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Norwegian actress Liv Ullman walks with a large group of refugee children Wednesday during her visit to a Cambodian refugee camp at Khao I Dang, Thailand. The actress was there with a large group of other celebrities taking part in the so-called "March for Survival." (AP Laserphoto)

Hostage release 'imminent', says Kuwaiti paper

The Associated Press
A Kuwait newspaper reported from Tehran today that the release of the Americans held hostage in the U.S. Embassy for more than three months is "imminent."

The weekly newspaper Al Khadaf said the number of young Iranian militants occupying the embassy has been reduced from 400 to 50, and final arrangements for the release of the approximately 50 captive Americans are being completed "following the election of Abolhassan Bani Sadr as Iran's new president."

The paper did not give the source of its information, and there was no immediate confirmation of its report from Washington or other quarters, although Carter administration officials have expressed cautious optimism about the embassy standoff in recent days.

"Bani Sadr has set the settlement of the hostage crisis and the ending of the duality of authority being exercised in Iran as the main objectives at the beginning of his term," the report said.

Al Khadaf said U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is trying to persuade Bani Sadr to "pressure the students to leave the embassy and have them replaced by regular Iranian troops."

The Kuwaiti press is highly competitive, and the reliability of the Al Khadaf report was not known. But the Kuwaitis have good contacts in Iran because of the proximity of the two

countries. There is also a relatively large Iranian community in Kuwait.

Bani Sadr made plain Wednesday that he was determined to trim the power of the embassy militants. He castigated them for getting a government minister arrested, calling them "dictators who have created a government within the government," and gave the cold shoulder to a U.S. delegation invited to meet with them.

Immigration authorities detained the 49-member U.S. group for four hours Wednesday night at Tehran airport because they had no entry visas, then sent them to a Tehran hotel.

The Foreign Ministry issued the group four-day visas today at the request of the embassy captors, although the delegation had planned to stay 10 days.

The militants, meanwhile, disavowed responsibility in the arrest of the national guidance and information minister, Nasser Minachi, and denied they were interfering in government affairs.

Tehran Radio, monitored in London, said the embassy radicals declared they had "nothing to do with the arrest and detention of Minachi, that they have never interfered and will never interfere in the executive affairs of the country and that they reject the allegation that they interfere in government affairs."

Bani Sadr denounced the militants Wednesday because statements they made on the state radio and television — that they had embassy documents

showing Minachi had "close links with the CIA" — resulted in the minister's arrest. The president said the ruling Revolutionary Council, which he heads, ordered Minachi freed immediately.

Bani Sadr said the militants' allegation was one for a judge to investigate, and if people were arrested on the basis of something heard on the radio the country ran the risk of collapsing in chaos.

"I think the nation which has voted for me does not agree with this kind of behavior," said Bani Sadr, who got 75 percent of the vote in the presidential election two weeks ago.

Minachi denied the charge, and today Tehran Radio reported that he challenged the militants to present the documents to him or the public prosecutor and offered to debate them on television. Another state radio broadcast said the militants had put the documents "at the disposal" of the documents.

The president said the arrest of Minachi at his home by revolutionary guards several hours later was not authorized by the state prosecutor.

The American group did not bother getting visas in the United States because it was told they would be issued on arrival at the airport, an informed source said.

The delegation was invited by the militants in a bid for the U.S. spotlight they have been denied since American TV cameras were expelled from Iran three weeks ago. One theory then was that the expulsion was a move by the revolutionary regime to deflate the militants' self-importance and cut them down to size so that a deal for the release of the hostages could be worked out.

The American delegation was made up of persons sympathetic to the militants' demand for the return of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to Iran for trial. The leader of the group, Norman Forer of the University of Kansas, said the taking of the hostages was illegal but must be weighed "side by side with the anguish of the Iranian people" under the shah. Forer visited in Iran in December and met with the militants then.

The embassy militants and Bani Sadr have been enemies since late last November when he was foreign minister and they helped to get him replaced because he was willing to negotiate with the United States.

Since being elected president, however, Bani Sadr has received a firm endorsement from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the revolutionary leader recuperating from a heart attack at a Tehran hospital.

Oil windfall profits tax may mean income tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee, after scoring a major breakthrough on President Carter's "windfall profits" tax on the oil industry, is trying to decide if part of the money should finance an income tax cut for individuals.

A path for final action on the tax bill was cleared Wednesday when the conferees broke a two-week stalemate and agreed that the tax on the oil

industry should remain in effect at least until Sept. 30, 1980.

Still to be decided is an unrelated amendment, aimed at stimulating Americans to save and invest more. It would let an individual avoid income taxes on up to \$201 a year — \$400 for a couple — in interest and dividends.

Aides to the conference committee have proposed a spending package that would ticket at least \$85 billion for individual tax cuts in the 1980s,

with the first installment in October 1981.

The proposal also envisions federal aid of at least \$4 billion a year to help lower-income Americans cope with rising energy costs, and to provide incentives for energy conservation, development of non-oil energy sources and money for improving the nation's transportation system.

Although the Carter administration backs the energy-related incentives, it opposes any tax cut now because of fear it would fuel inflation.

The staff recommendation for income tax cuts would replace non-binding language in the Senate-passed bill designed to pave the way for a freeze in Social Security taxes next year. That provision was sponsored by Sen. William Roth, R-Del., who also is the most persistent advocate of income tax cuts.

Senate conferees, most of whom favor a comparatively weaker tax as a spur to greater domestic oil production, wanted the tax to expire as soon as it produces \$227.3 billion in revenue.

But House delegates said that would give U.S. oil companies and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries an incentive for sharp increases in crude oil prices over the next few years, since such action would hasten expiration of the tax. The House wanted parts of the tax to be permanent.

But House conferees accepted the compromise after Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., chairman of the committee, cautioned that it "is about as good a deal as can be worked out."

The compromise would begin phasing out the tax in January 1988 or as soon as the \$227.3 billion is raised, whichever is later. The tax would decrease by 3 percent until it ceased to exist.

The "windfall" tax is tied directly to oil prices — the more quickly oil prices increase, the more revenue it produces. The committee is assuming prices will increase above today's \$30-per-barrel level by 2 percent a year, plus the rate of inflation.

Under the compromise agreement, an unexpectedly sharp increase in oil prices could produce the \$227.3 billion in revenue much earlier than anticipated and the tax would remain in effect until 33 months after January 1988.

Women will get the word on draft from Carter soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is preparing to announce President Carter's decision on whether to include women in his draft registration program, ending weeks of speculation and rumor.

Carter reportedly decided Wednesday whether to include women in the program, and also made decisions on a range of other issues pertaining to the resumption of draft registration.

An announcement was expected today or Friday.

There was widespread speculation that the president favored including women.

ABC News reported Wednesday night that Carter will seek registration of women aged 18 to 20, but will do so in a separate request so the issue is not tied to the male registration program.

Questioned about that report, White House press secretary Jody Powell reiterated: "The president has not informed anyone of any decisions on these questions."

Meanwhile, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, former chief of naval operations, said Wednesday that Carter will recommend that women be included in his draft registration program.

Zumwalt, addressing a Virginia Senate committee in Richmond, said he met with Carter last week "and he told me he had decided to include women in the registration and would make an announcement to that effect."

However, Powell said the president's discussion with Zumwalt and others centered on the difficulty the administration would have in convincing Congress to change the law to permit registration of women.

"The president did not state what he intended to do," Powell said. "It's possible from that discussion that an inference was drawn."

The president announced resumption of draft registration in his State of the Union message last month. He did not specify whether he wanted women included, though previously he has said any registration program should include women.

Though Carter has the power to resume registration of men, Congress would have to change a law to include women. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill has predicted that such a move would fail.

Zumwalt, testifying before a committee considering ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, said: "Our country cannot afford to ignore the skills and resources women can bring to the military."

Afghans won't let Red Cross visit

By The Associated Press

Babrak Karmal, Afghanistan's Soviet-supported president, has reneged on a promise to let an International Red Cross team visit political prisoners in Afghan jails.

The refusal, announced today at the Geneva, Switzerland headquarters of the International Red Cross, came two weeks after Karmal and two of his ministers approved the visits by a four-member Red Cross team in Kabul, the Afghan capital, an IRC spokeswoman said.

Spokeswoman Francoise Bory said the IRC did not know what prompted Karmal's change of heart.

A brief statement issued in Geneva said the Red Cross had "learned that IRC delegates in Kabul have not yet been able to visit detainees."

Red Cross Director Jacques Moreillon, the leader of the team sent to Kabul last month to negotiate the visits with Afghan authorities, was returned to Geneva, the spokeswoman told The Associated Press.

The remaining three members of the team will stay in Kabul, at least for the present. "They are waiting for the promises we received to be fulfilled," Bory said.

The agency will use "every available means of pressure" to see the prisoners, she added.

During initial talks with the Karmal government, the Red Cross team was told there were 57 political prisoners in Afghanistan. That number could not be confirmed.

In Kabul, the government has

dumped the man it named to edit an official government newspaper after the Soviet-backed Dec. 27 coup that installed Karmal in power. Mohammed Rahim Rafat was fired as editor of the English-language Kabul New Times over the weekend after he published two editorials last week that were seen as critical of the Karmal regime.

Across the border in Pakistan, President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq reportedly has proposed that a peace-keeping force made up of Indian, Iranian and Pakistani troops be deployed to guard Afghanistan's frontiers, presumably after Soviet troops are withdrawn.

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Records show Bush concealed secret Nixon funds

By ROBERT L. JACKSON and RONALD J. OSTROW (c) 1980, The Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN — George Bush received \$106,000 from a secret Nixon White House fund and concealed most of it from campaign spending reports during his unsuccessful 1970 Senate race in Texas, newly obtained records disclose. More than half of the sum, or \$55,000, was in cash, none of which was reported.

Ledger sheets and other records uncovered by the Watergate special prosecutor and later tucked away in the National Archives provide the first documentary evidence that Bush, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, drew from a later discredited slush fund without informing the public or even one of his Texas finance co-chairmen.

Illustrating the sensitivity of the operation, cash sums forwarded to Bush were listed by a White House operative as coming from "C. Green" and "C.A. Green." Those were code names for currency, according to sources familiar with the records.

Bush's acceptance of the secret funds and his failure to disclose them fully sheds light on his relationship with the Nixon White House, a relationship that Bush now seeks to downplay although he held high political and administrative appointments under Richard M. Nixon — both before

and during Watergate.

ALSO, WHILE THE transactions apparently did not violate federal campaign laws, Bush's acceptance of the money and his failure to disclose it fully as required by Texas law raise questions of propriety, especially since most of the money was in cash and thus difficult to trace.

Bush refused to comment Wednesday, several hours after he and his

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staff were presented with written questions by the Los Angeles Times.

Leon Jaworski, the former Watergate special prosecutor and now a Bush supporter, said in an interview that when his staff investigated the secret fund in 1974, they cleared Bush of any legal violations in connection with it.

But, Jaworski acknowledged, he and his staff made no effort to pass on

the propriety of Bush and other candidates accepting slush fund money. Jaworski said he could not recall whether he knew that Bush had failed to report most of the funds.

Jaworski, referring to "the shifting sands" of campaign law, noted that federal reporting requirements imposed on candidates were extremely lax in 1970. "Allowances had to be made for the manner in which things were handled traditionally," he said.

"The confidential fund, run out of the basement of a townhouse in the northwest part of Washington, ultimately led to guilty pleas to election law violations by its three key Nixon campaign operatives: Jack A. Gleason, Herbert Kalmbach and Harry S. Dent.

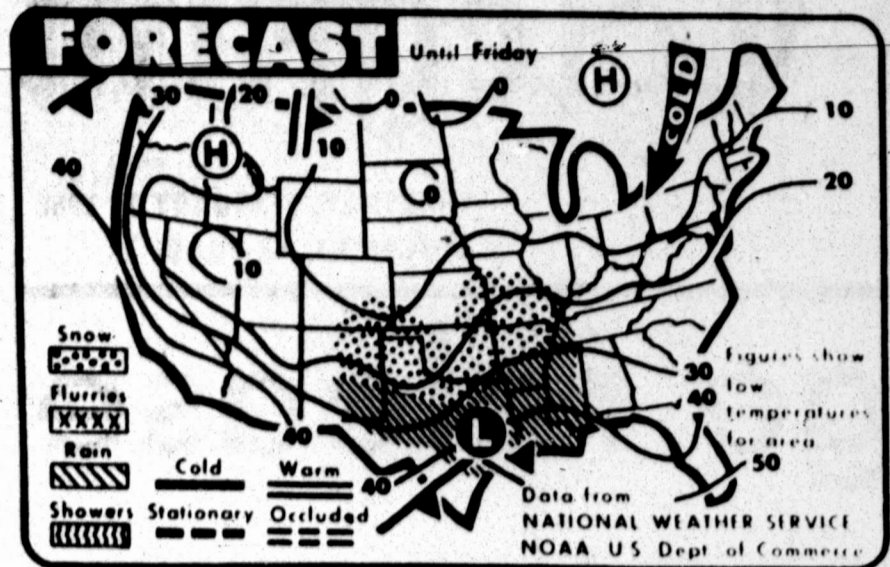
THE SO-CALLED "Townhouse Operation" was a \$1.5 million project that consisted partly of a cash hoard and partly of a secret channel for contributions from wealthy Republicans to Nixon's favorite candidates in 15 states.

In 1974, when Bush had been considered for appointment as vice president by the new president, Gerald R. Ford, Newsweek magazine reported that White House concern over Bush's possible Townhouse connection helped tip the appointment to Nelson A. Rockefeller.

But Bush's former campaign officials in Texas denied at that time that

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected from southeastern New Mexico to Mississippi and western Tennessee until Friday morning. Snow is forecast from eastern New Mexico and Colorado to northern Arkansas and Missouri. Most of the nation will be cold. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

A chance of rain through Friday and rain possibly mixed with snow tonight and Friday morning. Colder than Friday Low tonight in the middle 20s. High Friday in the upper 20s. Winds tonight easterly, 15 to 20 mph and gusty. Probability of precipitation is 40 percent tonight and Friday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 48 degrees
Overnight Low 47 degrees
Summer today 7:29 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:14 a.m.

Precipitation

Last 24 hours 0 inches
This month to date 0.49 inches
1960 to date 0.49 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	32	6 p.m.	30
7 a.m.	30	7 p.m.	28
8 a.m.	30	8 p.m.	27
9 a.m.	30	9 p.m.	27
10 a.m.	32	10 p.m.	27
11 a.m.	32	11 p.m.	27
12 p.m.	32	Midnight	27
1 p.m.	32	1 a.m.	27
2 p.m.	32	2 a.m.	27
3 p.m.	32	3 a.m.	27
4 p.m.	32	4 a.m.	27
5 p.m.	32	5 a.m.	27
6 a.m.	32	6 a.m.	27

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Abilene	31	1
Albino	46	44
Denver	46	30
Amarillo	36	34
El Paso	66	50
PL Worth	58	42
Houston	58	42
Lubbock	61	44
Marfa	61	44
Oklahoma City	33	33
Wichita Falls	59	49

The weather elsewhere

Thursday

Hi	Lo	Pre	OH
Albany	29	16	clr
Albuquerque	42	30	bc
Amarillo	54	34	bc
Anchorage	41	32	bc
Asheville	34	20	bc
Atlanta	38	23	bc
Atlanta City	35	21	bc
Baltimore	28	25	bc
Birmingham	41	22	bc
Bismarck	19	17	bc
Boise	41	32	bc
Boston	31	27	bc
Brownsville	75	65	bc
Buffalo	22	15	bc
Butte	44	36	bc
Charlottesville	36	29	bc
Charlottesville	36	29	bc
Chicago	30	14	bc
Cincinnati	31	21	bc
Cleveland	31	21	bc
Columbus	32	22	bc
Dallas	59	42	bc
Denver	39	22	bc
Des Moines	25	14	bc
Detroit	31	21	bc
El Paso	66	50	bc
Fairbanks	33	27	bc
Fort Worth	58	42	bc
Hartford	37	27	bc
Helen	30	23	bc
Honolulu	65	54	bc
Houston	58	42	bc
Indianapolis	31	21	bc
Jacksonville	44	31	bc
Juneau	41	45	bc
Kan City	31	21	bc
Las Vegas	72	50	bc
Little Rock	44	22	bc
Los Angeles	63	42	bc
Louisville	32	20	bc
Madison	37	27	bc
Miami	73	49	bc
Milwaukee	27	20	bc
Minneapolis	27	13	bc
Nashville	34	26	bc
New Orleans	45	32	bc
New York	31	29	bc
Norfolk	35	27	bc
Omaha	43	32	bc
Oklahoma City	33	23	bc
Philadelphia	28	26	bc
Phoenix	74	49	bc
Pittsburgh	31	19	bc
Plymouth	31	14	bc
Pompano Beach	50	42	bc
Rapid City	40	20	bc
Revere	33	20	bc
Richmond	21	18	bc
St. Louis	27	26	bc
St. Paul	36	26	bc
Seattle	35	22	bc
Spokane	48	20	bc
St. Petersburg	35	24	bc
St. Thomas	18	15	bc
Tampa	42	29	bc
Tulsa	42	29	bc
Washington	42	29	bc

Riot survivors go to Leavenworth

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — Up to 75 more inmates from the riot-torn New Mexico State Prison were expected to arrive today at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., prison officials say.

Guarded by federal marshals, 74 handcuffed prisoners from the New Mexico facility arrived by plane in Kansas City, Mo. Wednesday and were then transported by bus to Leavenworth to await possible reassignment to other prisons.

Prison officials in New Mexico are attempting to relocate most of more than 1,000 prisoners who survived the 36-hour weekend riot, which left 35 inmates dead and the penitentiary in ruins.

U.S. Bureau of Prisons officials anticipate at least 350 of the New Mexico prisoners will be shipped elsewhere while officials consider what to do with the ravaged prison at Santa Fe.

The men who arrived at Leavenworth Wednesday appeared glad to have the nightmarish riot behind them.

"These guys have been through a

lot. They're glad to get out of there," said a penitentiary official who asked not to be identified.

More than a dozen armed prison guards were on hand to meet the four-engine Lockheed Electra, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, which flew the prisoners into Downtown Airport in Kansas City.

"They were passive as they could be," said a flight crewman who asked not to be identified. "Most of them just settled down and went to sleep. They were ideal passengers."

As each man left the aircraft, guards draped light khaki jackets over their shoulders to ward off the 25-degree cold.

The men wore only T-shirts and light prison pants, distributed after most of their belongings were destroyed in the rioting.

A prison official carried a sheaf of makeshift cards. Each contained the name, date of birth, sentence and prison number of the 74 prisoners, along with a color photograph of each inmate. The cards marked the start of

a new system that would replace records destroyed in the rioting.

After the prisoners arrived at the penitentiary, they underwent a lengthy classification process to determine, among other things, if they should remain at Leavenworth or be reassigned to other prisons.

Mark Luttrell, administrative as-

stant to the warden, said some of the inmates would be transferred almost immediately to other prisons around the country. In the meantime, the other transferred prisoners will be placed in a maximum security section of the penitentiary, separate from the other 996 inmates at Leavenworth, Luttrell said.



Prisoners from the New Mexico State Prison wait for a bus as they stand on the steps of the aircraft that brought them to Kansas City's Downtown Airport Wednesday. Buses transported 74 prisoners from the airport to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. (AP Laserphoto)

'Bribed' solon claims he was making own probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of eight members of Congress named in the FBI's bribery investigation admits taking \$25,000 in cash, but says he did so as part of his own personal inquiry into wrongdoing by unidentified "shady characters."

Rep. Richard Kelly of Florida, the only Republican named in the FBI "sting," told that story in a lengthy interview on a network television news special Wednesday, shortly after the Justice Department indicated there likely would be indictments in the case within 90 days.

Also Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Philip Heymann cautioned the House and Senate Ethics Committees that if they pursued their own competing investigations, they could imperil the prosecution of those who may have committed criminal acts.

"A number of guilty individuals may go unprosecuted or unpunished," said Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti in a letter read to the committees by Heymann.

In Trenton, N.J., FBI agents were meeting with Joseph Lordi, chairman of the state Casino Control Commission, and commissioner Albert Merck to ask questions about New Jersey's licensing process for gambling casinos.

He explained.

Meanwhile, Heymann said it will take about 90 days for the Justice Department to present its evidence in the "sting" operation to federal grand juries.

Some members of both committees had indicated they would seek to force the Justice Department to turn over evidence for their own investigations of senators and House members.

But Heymann said, "We are pretty firmly of the mind at present that the criminal trials should be allowed to go forward."

Heymann estimated that all indictments would be handed down within 120 days and trials completed in six months.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill quoted Civiletti as saying that "some cases are strong and some are not so strong."

The Senate Ethics Committee voted 6-0 to conduct a "preliminary inquiry" of the allegations against Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J. But the issue of whether to press for FBI evidence was left open.

Texas thermometer

High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	56	0.00
Alice	72	0.00
Alpine	72	0.00
Amarillo	56	0.00
Austin	64	0.00
Beaumont	64	0.00
Brownsville	75	0.02
Childress	52	0.00
College Station	65	0.00
Corpus Christi	67	0.00
Dallas	69	0.00
Del Rio	50	0.00
El Paso	71	0.00
Fort Worth	58	0.00
Gaustonia	58	0.00
Houston	67	0.00
Junction	67	0.00
Lubbock	64	0.00
Lufkin	61	0.00
Marfa	66	0.00
McAllen	75	0.00
Midland	65	0.00
Mineral Wells	61	0.00
Palacios	65	0.00
Presidio	71	0.00
San Angelo	68	0.00
San Antonio	71	0.00
Shreveport, La.	60	0.00
St. Louis	60	0.00
Texas City	57	0.00
Tyler	60	0.00
Victoria	66	0.00
Waco	62	0.00

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Winter storm watch Panhandle and South Plains tonight and Friday. Chance of rain most sections today. Rain changing to snow Panhandle late this afternoon and Friday. Colder north tonight and most sections tonight and Friday. Highs low 40s north to mid 50s south. Mid 30s Big Bend valleys. Lows mid 20s. Panhandle to low 30s south to near 10s Big Bend valleys. Highs Friday mid 20s north to low 40s south to near 60 high Bend.

North Texas: Travelers advisory northwest tonight and Friday. Rain and cool today. Rain will change to snow northwest tonight and continue into Friday. Fog causing hazardous driving conditions tonight and Friday. Light rain tonight and early portions tonight and Saturday. Colder tonight and Friday. Highs 47 to 55. Lows 26 to 40. Highs Friday 30 to 42.

South Texas: Considerable cloudiness, windy and mild through Friday with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms developing west today and spreading eastward, becoming more numerous tonight and Friday. Few locally heavy thunderstorms possible tonight and Friday. Highs 40 coast to near 40 extreme south. Lows 30s and 40s.

Border state forecasts

New Mexico: Winter storm warning mountains and north today and tonight. Winter storm watch south tonight. Turning colder mountains and north with snow and blowing snow developing today and continuing tonight. Heavy snow likely northern mountains and northeast. Scattered rain showers south, turning to or mixed with snow tonight. Colder south tonight. Much colder Friday with scattered snow continuing mountains and north with scattered rain or snow south. Highs 40s mountains and north to low 50s south. Lows zero to 20 mountains and north, 20 to 32 elsewhere. Highs Friday 40s south, mainly 20s and 30s north.

Steelworkers warned industry short on cash

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steel industry negotiators have warned the United Steelworkers that cash-short companies can't afford the contract improvements the union has won in the past.

"The industry has tough problems, and you have to share them," J. Bruce Johnston, chief industry negotiator, said Wednesday during the second day of contract talks covering 450,000 workers.

"We must produce a settlement which will not result in employment costs soaking up all the money so badly needed for maintaining existing production capability and hopefully growth," another industry spokes-

man said. "We cannot continue to improve upon the economic state of the steelworker at the rate we have done in the past."

USW President Lloyd McBride said the industry presentation "was the hardest line in my experience at sound-off sessions."

The first two days of talks, called sound-off sessions, are used for both sides to outline their bargaining positions.

Members of the industry's coordinating committee said a shortage of investment capital threatens the future of American steelmaking.

The steelworkers lead industrial workers in wages, benefits and pensions, with labor costs totaling 40 percent of steelmaking expenses.

"Our message to you is that the time has come...to slow down the rate of your advantage compared to other workers," an industry spokesman said.

The union is asking for wage increases within the 7.5 percent to 9.5 percent range recommended by the Carter administration, and is prepared to fight for protection against inflation.

"We're adamant," said a union spokesman, who described this year's talks as hard-line. "We've got to hold our own."

McBride told reporters Tuesday the union would be able to abide by the inflation guidelines. He also said negotiators will try to improve pensions for retired workers without adding additional costs to the settlement. The industry maintains retired steelworkers are in "an extremely favorable position."

Job security is another issue, especially since 70,000 industry jobs have been lost in the last decade. But industry spokesmen said unless they raise \$7 billion for investments over the next eight years, more jobs will be lost.

Union negotiators now begin bargaining with individual companies. Any issue unresolved by April 14 goes to binding arbitration under the Experimental Negotiating Agreement, which guarantees USW members a minimum 3 percent yearly wage increase and cost-of-living protection, but prohibits industrywide strikes.

Fire burning out of control in California

MONTECITO, Calif. (AP) — A major fire pushed by 50 mph winds burned out of control early today in a brushy ranching area near this Southern California community, officials reported.

A fireman and an assistant chief both were injured fighting the blaze, said Terry Fenner of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Department.

Authorities were investigating reports that two homes were damaged. "There are lots of ranches and quite a few homes" in the area, Ms. Fenner said. At least eight fire units and a Strike Team from Ventura were at the scene battling the blaze, she said.

A fire in the same area in July 1977 damaged or destroyed 385 expensive homes and caused \$50 million damage. Montecito joins Santa Barbara at its southern limit.

Meanwhile, another blaze was reported burning out of control 25 miles to the east in an area near Ojai.

The Montecito blaze started about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday and 75 acres of brush were reported charred shortly after midnight.

There was no indication of how the blaze started.

Rain, possibly snow, forecast

Get out your heavy coat and pile some more blankets on the bed; the picnic's over.

The spring-like weather enjoyed by Permian Basin residents the past few days is going to come to an end, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

It's going to turn much colder tonight, the weatherman said, and a chance of rain — possibly mixed with snow — will exist at least through Friday.

Low temperature tonight should drop into the middle 20s and the mercury should climb only into the upper 30s on Friday. Winds should blow out of the east tonight at 15-20 mph and will be gusty.

There will be a 40 percent probability of precipitation tonight and again on Friday, the weatherman said.

If the weather system develops as

expected it will be a marked change from the weather of recent days. High temperature Wednesday in Midland was 65 degrees and the low reading this morning was 47 degrees.

Record for Wednesday's date is 83 degrees, set in 1950, and this morning's low reading was tremendously warm compared to the record low reading for this date — 2 degrees in 1933.

Permian Basin area communities this morning were reporting warm temperatures, lots of wind, cloudy skies and "damp looking" conditions.

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Howard College president denies suit allegation

BIG SPRING — Howard College President Charles Hays formally has denied allegations made by the wife of a Big Spring attorney that he withheld college records for personal gain.

The plaintiff, Mary Thomas, has alleged in a suit filed in 118th State District Court that she was denied information about the college's purchase of ice from Spring City Ice Co. Mrs. Thomas named Hays as an officer holder in the ice company.

But Hays termed the suit's reference to his relationship with the ice company as "scandalous and derogatory" and contended that the reference should be stricken from the record.

In her petition, Mrs. Thomas said college records should be released "promptly" in accordance with the Texas Open Records Act.

Hays, in his reply, said that the college's policy is that records are to be released "efficiently, safely and without delay."

Stacy Dam permit upheld

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State District Judge Herman Jones says he still has some questions about the Texas Water Commission's decision to allow the construction of the Stacy Dam but he found no reason to overturn the commission ruling.

Jones upheld the permit Wednesday for the \$60 million Colorado River dam and reservoir that would provide water for several West Texas cities.

Downstream interests, including the Lower Colorado River Authority and the city of Austin, argued the dam would cut water supplies to Central Texas.

Jones who listened to two days of arguments last week, said in a Wednesday letter to lawyers in the case that he still has "considerable questions concerning the determinations of the (Texas Water Commission) in this case."

Stacy Dam permit upheld

But he added, "I am not able to say they are without substantial evidence to support them or that they are contrary to law. Hence, (the commission) order is sustained."

The permit was granted last year after prolonged hearings before the water commission. LCRA was joined by others in the court action.

The dam is planned for 26 miles southeast of Ballinger. The Colorado River Municipal Water District, which was granted the permit, says the dam would provide water — mostly for drinking purposes — to San Angelo, Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Snyder and Stanton.

LCRA attorneys argued the dam and reservoir would "export" West Texas' water shortages to Central Texas. The LCRA and city of Austin have claimed the dam would divert 36 billion gallons of water a year from communities below the dam.

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Clements' statement no surprise

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — When Gov. Bill Clements announced he expected the world's worst oil spill to be brought under control this week, it was not news to the U.S. ambassador-at-large to Mexico.

"That didn't come as any surprise," said Bob Krueger, who claimed he had learned about progress toward capping the runaway Ixtoc 1 oil well two weeks ago.

"We did not make any particular announcement because when you're dealing with subterranean passages you don't want to set about some hope that won't be realized," he said.

Clements said Tuesday sources at the well site, in the southern Gulf of Mexico, reported a diagonal relief hole had reached the underground source of oil, and plugging the blown-out Ixtoc 1 well was only a matter of days, weather and equipment permitting.

However, two earlier predictions — in August and January — that the well was almost shut down fell through, Krueger noted.

"Clearly our hopes are there, but we don't want to get up any false hopes. I'm not in a position to offer any guarantees," he said.

The United States and Mexico are about two months away from signing an agreement on handling of future oil spills, but Krueger said the pact would not affect the current problem.

"The question of Ixtoc 1 has not been resolved," he said. "We still hope it might be possible to keep it out of court."

Several lawsuits have been filed against the Mexican national oil company, a private Mexican drilling contractor and the American company that leased

the rig, claiming damages from oil spill's impact on Texas beaches last summer.

U.S.-Mexican relations, rocky in the recent past, will keep changing as Mexico develops a stronger economy through its vast oil and gas reserves, Krueger told a local civic group.

"We have not ... had an entirely tranquil past. But I think ... we can build from the scars of the past and build a more binding relationship," said the former Texas congressman, who emphasized energy cannot be the only building block in constructing a new relationship with Mexico.

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Judge in campaign

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Douglas is a graduate of The University of Texas and its School of Law. He is licensed to practice before federal district courts in Texas and Oklahoma, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He was elected to his first term on the court in 1968 and was re-elected in 1974.

The Austin jurist has been active in the State Bar of Texas and has appeared on a national television panel discussion, "Free Press and Fair Trial."

Douglas said he will campaign throughout the state for the Democratic nomination "as time from my duties on the Court of Criminal Appeals permits."

Man jailed for assault on policeman Tuesday

Bond has been set at \$1,000 for Leonard Jasper Hill, 31, of 1213 E. Cuthbert on charges of assaulting a peace officer.

Hill was arrested Tuesday night after two officers were called to stand by at 500 South Lee while Jennifer Anders retrieved some belongings.

As Officer Albert Grindstaff left the building, Hill reportedly shoved him through the door. As Grindstaff turned to arrest Hill, he said Hill swung at him, striking his glasses and causing the frames to cut him just below his left eye.

Hill was in City Jail this morning.

Midland woman conned out of savings at mall

A 78-year-old Midland woman was conned out of \$2,500 of her savings at Dellwood Mall, 3300 Illinois, Tuesday afternoon, according to Midland police.

The theft occurred at approximately 2 p.m. Police said two women, one black and one white, approached Bessie Lee Koen of 2509 Elizabeth Ave. and convinced her to withdraw \$2,500 from her savings account at First National Bank. Mrs. Koen told police she was supposed to get her money back a short time later, plus \$9,000 bonus.

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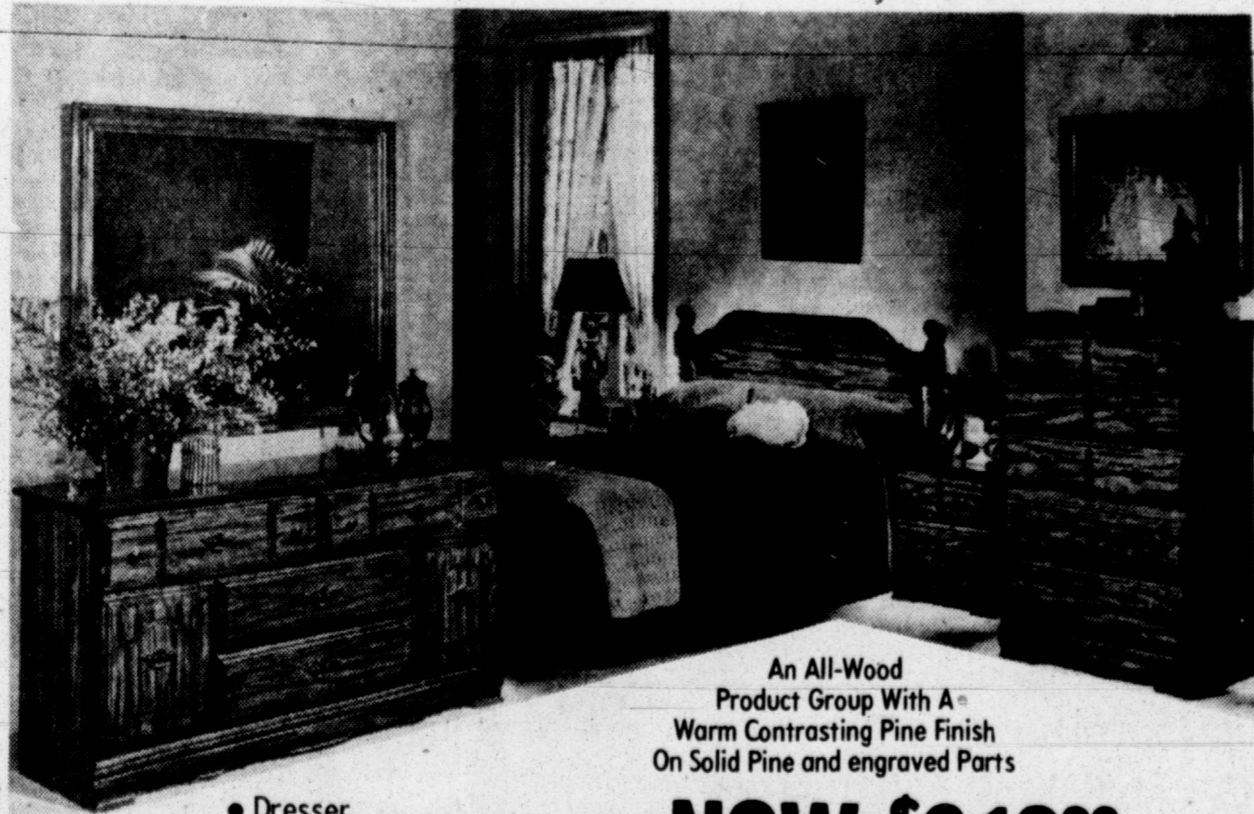
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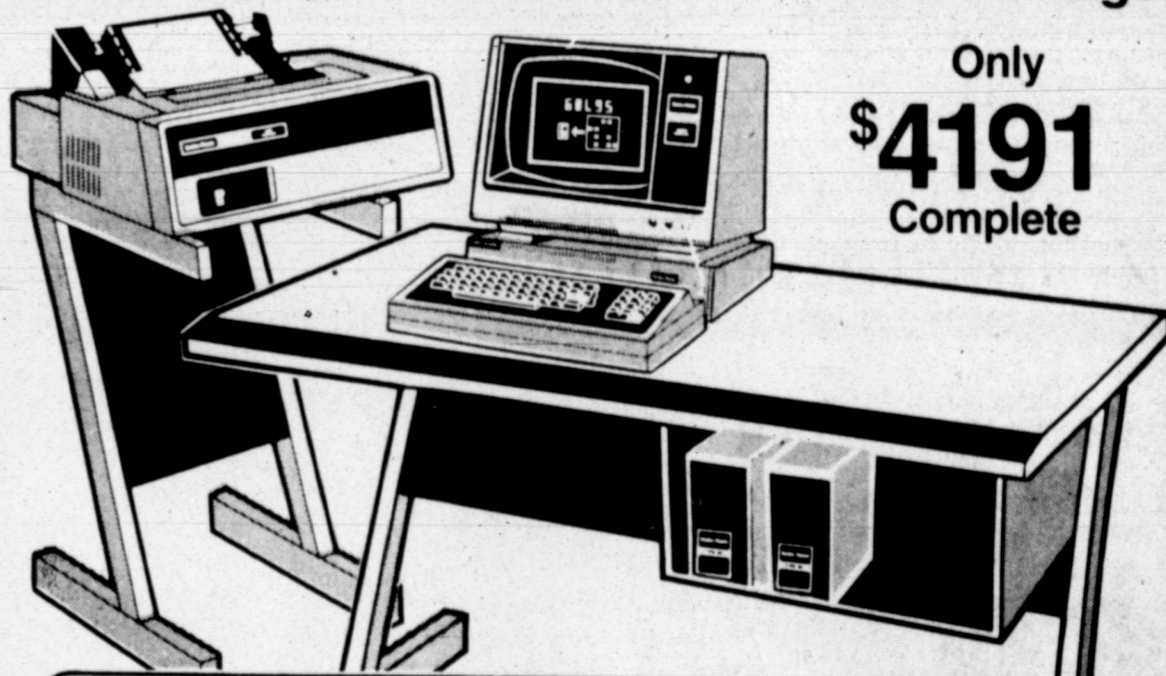
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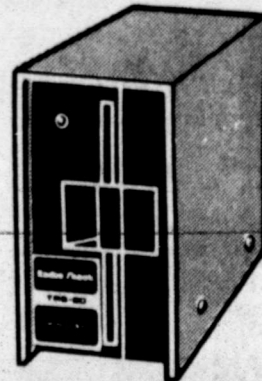
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Vernon Gill, now 64, has no intent of budging anytime soon from his workaday routine of almost three decades. He's the Garden City postmaster, and is more than proud of his appointment by President Harry S. Truman. (Staff Photo by Ed Todd)

He's doing 'as I please'

GARDEN CITY — Vernon Gill has the ideal job. "I can do as I please," he said from behind the counter at 79739. "I can either go or stay."

For that right, he has "paid" almost 30 years of his life. And he has decided to stay awhile longer.

Gill is the Garden City postmaster and has been since Harry S. Truman, the plain-spoken man from Missouri, appointed him to the job back in the early 1950s.

By his own admission, Gill didn't exactly "earn" the right to be postmaster. He sort of fell into the job, which, then more so than now, was by political appointment.

Eva Parker, who had been the Garden City postmaster for 33 years, was retiring, and, in fact, did retire, but hasn't slowed down to a standstill. "Hell, she's a live wire," Gill said of his predecessor. "She's no fuddy-duddy, either."

Well, Gill dearly wanted the job, since he and his wife were buying the Garden City drug store from J.L. and Eva Parker, and the drug store had a cubbyhole for the post office, which, as now, served a ranching farming-oil county and community.

"I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING about a political job," Gill candidly admitted, but he had clout even before the word became vogue. By then, he already was acting postmaster and had the inside track on the job. So, to firm up his chances, he checked with Nat Shick, the postmaster at Big Spring, and Noel Oates, his counterpart in Midland. Both told Gill that he needed political contacts — a good word to the President.

And, lo, that word, via letters, came from Glasscock County Judge Lee Smith, who voluntarily wrote Harry S. Truman again and again until the appointment certificate, which Gill, a former cowboy and ranch foreman, has hanging on a wall just behind the counter in the new post office. The drug store was closed down in 1972.

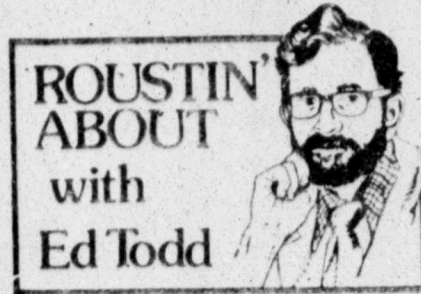
He's proud of the Truman-signed document and of the man who brought to the fore the phrase "The buck stops here."

"He was a little undiplomatic," Gill said of Truman, "but you knew he meant what he said."

"Politicians today," he suggested, need more than a little of that Harry Truman trait.

GILL SETTLED into "post officing" after that. His wife, Glenda, ran the drug store, and he kept the post office part a humming.

"We called it a drug store," Gill reflected, "but it was a front-end store." We sold about everything a



fella might need, except groceries" and prescription drugs. The store had plenty of patent medicines, though.

Before Gill even thought about running a post office, he was cowboying over at Sterling County. He was foreman for the 54-section 7D Ranch from about 1935 'til 1945, when he returned to Garden City to ride the range again and then to work for the Texas Highway Department.

HE HAS AN AFFINITY, developed over the years, for this community and county of, say, 1,700 people.

"I'm one of them. I'm part of it (Garden City)," Gill said. You might not like everything about your home, but it's yours. You know what I mean?"

The community is ingrained in him.

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GILL'S LINK to West Texas began before the turn of the century.

That link was via his grandfather,

Lubbock man mangles arm in cement mixer

Louis Hernandez, 37, of Lubbock was listed in satisfactory condition this morning in Midland Memorial Hospital after an industrial accident which left his right arm badly mangled.

The accident occurred Wednesday afternoon at Midland Air Terminal.

According to reports, the man was operating a cement mixer when his sleeve was caught by the machinery. The mixer was then accidentally knocked into gear and the man's right arm was pulled into the machinery.

Co-workers rushed to his aid and cut him loose with torches.

Midland Emergency Medical Technicians arrived at the scene and transported Hernandez to the Midland Memorial Hospital Emergency Room.

William Gill. "That old devil came from Ireland," Gill digressed. "He was a stowaway" about age 14 on a steam freighter.

Eventually, Grandfather Gill moved his family to northeast of Stanton in Martin County.

"He ran horses (and mules) out there and went broke," Gill said. "He brought in high-powered jacks from Ireland."

Gill's father, Simp Gill, was an old-time cowboy and brand inspector in Martin County, and lived to a good, old age. He was a regular at the Martin County Old Settlers' Reunion in Stanton.

"Did you know," said Gill, "there are more people out there who can tell you more about my dad than I can?" He was an old settler who revealed in the annual reunion.

"He didn't just exist; he lived," Gill said of his gray-haired father. "He did have fun."

And Vernon Gill, quite obviously, finds his post office work, if not fun, rewarding and, as all jobs ideally should be, rewarding. He likes it well enough to hang on for as long as he sees fit.

"I just haven't anything better to do yet," he allowed. "But I don't have to retire. I could stay here until I'm so senile I couldn't do anything."



Tim Fisher, 18, has been chosen as the Junior Lion of the week. Fisher, a senior at Lee High School, is the son of Mrs. Bernice Brown, 1506 Butternut. He is involved in basketball, is a member of the Junior Engineer Technical Society and is president of People Unlimited Club. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Crew abandons burning tanker

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Steve Cookton was standing watch in the engine room of the tanker Aries when a fast-moving fire exploded, forcing 24 crewmen to abandon ship on the high seas about 110 miles west of here.

"I was hit by a piece of flying metal on the arm and was bleeding," Cookton said Wednesday from a Key West hospital where he was treated for cuts.

"I climbed onto the deck and reported the fire to the captain. I couldn't get anywhere near sickbay because of the fire. Then I was ordered into a lifeboat and we moved away from the ship," he said.

Nine of the 33 crewmen aboard the tanker stayed to fight the blaze, which was brought under control several hours after a 2 p.m. mayday call. The others manned lifeboats and floated alongside the ship about 70 miles west of the desolate Dry Tortugas.

The Coast Guard cutter Cape York picked up crewmen and helped extinguish the blaze. The cutter Diligence was to transport Aries crewmen to Key West early today.

Wednesday night, the engine room fire and several other small blazes

were reported out, the Coast Guard said. The engine room of the tanker had been gutted.

The 31-year-old Cookton, of Jacksonville, Fla., and seaman Sal Cassella were flown by Navy helicopter to Key West, where Cassella was hospitalized with smoke inhalation.

Lt. Norris Turner said the blaze apparently was caused by an electrical malfunction and then spread from the engine room to other parts of the ship.

He said the Aries was en route from Houston to Yorktown, Va., with six million gallons of No. 6 bunker fuel, used in electrical generation, and 175,

Midland steering committee for Connally campaign named

Tom Sealy, chairman, and Deane Stoltz, co-chairman, of the Midland County Connally for President Committee announced Wednesday the formation of a steering committee.

The members of this committee will work with the co-chairmen here in campaign efforts to secure former

000 gallons of bunker C oil used to fuel the ship.

No oil pollution was evident after the fire, officials said, but Coast Guard pollution control experts were brought in from New Orleans and St. Louis.

Turner said the disabled ship is owned by Anherst Shipping of Wilmington, Del., and operated by Apex Marine Corp. of New York City.

A Coast Guard spokesman in Tampa said Apex also owns the oil tanker Capricorn, which collided with the Coast Guard cutter Blackthorn off Tampa Jan. 28, killing 23 Blackthorn crewmen.

Texas governor Connally's Republican nomination for the president and, thereafter, his election.

Members of the steering committee are: Malcolm Abel, Barbara Allen, Roy Campbell, Ted Collins Jr., Frank Cowden Jr., Murray Fasken, Charles Fraser, John Hendrix, W.D. Kleine, James W. Lacy and J.C. Williamson.

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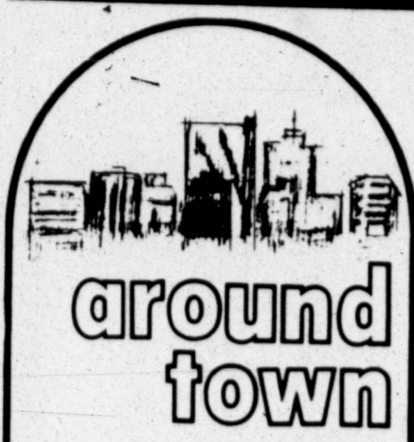
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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

...One-hundred and forty-four Midland students qualified for the deans' honor rolls in the six colleges at Texas Tech University during the fall semester.

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...ST. ANN'S Pre-School Mothers' Club is kicking off its 1980 membership drive with a children's valentine party at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2401 W. Indiana Ave. The party will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, with lots of fun for kids and moms planned.

Interested prospective members may contact Jan Florer at 694-6314 for further information...

...JAMES RHOTENBERRY JR., 1604 N. N St., is a January graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His diploma will be mailed to him in mid-March since no commencement ceremony is held in the winter.

The Midlander was awarded a master of architecture degree from the university's graduate school...



Recipients of Voice of Democracy scholarships from Tall City VFW Post 7209 are, from left standing, Mark Stanley, first; Paul Hughston, second, and Ralph Kenney, third. Arthur Hunsinger, standing from left, was VFW Post 7209 VOD chairman, while Margaret Phariss was VOD chairman for the post's women's auxiliary. (Staff Photo)

MHS students receive scholarships from Tall City VFW Post 7208

Tall City VFW Post 7208 presented scholarships during their 5th annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship Banquet held at the post home.

Theme of the program was "My Role in America's Future," with Elaine Dullian of Eagle Pass as guest speaker.

The 1979-80 winners were presented scholarships by the VOD chairman Arthur Hunsinger and Margaret Phariss.

Mark Stanley of Midland High School was the first place winner, receiving a \$300 award. Paul Hughston of MHS received a \$250 scholarship and the second place trophy, while Ralph Kennedy of MHS was presented a \$150 scholarship and a third place trophy.

Guests attending the banquet included the 25th District Commander J.C. Farris and his wife; District Junior Vice Perry Ross and his wife and Monahans Commander Danny Armenda and his wife with the Monahans VOD winners of Post 4004.

"Students win more than awards and scholarships when they participate in the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program," said Commander Ed Phariss of VFW Post 7208.

Some of the fringe benefits, according to the commander, are increased self-confidence and poise, experience in communicating with others and valuable training in self expression. For the state winners, there also is

the broadening experience of a five-day tour of Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to make lasting friendships with the other state winners, said Phariss.

In the 18 years the VFW has been sole sponsor of the VOD program, more than 3,000,000 high school students have participated. Participants write and then tape-record a three to five minute broadcast script expressing their views on their role in Ameri-

ca's future. From among the state winners, five national winners are chosen to receive a total of \$22,500 in scholarships.

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Infant's teeth full of decay

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 32nd annual National Children's Dental Health Week is being observed this week. As part of the week's activities, The Midland Reporter-Telegram, in cooperation with the Permian Basin Hygienists' Study Group, is publishing six articles on dental health. This is the fifth in a series.

QUESTION: My nephew is just nine months old and his teeth are full of decay. He mainly consumes formula and juices, and of course he does not eat candy. What could have caused this extensive decay?

ANSWER: It sounds as if your nephew may be suffering from a condition known as "nursing bottle mouth." A baby who is given a bottle at bedtime can be a prime candidate for this condition of rampant dental decay.

As soon as a child's teeth appear, they are susceptible to decay. The teeth can be badly damaged if the baby is regularly put to bed for naps and at night with a bottle filled with sugary liquids. Formula, fruit juices, as well as sugary soft drinks, are all very dangerous in a bedtime nursing bottle.

As the liquids containing sugar are consumed, they combine with the sticky, colorless bacterial plaque that constantly forms on everyone's teeth. By interacting with the bacteria in plaque, the sugars from the liquid form acids that eat away at the baby's tooth enamel. The teeth become so weakened by decay that they may break or become very difficult, if not impossible, to restore.

During the day, saliva can wash away much of the sugar and acids from the mouth. But while sleeping, the child's saliva production decreases and that allows the acids to remain longer in contact with the teeth. It is the length of time that these acids are on the teeth that is the factor in decay.

Yarn spun at sorority meet

Mickey Pepper and Jeanie Harrelson presented a program on "How to Choose the Right Carpet for Your Home" at the Xi Alpha Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority meeting. Ms. Harrelson also gave a demonstration on how to spin yarn.

The group met at the Mid-Tex of Midland store. The sorority's annual Valentine Ball is set for Saturday. The decorating committee will decorate Friday and rehearsal is set for Saturday at 3

p.m. A cocktail party is scheduled before the ball at 7 p.m. in the home of Mickey and Darla Pepper.

The Xi Alpha Mu Chapter will meet next in the home of Linda Moffatt. Program is to be given by Helen Tinner.

Other activity on the calendar is an International Dinner Feb. 21 which will honor the Mu Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Winner of the hostess prize was Barbara Elliott.

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DEAR ABBY



Second chance at happiness

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Two and a half years ago I married a lovely girl named Ramona. She was 20 and I was 26. It was the first marriage for both of us. On our honeymoon, Ramona was killed. (Thank God it wasn't my fault. Ramona was driving.)

I am getting married again. It will be the first marriage for Suzie. She wants a big wedding, which I really don't want. But, for her sake, we are having one.

As far as I'm concerned, I've already had my wedding gifts, so should I put a notation on the invitations saying, "No gifts," or what? My friends and relatives gave already, and once is enough. Or do you think I should leave it up to them?

After Ramona's funeral I asked everyone if they wanted their gifts back, and they all said no.

Also, should I send a wedding invitation to Ramona's folks? I haven't told them about Suzie yet. I can't get up the nerve since they are still grieving. Answer soon. — GETTING MARRIED

DEAR GETTING: Don't put "no gifts" on your wedding invitations; leave it up to the guests. (Even though your friends and family gave once, this is Suzie's first marriage, and discouraging gifts would be unfair to her.)

Tell Ramona's folks personally — and soon. If they're still grieving, don't send them an invitation to your wedding. Good luck. I wish you joy.

DEAR ABBY: Before my husband married me, he had a girlfriend who was the ultimate in charm, beauty, manners, etc.

Lest I forget this, my mother-in-law reminds me every time I see her.

Finally, one day, when I had it up to her, I said, "Listen, Barbara is gone, and I am here, so you can shut the hell up!"

My husband agrees that I am the injured party, but he wants me to apologize. But don't you think his mother was wrong in the first place? — SUCCESSOR

DEAR SUCCESSOR: She was wrong, but you were rude. Apologize.

DEAR ABBY: God bless you for saving not only my sanity, but my life.

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I took you up on your suggestion of AA, Abby, and with the fellowship's help and my staying with my Higher Power, I celebrated a complete year of sobriety this January!

Of those readers going through the hell of alcohol addiction, please tell them what AA has to offer, that it is there for the taking with no questions, dues and fees. And what AA has to offer is LIFE, not only a sober one, but a beautiful one.

Thank you again for my life, Abby. — RECOVERING IN INDIANA

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Kellogg agrees to settle sex bias case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kellogg Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., has agreed to a \$575,000 settlement of government allegations that the cereal company discriminated against women employees at its Omaha, Neb., plant, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

The company awarded \$155,950 in back pay to 287 women, 140 of whom will divide an additional \$141,750 as incentive pay for taking jobs traditionally held by men, the department said Wednesday.

The remaining money will be spent on affirmative action efforts to encourage women to take jobs previously held only by men, said the department. Specifically, Kellogg promised to attempt to fill 40 percent of new openings for mechanics and laborers with women.

The agreement follows an investigation of the plant begun last March by the department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, which enforces a presidential order barring federal contractors from job discrimination based on sex, race or religion.

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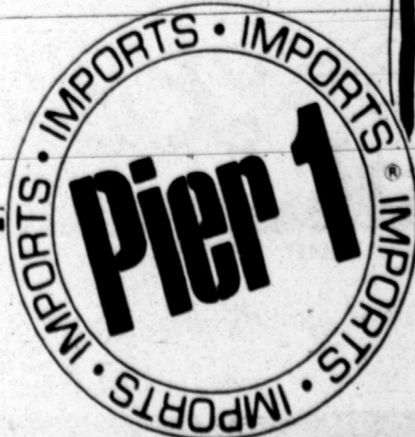


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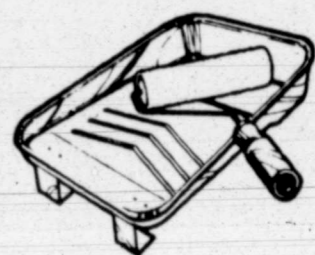
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