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Sadat breaks off Mideast talks

CAIRO Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat has ordered his foreign minister to break off talks with Israel in Jerusalem and return home, Egypt's information minister announced today.

Information minister Abdel Moneim el Sawy said Sadat took "this decisive decision" to avoid the talks "continuing in a vicious circle."

Jerusalem have been going "into side issues, moving from an issue whose examination had not been completed, to issues not up for discussion so as to make the negotiations become engrossed in obscure and vague questions not serving their aims."

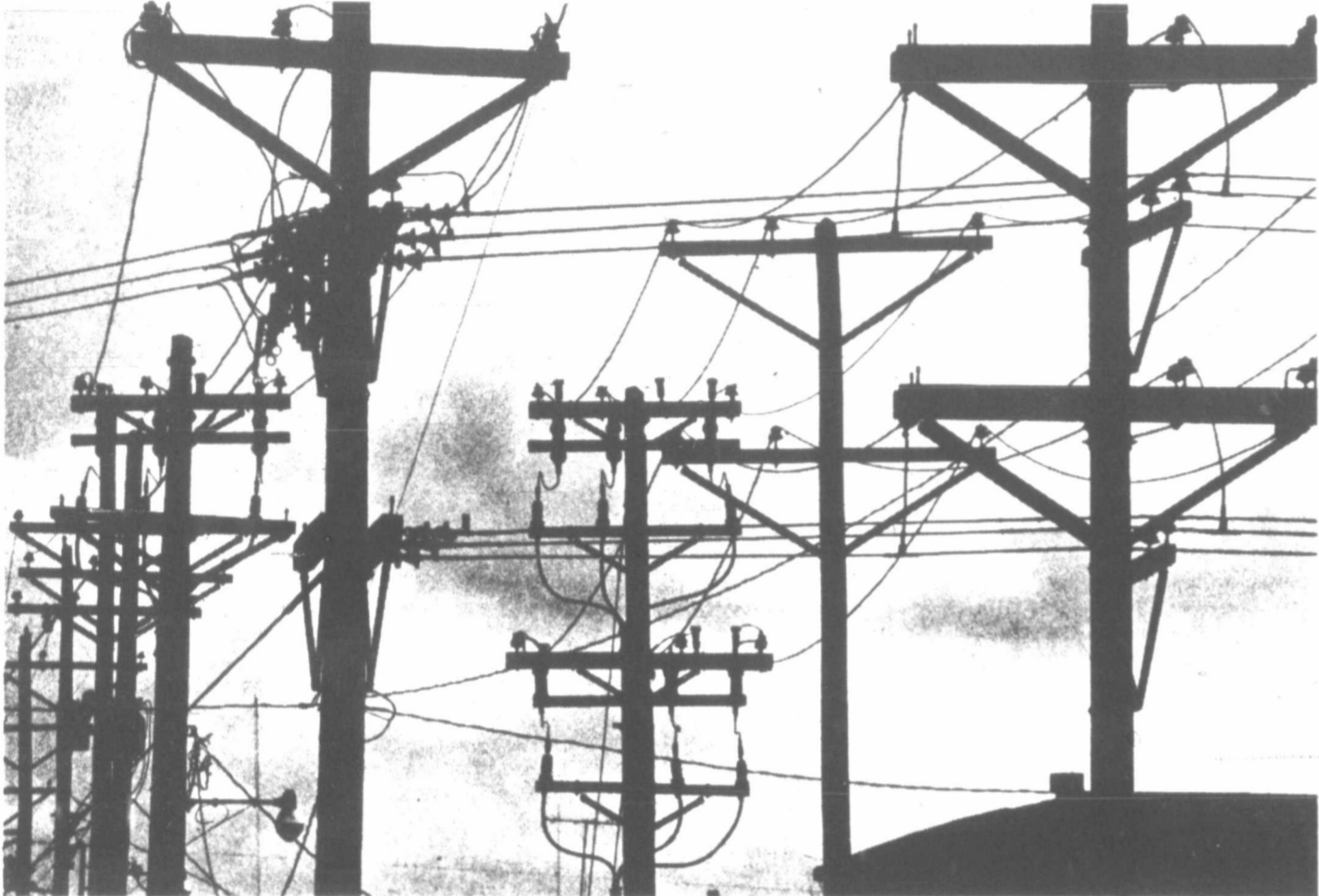
Sadat had cancelled all appointments for 10 days to follow developments in the peace talks as closely as possible.

Kamel was ordered home because it "became apparent from the declarations of the prime minister of Israel and its foreign minister that Israel insists on presenting partial solutions that cannot lead to the establishment of a just and lasting peace."

The dramatic announcement, broadcast by Cairo radio, was made without warning. It said Sadat had cancelled all appointments for 10 days to follow developments in the peace talks as closely as possible.

second formal session of the Middle East peace conference. They then went back behind closed doors where conference sources said hard bargaining was underway.

pering his own proposals in an effort to close the gap between Israeli and Egyptian positions. Sources said the private negotiations centered on a statement of principles that will set guidelines for a future settlement.



The city is a live wire

There are more telephones in Pampa than ever before, and more people, too. That's what Gary Stevens, manager of the local Southwestern Bell offices and president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, told about 120 persons at a Chamber breakfast meeting today.

the past year there have been 153 new gas meter connections, 207 electricity connections, and 131 new customer for the phone company. Bank deposits have increased more than \$12 million in as many months.

Snow immobilizes Ky.

By The Associated Press Rain, snow and sleet today nagged the Great Lakes and the Tennessee Valley, where more than a foot of snow shut schools and businesses and made roads impassable.

turned the New York metropolitan area into a slush pond early today as widespread power outages continued for a fourth day in Long Island suburbs.

"The state's virtually immobilized," said Tom Little of the Kentucky State Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, who said the emergency declaration would give Carroll a "head start" if National Guard units had to be used.

Gov. Hugh Carey sent 500 National Guardsmen to Long Island Tuesday to help utility crews to restore power to thousands of homes that have been cold and dark since the weekend. But a Long Island Lighting Co. spokesman said, "We never asked for these troops."

Most public schools in Kentucky were expected to be closed today as were schools in scattered areas of Illinois, Ohio and Tennessee.

What Llico did ask for was permission from the White House to rent two huge C-5A Galaxy military jets to transport workers and equipment from Chicago and Detroit utilities that offered aid to the beleaguered Long Island company.

Flooding shorted out feeder cables on several electrically powered commuter trains into New York City, causing delays, and roadways flooded. In an unusual move, convertibles were banned from one level of the George Washington Bridge, which links Manhattan with New Jersey across the Hudson River, because of falling chunks of ice.

But when the approval arrived, putting the cost of the rental at \$10,000 an hour, Llico scrapped the idea.

Farther north, freezing rain fell in Massachusetts and heavy snow warnings were out for New York State, New Hampshire and all but the extreme northern part of Maine.

Early today, Llico reported 30,000 customers still without power, down from about 100,000 reported out during the weekend.

A snow emergency was declared in Amsterdam, N.Y., after city road crews, who have been without a contract since the first of the year, refused to work overtime.

Sunshine broke out briefly over parts of California Tuesday after several days of continuous storms that flooded northern rivers and streams and burst some small agricultural dams. Scattered rain was expected to build into a storm sometime today.

The roof of the Hartford Civic Center collapsed early today, but there were no injuries. Authorities said an investigation would be conducted on whether the roof collapsed under the weight of snow and ice

the torrents, rare to the state in the past several dry years, boosted state reservoirs near normal levels, putting further distance between the state and its devastating drought.

Heavy rain on top of a day's snowfall

Early morning temperatures around the nation ranged from 12-below-zero at Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, Mich. and Minot Air Force base in North Dakota to 70 in Miami and Key West, Fla.

FBI chased minute tips to murder

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than a year after John F. Kennedy was assassinated, the FBI was still investigating hundreds of tips, rumors and letters from

"cranks, mental cases and patriotic citizens," newly-released files showed today.

A half-ton of FBI documents recount the painstaking investigation prompted by the letters that poured in from spiritualist, convicts and average citizens who thought they might know something.

One sequence of memos tells of the detailed investigation touched off when the FBI learned that a man in Pasco, Wash., had sent a \$6 spray of flowers to the funeral of Lee Harvey Oswald. He told agents he did it on impulse.

and carry it through to the present. William Shackelford, the FBI research analyst who supervised preparation of the material, said the 98,755 pages include virtually every piece of paper the FBI produced in the course of its investigation.

for a decision on whether to make it public. Shackelford said some other material, such as photographs, simply has not been processed and will be released later.

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Only one race challenged now

Five Gray County officials have filed for re-election and one person will challenge the justice of the peace for precinct 5 for May 6 and June 3 Democratic and Republican primaries.

county clerk; Mrs. Venora Cole, justice of the peace for precinct 2-2; Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, justice of the peace for precinct 5.

Documents, in cartons weighing 60 pounds apiece, were released under the Freedom of Information Act — at 10 cents a page.

The first batch began with the news clippings reporting that Oswald had defected to the Soviet Union in 1959 and ended with memos describing the bureau's tense relationship with the commission as it was beginning its work in 1964.

in addition, some documents contain information provided to the FBI by the Central Intelligence Agency and other government units. That material has been referred, in some cases, to the originating agency

Accepting Weisberg's argument that he cannot afford to pay the copying fees, U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell ordered the government to send a set to the Maryland author, an outspoken critic of the Warren Commission findings.

Today's forecast calls for a chance of snow with accumulations of less than one inch, with partly cloudy skies. The high for today of less than one inch, with partly cloudy skies. The high for today was expected to be near 30, (-1 degree C.), with a low tonight near eight. (-14 degrees C.) The high Thursday will be in the mid 20's. (-5 degrees C.) Winds will be from the northeast at 15 m.p.h.

"There is no limit to accomplishment for the man who does not worry over who gets the credit."

Part 1: The untaxed-\$15 billion and rising

Giants, churches avoid property tax

EDITOR'S NOTE — The property tax is the lifeblood of local government. But more and more local governments — many of them rich and powerful — pay little or no property tax. Here, in the first of a three-part series, is a look at the scope of the problem.

34 exempt YMCA's, 31 exempt veteran organizations, 24 exempt fraternal organizations like the Elks and the Eagles, and 10 states exempt labor and professional organizations—to name just a few groups that most commonly receive favored treatment.

The census figures, combined with responses to the AP survey, showed that tax exempt rolls are climbing rapidly everywhere—in many states even faster than the growth of the value of all real property.

A high percentage of tax-exempt property isn't necessarily a problem, nor is a low percentage a sign that trouble doesn't exist.

Among the many variables that can tip the balance toward trouble include how much free service a city has to provide to the tax-free property and, on the other hand, how much economic activity the tax-exempt organization generates.

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By LEE MITGANG
AP Urban Affairs Writer
American taxpayers pay \$15 billion a year in extra property taxes—averaging about \$300 a family—because a growing number of their neighbors pay none.

Many states also give whole or partial exemptions to property-owning senior citizens, veterans and welfare recipients, hospitals, and certain businesses and their inventories.

Charitable and welfare groups probably own less property than the estimated \$110 billion religious organizations, but are believed to be the fastest growing exempt category. However, the 1976 census statistics for 18 states suggest that educational organizations hold first place among private tax-exempt organizations. But no one has compiled reliable figures.

Some states, such as Louisiana, Wyoming and Alaska, contain vast amounts of federal land, which is constitutionally exempt from local taxes. But some federally owned facilities, such as military bases, pay their way by generating local employment. And the federal government disburses about \$1 billion a year to local governments on land and buildings worth more than \$450 billion.

And some universities with vast tax-exempt real estate holdings, such as Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., each have agreed to make voluntary annual payments to local government.

About one-third of America's real estate is tax-exempt. And that property is worth more than \$800 billion, according to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

"I don't think there's a public awareness of just how much property escapes taxation," says John Coleman, who surveys exemptions every five years for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Some states, among them Maine, North Dakota and Wyoming, have high percentages of tax-exempt religious, charitable and educational property but also have relatively low tax burdens, so citizens don't feel it.

Some cities including Denver, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh have worked out

arrangements with tax exempt organizations providing for annual payments, service charges or special taxes that make up for some of the lost taxes.

But the ACIR's John Shannon says payments by state governments or private tax-exempt organizations to local governments often amount to small handouts that don't begin to solve local tax-exempt problems.

Local governments determine how much property tax should be collected each year and then divide that burden among available property owners. What one property owner is excused from paying, someone else must.

The reason people don't know, simply, is that less than half the states keep records on the amount of property that is untaxed. Even fewer keep annual accounts. And the Census Bureau says it gets usable information from only 18 states and Washington, D.C., in its effort to track tax exemptions, and even those figures are considered very rough.

In some places, including Hartford, Conn., and the State of Minnesota, church-owned property is the largest category of exempt property, outside of government-held real estate.

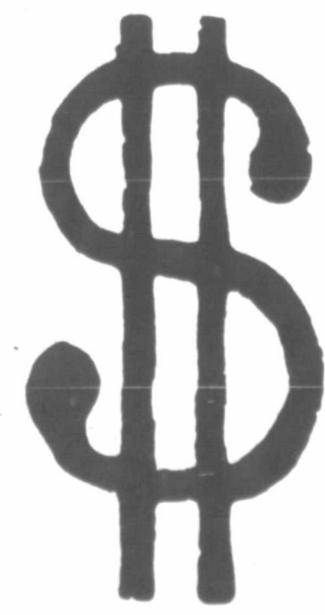
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Exemptions are granted for churches and non-profit cemeteries in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Thirty-nine states exempt parsonages and university dorms,

An Associated Press survey of all 50 states was able to add only three more



"We really don't know of any state that has an absolutely comprehensive system of inlieu payments," he said.
(See Untaxed p. 4)



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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessing. For only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that all men are equally endowed by their Creator, and not by a government, with the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property and secure more freedom and keep it for themselves and others.

To discharge this responsibility, free men, to the best of their ability, must understand and apply to daily living the great moral guide expressed in the Coveting Commandment.

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Washington made it work

George Washington could have had anything he wanted at the end of the Revolutionary War, up to and including the title of king. Such was the esteem and veneration in which he was held by Americans.

Even as duly elected president, Washington could have usurped great powers under the untested new Constitution and set the United States on a course directly opposite from that it has taken. He might well have continued in office until his death and set a pattern of self-perpetuation for his successors.

With a bad first president as a model, it is conceivable that future administration changeovers might have become the palace-revolution type so familiar in other countries. We now have a constitutional amendment limiting presidents to two terms. Many feel it is unnecessary and even unwise. But had Washington not established this tradition, as well as the tradition that the nation's highest executive is not above the law, there might be no Constitution at all.

In short, Washington set an example of leadership that has played an incalculably important part in making this country what it is today. That the ideal of democracy on which the nation was founded has survived and flourished for 187 years is testimony to the direction and impetus given it by Washington.

Why did this man shy away from power and self-aggrandizement? Other

leaders in history, more brilliant than he, had started with idealism and ended in despotism. Some have begun in devotion to their people and ended with the conviction that they alone were qualified to rule.

Washington himself would have answered that he did not desire to rule over others (though paradoxically, as a product of his times and mores, he was absolute master over others who happened to be black). He was a country gentleman, a student of gracious living, an aristocrat in the best meaning of the term.

But this was not the attitude of a man concerned only with his own life, his own comforts. Quite the opposite.

Like the other great men who were his contemporaries, Washington knew the world's sad history of injustice and oppression. When he and they gathered in Annapolis in the summer of 1787 to write the Constitution, they distilled into that document all the wisdom that could be gained from the lessons of the past. Few of them, however, were confident that the unprecedented experiment in self-government would work.

Washington made it work. He brought to his office a deep sense of responsibility toward the new nation in particular and the human race in general. He possessed the kind of humility only truly great men possess. He was, indeed, the Father of His Country.

INFLUENCES PEOPLE

But does he make friends?

By **ROBERT S. ALLEN**
WASHINGTON — UN Ambassador Andrew Young's widely publicized African junkie was a resounding flop — personally and politically.

It did neither him nor the U.S. any good.

In fact, as far as the grandstanding former Atlanta Congressman is concerned, the overall effect was distinctly adverse.

He definitely did not impress black African leaders, and raised a lot of questions in the U.S. about his judgment and realism. Also, whether he isn't more interested in publicizing himself and his activist racial views than being constructively effective.

Throughout Young's fanfare excursion, he seemed to operate on the basis of producing a headline pronouncement for a newspaper and another for a magazine with something for the teletext media in between.

Result — he appeared to be orbiting in a hullabaloo of policy and other declarations that were wholly personal and which he patently can't back up.

Example: Young's grandiose claim he could almost guarantee Congress would repeal within 30 to 60 days the Byrd amendment permitting U.S. exports of strategically essential Rhodesian chrome.

Through His Hat That sort of talk is sheer claptrap — especially from a four-year member of the house.

If Young knows anything at all, he must surely be aware that former Secretary Henry Kissinger with the full lobbying weight of the State Department tried for three years to scuttle this provision and got nowhere.

All during that time, Young was a Congressman and doing his utmost to back Kissinger.

It was also during that time the House killed a repeal bill, sponsored by Rep. Don Fraser, D-Minn., leading internationalist and UN champion, by the decisive vote of 209 to 187.

It will take at least three or more months to get a repeal measure out of committee alone. And with the legislative calendar already piled high with economic, fiscal, energy, government reorganization and other pressing problems, Young's airy virtual guarantee is downright bizarre.

Particularly as it did not convince black African leaders. They were plainly skeptical, also they know full well that despite the United Nations economic sanctions against Rhodesia, many countries are buying its chrome — although not openly as the U.S.

Further, Rhodesian chrome exports are of minor moment in

the somber struggle involving the future of that country.

Young's raising the chrome issue was plain demagoguery.

Alarming Start It also evokes perturbing questions about his credibility as ambassador to the block-racked United Nations.

Never before has a U.S. envoy started there as Young has.

In the first week of his tenure, he was publicly slapped down three times by the State Department — twice by Secretary Vance personally.

In each instance, Young had bombastically given vent to his ideas about Vietnam, Rhodesia and Cuban mercenaries in Communist-ruled Angola — each time squarely in contradiction to administration policy.

But the activist politician turned diplomat was unfringed by these repudiations.

"I told Secretary Vance," he said, "that in order to maintain my right to say what I really believe, I'm willing to take whatever flak develops. I am also willing to be repudiated whenever he considers that officially necessary. I have no ego problems about that whatsoever."

What effect this sort of official see-sawing will have on U.S. standing and policy in the UN is not difficult to foresee.

It's almost certain to be calamitous to the U.S. — and Young.

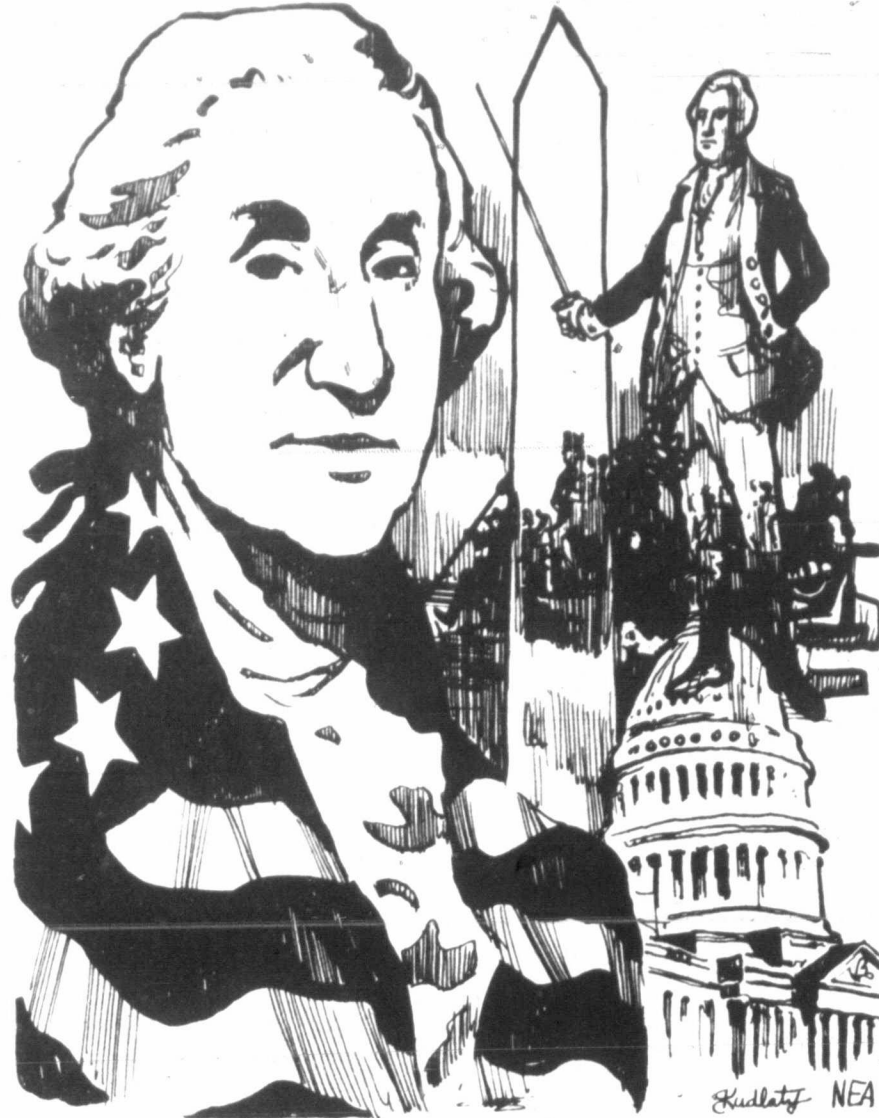
Already congressional and diplomatic circles are predicting he won't last out the year, that he will either be let out or kicked upstairs.

One way or another, it will be no loss.

Note: Prior to the 1966 UN sanctions, the U.S. got most of its metallurgical chrome from Rhodesia. The metal is essential in the production of key weapons — nuclear submarines, missiles, jet aircraft. Following the embargo, Russia became principal U.S. supplier with imports soaring to 60 per cent of this country's chrome requirements, and the price skyrocketing from \$30 to upwards of \$75 a ton.

In 1971, when the measure sponsored by Sen. Harry Byrd, Ind.-Va., repealing the sanctions was enacted, Russian imports amounted to more than 400,000 tons at a cost to U.S. taxpayers of around \$20 million. Since adoption of the Byrd bill, Rhodesia has again become this country's main source of chrome, with imports topping 500,000 tons last year.

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Locusts cannot fly until their body temperature reaches about 70 degrees F. The cool night air stiffens their muscles and they must bask in the sun before taking wing.



IN WASHINGTON

Martha Angle and Robert Walters

Rails throw people a curve

By Martha Angle and Robert Walters

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — There's been a great deal of brave talk in recent years about the resurgence of trains as a fast, economical and energy-conserving means of inter-city travel. But there's been almost no discussion of a serious technical problem which may keep that dream on the drawing boards forever.

Buried in the files of several federal agencies here are passing references to the railroad industry's dirty little secret: "Superelevated" track was abandoned during the post-World War II decades when rail passenger service all but disappeared and freight trains became king of the road.

Discussions of "superelevation" invariably are wrapped in technical jargon, but it's a very simple concept which most laymen already understand. When any vehicle goes around a corner at a reasonably high speed, the force of gravity throws it to the outside of the curve.

To compensate for that centrifugal force, auto race tracks have their curves "banked" or elevated at the outside. Railroad long ago also built their tracks so the outside rail was "superelevated" or raised as much as eight inches so that fast passenger trains could take the turns without having to sharply reduce their speed.

But freight trains travel much more slowly, and when they traverse a "superelevated" curve most of their weight rests on the lower rail, often throwing it out of alignment, bending or distorting it.

That problem was compounded in recent decades when railroads began putting together longer, higher and heavier freight trains. Individual freight cars were designed with a capacity of as much as 125 tons.

To accommodate those massive, more profitable loads, the rails were not only leveled but in many cases they were "de-elevated" on the curves by placing the high rail on the inside of the track.

This development means that the highly vaunted concept of establishing rail "corridors" to provide high-speed passenger service between many of the nation's major population centers simply cannot be put into effect until and unless the tracks are again "superelevated" — a task which must be accomplished over the objection of most railroads and at a cost of billions of dollars.

At one Interstate Commerce Commission hearing, representatives from throughout the industry opposed such change. Typical was the testimony of attorneys for the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and Louisville and Nashville Railroad, who bluntly told the ICC:

"It would not be wise to attempt to compromise the elevation in curves, for example, to favor a more comfortable ride on passenger trains at the risk of creating a less favorable condition for the freight trains which would be in preponderance on these lines."

Amtrak, the quasi-government corporation charged with improving passenger rail service, has been busily promoting the concept of establishing high-speed corridors to serve dozens of cities including Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Portland, Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas and New Orleans.

But Amtrak's highly touted "Northeast Corridor" linking Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington is feasible only because there is so much parallel track in the region that freight and passenger traffic can be segregated.

Amtrak seldom discusses "superelevation," but in a moment of candor last year, Mary Head, vice chairman of the agency, told a Boulder, Colo., conference that "few subjects are more important in the railroad industry."

Acknowledging that the average speed of all Amtrak trains is "quite a bit less than 50 miles per hour," she explained that "one of the main reasons our passenger trains cannot run faster is because the track in this country is not designed for 'express train' speed and comfort."



An angler fish carries its own hook, line and bait to catch other fish.



It's Possible!

Refuse to quit

By Robert Schuller

The starter's gun went off and the pack of long distance runners took off around the track. Soon they settled into their pace, except for one young man who continued to open up a rather large lead. He was at least a half-lap ahead of the nearest runner. But as the race wore on, his lead diminished and then vanished. He forgot to pace himself and now he was out of steam. But he did not drop out of the race!

Soon the others started to pass him, but still he continued. When the winner

crossed the finish line, he was two laps behind, but still running!

On he ran, until he finished the race. And when he crossed the finish line, the crowd roared their approval! He lost the race but he had a winning attitude. He refused to quit!

When everything in life presses in on you and you feel you are losing, remember: The winning attitude can turn the tide. Refuse to quit!

Reverend Schuller, pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., Community Church, conducts a nationally syndicated television program.

ASTRO-GRAPH

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An interesting possibility may develop for you this coming year that will open a second channel of income. It could have the potential to equal your present earnings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to talk things out with co-workers in order to resolve misunderstandings. Better communication can be established. Having trouble selecting a career? Send for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter by mailing 50 cents for each and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify your birth sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A recreational break today will serve as a healthy release to prevent tensions from building. Set some time aside for a fun activity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several matters you've been wanting to get off your back can be finalized today. You'll know which ones, and what's needed to be done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There isn't much that will escape your notice today. You're curious and a quick study, and eager to either gain or impart knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your wits about you today in matters financial or material. You should be able to improvise something advantageous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others will view you with amazement today regarding your abilities to juggle several projects and still do a good job with each one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep a low profile today in doing things with your peer group. Let someone else in your crowd be the grandstander.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you will feel more at ease with people who don't take themselves or life too seriously. Other types could turn you off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Great personal satisfaction will be gained today from situations where you use your mental prowess to meet and overcome challenges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sometimes it isn't too smart to offer advice when it isn't solicited. However, today if you have suggestions that could help a friend, lay them on him.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In joint ventures today let your counterpart do the heavy lifting and you do the brainstorm. Your masterminding should benefit each of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you may have to decide an issue where the alternatives appear to be of equal value. Slant your judgment toward that which was previously successful.

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Will it be possible to expand GOP?

By WILLIAM RUSHER

NEW YORK — As the expression goes, there's some good news and some bad news.

First, the good news: To judge by the amount of time speakers at the recent Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington spent discussing pro and con, the formation of a new political party, the idea is at last getting serious consideration.

As the farmer remarked when he whacked his stubborn mule with a two-by-four, "I always treat him with love and compassion, but first you have to get his attention."

We new-party enthusiasts may not have convinced all of our conservatives yet, but we have sure as heck got their attention.

Former Governor Ronald Reagan of California was the star of the show, and the affectionate ovation that greeted his speech at the closing banquet made it plain that he is still first in the hearts of his conservative countrymen.

His speech itself, however, revealed that Reagan — who passed up, in 1975, a truly golden opportunity to unite America's conservative majority and lead it to victory under the auspices of a new party — has finally gotten around to studying the basic strategy of the concept.

"Most commentators," he noted, "make a distinction between what they call social conservatism and economic conservatism. What I envision is not simply a melding together of the two branches of American conservatism into a temporary uneasy alliance, but the creation of a new, lasting majority. This will mean compromise, but not a compromise of basic principle. What will emerge will be something new, something open and vital and dynamic."

Right on! I couldn't have put it better myself. Unfortunately however (and here's the bad news), having described exactly what needs to be done in those perceptive words, Reagan then plumped (yet again) for trying to do it through that spavined, threadbare, disreputable old wreck known as the Republican party. "I believe the Republican party can and should provide the political mechanism through which the goals of the American majority can be achieved. For one thing, the biggest single grouping of conservatives is to be found in that party."

Despite the promise implicit in that "For one thing," there

was no "For another." Reagan never got around to mentioning any other argument for trying to squeeze the greatest coalition in American political history into the puny and discredited framework of the Republican party. How good, then, is the single argument he offered?

If (as the pollsters regularly report) some 55 per cent of the American people are fundamentally conservative, but only about 20 per cent of them consider themselves Republicans (though many more may vote that way now and then, in sheer disgust at the Democratic alternative), who says "the biggest single grouping of conservatives" is to be found in the GOP? And whereas the vast majority of conservative Republicans would confidently have followed Reagan into a new and unsullied party in 1975 (and will do as much for any comparable conservative leader in any future presidential election), how likely are the other key components of the coalition — the independent and Democratic conservatives — to accept Reagan's invitation to join a Republican party they regard as little more than the handmaiden of Big Business?

According to Kevin Phillips, probably the shrewdest student of political demographics in America today, what really delivered the White House to Jimmy Carter was a shift of fully 40 per cent of one key bloc of votes from the Republican column in 1972 to the Democratic column in 1976. And that bloc was the "low-income and low-middle-income" whites in a belt stretching from "South Jersey and Appalachian Pennsylvania west through the Ohio Valley to Kansas and down to New Mexico's Little Texas."

Is there the slightest reason to suppose that these largely rural, poor-white WASPs can somehow be persuaded to enroll permanently under the banner of a Republican party they have rightly identified since childhood with rich people, country clubs, and big houses on the hill?

Ronald Reagan is a wonderful speaker and a wonderful man, but not that wonderful. If we're going to sell a new blend of wine, we're going to need a brand — new bottle.

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Capitol Comedy

Attorney General Bell will move into the Watergate apartments. He won't have to install his own bugs.

The Pentagon has such a surplus of officers, it may have to start a new foreign legion.

Since he spoke at Yale, Ford is in trouble with GOP conservatives. They think he's a closet moderate.

Since the weather freeze, banks have switched their gifts from toasters, dryers, etc. to oranges and tomatoes.

Carter is considering a name for his radio question show. Something like, "Take Me. I'm Yours."

Big business is now making pay-offs with coffee, oranges and tomatoes.

Amey Carter named her new dog Grits because she's training him to bark with a southern accent.

The government will stop imports of Rhodesian chrome. Car makers can always use recycled newspapers for bumpers.

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Jaycees pitch in

In connection with the Texas Jaycees State Wide Clean Up project, "Pitch In," Pampa Jaycees Edd Rowntree left, Steve Rhudy and Brent Jones will be selling trash bags for the next four weeks by way of a telephone campaign. The proceeds will be used to support the Christmas shopping tour for children, Satellite School picnic, Red Ball program, Blue Star Home program, Model Congress, bicycle safety program, Cancer Bike-a-thon and various other projects of the Jaycees during the year. Persons interested in obtaining trash bags may call 669-9703.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Doctors nix kidney buy

PITTSBURGH (AP) — George Evans wants to sell a kidney for \$3,000. Nettle Dymond wants to buy it for her son.

But doctors in Pittsburgh, where Evans lives, and St. Joseph, Mo., where Mrs. Dymond lives, say the sale is unethical and are refusing to perform the necessary operation.

"What should I do?" asked Evans, who wants the money to pay debts from a traffic accident. "Mug some old lady? Rob a store? This way I don't affect nobody but me, and I might even get to help somebody."

"Kidneys are not bought, period," said Dr. Thomas Hakla, director of Presbyterian University Hospital's renal division, where most Pittsburgh kidney transplants are performed.

Hakla noted that donors must be carefully matched to kidney recipients and said kidneys

generally are taken from blood relatives or cadavers.

Evans said that no tests have been made to determine the characteristics of his kidneys.

"It's my kidney and I can do what I want with it," said Evans, 38, a welfare recipient. "There's nothing really wrong with it (his offer)."

Evans has had heavy response from his advertising in Pittsburgh newspapers. Callers have included curiosity seekers, doctors and a few, like Mrs. Dymond, who want to buy.

Evans had no auto insurance so he lost his driver's license after an accident. To get it back, he must pay \$2,000 damages. He wants another \$1,000 for a truck to start a home remodeling business.

Stanley Dymond, 38, has had dialysis treatment for eight months.

Snows cause roof cave - in

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The massive roof of the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum collapsed early today, apparently from the weight of a freezing rain and heavy snow.

Police said the roof over the 10,000-seat auditorium collapsed at about 4:20 a.m. Authorities said nobody was injured.

"It sounded like the atom bomb," one patrolman at the scene said.

Large panels and insulation were spread over adjacent streets and officials blocked off the area. The center resembled a bombed-out building from World War II, with girders twisted in the air and large chunks of material visible in the glass corridor around the center.

The coliseum serves as the home of the New England Whalers of the World Hockey Association.

The \$70-million complex, which is on a 7½-acre site, includes shops, offices, parking garage and Sheraton Hotel in addition to the arena.

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Farmers take protest to D.C.

By BRIAN B. KING Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Delegations of farmers are back in Washington to protest farm prices they say are not enough to care for their families or even keep on farming.

As they did in mid-December when a national strike by some farmers began, the demonstrators brought tractors to publicize their complaints. But they also brought leaflets aimed at House and Senate members, who begin their 1978 session Thursday.

Few members of Congress were in their offices Tuesday as groups of farm men and women visited to leave copies of a tabloid statement on "Why We Strike" and explain their position.

More delegates and tractors, reportedly from all 50 states, were expected today for the second day of a week of lobbying.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland is scheduled out of town most of the week. Pickets plan to walk outside his offices as well as at the White House and House and Senate office buildings.

Bergland's department has scheduled a series of meetings between government economists, price-support program

experts and other officials with groups of protesters.

So far, 15 meetings to accommodate 2,000 persons have been arranged, said Karen Voight of the USDA public affairs office.

Neither the House nor Senate agriculture committees plans to hold hearings on the strike or on legislation some congressmen have said they will introduce to meet the farmers' demands.

But Bergland is due to appear before the Senate panel next Tuesday and the House committee Feb. 1. He is expected to be questioned about the strikers' demands at both appearances.

He has said that the administration supports the protesters' sentiments but opposes raising government payments.

Tractors will be parked near the Capitol after parades through the city before the morning rush hours this week; a Capitol rally is scheduled Thursday; and Rep. Thomas Coleman, R-Mo., has invited colleagues to view a movie comparing food prices and farmers' cost-price squeeze.

Three years of bumper grain harvests and two years of sluggish farm exports have cut sharply into farmers' incomes less than five years after record-high prices encouraged many to expand operations and

buy expensive new equipment. The strike's avowed goal is to force market prices up to 100

percent of parity, which is theoretically the level at which they would have the same buying

power their predecessors had in 1910-14. The parity index was 66 percent a month ago.

Texans plea for parity

By MILLER BONNER Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas farmers began preaching the virtues of 100 percent parity prices for their crops to their elected officials today as striking farmers brought their pleadings to Washington.

The Texas group will join other farmers and ranchers "from practically every state in the union," for a week of meetings with congressmen and Department of Agriculture officials, said a Texas spokesman.

Texas Attorney General John Hill, an announced gubernatorial candidate, planned today to give his views on the American Agriculture Movement, which is coordinating the nationwide strike. In the past, Hill has supported the financial plight of the farmers.

"We have about 250 persons registered," said Oran Watson, a Tulsa, Texas, farmer and a spokesman for the Texas delegation. "This is the apex of the movement — this week in Washington."

"We have a rally scheduled for Thursday on the steps of

the Capitol and a tractor parade that includes at least one tractor from every state," added Watson.

The rally and parade are scheduled to coincide with the reconvening of Congress on Thursday.

"The days of a farmer sitting out there and keeping quiet — maybe not even voting — are long over," he continued. "If Congress will give us 100 percent parity, we'll put people back to work. This issue has more validity than anything that's come out of this town in a long time."

A small group of farmers met Tuesday with U.S. Rep. George Mahon, D-Texas.

"Mr. Mahon has been very helpful up here," said Gerald McCathern, a farmer from Hereford. "His staff is helping us set up meetings and things like that."

"He told me he'd bring the flag down that flies over the Capitol the day we get 100 percent parity," added McCathern.

One hundred percent parity would give farmers purchasing power equivalent to what farm-

ers had in 1910-14. A farm bill passed last year does not satisfy the farmers, said McCathern.

"We burnt that farm bill on the capitol steps of Texas," noted McCathern who also said he was prepared to stay in Washington until Congress did something about farm prices.

"It only took 'em three days to give themselves a raise," he said. "And that's all the farmer is asking for — a raise. It's going to be hard to tell people we're going to take their food away, but if we don't get something done about prices, that's what'll happen 12 months from now."

Cyprus, the third largest island in the Mediterranean, was the site of early Phoenician and Greek colonies. In 1571, it passed from the rule of Venice to that of the Ottoman Empire, under which it remained until 1878, when it was ceded to Great Britain. Cyprus became an independent nation in 1970.

Hunt records sealed

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The court record has been sealed in lawsuit by an Atlanta woman who reportedly collected \$7.5 million after claiming the late oil billionaire H.L. Hunt was bigamously married to her.

The announcement that the testimony and other records would be sealed came Tuesday, a day after an out-of-court settlement was announced in the suit brought by Franla Tye Lee, 73.

Mrs. Lee charged that Hunt, who died in 1974 as one of the world's richest men, was bigamously married to her from 1925 to 1934 and fathered, her four children.

Sources on both sides of the case were quoted as saying the Hunt estate gave Mrs. Lee \$7.5 million in return for dropping her suit after a week of testimony.

"It was agreed that the record would be sealed as part of the agreement," said U.S. District Court Judge Tom Slagg.

Sealing the record means that the hundreds of pages of depositions — most of which were public for months before the trial — and other court documents can never be seen by the public unless there is another court order.

No additional documents are expected to be filed in the case.

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ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	6,058,000
U.S. Treasury securities	1,620,000
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	4,266,000
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	3,207,000
Corporate stock	11,000
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	2,400,000
a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	16,552,000
b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	203,000
c. Loans, Net	16,349,000
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	363,000
Other assets	480,000
TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)	34,754,000
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	16,963,000
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	10,586,000
Deposits of United States Government	364,000
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	2,990,000
Certified and officers' checks	418,000
TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)	31,321,000
Total demand deposits	19,050,000
b. Total time and savings deposits	12,271,000
Other liabilities	191,000
	31,512,000
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common stock	a. No. shares authorized 3,000
	b. No. shares outstanding 3,000 300,000
Surplus	1,000,000
Undivided profits	1,942,000
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)	3,242,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)	34,754,000
MEMORANDA	
Average for 30 calendar days ending with call date:	
a. Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)	4,550,000
b. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)	2,206,000
c. Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)	16,212,000
d. Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)	3,251,000
e. Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)	28,998,000
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (as of call date):	
a. Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	1,360,000
b. Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	1,863,000
I, B.D. Kindle, Vice President & Cashier, of the above, named bank, do solemnly affirm that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Directors: Rex McKay, Jr. Jim Gardner L.C. Hudson	

Guards with records given guns

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The former director of the state private detectives board says the agency temporarily allowed 200 security guards to carry handguns last year while knowing that many previous applicants had criminal records.

Wayne Whatley, who resigned as director of the detective and security guard licensing board in April, testified Tuesday before a House subcommittee on state agency spending.

He said that when security guard training and criminal record checking procedures

were in limbo, temporary commissions allowing guards to carry pistols made sense.

But Whatley said he later urged the board to abolish the temporary certificates and pointed out that 34 per cent of the applicants were found to have criminal records.

The industry association brought frequent pressure to bear on this subject which the director (Whatley), assistant director and the chief of the licensing division all strongly resisted and disapproved to the day we all resigned in disgust.

He also said the board worked hand-in-hand with the private detectives' lobby in legislative matters, detailing staff members - at state expense - to help the lobbyists.

Much of Whatley's testimony went unchallenged during the

daylong hearing because he was placed at the end of the agenda while board officials spoke before him.

He said former chairman Joe Connolly, an Odessa district judge, sent board investigator Jim Richards to Ruidoso, N.M., in August 1976 to look into activities of Jim McCuan, workers' representative on the industrial accident board.

Connolly later confirmed to me that the governor had personally requested the investigation. Subsequent events seem to indicate that it was requested by Mr. Cue Boykin, chairman of the industrial accident board," Whatley said.

He later told a reporter the "subsequent events" to which

he referred were stories in the Austin American-Statesman saying that Boykin had ordered the Ruidoso investigation.

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Whatley, now president of Town-Country School in Austin,

acknowledged talking to an investigative reporter for the American-Statesman last summer.

Rep. Bennie Bock III, D-New Braunfels, a subcommittee member, pulled out a clipping of a recent story in the newspaper about Whatley's school.

"Was there any deal cut, a quid pro quo that you would get publicity for your school?" Bock asked.

"Absolutely not," Whatley replied. "I respect the news media more than that. No, there was no quid pro quo."

Clema Sanders, who replaced Whatley as executive director, portrayed him as a malcontent.

"Mr. Whatley considered it an infringement on his inalienable rights for the board members to have any say at all. He went against board policy, he defied board policy on numerous occasions. I think he deeply resented the board as a whole," she said.

Mrs. Sanders was asked about the dismissal of an investigator who says he was fired for being too tough in enforcing laws regulating the detective and security guard industry.

Mrs. Sanders replied that the investigator was fired after she received numerous complaints about his arrogance and rudeness.

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On the record

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Tuesday Admissions
Vickie D. Anna, White Deer.
Baby Boy Anna, White Deer.
Minerva J. Osborne, White Deer.
Genevieve B. Taylor, Pampa.
Tina R. Simpson, Skellytown.
Douglas I. Baird, Mobeetie.
Frank W. Caswell, Wheeler.
Christopher L. Box, 2330 Navajo.
Hart N. Warren, 2233 Chestnut.
Mrs. Barbara Franks, 1044 Neel Rd.
Mrs. Virginia Cox, 721 N. Nelson.
Mrs. Kerry Davis, 1710 Lincoln.
Robert Sailor, Pampa.
Mrs. Vola Cobb, 1124 Mary Ellen.
Jonathon Smith, 313 N. Davis.
Mrs. Hattie Risley, Canadian.

Mrs. Lavesta Barber, Canadian.
Mrs. Mary Sinches, 638 S. Somerville.

Dismissals
Carron Watta, Mobeetie.
Robert McPherson, 1032 E. Twiford.
Mrs. Pearl Franklin, 1015 S. Faulkner.
Willie Fair, Miami.
Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard, 1224 S. Dwight.
Ira Jo Glover 1004 S. Dwight.
Mrs. Linda Thorp, 1236 S. Farley.
Mrs. Ruth Bull, 1600 Williston.
Sam Black, Groom.
Robert Cook, 1018 E. Fisher.

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Annis, White Deer, a boy at 6:30 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

Obituaries

REUBEN STEGER
Reuben Steger, 67, died Sunday at Courtland Memorial Hospital in Talley, N.Y. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home in Homer, N.Y.

Mr. Steger was born Aug. 15, 1910 in Joliet, Ill. He was a lifetime resident of Talley, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; one son, Robert of Pampa; one daughter, Mrs. Donna Pittenger of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; his mother, three brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America in Pampa.

Mainly about people

Army Pvt. Jane Easley recently left for her new assignment in Frankfurt, Germany, after spending her furlough in Skellytown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Easley, her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Fox, and other relatives. Easley will spend 36 months in Germany working with transportation.

The Lefors Blood Donors Pool which was to be from 3:30 to 6:30 today at the Civic Center in Lefors has been canceled.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrington, 6534 Garwood in Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, are parents of a daughter named Jessica Renee. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Harrington, 2222 Chestnut, and Mrs. John Shadden of Odessa.

Top O' Texas Chapter No. 1064 OES will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Masonic Hall on Kentucky. Mrs. Frances Stewart, deputy grand matron from Borger, will be guest and will visit the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hall of Eagle Nest, N.M. and formerly of Pampa, announce the birth of their son, born Jan. 14. He weighed eight pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hall of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riley of Lubbock.

Nancy Francis and Sally Mathews of Canadian were named to the President's Honor Roll at Panhandle State University. Students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

A young red, long-haired dog found in Gibbons Parking lot on Perryton Parkway. Owner may call Mrs. Ruby Britton at Gibbons No. 1, 689-6896 or at 685-5586.

Commodities seminar has been rescheduled for January 25, 1977 at Coronado Inn. (Adv.)
Stage Party 7:30, Moose Lodge, Thursday 19th. Cal Fries, etc. Members and guest welcome. (Adv.)

Police report

Six juveniles were arrested at 1:52 a.m. today for an alleged auto theft, according to Pampa police.

Gary L. Kotara, 24, of 852 Beryl, David Lee Jenkins, 25, of 333 Perry, and Jerry Lee Mitchell, 20, of 215 Gillespie, were arrested for the possession of a controlled substance, marijuana.

Kirk Cotham of 701 E. Francis, reported damage done to his pickup between Monday night and Tuesday morning while it was parked at his residence. The passenger side window was shattered and the right front side of the windshield was cracked and shattered in several places. Damage was estimated at \$185.

A non-injury accident occurred Tuesday at the intersection of Ballard and Francis.

John Henry Harnley of 2704 Aspen reported to police that someone shot a B.B. gun hole through the front window of his residence between Monday and Tuesday nights.

Bruce Dean Ray, an employee of Meers Oil Co. on Nelson and Alcock, reported a white male borrowed a gas can and \$3.14 in gas and advised him that he had run out of gas and would return. The subject never came back.

The police responded to 32 calls during the 24 hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa:

Wheat	82.42
Barley	81.28
Corn	88.00
Soybeans	84.79

The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of completion.

Franklin Life	25 3/4
Ky. Cont. Life	18 1/4
Southern Financial	15 1/2
So. West Life	19 1/2

The following 10-30 N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by the Pampa office of Schneider Bernot Hickman, Inc.:

Bestrice Foods	37 3/4
Calumet	43 3/4
Colson	40 1/4
Cities Service	32 1/2
DIA	37 3/4
Getty	103 1/2
Exxon-Mobil	50 3/4
Pennaco	34 1/2
Phillips	27 3/4
PIA	30 3/4
Southwestern Pub. Service	48 1/4
Standard Oil of Indiana	42 3/4

Texas weather

By The Associated Press
Mother Nature played tricks on Texans again today, as it was snowing and sleeting in the northern half of the state and raining in the south. Travelers' advisories were issued as far south as San Antonio.

Scattered areas of sleet and freezing rain occurred across north Texas. Meanwhile, it was raining in southern portions of the state. An inch of rain had fallen in McAllen and Brownsville reported 32 of an inch.

Throughout west Texas, skies were cloudy with some snow reported.

Arctic air chilled the whole state with temperatures at 4 a.m. ranging from 17 at Amarillo to 48 at Brownsville.

Other early morning readings included Abilene, 28; Beaumont-Port Arthur, 37; Galveston, 41; Longview, 31; Wichita Falls, 23; Austin, 33; Dallas-Fort Worth, 26; El Paso, 45, and Tyler, 32.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said sleet and freezing rain would fall throughout most of the day in northwest Texas and rain would continue in the south.

Temperatures were to range from the mid 20s in the north to the lower 60s in the Rio Grande Valley.

Spanking sparks resignation

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - A San Antonio teacher has resigned in the wake of inquiries into an incident in which four elementary school pupils were spanked by 42 of their classmates.

The teacher submitted her resignation Tuesday to the principal of Esparran Elementary School, said a spokesman for the Northside School District.

Edmund D. Cody, district superintendent, declined to say whether officials had requested the resignation of the teacher, Nelda Morin, 30. She had been an Esparran teacher since Aug. 10, 1976.

Cody said the resignation would close the investigation into the matter.

As for the teacher's record with the district, Cody said, "Her record was most satisfactory."

Packerland unsold

The Pampa News received a tip this morning that Packerland Packing Co. has been sold, but Duncan Henderson of the Henderson Co. in Chicago, the first that is working to sell the Pampa packing facility said, "I'd be mighty disappointed if it has been sold because I wasn't a part of it."

He said that "nothing has happened as of today. These things go very slowly, although I often dream of closing one overnight, it just hasn't happened."

Henderson said that "if anybody down there (in Pampa) wants to buy it, we'd be happy to sell it to them."

He added that during a recent visit to Pampa, he stayed at the Coronado Inn and learned about its history - how it was built as a community project by local investors.

"I was very impressed with Pampa," the Windy City realtor said. "In fact, if I didn't have my roots up here, I'd really be looking at it as a place to live."

If he should decide to change occupations and get into the

meat packing business, the price being asked for Packerland has been reported (by Henderson) to be in the area of \$2 million.

There have been no meat processing operations at the plant for about a year, but Henderson said security has been maintained and "everything basically is intact."

The plant, one of three owned by the Frankenthal family of Winconsin, recently cleared up a legal technicality which could have concerned prospective buyers. On Jan. 9, Packerland Packing Co. was assessed a \$25,000 fine in 31st District Court at Wheeler.

The fine was in connection with charges by the State of Texas that the Pampa plant had violated the Texas Clean Air Act and the regulations of the Texas Air Control Board.

Henderson said that at least three prospective buyers have expressed some interest in acquiring the property and assured The News that he would report any progress made in his efforts to sell the plant.

Senate blasts insurance rules

WASHINGTON (AP) - The chairman of a Senate panel investigating auto insurance wants Congress to consider banning rate discrimination based on residence, age or private lives of policyholders, saying the states have not done the job.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, made the comment during the hearings into insurance industry practices.

"In the main, the states have not provided very effective regulation of the insurance industry," Metzenbaum said.

He said his Senate Judiciary subcommittee's investigation already has turned up insurance company guidelines that either prohibit or severely limit coverage to divorcees, single persons, cooks, longshoremen, musicians, professional athletes and military personnel.

Young people, especially males, pay higher rates even though a study by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shows that 89 percent of male driver under 25 have never filed a claim.

Industry representatives would like to testify today.

In testimony Tuesday, witnesses described sharp increases in the cost of their coverage based solely on where they live, their marital status or age.

Joseph Clampa, of East Boston, Mass., said in five year of driving he never had an accident or traffic violation. Yet before reforms were instituted in Massachusetts, said Clampa, a 21-year-old unmarried

machinist, his insurance rate went from \$1,400 to \$2,800.

In questioning the increase, Clampa said he learned it was based solely on his age and the community he lived in, not on his driving record or type of car.

Clampa said he decided to buy less comprehensive coverage costing only \$800 and still received a \$150 rebate when demands for insurance reform resulted in legislation.

With the new insurance law in his state, Clampa said his 1977 car insurance bill is expected to run between \$800 and \$900.

"People who are good drivers should not have to suffer because of how old they are or where they live," he said.

Mrs. Irma Carroll of Raleigh, N.C., said she was told her insurance premium would go up \$150 because she was a widow.

She said she decided to switch insurance companies after her husband's death.

LoVava points to grudge by Newton

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Newspaper stories of Jon Newton's successful 1976 race for the railroad commission referred to him as an "early," "long-time" and "consistent" critic of LoVaca Gathering Co., a company lawyer noted in court Tuesday.

Tracy Dubose read published accounts of Newton's campaign to show that Newton was biased against LoVaca, and that this bias led to a Dec. 12 commission order forcing the company to refund \$1.6 billion in natural gas charges.

Newton rejected the reporters' descriptions and also denied that he ran for the commission to get back at LoVaca or its corporate parent, Coastal States Gas Corp., for soaring utility costs - including those at his Beeville home.

After citing the descriptions, Dubose asked Newton if he preferred either of the three terms.

"No, sir," replied Newton.

"Were all three correct during that (1976 campaign) period?" Dubose asked.

"No, sir," said Newton. "They would not reflect my attitude at that time, nor would they reflect it now."

One newspaper article quoted Newton as saying, "Coastal States and Oscar Wyatt (Coastal board chairman) created an illegitimate child - LoVaca - and they should be forced to support it."

Dubose asked Newton if he remembered making the statement.

"No, sir."

"Do you deny making it?"

"No, sir, but it's certainly not a label I would place on LoVaca at this time."

2 plead guilty to felony charge

Two Wheeler County men pleaded guilty to felony offenses Tuesday in 31st District Court with Judge Grainger McLihaney presiding.

David Harold Chandler pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

James Carl Wix pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Ballantyne said excessive smoking contributed to the cancer. So Miss Blake gave it up. She also has become an advocate for regular cancer check-ups.

"If I had to do it again I'd go in for a checkup immediately," she said. "Fear and not knowing are the worst part."

Kennedy given 3-year sentence

Franklin Don Kennedy, 28, was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Corrections Tuesday for failure to stop a motor vehicle and render aid after a February, 1977 automobile accident with Mrs. June Hall of Pampa.

The seven- men, five- women jury deliberated about an hour before returning the verdict in Judge Grainger McLihaney's 31st District Court. Kennedy pleaded guilty to the offense.

Kitty teaching herself to use rebuilt tongue

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) - Miss Kitty survived hundreds of episodes of frontier violence in "Gunsmoke." But none came close to the real-life terror Amanda Blake endured with cancer.

The tumor was in her mouth and the operation to remove it cut her throat.

"I worried about my face," said the 46-year-old actress. "I worried about never being able to talk again ... I made my plans. If it had been extensive, I would just drop out of sight. No one would know."

Miss Blake noticed a sore under her tongue late in 1976. For three months, she avoided seeing a doctor about it, she said in an interview with the Phoenix Gazette.

"First I had all these commitments," said Miss Blake, who is semi-retired as an actress but is active in the Humane Society. "I felt I couldn't let everyone down. Maybe I was using the commitments as an excuse ... a marvelous excuse."

Then there was Christmas and New Year. I was uptight and a complete nervous wreck. I told nobody; I kept everything inside. I even got a call to do a television motion picture but I turned it down saying it wasn't for me."

She finally had a doctor examine the lesion in January

1977. "I could feel it in my bones that the tests would come back positive," she said.

The doctor confirmed that it was a malignant tumor.

"It was still a shock," she said. "It drains you. You feel as though you have no muscles. No bones."

She was referred to the M.D. Anderson System Cancer Center Tumor Institute in Houston. Dr. Alando Ballantyne, a cancer specialist, confirmed the malignancy but said the tumor was not spreading.

In an eight-hour operation, he cut her throat from ear to ear, removed the bottom half of the tongue and the floor of the mouth. Thigh tissue was transplanted to her mouth.

Followup visits have shown no more cancer. Recuperation and therapy included teaching herself to speak again with her rebuilt tongue.

"There are still words I have trouble with, such as 'borrower,'" she said. "Sometimes I get a slight whistle on the 's' sounds, but that's getting better too."

Ballantyne said excessive smoking contributed to the cancer. So Miss Blake gave it up. She also has become an advocate for regular cancer check-ups.

"If I had to do it again I'd go in for a checkup immediately," she said. "Fear and not knowing are the worst part."

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mentator for WXIA-TV, the ABC network affiliate in Atlanta, beginning Feb. 6.

"I'll be talking about national political issues, which I think I know something about," Lance told a news conference.

His 90-second commentary will be broadcast five nights a week, he said, and will often focus on financial matters.

"I have a deep and abiding interest in the economy," he said.

Lance refused to disclose what salary WXIA had offered him.

ATLANTA (AP) - Larry Flynt has added another publication - the "alternative" Atlanta Gazette - to his quickly growing collection, and civil rights leader Julian Bond has signed on.

Richard Brown, editor and publisher, announced plans to sell the paper Tuesday.

Flynt, best-known for his girls magazine Hustler and the legal troubles he's in because of its alleged obscenity, in recent months has bought the Los Angeles Free Press - another counter-culture publication - and the Plains (Ga.) Monitor, President Carter's hometown paper.

Bond, a state senator, confirmed Tuesday that he will be a contributor to the paper.

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Newsman case dropped

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Attorneys for Potter County Attorney Kerry Knorpp have decided it was cheaper to "cut bait" rather than keep "fishing" for a contempt citation against television newsman Mark Baker.

Knorpp's attorneys, who are defending the county attorney on a charge of misusing funds, had called Baker, a newsman for KVII-TV, to the stand. He wanted to learn how he had been informed of Knorpp's indictment by a Potter County Grand Jury prior to the official announcement.

Baker was called to the stand Monday and, at the advice of two of the TV station's lawyers, refused to testify.

State District Court Judge Arthur Tipps ordered Baker to appear Tuesday for a hearing to determine if he should be held in contempt. Again Tuesday, the newsman refused to testify.

Assistant District Attorney John Reese said at the hearing that those wishing to have Baker jailed should "fish or cut bait" so Knorpp's trial could continue.

Knorpp's attorneys decided to let the matter drop because they said they did not have the money or the time to pursue

The untaxed

tax-free property can do to their tax bases and have zoned them out.

Marshall G. Kaplan, chairman of the New York City Tax Commission, said 40 percent, or \$25 billion worth of the city's property, escapes taxes each year.

New York City's tax-exempt roll has grown a rapid 8 percent in just the last two years. He estimates this means \$2.25 billion in extra taxes could be collected if no exemptions existed.

If just half that amount of property were taxed, the debtridden city might be operating in the black.

In the past several months, the tax commission has lifted long-standing exemptions on seven private clubs, including the "Rehearsal Club" which provides inexpensive housing for young actresses. It has also denied exemptions to the Unification Church, headed by the South Korean Sun Myung Moon.

The city has also been trying to crack down on hospitals, such as Roosevelt

the contempt citation to the higher courts.

The expense became an issue when Judge Tipps told the lawyers they would have to prepare a legal brief on why Baker should be held in contempt.

George Gilkerson of Lubbock, one of the lawyer's defending Knorpp, complained audibly about the cost of such a brief. He admonished Baker, asking him if he understood the significance of withholding information and the "damage you are doing to an innocent person."

Baker had no reply and was excused by the judge.

Baker called the experience an "unofficial court precedent" for the Panhandle area.

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Advice

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After 10 years of marriage, my husband, a successful attorney, suddenly announced that he was fed up with being married and he wanted to be "free." I was hurt and stunned because I thought Dick and I had a good marriage, but I gave him his freedom.

The day after our divorce became final, Dick married a pretty young woman who worked in his office. He told me that she was an orthodox Jew, and in order to marry her he had converted to Judaism and had had himself circumcised—at age 41, mind you!

After four months of marriage, Dick called, saying he must have been crazy, he never realized how much he loved me and the children, and could he come "home"?

Abby, I never stopped loving Dick, but if I take him back I'm afraid of what my family and friends will think. What would YOU do?

M. IN MANHATTAN

DEAR M.: I'd take what's left of him back.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to marry a terrific guy, but there seems to be a problem. Whenever his family has a celebration, such as a birthday or anniversary party, they leave me out. Today is his father's birthday and his family has planned a big dinner for him; I was not invited.

I feel hurt and insulted because I've never done anything to make his family dislike me. My family has always included my fiance in all of their celebrations, and he has accepted with pleasure.

Am I wrong to feel that I should be invited to his family parties? Or should I just accept being excluded and learn to live with it?

FEELING UNWANTED

DEAR FEELING: If your fiance's family is aware that you are engaged to marry this young man and they exclude you from their family celebrations they are guilty of gross social misconduct. But if your terrific guy is as terrific as you say he is, he'd see to it that you were invited.

Something is fishy here. Either your definition of "engaged to be married" doesn't jibe with your fiance's family's, or he lacks good manners, sensitivity and simple courtesy.

DEAR ABBY: There is a woman in our car pool who is a constant source of worry to all the other mothers. She picks up the children at school and then proceeds to do all her errands, such as grocery shopping, getting her things at the dry cleaners, etc.

Sometimes she doesn't bring the children home until dark, and we other mothers are on the phone calling each other, worried sick that she may have had an accident.

How can we let her know that she should do her errands BEFORE she gets the youngsters?

WORRIED SICK

DEAR WORRIED: The woman is thoughtless, but she's not a mind reader. For goodness' sakes, TELL her!

Who said the teen years are the happiest? For Abby's new booklet "What Teenagers Want to Know," write Abby: 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212. Enclose \$1 and a long, stamped (24 cents), self-addressed envelope, please.

Ask Dr. Lamb

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB: Last week I was admitted to the emergency room of our local hospital with a problem that was diagnosed as an acute gall bladder attack. While the doctor examined me I pointed out two black and blue spots, one under each arm. I told him I have these occur all over my body every so often and would like to have him check my spleen. He pooh-poohed this idea and said the spleen couldn't possibly be involved. I probably just bumped myself. Well I didn't bump myself and they have appeared between my legs, under my arms and breasts; these areas are difficult to bump.

He's a new doctor and I like him, but it worries me that he wouldn't check it out. About three years ago my sister-in-law and her husband were going from Kansas City to Omaha. She looked down at her legs and saw black and blue blotches scattered all over them. They stopped at a restroom and she discovered they were everywhere, even on her tongue. Her husband being a service man rushed her to the base hospital. They removed her spleen immediately and said if she had had any sudden jolt it could have killed her.

Then there is dear old Dr. Marcus Welby. He had a story one day about a young boy who was brought in with bruises, and the parents were accused of beating him. It was finally diagnosed as a diseased spleen. So I find it difficult to accept the young doctor's opinion. Patients can help doctors make a diagnosis, but if they don't listen — what can we do? I would like your opinion and any information you can give me. Am I wrong in what I'm thinking?

DEAR READER — I wouldn't dare disagree with both you and Marcus Welby. However, your fine young doctor may have done more than you think. A good way to find out if there is a disease present that involves the spleen is to study the blood sample, and I'm sure he took one.

The possibility is that if you had a gall bladder attack your liver may not have been functioning normally. People with liver disease often do not produce enough of a substance we call prothrombin which is essential to normal blood clotting.

There is a condition called idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) that is treated by removing the spleen in many cases. Dr. Maxwell Wintrobe of the University of Utah, a respected hematologist, states that removal of the spleen in such cases results in a "cure" in about two-thirds of the cases, and "remains the ultimate therapeutic procedure of choice in ITP."

Now I hasten to point out that removing the spleen if you had easy bruisability from liver disease or from taking aspirin or any number of other problems would be useless.

Your good doctor probably checked your platelets in your blood sample. These small cells are important in blood clotting and are significantly decreased in patients with ITP. In any case, I think it is true that doctors can learn a lot from patients. One only need cite the recent example of a poor woman with lead poisoning from contaminated bone meal who went to many doctors and never obtained a correct diagnosis. She finally diagnosed herself. Fortunately, such episodes are uncommon enough to make news. With the basic good equipment I'm sure your young doctor has, he will grow with the years — we all do.

Readers who want information on the basics of anemia can send 50 cents for The Health Letter, number 4-3, Understanding The Anemias. Send your request with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Dr. Lamb, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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Polly's pointers
Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — How do I get pencil marks out of material on which I had marked dots for darts? I thought I was marking the wrong side but was mistaken and would like to remove these marks from tan material. — MAGGIE.

DEAR MAGGIE — A soft eraser should remove ordinary pencil marks from firm or stiff fabric or you could sponge with equal parts of water and alcohol. For indelible pencil marks use just alcohol as water causes such spots to run and spread. Test first as you did not say what type material you have. — POLLY.

Books to hook young readers

By Barbara Elleman
American Library Assn.

Shorter days and longer nights are here again — a good time to have a book around the house to tempt a bored or restless child.

Barbara Byfield's latest, "Andrew and the Alchemist," is guaranteed to hook middle-grade readers with the very first line. "Andrew lay huddled in more misery than his eleven years had known could exist, hoping against hope that this would be the dawn wolves would finally eat him alive."

They don't, of course, because Andrew is rescued by an alchemist, the eccentric Mr. Delver, who lives beneath Mrs. Strawspinner's sweet shop. Although Andrew isn't at all sure what an alchemist is, he's soon training to be Mr. Delver's apprentice; intrigued by the old man's mutterings, mixings and infinite supply of strange ingredients.

The townspeople, always suspicious of Delver, become downright hostile when the lake mysteriously rises. The evil prime minister, who has been regularly raiding the king's treasury, has Delver flung into the dungeon.

The alchemist is not without champions, however; Andrew and Sassy, Mrs. Strawspinner's plucky (and aptly named) daughter, brave the dungeon's dark, maze-like passages. With the aid of the alchemist's powers, an ancient basilisk and a trained spider, they outwit the prime minister, discover the reason for the lake's rising and rescue the king's jewels.

Byfield punctuates her fast-paced plot with touches of humor — a winning combination for wiling away a winter's eve.

In Betsy Hearne's "South Star," impenetrable ice locks Megan, the last daughter of the first giants, from her mountain home and forces her to flee across the plain, pursued by the unrelenting Screamer, a vengeful enemy.

Guided only by a compass, which her mother promised would always show her the way, Megan streaks south-

ANDREW AND THE ALCHEMIST by Barbara Byfield (Doubleday, 128 pages, \$5.95)
SOUTH STAR by Betsy Hearne (Atheneum, 84 pages, \$6.95)

THE CHAMPION OF MERRIMACK COUNTY by Roger Drury (Little, Brown, 398 pages, \$6.95)
THE HOUSE THAT SAILED AWAY by Pat Hutchins (Greenwillow, 150 pages, \$5.95)

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS KIDNAPPING CAPER by Jean Van Leeuwen (Dial, 133 pages, \$5.95)
STAR MOTHER'S YOUNGEST CHILD by Louise Moeri (Houghton Mifflin, 48 pages, \$3.95)

ward. Her journey is not a solitary one, however, for she meets Randall, a small but fearless lad whose home is the desolate plains.

The two travel onward, rescued from the Screamer by the Bear, but separated suddenly when the horse named Night Mare unexpectedly bolts with Randall on his back. They're reunited again to find their way to the garden valley, home of Megan's fellow giants.

Megan's flight is two-fold; to escape the Screamer and to find herself. Hearne magically interweaves action with theme; offering 9 to 12-year-olds a giant adventure and, for those who look, much more.

If humor seems a more appealing way to ward off the season's chill, Roger Drury's "The Champion of Merrimack County" couldn't be a better choice. O Crispin, the bicycle-riding mouse, has found that the best place to practice for the coming Merrimack County races is Mr. Berryfield's prized, old-fashioned bathtub.

Before Janet and her mother's amazed eyes, O Crispin, on his tiny bicycle, swoops down the bathtub's smooth sides in a figure-eight fashion and zooms up again to the rim. Suddenly, to their horror, a sliver of soap causes the stalwart mouse to careen wildly, landing in a wrecked heap.

Janet and her mother rally to find a repairman for the bicycle, as well as for O Crispin's dislocated tail. Before these feats are accomplished, they encounter a bicycle repairman, watchmaker, blacksmith and dentist and leave a hospital X-ray department in chaos.

Tension builds as the two strive to keep Mr. Berryfield, who arrives home with eight mousers and six dozen mousetraps, from catching the racer.

Drury's colorful characters and imaginative style are bound to trigger giggles from 8-to-11-year-olds.

Pat Hutchins' "The House That Sailed Away" is full of humor, both slapstick and satirical, and will appeal to the same age group. A raging rainstorm carries a house away to sea, much to the amazement of its inhabitants — intrepid young Morgan, his practical, stuffy father, scatterbrained mother, flirtatious and vain grandma and Talcat the cat.

The seas it sails are pirate infested, the desert island it lands on is inhabited by cannibals (in whose pot Grandma nearly lands) as well as a coach-load of pesty tourists. Morgan saves the day, by discovering the stolen crown jewels and tricking the dreaded one-eyed pirate — a happy-go-lucky adventure story that sails smoothly through to a hilarious ending.

Jean Van Leeuwen's "The Great Christmas Kidnapping Caper" will appeal to tiny tots, senior citizens and everyone in between — making it the perfect story to read aloud. The toy shop at Macy's serves as winter residence for Marvin the Magnificent Mouse and gang. After hours, they bounce on waterbeds, eat cheese, cavari and pickles from the delicatessen and ride the electric trains.

The only one who notices is the store Santa Claus who, in true Santa fashion, leaves them cookies and candy.

Book reviews

IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. By Marvin Kalb & Ted Koppel. Simon & Schuster. 371 Pages. \$10.

"In The National Interest" is a good story. It's fun to read. And, hopefully, it won't be the last by Marvin Kalb of CBS and Ted Koppel of ABC.

The novel's plot focuses on the shuttle diplomacy of an American secretary of state trying to bring peace to the Middle East. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

But there are differences. This secretary has no German accent and the story also focuses on a newsmen, naturally, who is trying to find out what the secretary is really doing,

not just what he is saying to the press. In this case, there is a major difference.

The plot also has a little CIA, a dash of sex, a Palestinian chieftain, a couple of super-spies trying to undo the whole tenuous peace and so forth.

But Kalb and Koppel tie them all together with the secretary and newsmen, and it's very readable. One of the bonuses of "In The National Interest" is a view behind the scenes of television news reporting. The reader discovers that there's an awful lot of competition, luck and work that goes into that little minute or so on the six o'clock news where a correspondent provides the latest de-

tails from Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem or wherever.

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Associated Press
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Operation Drake to sail in October

By R.W. APPLE JR.
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LONDON — In December of 1577, five small ships under the command of the greatest of Elizabethan seamen, Sir Francis Drake, left Plymouth on a marauding voyage around the world that lasted three years.

Whatever else Britons have lost in the intervening centuries, they have not lost their taste for adventure, and British explorers still lead expeditions to what used to be called, in a simpler era, "the four corners of the earth."

One of the biggest in some years will set sail next October, in tribute to Sir Francis, it will be called Operation Drake, and it, too, will circumnavigate the

globe. But it will involve 200 young men and women drawn from many different countries, not the rum-swilling types that sailed in the 16th century, and its end product will be knowledge, not plunder.

The expedition will cost almost \$1 million, most of which has been raised from contributors in the United States, Canada and Britain. Walter Annenberg, the Philadelphia publisher who served as American ambassador in London during the Nixon administration, gave \$100,000.

For two years the Eye of the Wind, a 150-ton steel-hulled brigantine, will serve as a mobile base for a series of scientific projects in Panama,

on the high seas, in Papua New Guinea, in the Sudan and on islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The expedition's leader is John Blashford-Snell, a 41-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Royal Engineers. He seems an unlikely explorer to those meeting him for the first time: soft-spoken, a bit pudgy, not a trace of regimental swagger.

But an explorer he is. Colonel Blashford-Snell led the Great Abba Expedition in 1968, which made the first descent of the Blue Nile; the British Trans-Americas Expedition in 1971, which made the first crossing of the Darien Gap in Panama and Colombia, and the Congo River Expedition in 1974. The Panamanians called him

"El Quebracha" — The Axbreak — after one of the hardest trees in the rain forest.

In Africa, he lost several of his inflatable boats in the cataracts of the great river and another was eaten by a hippopotamus. In three and a half months, 50 percent of his men suffered illness or injury. In Central America he was bitten by a vampire bat and had to take painful anti-rabies shots.

Why go through it all, when mapping can be done from satellites, when many would argue that the real frontiers are in space, when the imperial impulse to claim new territory has long since passed?

Perhaps because he comes from one of the smallest islands in this island nation, Jersey in the English Channel, Blashford-

Snell believes that geography has much to do with the tradition of exploring that has run unbroken from Drake and Cook and Cabot through Stanley and Shackleton and Scott to the present day.

"If you live in a small island the way we do," the colonel said in a recent interview, "you have to get out to live and prosper. You have to see what's on the other side of the horizon. Once we did it for power, then for trade, now for knowledge."

But there is something more to it than that, something in the British temperament that requires privation and adventure with the building of character.

British explorers are at the job in many parts of the world. Under the leadership of Robin Hanbury Tenison a party of 42 is hacking its way through the jungles of Borneo. Its aim is to study ecological aspects of the tropical rain forest.

Last year a group under Nigel Winsor made the first journey down the Tana, Kenya's longest and most remote river; Timothy Severin and a crew sailed a leather boat to North America to demonstrate what eighth-century Irish explorers could have done and Blashford-Snell discovered in Panama the sites of the 17th-century Scottish colony of New Caledonia and the

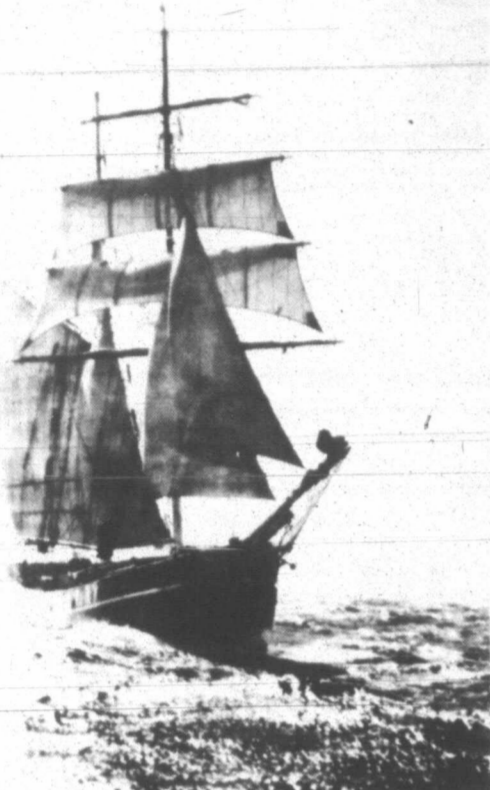
ancient Spanish colonial city of Acla.

The idea behind Operation Drake is to inspire young people with the spirit of adventure that has possessed their forebears. To that end the organizers are recruiting 24 potential explorers in several countries for each of the nine three-month phases of the expedition. For safety reasons, all must speak English. Youngsters from the countries to be visited will be asked to take part in the shore operation, so that as many as 500 people ultimately will be involved.

Each of those chosen to spend time aboard the Eye of the Wind will get subsidies for transportation.

Interested Americans between the ages of 17 to 24 can get more information from Yakov Adam at 50 West 67th Street, New York, 10023.

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The Eye of the Wind, left, is a steel-hulled brigantine which will be the mobile base for the two-year series of scientific projects dur-



ing Operation Drake. Expedition leader is John Blashford-Snell, right. (NYT pictures)

Architect receives mixed reactions

WASHINGTON (AP) — George M. White will go down in history as the U.S. Capitol architect who restored the original Senate, House and Supreme Court chambers much as they were in the early 1800s. But his work is not always appreciated by his contemporaries.

A \$60,000 carpet in the House chamber that is patterned roughly after one in the old chamber in 1822. It is getting mixed reviews from the relatively few House employees and reporters who have seen it. Critics say the bright red and blue colors of the new carpeting are too striking for the somber chamber; supporters say it adds a little color to the place.

The architect's partial restoration of the old House chamber — and the floral wreath pattern in the dome and and are based on Samuel F. B. Morse's meticulous painting in 1822 of House members convening for a night session. The old House benches, rostrum and carpeting could not be restored because the chamber is now part of the walkway thousands of tourists, congressmen and workers use to get from the House wing to the rest of the Capitol.

But White's restoration of the chamber's dome and walls is faithful to Morse's 1822 painting: scarlet drapes between the marble columns, recessed designs in the dome and and a replica of the great polished brass chandelier with 30 simulated oil lamps. This is the House chamber into which the British piled all the furniture they could find for the burning of the Capitol on Aug. 24, 1814. The original Senate and Supreme Court chambers are not walkways and so the architect restored them completely, with fine old desks, benches, columns and carpeting, to look just as they did in the early 1800s.

At Wit's End

By ERMA BOMBECK
I have never known anyone personally who has a clean cookie sheet.

There was one woman in the old neighborhood who was rumored to have one, but she was quite weird and when I saw her coming, I always looked the other way.

Cookie sheets are like underwear, dish towels, and toothbrushes. They're never on display to the public, so who cares what they look like.

Men do not understand cookie sheets. My husband watched me put biscuits on mine the other day and said, "That reminds me, I have to have the oil changed in the car this week."

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"The last time I bought one it was around \$2.96."

"The last time you bought one, they were using beads and trinkets for money."

"Why should my cookie sheet bother you?"

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"Which layer?"

"That's not funny, you know. Look at it! It's even rusting in the corners."

"That's because some idiot put water on it."

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pin in your shorts ... a cord that's down to two inches on your power mower starter ... a broom handle stuck in the sliding glass doors of your \$65,000 house ... a comb with 15 teeth missing ... a \$6,000 car with one set of car keys.

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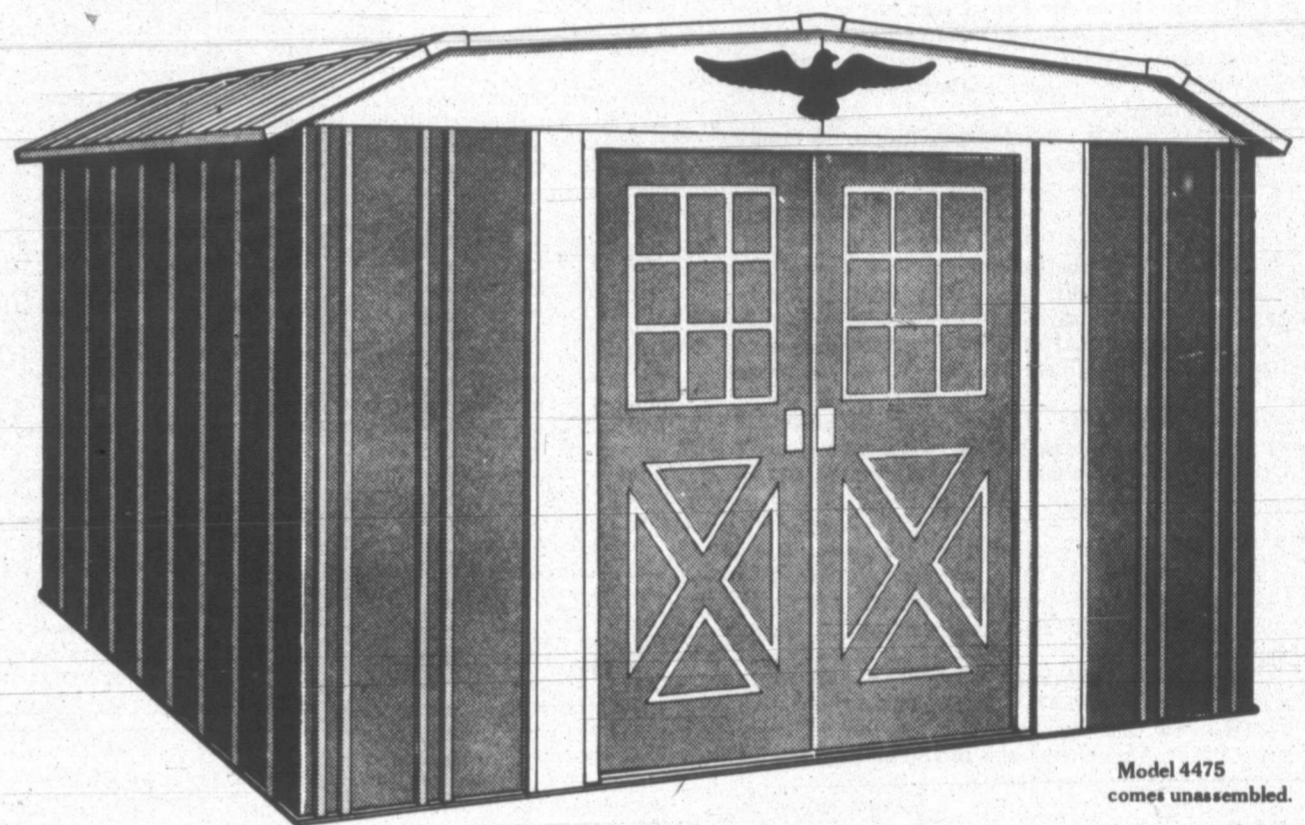
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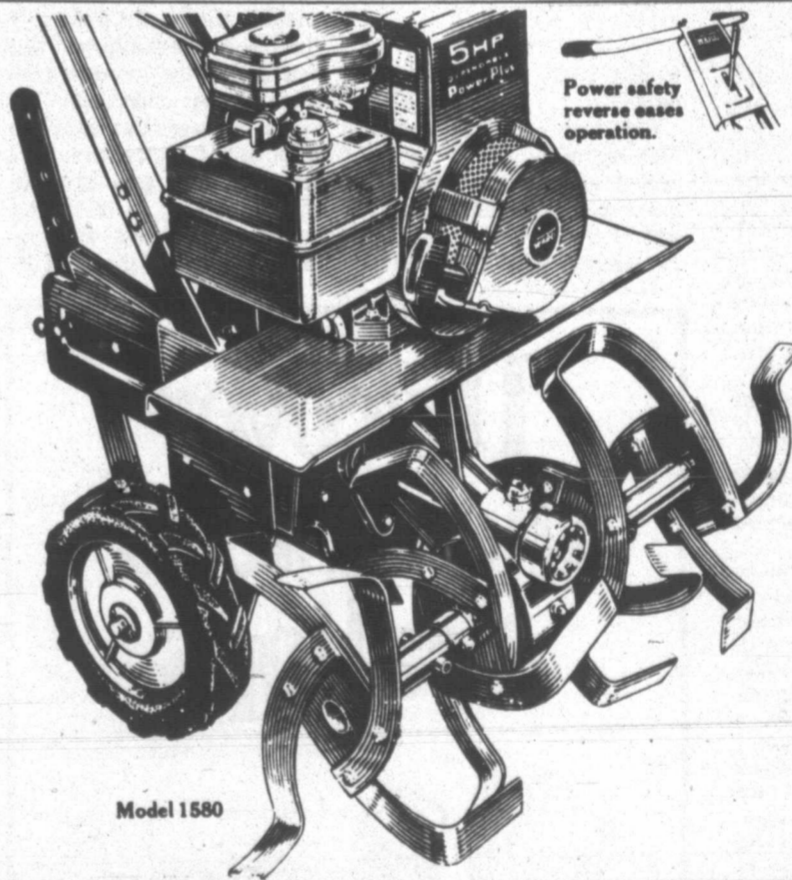
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Profile of a con man

Sylvia Porter

On a scale beyond anything ever known in the U.S., the "con man" will be spreading out across the nation in 1978 — snaring countless numbers of you as victims in the marketplace. The combination of '78 is made to order for these shrewd, slippery swindlers: peak employment with tens of millions itching to use their nesteggs to get rich — quicker side by side with steep unemployment and other millions desperately seeking ways to earn a living wage.

If you are caught in a con man's web, the odds are he'll escape unpunished and free to go on to other schemes. The odds also are you'll rarely, if ever, recover a single penny.

Your only real protection is being sufficiently informed to be on guard. Below, therefore, is a profile of a real-life con man, L.D., who has been operating throughout the 1970s, without ever being put away by law enforcement agencies.

(1) In 1972, working out of New Jersey, L.D. touted a nationwide consumer discount buying service to alert members to ecological hazards, unsafe products, misleading ads, and even frauds. In reality, L.D.'s scheme was a straight distributorship and he, with his accomplices, conned more than \$500,000 from hundreds of victims. The promoters misrepresented earnings, told distributors to claim they were making a survey in order to pitch other distributors, failed to disclose that so-called "account manager" jobs had to be purchased, and pressured the gullible into falsifying loan applications at banks. In '74, a New Jersey court ordered L.D. to pay restitution of \$503,000 plus fines and costs of \$10,000. For itself, the state collected less than \$1,000. Not one of the 312 victims got a cent.

(2) In 1975, L.D. crossed the Hudson to a swanky Central Park South cooperative apartment-office in New York City. His business-opportunity ads claimed: "Tired of working for someone else? Tired of giving all of yourself and not receiving? Call us... We Can Help!... A product every motorist needs. No competition. Guaranteed location and buy back... The product was a tire sealant to be vendored from gas stations. But there was no merchandise. There were no locations. A promotional quote from a Chicago banker who headed "the nation's 2nd largest bank" was a complete fabrication. Neither the bank nor banker existed. In

November 1976, a New York state court ordered the return of \$38,000 to victims of the scheme plus payment of \$4,000 in state courts. L.D. has paid zero.

(3) The U.S. government was next in the web, through the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), a federal agency which is now fighting the nation's biggest investment swindle — the fraudulent sale of London commodity options. L.D. registered with the CFTC as a salesman (omitting mention of his phony schemes in his application). The CFTC has now revoked his license and fined him \$10,000. But as of November, he was still operating an "option information center" in Manhattan, pitching suckers about the killing to be made in options. At this writing, the CFTC is waiting for its \$10,000.

(4) In late '77, L.D. advertised for an "associate or partner, \$40,000 1st year guaranteed with better potential the second year. My marketing firm is growing... I am seeking a working partner with \$10,000 to invest. Serious inquiries only." Among his victims was a Long Island business products salesman who grabbed a distributorship selling artificial flowers made of silk to be sold from display racks. The victim's loss: \$4,500.

The law affords little protection and less recourse. So: Avoid any promise of quick money which involves your putting up cash first. That combination is almost always lethal.

Don't be fooled by plush offices, handsome clothes, an expensive car. Victims' money bankrolls the con man, and his bank accounts are usually newly opened. Check the longevity of the account; it's more important than the balance.

Never take references, even the most impressive, at face value. Ask the promoter what they mean, then check the references. You may get two entirely different stories.

Don't be impressed either by such words as "national," "international," "consumers," etc. How many cities does "national" mean? Which ones? Be skeptical about any claims of affiliates, subsidiaries, suppliers, customer relationships. They may not exist. Get letters, names, addresses, question every claim.

Insist on any promise in writing. Even then, be wary. Once a con man parts you from your money, you're out. But L.D.? He's still around, with several schemes going at once.

Six women picked to be astronauts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The newest line of astronauts come in different colors and shapes, but not in pairs.

Among the 35 astronauts selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, there are for the first time six women, three blacks and one Asian American.

There are no couples, however, and William and Anna Fisher's plans to go around the world together were grounded when NASA accepted only Mrs. Fisher.

The Fishers — both emergency doctors in the Los Angeles area — applied last year to the Johnson Space Center in Houston for positions as mission specialists on NASA's earth-orbiting space shuttles. Mrs. Fisher, 28, and Judith Resnik of Redondo Beach, were among six women named to the job from more than 200 finalists that included William Fisher.

Fisher, 31, said there were other space jobs he might apply or after the couple moves to Houston for a two-year astronaut training program. "I'm still a young man," he added.

Mrs. Fisher said from her home in Rancho Palos Verdes that she kept her desire to ride a starship secret until the ninth grade, when she confided in a fellow hospital volunteer.

"She thought I was silly, so I never said anything about being an astronaut to anyone," said Mrs. Fisher, who later received her bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Neither Mrs. Fisher nor Miss Resnik — a 28-year-old Xerox Corp. systems engineer — said they had any fear of flying, even on the seven-to 35-day orbits planned for the shuttles.

"I think we'll have enough training and preparation before we go up to make it just a calculated risk," said Miss Resnik, who received her engineering degree from Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University in

1970 and a doctorate from the University of Maryland last year.

One of the black astronauts is Ronald McNair, a 27-year-old physicist at the Hughes Research Laboratories. The Asian American — Capt. Ellison Onizuka, 31, of Kealahou, Hawaii — has been stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, where he heads the engineering support section of the base's Test Pilot School.

Both said in telephone interviews that they have longed for space travel since Sputnik.

Onizuka, a third-generation Japanese American, said he nurtured his love of space by building model airplanes and receiving bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado.

McNair, on the other hand, said, "I was scared into wanting it." The Marina del Rey resident added, "When I was 7, everyone ran outside, pointing to the sky and saying, 'Look at that! It's Sputnik.' I took a look and thought it was going to swoop down and get me."

McNair later graduated in physics from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University and received a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Nurse school okayed

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The National League for Nursing has awarded full accreditation to School of Nursing of the University of Texas Health Science Center here for both the bachelor's and master's degree programs in nursing.

The League is the national accrediting body.

The League's board of review made no recommendations for improving the bachelor's program and requested only a written progress report on the master's program in 1979.

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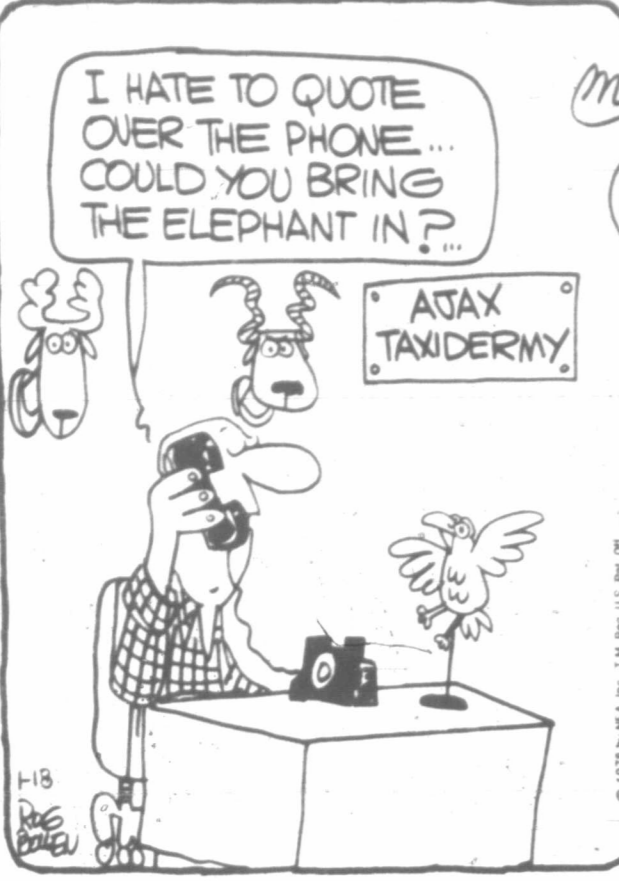
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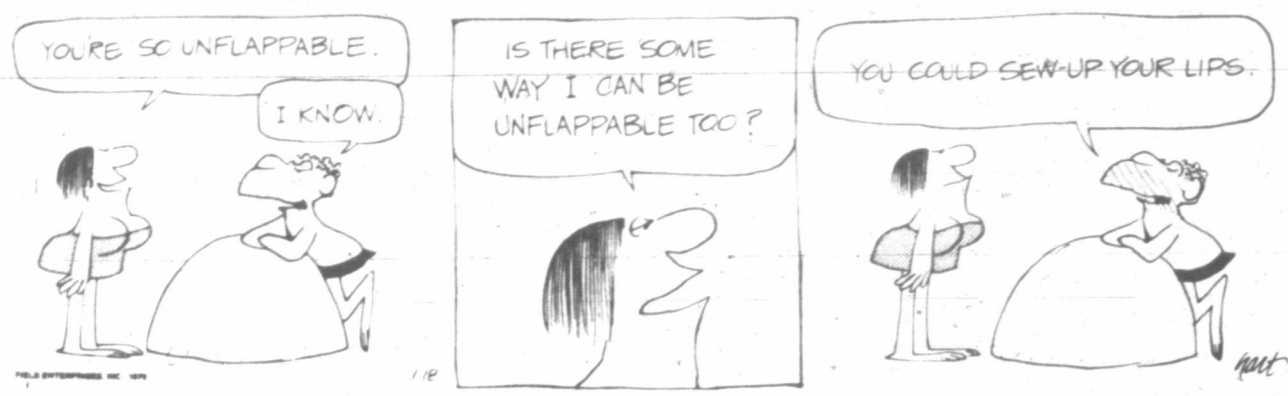
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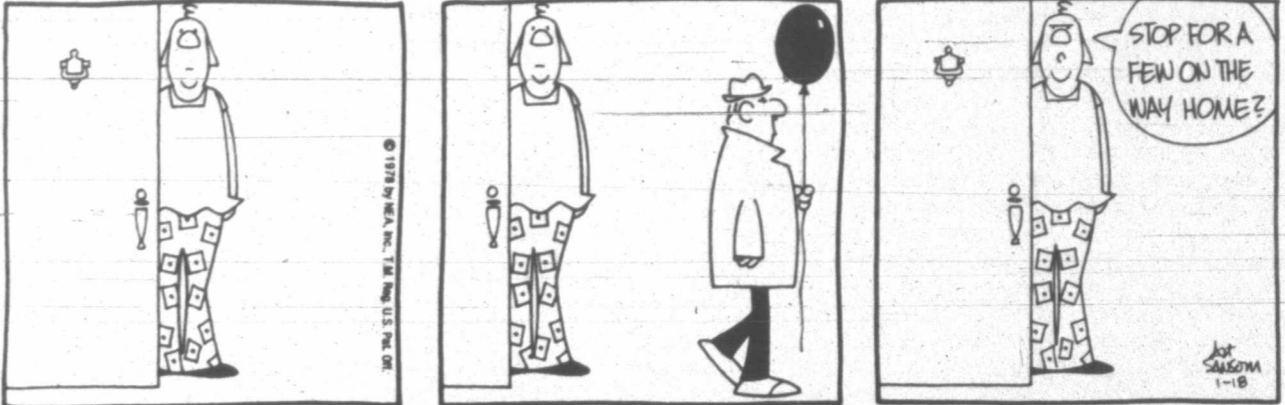
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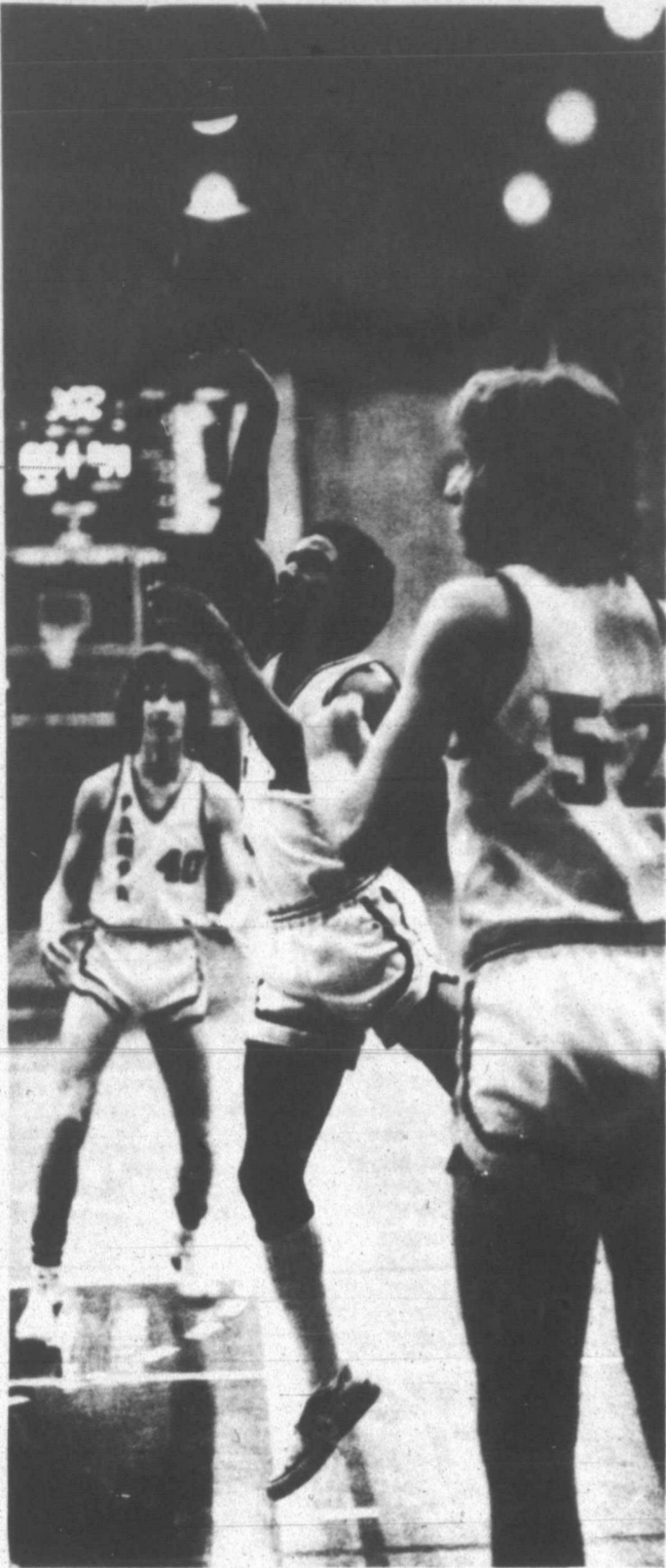


MARMADUKE

by Brad Anderson



Harvesters douse Tascosa's fire



By TOM KENNER
Pampa News Sports Editor

It was a good ole fashioned barnburner, and to the delight of the Harvester Fieldhouse crowd, Pampa was the last to catch fire. Ricky Bunton grabbed a missed Rusty Ward free throw with 40 seconds remaining and converted a pair of foul shots to victory over Tascosa Tuesday night.

The game hung in perfect balance through the first half with the score knotted at 17-all after the first quarter and 23-all at intermission. Tascosa jumped out to a quick 33-29 lead to start the second half. But an offensive charging call and resultant technical foul on 6-4 David Moss seemed to ignite the Harvesters.

play off an offensive rebound and Pampa went on to score 10 of the next 12 points, taking a 47-41 advantage into the final eight minutes.

But Tascosa, now 13-7, 1-1, was not about to be snuffed out before igniting a final flame of hope. Just seconds into the quarter, Jay Leverett broke free for an uncontested layup and Kevin Carter swished an 18-foot jumper to make it a new ballgame.

Ward and Bunton returned the favor with a pair of field goals, but two pointers by Nolan Earle and Carter cut the lead to 54-53 before Bunton's heroics.

Ward's charity attempt bounced around before Bunton found the handle and went up for a jumper. Both head coaches held their breath as a whistle sounded, and the Green Pit erupted into bedlam when Rebel

Steve Herrmann raised his hand.

The conversions by Bunton made it 57-53, but Herrmann drove to the top of the key and calmly meshed an 18-foot jumper. Ward made the front end of a one-and-one for a 58-55 lead and Bunton executed the coup de grace by winning a jump ball tap from Carter with 11 seconds remaining.

The statistics were as even as the final score. Both teams shot 44 percent from the field, both had 30 rebounds and both made 14 turnovers.

However, in the foul department, Pampa was called for only eight personals, while Tascosa was whistled for 17. The Harvesters committed only two infractions in the second half to Tascosa's nine, a disparity which had Rebel Coach David

Camfield disturbed after the game.

"The refs saw it the way they saw it and we just didn't get the foul," Camfield said.

"Under the circumstances, I thought we held our poise though we did make some junior (Tascosa starts three) mistakes."

"But in the end, Pampa played a heck of a game."

For Pampa it was the second straight three-point district victory bringing the Harvester players, coaches, and fans closer to the reality of a tough loop race.

Bunton led the Pampa attack with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Duke and Tim Reddell hit well from the outside, including several 18-foot howitzers for 12 points apiece. Ward contributed 11 points.

Johnny Hays played perhaps his top game of the season, scoring five points, handing out three assists and drawing several fouls.

Carter (16 points), Leverett (14) and Herrmann (10) were the brunt of the Rebel attack.

Pampa, now 14-4, 2-0, will resume district play at Palo Duro Friday. Tascosa hosts Amarillo High in another crucial clash.

TASCOSA (18) - Steve Herrmann 8-8-8; Jay Leverett 6-6-14; Nolan Earle 4-0-1; David Moss 2-1-3; Tascosa 38-32-28.
PAMPA (18) - Steve Duke 6-6-12; Tim Reddell 4-0-7; Johnny Hays 2-1-5; Darrell Hughes 4-0-8; Rusty Ward 3-1-1; Ricky Bunton 6-4-16; Total 58-55-17.
TASCOSA 12 14 14-28
PAMPA 12 14 14-28
Halftime score: Pa 27, Ta 27, Total fouls: Pa 8, Ta 17, Rebounds: Pa 20, Ta 28, Turnovers: Pa 14, Ta 14, Fouled out: Ta-Herrmann, Tascosa foul; Ta-David Moss, Pampa now 14-4, Tascosa now 13-7, 1-1.

Baird shot lifts JV

Doug Baird swished a turn-around jumper from 12 feet with three seconds remaining to give the Shockers a come-from-behind 44-43 victory over the Tascosa junior varsity Tuesday night.

The winning shot was set up by a Cedric Parker rebound off the Rebel Ronnie Towler attempt with 33 seconds showing.

Baird led the Shockers with 10

points and a game-high 13 rebounds from his wing position.

Pampa was out rebounded 33-24 by the taller Rebel JVs.

The Shockers are now 6-9 and 2-0 in district play.

TASCOSA JV (4) - Mike Washburn 3-4-10; Sam Washington 3-5-8; Frank Washington 1-0-2; Mervyn Mack 5-5-10; Darrell Hughes 2-0-4; Total 18-17-32.
PAMPA JV (6) - Cedric Parker 1-1-4; Jeffery 3-0-4; Doug Baird 5-0-10; Greg Quarles 2-0-3; Jim Hays 4-0-1; Dwayne Avery 2-0-4; Vic Wallace 1-0-1; Total 18-10-16.
CAPROCK JV 12 11 11-23
PAMPA JV 4 10 10-24

Lemons calls Rice game 'circus'

By GREG THOMPSON
AP Sports Writer

The lowly Rice Owls, who substituted an incredible 90 times Tuesday night, belong under the Big Top instead of on the basketball court, says

Texas Coach Abe Lemons.

"All they needed were the clowns to make it a circus," Lemons said after his 15th-ranked Longhorns easily squashed Rice 78-64 to maintain their lead in the Southwest Con-

ference.

"There can't be a purpose to all that. It doesn't bother anybody, it just delays the game."

Rice Coach Mike Schuler, whose team is only 1-4 in the SWC and 3-11 for the season, substituted 80 times in the second half alone, stopping the game to shuffle players whenever the Owls switched to offense or defense.

"The substitution scheme is done with a purpose," said Schuler, who also substituted 90 times earlier this season. "We have offensive players and defensive players. We are just trying to get all our players involved and I think it helps."

"I guess he's trying to make the Guinness Book of World Records," snorted Lemons.

Meanwhile, Arkansas Coach Eddie Sutton says he felt like the Texas Aggies ought to don pads and helmets and run a few plays - football plays, that is.

"Emory Bellard (A&M football coach) could use two or three of the Aggies because they play like it's football."

ed Hogs battered Texas A&M 94-68 in a game marred by a bench-clearing brawl.

With Arkansas leading only 21-18 midway through the first half, Texas A&M's Jarvis Williams and Arkansas' Sidney Moncrief exchanged elbow jabs and then punches.

Both benches cleared and when order was restored, Moncrief was assessed a personal foul and Williams got a technical foul.

But the inspired Razorbacks, with Ron Brewer hitting two field goals and a three-point play, bolted to a 32-21 lead and were on top 46-31 at the half. They led by as many as 25 in the second half.

"We lost on the fight," said Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf.

"It got their adrenaline flowing and didn't do anything for us."

Bowlers cited

Here are the Harvester Lane Bowlers of the Week for league competition ending Jan. 14.

Men scratch series: Danny Winters, West Ows - 81.
Men handicap series: James Petty, Harvester Men - 118.
Women scratch series: Jean Ross, Spring League - 137.
Women handicap series: Marsha Barrett, Harvester Women - 600.

Bucks keep rolling

The White Deer boys varsity squeezed by Gruver, 55-52, Tuesday night to remain on top of the District 2-A standings. Bruce Brame led the Bucks, now 20-4, 4-1 with 30 points. White Deer has clinched a tie in the first half district.

Here are the line scores of area contests.

GROOM (girls) 19 21 36 72
MCLEAN 7 21 28 58
G - Connie Crowell, 24; M - Melinda Hays, 24
GROOM 14 23 45 61
MCLEAN 14 23 42 58
G - Neil Walberg, 20; M - Sam Haynes, 24
ALLISON (girls) 2 2 13 18
WHEELER 2 2 13 14
A - Becky Cornell, 11; W - Beth Willis, 14
ALLISON 8 20 32 50
WHEELER 8 20 32 48
A - Bill Cornell and Ken Keys, 12; W - Wendell Moore, 34.

CANADIAN (girls)	7	21	34	51
SPEARMAN	15	26	43	58
C - Ann Macias, 22; B - Tracie Koeh, 27				
CANADIAN	10	18	28	39
SPEARMAN	14	20	37	52
C - Stan Fitzgerald, 15; B - Scott Martin, 15				
WHITE DEER (girls)	5	10	20	42
GRUVER	20	22	38	62
WD - Rhonda Moreland, 14; G - Shelly Hinton, 21				
WHITE DEER	20	20	44	64
GRUVER	4	19	27	52
WD - Bruce Brame, 20; G - Scott Green, 18				
BRISCOE (girls)	15	21	29	49
LEFORA	4	16	25	38
B - Cynthia Maddox, 20; L - Janetta Dunn, 20				
BRISCOE	17	20	39	43
LEFORA	15	23	30	50
B - Keith Hiers, 17; L - Randy Cady, 20				
MIAMI	15	20	39	74
NOBLETTE	12	24	29	67
MI - L. Gilliland and R. Stone, 22; M - Logan, 21				
MIAMI (girls)	12	20	37	52
NOBLETTE	11	23	37	43
MI - Debbie Bean, 17; MO - Cora, 22				

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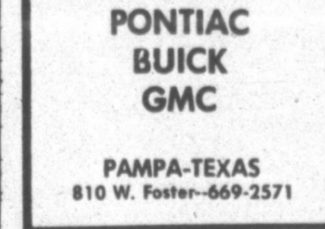
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Jerusalem past and present

Jerusalem's past is a living part of its present. Street scene in the Christian Quarter of the Old City, near the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, has changed little over the centuries. Huge paving stones unearthed during excavation for a new sewage system, are believed to be part of a road dating back to 500 A.D.

HEW accuses Amtrak of promoting cavities

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak thinks its new cereal box-top promotion will attract more riders, but the Department of Health, Education and Welfare says it might also be a ticket to the dentist.

The financially struggling national rail passenger service is joining with the Kellogg Co. to give a child a free ticket good for anywhere in the Amtrak system in exchange for three cereal box-tops, provided the

child is accompanied by two adults.

All appeared well for the railroad's plan until the director of HEW's Office of Consumer Affairs accused the rail service of contributing to tooth decay among children by promoting the ale of sugar-coated cereals.

An Amtrak spokesman said Tuesday night there are no plans to stop the year-long promotion that began Jan. 1. He said more than 64 million cereal packages began appearing

on grocery shelves at the beginning of the year.

Lee Richardson, director of HEW's consumer office, said in a letter to Amtrak President Paul H. Reistrup last week that the promotion ignores the opinions of nutritionists that "high levels of sugar intake are linked with tooth decay, obesity, diabetes, atherosclerosis and hyperactivity in children."

"We ask you to consider whether parents will be able to save enough money on reduced fares to cover the cost of dental bills incurred by the sugar-coated cereal their children ingest," Richardson continued.

Amtrak spokesman Edward Edel said Richardson's fears are exaggerated and added that two of the three cereals involved in the promotion — Raisin Bran and Kellogg's Corn Flakes — are not sugar-coated.

The third cereal in the promotion is Kellogg's Sugar Frosted Flakes.

Edel said Amtrak executives got the idea after learning that a similar Kellogg promotion in Britain brought 800,000 new riders to the government-owned British Rail.

Amtrak, a private corporation established by Congress in 1971, has had to rely on government subsidies to break even.

Manpower reshaped

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer
Brownsville, Texas (AP) — The new director of Cameron County's troubled Manpower program knows that even if he manages to pull the faltering \$11 million project together, there will be opponents to the job training program.

"I'd like to give it a measure of respectability," John Barron, a college roommate of Lyndon Johnson's, said. "But with many people, even if it is running legally and correctly, it's not acceptable."

The 68-year-old retired San Benito school superintendent was picked by Cameron County commissioners to replace Andy Muniz. Muniz had served briefly as acting director and is now under two felony bribery indictments.

challenged the vote, saying the vacancy was never advertised.

Barron had not applied for the job but was recommended by Commissioner Adolph Thomae, a former member of the San Benito school board.

Barron said the program is a sore spot in the county now.

"We've got to get the reputation of the department up so it won't be an embarrassment to the commissioners court and the people of Cameron County," Barron said, adding he will need a "free hand" in his operation if he is to succeed.

A county grand jury, sparked by testimony offered during a court of inquiry here, returned 20 manpower-related indictments last week.

"It may never be a credit to Cameron County because of the very nature of the program, but I'll try to make it a credit to the taxpayers by keeping an honest administration of the funds according to the purpose for which they were appropriated," he said.

Barron's new office is still decorated with Muniz mementos. The Manpower offices were under lock and key until Monday when Barron assumed control. State District Judge Darrell Hester, who convened the court of inquiry in December had ordered deputies to guard the offices until a new director was appointed.

But Barron's appointment is still being questioned. He got the \$24,000 per year job on a 3-2 commissioners court vote. County Judge Ray Ramon has

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Coal strike hits retirees

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN
AP Labor Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — "I have worked in the coal mines for 36 years and now I am 65 years old. I am not able to work at anything. I have black lung, asthma and emphysema."

"Now you want my pension." These grieyed words from Abingdon, Va., were written by a retired member of the United Mine Workers union — one of 80,600 retirees who won't be getting their \$250-a-month February pension checks because of the 43-day-old coal strike.

"What if I was sitting behind the desk telling you you would be cut out of your living? Would you like it? How would you live?" he wrote. "After you are too old to work, we will just put you out to pasture like a horse ... to starve to death."

From Lick Creek, Ky., to Lower Burrell, Pa., from the drab mining camps of Appalachia to the coal towns of the Midwest, have come the angry and desperate letters telling of hardship and suffering ahead.

The complaints have poured into the pension fund office since letters went out Dec. 21 informing the retirees that their February checks would

probably be halted. It became official Tuesday when the trustees announced the funds were without the \$20 million reserve needed to pay next month's benefits.

The industry-financed trust funds' income is based on coal production and hours worked. No contributions have been made since the UMW struck the industry Dec. 6, when its contract expired.

Bargaining on a new contract is continuing this week, but little progress is reported.

February will mark the first time in more than 27 years that pension payments have been missed. The only other time in the 31-year history of the fund that similar action was taken was in 1949 when lack of money forced suspension of benefits for six months.

While the retirees will not receive their \$250 pension checks, about three-fourths will receive a \$22 monthly check from a government program for miners disabled by black lung. Many of the retirees also qualify for Social Security benefits.

The loss of the union pension payments has set generation against generation within the union, evoking angry charges

from the retirees that they are being forgotten.

"Remember if you live long enough," wrote one pensioner to the trustees. "You will all be old some day and you are no better than us men who made this union from the beginning."

Another pensioner from Ri-

nesville, W.Va., complained of "a raw deal" and said, "You younger fellows never went through what we older men did. You walked into the gravy, the table was already spread, now you don't have the guts and respect to give us a fair deal."

"The retirees of the 70s should be the ones out of the pension as they made more money, they should have a savings," said the wife of an 83-year-old retired miner in Lovington, Ill. "Our dollar doesn't buy any more than theirs."

Gov blasts Hill money

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe has accused Attorney General John Hill of pledging the taxpayers' money to win a political endorsement.

Hill is challenging Briscoe for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the May primary.

Briscoe leveled the charge at Hill during a news conference here Tuesday.

The governor urged the Texas State Teachers Association to release tape recordings made by the announced gubernatorial candidates who appeared before the association's political action committee.

Briscoe contended Hill won the TSTA committee endorsement by promising huge increases in teacher salaries and retirement benefits.

The governor said the pledges Hill made to the TSTA panel would cost taxpayers an additional \$1.3 billion for the next biennium.

"There's no such money in sight," Briscoe said. "It would mean a tremendous increase in the sales tax, or a state income tax" to finance it.

"The attorney general pledged the people's money to secure the endorsement" of the TSTA, Briscoe charged.

The governor said he told the

TSTA political action committee that he intends to stick by his promise of no new taxes if he is reelected to a third term.

He said that since his election in 1972, teachers' salaries have been increased by 53 per cent and bilingual, vocational and technical school programs have been expanded.

And, Briscoe said that under his administration, \$2.4 billion in added state funds has been spent for public education, and funding for higher education has been hiked another \$1.7 billion.

He said he has strong support from educators and school administrators despite the TSTA's endorsement of Hill for governor.

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Real Estate Owned and in Judgment 35,211.19

Loans and Contracts Made to Facilitate Sale of Real Estate 336,001.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks 1,761,382.45
Investments and Securities 13,966,965.76
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation 1,467,835.96
Deferred Charges and Other Assets 9,474,956.48

TOTAL ASSETS \$192,375,203.18

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Savings Accounts \$173,365,518.23
Advances From Federal Home Loan Bank 950,000.00
Other Borrowed Money none
Loans In Process 140,396.05
Other Liabilities 4,208,351.28
Specific Reserves none
Reserves - Additional Security For Members
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Saved In 3 Years Earnings	900.00	1,800.00	2,700.00	3,600.00
Total	\$ 972.62	\$1,945.23	\$ 2,917.85	\$ 3,890.47
Saved In 5 Years Earnings	1,500.00	3,000.00	4,500.00	6,000.00
Total	\$1,711.54	\$3,423.09	\$ 5,134.63	\$ 6,846.18
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