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With Canadian Passports...

Six Diplomats Escape Iran

By The Associated Press
Six American diplomats who hid for 12 weeks at friendly embassies in Tehran have slipped secretly out of Iran under cover of false Canadian passports, State Department officials said today.

Canadian sources in Ottawa said the Canadian Embassy itself had harbored U.S. diplomats since the Nov. 4 takeover of the American Embassy, but the U.S. sources refused to name the other embassy or embassies involved, citing the possibility of reprisals against those embassies.

Canada unexpectedly shut down its Tehran mission Monday and withdrew Ambassador Ken Taylor and three persons described as embassy staff members. The Canadian Embassy is 200 yards down the street from the U.S. Embassy.

The Washington officials, who asked not to be identified, would not give the identities, jobs or whereabouts of the six newly escaped Americans.

The diplomats were outside the U.S. Embassy when it was seized by Moslem militants and were able to find shelter in friendly embassies until this past weekend, when Canada issued them false passports and got them out of Iran, the American officials said.

Among those who avoided capture Nov. 4 were the highest-ranking U.S. diplomat in Iran, Charge d'Affaires L. Bruce Laingen, and two top aides. They have been in "protective custody" at the Iranian Foreign Ministry since then, and apparently were not involved in Monday's reported escape.

The militants still hold some 50 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy and continue to press their demand for return of the ousted Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi to Iran.

The officials in Washington said today the six escapees did not account for the discrepancy between the number of hostages the State Department has said are in the embassy - 50 - and the number counted by American clergymen who visited the hostages at Christmas - 43.

The Canadian government decision to shut

down its embassy surprised the Iranian government.

Iranian radio and television, which is directed by the Moslem clergyman closest to the U.S. Embassy militants, fired a new shot today in its dispute with Iran's new president, accusing him of overstepping his authority when he vowed to "purge" the broadcast operation.

It was a further sign of potential clash between President-elect Abolhasan Bani Sadr and the Moslem militants at the embassy. Since winning last Friday's election,

Bani Sadr has made clear in his statements that he will not tolerate a rival power base in the militants.

In other developments, Bani Sadr rejected the U.S. offer of military and economic aid if the American hostages are freed, but Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance offered to work with him to secure their release.

Texas To Gain Seats

WASHINGTON (AP)—Texas should gain two congressional seats after 1980 redistricting, according to projections the Census Bureau released today.

The new figures are the first based on 1979 state population estimates.

The addition of two seats to the 24-member Texas House delegation would raise it to the third largest state delegation, trailing only New York and California.

Tuesday update

Islamics Slam Soviets

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Thirty-four of the world's 41 Islamic nations today demanded the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and urged the United States and Iran to settle their differences peacefully.

They also suspended Afghanistan's membership in their organization and declared their opposition to the use of threats, force of sanctions against Iran or "any other Islamic nation."

Kuwait Hikes Oil Price

KUWAIT (AP)—Kuwait announced today a \$2 increase in the price of its crude oil price - from \$25.50 to \$27.50 per barrel. Iraq, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates were also making similar \$2 hikes, the official United Arab Emirates news agency reported.

The Kuwait increase was formally announced in a statement by Oil Minister Sheik Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, who said the new price was retroactive to Jan. 1.

He said the move was "in conformity with the principles of equity and fairness in pricing among oil producing states."

Grain Loaders In Court

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Lawyers for dock workers and shippers returned to court today in the first legal challenge of the refusal by longshoremen on the East and Gulf coasts to handle Soviet cargo.

The closed hearing got under this morning in the chambers of U.S. District Court Judge Vernice Wicker. The judge deferred a decision Monday night on whether to order the longshoremen to load the Greek-registered Julia L., chartered for the Soviet Union.

The SDN Column

During the past decade, Snyder has moved into a primary role in the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's program, and it has turned out to be quite an asset both ways.

As one of three "campuses" of the WTRC, the Snyder unit provides services for many people, and support for the organization here has generally been good. The unit here eliminates the necessity of patients driving to Abilene to take advantage of WTRC services. But that is not the only benefit that Snyder receives for its active association with the center.

The annual telethon held Saturday night to raise funds for WTRC pointed up one of the assets that Snyder realizes from this activity. Our town was mentioned dozens of times on a television network that included 14 stations in three states, plus several radio stations, that broadcast portions of the telethon program.

Moreover, a number of well-known personalities in the field of entertainment have become acquainted with Snyder as a result of their efforts at the telethon and Snyder's association with WTRC.

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It was noted by officials in Abilene that they had actual record of people moving there from other areas so that members of their families could take advantage of services offered by WTRC. It follows that Snyder, due to the fact that it has one of three WTRC units, should be a more desirable place for some families to live.

It was interesting to note also at the telethon Saturday night that one of the participating entertainers did not know where a city of more than 100,000 population in North Central Texas was located - in fact she confessed she had never heard of it - but she knew where Snyder was because of its association with WTRC.

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And, speaking of those entertainers, a few years ago one of them, Rex Allen Jr., stopped off at the Scurry County Coliseum and put on a somewhat successful benefit program for WTRC. Our own Jo Ann Nunley, whose husband, Mickey, worked at the telethon Saturday night, says the younger Allen indicated he might do it again this spring. He had some pleasant memories of the response his previous visit got and he is going to be in the neighborhood again this spring.

He has had some smash hit records since he was here, and he should draw a good crowd if he does arrange to come back. Hopefully we will be able to report a definite date later on.

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The cactus patch philosopher says many of the country's troubles come from legislators with too much bone in the head and not enough in the back. -WACIL McNAIR

Ask Us

Q-At what temperature are thermostats set in the Scurry County courthouse, and aren't some places in the courthouse considerably warmer than the legal 68 degrees?

A-The courthouse thermostats are set at 68 degrees, says County Judge Preston Wilson. This does not mean that some spots in the building will not be warmer than that, but it means that is the maximum temperature at the location of the thermostat. Judge Wilson says they have been advised that regulations permit thermostats to be placed in positions two feet from outside doorways and still comply.



JIMMY DURANTE

Jimmy Durante, 86, Dies Today

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Jimmy Durante, the brash, raspy-voiced comic who joked and sang his way to fame at the expense of a huge nose, died today. He was 86.

The death early this morning was confirmed by a nursing supervisor at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, where Durante had been hospitalized since Jan. 7 for treatment of pneumonitis, a form of pneumonia.

It was not known whether any members of the family were with Durante at the time.

The famed "Schnozzola" was one of show business' most beloved personali-

ties. Durante's fractured song-piano-joke routines, including his trademark "Inka Dinka Doo," were a show business staple for 64 years. A stroke in November 1972 left him partially paralyzed and he was forced to say good night to Mrs. Calabash for the last time. Two years later, he was honored at a tearful appearance before the Banshees in New York.

Durante artfully combined wild clowning, outrageous characterizations and pathos. He was a leading star on radio and in early television. He

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School Balks At Cost Hike...

Appraisal Unit Has Fund Problem

Financing the operation of a county-wide tax appraisal office in Scurry County has suddenly turned into a knotty problem, and Snyder Independent School District Trustees last night apparently sent the planners back to the drawing board.

The Snyder School Board balked at paying more for appraisal and collection service than it costs now to operate its own tax office, and that is precisely the situation that developed as plans were made to fund the county-wide office.

The issue was presented to the board last night at a special meeting. It had been discussed earlier by the Scurry County Commissioners Court in a Monday afternoon session

that was attended by representatives of the Hermleigh and Ira School Districts, and the City of Snyder. Those who sat in on the session at the courthouse indicated that they, or their respective boards and councils, probably would approve a funding schedule derived from averaging the percentage of their tax levy and the percentage of the number of parcels on the tax roll.

The appraisal board by law was established by the participating entities casting votes based on their respective tax levies. This gave the Snyder School District more than half of the votes. Funding the county-wide appraisal office and contracts for col-

lecting taxes on the basis of its levy also would saddle the Snyder School District with more than half of the cost. The Snyder Schools' cost share for appraisal and collection of taxes on an estimated total of \$303,695 would be \$164,596, based on the levy. The Snyder School District has been assessing and collecting its own taxes for \$103,500.

The Scurry County Junior College District, which is not a voting "member" of the county-wide appraisal district, finds itself in a similar position, but apparently without recourse, unless the college should decide to set up its own tax office for one year of operation. The county-wide district becomes

mandatory next year, but local taxing entities hope to get their machinery going this year and have been moving toward that objective since electing a five-man board last November.

The college district has been paying the county tax office one percent of its levy for assessing and one percent for collecting its taxes, which was the maximum charge allowed until the new tax laws were passed last year.

It amounted to a total of \$36,000 the past year, but would increase to \$46,010 if the new system should adopt a percentage-of-levy fee.

Anticipating disapproval by the Snyder School Board, Ray Peveler, re-

Also, classes at WTC extension centers were called off for tonight. Many organizations who had meetings scheduled for this afternoon and tonight had canceled their activities.

No major traffic mishaps had been reported in this area this morning.

However, two persons were killed Monday near Lewisville, a suburb of Dallas, when a car skidded out of control on an ice-coated bridge. A massive, chain reaction-type accident was reported in the Fort Worth area Monday, involving about 20 vehicles.

Crews of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Scurry County and other icy areas sanded bridges, ramps, etc., to aid traffic.

Forecasters called for light freezing rain and drizzle to continue throughout the day, with light snow forecast for the Texas Panhandle. High readings in the 20s were expected in the north part of the state. The low readings this morning ranged mostly from low teens in the Panhandle to the 60s in extreme South Texas. Dalhart had the lowest reading reported, seven degrees.



SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Monday, 31 degrees; low, 20 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 21 degrees; precipitation, trace; total precipitation for 1980 to date, .50.

West Texas - Travelers advisory in effect east of mountains through Wednesday. Continued cold with fog, freezing drizzle and snow east of mountains. Partly cloudy and mild through Wednesday west of mountains with scattered light rain tonight and Wednesday. Highs mid 20s north to low 70s Big Bend. Lows teens north to mid 40s extreme south. Highs Wednesday 28 north to near 70 Big Bend.

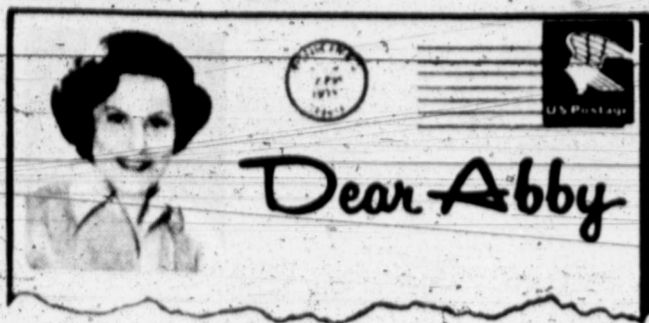
Under the percentage-of-levy plan alone, the county's cost would drop from \$90,000 to \$64,505; the college district's cost would increase from \$36,000 to \$46,010; the Snyder School District's cost would increase from \$103,500 to \$161,596; the City of Snyder's cost would decrease from \$36,500 to \$15,671; the Ira School District's cost would decrease from \$27,780 to \$11,844; and the Hermleigh School District's cost would drop from \$36,500 to \$16,764; Ira Independent School District's cost would decline from \$27,780 to \$14,031; and Hermleigh Independent School District's cost would increase from \$3,000 to \$3,584.

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IT'S TRUE-There was a minus seven on the thermometer at West Texas State Bank this morning as Judy Layne verifies, and although the reading is on the Celsius scale, it was still cold enough to bring out the heavy coats. (SDN Staff Photo)



Her Gifts Are Rapped

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: How do I go about telling the girl/our son dates to please stop buying our family expensive gifts for every occasion? It embarrasses us to accept them since we can't afford to reciprocate.

She comes from a very large family, and because she gave everyone in our family she ever said hello to a Christmas gift last year, my son felt that he had to do the same for her family. (He is still paying for them.)

For Valentine's Day she gave me a present and also my husband. On Mother's Day, another one, and she's not even engaged to our son. She even found out when our birthdays were mine and my husband's and the other children's, even the grandparents' and the presents come.

I have no objections to her exchanging gifts with my son, but I wish she would leave the rest of his family alone. So, what should I do?

TOO MANY GIFTS

DEAR TOO MANY: Ask your son to tell the young lady that he appreciates her thoughtfulness and generosity but prefers that she discontinue the gift-giving to the members of his family.

And if that doesn't do the trick, send her thank-you cards for the gifts, and let it go at that.

DEAR ABBY: Our little boy is 8 years old and very much overweight, so our doctor put him on a strict diet. I've tried to keep him on this diet but I can't follow him around every minute because I have three other children to look after and my work to do. My next-door neighbor told me she's seen my son eat the dog food right out of her dog's dish, and also that he eats the bread she throws out for the birds. What should I do?

TROUBLED MOM

DEAR MOM: Take your son to the doctor for a thorough checkup, and tell the doctor how the boy has been supplementing his diet. And be sure to explain to the boy the dangers of eating out of the dog's dish as well as food meant for the birds.

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that it might be a good idea to invite someone who might be alone to spend Christmas with your family.

I am a widow, and my children and grandchildren all live far away and can't be here for the holidays. I work, so it's impossible for me to visit them. Being alone doesn't mean being lonely, Abby. I have received three invitations so far, and I would much rather spend Christmas Day alone than to accept any of the invitations.

Why? Well, with my limited income, I can't buy gifts for the whole family, or even for the hostess. Second, while the invitations are sincere and well-meant, nobody considers how I am to arrive at their home for the meal.

Third, the meal is usually set for late afternoon, and it is well into the dark of the evening before I can leave and I don't want to go home alone at night. (It's rude to eat and run.)

So I will decline all Christmas dinners, and spend Christmas resting up and eating what and when I want.

If some kind soul knows that an older single person is alone and lonely, transportation to and from the dinner should be provided.

STEADY READER

DEAR READER: Of course, it's too late for Christmas 1979, but it would be well to remember your words for all of those special occasions in 1980.

If you need help in writing letters of sympathy, congratulations or thank-you letters, get Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send \$1 and a long, stamped (28 cents), self-addressed envelope to Abby: 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Snyder School Menu

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Tomato Juice
Individual Dry Cereal
Toast Milk

Spinach
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Cake
Milk

LUNCH
B-B-Q on a bun
Potato Salad
Blackeyed Peas
Hay Stack Salad

THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Fresh Fruit
Pancake w-Syrup
Milk

LUNCH
Turkey a La King
Mashed Potatoes



SENIOR CITIZEN SUNSHINE CHOIR

Choir Entertains ABWA

American Business Women's Association met Jan. 24 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Dorothy Dortch, president, presiding. The chapter was entertained by the Retired Citizen's "Sunshine Choir." The choir was led by Chuck Weatherford and John Wiman. Virginia Whitson accompanied the group at the piano.

Jo Nell Kesner gave a vocational talk about her position as manager of Wall's Outlet Store.

Sue Travis, chairman of ways and means committee, presented information on "Our Little Miss Pageant," a project the club will sponsor this spring.

Mrs. Dortch presented attendance pins. Receiving one year pins were Barbara Scrivner, Mary Faver, Margaret Eastwood, Inez Teaff, Verna Foree, Jan Lanier and Grace Bryant. Those receiving two year pins were Barbara York, Ru-

by Devers, Carol Young, Cheryl York, Lynda Elledge, Leona Wiggins and Vern Beasley. Ileta Hall and Pat Snider received three-year pins and Maxie McNew received a 16 year pin. Barbara Williams served as hostess to 49 members and one guest. Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486.

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♦ 9 8 7		
♠ A Q J 2		
WEST		
♦ 7 4 3		
♥ Q 9 5 3		
♦ A K 6 2		
♠ 8 4		
EAST		
♥ K 8 2		
♦ 10 8 7 6		
♥ Q J 10 3		
♠ 6 5		
SOUTH		
♦ Q J 10 9		
♥ A 2		
♦ 5 4		
♠ K 10 9 7 3		

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: North

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Swedish expert Jean Besse has long been known as one of the world's greatest players. Today's hand sees Jean sitting East and defeating a four-spade contract.

The defense started with three rounds of diamonds in which Jean played his queen, jack and 10. South had to ruff that third diamond and go after trumps.

With trumps breaking 3-3 he was sure to make the contract if East won the first or second trump with his king. He couldn't hurt South with a fourth diamond lead. Then how did South go down?

Jean simply let South's queen and jack hold the first two trump tricks.

Now, South thought that West had to hold the last two spades so South just went after clubs. On the third club Besse discarded his last diamond. West ruffed with the

seven of spades and led the last diamond whereupon Besse scored the setting trick with the king of spades.

A really beautiful hand whether it was actually played or merely devised by Jean's fertile brain. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Art Guild Club

Cancels Meeting

The Art Guild Study Club has cancelled their meeting for tonight due to the inclement weather, said a spokesman for the club. The group's next meeting is set for Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. with Henrietta Lee as leader and hostess.

Elton John topped Billboard's list of the top popular albums two years in a row, in 1974 and 1975.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY
Overeaters Anonymous; community room of West Texas State Bank; 7:30 p.m.
If you are interested in losing weight meet with TOPS 56 Snyder at Stanfield Elementary school; 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Sparkle City Squares; National Guard Armory; workshops, 8 p.m. lessons, 8:30.

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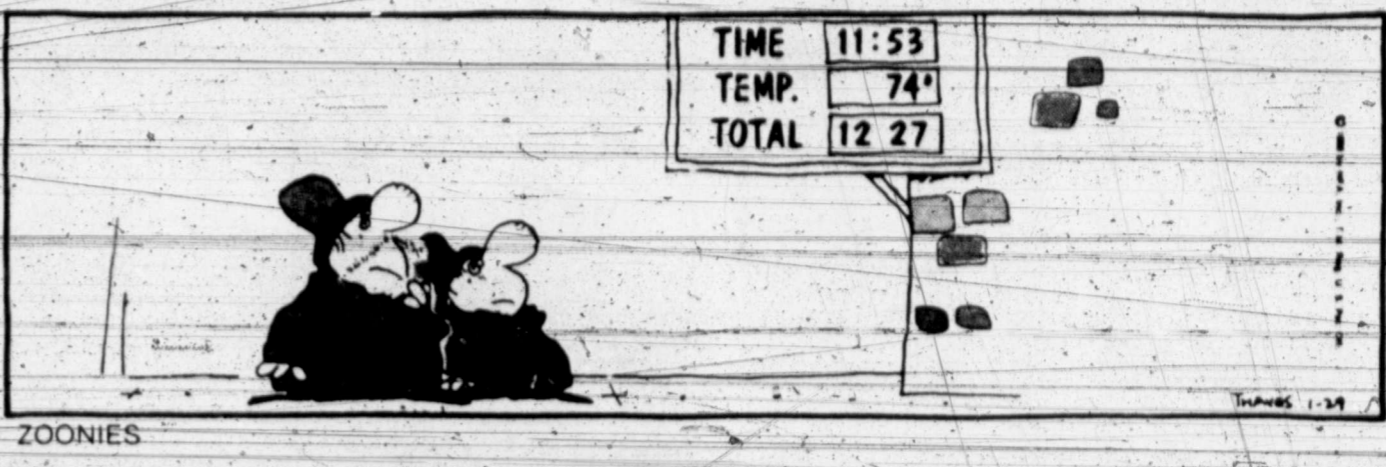
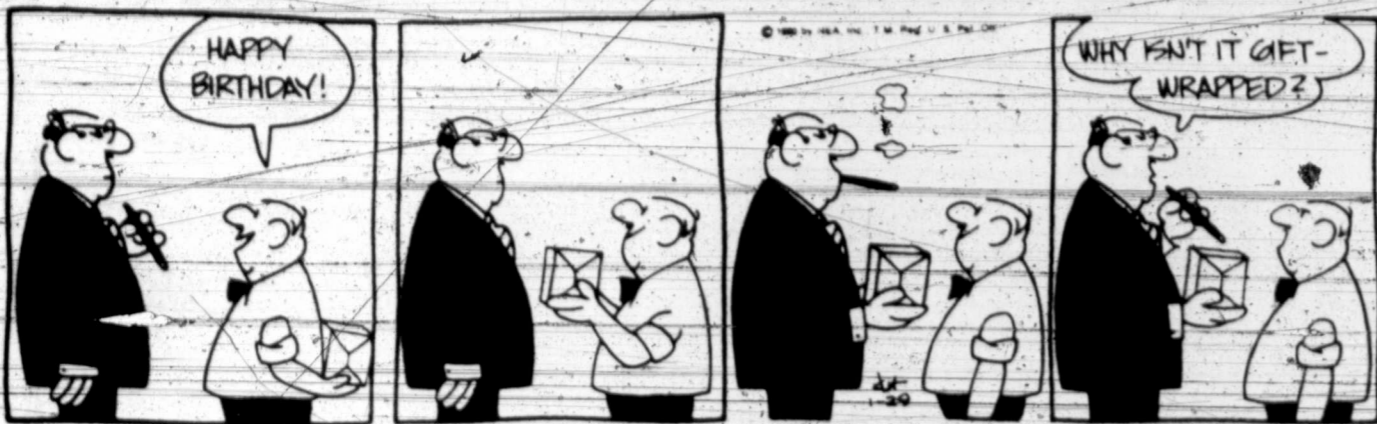
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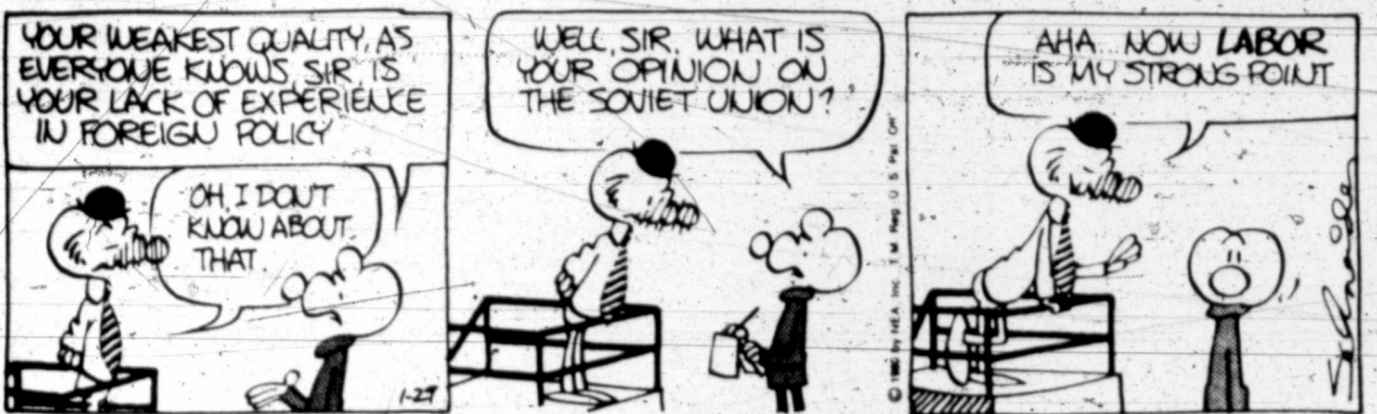
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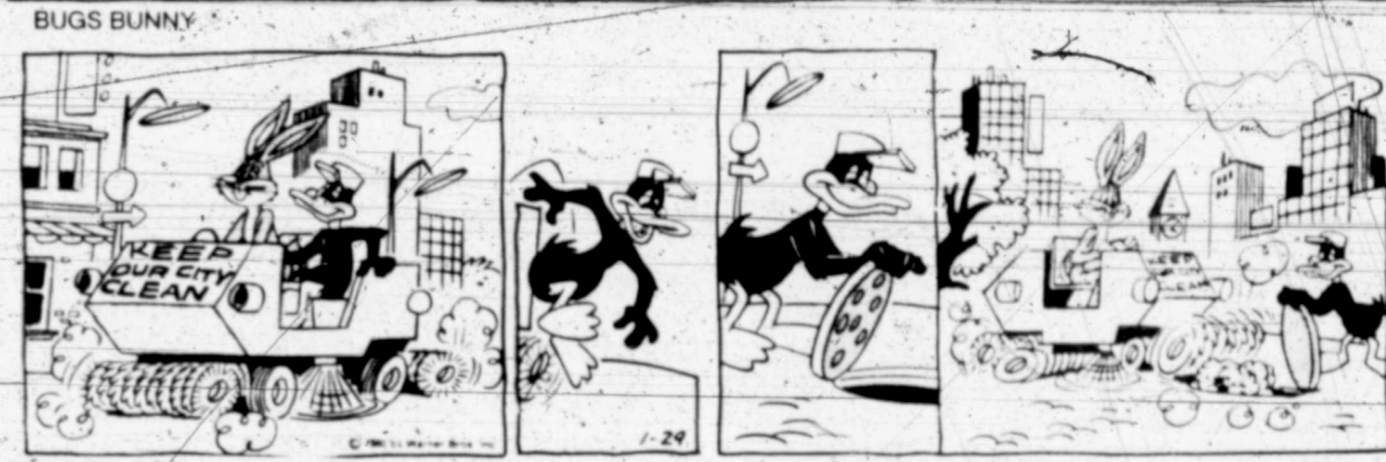
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7 Bench
10 Glazes
12 Concerning the ear
14 Summer drink
15 Baby carriage
16 Mexican sandwich
17 Code dot
18 Continent
20 Winch
22 Citrus fruit
24 Grasp firmly
26 Political group
30 Author of 'The Raven'
31 Old English pronoun
32 Year (SD)
33 Doctrine (suffix)
34 Musical syllable
36 Nabob (abbr)
37 Feminine (suffix)

OUR BOARDING-HOUSE with Major Hoople



SHORT RIBS



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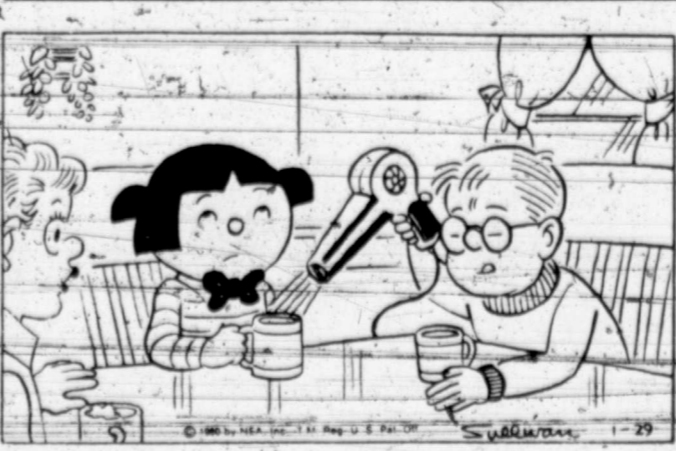


DENNIS THE MENACE



Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-50 and some filled-in letters.

FUNNY BUSINESS



Smoking Makes Sleep Difficult

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you roll out of bed and light up a cigarette when you can't sleep, you've made a mistake. Scientists say smoking makes it harder to sleep.

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University reported the first scientific evidence linking smoking and sleeping difficulties Monday. They also said they found that smokers who quit start sleeping better almost immediately.

Previous studies show that nicotine from cigarettes acts as a stimulant, increasing the body's production of catecholamine chemicals which, in turn,

increase blood pressure and raise heart and respiration rates.

This may be partially responsible for smoking disrupting sleep, the scientists said in a report in Science magazine.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSION: Ricky Len Hammit, Rt. 3; Maggie Allen, Snyder Oaks; Kelly Boswell, 2707 43rd; Lea Ann Sanders, Box 92; Leuwater McClain, 906 30th; Raymond Lloyd, Hermleigh; Lorianne Sealy, 2303 43rd; Diana Martin, Drawer 70; Walter Meetze, 3109 40th; Luis Alaniz, 907 13th; Cassie Devaney, Houston; Mary Mayo, Hermleigh; Christopher McMillan, 3798 Ave. V; Jennifer Goodwin, 207 Hickory; Tarla Beach, Hermleigh; Tom Brown, Ira; Darlene Eckert, 3008 37th; Ernest Salazar, 404 30th; Agatha Lochabay, 404 33rd; Laurie Dickinson, 4514 Houston, Susan Tash, Amarillo.

DISMISSALS: Jerry Wright and baby, Edward Jones, Ruby Young, Shanda Bowlin, Alma Ramirez, James Doyle, Christi Doggett; Jackie Moody, Paula Ortez, Virginia Morales, Susan Tash, Carri Starisell, Bertha Lawson, Callie Aucutt.

Heavy Snow Threatens Southwest

By The Associated Press

Heavy snow threatened the Southwest today, from the mountains of Arizona into the central Rockies. Travelers advisories for snow remained in effect over Colorado and parts of Wyoming. In parts of Texas and Arkansas, there were travelers advisories for freezing rain mixed with snow. Heavy rains continued over southern California, with a flash flood watch posted for the coastal slopes of the San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains.

Biting cold weather gripped Oregon, and power usage skyrocketed to record highs as residents tried to keep warm in sub-zero temperatures. Utilities issued pleas to consumers to lower their thermostats to help meet power needs.

Draft To Face Uphill Battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—The standby draft registration proposal President Carter will put before Congress will have a difficult time winning support whether or not it includes women, several influential congressmen predict.

Furthermore, staff aides on the two committees that would take up such legislation question whether any proposal stands a better chance of win-

ning support than the registration bill easily defeated in the House last year.

Carter does not need Congress' go-ahead to resume registration of males between the ages of 18 and 26, a move he announced during his State of the Union address Wednesday.

But he does need congressional approval of the estimated \$10 million needed to implement re-

gistration procedures abandoned in 1975, and to include women.

Carter has said he will decide by Feb. 9 whether to include women in his proposed revival of stand-by registration. And trou-

ble on Capitol Hill could be only part of a larger registration dilemma facing the president.



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ASTRO-GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol



January 30, 1980

Sudden or unusual changes where your work or career is concerned could prove to your benefit in the months ahead. Be ready to move swiftly, when opportunity knocks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Think things out as you go. Romance, travel, career, luck, resources and possible pitfalls for the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph Letter that begins with your birth date. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let people draw you into situations today where they want to keep things from others. You don't need their brand of intrigue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll want things done your way today because you feel your way is right. However, allow others the same latitude so they, too, can do a good job without interference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you hope to accomplish today may not come off smoothly on the first try. Things will work out with a good second (or even third) effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless you stay on top of things today your financial affairs could get out of order. Keep everything in balance by not spending more than you take in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sticky situations can be resolved today through diplomacy. Count to 10 so that you won't say things that you shouldn't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your initial appraisal of matters today could be a trifle negative. After studying everything more closely, you'll find your early fears were paper dragons.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Overall conditions tend to favor you today. The one exception: You could be a trifle careless or extravagant in handling your resources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Without proper motivation you're not likely to be an achiever today. But if there is something you strongly desire to do, success will be easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Study things carefully today without letting thoughts become your aim. Being too introspective will retard your progress and keep you from doing that which is necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Arrange your schedule today so that the most important matters are tended to first. Eliminate any time wasters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An indirect approach rather than a straightforward attack may be the most efficient method to reach your goals today. Don't be pushy.

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Medical Files Being Exploited

WASHINGTON (AP)—So you think what you tell your doctor or psychiatrist is not going beyond the office door. Well, don't bet on it.

Computers may be putting the most personal and intimate details of your life in the hands of people you don't even know—medical researchers, insurance agents, credit agencies and law enforcement officers.

To make matters worse, you may have no knowledge of what is contained in those records.

That's the concern expressed by Rep. Richardson Preyer, D.N.C., chairman of the House Government Operation's information subcommittee which is now drafting a proposed law that would protect the privacy of medical patients.

It also would assure most adult patients—and even some minors—the right to see their medical files.

The new regulations would apply to all hospitals, skilled nursing homes, federally operated medical facilities and intermediate care facilities certified for Medicaid funds, along with doctors attending patients at those centers.

What the private family doctor wishes to disclose would still be left up to medical ethics.

Preyer described the need for his bill in a recent floor speech.

BIRTHS

Nelson and Darlene Eckert of 3008 37th St. are parents of baby boy weighing 7 lbs., 15 ozs. He was born at Cogdell Hospital Jan. 28 at 3:50 p.m.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Magic age is 57

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—I just turned 57 and I went through the menopause at age 52. I haven't had any menstrual periods for five years. For 32 years my husband and I have used birth control. What I want to know is can we forget about all that and enjoy lovemaking the way it should be? I am rather scared. It sounds foolish but I keep thinking maybe I'll get pregnant. Is it necessary for an examination at this age? Are my organs still working even though I have no menstrual periods?

DEAR READER—If worrying about getting pregnant is all that's bothering you, throw caution to the winds and live dangerously. If you should get pregnant, you'll have established a new record and be world famous. There's not a single authenticated birth in a woman past age 57.

As a general rule, I tell women that if they're past 50 and have apparently gone through the menopause and haven't had any periods for more than two years, they can be relatively certain that there's no danger of getting pregnant. If they want to shorten that period of time, then I insist that they have a medical examination before abandoning birth control.

Yes, the rest of your body is functioning normally. Your ovaries have just simply quit functioning but you're still forming female and male hormones from the adrenal gland. How much of each is highly variable. That's why some women need hormone support to avoid symptoms and others do not.

To give you more information about the menopause and what happens after it, I'm sending you The Health Letter number 5-12, Menopause.

Other readers who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Send your request to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB—My husband has an ear infection. He claims and thinks I cause it. During our lovemaking, I often lick his ear and run my tongue along the inside. I have been doing this for over a year but this is the first time he has complained of an infection. However, he's had an infection in both his molars this past week and although his teeth no longer bother him, I think the infection could have spread to his ears. Is it possible for me to give him an ear infection in the way he claims?

DEAR READER—The first question is whether he really has an infection or not. He may have referred pain from his dental problem.

I see no health problem from your habit other than those associated with moisture in the ears. This is not greatly different from what happens with swimmer's ear or a person who traps water in his ears from a shower. In that case, the retained moisture might allow an infection, particularly a fungus infection, to develop.

I would suggest that if he's having an ear problem he should see an ear, nose and throat doctor and let him see if he really has an infection there. If he does, it can be treated with drying agents and other measures. He may have an excess amount of ear wax that causes him to trap moisture in the ear. And, of course, if he resorts to using ear drops, you may want to change your habits.

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Chevron energy report:

1980 OIL SUPPLIES—NOT A BARREL TO SPARE.

America's energy situation is in a delicate balance between supply and consumption.

If we can maintain the balance, America should have an adequate supply of fuel for 1980. Motorists should have enough gasoline, if used carefully, truckers enough diesel fuel, and homeowners enough heating oil.

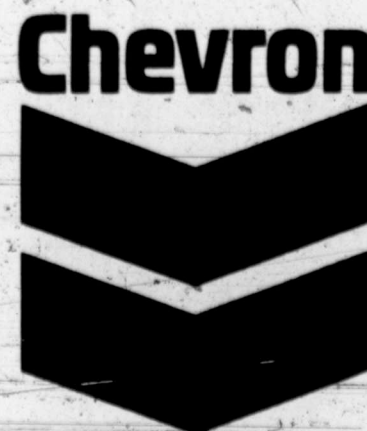
But we could lose our balance. Continuing political unrest in the Middle East could cause a reduction in our nation's oil supply. Considering our heavy dependence on foreign oil, this could cause shortages here at home.

And in 1980, we can't expect increased domestic oil production or alternate energy development to tip the balance in our favor. But we are optimistic that continuing large investments will result in new sources of domestic energy for the future.

Consumption levels could also tip the balance. An increase in oil consumption would have a very negative effect. So, strong conservation efforts, which proved effective in 1979, will be more necessary than ever this year.

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Supporting Pot For Cancer Pain

BALTIMORE (AP)—The president of the American Cancer Society is supporting the use of marijuana to ease the severe discomfort of cancer patients receiving chemotherapy. "I think that anything that alleviates the pain and suffering of advanced cancer is acceptable," said Dr. Saul B. Gusbert, head of the national society. "It can be the difference between agony and tranquility in a person with much pain from advanced cancer."

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