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# Statehood issue avoided by Puerto Rico's governor

By CHARLES A. KRAUSE  
The Washington Post

SAN JUAN — Carlos Romero Barcelo was sworn in Sunday as governor of Puerto Rico, promising to attack economic problems but ignoring the one issue that was on everyone's mind: Is Puerto Rico finally headed for statehood?

The situation is unclear, at best. On Friday, President Ford caught Puerto Rico by surprise when he announced that, as one of his last official acts, he will recommend that Congress approve legislation to make Puerto Rico the 51st state.

But Sunday, in remarks read by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carla A. Hills, the President did not mention statehood.

His remarks simply wished Romero and Puerto Rico well.

President-elect Jimmy Carter sent a message supporting Puerto Rico's "right to political self-determination...whatever your choice may be." Carter has said that Puerto Rico, not Washington should take the initiative in deciding the commonwealth's future relationship with the United States.

This position is identical to Romero's who is committed personally and politically to making Puerto Rico a state — at some time in the future but not necessarily immediately. His position has been that a Puerto Rican plebiscite should come before congressional action.

The problem for Puerto Ricans is that, with Ford's call for statehood

now, the indefinite future seems suddenly to become not so distant. People here from all walks of life have begun a period of quiet soul searching: watching developments that currently appear beyond their control and saying little.

The new governor seemed to be reacting in much the same way: watching and listening, but saying little — at least in public.

Romero took his oath of office during a simple, two-hour ceremony Sunday morning in front of the capitol building in Old San Juan. With thousands of his pro-statehood supporters in front of him and an impressive array of dignitaries at his side, the new governor read an inaugural address that promised an immediate attack on "social and economic injustice."

"Poverty is demoralizing not only to the poor themselves, but also to the fabric of the society that tolerates its existence," Romero said, studiously avoiding even a passing reference to the issue that, more than any other, has been at the heart of Puerto Rico's political life since the turn of the century: the island's ultimate status, its place in the world.

Since 1899, when the United States wrested control of Puerto Rico from Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War, the island has passed through a series of different relationships with the U.S.

For the past 25 years, it has been a commonwealth, which means, among other things, that Puerto Ricans are Americans citizens, serve in the armed forces and they freely migrate to the mainland. But they do not vote in presidential elections, do not have a voting representative in Congress, are subject to federal laws but do not have to pay federal income taxes.

The island's political parties are organized around the status question: Romero's new Progressive Party is pro-statehood; the outgoing governor, Rafael Hernandez Colon, leads the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party. There are two pro-independence parties that have never captured more than a small percentage of the total vote in past elections.

With at least 20 per cent of the work force unemployed as well as a drop in tourism and other serious economic problems, Puerto Ricans had, until last week, put their political status debate on the back burner. Romero said during his campaign that the island's political status was not at stake and that, if elected, he would do nothing during his four-year term to force a decision on statehood.

Suddenly and apparently without Romero's knowledge, Ford made his call for statehood. The announcement embarrassed Romero. Before Sunday's ceremony Romero said that he decided to stick with the inaugural address he had written last week. Romero wanted



The new governor of Puerto Rico, Carlos Barcelo, with his wife Kate Donnelly at his side, waves to the crowd at his inaugural ceremony Sunday.



Receiving their oath of office from District Court Judge Perry D. Pickett are, from left, Sheriff Dallas Smith, District Attorney Vern Martin, Constable Jack Merritt, Justice of the Peace John Biggs, County Tax Assessor-Collector Elmo

Lineberger and County Attorney Leslie Acker. Pickett County Commissioners Jack Leonard and Durward Wright were sworn in by County Judge Barbara Culver.

## Nine officials take oaths

New Midland County officials took office this morning after special swearing-in ceremonies at 9 a.m. in 142nd District Courtroom of the Midland County Courthouse.

Three new officers taking the oath of office were Dallas Smith, who defeated incumbent Sheriff Ed Darnell in the Nov. 2 election; Vern Martin, district attorney, and Jack

Leonard, county commissioner from Precinct 1.

Other officials who returned to another term of office were Perry D. Pickett, 142nd District Court judge; Leslie Acker, county attorney; Durward Wright, county commissioner, Precinct 3. Justice of the Peace John Biggs; Constable Jack Merritt, and Elmo Lineberger, county tax assessor-collector.

County Judge Barbara Culver first swore in Pickett, who swore in the rest of the officials.

Smith and some of his deputies were given the oath of office at 12:01 a.m. Saturday so that they could perform their duties during the weekend. All of the deputies who remained from Darnell's term lost their commission at midnight of Dec. 31, Smith explained.

Two new men with the sheriff's department are former Midland police detective Sgts. L. W. "Porky" Mosely and Gib Roach, who both started to work for the sheriff's department Saturday. County Commissioners Court held a special meeting after the ceremonies to consider routine business, including setting employe and officials' salaries and consideration of requests for changes in the 1977 budget.

## Consideration can be charming, puzzling

Merely commenting: It's the spirit that counts: "People are always accusing me of sulking," said the fair maiden, who often entertains herself in the absurdities around her. "But I don't. I just get to the point where I don't want to talk, because I know I'll say something hateful."

Consideration can be charming . . .



or puzzling and perplexing.

Shattering the lifeless in anger: "I don't do it as much as I used to, but I destroy inanimate objects (to ease the torment of anger)," said the young man, who has the sensitivity of an artist.

The creator also destroys.

A blazing first: "They sure can wreck a house fast," commented a newsmen, as Midland firemen were shoving debris and tossing furniture from a fire-and-water-damaged frame house on New Year's Day.

A first: the fire to the weathering old house with the wooden shingles was the year's first residential fire here.

Puffing away: " . . . Your car is smoking," announced the reservationist in the crowded foyer of a restaurant on New Year's Eve. Brief laughter: a smoking car, hack, hack.

Clarification: " . . . Your car may be on fire," said a gent into the public address microphone. All, it seemed, waited for someone to come charging, with fire ax in hand, out of the restaurant and onto the parking lot. "Where there's smoke, there's a fire" is an axiom that sometimes lacks support.

## New talks planned on Rhodesia's future

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The British chairman of the deadlocked Rhodesia conference arrived here to discuss with South African leaders today new proposals for a transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

British diplomat Ivor Richard flew to South Africa on Sunday from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where Prime Minister Ian Smith was reported to have flatly rejected Richard's proposals for a direct British role in an interim Rhodesian government.

Richard appeared glum when he arrived at Waterkloof military airbase, near the South African capital of Pretoria. He was joined by British ambassador Sir Richard Scott.

The two Britons then flew in Richard's hired executive jet to the southern coastal city of Port Elizabeth, where Richard was scheduled to meet privately with South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

Before leaving Salisbury, Richard told reporters he would return to the Rhodesian capital in about 10 days.

"I think the thing that has impressed me most has been the obvious desire of all the people I have seen for an end to the war, a peaceful set-

tlement and an orderly transition," said Richard, who is shuttling between black and white African capitals in an effort to get the Geneva talks moving again.

Richard met for two hours Saturday with Smith. Sources close to the discussions said Richard proposed an interim council of ministers for Rhodesia that would be dominated by blacks and would have a British-appointed chairman.

Richard also recommended that London control Rhodesia's police and military forces during the transition, which would lead to black majority rule by March 1978, the sources said.

They said that in rejecting the proposals, Smith reaffirmed his previous position that such conditions violate an agreement he says he reached with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last September on a transfer of power from Rhodesia's 270,000 whites to its 5 million blacks.

As explained by Smith, that agreement called for a two-year transition, veto power for the whites in the interim government and continued white Rhodesian control of security forces during the transition. These elements have been rejected by Rhodesian black nationalists.

for his past membership in segregated clubs and for some of his decisions as a federal appeals court judge.

"Judge Bell is a good man," said William D. Johnson Jr., who grew up with Carter in the tiny town of Archery, where Johnson's late father, a bishop in the AME Church, was, in Carter's words, the head of "the most distinguished family in our neighborhood."

Johnson, who organized the trip, brought with him Bishops William Reed Wilkes and H. I. Bearden, both of Atlanta. Bearden identified himself as the chairman of the board of trustees of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, which named Bell its "man of the year" in 1976.

The appearance of the blacks at Carter's church, which only last month voted to end its ban on black members, was low-key and casual.

But it served to emphasize, at a time when Carter is receiving some stiff criticism from liberals for the choice of Bell, the remarkable bonds that exist between the president-elect and blacks in his own state and community.

It was reminiscent, in this respect, of the strong show of support for Carter from Atlanta black leaders last April, when he was under fire for his "ethnic purity" remark.

Fanny Johnson Hill of Tulsa, Okla., daughter of the late bishop, who was part of Sunday's delegation, told reporters that in Archery, the Carters "had better relations (with blacks) than anyone I knew, in spite of conditions in the state at that time. It was not easy (for them), but you could not tell it," she said.

"Mrs. (Lillian) Carter was very lovely to our family," Mrs. Hill said. "In fact, I think I wouldn't have had a son if it hadn't been for Miss Lillian. She was a nurse and she came to my rescue when my doctor had given him up. And I believe the remedy worked and so I have a son (George F. Hill) and he is a lieutenant colonel stationed in Germany with the Air Force."

Johnson said he had initiated the visit and called Carter "to make the arrangements." The Atlanta group stopped briefly at Carter's home and drove to church in the president-

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## LATE NEWS

AUSTIN (AP) — Highway conditions in north-central Texas are hazardous today as freezing rain has left ice on many bridges and road surfaces, the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation reported.

## WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and cloudy and cooler Tuesday. Low tonight, upper 30s. High Tuesday, upper 50s. Complete details on Page 2A.

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## Yarbrough now court member

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Don Yarbrough, who the State Bar says is not fit to be a Texas lawyer, "is a member of Texas' highest court today.

The 35-year-old Houston attorney was sworn in Sunday as an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Today, at 9 a.m. he sits with the other eight members of the court at a special hearing. Tuesday he will take part in the usual weekly conference of the court considering cases appealed to them from throughout the state.

"I covet your continued prayers as we embark on the troubled waters ahead both personally and for the state," said Yarbrough Sunday.

He took the oath in a black robe borrowed from Chief Justice Joe Greenhill. He said he appreciated the courtesy but complained there was a hole in the sleeve.

"You will find the work challenging and I hope you enjoy working with us," the chief justice said at the end of the 20 minute ceremony.

Yarbrough refused to talk with reporters later.

The brief swearing-in ceremony before a crowd of maybe 75 persons was the climax to Yarbrough's surprise win in last June's Democratic primary and the defeat of two write-in candidates in November.

Yarbrough is a defendant in 15 civil suits including one by the State Bar seeking to take away his lawyer's license. The disbarment suit lists 53 grievances including 12 alleged acts of professional misconduct and eight violations of state and federal law.

The disbarment case has not been set for trial.

"I frankly don't know what makes a good judge," Yarbrough told his fellow jurists and the meager crowd. "I pledge a conscientious spirit, dedication to the law and a spirit of cooperation."

He said his priorities "as I look across the next six years" are first to be a "Godly man." Second, to be a good husband and third to be a good father.

Fourth, he said, "I want to be a good American . . . there is nothing greater we can pass on to our children than a free society and security . . . my recent experiences have convinced me of that."

He said that fifth, "I want to be a good judge on the Texas Supreme Court."

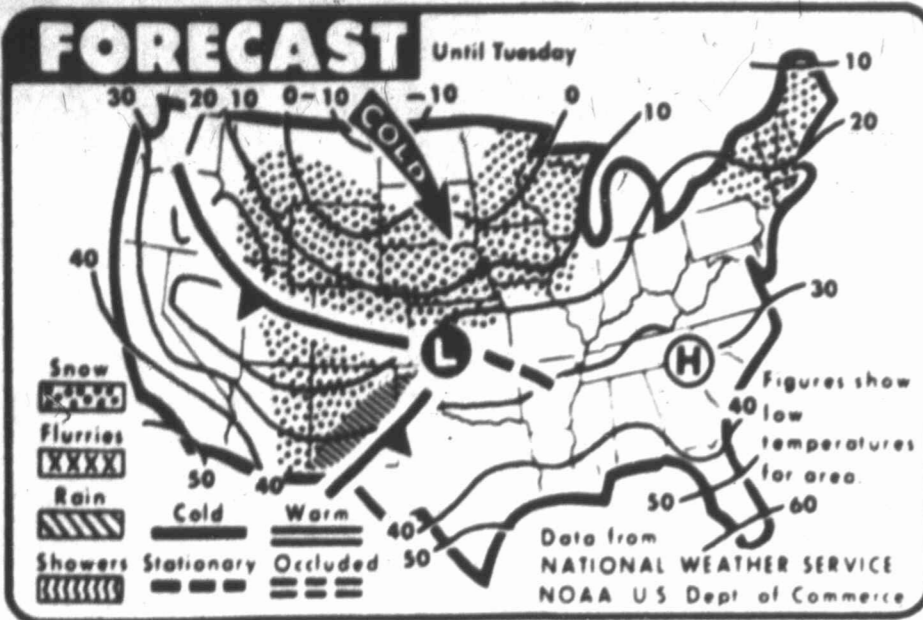
Yarbrough was sworn in by Greenhill. He was introduced to the

court by a longtime friend, Mrs. K. O. Bradley, Austin housewife, who said she met him many years ago at a "Christian retreat . . . he is one of my boys."

Yarbrough defeated Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals despite the fact that he was supported by an estimated 85 per cent of Texas lawyers in a State Bar poll. There was speculation that many voters thought they were voting for former Sen. Ralph Yarbrough or twice-defeated liberal Democratic gubernatorial candidate Don Yarbrough, also a Houston attorney.

Yarbrough's only previous political venture was an unsuccessful 1974 race against Treasurer Jesse James. In 1964 he served as general counsel for the Texas Water Development Board.

WEATHER SUMMARY



A WIDE AREA of snow is forecast today from the eastern slopes of the Rockies to the Northeast. Showers are expected in New Mexico. Cold temperatures are predicted nationwide.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Big Lake, Garden City, and Stanton. Rows include forecasts for today, tomorrow, and precipitation.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Amarillo, and Austin.

Extended Texas forecast

West Texas: Very cold Wednesday with a chance of snow. Clearing and not quite so cold Thursday.

New Mexico, Oklahoma

New Mexico: Winter storm watch for mountains tonight and for mountains and northeast Tuesday.

Democratic senators square off to choose new majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators will caucus Tuesday morning to elect a successor to Mike Mansfield as majority leader.

Puerto Rico governor shuns statehood issue

(Continued from Page 1A) more time to study the situation, both here among his constituents and in Washington among the nation's elected representatives, informed sources said.

post. However, David Gartner, Humphrey's administrative assistant, told a reporter that "we still think we have a chance" and that "the key thing" is that the vote will be by secret ballot.

Gartner said two or three senators have urged the Minnesota senator privately not to drop out, telling him they are going to vote for him even though they are publicly committed to Byrd. He declined to name the senators.

Byrd had no comment on Gartner's statement. Byrd, a West Virginian, has been the Democratic whip since 1971 when he unseated Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., from the post.

January temperatures higher than December

January may not have come in like the proverbial lamb but it seems to have brought slightly warmer temperatures than those recorded in the latter part of December.

This morning's low was 31 degrees and the weatherman expects a low tonight in the upper 30s. Tuesday's high should be in the upper 50s.

YMCA sets registration for swim, gym classes

Registration for the first youth swim and gym classes for the winter and spring schedule at Midland Central YMCA will continue through Friday.

Carter gets black backing

(Continued from Page 1A) elect's motorcade, when Carter, his wife and daughter, Amy, came to worship.

Woman hurt by gunshot

A 23-year-old Midland woman was shot twice with a .22 caliber handgun at an all-night restaurant early today.

Man 'guarded' after shooting

ODESSA — An 18-year-old Odessa man was in guarded condition at Odessa Medical Center this morning after being shot Sunday night in the 1200 block of West Clifford Street.

DEATHS

Kate Harrington service today

BIG SPRING — Services for Kate Harrington, 64, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. today in First Church of God with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Claudia Garnett rites Thursday

Mrs. Claudia Williams Garnett, of 1900 E. Chestnut Ave., died Sunday at Midland Memorial Hospital after a two-week illness. She was 67.

Rites pending for Armstrong

BIG LAKE — J. D. Armstrong died Sunday afternoon in a Big Lake hospital after an apparent heart attack at the age of 48.

Midlander's sister dies

LITTLEFIELD — Services for Vera Mae Cummings, 73, of Littlefield, sister of Sue D. Zoller of Midland, were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church.

Area resident's sister dies

MARFA — Services for Mattie Magathan, 63, of Marfa, daughter of Robert J. Carr Sr. of Andrews, will be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church of Marfa.

Jackson dies in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Services for Oscar Jackson Jr., 39, lifelong resident of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. today in Mount Bethel Baptist Church with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Green, 84, dies in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Services for Henry Green, 84, will be at 4 p.m. today in River-Welch Funeral Home with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dana Mackey service today

LUBBOCK — Services for Dana B. Mackey, 75, of Lubbock, brother of Mrs. Leroy Nietch of Midland, will be at 4 p.m. today in Rix Funeral Home.

Rites pending for E. M. Loyd

YANTIS, Tex. — Edward McKinley Loyd, 79, of Yantis, father of Loye C. Loyd of Midland, was found dead at his home in Yantis Sunday morning.

Rites Tuesday for Mrs. Fickas

LUBBOCK — Services for Minnie Fickas of Lubbock, sister of Mrs. J. Howard Hodge of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rix Funeral Home with burial in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Ex-Midlander dies in Crane

CRANE — Tranquilla Thomas, of 113 S. Tyler St., died Sunday in a Crane rest home at age 93.

Service today for Joe Day

Services for Joe S. Day, 43, of Route 3 Midland, will be held today at 4 p.m. in Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. E. Ray Tatum, officiating.

Edna J. Baker service today

ACKERLY — Services for Edna Joseph Baker, 79, of Ackerly will be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Long, pastor, officiating.

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# Claudine Longet trial gets under way today



Claudine Longet

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Claudine Longet, whose trial on charges of killing her lover opens today, may learn within a little as two weeks whether she goes free or faces up to 10 years in prison, her judge predicts.

But the defense says extensive publicity will prolong the task of picking an unbiased jury to try the 34-year-old singer-actress.

The first 75 in a group of 300 potential jurors were due in court for questioning today in Miss Longet's manslaughter trial in the March 21

death of professional skier Vladimir "Spider" Sabich.

Dist. Atty. Frank Tucker said many potential jurors in this Rocky Mountain ski resort may be disqualified because they knew Sabich, Miss Longet or both.

Miss Longet, former wife of singer Andy Williams, is accused of shooting Sabich, 31, who was killed with a .22-caliber pistol in the \$250,000 home they shared on a mountainside above Aspen.

Miss Longet contends the gun she was holding fired accidentally.

Among possible witnesses is Noel Williams, 12, one of Miss Longet's three children by Williams. The girl reportedly was in the house when Sabich was shot.

To obtain a guilty verdict, the law requires prosecutors to show Miss Longet "consciously disregarded a substantial and unjustifiable risk" to Sabich in the shooting.

Defense attorney Ronald D. Austin said Andy Williams, who has remained friends with his ex-wife, would attend at least part of the trial. He was at her side during earlier court appearances.

Jury selection in the 70-seat courtroom was scheduled to last until the middle of next week. Potential jurors were to appear in groups of 75 today, Wednesday, Friday and next Tuesday.

Pitkin County District Court Judge George E. Lohr estimated over he weekend that the trial would last two to four weeks. But Austin, sharing duties with Charles V. Weedman, said he fears heavy prior news coverage could make the trial take "longer than usual." Austin said he believed Miss Longet could get a fair trial.

The French-born Miss Longet, who is free on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond, stayed with friends in Aspen, including singer John Denver, after the shooting. She later moved into a \$153,000 house she purchased last spring, Austin said.

If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

# Three injured in plane crash

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Three young men who lay injured for three hours Sunday in a crash-landed airplane were in stable condition this morning after being found near the airfield where they hoped to land.

The airplane disappeared Sunday evening from the radar screen at Hawkins Field, a municipal airport within Jackson's city limits. Search parties were dispatched in sleet and freezing rain, but the plane, which crashed on the edge of the airfield, was not found for more than three hours. Officials said there apparently were no witnesses to the crash.

The three men were taken to St. Dominics Hospital, where they were listed in stable condition and reported suffering from multiple fractures and lacerations.

A hospital spokesman said one of the men was from Texas and the other two from Florida. Their names were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The single-engine plane was severely damaged. One wing was torn off and an aviation official described the craft as "a total loss." The official said the plane was bound for Longview, Tex., but the pilot decided to land at Hawkins Field after running into bad weather.

# Mondale realistic about role

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — Vice President-elect Walter F. Mondale knows all about the two brothers, the one who ran away to sea and the other who grew up to be vice president and never was heard from again.

Mondale harbors a genuine hope that this hoary joke, originated by an almost-forgotten vice president named Thomas Marshall, will not apply to him. Nevertheless, the incoming vice president is enough of a political realist to know that President-elect Carter is indulging in well-meant exaggeration when he promises that Mondale will be "an equal partner" in the new administration.

As a Mondale aide observed: "The senator understands there can be only one boss in the executive branch — and it isn't the vice president."

In these pre-inaugural weeks, however, Mondale already has played more of a role in the formation of the new government than any vice president-elect before him.

He has been consulted on every top appointment. He has shared in all the intelligence and national security briefings that Carter has received. He has been a jet-age commuter between Washington, where he has spent 12 years in the U.S. Senate, and Carter's home here.

# Food bargain hunters face hard times in 1977

By The Associated Press

Consumers trying to start 1977 with a balanced food budget are going to have to hunt harder for bargains. An Associated Press marketbasket survey shows that 1976 ended with price boosts for a wide range of items.

The AP drew up a random list of 15 commonly purchased food and nonfood products, checked the prices on March 1, 1973 at one supermarket in each of 13 cities and has rechecked on or about the start of each succeeding month.

Among the findings in the latest survey:

—The marketbasket bill increased at the checklist store in 12 cities during December, up an average of 5.1 per cent. The only decline, 5.9 per cent, was in Boston. On an overall basis, the marketbasket bill at the checklist stores went up 4.3 per cent in December. During November, the marketbasket bill was up at the checklist store in six cities, down in six and unchanged in one.

—Price rises in grocery bills during 1976 were due mainly to the soaring cost of coffee. The AP survey found the marketbasket bill at the start of this month was up at the checklist store in 10 cities and down in three, for an overall increase of 3.5 per cent. Coffee was up in 12 cities over the year, rising an average of 63 per cent, and was unavailable in the requested size and brand at the checklist store in the 13th city. When coffee was subtracted from the marketbasket bill in the 12 cities where it was available, the AP survey showed that this January's totals were less than last year at the checklist store in most areas, for an overall decrease of 3.4 per cent.

—Beef prices, which declined during much of 1976, started rising again as the year drew to a close and are expected to continue increasing. The cost of a pound of chopped chuck increased in seven cities during December. The reason? A decreasing supply of cattle, according to industry spokesmen who say ranchers have been cutting back herds because they

aren't getting paid enough for their animals.

—On the bright side, pork prices continued to drop during December. The cost of a pound of center cut pork chops decreased in six cities last month. The situation is exactly the opposite of what's happening with beef: hog farmers, encouraged by the high price they got in 1975 and by the abundant supplies of corn to feed the animals, have been increasing their production.

—The trends in beef and pork prices are expected to continue, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA has predicted that the average price of a pound of beef will go up 10 cents next year.

—Coffee prices also will keep going up, despite calls for a boycott by consumers. One major processor recently boosted the wholesale price for coffee to \$3.08 a pound. The AP survey showed retail prices at the checklist stores generally have not caught up to the wholesale level. Salt Lake City was the exception. Coffee cost \$3.19 a pound at the checklist store, more than double what it was a year ago.

The items on the AP checklist were: chopped chuck, center cut pork chops, frozen orange juice concentrate, coffee, paper towels, butter, Grade-A medium white eggs, creamy peanut butter, laundry detergent, fabric softener, tomato sauce, chocolate chip cookies, milk, all-beef frank-

furters and granulated sugar.

The cities checked were: Albuquerque, N.M., Atlanta, Ga., Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

# Youth critical after crash in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Michael Osnowitz of Albuquerque, remained in critical condition Sunday in Presbyterian Hospital from injuries suffered in the crash of a light plane which killed all other passengers.

Osnowitz, his brother Steven, 13, and stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Wells, were returning from a Christmas visit with relatives Friday when the single-engine Cessna they were flying struck a 69,000-volt power line. State police said that Wells, who was piloting the aircraft, apparently had been trying to land at the Santa Rosa airport to refuel.

Power was restored to Santa Rosa about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 15 hours after the crash. The nearby communities of Fort Sumner and Melrose regained electrical service late Friday night.

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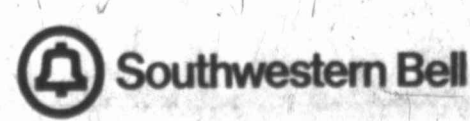
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The New York City medical facility recently opened a "Family Living Room," an all-in-one labor-delivery room. It combines the physical and psychological comforts of home with instant availability of sophisticated medical equipment and procedures vital to the health of both mother and infant, according to Dr. Martin L. Stone, professor and chairman of the college's department of obstetrics

and gynecology.

"In the hospital living room, the mother can be as relaxed as she would be if she were having her baby at home," says Dr. Stone. "During her labor period, she may sit up in an easy chair or lie in bed, watch TV, read, chat with her husband or other relative or friend she has chosen to share the adventure of birth with."

At the same time, Dr. Stone adds, she knows that should an emergency arise, the most advanced help medical science has to offer is only seconds away, just down the corridor in the hospital's conventional delivery room.

The room is the newest addition to Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals' Family-Centered Maternity Pro-

gram, a comprehensive package of "prepared and shared parenthood" services which includes education in prepared childbirth for father as well as mother, and labor, delivery and postpartum (after childbirth) follow-up care.

Dr. Don M. Sloan, director of the program, says the room was established out of a conviction that "in-hospital maternity care should be as compassionate, personalized and family-centered as possible within standards of safety. The events surrounding the birth of a child should be an emotionally satisfying experience for all members of the family. This contributes to the development of a healthy family unit."

Dr. Stone cites the recent ex-

perience of Lillian and Richard Frey, Elmhurst, N.Y., as a good example.

The Freys didn't arrive at the hospital until a few minutes after midnight, and long after Mrs. Frey's labor pains had begun. The six-week prenatal education course she and her husband had taken, instructing them in Lamaze exercise, breathing and relaxation techniques, had prepared them so they knew what to expect and weren't thrown by the first labor pain.

"Anyone looking in on the Freys a few minutes after they settled into the Family Living Room might have thought they were still at home," Dr. Stone relates.

Mrs. Frey sat in a rocking chair, her husband in a comfortable chair by her side, both watching the late show

on television. A small wall light cast a warm glow on the cream-and-gold striped wall paper, the purple cottage curtains, a hanging flower pot. If the TV show became boring, there were books and magazines in the black walnut-stained hutch, all courtesy of interior decorator Dr. Stone, who shopped for the Family Living Room furnishings himself.

At about 1:20 a.m., Dr. Stone, who had checked his patient's progress every 10 minutes, decided the time had come. Mrs. Frey got into bed — which looks like the ordinary bed for sleeping but has all the trappings necessary for delivery of babies. Half an hour later, she and her husband shared the exhilarating experience of watching, in the large tilted mirror at

the foot of the bed, the birth of their eight-pound daughter.

Her husband, Mrs. Frey recalls, "really enjoyed it. He talked all the way through. It was easy and relaxed with him there. I don't think I could have done it without him."

Of late, there has been renewed interest in having babies at home, Dr. Stone notes. Although 90 per cent of all deliveries are normal and do not require special medical attention, the physician views out-of-hospital births with a cautious eye.

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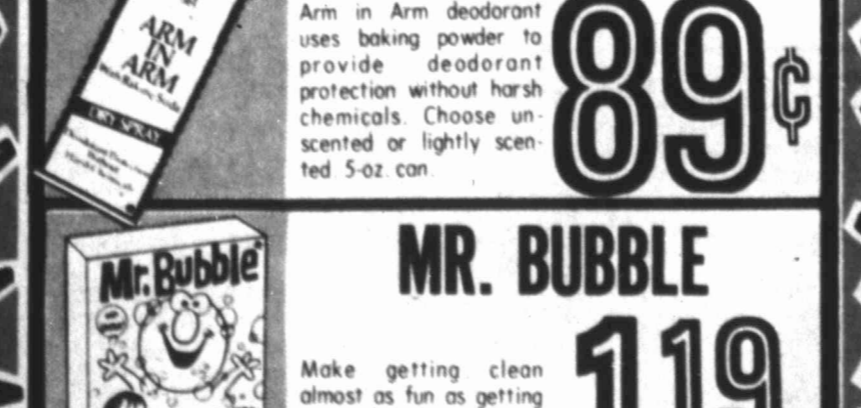
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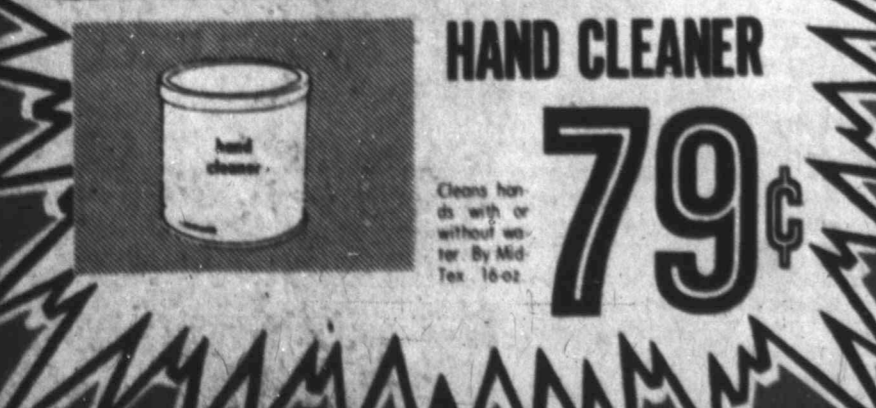
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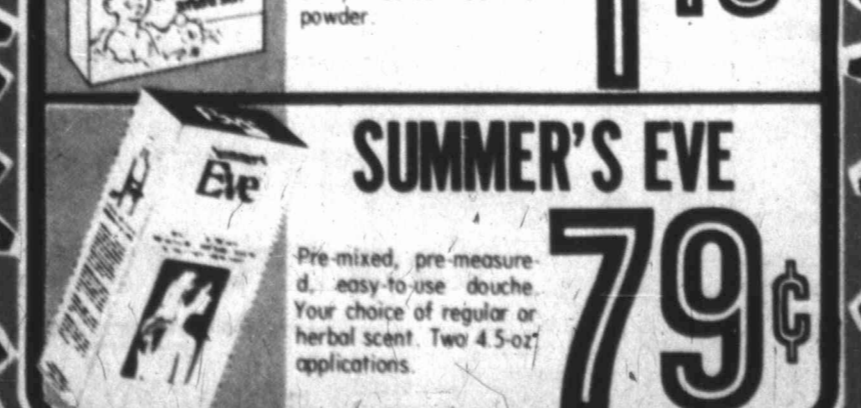
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# El Paso plant still a hazard to Mexican children

By MARLISE SIMONS  
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — Four years after a U.S. court ordered a huge ore smelter near El Paso to reduce its emission of toxic lead dust, Mexican authorities say the plant still poses a health hazard, particularly to local children.

On the U.S. side of the border, however, plant and environmental officials express doubt about Mexico's own determination to deal with the problem. Monitoring devices donated to Mexico are going unused, they say, and the Mexican government has done little to end illegal squatting in polluted areas.

The smelter, owned by Asarco Inc., an American company, has been in operation for 90 years and is one of the largest in the country, with more than

a thousand employees. A decade ago, according to a study by local authorities, the plant was emitting some 3,000 pounds of dust a day, two-thirds of it lead dust. Large quantities of the dust were found as far as seven miles away, settled on rooftops, household utensils and in yards. The company paid neighboring American farmers for pollution damage to their crops.

Since then, according to plant manager William Kelly, the company has spent almost \$50 million on improvements and antipollution devices, and increased the height of its stack from 300 feet to 820 feet.

Dust emission is now 300 pounds a day, Kelly says, with 25 per cent lead content. Furthermore, he says, the company has installed monitors and keeps meteorologists on 24-hour duty to determine when weather conditions

force a shutdown. Most of these steps followed a 1972 court decision after the state of Texas and the city of El Paso brought suit against Asarco. The company was fined \$90,000 and ordered to pay medical expenses of individuals affected by the pollution, to continue checking children in the area for signs of mineral poisoning and to install pollution control devices.

No damages were paid to Mexico according to Mexican authorities.

Two years after the court's decision, a Mexican government survey of 724 children living near the plant found that more than 10 per cent of them had more lead in their blood than the U.S. Surgeon General's maximum limit of 30 micrograms per 100 milliliters.

The particles are too large to be inhaled, and the age group most affected seems to be the 3- to 7-year-olds

who put things in their mouths. In El Paso, the director of the county health department, Dr. Bernard Rosenblum, said many children have suffered irreversible damage, although none are known to have died from lead poisoning.

"On X-rays you could actually see the deposits of lead in the bone marrow," Dr. Rosenblum said. "Some of the children had weakness of the chest muscles and serious learning disability."

The head of air programs at the Dallas branch of the Environmental Protection Agency, Jack Devita, says that "To our knowledge, Asarco is in compliance with court orders and has no serious emission problem."

Kelly, the plant manager, says: "Another two years and we'll have halted most emission," adding: "You can't take a 90-year-old plant and revamp it quickly."

On the U.S. side of the border, the company has razed the shacks of "Smeltertown," the highly contaminated area near the plant where many of its workers used to live. It also scooped off one foot of top-soil in the most affected areas.

On the Mexican side, however, within a mile or two of the smelter, hundreds of families continue to live in shantytowns built on highly contaminated dust spewed out by the chimney since 1887.

A high official in Mexico's environmental protection department, asked about the need to scoop away the contaminated soil, said: "Those people are squatting there illegally in the first place, and should be moved altogether."

American officials also cast doubt on Mexico's determination to face up to the problem. Mexican officials say

they are waiting for the U.S. government to make the first move in launching joint studies — agreed on at a December 1975 meeting — to evaluate the present contamination.

And El Paso's Dr. Rosenblum said the city had given authorities in nearby Ciudad Juarez some of its used air pollution measuring equipment, four high-volume samplers.

Until recently, he said, El Paso had done the laboratory testing on the samples collected by the Mexicans, who lacked the equipment for the analysis.

"But for the last few months, the Mexicans have not been sending them over," he said. "The engineer who should collect the samples and turn them over to us says he has not been getting any travel expenses, so he has told me he is no longer bothering to pick them up."

## Experts say 'pause' at an end News leaks appalling to CIA boss Bush

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — On the basis of recent statistics, economists for the country's two largest banks have proclaimed an end to the "pause" in the United States' economy recovery and a speed-up in its rate of growth.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. chief economist, Tilford C. Gaines, said in his monthly taped report that "the pause, the lull, whatever it was the economy has gone through for the past six to eight months, seems pretty definitely to have come to an end."

Gaines' colleague, Irwin L. Kellner, another economist at Manufacturers Hanover, cited as evidence the November surge in industrial production to a new high, the likelihood that Christmas retail sales rose 11 to 13 per cent in volume over a year ago, the continuing strong pace of residential construction activity, a \$15-billion jump in personal income in November and signs that business capital spending is about to increase.

Citibank senior vice president and economist Leif Olsen also cited the November jump in industrial production as a "heartening sign" that the pause in the economy may have ended by October.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush said Sunday that he is "appalled" by leaks of a new CIA report on long-range Soviet military plans. He said those who leaked the information violated security agreements and lacked discipline.

"I'm a little disillusioned because I never thought that we could be in this kind of phantom duel where you're battling with unnamed sources," Bush said in a television interview.

"I just thought that we were more disciplined with the intelligence community," he said.

The report, the National Intelligence Estimate on the Soviet Union, is an annual U.S. estimate of Soviet strategic objectives over the next 10 years. The estimate is regarded as top secret.

However, it has been widely reported that an outside panel, commissioned last June to challenge the judgment of government intelligence analysts, concluded in the current estimate that the Russians are seeking military superiority over the United States.

The stories said the conclusions of the outside panel differed from those of the official U.S. analysts, who have contended that the Russians are seeking only military parity with this country.

Bush refused to confirm or deny any of the reported conclusions. "I'm not discussing the conclusion," he said. "The worse thing a director of central intelligence could do is to come here and appear on this program and discuss sensitive conclusions of national intelligence estimates."

"I'm simply not going to do it," Bush said. "To the degree a member of the team (responsible for analyzing the intelligence estimates) is giving out a conclusion, he is violating a security agreement, and I don't want

to be a party to that," Bush said.

The CIA director said he appeared on the interview program, in part, to "gun down" speculation that the CIA was coming up with a tough estimate of Soviet military plans, and then allowing it to be leaked to the press as part of a plan to dissuade President-elect Jimmy Carter from seeking defense budget cuts.

That speculation "just couldn't be farther from the truth," Bush said.

"That gets to the integrity of the process," he said. "And I am here to defend the integrity of the intelligence process... The CIA has great integrity. It would never take directions from a policy maker — me or anybody else — in order to come up with conclusions to force a president-elect's hand or a president's hand," he said.

Bush said that though he was disillusioned about the news leaks surrounding the current intelligence estimates, he would not do away with the concept of having outside experts come in to review and analyze official intelligence data.

"The concept... of challenging (official) conclusions by outside expertise has enormous appeal to me," he said. He added that he is "considering a plan" and will recommend to his successor, Theodore Sorensen, that outside experts be used in a similar capacity.

"I still feel that, to the degree outsiders with expertise can critique estimates, then the policy makers are apt to have a finer (intelligence) product," he said.

Asked to give his personal opinion about whether the Soviets were seeking military superiority over the United States, Bush said: "There are some worrisome signs that are being looked at very, very closely — worrisome signs that are being reviewed with a ferocity, or an intensity, this year that weren't examined with the same intensity last year."

## 29 die on state roads

By The Associated Press

The New Year holiday death count in Texas stood at 29 Monday morning, but traffic fatalities were well below the figure estimated last week by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The number of deaths on the state's roads and highways stood at 18. The Texas Department of Public Safety predicted that 43 persons would die in traffic accidents in the state before the holiday weekend officially ended at midnight Sunday.

In addition to the 18 traffic deaths, one person died in a fire, three were shot to death, four drowned and two died of apparent carbon monoxide poison in Fort Worth.

In the worst incident of the weekend, four young children from Houston drowned when a van in which they were riding apparently rolled backwards into a lake in East Texas near Goodrich.

The children were identified as Anna Victoria Miller, 3, Olga Alicia Miller, 4, Nora Munoz, 8, and Rane Munoz, 10. Officers said the children were in a van at Baker's Boat Ramp when the van rolled backwards into 20 feet of water.

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His body was to be flown to his native Pittsburgh for burial. His best-known composition was "Misty," which he recorded in 1956. With words added later by Johnny Burke, the song became a hit for singers Johnny Mathis and Sara Vaughan and was featured in the Clint Eastwood film, "Play Misty for Me." Garner also wrote such hits as "Dreamy," "Gaslight," "Solitaire" and "That's My Kick." His most famous album was "Concerts by the Sea." Born in 1923, Garner began playing the piano at age 3 when he simply stood and reached up to the keys. He could memorize any piece at one sitting and resisted efforts to teach him to read music. Garner's late father, Ernest, played the trombone, mandolin and piano as a hobby. Three of Garner's five brothers and sisters are amateur musicians, and a fourth is a professional arranger.

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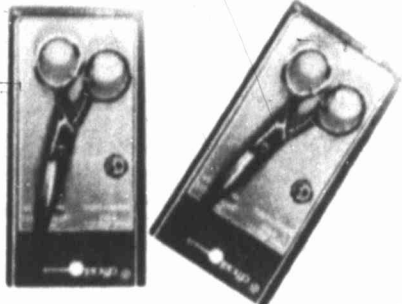
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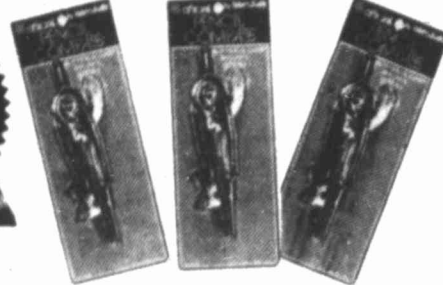
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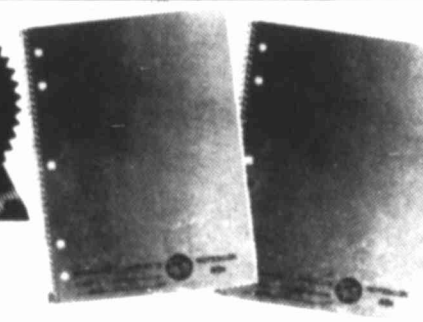
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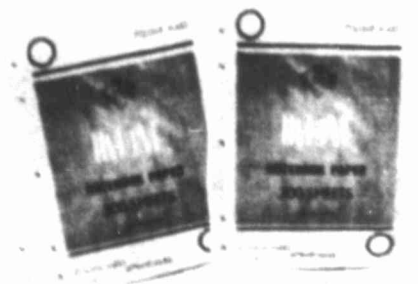
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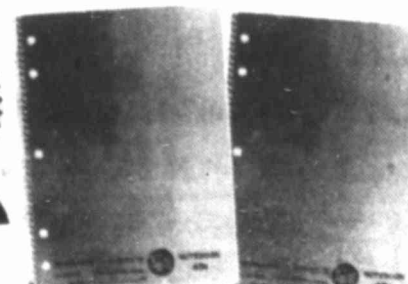
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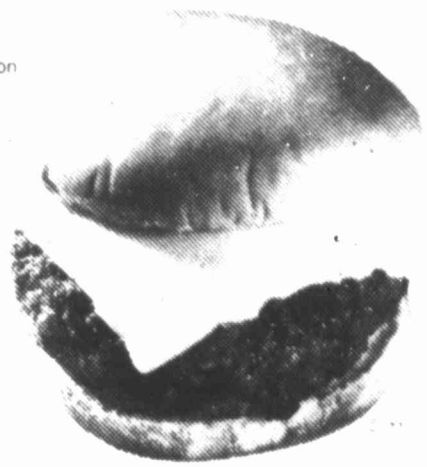
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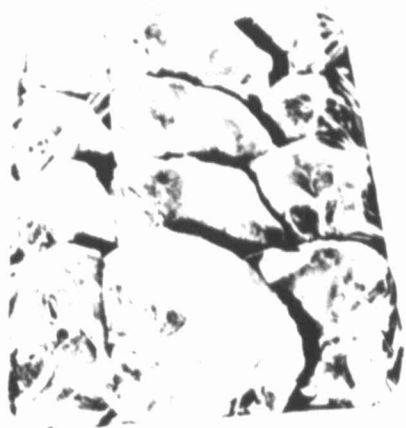
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VAIL, COLO., MAYOR John Dobson presents President Ford with a plaque which contains the "skis to the town of Vail," because there are no keys to the town. Ford and his family ended a two-week ski vacation in Vail Sunday.

## President optimistic about political future

By LOU CANNON  
The Washington Post

VAIL, Colo. — President Ford is beginning the new year in a mood of relaxed optimism and a conviction that he will remain a force on the political landscape for a long time to come.

Ford will leave the White House on Jan. 20, but he has repeatedly expressed the belief to aides and friends that he will continue to be a factor in public life. During the past week he has been making proposals which either cannot be accomplished during his presidency, such as Puerto Rican statehood, or might more fittingly be left to his successor, such as gasoline price decontrol.

Part of the reason for these proposals is Ford's determination to function as President until the day he leaves office. But those who have seen the President at close quarters during his happy vacation here at Vail think that the reasons for Ford's activism go beyond a final show of presidential power.

More revealing than any specific proposal is Ford's frequent reiteration of the sentiment he voiced last week on the ski slopes: "I'll be around." Though Ford is disinclined to be a critic of Jimmy Carter during the latter's honeymoon period, Ford expects to be called upon to express Republican positions on a variety of issues during 1977.

He was, in effect, making such a statement Saturday when he proposed Puerto Rican statehood, which is a tenet of the GOP platform approved last August at Kansas City.

One of the signs that the President is looking ahead, both personally and politically, is that he is no longer second-guessing the missed opportunities of the 1976 campaign. The melancholy induced by his election defeat is gone, and Ford is now talking about his future, and not his past.

That future is bright. Ford has received hundreds of offers to speak or lecture, some for as high as \$5,000 a speech. Even without the \$100,000 a year he will receive from congressional and presidential pensions, Ford is assured that he never again will have to worry about making a living or providing for his family.

At first, during the period coinciding with the anticipated Carter political honeymoon, Ford as ex-President will divide his time between playing golf in Palm Springs, Calif., and skiing in Vail. But he is expected to announce in January his plans to lecture at the University of Michigan, his alma mater, and also to write a book that will stake out Ford's claim as a continuing political spokesman.

Ford's final week of travel as President has contrasted starkly with the last presidential trip of his predecessor to San Clemente two and one-half years ago.

At that time Richard Nixon, fearful and despondent, isolated himself and sent out his press secretary to denounce critical news accounts and tell reporters that he would never be impeached by the House.

Ford's press secretary left Vail the day before Christmas, and the President has been meeting daily with reporters on his way to the ski slopes. He also has gone out of his way during his two weeks here to seek out staff members, reporters and friends and express his personal appreciation for their efforts.

Ford is, in fact, far more accessible and outgoing than he was at Vail a year ago, when he was troubled by White House pressures and the pending challenge of Ronald Reagan. Except for two football-watching days, Ford has skied long and enthusiastically on Vail's slopes, which were patchy at first but have improved under a year-end snow.

He has spent the evenings making the rounds of parties held for him by local businessmen, the White House communications agency, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the White House press corps. On New Year's Eve, the Fords hosted a party at their rented chalet here and invited several correspondents and their wives to see in the New Year.

The only sour note of the week, as far as the President was concerned, was the publicity given his remarks on amnesty after he telephoned Jane Hart to express condolences on the death of her husband, Sen. Philip Hart (D-Mich.).

Ford politely asked if there was anything he could do, and Mrs. Hart, an anti-war activist, asked to grant amnesty to Vietnam war evaders in her husband's memory. The President said he would look into it.

Resulting news stories, prominently played in some publications, suggested that Mrs. Hart's request might become reality. This seemed overdone to the President, who knew that reporters were well aware of his consistent opposition to a blanket amnesty plan. Ford was even more embarrassed by a second round of stories that seemed to him to indicate that he had been insincere in saying to Mrs. Hart that he would re-examine the issue.

When a television reporter pressed him about it after one of his skiing outings, Ford's temper flashed and he accused the reporter of wanting to manufacture something out of nothing.

Some of the reporters here agreed with Ford that the story had been exaggerated. But they also were reminded of the difficulty which Ford has always had in extricating himself from his own well-intended but inexperienced sentences, most notably when he refused for two days after the second presidential debate to correct a statement saying that Poland was not dominated by the Soviet Union.

"The President's a stubborn man," said one aide. "He knows what he meant to say, and he finds it difficult to apologize if he thinks people are nit-picking his words and ignoring his meaning."

But Ford's annoyance passed as quickly as it came. The next day he cheerfully delayed his skiing to hold an impromptu news conference on the mountain. When the television reporter who had first questioned him about amnesty said that he hoped the President would talk about something else because "we're tired of amnesty," Ford replied with a smile: "If you don't ask me any questions about it, you won't get any answers."

The next day another television correspondent waited for the President as he left a local restaurant. The correspondent was in a wheel chair, pretending he had suffered a ski injury.

Ford's consternation at the apparent injury was so great that the correspondent quickly confessed he was faking saying, "The night life has been too much for me, Mr. President."

# Shopping around can save money for automobile insurance buyers

By LOUISE COOK  
Associated Press  
Writer

Premiums for automobile insurance are soaring as companies complain they cannot afford the rising cost of repairs and the increased number of claims. Motorists can save money, however, if they shop around and follow a few simple rules.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that a auto insurance premiums, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, increased 1 per cent from September to

October. The cost of auto insurance in October was 20.2 per cent higher than it was at the start of the year.

The increase is more than four times the rise in the overall Consumer Price Index during the same period. It compares to a boost for auto insurance premiums of under 6 per cent in 1975 and less than 1 per cent in all of 1974.

Government figures compiled by the Conference Board, a non-profit business research group, show Americans spent just over \$5 billion

on auto insurance — premiums minus claims paid out — in 1975. That's about one-eighth of the amount they spent to buy the cars in the first place.

The insurance companies say the costs they have to pay have increased. They cite higher medical bills and increased prices for auto parts used in repairs. No-fault insurance plans were designed to hold the lid on premiums by eliminating some costly lawsuits. But the no-fault laws generally do not cover property damage, only bodily injury. And

some of the no-fault laws allow legal action in cases where medical costs exceed a relatively low level.

How can you cut your costs?

Most important, according to the Illinois Department of Insurance, is to shop around. A 1975 study prepared for the Kemper

Insurance Cos. showed that 72 per cent of those questioned considered only one company when buying insurance. The Illinois agency recommends comparing prices and services of at least three insurers.

To point up the importance of comparison shopping, the insurance department looked at the

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## EPA 'chaos' charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government cannot guarantee Americans protection from poisonous pesticides because of "chaos" at the Environmental Protection Agency, Senate investigators charge.

The accusation highlighted a 10-month study of EPA's pesticide program by the Senate subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure chaired by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. The study was published Sunday.

EPA Administrator Russell Train responded by conceding that his agency had made mistakes in its pesticide program, but he rejected implications in the report that the agency acted secretly and broke its own regulations to cover up those mistakes.

Kennedy's panel found that the EPA was given a nearly impossible task by Congress in 1972 — that of testing and classifying some 50,000 products for safety and environmental hazards. Congress set a 1976 deadline for the tests, but extended it to October 1977.

Faced with the testing problem, Kennedy said, the EPA fell back on questionable procedures, such as reliance on tests done as much as 25 years ago by the pesticide industry.

One example cited in the study involved the chemical leptophos, which was used to eliminate pests on tomatoes and lettuce. Recent research has shown that leptophos affects the human nervous system in the same way as rattlesnake venom.

The EPA heard warnings about leptophos in 1973 and 1974 from a variety of scientists, the study said. But it continued to rely on old tests by leptophos manufacturer, which said the chemical was safe. The EPA did not halt production of the chemical until 1976.

Kennedy said the "failure to validate testing data...has caused needless and costly delay in determining to what extent pesticides currently on the market cause such adverse effects as cancer, birth defects, and interference with biological reproduction."

Kennedy criticized an EPA plan adopted in 1974, whereby it gave a secondary priority to more than two-thirds of the 50,000 pesticide products to be tested. The top priority went to 15,000 products the EPA felt more likely to be dangerous.

The agency generally took the word of pesticide manufacturers for the safety of products in the secondary category.

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Chapman, alumnae guest; Mrs. J. P. Wilkinson, mother of a member, and Barbara Priddy, an active attending Southern Methodist University.



DEAR ABBY

## Thinking man sounds more like drinking man

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will print this suggestion for people who spend more money in bars than they can afford:

Since you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license.

Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 drinks in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a drink, and in 12 days (when the case is gone) your wife will have \$89 to put in the bank and \$55 to buy another case.

If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your whiskey from your wife and then die in your boots, your widow will have \$27,085.47 on deposit—enough to bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew a bum like you.—THINKING MAN

DEAR THINKING: You sound more like a "drinking" man than a thinking man. What man is going to give his wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey, and then pay her 60 cents for a drink?

The way I figure it, the man will be

out \$55 every 12 days, and when he goes on Social Security, he'll either die of starvation or cirrhosis of the liver—which ever comes first.

DEAR ABBY: I am a male who has just read an article written by a woman who uses the word "macho" to describe men who have an exaggerated sense of male pride.

What would you call a female who has an exaggerated sense of female pride and delights in making men feel like little boys?

In other words, Abby, what word can be used to describe the female counterpart of the "macho" male?—AROUSED

DEAR AROUSED: How about "machete"? (An ideal weapon for castration.)

DEAR ABBY: I swore, like everyone else, that a grown man writing to you had to be the silliest thing in the world, but I have no one else to go to for a solution.

I head a department where I work, and a coworker of mine who has an eye for the ladies is my problem. He's having an affair with one of the secretaries here, and not only is this guy married, she is, too. Plus, she is one of his wife's best friends.

He has had other affairs, but I've always looked the other way, figuring it was none of my business. But this time, the work in my department is affected. He cuts his working hours short and makes excuses to be around her instead of tending to his business.

I like this guy, but I am responsible to my higher-ups. Do I look the other way again, talk to him, blab to the boss or wise up the wife?—WHAT NOW?

DEAR WHAT: Tell your friend that his lapses on the job are beginning to show—for reasons that are no secret around the office. Furthermore, if he doesn't shape up he's likely to be shipped out.

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## English-Goodwin plan wedding ceremony

LUFKIN — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn English of Lufkin announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay Naoma, to Philip Wayne Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reo Goodwin of 2608 N. L St., Midland.

The wedding will be March 26 in the First Baptist Church of Lufkin.

Miss English has attended The University of Texas-Austin, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Her fiancé was graduated from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, and is employed as an engineer by Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Houston.



Kay Naoma English

### Use colored thread

To keep children's socks in pairs, sew different colored thread on the bottom of each pair, giving each child a different color. A couple of stitches fastened securely will do this marking.

## Are you suffering from holiday weight hangover?

By SHIRLEY BRIGHT-BOODY  
Registered Dietitian  
Copley News Service

The holidays are past, leaving many with expanded waistlines.

Many accept the gain as a part of the holiday package. Others suffer remorse and guilt for months afterward. Then there are those who approach the feasting with a plan and usually escape without a change in their figure.

People with a weight problem to begin with are the major sufferers of the January weight hangovers. The bald truth is that the heavier you were as you went into the festivities, the heavier you are when you emerge.

The closer you were to normal weight, the less

problem you suffer from holiday feasting. Those who maintain a sensible eating program and a proper weight during the year are very likely unaffected by party eating.

Maintaining a slender body requires eating the kinds and quantities of foods that insure health. If you eat properly most of the time an occasional "indiscretion" will not do much damage.

There are those who

approach the parties much as an alcoholic approaches a binge—the only thing that counts is quantity. They measure the fun they had by how much they consumed. Amenities, friends and sociability are forgotten in the attempt to eat as much as possible.

Social grace should dictate your behavior. When you are invited to a dinner or party it is as an honored guest, not as a garbage disposer.

### HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGTER

(Tues. Jan. 4)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There could be increased activity of an emotional nature if an annoying situation cannot be avoided. Be sure not to force any issues and you will benefit greatly in the end.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): You are now under good aspects for improving conditions at home. Do something practical and thoughtful for your mate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Much care should be exercised in motion so that you avoid a possible accident. Discuss a new plan with a trusted associate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): A so-called problem you have can bring unexpected profit if you handle it properly. Take no chances with a hypocrite.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Take time to improve your appearance. Meet new personalities who can help you in the future. Think constructively.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21): Pause to reflect and figure a way to make your activities become more profitable. Talk matters over with trusted advisers.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Put aside the social for today but don't exclude the one person who can make the future brighter for you. Be logical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Get together with a higher-up who can help you advance more quickly in your career. Handle a credit matter without delay.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Be alert to some change that could add to your abundance. Make the evening a happy one with family and friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Study what your obligations are and be sure to discharge them well. Use discretion in handling a civic matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Handle a social affair in a most scrupulous fashion and gain the respect of others. Keep calm and you win out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): You can accomplish a great deal today if you exercise your special talents. Improve your health and be happier.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): A sudden invitation could come to you now that would open up new vistas for the future, so be sure to accept. Keep cheerful.

# Before I lost 20 pounds my husband couldn't believe my thighs. Now he can't believe his eyes.

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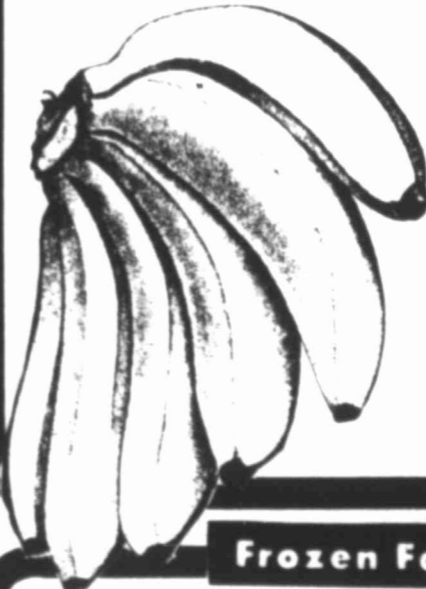
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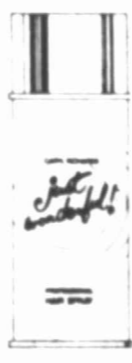
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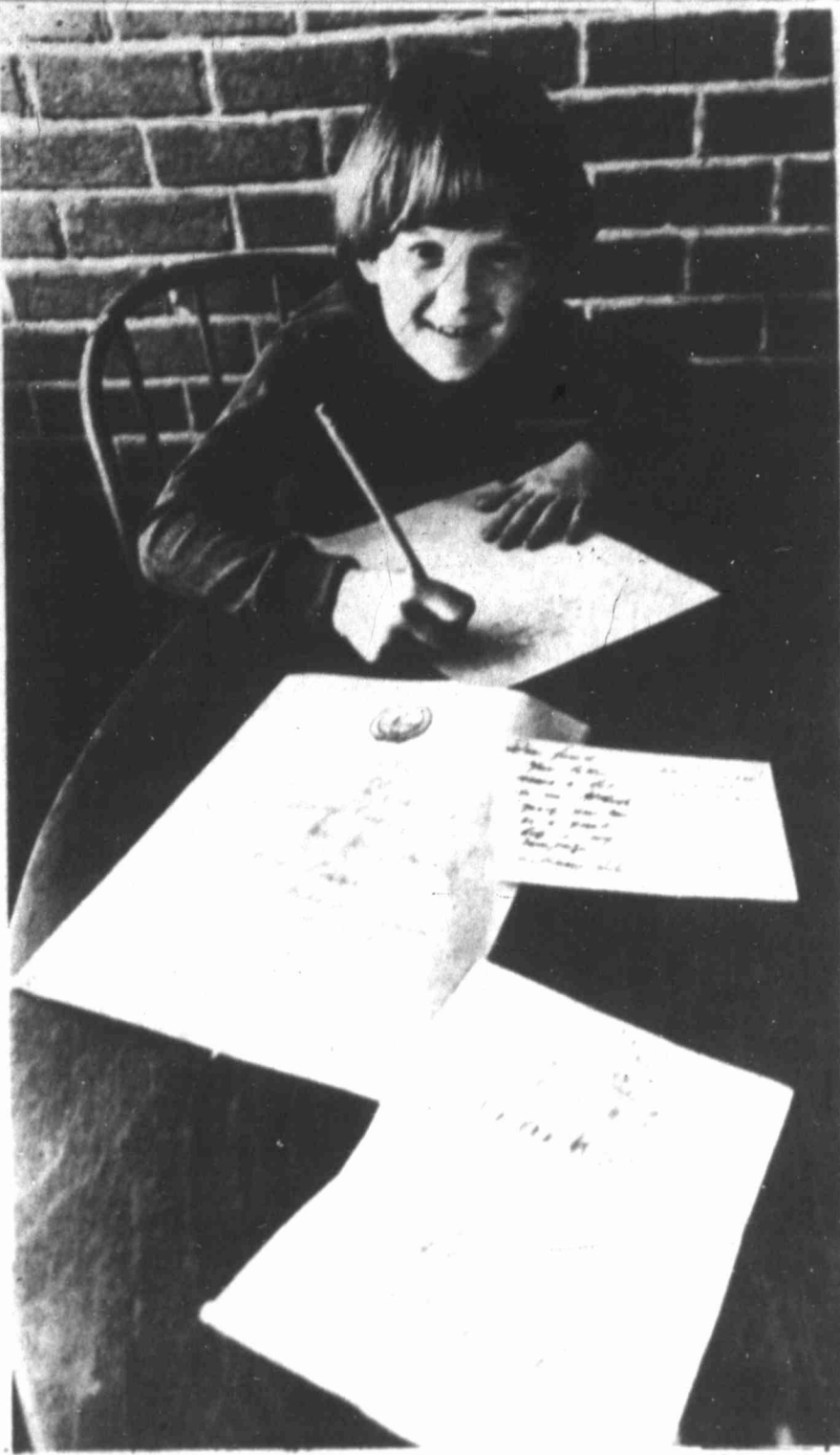
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# Militants may have stashed arms

By NARDA ZACCHINO  
The Los Angeles Times



SEVEN-YEAR OLD Tom Coleman's theory of how to control one's temper earned him an invitation from Jimmy Carter to his inauguration. Tears rolled down his cheeks when his mother told him he can't go. "Maybe Jimmy Carter will send me 10,000 bucks to go to Washington," Tom, of St. Louis Park, Minn. said.

LOS ANGELES — The huge arms caches recently found in Southern California may have been the secret arsenals of right-wing militants planning to launch a counterrevolution against the Communists they expected would seize control of the government.

This view was offered by a former leader of right-wing paramilitary groups in California on whom law enforcement agents have relied for information on extremist organizations.

While Los Angeles Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has said the caches were placed "by a paramilitary organization," detectives have not been able to single out any particular right-wing group or connect any of the suspects with an extremist organization.

But the former right-wing leader said members of the paramilitary Minutemen organization, with which he was associated, buried munitions in the desert near Lancaster "because they were expecting a complete Communist takeover with Russians tramping down the street."

He noted that many right-wing extremists were members of several organizations — Minutemen, Christian Defense League, National States' Rights Party, American Nazi Party, to name a few — concurrently, and any of these groups might have played a role in burying the munitions.

The informant, who was associated with right-wing extremists for about five years in the 1960s, said he told the FBI about seven years ago that some of his associates had buried arms and explosives in the desert in the Lancaster area.

He said he also told authorities that right-wing militants buried a huge cache of weapons near Phelan Mountain in San Bernardino County. But in both cases he said he did not know the exact location FBI search proved unsuccessful.

The FBI and Los Angeles County sheriff's office confirmed that they have heard reports for years about weapons hidden in the desert and have searched for buried munitions without success. Neither agency claimed knowledge of a Phelan Mountain cache.

Dep. Howard Rechtschaffen, one of the detectives in charge of the case, said his department has followed numerous leads on hidden weapons in the desert "but they always came up blank and I was beginning to believe most of this stuff was a figment of their (informants') imagination."

"Now this thing has made a believer out of me," he said.

Indeed, the quantity and types of weapons found in the desert cache and later at Homes in Wrightwood, Phelan, Ontario and at a foundry in Pomona were surprising.

Approximately 13 tons of explosives, weapons and

ammunition — enough to outfit a 200-man army — were uncovered, including ground-to-air missiles, bazookas, land mines, hand grenades, chemicals to make napalm and an 81-mm mortar.

Authorities also found food and medical supplies and right-wing hate literature that was anti-Semitic, anti-black and anti-Communist.

According to the former right-wing leader, the discovery fits the game plan followed by his rightist militant associates during the decade of the '60s.

He described how easily and inexpensively extremists were able to procure some of the sophisticated weapons similar to those found recently, and he explained why militants stockpiled such munitions and supplies.

The paramilitarists, he said, strongly believed that the country was being taken over by Communists, "if not entirely yet, then it will be soon."

"They're looking at a situation where the government has been overthrown by the Communists and the military may be in the hands of the Communists and therefore they have to launch a counterrevolution," he said.

"They were expecting a complete Communist takeover with the Russians tramping down the streets. These guys firmly believed Nixon was a Communist...that the country is about to fall, the country is about 85 per cent taken over and if it goes the rest of the way, we're going to revolt."

Many of his statements were confirmed by law enforcement authorities and by Robert DePugh of Norbonne, Mo., the former national head of the Minutemen organization who went to prison for federal gun law violations and who is currently on parole.

DePugh said at the organization's peak in 1966 there were 5,000 full members and about 15,000 to 20,000 associate members nationwide, with fairly large, active contingents in Southern California and Arizona.

The organization was necessary, he said, "to form, in advance of actual needs, a resistance movement that would be able to provide leadership, sources of supply, communication, etc...to the general population or in support of the armed forces to defend this country against either a Communist takeover from within or a Communist attack from without."

He would not say whether the organization exists today, although it was active in the '60s.

"We recommended that our members stockpile not only guns and ammunition, but medical supplies and paper, machinery of different types, photographic equipment, a wide variety of items which would ordinarily be controlled by any dictatorial form of government."

The photographic equipment would be needed to prepare false identification papers, travel permits and other documents, he said.

DePugh said members practiced guerrilla warfare, sometimes with weapons, in the desert "or someplace we could hopefully avoid notice."

He denied any knowledge of the caches found recently, and said the persons responsible for burying the munitions "were probably members of one of those other many groups that sort of copycatted the Minutemen in that area."

The former California right-wing leader, who worked with the Minutemen as well as some of its offshoots, also trained with right-wing survival groups.

He said the medical supplies and food were buried because the self-proclaimed soldiers "expect they're going to have to go live in the hills while the Communists take over."

He explained that while it would be difficult today to amass such a collection of munitions as was found back in the '60s the task was relatively simple.

Right-wing extremists obtained some weapons legally from gun shops and through gun magazine advertisements, received stolen munitions from sympathizers on military bases and bought deactivated World War II military surplus weapons which they later activated, the former extremist said.

The strategy of the Minutemen was "wait and watch," he said. Whatever the motives of the persons who buried the cache near Lancaster, it might have worked — except for strong Santa Ana winds a few weeks ago which shifted the desert sands to reveal a concrete bunker.

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## Western catalogues help Romanians stay in style

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Stylish Romanian women pick their dresses from Western catalogues, although the mail-order houses are inaccessible to them.

They solve the problem by ripping out the catalogue page, going to their tailor and telling him, "Make me a dress like this."

"We have special tailor shops that will make what we want," a 23-year-old secretary explained. "And then we make some things ourselves."

Fashion magazines and catalogues are as prized here as they are in other East Bloc countries where style takes a backseat to uniformity. Romania imports as little as possible to save foreign currency needed to speed its industrial development.

"We have three big

shops," said a young woman wearing a turquoise turtleneck sweater and dark skirt. "But they don't always have the things we want."

Friends and relatives in Western countries are the source of most of the magazines and clothes that find their way into the country.

"The tailors are very good," the secretary said. "We choose the material, which is Romanian-made. The quality of the work is good, but the material is less good."

A tailor-made dress costs 400 to 500 lei (about \$40).

Many young women wear form-fitting boots to just below the knee. The fashion is to wear them with midi skirts or with jeans rolled up to the top of the boots. The boots are made in Romania, but the few platform

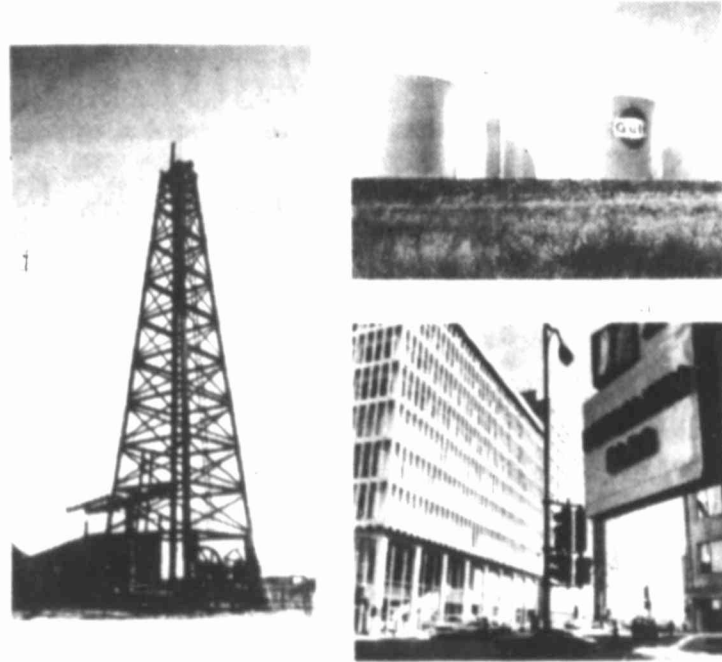
thick-soled shoes seen were imported. And jeans are hard to get.

"They make jeans in Romania, but they don't look right," said a blond-haired young man with a trim Van Dyke beard.

A pair of Western jeans has to be obtained through friends or the black market and costs about 400 lei (\$30-\$35), Romanian said.

"My problem now is that I can't find a long dress," said a young woman. "Perhaps I could get one from the West, but it would cost 700 lei."

Peddling of Western clothing by Romanians who receive parcels from friends and relatives abroad can be extremely lucrative and is frowned upon by the Spartan-minded government. The average monthly wage of Romanian workers is 2,000 lei (\$166).



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Florida quarterback Bill Kynes is forced into a bad pitchout by Texas A&M's Phil Bennett during Sun Bowl game Sunday.

# Bellard claims fans 'Ain't seen nuthin' yet'

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — In his fifth year at the helm of the Texas Aggies, Coach Emory Bellard has secured his first bowl victory and he says you ain't seen nuthin' yet. "We will be competitive with anybody next year," said Bellard, puffing on his always-present pipe after his 10th-ranked Aggies ripped Florida 37-14 in the 42nd annual Sun Bowl Sunday. Bellard said the powerful Aggies, who finished strong with a 10-2 season record, return seven offensive starters and four defensive starters next year. "The offense we had was the best since I've seen at A&M ... more solid," said the originator of the Wishbone-T offense.

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — "We played nine games that were won and lost in the fourth period," said Dickey. "Of course, I'm not counting the one against A&M. "We get nine starters back on defense and that will help."

DICKEY SAID A&M's physical team impressed him. "Nebraska is the only team we have played (recently) with that kind of physical ability," said Dickey. Woodard gained 124 yards rushing,

scored three touchdowns, and Franklin kicked field goals of 62, 39, and 33 yards in the cakewalk before a record crowd of 33,250. The 62-yarder was a record for major college bowls. Dickey implied after the game that A&M was trying to run up the score by keeping some of his starters in after it was out of reach. "You kinda wish people who do that were in your conference," said Dickey. "It would be good to play those people every year and to have them come to your place."

# Fields, Aggie mates make shoes of Gators

THE ENTIRE starting backfield of the Aggies returns next year, including junior David Walker at quarterback, sophomore fullback George Woodard, a 1,000-yard rusher, and exciting freshmen halfbacks David Brothers and Curtis Dickey.

The Aggies, besides their rugged Southwest Conference schedule, also meet Kansas, Virginia Tech and Michigan in non-conference clashes next year.

While Bellard was enthused about the prospects for 1977, which also include the return of his NCAA record-holding placekicker Tony Franklin, Florida Coach Doug Dickey must rally a team that has now lost its last four bowl games.

A&M's victory was the Cadets' first bowl triumph since defeating Alabama in the Cotton Bowl 10 years ago.

Dickey said his young squad was involved in so many close games during the season that the Gators could have

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Edgar Fields doesn't watch football games. And Florida's Gators probably are wishing the big Texas A&M defensive tackle didn't play in them either.

The 6-foot-3, 253-pound senior spent Sunday afternoon harrasing the Gators' quarterbacks and collaring their running backs as the Aggies shut down one of college football's most explosive teams in a 37-14 Sun Bowl triumph.

He had a couple of sacks, batted down a pass, pressured the Gators into several bad passes and anchored an Aggie forward wall that was almost impossible to

gathered around him in the Aggie dressing room following the game that he doesn't watch football, he only plays it. Fields and his defensive mates may have made things plenty boring for Florida's fans, but they certainly created loads of excitement for A&M's followers.

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# Jackson sparks West

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — "There were two big factors," said winning Coach Grant Teaff of the West after a wet, windy 30-14 victory in the 52nd Shrine East-West game. "Our defense, and of course our kicking game."

The defense stopped the East Sunday after it earned a first down on the four-yard line in the third period and was threatening to trim the West lead to three points.

The kicking game was sparked by All-American Gary Green's two long punt returns and three field goals by Mike Michel.

Green, from Baylor, returned one punt for 81 yards and a touchdown and returned another for 54 yards to set up a field goal. Michel, from Stanford, had three-pointers of 30, 34 and a game-record 49 yards.

A steady rain caused 20,000 no-shows and the 45,000 fans who watched the game kept their umbrellas up for most of the contest, which saw the more balanced West offense sink the East.

West quarterback Mark Jackson of

Baylor completed 13 of 26 passes for 116 yards, while East passers completed only two of 17, although one was good for a 48-yard touchdown. Jackson was to have split the signal-calling duties with Cal's Joe Roth, but Roth came up with a back muscle pull and sat out the game.

The prime offensive threat for the East was running back Rob Carpenter of Miami, Ohio, who carried 22 times for 100 yards.

"We had the players to make both the running and the passing game go," Jackson said. "The ball was difficult to handle in certain situations and it was tough to throw long against the wind."

"We were trying to throw the ball too," said Carpenter. "I don't know what happened. Our offensive line was really physical and their defensive line didn't control us."

Green sprinted for a second-period touchdown, the longest punt returned in East-West game history, to give his team a 24-7 lead.

In the third quarter, with the West ahead 24-14, the East made a bid to

get back in the game after getting a first down on the West four-yard line.

But the West defensive line held, stopping 1,000 yard gainer Terry Robiski of Louisiana State on fourth down on the half yard line. Later, Green returned a punt 54 yards to set up a Michel field goal to ice the game.

# Big 10 stuck in mud

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — It was the same old story.

The Big Ten's Rose Bowl representative, a stick-to-the-ground team for the ninth consecutive year, just couldn't cope with the versatility of its Pacific Eight Conference opponent.

Critics have blasted that situation time and again. But it was like a replay of so many years past Saturday when Southern California's football team, utilizing a fine passing attack to go with a good ground game, beat run-minded Michigan 14-6.

Each year, it seems, people anticipate the Big Ten representative to open up some. But disdain for the pass apparently hasn't lessened any for Michigan, as it hadn't for both the Wolverines and Ohio State in the past eight Rose Bowls.

Michigan's sophomore quarterback Rick Leach didn't throw a pass in the first quarter and threw only four in the second. He completed one, to tight end Gene Johnson, and threw just once to All-American flanker Jim Smith.

For the game, Leach was four for 12 for 76 yards. Five of those passes came in the Wolverines' last-ditch effort in the final three minutes.

Leach's counterpart, meanwhile, wound up the game's most valuable player. Trojan quarterback Vince Evans, who completed 14 of 20 passes for 181 yards, mixed his passes well and didn't forget to utilize the tough running of Mosi Tatupu, freshman Charles White and Dave Farmer. He also scored a touchdown.

White played in place of Ricky Bell, the All-American tailback who suffered a concussion early in the first quarter.

# Sluggish Bruins toy with Coogs

By The Associated Press  
Gene Bartow says he knows the limitations of his UCLA basketball team. But would he please tell the Houston Cougars what they are?

Playing a self-appraised desultory game, Bartow's Bruins quite frankly beat the socks off Houston, 96-83, Sunday on national television.

"We were tired—and UCLA was waiting for us," said Otis Birdsong, the only shining light among the Cougars with 42 points.

A 13-point loss might have seemed like a drubbing to Birdsong, but Bartow felt it should have been a lot worse for the Cougars.

"We weren't as sharp as we should have been against their full-court defense and that kept them in the game," said

the UCLA coach. "And with the gambling and trapping they were doing outside, we should have gone inside, even more fluidly than we did."

"But we had chances to blow them out, we just weren't polished enough to do it. I think we know our players, our team and our strengths now—and that's what you are supposed to know by conference time."

The eighth-ranked Bruins, who have won 10 of their first 11 games, will open defense of their Pacific-8 Conference title with a game against Oregon.

In other games Sunday, topranked Michigan defeated South Carolina 90-86 and Providence took Seton Hall 72-68 in overtime. In Saturday's games, No. 7 Wake Forest defeated Richmond 84-73, No. 19 Utah

routed Utah State 102-78, and Long Beach turned back Illinois 84-70. On Friday night, 12th-ranked Marquette trimmed Northwestern 66-53 and 15th-ranked Minnesota won the Pillsbury Classic in Bloomington with a 102-81 decision over Montana.

UCLA forward David Greenwood scored 26 points as the Bruins' front line combined for 67 points. Center Brett Vroman added 24 points, and UCLA's top-scoring forward, Marques Johnson, had 17.

Houston fell behind early but narrowed the score to 29-28 with 2:30 remaining in the first half. The UCLA scored six straight points and took a 37-30 halftime lead. The game took on a rapid-fire pace in the second half as UCLA outscored Houston 59-53, despite Birdsong's 30 second-half points.

Nate Davis led the Gamecocks with 28 points while Jackie Gilloon added 27.

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Safety official calls Israeli drivers 'worst'

TEL AVIV (AP) — Driving stunts like passing on the right and failing to stop at pedestrian crossings make Israeli drivers among the world's worst, says a national driving safety official.

"As far as fatalities, Israel is not the worst in the world, but I agree that the drivers are the worst in the world. It gets on one's nerves to drive here," says David Tel-Nir, secretary general of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents.

With 16.4 annual traffic deaths per 100,000 population, Israel ranks well behind France (25.6), West Germany (25.9) and the United States (26.5) in auto accident fatalities, according to the U.S. National Safety Council.

This small nation has 419,000 motor vehicles but there were 14,309 accidents involving casualties in 1975 — 648 victims killed and 20,478 injured. The American state of Delaware, which has about the same number of cars as Israel, recorded 4,129 accidents in 1974.

Since 1967, 5,545 persons have died on Israel's roads while 5,359 persons perished during military action in two

major wars and numerous terrorist attacks.

Israelis have slightly reduced their automobile accident and fatality rates since 1974 but safety officials don't foresee any decline in the most irksome factor in traffic wrecks — impatient, wild drivers.

"Israelis by and large do not behave politely anywhere, whether they are in a supermarket or on the road. Many accidents happen simply because of rude driving manners," says Tel-Nir.

Drivers in the Jewish state are clearly an irritable lot. Of the 495 persons killed in traffic accidents in the first 10 months of 1976, nearly half were pedestrians. Authorities claim the largest single cause of accidents is tailgating.

"I thought I was a hot-rodder in the States," said a Columbus, Ohio, rabbi now teaching in Tel Aviv. "But I've never seen anything like the drivers here. I actually was frightened during a taxi ride. The man next to me said to look at it through the eyes of the driver — time is money — so he has to go as fast as he can."

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Kindergartner's flunking found unconstitutional

By NOEL EPSTEIN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A small boy who once lived in Lansdale, Pa., may go down in the annals of law as the first child to have been unconstitutionally flunked in kindergarten.

That, in effect, was the finding of a federal district court jury in Philadelphia in a suit brought by Margaret Maust after Lansdale's North Penn School District told her that her

son Vincent could not go on to first grade.

The school district and its insurance company have agreed to pay \$6,000 to settle the claim of Mrs. Maust, who now lives with her son in Millis, Mass.

Her suit grew out of a dispute dating to 1973, when school officials wanted to keep Vincent in kindergarten so he could have "a satisfactory learning experience."

"They contended that he was not of 'developmental maturity,'" Stephen R. Signore Jr., Mrs. Maust's attorney, said in a telephone interview. He added that the school "never explained to her what was 'unsatisfactory'" about Vincent.

The school district's court defense was based mainly on four tests given to Vincent and on his frequent absences from class.

"He was absent 72 days out of 180," Signore acknowledged.



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Making glass from rubbish aim of research at California school

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The glass bottle you throw out today may become the street you drive on or a brick for your new house next year if research into refuse-derived glass pays off.

Every six weeks, a 50-pound sack of ground-up rubbish from Washington, D.C., arrives at the University of San Diego, where a scientist puts it through "froth flotation" in search of glass particles.

What Dr. Donald B. Peterson is trying to do is match the way nature separates the original sand crystals that go into glass from other materials.

"Froth flotation has been an important process in the cleaning of naturally occurring glass sands for many years," said Peterson. "More recently, it has been applied to recovery of glass from municipal solid waste."

Peterson's work is a small segment of large-scale national research on how to handle the mountains of refuse generated by Americans and recover metal and

other elements which at present get dumped. His studies so far show it is possible to isolate glass from such items as bone and pebbles which show up in rubbish and to derive a product that can be used in the making of new glass, as a substitute for asphalt or in the manufacture of bricks. The investigation by Peterson, a chemist and acting dean of the university's college of arts and sciences, is under auspices of the National Center for Resources Recovery, Inc., in Washington.



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Tatum makes his living painting the Mississippi River bridge between Natchez and Vidalia, La.

"With an experienced crew of five men, it takes 4 1/2 years to do the job from one end of the bridge to the other," said Tatum. "By the time you work your way all the way across, it's time to start on the other end again."

Right now, Tatum, 44, and three crewmates are about one-third the way across the bridge toward Louisiana on his current trip.

"Painting a Mississippi River bridge is different from splashing paint on the living room wall. There's climbing, for one thing."

"I definitely climb," said Tatum. "I'm the leadoff man for the others. They're still learning, and I have to show them how to rig for the bridge. We try to paint the bridge every

day the weather permits. We work five days a week, eight hours a day." The normal working day begins at 7 a.m. at offices located in the bridge's old toll gate building.

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# State lawmakers to face multitude of issues

## AUSTIN BUREAU

AUSTIN—When State lawmakers assemble Jan. 11 to begin the 65th Legislature's regular session, they'll find more issues than they'll be able to say grace over.

Some will affect everyone in the state, some will affect only a few, some will get more attention than they deserve, and some will get scant courtesy when they deserve much, much more.

And here are some of the things which will be found in the 4,000 pieces of legislation which are expected in House and Senate.

### School finance

That issue was the biggest issue in the 1975 session, and has returned as a big issue for the 1977 session.

Everyone (including Gov. Dolph Briscoe, the Texas State Teachers Association and numerous other groups and individuals) has a bill on the subject, it seems, varying greatly in price and in how the funds are allocated.

Briscoe's proposal carries a price-tag of \$850,000,000 with the State picking up 90 per cent of the tab for the Minimum Foundation Program, and tells teachers to look to their local districts for salary increases.

TSTA proposes a \$1.4 billion package, with 85 per cent State financing and increases for teachers built in. And Rep. Tom Massey has prefiled a 100 per cent financing bill, as recommended by the Special House Committee on Alternatives to Public School Finance.

Thorny issues such as local enrichment still remain, too. And no one doubts that school finance will be one of the major battles—involving just about everyone.

### Tax reform

Last session Gov. Dolph Briscoe refused to place his signature on the Omnibus Tax Bill, designed to eliminate such "uncollectables" as a special oleo-margarine tax, and to remove any penalty for "scalping" athletic ticket sales. Briscoe apparently felt something in the bill could reflect negatively on his number one campaign promise of no new taxes, and he let the legislation become law without his signature.

Briscoe's stand against "new or additional state taxes" is well known, and will most likely be repeated during the Governor's State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature in late January.

The biggest "tax fight" for the 65th Legislature probably will be over provisions to recodify the state's property tax code, creating county-wide tax appraisal districts, establishing a state tax board, developing minimum certification standards for tax assessor-collectors, and giving property owners a grievance procedure to appeal taxes they feel are improperly assessed.

Li. Gov. Bill Hobby refused to let similar legislation through the Senate last session, and while he may have changed his stand in two years, Briscoe has never openly endorsed the concept, which is largely the brain-child of Rep. Wayne Peveto of Orange.

Some changes are expected to come in the collection of the state sales tax, especially as it concerns grocery items which may be subject to the sales tax depending upon whether they are packaged or single, liquid or frozen.

Comptroller Bob Bullock held a series of tax forums around the state and also found widespread support for increasing the state's \$25,000 inheritance tax exemption to correspond with recent increases in federal inheritance tax laws.

Constitutional changes have again been introduced, which if approved by the voters would assess land used in the production of food, fiber or timber, at a "productive value" rate. Similar proposals in the past have failed to meet with voter approval, provided they could first get through both the House and Senate.

### Mitigation

Mitigation may be the sleeper which will awake late in the session to haunt legislators: down to the last gavel.

A special committee of the Interagency Council on Natural Resources and the Environment plans to recommend that the lawmakers meet this "monster" head on.

Implied, but not stated directly in their recommendation, is the need for the drafting of a statewide policy on mitigation along with the designation of some entity to coordinate mitigation problems and the public monies required to carry out that responsibility.

Mitigation involves a balancing of tradeoffs among social, economic and environmental concerns. It usually stirs up a controversy in connection with the building of dams and reservoirs such as the Cooper Reservoir and Lake Limestone projects which have been halted due to charges that project sponsors failed to purchase additional land to replace the wildlife habitat which will be inundated.

ICNRE members, however, see the issue of mitigation surfacing in other public works projects such as highway construction and coastal waterway development.

State Sen. A. R. "Babe" Schwartz has pre-filed a bill which would set out a procedure for resolving differences between state agencies on mitigation which would place that responsibility with the ICNRE.

The measure does not address other concerns such as who should pay mitigation (or should the cost of mitigation be considered as just another part of the entire project) and constitutional "taking" issues — should a government entity be allowed not only to condemn private property for public works projects, but also for conversion into wildlife habitat or other such purpose?

### Ordinance power

There was heavy lobbying, primarily from real estate development interests, against this bill during the last session. Even a measure which would have given such authority only to Travis County (Austin) was stalled.

This time the measure returns with the blessings of the Intergovernmental Council and that of many county officials.

One bill pre-filed in the House would permit county residents to opt for such power on a local option basis.

Proponents say such power will enable county commissioners control subdivision developments outside the jurisdiction of incorporated cities and prevent "rural slums" with their associated problems of bad roads, illegal garbage dumping, stray dogs, trespassing and pollution from sewage.

Opponents fear that a county could vote itself "no growth" or "anti-industry" and argue this would be a major step toward land-use planning and an erosion of rural landowners property rights.

Support for this measure, however, is expected to come from many traditionally conservative organizations due to the increasing problem of unregulated rural development and the fear of federally-mandated land use planning if the states fail to address such issues as non-point pollution and conversion of prime agricultural and silvicultural land into high density developments.

### Procedures act

Passed during the last legislature to standardize agency hearing and rule making procedures, the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) has caused several new headaches in the lawmakers' efforts to provide the panacea for the wide disparity in administrative procedures among the state's more than 200 agencies.

Many agency officials have com-

plained that the 60 day decision period specified in the APA in which a hearing examiner must write an examiner's report and recommendation is too short, particularly in those agencies which handle a large volume of permit requests such as the Water Quality Board or single issues of statewide impact like the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. rate increase.

The AFL-CIO and others have complained that the APA, as interpreted by some agencies almost forces an individual to hire a lawyer for representation during a hearing.

Labor folks were particularly irked when the State Bar sought a ruling on whether the APA requires that only an individual or his attorney may participate in a hearing. This effectively would exclude non-lawyer lobbyists from testifying before legislative committees, prevent neighborhood association representatives from speaking for their groups and so on, critics charge.

Additionally, there still remains some question as to who can be considered a party to any particular proceeding.

### Slurry pipeline

Since national and state officials have called for the development of coal resources, a fight over the transportation of that fuel source has blown up between railroads and slurry pipeline supporters. Houston Natural Gas Corp. and Rio Grande Industries want to get in on the ground floor of the coal transportation market and move Colorado and New Mexico coal through a pipeline to commercial and municipal electric generators in Texas.

That process involves crushing the coal to a fine powder, mixing it with water, and pumping the solution, or "slurry" through thousands of miles of pipeline, a process similar to one already in use in Arizona and Nevada. Slurry supporters say although initial pipeline costs are high, they eventually are lower than coal trans-

portation by train. And, they maintain, pipelines are non-polluting, efficient and dependable.

The Texas Railroad Association, however, has vowed to kill proposed legislation to give slurry pipelines the right to cross railroad lands. TRA spokesman Jimmy Banks says that since railroads are already established, it doesn't make sense to allow another coal transport method to move into the market. At the same time, he claims pipelines are expensive and hold the potential for being major sources of pollution. Once water is drained from the coal slurry, he says, it could become a source of groundwater pollution, requiring costly clean-up efforts.

Merger of the Water Quality Board and Water Rights Commission into the Water Development Board has been endorsed by the Joint Advisory Committee on Governmental Efficiency (the so called "Little Hoover" committee)—despite reservations from some members.

But it appears that the move, seen by some as an attempt to boost the power of the WDB, may split those involved in the water business. Consolidation isn't favored by the WQB or WRC, and those agencies, and the people they serve, are likely to turn the attempted merger into a major battle.

Despite the defeat of the Nov. 2 bond issue to increase the bond issuing authority of the WDB by \$400,000,000, water development remains a major issue, particularly in the parts of Texas less blessed with water.

Speaker Bill Clayton recently reaffirmed his feeling that water development is a high priority item for the state — and the WDB will release its revisions to the 1968 Texas Water Plan in January.

Whether supporters will attempt to push another constitutional amendment for additional bonds through in the 1977 session remains to be seen. Some feel the defeat of the Nov. 2 amendment makes any effort premature; others feel that voters

might be persuaded to support the program once the revisions to the Water Plan are known.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, Austin, and Rep. John Wilson, LaGrange, have prefiled legislation to abolish 66 agencies, boards and commissions, and 13 advisory councils and committees—the so-called "sunset law" concept.

The legislation calls for agencies which are not renewed by the Legislature every six years to go out of existence — and provides for agencies to begin "setting" Sept. 1, 1979.

That doesn't mean any of the agencies will be abolished, of course, but it does indicate that lawmakers are becoming increasingly concerned over the growth of State government—and are becoming more serious about finding some ways to trim it.

Of course, the agencies, and the groups they serve, are likely to fight the proposal—and to spend a good deal of time trying to convince lawmakers that they are rendering needed services to the state.

### Malpractice Insurance

The question of what physicians and hospitals pay for malpractice insurance involves three of the state's most powerful professions: doctors, lawyers and insurance industry representatives.

The state's 18-member blue ribbon panel worked almost two years on proposals to the high cost of malpractice insurance and State Rep. Bob Davis of Irving says he'll introduce the legislative proposal—but he says "there'll be a hell of a fight over it."

The Texas Medical Association, while giving a nod of approval to some of the suggestions in the malpractice study, has said it probably will introduce its own, more doctor-oriented legislation. Meanwhile, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association says the proposals won't get to the real roots of the problem: incompetent doctors and the wrong kind of regulation for

the medical profession. And insurance industry officials say they can't afford to shell out more money on the increasing number of malpractice judgments unless they pass their costs on to doctors.

The most controversial measures included in the proposal are the \$100,000 limit on pain and suffering for successful plaintiffs in a malpractice suit; expanding the powers of the State Board of Medical Examiners and allowing the board to revoke a doctor's license for negligence or instead of only specific violations of the Texas Medical Practice Act; and a five-member screening panel composed of medical professionals to review malpractice claims before they reach court.

### Highway funding

State officials aren't sure just where the money to finance Texas' mammoth highway system is coming from, now that its finances are running dangerously low.

Gov. Briscoe has already outlined his proposal for putting an additional \$825 million into the State Highway Fund and dedicating more transportation-related taxes to that fund. But State Comptroller Bob Bullock opposes that plan, saying the drain on the state's surplus "would be just about the last nail in the coffin of the once-healthy state budget surplus."

Meanwhile, a \$600,000 study of the highway system is telling the state what some transportation planners have known for a long time: make a plan. The McKinsey study calls for an overall planned system based on already known or projected funding limits instead of the project-by-project approach that may have contributed to the current funding shortage.

Long-term options would include changes in the tax sources for the highway fund, including a motor vehicles sales tax, license fees based on the value of individual vehicles and taxes on motor vehicle parts and accessories.



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DR. NEIL SOLOMON

## Are x-rays necessary?

Dear Dr. Solomon: I keep wondering about the chest x-rays we get every year as part of our physical checkup. Are they really necessary for finding TB—which I think was their original purpose? There is so much less TB around that it seems rather pointless, especially with all the talk about radiation risk.—Kate C.

Dear Kate: I agree with you that those annual x-rays are not needed. Let me summarize what was said recently in a Medical World News discussion by an authority in this field: Dr. George W. Comstock of Johns Hopkins University Medical School.

If you have symptoms of TB, chest x-rays should be taken. But chest x-rays as a method of mass screening for TB are essentially worthless. For general TB screening, the tuberculin skin test can best be used.

Dr. Comstock does feel that the mass x-ray screening program begun after World War II has helped reduce TB to the present low level by getting chronic cases out of circulation and into hospitals or sanitariums where they could be treated, and by keeping the disease from spreading. But with the newest test, what made sense 30

years ago does not make sense today.

Chest x-rays can, of course, tell a doctor about a great deal more than just a patient's lungs. It is a good way of looking at the heart, for instance. But many doctors, myself among them, do not think they should be given as a matter of yearly routine when there are no symptoms that call for further investigation.

The radiation risk over a lifetime is not precisely known, though it is certainly minimized with modern machines and well-trained technicians. But because of the link between radiation and cancer, the principle we like to follow nowadays is to avoid any additional radiation unless the prospective benefit outweighs the risk—however slight.

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Australia about ready to ship 'yellow gold'

By PETE COSTIGAN

The Washington Post CANBERRA — Australia has a New Year's gift for the world — the first shipments of its uranium for foreign nuclear power plants.

But it is a gift the world is getting only after years of debate in and out of Australia and a national anguish unequalled since Australians wrestled their consciences in the late Sixties over the country's involvement in the Vietnam war.

The first shipment is minuscule compared with the mountains of uranium in the bleak Australian Outback.

Some 130 tons were shipped just before Christmas from the remote Queensland Mine near the town of Mary Kathleen to Brisbane, the state's steamy capital and chief port.

It was the first trainload of uranium out of Mary Kathleen since 1963, and it was delayed two hours in a way symbolic of the problems surrounding the Australian uranium industry.

The uranium was put in four covered wagons marked "Danger — Radioactive" and attached without announcement to the back of a regular freight train.

Before the slow train had travelled 50 miles of its 1,200-mile journey, a dozen protestors stood on the tracks and stopped the train.

Two more on the long journey, other groups managed to stop and hold up the train until Outback Queensland police not noted for their gentility, removed them.

"We have achieved our objective," one protestor said. "We have drawn public attention to this conspiracy to shift uranium out of the country by stealth."

The first batch of Australian uranium is due to sail early in 1977 for the Hamburg Electricity Works in West Germany.

If the conservative Australian government of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and the powerful Australian mining industry have their way, it will be the beginning of a huge new world trade in the valuable, controversial yellow gold — as many Australians describe their uranium.

Australia has more uranium reserves than any other country in the non-Communist world. Proven reserves of more than half a million tons is about 30 per cent of the world's known reserves.

It is worth some \$50 billion U.S. at current prices. (Begin optional trim) Most of it was discovered in the late 1960s in six major mining areas.

By 1972, Australia had signed firm contracts with utilities and government agencies in the United States, Japan and West Germany for 9,050 tons of uranium, with deliveries to begin in 1977.

But in December 1972, the socialist government of current Australian opposition leader Gough Whitlam won power after 23 years of conservative rule.

Wildcats have been planned for Hockley and Garza counties. Texland, Rector & Schumacher, Fort Worth, will drill No. 2 Mack Alexander, an 8,000-foot wildcat in Central Hockley, three miles southwest of Loveland and as an east offset to their No. 1 Mack Alexander, a scheduled wildcat.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of labor 23, league 30, Baylor CSL survey.

Argonaut Energy Corp. of Amarillo filed application to reenter and clean out to wildcat depth of 6,400 feet at No. 1 Swenson, Northeast Garza wildcat failure, 1/4 mile east of Canyon reef production in the Swenson-Garza field, but separated by a 7,970-foot failure.

Originally drilled by Sobin and Collins, it was plugged and abandoned in May, 1950, at 7,981 feet. It is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 17, block 2, H&GN survey, 22 miles northeast of Post.

Although Whitlam himself has never been a strong critic of uranium mining, several of his ministers were, and the whole subject was complicated for Whitlam by a factor which did concern him.

The major uranium deposits found up till 1972 (and since) were in the far northwest of Australia's northern territory. It is an area known to Anglo-Saxon Australians as Arnhem land, but to the black Australians who are the only humans ever to live there, it is "Dreamtime," the most sacred of the ancient tribal lands.

Generations ago, white Australians had ignored the Aborigines and turned the area into vast cattle ranches. Mining rights were simply acquired by the whites from compliant governments which until three years ago did not even bother counting the Aborigines in the national census count.

Whitlam decided that the question of Aboriginal rights over their tribal lands had to be settled first and arrangements made for the Aboriginal tribes to get a fair share of the potentially enormous profits from the uranium mines.

He set up a judicial inquiry in 1974 under a judge, Justice Fox, to determine when and under what conditions uranium mining could start in the Dreamtime.

Before the inquiry had reported, Whitlam was unceremoniously out of office after being defeated by Fraser in parliamentary elections last

December. Fraser and his new minister for natural resources, Doug Anthony, both strongly favor allowing the Australian uranium to be mined and sold to selected foreign countries.

But the anti-uranium movement, led by the Australian Conservation Society, the country's chapter of Friends of the Earth and Australia's powerful left-wing trade unions, had created enough public concern over the issue to make Fraser proceed cautiously.

He said he would wait for Fox's report, which ultimately was issued in November. The Fox report gave cautious approval to uranium mining and export but left for a more detailed report — due in February — the specific questions surrounding Aboriginal rights and the northern territory uranium deposits.

Just before Christmas, Fraser announced that the Mary Kathleen Mine (which the government partly owns in partnership with a public company) and a second Queensland Mining Company — Peko Es — would be allowed to export enough uranium to complete the initial 9,050 tons' contract.

The moderate president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Bob Hawke, managed to wring a deal from the left-wing unions under which they agreed to lift their bans on moving uranium by rail and sea provided there would be ample public discussion before further contracts were signed.

U.S. refinery input shows per day climb

WASHINGTON — Total refinery input in the U.S. increased 276,000 barrels per day during the week ended Dec. 17 to 15,307,000 barrels per day.

Input to crude oil processing units increased 232,000 barrels per day during the week ended Dec. 19, 1975.

Operable capacity was utilized at a rate of 91.5 percent during the current week compared with 90.0 percent the previous week and 87.8 percent during the week ended Dec. 19, 1975.

Production of motor gasoline in the U.S. decreased 193,000 barrels per day during the week to 6,902,000 barrels per day.

During the week ended Dec. 19, 1975, production of motor gasoline was 6,728,000 barrels per day.

Production of distillate fuel oil during the current week increased 121,000 barrels per day to 3,207,000 barrels per day.

During the week ended Dec. 19, 1975, production of distillate fuel oil was 2,860,000 barrels per day.

Stocks of motor gasoline in the U.S. decreased 547,000 barrels during the week to 226,361,000 barrels.

On Dec. 19, 1975, stocks of motor gasoline were 229,639,000 barrels.

Stocks of distillate fuel oil in the U.S. decreased 8,508,000 barrels during the current week to 199,363,000 barrels.

On Dec. 19, 1975, stocks of distillate fuel oil were 222,033,000 barrels.

Total imports of crude oil into the U.S. decreased 440,000 barrels per day during the week to 5,215,000 barrels per day.

Crude oil imports into Districts 1-4 decreased 513,000 barrels per day while receipts into District 5 (West Coast) increased 73,000 barrels per day.

Total imports of refined products into the U.S. increased 218,000 barrels per day during the week to 2,393,000 barrels.

Total stocks of crude oil in the U.S. decreased 2,277,000 barrels to 290,221,000 barrels.

Stocks by location decreased 1,200,000 barrels in District 1. All other districts combined decreased 1,077,000 barrels.

Oiler finals in Andrews

Phillips Petroleum Co. has recompleted its No. 21-CC Texas University as a fourth Strawn producer and 3/4-mile northwest extension to that pay in the Magute field of Andrews County, about 12 miles northeast of Andrews.

The 24-hour potential test gauged 50 barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio measuring 440-1. Production was through perforations at 10,768-11,080 feet. Operator treated the pay section with 10,000 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 12,630 feet, and 5 1/2-inch casing is seated at 12,625 feet. The plugged-back depth is 11,200 feet. Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 36, block 4, ULS.

DRILLING REPORT

COKE — Campana No. 1 Rusk, td 5,579 feet, plugged and abandoned.

CROCKETT — CITGO No. 1 BQ University, td 1,947 feet in lime and shale, mixing mud to drill ahead.

DAWSON — RK No. 1 Morgan, td 11,727 feet, waiting on a completion unit, after setting 5 1/2-inch casing on bottom.

Cox No. 1 Wasson, drilling below 10,275 feet.

EDDY — Antwell No. 1 Dinkus, td 9,034 feet. It flowed 27 barrels of oil and 15 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations at 7,129-7,147 feet.

Antwell No. 1 Mesa Puente, td 11,227 feet, plugged back to 11,270 feet. It flowed 67 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations at 10,947-11,236 feet.

Antwell No. 1 Valle Feliz, td 11,175 feet, preparing to drill ahead. A 1 1/2-hour drillstem test in the Morrow from 11,026-11,081 feet, surfaced gas, volume too small to measure, in 35 minutes.

Recovery was 150 feet of gas-cut mud and 1,190 feet of gas-cut water. A 1 1/2-hour drillstem test in the Morrow from 11,120-11,175 feet, recovered 325 feet of drilling fluid.

GAINES — Cleary Petroleum No. 174-A Cunningham-Davis, td 5,500 feet, waiting on a completion unit after setting 5 1/2-inch casing at 5,490 feet.

Texas Crude No. 1-9 Norman, td 12,319 feet, plugged back to 9,684 feet, waiting on a completion unit. Operator set 5 1/2-inch casing at 9,684 feet.

Garza — Magnetex No. 1 Slaughter, td 8,892 feet, circulating to run logs.

GLASSCOCK — Knox No. 2 Glass, drilling below 3,108 feet in dolomite. Operator set 7 1/2-inch casing at 453 feet.

HOCKLEY — Cobb & Crain No. 1 Palmer, drilling 7,060 feet in lime.

HOWARD — C&K No. 1 Broughton, drilling 4,866 feet in shale and lime.

Great Western No. 1 Myers, drilling below 10,421 feet in lime.

PECOS — Base No. 1 McArthur, td 8,146 feet, preparing to plug and abandon.

LEA — Burns No. 1-13 Federal, drilling below 11,446 feet in lime and shale.

Moncrief No. 1 State, drilling 10,638 feet in lime, shale and chert.

C&K No. 1 Monteth, drilling 9,590 feet in lime.

GMW No. 1 Horseback, td 3,956 feet, running casing.

Mark Production No. 1-E Federal, drilling below 11,745 feet in lime.

Petroleum Exploration and Development No. 1 Seay-State, drilling below 7,770 feet in lime and shale.

LYNN — C&K No. 1 Auld, drilling below 9,425 feet in lime and shale.

Puckett No. 1-8 Harrah, td 8,657 feet, fishing for p-rted drilpille and peccolites.

Texaco No. 1-E Peccolite, drilling 10,322 feet in shale.

Skelly No. 3-36 Mendel, td 12,200 feet, preparing to test.

Wolfcamp perforations from 11,806-12,045 feet, after an acid treatment of 5,000 gallons. It flowed two hours, no oil recovery.

Campana & Pennzell No. 1-4 University, td 7,192 feet, has been plugged and abandoned.

Texas Pacific No. 9 Montgomery Falk, drilling 10,136 feet in sand and shale.

REEVES — Snyder, Tucker & Heath No. 1 Meriwether, drilling 14,328 feet, took a drillstem test from 13,867-14,150 feet, tool was open 1 1/2 hour, recovery was 532 feet of drilling fluid.

American Quasar No. 1-20 Stanley-State, drilling 5,930 feet in shale.

STERLING — Mitchell No. 1-11 Barrett, pb 8,800 feet, swabbing, no gauges, through perforations at 8,531-8,534 feet, after an acid treatment of 2,500 gallons.

TERRY — NRM No. 1-A Cotten, td 5,499 feet, preparing to run casing.

TERRELL — Texas Crude No. 1-9 Allison, td 11,528 feet, taking a drillstem test.

VAL VERDE — Hamilton No. 1 White, td 11,982 feet, running a survey.

C&K No. 1-39 Exxon-Mills, td 15,383 feet; has been dropped from report.

WARD — Baxter No. 1 Edwards, drilling 8,410 feet in shale.

North American No. 1-12-18 University, td 13,149 feet; preparing to spot acid and perforate.

American Quasar No. 1-27 Dunagan, drilling 16,642 feet in shale.

Cities Service No. 1-21-18 University, td 13,015 feet; pb 13,000 feet; flowed estimated two barrels of oil and 30 barrels of water in four hours, now shut in.

WINKLER — Skelly No. 1-41-21 University, drilling 8,020 feet.

YOAKUM — Petroleum Exploration & Operating No. 1 ARCO, drilling 11,550 feet in lime and shale.



LARRY BROWN, a former University of Michigan student, stands in front of the solar house he designed and built just north of Ithaca, Mich. There

are seven solar collectors that change the sun's energy to solar heat for the three bedroom house.

Crude-rich Iraq finds itself short of cash

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.

The Los Angeles Times BAGDAD, Iraq — Despite having the second largest oil reserves in the Middle east, Iraq today finds itself short of cash.

Civilization was cradled between its Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, and the site of ancient Babylon's splendor lies some 50 miles south of here. Yet the majority of Iraq's people were illiterate as late as 1973.

Oil revenues have increased massively in recent years, but only a small minority have benefited, in contrast to other petroleum-producing Arab lands where spread-the-wealth has been a by-word.

"Our problem is management...management from top to bottom," said Dr. Hashim Jawad, a top planning advisor to Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council.

There are remnants of the more recent past to bear him out, as well as the few mud brick relics of the ancient glories of Mesopotamia.

Iraq once was a sleepy, British-oriented monarchy. Red double-decker British buses still churn through Baghdad's crowded streets, and what remains of the old privileged class still gathers for tea or tennis at the Alwiyah Club.

To this has been added the trappings of the turbulent post-revolutionary era, such as the splendid arch which is a monument to Iraq's unknown soldier, and a mysteriously still-unfinished luxury hotel.

Rumor has it that the hotel hasn't been finished because its location is too strategic and would expose the comings and goings of the country's rulers to prying eyes.

The truth is probably more mundane. Many projects have been halted in mid-stream and oil projects postponed because of the lack of cash.

Iraq has an estimated short fall of \$600 million in oil revenues this year, out of a total expected income of around \$8 billion, for two reasons.

When the Basrah Petroleum Co., the last remaining Iraqi oil firm which still had foreign participation, was fully nationalized last spring, the former parent companies halted their purchase of oil.

Gradually, they have been coming back, with Shell and the French Petroleum Co. the first to resume.

But an additional worrisome factor is the new pricing of oil in international commerce. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates decided on a 5 per cent increase this year, while the rest of the OPEC cartel, including Iraq, decided to go for 10 per cent now and 5 per cent additional next July.

The present set of rulers here is the third since the 1958 revolution which ended the monarchy. That was the first of several bloodbaths and set the country off on a new course, vaguely Socialist and strongly Arab nationalist. The Soviet Union now is Iraq's major foreign friend, Zionism is the enemy and a lack of manpower and skilled technology is the major problem.

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## Ballots gain favor

There is a danger of reading too much into the Spanish election — a referendum which produced an overwhelming vote in favor of a plan to set up an elected parliament to write a new constitution.

Even under the Franco dictatorship, there had been referenda recording heavy votes of approval for government policies — although under pressures which no longer are imposed by the government of King Juan Carlos and Premier Adolfo Suarez.

This referendum was clouded by the fact that the Communist party and other radical leftists were prohibited from campaigning to urge that voters boycott the polls. The 80 per cent turnout, and 95 per cent approval of the government plan, may be a slightly skewed reading of public support.

Also, the role of the Communists and radicals in the

parliamentary election to be held in 1977 is another hurdle to be cleared. If they are frozen out of the process, it may be hard for Spain to persuade her European neighbors that a bona fide democratic system is being put in place.

The other danger is to read too little into this guarded approach to democracy in Spain. The king and his premier, direct heirs of the Franco regime, are proceeding with a degree of caution and gradualism that may leave some Spaniards impatient.

They are contending with forces on the right and left which gladly would see a peaceful transition to democracy derailed. While the referendum was only a first step, and an imperfect one in the conditions that surrounded it, the vote still will stand as evidence that a majority of the people of Spain are confident that ballots are the best tool to build a future political framework.

## Park sings sour tune

Diplomacy thrives on understatement. When the United States tells the government of South Korea that its reaction toward an investigation of potential bribery involving South Korean emissaries in Washington is "not helpful," that's putting it too mildly.

We should be reminding President Park Chung Hee that even before the current scandal arose, the U.S. alliance with South Korea was losing popular support in this country because of the repressive domestic policies of his government. If his people in Washington have been caught in an influence-peddling scheme, he should be apologizing, not defying our efforts to find out what was going on.

Americans fought and died to help maintain the independence of South Korea 25 years ago. Our economic and military aid since then, and our continued troop deployments, have given the South Koreans a chance to live in peace and make something of their country. We have been patient when President Park insists that the squelching of civil rights by his government in recent years is necessary because

of threats of subversion from North Korea.

President Park surely understands that when President-elect Jimmy Carter expressed concern about the moral compromises in U.S. foreign policy, he is questioning our support of the South Korean government. We think it would be disastrous for security throughout the Far East if the United States were to withdraw its troops from South Korea and curtail its aid programs because of distaste for the current regime.

President Park's defiant attitude is playing into the hands of those who advocate such a step in spite of the enormous risk involved. Needless to say, it is the South Koreans who would suffer the most if that should happen.

### IT HAPPENED HERE

Forty Years Ago (Jan. 3, 1937):

Honoring friends, C.A. Goldsmith, a freshman student at The University of Texas, was host at an "open house" in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Goldsmith.

La Moine Sindorf was hostess at a breakfast Saturday in the Cactus Cafe, honoring a group of friends before they return to classes Monday in high school and college.



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Public paid for Hebert eulogy

By JACK ANDERSON and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON — The life and times of Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) the darling of the Pentagon, are chronicled in two laudatory books. Both were quietly compiled, we have now discovered, by three persons whom Hebert put on the public payroll.

The crotchety Hebert, one of the grand old curmudgeons of Congress, is retiring after a 36-year career dedicated primarily to championing causes dear to the hearts of the military-industrial complex.

His memory will be preserved for posterity, however, in two literary tomes. The first, entitled "Creed of a Congressman: F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana," was published in 1970. The second, with the even more epic title of "Last of the Titans: The Life and Times of Congressman F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana," was published this year.

A self-styled historian named Glenn Conrad assisted the congressman with both works. He was employed by the publisher, the Center for Louisiana Studies. But he also turned up on Hebert's congressional payroll during the preparation of the two books.

He was paid by the taxpayers for five months in 1969 and seven months in 1970 at an annual scale that bounced from \$2,280 to \$6,337 with a \$1,000 bonus. Again this year, he appeared on the public payroll briefly as a "writer" at the monthly rate of \$1,000.

The first book, according to Library of Congress records, was "edited and evaluated by Virginia R. Burguiere." Her name is also listed on Hebert's government payroll. Her salary was boosted from \$5,380 to more than \$19,000 in June, 1969, about the time she began her editing and evaluating.

The congressman helped to write the second tribute to himself; his co-author is identified as John McMillan. For more than two years, McMillan has been listed on the congressional payroll as a "special aide" at an annual salary of more than \$22,000.

On the scale of values upon which statesmen are usually judged, Hebert might appear to be overrated by his biographers. This does not mean, however, that he is undeserving of the homage he receives from the Pentagon and from the manufacturers of U.S. armaments.

In many ways, Eddie Hebert has been more valuable to the military-munitions combine than any four-star general. He fought for military appropriations on Capitol Hill with a valor above and beyond the call of duty.

Yet he began his career, ironically, as a crusading newsmen who exposed corruption in Louisiana. He came to Congress as a reformer, battling the special interests that he later embraced.

Once he opposed the political lords whom he now symbolizes. But today is his last as a member of the House. Tomorrow he will give up the massive, curved, two-tiered desk, with the two small American flags

## KNOW YOUR HEMISPHERE:

### Mexico plans to mint new silver pesos

By WILLIAM GIANDONI  
Copley News Service

MEXICO CITY — Mexico is going to start minting "strong" silver pesos again.

Sometime in early 1977, bright, new 100 peso coins will go into circulation, Treasury Minister Julio Rodolfo Moctezuma Cid announced recently.

Nearly an ounce in weight, they will be 72 per cent silver, making them probably the richest silver coins in general circulation in the world.

At the current floating peso-dollar rate of exchange, the 100 peso pieces will cost approximately five dollars. The 20 grams of pure silver they are to contain makes them worth a few cents over three dollars for their precious metal content alone.

To judge by the official description given of them, they will not be as pretty or as large as the silver coins that Mexico minted in the 1940s, but they certainly will be much more attractive than the debased coinage now in circulation throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The announcement that Mexico is going to use some of the silver, of which it is again the world's No. 1 producer, for new coins came as no surprise.

President Jose Lopez Portillo originally disclosed the plan to "once again begin minting the traditional Mexican silver coins — our strong pesos," in his inaugural address on Dec. 1.

Lopez Portillo indicated then that

the government expects the new 100 peso coins to be hoarded by those many Mexicans who do not really trust banks and, much less, paper money.

Strong pesos, with high silver content, "will offer Mexicans attractive options for saving which, without impairing their legitimate interests, coincide with the national interest and allow us to fight inflation and sudden changes in the rate of exchange," the president said.

Many Mexicans look with favor on high grade coins as a hedge against devaluation just as their fathers and grandfathers did before them.

Experience of the years of the Mexican Revolution taught them that silver and gold coins were always negotiable, whereas the printing press paper money issued by short-lived revolutionary governments might not be.

In any case, as Lopez Portillo said, the new silver coins will encourage many persons to start saving. That will cut into the oversupply of paper pesos now chasing too few goods in Mexican markets and help hold down inflation, which is one of the government's big problems.

According to the treasury minister's announcement, the new 100 peso coins will bear a three-quarters profile bust of Father Jose Maria Morelos, one of the early heroes of Mexican independence on the reverse side. To the left will appear the words "Cien Pesos," 100 pesos, and on the right, the monogram of the Mexican Mint and the year of coinage.

At the bottom, there will be the words "Plata Pura 20 Gramos," pure silver 20 grams. On the obverse will appear the national coat of arms, with the legend "Estados Unidos Mexicanos," United Mexican States, which is Mexico's proper name.

The coins will be 39 millimeters, a bit over an inch and a half, in diameter. They will weigh 27.7777 grams, about half a gram less than an ounce.

At the same time Moctezuma Cid announced details of the new silver pesos, he disclosed that the current one and five centavo copper coins will be withdrawn from circulation. One centavo is about the equivalent of one-twentieth of a penny and five centavos is about a quarter of a cent. Most one centavo coins have long since been converted into metal buttons or made into women's jewelry.

Five centavo coins are still to be seen but, what with inflation of recent years, there is little that they will buy.

### The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



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## Mark Russell says

Today's disaster is a water spill that threatens to pollute the oil in Boston Harbor.

That ship that broke in half off the coast of New England was defended by its builder. He said, "When we at the Alaska Pipeline and Ships Co. make something, we make it right."

Why bother with fiction like "King Kong" when you can see a live production of "The Blob That Ate Nantucket?"

How come an oil leak is considered an accident, but a factory smoke leak is considered "routine?"

## INSIDE REPORT:

### Carter's senior aides favor trimming the tax cut

By ROWLAND EVANS  
And ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Under intense pressure from politically muscular supporters, President-elect Carter's senior aides are now tending toward a tax reduction considerably lower than economists say is needed to stimulate the economy effectively.

Carterites explain the tax cut may be trimmed because of better economic indicators, specifically the big increase in national income reported for November. But what seems more influential is heavy lobbying from substantial segments of the Carter coalition — Congressmen, mayors, labor, blacks — to stimulate the economy through heavier federal spending rather than tax reduction.

While refusing even to approach the 12 to 20 billion dollars in immediate spending for the creation of new jobs that is demanded by these groups, Carter advisers are talking \$5 billion and hinting the figure could go to \$7 billion — about twice as much as the economists advise. What's more important, they are now talking about \$10 billion in tax cuts, instead of the \$15 billion mentioned by Budget Director-designate Bert Lance and other advisers.

"I would say that is potentially a very serious mistake," one economist advising President-elect Carter told us. He and other experts say \$15 billion is the bare minimum figure for effectiveness and would prefer more. The impact of \$10 billion might be further diluted if, as the Carter camp is considering, it is divided between a



Evans Novak

flat rebate and reduced withholding.

Efforts by Lance and the economic advisers to promote industrial expansion by increasing the investment credit also has run into trouble among congressional Democrats, including key members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

### PUSHING FOR SIMON

The conservative push for Treasury Secretary William Simon as Republican national chairman reached a peak when Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois tried — with mixed results — to get help from Ronald Reagan.

Crane, an early and ardent Reagan-for-President backer, telephoned Reagan in California with this request: without withdrawing your support for state chairman Richard Richards of Utah, would you make clear that you have no objection to Simon? Crane expressed fear that Reagan's support of Richards might spill the conservative camp and elect a non-conservative as national chairman.

While first wondering about ex-Wall

Streeter Simon's image as excessively establishment, Reagan went on to tell Crane that he certainly would have no objections to Simon and would say so publicly. However, at this writing Reagan has made no public statement — much to Crane's disappointment.

Besides Crane, prominent conservatives who have begun promoting Simon include Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and national committeeman Clarke Reed of Mississippi. Their view, concentrated in the House and among Southern Republican leaders, is that the party out of power desperately "needs an articulate spokesman such as Simon rather than an anonymous technician such as Richards.

Simon's major problem may be his desire to pursue business interests as national chairman. His opponents, including some Reagan operatives, say that runs afoul of the new Republican rule requiring a full-time chairman. The compromise pushed by Sen. Helms: Simon as chairman with Richards as his full-time deputy.

**BELL'S TOLL**  
The possibility of serious trouble for Atty. Gen. designate Griffin Bell in Senate confirmation hearings is escalating with this probable demand from Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana: admit your error in supporting G. Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court in 1970.

Moreover, Bayh and other liberal Democrats on the Judiciary Committee are also going to press Bell to resign — permanently, not tem-

porarily as he has suggested — from segregated clubs in Atlanta. But his biggest problem will be Carswell. Bell has defended his support as federal appeals court judge for Carswell, which continued even after the nomination was in hopeless trouble.

Carter insiders are not happy with Bell's performance so far in seeming not to appreciate the seriousness of the Carswell and country club problems. Moreover, he blundered by failing to point out to reporters that nine other judges on the 5th Circuit Court signed the pro-Carswell telegram to then President Richard Nixon.

However, Carter intimates believe the Carswell and club issues are smokescreens for opposition by national civil rights leaders to Judge Bell's moderate position on busing — particularly his judicial endorsement of Atlanta's voluntary busing plan.

The issue was whether the government should collect higher payments from PG&E for wholesaling its electricity. The customers that purchase the electricity from the government, including many municipalities and agencies must make up the estimated \$100 million difference. Earlier this year, Assistant Interior Secretary Jack Horton ruled that the huge West Coast utility should increase its payments.

But Frizell huddled privately with PG&E's lawyer and lobbyist without inviting the consumers to participate. Thereafter, he kept the case up in the air until a few days ago. Although he has only a few more days before the Democrats will take over, he bound the Carter administration to a ruling that will save PG&E \$100 million. Then Frizell flew off for some duck hunting.

### BIBLE VERSE

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind." — Mat. 13:47.

### the small society

### by Brickman



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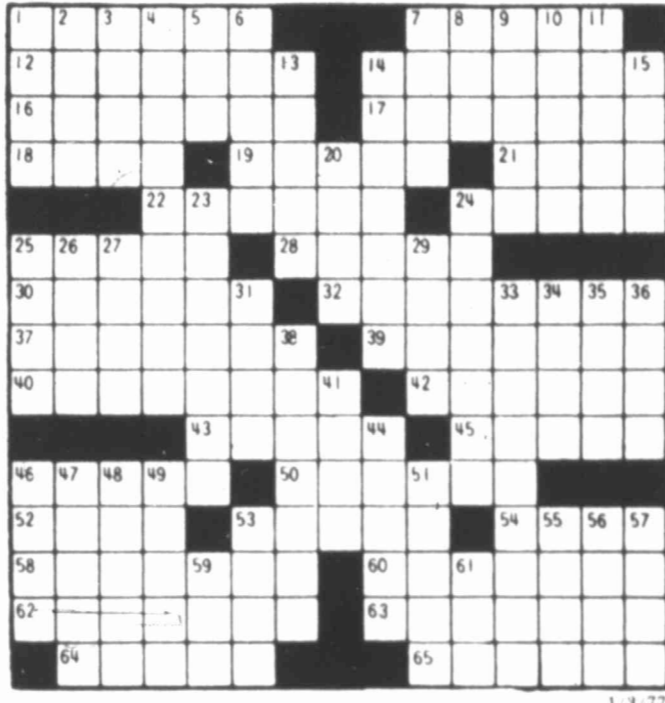
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7 Tells all  
12 Unicellular animals  
14 Errors. Slang  
16 Post Reverse  
17 Town N of Durham, N.C.  
18 over (craps) term  
19 Circle  
21 Enough. Post  
22 Merry Andrew  
24 Copies of documents, in law suits  
25 Tumult  
28 Preended  
30 Semantic language  
32 Sponge  
37 Censured severely  
39 German measles  
40 Wild cinnamon  
42 Cugat  
43 In progress  
45 Not in the  
46 Butts  
50 Penetrating  
52 Malay apple  
53 Birds' cries  
54 Buddhist priest

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2 Girlfriend. Fr  
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4 Associate of the devil  
5 U.S. ballet company. Abbr  
6 Stuck  
7 To --- (besides)  
8 Bagel's companion  
9 Monastery  
10 Frontier man  
11 Female relative. Lat  
13 Fine line on a type face  
14 More stimulating  
15 Plants  
20 Part of a neck. lace  
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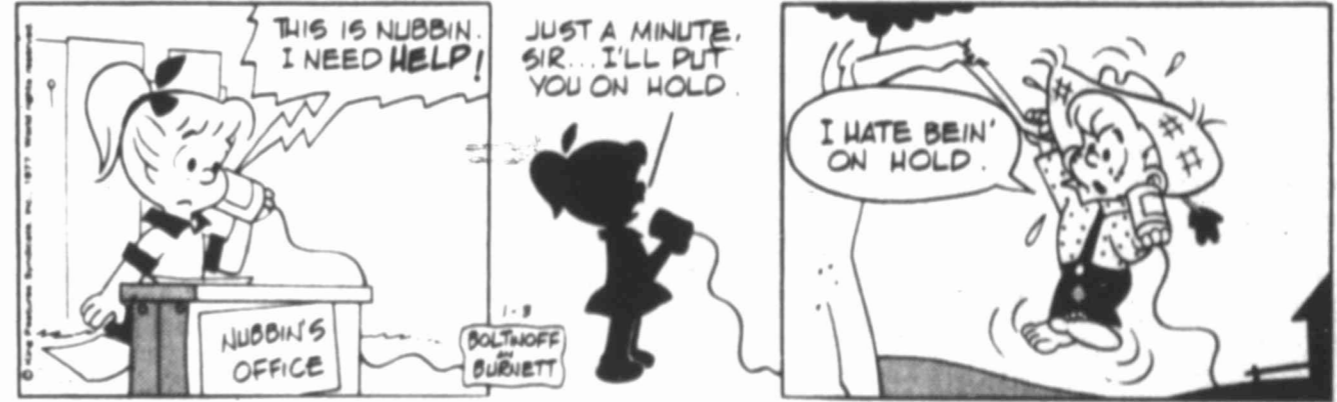
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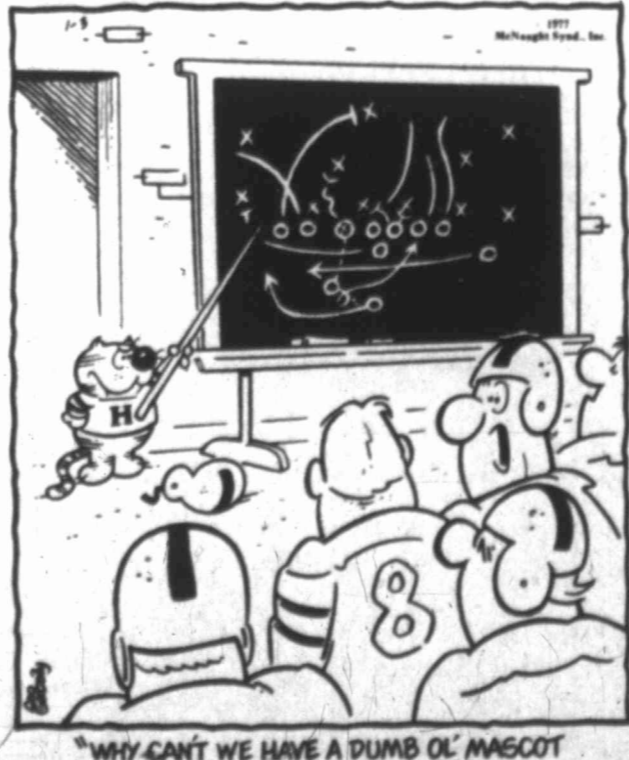
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# Statehood issue avoided by Puerto Rico's governor

By CHARLES A. KRAUSE  
The Washington Post

SAN JUAN — Carlos Romero Barcelo was sworn in Sunday as governor of Puerto Rico, promising to attack economic problems but ignoring the one issue that was on everyone's mind: Is Puerto Rico finally headed for statehood?

The situation is unclear, at best. On Friday, President Ford caught Puerto Rico by surprise when he announced that, as one of his last official acts, he will recommend that Congress approve legislation to make Puerto Rico the 51st state.

But Sunday, in remarks read by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carla A. Hills, the President did not mention statehood. His remarks simply wished Romero and Puerto Rico well.

President-elect Jimmy Carter sent a message supporting Puerto Rico's "right to political self-determination... whatever your choice may be." Carter has said that Puerto Rico, not Washington should take the initiative in deciding the commonwealth's future relationship with the United States.

This position is identical to Romero's who is committed per-

sonally and politically to making Puerto Rico a state — at some time in the future but not necessarily immediately. His position has been that a Puerto Rican plebiscite should come before congressional action.

The problem for Puerto Ricans is that, with Ford's call for statehood now, the indefinite future seems suddenly to become not so distant. People here from all walks of life have begun a period of quiet soul searching: watching developments that currently appear beyond their control and saying little.

The new governor seemed to be reacting in much the same way: wat-

ching and listening, but saying little—at least in public.

Romero took his oath of office during a simple, two-hour ceremony Sunday morning in front of the capitol building in Old San Juan. With thousands of his pro-statehood supporters in front of him and an impressive array of dignitaries at his side, the new governor read an inaugural address that promised an immediate attack on "social and economic injustice."

"Poverty is demoralizing not only to the poor themselves, but also to the fabric of the society that tolerates its existence," Romero said, studiously avoiding even a passing reference to the issue that, more than any other, has been at the heart of Puerto Rico's political life since the turn of the century: the island's ultimate status, its place in the world.

Since 1899, when the United States wrested control of Puerto Rico from Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War, the island has passed through a series of different relationships with the U.S.

For the past 25 years, it has been a commonwealth, which means, among other things, that Puerto Ricans are Americans citizens, serve in the armed forces and they freely migrate to the mainland. But they do not vote in presidential elections, do not have a voting representative in Congress, are subject to federal laws but do not have to pay federal income taxes.

The island's political parties are organized around the status question: Romero's new Progressive Party is pro-statehood; the outgoing governor, Rafael Hernandez Colon, leads the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party. There are two pro-independence parties that have never captured more than a small percentage of the total vote in past elections.

With at least 20 per cent of the work force unemployed as well as a drop in tourism and other serious economic problems, Puerto Ricans had, until last week, put their political status debate on the back burner. Romero said during his campaign that the island's political status was not at

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The new governor of Puerto Rico, Carlos Barcelo, with his wife Kate Donnelly at his side, waves to the crowd at his inaugural ceremony Sunday.

## Nine officials take oaths

New Midland County officials took office this morning after special swearing-in ceremonies at 9 a.m. in 142nd District Courtroom of the Midland County Courthouse.

Three new officers taking the oath of office were Dallas Smith, who defeated incumbent Sheriff Ed Darnell in the Nov. 2 election; Vern Martin, district attorney, and Jack Leonard, county commissioner from Precinct 1.

Other officials who returned to another term of office were Perry D.

Pickett, 142nd District Court judge; Leslie Acker, county attorney; Durward Wright, county commissioner, Precinct 3. Justice of the Peace John Biggs; Constable Jack Merritt, and Elmo Linebarger, county tax assessor-collector.

County Judge Barbara Culver first swore in Pickett, who swore in the rest of the officials.

Smith and some of his deputies were given the oath of office at 12:01 a.m. Saturday so that they could perform their duties during the weekend. All of the deputies who

remained from Darnell's term lost their commission at midnight of Dec. 31, Smith explained.

Two new men with the sheriff's department are former Midland police detective Sgts. L. W. "Porky" Moseley and Gib Roach, who both started to work for the sheriff's department Saturday.

County Commissioners Court held a special meeting after the ceremonies to consider routine business, including setting employe and officials' salaries and consideration of requests for changes in the 1977 budget.

## Two men charged in Bronx blaze

NEW YORK (AP) — Revenge against a young woman was the motive behind a Bronx social club fire that killed 25 people two months ago, a prosecutor said in announcing the arrest of two men on arson and murder charges.

Police said Sunday that Jose Cordero, a 40-year-old unemployed salesman, and a teenage accomplice set the fire after Cordero had a "lover's quarrel" with 19-year-old Diana Sanchez. They said at least one other person was being sought.

Police said Miss Sanchez was Cordero's girl friend and the fight was caused by her attending the party at the Puerto Rican Social Club in the South Bronx against his wishes.

However, the family of Miss San-

chez, who was killed in the blaze along with her sister Evelyn, 22, said Cordero was just a friend of the family and denied that any romance had existed between the two.

Cordero and Lopez were arraigned before Criminal Court Judge William Holland. They are being held without bond for a hearing Wednesday. The case was to be presented to a grand jury today.

The district attorney's office also requested that both defendants be "segregated from the rest of the prison population" because friends and family of those who died in the blaze might seek revenge.

The 16 women and nine men who died in the Oct. 24 fire made it the worst death toll in a building here

since 1958, when 27 were killed in a textile factory fire in Manhattan. In addition to those killed in the Bronx fire, 18 others, including Angel Louis Sanchez, a brother of the Sanchez sisters, were injured when they jumped to the street from the top floor of the two-story building.

According to police and the Bronx district attorney's office, Cordero left the party "enraged" and returned with friends to throw a liquid accelerant, believed to be gasoline, on the stairwell.

Police said Cordero was married and had two sons and a previous police record. Lopez, who was arrested on his way to a National Guard meeting, was unemployed and had no prior record.

After police delivered news of the arrests to Provicencia Felix, the mother of the Sanchez sisters, the sobbing woman described Cordero as a frequent visitor to their apartment.

"Everyone, they are saying he is Diana's boy friend. That's not true. He was a friend. He said she was like a daughter he had told us," she said. "He was a friend of us. He was godfather to Evelyn's baby. I just can't believe he could do this."

Angel Sanchez, 18, said, "The day of the party, Cordero came here and said he would take all of us. Later Diana told me he was angry because she was going, but she did not understand why."

"He took us there, and he was laughing in the car. He gave us money and I asked him 'What's this for, I have money.' But he said for us to keep it and have a good time."

Cordero was supposed to return sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. to drive the group home. Instead, police said, he came back with Lopez and at least one other person shortly after 2 a.m. and turned the 20-by-40 foot second story club into an inferno, setting a fire that rose up the only staircase leading outside.

Sanchez said Cordero and his wife continued to visit the family after the fire, often bringing a gift for his goddaughter.

Lopez was not acquainted with the Sanchez family.

## Consideration can be charming, puzzling

Merely commenting: "People are always accusing me of sulking," said the fair maiden, who often entertains herself in the absurdities around her. "But I don't. I just get to the point where I don't want to talk."



because I know I'll say something hateful."

Consideration can be charming... or puzzling and perplexing.

Shattering the lifeless in anger: "I don't do it as much as I used to, but I destroy inanimate objects (to ease the torment of anger)," said the young man, who has the sensitivity of an artist.

The creator also destroys.

A blazing first: "They sure can wreck a house fast," commented a newsmen, as Midland firemen were shoving debris and tossing furniture from a fire-and-water-damaged frame house on New Year's Day.

A first: the fire to the weathering old house with the wooden shingles was the year's first residential fire here.

Puffing away: "... Your car is smoking," announced the reservationist in the crowded foyer of a restaurant on New Year's Eve. Brief laughter: a smoking car, hack, hack.

Clarification: "... Your car may be on fire," said a gent into the public address microphone. All, it seemed, waited for someone to come charging, with fire ax in hand, out of the restaurant and onto the parking lot.

"Where there's smoke, there's a fire" is an axiom that sometimes lacks support.

## LATE NEWS

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Coast Guard is beginning an inquiry into the spillage of nearly 134,000 gallons of oil into the Delaware River as officials say the U.S. may have to tighten shipping standards to prevent future spillings.

AUSTIN (AP) — Highway conditions in north-central Texas are hazardous today as freezing rain has left ice on many bridges and road surfaces, the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation reported.

## WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and cloudy and cooler Tuesday. Low tonight, upper 30s. High Tuesday, upper 50s. Complete details on Page 2A.

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## Carter receives black support

By DAVIDS. BRODER  
Washington Post

PLAINS, Ga. — A delegation of black leaders from Atlanta came to the Plains Baptist Church Sunday morning to express their friendship for Jimmy Carter and their support of Griffin Bell, his choice for attorney general.

The president-elect introduced two bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a black boyhood friend from his hometown of Archery, just west of Plains to members and guests at his men's Sunday school.

Members of the delegation told reporters they had come to show their support for Bell, who has been criticized by some civil rights leaders

for his past membership in segregated clubs and for some of his decisions as a federal appeals court judge.

"Judge Bell is a good man," said William D. Johnson Jr., who grew up with Carter in the tiny town of Archery, where Johnson's late father, a bishop in the AME Church, was, in Carter's words, the head of "the most distinguished family in our neighborhood."

Johnson, who organized the trip, brought with him Bishops William Reed Wilkes and H. I. Bearden, both of Atlanta. Bearden identified himself as the chairman of the board of trustees of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, which named Bell its "man of the year" in 1976.

The appearance of the blacks at Carter's church, which only last month voted to end its ban on black members, was low-key and casual.

But it served to emphasize, at a time when Carter is receiving some stiff criticism from liberals for the choice of Bell, the remarkable bonds that exist between the president-elect and blacks in his own state and community.

It was reminiscent, in this respect, of the strong show of support for Carter from Atlanta black leaders last April, when he was under fire for his "ethnic purity" remark.

Fanny Johnson Hill of Tulsa, Okla., daughter of the late bishop, who was part of Sunday's delegation, told reporters that in Archery, the Carters "had better relations (with blacks) than anyone I knew, in spite of conditions in the state at that time... it was not easy (for them), but you could not tell it," she said.

"Mrs. (Lillian) Carter was very lovely to our family," Mrs. Hill said. "In fact, I think I wouldn't have had a son if it hadn't been for Miss Lillian. She was a nurse and she came to my rescue when my doctor had given him up. And I believe the remedy worked and so I have a son (George F. Hill) and he is a lieutenant colonel stationed in Germany with the Air Force."

Johnson said he had initiated the visit and called Carter "to make the arrangements." The Atlanta group stopped briefly at Carter's home and drove to church in the president-

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## New talks planned on Rhodesia's future

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The British chairman of the deadlocked Rhodesia conference arrived here to discuss with South African leaders today new proposals for a transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

British diplomat Ivor Richard flew to South Africa on Sunday from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where Prime Minister Ian Smith was reported to have flatly rejected Richard's proposals for a direct British role in an interim Rhodesian government.

Richard appeared glum when he arrived at Waterkloof military airbase, near the South African capital of Pretoria. He was joined by British ambassador Sir Richard Scott.

The two Britons then flew in Richard's hired executive jet to the southern coastal city of Port Elizabeth, where Richard was scheduled to meet privately with South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

Before leaving Salisbury, Richard told reporters he would return to the Rhodesian capital in about 10 days.

"I think the thing that has impressed me most has been the obvious desire of all the people I have seen for an end to the war, a peaceful set-

tlement and an orderly transition," said Richard, who is shuttling between black and white African capitals in an effort to get the Geneva talks moving again.

Richard met for two hours Saturday with Smith. Sources close to the discussions said Richard proposed an interim council of ministers for Rhodesia that would be dominated by blacks and would have a British-appointed chairman.

Richard also recommended that London control Rhodesia's police and military forces during the transition, which would lead to black majority rule by March 1978, the sources said.

They said that in rejecting the proposals, Smith reaffirmed his previous position that such conditions violate an agreement he says he reached with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last September on a transfer of power from Rhodesia's 270,000 whites to its 5 million blacks.

As explained by Smith, that agreement called for a two-year transition, veto power for the whites in the interim government and continued white Rhodesian control of security forces during the transition. These elements have been rejected by Rhodesian black nationalists.

## Yarbrough now court member

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Don Yarbrough, who the State Bar says is not fit to be a Texas lawyer, "is a member of Texas' highest court today."

The 35-year-old Houston attorney was sworn in Sunday as an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Today, at 9 a.m., he sits with the other eight members of the court at a special hearing. Tuesday he will take part in the usual weekly conference of the court considering cases appealed to them from throughout the state.

"I covet your continued prayers as we embark on the troubled waters ahead both personally and for the state," said Yarbrough Sunday.

He took the oath in a black robe borrowed from Chief Justice Joe Greenhill. He said he appreciated the courtesy but complained there was a hole in the sleeve.

"You will find the work challenging and I hope you enjoy working with us," the chief justice said at the end of the 20 minute ceremony.

Yarbrough refused to talk with reporters later.

The brief swearing-in ceremony before a crowd of maybe 75 persons was the climax to Yarbrough's surprise win in last June's Democratic primary and the defeat of two write-in candidates in November.

Yarbrough is a defendant in 15 civil suits including one by the State Bar seeking to take away his lawyer's license. The disbarment suit lists 53 grievances including 12 alleged acts of professional misconduct and eight violations of state and federal law.

The disbarment case has not been set for trial.

"I frankly don't know what makes a good judge," Yarbrough told his fellow jurists and the meager crowd. "I pledge a conscientious spirit, dedication to the law and a spirit of cooperation."

He said his priorities "as I look across the next six years" are first to be a "Godly man." Second, to be a good husband and third to be a good father.

Fourth, he said, "I want to be a good American... there is nothing greater we can pass on to our children than a free society and security... my recent experiences have convinced me of that."

He said that fifth, "I want to be a good judge on the Texas Supreme Court."

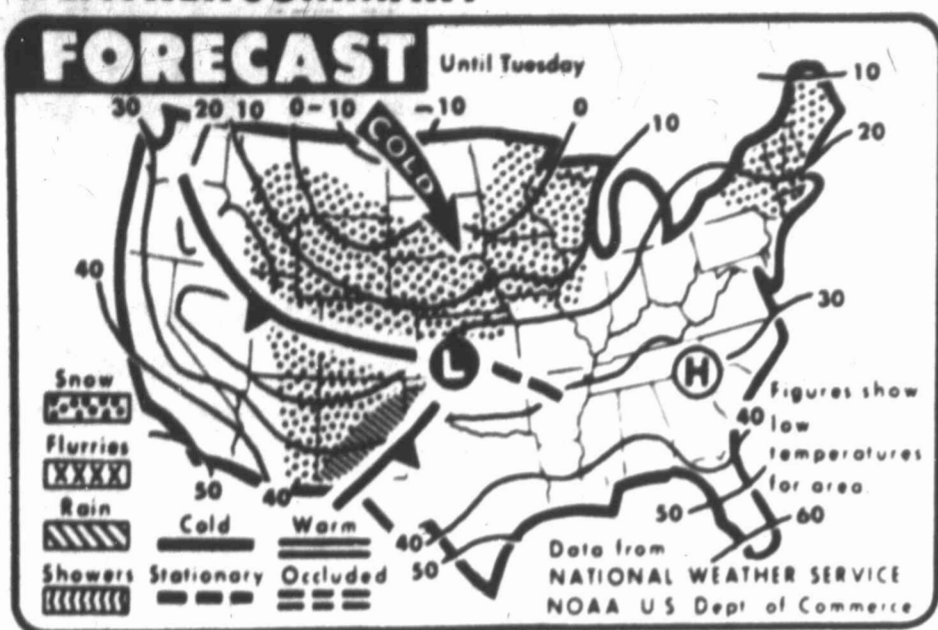
Yarbrough was sworn in by Greenhill. He was introduced to the

court by a longtime friend, Mrs. K. O. Bradley, Austin housewife, who said she met him many years ago at a "Christian retreat... he is one of my boys."

Yarbrough defeated Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals despite the fact that he was supported by an estimated 85 per cent of Texas lawyers in a State Bar poll. There was speculation that many voters thought they were voting for former Sen. Ralph Yarbrough or twice-defeated liberal Democratic gubernatorial candidate Don Yarbrough, also a Houston attorney.

Yarbrough's only previous political venture was an unsuccessful 1974 race against Treasurer Jesse James. In 1964 he served as general counsel for the Texas Water Development Board.

WEATHER SUMMARY



A WIDE AREA of snow is forecast today from the eastern slopes of the Rockies to the Northeast. Showers are expected in New Mexico. Cold temperatures are predicted nationwide.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS  
 Yesterday's High 38 degrees  
 Overnight Low 31 degrees  
 Noon today 42 degrees  
 Sunset today 5:27 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:30 a.m.  
 Precipitation trace  
 Last 24 hours trace  
 This month to date trace  
 1977 to date trace

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Midnight	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	11 p.m.
Temp	33	42	47	48	47	44	41	38	35	33	32	31
Wind	0	1-4	2-4	2-4	2-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

City	H	L
Abilene	43	29
Denver	40	28
Amariillo	40	28
El Paso	37	24
Fort Worth	41	28
Houston	39	26
Lubbock	41	28
Marfa	39	26
Ocala City	39	26
Wichita Falls	33	17

Extended Texas forecast

West Texas: Very cold Wednesday with a chance of snow. Clearing and not quite so cold Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday with a threat of rain extreme west. Highs Wednesday in the 30s and 40s. Panhandle and South Plains to the extreme south moderating into the 40s and 50s by Friday. Lows near 30s Panhandle to near 30s extreme south Wednesday and Thursday and in the teens and 20s to 30s on Friday.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas—Cloudy and windy tonight and Tuesday. Colder north portion and cooler with scattered showers southwest Tuesday. Low tonight 20s mountains and north to the south. High Tuesday 40s extreme north to 60s the south.

# Democratic senators square off to choose new majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators will caucus Tuesday morning to elect a successor to Mike Mansfield as majority leader. The rival candidates are Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Robert C. Byrd, now the party whip, or deputy leader.

A spokesman for Humphrey says the secret ballot is the key to the battle for the post of Senate Democratic leader.

A conference of Republican senators also will be held Tuesday to choose their party leaders. The eight new GOP senators are to meet today with actual or potential candidates for party leadership posts.

Byrd has been acknowledged front-runner for the Democratic leadership post.

However, David Gartner, Humphrey's administrative assistant, told a reporter that "we still think we have a chance" and that "the key thing" is that the vote will be by secret ballot.

Gartner said two or three senators have urged the Minnesota senator privately not to drop out, telling him they are going to vote for him even though they are publicly committed to Byrd. He declined to name the senators.

Byrd had no comment on Gartner's statement. Byrd, a West Virginian, has been the Democratic whip since 1971 when he unseated Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., from the post.

Mansfield, who served as the Senate Democratic leader for a record 16 years, did not run for re-election to the new Congress.

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# Fiery weekend blazes kill 45, mar church

By The Associated Press

Fires in seven states claimed at least 45 lives during the New Year's weekend and damaged Boston's Old North Church. Officials said at least one of two fatal fires in Chicago may have been arson.

In the aftermath of the weekend fires, five children were killed and at least one adult was injured early today when flames swept through a home in the Chicago suburb of Brookfield, police reported.

Police identified the Brookfield victims as Michael Fanta, 17, Ronald Fanta, 16, Theresa Fanta, 13, and twin brothers, Kevin and Kenneth Fanta, 11.

An unidentified woman was badly burned.

The suspicious fire broke out in an apartment building on Chicago's Southwest Side early Sunday morning, killing five persons and injuring at least seven others. Police said two partly filled gasoline cans were found on the fourth floor of the building, where the fire apparently began.

The victims included a woman and her three children, ages 5 to 16.

On Saturday, another Chicago apartment house fire claimed nine lives on the Northwest Side. The cause of that blaze was undetermined.

The fire on Sunday was about a block from the site of a Christmas Eve fire in which 12 persons, including 10 children, were killed.

Nine persons were killed in a Shamokin, Pa., motor hotel fire which broke out about 2 a.m. Sunday. One of the victims was the owner-operator of the Walnut Towers Motor Inn in the central Pennsylvania community about 50 miles northeast of Harrisburg.

John Luckens, 44, died of smoke inhalation while trapped in an elevator between floors of the four-story hotel, fire officials said.

In Boston, historic Old North Church sustained smoke damage when a four-alarm fire burned out a nearby apartment house in the North End.

It was from the steeple of Old North Church that Paul Revere arranged for a friend to hang the two lanterns — the "two if by sea" of Longfellow's poem — on April 18, 1775, to warn patriots that British troops were rowing across Boston Harbor. Then Revere set off on his famous ride through the countryside.

In Tennessee early Sunday, two fires killed eight persons, including three children.

In Springville, Pat Childs and her three young daughters, Teresa, Mimi and Sandy, died when their split-level frame home was destroyed by a blaze that erupted in a dry Christmas tree, police said.

And four people died in Union City when an apartment was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin.

Richard Cradeur, 41, and three of his daughters, aged 13 to 4, died in a house fire in Duson, La., about 10 miles west of Lafayette early Sunday.

In Michigan, six children died in a blaze that swept a two-story frame house on the southeast side of Grand Rapids early Saturday.

In New York City, an apartment fire on New Year's morning killed a grandmother and three of her grandchildren, aged 12 to 4. A fourth grandchild escaped, as did a woman and her 6-year-old daughter who lived on the top floor of the two-story Queens Village building.

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# Puerto Rico governor shuns statehood issue

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Carter's statement that Puerto Rico should be allowed to determine its status when it chooses to do so tended to reassure Puerto Ricans that statehood will not be forced on them. Even pro-statehood party members interviewed over the weekend often expressed the view that the Ford statement was ill-considered and that Puerto Rico needs time before it is ready to assume its place as a state.

That sentiment was expressed by

Romero's wife, Kate, who told a reporter Ford's proposal had been ill-timed.

Asked if he agreed with his wife, the new governor replied: "I can't start discussing what my wife may have said. If I started supporting or contradicting what she says, people would think she's the one who's running the government."

The reaction here to the President's announcement was generally reserved. There were no demonstrations, either pro or con.

# January temperatures higher than December

January may not have come in like the proverbial lamb but it seems to have brought slightly warmer temperatures than those recorded in the latter part of December.

This morning's low was 31 degrees and the weatherman expects a low tonight in the upper 30s. Tuesday's high should be in the upper 50s.

Sunday's high was 55 degrees. Cloudy skies are expected tonight and Tuesday.

Winds should be light and variable tonight, the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal said.

Cloudy and cold was the rule this morning in Andrews, Lamesa, Stanton, Rankin and Big Lake.

Bitter cold relaxed its icy grip on Texas a bit further today after tying much of the state in knots through the New Year's weekend, the Associated Press reported.

Clouds departed West Texas and the Texas Panhandle but the skies remained overcast in the east and south parts of the state. At the same time, however, early morning fog dropped visibility below two miles across much of East Texas and extreme South Texas.

There was still freezing drizzle also around Fort Worth and only a little warmer drizzle in the San Antonio vicinity.

In addition, patches of ice on roads and bridges kept travel hazardous after sleet or freezing rain persisted through much of Sunday over a broad area lying east and north of a line linking Mineral Wells, Austin and Lufkin. Ice up to a quarter inch thick glazed some outdoor surfaces.

Official observers warned, meanwhile, that another onslaught by winter could be expected by Wednesday.

# YMCA sets registration for classes

Registration for the first youth swim and gym classes for the winter and spring schedule at Midland Central YMCA will continue through Friday.

Classes will begin Jan. 10 and continue for a five-week session through Feb. 18. Parents may register their children for classes by coming to the YMCA office, 800 N. Big Spring, or by calling 682-2551 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The following swim and gym classes will be available for preschoolers:

Moms and Tots for ages 1 to 3 and their mothers, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday or 3:15 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Kinderswim (Tadpole) for ages 4, 5 and 6 from 9:30 to 10:15 or 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday or 1:15 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Kindergym (Tiny Tumblers) for ages 4, 5 and 6, 10:45 to 11:30 on Monday and Wednesday or 2:30 to 3:15 or 3:15 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

For school-age children, the following swim and gym classes will be held:

"O" Team Beginning Gymnastics, 4 to 4:45 p.m. or 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

Trampoline instruction (beginning and advanced), 4 to 5 p.m. Fridays.

Folliwog (beginning), 4 to 4:45 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

Minnow and Fish (intermediate), 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

Flying Fish and Sharks (advanced), 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Water Ballet (for girls at least 10 years old and women who are good swimmers), Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Tryouts are held for participation in A, BB and C teams of girls' competitive gymnastics team. Advanced swimmers and older may try-out for the competitive swim team.

Interested persons may contact Pat Owens' office at the Central YMCA for more information concerning classes or try-outs for competition.

# Woman hurt by gunshot

A 23-year-old Midland woman was shot twice with a .22 caliber handgun at an all-night restaurant early today.

Blandina Jasso, of 304 N. Lamesa Road, was in undetermined condition at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa with one gunshot wound in the neck and another in the side.

Police arrested a 49-year-old Midland man in connection with the shooting, which occurred at 5 a.m. inside Red's Drive-Inn, 1807 E. Front St.

Police are investigating the shooting and have so far found no motive. There was no argument before the shooting took place, police said.

# Man 'guarded' after shooting

ODESSA — An 18-year-old Odessa man was in guarded condition at Odessa Medical Center this morning after being shot Sunday night in the 1200 block of West Clifford Street.

Armando Estrada, 1204 W. Clifford St., was shot in the left shoulder about 9 p.m. with a small caliber pistol as he walked from the street to a residence, Odessa police said.

The cause of that shooting is under investigation by detectives.

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# Green, 84, dies in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Services for Henry Green, 84, will be at 4 p.m. today in River-Welch Funeral Home with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Green died Thursday at his home.

Survivors include four daughters, Eva Jackson and Georgia Stanton, both of Big Spring, Billie McCullary of Stanton and Maye Young of Dallas, two stepsons, Eugene Washington of Grand Prairie and Lucky White of Midland; a stepdaughter, Bessie Robinson of Midland, and one grandchild.

# Dana Mackey service today

LUBBOCK — Services for Dana B. Mackey, 75, of Lubbock, brother of Mrs. Leroy Nietch of Midland, will be at 4 p.m. today in Rix Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mackey died Sunday morning in a Brownfield hospital.

He had been a resident of the Lubbock area 58 years.

Other survivors include five sons, three daughters, two other sisters, 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

# Rites pending for E. M. Loyd

YANTIS, Tex. — Edward McKinley Loyd, 79, of Yantis, father of Loye C. Loyd of Midland, was found dead at his home in Yantis Sunday morning.

He is believed to have died Wednesday.

Services are pending at Wilson Funeral Home in Alba.

Loyd was in the automobile business in Yantis for many years and retired in 1960. He was born Sept. 2, 1897, in Alba.

Other survivors include three daughters, another son, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

# Rites Tuesday for Mrs. Fickas

LUBBOCK — Services for Minnie Fickas of Lubbock, sister of Mrs. J. Howard Lodge of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rix Funeral Home with burial in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mrs. Fickas died Thursday at her home.

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# DEATHS

## Kate Harrington service today

BIG SPRING — Services for Kate Harrington, 64, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. today in First Church of God with burial in Trinity Memorial Park directed by Nalley-Pickel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harrington died Saturday night in a Big Spring nursing home.

Born July 13, 1912, in Canowka, she married Carroll Harrington Nov. 13, 1969, in Lovington, N.M.

At one time, she owned and operated Coahoma Drug Store. She was a member of First Church of God and Order of the Eastern Star No. 498.

Survivors include the husband; two daughters, Mrs. Bob Hickson of San Angelo and Mrs. Bob Cathey of Big Spring; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Leland Wood of San Marcos; a stepson Charles Harrington of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. A. C. Holley and Mrs. B. O. Williams, both of Big Spring, and Mrs. J. T. Taylor of Mineral; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

## Edna J. Baker service today

ACKERLY — Services for Edna Joseph Baker, 79, of Ackerly will be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Long, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Roy Hanes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gali.

Burial will be in Ackerly Cemetery directed by Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Mrs. Baker died Friday afternoon in Medical Arts Hospital.

A native of Jones County, Mrs. Baker was a 51-year resident of Ackerly. Born Edna Myles, she married Buck Baker Sept. 23, 1923, in Pecos. They moved to Ackerly from Pecos in 1925. She was a 63-year member of the Baptist Church and a housewife.

Survivors include the husband; two daughters, Dorothy Rogers of Big Spring and Margie Brown of Seagraves; two sons, E. R. Baker of Seminole and Delbert Baker of Ackerly; two sisters, Nancy Squires of Midland and Emily Shawn of Odessa; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

## Area resident's sister dies

MARFA — Services for Mattie Magathan, 65, of Marfa, daughter of Robert J. Carr Sr. of Andrews, will be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church of Marfa.

Burial will be in Marfa Cemetery directed by Geeslin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Magathan died Saturday morning in an El Paso hospital after an illness.

Born Feb. 18, 1911, in Clint, she had lived in Van Horn prior to moving to a ranch near Marfa 10 years ago. She was a Methodist.

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# Australia about ready to ship 'yellow gold'

By PETE COSTIGAN  
The Washington Post

CANBERRA — Australia has a New Year's gift for the world — the first shipments of its uranium for foreign nuclear power plants.

But it is a gift the world is getting only after years of debate in and out of Australia and a national anguish unequalled since Australians wrestled their consciences in the late Sixties over the country's involvement in the Vietnam war.

The first shipment is minuscule compared with the mountains of uranium in the bleak Australian Outback.

Some 130 tons were shipped just before Christmas from the remote Queensland Mine near the town of Mary Kathleen to Brisbane, the state's steamy capital and chief port. It was the first trainload of uranium out of Mary Kathleen since 1963, and it was delayed two hours in a way symbolic of the problems surrounding the Australian uranium industry.

The uranium was put in four covered wagons marked "Danger — Radioactive" and attached without announcement to the back of a regular freight train. But groups of protestors sensed that the movement they had prevented for years had begun.

Before the slow train had travelled 50 miles of its 1,200-mile journey, a dozen protestors stood on the tracks and stopped the train. Twice more on the long journey, other groups managed to stop and hold up the train until Outback Queensland police not noted for their gentility, removed them.

"We have achieved our objective," one protestor said. "We have drawn public attention to this conspiracy to shift uranium out of the country by stealth."

The first batch of Australian uranium is due to sail early in 1977 for the Hamburg Electricity Works in West Germany. If the conservative Australian government of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and the powerful Australian mining industry have their way, it will be the beginning of a huge new world trade in the valuable, controversial yellow gold — as many Australians describe their uranium.

Australia has more uranium reserves than any other country in the non-Communist world. Proven reserves of more than half a million tons is about 30 per cent of the world's known reserves. It is worth some \$50 billion U.S. at current prices.

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Most of it was discovered in the late 1960s in six major mining areas. By 1972, Australia had signed firm contracts with utilities and government agencies in the United States, Japan and West Germany for 9,050 tons of uranium, with deliveries to begin in 1977.

But in December 1972, the socialist government of current Australian opposition leader Gough Whitlam won power after 23 years of conservative rule.

Although Whitlam himself has never been a strong critic of uranium mining, several of his ministers were, and the whole subject was complicated for Whitlam by a factor which did concern him: The major uranium deposits found up till 1972 (and since) were in the far northwest of Australia's northern territory. It is an area known to Anglo-Saxon Australians as Arnhem land, but to the black Australians who are the only humans ever to live there, it is "Dreamtime," the most sacred of the ancient tribal lands.

Generations ago, white Australians had ignored the Aborigines and turned the area into vast cattle ranches. Mining rights were simply acquired by the whites from compliant governments which until three years ago did not even bother counting the Aborigines in the national census count.

Whitlam decided that the question of Aboriginal rights over their tribal lands had to be settled first and arrangements made for the Aborigine tribes to get a fair share of the potentially enormous profits from the uranium mines.

He set up a judicial inquiry in 1974.

under a judge, Justice Fox, to determine when and under what conditions uranium mining could start in the Dreamtime.

Before the inquiry had reported, Whitlam was unceremoniously out of office after being defeated by Fraser in parliamentary elections last December.

Fraser and his new minister for natural resources, Doug Anthony, both strongly favor allowing the Australian uranium to be mined and sold to selected foreign countries. But the anti-uranium movement, led by the Australian Conservation Society, the country's chapter of Friends of the Earth and Australia's powerful left-wing trade unions, had created enough public concern over the issue to make Fraser proceed cautiously.

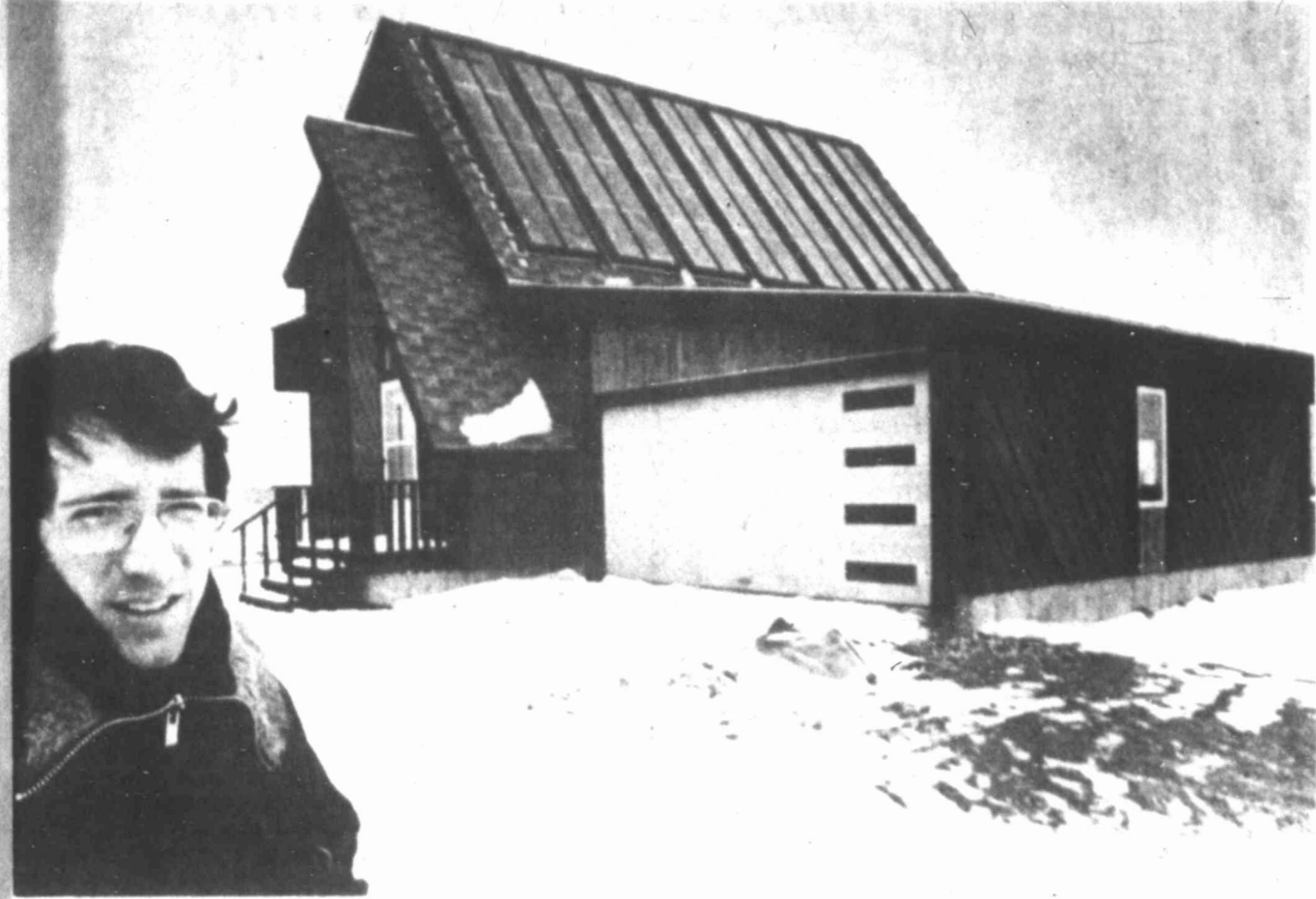
He said he would wait for Fox's report, which ultimately was issued in November. The Fox report gave cautious approval to uranium mining and export but left for a more detailed report — due in February — the specific questions surrounding

Aboriginal rights and the northern territory uranium deposits.

Just before Christmas, Fraser announced that the Mary Kathleen Mine (which the government partly owns in partnership with a public company) and a second Queensland Mining Company — Peko Ez — would be allowed to export enough uranium to complete the initial 9,050 tons' contract.

The moderate president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Bob Hawke, managed to wring a deal from the left-wing unions under which they agreed to lift their bans on moving uranium by rail and sea provided there would be ample public discussion before further contracts were signed.

The chances are, however, that formal debate will be minimal. Fraser's government already has ignored a move by one of its own supporters — former cabinet minister Don Chipp — for a free-conscience debate in the national parliament.



LARRY BROWN, a former University of Michigan student, stands in front of the solar house he designed and built just north of Ithaca, Mich. There are seven solar collectors that change the sun's energy to solar heat for the three bedroom house.

# Crude-rich Iraq finds itself short of cash

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.

The Los Angeles Times

BAGDAD, Iraq — Despite having the second largest oil reserves in the Middle east, Iraq today finds itself short of cash.

Civilization was cradled between its Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, and the site of ancient Babylon's splendor lies some 50 miles south of here. Yet the majority of Iraq's people were illiterate as late as 1973.

Oil revenues have increased massively in recent years, but only a small minority have benefited, in contrast to other petroleum-producing Arab lands where spread-the-wealth has been a by-word.

"Our problem is management... management from top to bottom," said Dr. Hashim Jawad, a top planning advisor to Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council.

There are remnants of the more recent past to bear him out, as well as the few mud brick relics of the ancient glories of Mesopotamia.

Iraq once was a sleepy, British-oriented monarchy. Red double-decker British buses still churn through Baghdad's crowded streets, and what remains of the old privileged class still gathers for tea or tennis at the Alwiyah Club.

To this has been added the trappings of the turbulent post-revolutionary era, such as the splendid arch which is a monument to Iraq's unknown soldier, and a mysteriously still-unfinished luxury hotel.

Rumor has it that the hotel hasn't been finished because its location is too strategic and would expose the comings and goings of the country's rulers to prying eyes.

The truth is probably more mundane. Many projects have been halted in mid-stream and other postponed because of the lack of cash.

Iraq has an estimated short fall of \$600 million in oil revenues this year, out of a total expected income of around \$8 billion, for two reasons. When the Basrah Petroleum Co., the last remaining Iraqi oil firm which still had foreign participation, was fully nationalized last spring, the former parent companies halted their purchase of oil.

Gradually, they have been coming back, with Shell and the French Petroleum Co. the first to resume.

But an additional worrisome factor is the new pricing of oil in international commerce. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates decided on a 5 per cent increase this year, while the rest of the OPEC cartel, including Iraq, decided to go for 10 per cent now and 5 per cent additional next July.

The present set of rulers here is the third since the 1958 revolution which ended the monarchy. That was the first of several bloodbaths and set the country off on a new course, vaguely Socialist and strongly Arab nationalist. The Soviet Union now is Iraq's major foreign friend, Zionism is the enemy and a lack of manpower and skilled technology is the major problem.

Iraq is a police state to the extent

that there is no regular judicial process or appeal against arbitrary arrest. The transfer of large elements of the Kurdish population to enforced residence in the south is evidence of this. An additional example is the fact that movement within the country is closely controlled. For example, no foreign diplomats can move outside Baghdad without special permission.

Whatever political problems seethe below the surface are difficult to determine. There has been brutal,

bloody repression of minorities in the recent past, something which President Ahmed Hassan Bakr openly admitted in a recent interview.

Iraq's political leadership is a tight-knit group that keeps its own counsel. It rules in the name of the Baath Party, bitterly opposed to the group in Damascus which lays claim to the same name. There is little effort such as in Moammar Khadafy's Libya to bring in the masses to some form of participation in public life.



W. J. Hudson



R. M. McCommon Jr.

# Long tours observed

Thirty-year service anniversaries have been announced by Gulf Refining Co. for employees in its West Texas operations.

W. J. Hudson of Colorado City Station and R. M. McCommon Jr. of Department of Transportation inpector for the Midland District.

Hudson joined Gulf Refining in the

Saginaw, Tex., District and during his tenure he has served as pipeline, station engineer and tank farm gauger in addition to his present post as engineer.

McCommon, who lives in Snyder, began working for Gulf in the Chester district and during his years of employment has been lineman, pipeline and tank farm gauger.

# WT areas draw sites

A wildcat has been staked in Glasscock County and Field activity is scheduled for Mitchell and Ward sectors.

Patrick Petroleum Corp. of Michigan, operating from Midland, will drill No. 1 David Glass, a 10,400-foot wildcat in Southeast Glasscock, 1 1/2 mile north of the Barbee (Wichita-Albany) field.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,600 feet from east lines of section 45, block 33, T-5-S, T&P survey, 13 miles southeast of Garden City.

H.M. Operators, Midland, will drill a location east offset to production in a three-well southwest extension area of the Westbrook, East (Clear Fork) field of Mitchell.

It is No. 3-A McKenney, which spots 1,995 feet from south and - 660 feet from west lines of section 29, block 27, T&P survey, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Contract depth is 3,400 feet.

CASA Oil & Gas Co., Midland, plans to reenter and clean out to 6,500 feet at No. 2 Tom White, for completion attempt as a fourth producer and 1/4-mile northeast extension to the Pitzer, South (Delaware) field of Ward.

Originally drilled by Sinclair Oil & Gas, as No. 1-105 White Unit, it was plugged and abandoned in June, 1969 at 18,035 feet, a failure in the Lockridge (Ellenburger) field.

Location is 1,980 feet from southeast and northeast lines of section 105, block 34, H&TC survey, six miles southwest of Orta.



W. P. Solomon

# Pumper retires

W. P. Solomon, senior pumper in the Denver City area, Midland Region, for Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., retired recently after 34 years of service.

Solomon joined the company in 1942 in the West Texas area, as a roughneck. He transferred to Seminole in 1943, where he remained until his retirement.

He was honored at a retirement dinner attended by employees of the TP Midland Region. J. J. Lambeth, senior foreman, reviewed highlights of Solomon's career and presented him with a retirement gift.

# U.S. refinery input shows per day climb

WASHINGTON — Total refinery input in the U.S. increased 276,000 barrels per day during the week ended Dec. 17 to 15,307,000 barrels per day.

Input to crude oil processing units increased 232,000 barrels per day during the week ended Dec. 19, 1975.

Operable capacity was utilized at a rate of 91.5 percent during the current week compared with 90.0 percent the previous week and 87.8 percent during the week ended Dec. 19, 1975.

Production of motor gasoline in the

U.S. decreased 193,000 barrels per day during the week to 6,902,000 barrels per day. During the week ended Dec. 19, 1975, production of motor gasoline was 6,728,000 barrels per day. Production of distillate fuel oil during the current week increased 121,000 barrels per day to 3,207,000 barrels per day. During the week ended Dec. 19, 1975, production of distillate fuel oil was 2,860,000 barrels per day.

Stocks of motor gasoline in the U.S. decreased 547,000 barrels during the week to 226,361,000 barrels. On Dec. 19, 1975, stocks of motor gasoline were 229,639,000 barrels. Stocks of distillate fuel oil in the U.S. decreased 8,508,000 barrels during the current week to 199,363,000 barrels. On Dec. 19, 1975, stocks of distillate fuel oil were 222,033,000 barrels.

Total imports of crude oil into the U.S. decreased 440,000 barrels per day during the week to 5,215,000 barrels per day. Crude oil imports into Districts 1-4 decreased 513,000 barrels per day while receipts into District 5 (West Coast) increased 73,000 barrels per day.

Total imports of refined products into the U.S. increased 218,000 barrels per day during the week to 2,393,000 barrels.

Total stocks of crude oil in the U.S. decreased 2,277,000 barrels to 290,221,000 barrels. Stocks by location decreased 1,200,000 barrels in District 1. All other districts combined decreased 1,077,000 barrels.

# Oiler finals in Andrews

Phillips Petroleum Co. has recompleted its No. 21-CC Texas University as a fourth Strawn producer and 1/4-mile northwest extension to that pay in the Maguteb field of Andrews County, about 12 miles northeast of Andrews.

The 24-hour potential test gauged 50 barrels of 36-gravity oil and one barrel of water, with gas-oil ratio measuring 440-1. Production was through perforations at 10,768-11,080 feet. Operator treated the pay section with 10,000 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 12,630 feet, and 5 1/2-inch casing is seated at 12,625 feet. The plugged-back depth is 11,200 feet. Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 36, block 4, ULS.

# Dog purchase starts trouble for woman

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Linda Ingram's troubles started more than two years ago with a legal squabble over her purchase of a puppy. Today, the dog is fullgrown, and Mrs. Ingram is in jail.

Court records show that in April 1974, Mrs. Ingram, 33, answered an ad and agreed to purchase a Rottweiler, a popular breed of German cattle dog, for \$200 from Sherri Lee Charles of Cincinnati. She sent a check for \$100 as down payment.

The dog arrived by air freight on May 23, as did a notice that a shipping charge of \$50.45 was due, along with the \$100 balance. Mrs. Ingram felt the shipping cost was not part of the agreement and refused to pay it.

Mrs. Charles flew to Augusta, hired an attorney and swore out a possessory warrant. Accompanied by Columbia County sheriff's deputy Alex Shumaker, she went to the Ingram residence. Mrs. Ingram and her husband, Walter, said they did not have the dog. Shumaker searched the premises: no dog.

After a court hearing the next day, Mrs. Ingram, at the suggestion of the court, wrote a check for the full balance, including the disputed shipping cost. Mrs. Charles refused it, saying she wanted the dog, not cash.

That same day, Shumaker obtained a warrant and searched the property a second time. Again, no dog. This warrant charged Mrs. Ingram had perjured herself by denying knowledge of the dog's whereabouts.

The deputy returned later with two arrest warrants: one alleging perjury, the other charging Mrs. Ingram with theft by deception. Shumaker charged that while he was attempting

to serve those warrants, Mrs. Ingram pointed a shotgun at him. He swore out a third warrant charging aggravated assault.

Four months later, a grand jury indicted her. She pleaded guilty to assault and no contest to the other charges on Oct. 16.

Superior Court Judge Edwin D. Fulcher sentenced her to five years probation on each charge, to run concurrently. As a condition, she was fined \$250 and instructed to pay \$500 to Mrs. Charles.

Fulcher ordered Mrs. Ingram to return the dog within 30 days or to submit evidence she didn't have the dog and couldn't deliver it.

The case lay dormant until April 1976, when Mrs. Ingram was arrested on a petition to revoke probation. It was based on affidavits alleging that she possessed the dog in violation of her probation.

At a probation revocation hearing that month, a Greer, S.C., man testified that in late 1975, he had paid Mrs. Ingram \$700 for the dog.

Mrs. Ingram was confined in the Richmond County jail and has been there since. Her attorney filed a habeas corpus petition to have her freed on bail, but a state court denied the motion.

Mrs. Ingram, who becomes eligible for parole in February, has asked the Georgia Supreme Court to overrule the lower court and grant her habeas corpus petition. She also has filed a \$100,000 civil rights complaint against Mrs. Charles and Deputy Shumaker, contending that they "acted in concert... to deprive the plaintiff of liberty and property" when they obtained the warrants.

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## Ballots gain favor

There is a danger of reading too much into the Spanish election — a referendum which produced an overwhelming vote in favor of a plan to set up an elected parliament to write a new constitution.

Even under the Franco dictatorship, there had been referenda recording heavy votes of approval for government policies — although under pressures which no longer are imposed by the government of King Juan Carlos and Premier Adolfo Suarez.

This referendum was clouded by the fact that the Communist party and other radical leftists were prohibited from campaigning to urge that voters boycott the polls. The 80 per cent turnout, and 95 per cent approval of the government plan, may be a slightly skewed reading of public support.

Also, the role of the Communists and radicals in the

parliamentary election to be held in 1977 is another hurdle to be cleared. If they are frozen out of the process, it may be hard for Spain to persuade her European neighbors that a bona fide democratic system is being put in place.

The other danger is to read too little into this guarded approach to democracy in Spain. The king and his premier, direct heirs of the Franco regime, are proceeding with a degree of caution and gradualism that may leave some Spaniards impatient.

They are contending with forces on the right and left which gladly would see a peaceful transition to democracy derailed. While the referendum was only a first step, and an imperfect one in the conditions that surrounded it, the vote still will stand as evidence that a majority of the people of Spain are confident that ballots are the best tool to build a future political framework.

## Park sings sour tune

Diplomacy thrives on understatement. When the United States tells the government of South Korea that its reaction toward an investigation of potential bribery involving South Korean emissaries in Washington is "not helpful," that's putting it too mildly.

We should be reminding President Park Chung Hee that even before the current scandal arose, the U.S. alliance with South Korea was losing popular support in this country because of the repressive domestic policies of his government. If his people in Washington have been caught in an influence-peddling scheme, he should be apologizing, not defying our efforts to find out what was going on.

Americans fought and died to help maintain the independence of South Korea 25 years ago. Our economic and military aid since then, and our continued troop deployments, have given the South Koreans a chance to live in peace and make something of their country. We have been patient when President Park insists that the squelching of civil rights by his government in recent years is necessary because

of threats of subversion from North Korea.

President Park surely understands that when President-elect Jimmy Carter expressed concern about the moral compromises in U.S. foreign policy, he is questioning our support of the South Korean government. We think it would be disastrous for security throughout the Far East if the United States were to withdraw its troops from South Korea and curtail its aid programs because of distaste for the current regime.

President Park's defiant attitude is playing into the hands of those who advocate such a step in spite of the enormous risk involved. Needless to say, it is the South Koreans who would suffer the most if that should happen.

### IT HAPPENED HERE

Forty Years Ago (Jan. 3, 1937):

Honoring friends, C.A. Goldsmith, a freshman student at The University of Texas, was host at an "open house" in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Goldsmith.

La Moine Sindorf was hostess at a breakfast Saturday in the Cactus Cafe, honoring a group of friends before they return to classes Monday in high school and college.



### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Public paid for Hebert eulogy

By JACK ANDERSON and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON — The life and times of Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) the darling of the Pentagon, are chronicled in two laudatory books. Both were quietly compiled, we have now discovered, by three persons whom Hebert put on the public payroll.

The crotchety Hebert, one of the grand old curmudgeons of Congress, is retiring after a 36-year career dedicated primarily to championing causes dear to the hearts of the military-industrial complex.

His memory will be preserved for posterity, however, in two literary tomes. The first, entitled "Creed of a Congressman: F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana," was published in 1970. The second, with the even more epic title of "Last of the Titans: The Life and Times of Congressman F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana," was published this year.

A self-styled historian named Glenn Conrad assisted the congressman with both works. He was employed by the publisher, the Center for Louisiana Studies. But he also turned up on Hebert's congressional payroll during the preparation of the two books.

He was paid by the taxpayers for five months in 1969 and seven months in 1970 at an annual scale that bounced from \$2,280 to \$6,337 with a \$1,000 bonus. Again this year, he appeared on the public payroll briefly as a "writer" at the monthly rate of \$1,000.

The first book, according to Library of Congress records, was "edited and evaluated" by Virginia R. Burguières. Her name is also listed on Hebert's government payroll. Her salary was boosted from \$5,380 to more than \$19,000 in June, 1969, about the time she began her editing and evaluating.

The congressman helped to write the second tribute to himself; his co-author is identified as John McMillan. For more than two years, McMillan has been listed on the congressional payroll as a "special aide" at an annual salary of more than \$22,000.

On the scale of values upon which statesmen are usually judged, Hebert might appear to be overrated by his biographers. This does not mean, however, that he is undeserving of the homage he receives from the Pentagon and from the manufacturers of U.S. armaments.

In many ways, Eddie Hebert has been more valuable to the military-munitions combine than any four-star general. He fought for military appropriations on Capitol Hill with a valor above and beyond the call of duty.

Yet he began his career, ironically, as a crusading newsmen who exposed corruption in Louisiana. He came to Congress as a reformer, battling the special interests that he later embraced.

Once he opposed the political lords whom he now symbolizes. But today is his last as a member of the House. Tomorrow he will give up the massive, curved, two-tiered desk, with the two small American flags

### KNOW YOUR HEMISPHERE:

## Mexico plans to mint new silver pesos

By WILLIAM GIANDONI  
Copley News Service

MEXICO CITY — Mexico is going to start minting "strong" silver pesos again.

Sometime in early 1977, bright, new 100 peso coins will go into circulation, Treasury Minister Julio Rodolfo Moctezuma Cid announced recently.

Nearly an ounce in weight, they will be 72 per cent silver, making them probably the richest silver coins in general circulation in the world.

At the current floating peso-dollar rate of exchange, the 100 peso pieces will cost approximately five dollars.

The 20 grams of pure silver they are to contain makes them worth a few cents over three dollars for their precious metal content alone.

To judge by the official description given of them, they will not be as pretty or as large as the silver coins that Mexico minted in the 1940s, but they certainly will be much more attractive than the debased coinage now in circulation throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The announcement that Mexico is going to use some of the silver, of which it is again the world's No. 1 producer, for new coins came as no surprise.

President José Lopez Portillo originally disclosed the plan to "once again begin minting the traditional Mexican silver coins — our strong pesos," in his inaugural address on Dec. 1.

Lopez Portillo indicated then that

the government expects the new 100 peso coins to be hoarded by those many Mexicans who do not really trust banks and, much less, paper money.

Strong pesos, with high silver content, "will offer Mexicans attractive options for saving which, without impairing their legitimate interests, coincide with the national interest and allow us to fight inflation and sudden changes in the rate of exchange," the president said.

Many Mexicans look with favor on high grade coins as a hedge against devaluation just as their fathers and grandfathers did before them.

Experience of the years of the Mexican Revolution taught them that silver and gold coins were always negotiable, whereas the printing press paper money issued by short-lived revolutionary governments might not be.

In any case, as Lopez Portillo said, the new silver coins will encourage many persons to start saving. That will cut into the oversupply of paper pesos now chasing too few goods in Mexican markets and help hold down inflation, which is one of the government's big problems.

According to the treasury minister's announcement, the new 100 peso coins will bear a three-quarters profile bust of Father Jose Maria Morelos, one of the early heroes of Mexican independence on the reverse side. To the left will appear the words "Cien Pesos," 100 pesos, and on the right, the monogram of the Mexican Mint and the year of coinage.

At the bottom, there will be the words "Plata Pura 20 Gramos," pure silver 20 grams. On the obverse will appear the national coat of arms, with the legend "Estados Unidos Mexicanos," United Mexican States, which is Mexico's proper name.

The coins will be 39 millimeters, a bit over an inch and a half, in diameter. They will weigh 27.7777 grams, about half a gram less than an ounce.

At the same time Moctezuma Cid announced details of the new silver pesos, he disclosed that the current one and five centavo copper coins will be withdrawn from circulation. One centavo is about the equivalent of one-twentieth of a penny and five centavos is about a quarter of a cent. Most one centavo coins have long since been converted into metal buttons or made into women's jewelry.

Five centavo coins are still to be seen but, what with inflation of recent years, there is little that they will buy.

### The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"The more clearly you say it, the more likely you are to be misunderstood."

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## Mark Russell says

Today's disaster is a water spill that threatens to pollute the oil in Boston Harbor.

That ship that broke in half off the coast of New England was defended by its builder. He said, "When we at the Alaska Pipeline and Ships Co. make something, we make it right."

Why bother with fiction like "King Kong" when you can see a live production of "The Blob That Ate Nantucket?"

"How come an oil leak is considered an accident, but a factory smoke leak is considered 'routine'?"

by Brickman

### INSIDE REPORT:

## Carter's senior aides favor trimming the tax cut

By ROWLAND EVANS  
And ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Under intense pressure from politically muscular supporters, President-elect Carter's senior aides are now tending toward a tax reduction considerably lower than economists say is needed to stimulate the economy effectively.

Carterites explain the tax cut may be trimmed because of better economic indicators, specifically the big increase in national income reported for November. But what seems more influential is heavy lobbying from substantial segments of the Carter coalition — Congressmen, mayors, labor, blacks — to stimulate the economy through heavier federal spending rather than tax reduction.

While refusing even to approach the 12 to 20 billion dollars in immediate spending for the creation of new jobs that is demanded by these groups, Carter advisers are talking \$5 billion and hinting the figure could go to \$7 billion — about twice as much as the economists advise. What's more important, they are now talking about \$10 billion in tax cuts, instead of the \$15 billion mentioned by Budget Director-designate Bert Lance and other advisers.

"I would say that is potentially a very serious mistake," one economist advising President-elect Carter told us. He and other experts say \$15 billion is the bare minimum figure for effectiveness and would prefer more. The impact of \$10 billion might be further diluted if, as the Carter camp is considering, it is divided between a



Evans

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flat rebate and reduced withholding.

Efforts by Lance and the economic advisers to promote industrial expansion by increasing the investment credit also has run into trouble among congressional Democrats, including key members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

### PUSHING FOR SIMON

The conservative push for Treasury Secretary William Simon as Republican national chairman reached a peak when Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois tried — with mixed results — to get help from Ronald Reagan.

Crane, an early and ardent Reagan-for-President backer, telephoned Reagan in California with this request: without withdrawing your support for state chairman Richard Richards of Utah, would you make clear that you have no objection to Simon? Crane expressed fear that Reagan's support of Richards might split the conservative camp and elect a non-conservative as national chairman.

While first wondering about ex-Wall

Streeter Simon's image as excessively establishment, Reagan went on to tell Crane that he certainly would have no objections to Simon and would say so publicly. However, at this writing Reagan has made no public statement — much to Crane's disappointment.

Besides Crane, prominent conservatives who have begun promoting Simon include Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and national committeeman Clarke Reed of Mississippi. Their view, concentrated in the House and among Southern Republican leaders, is that the party out of power desperately needs an articulate spokesman such as Simon rather than an anonymous technician such as Richards.

Simon's major problem may be his desire to pursue business interests as national chairman. His opponents, including some Reagan operatives, say that runs afoul of the new Republican rule requiring a full-time chairman. The compromise pushed by Sen. Helms: Simon as chairman with Richards as his full-time deputy.

**BELL'S TOLL**  
The possibility of serious trouble for Atty. Gen.-designate Criffin Bell in Senate confirmation hearings is escalating with this probable demand from Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana: admit your error in supporting G. Harold Carswell for the Supreme Court in 1970.

Moreover, Bayh and other liberal Democrats on the Judiciary Committee are also going to press Bell to resign — permanently, not tem-

porarily as he has suggested — from segregated clubs in Atlanta. But his biggest problem will be Carswell. Bell has defended his support as federal appeals court judge for Carswell, which continued even after the nomination was in hopeless trouble.

Carter insiders are not happy with Bell's performance so far in seeming not to appreciate the seriousness of the Carswell and country club problems. Moreover, he blundered by failing to point out to reporters that nine other judges on the 5th Circuit Court signed the pro-Carswell telegram to then President Richard Nixon.

However, Carter intimates believe the Carswell and club issues are smokescreens for opposition by national civil rights leaders to Judge Bell's moderate position on busing — particularly his judicial endorsement of Atlanta's voluntary busing plan.

### the small society



# SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. POLLAN

1 Scramble letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words

LOMRAN

NAPGA

HECIF

SEEDIB



Science is unpredictable. It can get men up to the moon, but it cannot get down from public buildings.

2 Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 3 below

3 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

UNSCRAMBLE LETTERS FOR ANSWER

# DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Margaret Farrar

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### ACROSS

- 1 Monkey bread tree
- 7 Tells all
- 12 Unicellular animals
- 14 Errors: Slang
- 16 Poet Reese
- 17 Town N of Durham, N.C.
- 18 — over (capsize)
- 19 Circle
- 21 Enough Paet
- 22 Merry Andyw.
- 24 Copies of documents, in law suits
- 25 Tumult
- 28 Pretended
- 30 Semitic language
- 32 Sponge
- 37 Censured severely
- 39 German measles
- 40 Wild cinnamon
- 42 Cagat
- 43 In progress
- 45 Not in the
- 46 Butts
- 50 Penetrating
- 52 Malay apple
- 53 Birds' cries
- 54 Buddhist priest

### DOWN

- 1 Baseball pitchers error
- 2 Girlfriend: Fr
- 3 Sleep
- 4 Associate of the devil
- 5 U.S. ballet company: Abbr
- 6 Stuck
- 7 To — (besides)
- 8 Bagel's companion
- 9 Monastery
- 10 Frontier man
- 11 Female relative: Lat
- 13 Fine line on a type face
- 14 More stimulating
- 15 Plants
- 20 Part of a neck: lace
- 23 "We're all — peas in a pod"
- 24 Eccentric, modern style
- 25 Biting remark
- 26 Space
- 27 Little one
- 29 Watery perfumes
- 31 Bennett
- 33 Sloping the edges of
- 34 Lamb
- 35 Brews
- 36 Acerb
- 38 Open carriage, in Russia
- 41 Cry to attract attention
- 44 Game fish
- 46 Ty of baseball
- 47 Forward
- 48 Advance obliquely
- 49 Barbecue specialty
- 51 "All — gold."
- 53 Troubles
- 55 Time — half
- 56 Early in the 18th century: Rom
- 57 Wise — owl
- 59 Toronto's province: Abbr
- 61 Resume of a person's life, for short



### THE BETTER HALF



"According to my figures, we're going to be stuck with Merry Christmas and Happy New Year until about the last of August."

### ANDY CAPP



### NANCY



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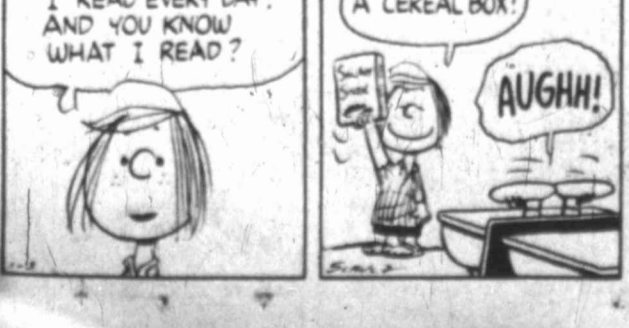
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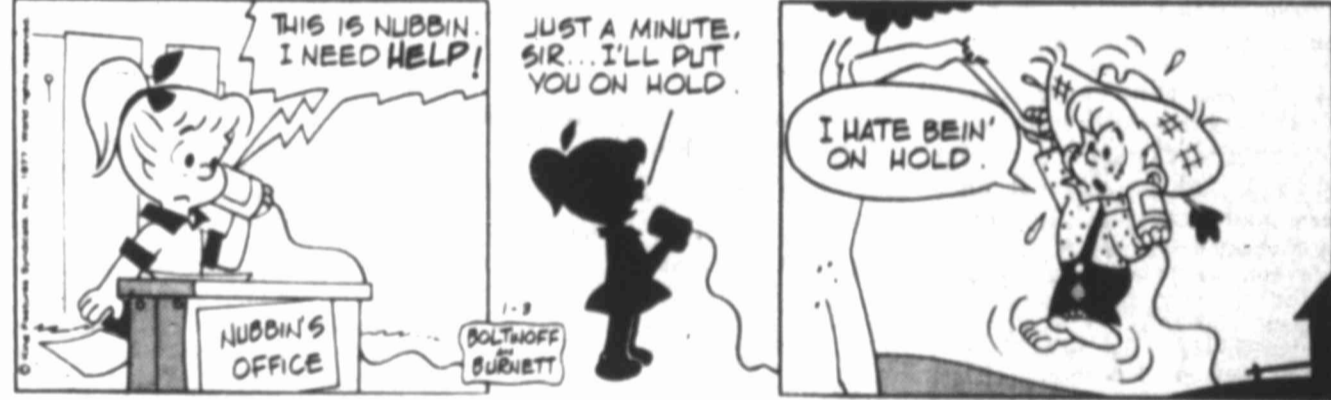
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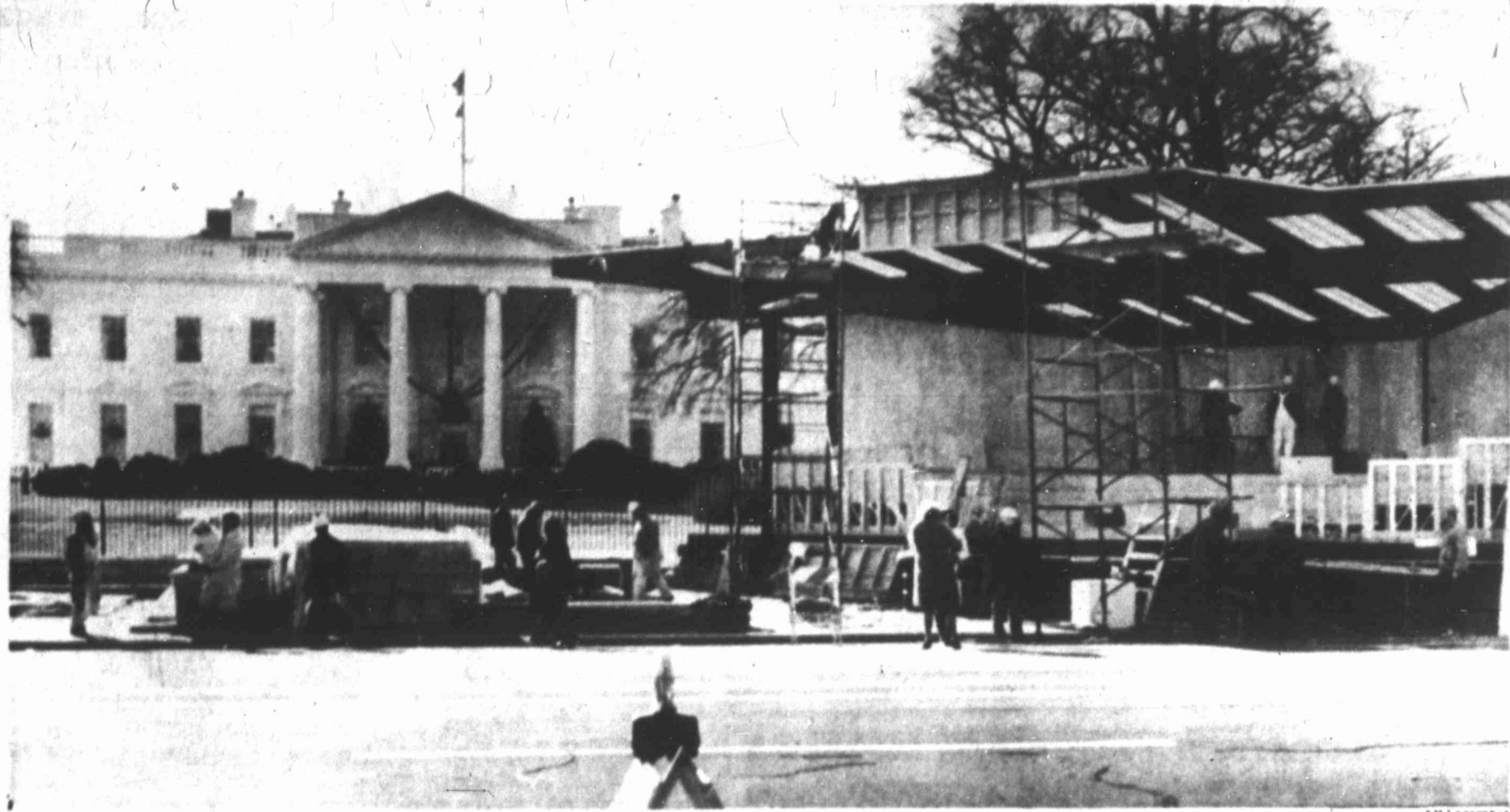


### DENNIS THE MENACE



### MARMADUKE





WORKMEN continue to construct a \$170,000 reviewing stand in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue from which

President-elect Carter will view the Inauguration Day parade. The stand will offer many innovations, including solar heating.

# Antique auction brings high bids

By TOM SHALES  
The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — If Citizen Kane had staged a circus in his basement, it would have been something like the World's largest architectural antique auction held here in a gigantic warehouse just south of Los Angeles Airport. Perhaps never have so many spent so much on so much that was so old. It was a pivotal event in the escalation of value of the past.

A "priceless" old greenhouse made of stained glass and flown in from Northern England turned out to have a price after all: \$36,000. The ornate and elaborate old elevator doors recently replaced at the Plaza Hotel in New York were sold for \$400 a pair; 18 pairs of them will show up next year in an old restaurant being refurbished in Toronto, to make it look even older than it really is.

A lofty, graceful winding wooden staircase and minstrel gallery taken from the now-abandoned original offices of the French newspaper Le Figaro in Paris went for \$20,000 to the owner of a new Beverly Hills boutique. Steps on which Victor Hugo once walked will now be used to display costly trinkets for the nouveau riche Hollywood. Who says you can't buy tradition?

John P. Wilson, the incredibly burly and boisterous entrepreneur who started these auctions three years ago, has staged them in Dallas and Atlanta, but now has found the perfect permanent spot, a 67,000-square-foot warehouse. It is comically appropriate that such a ceremony be conducted in Los Angeles, capital of the Thing Culture of the United States, where newness covets antiquity, where furniture is recycled from home to home, and where thousands show up one Sunday per month for an over-populated super-swap meet held in a ring around the Rose Bowl at nearby Pasadena. A "swap meet" is an event in which Californians gather to buy each other's old junk.

More than 700, including designers, restaurant owners and themepark developers, paid \$100 each to attend the auction, billed as the "heist of the century" and held in two noisy nonstop 12-hour sessions. They bid feverishly on everything from the entire interior of an old Glasgow drug store to a pair of antique twin slot machines. There were 2,000 stained-glass, beveled-glass and etched-glass windows, 1,000 hand-carved wooden doors, 30 bulky American bars, and four ox carts.

An old wooden New England confer-

sional went for \$1,900. "Won't that make a great telephone booth in a fancy restaurant?" exclaimed Wilson's assistant, Lynda V. Lakeman. A giant lighted gasoline pump brought \$1,000. "Hey, Skip, I want that for my brandy!" shouted one bidder to Wilson's partner, Alan (Skip) Kenison. A gleaming copper and stained glass four-sided sign from the Grandon National Bank of Grandon, Minn. was snapped up for \$4,000.

Wilson himself helped conduct the auction, which is held at an unrelentingly furious visceral, visual and decibel level. Wilson roamed the house with other bid-spotters while auctioneer Don Kennedy babbled on from a huge stage at the front of the vast open room, two walls lined with working long back bars that were auctioned off during the hysteria.

Husky students from UCLA wheeled the displays on and off the stage like an invading army. Wilson barked orders and more than once sounding retreat when they brought out the wrong lot. Thirty kids in yellow T-shirts had rushed out an entire three-sided paneled room on rollers when Wilson spotted it and barked into his booming wireless mike, "Get that stuff out of here!" They grabbed their walls and raced away.

As the auctioneer goaded bidders higher, Wilson scanned the crowd. "Do I hear \$1,500?" the auctioneer would rattle and if a hand was raised, Wilson would all but pounce on the bidder, pointing as if in accusation and shouting, "Yesssss!!!" There was never anything even approaching a lull.

Nashville designer Jerry Law was so excited when she placed the winning bid of \$11,000 on a 30-foot long Tiffany-lamped back bar, that she jumped up and down and hugged Jack Vaughn, general manager of the new Grand Old Opry Convention Center where the bar will be installed. "I've been sitting here waiting two days for that bar," she said. "I'm so glad we found it. Now we can go home." She took another \$30,000 worth of merchandise with her.

Gigantic twin clocks, each with a face nearly 10 feet in diameter, began their life in 1818 at the Bradford Exchange Railway Station in England. Sold for \$4,750 at the auction, the clocks, still operational, are now on their way to the Tuolumne Depot in a restored village development being built on 340 acres about 25 miles east of San Francisco.

Bidder Jim Summers was gaga

over the clocks but said he was sorry he missed out on the English drug store. "We bid up to \$26,000, but it went for \$27,500," he said. His only other complaint about the auction was "stained glass ad nauseam."

"Bring out the iron gates!" Wilson suddenly bellowed from the front of the room, and the boys began to hustle. Later, four pairs of street lamps with round globe lights on top were sold for \$500 a pair in less than three minutes.

Thus did the redistribution of Europe, New England, the Midwest and South America continue.

Toronto designer David Vance stocked up on artifacts to decorate the new Old Ports of Call Restaurant there.

"We're all nostalgia freaks here," he said. "And we all think we get a bargain when we buy something. We're not buying for resale, so there's always a strong emotional attachment. We get very emotional."

Among Vance's purchases was a 10-foot high solid stone fountain with King Neptune rising from the center. Vance paid \$2,000 for the Mexican fountain and bought another fountain as well. "The big one's for the restaurant and the little one's for me," he said.

Wilson was on his feet for every minute of the 24-hour auction, supported by taped and bandaged ankles and knees and an occasional beer, running around the room and keeping the atmosphere energized. On the eve of the event, he recalled how he got out of the precision tool business and into the merchandising of the world's attics. He saw an ad for 1,000 old government surplus pull-chain toilets, bought them, sold them (some buyers use them as refillable punch bowls he says), and named the company that resulted from this gambit "The Golden Movement Emporium."

"I realized there was a great need for commercial nostalgia," said Wilson, 38. He rejects the idea that he is plundering ancient treasures and peddling them to be used as so much bric-a-brac. "I don't really think you could call it 'plundering.' Absolutely not. We've saved a lot of stuff from the wrecker's ball. Lot of people talk about preserving the past, but they don't put their money where their mouth is. I am strongly profit-oriented, but with what we're doing, we're preserving the past. We're making it happen again."

Wilson's best customers include San Francisco saloon-keeper Henry

Africa, who stalked the auction in a Mountie's hat and jacket; Walt Disney World; Busch Gardens and Clyde's bar in Washington's Georgetown. He attributes some of his success to showmanship and promotion. Bargain seekers showed up in force for the 9 a.m. opening because if they did, they were eligible to win a Rolls Royce. A 32-year-old man from Canoga Park, who'd arrived at the auction in a rented car, was the lucky fellow. The Figaro staircase was demonstrated with a string quartet playing on its balcony. Barbra Streisand had showed up for a previous auction, but the biggest show-business name at this one was TV actor Gary Conway ("Land of the Giants"), looking for trimmings for a new home.

The auction ended with a stage full of all the doors, windows and old signs that had not yet been sold. The lot went for \$750. And that's pretty good, considering that one bidder spent \$500 on a single sign that said: "Bile Beans, Medically Approved Tonic Laxative, World-Famous Zam-Buk Herbal Ointment." By this time, Wilson's voice was almost gone, but he was still on his feet and an even richer man than when he'd started.

"We're pleased to death," said partner Kenison after the final tally was made. "We're tickled to death." The first auction had grossed \$230,000. The seventh grossed \$1.7 million. The eighth will be held in June.

## CPAs offer two-night tax course

Midland area taxpayers will have a chance to review the new federal income tax reforms and changes in the federal tax laws during a two-night course to be taught Jan. 11 and 13.

The course, offered from 7 to 10 p.m. each night, is sponsored by the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Internal Revenue Service and Midland College as a public service.

The course will alert participants to changes in the tax law resulting from the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and to some deductions which they might otherwise overlook, a spokesman said.

Each registrant will receive the Internal Revenue Service publication, "Your Federal Income Tax," an informative 160-page booklet which details many tax deductions, forms, and filing requirements in easy-to-understand terms.

Instruction will be by members of the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. Classes are conducted in an informal manner, with ample time for questions from registrants. Classes will meet in the learning resource center of Midland College.

Instructors are volunteer certified public accountants who are experienced in tax return preparation. The Internal Revenue Service furnishes the course material, including the booklet. A cost of \$1 per person or \$1.50 per couple is charged for the course.

Persons who wish to register for the course should complete the advertisement printed elsewhere in this newspaper and mail it with the \$1 or \$1.50 fee to the address on the coupon.

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## BRIDGE

# Fancy bid used in amusing hand

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

Only a tiny fraction of us use fancy bidding conventions, but most of us enjoy reading about the state of the art as practiced by tournament players. One of the fruitier new ideas is shown today in our candidate for the most amusing hand of 1976.

North dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♦ None  
♥ AKQJ7643  
♦ 105  
♣ Q84

**WEST**      **EAST**  
♦ K105      ♠ A Q J 8 7 6  
♥ 8 2      ♥ 5  
♦ J 6 4      ♦ A K 9 7 3  
♣ J 10 7 6 3      ♣ 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ 9 4 3 2  
♥ 10 9  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ A K 9 5

**North East**      **South West**  
3 NT (1) 4 ♣      5 ♥ Pass

Pass 5 ♣      Dble. Pass

6 ♥      Dble. All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

Angeles expert Eddie Kantar, playing with world champion Billy Eisenberg in an invitational tournament in Mexico City a few months ago.

After Dallas expert Bobby Wolff bid four spades on the East hand, Eisenberg, deducing that his partner had hearts, competed by bidding his partner's suit.

Eventually, West led the jack of clubs in the hope of striking a void. What he actually struck was not exactly oil.

### DEEP FINESSE

Eisenberg took the king of clubs, drew one round of trumps with the ten and then led a club to finesse with dummy's eight.

Declarer next cleared the queen of clubs out of the way, led a heart to the nine and cashed the ace of clubs to discard a diamond from dummy. The rest was easy.

In spite of this disaster Wolff and his partner, Bob Hamman, won the star-studded event for the second time in three years. There's probably a moral in this story, but don't you breath looking for it.

### DAILY QUESTION

As dealer, you hold: S-none, H-AKQJ7643, D-105, C-Q84. What do you say?

ANSWER: The problem is whether to bid one heart or four hearts. If you bid just one, your partner may be able to get you to a good slam if he has great strength in diamonds and clubs; but the opponents might find a cheap sacrifice in spades. Most experts would open four hearts to shut out the spades.

North's opening bid of three notrump promised the kind of hand that most people would open with four hearts or four spades. The bid was made in all seriousness by Los

# Inverted serial number adds up to more dollars

By CYNTHIA GORNEY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Quick — examine your dollar bills.

On each bill there should be two green serial numbers, one on either side of George Washington. The numbers are probably right side up, in which case you have a garden variety dollar and you should put it back in your wallet.

But if the serial numbers are upside down, you have latched onto one of perhaps several thousand errant bills printed recently by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

No one knows exactly how many dollar bills were printed this way, but they are turning up all over the country. Several Washington area coin dealers queried said the upside-down serial number bills are worth between \$50 and \$150.

"They're not really anything unusual," said Donald Apte, a Falls Church, Va., dealer. "There are a lot better errors that do happen." He cited bills with one black side, for example, or different denominations on front and back.

What is unusual about the upside-down serial number bills, Apte said, is their quantity. Judging by reports

that have reached dealers within the last two months, he said, 1,000 to 5,000 of the bills made it into circulation.

The mistakes were apparently made by people, not machines, said Bureau of Engraving and Printing director Kenneth DeHart. About six months ago, the bureau began using some new presses, DeHart said — big, complicated machines called Currency Overprinting and Processing Equipment (C.O.P.E.). In sheets of 16 bills each, the C.O.P.E. prints seals, signatures, and serial numbers on the money, "guillotine cuts" it, and stacks it up in 4,000-note units for the banks.

The sheets are fed to the C.O.P.E. by hand. Evidently, DeHart said, somebody inverted them.

"These are a good deal of manual handling at each step along the way," he said. "This is a very sophisticated piece of equipment... we're concerned, but we're not alarmed."

The bills lose a little of their value as they are creased and dirtied in circulation, Apte said, although they are still worth much more than a dollar. And if by chance anything else is wrong they are probably even more valuable. Apte has one bill (with upright serial numbers that says \$5 on the front, and \$10 on the back.

"I paid \$2,000 for it," he said.

# Heart drug may work in schizophrenia cases

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A chance observation by an Israeli doctor seven years ago has led medical researchers down a new path in the quest to find a better treatment for schizophrenia.

The story began in 1969 when a 26-year-old woman was admitted to Beilinson Medical Center in Tel Aviv suffering from a peculiar genetic disease called porphyria.

Two of the chief symptoms of acute porphyria are a very rapid heart rate with high blood pressure and mental disturbances.

Dr. Abraham Atsmon and his colleagues gave the woman the generally accepted dosage of a drug called propranolol, now widely used to slow heart rate, but it had no effect. Gradually, the dosage was increased until — when the dosage had reached a level far higher than usually given — the woman's heart rate returned to near normal.

Not only did the heart rate come down, but all the other symptoms, including the mental disturbances, disappeared also, Atsmon recalled during talks to physicians here.

The doctors in Israel thought the acute attack of porphyria had passed, so they stopped the drug, Atsmon said.

But within six hours all the symptoms returned. The drug treatment was resumed and the symptoms again disappeared.

Fascinated by the disappearance of the mental symptoms at those very high doses, Atsmon and his colleagues at Tel Aviv University next tried propranolol on a second patient — also suspected of having porphyria — who was having hallucinations and was in an excited mental state.

The result was the same as in the first case. When the drug was given, the mental symptoms disappeared. When it was stopped, the symptoms

returned. Atsmon told doctors during talks at the City of Hope Medical Center and the University of Southern California school of medicine.

The observations on the two cases subsequently prompted psychiatrists in Israel and in England to begin a study using propranolol as a treatment for psychosis.

To date, 26 patients have been treated at the Beilinson Medical Center in Israel and 55 at Friern Hospital in London.

The British and Israeli psychiatrists, who also were here to discuss their studies, said they were "encouraged enough to keep on with the work," but emphasized that it is still in an early stage.

Nevertheless, Dr. Eugene Roberts, chairman of the neurosciences at the City of Hope, said the propranolol studies "give hope for a breakthrough in schizophrenia" for the first time since the introduction of tranquilizing drugs.

"Schizophrenia research is littered with false dawns," cautioned Dr. Neil J. Yorkston, a psychiatrist from Maudsley and Friern hospitals who has conducted the British studies.

One of the undesirable features of the major antipsychotic drugs is a tendency to cause difficulty in arm and leg movement and to produce a "zombie" effect.

But Yorkston said he is encouraged by the lack, so far, of long-term toxic effects of propranolol. Patients who have been ill up to 20 years, despite treatment with antipsychotic drugs, have responded to propranolol treatment, he said. A few recovered rapidly, but the general rule for those in whom the drug had a good effect, was a slow improvement, he said.

It is suspected, however, that propranolol somehow reduces excessive chemical activity in the brain, thereby restoring it to a more normal level.



EDWARD JONES and his son Jeff work at digging out the family car at their home in Pierrepont

Manor, N.Y. Snow drifts over five feet were reported in northern New York.