd (Betty) Dixon and son, Roger, of Houston are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mamie Kimman, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Dillie Dixon. The Dixons are former local residents, and he is now employed by Fluor Engineering Co., Houston. Mrs. Dixon came to Big Spring to attend the wedding of her niece, Donna Jennings.



(Photo by Danny Valdes)

**TOPS IN FOOD SHOW** — Eight girls were chosen at Saturday's 4-H food show to represent Howard County in the district competition at Lubbock. Seated, from left, are the senior winners, Kayla Gaskins, Kay Hunt, Patty Peugh and Donna James. The Junior II winners, standing, are Karen Spears, D'Ann Hall, Carmen Holman and Kristi Franklin.

ribbons went to Karla Holman and Lynda Franklin, both of Coahoma 4-H, and Paula Sue Adams, Knott 4-H. Blue ribbons were awarded to Dana Westbrook, Gayhill 4-H, and Daria Harrington, Coahoma 4-H.

The Junior Division, Class I, was designed for those participants who are beginners and who were not competing to represent the county at the district contest. There were 31 boys and girls in this division.

They were Scott Underwood, Shelly Ann Peterson, Ruby June and Linda Bassham, all of Gayhill 4-H; Delinda Spears, Louise Shive, Stacey Jo Swann, Tammy Greenfield, Vickie Lyn Buchanan, Robin

## Baby Shower Follows City HD Club Meeting

A baby shower was held for Mrs. James Johnston after Friday's City HD Club meeting in the home of Mrs. Ross Callihan, Silver Heels, with Mrs. D. D. Johnston as cohostess.

Standing rules were adopted, and Mrs. Waymon Etchison gave the council report. A food leader's meeting will be at 2 p.m., Monday at Pioneer Gas

Flame Room, and the THDA district meeting is slated here April 18. The women will assist at the stock show this week.

A program on nutrition was presented by Mrs. W. N. Norred and Mrs. B. F. Mabe. The door prize went to Mrs. Al Lancaster.

The next meeting will be March 22 in the home of Mrs. Bill Conger with Mrs. J. W. Elrod as cohostess.

Ethridge, La Ronda Kay Buchanan, Pam Riddle and Paula Kay Allen, all of Coahoma 4-H; Cindy Brasher and Carla Parker, both of Knott 4-H; Frances Hughes, Rhonda Williamson and Melinda Bearden, all of Lucky Acres 4-H; and Sherri Lynn Callihan, De'Ann Cannon, Diane Kay Bates, Rebecca Fryar, Lisa Fryar and Terissa Rene Mainord, all of J.F.F. 4-H.

Other competitors in the Junior II division were Tonya Kai Shortes, Tammy Peugh, Jana Kay Long and Carol Ann Adams, all of Knott 4-H; Shelley McMurray, Karen Hobbs, Karen Earls, Jaylene Saunders, Toni Mudell and Ladene Hartin, all of J.F.F. 4-H.

Judges were Elinor Harvey, Gaines County; Ruby Butts, Scurry County; Janis Choate, Mitchell County and Jane Blay, Terry County, all extension agents; Helen Willard, homemaking teacher, Big Spring High School; and Mrs. Millard Saunders, Mrs. Cromwell Rhoton, Mrs. Joe Mac Gaskins and Mrs. J. E. Peugh, all 4-H leaders.

Other 4-H leaders assisting with the show were Mrs. Delmar Hartin, Mrs. Ovis James, Mrs. Floyd Earls, Mrs. James Fryar, Mrs. Jerry Hall, Mrs. Woodie Long, Mrs. Glen Holman, Mrs. Ross Westbrook and Mrs. Dan Brasher.

## 43 Pianists Perform At Festival

Forty-three students were entered in the annual piano festival held by Big Spring Piano Teacher's Forum Saturday at Howard College. The judge, Dr. Doreen Grimes of Angelo State University, graded the students on interpretation, technique, memory and poise.

Those performing were Pam Riddle, Michelle Coffee, Debbie Baker, Lynette Coffee, Annabeth Deats, Karen Coffee, David Hamilton, Vicki Baggett, Andrea Burns, Wylene Payte, Teresa Wright, Alyssa Burns, Dawn Estes, Kimberly Hagood, Misty Johnson, Julia Lepard, Scott Moore, Louise Shive, Elise Wheat, Beverly Wheeler, Craig Chiavetta, Peggy Cook and Sheri McMullan.

Also, Faith Martin, Becky Russell, Tammy Spears, Melinda Vassar, Larry Wheat, Tanya Cain, Kathy Husky, Rhonda Wilbanks, Kent Cook, Rinda Lee, Rhonda Riley, Jaylene Saunders, Lisa Warren, Cassandra Green, Patricia Hamilton, Tammy Odom, Beth Boeker, Kathy Rhymes, Kathy Bull and Laurie Bethel.

The students were pupils of Mrs. Chester Barnes, Mrs. Fred Beckham, Mrs. Fred Haller, Mrs. Ann Gibson Houser, Mrs. Robert Lee, Mrs. Bob Simpson and Mrs. Robert Thompson.

Earlier in the week, the forum met to hear a program by Mrs. Mary Skalicky about the International Master Class in Organ which she attended last year in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

She was the only United States participant and the second American ever to be invited to play at a festival in Olomouc, Moravia, where she performed with Neva Kristeda of Bulgaria. Mrs. Skalicky, performing on an organ made in 1745, played an all-Bach program.

## Lodge Instructed In Procedure

Lodge instruction was directed by Mrs. Grady Beck and Mrs. Everett Hood at a recent meeting of John A. Kee Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Charles Leek presided, and the 28 present reported 21 visits to the sick.

Mrs. Beck, lodge deputy, gave her farewell speech before leaving office, and a political rally was slated March 29.

Mrs. Estelle Eason will be initiated this evening, and all officers were instructed to be at the lodge at 7:30 p.m. in formal dress.

## Forget Past

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren



**DEAR ABBY:** I wrote to my hometown police station in Illinois three months ago for some information and so far I've had no reply.

I inquired about some trouble I was in when I was 15. I am now 30 and a registered nurse, happily married with a family, but for all these years I have wondered if I had a record, or NOT.

I remember that I spent two days in jail, but I never knew what the charges were. They took my picture and gave me some tests. I was told I had a venereal disease, but was never told which one.

It took a lot of guts on my part to write them as I hated to familiarize anyone there with my past who didn't already know about it. Also, some of my family still lives there.

I recall being on probation for several months. I really don't know what I did besides having intercourse with my boy friend. I didn't know that was against the law!

Please tell me how I can get an answer to my question as this bothers me.

**WANTS TO KNOW**  
**DEAR WANTS:** If you're a happily married registered nurse with a family, why dig around in 15-year-old records to unearth that which hasn't given you any trouble since? If you're not satisfied to let sleeping dogs lie, have an Illinois attorney investigate it for you.

**DEAR ABBY:** Please settle a disagreement between another woman and me. She insists that there is no such thing as a platonic relationship between a man and a woman. She says that given time and the right set of circumstances a man and woman are bound to end up in a sexual relationship. I say she's wrong. What do you say?

**BESS**  
**DEAR BESS:** I say that any woman who subscribes to this theory is admitting that she is incapable of

holding the interest of a man without bringing sex into it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Help! We have an argument! We have the only phone in a rural area. Naturally, we allow our neighbors to make occasional calls on our phone.

A neighbor, who is of foreign extraction, came over and asked to use our phone to call her husband. She spoke to him in her native tongue. I had another neighbor here visiting me at the time.

After the caller left, the visiting neighbor said she thought it was rude of the caller to speak in a foreign tongue.

I maintained what she said was none of our business. Who is right?

**CHIMACUM, WASHINGTON**  
**DEAR CHIM:** You were! (P.S. I hope you didn't tell your visitor anything you didn't want repeated. She sounds like a busybody.)

**CONFIDENTIAL TO "ENGAGED TO A SAILOR FOR ELEVEN YEARS"**  
You are not "engaged." Sister. You are permanently in drydock.

**Problems?** You'll feel better if you get it off your chest. For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., 90212.

**BETROTHED** — Mr. and Mrs. John Wolcott, 600 Runnels, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patrice Ann Sherrill, to James W. Gregg Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gregg Sr., 1305 Pennsylvania. The wedding will be performed June 8 in First Baptist Church by Dr. Kenneth Patrick.

## Take Top Tallies

Mrs. Norman Roberts won high when the Coahoma Bridge Club had three tables in play Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Wendell Walker. Mrs. Roger Hudgins was low, and bingo was won by Mrs. John Scott. The next meeting will be Monday in the Roberts home.

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