

Pilot believes he found Earhart

HONOLULU (AP) — A former Air Force pilot who found a plane wreck on a Pacific atoll 25 years ago hopes to find it again and prove it is that of famed aviator Amelia Earhart, who disappeared in 1937.

Vincent Loomis of Orlando, Fla., is leading a seven-member expedition today for an atoll in the Marshall Islands where he believes Miss Earhart's plane still rests. "We are very excited about this and are optimistic that we will find the plane and be able to identify it as that of Amelia Earhart," said Loomis, a businessman and former aerospace worker.

Loomis refused to pinpoint the exact location of the atoll.

Miss Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, disappeared July 2, 1937, on a flight from New Guinea to Howland Island, one of the last legs on an around-the-world flight.

While many authorities believe the twin-engine Lockheed Electra crashed at sea in that area, Loomis believes it landed

northwest of Howland.

Miss Earhart was quoted as saying before leaving New Guinea that if she and Noonan did not locate Howland, they would fly back into the Gilbert Islands and find "a nice stretch of beach" on which to land, according to Loomis.

But flying back into the Gilberts would have been a poor judgment, Loomis argues, because the weather was bad.

The only good land was to the northwest, the Marshall Islands, he said. Navigational error and weather conditions could have put them far off course, he believes.

Loomis said he spent 14 months in the Marshall Islands with the Air Force, and, while stationed on Eniwetok in 1952, was assigned to putting navigational aid identification panels on some of the islands.

After landing on one atoll, inhabited by barefoot natives, a weather-beaten shoe was found near the shoreline and an airplane was located in the middle of the island, he said. The plane was covered by

heavy jungle growth.

The discovery of the shoe and plane was discounted until 15 years later when Loomis read a book about the Earhart-Noonan disappearance. The account fit in with Loomis' discovery and he became convinced he had accidentally come up with the plane which had been the object of a widespread search by the U.S. military.

The sighting of the plane puts him a step ahead of other theorists on the disappearance, he said, "because no one else has seen an airplane."

Loomis and his wife spent much of the past 10 years researching the 1937 flight and disappearance. Early this year, they gathered five other people to help in their search, including a writer, a radio reporter and two photographers.

If the group identifies the plane as that of Miss Earhart, Loomis said they will bring in an expert to make positive identification and then remove the plane from the island.

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Zoning okayed for center

By JIM WANN
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Developers of a proposed \$5 million shopping mall for north Pampa today received an initial green light from city officials.

The City Planning and Zoning Commission, during a special public hearing of the city commission meeting, unanimously approved a zoning change request, from "agricultural" to "commercial," made by the shopping center's joint developers.

Dauley Enterprises of Grand Prairie and Ainbinder Associates of Houston sought the zoning change for 40-acre tract located just north of 25th Street, adjacent to the south side

of the Perryton Highway.

The developers are proposing a shopping complex which will feature major department stores such as K — Mart and J.C. Penney with 20 to 30 ancillary stores tied to national chains.

Dean I. Dauley, president of Dauley Enterprises, testified that the proposed North Pampa complex would employ some 400 people. He said the developers anticipate annual retail sales in excess of \$20 million.

Dale Ligon, director of design and construction for Ainbinder, said during the public hearing that if the city commission approves the zoning change, site work for the shopping mall could begin July 1.

He said "if all goes well," the mall could open June 1, 1979.

The only hitch to the overall plan, brought out during the hearing, was 10 feet of right-of-way necessary for the planned widening of north Hobart. City engineering consultant Wayland Merriman stated that the development would create additional traffic and that the already planned Hobart expansion would be necessary to solve the problem.

Both development representatives, Dauley and Ligon, said they would "gladly" give the city 10 feet for the Hobart right-of-way.

No opposition to the planned development was presented during today's public hearing.

City Commissioners agreed to consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations and said a final decision could be expected during the next regular commission meeting April 25.

Commenting on the zoning request, Mayor R. D. "Jimmy" Wilkerson said "I see no problem with the request."

Also during today's meeting, the city commission approved a plan to participate in a federal

government — sponsored survey of Pampa traffic problems.

The \$27,000 survey would be completed funded by the federal Highway Administration Department and would be conducted by the Amarillo College Department of Traffic Safety with the Texas Department of Traffic Safety.

The survey is slated to begin October 1. However, Mayor Wilkerson indicated that a special commission meeting might be called later this month "to expedite the start of the survey."

In other action today, the commission:

—Approved a \$265 per run fire protection contract with Carson County;

—Granted construction payments, amounting to about \$11,000, for improvements to Mesilla Park, Overton Heights and the Casa de Loma additions;

—Approved a resolution honoring retiring Ward Two Commissioner Joe B. Curtis; and

—Designated almost \$118,000 for city expenses incurred last month.

Band parents okay Rose parade plans

About 450 people met Monday evening in the Junior High School Cafeteria to discuss and approve plans for the Pride of Pampa Band trip to Pasadena, Calif., and the 1979 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Director Jeff Doughten said that 95 percent of the parents of the 185 bandsters involved were present and all voted in favor of the California trip.

Tentative arrangements call for a Dec. 28 departure and a Jan. 2 return.

Cost of the trip is estimated at \$370 per student with each member of the band providing \$200 toward his expenses, due Oct. 1.

The remaining \$170 per Pride member will be made up by the booster organization.

"We're looking at a maximum goal of \$35,000," Doughten said, "probably about \$33,000 will cover everything. We raise about that much every year."

Doughten said that this year the boosters and bandsters raised about \$26,000, but the trip to Kansas City set for April 20 is not as expensive as the one to California will be.

However, "if we get a good carnival we can make \$14,000 or \$15,000," Doughten said. "Candy sales amount to \$3,500, fruit cakes about \$10,000, and the rest can be made up by car washes, spaghetti suppers — \$500 or \$1,000 at a time."

He said that no airplane has yet been secured for the trip to California, "but it looks promising for a Continental DC 10 which will carry 258 people."

As was the case with the trip to Ireland in March of 1977, seats not filled by the 185 band students will be sold to band boosters who wish to go along as official or unofficial sponsors.

Doughten said ticket prices

will include grandstand seats for the parade (\$27.50), double room accommodations, and a \$50 profit for the band to help defray expenses. He estimated the total package price for the five-day jaunt at about \$475.

The Pride of Pampa and company will stay at the Inn at the Park adjacent to Disneyland, Doughten said.

He is to go to California April 27 to finalize the itinerary.

Tentative arrangements include a day-long tour of Disneyland, a visit at Universal Studios, a museum, a Polynesian restaurant, and Knott's Berry Farm.

"On the night of Dec. 31st, we're going to celebrate New Year's at 8:30 p.m.," Doughten said. "Then we'll get up at 4 a.m. for breakfast, be on the buses at 5 a.m. and in position for the parade by 6 a.m."

Arthur D. Welsh, president of the Tournament of Roses Association, will be in Pampa on May 2.

The Pride will represent Texas in the parade and reportedly will be the only band from the Lone Star State in the event.

On March 17, 1977, Pride members marched to a crystal-cup first place in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland. One of the bands who lost in that competition was the John F. Kennedy High School Band from Anaheim, Calif.

The JFK band only days earlier had won a competition at Limerick City, Ireland, and the determination of the Pampans to rebound and win in Dublin resulted in a bit of a rivalry between the two bands.

Doughten said today he did not know if the JFK band will be invited to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Wife claims Shevchenko held

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The highest-ranking Soviet employee of the United Nations, Arkady N. Shevchenko, is in hiding after apparently defecting. An application to the United States for asylum is expected.

But in Moscow, a woman who said she was his wife today accused U.S. authorities of a "crude provocation," claimed her husband "never had any intention" of staying in the United States and said the Americans must be holding him forcibly.

Shevchenko, the \$76,000-a-year undersecretary-general for political and Security Council affairs, left his job six days ago because of "differences with his government," a U.N. statement said.

Associated Press reporters calling "Shevchenko" entries in

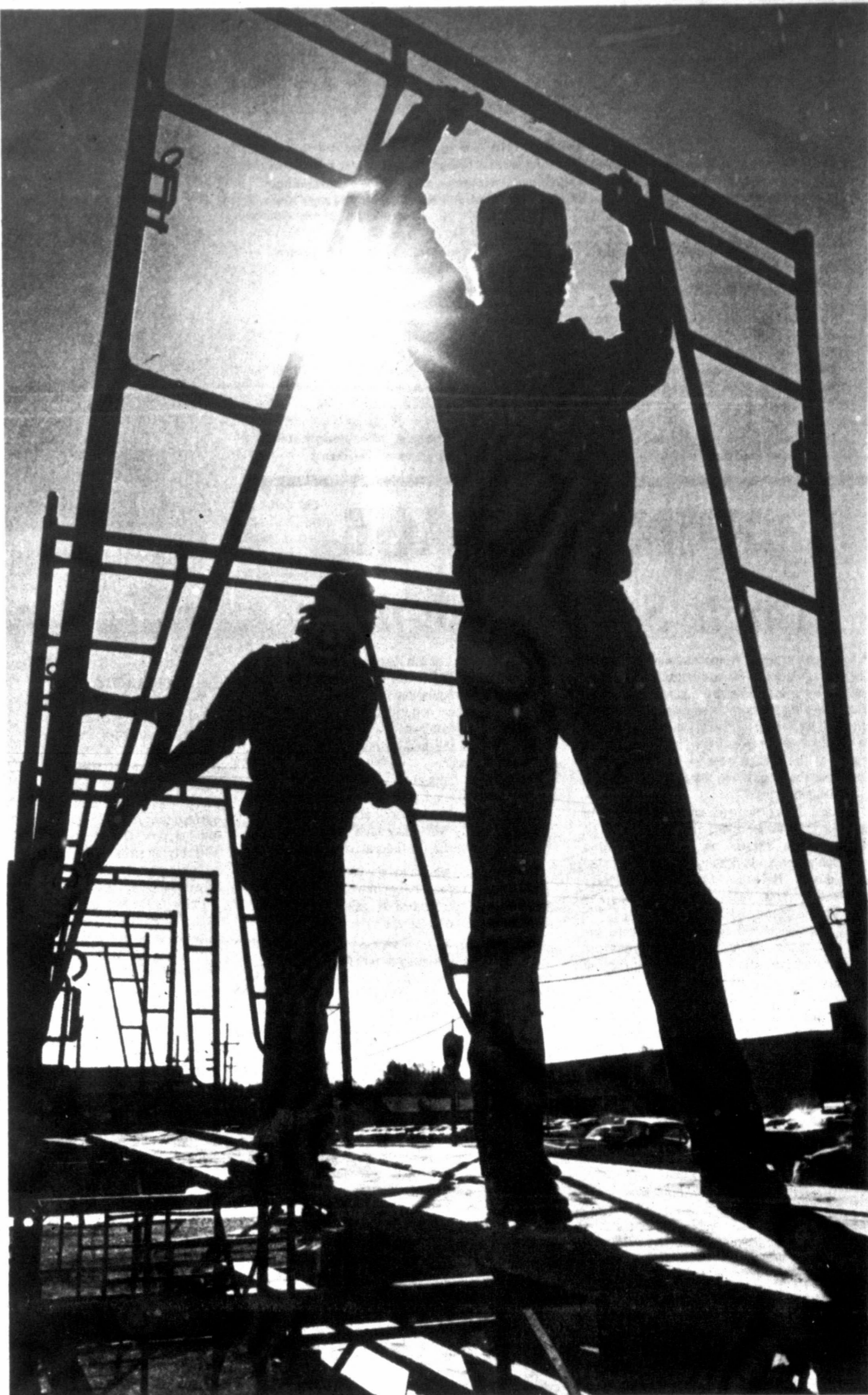
the Moscow telephone directory spoke with a woman who identified herself as Leongina Shevchenko, the diplomat's wife.

She said she had returned from New York for fear the Americans would seize her and other family members as well as her husband.

"What they are saying about him is a provocation," she said. "He is a marvelous father and husband. He cannot live without his work and his family. I am 100 percent sure he will be returning. I know, and am certain. I have lived with him for 27 years."

In Washington, the State Department said it had been contacted by Ernest Gross, Shevchenko's American lawyer, who indicated that the 47-year-old Russian would not return to the Soviet Union.

State Department spokesman



'We all scream for ice cream'

Lane Cooper, left, and Bobby Pool, right, of the Amarillo Jamison Masonry Construction Co. assemble affod scaffolds at Hobart and Kentucky for the Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream shop expected to be completed by June. Ice

cream, frozen yogurts and other desserts will be available in the 12,000-square-foot shop to be constructed on land leased from Joe Hawkins and Jack Eddins. The shop will have chairs for about 15 customers. (Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Gray, two aides indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department, concluding that responsibility for FBI excesses in the anti-radical campaign of the early 1970s rests at the top, has obtained the indictment of former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III and two of his highest former aides.

In the culmination of a long and painful internal investigation, the department also dropped its prosecution of John J. Kearney, a former FBI supervisor in New York, who was indicted a year ago in connection with FBI break-ins, mail openings and wiretappings between 1970 and the summer of 1972.

"I am thoroughly delighted, pleased and vindicated," said Kearney, who was the first agent in FBI history to be charged with a felony involving his official duties. He resigned in 1972 to enter private business.

In a case personally guided by Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, a federal grand jury Monday indicted Gray, former Associate FBI Director W. Mark Felt and former Assistant Director Edward S. Miller on a charge of conspiring to violate

the rights of citizens through unlawful break-ins. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

Gray issued a statement through his lawyer saying he had "never participated in or knowingly authorized any illegal conduct during my tenure as acting director of the FBI."

Felt, who called the indictments a "tragic mistake," said that he, Gray and Miller had rejected a Justice Department offer last week to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Felt's statement was confirmed by Miller's attorney, who said his client "emphatically denies any wrongdoing."

Said Felt, formerly the No. 2 official in the FBI high command:

"Irrespective of my personal case, these indictments will have a chilling effect on all law enforcement and the intelligence community. These agencies have already been impaired in recent years, and this is just another push downhill. In my own career up against mobsters, criminals, spies and the mad bombers of the Weather Underground, I

never approached a case with criminal intent and never got any personal gain from a case."

"An American official mentioned a liaison Mr. Shevchenko had had with a woman in New York," the Times continued, "while Western diplomats said he had a 'health problem' and remarked that he had been known as a heavy drinker."

The New York Times said in addition to "differences with

Redistricting to be topic on Thursday

The redistricting of Gray County will be discussed at a 9 a.m. Thursday meeting of the county commissioners in the county courtroom.

Also on the agenda is the repairs to the main runway at Perry Lefors Field and the closing of the county welfare office.

Commissioners will consider appointments to the child welfare board and canvass school board election returns.

Also to be discussed will be a request by Marilyn Tate, home demonstration agent, to go to Dallas the of April 17 and an order allowing the county clerk to pay unallocated funds to the county treasurer.

Commissioners will consider authorizing bids for road repairs in precinct 2, Pampa.

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Today through Wednesday will be fair becoming warmer this afternoon and tonight. High will be near 70, low mid 40's, reaching the mid 70's again Wednesday. Winds will be variable 10-15 mph from the southwest, but will slow tonight to 5-10 mph.



Death with dignity. An organization is working to help those who wish to have control over their final weeks. Several stories on page 12 explore the topic.



The Pampa News

EVER STRIVING FOR TOP O' TEXAS
TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

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 Covering Commandment.

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OPINION PAGE

Uncle Sam on the farm

A two-year drive to winnow absurdities out of federal regulations of agriculture has been launched by The Agriculture Council of America (ACA). Seeking grass roots support for the plan, Lar Palmer, editor of Farm Journal, says, "A sizable piece of our inflation — maybe on to two percent of the annual rate — is attributed to regulations that could be avoided, if benefits were weighed against costs."

"We are being snowed under a mound of regulations," Palmer said. He cited the move against sodium nitrates as an example of a regulation which could destroy a large part of the pork industry. He said, "Methods which have been used for 3,000 years to preserve food and prevent botulism are under attack."

ACA has announced a plan to educate the American public on the need to improve the regulatory process and help the farmer combat his number one problem: inflation.

At a recent meeting of the ACA, it was voiced that farmers could not take on the whole bureaucracy but, it was intended to zero in on the more obvious absurdities and by enlisting other Americans, survival might be attained.

Named the Forum on Regulations (FOR), a two-year drive will attempt to cut the tremendous cost of useless regulations.

The ACA report reminded us of a recent study showing that bacon is safe and that there was no connection established between nitrite-cured bacon and cancer.

How much damage to the pork industry was done by the first adverse publicity will never be known. Like the cranberry scare and the tuna incident, many were damaged and no one was held responsible for the federal irresponsibility.

As long as we have government agencies loaded with overzealous regulators who shoot from the hip at the slightest excuse, the economic health of all Americans will be in jeopardy.

We wish the ACA all success in their drive to hold back the activities of federal regulators. It will not be an easy task. It may turn out more in the nature of getting a halter on a wild horse on the open range.

ACA claims the cost of federal regulations to be well above \$60 billion. If they can cut it by even one percent the effort will be well worth while.

Failures of antitrust

Harold Fleming said it in his book, "Ten Thousand Commandments," nearly thirty years ago. Prof. D.T. Armentano, of the University of Hartford, said it in greater detail in his book, "The Myths of Antitrust," published in 1972. And we have said it in this space editorially time and time again.

Said what? That antitrust laws do more harm than good.

Now, no less than a former acting attorney general of the United States, a Yale University law professor, Robert Heron Bork, has said it in a book, "The Antitrust Paradox: A Policy at War with Itself." Basic Books, \$15.

Bork first came to national attention when, during the Nixon administration, he took part in the so-called Saturday Night Massacre by firing Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox when Bork's superiors in the Department of Justice lacked the stomach for the chore. Later, he was widely reputed to be the leading candidate for the next vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now, according to Robert Bleiberg, reviewing Bork's book in a recent issue of Barron's, "he was written a brilliant and far-ranging critique of this country's unique contribution to misguided public policy: the antitrust laws." Professor Bork shows, Bleiberg notes, "a remarkable and unwavering willingness to call a spade a spade."

That he does! And comes down hard on the concept of antitrust in the process.

Conceived as a means of protecting the consuming public from unlawful monopolies, antitrust, thoroughly muddled and confused, has

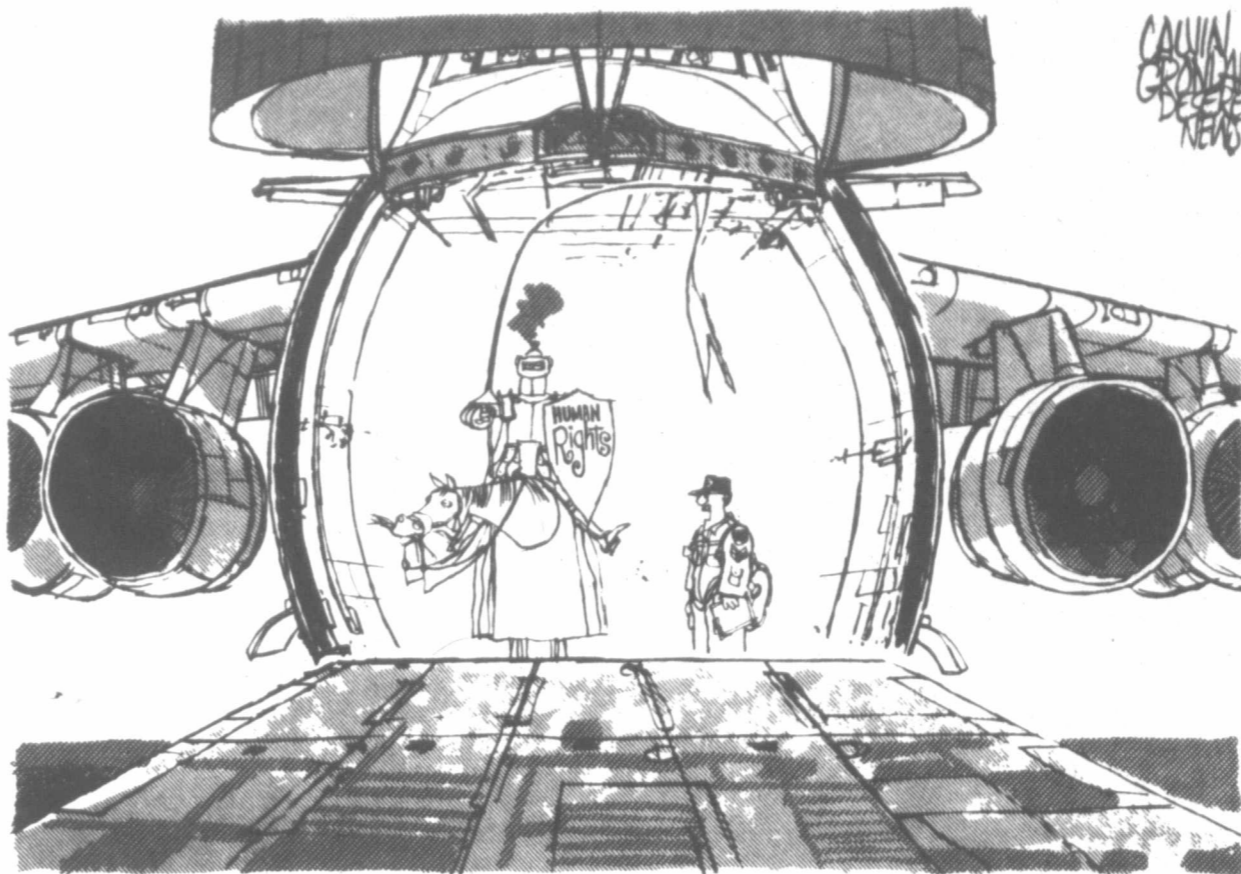
become an anti-consumer weapon which looks upon bigness in business as automatically bad while, according to antitrust zealots, productive efficiency is neither justified nor an excuse for success. Thus, charges the author, as legislation and legal decisions have multiplied, antitrust has become a public policy at war with itself and against the interest of the public which it was supposed to protect.

"In modern times," Bork writes in a devastating passage, "the Supreme Court (using antitrust) has, without compulsion by statute, and certainly without adequate explanation, inhibited or destroyed a broad spectrum of useful business structures and practices. Internal growth to large (efficient) market size has been made dangerous. Growth by merger with rivals is practically impossible, as is growth by acquisition of customers or suppliers. Even acquisitions of the purpose of moving into new markets has been struck down, as the law evolves a mythology about the dangers of conglomerate mergers."

Thus, following Fleming and Armentano, Bork adds another indictment of both antitrust theory and practice as doing more harm than good.

And not needed, points out Barron's Bob Bleiberg, for "the unending tendency of capital to seek the highest rate of return sooner or later must thwart any anti-competitive device, including efforts to fix prices."

Therefore, in his view and our own, the only thing to do with the mishmash of antitrust laws is to write them off as a bad experiment and a failure which this country, striving to cope with foreign competition, can no longer afford.



"Next stop, Mr. President, watch your step."

Price freedom key to problems

By OSCAR W. COOLEY

The price that Soviet Russians must pay for gasoline has just been doubled by their government. Why? To reduce consumption, says Moscow.

It seems the totalitarians have more confidence in the price system than have American free enterprisers! Our government is still relying on exhortation to get people to burn less gas and therefore import less oil.

Price is the key factor in our entire economic system. It is the automatic device which, when left alone to operate freely, equates supply with demand.

It is not too much to say that most of the economic problems of the day would be greatly simplified, if not wholly solved, if all prices, including wages, rents and interest rates, were allowed to change freely. More goods and services would be produced, more consumed. Less friction would develop. All of us would be better off.

For example, we want vast and ever-increasing amounts of energy, but our supply threatens to become scarce. Why? Basically, because the best immediate sources of energy are coal, oil and natural gas, and the retail prices of oil and natural gas are held down by law so that excessive quantities are consumed and minimum quantities produced. The result is, or in due time will be, a shortage. By keeping oil and gas artificially cheap, Washington is telling consumers to use them plentifully and producers to produce other goods that can be sold at more profitable prices. We are subsidizing the rapid consumption of our very best sources of energy. How prodigal can we get!

In Congress only one argument against decontrol of natural gas is given: such decontrol would cost consumers billions of dollars between now and 2000. Of course it would. It should. Because it would cost consumers much more per unit consumed, they would consume much less.

Further, and just as important, producers would

exert themselves to explore the earth, including the sea bottom, more widely, to drill more deeply, to lay more pipelines and to build more tankers and refineries.

Still further, it would spur the exploitation of other sources of energy, such as uranium, the sun, the wind, the sea, and subterranean heat. People are talking and writing a lot, but doing very little, to develop the technologies of extracting energy from these various sources.

The shale of Wyoming and Colorado has long been known to contain vast amounts of oil. The tar sands of Athabasca, likewise, little of that oil is being produced simply because the controlled price of oil is not sufficient to meet the cost of such production. The same is true of solar energy. These sources will be developed when and only when the price of oil rises to a point where it clearly exceeds the cost of such development. To hold down the price of oil and gas is to increase the danger of a scarcity of energy in future.

Millions of households depend on natural gas to warm their homes. Millions of motorists depend on gasoline to propel their cars. Because of their dependence, Congress thinks it must ease their cost of living by making gas and oil cheap. But if in so doing, it speeds the exhaustion of oil and also delays the development of other sources of energy, current savings will be at the expense of long-term disaster.

Why is over 6 percent of the American labor force still unemployed? Surely it is not because all the work is being done that wants doing. Many planned projects and much expansion are being held up for want of labor. People are not being hired to do the work

because the cost of hiring them would exceed the expected benefits. In this case, the price (wage rate) is being controlled upward, not downward as in the case of oil. The result is a surplus, not a shortage. Really free prices are flexible in either direction.

Wage rates are being controlled upward by minimum wage laws, by unions given monopoly power by law, and by government doles that in effect pay people not to look very hard for jobs. If doles were denied to the employable and if wage rates were free to move downward as well as upward, unemployment would disappear like dew in a hot sun. Rising wage rates at a time when many are unemployed and production is obviously below capacity is an economic contradiction.

Some college-educated people complain that they cannot find jobs. This is because they are not willing to go where the jobs are, or they are not willing to do the kind of work demanded, or they have inflated ideas regarding salary. Or they may be right. There may well be a surplus of workers with college education because, thanks to the state colleges, one can go to

college without paying the full cost thereof. The price being held down, many more go to college than would if each had to pay the full cost. It is fine to get a college education, but it does not follow that the demand for college-educated people will equal a subsidized supply. Only as that supply depresses salaries can they all hope to be employed.

The stump and the pulp, not the market, are the places of exhortation. Economic laws, like the laws of physics, are impersonal. For a society to ignore the economic laws is just as dangerous as for an individual to flout the law of gravity.



Your money's worth

By Sylvia Porter

'M1' 'M2?' 'M what?'

ITEM: Every Thursday shortly after 4 p.m. (New York time), financiers in private and government policymaking positions in money centers all over the globe stop whatever they are doing to crowd around their ticker tapes and listen to the tickers clatter out the latest news on M1 and M2 from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's powerful trading desk.

These weekly reports have assumed enormous significance throughout the world as direct clues to the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve System: whether the U.S. central bank is tightening credit to fight inflation and support the dollar more vigorously; or whether it is easing credit to spur the economy and reduce joblessness more vigorously; or whether it is just standing pat.

"M1?" "M2?" Countless millions of you must have heard of the bafflegab. How many of you honestly can define it?

ITEM: At a business luncheon of 10 men and women from widely varied fields recently, a Midwestern banker next to me said he thought the growth in M1 in the past few months had been far too rapid and it was contributing to the speedup in inflation. I answered that M's growth had slowed down substantially, that its weekly gyrations were getting too much attention anyway and that the concentration on the monetary aggregates from week to week was out of hand.

As we argued, my eyes went around the table. The others listening to us — prominent business leaders, professors in fields outside economics, the like — seemed glassy-eyed.

"How many of you can define M1 or M2?" I asked.

Not one person at the table answered.

"M1?" "M2?" What part do they play in your life and mine?

ITEM: "When it comes to definitions, money is a little bit like sex appeal," said an analysis in the economic review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond some time ago. "Everyone has a fairly clear intuitive idea of what it is, but defining it in precise language is difficult. Economists have been arguing about the best way to define money for centuries."

Then the Richmond Fed went on to try, for it emphasized that "the concept of money lies at the core of both monetary theory and monetary policy."

Okay, then, I'll rise to the challenge, too. Herewith the

accepted definitions of the various "M's" in my simplest language.

M0. That's just U.S. currency, the dollar bills (of any denomination) and coins in our possession. There's lots of currency circulating in our country today, some for completely legitimate reasons of business and commerce, some for "dirty" deals where tax evasion is a goal.

M1. That's the total of all U.S. currency in circulation plus the demand deposits all of us — as individuals and organizations — have at commercial banks from coast to coast. This is also known as the "narrowly defined money supply," for it covers a minimum of the money supply affecting our economy and others.

M2. That's M1 (defined above) plus all our time deposits at commercial banks, but not including large negotiable certificates of deposit (which usually are bought and sold by very big investors, individuals and institutions). Time deposits include any savings accounts or savings certificates or savings shares you have — but only at commercial banks. The narrowly defined money supply has now been substantially broadened.

M3. This is M2 (defined directly above) with the additions of all mutual savings bank deposits, savings & Loan association shares, and credit union shares. Now the money supply total is truly being broadened.

M4. This is M2 (look back) plus large negotiable certificates of deposit.

M5. This is M3 (look back) with the addition of large negotiable certificates of deposit.

M6. This is M6 plus all short-term marketable U.S. government securities and savings bonds outstanding (both so marketable or easily turned into cash that they can be treated as "money").

That's enough of the "m's." While there are more, M1 and M2 are the week-to-week figures most closely watched.

In all of '77, M1 grew at an annual rate of 7.8 per cent — and during the early months of 1978, its rate of rise has continued far too high. But Federal Reserve policy is openly geared now toward curbing the expansion. If anything, the money supply trend should shift to slowing — not accelerating — inflation.

Patients can help keep fees down

By Larry Frederick

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—If you believe doctors' fees are too high, you've got important company.

The government's inflation watchdog agency, the Council on Wage and Price Stability, says that since 1950 doctors' incomes have been rising faster than everyone else's and that doctors now make more than is economically justified.

In 1976, the median income of physicians reached \$63,000, the Council reports. Yet in 1977 doctors hiked their fees 9.3 percent — nearly 50 percent more than prices went up in general.

The Council found that some doctors set high "target incomes" for themselves and that if they don't have enough patients to meet the target they raise their fees instead.

Doctors say they deserve to make lots of money because their training was costly and arduous and because their services are of a vital, complicated nature. Economists point out, however, that the training of physicians, while long, is paid for largely by society — not the trainees themselves. Indeed, today's interns and residents are actually paid — and paid well. A recent survey showed they make more than the average American worker.

It would be mistaken to conclude, however, that phy-



sicians are greedier than anyone else. It is the unique way medicine is practiced that encourages high fees. If architecture or education or journalism were practiced the way medicine is, then members of these professions, too, would probably use the system to swell their incomes. It's human nature.

As medicine is practiced, doctors do not compete. They do not advertise low fees to attract patients. They do not offer more services for less money. Furthermore, it is they who tell patients what kind of care they need and how much.

The patient is not totally powerless, however. There are a variety of ways consumers can reduce the amount they spend for physicians' services and yet not risk ill-health.

1. Consider skipping the annual physical. Research shows that if people go to a doctor only when they suspect illness, their health is protected just as well as when they go for regular yearly exams — with the possible exception of older men. Otherwise the annual physical can be a costly indulgence that does little to insure health.

2. Consider skipping the annual Pap smear. If the first two smears turn up no abnormalities, chances are extremely slim a woman will ever develop cancer of the cervix, which the Pap smear can detect in its earliest stages. After the first two smears, a test every three to five years is adequate.

3. Get a second opinion before undergoing elective surgery. An operation recommended by your physician or surgeon may not really be necessary. To find out if it is, get another

surgeon's opinion first.

4. Treat colds and the flu yourself. Most respiratory infections are caused by viruses, so there's nothing a doctor can do about them. Stay at home, take care of yourself, and the illness will pass in a few days.

5. Don't go to the doctor for nonmedical help. If you want advice about sexual, emotion or marital problems, see a psychotherapist, who's much better trained to deal with such matters than a physician.

6. Use free medical services whenever possible. Many employers, colleges and schools maintain medical departments, which are especially handy for periodic tests for such conditions as hypertension and diabetes.

7. Avoid unhealthy habits. Adults tend to eat, drink, smoke, sit, and worry too much and exercise too little. You don't have to live dully — just be temperate. If you must smoke, hold it to 10 low-tar cigarettes a day. And a cocktail or two a day is okay. You don't have to be an O.J. Simpson either. Just take part in some reasonably active sport three times a week. Swimming, jogging, bicycling and jumping rope are the best but tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, soccer and skiing are fine. Even walking is better than nothing.

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LEGAL PLUNDER

"But how is this legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply. See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime." - Frederic Bastiat, "The Law," 1850

Nation's press

Like the Greeks

(The Wall Street Journal)

(The following was excerpted from a statement by Gordon R. Corey, vice chairman of Commonwealth Edison, to a congressional committee, concerning resistance to the development of nuclear power.)

At the root of it all is the ubiquitous questioning by some critics of the need for any new products or services at all. In the eyes of these critics, any uncertainty, however small, related to a new technology is often deemed unacceptable.

I have often referred to Dr. Hanns Sachs as to why the Greeks and Romans did not bring about the industrial revolution. According to Dr. Sachs, they were afraid of the uncanny. Today, we are in danger of becoming paralyzed by the same fear.

Indeed, in my opinion, if we had not already developed the technology of electric power generation, transmission, distribution and utilization, we would find it difficult to bring it about in today's climate. We would be required to prove in a public adversary proceeding —

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preferable — perhaps more in keeping with democratic society — than central station electric generation.

(d) That all possible contingencies had been accounted for and safeguarded against, and

(e) That the future products of our infant electric and electronic technologies would indeed provide desirable additions to the quality of life.

In view of the foregoing it is any wonder that the nuclear era is having difficult sledding?

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 11, the 101st day of 1978. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of France.

On this date: In 1689, William and Mary were crowned king and queen of England.

In 1713, Spain ceded Gibraltar to England.

In 1899, the Philippine Islands were transferred from Spain to the United States.

In 1921, a telephone line between the United States and Cuba was opened by President Warren Harding.

In 1951, President Harry Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command in the Far East.

In 1961, France said it would no longer contribute men or money to United Nations military enterprises.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1968 to remove racial barriers from most of the nation's housing was signed by President Lyndon Johnson.

Five years ago: The British House of Commons rejected a bill to bring back capital punishment in Britain.

One year ago: The United States, after seizing a Soviet fishing vessel, warned Moscow that further violation of new U.S. fishing zones could lead to worsening of U.S.-Soviet relations.

Today's birthdays: Ethel Kennedy is 50 years old. New York Gov. Hugh Carey is 59.

Thought for today: Perfection is attained by slow degrees. It requires the hand of time — Voltaire, French writer, 1694-1778.

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Can masterpieces be safe yet public?

EDITOR'S Note — Art vandals — how do you guard against them? Two important paintings were vandalized last week in Europe. In the first of two articles, a rash of attacks on major European work is surveyed along with the question: Can museums show great art to the public and at the same time keep it safe from harm?

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE
Associated Press Writer
LONDON (AP) — Kitchen knives, hammers and saws, acid, paint and ink, coins and stones, feet and fists — all have come down in recent years upon the fragile and defenseless arts of mankind.

Attacks last week on two great European paintings are new evidence of the everyday dangers to exhibited masterpieces.

"Everything is at risk when the public is let in and only

barbed wire might keep maniacs at bay," said security officer Trevor Williams at the National Gallery in London.

The gallery has just experienced the worst attack since it was founded in 1824. Last Monday a man stepped over the knee-high rope between the public and the pictures and carved slices out of Nicolas Poussin's "The Adoration of the Golden Calf." The picture was valued at nearly a million dollars.

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Two days later in the Netherlands, Vincent Van Gogh's "La Berceuse" (The Lullaby) was slashed in Amsterdam's municipal museum. That painting had been valued at around \$425,000.

"I am conscious of the risk all the time but it is a risk that has to be taken for the benefit of the entire community," said Williams.

"Paintings could be better protected by glazing them, like the Victorians used to do, but then they cannot be seen so well. Vandalism is harder to guard against than theft because there is no real protection against an attack that takes only seconds."

Williams said vandals "usually turn out to be lunatics and, thank goodness, there are not too many of them wandering about who want to do this sort of thing."

There was no immediate word on the mental state of the attackers last week. An Italian is in custody for shredding the Poussin. Amsterdam police said their man is a jobless Dutchman who sliced the Van Gogh to protest denial of municipal relief.

Both paintings will be repaired. The Poussin "can never again be regarded as a complete and well-preserved example of his work at its greatest," said Phyllis Rowlands of the National Gallery.

Vandals in well-staffed galleries usually are caught. But whoever ran the edge of a coin over Rubens' "Adoration of the Magi" in 1974 in King's College Chapel at Cambridge, England, never was found.

Art vandals arrested in Britain in the last 15 years included an ink-splatterer, a book-thrower, a stone-thrower and a man who knocked over Italian antique busts in the Birmingham City Art Gallery. They either received small fines or were put under supervision by mental inspectors or probation officers.

An Iranian doctor, said to be in a psychotic state, was jailed in 1974 for 18 months for kicking and breaking a 16th-century Italian vase in the British Museum. He said he was sorry and that he did not know why he had done it.

The worst art vandalism in the Netherlands occurred in 1975 when a former schoolteacher slashed Rembrandt's largest painting, "The Night Watch," a dozen times with a bread knife in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum. The man, Wilhelmus De Rijk, 38, said God told him to do it and committed suicide in a mental home six months later. Repair of the painting took six months.

The most notorious vandalism in recent Italian history was a hammer attack on Michelangelo's Pieta in St. Peter's Basilica in May, 1972. A bullet-proof glass cage now protects the restored sculpture of the Madonna holding the dead Christ.

The assailant, a Hungarian immigrant, was placed under psychiatric care for two years and then deported to Australia, his adopted home.

Somewhere sawed the head off the Little Mermaid, a famous bronze sculpture in the open air in Copenhagen, in 1964. The present head is a replica and the statue still is a frequent target for vandals with paint brushes.

After the Van Gogh slashing, Tjmen Van Grootheest, spokesman for Amsterdam's municipal museum, said it has no plan for additional security.

"Attacks such as these are a great problem, but one must not forget that they happen very rarely," he commented.

He said closed-circuit television had been considered, "but what do you do if the monitor shows someone slashing a painting? By the time you get there the damage already is done."

Charles Davis, editor of the British monthly "Security Gazette," said, "There is no answer to vandal attacks except impregnable barriers which defeat the purpose of a museum."

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Grain dust controlled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two government scientists, working in the wake of grain elevator explosions that took 53 lives last December, have developed a process to control grain dust.

The tragic blasts in Louisiana and Texas, as well as others in the Midwest, helped prompt the research, explained Nelson F. Getchell, an Agriculture Department staff scientist in Washington.

Deadline for brunch is Wednesday

Tickets for the Top O' Texas Cowbell champagne brunch and style show must be purchased by Wednesday evening, according to Mrs. Joyzelle McIntyre.

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Tickets are \$6.

For reservations, call Doug Coon at 669-3256 or Mrs. McIntyre at 665-4069.

Missing crewman ponders sinking of nuclear Thresher

KITTERY, Maine (AP) — Fifteen years after the nuclear submarine USS Thresher took 129 men to their deaths, the 130th crewman — who missed the voyage — says he believes he could have saved the ship.

"I'm not a hero and I'm in no rush to die, but I often wish I was aboard on that test," said Cmdr. Raymond McCoolle in a voice almost too soft to hear.

"I admit I've had years to think about it, but I'm sure there were things I could have done."

The Thresher "could dive deeper, move faster and carry more weapons than any other submarine in the fleet," the Navy said, and there was little concern when the sub left Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for deep water testing the morning of April 10, 1963.

"It was a routine test," said McCoolle, the boat's reactor officer. "We expected to find problems. That's the purpose of a shakedown cruise."

But the problems were more severe, more deadly, than anyone expected.

The sub was crowded with 129 men that morning, its crew expanded by 41 extra military and civilian technicians — each one specially assigned for the complex tests that lay ahead.

McCoolle would have been the 130th man. But just 30 minutes before the Thresher sailed, Capt. John Harvey persuaded

"If you can reduce the dust you may ... reduce the incidence of explosions," Getchell said.

Essentially the process involves treating the grain with a small amount of oil either through spraying or as an oily vapor.

This will keep the dust down, Getchell said, and may have the added benefit of serving as a lubricant, to help reduce damage to the grain as it is handled.

Oil has been used in the past to keep down cotton dust, and Getchell worked with Joseph B. Coker of the department's cotton laboratory in Clemson, N.C., to refine the process for use on grain.

So far it has only been done in the laboratory, Getchell said, but in those tests "the effect on dust suppression ... is very significant."

Getchell said his experiments had concentrated on various types of mineral oil, but animal and vegetable oil products could be used also depending on the final plans for the grain involved.

"All of these oily substances appear to be effective," he said.

Use of the oil would add slightly to the weight of the grain which would be a commercial consideration, and Getchell noted that the weight of the dust would also be added to the grain because it would not fly off into the air.

He declined to estimate the costs of the system, but noted that it should not be too high as the amount of oil involved would be only one tenth of 1 percent of the amount of grain by weight.

Grain dust in the air has been blamed for the explosions which wrecked giant elevators last December in Westwego, La., and Galveston, Tex.

Dust in elevators is often controlled by vacuum systems or humidity in the air and some investigators have said low humidity can lead to dangerous conditions.

The House health and safety subcommittee has been investigating the blasts and their causes and more hearings are scheduled.

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Fair housing takes more than a law

By LEE MITGANG
AP Urban Affairs Writer

Ten years ago today, as the nation mourned the assassination of Martin Luther King, President Lyndon Johnson signed a landmark civil rights bill that he hoped would end racial discrimination in housing.

Officially called the Civil Rights Act of 1968 but better known as the Fair Housing Law, it meant that never again could a real estate broker legally slam the door in a black person's face.

Or as NAACP official Nathaniel Jones explains it: "For the first time, it placed the majesty of the law on the side of those who wish to do the right thing. And it placed the brand of illegality on those who want to discriminate."

But merely passing a law making discrimination illegal did not make the evils magically disappear. Slow progress has been made, but those who still discriminate have found ways of doing so that are more subtle than door-slaming but just as effective.

President Carter, declaring April "Fair Housing Month" to mark the act's 10th anniversary, said a week ago, "Ten years after passage of the national fair housing law, many Americans still experience discrimination when they attempt to purchase or rent or finance a home or an apartment for themselves or their family."

So, the fair housing struggle launched a decade ago continues, with pluses and minuses.

—An effort was made to move minorities from decaying cities into suburbs, but some wonder whether this was really what the urban poor wanted or needed.

—Suits were filed and won, but often the housing in question was rented or sold before the court decided. Today legislation is being considered to change this.

—Civil rights lawyers cite New Jersey, Massachusetts and Cleveland as places where minorities, business and real estate interests, and the government have joined to fight housing discrimination. In other areas, especially some northern cities, real estate brokers still steer blacks away from white areas and into black ones.

The key provisions of the Fair Housing Law banned discrimination in housing transactions, except single-family housing not sold through a broker and rental space in dwellings with four or fewer units. The Department of Housing and Urban Development was given responsibility for overseeing the law's enforcement.

From initial funding of \$2 million and 100 staffers in 1969, HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity has grown to 457 staffers and a \$15 million budget to handle some 3,500 discrimination complaints yearly, says Thomas Jenkins of the HUD housing office.

Civil rights activists like Tom Gale, the National Urban League's housing specialist, criticize HUD's "lack of aggressiveness" in

shaping a concerted open housing policy.

But HUD has gotten agreements from housing industry groups like the National Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Home Builders forbidding discrimination among its members.

And, says Jenkins, "we have an agreement that the federal government won't build facilities in communities that won't provide fair housing opportunities. That causes localities to be a bit more forward-looking."

Another weapon against discrimination resulted from a 1974 lawsuit that claimed HUD was undermining its own guidelines by placing almost all public-assisted housing in cities and hardly any in suburbs.

HUD was ordered to set up criteria that now make it harder to put public housing in cities and easier in suburbs. But this turned out to be less of a victory for minorities than it first seemed.

"In fact, the units that were built in suburbs were not in great demand by central city families because they lacked the supporting services to make families comfortable. And meanwhile, the central cities were losing needed new federal housing," says Gale.

Nonetheless, Gale and others feel that the biggest gains in open housing have been in the suburban placement of public housing. They say the private housing industry has made much slower progress in combating

discrimination than have public agencies.

A spokesman for the National Association of Realtors says: "We are doing our part by spreading the word that housing discrimination is illegal. ... And the public now accepts that fair housing is the law of the land."

The spokesman noted that his group is a "self policing organization" and that HUD should work for "voluntary compliance within our industry."

As it now stands, HUD's work is based largely on persuasion and mediation. It can investigate discrimination complaints and take them to court—a process that can take a year or more, by which time the house or apartment is usually long since off the market. There is little HUD or anyone can do to stop a broker in the meantime from denying a home to a black, and quickly selling to a white.

But a drastic change in the 1968 act is being studied in Congress that would give HUD power to block a sale or rental if discrimination is suspected. The change would also extend the statute of limitation on a discrimination violation from six months to three years. HUD and civil rights groups back the change, but the real estate industry is likely to object because it would virtually end self-policing.

"It would bring HUD forcefully into the picture. As it now stands, it's a Pyrrhic victory to win a legal battle and lose the housing unit," says Gale.

On the record

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Rosa Harris, 435 N. Ballard.
Lea A. Bednorz, Panhandle.
Roxanne Adamson, 931 E. Murphy.
Earlene Johns, Panhandle.
Evelyn Kenner, Borger.
Florence R. Wooten, Leisure Lodge.
Miss. Deborah D. Summers, 1044 Huff Road.
Celia Smith, Lefors.
Patsy M. Stanton, 535 N. Faulkner.
Annie P. Miller, McLean.

Dismissals
Leland Hayden, Sanford.
Fleta Hill, McLean.
Dolores Gardner, 18201 Lea.
Margaret Washington, 2112 N. Faulkner.
Susie Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers.
Sue Barnes, Pampa.
Kathy Gist, 1114 E. Francis.
Robbin Bruce, 1121 Sierra.

Obituaries

STEVEN MICHAEL ADAMSON
Graveside services for Steven Michael Adamson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adamson of 931 E. Murphy, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. Claude Cone of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Baby Adamson was born 7:56 p.m. Monday at Highland General Hospital.
Survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adamson, one brother, Ray Jr.; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hatcher; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adamson, all of Pampa.
Funeral is under the direction of Carmichael-Whately.

CLAUDE MCKINLEY WHITSON
BARLESVILLE, Okla. — Claude McKinley Whitson, a former Pampa, died Monday at the Veteran's Hospital in Muskogee, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Curry Funeral Home at Chandler, Okla. Burial will follow at the Sunrise Cemetery.
Mr. Whitson was born Dec. 1, 1918 in Cree County, Okla. He lived in Pampa for many years, leaving in 1963 for California. He was a four-year veteran of World War II.
He was preceded in death by two children and his wife, Jeanette, who died in 1963.
Survivors include four daughters, two sons, three brothers, several nieces and nephews and four sisters, including Mrs. Essie Mae Medley and Elmer Whitson of Pampa.

Mainly about people

Pampa Panhellenic will meet at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Karen Cory, 1921 Dogwood.

Apprentice James R. Hill, son of Mrs. and Mrs. James R. Hill of 116 N. Faulkner, is participating in the major allied exercise "Rimpac 78" which tests and evaluates the combat readiness of ships and aircraft. Hill joined the Navy in Sept. 1975.

Seaman recruit David R. Blecker, son of Jeanie G. McCann of 704 E. Kingsmill, has completed recruit training at the naval training center in San Diego, Calif. He joined the Navy

Seaman Robert E. Burke, son-in-law of Phillip E. Hunter of 1920 N. Christy, has completed recruit training at the naval training center in San Diego, Calif. He joined the Navy in February.

3 Family garage sale, 615 N. Frost. Tuesday-Thursday. (Adv.)

Special Election of Officers of Pampa Moose Lodge No. 1385, Wednesday, April 12. Polls open 12 noon to 8 p.m. (Adv.)

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Police report

A Spanish-made handgun was reported stolen Monday morning from a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of Christine. Value of the gun was placed at \$75.

A 1973 Chevrolet Camero, tan over orange, was reported stolen sometime Monday night. The car belongs to Cynthia Ann Welch Sabine, 102 S. Sumner.

Two axes and four trailer wheels for a mobile trailer were reported stolen sometime Monday. The axes and wheels, valued at \$250, were reportedly taken in the 800 block of south Hobart.

And, the Pony Express rides again. In fact, it rode right off the wall of the Burger King restaurant, 320 North Hobart apparently with a little help. According to police reports, a large Pony Express mirror painting was removed from the restaurant wall without the owner's permission.

Police answered 38 calls during a 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department answered a call at 9:47 a.m. Monday. Heavy damage was reported to a bedroom at 535 S. Ballard. The cause of the fire was unknown. Owner is Dorothy Barritt.

At 7:12 p.m. an oil line leak

Stock market

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

Wheat	2.98 bu
Milo	1.92 bu
Corn	1.42 bu
Soybeans	11.50 bu

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

Franklin Life	27 1/2	38
Ky. Cent. Life	12	12 1/2
Southern Life	13 1/2	13 1/2
So. West Life	19	19 1/2

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

Beaumont Foods	23 1/2
Cabot	22 1/2
Calumet	27 1/2
Cities Service	6 1/2
DIA	27 1/2
Kerr-McGee	49 1/2
Pennsylvania	27 1/2
Phillips	29 1/2
PRV	29 1/2
Getty	29 1/2
Southwestern Pub. Service	13 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	47 1/2
Treaco	29 1/2

Texas weather

By The Associated Press
The cold front which brought storms and thundershowers to Texas moved out early today, and skies were clearing over the Lone Star State.
Because of the clear sky, temperatures dropped very close to freezing this morning in West Texas. At 4 a.m., the temperature was 33 at Marfa, 34 at Amarillo and Dalhart, 35 at Midland and 36 at Lubbock and Wink.
Elsewhere across the state, under partly cloudy or cloudy skies, temperatures ranged from the 30s in the northwest to the 60s along the coast.
Light rain and showers con-

tinued over parts of South Texas and East Texas last night as the front exited. A small disturbance produced light showers over the Panhandle during the night, but early this morning all activity had ceased and skies were clearing.
The National Weather Service said it should be fair over most of the state today, although some widely scattered showers were expected again in portions of East and South Texas.
High temperatures this afternoon were expected to range from the 60s in the north to the 70s in the west and south.

Actress in 'Hammer' slain

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. (AP) — An aspiring actress who auditioned for the lead role in a play called "Hammer" was bludgeoned to death by the playwright with a sledge hammer, according to a detective. Three men and a woman were arrested Monday, but their names were not released pending issuance of warrants that are expected to charge them in connection with the slaying of Patricia Cowan, Detective Peter Keliher said.

Names in the news

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Now that he's gotten back full use of an injured leg, former Congressman Wayne L. Hays says it's time to get a leg up on his opponents if he wants to succeed in his political comeback.

Hays, who fell from congressional power two years ago as a result of the Elizabeth Ray sex scandal, tore a knee tendon on Feb. 6. The cast was removed Monday.

Hays, 66, is seeking the Democratic nomination for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives.

"I haven't been able to spend very much time on the campaign so far, except on the telephone," Hays said. "But I'll be spending full time on it from now on."

Hays has competition from five other Democrats in his bid for the 99th District seat.

"I have a gut feeling," Hays said of his chances for victory. "But I don't want to be quoted on it, let's put it that way."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A cocaine possession charge against actress Gail Fisher has been deferred for at least six months while she participates in a drug diversion program.

Miss Fisher, best known for her role as Peggy in the "Manix" television series, was placed on 12 months probation and fined \$350 for using an illegal "blue box" on her telephone, said Deputy District Attorney Leonard Levine.

Levine said she also was ordered to pay \$1,026 to Pacific Telephone Co. to cover charges she avoided.

Police said they found a small quantity of cocaine in the actress' home Jan. 19 while they were investigating reports that she was using a blue box.

If Miss Fisher, 42, successfully completes the drug program, the felony narcotics charge against her will be dropped, the district attorney said. Municipal Court Judge David Perez scheduled an Oct. 8 hearing on Miss Fisher's progress.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Alex Haley wants to see more television programs about the roots of various ethnic groups in the United States and Michael Landon wants to see less violence.

Haley, author of "Roots," told the 56th annual National Association of Broadcasters convention that television should put on more programs about the roots of various ethnic groups in the United States. Most Americans tend to think

of other races or nationalities in terms of "cliches, usually negative, and it's such a loss," Haley said Monday.

In another session at the convention, Landon, star of NBC's "Little House on the Prairie," said he worries more about violence than sex in television.

"I think sex is a little new to TV to get excited about," he said during a panel discussion on sex and violence on TV. But violence, he added, "is a damn important" issue because of its potential affects on viewers.

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. plans to put a little more punch into peddling its parts.

The car maker has hired Muhammad Ali to proclaim that Motorcraft Parts, manufactured by Ford and sold through its dealers and independent parts stores, are "the greatest."

Terms of Ali's one-year deal with Ford were not disclosed.

Production of television and radio commercials as well as print ads starring the former heavyweight boxing champion will begin in about a week, said Robert Rodriguez, advertising manager for Ford's Motorcraft Division.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Priscilla Presley has won her \$750,000 divorce claim against the estate of Elvis Presley.

However, details of the agreement were kept secret by Probate Judge Joseph Evans.

D. Beecher Smith II, attorney for the estate of the late singer, said the agreement was "sealed out of respect for the parties." He declined to elaborate, but it is not uncommon for divorce settlements to be kept secret by the courts.

Among other things, Mrs. Presley had asked for half the money received from the sale of furnishings of the couple's Los Angeles home; 5 percent of the stock in Elvis Presley Music Inc. and Whitehaven Music Inc.; and \$4,000 monthly for support and education of the couple's 9-year-old daughter, Lisa Marie.

An exception to Mrs. Presley's claim filed by Vernon Presley, executor of his son's estate, said that "prior to his death, Elvis A. Presley is believed to have complied with the provisions of the interlocutory judgment of dissolution of marriage" and that he "has provided through life insurance proceeds and under his last will and testament most adequately for his minor child."

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rights office by telephone.

The complaint was filed by the National Association of the Deaf and Charles Crowe, a Morganton, N.C., deaf man.

Crowe went to the Office for Civil Rights more than a year ago to complain about a school for the deaf in North Carolina.

The civil rights office wrote Crowe, asking him "to call collect on the telephone to talk about his case," the complaint said. "However, OCR had no telecommunication device for deaf people to receive the deaf man's call."

Deaf people can hook up a teletype machine to a standard telephone line and send printed

Carter eyes plan against inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is looking to a concerted effort by the government and the private sector as one way to help solve the problem of rising inflation.

The president was unveiling his plan to fight spiraling prices in a speech an aide said had been written "to make it clear we can't deal effectively with these problems if we don't act together."

The aide, press secretary Jody Powell, called today's address to a convention of newspaper editors a "no-nonsense speech, devoid of comforting illusions."

The administration originally predicted prices would rise 6.1 percent this year. But some government economists say the increase could be closer to 7 percent.

Since returning from a trip to Africa and Latin America, the battle on inflation has been the No. 1 topic on the president's schedule.

He spent much of the week-end working on the speech

after meeting earlier with congressional leaders, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and Charles Schultz, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

While White House aides said Carter wants to hold down military pay, a spokesman for the Council of Economic Advisers, Peter Gould, denied the administration was seeking wage constraints. He commented, "There will be no controls on pay. Period."

Aides said Carter is continuing to push for speedy passage of his energy program, sent to Congress nearly 12 months ago.

Carter has advocated raising federal taxes on gasoline to discourage use of the fuel, and cut to oil imports, but such a tax would also raise prices and contribute to inflation.

One White House aide said "a strong emphasis on energy" was written into today's speech because oil imports remain "the key to the problem." The United States imports approximately half of the petroleum it

uses.

The role of the energy legislation in fighting inflation has been one of Carter's frequent themes, as he attempts to deal with the worst trade deficit in the nation's history and the declining value of the dollar.

Commerce Department figures indicate the United States imported \$4.5 billion more in goods than it sold abroad in February, topping the \$3.6 billion balance-of-payments deficit of last October and marking the 21st monthly deficit in a row.

The deficit was a blow to the administration's attempts to reduce the balance-of-payments figures below last year's \$26.7 billion.

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The 37-year-old, Humble, Texas man arrested was identified as the same man the Secret Service earlier had said was suspected of threatening the life of the president because of the Panama Canal treaties.

The man remained in the Greene County Jail at Springfield, Mo., today while authorities determined whether state or federal charges would be filed against him.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl, and my dad and I disagree on something I hope you will be able to help us settle. He says he will abide by your decision.

My friend Sue's mother works all day and she thinks it's OK for Sue to have friends (both boys and girls) over to the house from 3:30 to 5. At Sue's, we play pool, cards and just talk. My dad has forbidden me to go to Sue's after school anymore. He says he trusts me, but doesn't think that girls my age should be in a house with boys unsupervised. I've tried to tell him that nothing goes on there (it doesn't). He thinks a boy might try to get something off me and I'm not mature enough to say no.

How do you feel about this?
FOURTEEN AND DECENT

DEAR FOURTEEN: If you have proven yourself to be a decent, honest, obedient and sensible girl, I see no reason why you shouldn't be allowed to go to Sue's after school—a few days a week. (Not every day, however. Playing pool and cards and "just talking" is fun, but it doesn't get your homework done.) I think teenagers should be allowed a reasonable amount of freedom to socialize, providing they are always where they say they will be, and always come home when they say they will.

DEAR ABBY: NOT MEDDLING was upset with her daughter-in-law for failing to acknowledge her wedding gifts three months past the wedding. This brings up an important issue: Why wasn't the mother-in-law equally upset with her son? Half the gifts were probably from his friends and relatives. Why didn't he write?

My husband and I both wrote our thank-you notes—he to those he knew, and I to those I knew.

As long as women accept the full burden for these time-consuming tasks, they will be made to feel guilty if the tasks aren't performed.

LUCKY AND KNOWS IT

DEAR LUCKY: You're on target. A surprising number of readers wrote to express the same sensible view.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are getting along in years. He made out a will, but I have none.

My husband tells me that if he dies first, everything will go to me.

But what if I die first? Everything I own will go to him, and there are a few personal things I would like members of my family to have. My husband is not the kind of person who would carry out my wishes, even knowing what they were.

I don't want to cause a row, but I would feel better knowing that if I went first, my few personal things would go to those I want to have them. How can this be arranged? I'll be watching for your answer.

OVER 70 IN MISSOURI

DEAR OVER: It's as easy for you to draw up a will as it was for your husband. See your lawyer.

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Ask Dr. Lamb

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — My problem is my back and legs. After one whole year of going to the doctors and about \$500 they have decided it is caused from sitting all day. I'm a typist. I get up from my desk and walk around as much as I possibly can and I walk half an hour at lunch time.

The doctor told me to sit on a foam rubber cushion and I use one three inches thick but it doesn't seem to help much. I don't feel I can quit working and I don't know how to do anything else. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

I'm 45, not overweight, 127 pounds for 5 feet 6 and I had a total hysterectomy about three years ago.

DEAR READER — It is difficult to be helpful from the story alone, as it is probably a mechanical problem. I have my doubts the foam rubber cushion will do the trick. If you can see a specialist in physical medicine he might help you.

Sometimes the pelvic bones are of different size and this tilts the pelvis abnormally and makes sitting a long time uncomfortable. The seat of the chair must be firm and tilted just a bit forward so the hip bones sit squarely and firmly on the seat. The seat should not be so low that you bend your hips too much nor so high that you compress the muscles at the back of the thighs. You should have good firm back support when you are properly seated.

Then the other thing you need is a properly fitted desk for you. Furniture is a bit like clothes. Some people need different sizes and all out-of-the-warehouse furniture doesn't fit all sizes of people.

Then I would recommend a set of exercises to strengthen your abdominal muscles. That should include sit ups and properly done leg lifts. I am sending you The Health Letter number 3-7, Girth Control:

Avoiding the Big Middle because it includes in it exercise information you can use — not because you need to decrease your abdominal size. Go over your exercise plan with your doctor to be sure you exercise safely. Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P. O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

When you do leg lifts, stretch out flat on your back and then as you lift the feet, bend the knees and bring the feet straight back toward your buttocks as you jack-knife your knees. Raise the feet up and push them out as the heels come back to the floor. Be sure and consciously tighten your muscles in the lower abdomen each time you lift your feet off the floor and keep them tight until the maneuver is over.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I want to know if alfalfa tablets benefit arthritis. Some people claim taking 30 tablets will cure crippling arthritis.

DEAR READER — What a hoax! If it were not so tragic it would be comic. There are multiple things suggested for arthritis that have no health benefit at all. Alfalfa tablets fall into that category. You need to be seen by a good specialist in internal medicine or if available a specialist in rheumatology.

There are a lot of things that can help which a good doctor can help you with, but alfalfa tablets are not on the list. It is true that some people get better after taking any number of things but sometimes that is a psychological response based on hope and faith. In other instances it may have been time for the disease to improve on its own, in spite of what you may have taken.



Polly's Pointers

By Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — We recently purchased a new box springs and mattress covered in a slippery fabric. Everyday I had to push the mattress back in place. I put an old bathtub mat that had small suction cups on it between the mattress and springs to see if it would solve the sliding problem. It did. MRS. H.H.

Can a former No. 1 Mouseketeer find happiness selling peanut butter?

EDITOR'S NOTE — She was the No. 1 Mouseketeer of the 50s, the beach party bombshell and recording star of the 60s. Now at age 34, Annette Funicello has bridged the generation gap by pushing peanut butter.

By YARDENA ARAR
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's all apple pie — make that peanut butter — and motherhood these days for Annette Funicello, the former Walt Disney Mouseketeer, recording artist and beach party movie star.

At 34, she's devoted to her three children and her husband-agent, Jack Gilardi. Young people know her more for her peanut butter commercials than for her TV shows, movies and records of the 1950s and 1960s.

But her smile is as winning as ever, her voice still has that ring that made her most everyone's favorite Mouseketeer, and she says much of her fan mail is from "housewives, people my age who started with the Mickey Mouse Club."

Those days are still close to her. During a recent interview,

she wore a Mickey Mouse ring and a blue denim skirt with large appliques of Mickey and Pluto.

Her hillside Encino home in the San Fernando Valley is full of Disney memorabilia, including a Minnie Mouse pet-point.

"How I loved Mr. Disney," she says. "Getting up and going to work was like going to my second family."

It was Disney who discovered her at a dancing school recital when she was 12. She was the 24th and last Mouseketeer to be chosen for the Mickey Mouse Club show, that daily afternoon TV ritual that made Mouse ears a household item in the 1950s.

"They only filmed the show for two years," from 1955 to 1957, Annette recalled. "But they kept rerunning it so it seemed like it went on forever."

The closest Annette comes to criticizing the Disney operation is on the subject of the Mickey Mouse Club's recent successor, the New Mickey Mouse Club. The latter-day Mouseketeers, she says, "are too good, too

polished. We were like the kids next door, naive and untrained."

Most of the original Mouseketeers faded into oblivion, but Annette remained under contract to Disney Studios for 14 years.

For a time she performed in other Disney television shows — including her own series, "Annette," which ran for 13 weeks — and movies such as "The Shaggy Dog" and "Babes in Toyland."

She also recorded several hit songs in the late 50s, including "Tall Paul" and "How Will I Know My Love" although she says now that "singing was something I never really liked."

She was still under contract to Disney when she started making the beach party movies with Frankie Avalon. For those she was loaned to American International Pictures, although Disney retained right of approval to all scripts.

"My husband actually put the first one together," she said. Gilardi, who was representing Frankie Avalon, went to American International with the idea

of a movie to capitalize on the surfing craze of the early '60s, and "Beach Party" was released in 1963.

"It was a very low budget picture that grossed I can't tell you how many millions," Annette says. "And it just snowballed from there."

She and Avalon eventually made 10 teen romance-comedy pictures, including two racing car films. The pictures all showed off Annette's by-then-curvy figure.

"I did one beach picture when I was pregnant with my first child," she recalled. "It was called 'How to Stuff a Wild Bikini,' if you can believe that."

"I was four months pregnant, but they told me they could camouflage it so it wouldn't show. So everyone wore bikinis and I was in long shirts and pants. I was sick, too, and felt miserable."

In recent years, she has confined her career mainly to guest TV appearances and commercials, which leave her free time for her family.

She also is in the first year of a five-year contract as spokes-

woman for Skippy Peanut Butter, appearing in TV commercials with her daughter Gina, 12, and sons Jackie, 8, and Jason, 3.

She says she and her children believe in the product — enough to name their Irish Setter puppy Skippy.

"The first commercial that we did, my kids must have eaten 70 peanut butter sandwiches. I thought they'd never want to see the stuff again, but the next day when I asked them what they wanted for lunch, they said peanut butter and jelly."

Annette said she would like to do a dramatic role, but most of the scripts present a drastic image change.

"In the first eight pages I'm a dooper, I've been raped, or I'm a stripper," she says. "Someone had an idea for a night club act where I'd come

out in a Mouseketeer uniform with the little pleated skirt and strip down to the Mouse Ears. That's fine, but where would I go from there?"

She doesn't object to nudity in movies but says she wouldn't appear nude in a film. "I'd be afraid of my children's reaction. I'm also a basically introverted person. That's why my parents had me take dancing lessons in the first place."

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Club news

Las Pampas Chapter of DAR

A memorial service was conducted for Mrs. Jessie T. White at the chapel of the First United Methodist Church before the meeting of the Las Pampas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Mrs. James A. Hopkins.

Mrs. H.H. Boynton presented the program on "Our Grandmother's Gardens." Co-hostess was Mrs. Quentin William.

Mrs. J.S. Skelly, giving the national defense report, read an

article by Ronald Reagan about the fourth branch of the government — federal bureaucracy. She also discussed the Panama Canal.

Mrs. Eleanor Gill was presented for membership and Mrs. E.L. Norman and Mrs. Skelly gave a report on the state convention in Dallas they attended.

For the next meeting, the group will lunch at the First National Bank in Panhandle and then tour the Square House Museum.

At Wit's End

By ERMA BOMBECK

"Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, nor hell a fury like a woman who has lost her car keys."

How do you like that? My car keys have only been gone two hours, 36 minutes and three seconds and already I'm paraphrasing Cibber.

They're gone and there's nothing I can do about it. Oh, I could tear up the entire house, go through coat pockets, empty out handbags, look in doors, the car ignition, or on the countertop in the kitchen where I definitely last put them. But what's the use?

I recognize what a lot of women refuse to admit. Car keys are pedestrian. Unlike coat hangers and paperclips, they have no sex life, but they're mobile all right.

It's happened before. Once I definitely remember putting them in my beach bag. Several hours later, they were gone. I discovered them in the sand under a beach towel three bodies down. Those little car keys' feet must have started moving before I got my tan line wet.

Why do they do it? It must be as obvious to you as it is to me. They're male. They're short. And they're unhappy because they've got a ring in their nose.

They think I can't do without them. Well, they're wrong. I didn't always have a car, you know. You want to know something? I got more done when I didn't have a car. And that's the truth!

Sometimes when the kids were off at school, I'd straighten up my daughter's paper dolls, making sure the tabs went all one way ... or I'd make crackers from scratch ... or thin down all my nail polish and wax the TV

antenna. I was busy. I didn't need a car.

Who needs car keys? Do they think I enjoy dressing up and going into town for lunch? Or cruising around the shopping center shopping? Meeting my friends for tennis and getting rid of the kids at the playground for a couple of hours? It's pressure. I don't need that kind of pressure.

One thing I know, I'm going to keep calm and when they're ready to show themselves, I may take them back, but I'm getting pretty sick of their theatrics. I'll try just one thing and if it doesn't work, I'm going to forget it.

I threw myself head first into the clothes hamper and shouted hysterically, "I'M PREPARED TO GROVEL!"

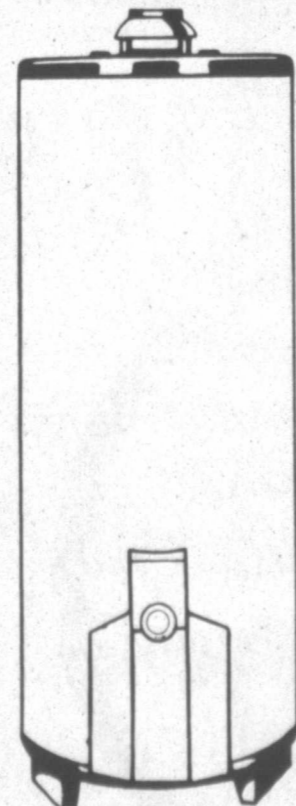
ANNE NOT FAZED

IPSWICH, Mass. (AP) — Her friends told Anne Bapson football with the boys would be tough but the sturdy eighth-grader says she didn't find it that way. Anne played on the Ipswich Junior High School team in the fall of 1977. And she had as much playing time as any boy on the squad.

"The game is not as rough, not as physically tough, as I thought it would be," Anne said. "One thing that really helped was the boys accepted me right off. They would defend me against hecklers, many of them girls."

Anne is 5-foot-7 and weighs 150 pounds. She played both defensive and offensive tackle and defense end. She wants to play high school football next year.

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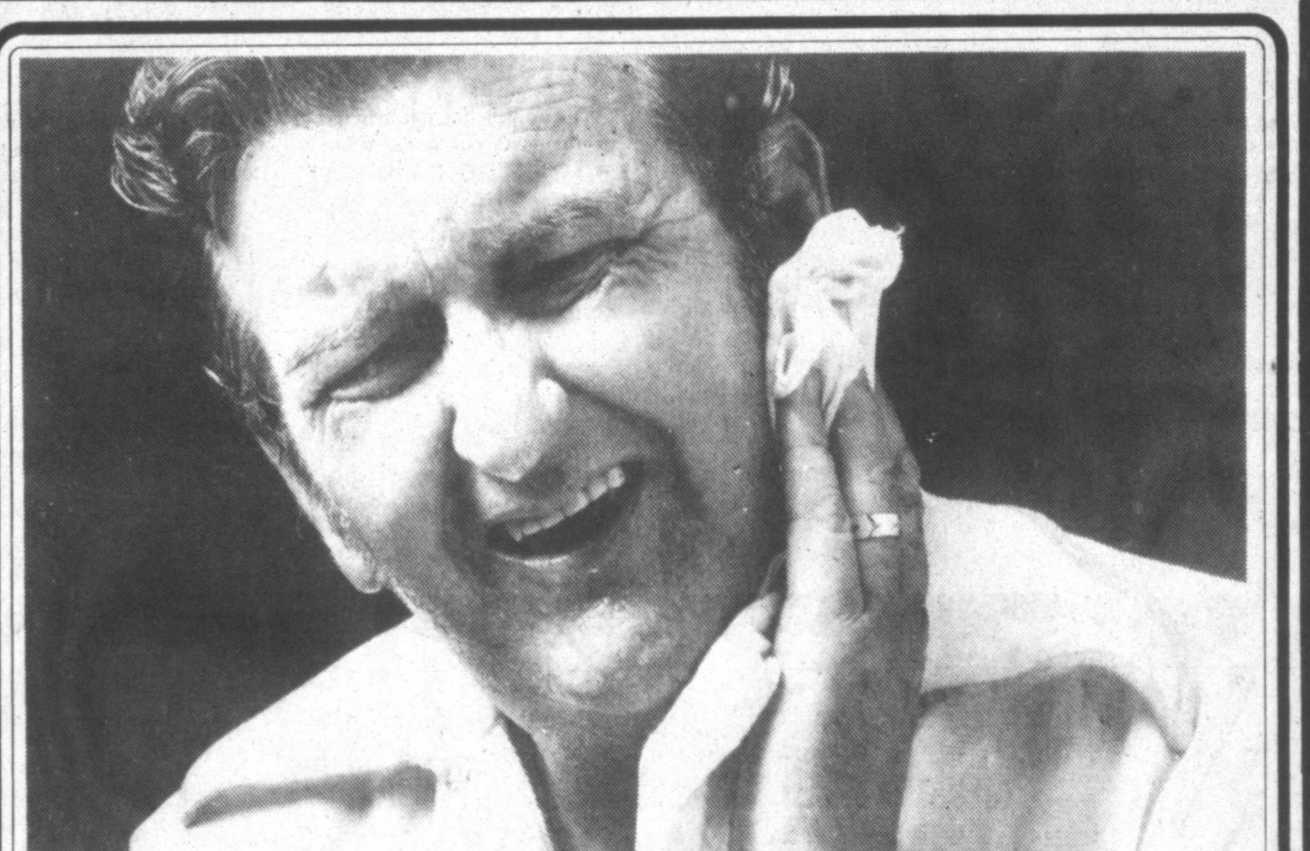


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News watch

CHICAGO (AP) — A 5-cent jump in the price of Wrigley gum seems imminent. The company raised its wholesale prices by nearly 31 percent Monday and a company official said the standard seven-stick pack would probably jump to 20 cents in most outlets.

Claude Brooks, secretary of the William Wrigley Jr. Co., said the firm had to raise its wholesale prices because "our costs of doing business have continued to go up without stopping."

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Pay phone calls have always cost a nickel in Louisiana, and that is not about to change.

South Central Bell had asked for an increase to as much as 20 cents as part of a \$105 million rate hike. But the Public Service Commission denied the pay-phone jump Monday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have refused to hand over interrogation tapes to attorneys for George Shamsk, saying the tapes showed Shamsk had "special knowledge" of at least two Hillside Strangler murders and that a leak of that information might jeopardize the case.

Shamsk's attorney, Henry Wynn of Boston, said he needed the tapes of the 40-hour Shamsk interrogation to properly represent his client. Shamsk is being held on escape charges.

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices are going up at the New York City Opera, which prides itself on how much less it costs than the Metropolitan Opera next door. John S. Samuels 3d, chairman of the board, said "constantly rising costs" have forced it to raise some prices. Top prices will go up from \$12.50 to \$16. At the Met, they will be \$35.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — To coincide with a nationally televised dramatization of the systematic slaughter of 6 million Jews during World War II, Gov. James R. Thompson has proclaimed the week of April 16 "Holocaust Remembrance Week" in Illinois.

The NBC telecast will run Sunday through April 19. It focuses on the lives of two families, one Jewish and one Nazi. Thompson noted that neo-Nazis are planning to march in Skokie, Ill., and in his proclamation called them "a band of bigots."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would extend programs for prevention of child abuse and authorize a new program designed to prevent sexual exploitation of children is on its way to the Senate.

The \$147 million bill, which passed the House on a voice vote Monday also would permit creation of a national information system on adoptions and a program to facilitate interstate adoptions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — First-quarter retail sales totaled a slow \$184.5 billion, virtually unchanged from the last three months of 1977, the Commerce Department reports.

Consumers spent \$62.8 billion at retail stores in March, a 1.9 percent gain over February, when retail sales increased by 3 percent, the department said Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Republicans say it will cost taxpayers \$77 million to place the Energy Department's 5,000 employees in the Forrestal Building on Independence Avenue and to find new quarters for the Defense Department employees they will displace.

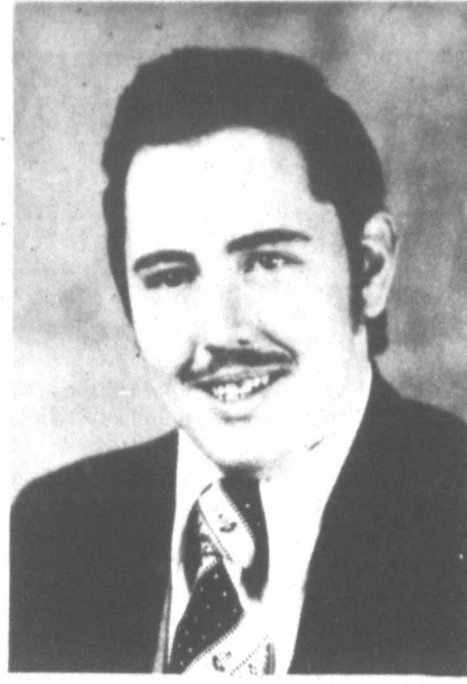
Reps. William H. Harsha, Ohio; William F. Walsh, N.Y.; and Barry M. Goldwater Jr., Calif., introduced a bill Monday to block the Energy Department's move into the building until the administration justifies it economically.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing last year's drought, wet conditions are reported across the country, especially in the eastern states — but a large pocket of drought persists in the central West.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports that of 158 stations measuring streamflow around the country, 80 showed excessive flows in the past six months. But continuing drought conditions were reported in most of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, northern Texas, western Kansas and Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Harold Brown, differing with the Navy's top brass, is urging Congress to defer "grandiose plans and impressive promises" and settle for President Carter's scaled-down shipbuilding program.

Brown told a House seapower subcommittee on Monday that anything more ambitious than Carter's five-year plan to build or convert 83 ships at a cost of \$32 billion cannot be justified because of uncertainties over rapidly advancing technology and costs.



Santa Fe district speech winners

Greg Wilkins, left, and James R. Thomas, right, Boy Scout and Explorer speech contest winners, will participate in the Adobe Walls Council Public Speaking Contest at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the Boy Scout office, 815 N. Sumner and the winner will compete in the area contest in El Paso. Greg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lacy of 2122 Mary Ellen, is a member of the First Christian Church troop 404. James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas of Clarendon, is a member of the First Christian Church Explorer post 433. Second place in the Boy Scout division went to Dennis Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clara Graham of 2325 Mary Ellen. Second place in the Explorer division went to Ed Skakett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Skakett of 1825 Grape. Judges are members of the Pampa Sunrisers Toastmasters Club.

Kim may talk to ethics group

WASHINGTON (AP) — South Korea is reportedly offering House investigators access to a former ambassador accused of distributing envelopes stuffed with \$100 bills to congressmen.

But the House ethics committee investigators say discussions are continuing and a knowledgeable source says "the problem comes over the word 'access.'"

"They may be willing to provide access, but not in ways acceptable to the committee," the source said.

He declined to specify what kind access was reportedly offered.

South Korea's offer was delivered to House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill during an hour-long meeting Monday by present Ambassador Kim Hyun Chul, who went to Seoul for consultations on the question.

The former ambassador, Kim Dong Jo, and his wife were accused at ethics committee hearings last October of trying to give the \$100 bill-stuffed envelopes to at least three congressmen.

A former embassy employee testified that he saw the former ambassador put about two dozen such envelopes in his coat pockets.

Meanwhile, at a House ethics committee hearing Monday, former Rep. Richard T. Hanna, D-Calif., swore under oath that he never offered to make payoffs to fellow congressmen and never considered Tongsun Park a Korean agent.

Hanna pleaded guilty three weeks ago to conspiring with Park to try to influence congressional actions.

He awaits sentencing as the first past or present congressman to be convicted in connection with alleged South Korean influence-buying.

But Hanna swore he made no payoffs himself and said "at no time did I consider Tongsun Park a representative of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency or anybody else in the South Korean government."

Hanna denied under oath the testimony of former KCIA Director Kim Hyung Wook that the KCIA helped make Park Seoul's exclusive U.S. rice dealer after Hanna promised that some of the commission money would be paid to other congressmen "to help Korea's cause."

Hanna said he had urged South Korean officials, including President Park Chung Hee, to lobby Congress more effectively and among other things get campaign contributions to congressmen.

Betty Ford to be treated for 'over-medicating'

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Betty Ford, long in fragile health, has checked herself into a hospital for treatment of what the former first lady describes as an "insidious" problem of "over-medicating myself."

The acting superintendent of the U.S. Naval Hospital where Mrs. Ford was admitted at about 11 a.m. Monday — two days after her 60th birthday — denied that she was in any way addicted to drugs.

"It's an insidious thing and I mean to rid myself of its damaging effects. There have been too many other things I've overcome to be forever burdened with this," said Mrs. Ford.

Her statement was issued shortly after she was driven from her new desert home in Palm Springs, 100 miles east of

here, to the Navy hospital in this Los Angeles suburb.

Her husband, former President Gerald Ford, said later in the day that he would continue his schedule of appearances in Alabama and would not return to California before Friday.

Capt. James Zimble, acting superintendent of the five-story hospital, said Mrs. Ford was in the alcohol and drug rehabilitation center for what he described as "a problem with medication." He said she was in "fine condition."

He denied that Mrs. Ford was in any way addicted to drugs, but refused to elaborate beyond Mrs. Ford's statement. Zimble refused to say what medication was involved or how long she would be hospitalized, although sources said two or three weeks was likely.

Mrs. Ford has suffered from arthritis and a pinched nerve in her neck for several years.

The statement from Ford's office quoted the former president as saying the current hospitalization of his wife was "in no way related to the cancer which Mrs. Ford experienced nearly four years ago. The cancer has been totally arrested and her subsequent recovery complete."

In 1974, Mrs. Ford was discovered to have breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy and related treatment.

Dan Carter Salutes the Customers of the day— Anita and John Lee Bell

Phone books may be blue

By The Associated Press Telephone company officials are considering changes in future directories to separate residential and business listings and to provide a new "blue pages" for governmental and school offices to make them easier to find.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. has been experimenting for more than a year with a new directory, which could be put into effect in the near future.

In the past, telephone directories have been separated into the traditional "white" pages and "yellow" pages. Joplin, Mo., in 1977 was the first testing ground for the new directory, and Little Rock, Ark., recently became the second guinea pig.

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Nixons visit Tricia in NY

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — Richard and Pat Nixon are back home today after a brief trip to New York and Florida.

The Nixons, who had spent the weekend in New York visiting their daughter, Tricia, and her husband, Edward Cox, waved to airport workers who watched as the couple walked off the plane at Los Angeles International Airport on Monday.

Singers win talent show at high school

First place winners of a talent show at Pampa High School Monday were Susan Michael and Martha Skoog with a song titled "Emotion."

With pianist Susie Wilson, the duo competed in the student council-sponsored show.

Second place went to the rock group "Runaway," manned by members Mackal Smith, D'Conway and Lane McNeely. Sunday Roach, Vieta Morgan and Tammy Hunicutt took third with a "Do It Again" dance routine.

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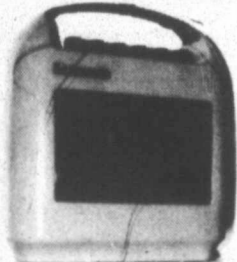


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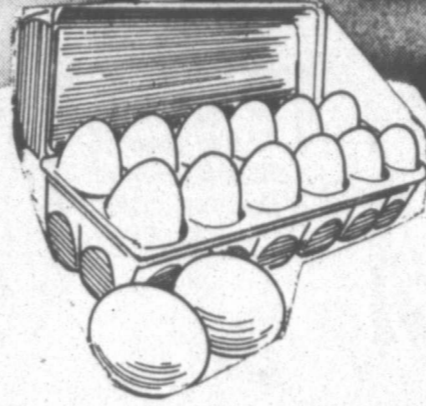
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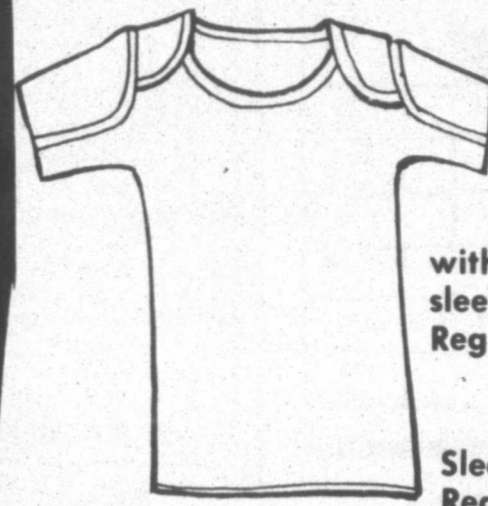
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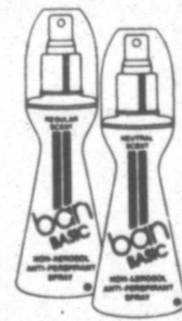
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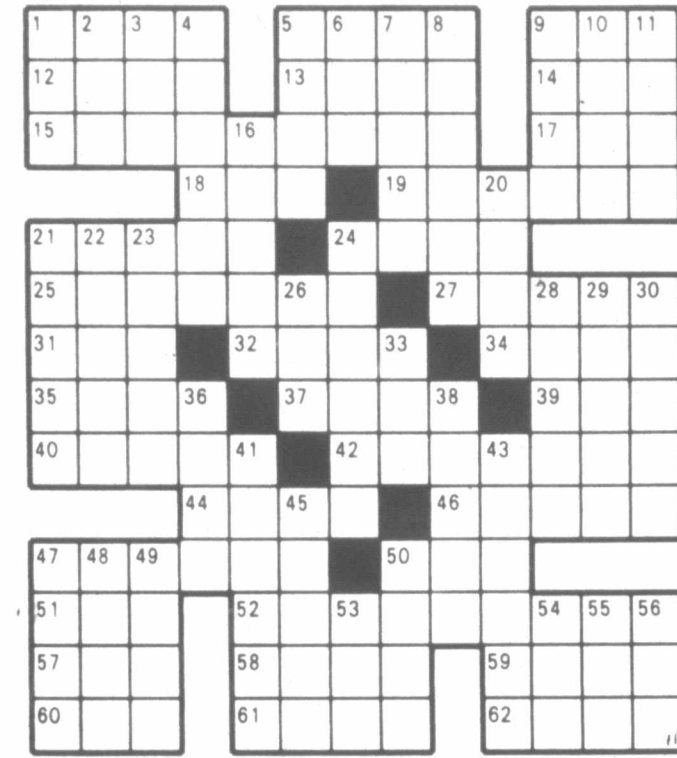
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46 Destitute
47 Discussed
50 Dull routine
51 Electrically charged particle
9 Annoy
12 Vocal
13 Civil disorder
14 Negative prefix
15 Eclipse
17 Hostile force
18 Wrong (prefix)
19 Signify
21 Cuts
24 City in Norway
25 Peddle more
27 Lean
31 Actress
32 Radiation measure (pl. abbr.)
34 British prep school
35 French composer
37 Cats and dogs
39 Make choice
40 Nymph
42 Rotator
44 Warmth

DOWN

1 Alley
2 Exist
3 Loyal supporter
4 Sags
5 Balls
6 Atmosphere
7 Tailless amphibian
8 Gardens
9 Information (abbr.)
10 Plant part
11 Joint
18 Scrooge
20 Slangy denial
21 Auxiliary verb
22 Relating to the moon
23 Cisalpine land
24 Most ancient
26 Once around a track
28 Make up for
29 Tied up
30 Vestibule
33 Ideal gas condition (abbr.)
36 Hawaiian island
38 Cavity
41 More profound
43 Profited
45 Fred Astaire's sister
47 Wing (Fr.)
48 Housestop
49 Minute insect
50 City in Nevada
53 Male parent
54 Year (Sp.)
55 Piece of land
56 Compass point



Astro - Graph

by Bernice Bede Osol



April 12, 1978

Lots of pleasurable short trips could be in store for you this coming year. Meeting many new people and going to different places will expand your horizons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is one of your better problem-solving days. Your words and ideas will carry a lot of weight with others. Find out more about yourself by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter. Mail 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions continue to be such that you could profit in some material manner. Be alert; opportunity might come from a least expected source.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your presence will be sought today for activities of a social nature. You have the ability to organize even the largest groups.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Some confidential information could be passed on to you today. You'll be able to use it profitably.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because

you are able to deal with the realities today you may be called upon to help solve a problem that's a bit too much for another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use your natural analytical faculties to get to the bottom of things today. They're especially keen and will do a fine job for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An old friend who now resides at a considerable distance may get in touch today. Something mutually beneficial will result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persistence is your most reliable ally today. Don't let anything deter you from getting your way, particularly businesswise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Play it cool in any competitive situation today. By keeping your head at all times you'll come out on top.

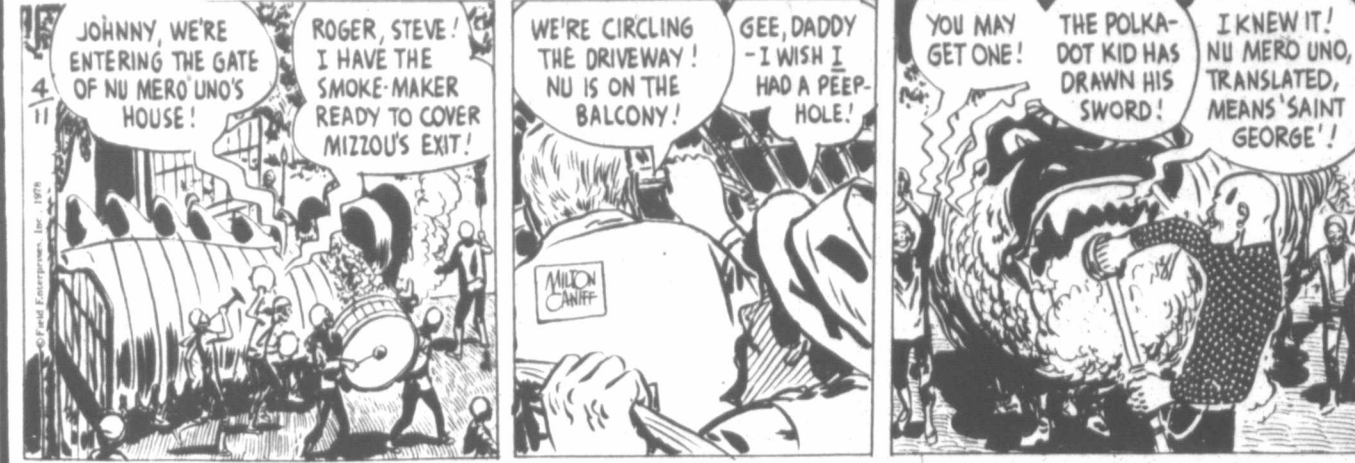
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A coworker can be won over today because of your sound approach to things. He will take an active role in supporting your views.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll be treated with consideration in your social encounters today because you handle others in an artful, eloquent manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're capable of entering the winner's circle today because of your logical methods, coupled with your willingness to work hard.

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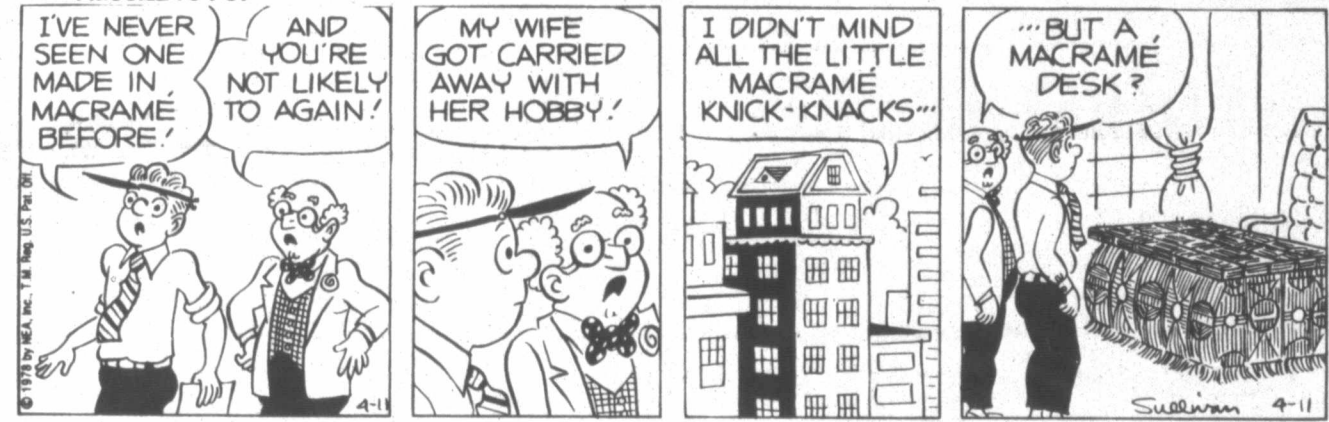
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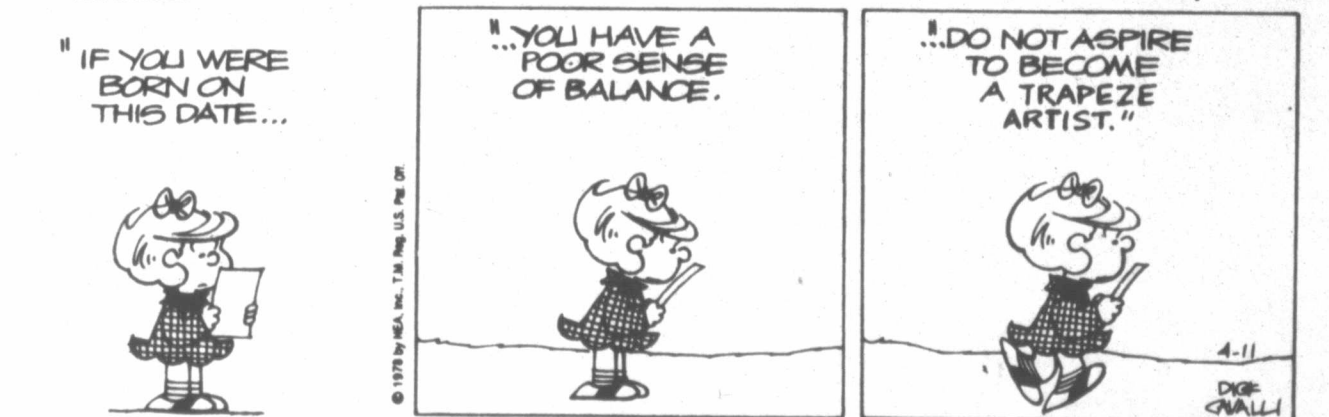
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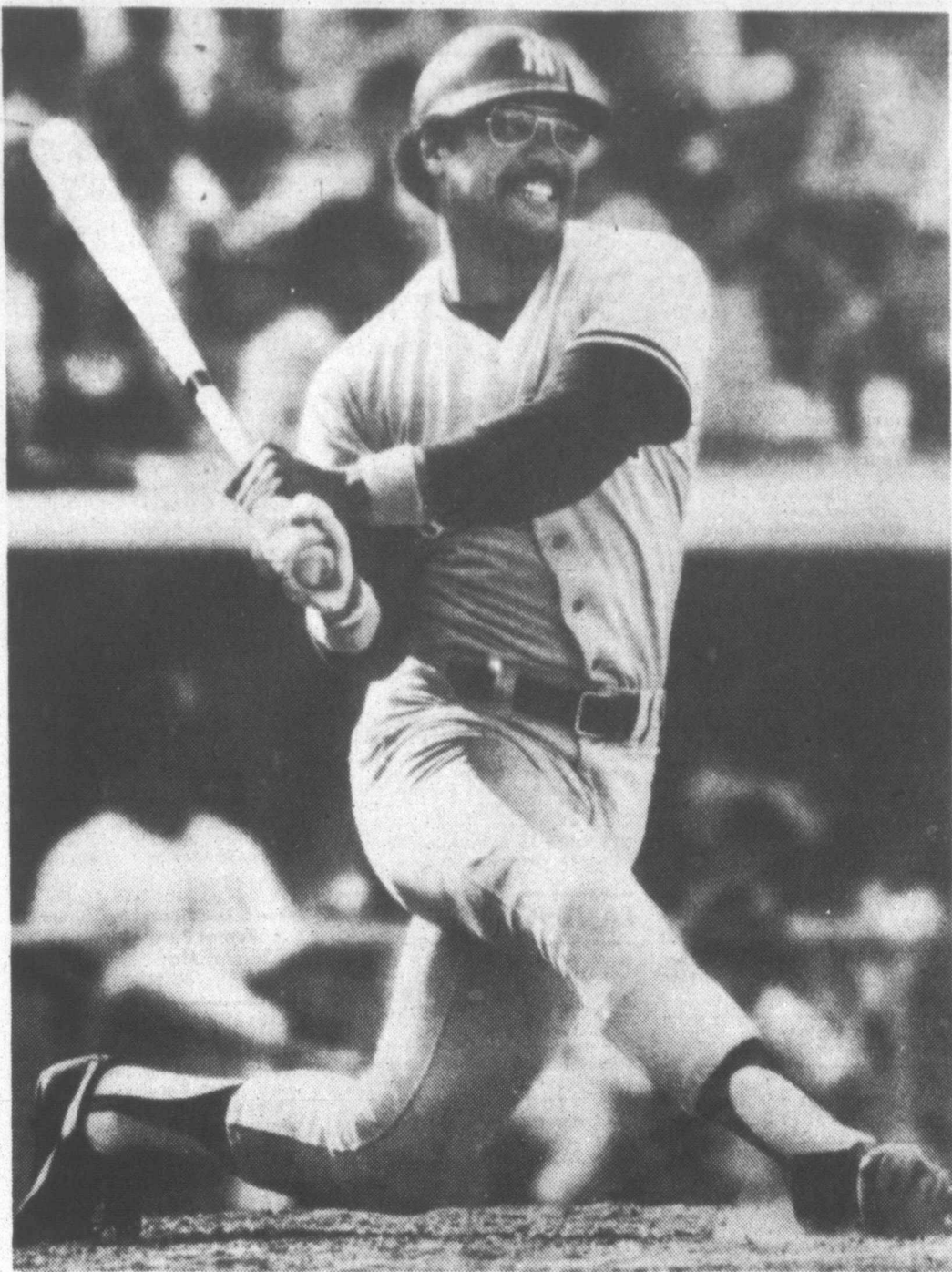
SHORT RIBS

By Frank Hill



Sports

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Reggie, Reggie

Reggie Jackson may have it his way in New York, but last night the Texas Rangers owned the diamond. Jackson went 0-4 as the Rangers won 5-2.

Rangers bomb Yankees

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — He wears "0" on his back because he feels he is starting his major league career from scratch.

He hits, he runs the basepaths like a whipper, and he catches the ball in left field like nobody the Texas Rangers have ever had before.

"This is a player's dream," Al Oliver said Monday night after the Rangers had sent the New York Yankees packing with a 5-2 victory on a nationally-televised "Beat the Yankee Hanke Night."

Oliver spent 10 years with Pittsburgh in the National League but never felt appreciated.

"Did you hear that ovation I got for that catch I made?" asked Oliver. "This is such a great atmosphere here — to be appreciated like that. My season is complete now even if I don't get another hit all season."

Oliver collected two hits off Yankee starter and loser Dick Tidrow, 0-1, who lost the first game of his career to the Rangers after seven victories.

But it was Oliver's tremendous catch of a long drive by Mickey Rivers that brought the biggest accolades of the night from the shivering 14,299 fans, many of whom were waving "Beat the Yankee" hankies handed out as they entered the ballpark. Although Bucky Dent scored on the sacrifice fly, it kept the Yanks away from a big inning.

"He's an All-Star outfielder

besides being a bonafide .300 hitter," Ranger Manager Bill Hunter said of the hustling Oliver.

Richie Zisk, another of Ranger owner Brad Corbett's million-dollar off-season acquisitions, drilled a two-run homer to follow Oliver's double in the sixth inning and chase Tidrow.

"It's a great RBI position batting fourth behind a guy like Oliver," Zisk said. "You have a .300 hitter in Mike Hargrove leading off; then you have Bert Campaneris, who leads the major leagues in sacrifice bunts."

Dock Ellis, 1-0, bedazzled the hard-hitting Yanks on one hit over the first five innings and yielded only an unearned run before his shoulder tightened.

"It should be okay," Ellis said later in the dressing room. "It has been bothering me some since spring training."

Roger Moret, who threatened last week to jump the team after an argument with a teammate, went the final four innings to gain the save, permitting one run on five hits.

"I have got to stay here now. I'm happy now," Moret said after the Rangers had taken two games in the three-game series from the World Champions.

Some of the Yankees thought Ellis was serving up spitballs.

"I think he (Ellis) probably hurt his arm throwing a spitter," said Graig Nettles. "He was going to his mouth a lot. Not just the time they called it."

Nettles was awarded first base on a walk when Ellis stepped on the mound, then went to his mouth on a full count.

"He (Ellis) mixed in a few that looked a little funny. I don't blame him. I'd throw a spitter every pitch if I was a pitcher," added Nettles. "The umpires don't call it."

Ranger catcher Jim Sundberg defended his batterymate, saying, "Dock doesn't have a spitter. I won't mention any names, but I have caught some other guys who threw the spitter. My glove showed it last year."

Sundberg put his mitt on display Monday night and said, "There's nothing in there. Before, it's been known to have bug spots in it."

Detroit comes to town tonight with Doc Medich of Texas facing the Tigers' Dave Rozema.

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Rodriguez	4	1	0	0	Hargrove	1	0	0	0
Rivers	2	0	0	0	Oliver	1	0	0	0
Mason	4	0	0	0	Zisk	1	0	0	0
Rockman	4	0	0	0	Harrah	3	0	0	0
Chamblee	1	0	0	0	Nettles	3	0	0	0
Nettles	3	0	0	0	RWhite	1	0	0	0
RWhite	1	0	0	0	Speyer	2	0	0	0
Speyer	2	0	0	0	Chman	1	0	0	0
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					L-Texas 1; LGB-New York 2; Texas 2				
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Reds, Dodgers starting fast

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

Both the Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers know the value of a hot start in a pennant race and are making the most of their early games in the 1978 baseball season.

They're also making a shambles of the Houston Astros.

The Reds started off the season in high style by beating Houston four straight games. Then on Monday night, the Dodgers also pumped up their record to 4-0 by whipping the beleaguered Astros 5-2.

In other National League games, the St. Louis Cardinals walloped the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-2. The Atlanta Braves edged the San Diego Padres 8-7 and the New York Mets blanked the Chicago Cubs 6-0.

Ron Cey tagged a solo home run and run-scoring single to highlight the Dodger victory. Cey led off the second inning with his first homer of the season to stake Rau to an early 1-0 lead and later belted a run-scoring single in the seventh to put the Dodgers in control at 3-1.

Cardinals 11, Pirates 2
Mike Tyson drove in four runs, three with a home run that capped a six-run burst in the first inning, to help St. Louis whip Pittsburgh in a rain-delayed Cardinals' home opener.

Keith Hernandez stroked four hits for the Cardinals and drove in two runs. His RBI were matched by Gerry Morales and Ted Simmons in a 14-hit St. Louis attack.

Braves 8, Padres 7
Darrel Chaney's two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning gave Atlanta a comeback victory over San Diego. The victory was Atlanta's first of the season and snapped a three-game losing streak.

Chaney's homer off reliever Bob Shirley followed Barry Bonnell's two-out single to center field. The Braves had trailed 5-0 in the third inning after San Diego's Dave Winfield drove in four runs with a two-run homer and a two-run

single.

Mets 6, Cubs 0
Craig Swan pitched a five-hitter and Steve and Ken Henderson each drove in three runs to lead New York over Chicago.

The Mets got two runs off Dennis Lamp in the fourth inning when Tim Lincecum, Steve Henderson and Ken Henderson each doubled. They wrapped it up in the eighth against reliever Paul Reuschel, scoring four runs when Foli singled, Steve Henderson hit his third homer of the year, Ed Kranepool singled and Ken Henderson hit his first homer.

Swan, making his first appearance of the season, allowed only two Cubs to reach second base.

Paxton teaches Boston

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Mike Paxton quickly learned what he already knew about the Boston Red Sox... and then he taught them a little something about Mike Paxton.

If any of the Red Sox care to peruse the team's media guide or listen to Manager Don Zimmer, they will learn that the descriptions for Paxton include "aggressiveness" and "competitor."

But for a while Monday it appeared as though the word for the 24-year-old right-hander would be "showers." Paxton, one of four players sent from Boston to Cleveland late last month in the Dennis Eckersley deal, inherited a 4-3 lead in the sixth inning of a game the Indians went on to win 5-4 on Ron Pruitt's ninth-inning single.

Paxton immediately surrendered a game-tying home run to Boston catcher Carlton Fisk, his former batterymate, and then watched his outfielders flag down shots off the bats of Fred Lynn and George Scott.

But from that point on he yielded only a fluke single before giving way to Jim Kern in the ninth.

A's 1, Mariners 0
Rookie John Johnson and reliever Dave Heaverlo combined on a three-hitter in the A's home opener that drew an unexpectedly good turnout of 17,283. The A's, who seemed

destined for a move to Denver until a week ago, were cheered enthusiastically by the crowd, which was 5,000 more than last year's home opener.

Gary Alexander drove in the run with a first-inning single off Glenn Abbott after Miguel Dilone doubled and moved to third on a groundout.

Royals 4, Orioles 2
Al Cowens drove in three runs with a pair of triples and Paul Splitteroff checked Baltimore on seven hits through 8-3 innings. Cowens tagged Nelson Briles for a two-run triple in the third inning and tripled again in the eighth.

Rangers 5, Yankees 2
Texas snapped Dick Tidrow's magic spell on Toby Harrah's RBI double, Claudell Washington's two-run single and Richie Zisk's two-run homer. It was the first time Texas had beaten Tidrow in eight career decisions. Meanwhile, Dock Ellis held the Yankees to one hit and an unearned run through five innings before his shoulder tightened.

Angels 3, Twins 0
Don Baylor's two-run homer in the seventh inning following Joe Rudi's double broke up a scoreless duel between Ken Brett and Dave Goltz. Brett scattered five hits, walked two and struck out the same number and was helped by a pair of brilliant fielding plays by second baseman Bobby Grich.



Looking for winner

Steve Scott, coach of the Pampa baseballers, will be seeking that winning combination this afternoon against Palo Duro. A win today would bolster the club when it faces Amarillo High Friday. Today's contest, hosted by Pampa, will begin at 4 p.m.

(Pampa News photo by Dave Musjick)

Ford C. Frick dies

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

In the midst of the Masters Golf Tournament, with the professional hockey and basketball seasons headed for the championship playoffs and the major league baseball season just getting started, the news was almost overlooked.

Ford C. Frick died at age 83 Saturday and the passing of the former baseball commissioner was noted in some places with only a fleeting mention that hardly befits a man who spent 31 years of his life as a top executive in the game.

When Frick and baseball got together in 1934, the game was

suffering, like the rest of the nation, from the ravages of the depression. When they parted company in 1965, baseball was a thriving industry. The man must have done something right.

He served first as president of the National League from 1934 until 1951 when he was chosen as baseball's third commissioner. He had been instrumental in the economic salvaging of three of his league's franchises — Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston — during those difficult depression days and that weighed heavily in his favor when the owners selected him as commissioner.

Ali-Spinks rematch set

By AUSTIN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This time it was heavyweight champion Leon Spinks who rattled verse. Former champion Muhammad Ali — cast now as a challenger — played it straight.

"He's still the greatest, I'm just the latest," said Spinks, following his couplet with a head-back, wide-mouthed infectious guffaw that was a pure expression of youthful exuberance.

Ali, by contrast, was sober and serious for the most part during an airport press conference held some six hours before Spinks' arrival here Monday night. The fighters were to sign a rematch contract today.

When Ali did get a bit playful toward the end of his 10-minute

press conference Monday, it was a smooch routine that showed years of practice.

"I am not just the greatest, but the greatest of all times," he said. But he couldn't keep a straight face while doing his ritual brag.

A 4-week-old group of local businessmen and politicians put up a gate guarantee of \$3 million to land the fight Sept. 15 in New Orleans. Bob Arum of Top Rank Inc., the New York-based promotions firm that holds the rights to the rematch, said it is the biggest guarantee ever posted.

Although the Superdome has seated better than 100,000 for two religious events, the local group says it plans to sell 85,000 seats for the fight. It expects a gate of about \$5 million. Arum said earlier that he's

asking \$7 million for television rights.

Ali said he lost his championship because he underestimated Spinks.

"I'm not going to take anything away from Leon Spinks," Ali said. "He was much better than I thought. He was much better than the experts thought."

"I was a 10-to-1 favorite, and there were no bets. He wasn't supposed to go 10 rounds. My battle plan for that fight was to give him seven rounds and let him tire... He didn't tire."

Spinks said he doesn't believe that's exactly the way it went.

"As hard as that man fought, he knows he didn't give me nothing," Spinks said. "All I know is from the first 'ding' I was fighting, and when that bell went 'ding' the last time, I was still fighting."

Power struggle in pro golf

Age and greed have driven an ugly schism into the ranks of the men's professional golf tour.

The new kids on the block want to relegate the old folks to their rocking chairs. The old folks don't feel all that old. With a little geriatric stimulation, they can still get their juices pumped up occasionally and they like to go out and swing a bit.

They feel they're entitled to it. They've made valuable input into the game over the years. Now is time to collect dividends.

The brash young lions, who leap right out of college classes onto the money trail with no stopover at the pro shot, think differently. They don't want any old geezers, not even if one's name is Ben Hogan, taking money out of their pockets.

It's an unfortunate mess. Bitterness resurfaced at the Masters over the weekend with Bob Goalby, who won the green Masters jacket in 1968, the most agitated spokesman against the PGA Tour's new policy of "let's put the old codgers on the sidelines."

"Deane Beman hasn't contributed a fraction to the game that I have," said the strapping 49-year-old pro from Belleville, Ill. "and my contributions have been minimal compared with those of guys like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Julius Boros."

Beman, former U.S. and British Amateur champion, is the commissioner of the tour. Al-

though the final decision is left to the Tour's policy board, Beman is considered the architect of the circuit's controversial new format.

The rules essentially strip old U.S. Open and PGA champions of their lifetime exemptions and forces them to meet certain basic standards — a minimum of 15 tournaments, and \$10,000 in yearly earnings — to retain playing privileges.

A compromise has been made in the cases of those players who have won at least 20 tournaments, providing a sliding prerequisite scale for number of tournaments and prize money.

Even then, technically if Hogan wished to return to the tour he would have to play in five tournaments and win \$3,333 or be forced the next year to go to qualifying school and join the Monday morning "rabbits" on the tour.

A depressing thought, indeed. "I picked weeds and cut grass around a golf course when I was eight years old," Goalby said. "I worked for two bits an hour. I cleaned clubs in the golf shop, shined shoes, worked as an assistant."

"I have played in 1,100 proams, mostly without pay and for charity. I have driven across the country to do charity exhibitions. Beman did none of these things. How many kids on the tour have done it?"

The rule affects some of the biggest names in golf: Sam Snead; winner of 84 tournaments; Arnold Palmer, Byron

Nelson, Billy Casper, Cary Middlecoff, Jimmy Demaret and, some day, guys such as Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Gene Littler, now still active.

"Hell," said Demaret, "this isn't the PGA Tour any more. It's the NCAA Tour. Most of these kids never saw the inside of a golf shop. They come right out of school and onto the tour, grubbing for the big money."

It's the contention of Demaret and other protesters, who have filed a suit against the PGA Tour, that some consideration should be given to the men who built the tour on a shoestring, serving five-year apprenticeships and playing for peanut prize money.

Girls to meet

The district meet for girls' high school track will open in Amarillo, Wednesday.

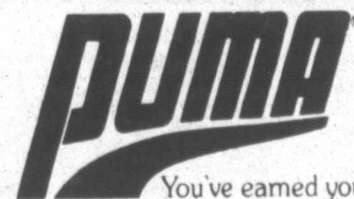
Pampa girls who place first or second in the various events will be eligible for the regional meet to be held in Lubbock, April 21-22.

The Pampa squad has been hampered by injuries to some of its top contenders and may not be healthy going into district.

Coach Betty Chamberlain feels the squad is stronger this year but noted that injuries to several of the top performers may handicap the team this week.

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Coastal banks at court order

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A potential snag in the Lo-Vaca Gathering Co. settlement plan was smoothed over Monday as Coastal States Gas Producing Co. agreed to furnish information on a Corpus Christi refinery.

Coastal States attorney Tracy DuBose at first threatened to go to court over a Texas Railroad Commission hearing examiner's order to give the information to Charter International Oil Co.

DuBose told Examiner Tom Hill that some of the material dealt with patented refinery operations. After consulting with Coastal officials, DuBose

agreed to furnish the information. Charter became a party in the settlement hearing because it buys gas from Lone Star Gas Co., a Lo-Vaca customer.

Coastal States Gas Corp. is the parent company of both Lo-Vaca and Coastal States Gas Producing Co.

Charter opposes the plan on grounds that the profitable Corpus Christi refinery would remain in Coastal's hands, instead of being transferred to a new gas supply company, Valero Corp., created under the settlement.

In addition, Charter buys gas at a fixed contract price from Lone Star, but the settlement

plan would allow Lone Star to pass on gas costs to its customers. "There's not a single refining company, including Charter, that knows it's making a dime," the vice-president said.

Gas pumps closed here

Recent inspections of 224 Pampa gas pumps by the Texas Department of Agriculture indicates that 13 were condemned for giving more gas than registered on the meter and four for giving less.

Nine pumps were closed down until minor malfunctions were repaired and 198 were sealed as correct by the TDA.

The TDA, mandated by law to inspect each gasoline pump in the state, found at last inspection that 730 pumps were "delivering a short measure of gas and 548 were dispensing too much. More than 1500 were condemned for repairs.

Reporter subpoenaed

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — More than 40 subpoenas have been issued, including one to a San Angelo Standard-Times reporter, in connection with a justice to the peace inquest today into the death of a Mexican-American in the Ector County Jail.

Attorneys for reporter Richard Orr fought several unsuccessful skirmishes Monday in an effort to prevent Orr from having to testify before the inquest or a grand jury that met here Monday.

Orr, a correspondent for the Standard-Times, wrote several articles about the death last Jan. 22 of Larry Lozano. Jail officials say Lozano killed himself by bashing his head against the barred window of his isolation cell, but other accounts say Lozano died after being beaten in his cell by law enforcement officers.

Orr was apparently the only witness to appear before a grand jury that convened here Monday morning.

His attorneys tried and failed to get a protective order from State District Court Judge C.V. Milburn concerning Orr's proposed testimony.

After appearing before the grand jury, neither Orr nor his attorneys made any comments.

Ector County District Attorney John Green, however, told reporters the Standard-Times had "misled the public of Ector County."

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLARK MOSELEY, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of William Clark Moseley, Deceased, were issued to us, the undersigned, on the 4th day of February, 1978, in Cause No. 5115 in the County Court and in and for Gray County, Texas, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to either of us at our respective addresses listed below, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

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German-US relations worse; Schmidt blamed

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U.S. and German officials concede that relations between the two most powerful members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are strained over the neutron bomb, U.S. opposition to West Germany's nuclear deal with Brazil, the dollar and what West Germany should do to improve the international economic climate.

But a NATO diplomat with close ties to both countries says the strains are natural. Bonn and Washington are "among the closest" capitals in the world, and "when a relationship is as close as this, there are bound to be these hiccups."

"The dramatic worsening of relations between the U.S. and West Germany and the resulting danger to our security has become especially clear in the chancellor's handling of the neutron-weapon issue," said the opposition Christian Democratic Union in a statement Monday.

The implication was that Schmidt should have prevailed on Carter to go ahead with production of the neutron bomb, which both the Socialist chancellor and

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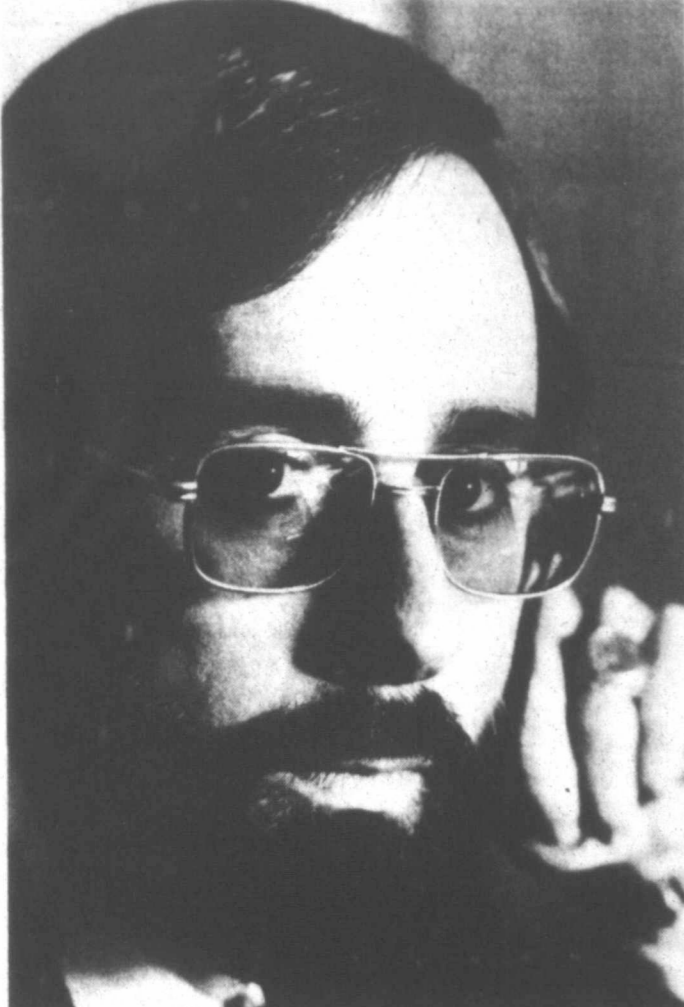
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When there's no hope, there's Hospice



Bob Gery, whose father Benjamin Gebersky died under Hospice care last year, is one of the living who was helped by the program.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Not so long ago, the subject was widely shunned. Today, death with dignity — shaping the final days, weeks or months of terminal patients in ways that respond to real needs — has assumed the force of a movement. Here's a report on a pioneering organization and how it works.

By **GEORGE ESPER**
Associated Press Writer
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — "My dad said things to me that he'd probably never said to his son before, realizing it would be the last time. He hadn't said in years, 'I love you. I love your mother and your brother and I want you to go on doing that with them, too.'"

"But if anything, I want you to tell them that, and tell them that now, because I've never had the chance. My character never really allowed me to directly say that to somebody."

Bob Gery's father died May 11, 1976, of cancer of the pancreas. He was 64 years old.

"I would like to die. I have no reason to live. No job. My children are adults and able to take care of themselves. The pain. The medication tends to make you sleepy. Since I have

nothing else to do anyway, I sleep most of the day." Cornelia Lively, a 54-year-old widow, stutters and lisps. Her right jaw is swollen. She has cancer of the mouth. Eating is almost impossible for her. Everything has to go through a blender.

Terminal patients like Bob Gery's father and Cornelia Lively have always had to come to terms with approaching death, but in the past they and their families were usually left to their own devices, without much support in meeting the psychological needs in those final weeks and months.

This is changing. Programs of care for the dying — and help for their families — are springing up all over the United States. Many are hospice programs, and New Haven's was among the first.

"He was bitter," Bob Gery recalls of his father. "I think almost anybody would be bitter if you're told a year or so after you've retired that you have less than six months to live."

"He was bitter. He argued with my mother. He argued with me, with my wife. Things that in normal health would be considered just small things. 'At first I kept saying, 'Dad,

how could you treat Mom like this?' realizing I was talking from my perspective, a healthy person."

"In the last couple of months, when we had the understanding and he had the appreciation of the things told to him by the people at hospice and by us, there really wasn't any need to do any more arguing."

"The people at hospice were straightforward and told him he was going to die and that how he chose to die over the next several months depended on him and on what they could do for him if he let them."

"He could die with dignity or could die in any other manner he chose. If he wanted to go back to the hospital or some extended care facility, they could do that, too. He chose to die at home."

Dr. Sylvia Lack is medical director of Hospice Inc. of New Haven, a pilot project and demonstration center for the United

States under a contract with the National Cancer Institute. In the past few years, she notes, "There's been an explosion of interest in death and dying," and this has been marked by a growth of hospice programs in the United States. More than 80 have been established in more than 30 states in the past three years.

"The main concern of a hospice program," Dr. Lack says, "is the management of terminal disease in such a way that patients live until they die, that their families live with them as they are dying — and go on living afterward."

The New Haven program provides care in the home with regularly scheduled visits to patients during the day and evening throughout the week. Hospice workers are also ready for emergency home visits around the clock, seven days a week.

Hospice of New Haven was

founded in 1971. It has an operating budget of \$500,000 and is financed by third-party payments like Medicare and Medicaid and contributions from foundations, private organizations, businesses and individuals. It also receives federal money. Hospice is pledged to accept patients regardless of their ability to pay.

A full-time and part-time paid staff of 27 is supplemented by 74 trained volunteers, who take part in the home-care programs, reading to patients, taking them shopping or to beauty parlors, even fishing. They make it possible for them to lead as normal a life as they can.

Most are afraid of death, in the experience of the Rev. Dr. Edward F. Dobihal Jr., president of Hospice of New Haven. He was one of its founders after he spent seven months studying St. Christopher's Hospice in London.

More familiarly and freely spoken of these days, death remains "an anxious topic," Dobihal says. "There's concern about, well, is there something after? What is after? Is this the total end?"

Dr. Lack, the hospice medical director, feels there's too much talk about psychological and emotional problems of the dying and too little about making the patient comfortable.

"Sadly," she says, "the terminal stage has been defined by some as beginning at the moment the doctor says there is nothing more to be done and then begins to withdraw subtly from the patient. Patients, of course, are very well aware when this happens."

"There is never a time when nothing more can be done. There may be nothing more that can be done to cure the disease, but there are always further measures to be taken for the comfort of the patient."

He exercised his right-to-die

By **BOB EGELKO**
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lindley Hutchens died the way he wanted — peacefully and without the indignity of tubes, respirators and other life-sustaining equipment.

Hutchens, who died last June at age 61, was one of the first to take advantage of a landmark California law giving terminally ill patients the right to a "natural death."

The law Hutchens and his wife, Lily, had helped to lobby for went into effect Jan. 1, 1977, just a week after doctors told Hutchens that he had cancer of the kidney. Before the month was out, Hutchens filed a "living will" with his doctor saying he didn't want his life prolonged artificially.

"He knew he was going to die," Mrs. Hutchens said. "I said to him in the hospital, 'Honey, if anything should hap-

pen, do you want everything left just as it is or do you want to change it?' He said, 'No, Lil, just leave it as it is.'"

"They just gave him ordinary water, orange juice, and very seldom a sleeping pill. On the last night, I saw him at 11:30. He couldn't sit up, they had to turn him."

"I wiped his face with a cloth. He said, 'Don't do that any more. I have to go to sleep.' Two hours later he was dead."

His death on June 26 was as he wanted, Mrs. Hutchens said, and in the same circumstances she would like to die the same way.

"If I thought there was no possible cure, I would want to go — why prolong it with artificial things?" she said. "I have a written will, the same as he had. We signed it at the same time."

The hotly contested California law has been adopted in some form by a half-dozen other states. It has stringent provisions.

Thus Mrs. Hutchens, who lives in Leisure World, a retirement community south of Los Angeles, and many other healthy people like her who have signed living wills, may have trouble getting their wishes carried out.

—The document must be renewed every five years, following stringent rules for witnesses.

—It does not apply to pregnant women.

—It applies only when death is imminent, not to comatose patients.

—A physician is not bound to his patient's living will unless it has been signed by a patient diagnosed as terminally ill at least 14 days earlier.

—It's unreasonable to expect somebody who's already terminally ill to file the declaration. People in that condition are often unconscious of what's happening," says Ben Nicholas, 83, a chief organizer of Leisure World support for the law.

A place for dying

Design emphasizes life

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Before architect Lo-Yi Chan designed the hospice for the terminally ill now being built in suburban Branford, he tried to learn all he could about dying.

"It was difficult," the 44-year-old Chan says. "In our culture, dying patients are totally segregated from the rest of society. I had to go to England where they were much more accessible. And I read all the literature I could find on people who have talked with the dying."

Chan, of the New York firm of Prentice & Chan, Ohihausen, was born in Canton, China, and educated at Dartmouth and Harvard. He prepared for his assignment at the famous St. Christopher's Hospice in London in 1973.

The result will be a building, the first of its kind in this country, entirely devoted to smoothing the final transition from life to death.

The hospice will be two V-shaped patient wings with 44 beds. The side of each V contains four-bed wards — wards because, in contrast to private or semi-private rooms in hospitals, "we want to create a sense of community."

A fan-shaped patio and terrace is inside the V, "open to the south, to the sun, to a pleasant prospect of a brook, trees and a church," Chan says.

Greenhouses run along the terrace edge and adjoin the wards. The ward windows, in fact, will be the greenhouse windows. At the back of the Vs is an "institutional spine," holding offices, a pharmacy, laboratory, kitchen and the like.

All patient areas are on ground level. Beds can be pushed out to the patios, the greenhouse, the corridors. Beds can be rolled into the chapel. "You'll have a sense of life going on around you," says Chan.



Architect Lo-Yi Chan, whose design for a 41,000 square foot Hospice facility is under construction near New Haven, Conn., poses with a model in his New York office.

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A view of death from D. C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. William Wendt is studying society's attitudes toward death, so he devised "a clinical training program" for himself at the start of a sabbatical from Washington's St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church.

He apprenticed himself to an undertaker for a month.

"I thought it would be marvelous exposure to a group of very mysterious people — funeral directors — and to an elusive subject — death," Wendt says.

He picked up bodies at hospitals and homes and took them to the funeral home, assisted in funeral arrangements and embalmings and attended funerals.

He says he emerged from his apprenticeship with respect for funeral directors as hard-working professionals responding to the needs of society. "But I also say that they foster those needs through the practices and products they sell; they are not in the business of offering options."

"The funeral industry not only takes advantage of our death-denying society, it perpetuates the myth that death will always come to somebody else by discouraging an honest and open acceptance of the death of a loved one."

Hard-sell methods, he says, surprised him. In the casket room, for example,

funeral directors "will prominently display the most expensive models. The cheaper caskets ... are in the back, often in unattractive colors designed to turn off the customer."

Wendt says people are frequently told that "This is the last gift of love you can give" or "I would want my mother buried this way." A person who didn't see the need for a casket with an innerspring mattress was chided with the question, "Would you put your father to rest on anything that wasn't comfortable?"

Wendt looks unkindly on the practice of embalming, which he contends manifests the "basic death-defying nature of the funeral industry."

View of death from the heartland

MASON CITY, Iowa (AP) — Mason City's morticians see themselves as part of a new breed that avoids stereotyped black clothes, black caskets and perpetual solemnity.

A poster of Farrah Fawcett/Majors smiles over an embalming table — the mortician forgot to take it down before the reporter walked through the room. "You have to make jokes," he says. "If you didn't, you'd go nuts."

The three funeral homes in this Iowa town of 30,000 — the River City of Meredith Willson's "Music Man" — treat death for what it is: a part of life.

"Nobody talks about it, but everybody does it. It's as common as life itself," says Chuck Hogan, 42, of Hogan-Bremer Colonial Chapel.

The funeral may be somber, but its embellishments aren't.

"Everything used to be black, silver or copper-tone," says Dick Erickson, 47, as he walked through a roomful of many-hued caskets at MajorErickson Funeral Home. "But people like colors."

While the funeral homes still offer the traditional blacks and silvers with white linings, pastels are popular — blue, green, pink and lavender caskets, some with floral linings.

Casket companies have been making colorful caskets for several years but didn't push them until about five years ago, says Steve Sellergren, 38, of Patterson-James-Sellergren Funeral Chapel.

Hogan has been using dark-colored casket linings — blues, reds, burgundies and

greens — for the past 10 years. "The darker the color, the better the body looks," he says.

Patterson-James-Sellergren still uses black funeral cars, but Hogan-Bremer offers gold ones. Major-Erickson's are white.

Black is neater, says Sellergren. Besides, Mason City's funeral homes have always used different colors so they can be distinguished.

Gold, says Hogan, is easier to keep clean and it's not as morbid.

And white, says Erickson, is refreshing. "I think people respect us more today than they did a few years ago. In the 20-some years I've been in the business, I've never been made fun of. I've never been called 'digger.'"