



Requesting Letter to HUD

Joe Vasquez with the Department of Health Resources in Canyon Monday makes a point concerning the need for a federal grant to upgrade the water system at the San Jose labor camp south of Hereford. Vasquez spoke to Deaf Smith County commissioners concerning their role in the grant application. Also on hand for the meeting were Ron Freeman, regional engineer for public health in Region I with the state health department, Ralph Quinones, health department sanitarian, and Billy Taylor of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. [Brand photo]

Camp Requests Water Help

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

Leaky lines, a broken chlorinator, a weak compressor and bacteria—they are all a part of the crippled water system at the San Jose labor camp south of Hereford.

That system, centered around an aging well providing the only water source for more than 100 families at the camp, was the topic of discussion Monday by Deaf Smith County commissioners, who agreed to seek improvement funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Billy Taylor of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo which distributes federal money to an 18-county area, told commissioners that a HUD block grant for \$400,000 may be available for improvements in the water system at San Jose.

Deaf Smith County's role would be only as a petitioner, Taylor said while asking

San Jose Asks County To Send Letter to HUD

the commission to apply for the grant on behalf of the not-yet-elected San Jose water district.

"The county would be under no liability. We are asking that you just transfer the title to San Jose," Taylor said.

The PRPC representative recommended that the county apply for the imminent health and safety grant.

Joe Vasquez of the Texas Department of Health's Canyon office, attending Monday's meeting along with health department sanitarian Ralph Quinones, told commissioners that conditions at San Jose made HUD approval of such a grant

likely.

"The distribution system has deteriorated with leaks in the lines. Bacteria infiltration is possible and there is also the possibility of an outbreak of water-borne diseases," Vasquez said.

"This grant, if it is approved, will be a starting point out there. It should open other doors, like for a sewer system," Vasquez said.

He added that an engineer's estimate of what it would cost to upgrade the entire water system totaled \$400,000, also the maximum amount available through the grant.

Ron Freeman, regional engineer for public health with the Texas Department of Health Resources, told commissioners that deficient areas in the present water system included a storage facility with not enough capacity, a weak compressor, no suitable pumps, an inoperable chlorinator and leaky lines. He added that a second well also must be constructed.

He said that coliform bacteria was found in water samples tested by the health department.

"That situation has improved some probably because of more care being taken," Freeman said.

"Another problem out there is when you have low pressure, there's always the

possibility of backsiphonage."

Commissioner Austin Rose asked Freeman where the second well should be located.

"You need to get far enough away where the drawdown could not be affected appreciably by it," Freeman said. "The existing well, although it's old and needs some work, could be a very good back-up well."

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Taylor said the next step will be up to HUD, which will either send the county a grant application or refuse the request.

Should the application request be approved, HUD then would decide whether San Jose should receive federal assistance.

Taylor said that if HUD does not approve the imminent health and safety grant, San Jose still could apply for a single-purpose grant, which allocates as much as \$250,000 to cities under 2,500 population.

A third grant offered by HUD is called the comprehensive plan, which has a total allocation of \$1.5 million and would include sewer installations and related projects.

No Action Taken

Shuval Seeks Extra Space

District Attorney Andy Shuval told Deaf Smith County commissioners Monday in regular session that office space promised him on the fourth floor of the courthouse would not be enough to accommodate three secretaries.

The request for additional space came immediately after the commission opened bids for remodeling of the fourth floor.

"I didn't realize you were going to take bids this morning," Shuval said, adding that the room on the west end of the top floor is wide enough to accommodate just two secretaries.

"There's a false wall on the east side. If you could move that wall back, that could let two secretaries sit up front."

County Judge Sam Morgan said that it was too late for Shuval to be making such a request, adding that it was the district attorney's original intent to have additional office space by the first of May.

Shuval requested the space after the commission agreed to add a second

assistant district attorney and an investigator in order to ease an anticipated heavy workload created by the state legislature's passage of the Speedy Trial Act.

The act stipulates that all trials must be conducted within a short time after persons are charged. Shuval had said that under the present set-up in his office—himself and one assistant—it would be impossible to comply with the act.

The commission Monday accepted a \$4,738 bid from Carl McCaslin Lumber to remodel a portion of the fourth floor. A \$2,500 bid was accepted from Owens Electric for wiring of the proposed office space.

Chuck Cosper, who is in charge of construction of the Deaf Smith County Sports Complex, asked commissioners to pay for paving work around the concession area at the baseball fields.

The paving, which was done to comply

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Hereford Farmers Lobby for Passage

By JIM STEIERT
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With some legislators in Washington labeling the emergency farm bill a "dead duck," a number of Hereford farmers departed for Washington this morning to

Dog Attacks 2 Children

Two small children were hospitalized Monday after they were bitten in separate incidents within 30 minutes by a large, white German Shephard at 504 Sampson.

Freddie Melendrez, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melendrez, 444 Sampson, was severely bitten in the face and head approximately one-half hour after the dog reportedly attacked Becky Renee Bridges, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Bridges, 310 Ave. B.

The dog, described as "vicious" by Hereford police officer Ruben McGilvary who responded to both incidents, was chained by the south side of the house at 504 Sampson. A vacant lot, which McGilvary said often attracts playing youngsters, is immediately south of the residence.

Police received word of the attack on the Bridges girl at 5:43 p.m. She was released from Deaf Smith General Hospital after treatment for bites to the face and head.

The call on the second incident came at 6:13 p.m. The Melendrez youth was severely bitten on the head, face and arms, requiring treatment at Deaf Smith General and transferral to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The dog, owned by Bobby Jones, of 504 Sampson, was taken to Hutto Veterinary Clinic for observation.

Police said today they did not know if charges would be filed on Jones.

Jack Frost Flees

Hereford narrowly—and luckily for some gardeners—missed out on an unseasonable freeze early Monday, with warmer weather expected to return this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday.

Today's low temperature was 33, missing the freezing mark by a degree, after a somewhat chilly high Monday of 54.

Some Hereford residents reported they had covered vegetables and fruit trees with plastic bags anticipating a frost.

The forecasted high today is near 70, with the low tonight in the mid 40's. The high Wednesday is expected to be in the mid 70's.

lobby on behalf of the legislation as it comes before the House tomorrow.

The Senate narrowly approved the farm bill, 49-41 on Monday, but the vote was painfully short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a promised presidential veto, and observers are now saying that the measure will in all likelihood be killed in the House.

House Agriculture Committee chairman Thomas F. Foley, D-Washington, said he would recommend passage of the farm bill in the House despite the threat of a veto, commenting, "It may well pass, but I don't expect a two-thirds majority."

Some 200 farmers were present in the Senate gallery Monday and extra security guards were present in the corridor as the Senate conducted its vote.

A gathering of farmers estimated to number in the thousands remains in Washington for the crucial House vote.

Hereford residents Frank Borman, Gene Fangman, Dwayne Cassels, Arliss Edwards and Bonnie Owens were among those who departed for Washington this morning to lobby on behalf of the farm measure, which is widely supported by farmers.

They will join Gerald McCathern of Hereford, who is already in Washington for the lobbying effort.

A "flexible parity" provision contained in the proposed farm bill has drawn the

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Retiring Employees Prompt Decision

President Carter's signature on the bill eliminating mandatory retirement at age 65 may force a decision from the Hereford Independent School District on what to do about four teachers who are due to retire at the end of the school year.

The district board of trustees will discuss the situation during their regular monthly meeting to begin at 5 p.m. today in the administration building.

Superintendent Harrell Holder will ask board members whether they want to adjust its mandatory-retirement policy during the present school year or wait until Jan. 1, 1979, the date stipulated by the compliance portion of the bill.

There are four teachers in the school district who would retire in May if the board decides not to amend its policy.

Other items on the meeting agenda include discussion of possible sale of vacant property adjacent to the old Central School, consideration of leaves of absence requests, resignations and recommendations for employment, appointment of Raymond Schlabs and Troy Carmichael to the board of equalization, discussion of a request from senior citizens to use the Central School cafeteria and discussion of various reports.

Ruby Mulkey Named District's Top Teacher

Ruby Mulkey, sixth-grade instructor at Shirley Elementary, was named "Teacher of the Year" for the 1977-78 school year during the annual officer installation banquet for local members of Texas State Teachers Association and Classroom Teachers Association.

Howard Birdwell, Shirley principal and state TSTA delegate, made the announcement at the end of the banquet, which attracted approximately 250 persons to the high school cafeteria.

Birdwell, in a prepared statement to The Brand, said of Mrs. Mulkey:

"I've had the distinct pleasure of working closely with her for the past eight years as her current principal. I would rate Mrs. Mulkey as an exceptional teacher. All superlatives used to describe Mrs. Mulkey would be appropriate."

TSTA and CTA local officers for the next school year were installed during other banquet business.

New TSTA officers include Louis

Montano, president; Jerry Richburg, president-elect; Randy Farr, vice president; Diane Wood, secretary; and Dorothy Szydoloski, treasurer.

Newly-chosen CTA officers are Buddy Fox, president; Marilyn Leasure, treasurer; Nina Veazy, secretary; and John Dominguez, president-elect.

Outgoing presidents in the two organizations are Bill McCarley in TSTA and Ronnie Wood in CTA.

Montano recognized McCarley for the latter's "outstanding service" during the current school year.

Birdwell, reporting on the state TSTA convention March 17-19 at Dallas, said the organization voted in favor of proportionate representation based on percentages between teachers and administrators at the local, district and state levels.

The action results in the election of one state delegate for every 75 members of a

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Year's Top Teacher

Mrs. Ruby Mulkey was named "Teacher of the Year" Monday night during the TSTA-CTA installation banquet. She teaches sixth graders at Shirley Elementary. Her principal, Howard Birdwell, made the announcement before a crowd of approximately 250 persons who also saw TSTA and CTA officers for the 1978-79 school year installed. [Brand photo by Paul Sims]

The Branding Iron

George Says School's Holding Power Better

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

The number of problems students at Hereford High School has increased in the last 10 years only because the total enrollment has steadily climbed, says principal Jerry Don George, who in May will be completing his 20th year with the local school system.

"I'd say 5 percent of our students in high school don't have a goal. We still have that majority of youngsters that are dependable and are going to be successful," said George, who has been high school principal since 1968.

"It's true that the number of problem students has increased but it's because we have more kids in school. Our holding power has increased—getting kids to stay in school."

George said that he has noticed few

changes in student characteristics since 1968, with the most noticeable being a more mature teenager in the last few years.

"Students are more mature because they're faced with so many more problems. They're forced to be more knowledgeable."

"The youngster today also has so many more opportunities that I didn't have when I came through high school."

"The reason we sometimes lose students today is we're not able to provide the type of curriculum and the type of program to gain some of their interests and keep them in school."

George, who said that discipline is a strong suit of Hereford High, believes "a youngster or any other person, for that matter, has to first learn to discipline himself."

"I feel that most of our students expect good discipline in school. We do have excellent discipline, not because of me, but because of the staff here—our teachers are our discipline. I, as an administrator, try to back the teachers in having good discipline."

George was graduated from Turkey High School, excelling in football, baseball, basketball and track. In high school, he was valedictorian of his senior class.

"Actually, I was valedictorian in both my eighth-grade and senior classes. But it's not a real accomplishment since you're talking about 25 youngsters who graduated."

George, who received his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech and his master's at West Texas State, came to Hereford in

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Shot Down

MHS second baseman Kent Ellis applies the tag to Monterey's Eric Voyles as the umpire signals the Plainmen runner out. Ellis took the tag from Herd catcher Donald Weomes on the play in the second of two District 4-4A games between the Herd and

Monterey Saturday afternoon. The Whitefaces are hosting the Coronado Mustangs this afternoon in continuance of loop action. (Brand photo by Bob Nigh).

Girls Urged To Sign Up

Local girls who have not yet signed up to play in the Major League organization of Kids, Inc. have been asked to contact either Kay Banner at 364-5487 or Minnie Roddy at 364-6446 for registration forms. Players will be assigned to teams Saturday. No tryouts will be held. On the boys scene, meanwhile, tryouts were set to continue at the diamonds at 15th and Ave. H this afternoon after the first day of action Monday. Players who will be in either the Pee Wee, Minor, or Major Leagues are involved in the tryouts with the exception of players who were on a team last year.

"Players who were on a team last year and who will not move up this season due to the age requirement need only to report to their old team," Bronco League president Buddy Peeler said. The players will return to the fields at 1 p.m. Saturday to learn which team they have been assigned to. Play within the various league is set to begin May 8, Peeler said. Work on the infields has at the new complex has begun and will be continued this weekend. The season will be opened May 8 with a special opening ceremony. Details of that event will be forthcoming Peeler indicated.

Whitefaces Host Coronado Today

The Hereford Whitefaces, 0-4 in District 4-4A baseball play, attempted to get on the good side of the ledger today when they hosted the Coronado Mustangs for a doubleheader at Whiteface Field. The twinbill began at 2:30. The Herd, 6-9 overall, had dropped 3-1 and 3-0 decisions to

Group Wants No Blackouts

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Ralph Nader-affiliated sports consumer group has called on Congress to enact legislation as soon as possible to make permanent the lifting of television blackouts on sold-out home National Football League games.

In 1973, Congress passed a three-year experimental measure banning TV blackouts on sold out games.

YMCA Activities

Results of YMCA Youth League Basketball April 6: Trailblazers 40, Bucks 16-Freddie Gamboa and 21 for the winners; Todd Welty topped the Bucks with 10. Pacers 20, Pistons 12: Derrel Page, Allen Dudding, and Rex Baxter all had six points for the pacers; Robbie Phillips led the Pistons with eight. Cougars 26, Warriors 4-Keith Anderson had eight for the Cougars; Richard Evers and Darren Jones scored for the Warriors. Lakers 17, Chiefs 16-Philip Webster topped the Lakers with seven; David Manchec's six led the Chiefs. Razorbacks 15, Bulls 13-Kevin Polk led the winners with seven; Roger McCracken led the Bulls with eight.

Oliver at Home With Rangers

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
 AP Sports Writer
 ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP) - He wears "O" on his back because he feels he is starting his major league career from scratch. He hits, he runs the basepaths like a whippet, and he catches the ball in left field like nobody the Texas Rangers have ever had before. "This is a player's dream," Al Oliver said Monday night after the Rangers had sent the New York Yankees packing with a 5-2 victory on a nationally-televised "Beat The Yankee Hankee Night."

In other American League action Monday Cleveland beat Boston 5-4 on Ron Pruitt's ninth-inning single; the Kansas City Royals dropped the Baltimore Orioles 4-2; Oakland nipped Seattle 1-0; and the California Angels blanked the Minnesota Twins 3-0. Oliver spent 10 years with Pittsburgh in the National League but never felt appreciated. "Did you hear that ovation I got for that catch I made?" asked Oliver. "This is such a great atmosphere here - to be appreciated like that. My season is complete now even if I don't get another hit all season." Oliver collected two hits off Yankee starter and loser Dick Tidrow, 0-1, who lost the first game of his career to the Rangers after seven victories. But it was Oliver's tremendous catch of a long drive by Mickey Rivers that brought the biggest accolades of the night from the shivering 14,299 fans, many of whom were waving "Beat the Yankee" hankies handed out as they entered the ballpark. Although Bucky Dent scored on the sacrifice fly, it kept the Yanks away from a big inning. "He's an All-Star outfielder besides being a bonafide .300 hitter," Ranger Manager Bill Hunter said of the hustling Oliver. Richie Zisk, another of Ranger owned Brad Corbett's million-dollar off-season acquisitions, drilled a two-run homer to follow Oliver's double in the sixth inning and chase Tidrow. "It's a great RBI position batting fourth behind a guy like

Oliver," Zisk said. "You have a .300 hitter in Mike Hargrove leading off; then you have Bert Campaneris, who leads the major league in sacrifice bunts." Dock Ellis, 1-0, bedazzled the hard-hitting Yanks on one hit over the first five innings and yielded only an unearned run before his shoulder tightened. "It should be okay," Ellis said later in the dressing room. "It has been bothering me some since spring training." Roger Moret, who threatened last week to jump the team after an argument with a teammate, went the final innings to gain the save, permitting one run on five hits. "I have got to stay here now. I'm happy now," Moret said after the Rangers had taken two games in the three-game series from the World Champions. Some of the Yankees thought Ellis was serving up spitballs. "I think he Ellis probably hurt his arm throwing a spitter," said Graig Nettles. "He was going to his mouth a lot. Not just the time they called it." Nettles was awarded first base on a walk when Ellis stepped on the mound, then went to his mouth on a full count. "He Ellis mixed in a few that looked a little funny. I don't blame him. I'd throw a spitter every pitch if I was a pitcher," added Nettles. "The umpires don't call it." Ranger catcher Jim Sundberg defended his battery-mate, saying, "Dock doesn't have a spitter. I won't mention any names, but I have caught some other guys who threw the spitter. My glove showed it last year." Sundberg put his mitt on display Monday night and said, "There's nothing in there. Before, it's been know to have bug spots in it." Detroit comes to town tonight with Doc Medich of Texas facing the Tigers' Dave Rozema.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lie Nastase, the colorful and controversial Romanian, has been named player-coach of the Los Angeles Strings.

Baseball Standings

By The Associated Press					Seattle at Oakland				
American League					Minnesota at California				
East					National League				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Milw	3	0	1.000	-	NY	4	1	.800	
Clev	2	1	.667	1	PHI	2	1	.667	
Detr	2	1	.667	1	PHI	2	2	.500	
NY	1	2	.333	2	S Lou	2	2	.500	
Tor	1	2	.333	2	CHI	1	3	.250	
Seat	1	3	.250	2 1/2	Mont	1	3	.250	
Balt	0	4	.000	3 1/2	West				
					Cal	3	1	.750	
					CHI	2	1	.667	
					LA	2	1	.667	
					KC	2	1	.667	
					Tex	2	1	.667	
					Min	3	3	.500	
					Oak	2	2	.500	
					Sea	2	4	.333	
Monday's Games					Monday's Games				
Cleveland 5, Boston 4					New York 6, Chicago 0				
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 2					St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 2				
Texas 5, New York 2					Atlanta 8, San Diego 7				
Oakland 1, Seattle 0					Los Angeles 5, Houston 2				
California 3, Minnesota 0					Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games					Tuesday's Games				
Toronto 10, Montreal 9					Chicago 8, Houston 1				
New York 10, Milwaukee 9					Kosman 1-0				
New York 10, Milwaukee 9					Montreal 10, Philadelphia 1				
Detroit 10, Texas 9					San Diego 10, Atlanta 9				
Seattle 10, Oakland 9					San Francisco 10, Cincinnati 9				
Minnesota 10, California 9					Los Angeles 10, Houston 9				
Only games scheduled					Wednesday's Games				
Chicago at New York					Chicago at Philadelphia				
Montreal at Philadelphia					San Diego at Atlanta				
San Francisco at Cincinnati					San Francisco at Cincinnati				
Los Angeles at Houston					Los Angeles at Houston				
Pittsburgh at St. Louis					Pittsburgh at St. Louis				

Sanders Hot At Borger

Hereford's Darlene Sanders continued her success in the 1978 spring track season last Saturday, placing second in the 220 and fourth in the 100 at the Borger Meet. Miss Sanders' efforts led a Hereford showing, which totaled 18 points at the meet, which was won by Palo Duro with 156 points.

Meanwhile, the HHS boys were earning 10 points at San Angelo, led by a runner-up placing by Paul Bell in the open 440. Bell finished with a 49.5 clocking behind Copperas Cove's Sam Lofton (49.1).

San Angelo won the meet with 123 points to Odessa Permian's 81. Hereford was 10th with its 10 points.

The HHS feds 18 team points were good enough for 8th place overall. Beverly Nixon helped

the Whiteface girls' cause with a fifth in the high jump (4-11) and a sixth in the 80 Hurdles (11.8), while Velma Arroyos placed sixth in the 880 (2:40.0), and the HHS 880-Relay squad finished sixth.

Miss Sanders placed second to Palo Duro sensation Theola Freeman in the 220 at the meet. The winner was clocked in 24.5 with the Hereford entrant's finish timed at 26.0. The HHS sophomore was fourth in the 100 in a time of 11.5. PD's Stephanie Freeman won that event in 10.9 seconds.

The Herd boys will be running at the Amarillo Relays next Friday and Saturday, while the feds will participate in the District 4-4A meet at Coronado Saturday.

LHS Sweeps Titles At Borger Tennis

Lubbock High swept both the boys' and girls' divisions at the Borger Tennis Tournament Saturday.

Hereford had entrants get as far as the quarterfinals in girls' play as Karla Driskill fell to Lubbock's Jennifer Smith 6-1, 6-4 and the doubles team of Patricia Grimsley-Melinda Tatum fell 6-2, 6-2 to Joey Taylor-Karen Robbins of Esta-

cado. The Matador team went on to place second in the meet to Plainview's Sharon Landry-Teresa Landry.

The Whitefaces were without top girls' player Joni Webb, who missed the trip due to illness and also without top boys player Kevin Downing. The Herd will participate in the District 4-4A meet at Lubbock this weekend.

Rau, Dodgers Clip Houston in Dome

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Los Angeles pitcher Doug Rau hasn't worried about having a poor spring training since 1972 when he narrowly missed a trip to the palm trees as a AAA pitcher under Tom Lasorda.

Rau's talent for overcoming poor spring trainings emerged once again Monday night before a national television audience when he beat Houston 5-2 in the Astrodome for the seventh time in his past nine appearances against the Astros.

In other National League action Monday St. Louis whaloped Pittsburgh 11-2, Atlanta edged San Diego 8-7, and the New York Mets blasted the Chicago Cubs 6-0.

Rau had a shaky spring training with a 5.19 overall earned run average and a 10-1 loss to California in his final appearance of the spring. But he was steady in a strong seven-inning appearance against the Astros.

"I gave up something like 13 runs in a spring training game back in 1972, and the team was about ready to take me to the palm trees apparently to vent their frustrations with their fists," Rau recalled.

"Tom came out to the mound and asked me what was wrong," Rau said. "I told him 'Tom, I need to go home and do some fishing.'"

Lasorda laughed when reminded of the incident. "Yeah, I told him to get the hell out of there," Lasorda said. "He was gone for about a week and came back and had a hell of a season."

Rau got relief help from Terry Forster in the seventh inning and hitting help from Ron Cey as the Dodgers won for the

fourth straight time and the Astros lost their fifth game of the season.

Cey belted his first homer of the season over the 390-foot mark in leftfield to open the second inning against Houston starter Floyd Bannister, who also had a slow spring due to a bout with tonsillitis.

Houston catcher Joe Ferguson got the Astros back in it in the fifth inning with a leadoff home run, his third of the season, but the Dodgers touched Bannister for the go-ahead run in the sixth when Steve Garvey tripled and scored on a fielder's choice by Steve Yeager.

Los Angeles got three straight hits off Bannister in the seventh, including Cey's run-scoring single and that was the end for Bannister.

Dusty Baker's two-run single, following a single by Davey Lopes and walk by Reggie Smith, came off reliever Ken Forsch.

Rau finished last season with a 14-8 record but was hobbled throughout the season by an ankle injury.

"I'd just like to forget about last year and keep on top of my pitches this year," Rau said.

The Astros, off to their worst start in history, will try to regroup tonight against the Dodgers with J.R. Richard going against former University of Texas star Burt Hooten.

Astros Manager Bill Virdon isn't ready to throw in the towel yet.

"The last time I was with a team that started like this was my last year as a player with Pittsburgh," Virdon said. "We started out 4-22 but we finished third in a 10-team league. It's too early to hang our heads yet."

Leon Plays Ali

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - This time it was heavyweight champion Leon Spinks who rattled verse. Former champion Muhammad Ali - cast now as a challenger - played it straight.

"He's still the greatest; I'm just the latest," said Spinks, following his couplet with a head-back, wide-mouthed infectious guffaw that was a pure expression of youthful exuberance.

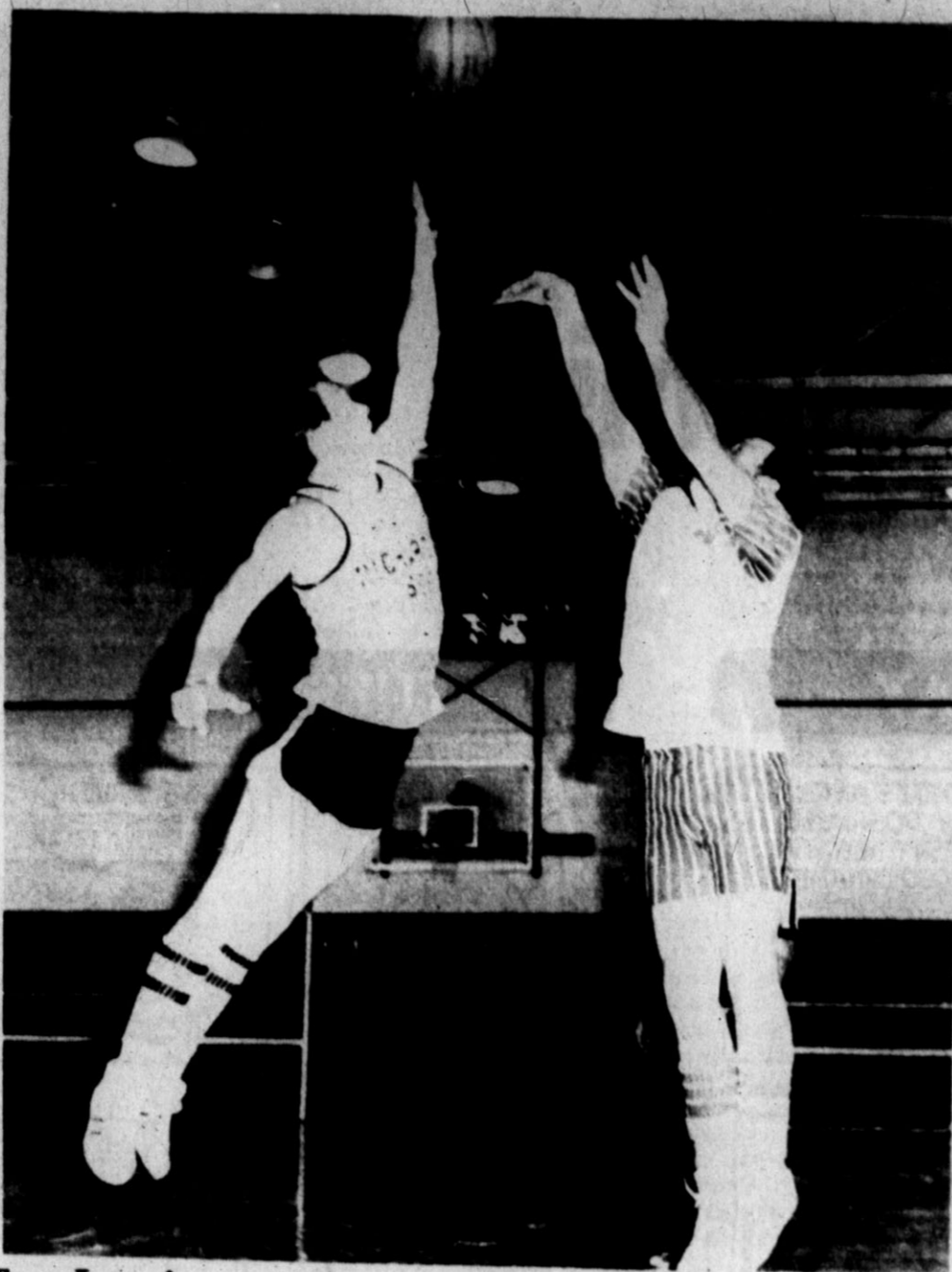
Ali, by contrast, was sober and serious for the most part during an airport press conference held some six hours before Spinks' arrival here Monday night. The fighters were to sign a rematch contract today.

When Ali did get a bit playful toward the end of his 10-minute press conference Monday, it was a smooth routine that showed years of practice.

"I am not just the greatest, but the greatest of all times."

he said. But he couldn't keep a straight face while doing his ritual brag.

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Too Late!

Wallace Hill of the Toters launches a shot over the outstretched arms of Vega's Larry Richardson in the first of two YMCA Mens' Basketball League games at the high school gym Sunday. Toters clipped the Vega team by 43-41 and 61-50 counts to cop the team championship for the second straight year. (Brand photo by Bob Nigh).

Playoffs Begin

By ALEX SACHARE
AP Sports Writer

Two rookies who helped turn their teams from also-rans to playoff contenders will be matched head-to-head tonight when the National Basketball Association playoffs get underway with the Milwaukee Bucks at Phoenix to play the Suns.

Walter Davis, 6 feet 6, of Phoenix, and Marques Johnson, 6-7, of Milwaukee, will meet in a matchup which could hold the key to the best-of-three first-round series.

"It will be Marques' strength against Walter's quickness - although Marques is pretty quick, too," said Milwaukee Coach Don Nelson. "Davis' transition game is as good as anyone's in the league."

Good enough to help him score 24.2 points per game, the top average among rookies in the league and the ninth-best mark overall. Johnson scored at a 19.5 clip, but led his team with 10.6 rebounds per game.

The other three first-round series begin Wednesday, with the New York Knicks at the Cleveland Cavaliers, Atlanta Hawks at the Washington Bullets and the Los Angeles Lakers at the Seattle SuperSonics.

The second game in each series will be played Friday night.

In Cleveland, Coach Bill Fitch is happy to have the home-court advantage for his team's series against New York.

"In close series like these, it's nice to have that little extra from the hometown fans," he said.

The Knicks aren't worried, since they won their last four road games of the regular season. And they're happy not to be facing former teammate Walt Frazier, who is still out of the Cleveland lineup because of

a bruised toe.

"I'd give anything to play now, especially against the Knicks," said Frazier, who came to the Cavs before the start of this season after leading the Knicks to NBA titles in 1970 and 1973. "It's very frustrating. But the problem is I just can't run on the foot."

Running is what the Atlanta Hawks do best. They start scrambling at the opening tap, employing an assortment of zones and pressing defenses, and they don't let up.

"They take almost every team out of what they like to do best," praised Washington Coach Dick Motta. "They reached playoff intensity at Christmas and have maintained it."

The Hawks were not expected to make the playoffs, and Motta feels that will work to their advantage. "Anything they get from now on is frosting," he said. "They should be a lot more relaxed."

Settle also was not expected to make the playoffs either, especially after stumbling out of the gate to a 5-17 start. But Lenny Wilkens took over as coach and the Sonics turned their season around, finishing with 47 wins to equal the club record.

Los Angeles also got off to a slow start after center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar broke his hand while punching Milwaukee's Kent Benson in the season opener. But the steady development of playmaker Norm Nixon and the midseason

acquisitions of Adrian Dantley and Charlie Scott, combined with a return to form by Abdul-Jabbar, made the Lakers one of the league's best teams in the second half of the year.

The Detroit-Windsor Tunnel in Detroit, Mich., is 5,135 feet long.

Former Baseball Head Dies Almost Unnoticed

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

In the midst of the Masters Golf Tournament, with the professional hockey and basketball seasons headed for the championship playoffs and the major league baseball season just getting started, the news was almost overlooked.

Ford C. Frick died at age 83 Saturday and the passing of the former baseball commissioner was noted in some places with only a fleeting mention that hardly befits a man who spent 31 years of his life as a top executive in the game.

When Frick and baseball got together in 1934, the game was suffering, like the rest of the nation, from the ravages of the

depression. When they parted company in 1965, baseball was a thriving industry. The man must have done something right.

He served first as president of the National League from 1934 until 1951 when he was chosen as baseball's third commissioner. He had been instrumental in the economic salvaging of three of his league's franchises - Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston - during those difficult depression days and that weighed heavily in his favor when the owners selected him as commissioner.

For 14 more years, until 1965, he was the game's No. 1 executive. Nothing much happened during that time, unless you consider the addition of two new teams in each league, the extension of major league baseball to California and the transfer of six franchises from one city to another.

Baseball has always had the ability to select exactly the kind of individual it needed at the particular time to rule as its commissioner. Judge Kenesaw "Mountain" Landis was the tough disciplinarian required to restore public confidence in the wake of the Black Sox scandal. A.B. "Happy" Chandler, erstwhile governor of Kentucky, was picked for his clout - real or imagined - in Washington, Gen. William D. Eckert came during baseball's apple-pie stage when

the game sought to emphasize its All-American image. Wall Street attorney Bowie Kuhn was the perfect man when legal problems began to cloud the baseball horizon.

Frick was the man in the middle of those other four, a former sports writer and broadcaster whose role was to guide baseball through the postwar stabilizing years of the 1950s and '60s. His selection came at a time when the game needed some room to grow. And the man they picked for the job gave it to them.

Frick was in charge when Walter O'Malley and Horace Stoneham revolutionized the game by moving the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to California. Testifying under oath in one of Oakland owner Charley Finley's various suits against Kuhn, O'Malley said he wouldn't have gone west if Frick had opposed the transfer. Frick, however, came through "100 percent for the owners," and the Dodger gold rush began.

Frick was buried Monday with Commissioner Kuhn and the two league presidents, Chub Feeney for the National League and Lee MacPhail for the American, representing baseball.

The Atlantic coast has 2,000 miles of coastline, while its shoreline is 28,673 miles long.

Toters Repeats Title


Toters won its second straight YMCA Mens' Basketball League championship Sunday with a pair of victories over Vega in the league's postseason tournament. Vega had sent the league champs into the loser's bracket earlier in the tourney, and the two victories were necessary for Toters to win the event in the double-elimination affair.

Toters clipped the out-of-towners 43-41 in the first game and then rolled to the championship by a 61-50 count in the rubber match. Toters relied on a balance attack in the opener as Wallace Hill topped the team with 10 point and Jay Hoffman added nine. Vega, meanwhile, relied on the efforts of Larry Richardson (13) and Arnold Galbraith (12).

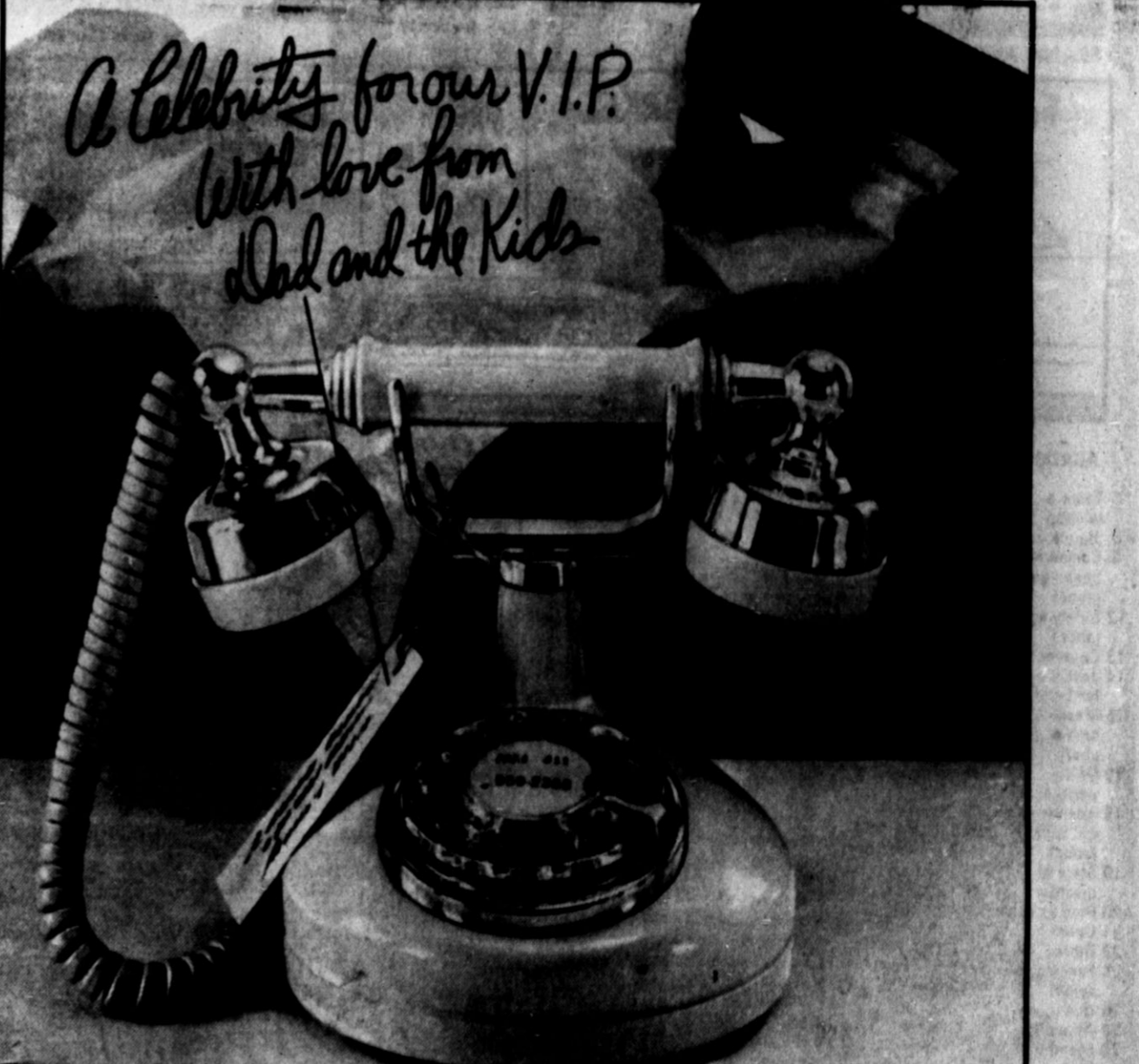
In the championship game Toters came off a 27-23 halftime bulge to open up a 45-33 lead after three periods and coasted to the win. Hoffman led the winners with 19 points, while Dave Scott contributed 17 and Hill finished with 12. Roy Watley's 20 points topped the losers, while Richardson helped out with 11.

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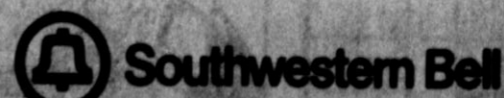


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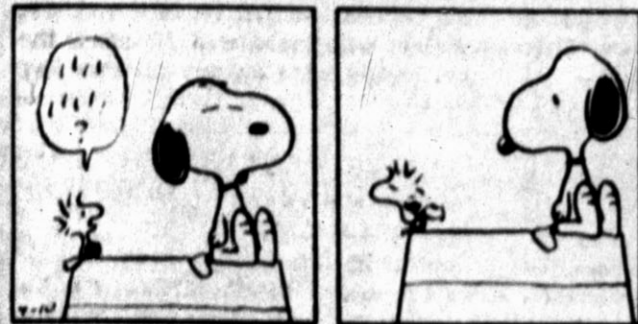
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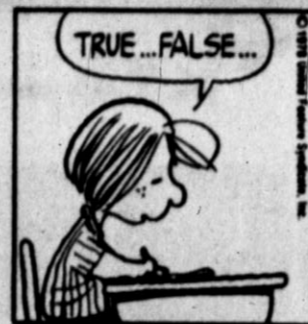
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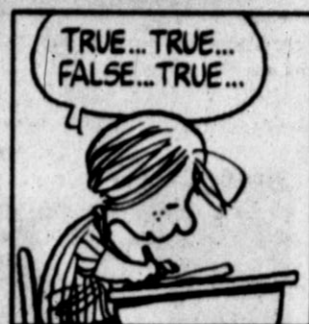
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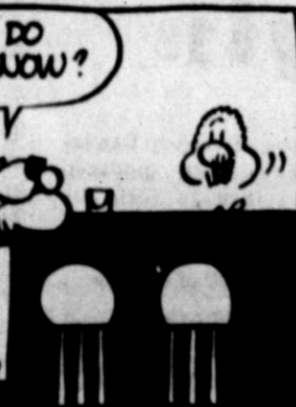
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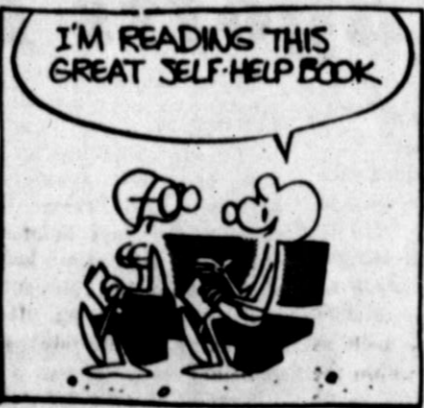
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- 13 Counter tenor
- 14 Jackie's 2nd husband
- 15 Masked animal, for short
- 16 Of the weather
- 18 Adenosine triphosphate (abbr.)
- 19 State of disorder
- 20 Pan's capital
- 21 Opera hat
- 23 Glazed
- 24 Fencing sword
- 25 Hurt
- 28 Auto club
- 29 Evening in Italy
- 30 Lackey
- 32 Diaphanous
- 34 Newspaper notice (abbr.)
- 41 Disparity
- 42 Gopher
- 43 Metal tag of shoelace
- 45 Throaty
- 47 Court order
- 48 Heather
- 50 Bugle note
- 51 Unite
- 53 Neel
- 54 Put into practice
- 55 Songs of praise
- 56 Baltic river
- 57 Lysergic acid diethylamide
- 58 Dogmatic
- 59 Religious ceremony
- 60 Hindu ascetic practice
- 7 American patriot
- 8 Name (Fr.)
- 9 Mohammed's daughter
- 10 Russian peninsula
- 11 Grasshopper's cousin
- 17 Turkish name
- 18 Myself
- 22 Dinner item
- 23 See
- 26 Female student (comp. wd.)
- 27 Brutality
- 31 Hindu ascetic practice
- 33 Sultry
- 35 British colony
- 36 Shoe part (pl.)
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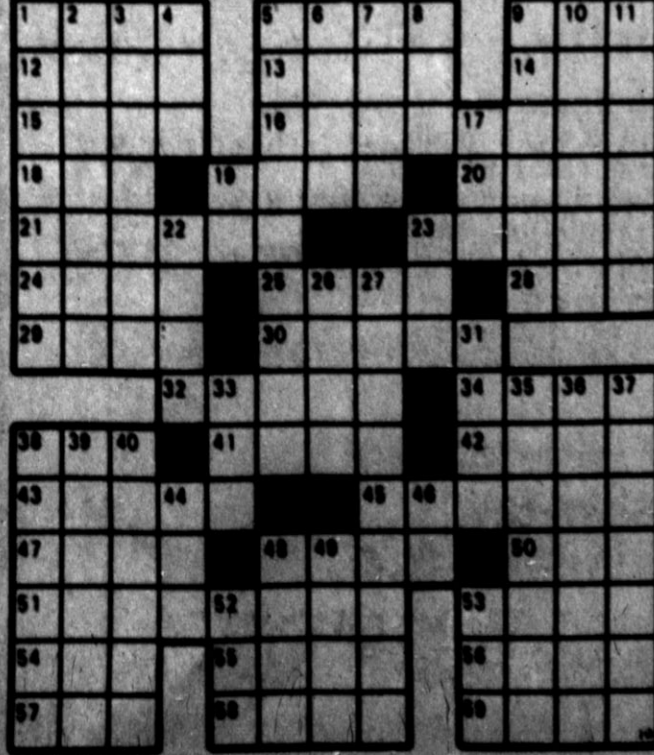


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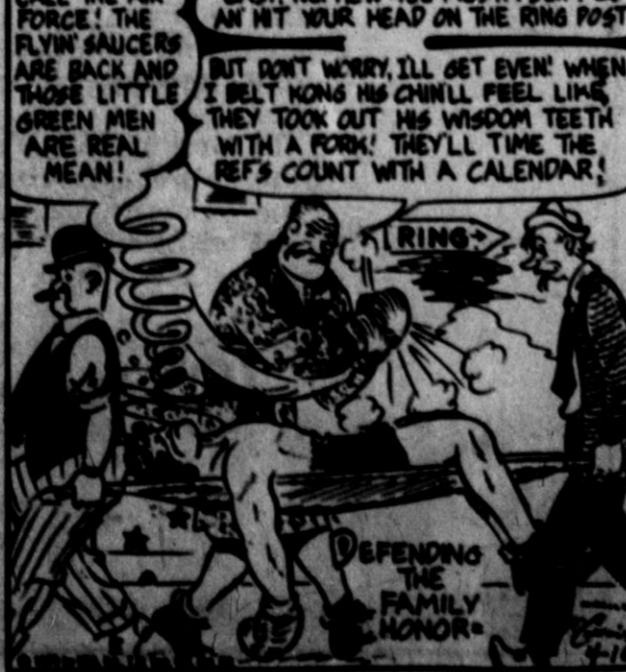
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- 21 Cuts
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- 31 Actress
- 32 Radiation measure (pl., abbr.)
- 34 British prep school
- 35 French composer
- 37 Cats and dogs
- 38 Make choice
- 42 Nymph
- 43 Rotor
- 44 Warmth
- 46 Destitute
- 47 Discussed
- 50 Dull routine
- 51 Electrically charged particle
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- 59 Seth's son
- 60 Newt
- 61 Renovate
- 62 Adore
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- 28 Make up for
- 29 Tied up
- 30 Vestibule
- 33 Ideal gas condition (abbr.)
- 36 Hawaiian island
- 38 Cavity point
- 41 More profound
- 43 Profited
- 45 Fred Astaire's sister
- 47 Wing (Fr.)
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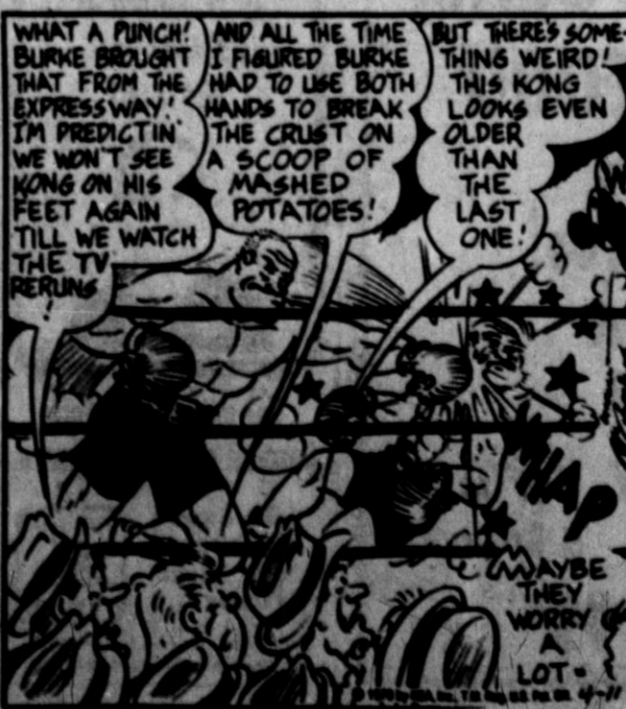
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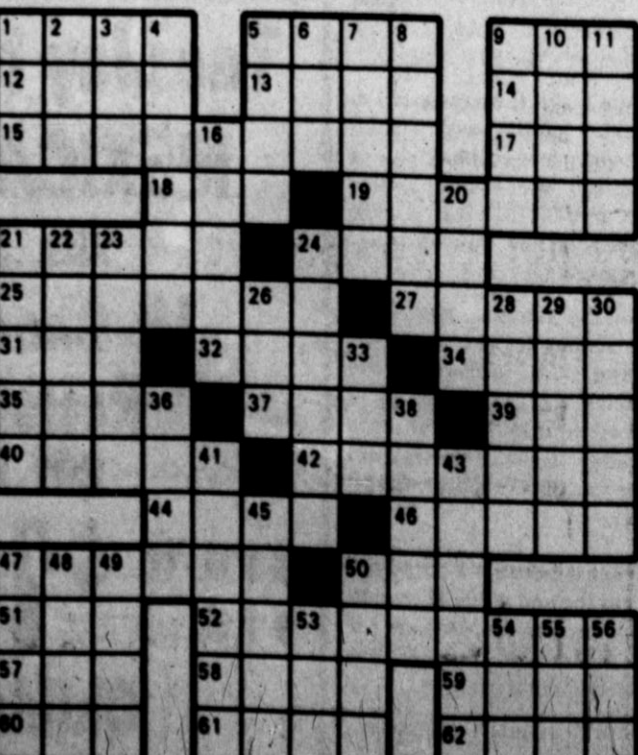


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Tortilla Lady Expands in City

HOUSTON (AP)—Not many gamblers in this oil-rich city of high rollers would have put their money on a widow with five children to support on the earnings of a tortilla and pizza dough factory in Houston's eastside Mexican-American barrio.

And when Ninfa Laurenzo opened a 10-table restaurant in front of her tortilla factory on Navigation Street in 1973, she did it because she "just couldn't make ends meet any other way."

In four years, the ends have met, the original restaurant has expanded and three more have opened at other locations in the city.

Black billboards with brilliantly colored guacamayas and two words-Garcias, Ninfa's-decorate streets and freeways. They are Mrs. Laurenzo's way of combining thanks and advertising for her multi-million dollar business.

If Ninfa Rodriguez - born and raised among 11 brothers and sisters in the South Texas town of Harlingen - had been able to stand the cold in Providence, R.I., Houstonians may never have sunk their teeth into a taco al carbon, the house specialty consisting of a soft flour tortilla wrapped around peices of charcoal barbecued pork and beef.

She met and married Dominick T. Laurenzo, a MIT engineering graduate of Italian background, while visiting her twin sister in Providence. But one day she fainted from the cold.

"We saw an article in the paper - this was in 1948 - saying that Houston was the fastest growing city in the country. So even though we had no idea what we would do there, we said 'let's go,'" she said.

Although both Laurenzos had professional degrees - hers is in teaching - they decided to open a tortilla and pizza dough factory in the barrio.

"My husband was a beautiful human being who could have gone into engineering. But he preferred to stay in the barrio and help the kids," Mrs. Laurenzo said.

Laurenzo died suddenly in 1969. The tortilla and pizza dough business became very competitive and profits shrunk. After struggling on a few more years and putting several children through college, Ninfa opened her restaurant as a last resort.

Ninfa's Tacos Al Carbon is now a family-owned and operated corporation. Twin sister Pilar Di Meo works in the main office while her son, Steve, is personnel manager for the 500 employees. Ninfa's four sons and daughter all manage parts of the business.

"My son Jack is a great cook. We hold cooking classes once a week for the 60 people who work in our factory, we have expanded, we make everything in small quantities so it will be fresh and good."

Daughter Phyllis Mandola runs the catering side of the business which has served as many as 2,000 people and as few as two. They were a pleasantly surprised Houston couple returning from a honeymoon in New Orleans.

The mainstays of Ninfa's menu are nachos (tortillas with refried beans, melted cheese and jalapeno peppers), chaluapas (corn tortillas with beans, cheese and beef,) assorted enchiladas and chili con queso (chili with cheese). Tacos al carbon - a Mexico City specialty - are the piece de resistance.

"We were the first to serve tacos al carbon in Texas and also the first to use cilantro (coriander leaves) which is so important in Mexican sauces," Mrs. Laurenzo said.

Phyllis said Ninfa's food is

"Mexico City style" - not Tex-Mex, the term used to describe the cuisine that has resulted from the long simmering of Anglo-Mexican cultures in the Lone Star State.

In a city rapidly filling with franchise formula restaurants, Ninfa's stands out for its authenticity, red tile floors, painted straw-bottom chairs and potent Margaritas.

"When we first thought to move over to the West Side, people told us we wouldn't make it," Mrs. Laurenzo said.

The West Side is the new, expanding area of town full of apartment complexes and town houses. They thought we couldn't make it out of the barrio."

Mrs. Laurenzo, who was recently named to the interim Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority Board charged with formulating a transit plan for the metropolitan area, paused when asked about plans for expansion.

"This is a family operation. The family's all here in Houston. God has been good to me and helped me keep my family intact. We will expand? Si Dios quiere."

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
 AND **Sidelights**
 by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—A state representative from Orange has attacked constitutionality of the state's system of assessing property taxes and use of tax funds to finance construction through bonds at 17 state colleges.

Rep. Wayne Peveto specifically challenges an assessment of 10 cents per \$100 value for the college campus building program.

His suit claimed property is now taxed at a different percent of market value in each county.

"Effect of the suit will be to put the pledged tax proceeds (from the tax) under a legal cloud and issuance of bonds will likely be delayed," said Peveto.

The tax would bring in \$550 million during the next 10 years.

Comptroller Bob Bullock immediately requested Attorney General John Hill not to contest the action.

"We are convinced that the allegations of the petition are true and that our ad valorem tax system in the State of Texas is being unconstitutionally altered in many ways," Bullock wrote Hill. "We feel that as sole defendants in this case that the ends of justice would be best served by our agreeing to the relief prayed for and confessing judgment."


Bullock was named defendant in the suit since his office is responsible for allocating the tax.

Bullock claimed expanding schools which will feel the loss can be aided with their building programs from other sources "in light of our anticipated budget surplus."

School Taxes Eyed
The director of the Texas School Tax Assessment Practices Board told the Legislative Commission on Public School Finance state aid to 19 school districts may be cut off if they don't submit requested information on their property values.

Walt Parker, head of T.S.T.A.P.B., identified the districts as Charlotte Independent School District, Petrus ISD, Holland ISD, Santa

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Over the years 15 Pulitzer Prizes. As recently as this year the publication was honored again for editorial excellence.

Yet the newspaper died of malnutrition and its 985 employees are seeking employment elsewhere.

In Chicago two morning newspapers survive-The Tribune and the Sun-Times. But even the Tribune is curtailing its 24-hour operation.

Why? In a city that once supported five major daily newspapers, now just two.

Post-mortem examination confirmed that the paper had been losing \$11 million a year.

Ten unions had multiplied wages and fringes in recent years. These factors plus vastly increased costs for newsprint certainly contributed to the demise.

Yet these factors do not explain why the newspaper's circulation declined over the past five years from 398,000 to 329,000. Nor can TV and radio be blamed here for those media have proved elsewhere that they

can encourage news consciousness.

In late 1976, with the Chicago Daily News growing steadily weaker, the publisher tried a massive infusion of new money.

That didn't work.

Assuming that Americans were weary of foreign involvements, the Daily News called home its remaining overseas reporters--concentrated on a face-lifting change in front-page layout.

That didn't work.

Now it's over. And still nobody wants to publicly acknowledge what's happening to all newspapers in all big cities:

News and ads in newspapers are aimed at people who read and buy.

And those people have been moving out of town, leaving behind too many who can't read or don't want to.

Suburban community newspapers are prospering.

But newspapers, despite their desperate efforts to adapt, are not selling in the asphalt jungle.

Muriel Won't Remain

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Sen. Muriel Humphrey says she intends to become a private person after 33 years of public life, but will remain involved with the Minnesota Democratic Farmer-Labor Party and issues that concern her.

Mrs. Humphrey, 66, told a party fund-raising dinner in St. Paul Saturday night that she would not run for the four years remaining in the Senate term of her late husband, Hubert H. Humphrey.

Under state law, a special election will be held in November to pick someone to occupy the seat until 1982, when Humphrey's term would have expired.

Mrs. Humphrey was appointed to the Senate Jan. 25 by Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich, 12 days after Humphrey died of cancer.

Her husband had served 23 years in the Senate, had been vice president and was the Democratic nominee for president in 1968. Mrs. Humphrey campaigned with him throughout his political career.

In 1917, the United States purchased St. Thomas along with the rest of the Danish West Indies for \$300 an acre, or \$25 million.

Maria ISD, Jonesboro Rural High School District, Oglesby ISD, Hitchcock ISD, Cumby ISD, Allmore Common School District, Meyersville CSD, Westhoff RHSD, Italy ISD, Sierra Blanca ISD, Kenedy Countywide CSD, Riesel ISD, Motley County ISD, Etoile CSD, Douglass CSD and Santa Cruz ISD.

Parker also said the new agency has discovered a source for finding value of intangible property such as stocks and bonds within the districts. September 1 is the deadline for submitting data.

Meanwhile, Associate Education Commissioner Raymon Bynum told another legislative panel property taxes have gone up in 857 districts during the last five years, and tax collections declined in only 161 districts. There was no change reported in 60.

Re-Vaccination Urged
Texas Department of Health rules call for re-vaccination for measles of elementary school children who have been immunized before their first birthday.

Only children under 12 already enrolled would be affected.

At a public hearing on the subject, a Health Department

official said children immunized before they are a year old are having measles.

The regulation would not apply to those who have had measles and can produce a physician's certification to the fact.

Courts Speak
The Third Court of Civil Appeals refused to keep a referendum on pari-mutuel horse race betting off the May 6 Democratic party ballot.

The Court of Criminal Appeals granted a new trial to a San Antonio man sentenced to life imprisonment for attempted burglary.

The State Supreme Court decided an eight-year-old girl should remain with her grandparents in Kermit rather than returning to her mother, a Sioux Indian from South Dakota.

The high court said a judge outside El Paso County must be assigned to hear a suit to remove the county's sheriff who faces an official misconduct indictment.

Third Court of Civil Appeals studied applications to remove from the May 6 Democratic ballot a state representative candidate from Belton.

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Talk of Texas

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN HERE—Solar energy was used in Texas at least 200 million years ago. That's the conclusion of Dr. Hubertus Strughold of San Antonio, the scientist who is known throughout the world as "the father of space medicine."

Dr. Strughold, author of a research paper on the sun, says that it was an early Texan, a dinosaur named "Dimetrodon grandis," who first used solar energy. Two physicists, C.D. Bramwell and P.B. Fellget, at Reading University in England, are credited with discovering Texas' contribution to solving the world energy problem.

The scientists found that Dimetrodon was able to take advantage of solar heat because it had developed a sail-like skinfold along the back. This was kept in an upright position by bony spines, much like the sail on a boat.

By turning sideways to the sun, the dinosaur could raise its body temperature from 26 to 32 degrees Celsius in 80 minutes. Without the sail, the same feat would have taken the animal 205 minutes.

The dinosaur also could shut off blood vessels to the sail and those inside it as well. This enabled him to avoid excessive heat loss when the sun wasn't shining.

A model of Texas' first user of solar energy was presented recently to San Antonio's Institute of Texan Cultures by Dr. Strughold together with the research data he has developed. It will be placed on display later.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? — Texas

came close to being named "Amichel."

Alonza Alvarez de Pineda, the first white man to tour Texas, proclaimed the land for Spain in 1519 and named the entire Gulf coast "Amichel."

FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY—Cholera probably was the most feared and the most often fatal of the diseases with which early Texans had to contend.

The classic epidemic disease of the 19th century, it reached the U.S. in 1832. The first case was reported in Texas the same year. It continued to appear in the state until the 1890's.

Perhaps the worst epidemic was in 1849 in San Antonio, then only a village of 1,500 people. It lost 600 to the disease. And as late as the 1870's, cholera killed dozens of citizens in the new town of Denison on the Red River.

TRAVEL NOTE—Texas is the number one spot in the United States for bird-watching.

The Big Bend, Gulf Coast and the Lower Rio Grande Valley are the areas that offer the greatest variety of birds. Some of the rarest species can be seen only in these areas.

The hobby, however, is growing in every part of the state. The Hill Country in Central Texas has become especially popular with watchers.

So many visitors are traveling to Texas from all over to watch the birds that it has become a business. A half dozen experts have set themselves up as commercial guides to show outsiders where the best of the feathered friends can be seen.

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POLLY'S POINTERS Polly Cramer

Help for Fry Pan POLLY'S PROBLEM DEAR POLLY - I hope someone can tell me how to clean the outside of an aluminum or stainless steel electric fry pan...

Panel Review Shows Americans Dislike SS

WASHINGTON (AP)-An independent panel starting a major review of Social Security got an earful of complaints when it asked for public comments about the system.

plained that Social Security treats women unfairly. That is one of the topics Ross has said his panel will address in its October 1979 report.

The chairman, tax lawyer Stanford G. Ross, said, "We all read the papers and take account of the fact that the Social Security program in particular has been the target of criticism, consternation and widespread concern."

The Speaker Reports

AUSTIN--The Panama Canal treaties now under consideration in the United States Senate are vitally important to the nation and to Texas, since a significant part of international and intercoastal commerce through Texas ports also traverses the Panama Canal.

support about 50 thousand jobs and result in \$670 million annually in personal income and \$318 million annually in federal, state, and local taxes.

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DEAR DR. LAMB - My problem is my back and legs. After one whole year of going to the doctors and about \$500 they have decided it is caused from sitting all day...

sure you exercise safely. Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper...

Television Schedules

Table with columns for Day (Tuesday, Wednesday), Time, and Program Name. Includes shows like 'The One Where There's a Holdup', 'The Bank Robbery', 'The Password is Courage'.

DEAR DR. LAMB - What a hoax! If it were not so tragic it would be comic. There are multiple things suggested for arthritis that have no health benefit at all.

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Water—How Much Are Users Willing To Pay?

EDITOR'S NOTE - For Texas Gulf Coast residents water - salt water - is a way of life. It influences their lives and their lifestyle. But in the future, where will fresh water come from - the water necessary for life itself? This special report, one of a series, shows that fresh water is available - available at a price.

By **JIM BRIGANCE**
Associated Press Writer
HOUSTON (AP)—Along the Texas Gulf Coast there is water everywhere, plenty enough to drink - if one has the price.

But in the years to come those most concerned with supplying water say the availability will hinge largely on how much users are willing to pay.

Already, some coastal residents have begun paying part of the price for fresh water. Land is sinking the Baytown-Pasadena-LaPorte area as fresh underground water is pumped out. And scientists say the important shellfish industry may be threatened if overdrawing of fresh water alters the delicate coastal ecology.

"We think we have plenty of water but the problem is trying to keep up with expansion areawise...the problem is money," said H.R. Norman, assistant director of the Houston public works department.

Water men agree there is no real or threatened shortage of water on the teeming Gulf Coast. But there is a shortage of money to transport it from one growth area to another. The problem is - they say - how much are industry and private users willing to pay?

South of Houston the land sinks in a long, unbroken line to the sea - past oil rigs and refineries, past the onerous smell of petro-progress and past small seaside communities.

Salt grass and scrub replaced the carefully tended rice fields, and urban sprawl slowly replaced all of that over the past 25 years. Drab by birth, raped by opportunists, this vast savannah from Beaumont to Corpus Christi yet remains rich in natural assets. There are oil fields and refineries and seaports and marine life and tourism.

And now there is a problem of how to bring in water for the demanding millions whose numbers increase annually.

Harris County's millions - many of them immigrants from other states - get their water from Lake Houston and Lake Livingston. But the U.S. Geological Survey estimates the need for water will increase fourfold by the year 2020.

The city of Houston is moving westward to tap groundwater supplies and "tremendous amounts of water stored in aquifers north and east of Houston could be withdrawn with reasonable planning," according to Sergio Garza, a hydrologist with the geologic survey.

Norman said, "There will always be wells and we can go farther and farther out of our water but then the farther out you go the more it costs to pipe the water back. It's a question of how much industry and home users are willing to pay for their water."

In their zeal to produce drinking water, Houston area drillers created a monster perhaps more critical than water shortages - land subsidence.

"This historic current level of pumpage from this Gulf Coast aquifer has caused severe water-related problems - notably land subsidence," said A.L. Black, chairman of the Texas Water Control Board. "In order

to minimize land surface subsidence in the area it will be necessary to limit the quantity of water withdrawn from the aquifer."

Land subsidence is a condition created when the ground sinks because of removal of its underground water. Such low areas then become vulnerable to flooding from ocean tides, and rainfall collection.

Residential and business

Official Claims Too Many Lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP)—There are, testifies a lawyer, too many lawyers, and they're making amass of things.

Laurence H. Silberman, a former Justice Department official who now is associated with a Wall Street law firm, contends that the unbridled growth of his profession is a threat to the nation's economic and democratic systems.

To oversimplify his claim, it is the lawyers beget cases which beget business which begets more lawyers, the whole process tending to move government decision-making out of the hands of elected officials and into the courts and regulatory agencies.

Silberman, who served in Republican administrations as deputy attorney general and U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, said it is time for lawyers to start righting the balance.

Writing in the American Enterprise Institute Journal on Government and Society, he takes up the case made by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who maintains that Americans make excessive use of the courts to settle their controversies.

areas in Pasadena-Baytown-LaPorte suffered more than \$150 million in damages during the period between 1969 and 1973. To combat this insidious problem the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District was formed, the only organization of its kind in the state.

Since its formation, the group has gained control of regulation of fresh water well drilling and, according to Jim Dewberry, an administrative assistant with the group, land subsidence has

been checked.

In the quest for water, marine biologist caution that coastal cities - particularly the larger ones like Beaumont, Houston and Corpus Christi - must guard against removal of too much water from rivers and streams which empty into the Gulf of Mexico.

It is the delicate blend of fresh water and salt water in bays and estuaries that creates the womb-like spawning grounds of

shrimp and oysters.

Scott Holt with the Marine Sciences Institute at Port Aransas explains:

"When you cut off fresh water in bays and estuaries you cut off the nutrients, and these shellfish need the nutrients. Oysters do well in salt water, but so do their predators and disease."

Holt said the flushing action of fresh water also improves the oyster and shrimp crop by

cleaning the spawning area of pollution and disease organisms. Most of Galveston Bay has been closed to oystering because of pollutants pumped into it by industry in Houston and Texas City, and the municipalities nestled along it.

Most agree there are no complicated problems involved in supplying fresh water to the Gulf Coast, unless one considers money a complex problem. Industry in Texas City already

channels water in from the Brazos River, but it does so at a price ultimately paid by users of petroleum and chemical products.

But what is the alternative? Economic stagnation, or decline?

"Our studies show," said Black, "that water development, and especially water importation, are no longer interesting conversation pieces, but are economic necessities."

agencies...Even lawyers who philosophically oppose governmental expansion are understandably somewhat mollified when it takes familiar and profitable forms.

Silberman complains that courts and federal regulatory tribunals are stepping in to make law where Congress isn't ready to tread for lack of a political consensus.

"Not surprisingly...those in this country who wish to increase governmental power are led to seek it indirectly, and less obviously, through the legal process. So long as getting judges to rule on complicated social and economic issues is easier than getting bills through Congress, judge-made law is preferable to legislation."

That is a familiar conservative complaint.

Silberman takes it another step by fixing a big share of the blame on lawyers, "who profit by the increased business, and from whose ranks the judges and agency heads are drawn."

"They share a community of interest with the intelligentsia who wish greater governmental growth and with the bureaucracy that staffs the government

"This is not to suggest they're greedy, only human."

Silberman says the sheer number of American lawyers - the most recent estimate is more than 432,000 - "stimulates the

prodigious growth of legal process."

Furthermore, he writes, an increase in the supply of lawyers creates an increase in the demand for lawyers.

It has reached the point, Silberman writes, at which almost every business investment faces the risk of legal snares that get in the way of efficiency and productivity.

Animal Orphans

These animals are available for "adoption" at the City Animal Shelter

- A large, brown and white male brittany spaniel with tags.
- A red female Irish setter
- A male German shepherd with tags
- A small, brown and white female brittany spaniel
- A large, mixed breed, white male with tags
- A part German shepherd male
- A mixed breed, female German shepherd
- Female, part Chitzu with three small puppies. Will be

small dogs when grown. These dogs are in private custody and further details are available by calling 364-5298.

Information about claiming or adopting any of the above pets may be obtained at 364-3589, 364-5298 or the animal control officer at 364-2323.

When you've used canned beets for a salad, don't throw away the beet juice! Add it to a vegetable soup made with cabbage, carrot, onion, celery and vegetable bouillon cubes.

1918 Graduates Asked To Give Information

Members of the 1918 graduating class of Hereford High School are being sought so that a newsletter about them may be circulated among the former classmates.

The 1918 HHS alumni are asked to contact Doyle Womble Henrichsen, Box 455, Hagerman, N.M. 88232, or Mr. C. Laverne Bane, 463 Douglas St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. The deadline for contacting Mrs. Henrichsen or Mrs. Bane is May 1.

Each class member will be asked to pay a \$2 fee to cover the costs of the newsletter. Also, each 1918 alumnus will be requested to supply the following information: current name, name at graduation, current address, occupation,

marital status, family members and personal interests.

The list of 1918 graduates included Lilly Bippus, Willie Dickert (deceased), Ruth Kemp, Jack Lester (deceased), Nellie Parmer, Graci Sites, Lucille Weems, Mae Womack, Elizabeth Black, Edna Elliott (deceased.), Doyle Womble, Lola Brady, Luella Gischler, Mame Landrum, Elizabeth Oberthier, Bernadine Price, Frank Stegall and Maude Wolz.

In 1948, the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Chicago Cardinals, 7-0, in the NFL championship game that was played in a blizzard in Philadelphia.

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