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## METRO EDITION

### Law officers still mystified by 29-year-old death

By BO BASKIN  
Special to the R-T

It was July 7, 1949. Homer Stillwell was dead.  
Gunned down in front of his north-side Midland home, the 29-year-old Stillwell lay bloody and motionless on his bermuda-grass lawn.  
Law enforcement officers combed the area, searching for a clue to the bizarre shooting, but the following morning, Stillwell's death remained a mystery.  
Twenty-nine years later, his death is still a mystery. Both his death and the wounding of his 31-year-old boarding house hallmate 15 months earlier have mystified not only the Midland police department and Sheriff's office, but also the Texas Rang-

ers, State Highway patrolmen and several private investigators.  
After more than a quarter century, no records of the incidents can be found in either police or sheriff's files.  
Indeed, today the events seem to live only in 29-year-old newspaper stories and a few human memories.  
The unusual story began in the spring of 1948. Midland had a population of only 18,000 people and a police force of only six officers. Its western limit was Garfield street, its northern limit Cuthbert.  
At the time, many young single people lived in Midland, where they aspired to learn the oil and gas business. Three such men — Wade Whiteley, Dick Erickson, and Homer Stillwell — rented rooms from a devout Methodist woman named Mrs.

Crosby Flanagan, who lived in a comfortable brick home in the 1200 block of West Texas Street.  
Whiteley, who is now a Midland insurance agent, recalls that Erickson was a tall, red-headed World War II veteran. A member of an extremely wealthy Cleveland family and a graduate of Stanford University, Erickson had moved to Midland in August 1947 to work as a scout for Stanolind Oil Company.  
Stillwell, whose room was adjacent to Erickson's, also was a World War II veteran and a Stanolind scout. Like Erickson, he had moved to Midland about a year earlier. Also like Erickson, he belonged to a wealthy northern (Chicago) family and had received an excellent education.  
Whiteley remembers that while the

two men's backgrounds were similar, their personalities were not.  
"Homer was withdrawn. He never opened up too much," says Whiteley, "he was sort of an odd duck, a loner."  
"But Dick was the complete opposite of Homer. Oh, they got along fine, but Dick was a very personable, congenial young man. He was outgoing, generous, and dedicated to learning the oil business."  
Former Midland County Sheriff "Big Ed" Darnell corroborates Whiteley's recollections of the two men. He remembers that while "everybody liked Dick," Homer was somewhat stiff and formal.  
"Homer was a good-looking boy — well-dressed and well-groomed all the time. He looked like he had fallen out

of a hand box.  
"But he just wouldn't let himself go."  
On Saturday, March 27, 1948, Mrs. Flanagan, Whiteley, and Stillwell had left Erickson alone at Mrs. Flanagan's.  
Around 10:30 p.m. Erickson was writing letters in his room when a .38-caliber bullet crashed through the window and burst through his left eye.  
Wounded but still conscious, the ex-Marine struggled to reach the telephone in the hall outside his bedroom. Gropping for support, he left bloody handprints on the hall walls and floor, Whiteley recalls.  
Erickson eventually reached the phone and called a doctor. Weakened by his loss of blood, however, he failed

to give the doctor an address.  
Law enforcement officers later said that Erickson's life probably was saved by the timely arrival of another roomer at the house — Homer Stillwell.  
Returning from the movie theater, Stillwell found the bleeding Erickson, called a physician and an ambulance, and aided in transferring him to the former Western-Clinic Hospital, now the Patio Building.  
"The bullet that hit Dick must have been faulty ammunition," says Whiteley, "because instead of taking off the side of his head, it somehow hit his nose, reversed itself and ended up  
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SHAKING HANDS with residents of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Thursday, is President Jimmy Carter. Carter, on a tour of Civil War and other historic sites, has not announced his travel plans in an effort to create little 'hoopla' and reduce needed security measures. (AP Laserphoto)

### Israel adds to forces 'along entire border'

By FAROUK NASSAR

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israel reinforced its troops along its borders with Lebanon and Syria today as Lebanese President Elias Sarkis threatened to resign unless both Syria and its Christian adversaries gave him a free hand to govern.  
An Israeli army spokesman in Tel Aviv confirmed a report by Radio Israel that the Jewish state had strengthened its forces "along the entire border" to the north. The reinforcements were sent up as another warning to Syria to stop its attack on Israel's Christian allies in Lebanon, the right-wing Phalange and National Liberal parties and their militias.  
The troop movement followed a flight of seven Israeli warplanes over Beirut on Thursday and a warning by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman that Israel would have to "do more than just take note" of the pounding Syrian guns have given Beirut's Christian quarter.

milits, from quitting.  
Syria's gunners were silent today, observing an unproclaimed cease-fire that began at dawn Thursday after the heaviest barrage of the six-day Syrian attack on the Christian half of Beirut. Sporadic sniper fire continued from Christian militiamen, but the 600,000 Christian residents began venturing out of their basement shelters.  
The police reported at least 184 Christians killed and 615 wounded since the first Syrian attack last Saturday. Syria did not report its casualties, but Christian gunmen claimed they killed many of their foes.

President Carter called for an end to the fighting, saying it "adds to the hatred and suffering accumulated over several years of tragedy in Lebanon."  
In Jerusalem, Elassar ben-Elassar, the director of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office, declared Israel's commitment "not to let the Christian population be annihilated in Lebanon."  
Begin said at a dinner Thursday night the "massacre" of Lebanese Christians demonstrated what could happen to Israel if it withdraws from the territories it occupied in the 1973 war.

### District judge impounds profits from CIA book

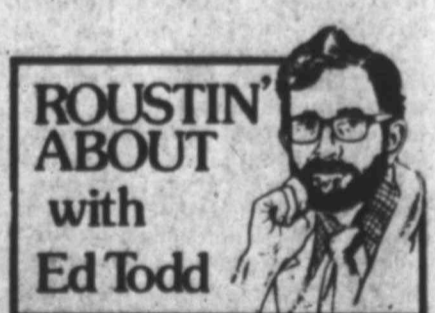
By DONALD SANDERS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal district judge today ordered that every cent Frank W. Snapp III makes from publication of a book about CIA actions during the fall of Saigon shall be impounded in a court-supervised trust.  
This may mean that Snapp will have to forfeit all his profits from the book, "Decent Interval." Attorneys have said the case will be appealed to higher courts.  
U.S. District Judge Oren R. Lewis also ruled that Snapp will be enjoined from any further violation of a secrecy agreement which he signed when he went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency requiring that anything he wrote about the agency should be submitted for pre-publication review.  
"The CIA cannot protect its intelligence sources and methods if its agents are allowed to determine what intelligence ought to be made public," Judge Lewis said in a written order.  
"One who breaches his trust and secrecy agreements with the agency of the United States charged with the responsibility of protecting intelligence sources and methods ought not to be permitted to retain his ill-gotten gains."  
"Anything less will not suffice to prevent unauthorized disclosure of such information."  
Snapp contended that his book did not disclose any confidential information, and government prosecutors in the civil suit did not contest this.  
The CIA maintained, however, that the book disclosed information about agency operations which should remain secret.  
Judge Lewis said that Snapp admitted he did everything he could to keep the CIA from knowing about the book prior to its publication.  
"The court finds from this evidence that Frank W. Snapp III willfully, deliberately and surreptitiously breached his position of trust with the CIA and the secrecy agreement dated Sept. 16, 1968, by causing Random House, Inc., to publish 'Decent Interval (An Insider Account of Saigon's Indecent End)' without specific prior approval by the Central Intelligence Agency."  
"The court further finds Mr. Snapp published the book 'Decent Interval' for personal financial gain — he admits he has already received some \$60,000 in advance and the contract

with Random House, Inc., calls for royalties and other potential profits."  
In his ruling that all of Snapp's profits shall be placed in trust, the judge said:  
"Therefore the court will exercise its equity powers and impose a constructive trust over and require an accounting of any and all revenues, gains, profits, royalties and other advantages derived by the defendant from the sale, serialization, republication rights in any form, movie rights or other distribution for profit of the work entitled 'Decent Interval.'"  
Bell lawyers launch appeal  
By PAUL SERAFINI  
NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for Attorney General Griffin B. Bell are trying to overturn a contempt of court ruling issued because Bell refused to give the Socialist Workers Party the files of 18 FBI informants.  
A hearing on the appeal was scheduled today, a day after Bell filed an affidavit in U.S. District Court to force the contempt issue and thus allow a higher court to review the government's position against producing the files.  
"I am advised by the solicitor general that my entering a status of contempt... will allow appellate review of the court's ruling concerning informants," Bell said in the affidavit filed Thursday with Judge Thomas P. Griesa.  
Griesa, on vacation in California, responded almost immediately by invoking a contempt citation issued last week but held in abeyance to give the nation's highest law enforcement officer a final chance to give up the files.  
Government lawyers answered Griesa's order by filing papers with an Appeals Court judge to stay the contempt citation pending appeal.  
A Justice Department spokesman in Washington said it was not unprecedented for an attorney general to defy a court order. But he said he knew of no prior case in which an attorney general actually had been held in contempt for such defiance.

### 'Modern-day pioneers' too busy running things to join in race

LAMESA — Though he was running around in his white tennis shoes, yellow shorts and a half-Lamesa T-shirt, Uncle Skeet Noret didn't run.  
He was too busy getting others signed up for the 2 1/2-mile trek — by walking, jogging, running, crawling or hopping — in Forrest Park.  
"This type of thing is getting to be very popular across the country," said Noret, who just happens to be Carolyn Cohorn's uncle.  
And this Cohorn gal, if there's any tie-in, was, like Sharon Wheeler, thoroughly dressed to resemble the Pioneer Woman immortalized via statue up at Ponca City, Okla. Each was wearing her grandmother's bonnet and enough dress to make a bolt of calico.  
Neither of these modern-day pio-



neer ladies ran, however. They, like Noret and a score of others, were moving events and people right along in the town's celebration called "75 Years of the Good Ole' Days in Lamesa." It came on the Fourth of July.  
Back to the pace: Noret, as if he were in the box office, was selling tickets for the run. The first 150 who finished what turned out to be a jog for most would get T-shirts similar to the one he was wearing.  
And 14 minutes after it started, a running threesome came in first: Danny Lucio, 15; Kenny Lindsey, 16, and Carlos Ybarra, 16.  
Next in and just 20 seconds or so behind the frontrunners was 36-year-old Robert Goralline Jr. in his West Texas Running Club T-shirt.  
The first woman and the 13th person to complete the course was Donna Stewart, 24. Moving in, too, at a respectable clip was soccer player-coach Connie Williams, 24; she's home from Dallas. Among the youngest to jog was 7-year-old J.J. Echols. Joe Coffey, who admits to being 40-plus, was among the more mature in the for-the-fun-of-it non-race.  
Farmer Don Vogler, 33, who hasn't really done any running since his college days when he was a long-dis-

ance runner, and his wife, Brenda, 30, came in without too much strain.  
Pretty Jan Chiles, 38, who runs a charm school here, jogged in on, of all things, three-inch wedge heeled shoes.  
The pride (no pun) of the run was a family representing three generations: sisters Helen Kent, 9, and Julie Kent, 7; their mother, Martha Whiddon Cohorn, a Big Spring real estate agent, and her mother, Vernie Whiddon, an Odessa Permian High School teacher of English. The grandmother preferred not to get involved in ages. Standing by to welcome at the tape was Dr. Ron Cohorn, a Big Spring psychologist. (The Big Spring and Lamesa Cohorns are very much related.)  
Noret was pleased with the walk-jog-run sport and smilingly parted with all those T-shirts, except, of course, the one he was wearing.  
By the way, if you should feel moved to read Shine Phillips' book "Big Spring: The Casual Biography of a Prairie Town," you might drop by Modesta's book store in Big Spring. Modesta Stokes, who owns the place, had 300 copies of this former best seller reprinted at a local print shop. This folksy book of tales sells for \$9.95 plus tax.  
Back in 1942, the book sold throughout the country and much of the world at \$2.50 each. But times, like the prices, do change. The book was marketed and reprinted many times by a major publishing house and has been out of print for some time. Your local library may have a copy or so in stock.  
And it's true: Aleen Read is the book store's manager.

Parts of city lose power  
Power in portions of West Midland was absent for about 20 minutes Thursday evening after the substation located at Cuthbert Avenue and Alpine Street was knocked out of service.  
Winston Barclay of Texas Electric Service Co.'s office in Midland said today the power failure apparently occurred after two young boys, ages 8 and 9, threw pieces of wire into the substation and one wire fell across the buswork on a transformer. He explained the buswork is a piece of aluminum. When the wire landed on the buswork, said Barclay, the aluminum shorted out and burned through.  
"That took the substation out of service," Barclay said.  
Damage to the buswork was being assessed early today. "The big question is how much work will be required to repair it," Barclay said, adding it may be necessary to bring in a portable unit "to take the plant down and do repair work."

**WEATHER**  
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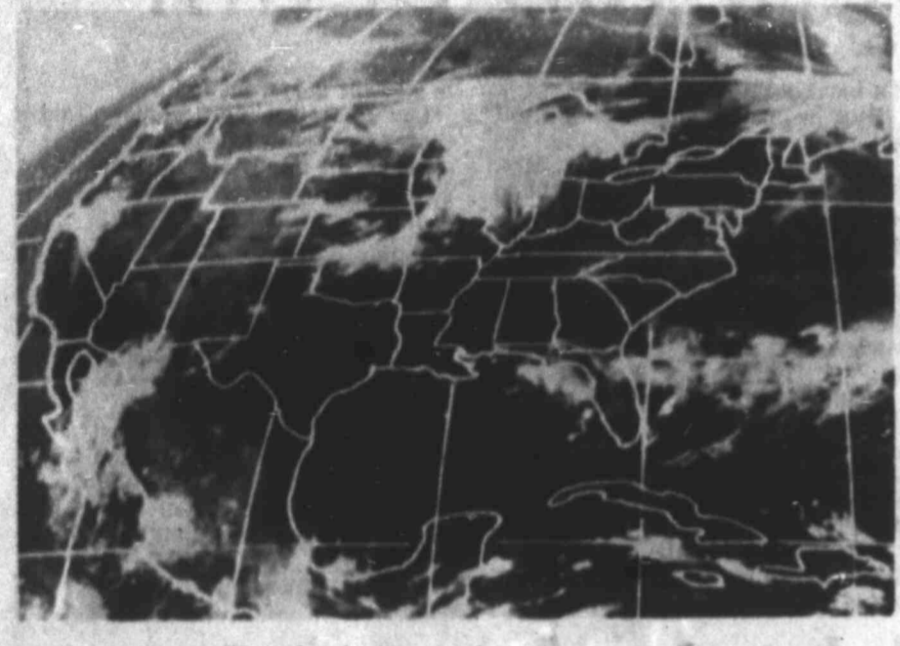
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WEATHER SUMMARY

FORECAST Until Saturday



SHOWERS ARE FORECAST today for Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, from New Mexico through the Plains and Midwest to the Great Lakes and from the northern Rockies to the northern Plains. Cooler weather is forecast from the northern Rockies to the upper Great Lakes but most of the country is expected to be warm. (AP Laserphoto Map)



TODAY'S satellite cloud picture shows an area of considerable cloudiness and thunderstorm activity covering much of the upper Midwest. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

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Weather elsewhere

A table listing temperatures for various cities across the United States. Columns include city names and their corresponding high and low temperatures.

Texas Thermometer

A table showing temperature readings for various Texas cities. Columns include city names, low temperatures, high temperatures, and precipitation.

Residents urged to stay away from Nazi march

CHICAGO (AP) — City leaders are urging residents to stay away from a planned Nazi march on the southwest side, while citizen groups remain divided on whether to counter-demonstrate. Mayor Michael Bilandic advised citizens Thursday: "Stay home from such events ... There's no greater disaster to these groups (like the Nazis) than to have no one there to listen."

Forty-two civil rights, religious and community groups from various parts of the city met Thursday to condemn Nazism, but they could not agree on whether to stage their own demonstration. Among the groups pledging to march were the militant Jewish Defense League, Operation PUSH, a local chapter of the NAACP and a group of Lithuanian-Americans who live in the Marquette Park area.



Crumpled pieces of sheetmetal are all that remains today of about 30 stables at Midland Downs, located on North Fairgrounds Road. (Staff Photo)

On anniversary, death still mystery

(Continued from Page 1A) moving downward and lodging in his neck. Indeed, Rube Hemingway, a Midland motorcycle policeman at the time and now a Midland County employee, recalls that after the shooting, the still-conscious Erickson felt something strange in the back of his neck. "A doctor at the clinic made an incision in the area of the feeling, and the bullet popped out. It had traveled several inches through his head without killing him."

much about himself," Whiteley verifies. "He never opened up about anything." But after the Erickson shooting, Homer did ask Whiteley a question, which in retrospect seems ominous. "We were talking one night," Whiteley remembers, "When Homer said, 'Wade, if you thought someone was after you, what would you do?'"

sited by a recent summer rain. At least one other neighbor told police of hearing a person run through nearby yards. Footprints were found in the moist ground beneath several windows of the house, prompting Whiteley to guess that the gunman had "cased" the house prior to the shooting. Officers followed the footprints to a point more than a block from the Stillwell residence, but then found no more.

of the same women at that time. Revenge is another possibility. Rumors spread that Stillwell had testified in a murder trial, which resulted in the imprisonment of a man, who vowed to kill Stillwell when he was released. Others say that the murder of the Chicago native was an underworld gangland slaying committed by a professional hit man and motivated by Stillwell's large gambling debts.

Servatius to replace Rutland in key news role

Jim Servatius, a news executive of the Plainview Daily Herald for the past 18 years, Thursday was named executive managing editor of The Midland Reporter-Telegram. It was announced by Jim Allison Jr., publisher of both newspapers. Servatius will assume responsibilities for directing all news operations of the Midland newspaper. He will succeed Tom Rutland, who has been managing editor for the past four years. Rutland is moving to Port Arthur, Texas, to enter private business.

David, 25; Steve, 23; Mike, 19, and Larry, 15. They are members of the Roman Catholic church. "We will miss the very capable talents of Tom Rutland, but understand his desire to enter private business," said Allison. "We are very fortunate, however, to be able to promote Jim Servatius within our organization to the position of executive managing editor." "Jim Servatius has served as editor and managing editor of the Plainview Daily Herald for 13 years and has done an outstanding job. I know he will continue to do so with The Reporter-Telegram and we welcome the addition of Jim to our management team."

Heat to continue into the weekend

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Horse dies in stall fire early today

One horse died and about 30 horse stalls were termed a total loss after a fire which was reported about 12:41 a.m. today at Midland Downs on North Fairgrounds Road, according to a spokesman with the Midland Fire Department. Fire Marshal Herbert Bloomer today said the fire department and sheriff's department are investigating cause of the blaze. The fire may have started around a building containing hay, Bloomer said. At least 30 horse stalls were totally destroyed, he said. The stalls were constructed of sheet metal and had sawdust in the bottom, and they burned readily, according to Bloomer.

June car sales make history

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. automakers sold more cars last month than in any June in auto history as they continued the robust sales pace that began in early spring. The Big Four auto companies delivered 949,849 cars in June, up 3.3 percent from the previous record set a year ago. Import figures, released monthly, were incomplete Thursday, but analysts estimated that they would be about 190,000 — down slightly from a year ago. Such a performance by the imports, however, would make last month the best June ever for the overall industry, topping the record set a year ago.

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DEATHS

Ernest Wilson

Services for Ernest Richard Wilson, 57, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in the Thomas Funeral Home. Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery. Wilson died Wednesday from injuries received in an industrial accident in Sweetwater. He was born Sept. 23, 1920, in Las Vegas, N.M. He was a 15-year employee of Aztec Drilling Co. There are no survivors.

Mary Vickers

ODESSA — Graveside services for Mary Ruth Vickers, 55, of Odessa were Wednesday in Rosehill Cemetery directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home here. Mrs. Vickers died Sunday night at her home. She was born March 21, 1923, in Avery. She moved to Odessa in 1951 from Corpus Christi. She married A.O. Vickers Dec. 22, 1938, in Arkansas. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Carol Ann McClurg, of Hobbs, N.M., and Deloris Gail Moore of Corpus Christi; a brother, W.L. Seen of Texas City, and a grandson.

O. Jacobsen Jr.

Oliver O. "Sonny" Jacobsen Jr., 39, of 3203 Mariana Ave. died today in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Sue, and his father, Oliver O. Jacobsen Sr. of Midland.

Flora Rose

Graveside services for Flora H. Rose, 77, of 210 E. Summit Ave. will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Jimmy Stovall, pastor of South Memorial Baptist Church, officiating. Services will be directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Rose died Wednesday in a Midland hospital. She was born Aug. 2, 1900, in Louisville, Miss. She was reared in Memphis, Tenn. She married Joseph Rose Feb. 22, 1930, in Memphis. They moved to Denison in 1932 and to Midland in 1951. She was active in church work and was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Joseph Rose, and two nieces, Sue Smith of Rogers, Ark., and Frances Lane of Louisville, Miss.

Juan Heredia — BIG SPRING — Mass for Juan Heredia, 67, of Big Spring, was to be at 10 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home. Heredia died Wednesday in a Big Spring hospital after a sudden illness. He was born Feb. 18, 1911, in Mexico and married Alta Rodriguez Nov. 19, 1932, in Big Spring. He had lived in Midland prior to moving here. He had lived at Knott and Lenora for the last 24 years. He was a member of the Lenora Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife; a son, Albert Heredia of Midland; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Renteria of Knott and Mrs. Isma Rodriguez of Midland; a stepbrother, Melesio Brito of Knott; five stepsisters, Maria Gutierrez of Lubbock, Juanita Rodriguez of Stanton, Soleda Rodriguez of Sand Springs, Mrs. Pasquela Garcia of Lenora and Cresencia Rios of Big Spring and eight grandchildren.

Robert Cloe — TAHOKA — Services for Robert Nathan Cloe, 37, of Tahoka, brother of Edward Wayne Cloe of Midland and Merrill Lynn Cloe of Odessa, were to be at 3 p.m. today in First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Jim Turner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Tahoka Cemetery directed by White Funeral Home. He died Thursday in his home. Cloe, a native of Tahoka, had lived here most of his life and had graduated from Tahoka High School. He married Nila Raye Blair on June 27, 1961. He was an employee of Cloe Texaco Inc. and a member of the Church of Christ. Other survivors include his wife, his parents, a grandmother, a sister and two brothers.

Mattie Copeland — DENTON — Services for Mattie L. Copeland, 83, of Denton, mother of Arthur L. Copeland and J.C. Copeland, both of Midland, will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Goen Funeral Home here with the Rev. Terry Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Denton County. Mrs. Copeland died Thursday in a Denton nursing home. She was born in Graham on May 21, 1895. She was a lifelong resident of Denton. Other survivors include three sons, four daughters, a brother, a sister, 36 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

William Donovan

Memorial services for William H. Donovan, 57, of 4415 Princeton St. will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Church of Religious Sciences in Midland. He died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital after an extended illness. Donovan, who had been a resident of Midland for three years, was the former owner of Donovan's Stewpot here.

Carter's criticism stings him

By JAMES GERSTENZANG

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watch out, Mr. President. You might not like what you're about to read. — "The best and perhaps the only way for President Carter to put an end to the babbling incoherence of his administration's foreign policy is to fire Zbigniew Brzezinski."

— "The problem with the Carter administration is not Zbigniew Brzezinski but Jimmy Carter; he is afraid of genuine debate about public policy." The first, from The Nation, and the second, from The New Republic, are just two samples of commentary available to the president today as he opens up the weekly White House summary of current magazines, prepared for his reading while he vacations at Camp David, Md.

They represent a dose of sharp criticism typical of that seen by Carter on almost a daily basis as he watches network television news programs and reads daily newspapers, magazines, and staff-prepared summaries of newspapers and magazine articles from across the country and the political spectrum.

He is hardly sheltered from unpleasant news stories, columnists' views or editorials if he chooses to read them. On occasion, he is quick to react.

One recent headline in The Washington Post so displeased him that Jody Powell, his press secretary, got an early-morning call at home from the president of the United States expressing his complaint.

Within a few hours — by 9:45 a.m. — Powell called reporters into the Oval Office, where Carter, delivering a rare public criticism of the fourth estate, called the Post's story about problems in the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty talks "totally inaccurate."

Each president in recent years has developed his own method of keeping up with the news. Richard M. Nixon was presented summaries of stories in major newspapers, but he was cushioned from sharply critical copy.

Such is not the case with Carter, according to deputy press secretary Rex Granum. Lyndon B. Johnson, far from insulating himself from the negative news, was an avid reader, keeping

close watch of news service teletypes running constantly in his office and on three television sets in the Oval Office tuned each evening to the network news programs.

The tickers and televisions are gone from the Oval Office these days, but the president has access to both.

A single television set is hidden discreetly in the private study he often uses and the White House Communications Agency videotapes the evening news programs so the president can view them at time permits.

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## Home gets historical designation

CLARKSVILLE — An early 19th century gabled house built by Texas revolutionist William Becknell and restored by former Midland Police Chief Harold Wallace and his wife Ella Ruth has been designated as a Texas State Historical Site.

Wallace, Midland police chief from 1952 until his retirement in 1976, and his wife purchased the old house in 1967, moved it to the Little Chicago Community four miles west of this Red River County seat, and restored it.

Becknell built the house from milled lumber sometime after he returned from fighting in the 1836 Texas War for Independence against Mexico. He is reputed to have opened the Santa Fe Trail in 1821. Much later, he was a captain in the Texas Rangers.

The house is patterned on a variation of the Victorian gingerbread architectural style, and is supported by six Corinthian columns rising from an open porch.

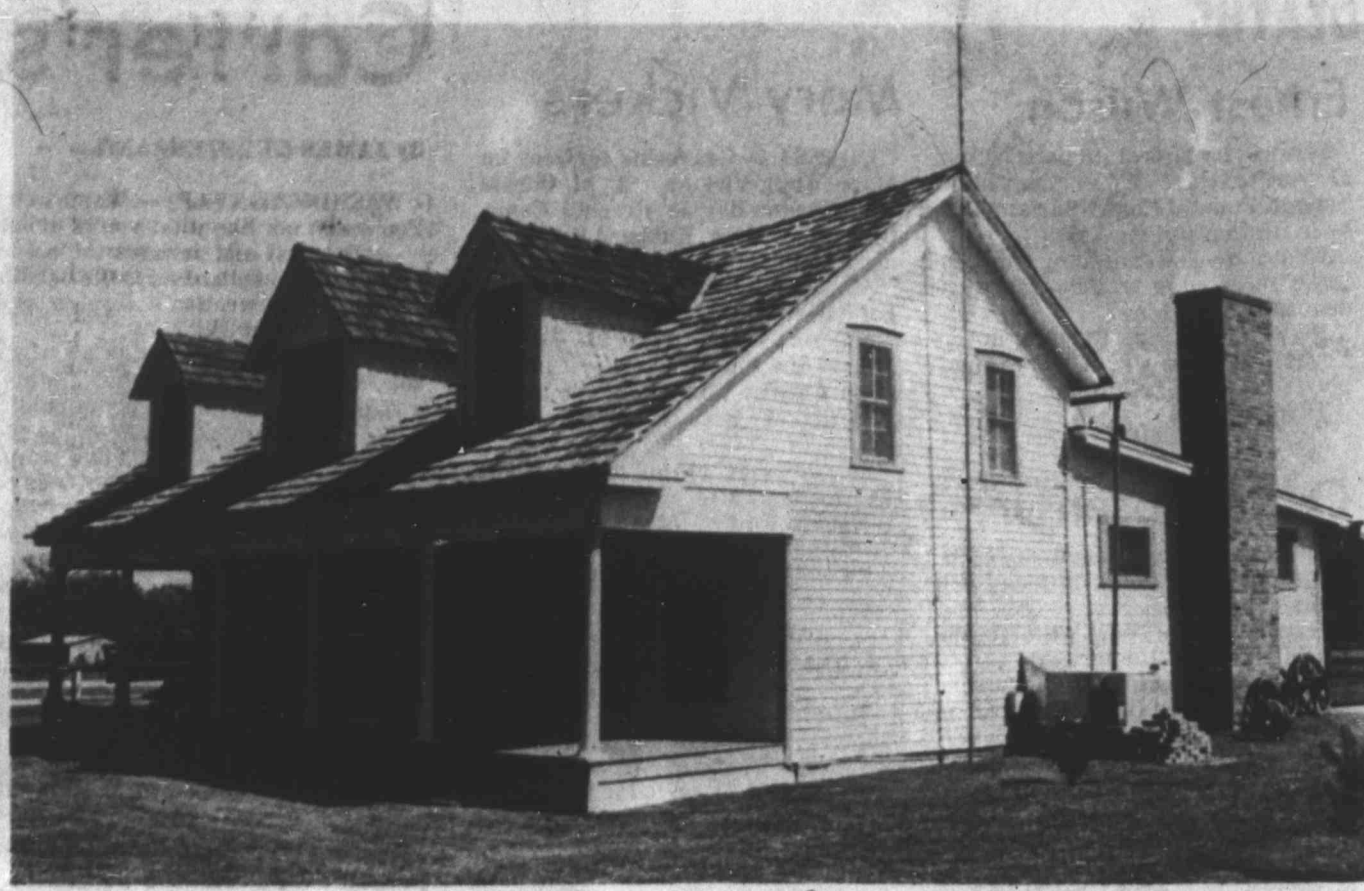
Three dormers are built into the sloping shingled roof.

Wallace, 64, is, like his wife, a native of Red River County in Northeast Texas, and lived near the old run-down Becknell place when he was growing up around Clarksville. The couple moved to Midland in 1951.

Wallace, who apparently had planned to return to his birthplace when he retired from the Midland police force, brought the old Becknell house in 1967 for \$750 from Woodrow Fleming of Friona and had the house moved to the Little Chicago Community.



Harold and Ella Ruth Wallace flank the Texas Historical Commission marker designating the restored William Becknell house, near Clarksville, as a Texas historical site. The Wallaces restored the house, which is now their home.



The 19th century gabled house, built by Texas revolutionist William Becknell, has been restored by former Midlanders, Harold and Ella Ruth Wal-

lace. This Red River County house has been tabbed a Texas State Historical Site by the Texas Historical Commission.

## Stronger system won't guarantee no blackouts

By MARTIN MERZER

NEW YORK (AP) — Power companies around the country, learning from New York's citywide blackout last year, have strengthened their systems for delivering electricity this summer. But officials still aren't offering guarantees that a major blackout won't happen again.

"We know damn well that once you say there probably won't be a blackout, there usually is one," says Francis Rivett, a spokesman for New York's Public Service Commission. "We don't tempt fate."

So far in 1978, about 775,000 Americans have endured power failures lasting from a few minutes to 17 hours.

Hundreds of thousands of others were affected by voltage reductions caused mainly by the coal strike earlier this year.

It was just about a year ago that Charles Luce, chairman of Consolidated Edison of New York, was saying his utility was in its best shape in 15 years. Three days later, after lightning bolts hit transmission equipment on a hot and humid July 13, 9 million metropolitan New York area residents dependent on Con Ed were plunged into a total power loss.

It took nearly 18 hours to restore all service. Hundreds were hurt in looting and accidents. Damage claims for \$10 billion were filed.

A 208-page staff report by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Thursday said the New York City emergency "resulted from a combination of natural elements, equipment malfunctions, questionable system design features, and operating errors."

The report, however, praised Con Ed for taking corrective steps since then which it said now make the city's electrical system less vulnerable to a similar blackout.

Following the New York blackout, the Federal Power Commission ordered each utility to examine its system.

"There was quite a bit learned from the New York blackout," said Dave Nevius of the National Electric Reliability Council, which monitors power reliability throughout the nation.

"It's unfortunate, but this is the way other systems learn to make provisions against similar problems in their areas."

Among utilities surveyed by the Associated Press: —Detroit Edison, serving about 5 million people, said it made dramatic gains in load shedding, the process by which a utility stops power to a relatively few customers in order to maintain service to the rest.

Slow, skimpy load shedding contributed to New York's problem last year, investigators have said.

"It used to take us about 30 minutes to shed (about one-fifth of the) load,

now we're down to three minutes by using more sophisticated equipment," said Ken Falk, a Detroit Edison official.

—Florida Power & Light Co., serving about 2 million people in south and

central Florida, installed a "system simulator" to teach controllers how to respond to developing power emergencies, such as a flight simulator teaches pilots to handle emergencies. FP&L also is installing a more so-

phisticated control center to monitor power flow.

—The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, serving about 7 million people, now tests load-shedding devices every three months.

## High court says company not liable

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court reversed two lower courts Wednesday, holding the Armstrong Rubber Company was not liable for the death of a test driver who was killed at the Automobile Proving Grounds, Inc., near Pecos, when a tire blew out.

The Supreme Court, in its unanimous opinion, said a trial court erred at Odessa, and subsequently the El Paso Court of Civil Appeals, erred in upholding the doctrine of strict liability in the accident.

The accident occurred on April 13, 1972, while Clemente Vruquides was employed as a test driver at the proving grounds, and was testing the Armstrong tires on a truck-tractor rig. While driving at a speed of 60 miles per hour, the left front tire blew, causing Vruquides to lose control of the vehicle.

Armstrong admitted that 50 percent of the tread was worn down on the tire, but said it was a "non-interest spare." According to Court briefs, a "non-interest spare" is mounted on a vehicle, with tires being tested, but with that tire itself not being tested.

For this reason, Armstrong said it was not liable for the accident.

And the Supreme Court agreed. Writing for the court, Associate Justice Sears McGee said, "The defective tire, although not itself the subject of the test, always remained within the industrial, testing process. Accordingly, the tire never entered the stream of commerce. The lower courts, therefore, inappropriately applied the doctrine of strict liability to the present industrial transaction."

Believing Armstrong Rubber was liable for the accident, lower courts had awarded Vruquides' widow \$75,000, and his son \$12,000 in damages.

## Insurance decision scheduled

AUSTIN, TEXAS (AP) — State Insurance Board members scheduled a decision Monday on insurance rate increases that mean "many, many millions of dollars" to Texas home owners.

The Monday session was set after board chairman Hugh Yantis recommended late Thursday that Texans be given another year without an increase in their homeowners insurance premiums.

Insurance authorities estimate the present insurance bill paid by Texas property owners at \$807.8 million. Yantis also asked his fellow board members to prohibit any insurance company from reducing agents' commissions as a result of any rate increase the company fails to get.

Yantis said he had no objection to a 9.4 percent increase in separate fire policies recommended by the board staff.

The staff had recommended a 13.1 percent hike in homeowners' premiums. The insurance industry asked for a 14.1 percent hike.

"My study of the reports shows that about 80 percent of the homeowner policies sold are sold at deviated or discounted prices at an average rate of about 15 percent," Yantis said.

"What the figures say to me is that almost all insurance sold on homes is being sold at rates lower than the requested rate increase."

"I cannot see that a rate increase is justified," Yantis said.

Neither Ned Price nor Durwood Manford, the other two board members, expressed themselves on Yantis' recommendation before the hearing was recessed.

"Many, many millions of dollars ride on our decision," Yantis said.

Sam Winters, Austin attorney representing 300 insurance companies doing business in Texas, said state law says that the board will fix a maximum rate for premiums, "not an average or fair rate." He said the deviation or discount was not material to the statewide hearing because each company's deviation application is considered individually by the board.

"What we are after is that maximum rate that is suitable for the risk without the deviation, otherwise you screw up the procedure," said David Irons, another spokesman for the industry.

Joe Boggins, representing insurance agents, asked for more time to consider Yantis' recommendation by agency commissions.

## Deceptive discard works for declarer

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

I'm not sure who played today's hand. It happened in a national tournament some years ago, and my memory isn't what is used to be.

South dealer		Both sides vulnerable	
<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ J 4 3			
♥ 10 9 8 4 3 2			
♦ 10 9 8 5			
♣ None			
<b>WEST</b>			
♠ 9 8 7 3	♥ 10 6		
♦ A	♣ 6		
♦ K J 7	♠ A Q 4		
♠ J 10 9 8 3	♣ K Q 7 6 5 4 2		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ A K Q 5			
♥ K Q J 7 5			
♦ 8 3 2			
♣ A			
South West North East		1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All Pass	
Opening lead — ♠ J			

My notes say that South was Larry Weiss. The Boston Larry Weiss is a distinguished and conservative at-

torney; the Los Angeles Larry Weiss, an insurance broker. Both are well known bridge experts.

South wilfully and maliciously discarded a spade from dummy with the ace of clubs. Since South's weakness was diamonds his play was an attempt to tell the opponents a fib.

When South led a trump at the second trick West won and shot back the nine of spades, trying to attack South's weak point.

**SHAKES HEAD**  
Larry Weiss shook his head sadly at this naive defense. "Tsk, tsk," he said, but my notes don't reveal whether the accent was Bostonian or Californian.

And Weiss ran his spades, discarding two diamonds from the dummy. Then he could cheerfully give up two diamond tricks.

Would a lawyer do a thing like that? Or would an insurance man? Will the true Larry Weiss please stand up and confess?

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# Here's how to handle wayward cleaning lady

**By VIVIAN BROWN**  
AP Newsfeatures

A father of four was recently indoctrinated into the fine art of choosing a cleaning lady. His wife was ill.

It was no small financial transaction, \$6 an hour, and he needed the help once a week for eight hours. He learned a lot from three experiences, and he passes on some suggestions that might be helpful to others:

"Better not choose the hired hand for a Monday — she may be sleeping off a Sunday bender while you wait to give instructions before leaping on the train for work.

"She may have no respect for your towels. She may wad up wash cloths and guest towels and use them with abrasive cleaners. The cleaner-upper may have popped them into the washing machine afterward, and without your knowledge of what has happened they may turn up full of holes caused by the caustic cleaners.

"Who knows, she may use bath

like. You name it. Her car can muster it up. Or if it isn't the car perhaps it was her husband or children taken suddenly ill or she had to drive a child to a day camp because the bus broke down.

"Be sure the wine or liquor bottles are kept out of reach. If she is to be there alone, she'll find them if she is inclined to nip while your wife naps. I leave out a few empty bottles and store current bottles with neighbors.

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towels or anything else available in the bathroom that will soak up water and cleanser to clean the tub and the basin and maybe even the floor (you may get lucky and have a cleaning

person that doesn't do floors!)." He's had the experience with their favorite towel which now looks like a nesting place for swallows — at least there are plenty of holes in it.

"Expensive, perfumed soap may be used to wash the dog (cleaning persons who don't do floors surprisingly enough may do dogs) ... expensive perfume may be squirted about where she has been smoking and don't be surprised that lipstick-stained cigarette butts are left in the ash trays (which you paid her to clean) after she has left."

On the one occasion when he spent a day at home with the cleaning person, the employer made several other observations:

She likes to drink milk out of the carton, since this saves washing a glass after use. Ditto ginger ale or any other liquid stored in the refrigerator. Then, too, if her shoes need a little touching up a handy kitchen dish towel can be used.

As the parent points out, not all housekeepers would put a family through such unpleasanties, but recognizing the signs might help pinpoint some types not suited for your employment.

## Exercise tip: take your time getting fit

**By DARLA WELLES**  
Copley News Service

Say you're 35, and you spend your working days at a desk. And you go home at night, sit down and put your feet up, and maybe have a drink or two.

And maybe you smoke. And maybe you're a little overweight. And you know you should be doing something about your health. Something to get you fit so you won't have a heart attack before you're 50. Something like getting some exercise.

So how do you get started? Slowly, literally walking before you run.

That's the advice of Dr. Kenneth Cooper, the man who's credited with starting America jogging with the publication of his first book, "Aerobics," in 1968.

Cooper, who remains one of the nation's leading experts on and proponents of physical fitness, advocates exercise wholeheartedly, but cautions against overdoing it at first.

He suggests easing into an exercise program over a period of weeks.

Cooper says that it could take a sedentary person between the ages of 30 and 39 as much as 10 to 16 weeks to fully work into an exercise regimen that would be effective in combatting cardiovascular disease.

For someone who chose to take up running, for instance, the early phase of the program would be taken up with brisk walking. The second phase would combine the walking with jogging. Then, finally, would come the full-scale running routine.

Once established, the exercise program needs to be continued with two or more sessions a week to maintain its effectiveness, he says.

Exercising just once a week, he says, is more harmful than not exercising at all. At least two vigorous sessions are required to maintain a level of fitness. And three or more, even if short, are best, once the body has been conditioned for it.

Cooper himself runs about 15 miles a week in four or five relatively short workouts. At 47, he's been keeping records of his running since 1960. He says he's logged 16,514 miles as of last Dec. 31.

But it isn't just mileage, and it isn't

just running that Cooper is talking about. He's talking about a system of exercise — aerobics — which does more than firm up the muscles and make the body look good. A system that is proving to have a direct effect on toning up the cardiovascular system and making the body work well.

It's a system that can be measured, quantitatively and qualitatively, on a point scale so that it is possible to specifically tailor an exercise program to fit the needs, capability and lifestyle of the individual.

The number of points required per week for the man in his 30s is 30. Less than that number, Cooper says, is little better than doing no exercise at all. And even just a few more points — say just four or five more — can bring about significant changes in the factors that are analyzed to determine the state of cardiovascular health. Those include cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood, weight loss, the ratio of body fat and blood pressure readings.

If 30 sounds a lot, remember that Cooper's 15 miles a week of running tallies up to about 80 points for him and that athletes in training for the Olympics routinely rack up 600 to 700 points.

And the points can be accumulated in a number of ways. Walking at the rate of one mile in 18 minutes will earn one point. Running at the rate of one mile in seven and one-half minutes earns five points. Playing a vigorous game of racquetball for one hour earns nine points.

In fact, the point scale covers 28 different exercises including swimming, bicycle riding and a variety of other activities which cause the body to utilize oxygen.

They're all endurance activities, as opposed to short-burst activities. That is, running a mile instead of sprinting a half-block. Things that get the system functioning at a higher level and keep it that way for long enough to do some good.

And almost anybody can do something on the point list, Cooper says, except for those who have extremely severe heart problems requiring surgical correction before any form of exercise can be un-



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### DEAR ABBY

## Jealous wife should 'pull in her claws'

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband owns his own business. It's small, but fairly successful. He has 10 men working for him and one girl (I'll call her "Jill") who handles the office and does a great job. Jill is only 20 and not super-attractive, but not ugly either.

My husband and four of the men who work for him recently formed a bowling team. They're all married men with families. Well, Jill decided that these men need her support, so she started showing up at the bowling alley with a girlfriend when the men bowl.

One of the wives complained to me about it, so I told my husband and he said it's a free country and Jill can go anywhere she wants. He said he doesn't want to lose her as an employee, so he's not going to say anything to her.

I say she should be told very nicely to clean up her act. She gave my husband a Christmas present after working for him about a month. I think she's coming on too strong, but if you think I'm wrong, I'll let it go. Sign me...—LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1

**DEAR LOOKING:** I fail to see what is "dirty" about the girl's act. I agree with your husband. Jill has a right to go where she wants. And if you and the other wives are wise, you'll pull in your claws.

**DEAR ABBY:** I wish you would say something

about the selfishness of people who buy two-door automobiles when they could just as easily buy a car with four doors. Of course, those two-door car owners don't have to worry. They always ride up in front, and never have the inconvenience of having to crawl in and out of a car and be confined back there with no leg room whatsoever.

Please don't tell me that two-door cars are

cheaper. When one spends \$6,000 for an automobile, a few hundred dollars more doesn't matter. I have also heard the excuse that two-door models are sportier and better looking! That is also ridiculous.

Personally, I would rather stay home than ride in the back seat of a two-door car. And I hope you will see fit to print this in your column because I know others share my opinion.—NO NAME, PLEASE

**DEAR NO NAME:** Two-door cars are preferred by some parents with small children. Others prefer them for other reasons. The option is yours: Ride or stay home.

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# Summer—time for an itch or two or three or four

By ANDY LINDSTROM  
Copley News Service

Summer is the season to be itchy, and poisonous plants have a way of aggravating the strangest places.

A telephone lineman got a rash of the tummy while shimmying to fix a broken connection. He failed to heed a vine of ivy twining up the wooden pole.

A gardener's face began to itch after he burned some raked-up shrubs, and a jogger's knees blistered after she trotted down a woody path.

Itchy rash broke out from head to toe when a jodder crawled through a compost pile cut six months earlier.

Thousands of Americans, from picnicking families to lover's lane twosomes, fall victim each year to North America's most

pernicious plant — poison rhus and its relatives.

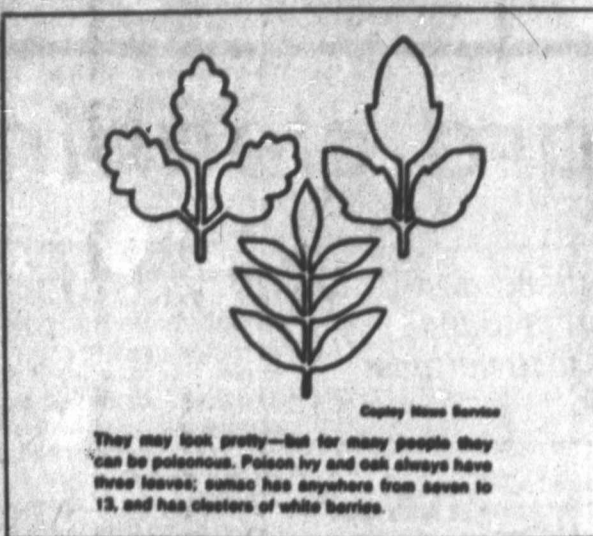
Other countries have similar snares, like Japanese lacquer trees and mango rinds in India, but only in America is poison rhus lurking in the weeds.

And no matter where it strikes the unsuspecting anatomy, the rhus family — poison ivy, oak and sumac — leaves an itchy rash as its calling card.

For some, the rash is a mild pink and disappears quickly. For others, the rash is burn-red, angry with huge, weeping blisters and destined to last a number of weeks.

For a lucky few, contact with the rhus family has no more effect than brushing a butterfly's wings. Allergy to the plant's "poison," for reasons as mysterious as the action of the rash itself, never develops.

Skin doctors warn,



however, that even the lucky few may not be as immune as they think. "I recently treated a 90-year-old man who contacted poison ivy for the first time," said dermatologist Dr. Adarsh Kumar.

"He was an ardent outdoorsman who obviously had come into

contact with the plant many times during his life. For some unknown reason, his system waited this long to acquire contact dermatitis."

Kumar said three out of every four Americans will break out in contact dermatitis, the well-known skin rash of poison plants, if they are ex-

posed.

Prolonged exposure will probably sensitize almost all the rest of the population, according to Dr. Alexander Fisher of the American Medical Association.

Some dermatologists express doubt, in fact, that anyone is completely immune to the danger of poison plants. Actually, Kumar said, it's not poison lurking in the sap of the three-leaved culprits. It's a substance called oleoresin, and it causes an allergy similar to hay fever or asthma.

In the winter, oleoresin hides in a plant's roots. In spring and fall, however, the plant is in season and oleoresin migrates to the farthest leaves and branches.

"Oleoresin is a common factor in all the rhus plants," Kumar said. "It is what we call a

catechol, and contact with the skin results in an allergy or delayed hypersensitivity reaction."

The delay, during which antibodies rush to the point of attack in a furious defense by the body against invading oleoresin, takes from 10 days after an initial exposure to a couple of hours for highly allergic victims.

"Quick action with soap and water can wash off the catechol before it has a chance to penetrate the skin," Kumar said.

"Once in, however, the allergic response must run its own course."

Most home remedies have little effect once dermatitis develops. Some products, in fact, can be harmful.

"Creams and ointments just help speed the condition," Kumar said. "Simple compresses, warm water and

calomine lotion are as good as anything."

Contrary to popular superstition, water is an effective short-term treatment. Warm water will relieve itching and breaking the blisters does not necessarily spread the rash.

Neither redness nor secondary allergies are among the complications of the medications, Kumar said, sometimes producing reactions more painful than the original itch.

Relief comes from cortisone, orally or by shots, and antihistamines. "Cortisone attacks the inflammation and antihistamines stop the itching," Kumar said.

"They work within hours and clear up the rash in a day or two. You can't buy them without a prescription because there are possible complications."

Drowsiness and secondary allergies are among the complications of the medications, Kumar said, sometimes producing reactions more painful than the original itch.

"Cortisone will cure the rash that gets out of hand,

and we have reserve times in the office for emergency calls.

"Nonetheless, when it comes to poison rhus, the best advice for anyone in the outdoors still is the old adage, "Leaves of three, let it be."

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## Female psychology professor wants to change men, women stereotypes

By JOTUBB  
Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES — "Frankly, I don't know that it makes any difference if a mother stays home with her children or not," Beverly Fridley says rather boldly.

"I don't think it hurts mine any when I was away from home working."

An irresponsible mother? Some might assume so. But Fridley, a psychology professor with four children, is determined to erase such assumptions.

"Gradually the situation is changing," she notes, "but it's a slow and sometimes painful process."

To hasten that process, Fridley for the last three years has taught an outreach course for Los Angeles Harbor College, "Changing Roles of Women and Men."

Her students explore the psychological and sociological aspects of womanhood, the effects of biological differences upon personality traits and ways in which behavioral roles and expectations differ between the sexes.

Though not a militant feminist, Fridley would like to see fewer differences in those behavioral roles and expectations.

She's also out to change stereotypes held about women and men, and the respective roles they "should" play in society.

"I think there's been too much pressure on women to be super-feminine and men to be masculine," she says. "They're expected to fill certain very tight roles."

Accident losses at record high

NEW YORK (AP) — Economic losses resulting from auto accidents reached an all-time high of \$47.7 billion in 1977, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

The institute said "a record number of traffic accidents together with continuing inflation in the costs of auto repairs, medical and health care contributed to the record loss figure."

It said the 1977 figure represented a 16.7 percent increase over the \$40.9 billion in economic losses it had reported for 1976.

in the Fridley home, Beverly takes care of about 70 percent of the "homework" and Don the remaining 30 percent.

She admits it isn't yet an ideal situation, "but it's a lot better than the 100 percent share many women have."

She's also encouraged that newlyweds today seem to be sharing household responsibilities from the beginning more than those in the past.

"When we get rid of rigid feminine and masculine stereotypes, we allow men and women to be just people, and I think that works out better for everybody."

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# SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY E. POLIAN

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

**NARROC**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**THUCE**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**SYTUR**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**SELTEN**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



No time is perfect. I can remember when there was all the on-street parking you could want, but you couldn't get a seat on the

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

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS

3 UNSCRAMBLE FOR ANSWER

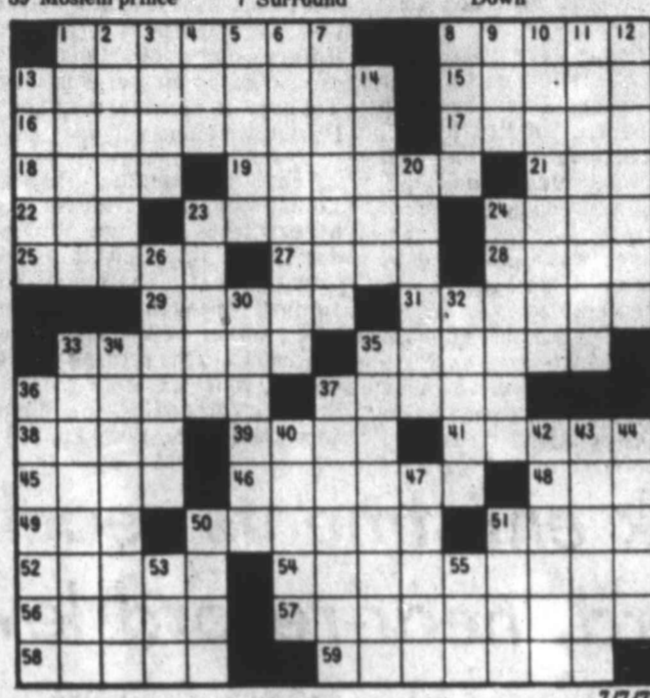
SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS  
1 No time is perfect. I can remember when there was all the on-street parking you could want, but you couldn't get a seat on the floor - Chuck - Funny - Rusty - Neater - Streetcar

# DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Type of sale
  - 8 "Get lost!" London style
  - 13 First citizen
  - 15 Circumvent
  - 16 Uncommunicative state
  - 17 Device using high-energy atoms
  - 18 Actor Wallace and namesakes
  - 19 - Stanford
  - 21 Roofing
  - 22 - Carlos
  - 23 Depart hurriedly, Spanish style
  - 24 Flooring
  - 25 Guru, usually
  - 27 Donkey: Ger.
  - 28 Fail to include
  - 29 Humorous word for "think"
  - 31 Accentuate
  - 33 Exhortation to a sinner
  - 35 Ranger's responsibility
  - 36 River into Bristol Channel
  - 37 Nongregarious chap
  - 38 Mosque of -
  - 39 Moslem prince
- DOWN**
- 1 Designating a certain college course
  - 2 Eye part
  - 3 Very old Egyptian
  - 4 Man's nickname
  - 5 Daughter of William the Conqueror
  - 6 Type of dwelling
  - 7 Surround
  - 8 Maintained
  - 9 Eggs: Lat.
  - 10 Puzzles and others
  - 11 Dreamer
  - 12 Rein rings
  - 13 The fourth estate
  - 14 Coquette
  - 20 One of the Rockefellers
  - 23 Treacherous person
  - 24 Corrida luminary
  - 26 Listless ones
  - 30 Native
  - 32 Lock
  - 33 Shifting (to)
  - 34 Dissipate like vapor
  - 35 Appellation
  - 36 Kenya's neighbor
  - 37 Word-for-word
  - 40 Traveler's choice
  - 42 Monastery dweller
  - 43 Horn
  - 44 Swerved, nautically speaking
  - 47 Advertiser's concern
  - 50 English county
  - 51 Carangid fish
  - 53 Swedish county
  - 55 Relative of 40



# FUNKY WINKERBEAN

THE YOUNG MEN STAYING HERE AT THE LIGHTHOUSE HAVE TO LEND A HAND IN RUNNING THE PLACE AND THEY ALL SEEM TO ADAPT TO IT PRETTY WELL.

NEAL, WILL YOU TELL THE GUYS TO START USING THE ASHTRAYS? AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHAT I PUT THEM OUT FOR!

SOME MORE THAN OTHERS.



# BLONDIE

WHAT'S IN THE JAR? PENCIL SHAVINGS

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WITH THEM?

I DON'T KNOW

WHEN YOU GET ENOUGH, MAYBE YOU CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE A NEW PENCIL!



# MARY WORTH

PLEASE, GABE! WHEN I SAID GOODBYE TO YOU IT WAS FINAL!

NOT FOR ME, RACHEL!

I INTEND TO WAIT FOR YOU HERE EVERY DAY AFTER YOUR OFFICE HOURS!

PLEASE DON'T! MY NEIGHBORS WILL TALK!



# JUDGE PARKER

HEY JULIAN... DID YOU KNOW I WAS PRACTICALLY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER? I TOOK SOME PICTURES TODAY THAT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD SEE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



# STEVE ROPER

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE "SUPPLIERS" YOU'VE AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS TO, MIKE?

ONLY THAT THEIR PRICES ARE OUTTA SIGHT

AND THE CORPORATION SAYS I GOTTA DEAL WITH THEM... WHY?

YOU COULD PUBLISH THIS LEDGER UNDER THE TITLE "WHO'S WHO IN THE UNDERWORLD!"



# NANCY

TOMORROW THEY'RE GOING TO TEACH US THE "SWAN DANCE"

I WONDER WHAT THE SWAN DANCE LOOKS LIKE

COME ON, SHOW ME HOW THAT DANCE GOES

(Illustration of a swan)



# STEVE CANYON

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HE IS AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE... A COL. S.B. CANYON

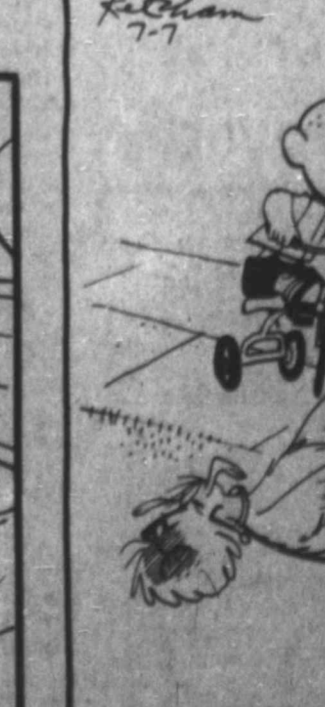
THEY ACTUALLY ADMITTED HE HAS A NEXT OF KIN - I DON'T KNOW WHY THE DELAY!

WHEN THE MESSAGE IS FINALLY DELIVERED, THERE IS NO DELAY IN THE REACTION... -A WOMAN PASSENGER JUMPED THE FENCE AND IS RUNNING DOWN THE TAXI STRIP TOWARD YOU! IT'S A HIJACK IN REVERSE! - WELL STOP AT THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY...



# DENNIS THE MENACE

"This is the guest room and you definitely are NOT a guest!"



"LOOK AT HIS FEET GO! WHEREVER HE THINKS HE IS, HE'S GETTIN' OUTTA THERE!"

# THE BETTER HALF



"Forty million fishing licenses are sold each year in the U.S., but only 2 million marriage licenses. Looks like people would rather fish than fight."

# ANDY CAPP



# SHOE



# DICK TRACY



# REX MORGAN M.D.



# HEATHCLIFF



"I KNOW HOW TALL THE GRASS IS GROWING!"

# MARMADUKE



# PEANUTS



"SHUT UP, CRYBABY BOOBIE, AND SERVE!"

"THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG DAY!"

