

'I have done nothing illegal,' says appointee

By JACK KEEVER

AUSTIN (AP) — Judicial appointee William "Monk" Edwards admits he gave money to conservative political candidates — including a sealed envelope containing what he assumed was cash to former Gov. Preston Smith — but Edwards says he did nothing wrong. In a 10-page statement, the former Gulf Oil lawyer said: "I have done nothing illegal. I have done nothing wrong." Nevertheless, the Senate Nominations Subcommittee voted 5-0 Tuesday to wait a week to act on Edwards' appointment so Sen. Gene Jones can review material on Edwards. Contacted in Lubbock, Smith denied any contribution from Gulf. The ex-governor said the story first came up four or five years ago, and was "dispensed with then." "There never was a contribution made to me by Gulf Oil Co. when I ran for governor," Smith said. "Mr. Edwards never made one penny's contribution to me. I have no recollection of him ever delivering anything to me. I know him, he's a good guy, but he never delivered anything or gave

me an envelope. It's just nothing but a pure black lie." In an affidavit by Edwards, on file in Secretary of State George Strake's office, Edwards said he believes his donation to Smith was for a campaign for lieutenant governor. Jones, D-Houston, was incensed that one of Strake's employees had refused to allow Jones to inspect the affidavit. Strake apologized and said he had been at lunch and the employee had merely made a mistake. Prior to Strake's appearance before the subcommittee, Jones told reporters it appeared Strake was trying to protect "his boss's appointment." Gov. Bill Clements named Edwards to succeed Lewis Dickson, who retired as district judge in Houston. Clements referred to Edwards last week as a "super appointment" and added, "My files reflect nothing but praise." Edwards, former assistant general counsel for Gulf, took early retirement in 1976 and now practices law in Houston. Senators interrogated Edwards about his role in distributing cam-

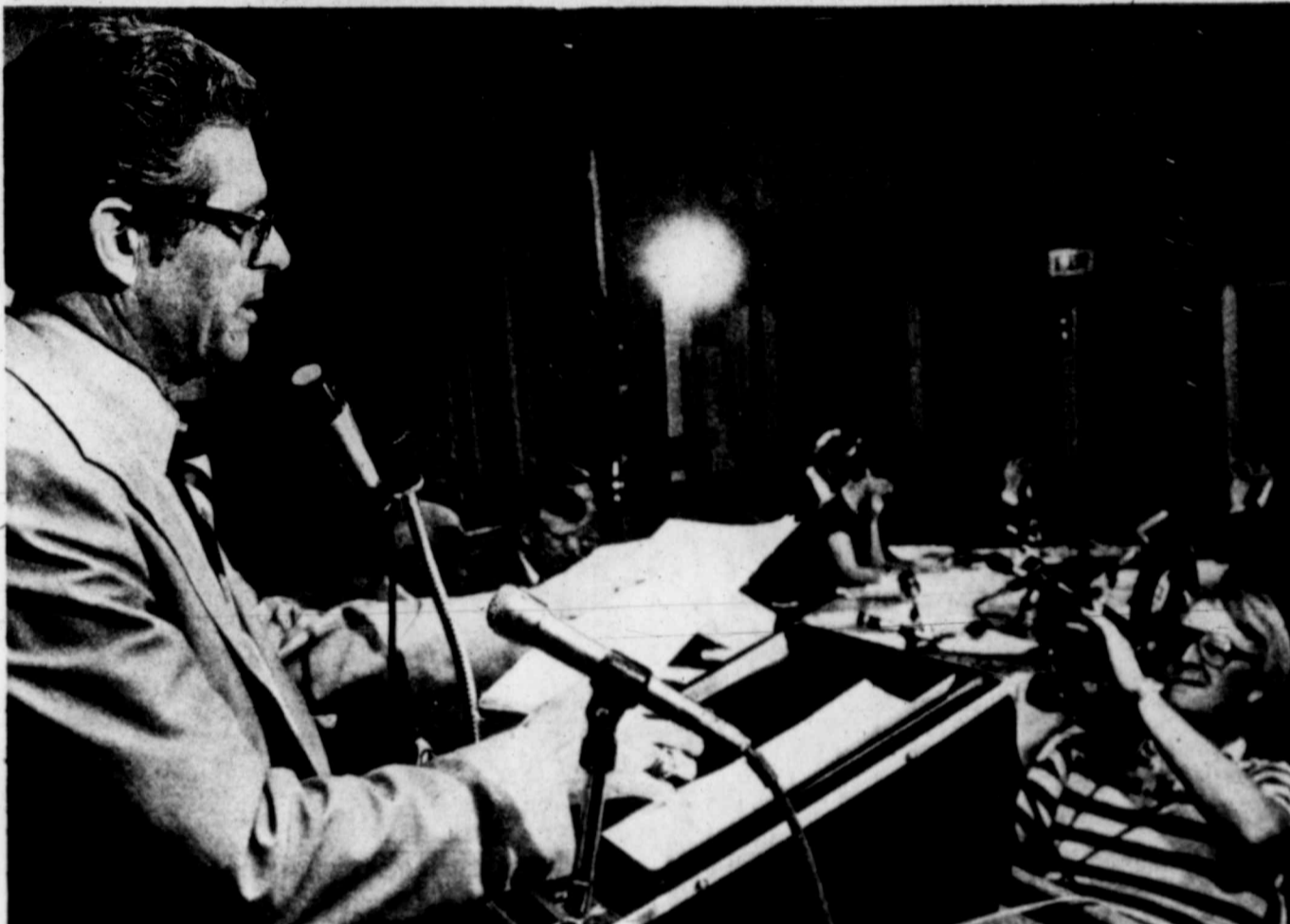
aign funds to Texas political candidates. An internal investigation by Gulf showed the company paid \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year to Harris County legislative candidates from 1959 to 1973. The money purportedly was part of a \$5.5 million slush fund maintained by Gulf in a Bahamian bank account. Edwards acknowledged he had contributed \$100 each to legislative campaigns in Houston, Pasadena, Austin and Midland-Odessa but said the donations were from his personal funds — not an illegal corporate contribution. He said he was active in establishing Gulf's "Good Government Fund" in 1970, as well as a prior program by which Gulf executives donated up to \$1,500 a year in personal funds for political races. Gulf's chief Washington lobbyist, Claude Wild Jr., supplemented this fund with approximately \$4,000 over an eight-year period, Edwards said. Edwards said, however, he "was just as startled as anyone else of the disclosure by my company of an illegal, offshore slush fund used to finance political activities."

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Garland Chapman, assistant superintendent of Midland public schools, explains the mechanics of Plan O to a crowd of about 300 Midlanders Tuesday. The controversial proposal to consolidate

the city's two high schools will be placed on the April 7 school board ballot as a referendum. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Voters to express views on Plan O in referendum

By SUSAN TOTH
Staff Writer

Midland school board members tossed their hot potato — Plan O — into the voters' laps Tuesday afternoon. Before a capacity crowd of some 300 in the Sam Houston Elementary School cafeteria, the Midland school board voted not to vote on the controversial plan to consolidate Midland's two high schools. Instead, they will wait until voters express a preference in the matter in a non-binding referendum on the April 7 school board ballot. The 4-3 vote for the referendum

came after trustees failed to pass a motion to forget Plan O altogether and concentrate on other alternatives for dealing with the declining high school enrollment.

The referendum idea, first suggested by Trustee Marshall McCrea Jr., originally was rejected by a 4-3 vote. But, when Trustee Ed Runyan's motion to drop Plan O as an option failed, Runyan called for another vote on the referendum and his vote-change swung the result to positive.

ONCE THE referendum issue was decided, trustees took little time deciding they would postpone the promised vote on the matter until after the election.

They originally had said they would vote on the matter at their next meeting, set for 10 a.m. March 19.

In proposing the referendum, after a 90-minute staff presentation of a 31-page report on Plan O and its implications, McCrea noted the vote "would not be binding, but certainly would be influential."

His suggestion was greeted with

applause from the standing room only crowd.

Initial objection to the idea came from lame-duck Trustee David Grimes.

"I think the public has already spoken," Grimes said to more audience approval. "They've spoken to me, and I do not feel giving our responsibility back to the public for whatever reason adds up.

"WE DO LISTEN to the public and to our coaches and to our staff and to our teachers," the outgoing board member said, but added the referendum would only delay the decision and add expense to the election without binding the board to the decision made by the voters.

Trustee Ed Runyan echoed Grimes' feeling that the public vote was unnecessary and suggested the board vote immediately to drop Plan O as a possibility.

Board member Joe Dominey, while agreeing that the referendum probably was not needed, felt the proposal

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Cleanup of Whalen Lake under way in response to RRC's mandate

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

ANDREWS — Whalen Lake, the 330-acre salt playa lake that caused environmentalists to be pitted against the West Texas oil industry, is being purged of sludge and pollutants in hopes of satisfying a Texas Railroad Commission mandate.

"This was all cleaned. This beach area here has been all cleaned up," Arnold Darrow, president of the Dallas-based Whalen Corp., said Tuesday.

Darrow flew to Andrews Tuesday morning to tour the playa lake area, which the Railroad Commission ordered closed and cleaned up last September.

Department of Interior personnel and environmentalists had claimed the lake was a hazard to migratory waterfowl stopping over at the lake and was threatening to pollute the

immediate region's ground water.

WHALEN CORP. objected strenuously and was supported to an extent by the Railroad Commission staff, but the company lost out to environmentalists' claim when the commissioners made their ruling.

Whalen Lake, a natural brine reservoir, has been used for more than 20 years as a pit for dumping brine, termed a natural flow-out in the production of crude oil.

The Railroad Commission will hold a hearing March 15 to reconsider re-opening Whalen Lake for the discharge of brine.

At a peak dumping rate, Whalen was absorbing up to 400,000 barrels of brine per month.

The use of such salt lakes is an alternative to using deep-well injection as means of disposing of brine, which in cases may be up to 20 or more times more voluminous than the

Carter still cautious about peace gamble

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are being consistently cautious about President Carter's peace gamble in the Middle East despite more optimistic assessments in Israel and Egypt.

American sources, even when talking privately, emphasize the pitfalls that could again derail the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty — Carter's unspoken goal as he sets out tonight for Cairo on the first leg of a journey that will last at least a week.

A White House official who asked not to be identified cautioned late Tuesday that at best it will be impossible to conclude all formal action on a treaty during Carter's trip.

The closest thing to public optimism from a U.S. leader came Tuesday when House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said, "I truly believe that he (Carter) not only hopes for success but he feels success is there."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who was leaving New York today to prepare for Carter's Saturday night arrival in Jerusalem, was asked to compare his feelings now with those after last fall's Camp David summit meeting. He told reporters:

"There was euphoria (last fall), not only in this country, but in Jerusalem and Cairo and throughout the world. Now we must be very careful. I am hopeful."

Egyptian officials, led by Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, were equally positive about the treaty outlook.

In Cairo, President Anwar Sadat met Tuesday with U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski to hear the outline of Carter's proposals. Sadat's reaction was not immediately known, but Egyptian officials said Carter's trip may mean "the final sprint" to a peace treaty.

Because of Carter's absence from Washington, Vice President Walter F. Mondale is canceling a six-day Latin American trip next week. He was to have attended presidential inaugurations in Brazil and Venezuela.

Carter will devote most of his time to business during the trip, but does plan to see Egypt's pyramids.

In Cairo, the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram today published a schedule for Carter's visit to Egypt. The report said he would take a 100-mile train trip from Cairo to Alexandria on Friday and address the Egyptian Parliament on Saturday.

A White House official had said Carter was seriously considering the train trip in anticipation of drawing a large crowd to demonstrate Egyptian support for a peace treaty.

Plans have already been announced for him to address the Israeli parlia-

ment, the Knesset.

U.S. officials maintained a tight secrecy lid on the treaty suggestions broached by Carter to Begin last Sunday — proposals that broke a stalemate threatening collapse of peace efforts.

However, a White House official who asked not to be identified confirmed Tuesday that Carter discussed "in passing" the possibility of a U.S.-Israeli mutual defense treaty with Begin.

The official first said it was "untrue" that Carter had offered Israel such a defense pact, but later ack-

nounced that such an arrangement was discussed. The change came when the official was confronted with the release of congressional testimony in which Begin said Monday that Carter offered him a defense arrangement with the United States.

Begin reiterated Israeli policy against stationing U.S. troops in Israel and did not specify what kind of arrangement was discussed.

In Jerusalem, Israeli sources said their government has agreed to three compromises advanced by Carter.

Shell Oil will cut force in Midland by about half

Shell Oil Co. will cut its Midland work force of approximately 100 employees by about half sometime during 1979, an official in the company's Houston office said today.

The Houston official, who asked to be identified only as a company spokesman, said the move is part of a planned reorganization of its production department, with personnel being transferred to Houston.

Shell still is in the "final planning stages" of the reorganization effort, said the spokesman, who added he is unable to say when the transfers will take place.

"I'll have a lot more definitive answers for you in a couple of weeks," he said.

Company officials said an announcement had been planned for about two weeks from now, but an Associated Press report sent out on news wires earlier today sparked a confirmation of the company's plans.

W.T. Weller, Midland divisions operation manager for Shell, said many of the approximately 100 employees in the Midland office are "newly hired young technical staff," many without families here.

The Houston official emphasized the company is "not closing Midland."

He also denied the Associated Press report that the reorganization, originally reported as affecting primarily the company's Denver, Colo., office, was the result of unprofitable ventures in Alaska.

"Ask the people in Midland if they have anything to do with Alaska," he said.

The Houston official said the move also will involve most of the production personnel in the Denver, Colo., office this year and "a couple of other" offices at a later date.

No other Permian Basin installations are involved in the reorganization, the official said.



Preparations are "in the pot" for the annual band chili festival to be held Saturday, sponsored by the Lee High School and Midland High School bands. From left are Connie Hull, representing Midland High School; Penny Angelo and Mary Scroggin, representing Lee High School. The festival will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 per person, and may be purchased from any band student or at the door. Site of the event will be the Midland High School cafeteria. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

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Peter Miller, second from left, of Millersville, Pa., and 17 other student climbers arrive at Paradise, Wash., at the 5,400-foot level of Mount Rainier Tuesday. The students, all of the Evergreen State

College in Olympia, spent nearly two days on the wind-swept mountain after an avalanche killed two in their party on Sunday. (AP Laserphoto)

Two die, 18 survive avalanche

PARADISE, Wash. (AP) — After living with tragedy for two days, 18 weary college students returned from the slopes of Mount Rainier, where two of their companions died in an avalanche.

The climbers, all students at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, sang and chanted as they hiked Tuesday through swirling snow, fog and winds gusting to 50 mph.

Two other students stayed behind on the mountain and were planning to lead three National Park Rangers to the death site today. The rangers will try to recover the bodies of veteran mountaineer Willi Unsoeld, 52, an

Evergreen professor, and Janie Diepenbrock, 21, a student from Sacramento, Calif., who were killed Sunday.

Unsoeld was one of the first five Americans to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1963.

The students arrived at the Paradise visitors center Tuesday afternoon, nine days after Unsoeld led them up the 14,410-foot peak.

Peter Miller, 26, of Millersville, Pa., was also buried by the avalanche, but his companions managed to pull him out. He suffered a few bruised or broken ribs and a wrenched back.

When the avalanche hit, Miller said, he couldn't see Unsoeld, but saw Miss Diepenbrock appear to fall. He said he dropped to the ground and was immediately buried by snow but managed to form an air pocket with his hands. The others pulled him free about 15 minutes later.

Bad weather prevented a rescue party from reaching the students until Tuesday.

Jan Volles, 21, who assumed leadership of the group after the avalanche, said he hoped the program Unsoeld inspired would continue because "Willi would have wanted us to continue to climb."

Naval buildup in Arabian Sea could cut U.S. power elsewhere

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration's apparent intention to show the flag indefinitely near the Arabian Peninsula could thin U.S. naval power in other critical areas and further stretch the smallest U.S. fleet since before World War II.

The 80,000-ton aircraft carrier Constellation is under orders to sail from the U.S. naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines to the Arabian Sea area with several escorting warships and an oiler-supply vessel.

Administration officials say the move is intended to underscore U.S. concern about the security of Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing states in that region, especially after Soviet-supported South Yemen's occupation of North Yemeni territory and the instability following the Iranian upheaval.

Meanwhile, three other U.S. warships, two frigates and a destroyer, were refueling at Djibouti, on the Gulf of Eden, before taking up station, replacing three other warships heading back to the Pacific.

Officials said it is uncertain how long the Constellation and its escorts will remain in those waters, or whether the three other warships will conduct an extended cruise.

If President Carter decides to keep such a continuing naval presence in that critical region, it could reduce the striking power of the U.S. 7th Fleet in the western Pacific and possibly the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The departure of the Constellation will leave only one U.S. aircraft carrier in the western Pacific. The 7th Fleet is down to 50 ships, compared to about 125, including three carriers, before the Vietnam War.

Jane Byrne receives congratulatory telegram

CHICAGO (AP) — One week after losing to Jane Byrne in the Democratic primary, Mayor Michael A. Bilandic finally has sent the victor a congratulatory telegram.

The message, received Tuesday at Mrs. Byrne's home, said: "Congratulations on your nomination. Best wishes to your family, Michael A. Bilandic, Mayor."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Byrne met Tuesday with 20 of the Democratic Party's 50 ward committeemen and appeared to have won their support. It was her first face-to-face meeting with party officials since winning the nomination.

"It was a very cordial and productive conversation," George W. Dunne, chairman of the Cook County Democratic Central Committee, said after the breakfast meeting. "I can predict Jane Byrne will be the unanimous choice of the Democratic Party."

NATO plans in Communist hands

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany claims a defector from the NATO secretariat staff in Brussels brought the Communists war plans of the North Atlantic Alliance.

A NATO spokesman at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's headquarters in the Belgian capital confirmed that Ursel Lorenzen, a West German employed by NATO for 11 years, defected on Monday. He refused to say how much access she had to the alliance's secrets but reported that she worked in the Office of Council Operations and Communication, which he said helps prepare for military exercises.

Officials will meet this week "to

assess what damage she could do," the spokesman said.

ADN said Miss Lorenzen decided to defect because of stepped-up NATO "war preparations," including plans for an "atomic attack against the socialist camp" during the Wintex-Climex exercise now being held by NATO.

But the NATO spokesman said the exercise is "a paper exercise, involves no troops at all," and will conclude in about two weeks.

ADN said another factor in the woman's decision to defect was her learning of the "facist past" of NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, who last month was listed as a member of the Dutch wing of Hitler's National Socialist movement from 1933-36.

Luns, NATO's top civilian official, was foreign minister of The Netherlands for 19 years after World War II.

He acknowledged he is listed in Nazi membership archives at the Dutch government's War Documentation Center in Amsterdam. But he claimed the listing was a mistake and that he was never an active member of the Dutch party.

There was no indication the defection was related to the recent roundup of at least 12 East German spies in West Germany.

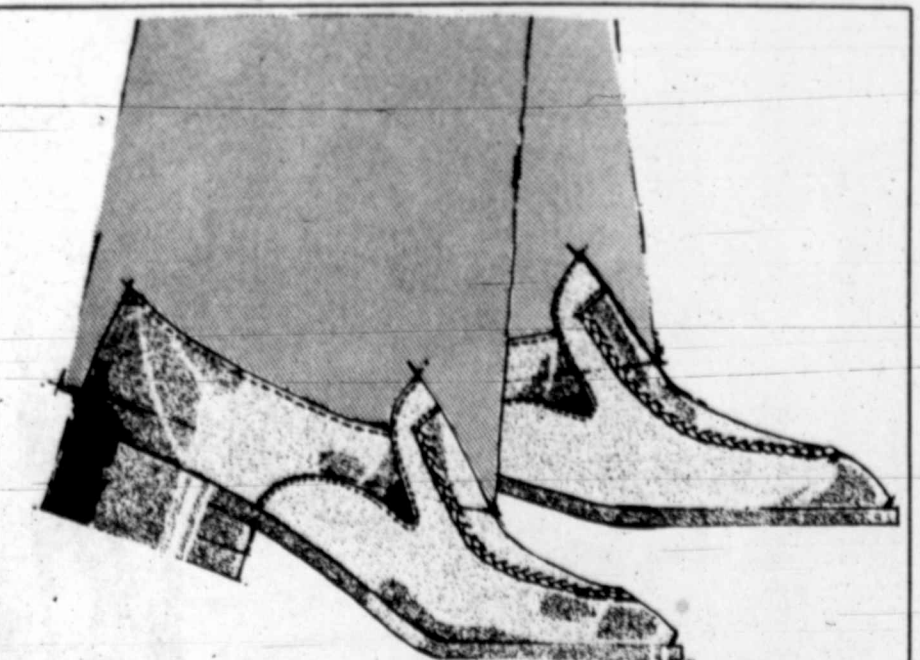
Midlander named assistant auditor

ODESSA — A Midlander has been named assistant Ector County auditor, replacing Tommy Joe Sanders, who became auditor Nov. 8.

Larry Elliott, 36, began his duties in the \$18,000-a-year post this week.

Sanders had been first assistant auditor under former Auditor Bill Hicks, who resigned after his election to the Commissioners Court. Since Nov. 8, Sanders has been filling both positions.

Elliott is a 1960 graduate of Midland High School. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from North Texas State University in 1966.



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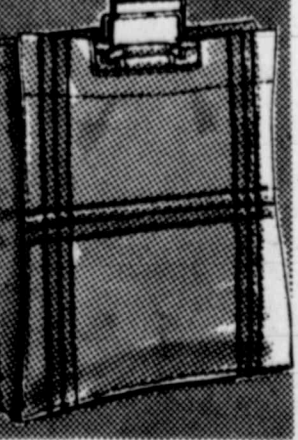
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CANVAS TOTE

Officials won't talk to Clements

By LEE JONES

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements expected some questions, maybe even an argument or two, when he asked Texas' top bureaucrats to help him trim the bureaucracy by 25,000 jobs.

What he got was silence. Dead silence. Even after he almost pleaded for a response from the approximately 400 state agency officials who had turned out to hear him.

Clements was clearly disappointed.

He had called for "communication, cooperation and coordination" between himself and the agency heads. At the outset, he said he hoped the

Tuesday afternoon meeting would be "as close as possible to a personal visit with you."

"I would say as an impression that we are not communicating very well," the governor said when nobody responded to his first invitation to ask a question.

"Who is in disagreement with what I have said?" he asked.

Not a hand shot up.

"Who is in agreement?"

Maybe one or two of the approximately 400 officials and high-level employees raised a hand.

"I was hopeful that if one of you violently disagreed, you would say so."

No reaction.

"That's interesting," Clements said resignedly. "I'll see you in your departments. Good afternoon."

The new Republican governor was conciliatory in his appeal for cooperation in eliminating 25,000 of the 169,000 state jobs by the end of his term in January 1983.

He said 85 percent of all vacancies that occur each year could be filled and still meet his goal.

Clements said he "fully recognized" that some agency budgets should grow.

"But I do want to eliminate as much duplication, redundancy and surplus as we possibly can. I want our employees to be fully employed but right now I know they are not, in many

instances," Clements said.

Some department heads even have told him they don't have enough work to do, he said.

Clements told reporters he thought their presence dampened the possibility of give-and-take between himself and the agency heads.

"I think you fellas inhibited them," he said.

But he said, "I think I have their cooperation. I am satisfied with that."

Kenneth Ashworth, commissioner of the Texas College Coordinating Board, said he thought the officials remained silent because "you are always kind of intimidated in front of a

large audience to stand up and talk about the special problems of your program."

"We just didn't have anybody break the ice," he said.

Man immolates self

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — A Chicago man bought a gallon of gasoline at a service station, doused himself with it, struck a match "and just blew up in flames," a witness says.

The man, identified as Kenneth Ziemba, 31, was listed in critical condition early today at St. Vincent Health Center with burns over 98 percent of his body, a hospital spokesman said.

Senate bill extends age for workers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas state employees can look forward to working until they are 70, if senators have their way.

Currently, state employees are required to retire at 65.

The Senate voted 30-0 Tuesday for a bill to make the state retirement the same as a recent federal law prescribes for federal employees and most employees of private firms in interstate business.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said his bill would be optional for local school districts.

It would not apply to employees of state universities and colleges until July 1, 1982.

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Strange-looking eyeglasses bring sight to blind

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — David Ouellette returned to his home in California recently with an odd-looking pair of eyeglasses worth \$2,000 that he said will change his life.

"Now I'll be able to really see the girl I'm with and the pins in the bowling alley," the 31-year-old Santa Monica resident said after Dr. William Feinbloom adjusted the device he claims can improve the vision of

legally and partially blind people. About 600 people across the country already are wearing the special "camera lens spectacles" that can increase vision up to 600 percent, the doctor said.

But Ouellette, who has had 3 percent vision since birth as a result of damaged optic nerve fibers, is the first person to be fitted with a lens capable of increasing vision 800 percent, said Feinbloom, who designed

the lens. "The lens has increased his vision from 3 percent to 85 percent of normal," Feinbloom explained in an interview. "Not only will he be able to drive a car, but he'll be able to read a newspaper and do odd jobs around the house."

Feinbloom, 75, a New York City optometrist now on the faculty of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, emphasized that the glasses are use-

less to the totally blind. Not cosmetically attractive, the glasses, which cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,500, resemble two tiny telescopes about the size of a roll of film. They protrude about three inches from the frame.

Each "telescope" contains nine elements of glass and two prisms to form the optical unit. As Feinbloom explained it, the special lens is designed to aid the parts of Ouellette's retina

that are still functional.

"It's so exciting. How many people get to be reborn at 31? It's like coming out of the womb," said Ouellette, who holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Western Michigan University.

Ouellette said before leaving Philadelphia that he can now read and watch television, though only at extremely close distances.

"I had my own lifestyle. It was very comfortable. I just bowled a 233 last

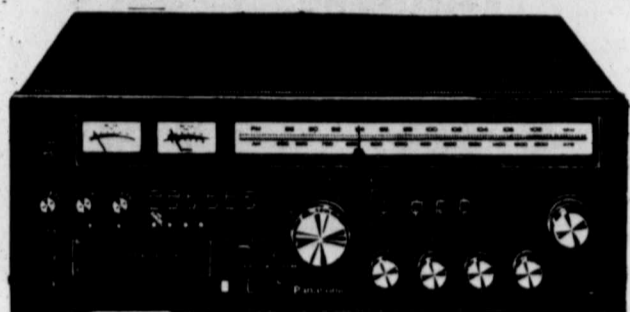
week. That's why coming here was so scary. I have to start all over. Now I'm going to be very visible, especially with those glasses," he said with a chuckle.

He said he learned of Feinbloom's lens device about six months ago from a news program. He wrote to Feinbloom and, after answering some questions about the extent of his vision for Feinbloom, he was on his way here to see the doctor.

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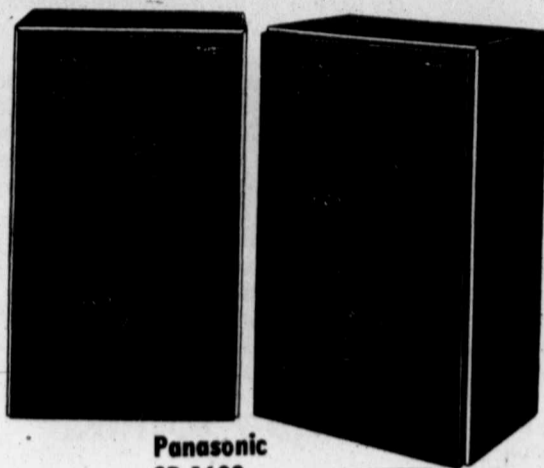
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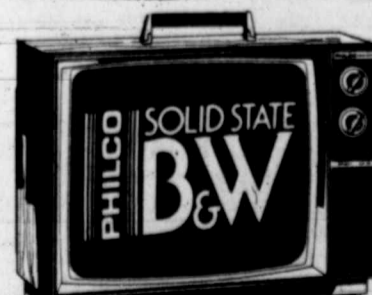


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The Tall City Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association represented by Shirley O'Neal, left, president, presents a certificate of appreciation to Allsanne Toomey. Ms. Toomey, author of "Justly the Pride of Her Citizenship," which surveys the influences on the architecture of Midland up to 1948, was speaker at the association's annual Employee-Employers Appreciation Banquet this week at the Midland Hilton. Certificates also were presented to the association member's bosses who attended. (Staff Photo)

Burnet wins Merit award

Burnet Elementary School has received a certificate of Exceptional Merit and has been placed on the National School Safety Honor Roll of the National Safety Council, Schools Superintendent James H. Malley said Tuesday.

This is the first time the school has received this honor, he noted. "We are encouraged by this recognition of our efforts to build a good safety education program," Burnet Principal Clint Adams said. "We will continue to teach our young people to protect themselves and their fellow students as long as accidents remain the chief cause of death among school-age children."

To gain a place on this honor roll, a school must present a detailed report of its safety program to a local committee. Upon recommendation of the committee, the report is forwarded to the National Safety Council to be listed on the honor roll.

Judge suffers loss by theft

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wyandotte County District Court Judge John Mahoney has had his gavel stolen from the top of his bench.

Mahoney believes it disappeared a day before he discovered the loss, but he admits it could have been missing for as long as 10 days.

"I don't have much use for it to pound lawyers into submission," he said, chuckling.



Showing elegant fashions for spring are these residents of Trinity Towers, who served as models for a Style Show this week. From left are Mrs. Rivers Howard, Beth Roby, Jim Barfield, Ruth Woods and Allien Winn. Clothes were courtesy of

Dunlap's. The show was presented during "Listening Hour," a program sponsored by the Trinity Towers Auxiliary. Residents and their guests attended the event. (Staff Photo)

House vetoes budget slashes

WASHINGTON—Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Feb. 22 through Feb. 28.

HOUSE

\$2 BILLION CONGRESS? The House approved, 249 for and 121 against, a \$2.44 billion budget for the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee. This will fund committee operations during 1979, including salaries for the 100-plus staff members.

Rep. Frank Thompson, D-N.J., a

of the 96th Congress to demonstrate a real...commitment to the balanced budget concept so widely supported by the American people."

Members voting "yea" opposed the balanced-budget language.

Wilson, Roberts, Mattox, Eckhardt, Brooks, Pickle, Wright, Hightower, de la Garza, Leland, Gonzalez, Kasen and Frost voted "yea." Hall, Collins, Gramm, Archer, Leath, Wyatt, White, Stenholm, Hance, Loeffler and Paul voted "nay."

SENATE

FILIBUSTER The Senate voted, 78 for and 16 against, to make it more difficult for a minority of senators to tie up floor business with extended debate. This rules change put an end to the so-called "post-cloture filibuster." Under that now-prohibited strategy, senators could keep a filibuster going even after its cloture had been voted, by means of introducing hundreds of amendments. The rule imposed by this vote in essence sets a limit of 100 hours debate after cloture has been voted.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., a supporter, said: "I believe that this is the area of self-discipline, and we all have to discipline ourselves....We have got to do that lest we destroy the nature of this body."

Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, an opponent, said "our real problem is how do you accommodate the guarantee of rights for each individual member of the Senate and, at the same time, preserve the inviolability of the 100-hour cap?"

Senators voting "yea" favored tightening filibuster rules. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D, voted "yea."

Sen. John Tower, R, voted "nay."

AVIATION FUEL The Senate failed, 34 for and 53 against, to postpone and possibly prevent the removal of federal price and allocation controls from airplane fuel. This vote was on a motion to pry the Administration decontrol measure from the Energy Committee and send it to the floor, where it stood the possibility of being vetoed by the full Senate. Either the Senate or House may veto and Administration energy proposal such as this deregulation of both general and commercial aviation fuel. As a result of this vote and inaction by the House, the deregulation took effect Feb. 24.

Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, a supporter of killing the decontrol plan, said decontrol would raise prices of other types of oil, and asked: "How can we possibly justify decontrolling an oil product at the same time we are giving serious thought to rationing?"

Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., said: "There is no reason to continue controlling a product when its users want it decontrolled, and when the ultimate beneficiaries, the airplane passengers, are certainly better off than the average American."

Senators voting "nay" favored removing federal controls from aviation fuel. Bentsen and Tower voted "nay."

ROLL CALL REPORT

supporter of the full \$2.44 billion banking committee outlay, said: "We are dealing with a \$3 trillion economy, and members up here (are) asking such absurd things, or making such absurd statements, as to say that we are in a never-ending upward spiral, that we have a billion dollar Congress. Maybe it ought to be a \$2 billion Congress, to operate a little bit more efficiently."

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Tex., an opponent, said: "If this Congress is serious about reducing bureaucracy, cutting waste, balancing the budget and reforming regulations, then let it begin at home by slashing funds" from committee budget. Paul favored cutting every committee budget by 25 per cent.

Members voting "yea" favored the higher budget for the banking committee.

Rep. Charles Wilson, D-2, Jim Mattox, D-3, Bob Eckhardt, D-8, Jack Brooks, D-9, James Wright, D-12, Jack Hightower, D-13, Joe Wyatt, D-14, Richard White, D-18, Charles Stenholm, D-17, Mickey Leland, D-18, Kent Hance, D-18, Henry Gonzalez, D-20, Abraham Kasen, D-23, and Martin Frost, D-24, voted "yea."

Rep. Samuel Hall, D-1, James Collins, R-1, Bill Archer, R-7, J. Marvin Leath, D-11, Tom Loeffler, R-21, and Ron Paul, R-22, voted "nay."

Rep. Ray Roberts, D-4, Phil Gramm, D-6, Jake Pickle, D-10, and Kika de la Garza, D-15, did not vote.

BALANCED BUDGET The House quashed, 222 for and 197 against, a budget-cutting gesture put forth by fiscal conservatives. With this vote, it refused to call up for debate an amendment which, if adopted, would have required the House to spell out "a method through which a balanced federal budget shall be required."

Fiscal conservatives acknowledged that their balanced-budget language was mostly symbolic. The vote came during debate on HR 18964, a bill to increase the national debt ceiling above its soon-to-be-reached \$798 billion level. HR 18964 was later defeated.

Members who voted to quash the balanced-budget amendment wanted the fewest possible amendments to be offered to the debt-ceiling bill, which they favored. One of them, Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo., called the conservatives' amendment not germane to the debt ceiling bill and said "in the end it will be a futility."

Rep. John Rousselot, R-Calif., who voted "nay," said it is essential for the House "on the first important vote

Stevens executive denies union boycott effective

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A union boycott of J.P. Stevens & Co., the nation's second largest textile firm, has failed to hurt the company, Stevens Chairman James D. Finley told the company's annual stockholder's meeting Tuesday.

"The textile union continues to harass the company by continually filing charges and working through churches, church organizations, politicians, universities, students and the like to boycott the purchase of your company's products," he said.

"These tactics, however, have not proven successful, as you can readily

see by our published financial statement."

Finley said profits for the company's first quarter, which ended Feb. 3, climbed 35.7 percent to \$9.7 million or 75 cents a share from \$7.1 million or 56 cents a share in the same period last year.

The boycott of Stevens' products is sponsored by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, which has been engaged for years in a struggle with Stevens to organize workers at the textile manufacturer's Southern plants. It has won one election, but has been unable to negotiate a contract.

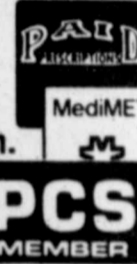
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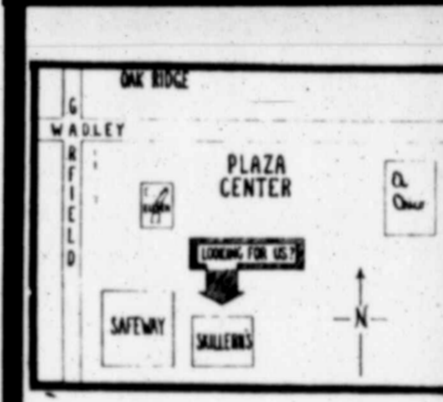
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New ritual for today's lovers

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP) — From time to time I like to dip into the latest paperback best sellers to find out what's going on in the sandbox of life beyond the reach of the daily newspapers and evening TV news reports.

Jimmy Carter, Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) and Khomeini may grab the headlines and the prime time exposure, but they're not where it's at, gut-wise, in the beauty parlor or on the supermarket checkout line.

It's from what the great English essayist Thomas Macaulay called "the last fashionable novel on the table of young ladies" that you learn about the real world of the heart and the emotions, the sudden,



subtle changes that are taking place in our society.

A columnist can't afford to fall too far behind in the latest trends if he intends to go on being provocative, profound and discreetly represented on the payroll.

Which is why I am grateful to Mary Gordon's "Final Payments," as the blurb on the cover blurbs this is "the international best seller everyone is talking about."

And no wonder. It lets readers in on the new way lovers have of letting each other know they're in love. Apparently, they don't send Valentines anymore or go around carving their initials inside a big heart transfixed by an arrow on tree trunks. The ritual is much more intimate.

But first, a word about Ms. Gordon's lovers.

"Final Payments," as you must know if everyone is talking about it, is the story of Isabel Moore, a nice convent-bred Catholic girl who at 30 suddenly faces the world with "its promises of passion and pleasure" after a decade of looking after her stern invalid father, who has just died.


"Hungry for life," as the blurb says, she falls desperately in love with Hugh Slade, a Quaker, a veterinarian, married to a shrewish wife but devoted to his children. He is gray, going bald but has "a classic back," whatever that is. Anyhow, it turns Isabel on.

At Christmas, the illicit lovers exchange presents. He gives her "Northanger Abbey" — "bound in green leather, with pages mottled like a plover's eggs" — because he knows she is hooked on Jane Austen.

With the gift, he reveals the startling new way that lovers have for proclaiming their love to each other:

I wonder if it will catch on.

Since this is a first person novel, Isabel describes the experience: "... He had read it himself first; he



DR. NEIL SOLOMON
Protein
may harm

Dear Dr. Solomon: My 18-year-old son wants to continue his athletic career in college. Since he anticipates much greater competition on the college level than what he faced in high school, he has embarked on a body-building program which includes protein supplements. Two questions: Do the protein supplements do him any good? Can they do him any harm? — Mr. G.S.

Dear Mr. S.: The answer to your first question is "no;" to your second question, "possibly." If your son has a well-balanced diet, the ingestion of protein supplements is of no value—except, perhaps, to the person who sells them to him.

Both athletes and nonathletes require the same amount of protein foods. Protein does not increase strength and it is not stored in the body. Moreover, excess protein intake can lead to dehydration, loss of appetite and diarrhea, conditions certainly not conducive to athletic achievement.

However, athletes do have a need for more calories. For my patients who are athletes I recommend they get about 15 percent of their calories from protein, 30 percent from fat, and 55 percent from carbohydrate.

Dear Dr. Solomon: My four-year-old son has been on the special diet for phenylketonuria. When will he be able to have a normal diet? — Mrs. I.Z.

Dear Mrs. Z.: I'm afraid not very soon. Taking your son off his restricted diet can cause behavioral changes as well as a decrease in IQ.

Dr. Barbara Cabalska, of Poland's National Research Institute for Mother and Child in Warsaw, has reported on a study of 22 patients with phenylketonuria (PKU). Twenty children were on the PKU diet an average of 65 months, while the others had gone off the diet after an average of about 28 months. Children in both groups showed a drop in IQ, and many developed learning disabilities. While they were on the diet, almost all the children had normal electroencephalograms (EEG's); after the diet was ended, only a third were normal.

Dr. Richard Koch, clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, supports Dr. Cabalska's findings. He is studying 155 children, 52 of them over six years of age, and half of these off the special diet. Early results show that those no longer dieting have experienced a decrease in IQ and exhibit EEG abnormalities. Dr. Koch recommends that children stick with the restricted diet or go back to it if it has been abandoned.

Unfortunately, once children are freed from the restrictions, they find it difficult to get back on the regimen, which is a difficult one to follow. It is hoped that an effective modified diet can eventually be developed for older children and adults.

Kennedy urges 8,000 refugees be admitted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight thousand Russian and Eastern European refugees now stuck in Rome should be permitted to come to the United States without further delay, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Tuesday.

The refugees are mainly Russians Jews with relatives or friends in the United States, Kennedy said.

Their numbers are increasing every day, and many of the refugees have been in Rome for three or four months, he said.

In a letter, Kennedy called on Attorney General Griffin Bell to use his authority to admit or parole refugees for humanitarian reasons.

The refugees would eventually come to the United States anyway and Kennedy urged Bell to speed the process "and help avoid needless personal hardship for thousands."

wanted to be sure, he said, of what he was giving me. He told me I must look very carefully because he had plucked hairs from the rims of his ears and stuck them on the pages he liked. He said it was a nervous habit; he tweezed the hairs in his ears when he read, but this way it would remind me of him.

"I think there's a little skin on the end of them that makes them kind of adhesive," he said.

"That made me love him again."

In fact, Isabel adds, that idea of sticking ear hairs in the pages made her love Hugh "above all other men."

I tried to imagine what Phillis at our fine little library would do about young lovers who page-marked Jane Austen with ear hairs. Were they already on the lookout for smitten swains trying to sneak a pair of tweezers into the reading room? I tried to think how Jane Austen would sound if Mr. Darcy began plucking at his ear rims in the drawing room at Netherfield to present bookmarks to the Bennet girls.

Getting back to the lovers, Isabel gives Hugh a Swiss army knife.

Since this is the international best seller everyone is talking about, everyone has got to be talking about his reaction:

"He opened the blades, each of them separately, and looked at them with a pure, material absorption that would not have been possible for me, for my father, Father Mulcahy, or for anyone who had been brought up in the Catholic Church."

Right there you realize the social, religious and

moral gulf that separates these two ear hair-crossed lovers.

Apparently a cat may look on a king, as the 16th century proverb notes, but a Catholic may not look on a Swiss army knife, at least not with the pure, material absorption of a Protestant and a Quaker.

Some friends dropped by the other night, and by way of being provocative I took out my Swiss army knife and passed it around. I'd bought it myself, so there were no intimations of love hidden among the blades, but I wanted to gauge the reaction for myself.

The lawyer up the road, a Catholic, said he had never seen one before with a fish skinning device. My Jewish neighbor, a retired sales manager, wondered why they still hadn't added a triangular beer can opener.

Sure enough, insurance man, a Protestant, opened all the blades, one at a time, but I couldn't say for sure whether his expression was one of pure, material absorption.

"Needs oiling," he said.

But the good looking blonde divorcee who just rented a house on the other side of the lake did find the little pair of tweezers near the plastic toothpick.

Turns out she hates Jane Austen. And everybody that night talked about a different book, one about the black plague, a new international best seller that everyone is talking about.

I'll have to get with it, but I hate to think what they used for book markers then.



Midland runners invited

LUBBOCK — Midland runners may wish to test their skill and endurance in Lubbock's Hodges Park at 10 a.m. Saturday when the West Texas Running Club sponsors the 4th Annual Great Four-Mile Handicap Stampede and Grass Trample.

Club members with established handicaps or who ran in the February race must run in the four-mile handicap race. Non-club and club members without established handicaps must run in the following four mile categories: 15 and under, high school, ladies, 30 and over, and open.

Trophies will go to the first 20 runners across the finish line in the handicap race and to the first three-places in each division.

Karen Webster recently was named as Jaycee-ette of the Month by the local chapter of Jaycee-ettes. Karen won first place in the Jaycee-ette composition competition at the Regional Convention held at Ft. Stockton. Her 200-word essay was on the Jaycee-ette's mental health and mental retardation project.

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Savings pledge moving target

By STAN BENJAMIN
WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States' pledge to join an international plan to reduce oil consumption by 5 percent may require fuel savings in this country of up to 1 million barrels a day. Then again, it may not.

While the figure of reducing U.S. consumption by 1 million barrels a day has been mentioned as a target, the actual aim is merely to reduce purchases of oil on the international market and turn down the pressure for steep price increases, said the official.

That is about 5 percent of the total oil consumption of the 20 nations involved in the joint conservation effort.

The 5 percent goal announced by the International Energy Agency last week in Paris is really a moving target, dependent on the ups and downs of oil consumption throughout 1979, a well-informed administration official said Tuesday.

With each nation free to achieve that aim any way it can, actually reducing energy consumption is only one possibility.

To compensate for this shortfall, the international organization agreed to reduce oil consumption by "about" 5 percent, not from actual past oil use, but from "projected" consumption in 1979 — a baseline yet to be determined.

Two more firms cut plane flights

By The Associated Press
Fuel shortages have forced two additional air carriers — United and Delta — to cancel hundreds of flights, and airline industry officials are predicting the tight supply picture could endanger some cheap fares and plans to expand routes.

Saturdays and 141 on Sundays, said spokesman Ed Williams.

back through the end of the month." He said the schedule reduction went into effect Saturday with no problems and future cancellations will be determined by bookings.

U.S. natural target

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The United States is still the natural market for Mexico's oil exports, Mexico's ambassador to the United States says.

tional oil monopoly.

"We expect adequate supplies with only spot shortages," said Daniel Henkin. "To date, we are experiencing only temporary problems. We've been able to meet more than 99 percent of our flights."

Relief hole to be drilled at fire site

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Placid Oil Co. says it will drill a second well into the shaft of a wild natural gas well in the Gulf of Mexico where an explosion and fire killed four and left four others missing.

Field work announced

Yates Petroleum Co. No. 1-KL Eldson Ranch is a new 11,700-foot project in the Townsend (Morrow gas) pool of Lea County, N.M., eight miles northeast of Buckeye.

Sayers well completes

The operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 14,000-20,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day.

Gas-deregulation bill hearings begin today

By TOM RAUM
WASHINGTON (AP) — Plans now before President Carter would help the nation ride out the Iranian oil cutoff by making better use of a temporary natural gas surplus, made possible by a controversial 1978 energy bill, according to administration officials.

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DRILLING REPORT

BORDEN COUNTY
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SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY E. FOLLAN

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

NI EWUS

HEL CE

DY OLI

SE TTLED



A local gas station has a sign outside that says, "Pay your light bills here. Pay your taxes, federal, state and local. We sell milk. We also sell gas as a..."

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE LETTERS FOR ANSWER

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

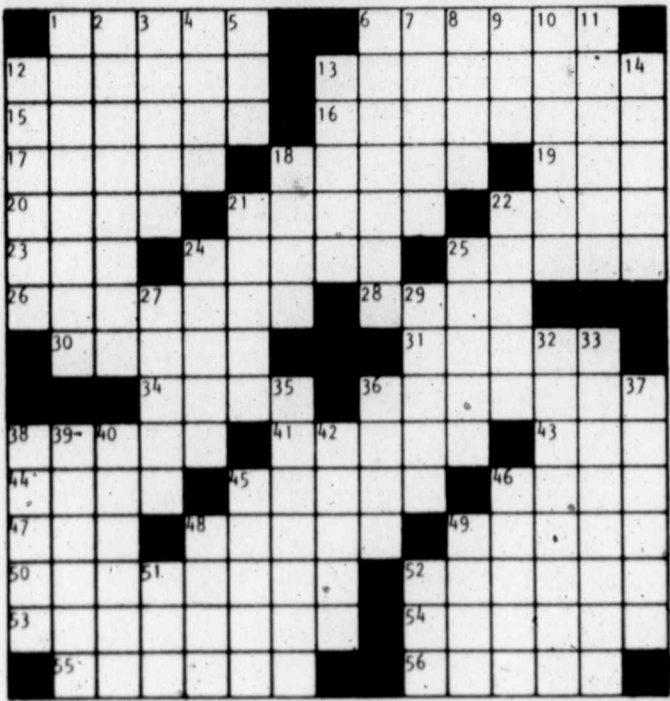
5 Unscramble the following words. Write the unscrambled words in the spaces provided.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS
1 More proficient
6 Austerities
12 Originate
13 Comprehensive survey
15 Canceled
16 Resulted in a mean quantity
17 Assigns roles
18 Part of the skyline
19 Youth
20 Patriot of Stamp Act days
21 Fragrance
22 Brit. gov. seat
23 Milit. title
24 Portion
25 Rigid
26 Chateau of Marie Antoinette
28 Chaledony
30 Fine fabric
31 Resort on Biscayne Bay
34 Golden Treasury selections
36 Student's goal
38 Glow
41 Lyric poem
43 Small quantity
44 Manipulates
45 "Common Sense" author
46 Star in Lyra
47 Diminutive suffix
48 Device in a pipe
49 City of the Latin Quarter
50 One of the Philippines
52 Southern university
53 Triangular gable
54 Mountain crests
55 Freebie of a sort
56 Distributed
DOWN
1 Devices for oxygenation
2 Latin-American capital
3 Catalogs
4 Times preceding great events
5 Vermilion
6 Valleys caused by erosion
7 Motionless
8 Pierce
9 pro nobis
10 Type of overcoat
11 Daub
12 Extract the essence of
13 Bond, for example
14 Cause confusion
18 Look over
21 Gave radiance
22 Part of a piano
24 Trick: Slang
25 Ingredient of Philadelphia pepper pot
27 Power producers
29 Derivative of ammonia
32 Preside at a meeting
33 Conjectured
35 Route for the Q2
36 Over
37 Humbles
38 Opposite of a fashion plate
39 Symbolic flowers
40 Matters under consideration
42 Device for rotation
45 Type of TV show
46 Gentleman's gentleman
48 Improvise, as music
49 Spotless
51 Obscure
52 Headgear



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



BLONDIE



MARY WORTH



JUDGE PARKER



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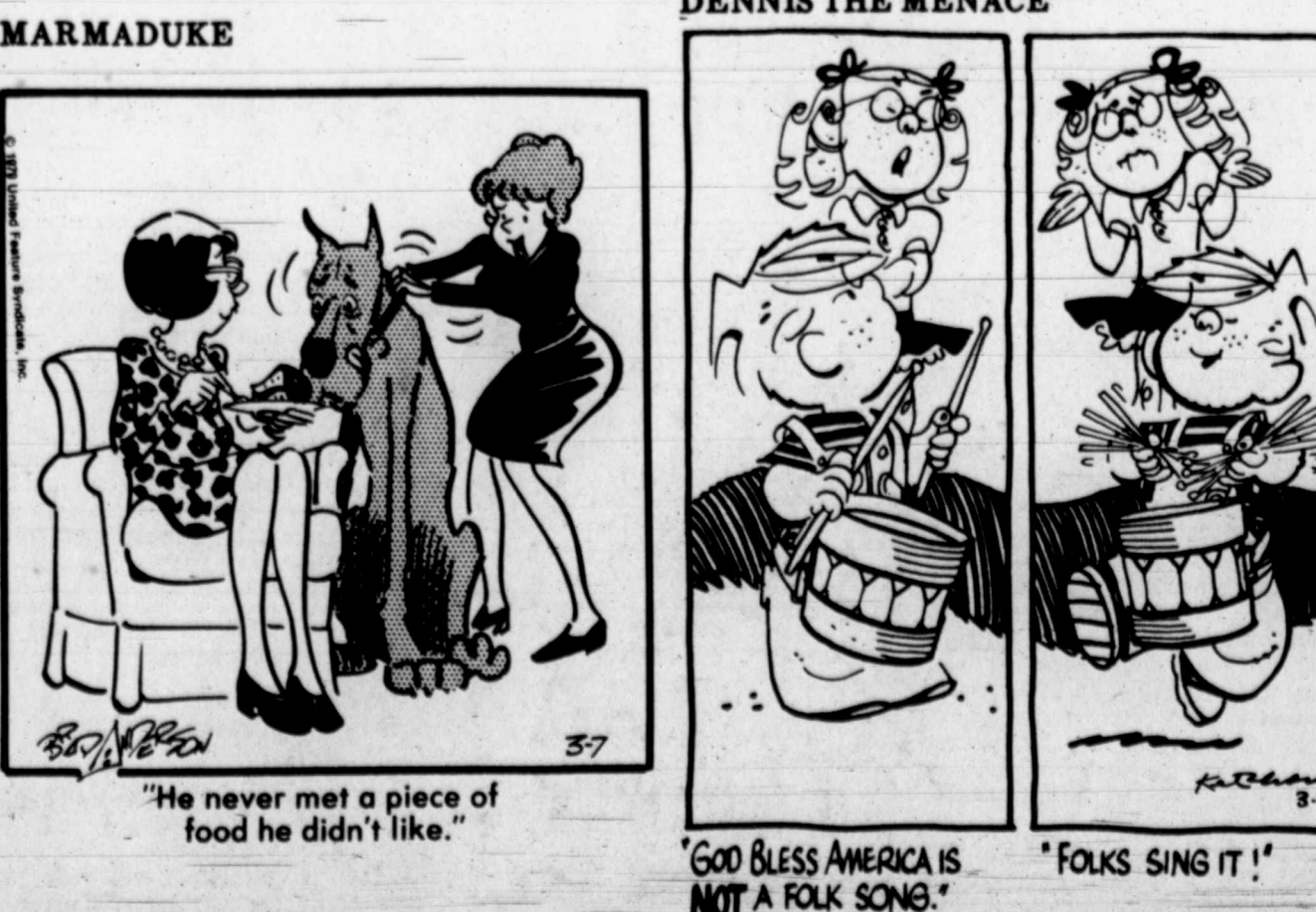
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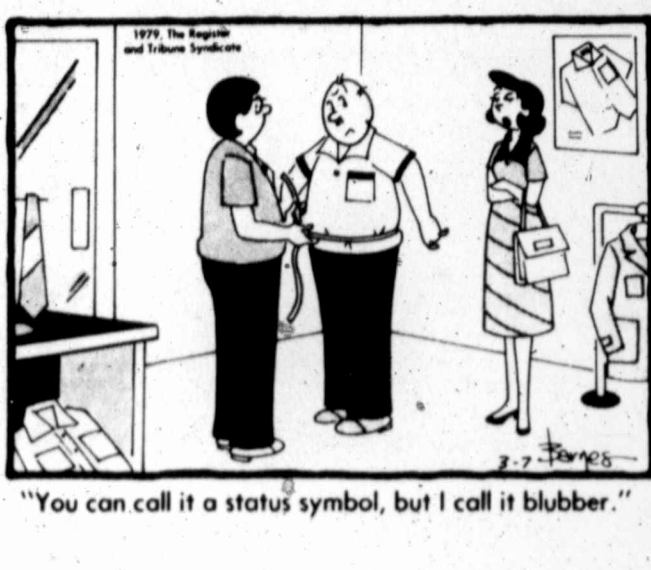
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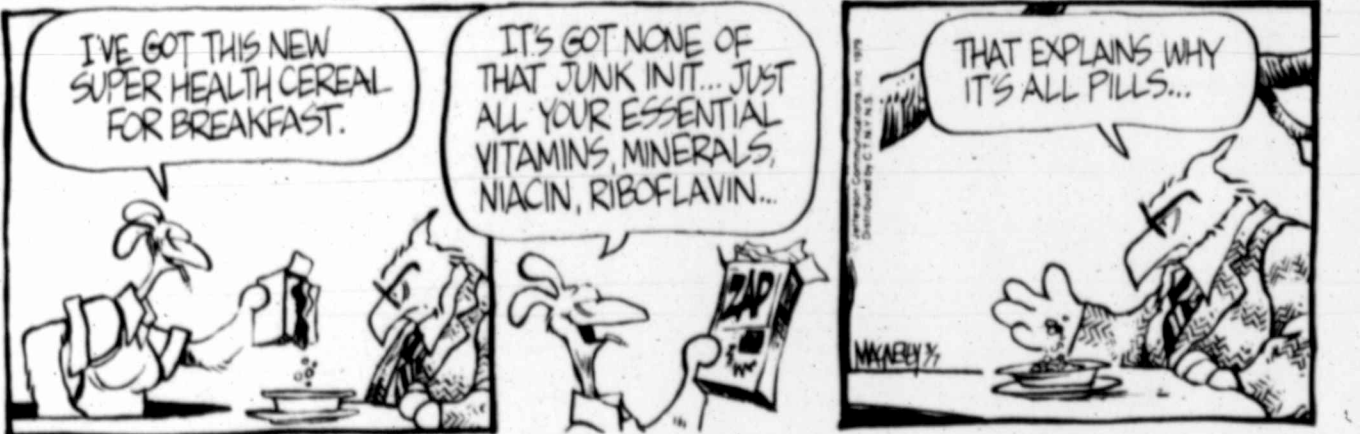
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