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Beef packers yield to farmers

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP)—A West Texas beef packing plant, yielding to striking farmers' demands for a shutdown of the facility agreed Friday to a 48-hour halt of most meat shipments.

The agreement, hammered out in all-night negotiation at the MBPXL plant here, came after the company had sought and received a temporary restraining order barring striking farmers from blocking trucks carrying perishable meat.

The action came as the nationwide farmers' strike, called to protest low farm prices, entered its third day.

Greg Rystad, spokesman for the farmers, said the

company agreed to ask that the court order be lifted in return for promises that the picketers would allow 13 trucks carrying \$250,000 worth of meat to be allowed to leave the plant.

A statement issued by MBPXL said: "It is regrettable that a request for a restraining order was made but the company felt such action was necessary due to the perishable nature of the fresh meat and until formal negotiations could take place for disposition of the perishable product."

The 48-hour shutdown agreed to was retroactive to 2 p.m. Thursday.

"We're tired and happy," Rystad said. "We

won."

A caravan of tractors rolled toward this West Texas city early Friday morning, Rystad said.

MBPXL corporate officials from Wichita, Kan., flew in for Friday morning session.

A committee of four farmers talked with company officials. Rystad said at 2:30 a.m. the committee came out of the meeting and a second committee, made up of 16 farmers from various areas, went in to complete the negotiations.

"The farmers agreed we would let the selected loads of beef go and we would retire from the picket lines at the end of a 48-hour period. We have left a token force there," Rystad said Friday afternoon.

The agreement also included a MBPXL promise to write letters to government officials expressing their support for the plight of the farmers.

Rystad credits the roadway farmers who drove their tractors here during the night for the success.

"When only 20 or 30 showed up they felt we weren't serious. When they realized others were on their way they knew we were serious," he said. "It was an impressive sight."

Rystad said the farmers were planning to go home and rest Saturday.

"We're rookies at this. We need to reflect on what has happened and what we have accomplished," he said.

Rystad refused to comment on "phase two" of the farm strike. He had previously said it would include more "militant" actions, but no violence.

Lo-Vaca letter warns customers not to expect lower gas costs

HOUSTON (AP)—Lo-Vaca Co. has notified all of its customers it would be unrealistic for them to think their natural gas bills will be lower in the future.

William E. Greehey, president, made the observation in a letter sent to all Lo-Vaca customers after the Texas Railroad Commission on Monday ordered Lo-Vaca to return to original contract rates and refund about \$1 billion collected since the commission approved an interim rate reflecting higher supply costs in 1973.

The letter was dated Thursday and copies were released Friday.

"If we were forced to sell gas at the old contract rates, we would be sustaining losses of over a million dollars a day," Greehey said.

"We would not have the ability to pay our producers, and they would of course discontinue selling us gas."

Greehey criticized a portion of the new order stating that producers may not withdraw their gas from the Lo-Vaca system.

"This is a nebulous position and is legally unenforceable unless the producers are receiving timely

payment," Greehey said.

"I was extremely surprised that the commission misled our customers into believing we had an adequate long-term future gas supply and that our producers would be forced to produce their wells even if they were not paid."

Greehey said he must emphasize that if Lo-Vaca were in receivership with a trustee appointed by a court to manage the company the trustee's primary duty would be to satisfy the interests of creditors rather than customers.

"Of course, the major creditors would be our gas suppliers," he said. "The customers would be the last of his priorities."

Greehey said most of Lo-Vaca's major customers have agreed in principle to a proposed out-of-court settlement of some \$1.6 billion in lawsuits filed against the company.

"...we in Lo-Vaca would strongly urge all of you to lend whatever support and leadership you can to help see this plan come to fruition," he said.

"In the meantime, I would solicit your help to ensure that all customers continue to pay the interim rate on a timely basis so we can in turn pay our producers on time."

Greehey said "It should be readily apparent to everyone that we are confronted with an impossible situation."

"Both you the customers and we the court-appointed management are similarly situated in this rather precarious position that cries for a solution that addresses the public interest," he said.

Midland pair burned

Sid Wilson, 21, and Kim Armstead, 22, were listed in satisfactory condition at Midland Memorial Hospital Friday night with first and second degree burns.

Wilson and Armstead were injured when a heater in the kitchen of their trailer house at Cloverdale and Fairgrounds roads exploded as the two men tried to light it.

The fire occurred about 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Wilson and Armstead were taken to Midland Memorial by private vehicle. Wilson suffered burns to both hands and his face. Armstead received acute second-degree burns on his lower face and first-degree burns on his hands, a spokesman for the hospital said.

The trailer house, which had been purchased new by the two men last week, received heavy damage during the fire.

Shipping rate could deter city's coal use

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)—A hike in the freight rate for shipping coal to San Antonio could leave the city paying more for coal than it spends for gas to generate electricity, officials say.

A spokesman for the municipally-owned City Public Service utility says CPS will use every legal means available to prevent an increase pending before the federal Interstate Commerce Commission.

"The whole concept of fuel conversion (from oil and gas to coal) is threatened by runaway transportation costs," U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez said late this week.

Burlington Northern railroad, CPS' coal transporter, filed a request with the ICC this week for a 50 per cent hike in freight rates to San Antonio.

The present rate for shipping the coal from Wyoming to San Antonio is \$11.94 per ton. Burlington Northern is asking for \$18.23. The ICC recently awarded the railroads \$15.60 a ton for coal shipped from Wyoming to Houston.

Jack Spruce, CPS general manager, said if a rate equivalent to the new Houston charge is approved for San Antonio, the increase would offset the gains realized from using coal instead of natural gas to produce some of the utility's electricity.

If the same rate basis were used for San Antonio as for Houston, Spruce said, the local cost would jump from \$11.94 per ton to \$15.92 and would cost CPS and its customers an additional \$12 million a year.

Gonzalez met with Carter administration officials this week and told them the higher ICC-approved rates could wreck the president's energy program by ending the incentive to burn coal instead of natural gas in many parts of the country.

Robbery charged

Charles Burnis Robinson Jr., 28, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery at about noon Friday, in connection with the armed robbery of a Midland convenience store Thursday afternoon.

Peace Justice John Biggs set bond at \$25,000 Friday afternoon. Robinson was in city jail Friday.

According to police, two men entered the Speedway Food Store in the 2900 block of North Big Spring Street at about 2 p.m. Thursday.

Coughran Ketner, who was working in the store at the time of the robbery, told police that two men in their late teens or early twenties entered the store, pulled a .38-caliber revolver and demanded money.

Ketner said the two then tied his hands with an electrical cord they brought with them and fled on foot. Ketner freed his hands and called police.

Police Thursday night arrested and charged Lewis Montgomery, 19, with aggravated robbery in connection with the Speedway Food Store robbery.

Detective Capt. Billy Ray said police received information that Montgomery and Robinson, who are half-brothers, were together all day Thursday.

Robinson was arrested when he came into the police department to visit Montgomery, Ray said.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Their "people figures" are not for kids

The Super Doll Makers

The country's best doll makers belong to a group called NIADA (NEE-ah-dah). NIADA stands for the National Institute of American Doll Artists. There are only 49 members in the United States.

You can't just join NIADA. You have to be invited.

From 200 to 500 artists try to join each year. Last year the group only took in four new people.

These dolls are not for kids to play with. These "people figures" sell from \$150 to \$1,200.

These dolls are for collectors. They are also made for museums.

These are not mass-produced dolls. They are one of a kind, or a few of a kind dolls. The artists break the molds so no other dolls can be made like the original.

NIADA artists! on doll shows.

They also appear at department stores and talk about their dolls.



Helen Bullard makes her dolls of wood. Using an old photo as a guide, she is making a family group of 18 dolls to be sold to a museum. Mrs. Bullard is 74 years old. She started NIADA in 1963. She has written many books about doll making. She used to live in Ozone, Tennessee, but now lives near Washington, D.C.



Maggie Head of Joelton, Tennessee, uses clay and porcelain. She used to manage a doll department in a furniture store.



Lita Wilson of Lorain, Ohio, also works in porcelain. She makes many portrait dolls that look like real people.

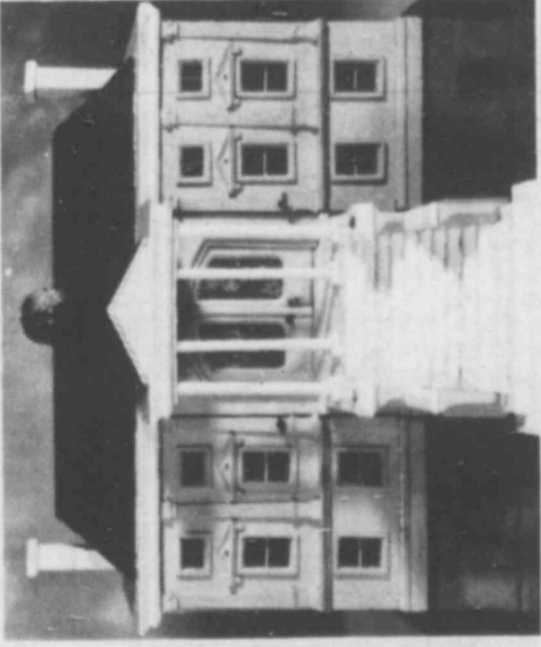


Faith Wick of Grand Rapids, Michigan, works in porcelain. Some people say that doll designers make dolls that look very much like themselves. What do you think?



Judith Condon, of Naples, Florida, works in porcelain and papier mache. Porcelain is made by baking fine clay and painting it. Her dolls have as many as 15 parts.

White House Doll House



The doll house is a copy of the White House. It is now on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology.

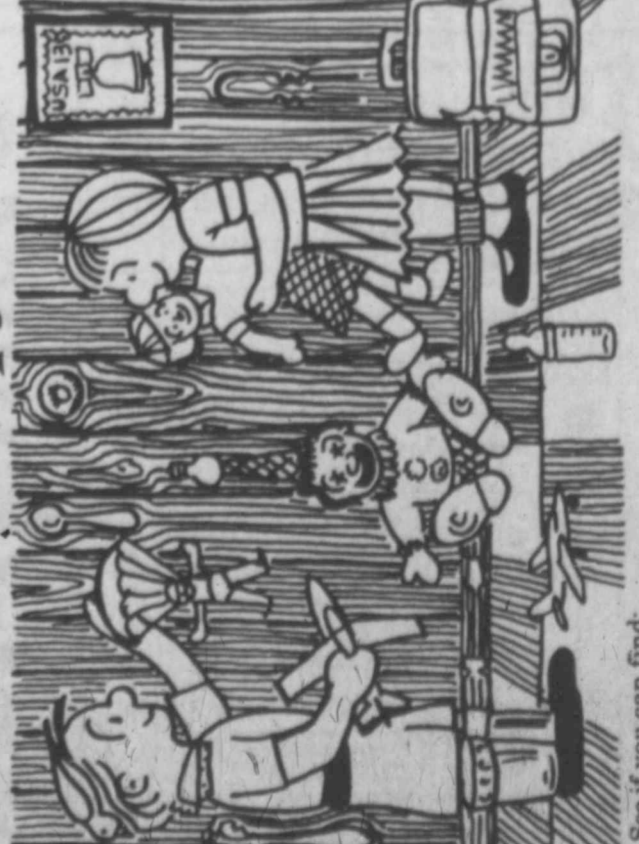
Amy Carter has a doll house. So did President Grover Cleveland's kids. It was made for them by a White House gardener over 85 years ago. It is now in a museum.

Puzzle-le-do

This puzzle can only work one way. Can you fit the right letters into the right blocks?

Color by Number

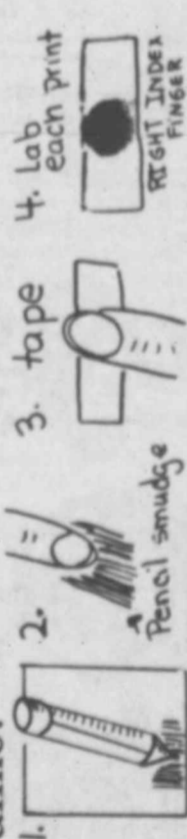
Mini Spy



- See if you can find:
- hammer
 - spoon
 - pie slice
 - celery stalk
 - doughnut
 - light bulb
 - Word "Mini"
 - screw driver
 - hair pin
 - postage stamp
 - water glass
 - bird

Science Mystery

PROBLEM: Do your fingerprints look alike?



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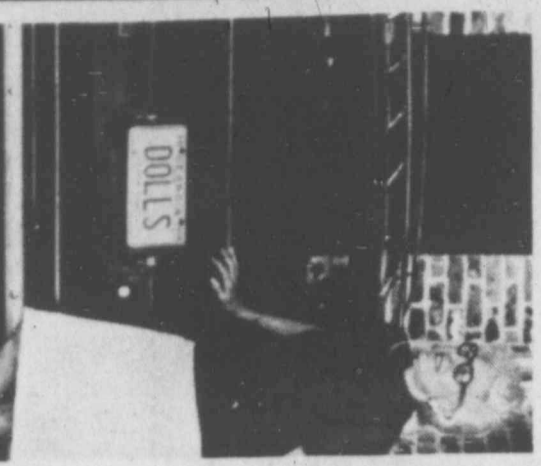
1. Make a pencil smudge on a piece of paper.
2. Rub a fingertip through the smudge.
3. Press a piece of clear sticky tape over your fingertip.
4. Remove the tape and stick it on a sheet of paper.

Make different fingerprints and look at them very carefully. Use a magnifying glass if you have one.

ARE ANY TWO FINGERPRINTS EXACTLY ALIKE?

Doll collecting . . . one of the country's biggest hobbies

Doll collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the country. Many men and women join doll clubs. The clubs have meetings and talk about dolls. They bring their dolls to shows. Judges pick the best dolls and give them ribbons. There are some junior clubs for kids. However, most adult clubs won't let kids join until they are 19 years old.

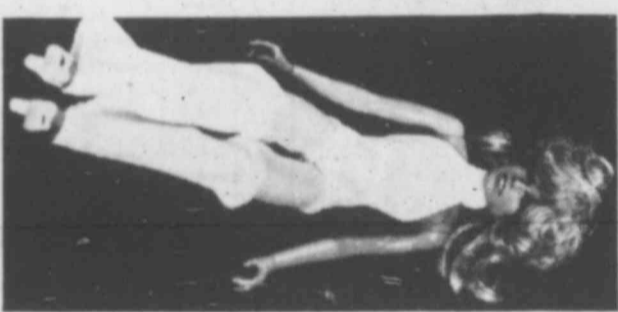


Joe Elizabeth Gerken is a well-known doll collector who knows a lot about dolls. She runs a museum for antique dolls in Savannah, Georgia. What does her license plate say?

Save your dolls, kids. They could be valuable.



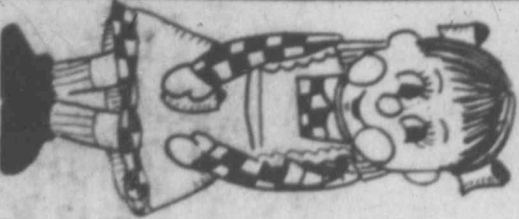
Doll photo courtesy Antique Doll Museum, Savannah, Ga.



Personality dolls, like this Farrah Fawcett doll, are popular today. Someday this doll could be worth a lot to a future collector.

Doll Try'n Find

Words about dolls are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: rag, stocking, spool, cornhusk, eggshell, indian, colonial, paper, fashion, wood, leather, wax, Barbie, GI Joe, walking, talking, Raggedy Ann, Raggedy Andy, head, body, hair, arms, house, clothes, and teddy.



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D G R E G G S H E L L A R M S
Y C O R R N H U S K T E D D Y E

Most children can't afford to collect old dolls. But they can start a collection by taking care of the ones they do have. Here are some ideas: Treat them with respect. Don't cut their hair. Pack them away in the clothes they came in. Don't put plastic dolls in the attic where it could get too hot. Start a card file. Fill out a card on each one. 1. Name of the doll 2. Date you got it 3. How much it sold for 4. If it is a personality doll, write down something about the person it is based on. Save newspaper stories about him or her. Also, save an ad about your doll.

Draw a line to these words in the story.

card	old	newspaper	hair	name
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Madame Alexander Dolls

Many children collect Madame Alexander dolls. Madame Alexander was born in New York City. Her father ran the first doll hospital in the country. Madame got into the doll making business during World War I. Up until that time, most of our dolls had come from Germany. The war stopped the shipments. Madame went to work. Her first doll was a Red Cross nurse made of fabric. Now her dolls are made of plastic. There have been some rumors that the Madame, who is now 83, is about to go out of business. This is not so, says her New York office. The Madame is still very active. She is president of the company. The business is a family one. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandson could carry on if needed.



Mini Page Quiz-a-roo

How well did you read this week's Mini Page? Page 1: Look at the pictures on page 1. Find the following: doll's body Faith Wick Helen Bullard Judith Condon Page 2: The White House Doll House is now in a Washington _____ Page 3: This week's super sport plays for the _____ Page 4: It's a good idea to fill out a _____ about your dolls.

Tick, tock, tick tock! 1977 is running out. Next week read about clocks and telling time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Mini Page.

Super Sport: Bobby Dandridge

Bobby Dandridge shoots for the Washington Bullets. He could make that team a very deadly one. Bobby used to play for the Milwaukee Bucks. In his eight years with that team, he scored over 10,000 points. Bobby has made the NBA All-pro team three times. This is his first year with the Bullets. He is married and has one daughter named Shana. He wears a necklace with her name on it. Bobby is active in Boys Club and YMCA work.



Bobby Dandridge

Wassail Punch

You'll need: 2 cups cider 2 cups orange juice 1 cup lemon juice 2 cups sugar 1 teaspoon cloves 2 lemon rinds

1. Grate 2 lemon rinds. (This means that you scrape off the outside rind with a grater.) 2. Boil cider, cloves and grated rind of lemon slowly for 10 minutes. 3. Add sugar, orange and lemon juices. Serve hot.



Mini Jokes

DID YOU HEAR THE JOKE ABOUT A LOG? YES, THEY WERE ROTTEN. THAT'S WHAT FUNNY IS!

DO YOU HAVE A HOLE IN YOUR SOCK? NO, WHAT A SILLY QUESTION! THEN HOW DID YOU GET IT ON?

Spelling Maze

Help the little girl find her _____

Draw dot-to-dot and color.

Robot population increasing rapidly

The Washington Post — ceiling on umbilical welding together car bodies on an automobile assembly line is a mind-deadening job. Wrestling with a 40-pound spot welding gun with bolts of electricity.

The assembly line moves incessantly, hundreds of cars, tens of thousands of welds, shift after shift. It is a job more fit for a robot than for a man.

And that's how it's done in many automobile plants — by robots? Real robots. Not "Star Wars" fantasies but \$50,000 mechanical men with mechanical names — Versatran, Unimate, Millicron, Prab.

There are 2,000 to 3,000 industrial robots working in American factories, estimates Ernie Sallot of the Robot Institute of America in Dearborn, Mich., an organization of robot makers and masters.

Sallot said the U.S. robot population is growing at the rate of 125 to 150 robots per month. The five American robot makers will sell \$50 million worth of them this year, he said.

By 1990 there will be a \$3 billion a year robot market, predicts Joseph Engelberger, first president of the Robot Institute and also president of Unimation, the Connecticut firm that is the largest producer of robots in America, turning out about 40 per cent.

Engelberger, who is regarded as the father of the robot business, is also the man with the best answer to the question "What is a robot?"

"I don't know how to define a robot," Engelberger said, "but I know one when I see one."

Most "Star Wars" fans probably wouldn't know a real robot if they saw one. They aren't humanoid looking like CP30 or even loveable-looking garbage cans like R2D2.

"The word robot conjures up pictures of little, mechanical men with flashing eyes and swinging arms," said Kim Cannon, sales manager for AMF

Versatran, a robot maker of Herndon, Va. Real robots aren't anything like that.

A Versatran Series F — which the company says is the world's strongest robot — could easily pass for oversized, deformed drill press, dragging its hydraulic heart and electronic brain behind it. Mundane as it looks, the machine can learn 32 different jobs — and remember more with the aid of a cassette recorder. It is sensitive enough to pack eggs into cartons and strong enough to pick up a small car with its single hand.

Unimation's best selling Unimate looks like a Sherman tank turret with a mechanical hand stuck on the end of the gun barrel.

Neither robot can walk, talk or see, but lack of these faculties is no handicap in the jobs most robots do.

Welding together car bodies is the most common assignment, and the auto industry is the biggest robot employer.

There are robots that unload glowing hot ingots with their bare hands, and robots that pack television tubes into boxes with suction cup fingers.

What makes them robots, by industry definition, is their ability to duplicate human motions. George Munson, marketing manager of Unimation, defies robots as "self-contained computer-directed machines with memories capable of performing human functions."

Although most robots replace men in factories, robots are not marketed as competition for humans, said Cannon, who is Munson's counterpart at AMF Versatran.

Robots instead are an alternative to what is known as "hard automation" — machines built specifically to do a single job and nothing else.

A robot welder can be reprogrammed and given a new tool and put to work unloading a diecasting machine, noted Mort Sullivan, who runs the AFM robot factory near Washington's Dulles Airport.

But the robot salesmen do stress that their machines are often cheaper than people. On a two-shift job in an auto plant, a \$40,000 or \$50,000 robot welder can be cheaper to hire than two United Auto Workers

Union (UAW) workers each collecting \$20,000 a year in wages and fringe benefits.

Cannon said robots typically can pay for themselves in a year to a year-and-a-half. With that kind of economics they're a better investment than either people or automation.

Because robots are relatively simple machines, Sullivan said, they can deliver better than 95 percent "up time" on a factory job.

"They're good workers," he smiled. On a repetitive job like welding car bodies, he said, "They don't get bored, they don't take coffee breaks, they don't go to the bathroom, and they don't get mad at the boss."

AFM — American Machine and Foundry, it used to be called — doesn't release sales or profit figures for its robot

manufacturing operations, which recently were consolidated at the Herndon plant.

AFM Versatran is generally estimated to be the second or third largest in the business, competing for the robot market share with Cincinnati Millicron, which is the nation's No. 1 maker of machine tools and is rapidly increasing its robot business.

The biggest robot maker, Unimation, built robots for years without making any money, but is credited with creating the commercial market with its highly successful teams of robot welders.

The United States is not the world leader in robots. The European and Japanese markets each post \$100 million a year, in sales twice the size of the domestic market.

In Japan, government

subsidies encourage the replacement of human workers with robots.

Most well-known Japanese industrial companies produce their own robots — Kawasaki, Hitachi and Mitsubishi.

Italy's Fiat recently ordered \$6 million worth of Unimates, the largest robot order ever. And some Olivetti typewriters are assembled by robots.

That sort of sophisticated work is not what most U.S. robot buyers are after, Cannon said.

But more sophisticated robots are in the works, according to Dr. John Evans, a National Bureau of Standards specialist in robots and robot control.

New robots, Evans predicts, will have computer systems that will enable them to learn faster. In the not too distant future, they will have vision.

CB radios increase aid available for travelers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holiday travelers may find some comfort in knowing there's more emergency aid immediately available to motorists now than there ever was.

Just consider these statistics: —Ninety-four percent of the state police departments use CB radios in some way in their public safety programs, according to a survey by Inspector Robert E. Ellis of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department.

—In addition, Ellis found, "small towns, counties and large cities alike are interfacing (their police and other public safety communications facilities) with CB radio users."

—One out of every nine cars now is equipped with a CB radio, according to estimates by the Electronic Industries

Association, a trade group representing CB manufacturers.

—Thousands of volunteers monitor CB channels, often 24 hours a day, to offer assistance to motorists in trouble.

The National Safety Council says more than 1,000 persons died in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year. Nearly 500 died this past Thanksgiving weekend.

While there is no way of knowing how many other deaths may have been averted by emergency CB broadcasts, there is evidence that CB radio is providing the quickest means for motorists to summon help.

For instance, the Missouri State Highway Patrol — a pioneer in state police use of CB radio — estimates CB reports cut its response time in half.

Why? Because CB reports often are received directly by patrolmen or volunteer monitors, thereby eliminating the need of the motorist to find a telephone, make the call and then have the information relayed back to the patrolman in the vicinity of the emergency.

Most police departments and volunteers monitor either Channel 19, the truckers' or travelers' channel, or Channel 9, the frequency set aside for emergency and motorist-aid information.

CB's have three main ways to summon help in emergencies: try to reach a Smokey, or policeman, monitoring the radio; call for a monitor from REACT, ALERT or other voluntary organization, or ask for help from a local base or mobile station.

Shady ladies shift to Disneyland area

The Los Angeles Times SANTA ANA, Calif. — Pimps and prostitutes apparently sought refuge in the tourist and convention areas near Disneyland and the hotel strip in Anaheim, Calif., when Los Angeles police

cracked down on them earlier this year in Hollywood.

Sgt. John E. Marwin of the Orange County Sheriff's Department criminal activity unit says, "They seem to have moved to Anaheim after exiting Hollywood and the Sunset Strip, where the heat is on," Marwin said. He noted that his department, which has its headquarters here, and the Anaheim Police Department had mounted a cooperative effort to control prostitution in the Disneyland area, where parents and children mix with conventioners.

Frank Kessler, police chief in nearby Garden Grove, said he became aware that many of the women were refugees from Hollywood because they carried maps showing the route to Anaheim.

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Edited by CLAY R. POLLAN

1 Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

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My parents hated me so much, they hired a child actor to play me in our home

1 Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 3 below.

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

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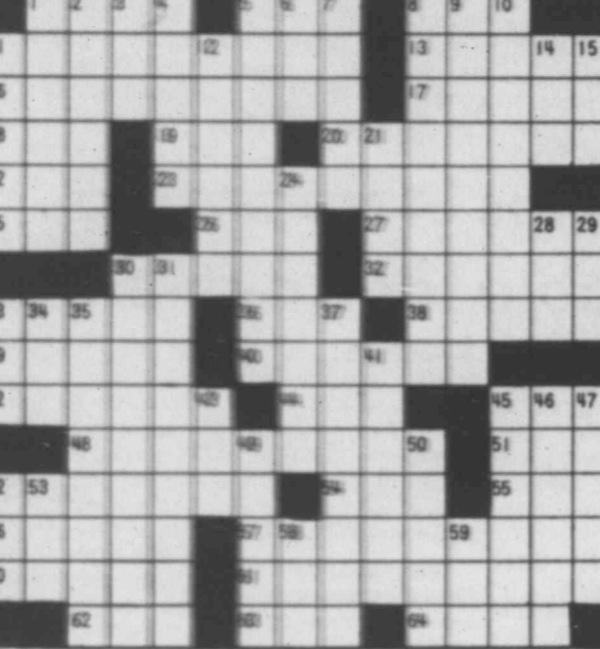
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SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Margaret Farrar

- ACROSS
- 1 Singer Horse
 - 5 Press one's suit
 - 8 Abbr. in grammar
 - 11 Straus
 - 13 Sediments
 - 16 Snobbish soprano, perhaps
 - 17 TV personality
 - 18 Opposite of "am"
 - 19 Adjectival suffix
 - 20 Harmful item, in ancient superstition
 - 22 Ladder of a kind
 - 23 Historical record
 - 25 Records, for short
 - 26 One: Ger.
 - 27 Create a to-do
 - 30 "The Turn of the..."
 - 32 Leicester Square attraction
 - 33 Word of mouth
 - 36 Live fluid
 - 38 Scary beings
 - 39 Girl's name
 - 40 Toys with adult appeal
 - 42 Influences
 - 44 Types of enter...
 - 45 Theater's dog
 - 46 Chart of a type
 - 51 Australian animal: Colloq.
 - 52 French past, impressionist
 - 54 De-exclamation
 - 55 Item often inflated or inflated
 - 58 Dye work
 - 57 Development
 - 60 Where Cassius is
 - 61 Show singer
 - 62 Bad prefix
 - 63 Type of city
 - 64 Urban problem
 - 9 Oil field activities
 - 10 Specialized wood worker
 - 11 Convolution
 - 12 Certain foods
 - 14 Author Talese
 - 15 Novel title
 - 21 Brit. title
 - 24 Ahead
 - 25 Asian apricot
 - 29 de deux
 - 30 Impressiveness
 - 31 Political rallies, of a sort
 - 33 Duffer's aspiration
 - 34 Oklahoma city
 - 35 Took back what one said
 - 37 Nonviolent one
 - 41 Prophet
 - 43 Be wrong
 - 45 Tempo
 - 46 Certain neckwear
 - 47 Push up: Colloq.
 - 49 East Indian vines
 - 50 Wolfe and others
 - 52 Telly's initials
 - 53 Boat aid
 - 56 Infant food
 - 59 Chemical suffix



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MIGRATING BLACKBIRDS utilize a pasture of sheep near Phoenix, Ariz., in this picture by Ebbly Haverlander of the Phoenix Gazette. The blackbirds and sheep are good companions until disturbed. (AP Laserphoto)

Argentine junta traveling economic road leading to runaway inflation

By **KAREN DEYOUNG** on press and public criticism of Argentina's military junta, at least one Cabinet member, Economy Minister Jose Martinez de Hoz, has become fair game for critics ranging from the media to the man in the street.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Even such widely differing publications as clandestine guerrilla newsletters and military mouthpieces are participating in the campaign. The economy minister, whose long, thin face and protruding ears are a caricaturist's delight, has been variously depicted recently as a mouse, a rat and a voracious wolf.

The fact that such potshots would not even be contemplated against the rest of the extremely tough government, let alone be allowed to go unpunished, means two things here. First, there is serious and widespread economic dissatisfaction in Argentina. Second, the junta prefers to use the criticism as a safety valve for other, unpermitted complaints.

Virtually every sector of the 24 million population has a gripe against the minister. While industry resents a gradual lowering of the protective trade barriers imposed by previous governments, local and state governments complain about cutbacks in federal funding. But the most volatile and potentially most dangerous critic is the working class.

The workers complain that real wages are frozen at levels as low as 60 percent of what they were two years ago. At the same time, longstanding price controls have been almost completely lifted, and prices of everything from milk to refrigerators spiral upward with dizzying speed.

October's cost-of-living increase was 12.5 percent, and inflation is expected to hit 175 percent this year.

While parts of the world decry human rights violations here, and President Carter worries about Argentina's nuclear program, the junta knows that the real threat to its power lies in the rising price of beef, the staple of the Argentine diet.

A pound of beef that cost 150 pesos in May now is 400 pesos. With the peso currently 540 to the dollar, the beef price still looks low from abroad.

For the average worker, however, whose monthly 70,000 peso wage remains the same as in May when the peso was 345 to the dollar, it is devastating. The official minimum wage, which many workers earn, is less than half that figure.

Several weeks ago workers in at least 10 industries defied military

imposed anti-strike laws by striking for higher wages. At least three workers were reported killed in the strikes, the most comprehensive of which was a several-day shutdown of rail and subway services.

Temporarily subdued by military intervention and threats of widespread firings — along with a wage increase that amounted to less than half of that demanded — the once mighty labor unions vow that the fight has only begun.

It was the strength of those unions, built on large-scale featherbedding and artificially high wages, the Economy Ministry says, that helped bring near economic catastrophe less than two years ago.

Under the populist, union-backed governments of the late Juan D. Peron, the state took over hundreds of failing and non-competitive industries, erected some of the highest import tariffs in the world and, by printing vast quantities of depreciated currency managed to raise working class wages to levels most economists now agree were far beyond what this semi-developed nation could afford to pay.

The result was a 1975 inflation rate near 1,000 percent, and a balance-of-payments deficit of nearly \$1 billion by the time the military took over in March 1976.

Martinez de Hoz, the only civilian member of the Cabinet, began a slow return to a free market system, lowering tariffs to allow inefficient industries to die a natural death and to increase competitive spirit in those remaining, selling off state-owned businesses and freeing

Timely tips on adhesives

By **ANDY LANG**
AP Newsfeatures

Is there such a thing as an all-purpose adhesive? Not if you mean an adhesive that does the best possible job in every instance regardless of the type of material on which it is being used. While there are some adhesives for almost anything, you will find them excellent only in some cases, so in others and poor in still others.

The much-publicized cyanoacrylates, for example, hold some materials — such as metals and glass — in an incredible bond, but aren't at their best with porous materials such as wood and leather. When used, only a drop is needed and, as the labels are required to state, must be used with great care so that none gets on the skin.

A strong contender for the "almost" all-purpose adhesive is epoxy, but it isn't the best seller because it is fairly expensive. It comes in two parts, one of which is the adhesive itself, one a hardening agent. They must be mixed just before use. While a strong, durable bond is produced within minutes after application, a wait of an hour or so is required for the bond to become fully cured. The proper temperature for this union to reach maximum strength in so short a period of time is about 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mixing of the two parts should be done on a clean surface or in a paper cup which is free of wax. I have found that the simplest way to handle this is to squeeze some of the adhesive onto a piece of clean paper with no print on it, then squeeze out an equal amount of the hardener right next to it (If you run one into the other immediately, it is difficult to judge when the amounts are equal). I then use a wooden toothpick to mix the two, wait half a minute and then apply the mixture to both of the surfaces to be joined. Only a thin layer is required, after which the surfaces are put

together at once. Most of the time I find the toothpick an excellent spreader.

The first time you use an epoxy, you will have a tendency to squeeze out more of the adhesive and the hardener than you need for a single application. Try not to do so, because the mixture cannot be saved.

Epoxy adhesives handle such materials as metals, glass, plastics, ceramics and wood, among others, and can be used to repair china, ovenware and anything that comes into contact with water and heat, since it is both waterproof and heatproof. Another good feature is that it has excellent void-filling properties for joining parts with uneven mating

surfaces. There are numerous other quality adhesives, including the white glues, the clear plastic cements, the rubber or neoprene-based mastics, the contact cements, the metal menders, the many wood bonders and dozens of specialty adhesives.

While the multiplicity

of adhesives on the market is likely to be confusing, make it a point to read the label before you buy to see if the product fits your need. Be certain the label specifically mentions the material you will be working on. The absence of such mention can be significant.

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Coffee 'disaster' forecast

Agence France-Presse

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The 1977-78 coffee crop in El Salvador and other Central American countries will be "disastrous," the director of the National Coffee Company, Ricardo Falla, said here this week.

He said the El Salvador crop in 1977-78 would be about 1.8 million bags, a million fewer than in the previous coffee year.

Falla said the country's economy would not be strongly affected by the poor coffee crop, since El Salvador had adequate reserves to meet world demand. He did not reveal the level of the coffee reserves or the reasons for his prediction of a sharply lower crop in the current coffee year.

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WINDOW ON WEST TEXAS

The Midland Chamber of Commerce provides some of the information in these listings. Deadline for items to be considered for Window on West Texas is noon Wednesday.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM Museum, Library and Hall of Fame (Midland) — Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 I-20 West.



THE MICHENER GALLERY of The University of Texas (Austin) is presenting "American Masters in the West," an exhibition of more than 80 paintings from the Phillip Anschutz collection of Western art of Denver. The show will be on view through Feb. 26.

AMON CARTER Museum of Western Art (Fort Worth) has opened a retrospective exhibition of the work of famed American artist Ben Shahn (1898-1969). The display will be on view through Jan. 15, 1978.

HERITAGE MUSEUM (Big Spring) has opened its new core exhibit. Museum is located at Sixth and Scurry streets.

WITTE MUSEUM (San Antonio) is presenting a dual show, "Sights West," featuring historic firearms from the Winchester Museum, and an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by famous Western artist Frederic Remington.

TAYLOR BROWN-SARAH DORSEY HOUSE (Midland) — Midland's oldest home is open 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday afternoons and by appointment by dialing 682-2931. Located at 213 Weatherford St.

NITA STEWART HALEY Memorial Library (Midland) currently is featuring a display of Indian blankets. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1805 W. Indiana St.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM (Odessa) is featuring "Presidents of the Republic of Texas," "Presidential Firsts" and the monthly cartoon exhibit through early December. The museum is located at Seventh and Lee streets and hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free.

RANKIN MUSEUM — Featuring memorabilia from the community's and Upton County's past. Open 3 to 5 p.m. weekdays. Located at Fifth and Main streets near the old Santa Fe Railway depot.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL Museum — Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Midland County Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

AN EXHIBITION, "4' x 8", An Installation of Forms" by Barry Phillips of Odessa College, is on display in the art gallery of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

MENDOZA TRAIL MUSEUM and Adrian House (McCombs) — Contains mementos of the late frontier, ranching and oil industry as well as a fossil collection and tape recordings.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST (Midland), 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is exhibiting paintings from the extensive Anschutz collection of Denver, including works by Catlin, Couse, Davey, Remington, Dasburg, Bistram, Phillips and other masters of Western realism. The show is free to the public between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

THE HANGING TREE GALLERY currently previewing wildlife art by James Harvey Johnson, a former Midland resident, and Richard Britton of Worcestershire, England. The exhibit, which can be seen Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m., will continue through December. Located at 3201 N. Big Spring St., the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL — Hobbs at Midland Lee, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Snyder at Midland High, 8 p.m. Thursday.

Plainview at Midland Lee, 8 p.m. Friday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL — Andrews at Lee, Midland at Klondike, Monday.

Lee at Sands, Snyder at Midland, Tuesday.



MIDLAND WOMAN'S CLUB will host a Shoppers' Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Hogan Park Clubhouse. The public is welcome.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR, sponsored by the Junior League of Midland, Inc., and the Midland County Library, has cancelled activities through Dec. 29 due to Christmas vacation. Story Hour will resume on Jan. 5.

LONE STAR BALLETT (Amarillo) continues performances of its seventh annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 8 p.m. today and Monday in Tascosa High School auditorium.

A WEST TEXAS YO-YO tournament will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the Midland Central YMCA. The event is open to both members and non-members. Judging will be Michael Steele, Duncan yo-yo professional.

MARIAN BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM will feature a program, "Star of Bethlehem," at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday in addition to its regular presentations. The Christmas program is open to the public free of charge. Located at 1705 W. Missouri Ave.



HAYLOFT DINNER THEATRE (Lubbock) currently is featuring "Charley's Aunt," the story of a young man who pretends he is a wealthy lady.

THE GLOBE of the Great Southwest (Odessa) today concludes Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" as its final production of the 1977 season.

THE MANSION dinner theater (Odessa) continues the musical production "I Do, I Do" featuring former Miss America Laurie Lea Schaefer. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

"A CHILD'S DREAM of Christmas," Permian Playhouse's holiday production for young people, continues at 2:30 p.m. today, with a final presentation at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Playhouse is located at 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa.

CASA MANANA (Fort Worth) today concludes "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer," a dramatization of the popular Christmas song.



CHAROLAIS RESTAURANT (Midland) — Pamela Hahn appears every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Performance time is 7:40 p.m. Located in the Midland Hilton.

LUSTY LADY (Midland) — Jeannie Williams performing nightly from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Located in the Holiday Inn.



A CHRISTMAS TOAST is offered by Bob Cratchit and his children in this scene in "A Christmas Carol." The dramatization of Charles Dickens' classic story will be presented by Midland Community Theatre at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. today, and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Theatre Centre, 2301 W. Indiana Ave. Jim Walker is seen as Cratchit and the children are, from left, Susannah Kendrick as Elizabeth, Dean Hammond as Peter, Brenda Woods as Martha, J. J. Baskin as Tiny Tim and Stacy Rhodes as Belinda. (Staff Photo)

CLUB GRANADA (Midland) — "Sagebrush" will perform nightly at 8:30 p.m. Open from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., the club is located at 3312 W. Wall St.

BEST WESTERN (Midland) — Marty Montez performing from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Located at Interstate 20 West.

THE PUB (Midland) — Scotty Hopkins performing at 8:30 p.m. Located in the Sheraton Inn.



"CHORALE DA CAMERA," a 16-member vocal group within the chorale of the Midland-Odessa Symphony, will present madrigal dinners at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Odessa's Inn of the Golden West, and at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Midland Hilton.



MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL children will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays at the end of the school day Thursday. Classes will resume Jan. 3, 1978.

DISCOVERY LOUNGE (Midland) — "Enterprise" performs for the last time tonight, with "Multi Band" opening Monday. Performance time is 9 p.m. Located in the Midland Hilton.

CODY CATTLE COMPANY (Odessa) — Joseph Brunelle makes a final appearance tonight, with Mike Williams opening Tuesday. Performances begin at 9 p.m. Located at Santa Fe Square.



MONDAY
Midland Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., council chamber, city hall.
Howard County Commissioners Court, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Lamesa School Board, 7:30 p.m., Lamesa High School library.
Forsan School Board, 7 p.m., Forsan High School board room.

TUESDAY
Midland board of Adjustment, 1:30 p.m., council chamber, city hall.

WEDNESDAY
Midland Parks and Recreation Commission, 3 p.m., conference room, city hall.



TUESDAY
Midland B&PW Club, 7:30 p.m., Midland Woman's Club, Norman Read Chapter No. 1010, OES, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.
American Legion Auxiliary of Woods W. Lynch Post No. 19, 8 p.m., American Legion Hall.
Midland A&M Club, noon, Sans Souci Club.
American Association of Critical Care Nurses, 7 p.m., MMH cafeteria.
Midland Senior Center, 9:30 a.m., blood pressure check; 10 a.m., stitchery; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.
Tuesday Duplicate Bridge Club, 10 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.
Midland Palette Club, 9:30 a.m., 604 N. Colorado St.
RHCC Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m., club.
Texas T.O.P.S., Morning Chapter, 9 a.m., Christ Presbyterian Church.
Desert W. Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc., 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church.
Morning Lion, 6:45 a.m., Green's Restaurant.
Pop-Up Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Sambo's Restaurant.
55-Plus Dance Club, 8 p.m., Tall City VFW Post No. 7208.
Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Ramada Inn.
Midland Chapter, American Business Club, noon, Branding Iron.

WEDNESDAY
Ladies Auxiliary to Tall City VFW Post No. 7208, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.
Midland Senior Center, 11:45 a.m., luncheon; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.



ODESSA
WINWOOD — "Oh, God," (PG), Cinema I; "Fantastic Invasion of Planet Earth," (PG), Cinema II. Starting Wednesday: "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," (PG), Cinema II.

SCOTT — "Pete's Dragon," (G), Cinema I; "Telefon," (PG), Cinema II; "The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training," (PG), Cinema III.

ECTOR — "Where's Willie," (G), Starting Wednesday: "The Gauntlet," (R).

GRANDVIEW — "Bobby Deerfield," (R), Starting Wednesday: "Saturday Night Fever," (R).

MIDLAND
HODGE — "The Last Remake of Beau Geste," (PG), Screen 2.

WESTWOOD — "The Demon Seed," (R).

CINEMA 1 — "The Island of Dr. Moreau," (PG).



A LOFTY SYMBOL of the season's glitter, this 60-foot Christmas tree will remain lighted through the holidays in Midland's Crier Park, 1500 W. Wall St. The tree is constructed from a 60-foot aluminum pole and 300 tree branches ranging from five to 10 feet in length. (Staff Photo)

TODAY
Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 2:30 p.m., Midland Community Centre.
Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 8 p.m., 1011 W. Storey St.
Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.

SUNDAY
Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 3 p.m., 3310 W. Dengar St.
Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge Unit No. 209, 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.

MONDAY
Midland Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church.
Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Midland Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., Planetarium.
Christian Women's Club, noon, Conner's Banquet Room.
Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 8 p.m., 2609 Brunson St.
Midland Senior Center, 10 a.m., drop in; 1 p.m., art, table games, First Christian Church.
Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m., 610 E. Florida St.
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.
Midland (Downtown) Kiwanis Club, noon, Midland Hilton.
East Side Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.
Wall Street Toastmasters, 7 p.m., Furr's Cafeteria.

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AFC East title comes down to Colts, Pats

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

"Everybody figured it would come down to this," said Baltimore Coach Ted Marchibroda. "Everybody figured that the race would go down to the very last Sunday and it has."

With one weekend remaining in the National Football League's regular season, three teams are tied for first place and a playoff berth in the American Conference East. Baltimore, New England and Miami all are 9-4 but, in the mysterious world of the NFL, the Colts' 9-4 is better than the other two.

MIAMI PLAYS Buffalo today and only by winning can the Dolphins keep their title hopes alive. And if they win, the Dolphins would eliminate New England because of the complicated tie-break formula.

The Patriots will play in Baltimore Sunday and when they take the field, they'll know if they're still alive. An upset by the Bills would keep them in business.

The Colts, meanwhile, are the only team of the three that can decide their own fate. If they beat New England Sunday, they're in. If they lose, they're out. It's as simple as that. Winning for the other two

teams might not be enough. For Baltimore, it would be.

In today's other games, Minnesota, trying to nail down the NFC Central title, plays at Detroit and Los Angeles is at Washington, with the Redskins hoping for an NFC wild card berth.

ON SUNDAY, it will be Cincinnati at Houston and Pittsburgh at San Diego with the AFC Central crown on the line. Cleveland at Seattle, Kansas City at Oakland, Chicago at the New York Giants, New Orleans at Atlanta, St. Louis at Tampa Bay, San Francisco vs. Green Bay at

Milwaukee, the New York Jets at Philadelphia and, in what could be a Super Bowl preview, Denver at Dallas.

The Colts created the three-way scramble by losing to Detroit last Sunday on a blocked punt with nine seconds left in the game. But that loss actually did more damage to New England, which whipped Miami last week, than it did to Baltimore.

By losing last week, the Colts kept Miami alive. Had the Colts won, Miami would have been eliminated and the winner of Sunday's game

between Baltimore and New England would have become the AFC East champion (the Colts by virtue of a better overall record or the Patriots by virtue of a season sweep of the two games against Baltimore).

NOW, MIAMI'S involvement complicates the matter, but only for New England. The Pats still could win Sunday, of course, but unless the Dolphins lose, that victory would be meaningless.

The AFC Central race similarly is confused.

Both Cincinnati and Pittsburgh carry 8-5 records into their final games but the Bengals' 8-5 includes a hidden edge.

If both teams win their final games, Cincinnati would take the division because of a one-point edge in point differentials between the two teams. But should both teams lose Sunday, the division record tie-breaker would apply and the Steelers would get in.

Now, if you understand all of that, would you like to hear about Einstein's theory of relativity?

Ex-Bama aides lose appeal

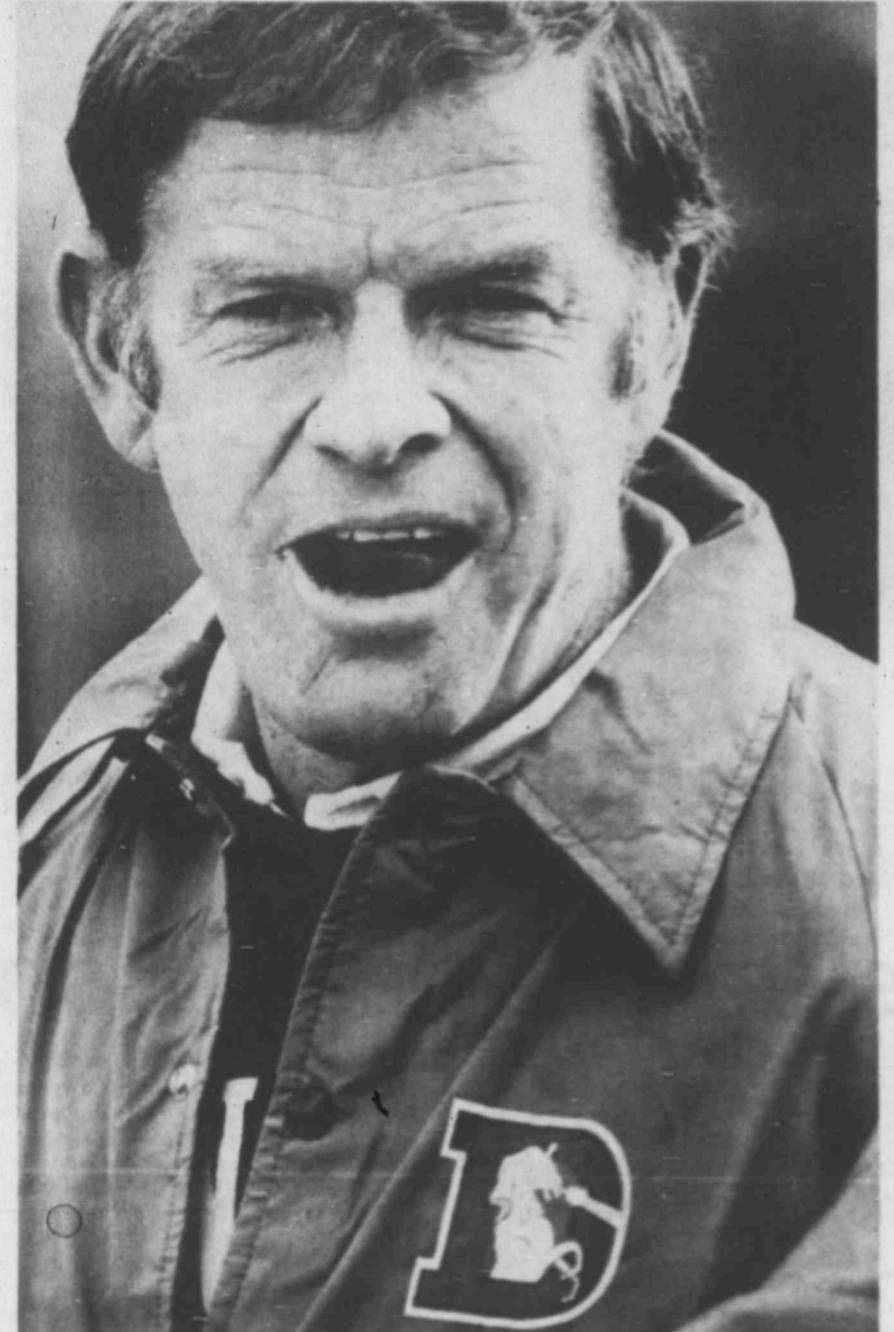
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two former assistant coaches at the University of Alabama lost their appeal Friday of a ruling that upheld the National Collegiate Athletic Association's right to limit the number of coaches.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that the NCAA rule limiting football teams to eight assistant coaches and basketball teams to two was not unreasonable.

The ruling referred to a suit filed by Lawrence Hennessey, assistant football coach at Alabama for 16 years; and Wendell Hudson, Crimson Tide assistant basketball coach for two years.

The NCAA established the limits on the sizes of coaching staffs in 1976. Because Hennessey and Hudson were on staffs that were larger than the NCAA allowed, they were made part-time coaches.

They filed suit against the rule in U.S. District Court in Alabama, but District Judge Sam Pointer upheld the NCAA's right to impose the rule on its voluntary members.



DENVER BRONCOS Coach Red Miller, 50, cheers on his team in practice as the AFC team prepares for Sunday's final regular season game with Dallas. (AP Laserphoto)

Rams may be Allen's last game with Redskins

By LEONARD SHAPIRO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For the Washington Redskins, it comes down to one game, several ifs and one intriguing question: will George Allen be making his final appearance as the team's head coach today against the Los Angeles Rams?

Allen, who still has not signed that four-year extension to his contract, said Friday, "I think not, I hope not" when asked if Saturday's 1 p.m. affair would be his last home game as coach of the Redskins.

It's my decision. I felt it wasn't that important. Whatever the details, my attorney can work it out with the Redskins. I hate to even think about it because it isn't that important. The most important thing is to play good football and to win. So I'm not thinking that way (that he will not be here in 1977).

Does that mean he plans to return in 1978?

"Yeah, we like it here," he said. "I'm proud of our team. I like our organization. I like our players and I like my staff. They've worked hard and done a good job."

"IT JUST happened to turn out this way. When your attorney recommends not to sign until a couple of legal things are straightened out ... So if you have an attorney, you've gotta' go by him ... this to me should be the last thing at the bottom of your article."

And yet, Allen's future in Washington seems inexorably tied to the outcome of today's game against the NFC Western Division champion Rams, as well as games involving the Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears in the following 24 hours.

If the Redskins can slip into the playoffs — and all manner of combinations can make that happen — Allen's position obviously would be strengthened when the coach, his attorney, Ed Hookstratten of Los Angeles, and team president Edward Bennett Williams continue negotiations.

Hookstratten and Williams have chosen not to comment on Allen's contract problems in recent months, though NFL sources continue to say the impasse is based almost totally on financial control of the football operation.

Allen wants more, those sources say, and Williams apparently is unwilling to yield.

"I DON'T think anyone really knows what's going to happen," tight end Jean Fugett said. "You hear all the talk, some of the guys say he's going, other guys say he's staying. I do know this, nobody's talking about winning this game for the Gipper or anything like that. We just know we've got to win it to keep breathing."

A Redskins victory guarantees nothing, of course, because if the Vikings defeat Detroit Saturday night and Chicago downs the Giants Sunday, the Redskins will celebrate Christmas at home.

The oddsmakers say the Rams will prevail by four.

If the Redskins do manage to attain the wild-card berth, their opening-round opponent would be the Rams, in Los Angeles, on Dec. 26, and that leaves another intriguing question about Saturday's affair.

Will the Rams go all out, knowing they could face this same Washington bunch a week from now? Or will they rest injured players, stay basic and do just enough to win, or at least avoid getting embarrassed?

THE RAMS also would seem to benefit if the Redskins do make the playoffs. It seems likely Los Angeles would prefer to play a Washington team that has struggled all year on offense, rather than a Chicago team that features the game's most devastating runner, Walter Payton.

The Rams have been insisting all week they do not intend to roll over. "We've got a lot of pride, and we'd like to keep our momentum going into the playoffs," said Ram center Rich Saul, the twin brother of Redskins offensive guard Ron Saul.

"Sure I'd like to see my brother make the playoffs. But he knows I'm

going all out when I'm out on the field, and so will everyone else on our team. That's a promise."

"It's a hard game to figure out," Allen admitted Friday after his fourth closed practice of the week. "This is probably the best overall Ram team in the last five years."

They have more stability at quarterback, Pat Haden's done an outstanding job. They have more spread all the way around, and their defense, I believe, is No. 1 in points allowed in the league."

Actually, the Rams have given up seven more points, 129 then the NFL-leading Atlanta Falcons. But L.A. has huge statistical advantages over



NOT ALL of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders are native Texans. Tami Barber originally hailed from Omaha, but is now a private secretary in Arlington. With 14 years of ballet and six years of jazz dancing, she's well-qualified. (Staff photo)

Schoolboy grid titles go up for grabs today

By The Associated Press

Two schoolboy teams with adjoining boundaries and Cinderella dreams go after coveted state high school football titles today against unbeaten, topranked opposition.

The Plano Wildcats, who got to the playoffs after a referees' mixup over penetrations in a regular season tie with powerful Sherman, tangle with the No. 1-ranked Port Neches-Groves Indians today afternoon in Irving's Texas Stadium for the Class 4A championship.

Meanwhile in Waco, the Wylie Pirates, whose school district boundaries adjoin Plano, tackle Bellville, the topranked team in Class 2A, for the class title.

In the Class A finals, East Bernard takes on Seagraves this afternoon in Brownwood.

The Wildcats, who tied Sherman

14-14 and won a playoff berth on first downs after referees mistakenly deprived Sherman of a penetration, could become the first high school team to win the Class 2A, 3A and 4A crowns.

The growing Dallas suburb has moved through the ranks steadily and is making its first trip to the Class 4A finals. The Wildcats edged unbeaten Odessa Permian, 3-0 last week.

The Indians, who won the State 4A title in 1975 have won 39 of their last 40 games, including all 14 this season. They bruised San Antonio Lee 19-0 last week.

The 2:30 p.m. meeting is expected to draw a crowd of about 40,000. The all-time high school record is 45,000 set in the Cotton Bowl in 1945.

Plano lost its season-opener to South Garland and also rallied from a 28-0 deficit in the quarter-finals to edge Dallas Highland Park 29-28.

Russians defeat Quebec Nordiques

MOSCOW AP—The Soviet national hockey team posted a 5-3 victory over the Quebec Nordiques of the World Hockey Association in the Izvestia Hockey Tournament Friday night.

The Soviet team took a 2-0 lead in the first period and went ahead 4-2 after two stanzas.

In another match Friday, Czechoslovakia and Finland played a 3-3 tie.

Norton pilot calls Ali bombshell just a ruse

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Biron, Ken Norton's manager, said Friday that, contrary to Muhammad Ali's bombshell announcement, he doesn't think the champion is ever going to fight Norton.

"It isn't going to happen," he said, responding to Ali's statements Thursday that he had signed with promoter Bob Arum — for \$12 million — to fight Norton next September.

Biron, citing a World Boxing Council edict calling for an Ali-Norton bout no later than next May, threw a gigantic monkey wrench into Arum's plans for the September bout — and he may have cost Arum \$125,000 as well.

That's not what Biron said, though.

"It's just a ploy to get Ali some cheap fights," he said. "Come September he'd either retire or claim he's hurt... Arum wants to get a couple of cheap fights for Ali to make money. Butch Lewis (one of Arum's assistants) kept that off in the release when he said, 'We have Ali signed up for two more fights

after Spinks.'"

BIRON suggested Arum and Ali dropped the bombshell as a means of circumventing a promise Ali made to the WBC, in which he said he would not fight anyone after the Spinks bout, that he would begin negotiating by mid-March for a bout against Norton, that an agreement would be reached no later than April 5 and that the bout would be staged within 60 days of the agreement.

TV, radio sports log

Today PRO FOOTBALL — Rams vs. Redskins, noon, KOSA-TV. Bills vs. Dolphins, 3 p.m., KMID-TV. Vikings vs. Lions, 8 p.m., KMOM-TV.	Monday COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Nebraska vs. North Carolina, Liberty Bowl, 8 p.m., KMOM-TV.
Sunday PRO FOOTBALL — Jets vs. Eagles, noon, KMID-TV. Bears vs. Giants, noon, KOSA-TV. Cowboys vs. Broncos, 3 p.m., KOSA-TV.	Thursday COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Minnesota vs. Maryland, 7 p.m., KMOM-TV, Cable 4.
	Friday COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Texas Tech vs. Florida State, 7 p.m., Cable 4.

Wisconsin hires Ball State's Dave McClain

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Dave McClain, who compiled a glittering 46-25-3 record in seven seasons as head football coach at Ball State, Indiana, was named head coach at the University of Wisconsin Friday.

McClain, 39, succeeds John Jardine, who resigned Nov. 7 effective at the end of the 1977 season. The Badgers had only one winning season in eight under Jardine, including 5-6 this year.

McClain, 39, was given a four-year contract, the first year of which calls for a salary of \$33,000. That is the same amount paid to Jardine this year.

Wisconsin Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch had received more than 60 applications for the job and said he personally interviewed 14 of them.

"I'm very happy the search is over," Hirsch said. "I apologize for taking so much time, but we had a lot of fine applicants. Dave stood out very well." McClain, whose Ball State teams had records of 9-2, 8-3 and 9-2 the last three years, said he was delighted to be selected. He said Wisconsin's excellent academic reputation should be an asset in recruiting.

McClain said he expects to have his new staff chosen by Christmas.

Regazzoni signs up with Shadow team

PARIS (AP) — Swiss racing driver Clay Regazzoni has signed with the U.S.-run Shadow team for the 1978 World Championship Grand Prix season, it was learned here Friday.

Regazzoni, one of the veterans of the racing world, had been driving for the small British Ensign team this year after leaving Ferrari.

In the Shadow team, run by Don Nicholls of Chicago, he will be partnered with German Hans Stuck. The team is developing a new car which is expected to be ready for the South African race, according to sources close to Shadow.

UT loss left Orange Bowl-bound Hogs at crossroads

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The Arkansas football team was at a crossroads.

The Razorbacks had won their first four games easily before losing a gut-wrenching 13-9 decision to Texas.

"Our football team could have gone either way after a game like that," said Arkansas coach Lou Holtz. "I know that I, as a football coach, was depressed but our football team was also."

The next week, the Razorbacks

were on the road against the University of Houston.

"I had no idea what the team's reaction would be going into the football game," Holtz said. "But if I would have had to bet, I would have bet we would have bounced back for one reason — the players just worked too hard all year not to bounce back."

"The football players invested a lot of sweat, blood and tears in the football team. Even though it was a heart-breaking loss, when you have a lot in-

vested, you're usually going to fight before you let it go down the drain."

SO ARKANSAS beat Houston 34-0 and went on to win its last six games. The 10-1 record brought the Razorbacks their first-ever Orange Bowl bid.

"When we were 4-1 it wasn't a question of saying, 'Well, boy, we've got a chance to be 10-1.' All we wanted to be was 5-1 when we came out of Houston and nothing but 6-1 when we came out

of Rice."

"I've always been optimistic and always have a lot of confidence and faith in the players. I can't say I'm surprised, but by the same token I'm not sure I would have bet on what type season we'd have."

In preseason speculation, the Razorbacks were picked to finish in the middle of the Southwest Conference. Holtz, in his first year as Arkansas coach, had to replace some holes in the offensive line, establish a

passing game and come up with some defensive ends.

"I felt going into the season we could be competitive if a lot of people came through. I didn't realize we would lose certain athletes during the course of the season. We felt we had a chance to have a competitive football team. And that's all you can ask going into a season is to be competitive."

"YOU DON'T really look at a season in terms of wins and losses.

Going into the season, there wasn't anything, if we could be 6-5, 7-4, or 8-3, there wasn't any of that. Let's be 2-0. After we got to be 1-0, let's be 2-0."

"We felt we would have quite a few close games. We didn't have as many as we thought."

Why?

"I felt we would be a pretty good defensive football team but I didn't know we would be as good defensively as what we were."

Don King steams in Nevada

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Boxing promoter Don King was furious Thursday after the Nevada State Athletic Commission for the second time delayed his application for a co-promoter's license.

King used some dramatic rhetoric and New York attorney David Rosen in his unsuccessful effort to get the license issued.

Dr. Jack Davis and Bob Shields voted to delay the matter, while Jackie Shields cast his vote for King. Commission member Dalby Shirley was absent.

SHIELDS, a Reno hotel owner, and Davis, both said they had "doubts" about King's application and wanted more information.

King had a license to promote in Nevada, but let it lapse after the 1975 heavyweight championship bout in which Muhammad Ali defeated Ron Lyle. King promoted the match.

King was listed as the promoter of the "Night with the Heavyweights" card at Caesars Palace here in September, but was not licensed at the time.

KING WAS listed as a consultant, not a promoter, for the Ken Norton-Jim Young bout at Caesars last month, but insiders said King was the man pulling the strings.

King now wants to be licensed as the co-promoter of a lightweight showdown scheduled at Caesars on Jan. 14 pitting Roberto Duran against Esteban DeJesus.

During Thursday's hearing, King lashed out at Shields, charging racial bias.

Shields took offense at the remarks, and said his objections to King's licensing are not based on bigotry.

Shields several times made references to the King-promoted U.S. Boxing Championships which were televised by ABC earlier this year.

SHIELDS ALSO charged that the Norton-Young fight was "poorly handled."

Davis said he could not vote for King in clear conscience because of a controversy over the local televising of the Norton-Young fight, which was supposed to have been blacked out here.

King, as he did the night of the fight, denied that he gave the local ABC affiliate permission to televise the fight live, and charged that the station "bootlegged" the signal from Los Angeles.



Ron Calcagni (18) has been the key to Arkansas' surprising 10-1 football season and post-season bowl date. (AP Laserphoto).

Mizzou coach denies charges

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Warren Powers and his wife are the only ones who signed a \$55,000 promissory note to buy Powers out of his head coaching contract at Washington State to take the head football post at Missouri, his attorney says.

Dave Knight, the Columbia lawyer who represented Powers in his

negotiations, said no one else guaranteed the note, the Columbia Tribune reported Friday in an exclusive interview.

Knight said Powers, who was hired Tuesday as the replacement for the fired Al Onofrio, gave him permission to clear up any lingering questions that someone from Missouri may

have guaranteed the note.

Washington State required Powers to pay \$59,000 on the remaining two years of his contract to get out of the agreement. He made an initial payment of \$5,000 and the remainder is payable over three years at 9 percent interest. His salary at Missouri is \$35,000 a year.

"The note was signed by two people," Knight said, noting that Powers was one of them. "The other person was his wife."

"They asked me if I would guarantee the note," he said of officials at Washington State University. "I declined, saying that wasn't necessary, but I did sign as a witness."

ATER BEATING Houston, Rice and Baylor by a combined score of 99-16, Arkansas went on the road for a SWC showdown with Texas A&M.

Arkansas led 20-10, but A&M tied it 20-20 in the third quarter before Calcagni and Robert Farrell hooked up on a 58-yard pass play with 1:41 left in the game.

Lauda receives driving trophy despite 'scandalous' behavior

PARIS (AP) — Austria's Niki Lauda received his trophy as the 1977 world champion driver here Friday night, minutes after motor sport officials publicly had condemned his "inadmissible, scandalous" behavior at the end of the racing season.

conference preceding the award ceremony.

He was critical of Lauda for failing to drive the last two races in Canada and Japan after he had won the title, and Hunt for rushing to the airport from the Japanese race and refusing to go on the rostrum to receive his winner's prize.

Uguex said penalties would be imposed in the future for such behavior.

Interviewed moments before he

went to collect his prize from Uguex and Prince Paul Metternich, president of the International Automobile Federation, Lauda dismissed the criticism.

"I want to race when I have full support to do the best for myself, my team and motor racing. The circumstances of the last races will never happen again," said Lauda, alluding to his bitter breakup with the Ferrari team.

Twelve days later, Arkansas overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit to beat Texas Tech 17-14 on a 59-yard pass from Calcagni to Bobby Duckworth with six minutes left.

"The players have learned some things. We do feel we can come back. We're better equipped mentally and physically to win a close game."

"Respect is the key word we've always used. Self-respect, respect for your teammates and your school, what you represent, etc."

"There is no way in this world that you can give anybody respect. It's got to be earned. The only thing you can do as a coach is to put them in some situations where they can earn that respect."

Sonny deserts Jersey for Garden Challenge

NEW YORK (AP) — burgeoning Meadowlands. The telephone's jangle Sports Complex, answered the mid-morning serenity in a surprise waiting on the other end of the line.

The chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, mastermind of the

couldn't refuse. He wanted the maestro of the Meadowlands to, come back to New York as president, chief executive officer and chairman of the executive committee of the Garden.

Evansville cancels cage slate

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — The University of Evansville formally canceled the rest of its 1977-78 basketball season Friday because of the deaths of the 14 team members and Coach Bobby Watson in a plane crash Tuesday.

Athletic Director James Byers said, however, the Holiday Invitational Tournament will go on as scheduled Dec. 29-30. He said Southern Illinois University volunteered to play in place of Evansville for expense money only.

Coryell sorry for outburst

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals Coach Don Coryell, who earlier this week angrily said he wanted to leave St. Louis, has apologized for the outburst.

"I regret very much saying what I did in public, expressing myself as I did," the National Football League coach said Thursday night at the St. Louis Quarterback Club's awards dinner.

Coryell's outburst came after the Cardinals' 26-20 loss to the Washington Redskins Saturday, which dashed the Cards' hopes of a playoff berth. He criticized the Cardinal organization and the fans and said he wouldn't be surprised to be fired.

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Pistons interest Costello

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Larry Costello, former Milwaukee Bucks coach, said Friday he is interested in coaching the Detroit Pistons, but he has not been contacted by the National Basketball Association team.

Costello now is chief scout with the Houston Rockets. His name, and those of Al Bianchi, Gene Shue and K.C. Jones, have been mentioned for the job vacated when the Pistons fired Coach Herb Brown Thursday.

"I'm interested in getting back," Costello told a Milwaukee Journal reporter by telephone from Newark, N.J. He said he thought the Pistons knew he was available, and that he had been seen enough around the league so that the National Basketball Association team would know "I'm on top of everything."

But, Costello said, "I haven't been in touch with anyone. I haven't heard anything."

Podolak placed on reserve list

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs placed veteran running back Ed Podolak on the injured reserve list Friday and added free agent linebacker Otis Rodgers to the active roster.

Podolak, a Chiefs starter and the National Football League team's leading rusher, suffered a shoulder separation in Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks.

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After vicious attack, Evel's world collapsed

By JIM MURRAY
The Los Angeles Times Syndicate

In 1968, when he announced he was going to jump the Grand Canyon, Evel Knievel was the toast of America. The greatest authentic Western hero since Gen. Custer. Wyatt Earp on a motorcycle. George Hamilton made a movie on his life. Crowds followed him. State fairs competed for his services. So did The Tonight Show, The Today Show, The White House. They brought out a line of Evel Knievel toys. And they outsold Mickey Mouse's.

In 1974, when he finally jumped a canyon — sort of — he became the

second-most identifiable American of his day. He bought airplanes by the squadron, cars by the fleet. He had more boats than the Chilean navy. He jumped his motorcycle over sharks, snakes, trucks. He dressed himself in gold and diamonds. He marched to a different drummer than the rest of the world. He was America's Accident. He had to be put back together again more often than a museum dinosaur. He had more broken bones than a slaughter house. He was either in a spotlight or in traction. He had more press agents than MGM in its heyday. He was Copy.

Then, on Sept. 21, 1977, this multimillionaire folk hero bought a \$2

baseball bat at Sears Roebuck and broke the arm of a relatively puny, 140-pound, cheerful little press agent named Shelly Saltman in a methodical, seemingly senseless, one-sided beating in the parking lot of 20th Century Fox's commissary — and the music promptly stopped.

THE ROYALTIES on the toys fell to the vanishing point. Nobody wanted a doll that went around beating up people.

The guy on the phone wasn't the President, it was the district attorney. The offers dried up. Evel had missed this jump, all right. This was not a part for George Hamilton. This was a part for Conrad Veidt — a guy in jackboots and a monocle.

Suddenly, Uncle Sam was at the door with a bill for \$1.5 million in back taxes. Bankruptcy loomed. The \$10,000-a-month payroll was in jeopardy. So were the \$20,000-a-month payments. The diamond-headed cane went into mothballs.

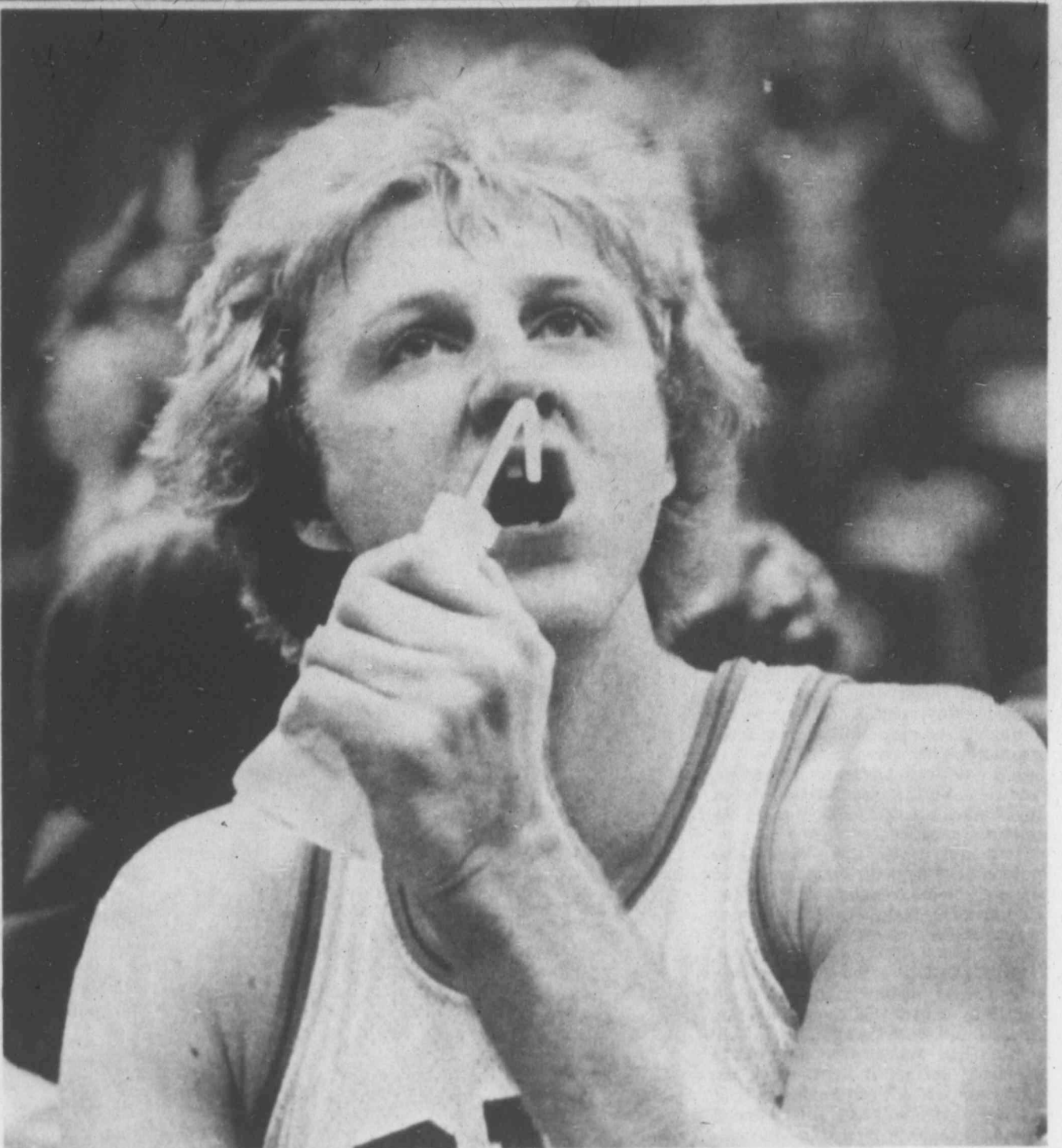
Nobody wanted the image of a red, white and blue hero beating up a little publicist with a ball bat. Evel had really broken his back this time. He wouldn't clear these sharks.

What had happened? Well, Shelly Saltman had written a seemingly-harmless little diary-type book on his adventures as Evel's press agent on the Snake River Canyon jump. It was hardly "Roots" or "Gone With The Wind." Bob Kirsch didn't review it. Neither did Time Nor the New Yorker. It never even came out in hard cover.

AMONG THE people who didn't read it was the guy it was about. Evel Knievel says he didn't even know it was published till one day he went to a newsstand in Hollywood to buy a book on Elvis Presley. Right next to that, he saw a book about a person he knew better, "Evel Knievel On Tour," it was titled. "The Inside Stuff On The High-Living Daredevil Hero No PG-Rated Movie Could Ever Show!"

The man who had tried to jump the Snake River in a wingtip fuel canister, who had orbited sharks in a sputtering Yamaha, who proposed to jump 40,000 feet into a haystack without a chute, was driven into a rage by a paperback. Once again, he hit the wrong lever. He did the one thing you shouldn't do with a damaging book: Put it on page one.

I got a call from Evel the other day. Once again, he is trying to put the bones back together, to reconstruct the image. Once again, Evel Knievel has scattered pieces of himself all over the parking lot. His image is at ground zero.



LARRY BIRD, 6-9 center for Indiana State University, takes a breather during game. Bird, No. 3 in scoring nationally last year, is averaging 32.8 points per game this season. (AP Laserphoto).

Miamican't day-dream against Buffalo today

MIAMI (AP) — Visions of playoffs may dance in their heads, but the Miami Dolphins say there's no danger of daydreaming through Saturday afternoon's game with the Buffalo Bills.

"Ever since we put ourselves in the position that we couldn't lose anymore," says Miami cornerback Curtis Johnson, "every game's become a big game. This one, we can't lose."

The Dolphins must win today to have any stake in the New England-Baltimore matchup on Sunday. Game time is 4 p.m. each day before a national television audience.

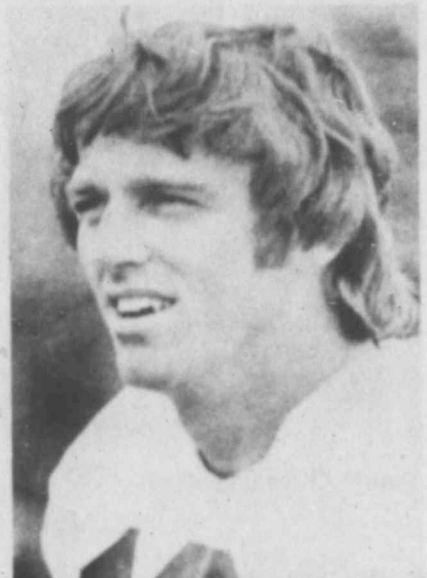
If Miami and Baltimore both win, it's another 10-4 tie, but this time the Colts would take the title because of a better record in the conference.

The Patriots are not completely eliminated. A Miami loss to Buffalo followed by a Patriots victory over the Colts would send New England into the playoffs with a 10-4 record compared to 9-5 for the other two clubs.

But Miami's immediate problem is the Bills, who have dropped 15 in a row to the Dolphins and view the streak like a long-overdue bill.

"It has gone through our minds that we could keep Miami out of the playoffs," says Buffalo quarterback Joe Ferguson. "We'd still owe them after losing so many to them, but it would be a heck of a start toward paying them back."

The Bills' 14-10 victory over the New York Jets last week improved Buffalo's record to 3-10. One of the three victories was over New England.



Joe Ferguson

"They beat New England at New England," Dolphins Coach Don Shula said of the Bills. "We know how tough it is to run against New England and we have to show a lot of respect."

In beating the Patriots 24-14 in November, Buffalo was able to rush for 224 yards, including 155 by Roland Hooks, who was moved in when O.J. Simpson was lost for the season with an injury.

"They're going to want to try and control the ball on us. That's going to call for a lot of running on their part," said cornerback Johnson. "They want to keep the ball away from our offense. We're looking for a ball control game."



TEE TIME

Visitor scores Hogan ace

BY REX WORRELL
Hogan Park Golf pro

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all area golfers for their kindness and patronage this year. The golf and maintenance staffs at Hogan Park Golf Course would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The teenagers entertained a guest last week. Virgil T. Pylant joined the group while in Midland visiting his brother Thurman Pylant. I'm sure Virgil's visit will be a memorable one as he scored a hole-in-one Wednesday on the 180-yard par three No. 6 hole.

VIRGIL, A resident of Long Beach,

Calif., scored the ace with a four-iron shot witnessed by Thurman and Chet Powers. Aided by the hole-in-one, Virgil went on to score a fine round of 37-38-75. Congratulations, Virgil...

Golfers will be seeing some new trash barrels in the coming weeks at Hogan Park Golf Course. The barrels are compliments of R.L. Faulkner and Petro Chem Co. ...

THE HOGAN Park Women's Golf Association had their annual end of the year party and will not have any scheduled playdays until next year.

The ladies had a spur of the moment low net event on Thursday with Marilyn Philpy winning the 18-hole flight with a

69 while Jane Wagner was second with a net 73.

Jeanne Allen and Bernice Webb tied for first in the nine-hole flight with 375 while Mary Davis and Evelyn Guidry posted 415...

The Hogan Park Men's Golf Association holds its final tournament today, a scotch twosome. The tee times: 10:15 Williams-Thorpe, Howie-Sitton. 10:30 Muntzel-Goodin, Moore-Beaty. 10:37 Mattina-Pepper, Bellis-Bernal. 10:45 Flourmoy-Kurc, Dishman-Miller. 10:52 Taylor-Taylor, Kirkes-Schwinkendorf. 11 Shulta-Crawford, Hartsell-Miller. 11:07. Pyle-Brown, Carter-Cooper. 11:15 Hurt-Perkins, Freeman-Harris.

Y Peanut cage loops organize

Each branch of the Midland YMCA is accepting registrations for Peanut (fourth to sixth grade) basketball.

Teams will be formed on a neighborhood, elementary school boundaries basis.

Games will be played Saturday beginning Jan. 21 with fifth and sixth graders having the option of playing on last year's team.

At least one parent of each participant must attend meetings Jan. 3 and 5 at the Y branches.

Coaches and officials training sessions will be held Lee High 6:15 p.m. Jan. 9 and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 1 at the Central Y.

A City-Wide basketball clinic for coaches and players will be held at Lee 7:45 p.m. Jan. 9.

Gerulaitis defeats Phil Dent

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis moved into the semifinals of the \$210,000 New South Wales Open tennis championship Friday, beating Australia's Phil Dent 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

In other quarter-finals, Australian Cliff Letcher beat American Butch Walts 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; American Brian Teacher defeated countryman Bill Scanlon 6-1, 6-0, and Roscoe Tanner scored a strong 7-6, 6-2 win over Australian Colin Dibley.

Letcher, the only Australian still in the tourney, will play Tanner Saturday while top-seed Gerulaitis will play the unseeded Teacher.

RMC punishes So. Colorado

DENVER (AP) — The University of Southern Colorado football team has been placed on one-year probation by the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Presidents Council, Commissioner Paul W. Brechler announced Friday.

Brechler said the probation period started last Sunday.

He said the decision to place the Southern Colorado football team on probation was made by the presidents council following an investigation of alleged use of ineligible players "in certain football contests and a grant-in-aid violation."

The presidents council ruled that the Pueblo school's football team would not be permitted to compete for the 1978 RMAC championship and would not be permitted to participate in a post-season game or activity during the 1978 football season.

"Because the incidents detailed in Commissioner Brechler's report are both conscious violations of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regulations and breaches of acceptable ethical conduct, and because they reflect negatively on the integrity of the RMAC and thus cannot be ignored," the council said, "the football program of the University of Southern Colorado shall be placed on probation for a period of one year, commencing immediately."

Southern Colorado earlier was forced to forfeit three RMAC games for using ineligible players.

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what plans they had for me. I was just happy to be with the team."
Yankees Manager Billy Martin didn't expect much from Guidry, either. But sore arms and assorted injuries to other pitchers forced Martin to turn to the Louisiana fireballer in May. Guidry won a start in Oakland, then another start. He reeled off eight straight victories, eventually compiling a 16-7 record, 176 strikeouts and a 2.82 earned-run average.
Now Guidry can feel comfortable in New York as one of the aces of the Yankees staff. He also can live comfortably after agreeing to a three-year extension of his contract at a hefty raise — between two and three times as much he earned in 1977.
"The Yankees made an offer to extend the contract and I thought their offer was fair," Guidry said. "I want to pitch for New York because we have a good team and there's no reason we can't come close to winning the World Series again."
If the Yankees do win the championship again, Guidry will play a large part. Martin knows just what he wants from him this time around.
"I hate to think where we would have been without him last season," Martin said. "He's as gummy as a guy can be."

Crime of piracy now flourishes in overcrowded Nigeria seaport

The Guardian

Lagos, Nigeria — Last Saturday morning at Bar Beach, on the rich residential Victoria Island in Lagos, a number of men, mostly young, are executed by military firing squads.

Sobbing parents and relatives can often be seen among the small groups of people for whom this routine event might still be a novelty. The makeshift site of the executions changes from week to week, but it is never far from the \$36,000-a-year rented houses of company directors and diplomats and the ultramodern Eko Hotel, where unknown international businessmen gather to stake their claim in Nigeria's future.

The economic boom caused by oil exports and industrialization, and the increasing gap in income between a minority of affluent Nigerians and the overwhelming majority of the population has certainly had a direct bearing in the rise in violent crime. Those executed are sentenced by special courts for crimes that are reminiscent of those that prevailed in Europe and America in previous centuries — pirate raids on ships and armed attacks on travelers on interstate roads.

But where the occasional ambush on lorries and air-conditioned cars involves mostly Nigerians, the pirate raids on ships berthed or moored in Lagos and Port Harcourt, the outlet for most of Nigeria's oil, have wider international repercussions.

With an average of three armed robberies and frustrated attempts a week on the thousands of international ships that call at Nigerian ports every year, protests and demands for action by the Nigerian authorities have been made from time to time. Over the past few weeks, at least two British, two Liberian and four Greek ships were attacked while in Nigerian harbors or waters.

About two weeks ago, the situation took a dramatic turn. The Danish Cargo ship, Lindinger Ivory, carry-

ing 2,000 tons of soap chemicals, was attacked while moored offshore within sight of Lagos' overcrowded docks. The first descriptions of the attack were given by the chief officer, who was seriously wounded in the action. The captain, S.K. Frederiksen, was last seen bleeding from bullet wounds, being dragged overboard by African raiders, perhaps to be thrown into the shark-infested waters. His body has not been found.

As for the circumstances of the attack, it can be assumed that they involved a high degree of preparation and expertise. A number of Africans, emerging from what sounded like three fast-speed boats or motorized canoes, climbed up the ship, shooting their way into the communications room before ransacking the cabins.

The crew's inadequate resistance was rapidly overcome by the raiders, armed with a machine-gun, several guns, knives and machetes. The value of the goods and equipment stolen was not known, but their degree of sophistication leads to the conclusion that the gangs operate within a well-organized network.

The news of the attack and the brutal circumstances of Frederiksen's death brought the foreign shipping and business community together. With a widespread suspicion that complacency so far might have been caused by a desire on the part of company agents and diplomats to keep good business relations with the Nigerian authorities, the incident soon became a major international trade union issue. Scandinavian, German, British, Greek, American and Russian ships' captains organized themselves into committees to appeal to their respective embassies for strong action against the Nigerian government. Within a few days, and while rumors of other frustrated attacks, including one on an Israeli ship, were circulating, there was news of a joint protest from the EEC-countries.

Mounting international action in turn brought other unexpected repercussions in Lagos. Several Nigerian newspapers, taking a defensive nationalist line, began to blame the attacks on gangs from neighboring countries. In a series of raids on fishing villages in and around Lagos, police claimed to have found some of the goods stolen from the Danish ship.

Fifty people were arrested in Ibeshe, a fishing village 10 miles north of Lagos, whose 800 inhabitants were described by the Lagos press as being mostly

clandestine immigrants from neighboring countries. The attack on the Lindinger Ivory was regarded as "an act of terrorism against Nigeria," and the village of Ibeshe as a "launching pad by illegal immigrants for nocturnal attacks in Nigerian waters."

After interviewing several ships' captains and experienced people in the port services, one can only conclude that piracy is a well-established crime, brought about by the peculiar conditions in Lagos and Port Harcourt.

The docks have been chronically congested. At the time of the attack, despite the fact that ships have to give two months notice before arrival, there were 100 ships berthed at the older Apapa docks, and the new West German-built port of Tin Can, or moored offshore waiting their turn for berthing. Congestion, pilferage and piracy have been issues worrying successive Nigerian governments; they were given priority by the present military regime when it seized power in 1975.

However, most people were unanimous in stating that port security arrangements were hopelessly inadequate. When it was suggested that perhaps pirates keep a permanent watch on any slackness in routine police patrols, most captains laughed.

They remarked that the only probable deterrent was the knowledge that ships, with the help of local company agents and at great expense of time and money, have made their own security arrangements. Some suggested that police patrols might be working with professional gangsters and that one could never be sure whether a contracted watchman was a genuine guard or a gang spy.

Dam inspection program starts

By GAYLORDSHAW The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — More than five years after Congress instructed it to make safety inspections of all private dams in the United States, Army Corps of Engineers early this week began implementing the program by examining an earthen dam holding back 11 billion gallons of water one mile above a small New Jersey town.

"Superficially, the dam looks ok," said Frank Vinci, head of the corps' team that inspected state-owned Spruce Run Dam upstream from Clinton, N.J., population 1,100. But he asked that the level of the 40,000-acre-foot reservoir be lowered so that the outlet works tunnel could be inspected later.

The visit by Vinci and four other corps engineers to the mile-long dam marked the start of a multi-year effort to inspect 9,000 privately owned dams in "high hazard" locations — meaning that their collapse would result in loss of life and heavy property damage.

In 1972, after dam failures in West Virginia and South Dakota claimed about 300 lives, Con-

gress passed a law stating that the corps "as soon as practicable... shall carry out a national program of inspection of dams for the purpose of protecting human life and property."

But the law was never implemented because the executive branch, through the White House Office of Management and Budget, decided not to seek funds for it, contending that dam safety was a state responsibility.

Last summer, Congress on its own initiative voted \$15 million to start the program. And last month, after the collapse of a never-inspected private dam near Toccoa, Ga., killed 39 persons, President Carter released the funds and told the Corps of Engineers to start making inspections.

Spruce Run Dam in New Jersey was selected as the first to be inspected because residents of the town below "expressed a desire to have it checked," said Dirk Hoffman, deputy director of the New Jersey Division of Water Resources, owner and operator of the 15-year-old, 90-foot high structure.

Hoffman accompanied the corps inspectors on the visit to the dam site in a state park 20 miles from the Pennsylvania border. Under the program ordered by Carter, the corps is to train state personnel for future safety inspections of privately owned dams.

National surveys show that fewer than half the states now have adequate dam inspection programs, and dams in these states will receive priority in the corps' effort.

California's state dam safety program is rated by experts as the best in the country, and Carter administration officials are using the California law as a model they are encouraging other states to adopt.

Offer snubbed

The Los Angeles Times — LOS ANGELES — Carter Hawley Hale Stores Inc., Los Angeles, earlier this week offered to buy Chicago-based Marshall Field and Co. for \$162 million — and promptly got a stinging rebuff that included an antitrust lawsuit to block the bid.

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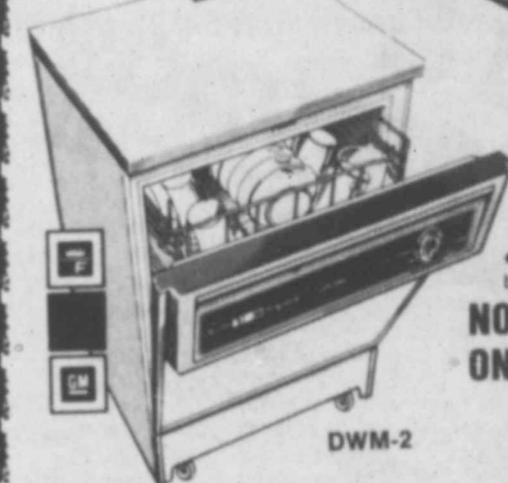
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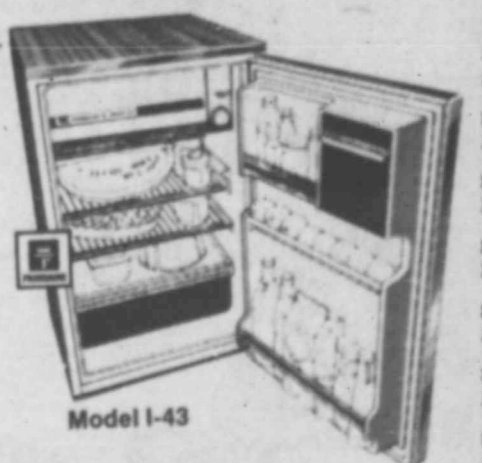
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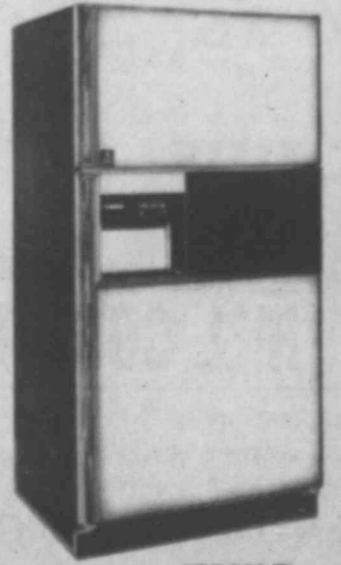
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The agreement on a new three-year contract averted a threatened slowdown by the controllers, who direct air traffic in and out of the nation's airports.

Ratification of the agreement was expected to take about five weeks, union officials said.

John F. Leyden, president of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, said the union reached a settlement Thursday after marathon bargaining session with the Federal Aviation Administration.

If the contract had not been settled, Leyden said, he was prepared to call for a job action "on the week prior to Christmas."

BRIDGE Depend on likely rather than unlikely

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

Mathematics will not tell you how a suit is going to break or whether a finesse will work. It will tell you what is likely to happen and how likely it is. In the long run you will profit by depending on what is likely rather than on what is unlikely.

South dealer North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
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♥ 8 6 3		♥ Q 10 9 7	
♦ 9 5 4 2		♦ 10 7	
♣ 7 5 3		♣ J 10 8 6	

WEST	EAST
♠ 10 8 7 2	♠ K 9 3
♥ J 4	♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ Q 8 6 3	♦ 10 7
♣ Q 9 2	♣ J 10 8 6

SOUTH			
♠ Q 1 4			
♥ A K 5 2			
♦ A K J			
♣ A K 4			

South West North East
3 NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 2

East wins the first trick with the king of spades and returns the nine to South's jack.

South has two sure tricks in each

suit and plans to try for his ninth trick in diamonds. There are two ways to play the diamonds, and South must choose.

One play is to cash the ace of diamonds and then get to dummy with a spade to try the diamond finesse. This works if East has the queen of diamonds.

The other play is to lead out the ace, king and jack of diamonds. This will set up dummy's nine if the suit breaks 3-3 or if the ten of diamonds drops early. South's jack of diamonds will be good if the queen drops early.

DOUBLE CHANCE

Few players would know the exact odds, but experienced players should judge that a double chance is better than a single chance.

The finesse is only an even money shot; the odds are better than 2 to 1 in favor of playing for a drop.

South should lead both top diamonds. When the ten drops, South leads the jack of diamonds to set up dummy's nine.

DAILY QUESTION

Partner opens with 2-NT (22 to 24 points), and the next player passes. You hold: SK93; HQ1097; D107; CJ1086. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid three clubs, the Stayman Convention. Asking partner to bid a major suit of four or more cards. If he bids three hearts, you will raise to four hearts; if he bids anything else, you will bid 3-NT.

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Rhodesian raids into Mozambique take heavy toll

The Washington Post

CHIMOIO, Mozambique — Rhodesian incursions deep into this newly independent "frontline" nation are creating havoc for tens of thousands of civilian refugees from the Rhodesia war living in camps along Mozambique's western border.

Mozambique authorities have just asked the United Nations to step up assistance to cope with an additional 8,000 to 10,000 refugees who have reportedly fled from rearbase and transit camps belonging to the Zimbabwe People's Army, the main nationalist guerrilla force, following the latest Rhodesian incursion. The guerrilla force takes its name from the African word for Rhodesia.

The plight of the Mozambican refugees is one of the least publicized aspects of the Rhodesian war. This is partly because they live in remote camps that are difficult to reach even in the dry season.

It is also partly due to the Mozambique government's effort to keep outsiders, even international agencies like the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, from visiting the camps. No foreign relief officials, not even doctors, are stationed in the camps, according to Western diplomatic sources. Only in the past couple of weeks has Mozambique allowed reporters to visit the camps.

While the Rhodesians insist they are only hitting camps of the Zimbabwe People's Army, each raid seems to leave death and destruction among the civilian refugees as well.

It is not clear whether this is deliberate Rhodesian policy or an "accident of war." Some international refugee officials say part of the problem lies in the failure of Rhodesia's nationalists to clearly separate the civilian population from the guerrilla camps.

There are already about 35,000 refugees settled in three U.N.-assisted and Mozambique-run camps. The largest is at Doro, about 20 miles northeast of here, housing nearly 18,000. It is a short distance from the main guerrilla camp the Rhodesians occupied and largely destroyed on Nov. 23-24.

Local authorities told three Western correspondents who were scheduled to visit Doro recently that it was no longer going now. The refugees were all hiding in the bush during the day for fear of more Rhodesian attacks, they said.

"Many have been traumatized by the attacks," explained one local official. "They don't want to talk even to us without their own leaders being present. They think we may be spies for Smith" — Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

The refugees still return to Doro camp at night, he said, but they have given up planting their fields just as the rainy season is getting under way. The result is expected to be a food shortage, as exists in the other official refugee camps.

The white-minority Rhodesian government has termed the November incursion — Rhodesia's biggest — a spectacular success, with as many as 3,000 casualties inflicted on the main nationalist guerrilla force.

The Mozambicans say the main victims were non-combatant women and children living in transit or reception camps.

The death toll is still mounting as more wounded refugees die in the hospital here and in the port city of Beira and in Tete City, 220 miles to the north. The latest official estimates are that about 100 refugees were killed in the Nov. 23-24 attack on the Mecombezi guerrilla camp outside this Portuguese-built colonial town and nearly 250 at another camp at Tembue in Tete Province. The number of wounded is put at 700.

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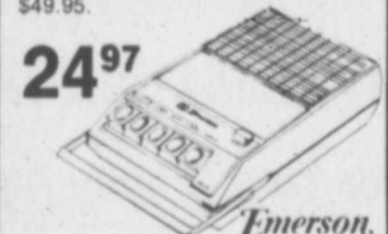
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ROSENELLE CHERRY, County Clerk MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS By Jeanette Moore Deputy (December 16, 17, 1977)

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