



## Park's song: 'sensational'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — American investigators began questioning Tongaun Park today at a five-hour session, and a congressional observer indicated the Korean lobbyist made sensational disclosures about his relations with members of the U.S. Congress.

Rep. Bruce Caputo, R-N.Y., a member of the House Ethics Committee, said he and the other Americans in the room "could've felt disgraced" at Park's revelations about the conduct of some high-level U.S. officials.

Park left hurriedly with his American lawyer, William Hundley, and made no comment to reporters. He looked tense. Caputo called the session a "cooperative, useful exchange" and said for the most part Park's answers were "forthright" and "revealing."

The questioning, behind closed doors, was conducted in English by a Justice Department team led by Deputy Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti. He has said he expects to complete the interrogation in about 10 days.

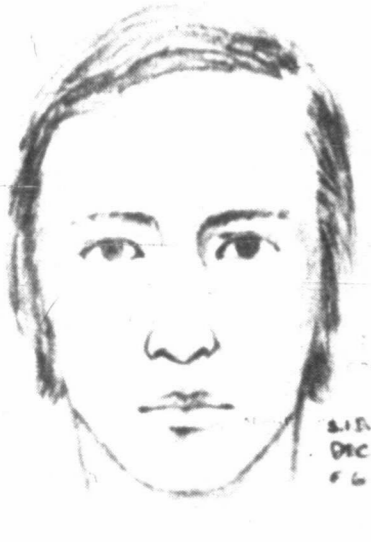
Caputo said he was convinced Park's testimony here would "not be enough for Ethics Committee probes." He said the Justice Department is interested in crimes but the Ethics Committee wants to know about activities that would violate congressional rules on conduct.

The congressman said he hoped the State Department could prevail on the South Korean government to get Park to testify before congressional committees as soon as possible so that proposed American military aid to South Korea would not be affected.

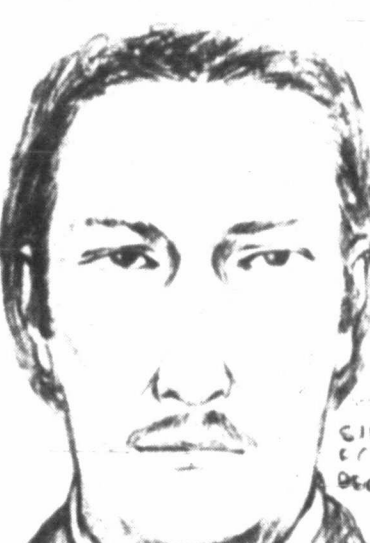


The happy Mondales

## LA detective follows lead to Pampa



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By THOM MARSHALL  
Pampa News Staff  
A detective with the Los Angeles Police Department was in Pampa Thursday, trying to fit a new piece into the Hillside Strangler puzzle.

Rich Crosley, 34, a 10-year veteran with the L.A.P.D., said that a young man now living in Pampa apparently had some contact with a possible suspect being sought in connection with the murder of 11 young women in Los Angeles.

The 11 victims range in age from 12 to 28. They all were from five feet to five-and-a-half feet tall and weighed about 100 pounds, the detective said. They were strangled and the bodies of each were discovered in hilly areas.

## Jokes a la Mondale

By TERENCE HUNT  
Associated Press Writer  
RENO, Nev. (AP) — The days were long and the pace was hectic, but the humor never ran out.

Throughout his five-day western trip to mend the administration's fences, Vice President Walter F. Mondale delighted audiences with jokes, wry observations and occasional cracks at a Cabinet member sharing the stage with him.

## Crusaders call for action at farmers 'revival' meet

By THOM MARSHALL  
Pampa News Staff  
In many ways, Thursday night's American Agriculture strike meeting in Panhandle resembled a political convention.

About three dozen long-stemmed signs bearing the names of area towns sided the hundreds of farmers who attended in locating their friends and neighbors.

Washington, but the speakers weren't urging the farmers to send this or that politician up there. They were urging them to go themselves — en masse.

Watson read a joint statement supporting the farmers' efforts issued by Briscoe and Bill Clayton, house speaker.

## Rioting calms

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Rioting subsided in the Nicaraguan capital Thursday night following the funeral of assassinated publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro but the political outlook was uncertain.

and opposition leaders for the moment. A group of prominent citizens led by three top Roman Catholic Church prelates had been trying for the last two months to persuade Somoza to open talks leading to a loosening of his grip on Nicaragua.

At Salt Lake City, there was no audience reaction when the vice president noted during an address to the Utah legislature that he was accompanied by Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, a former governor of neighboring Idaho.

Mondale's staff also has a sense of humor. At the trip's first stop in Albuquerque, N.M., the local recreation department gave Mondale a gift of a box of rocks, dirt and grass.

Dog blanket shorts  
An electric blanket belonging to a dog at 1824 Beech shorted Thursday night and a small shed in the backyard caught on fire.


Watson is a tall fellow who speaks in loud and authoritative tones. He appeared to be a favorite of the crowd, which welcomed him with a standing ovation.

He reported that he and nine other farmers met with Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Tuesday afternoon in Austin.

He indicated the tactics have been successful in Georgia where "we have 100 percent participation (in the farm strike) — 80 percent because they want to and 20 percent because they've got to."

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The fact that Donald is stuck behind bars seems like a small dilemma compared to his other problems. Read about it on page 7.

— Frank Chodorov

Watson said he has been preaching non-violence to his fellow farmers since the American Agriculture movement first began. But many of his comments seemed to convey a threat of violence.

## County's fire protection costs up

By CHRIS EDWARDS  
Pampa News Staff  
In a short Gray County Commissioner Court session today, two contracts with the City of Pampa were approved.

for (40) persons for December, compared to an average of about \$5,000 in previous months.

In other action, commissioners drew three names from the grand jury list of 1977 to serve on a salary grievance committee which will arbitrate salary complaints and disputes for county employees.

Commissioners approved a motion for Cabot Corporation to exercise its five-year option plan to lease a refueling system Cabot installed at Perry Lefors Field.





**Earns Eagle wings**

Carroll Glenn Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knight of 1913 Hamilton, earned the Eagle Scout award during a Tuesday ceremony. Knight belongs to Troop 404, which is sponsored by the First Christian Church. Knight has been in scouting for seven years, serving as senior patrol leader, scribe, patrol leader and junior assistant scout master.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

**'Wife' turned down \$1 million**

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — An Atlanta woman seeking a share of the H.L. Hunt fortune says the late oil billionaire once offered her a million dollars not to expose their bigamous marriage.

Frania Tye Lee, 73, who is seeking recognition as Hunt's commonly accepted wife, Thursday outlined for a fascinated jury what she said were his efforts to keep two wives and two families happy.

A platoon of defense lawyers for the Hunt estate planned further cross-examination of Mrs. Lee today in U.S. District Court. Late Thursday they began hammering at discrepancies in her 500-page deposition.

Mrs. Lee claims she was married to Hunt from 1925 till 1934, the period when Hunt earned his first million. She said the marriage came unra-

veled when she learned that all the while, Hunt had had another wife and family.

She testified that in 1942 Hunt offered her a million dollars to say they were never married, and thus eliminate the possible embarrassment of his being exposed as a bigamist. She said she rejected the offer.

Mrs. Lee also said that for a while after their marriage broke up, Hunt remained in amorous pursuit, once trying to convert her to the Mormon religion — which once approved polygamy — so she could accept the status of No. 2 wife.

The proposed switch to Mormonism, she said, first came up in a letter he wrote her from Salt Lake City, urging her to hurry there and join her "manly man, a Mormon to become."

She testified she went to Salt Lake City but rejected the con-

version. "I told him I couldn't, I would never accept it."

She said she left Hunt in 1934, feeling so "wretched" she took their four children to a Dallas hotel and telephoned him to come get them. At that point, she said, Hunt arranged for her to meet Lyda Bunker Hunt, the woman Hunt married in 1914.

Mrs. Lee said the confrontation began tensely but that she finally decided Lyda, who died in 1955, "was one of the finest women I have ever met."

"He did a lot of talking to both of us," she testified. "As strangers, we looked at each other. I drew the conclusion that Mrs. Hunt was one of the finest women I have ever met, and any boy or girl would be fortunate to have her as mother."

She then decided to leave

Hunt and his family alone, she testified, and moved from Dallas to Los Angeles, but Hunt kept seeking her out and provided her and the children with money.

Hunt was a poet, of sorts, she said, once wiring her that he was en route for a visit because, "too strong the urging, my engine is surging."

However, in 1942 Frania and Hunt opened a week of negotiations in a Dallas hotel on a settlement. She said she was so infuriated she screamed when he asked her to sign the document saying they were never married.

"I will never sell my children for all the money he had," she testified she told him.

At the end, she signed a four-page statement which did not refer to marriage, but identi-

fied Hunt as the father of her four children.

She also signed a document which lawyers for the Hunt estate now contend relinquished all her claims to his property. For this, she received \$100,000 in cash, plus \$2,000 a month.

Hunt lied about his financial status at the time, she said, telling her "he was in debt and the money was just not there."

Mrs. Lee's lawyers introduced documents which they said showed Hunt was worth about \$15 million in 1942. He later became one of the world's richest men.

Mrs. Lee was wed later in 1942 to John Lee, an employee of Hunt's. They later were divorced.

**Was Hughes 'ex-Texan'?**

HOUSTON (AP) — A former associate of Howard Hughes has testified the late millionaire would occasionally refer to himself as an "ex-Texan."

Pat DeCicco, 68, of Madrid, Spain was a witness Thursday for lawyers contesting the claim of Texas officials that Hughes was a legal resident of Texas when he died in 1976.

DeCicco, who worked with Hughes on motion pictures during the 1930s and 1940s, said he last talked with Hughes in 1967.

Hughes was born in Houston and lived here until about the mid-1920s when he moved to California.

"Every time he would get mad, I would say why don't

you go back to Texas," DeCicco testified. He said Hughes' usual reply was "I am an ex-Texan."

DeCicco also recalled that Hughes was not afraid to call on friends when he needed big favors in a hurry.

He described Hughes' efforts to buy an expensive car for his actress wife, Jean Peters, as a Christmas present in 1967.

He said Hughes, then in Las Vegas, called DeCicco in New York on Dec. 12, 1967 and asked him to buy the car.

DeCicco said he told Hughes there must be 40 agencies out there.

"I want some special things on it," DeCicco quoted Hughes

as saying. "You are a friend of Henry Ford."

He said the car was prepared and shipped to the address designated by Hughes in California in time for Christmas.

Also testifying was William Randolph Hearst Jr., 60, an official of the Hearst newspapers, who testified he had a "close relationship" with Hughes from 1925 until the mid-1960s.

"But you couldn't say we were close buddies," Hearst said. "I don't know that he had any."

He said he met Hughes through their common interest in automobiles and that they saw each other "all over the country, but primarily in California and never in Texas."

**Security worries Americans**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Carter administration, testing public sentiment on the Panama Canal treaty, is finding Americans concerned about national security questions raised by the pact.

During a three-state trip in which he sought to win support for the treaty, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was asked repeatedly whether the United States would intervene to keep the canal open and also what ties Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos has with the Soviet Union and Cuba.

In Louisiana, as in earlier stops in West Virginia and Kentucky, Vance received friendly responses when he asserted that under the proposed treaty, the United States would have "a solemn obligation" to keep the canal open.

Vance also suggested that the Senate give its formal approval to an understanding between President Carter and Torrijos stating that the United States has the right to keep the waterway open.

The understanding also gives U.S. warships priority passage through the canal in times of emergency and commits both countries to consult on any plans for construction of a sea-level canal.

Vance emphasized repeatedly that the treaty would benefit

the United States militarily and commercially by assuring that the canal would operate free of potential unrest, which the administration has said could result from Senate refusal to approve transfer of control of the waterway to Panama.

He told an audience in New Orleans that "this port and this city and this entire region could be adversely affected if we don't act now to secure a secure future for the canal."

"Most of this country's grain exports are shipped from Gulf Coast ports. Virtually all of the grain exported to the Far East passes through the canal. Thousands of jobs rely on that trade."

"That trade and those jobs will be far more secure under the new treaties than the old," Vance said.

The canal agreement is formally embodied in two treaties. One transfers operational control of the waterway to Panama in the year 2000; the other

guarantees that the canal will be kept open.

Asked whether Torrijos is a communist, Vance stated flatly that "neither Gen. Torrijos nor any of the leading officials of the Panamanian government are communist."

The secretary said the Panamanian Communist Party is not legally recognized and is believed to have no more than 500 members.

In an earlier stop in Kentucky, Vance told a Louisville

business group that when the Senate reaches its decision on the treaties "there will be sufficient votes to ratify."

It was the first time Vance publicly has predicted the administration can muster the two-thirds Senate majority necessary for approval of the treaties.

Gov. Julian Carroll of Kentucky introduced Vance at Louisville and strongly endorsed the treaties saying they must be ratified by the Senate.

**Judge hands out fines**

Billy Jack Hale pleaded guilty to theft of over \$200 and under \$200 Tuesday, with probation set at six months by County Judge Don Hinton in county court.

In other recent county court action, Micah Ronnie Blocker and Joseph Anthony Tartaglia pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon. Blocker was fined \$200 and sentenced to three days in jail; Tartaglia was fined \$250 and sentenced to three days in jail.

Maxwell Glen Davis pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was fined \$100.

Among those pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated who received sentences of thirty days in jail and a \$200 fine, probated to six months, were James Talmage Palmer, Rockie L. Miller, Robert David King, Clester Matthew Belt, James Edward Faiola, John Allen Loucks, James Henry Sells, George Graves and Jose Alban Baeza.

Jack Lewis Sargent pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to \$400 and 30 days, probated to six months.

Rose Ellen Nunley pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and sentenced to

court costs and 30 days, probated to six months.

Those pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated who were sentenced to three days in the county jail and their fines were Emillo Bazan Rivera, \$100; Hubert Lee Sauls, \$100; and Eronin Frank Haynes, \$50.

Pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated and sentenced to 30 days in jail, probated to six months and their fines were Jackie Lee Newton, \$50; Abraham Gamao, \$100; J.D. Stanfill, \$100; Lynda Culbertson Thomas, \$50; and Gerald Keith Billingsley, \$50.

Pleading no contest and sentenced to three days in jail were Robert Lindsley Cuis, \$50; Melvin Lee Wilson, \$50; Bobbie Lee Herman, \$50; and M.B. Ferris, \$50.

Pleading no contest and sentenced to thirty days in jail probated to six months were William Aury Adams, \$100; Loyd Weldon McKnight, no fine; Ralph Wayne Tinnin, \$200; John Henry Brookshire, \$100; Loyd George Hallett, \$100; Jeanie Stone Russell, \$200; Don Earl North, \$100; Leora Lucille Gray, \$100; Charles Henson, Jr., \$100; William V. Archuleta, \$200; and Richard Ralph McGee, \$50.

**Beaumont elevator correcting hazards**

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Officials of the Continental Grain Co. Elevator in the Port of Beaumont have begun correcting 86 fire hazards discovered in an inspection of the facility, says Beaumont Fire Chief C.A. "Pete" Shelton.

Inspectors discovered the hazards, which included accumulations of grain dust and possibly unsafe electrical wiring, after touring the massive facility Monday and Tuesday.

The inspection, Shelton said, was prompted by December explosions at grain elevators in New Orleans and Galveston, Texas, which claimed more than 50 lives.

Officials of the facility have begun forming a safety committee and hired an electrical contractor to correct some of the hazards. Shelton said Thursday after meeting with Chuck Knutson, superintendent of the elevator.

Knutson agreed to implement all the recommendations by fire inspectors, Shelton said. Inspectors will check the facility "on a weekly basis" to insure corrective steps are being taken, he added.

In a joint statement, Knutson and Shelton described the hazards at the facility as "essentially routine maintenance or housekeeping oversights which would not ordinarily re-occur."

They added, "Of the reported violations, fewer than 20 per-

cent dealt specifically with operating hazards, and the rest are routine exceptions which could turn up in any industrial site safety inspection."

Knutson said humidity rating equipment, which measure humidity levels in the facility, had been ordered for the elevator.

Low humidity dries grain dust to potentially explosive levels.

The 14-year-old Beaumont elevator, which has a head house 237-feet high and 60 grain storage silos, is owned by the Port of Beaumont and leased to Continental. More than 100 million bushels of grain are handled each year at the facility.

A grain dust explosion ripped through a Continental Grain Co. facility in New Orleans on Dec. 22, killing 36 persons. Another explosion tore through a Galveston grain elevator on Dec. 27, killing 18 persons.

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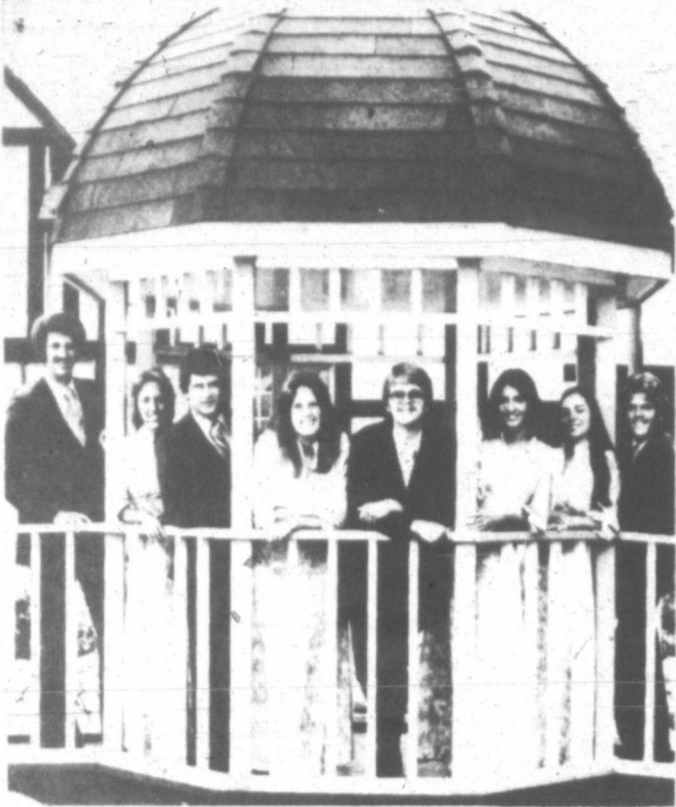
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**For the deaf and the hearing**

"The Signs of Love Singers," a group of young people who combine signing for the deaf and singing for the hearing, will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler. Under the direction of the Rev. Terry Thompson, the singers have traveled in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Haiti and Jamaica. They have released two records and appear each week on the Christian Broadcasting Network's "Deaf Hear" program.



**Springer for Revival**

The Rev. Calvin Springer, evangelist from Hockdale, will be the featured speaker for a series of revival services to begin at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Apostolic Faith Church, 711 E. Harvester. The service will follow the regular 10 a.m. Sunday School hour, and will also feature Jacques Hocking from West Texas State University as guest soloist. Sunday night services will start at 6 p.m. and services Monday through Saturday will start at 7:30 p.m. Local and out-of-town musicians will perform each night.

**Faithfulness is topic**

"The Faithfulness of God" will be the topic of the sermon at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray St., by the Rev. Joseph L. Turner.

The sermon will be the first in a series of four from the first 36 verses of I Corinthians. Church school starts at 9:30 a.m. with nursery facilities available.

**Nonsmoker lauds war on cigarettes**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The woman whose smoking-withdrawal program taught Joseph A. Califano Jr. how to quit cigarettes says the health, education and welfare secretary should use "every cent he has" to counter tobacco industry ads.

Jacquelyn Rogers, founder of SmokEnders Inc., hailed Califano's declaration of cigarette smoking as "Public Health Enemy No. 1," but said she hopes "the guy has enough guts and political savvy to take the second step."

Califano, once a three-pack-a-day smoker, went through the private, profit-making SmokEnders program in 1975. He has since become an outspoken anti-smoking campaigner.

Califano announced Wednesday that HEW's smoking information and education programs will be expanded and coordinated by a new Office on Smoking and Health with an annual budget of \$23 million.

Mrs. Rogers commended Califano for not proposing an end to the politically popular subsidy program. "I'm glad he didn't fall into that tar pit, although I resent the fact he's allowing \$50 million for subsidies and only \$23 million for the new office," she said.

The chancel choir, directed by Sally Green, will present "Sing Alleluia to the Lord." Organist Doris Goad will present "Jesu meines Herzen Freude" by Bach for the morning offertory.

Senior High Fellowship will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Buddy Clyburns, 1809 N. Dwight, and Junior High Fellowships will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

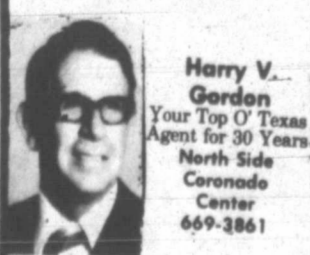
There will be a called joint board meeting of the Session and Diaconate in the west room at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the sanctuary.

**Colson film slated**

A film about Nixon's hatchet man Charles W. Colson making a "decision for Christ" will be shown at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church, 1030 Love.

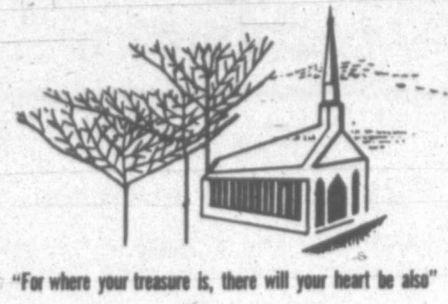
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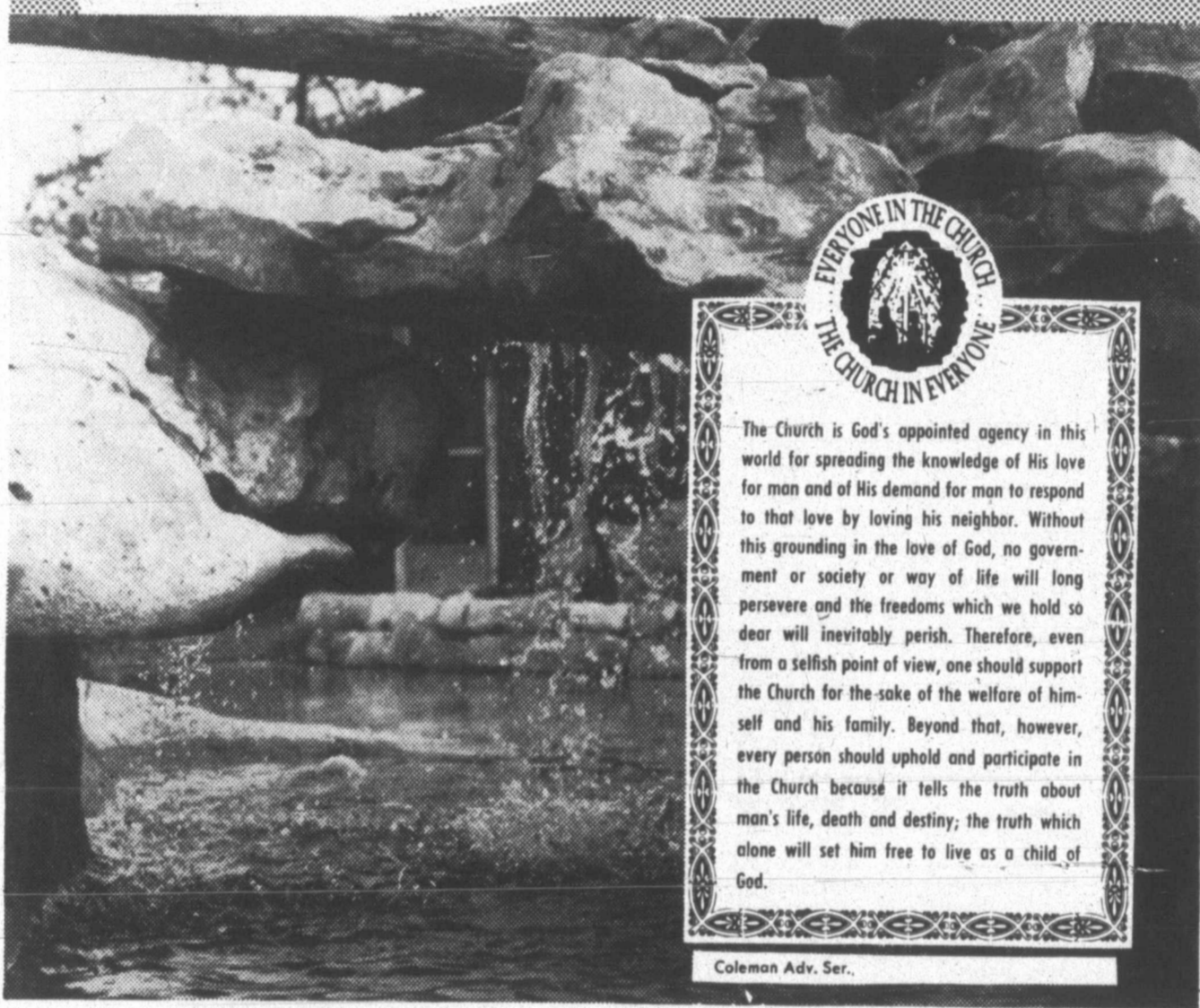
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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# The courts can't deal with Donald

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Is a deaf-mute mentally retarded just because he wasn't schooled? Is he physically incompetent just because he can't speak or hear? Should he stand trial on charges he can't understand, can't defend himself against? Donald Lang has been in and out of courts, hospitals, prisons for a dozen years because the judicial system doesn't have the answers.

By **MARC WILSON**  
Associated Press Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — When the law first took hold of Donald Lang in his 20th year, the only word he had ever spoken was "Mamma."

Those first 20 years, while "Mamma" was alive, seemed normal — normal, that is, for an illiterate deaf-mute from a broken common law marriage living in Chicago's black slums.

Then Mamma, Julia Lang, died, and Donald got into trouble. And so, in a bizarre way, did the law. Twice Donald Lang was accused of murder, in 1965 and 1971. He spent 12 years in prison, jail, or mental institutions awaiting judgement on the charges.

But it's a judgment the courts say can't be rendered on a man who knows no language, can't comprehend the accusations, can't understand why he spent hundreds of hours in court rooms while judges and attorneys wondered what to do.

The legal system is close to turning him loose again, despite the argument of prosecutors that the last time Lang was freed he killed again.

His attorneys argued that he can't be kept in jail without prospect of a trial that could clear him. His family says he stands a better chance on Chicago's streets than in jail.

"If you look at him you can't tell anything's wrong with him," says his older brother, Julius. "He's damned smart and he proved it on the streets before all this happened."

Mimicking others and managing to obey gestures from friends and family, Lang became street-wise without ever learning to read street signs. At work as a teen-ager he readily did what was conveyed to him, without hearing. He couldn't tell you his shirt size but he bought his own clothes with his own money. He couldn't hear music or laughter, but he loved to run a Ferris wheel at a carnival.

Remarkable achievements against dismal odds. And then a prostitute was found stabbed to death in an alley behind a tavern a few blocks from the public housing project where Lang lived with two brothers and a sister.

Lang was the last person seen with her. Bloody clothing was found in his room. Jail and a murder indictment followed. The situation would eerily repeat itself six years later.

"Lang is beyond the reach of the law," says Lowell Meyers, his defense attorney at the first trial in 1965. "You can't try



Donald Lang, shown behind bars in Chicago after he was charged in the slaying of a prostitute 6 years ago, poses a unique problem in criminal justice. Lang, deaf and dumb, cannot

read or write or understand sign language. Implicated in two murders, he cannot be tried, apparently cannot be educated, but at the same time cannot be given his freedom.

(AP Newsfeatures photo)

him, you can't convict him and you can't hold him."

Meyers too is deaf, one reason a Circuit Court asked him to defend Lang. Meyers, son of deaf-mute parents, didn't become totally deaf until he was 12. He reads lips.

"But I couldn't communicate with Donald. He's been deaf since early childhood, perhaps from birth, and never learned sign language. He was lost to language forever when he was 6 and the schools wouldn't accept him."

Julius Lang says his brother was sent home on his first day in public school because of his deafness. Earlier, Donald's mother tried to place him in a pre-school program. Later she tried to put him in various special programs. But he wasn't accepted anywhere.

In 1966 he was declared physically and mentally incompetent to stand trial, with a mental age of between 6 and 7. Lang was committed to a maximum security psychiatric institution at Chester, Ill.

Meyers and Lang's family complained that Lang wasn't safe at Chester — as a deaf-mute a likely target of inmate abuse — and a year later he was transferred to a school for the mentally retarded at Dixon, on orders of the Illinois Supreme Court.

The findings there deepened the courts' quandary. A neurologist there didn't think that

Lang was "as mentally retarded as indicated" and that in any case his handicap was physical rather than mental-aphasia.

Aphasia, usually caused by brain damage or injury, is the loss of power to understand and use words. Severe chicken pox in early infancy might have brought on the brain damage.

Whatever the cause, David Edelson, superintendent at Dixon, reported on May 2, 1969 that "based on our experience with Donald Lang, it appears that he will never acquire the necessary communications skills needed to participate or cooperate at his trial."

Thereupon Meyers went to the state Supreme Court and argued that Lang was being held in custody to learn something the experts said he could never learn: "You can't keep a man in custody all his life just for being accused of a crime," he says.

The Supreme Court agreed — he "should either be given an opportunity to obtain a trial ... or should be released," it decided.

Meantime a key witness had died, evidence was lost. The murder charge was dismissed in February, 1971.

Freed, Lang went to live with his father and stepmother. He returned to work at the loading docks at South Water Market, a place he had always liked, a

place where he was liked. It also was a place where prostitutes lingered.

In July, 1971, the body of one of them was found in the closet of a hotel where she and Lang, according to witnesses, had checked in the night before. Once again, police found blood on Lang's clothes in his home.

This time he was tried and, in January 1972, convicted and sentenced to 14 to 25 years to be served in the Department of

Corrections' special treatment center at Joliet. Three years later, the Illinois Appellate Court overturned the conviction on grounds that he hadn't been competent to stand trial. Lang should be retried, the court said — but only after he is able to assist in his defense.

The ruling left society without protection, says Timothy Szwed, an assistant state's attorney for Cook County. "Unfortunately, there is nothing in

## Rains drive lettuce up

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Iceberg lettuce, just 29 cents a head last month in local stores, will cost as much as 69 cents here because of abnormally warm weather last month and recent heavy rains in the Imperial Valley, the nation's lettuce bowl.

Agriculture officials said Wednesday that lettuce farmers are charging as much as \$10 per ton, five times more than their price one month ago, since adverse weather conditions cut sharply into the valley's normal production of nearly 500,000 tons of winter lettuce.

They said New York buyers may have to pay as much as 90 cents for a head of lettuce. State marketing specialist

Jack Kloth estimated yields were down by as much as half in some fields. He predicted that once the rains end and normal harvesting resumes, the price of lettuce could drop to 85 per ton.

However, assistant county agricultural commissioner John Taylor warned that lettuce prices will soar again when the winter harvest ends in March. He said that is because "the warm weather gave us too much early growth. A shortage of lettuce is likely to occur in the late stages of the harvest."

Last month's warm spell left lettuce fields with overgrown, excessively leafy plants and subsequent rains have muddied fields, bogging down the harvest.

## 'Road building unsafe'

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Highway Administration is not enforcing adequate safety in road construction zones, the General Accounting Office concludes after inspecting 26 work sites in seven states.

GAO, an investigative arm of Congress, said it found all 26 "unsafe and hazardous" for motorists.

Dangerous conditions included unmarked holes and drop-offs, material stored close to the roadway, no pedestrian lanes, confusing temporary striping, inadequate warning signs, poor flagging procedures and lack of night lighting or reflecting devices.

"The highway administration has not been successful in achieving adequate safety in construction zones," GAO said in the report released this week.

The report said the highway administration for 11 years has strongly emphasized safety in road construction areas but has not been successful in establishing the same level of concern in its field offices and in state highway agencies.

would help him to become competent to stand trial.

"This means he'll be on the street again with no guarantee of supervision," state's attorney Szwed said. "And there's no guarantee he won't kill again. If he does and is arrested again, there's no guarantee that we'll be able to do anything with him. In fact, the way things are going, there will never be a guarantee that society can do anything to protect itself from Donald Lang."

Then what's to be done?

Szwed said: "The state disagrees that Lang is not mentally retarded. If he is ruled mentally retarded, the Mental Health Department can hold him in a secure environment. That would be to society's benefit and probably to Donald Lang's benefit."

Mark Epstein, one of Lang's attorneys: "Education is the only solution. We are convinced

that Lang is innocent, and that if he could be educated to communicate he could help us clear himself.

"Remember, he has never been convicted of any crime and has a bright, normal intelligence. If he hadn't been neglected by the state throughout his life, if he hadn't been rejected by the public schools, we wouldn't have this problem."

Society would be safe with Donald free, Julius Lang thinks, "but I'd be happy if the state kept him another couple of years if they would teach him something. He can't even say 'Mamma' anymore."

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# Henry says Soviets finance terrorists

By BARRY SCHWEID  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger says the Soviet Union is at least indirectly financing some of the terrorist training going on in Libya and Lebanon.

"Many of these terrorists are being trained in camps in Libya and Lebanon by organizations that themselves are financed by the Soviet Union," Kissinger said.

Previous accounts have pointed to oil-rich Libya as a staging ground for terrorists. Libya's leader, Moammar Khadafi, is an arch-foe of Israel and has ties to Palestinians opposed to the Jewish state.

While other accounts have noted that some violent Palestinian elements are trained in and make their forays from Lebanon, this is the first firm suggestion by a prominent western figure that the terrorists have a common money base in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European bloc.

"Without the supply of weapons and training and organ-

ization from some of these countries, it would become infinitely more complicated to carry out these terrorist activities," Kissinger commented in a documentary to be broadcast Friday by NBC-TV.

And he said the terrorist movements are related to each other — Japanese terrorists with Palestinians as well as German to Italian terrorists.

"Somebody is clearly financing the training and the organization, and some of it is clearly coming from the communist world," Kissinger said.

While adding, "That doesn't mean the communist world is planning all this," he said even terrorists not directly supported by communists "benefit the communist parties."

He said both terrorism and communism have their roots in alienation with the system.

Kissinger also warned against increased communist influence in Western Europe.

Kissinger, secretary of state under former Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford, now is under a multimillion-dollar contract to provide commentary for NBC.

NEW YORK (AP) — Six oil companies that have spent \$1.1 billion on leases and another \$80 million exploration say they are eager to take the 80 percent chance that they will find nothing when they start drilling for oil along the Atlantic Coast.

The companies have fought lengthy court battles and are now awaiting a Supreme Court decision on whether they may begin working in the so-called Baltimore Canyon within the next few months.

J.G. Yope, Shell Oil Co. project manager for the controversial operation, says the business is "a vicious gamble," and based on past experience. "There is an 80 percent chance of finding nothing," but he says officials of the six companies remain hopeful.

"At this point, we have to assume that we'll find something," he said. "Otherwise, we wouldn't be taking the gamble."

"It's a great risk, no doubt about it," said Joe Tucker, an Exxon spokesman. "We can lose a lot of money and a lot of time."

Some 529,500 acres on the sea bottom were leased for exploration in the Baltimore Canyon, which lies within 80 miles of New York City and runs along the densely populated East Coast.

But only 10 to 15 test wells are likely to be drilled, Yope said, adding that Shell will drill only two wells, unless oil is struck.

These wells, each costing around \$6 million, will be drilled in the most likely areas, and oil companies will share geological information to some extent, he said.

Few wells will be drilled because of the limited availability of drilling rigs, and the enormous cost of drilling holes as deep as 12,000 feet in the ocean floor, Yope said. He added it would take six to eight years after discovery of any oil or natural gas to begin production.

Most of the initial drilling will take place east of Atlantic City, N.J., although two other

potential areas are off Cape Henlopen, Del.

Government officials estimate that as much as 1.4 billion barrels of oil and 9.4 trillion cubic feet of gas can be found in the canyon.

Most of the companies have received the necessary federal permits to begin drilling, but they must await Supreme Court action on a pending appeal by officials of Suffolk County, on Long Island in New York.

County officials, who object to the operation on environmental grounds, took their appeal to the Supreme Court after losing a round in a lower court. It was the latest maneuver in a battle that has involved other environmentalists and raged for 18 months.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide by mid-February whether it will hear the appeal.

Meanwhile, federal officials are preparing to auction another large offshore site to oil companies Jan. 31. This site, called the Georges Bank Outer Continental Shelf, is off New England and includes some valuable commercial fishing areas.

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# One man's alternative: jumping rope ... well, maybe

By JIM CARRIER  
Associated Press Writer  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The sting of sleet on my face stiffened my resolve: jogging would have to wait for spring.

But I needed exercise to keep my waistline tire properly deflated during the long Minnesota winter. A doctor once told me the best exercise was a push away from the table, but frankly, I love to eat.

In the summer I can compensate by riding my bike to and from the doughnut shop three blocks away. For the winter, I've always wanted one of those exercise bikes but the \$125 price tag has always made that dream a short one.

Then, while thumbing through an aerobics handbook, looking for an easy, cheap way out, I spotted it. A jump rope. Ten minutes of the old hop, skip and jump was a solid three points on the chart — equal to running a mile in 10 minutes.

At the sports store I found manufacturers had anticipated my interest. No less than seven types of ropes were on display, to the left of the slim gym, on the shelf over the executive dumbbell.

At the bottom of the line, for \$1.95, was a string of hard plastic tubes on a thin rope. Much too noisy. For \$3.95, there was a deluxe rope with the swivel hidden in the handle. The Muhammad Ali-endorsed Rope a Dope sold for as much as \$8.95 for the leather model.

On top of the heap, for \$10.95, was the "professional skip rope," with leather rope and ball-bearing handles.

I settled for the \$3.50 model made in Taiwan, featuring "wooden swivel handles and an 8-foot-6 heavy weight cotton jumprope" which promised to develop the body through "coordination and stamina."

On the back of the box I was advised to wear comfortable clothing that doesn't restrict circulation. "Pick your time," it said, warning of exerting immediately after a meal.

"If you haven't jumped rope since you were a kid, don't worry," the box assured.

I was ready. Rope in hand, I read on:

"Grasp the handle of your jump rope with your thumbs extended down the handles. Stand in an erect position, ankles nearly touching. Your elbows should be slightly bent, with the rope hanging slack behind your heels." So far, it was easy.

"Now, with a small circular movement of your arms, swing the rope forward over your head and jump over it. Jump from foot to foot as if running in place," the instructions concluded.

The rope arched over my head and collapsed onto my shoulders just as I leaped over nothing. But after a few false starts, I got the rhythm, confidently on my way to the count of 50, at what the box called the first week's "warm-up"

rate of one jump per second. At the count of 16 I missed. The next try collapsed at 14.

By this time I was aware of my pulse and my labored breathing. I wasn't even close to 50, and the 25 "regular" exercises of two jumps per second still lay ahead.

I handed the rope to my daughter, made a few notes on my progress, and wondered: Do you suppose the leather-rope-with-ball-bearing-handle is any easier?

## Brother sues murder movie

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — The brother of the first victim of Tezarkana's 1946 "Phantom Killer" has filed a \$1.3 million lawsuit against the makers and distributors of a film which allegedly depicts his sister's death.

Mark Melton Moore of Dallas said in the lawsuit that the movie "The Town That Drieded Sundown" has intruded upon his physical and mental solitude by bringing back into the public's eye a "tragic and painful segment" of his life. Defendants in the suit are Charles B. Pierce Film Enterprises, Inc. and American International Pictures, Inc.

The 1946 shooting of Polly Ann Moore was the first of four unsolved killings by the "Phantom Killer." Moore filed the suit Dec. 28 in Bowie County, Texas.

# At Wit's End

By ERMA BOMBECK  
It's been a long time since I worked on my status. Oh, a couple of summers ago I rolled up the car windows and pretended it was air-conditioned. And I used to sit in a public place and trace words across the pages of a book as fast as I could turn the pages and make believe I was an Evelyn Wood graduate, but nothing big.

You can imagine my surprise when I picked up the paper the other day to learn that status symbols have changed considerably. Large homes are considered tasteless. Big cars are out. Degrees and titles are tacky. Having a live-in orthodontist is unimpressive. Fat no longer means affluence and jolliness. And marrying a

doctor is no longer the great American dream of maidens everywhere.

The last one was a real kick in the head. Not marry a doctor? Bite your tongue!

I asked my daughter, "Is this true? Have doctors really fallen out of favor as the nation's No. 1 most desirable mate?"

"Assuming a girl wants to get married these days," she said, "she'd be smart to go after the big money — a game show contestant. Do you have any idea how much the Secret Square is worth or what a bundle you get if you solve the \$10,000 Pyramid?"

"But how do you get introduced to these people? Formally, I mean."

"Formality is out. My friend,

Jan, is marrying a guy she met last week in a 'Star Wars' line."

"But does she really know him?"


"Mom! They saw the movie three times! You see, your values aren't the same as ours Old is in. Youth is out. Poverty is beautiful. Affluence is obscene. Causes are right on. Employment is boring. Take care of your feet. Teased hair is the pits. Owning a home is time-consuming. Records last forever."

"Let me get this straight. Status to you is marrying an old game show contestant with an overbite who drives a compact and picks up candy wrappers?"

"Right. By the way, do you have \$10 until Saturday?"

Some status symbols never change.

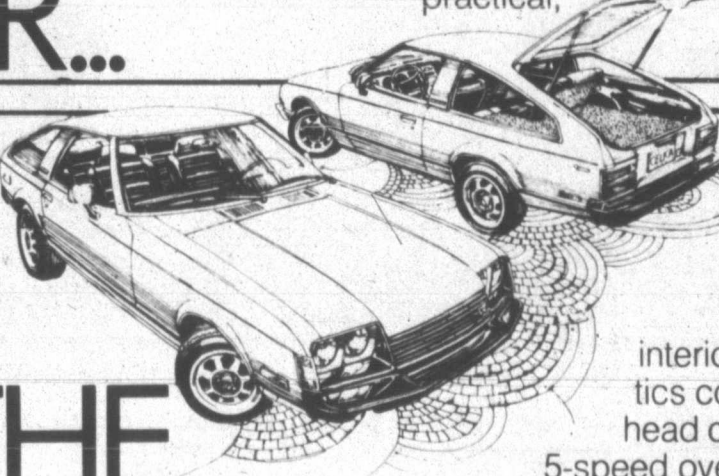
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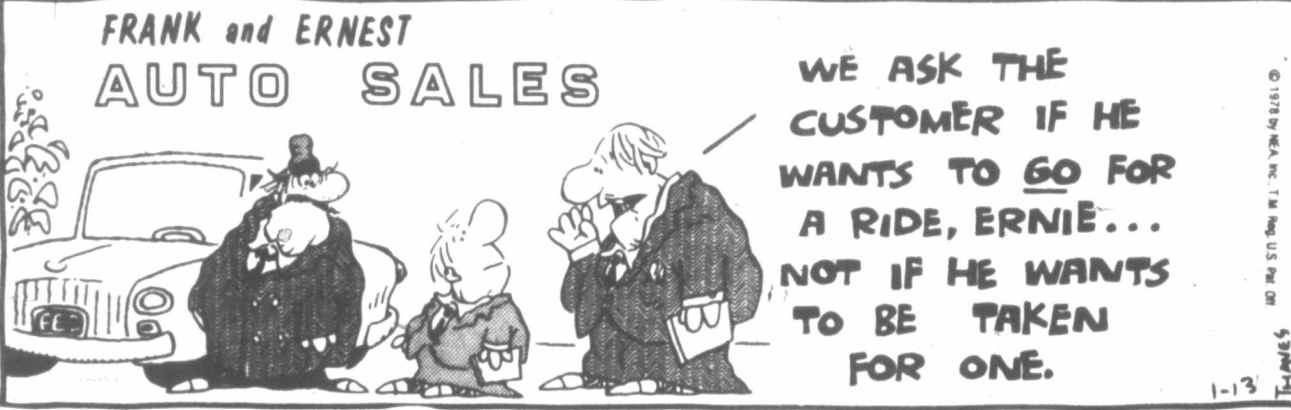
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Over your head in debt?

Part IX

Sylvia Porter

Right and Wrong Reasons for Borrowing

(Last of nine columns) The advantages of buying on credit far outweigh the disadvantages of its cost and temptation to extravagance. But borrowing at any time is right for you only if your reasons are right.

(1) THE EIGHT REASONS:

You are establishing a household or beginning a family — major events in life that will take a lot of money. It is in these early years that you should learn how to use credit wisely. You are making essential, big ticket purchases that you couldn't buy out of cash on hand, such as a car, furniture, major appliances. All are terms traditionally bought with credit. As for a house, virtually all of us borrow to finance that key purchase of our lives.

You are up against a genuine emergency and have not as yet had the chance to accumulate a sufficient emergency cash fund. Borrowing for emergencies is about as valid a reason as there can be.

There are attractive seasonal sales or specials on which you can save money if you can use a charge account or a time-payment plan or get a low-cost loan from a financial institution. This assumes the items on sale are ones you really want or need.

You need money for education purposes, another top-notch reason for borrowing by student or parents. In fact, borrowing for college is the normal procedure in our land.

The price of an item you will need in the future is heading sharply higher and it would be ridiculous for you not to try to beat the price rise by borrowing the money to buy it now.

(2) BUT THERE ARE WRONG REASONS AS WELL!

You haven't a reasonable prospect of repaying the loan, but you're borrowing anyway because you want the goods or services. Or you are borrowing to the very hilt of your capacity to repay, and even a minor miscalculation on your part could force you to default.

You are borrowing impulsively and are lured to the purchase not because of good quantity or reasonable price but because the payment terms seem so easy. This is dangerous self-deception.

You are charging purchases solely to boost your morale, trying to beat the blues with an extravagant shopping spree. An

even worse attack of melancholy will strike when the bills come in. You are using credit to enhance your status, "raise" your apparent standard of living. But over the long run, if you can't afford certain items on your present income, you can't afford to buy them on credit either.

You are overusing credit and failing to maintain an adequate cash reserve. You also are tending to live from day to day, and any unexpected financial reversal could destroy you. You are using credit against the expectation of future pay hikes, bonuses or windfall cash. But if you don't get the extra money, your budget can become woefully tight in a hurry.

You are borrowing to gamble on an exceedingly risky venture, as distinct from borrowing to invest in a worthy enterprise you have thoroughly investigated. The very fact that you have to borrow means this is not extra money you can afford to gamble with and lose.

You are living so far beyond your income that you must borrow to meet your current bills.

You are borrowing to buy a product that will be used up or worn out long before you have made the final payment for it.

When you borrow you in essence rent money — and just as you must pay when you rent an apartment or car, so must you pay when you rent money. Anything you buy on credit will cost you more than the identical item bought for cash.

Shop for credit and buy on the most advantageous terms to you. Check terms at a bank and credit union before you finance a major purchase at a store or dealer.

Find out your credit status from a responsible loan officer at your local bank, consumer finance office, credit union, other lending source. And always ask yourself: would I buy this item for this amount of money if I had the cash in my wallet or purse now?

Stagger your debts, don't pile them one on top of the other. Say no to any installment deal if you have any doubts at all.

It's the time of year for reckoning and resolutions. If you're over your head in debt, get guidance on getting out, then discipline yourself into achieving it, and as resolution No. 1, vow never to let it happen to you again!

Nursing homes 'decertified'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Health stripped two nursing homes in San Antonio and Lamesa of their certification Wednesday.

Broadway Lodge in San Antonio and Leisure Lodge in Lamesa were "decertified."

The department also an-

nounced it is withholding state and federal vendor drug funds from five nursing homes: Hart Memorial Home, Commerce; Bryanwood Care Center, Amarillo; Lake Park Manor Nursing Home, Lewisville; Medicenter of America, Inc., Corpus Christi; and Retama Manor South, Victoria.

Farm value climb faster than taxes

By DON KENDALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm real estate taxes have been climbing for many years but lately have increased at a slightly slower pace than taxes levied by state and local governments on property generally, according to Agriculture Department studies.

Moreover, when stacked against the value of property, farm real estate taxes have not kept pace and since 1971 have shown annual declines. In other words, farm land values have risen more rapidly than taxes.

The analysis is included in a recent report, "Farm Real Estate Taxes" for 1976, issued by the department's Economic Research Service. Land values slowed their rise last year but

the effect of that on tax relationships was not included in the report.

Overall, state and local governments collected more than \$57 billion in property tax revenues in 1976, an increase of 10.7 percent from 1975, the report said. Of that amount, about \$3.1 billion came from farm real estate taxes, up 8.5 percent from the previous year.

Measured on a per-acre basis, farm real estate taxes in 1976 averaged \$3.17 an acre, up from \$2.92 in 1975, the report said. According to historical tables, the taxes on farm land per acre have increased annually since World War II when they averaged about 40 cents an acre.

But when taxes are compared with the "full value" of farm

land, they averaged 74 cents for each \$100 the land was worth in 1976, down from 78 cents in 1975. The tax based on value rose to \$1.10 per \$100 in 1971 but has declined since because of the rapid increase in land prices.

The peak in taxes per \$100 of land value was \$1.52 in 1932, when land prices dropped precipitously during the nation's worst economic depression.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has officially issued a report on the western water supply situation.

Department officials provided details of the report last Friday at the request of a reporter. The report said the mountain snowpack in the West is "much improved" from a year ago

when it was at a record low.

The snowpack accumulated during winter and spring provides 70 percent of the western water supply during the year.

Officials, as they did in the draft of the report last week, cautioned Wednesday that "only 40 percent of the snowpack accumulates by Jan. 1 each year" and that much more will be required to help replenish water reserves fed by melting snow next summer.

The report said "there is generally at least average snowpack" in California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and parts of Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Below-average snow was reported in Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado and Utah.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are working on ways to clip the wings of beneficial insects so that they remain in one place and can kill pests which destroy valuable farm crops.

The Agriculture Department says in the January issue of "Agricultural Research" that laboratory tests so far have shown some promise.

"Farmers and home gardeners would get more help than they now get from several kinds of insects that parasitize and prey on harmful insects if the beneficial insects were not flighty," the report said.

Carlo M. Ignoffo, an entomologist at the Biological Control of Insects Research Unit, Columbia, Mo., says that if prac-

ticable ways of de-winging insects can be found so that they can be used commercially they could be an important aid in controlling crop pests.

In one laboratory test, de-winged Hippodamia convergens — commonly known as ladybugs — were placed in plots of soybeans, the insects responded by attacking eggs of harmful insects "for at least one day" while full-winged ladybugs used for comparison fled the area.

There are now more than 100 million cyclists in the United States, reports the Bicycle Manufacturers Association of America. These cyclists are riding anywhere from 82 to 89 million bicycles, the Association estimates.

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