

Vandalism Not Confined to City Limits, Says Sheriff

[EDITOR'S NOTE - This is the second article in a three-part series on vandalism in Hereford and Deaf Smith County. Part 1 examined the problem within the city of Hereford, from the perspective of two city police detectives. Today, Deaf Smith County Sheriff Travis McPherson discusses rural vandalism problems.]

By JIM STEIERT
Brand Staff Writer

Just as in the city, rural vandalism is an unpredictable thing, according to Deaf Smith County Sheriff Travis McPherson.

But the results are nearly always the same. Expense and anguish for the owner of the damaged property, and frustration for the law officers

attempting to find who is responsible. "Vandalism hasn't been a real problem in the rural areas lately. It goes in sprees, and a lot of the time, it stems from grudges people hold against

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someone they've worked for or something," said McPherson.

While vandals within the city frequently strike at businesses, rural vandals take out their destructiveness on vehicles, dwellings, and agricultural

equipment. Windshields on cars, trucks and pickups, as well as tractors and combines, come in line for the depredations inflicted by those who destroy for destruction's sake.

Much of the rural vandalism is linked to the use of firearms.

"We have people who shoot at power line insulators, and some even shoot at transformers. I don't think they realize just how serious things could get if they hit one in the right place. They're jeopardizing power to a lot of rural residents by doing such things," McPherson stated.

"We have vandals who shoot holes in overhead irrigation sprinkler systems. The damage toll from such incidents

adds up in a hurry. Occasionally, we'll even have some vandalism or irrigation motors or households in the rural areas. It doesn't occur frequently, but it does happen," he continued.

While Hereford police feel their problems with vandalism within the city are more severe during the summer, McPherson indicated that rural vandalism is more of a problem in the fall.

"During school, our problems are much worse. We just don't seem to have any vandalism during the summer," he related.

As in the city, the average age of a rural vandal is usually 11 to 17, and McPherson feels most offenders are junior high school age.

McPherson feels the rate of repeat offenses is lower in the rural areas than in the city of Hereford, where detectives estimated the rate of repeated vandalism offenses may be as high as 60 percent.

However, the distance from law enforcement agencies is a factor in rural vandalism, in itself, according to McPherson.

"Most of the time, the laws are stiff enough, but it's hard to catch vandals. They know when they're pulling these sort of things out there miles from anywhere, nobody's gonna catch them," said the Sheriff.

"I don't think the majority of the first time offenders even realize the severity of their offense. Most are really scared

when they're brought in on vandalism charges. Some may think the whole thing is a big joke, but they don't realize what could happen to them. I'd say most of the offenses are committed just for kicks, but vandalism does indicate kind of violent nature on the part of the offender," McPherson stated.

"Most of our vandals are caught with the help of the grapevine," McPherson continued.

"We get a lot of feedback from people. Many vandals destroy to show off and brag, and people hearing this bragging will call us. Most vandals will eventually tell on themselves, one way or the other," he related.

[Next Dealing with the property destroyers.]



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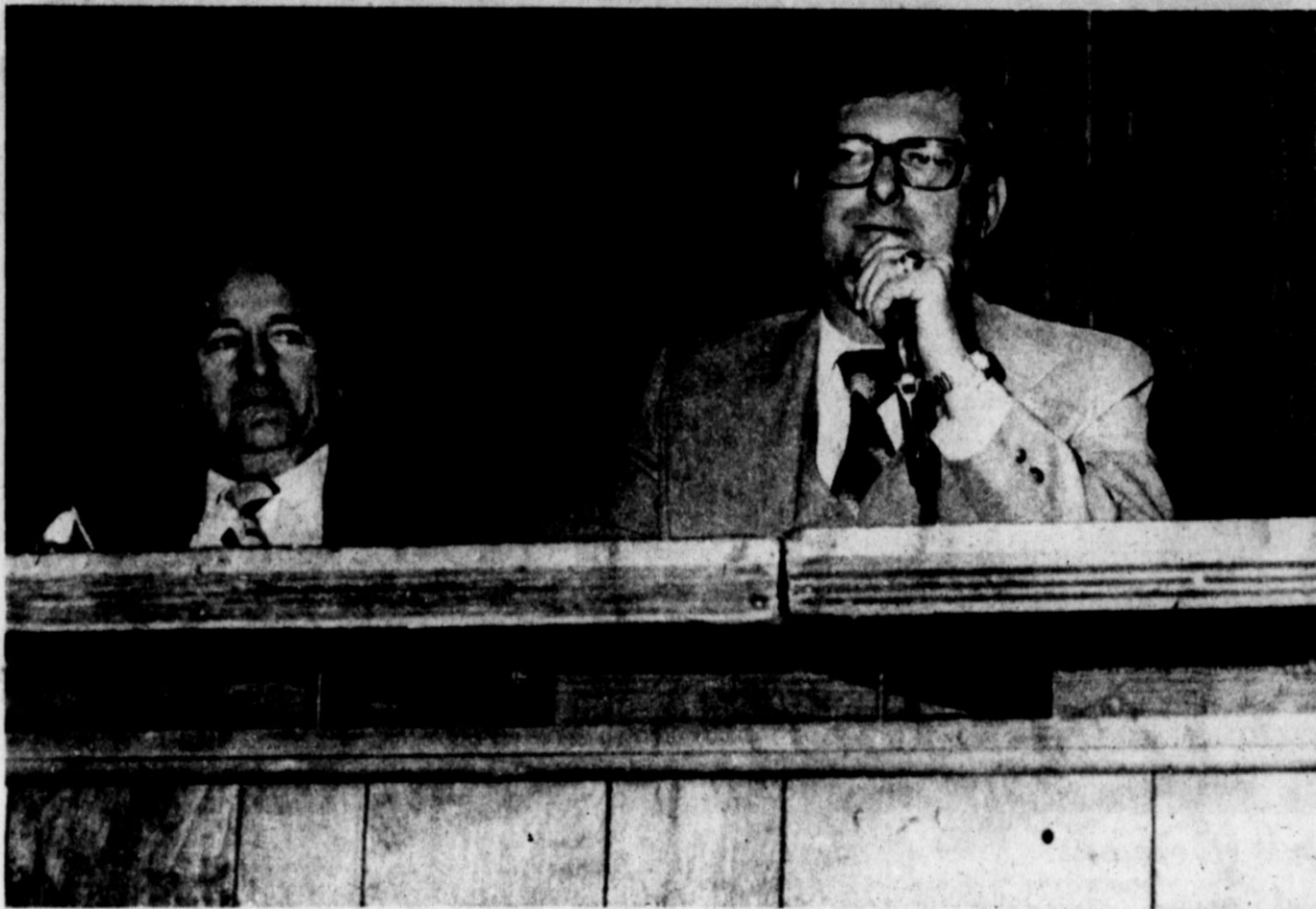
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Suits Won't Damage Farmers' Contracts



Chairman Gets the Word

Texas Speaker of the House Bill Clayton of Springlake-Earth looks on as State Rep. Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg, chairman of the Texas House Agriculture Committee, converses with High Plains farmers during a special public hearing on West Texas Agriculture at the Bull Barn last night. Ag committee members heard input on the importance of food corn production to the area, as well as comments on how low

commodity prices and high production costs continue to put the squeeze on farmers. At the conclusion of last night's hearing, Clayton announced that "very tentative" arrangements have been made that will allow individual food grain contracts to be issued by Frito-Lay Inc. of Dallas, and Grain Handling Corporation, which has facilities in Hereford, for the 1979 crop year. [Brand photo by Jim Steiert]

By JIM STEIERT
Brand Farm Editor

A question as to the availability of food crop production contracts to High Plains and South Plains farmers for the 1979 crop year was put in perspective here last night during a special hearing before the Texas House Agriculture Committee at the Bull Barn.

A crowd of about 300 heard Texas Speaker of the House Bill Clayton of Springlake-Earth announce that a "very tentative" agreement has been arrived at, whereby Frito-Lay Inc. of Dallas and Grain Handling Corp., with facilities in Hereford, Hart, Olton, Hart Camp and

Springlake, will make food corn production contracts available to farmers on an individual basis in 1979.

Clayton was authorized to make the announcement by representatives of the two firms, currently embroiled in lawsuits over alleged bribery-kickback schemes, and an alleged breach of contract.

The legal battle, it was feared, would put a serious damper on lucrative corn production contracts which have been offered in the area in past years.

"Details of the agreement have not been fully worked out, and as this hearing has proceeded tonight, negotiations have continued," said Clayton. "We are

hopeful for a culmination of the negotiations by Dec. 31, and a smooth transition to the offering of individual contracts. It is my belief that contracts will be available after the first of the year, and I think there will be some price contracts offered in the near future," he continued.

Clayton had high praise for the House Agriculture Committee and its chairman, Joe Hubenak, for conducting the hearing here last night.

"Had not this hearing been scheduled, it is doubtful that these negotiations between Frito-Lay and Grain Handling

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Unpaid Accounts Highlight Discussion

Hospital Board Studies Simpler Computerized Financial Statement

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

Deaf Smith General Hospital showed \$7,819 in revenue over expenses for the month of November, hospital administrator Jim Bullard reported today.

In presenting the November operating report to the county hospital district board of directors, Bullard and accountant Bill Allen stated that the hospital's net income for the month was

\$147,887. Tax money received last month totaled \$147,068.

The difference between the two figures is \$7,819, which represents revenue over expenses, the report indicated.

"Directors last month expressed criticism of the monthly financial reports, which they said were too complex. Allen today presented the board copies of a simplified report—actually an explanation of the financial statement.

During discussion of Allen's report which included the board's expressing concern over accounts receivable but uncollected, president H.A. Cavness said the district's accounting system "must be put into a positional system so we can show our community exactly what we're doing. This is not just a system of simple bad debts—we're running a charity program."

Allen explained accounts receivable but uncollected as having revenue "but not having any money. Consequently, you're at the bank."

Allen was making reference to the board's authorization of the district to borrow \$100,000 earlier this year.

"We on the board are not accountants," Cavness said. "There's not a person on the board who can sit down and explain exactly where we are financially. That's why we must have a good accounting system."

The November report stated that the average daily census during the month was 36.3 patients, compared to 35.9 in November of last year. There were 240 patients admitted in November, bringing the total for the two-month period comprising the current fiscal year to 479. That compares with 413 for October-November, 1977.

Dr. A.T. Mims, chief of the hospital medical staff, reported that the staff had elected officers in its last meeting. Mims was elected president (chief of staff), Dr. M.W. Nobles vice president and Dr. Howard Johnson secretary.

OPEC Decision To Increase Prices at American Gas Pump

NEW YORK — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' increase in the price of oil is going to mean more than higher prices at the gasoline pump. It's also going to increase inflation and slow down the economy.

The damage to the American economy and the dollar caused by the OPEC increase could negate much of the gain

the organization will make from the higher price.

The 13-member cartel - which supplies about 37 percent of the oil used by the United States - voted Sunday to raise the price of its crude oil 14.5 percent during 1979, starting with a 5 percent increase Jan. 1 and rising in increments every three months through Oct. 1.

That will mean an increase in the price of gasoline and heating oil of about 3 cents a gallon, according to analysts, because the increase will be diluted by lower prices on oil from other sources. And other market forces will add a couple more pennies to consumer fuel prices next year. The average price of gasoline nationally is about 69 cents a gallon.

The Branding Iron

Being Santa Presents Both Problems, Good Moments

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

It was a big night for Santa Clause. His bushy mustache clogged up his nostrils, and it was a little too warm for his thick red suit and hat as beads of sweat rolled down his cheeks to land on his white beard.

And the kids. . . "It seemed like there were thousands of them," said funeral director Charles Watson, alias Santa. "They mobbed me as soon as I got off the firetruck. The crowd of kids around me just got bigger and bigger. The kids were actually going into my bag and getting candy. There were several hands in that bag."

To one greedy youngster, Watson was heard to say: "Get your hands out of there, you little thief." Yes, that night of the Chamber of

Commerce Christmas tree lighting was a bad moment for Watson—"a real mob scene," he calls it.

Still, somehow, the hour was not a total disaster for Watson, who enjoyed making the kids happy. That's why he puts on the red suit and hat, black belt and boots and scratchy beard several times each Christmas season.

"I like kids. I've done this for six or eight or nine years. Well, anyway, for several years," Watson said, with a bonafide twinkle in his eye.

But, being Santa isn't always a jolly experience as was evidenced at the tree-lighting ceremony.

"My beard chokes me, smotheres me. It doesn't fit me properly. And the suit gets too hot. With all that clothing and the beard and the hair, it cuts off the air to your body," Watson said.

"And, I'm always being rushed. I never have enough time to give attention to all the kids. The night I was mobbed, some of the kids got left out. Some of them were crying because they didn't get any candy."

Watson said kids often are content just to touch Santa.

"Last night at First Baptist Church, I gave the kids fruit and candy. Afterwards a 2-year-old little girl came running towards me with her hands open. She just wanted to give Santa a hug, so I hugged her. I loved it. The kids really believe in Santa Claus, so it's natural they'd want attention."

Watson, who uses no pillow ("I have built-in padding," he says), doesn't take requests for gifts from children.

"I'm not that kind of Santa. I just give

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President May Continue Import Quota

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Carter may be close to a decision on what to do about beef imports in 1979, and informed sources say he is giving "serious consideration" to continuing this year's quota level.

Cattle producers were angered last spring when he suspended quotas to allow 200 million pounds of additional beef into the United States this year to help cool soaring retail meat prices.

Under a 1964 law, imports of certain meat - mainly low-grade beef used for hamburger - are adjusted annually to reflect U.S. production. This year's limit was originally about 1.3 billion pounds or roughly 7 percent of U.S. consumption. Carter boosted the 1978 calendar year

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Conducting Book Drive

The officers of National Honor Society at Hereford High School are continuing their first annual Book Drive through Thursday. Local students and adults are asked to bring their unwanted books, particularly those of interest to young people, to the

high school. Children's books will be donated to Hereford Day Care Center by NHS and other books will go to the County Library. (Brand photo by Denise Smith)

Extension Service Examines Purpose of Life Insurance

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is Part I of a three-part series on life insurance.]

LIFE INSURANCE
As of 1975, over 150 million Americans possessed some form of life insurance. While, to the average consumer, the basic concept of insurance is a rather simple one, details about the different types of policies issued may be confusing. Hence, this issue of Consumer Close-ups will discuss first, the purpose of life insurance, and then describe the various types of policies available to the consumer, with their features and drawbacks.

What is Life Insurance?

Life insurance is a risk-sharing plan that provides financial protection for dependents, in the event of the death of an income provider. It is a means of providing a relatively large amount of money to meet the needs of dependents by payment of a relatively small amount called a premium. Because the risk is spread among a large number of people, the premiums, of annual payments made by the purchaser, will be small compared to the coverage offered.

Types of Life Insurance Policies

There are four different types of life insurance policies: (1) term insurance; (2) straight life or ordinary life insurance; (3) limited payment life insurance; and (4) endowment insurance. The latter three are sometimes called permanent insurance. The main difference among the four policy types is the amount of protection and savings offered in each. And partially because of this, the premiums vary with each type of policy. Companies base their premium rates on probability of death of the policyholders, return from the company's investment of the premiums, lapse rates, and the savings element organizations. The savings portion of the premium varies greatly with the different policy types.

Term Insurance
Term insurance may be thought of as pure insurance issued for a set period of time. The policyholder buys a specific

amount of coverage and pays an annual premium based upon his age, sex, and health status. This type of policy covers the insured for a specific term, usually from one to 20 years, or until a policyholder reaches a specified age, i.e., 65 or 70.

At the end of the term the protection ceases and the policy has no cash value. The premiums for term insurance rise in each successive term, reflecting the rising probability of death as age increases. The term insurance holder is faced with the periodic decision to renew his policy after each term is over. Because term insurance has no saving element and accumulates no cash value, it requires the smallest premiums.

Term insurance may have special clauses which give the owner the opportunity to continue protection beyond the term of the policy. A renewable clause gives the policyholder the option of renewing his policy for another period of time without a medical examination. These added features do, inevitably, add some cost to the policy, thus the consumer must balance his desire for continued insurability without a medical examination, for instance, against the added cost of the convertibility and renewability features.

A convertible clause gives the policyholder the right to convert his term insurance into a policy containing a savings feature as well as protection without a medical examination. These added features do, inevitably, add some cost to the policy, thus the consumer must balance his desire for continued insurability without a medical examination, for instance, against the added cost of the convertibility and renewability features.

Term insurance can also be purchased in a form that has a level premium over a longer period - 10 to 25 years - but has a decreasing face value. Decreasing term insurance is widely used to cover the outstanding balance on the mortgage of a house, and hence is sometimes called a mortgage insurance although it has other uses. Decreasing term insurance may also be used to provide protection against the death of the breadwinner during the child dependency.

Straight Life Insurance
Straight or ordinary life insurance (sometimes called whole life insurance) accounts for over half of the total value of

life insurance in force in the United States. Straight life is the least expensive form of insurance which combines protection with savings. The policyholder pays a specified premium for as long as he lives. In return, the company will pay a stipulated "face" value at the death of the insured.

The policy also has cash value before death, the insured can redeem his policy and take the cash value, or this amount can be used as security on loans either from the insurance company itself or some other financial institute. The amount of the premium depends primarily on the age of the insured when the insurance is obtained (based on the mortality

rate of the age group) and the proportion of the premium that is savings, increases during the time the policy is in force. The insured may redeem the policy at any time for its cash value but the protection feature will then stop.

It is important that the consumer have information about the rate of return on the savings element of his cash value insurance policy. Some policies build up cash values much faster than others. Typically the consumer will have to search the policy for such information. The FTC is now working closely with states in considering insurance cost disclosures regulation.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
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Summerfield Xmas Tea Held Friday Afternoon

Mrs. G. Almanza and Mrs. Ray L. Johnson were co-hostesses Friday afternoon during a Christmas tea for their neighbors in the Summerfield community.

The Almanza home was decorated with holiday candles dressed in Christmas greenery. Mrs. Almanza's daughter, Mrs. Ronnie Smith, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Monte Almanza, both of Amarillo,

served refreshments from a red and green table, appointed in silver.

Forty guests called during the afternoon.

Kindergarten To Perform Xmas Music

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Lucas are the parents of a daughter, Kristina Carol Lucas, born December 10. She weighed 6 lb. 10½ oz. She was born in Amarillo at High Plains Baptist Hospital.

The public is welcome to attend a program of Christmas music to be presented tomorrow morning by the First Baptist Church Kindergarten in the church Fellowship Hall. The program will begin at 10:45 a.m.

The kindergarten is a state-licensed school with Mrs. Floyd Coker as director, assisted by six staff members.

At Wits End

BY ERMA BOMBECK

I'm one of those women who believe that life will continue even if I don't know that quarterback Charlie Fuggs needs 14 passes to move ahead of the legendary Orlow Spitt who threw 6,442 completions for a combined yardage of 36,003 yards, 1,500 of them while wearing SuppHose.

Maybe it's not a complete, full life, but I'm willing to make sacrifices. My husband is not.

He believes there has not been a prophet like Curt Gowdy since Moses and that when Curt announces someone has broken Johnny Unitas' record of 26 passes in a sudden-death playoff, there will be a flash of lightning and rain for 40 days and nights.

"Who cares?" I shouted back at the set.

"Shhh," he said motioning for silence.

"They could make up those statistics and...."

"Will you knock it off," said my husband. "Now I'll never know who holds the record for fumbles in the NFL during a nationally-televised game which was attended by a vice president."

"If you're so impressed by statistics," I said hysterically, "I'll give you some statistics. Did you know:

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"Are you remotely interested that a little known draft choice, who as a kid used to hang around the kitchen a lot and dream, now picks up 184 pairs of socks a day in her son's bedroom?"

"Maybe you'd be interested in how many incomplete sentences I toss out a day that no one listens to or answers? Or how many times I've intercepted the car keys so we can use our own car once in awhile?"

"You want color: I'll give you color. We have two brothers playing on the same team for dishes. I think if you'll check the record book you will find we have not had that kind of a relationship between siblings since Cain and Abel were a duo back in Genesis."

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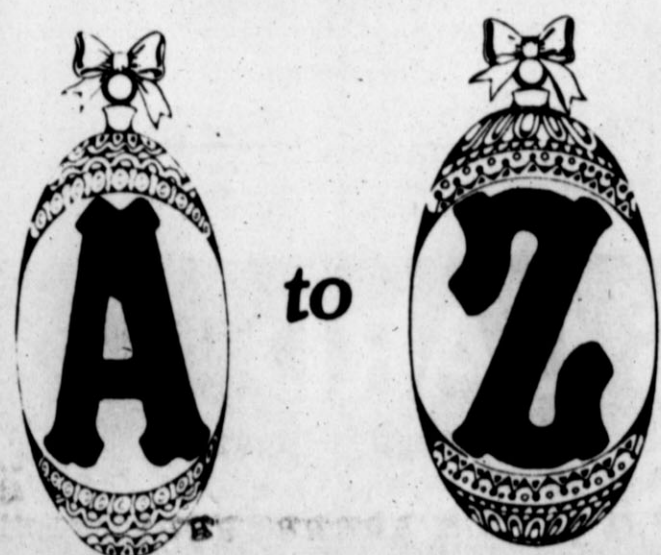
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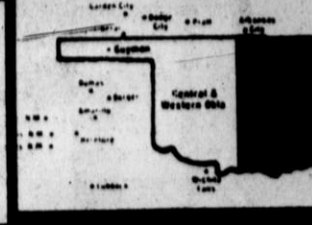
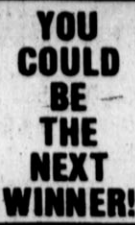
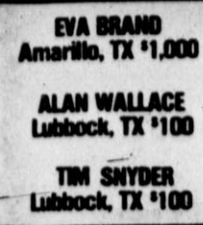
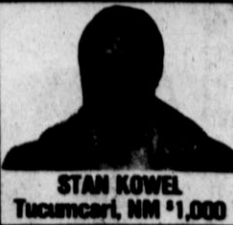
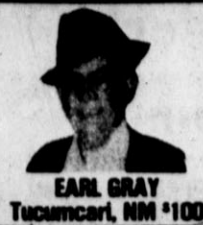
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Basketball- Recruiting and Cheating

FRED ROTHENBERG
AP Sports Writer

The scene was Winford's living room in Oklahoma City. Two members of the media were giving the young basketball star a lesson in recruiting. Larry Gillman wanted me to be in the living room. Denny was pulling on me to go to the back porch so we could talk alone. It was a tug-of-war they almost came to blows. Mother finally called a truce and threw everyone out of the

house.
"Crum was supposed to come back at 9 the next morning, but showed up at 7:30. The San Francisco people were at a hamburger joint across the street - it was like a stake-out - and when they saw Crum come to my house, they rushed right over.
"This kind of stuff was going on for three months. At first I enjoyed it, but then got tired of it.
"It was an unreal situation. Grown men fighting over an 18-year-old. It was like two kids fighting over a lollipop."
Boys will be boys, especially in college basketball where the lollipops stand 6-foot-8, can stuff a basket full of goodies and

have the potential to turn a financial situation from sour to sweet.
Boynes, who chose Gillman and San Francisco over Crum and Louisville and is now a rookie with the New Jersey Nets, was recruited by some 360 schools, and it wasn't because of his college board scores. College basketball today is less college and more basketball. The coaches will tell you there's more pressure to win and, consequently, more cheating - i.e., buying of high school talent.
It's all big business now and the successful teams make the most points and the most money.
Kentucky, last season's

national champion, grossed \$1.66 million, \$250,000 of which came from making the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. The basketball program showed profits of nearly \$700,000.
Basketball appeals to many athletic departments because it is much easier to turn a basketball program around than a football program. All that is often needed is one standout big man.
Little Iona College, a basketball nobody located north of New York City, hired an aggressive head coach, Jim Valvano, three years ago after a 4-19 season. Last year Valvano lured super frosh Jeff Ruland away from Kentucky and Indiana, and the Gaels went

17-10. This year, their sights are on the NCAA Tournament.
Ruland, the nation's leading freshman scorer and rebounder, brought Iona instant respectability. That's what the new freshman-eligible rule can do for a program.
But coaches are almost universal in their dislike for the freshman-eligible rule. They say freshmen need a year away from the microscope to adjust to college and basketball.
"Freshmen transfer so much they need a revolving door," said Notre Dame Coach Digger Phelps.
The freshmen-eligible rule and the NCAA's recent limit of 15 basketball scholarships for any 4-year period have all but

ended the chance for another UCLA dynasty. The Bruins won 10 out of 12 NCAA championships during 1964-75.
Phelps knows if he doesn't chase down the freshmen who can play Division I basketball right away, someone else will. And Phelps and many other coaches interviewed by The Associated Press say that lots of those chases end with the player receiving illegal inducements of cars, apartments and money.
"It's a cancer right now that's terminal," said Phelps. "There is more cheating out there. Plane rides, tickets, clothes, money. Anything somebody wants, somebody will give it to him."
How did cheating in college basketball become a cancer. Money, television and greater national interest are the best answers.
"You don't hear about many track and tennis coaches being fired," said Coach Dean Smith of North Carolina. "There's just not that much interest. When there's interest, there's pressure."

In the minor sports there's no pressure to fill the big fieldhouses, like Kentucky's 23,000-seat Rupp Arena. After the scandals of the early 1950s and early 1960s, basketball programs turned away from the big-city arenas and the fixers and tried to insulate their programs in newly constructed campus courts.
And only winning teams fill those arenas and are seen on television.
Penn State, for example, sold only seven season tickets for basketball last season, then fired its longtime coach, John Bach. Dick Harter was brought in, and season ticket sales are over 1,000.
In the past three seasons, only 20 teams were seen on the 35 national TV games, not including the NCAA Tournament games. Notre Dame and UCLA topped the charts with eight appearances. Marquette had seven, Michigan and Maryland five and Kentucky four.
This year, the same elite basketball schools dominate

NBC's national schedule. There will be, however, seven newcomers on the screen, including four schools which had last year's freshmen sensations - Johnson and Michigan State, Duke and Eugene Banks, Kansas and Darnell Valentine and Southern Cal and Cliff Robinson.
The pressure to get these blue-chip high school seniors is felt in many areas. The major fallout is the Division I coach himself. The AP surveyed the 202 schools which have played Division I basketball continuously from 1967-78. The poll revealed that only 20 coaches - 10 percent - have stayed at the same school over that 12-year period.
The survey also revealed that there were 31 coaching changes - 15 percent - during 1967-68; 36 changes - 18 percent - during 1972-73, and 54 changes - 27 percent - during 1977-78.
"Coaches are the last of the cowboys," said former Marquette coach Al McGuire. "Very few of them stand the test of time."

Bruce Wins Slalom

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - Cathy Bruce, a member of the U.S. Bobsled Team, topped teammate Leslie Smith Monday to claim the Pico Slalom at Pico Peak Ski Area, the third race of the six-race Holiday Classic series.
Bruce, of Burlington, Vt., had settled for second in each of the first two races held at Stratton Mountain, while Smith was first. However, on Monday, Bruce overcame a first-run deficit, light flurries and a 60-gate course to beat Smith 1:23.81 to 1:24.43.

For the third straight race, Mary Seaton, a U.S. Ski Team member of Hancock, Mich., held third place at 1:24.57.

U.S. Ski Team coaches kept an eye on the 105 racers on the machine-made snow at Pico, looking for skiers for the Europe Cup circuit.

The women will face another slalom at Pico on Tuesday and then move to Sugarbush North Ski Area in Warren later this weekend. The men will race Tuesday in Sherburne.

Bailor Top Player

TORONTO (AP) - Bob Bailor, who last season managed to avoid the nagging injuries that had plagued him in his first full major league season, has been selected the Toronto Blue Jays' most outstanding player for the second year in a row in a poll conducted by the Toronto chapter of the Baseball Writer's Association of America.

Bailor, a spray hitter and the hardest player in the American League to strike out in 1978 - fanning only 21 times in 621 at-bats - collected a total of 18 points in the annual balloting.

The 27-year-old native of Connellsville, Pa., received four first-place votes, two seconds and two thirds to finish eight points ahead of Rico Carty, the designated hitter traded to Oakland late in the season whose rights were subsequently reacquired by the Blue Jays at the conclusion of the season.

The English Derby was first run in 1780.

Reeves Ready For Top Job

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Cowboy offensive coordinator Danny Reeves, who was offered the job at Atlanta two years ago and was a finalist in the running for the Los Angeles post, said Monday he definitely would be interested in coaching the New York Giants of the National Football League.

John McVay was fired by the Giants Monday and speculation centered on the 34-year-old Reeves, who has played and coached under Tom Landry, the dean of the NFL coaches.

"I haven't heard anything from anybody but I'm interested...I feel I'm ready," said Reeves, who became a player-coach for the Cowboys in 1970.

Reeves told The Associated Press "I've wanted to get into the right situation and as far as I'm concerned the Giants could be a good job. I'm definitely interested."

Reeves was interviewed by the Rams before Los Angeles hired George Allen, who didn't last through the exhibition season.

"The Rams never offered me the job," said Reeves. However, Reeves disclosed that Atlanta did two years ago in a job eventually taken by Leeman Bennett.

"The Falcons say they didn't offer me the job but I know they did," said Reeves.

Asked if he turned the Falcons down at the time because of poor facilities, Reeves said "Let's just say there were some things we couldn't agree on."

Reeves said that if the Giants get permission from Landry and Cowboy President Tex Schramm to talk to him then he would confer with the Giants.

"I really don't look for anything to happen until after the playoffs," said Reeves.

The defending world champion Cowboys play their first round in the NFL playoffs Dec. 30.

Reeves dropped out of football in 1973 to take part in a real estate venture building townhouses.

"I missed football and the real estate market dropped out of sight," said Reeves. "Handling 100 townhouses was like handling 100 Duane

Thomas."

Reeves became offensive coordinator in 1977 when Jim Myers was promoted to Assistant Head Coach.

Reeves was a running back for seven years under Landry

but finally had to retire from an active role because of knee injuries.

He signed as a free agent from South Carolina in 1965.

Landry said when Reeves was being interviewed by Atlanta

that he would make a good head coach.

Of course, the Landry system is much respected by the Giants. Landry was a former player and assistant coach for the Giants.



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Sports Shorts

LONDON - European sports writers chose Henry Rono, the brilliant Kenyan runner competing for Washington State University, and Tracey Caulkins, a swimming world record holder, as sportsman and sportswoman of 1978 in a poll of Associated Press members.

Rono, who set world records in the 10,000 meters, 5,000 meters and 3,000 meters steeplechase, finished ahead of Tennis' Bjorn Borg, Argentine soccer player Mario Kempes and Muhammad Ali.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Middle Eastern nations are taking part in the eighth Asian Games and there's lot of talk about solidarity between them and the other competitors. But a basic difference revolves around sex.

None of the Middle Eastern teams here except Iraq have included women and Saudi Arabia's delegation chief, Prince Fahed, explained, "I

believe in building the men through sports. The women are the ones who build the men."

However, he added that women in this country are keenly interested in sports; barred from the stadiums they can watch events on television.

In contrast, Asian countries utilize their women to the full. The Arabs, who need all the sports help they can get, missed out in at least two sports by leaving their women at home. In bowling and shooting, where the two sexes compete on equal terms, women humbled many a competing male.

VAL D'ISERE, France - West Germany's Christa Kinshofer won the giant slalom of the women's World Cup ski competition with a total of two minutes, 19.85 seconds in the two heats.

Second was Hanni Wenzel of Lichtenstein in 2:20.32, while Swiss Marie-Therese Nadig was third in 2:20.4.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—James E. Nugent, a Kerrville attorney and a veteran of 18 years of service as a state representative, was appointed last week to the Texas Railroad Commission.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe, whose home county is in Nugent's district, said Nugent will resign from the legislature and take the new \$45,200-a-year position Jan. 2. Nugent expressed confidence the senate will confirm his appointment.

Nugent said he will seek election in 1980 to the final two years of the term which Jon Newton relinquished when he resigned over two weeks ago.

Newton said he resigned because his wife inherited property on which natural gas is being produced. Newton said he wanted to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

Nugent said he will put his financial holdings in a blind trust, and probably will sell much of his oil-related holdings. Included are stock in Southern Union Gas Co. and Exxon, gas royalty in South Texas that earns \$8 per year and royalty in Gregg County with \$75 to \$100 a month.

"Any of these financial holdings which present any semblance of a conflict of interest will be placed in a

blind trust or sold as my lawyers advise me," the 56-year-old Nugent said.

The appointment makes Briscoe the first governor since the commission was formed in 1891 to appoint all three members. Other members are Chairman Mack Wallace and John Poerner.

Courts Speak

Texas Supreme Court held the judiciary cannot force bank examiners to open confidential examination data.

The Court of Criminal Appeals turned down millionaire Cullen Davis' request for bail on murder-for-hire charges.

A Dallas conviction for cocaine possession case was sent back for retrial because a judge didn't explain circumstantial evidence to the jury.

The Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the capital murder conviction of Jesse Villarreal in the shooting death of a Corpus Christi convenience store employee.

The same court reversed a seven year sentence given a Belton man for burglary of a pickup truck, holding the state didn't prove the truck belonged to the person who complained.

Spending Soars

Campaign spending soared to new heights this year.

Governor-elect Bill Clements apparently set a national record for 1978 with \$7.2 million in outlays, \$4.5 million of which was borrowed.

Attorney General John Hill spent about \$3.3 million in his losing general election and successful Democratic primary races.

Attorney General-elect Mark White spent \$1.5 million, including \$270,000 in loans. Republican candidate for attorney general, Jim Baker, reported spending \$1.44 million, with contributions only about \$40,000 short of the outlay.

AG Opinions

Telephone solicitors for resort developers would be held by courts as subject to licensing under the Real Estate License Act, Attorney General John Hill said in a recent opinion.

In other opinions, Hill concluded:

An internal audit of the University of Texas Humanities Research Center is subject to public disclosure, except for specific recommendations.

The Department of Community Affairs can spend state funds to help construct a Raymondville sewer lift system serving a farm labor camp.

A recommendation to the governor for an appointment is not excepted per se from public disclosure.

The Texas Department of Community Affairs has authority to administer the Housing Assistance Payments Program established

by the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

An institution of higher education may not promulgate a rule defining employment on a fulltime basis to mean "employment for one half or more of the standard workload."

A local tax collector is not prohibited from imposing a requirement that applicants for agricultural use designation of their property furnish relevant portions of federal income tax returns.

New Appointments

Gov. Briscoe appointed Lyndon Olson Jr. of Waco to the State Board of Insurance. Olson, 31, will be chairman.

Briscoe also named Mark S. Ward of Huntsville, Walker County Criminal District attorney, Mrs. Billie Veach of Burnet to the State Rural Medical Education Board and Sidney M. Wieser of Lampasas to the Hospital Licensing Advisory Council.

Short Snorts

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation opened bids last week on 1,150 miles of pavement surface in seven districts.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced a crackdown on bogus export schemes used to avoid state sales tax payments along the Texas-Mexico border.

Fifty were named to an inaugural committee planning January 16 inauguration ceremonies for Clements and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby here. Another Austin inaugural committee was also named.



Television Set Winner

Kim Whitaker captured first place in a Brand subscription contest during the first half of December and Monday was awarded a 12-inch portable television set by publisher O.G. Nieman. Kim, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brownlow, is a seventh-grader at LaPlata Junior High. She tabbed 170 points in the contest, while Dennis Detten was second with 95 points and Toby Torres Jr. was third with 90.

At least 150,000 species of flowering plant are known.

Girl Carrier Claims Top Prize in Contest

Kim Whitaker, a seventh-grader at La Plata Junior High, was presented a 12-inch portable television set Monday by Brand publisher O.G. Nieman after she was declared the winner of a subscription contest sponsored by the newspaper.

Brand carriers were treated to a "skate party" Monday night, at which time winners of the subscription campaign were announced. Kim signed up 17 new subscribers during the

three-week contest. Kim, 12, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brownlow.

Dennis Detten and Toby Torres Jr. were runner-ups in the contest and each was awarded a pocket calculator. Kim totaled 170 points while the runners-up had 95 and 90, respectively.

Earning honorable mention in the campaign were Don Riley, Dale Rahfs, Clay Osburn, Doug Evans, Mike Brorman and Frank Lyons.

Today In History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1978. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

On this date: In 1675, British colonists defeated Narragansett Indians in Rhode Island in the last battle of King Philip's War.

In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began to publish his "Poor Richard's Almanac" in Philadelphia.

In 1842, the United States recognized the independence of Hawaii.

In 1939, in World War II, the crew of the German liner, Columbus, scuttled the ship in

mid-Atlantic to avoid capture by the British.

In 1950, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was named commander of military forces operating under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson and other world leaders flew to Australia for funeral services for Prime Minister Harold Holt, who had drowned in the ocean near Melbourne.

Ten years ago: Socialist Norman Thomas, a candidate for U.S. president six times, died at the age of 84.

Five years ago: Former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird resigned as President Richard Nixon's chief domestic adviser.

One year ago: The Palestine Liberation Organization rejected the latest Israeli proposals for Middle East peace.



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