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School Bond Election Foreseen in Lubbock



WHO'S THIS ONE FOR?—"Monkey," an inquisitive Beagle, checks out the gaily wrapped Christmas gifts at her owners' house in hopes of finding one marked with her name. A variety of Christmas gifts for canines, felines and other pet friends is available at local pet stores. See story Page 4. (Times Photo)

Commissioners Taken to Task

County Autopsies Not Dead Issue

Slaton Justice of the Peace Arvin Stafford blasted Lubbock County Commissioners Thursday, blaming them for the void in autopsies here that has prevented law enforcement officials from determining the cause of death of Severo Garza Jr.

Meanwhile five other justices of the peace impliedly slapped the hands of the county commissioners at a noon meeting Thursday.

Justice of the Peace Wayne LeCroy said that the meeting was a semi-regular "social gathering" and that it was "impossible not to discuss autopsies."

The five justices issued a statement — approaching disclaimer—after the meeting.

"It was the consensus of the five of us at the meeting it is now definite that autopsies are a vital

service the commissioner's court has decided not to provide the citizens of the county."

"We as elected justices of the peace will exert every effort within financial limitations imposed by the commissioners," the statement continued.

The group pledged to "do whatever we can" to ease the autopsy situation.

"We don't intend to take a job at the commissioners," LeCroy said, "That's not the way to get things done, by threatening people."

LeCroy said the statement in response to press inquiries to the meeting.

Stafford ruled homicide in the death of the 31-year-old Lubbock man whose body was found Monday stuffed in the trunk of his

car that had been impounded at a Slaton wrecking yard.

However, Stafford said, the death certificate will indicate the cause of Garza's death will be listed as unknown "due to the fact that I could not secure the services of a pathologist to perform an autopsy here in Lubbock County, nor did I have enough money allocated by the four Lubbock County Commissioners to go outside the county to secure the services of a pathologist elsewhere in the state."

Lubbock County has been without an autopsy service since Dec. 10, when the Physicians Pathology Service ended its contract with county officials.

According to Stafford, the commissioners have, "through their neglect of their duty, done a great disservice to the citizens of Lubbock County and have hog-tied the hands of all the justices of the peace in this county from performing their required duties."

There is a "good possibility," Stafford said, that after further investigation he will call an inquest jury to try to establish the cause of Garza's death.

Stafford also criticized the Criminal Dist. Atty. Alton Griffin, saying that "it is a shame" that Griffin did not consider Garza's death "worthy of the fullest possible investigation to capture and convict his killers."

The Slaton JP expressed disappointment that Griffin has no concern for the county's justices of the peace and what they have to go through to try to establish a cause of death in an apparent homicide. "There is no way under the sun that Mr. Griffin would prosecute a person unless the death certificate carries the cause of death," he said.

Lubbock's changing growth patterns that have carried it on a steady southerly march have left some city schools bulging at the seams, while others have classrooms standing empty.

The result of all this may be a bond election far exceeding the \$5.6 million local taxpayers voted on themselves in April, 1971.

Lubbock Independent School District's critical need for more money to build additional school buildings was brought to the attention of the school board Thursday morning when Supt. Ed Irons and members of his staff presented their study of facility needs through the 1981-82 school year.

According to the study, there are six areas in the city badly in need of schools. Four of the areas are located south of Loop 289 and two in northwest Lubbock, noted Asst. Supt. E.C. Leslie.

School officials pointed out there already is an "immediate need" for three large elementary schools south of the loop between Slide Road and Quaker Avenue. In addition, they said, there is a need for one junior high school in that area. At this time, there are approximately 1,200 students crossing the loop to attend schools.

Leslie said only \$162,000 is left out of the \$5.6 million approved in 1971. The school system needs \$450,000 for additional relocatable buildings to take care of the immediate needs—not counting any construction costs to build new schools.

"We're really two years behind—if we get the money now," Irons told the board. "We'll be four years behind by the time the schools could be built (estimated to be about two years), if we started now."

School officials said they are looking at the need to build four elementary schools—three in South Lubbock and one in Northwest Lubbock—and one junior high school. They also cited the need to purchase four-five additional sites for future needs in the northwest area and south of 82nd St.

School board chairman Charles Waters noted that the district has no more students now than it did seven years ago and questioned why overcrowding exists.

According to Irons, the classrooms aren't where the students are. Housing patterns have changed because of new

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Deadlines Change During Holidays

To allow our employees a little extra time with their families, deadlines for next week's editions of Publication Service Co. newspapers will be moved up one day.

Deadline for the east Lubbock West Texas Times is noon Monday. Deadline for the Plainsman and Suburban Today is noon Tuesday and for the west Lubbock Times, noon Wednesday.

Property Tax Code Draws Criticism from Professor

by Mary Alice Robbins

Although a number of Lubbock area residents applauded the efforts of a legislative study committee to revise and codify the Texas property tax laws, a Texas Tech law professor has charged that the group is trying to institutionalize the system rather than reform it.

Criticism of the proposed property tax code came during a public hearing conducted here Wednesday by a subcommittee of the Texas Legislative Council. The Lubbock meeting is one of 14 public hearings being held throughout the state to seek additional opinions and input from citizens on the need to revise property tax laws.

Among those addressing the committee at Wednesday's hearing was Tech law professor David Cummins, who cited a number of propositions he considers drawbacks to the proposed property tax code.

According to Cummins, the committee—which is composed of representatives from the Texas House and Senate—has not gone far enough in revising the current system of assessing property taxes. He leveled much of his criticism at the use of "assessment ratios" in computing taxes on property.

Assessment percentages are confusing and serve no purpose but to deceive taxpayers, Cummins told the committee. "There may be as many different assessment percentages as there

are taxing units," he said. "The one value which all taxpayers understand is fair market value."

Cummins said the use of assessment ratios should be outlawed and fair market value figures should form the basis for taxing.

Texas League of Women Voters president Betty Anderson agreed with Cummins' criticism of assessment ratios. According to Mrs. Anderson, the league sees "no real benefit in fractional assessment ratios."

"It is still confusing to the citizen-taxpayer when elected officials boast they haven't raised taxes—but the taxpayer is paying more because his or her assessment ratio has been increased," Mrs. Anderson said. "Granted, the tax rate may not have been increased, but the word 'rate' gets lost along the way."

Cummins also criticized the proposed creation of a Texas State Property Tax Board to upgrade local administration of the tax and to work toward uniformity in the valuation of property for tax purposes. Creation of such a board would be more "needless bureaucracy," Cummins noted, saying he would prefer that the legislature "beef up" the authority of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Office to oversee administration of the tax.

In addition, Cummins told the committee that any taxpayer

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George Mahon Named Recipient Of NSIA James Forrestal Award

The James Forrestal Memorial Award Committee of the National Security Industrial Association announces that the Award for 1976 will be conferred upon U.S. Rep. George H. Mahon, senior congressman from Texas and long-time chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

The James Forrestal Memorial Award has been given annually since 1954 to 23 outstanding Americans whose leadership has promoted significant understanding and cooperation between industry and government in the interest of national security.

Among the distinguished past recipients have been President Dwight David Eisenhower, 1954; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, 1963; Sen. Richard B. Russell from Georgia, 1968; U.S. Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, chairman,

Armed Services Committee, (posthumously), 1970; James D. McDonnell, chairman of the board, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, 1972; Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, recent chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1973; Sen. John C. Stennis from Mississippi, 1974; and T.A. Wilson, chairman and chief executive officer of the Boeing Company, 1975.

Throughout his 42 years in Congress (since 1934) and most notably in the past 12 years as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Mahon has rendered outstanding service to the nation.

The award will be presented by the Association at a dinner to be held in the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 24, 1977. A reception honoring Mahon will be held preceding the dinner.

EDITORIALS

Death And Taxes

There's a joke going around town that if all the county commissioners dropped dead at one of their meetings, nobody'd know why they died, what with the commissioners refusing to pay for autopsies and all.

But the real punchline to that rather sad joke is that not only would nobody know why they died, nobody would know the difference.

The commissioners have been in for some bad press lately, and they deserved it. It was inevitable they'd get knocked whenever the first home—owned by two elderly women—burned to the ground. And it was probable they'd get a fair share of the blame whenever the first mysterious death needed investigating.

Sure, the commissioners are facing a tight budget, but the facts are that if you live outside the city limits, you can't count on the quality of fire protection you had six months ago. And if you're a policeman you can't count on a first-class investigation, because you may not, thanks to the commissioners, have an autopsy to begin with.

While things are tight, basic services like fire and police protection are going down the drain while the commissioners play Nero and turn Caesarian thumbs down to solution after solution.

A tight budget is an excuse for a lot of things, but if government at any level can't provide the services its citizens need and deserve, that excuse is pretty lame.

You deserve some imaginative solutions to these problems, and your county officials aren't providing any. We think it's time they started.

Network Power

The Justice Department has prodded the Federal Communications Commission to do something about possibly conflicting ownership among the three commercial television networks. It suggests the FCC require the networks to sell some "captive" stations.

The networks own outright key television stations. Thus they are in a position of selling themselves, in a sense, and Justice feels the public interest is not served by such an arrangement. It prefers independent stations, which can oppose network decisions and speak out for their community interest—without thereby flouting ownership policy or facing conflict-of-interest complications.

The FCC, in the past more a protector of the networks than anything else, has in recent months sought to discourage the networks from producing so many of the programs they buy, in another obvious cozy arrangement.

The truth is that the three New York-operated commercial television networks today exert semi-monopoly power in television news dissemination and can easily intimidate any official in the nation—including the President. Their propaganda power is unchecked, they seldom correct mistakes, almost never correct distortions or slanting. They own many stations they sell to and own many of the companies producing shows they buy.

The new Carter Administration should zero in on this

enormous and almost unchecked semi-monopoly power, and enact long-needed reforms, safeguards and anti-trust regulations to correct a very unhealthy condition confronting all Americans.

Newspaper Ownership

Newspaper ownership is a subject of interest to all who wish to see newspapers express the views of their communities. While most chains have allowed much freedom in this area, some have not. Also, foreign ownership of newspapers sometimes means the papers are run primarily for corporate profits, rather than in the cherished tradition of the community interest.

The decision by owners of the New York Post to sell that paper to an Australian chain, the recent sale of eight Michigan dailies to another big chain, etc., are the latest developments in a continuing trend among dailies.

The revolving door needs to be watched all the more closely during a political changeover. With the Democrats coming into government and the Republicans going out, the door is really beginning to spin. For example, Richard Simpson, former chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, got out of government before the post-election rush. His duties in that job put him in charge of setting safety standards for consumer products.

But Simpson exited government via the revolving door. He has now turned up as a paid consultant for two groups that set industrial standards, the American National Standards Institute and the American Society for Testing Materials. They serve many businesses that are regulated by the commission that Simpson used to head.

Simpson told us that he doesn't see anything wrong with his new affiliations. He pointed out that the two groups aren't manufacturers, although many of their members are regulated by his former commission.

It is illegal for a government regulator to take a job in the industry he was regulating for at least a year after leaving government. The case of Richard Simpson's passage through Washington's revolving door, therefore, has been quietly submitted to the Justice Department for investigation.

Nevertheless, the revolving door is still spinning, and all too often, the public interest gets lost in the shuffle.

FBI Cleanup: There is a need for the press to occupy an adversary role in Washington. But we also like to report some pleasant news. Lately, the press has been knocking FBI Chief Clarence Kelley and we've done our share. We reported, for example, that Kelley had accepted a luxury weekend in New York City as the guest of an insurance company doing business with the FBI.

But Kelley also deserves some praise. He has brought an openness to the FBI that has been missing in the past. He has refused to cover FBI mistakes and has ordered his press office to acknowledge FBI errors, past and present.

Kelley has also ended the statistics games that the FBI used to play. The FBI made itself look good by concentrating on easy-to-solve cases. Kelley no longer permits this. The number of investigative cases has dropped, therefore, from 700,000 to 550,000 a year. But they are all legitimate cases.

Safety Hazard: The ordinary street light may be a health hazard. Investigators have discovered that the lamps emit ultraviolet radiation when their out glass casing is broken. Overexposure may cause severe burns and skin tumors.

More than 100 street-lamp burns have been reported in recent months. But experts believe many people have been overexposed to broken street lights without realizing it.

Thankfully, chain ownership has not progressed at the same pace in the weekly field. The development of offset printing has also enabled many new small newspapers to begin operations. But weeklies and small dailies are also being bought up steadily and the size of chains continues to grow. This is disturbing.

Will it reach the stage of major newspaper networks in the coming century? Will there ever be only a few large chains of dailies—as there are today only three large commercial television networks? One hopes not. There's safety in numbers. One finds much comforting in the fact that there are 10,000 weekly newspapers, and almost a thousand dailies.

Diversity of expressed opinion, of outlook, of interests, of geographical ownership constitute insurance against one powerful source, ownership or philosophy propagandizing or brainwashing the electorate—as the three New York based television networks are capable of doing, and often do, today.

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed new safeguards. But enforcement is voluntary. Reps. John Moss (D.-Calif.) and Toby Moffit (D.-Conn.) have complained to the Food and Drug Administration. They want mandatory standards.

New Brooms: The House Democrats surprised just about everyone last week by choosing Texas Rep. Jim Wright as their new leader.

Most observers had expected either California's Philip Burton or Missouri's Richard Bolling to be the new majority leader.

But, in an agonizingly close election, the moderate Wright won out. His victory will help place the new speaker of the house, Massachusetts's "Tip" O'Neill, in firm control of the House Democratic majority. Burton and Bolling are both reformers who might have given O'Neill stiff competition.

But Wright is a mild-mannered legislator who will probably go along with the wishes of the political establishment. However, his election could be bad news for Carter's transition team. The reform-minded Burton would have gone along with Carter's ideas on bureaucratic reorganization. But Wright is more likely to fight any serious attempt at shaking up the status quo.

Intelligence Squabble: Last year, many of the secret activities of the CIA and other intelligence agencies were exposed to the glaring publicity of a congressional investigation. The CIA got off with an official slap on the wrist. In recent months, the scandal has faded from the headlines.

But we've discovered that a serious split has developed within the super-secret intelligence agencies. The fight is over foreign policy.

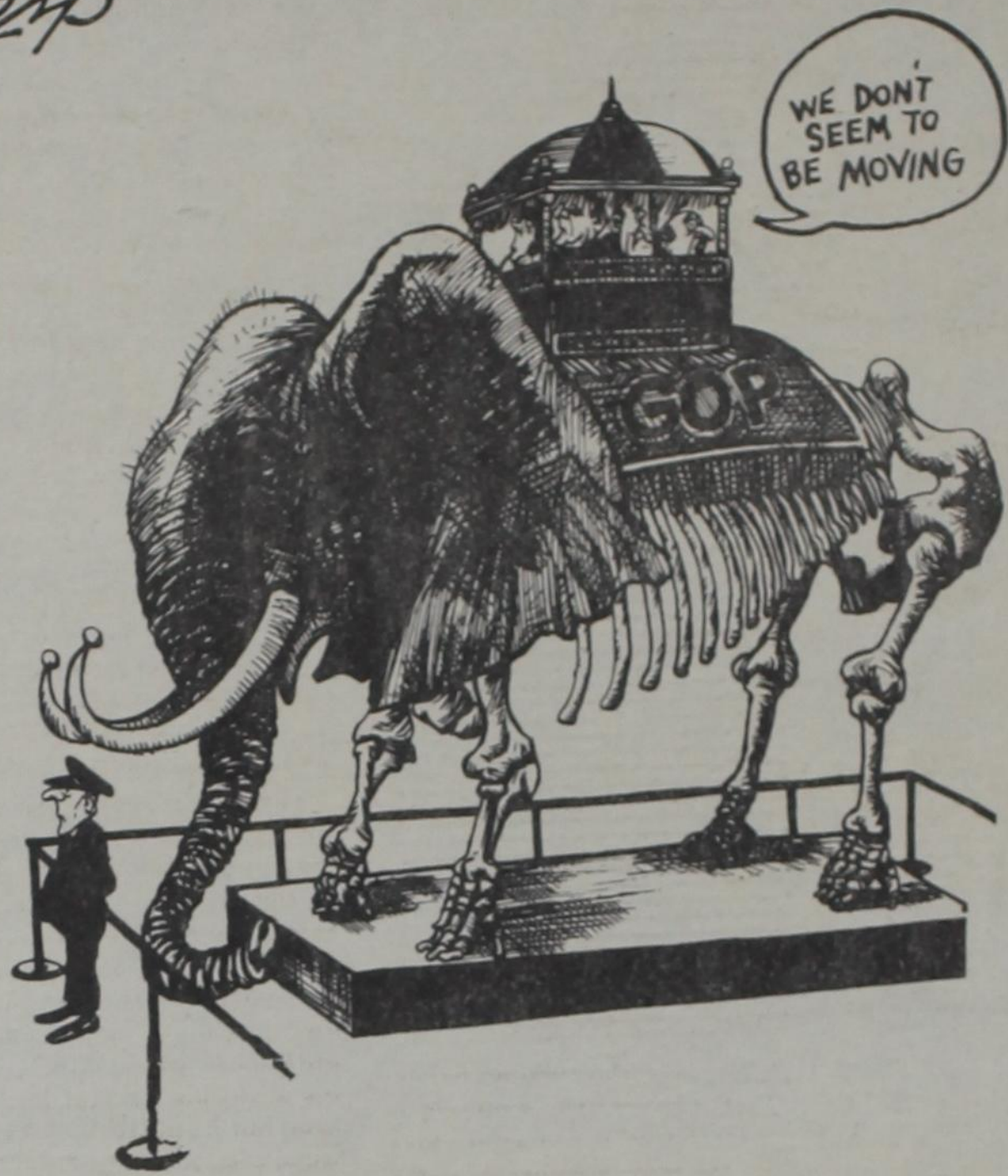
On one side of the rift is a new breed of cold warriors. The intelligence hard-liners see the Soviet Union as increasingly more hostile. The Soviets, according to these worried intelligence analysts, are interested only in confronting the United States at every opportunity.

But not all intelligence experts agree with this dire assessment. In fact, behind-the-scenes, many intelligence observers are taking a more moderate view of the Soviet position. According to the moderate camp, the Soviets are cautious and suspicious, but not overtly hostile.


Both groups are pushing their views hard. The moderates in the intelligence community are working overtime to catch President-elect Jimmy Carter's attention.

As one high-level intelligence source told us: "Jimmy Carter's job will be to walk that thin line . . . and to find the truth."

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**JACK ANDERSON'S
WEEKLY
SPECIAL**



Revolving Door Begins to Spin

by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

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WASHINGTON—The former chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has been caught in Washington's "revolving door" system.

There has always been a revolving door between government and industry. Top executives rotate from industry to government to industry until it's hard to tell the corporate executives from the government officials. Many businessmen wind up in Washington regulating the industries they just left. And many federal officials go to work for companies that benefited from their government decisions.

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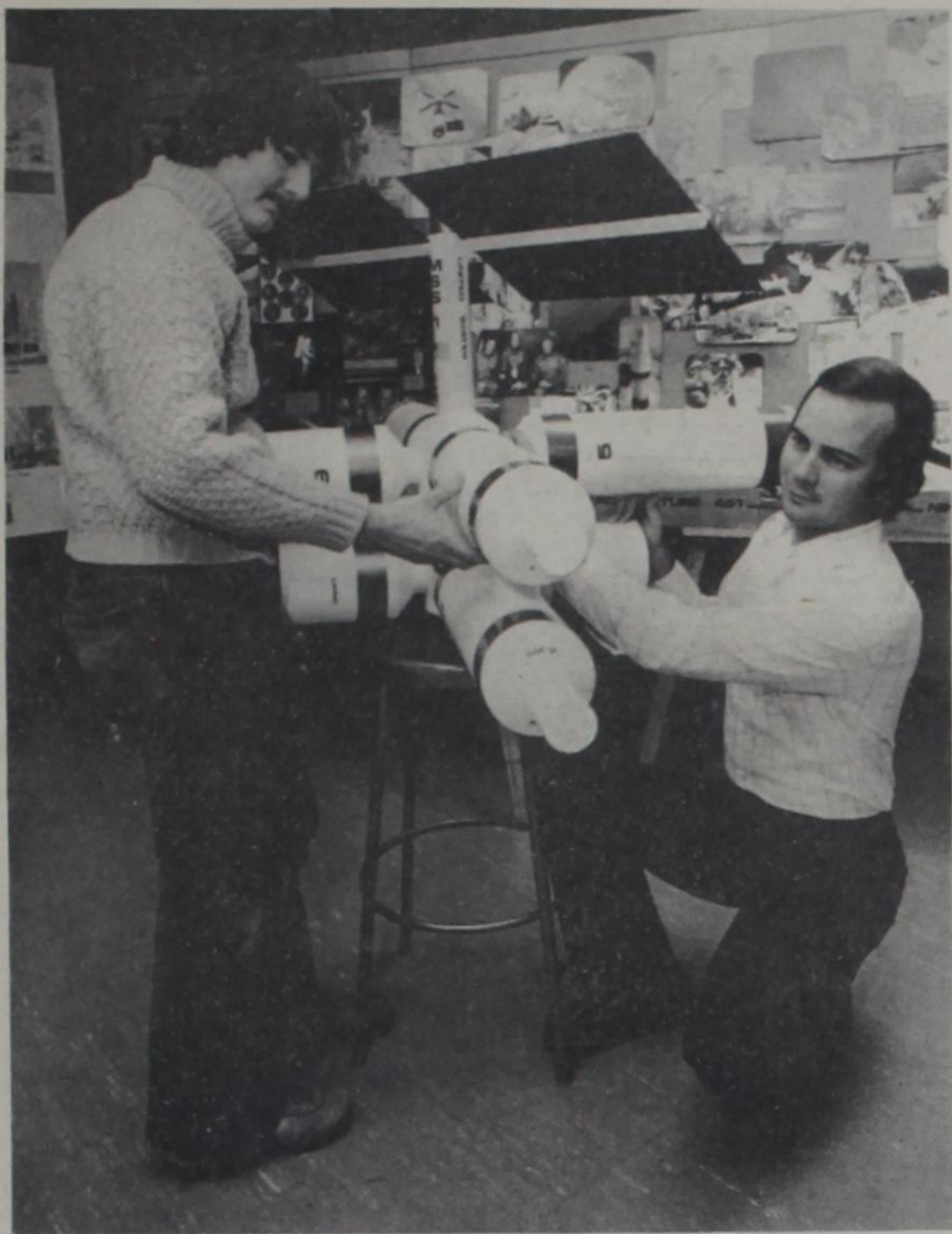
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CREW COMFORT DESIGN—Fred D. Ballinger and Raymond Nikel, fifth-year architecture majors at Texas Tech University, examine a modular space station design which they created as a required class project. The design has proposed innovations for crew comfort in space travel.

Techsans Design Modular Space Station

An innovative modular space station has been designed by two Texas Tech University architecture students to contribute to the comfort and consequently the efficiency of future astronauts in flight.

Fred D. Ballinger and Raymond Nikel, fifth-year architecture majors, created the modular space station design for a required class project. Maynard Dalton, habitability design engineer at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, attended the student project presentation at Tech.

Dalton became interested in the Tech students' design during their three research trips to the space center. Dalton assisted them in obtaining interviews and tours of space facilities and in providing comprehensive research materials on criteria and scientific requirements for space stations.

Astronauts William Pogue and Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin were questioned by the architecture students about crew comfort during Skylab missions. Kerwin, a medical scientist, went on the

first Skylab mission for 28 days. This mission experienced technical difficulties which occupied most of the astronauts' time. Kerwin said that crew comfort was not a problem because they lacked time to dwell on that aspect of the flight.

Astronaut Pogue flew the third Skylab mission for 84 days. He indicated general crew comfort was absent in the present Skylab and suggested more comfort and convenience be added to the Skylab's living quarters.

Ballinger designed a structural system which makes the space module 50 per cent lighter. More storage space and windows also are a part of the proposed design. Both students presented innovations in recreational and exercise facilities.

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DA Defends Autopsy Position

Dist. Atty. Alton Griffin, in a hastily-called press conference Thursday afternoon, said he wanted to put the events leading up to the cutoff of autopsies "in perspective" and defended county commissioners refusal to fund an autopsy service.

Griffin's remarks came at the heels of criticism voiced by Slaton Justice of the Peace Arvin Stafford (see page 1). The JP, in handing down a homicide ruling Thursday in the death of Severo Garza Jr., hinted Griffin selectively enforced the law by not paying for an autopsy in the death of Garza.

Griffin said he wanted to put things in perspective, but the perspective became a staunch defense for county commissioners. He laid much of the blame for the present autopsy crisis at the doorstep of the Lubbock medical profession.

The district attorney said that autopsies are not necessary under the law and added, "Of the cases on file now, not a single murder case requires an autopsy or the testimony of a pathologist."

"I agree there are times when an autopsy may make a difference: for instance, whether it's a suicide or murder," Griffin said, but he noted that an autopsy wasn't necessary in the Garza case.

Griffin said that Stafford's charges were "as far from the truth as they could be."

"When I feel like the autopsy will have value in an investigation, I do have funds to do it. That's what I told the commissioners' court Monday." He said that he would order an autopsy from district attorney's funds when he deemed it necessary, but "it will not be at his (Stafford's) instigation."

Griffin defended the commissioners' court, leading the press through sidetraps to praise the county's road system and other responsibilities. "I don't believe you're going to find that they turned their back. The medical profession turned its back on the county."

Griffin read a letter from an official of the local medical association as evidence. The Dec.

Hickman Honored By Lions Club

Terry Hickman has been named Redbud Lions Club's "Lion of the Month" for November by the Past President's Club.

Hickman, employed by W&W Steel, has been a member of the Club since October of 1975 and was cited for his work at Grlstown, U.S.A. at Whiteface, along with working at all club functions and maintaining a perfect attendance for the current Lions Year, which began in July.

Hickman, 22, is the third member of the Club to be honored this year.

10 letter, addressed to County Judge Rod Shaw, said that the Physicians Pathology Service was unwilling to continue the autopsy service according to Griffin, at any price.

Griffin says he thinks the commissioners should consider contracting for autopsy service on a flat annual fee, but declined to be drawn further into speculation, saying the decision is not his to make.

Cliff Avery

Area Men in Service

Navy Fireman Leslie K. Shepherd, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shepherd of 4601 28th St., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

A 1976 graduate of Coronado High School, Shepherd joined the Navy in August, 1976.

The span of life is too short for any man to learn enough to brag about.

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Doggone It! Pets Need Gifts, Too

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If your playful pooch dislikes padding around on his bare feet in the ice and snow, give him a pair of rubber boots, suggested Barbara Pair, owner of House of Pets. The canine footgear comes in all sizes, ranging from toy breeds to medium-sized dogs and

is priced at \$2.98 a set.

The pup who shivers when the blustery West Texas wind blows might be delighted to find a dog-size sweater or jacket under the tree Christmas morning. These doggie warmers come in all colors and are priced from around \$4 all the way up to \$15 for more elaborate styles. But don't look for the sweaters or jackets for your Dobermans or Afghans—they're designed for the smaller breeds.

Jeweled collars are always a popular Christmas gift item, according to Carol Hale, owner of Hale's Pet Center. The collars come in a variety of colors and range in price from \$2.49 to \$9.99.

Another gift item selling well this year is the doggie Christmas stocking. "If I've sold one Christmas stocking, I've sold 500," commented Blake Lewis, an employe at Bonnett Pet Center.

Speaking of candy, the hound with a sweet tooth might just relish a package of "Good Boy Chocolate Drops." The chocolate-flavored goodies are chock-full of vitamins for dogs, Mrs. Hale said.

Christmas shoppers who have been adopted by St. Bernards can purchase a St. Bernard keg, Lewis noted. The kegs are mostly decorative to give your St. Bernard the right image.

Toys of all types also are available for pets. Dog owners can choose from squeaky toys of all types, plastic hot dogs or pork chops, rubber balls and chew bones.

Feline fanciers needn't worry—there are plenty of gifts available for cats, too. For pet owners worried about their fine furniture, there are kitty scratching posts for cats who insist on sharpening their claws. Catnip toys or catnip leaves also make "purr-fect" gifts for feline friends.

Gifts for birds include a wide assortment of toys, special treat dinners and cages, Mrs. Pair said. If your pet is a gerbil or hamster, why not buy him an exercise wheel, nibble treat, chew stick or cage decoration?

But by all means, don't forget your faithful pets during the Christmas season. "They're awfully upset if they don't find something on the tree," observed Rivers Howell, owner of Petland.

Mary Alice Robbins

Local Pawn Shop Dealers Doing Steady Business at Christmas

by Cliff Avery

You can tell by the red and green tinsel wrapped in cones around the light poles downtown. By the smell of exhaust fumes mingling with snow-turned-to-brown. It's Christmastime.

There's another way you could tell, if you looked close enough at the small pawnshops on the other side of Lubbock County Courthouse. There are people going in, some to buy, some to pawn so they, too, can buy. It's Christmastime.

One pawn dealer calls it "chaos" and lapses into a salesman's monolog. "We do a tremendous business. You can't buy a product anywhere else for these prices. We have diamonds that have been remounted by New York City's finest jewelers." It's the language of a television commercial.

Another pawn magnate doesn't agree that business picks up around Christmas. Rather, he says, the cash registers ring out money when it's time to buy license plates or to pay income taxes. Then, those that need quick cash bring in their

treasures. Ninety days later, if they haven't made payments, they can buy their own goods back—probably to hock it again.

"If they're broke or need some cash, they bring it in—then after Christmas they'll hock their presents to buy it back," said one pawn clerk. "It's a rotating thing."

"Sometimes they'll try to get a dollar for their billfold with their drivers' license in it," the clerk says. "Then they'll come back a little later and redeem it."

Another clerk said that some of the most urgent requests come at other times besides Christmas. "A lot of times the rummies will come in and try to pawn their false teeth. I guess they need a drink or something."

And so they pawn Samara swords and silver crosses and sewing machines and French horns and radios and rings to celebrate their Christmas. And the pawn shops awaiting another rush at April, prosper at Christmastime.

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SANTA'S COUSIN—Pancho Claus, Santa Claus' south-of-the-border cousin, has turned up in Lubbock this week to give old St. Nick a helping hand in delivering Christmas cheer and greetings to local youngsters. Above, Mary Alice Reyna tells the black-bearded Mexican Santa what she would like for Christmas. (Times Photo)

Pancho Claus Slates Visit To Lubbock, Area Towns

Who wears a fur-trimmed suit, colorful pancho, black curly beard and a wide sombrero? Who arrives in town aboard a burro-drawn cart filled with thousands of fruit and candy sacks for all the good little children?

Pancho Claus—that's who! And he's coming to town.

The jolly elf—who is known as Santa Claus' south-of-the-border cousin—will arrive in the Lubbock area this weekend to lend a helping hand to the already overworked St. Nick during the Christmas season.

The Pancho Claus Program was originated in Lubbock in 1970 by members of the American G.I. Forum. That year, members of the forum recognized from

observation that Santa Claus was being exhausted by the tremendous overload of requests received from the children across the state of Texas, noted Homer Rodriguez, chairman for the 1976 program.

According to Rodriguez, the forum dispatched a telegram to the President of Mexico requesting help with this special project. The Mexican people "wholeheartedly" accepted the Lubbock request and recommended to their president that he annually declare Dec. 19-25 as Pancho Claus Week throughout Mexico as a good neighbor project, Rodriguez said.

Each year, Pancho Claus is sent to Lubbock by the Mexican people to assist with the cause, the chairman explained. His mission is to bring Christmas greetings and happiness to children in the city.

To his knowledge, Rodriguez said, Lubbock is the only U.S. city to have such a program. "The response has been tremendous," he said, noting that already more than \$2,000 has been raised for the 1976 project.

This year, Pancho Claus will make his annual stop in Lubbock and also will visit Shallowater, Carlisle, Ralls, Slaton, Anton, Petersburg and Abernathy. A full program is scheduled for the Lubbock stopover on Sunday.

Sponsors of this year's program are the Reese Mexican American Club, Men's and Ladies' Chapters of the American G.I. Forum, Brown Berets of Lubbock, Association of Mexican American Women, League of Latin American Labor Unions, Northwest Lubbock Little League, Chicano C.B. Club, LULAC Council 666 and the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce.

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Varied Reasons Noted for Donating Bodies

by Janice Jarvis

For some, donation of their bodies to a medical school is an escape from rising burial costs, but for others, it is a gift they can give even after death.

People from all economic, social and religious backgrounds donate their bodies for the advancement of medical science, according to Claude Lobstein, coordinator of anatomical services at Texas Tech University School of Medicine (TTUSM).

While the medical school does not pay anyone for a body, the state does pay for transporting the body to Lubbock, as well as embalming costs. A funeral service may be held before or

after the body is released to the medical school, but all expenses must be paid by the family.

At TTUSM a body is used as a cadaver for one semester, then usually cremated, explained Lobstein. Upon requests, the ashes are returned to the family.

"We try to work with the family as much as possible in deciding what will be done with the remains," Lobstein said.

Since there are no cremation facilities in Lubbock, bodies are sent to the nearest crematorium, usually in Dallas.

Reasons why people will their bodies to science vary. Some are convinced that for ecological reasons burial is impractical, but

donation offers a simple and useful means of disposal. Others find donation of body eliminates costly burial costs, while others find it a relief from the emotional stress of selecting a casket.

At the time of death, relatives are advised to contact the university as soon as possible. Most bodies are transported to the school by car, but when the body is a long distance away, it is usually flown to the school.

Although the body is usually embalmed at the funeral home, it is embalmed a second time at the medical school.

Most bodies are accepted although the medical school reserves the right to refuse any body, Lobstein noted.

If the body is infected with a highly contagious disease or if the body is extremely obese, the medical school will usually refuse it. Bodies that have been autopsied are rarely useful, Lobstein said.

In cases where the family objects to the donor's wishes, the school will refuse the body. "We don't want to cause any hardship for the survivors," Lobstein explained.

However if the body is infected with a non-contagious disease, such as cancer or if organs have been transplanted or limbs are missing, the body is acceptable, and very useful for educational purposes, according to Lobstein.

If a person prefers his organs are used as transplants after death, the body can still be useful for scientific study in some cases. Anyone 18 years or older can will his eyes, skin and kidneys for use after death. Often, there is no disfigurement and all eyes can be used unless they are diseased.

Willing one's organs is as simple as signing a driver's

license and having two witnesses sign the license.

Proper authorities should be informed as soon as death occurs, since eyes must be removed within 24 hours after death.

Donation of the body is equally as simple. A person can request a form from the medical school. After signing it and having it witnessed, he returns the form to the school, at which time the school will send him a wallet-size card designating his wishes.

He can at anytime revoke the gift by notifying the department of anatomy and destroying his card.

"There is a real need for infants and children's bodies," explained Lobstein. A parent or guardian can donate a child's body at the time of death, he said.

Since TTUSM is a small school, it is not as well known as other medical schools, Lobstein said. When the school first opened, cadavers were sent from other Texas medical schools for use during the first year. As the school grows, the need for donations will grow too, he added.

Currently, six students are assigned to each body for study, but the number of freshman medical students is expected to

increase from 40 to 60 next year. "Students are always respectful and the cadavers are useful for learning," said Lobstein.

No matter what reason an individual has for donating his body to medical school, it is a useful gift for scientific study, he added.

Alpha Chi Picks Catherine Otey

Catherine Ann Otey of Lubbock has been inducted into Alpha Chi national honor society in ceremonies at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Miss Otey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sydney of 2306 52nd St. She is a junior majoring in drama and psychology.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college students. Juniors and seniors in the top 10 per cent of their class who have attended Trinity for at least one year are eligible for election to Alpha Chi.

By the time a man acquires the thankful spirit he is overwhelmed by the demands of the Christmas season.

Property Tax . . .

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should have the right to bring suit against his tax assessor-collector to challenge his right to hold office. If the taxpayer can prove that a sufficient number of properties are being appraised below the fair market value, the tax assessor-collector could be forced to follow the law or removed from office, he said.

Criticism of the current property tax system also was voiced by W. Eugene Smith, a former newspaper reporter and unsuccessful candidate for a county commissioner seat.

Smith told the committee that Lubbock County's tax system is unfair because it places a heavier burden on city residents than on rural property owners. One reason for this, he said, is it's easier to assess the value of residential property than it is on commercial or rural land.

"I don't think it's fair for the middle income taxpayer to be carrying more of his share of the load," Smith said.

In a paper he presented to the committee, Smith noted that extensive studies of county tax rolls show Lubbock homeowners are taxed on an average of 23 per cent of what their property is worth—while rural homes are taxed on about 13 per cent and businesses on only 11 per cent.

Some specific examples of inequities in Lubbock, Smith said, include \$4 per year tax on a Loop 289-4th Street five-acre tract which sold for \$75,000 in 1975, a northwest county home and acreage taxed at only \$12 after it sold for \$48,500 and a Lubbock businessman who pays \$160 taxes on his \$45,000 home and only \$190 on his \$300,000 commercial building.

Smith also advocated the consolidation of taxing authority offices to cut down on duplication of costs and services.

However, committee member Sen. Ray Farabee pointed out that a recent opinion handed down by Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill indicated that county tax appraising cannot be taken away from the tax assessor-collector under the state constitution.

School Bond . . .

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development—leaving Sanders and Illes Elementary Schools with 23 empty classrooms. One of the schools—Sanders—is in the path of a projected highway, Irons said, and may be lost.

Irons pointed out that Lubbock is not the only school district facing problems created by changing growth patterns. Recently, Houston passed a \$280 million school bond, Dallas okayed a \$90 million one and Fort Worth passed an \$80 million bond.

Waters said the school board will take the facilities study results under consideration at its January meeting and make a decision based on the needs. He said the board would need an exact dollar figure before it comes to a decision.

Although Irons refused to speculate how much money would be needed to cover the needs, he did indicate that school officials were talking about a much larger amount than the \$5.6 million passed in 1971.

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or loose styles to balance the scale," she said.

Miss Rhoades is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Whatever the style, silhouettes are natural and often tiered or draped. Fabrics are soft, lush and lightweight or rugged and sturdy. Colors may be blazing reds, pinks or golds, or soft shades of favorites such as jade or purple or traditional neutrals," she reported.

Dresses are soft, flowing, simple and often sheer. Skirts may be lean or full and moving as in ankle-length chiffons and georgettes in florals or solids. Apron dressing in shiny fabrics provides an interesting approach to holiday fashions, she added.

"Versatile and comfortable jumpsuits may be lush and slinky—or sturdy and functional in gabardines, flannels, denims and wools.

"Bare shoulders are revealed with strapless bodices, camisoles, off-the-shoulders and one-shoulder looks and shoulder ties. Sleeves and capes drape around the shoulders."

"Double-decker" dressing provides for tunics or caftans (often hooded) over straight-legged, harem, capri, or wide-legged pants or skirts. On a shorter scale, are snugly fitted vests or vests with a bolero feeling.

Sportswear gets into the holiday feeling with sweatshirts, warm-ups, and sailor tops in luxe fabrics such as satin, velour and velvet.

For a classic look, a long velvet skirt or pants with blazer, vest and soft blouse is perfect for any holiday activity, the specialist advised.

New Restaurant Opens in City

The Continental Room, a European-style restaurant featuring one of the best views in Lubbock, was officially opened Wednesday following ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Located on the 20th floor of Lubbock's tallest office building, Metro Tower, the restaurant began serving the general public at noon Wednesday immediately after the ceremony.

Presiding at the ribbon cutting was Mayor Roy Bass and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce president Buddy Barron. Officials of Gaut and Gaut Real Estate Investments and a host of other Lubbock dignitaries were on hand for the opening.

The Continental Room is a corporation made up of Mr. and Mrs. George Mayer and Lubbock businessmen John Malouf and Clarence Solnick. It was designed by ArchiCenter and Regency Galleries and Maeker-Stephens, an engineer-architect firm.

The restaurant comprises the entire 20th floor of Metro Tower—some 6,000 square feet—and will seat 95 guests for lunch or dinner. It also has a lounge area that accomodates 70.

According to the owners, the restaurant will serve European cuisine as well as steaks and American dishes.



OFFICERS INSTALLED—Santa Claus showed up for a Christmas party and installation of officers held Tuesday night by the South Plains Chapter of RSES and its auxiliary. Installed as officers of the auxiliary were, from left, Cherrie Waters, president; Doris Palmer, sergeant-at-arms; Pat Davis, treasurer; Blane Voyles, vice president; Naomi Gott, secretary; Clovis Burks, historian; and Pat Burks, reporter.

Library Exhibits Yuletide Books

"An Old Fashioned Christmas with Books" will be the featured display at Lubbock City-County Library during December.

It is a literary journey of 400 years, beginning with a "Little Booke of the Contemplation of Christ," printed in 1586, and ending with the "Big Little Books," the delight of kids in the 1930s.

Children's gift books in the display include adventures of little boys captured by fierce Indians, published in the 1830s, works of Horatio Alger and Captain Mayne Reid and Uncle Wiggily tales.

There are also 18th and 19th century gift books in elaborately decorated and seldom opened covers of leather and gold. Closer to home, there are Christmas stories by Texas writers: J. Evetts Haley's "Christmas in Palo Duro," Larry Chittendon's poem "The Cowboys Christmas Ball," and others.

Life is no more puzzling to man than death but it has greater popular support.

Just One Day At A Time

by Pat Nickell

Gift wrapping is the single most "American" tradition of Christmas, I suppose. I am certain we spend billions (well millions anyway) every year on wrapping paper, ribbon and tape.

Once, about 11 years ago, I decided to be thrifty for once in my life and buy a good supply of gift wrap paper and save us a lot of money in the coming years. So I did. I bought a huge, department-store-type roll of black paper with the three wise men on it, in green, gold and hot pink.

I have wrapped Big Wheels, tricycles, bicycles, skateboards and motorcycles in the stuff—and we have plenty left. (You can see how long we have had it by the progression of wheels through my son's Christmases) I believe I will have enough to wrap the sports car he is expecting for Christmas in 1979.

Obviously, I did a smart thing, and have conceivably saved my family many cents in gift wrap paper costs. (I am always in the market for hot pink ribbon.)

Usually by Christmas, our den is a sea of black, with tri-colored wise men tilted at every angle, in an attempt to make them look different.

I have used green ribbon, gold ribbon and my old stand-by, hot pink ribbon. I have used combinations of the three colors. I have even used red. Nothing can hide that black paper and those little pointy dudes.

I usually each year buy one extra box of gift wrap paper just so we will have something different to look at—but anything large automatically goes inside the wise-men-paper.

When one has a gift professionally wrapped, he at least gets different paper, but the idea of gift-wrapping is so finely

honed now, that any member of the family can tell who the gift is for, just by looking at it. My children, who could put Sherlock in the shade in five minutes, can tell what is in the gift if the store is dumb enough to put a store sticker on it.

My husband can obviously tell which ones are his—they are all wrapped in macho brown paper, with wooden deers on the front. If I had any gifts, I could tell which ones were mine (because the women's packages all have flowers on them). I have seen people carrying women's gifts at the mall; that is how I know what they look like. My children have no doubt inherited their powers of detection from me.

At this time of year, we all hear a great deal about the joy of the season being reflected in children's faces. The children's faces I have gazed upon recently seem to reflect fatigue and greed.

Most people take their children Christmas shopping with them, which is a good way to eat out four times in one day, and still get home early. Not to mention going way over the budget.

My children now expect to give as well as receive, so I have to buy the gifts they get, and the gifts they give.

This is not as bad as it sounds since I am usually one of the main recipients of their largesse.

They can never wait until Christmas to show me what they got me, and I always get my first look at the item through a torn and frizzled paper bag in a crowded aisle somewhere.

Strangely enough, though, I like that best of all about Christmas, and it is always my first tinge of Christmas spirit—watching them watch me divest some unusual item from a grubby, twisted paper sack in the middle of a sea of shoppers.

They are learning, however. My daughter retrieved the gift she bought me and wrapped it, after I had examined it and pronounced it just what I wanted (which it was). It is now lost in the sea of black gifts with strangely-colored wise men.

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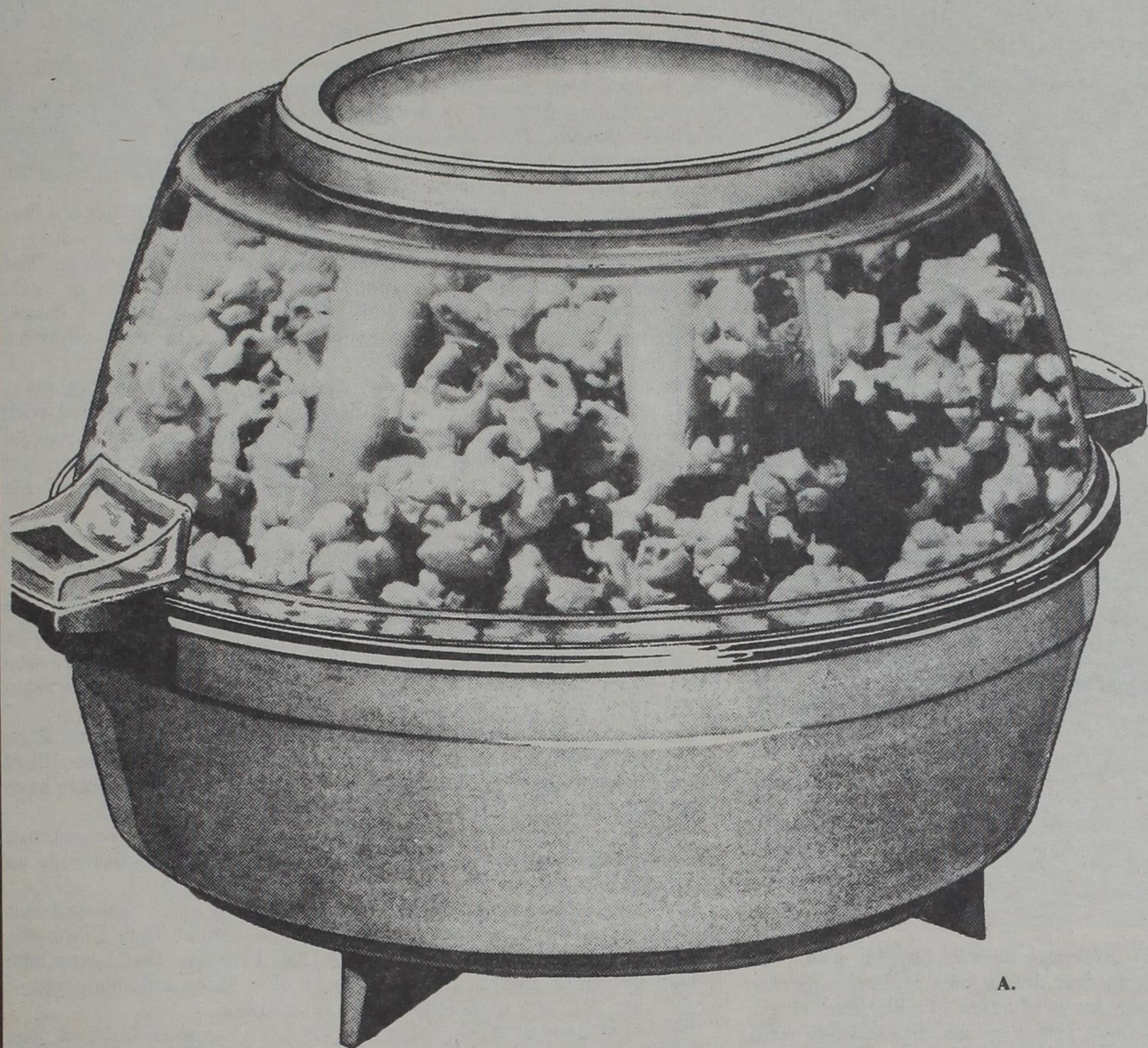
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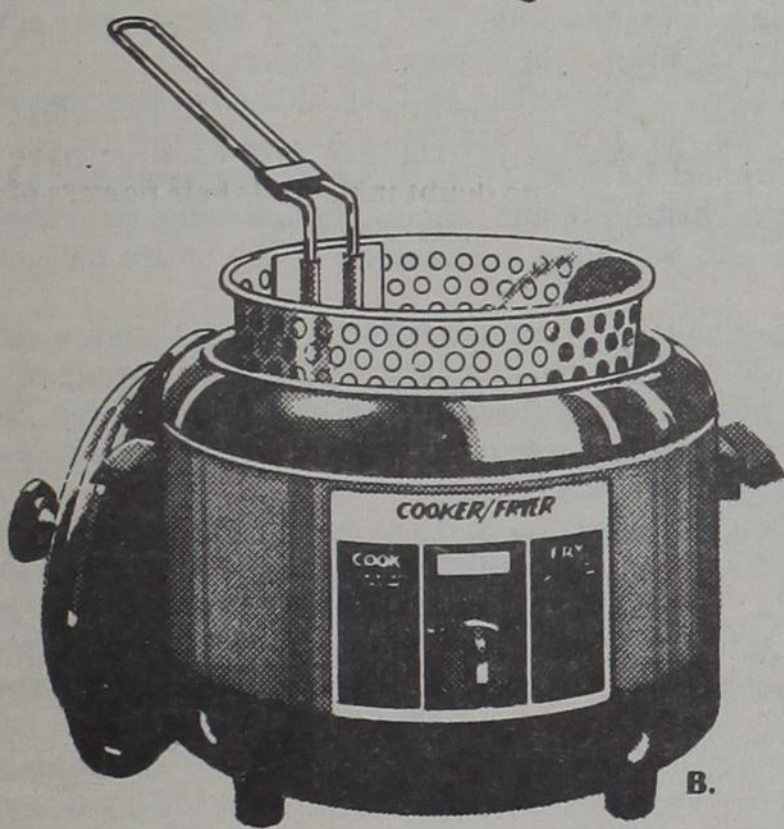


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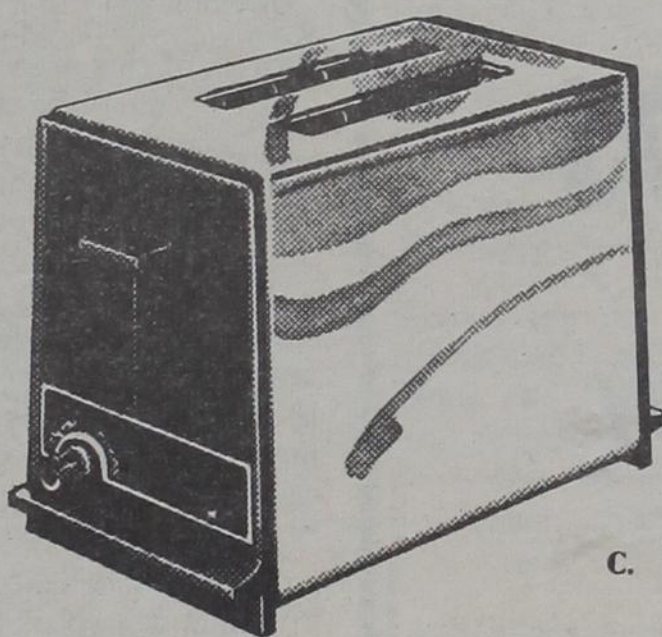
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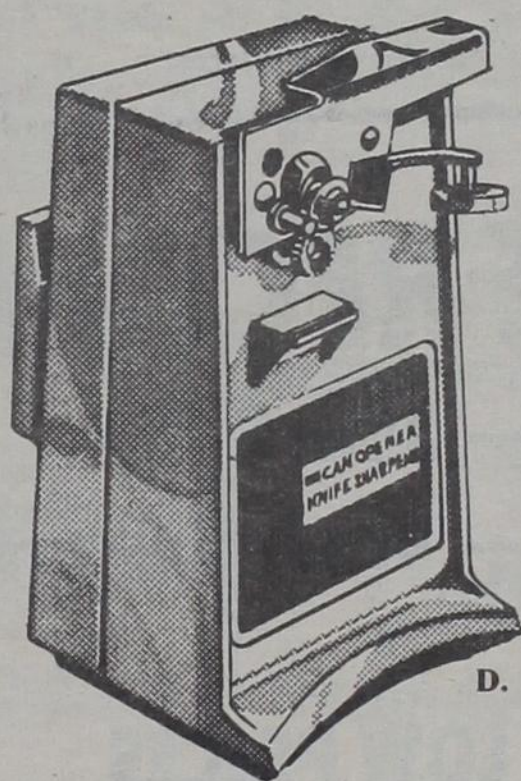
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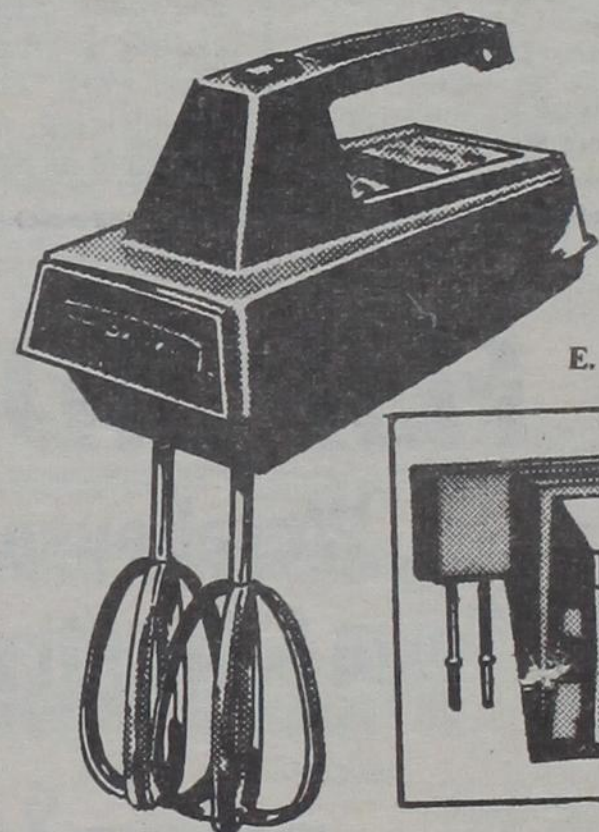
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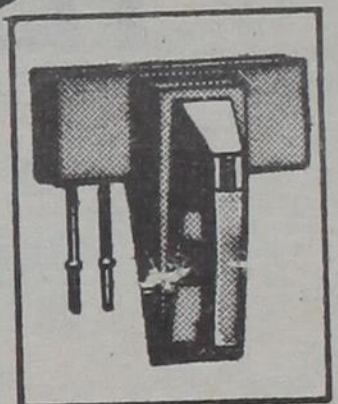
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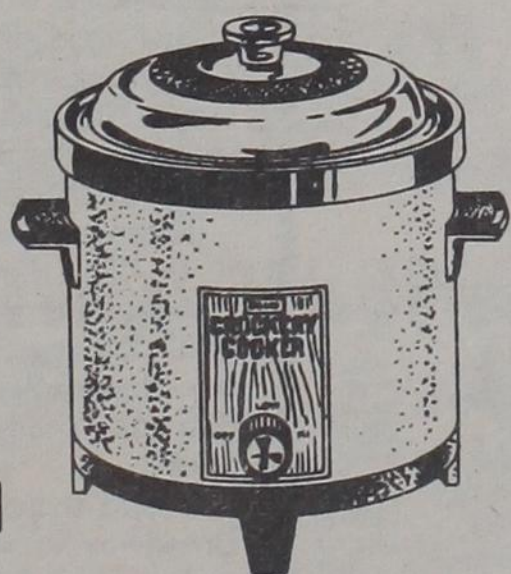
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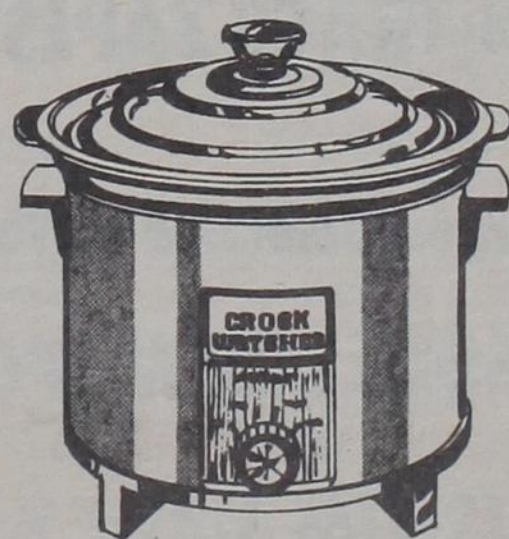
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The portable rink, transported in four 40-foot long vans, is kept in sparkling frostiness by a staggering 200 tons of refrigeration. This in turn requires 800 amps of electricity—enough juice to power half a city block. Put another way, the solid icy mass equals 3,088,800 ice cubes.

Ice America is produced by Richard J. Garden of Sarasota, Fla., a locale where ice is rare indeed. Despite the entrepreneur's youthful appearance—he is in his early thirties—and the show's opening with a full-scale rock production number utilizing the entire 50-strong ensemble—Garden says that "Ice America has been designed to please a family audience."

Among the many skaters, definite highlights are the exciting skating performances of Andrea Cooper and the show's choreographer Jon Wertz. They thrill the audience with their clever spins, flips, twirls and tricks, taking full advantage of the full-sized arena ice surface. Miss Cooper's exceptional talents are only exceeded by her glamorous costumes and beauty. Wertz's superb performance reveals why he has been the professional men's champion of

Germany.

In addition to five breath-taking production numbers, other acts on the bill include the talented adagio team of Dan Henry and Lisa Illsley; Swedish-

born equilibrist Billy Raye; The Funsters (who do an hilarious take-off on television's famed Munsters); and what Garden describes as "America's most beautiful ice skating chorus line."



CHOREOGRAPHER ON ICE—Although born in Omaha, Neb., Ice America choreographer Jon Wertz first found fame in Berlin for his starring role in the West German ice production of *The Blue Mask*. European critics were loud in their praise of his dramatically new skating innovations. He brings these and other exciting techniques to Fair Park Coliseum when Ice America commences a three-day engagement here. Tickets for the show's five performances are available at Sears and Dunlap's Stores.

by Jack Sheridan

As one who has spent a number of years as a member of the board of directors of Lubbock Civic Ballet, I can only be more than a little proud of that organization. Today's date is the caper of the times when Lubbock Civic Ballet makes its bow on the stage of the new University Theatre at Texas Tech after an intensive schedule in its all-new reorganization program.

To achieve today's level the Ballet imported a youthful, inventive and tireless full-time director, Ric Brame, from Florida, and he has molded and welded the members of his fledgling company over the past months. Now, he takes the wraps off his work and displays it for the public on the University Center's sparkling and beautiful addition.

The time of the performance today is 8 p.m. and there is yet another public program at 8 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday) in the same theater.

Today's program is the traditional and lovely Tchaicowsky "The Nutcracker." Performed throughout the world at this time of year, particularly, "Nutcracker" is a kind of delightful potpourri of dance, affording the corps de ballet high opportunities and the multi-soloists a field day for their art.

The full-length "Nutcracker" is today's bill, while Saturday night offers excerpts from "Nutcracker" by popular demand, coupled with three ballets. That time is 8 p.m. too. A highlight of Saturday's program will be the performance of "America Dancing," which was written and choreographed by the Lubbock Civic Ballet's own director-dancer Ric Brame.

Tickets for the performances today and Saturday are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and can be had at the University Centre box office prior to each performance or from The Gramophone, Flip Side Records, Century Bookstore, Reader's World and Michael's Imported Foods and Deli.

To heighten the work of local dancers Civic Ballet will feature two professional dancers from New York City, Larry Stevens (formerly from Texas Tech) and Mary Paranicas.

I have not met Mr. Brame nor have I seen any of the rehearsals. But, as one who acted as narrator for the annual ball in town for the benefit of this struggling organization, I will say that I know the local dancers have a good deal of "heart" and are deeply dedicated to their work.

I cite only one dancer, and that because I know her. I have watched little Luann Post, the daughter of Texas Tech instructors Gertrude and Charles Post.

I have followed Luann's dancing activities from away back and last Sunday when she danced with others in the annual Tech Children's Christmas Concert in "The Little Match Girl" I realized that Luann has, indeed, grown up and her technique, born of so many arduous hours of work, has reached a respectable and telling mark.

There are many of these young dancers from homes in Lubbock who have doggedly, through thick and thin, held to their course, and now under the expertise of Ric Brame they come full flower.

Ballet was, at one time, a somewhat scoffing thing for the rugged West Texans of this area, but now it has come into its own.

I hope you will all support Lubbock Civic Ballet. It is a necessary and vital force in the cultural history of our community and when the young people perform today and Saturday it underscores the entire cultural growth of this area.

Ric Brame plans other ballet performances during the year, but today and Saturday marks the formal unveiling of the "new" ballet group. So, get behind them and push. They will achieve an honored status in the galaxy of talent showcases in this area of ours and we shall all be proud of them and their unflagging efforts.

This is the week before Christmas and the local movie houses are clearing the decks for the incoming big films that are traditionally held until this season. I cite "The Pink Panther Strikes Again," the third in this popular series starring Peter Sellers as the bumbling police inspector. It is the Cinema West feature for the weeks to come. Then cast your eye down to the South Plains Mall where the new Barbra Streisand-Kris Kristopherson "A Star Is Born" will have a Yule opening.

The Fox Theaters 4 brings in the long-awaited remake of "King Kong" today. It will be interesting to see what Dino di Laurentiis has done with this one. I saw the original version (the one with Bruce Cabot and Fay Wray) the other night on cable TV and it will be absorbing to see what the modern-day movie makers have done with this classic tale. Whereas the original climaxed in the top of the Empire State Building in New York City, the new one reaches its thrilling mark atop the high World Trade buildings in that city. Times do change; the plots do not. At least, I hope not too radically. We shall see.

With the wholesale changeovers in movie fare this week, I have, because of other commitments, passed movies for the last couple of weeks. While they may have retired into general distribution by now some films have attracted interest.

The horror film, adroitly but predictably done, "Carrie" has held forth happily at the Winchester Theater the past weeks, bolstered by enthusiastic word of mouth. "Carrie" is a film about a young girl who has an awesome gift and a violent revenge motive. The two come together in a shocking climax. Sissy Spacek (you saw her recently on TV in the famed Nebraska murder spree film) plays the title role and does very well, as does Piper Laurie, making a return after 15 years, as her religious fanatic mother.

There has been another film around but why so long I could not know. It is "The Front," an examination of blacklisting in the Eastern broadcasting world, starring Woody Allen. I found the film an utter bore. It purports to base its premise on the denial of liberties a la the late Senator Joe McCarty but what was promising is not realized in this film and Woody Allen, for all his talents, is way over his head in this effort.

I want to point your attention to the newly-opened Bijou Theater, Broadway between Aves. R and S. This little house is specializing in old and unusual films and Saturday and Sunday brings two films starring that outrageous man, W.C. Fields. In "My Little Chickadee" he is paired with the flamboyant Mae West, while he carries the ball alone in "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break." That's a bill worth an afternoon or evening, surely!



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GLASS BAGS—These glass purses aren't exactly what you'd take shopping, but they make intriguing art pieces. Elaine Bagley patterned the handblown glass collection after her own collection of antique purses. (Times Photo)

Antique Purses Transformed into Glass

by Janice Jarvis

This year purses are coming off the shoulder and going into picture frames—at least that's where you'll find Elaine Bagley's bags.

An artist as well as collector, Mrs. Bagley has more than 40 purses displayed in every room of her home—just as any art piece would be exhibited.

The intricacy of antique purses also has inspired Mrs. Bagley to create her own glassblown versions of the handbags.

The glassblown purses are displayed in groups and occasionally exhibited at art shows. Obviously, the glass blown purses are not something to carry around town—but are art works symbolic of women.

Each purse is blown into the desired shape, then metal clasps are added. Usually the clasps are designed to look similar to antique clasps and are made from flat metal or brass molds.

When the shape of the purse is completed, Mrs. Bagley drops items associated with women through the tiny opening at the top. When the purse is filled, she corks it or seals it with silicone.

One purse contains pieces of lace, while another contains locks of children's hair. "For one, I took all the odds and ends from my purse like bobby pins and gum wrappers and put them in the glassblown purse," she said.

"Some purses have glass fringe because it's fun to make curly designs with the blown glass," Mrs. Bagley explained.

Mrs. Bagley designs purses as well as jewelry to be beautiful by themselves rather than as an accessory. But the antique purse collection and the glassblown purses got their start as accessories for Mrs. Bagley.

"In the 1960's, people dressed

in costumes and I bought purses to go with my costumes," she explained.

When the costume fad died, Mrs. Bagley was left with several purses. As she began taking a closer look at the purses she noticed their beauty and detail. Before long she was collecting the purses and displaying them.

Today her collection includes leather, chain, cloth, crocheted, beaded and mesh purses. The mesh purses are especially attractive because of the tiny pieces of metal used to create the design, Mrs. Bagley noted.

Unlike purses today, antique purses are much more beautiful because of the detail put into them, Mrs. Bagley said. But unfortunately, antique purses are often more expensive than handbags today.

"When I first started collecting purses, I often found them in garage sales for as little as \$1 each, but there aren't many bargains around any more," she said. Antique purses today are usually found only in antique stores and cost anywhere from \$15 to over \$100.

As the popularity of antique purses grows, it is becoming more difficult to find them, Mrs. Bagley observed. "I've collected so many it's difficult to avoid duplications."

Although Mrs. Bagley does not keep an historical record of the purses, she does find clues about their history.

But very little research has been done about the history of

purses, and Mrs. Bagley said she has little interest in the purses' past. "I like the shape and beauty of the purses, not where they came from."

Mrs. Bagley's collection includes purses from all parts of the world. "Whenever I find something reasonably priced, I buy it," she explained. Also, friends who know of her hobby give purses as gifts.

Although purses may not replace paintings on the wall, Mrs. Bagley has taken some purses and called attention to otherwise unnoticed beauty.


Library Schedules Sculpture Exhibit

Aluminum and bronze sculptures by Texas Tech art students will be on display at the Lubbock City-County Library, 1306 9th St., through Dec. 30.

The exhibit will include approximately 40 pieces of traditional and experimental cast aluminum and bronze sculpture and cast aluminum craft objects.

This show was organized by John Queen, associate professor of art at Texas Tech University.

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Do you believe that drinking either doesn't affect your driving or makes you a better driver? Well, that notion is a result of the alcohol working on the part of your brain that controls your judgment. False confidence and taking risks are common by-products of alcoholic beverage consumption.

Do you rush in from cold Texas weather and have a drink to warm up? That drink will actually be lowering your body temperature. A false sensation of warmth may occur because the blood vessels on the surface of the skin become dilated. Actually, more heat can be lost than gained by the "warming" effect.

Do you believe in the sobering up remedies of coffee, a cold shower, fresh air or a run around the block? Time is the only true remedy for reducing the effects of alcohol. The ethyl alcohol must leave the body by oxidation in the liver, and this process cannot be rushed. (The old joke about coffee producing a wide awake drunk is true.) The body needs about one hour to get rid of the alcohol in one average drink.

Do you swear by the old adage that it's mixing your drinks that gets you drunk? The truth is that ethyl alcohol, the intoxicant, is found in all alcoholic beverages. The same concentration of alcohol in the blood is produced from 3 1/2 ounces of wine as from a 12-ounce

bottle of beer or 3/4-ounce of 100 proof whiskey, though the volume of liquid differs. So staying with one kind of drink offers no advantage; only the amount you drink can control the degree of intoxication.

Do you believe that you get "picked on" about drinking and driving? There are places where a DWI is considered a worse offense. For instance, in San Salvador, the penalty for DWI can be the firing squad. If you think your spouse would be upset if you got arrested for DWI, consider Malaysia. There, your spouse goes to jail with you if you are convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Do you think the Texas presumptive limit of .10 per cent blood alcohol concentration level is too low? Well many countries have even lower tolerance and presumptive limits for driving while intoxicated. Sweden, for example, uses a .03 per cent level, and Denmark and Norway, .05 per cent.

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OFFICERS INSTALLED—New officers of the Republican Women's Club were installed Dec. 10 in ceremonies at Lubbock Women's Club. Heading the organization during 1977 will be Mrs. Richard Mayer, seated, corresponding secretary; and standing from left, Mrs. Jim Moore, vice president; Mrs. James Granberry, recording secretary; Mrs. Reagan Gibbs, treasurer; and Mrs. Joe Greenlee, president. Mary Lou Mulch, right, served as installing officer. (Times Photo)

Kin Searching

by Marleta Childs

This column often receives requests for geneological data on individuals.

J. Bland Pope, 8107 East Court, Austin, Tex. 78759 is seeking information on Joseph Jewell, b.c. 1798, N H; d. in Cass County, Mo, by Dec., 1858. Wife Jane, b.c. 1818, VA; d. before Dec. 1858.

The Jewell children were: Nancy (b. 1823, IL, m. John Dunn); Caroline (b. 1834, IN, m. Fleming P. Jennings, my gg father; she d. Feb., 1861, Texas);

Jesse or Jacob (b. 1835, IN; not in Missouri in late 1860's); Julia (b. 1837, IN, m. Levi Longly, not in Missouri); Charles (b. 1842, IN; d. by 1868); Mariah (b. 1842, IN, m. Joseph N. Dunn); Mary Jane (b. 1848, Texas); George W. (b. 1848, Texas). Pope needs Joseph Jewell's birthplace in New Hampshire.

A periodical which just began publication in September is the Geneological Library Quarterly. Each 64-page issue will contain a subject and surname index.

The quarterly will contain articles on geneological and historical libraries, giving such information as rules for their use; hours opened; kinds of material covered by their collection, etc.

The first issue carries information on the Augustan Society Library in Torrance, Calif.; the Connecticut State Library; and the Newberry Library in Chicago. Also included is an extensive listing of recent books and periodicals with brief comments on their format and content.

Listed in this first issue are 100 entries all of which were personally examined by the Augustan Society staff.

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If you are a descendant of John and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Hatton or John and Nancy Rebecca Hatton of Shelby County, Tex., and have not been contacted for your information to be used in the book on the history of the Hatton family, please write to E.C. Hatton, Box 5185, Lubbock, Tex. 79417.

Winston DeVille, Drawer 51359, New Orleans, La. 70116 is searching for any descendants of the De Soto y Bermudez family of 18th century Texas and Louisiana. He also is interested in hearing from anyone interested in the Sanchez-Navarro family of 17th century Mexico.

Mrs. W.J. Davis, 1850 140th Place, S.E., Bellevue, Wash. 98005 welcomes correspondence with all Garth descendants. She has a book in preparation and needs descendants of Benjamin L. Harrison, wife, Kate Garth; James R. Nichols, wife, Josephine F. Garth (Bastrop and Greenville, Tex.); James McReynolds Garth (Fort Worth); Robert L. Garth; David Twyman Garth; Sidney D. Clay and brother, Greene Clay Jr. (Victoria). Who has Fannie R. Garth, died 1934, tombstone in Brazos County, Tex.?

Hopefully, some of you will have material to share regarding some of the families in these queries.

Submitting queries and sharing information are two good ways to find that "missing" ancestor. Please send yours to Marleta Childs, 2308 21st St., Lubbock, Tex. 79411.

Art Association Slates Classes

Lubbock Art Association has announced the schedule for its art classes beginning in early January at Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave.

Design and composition will be taught from 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays, from Jan. 6-27, and drawing and sketching will be offered from 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays, from Jan. 6-27. Conny Martin will be instructor.

Bill Bagley will teach a miniature sculptures class from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 4-Feb. 22. Watercolor painting will be offered from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 5-Feb. 16. Leo Smith will be the teacher.

A painting or drawing course will be conducted from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 17. Paul Milosevich will be the instructor. Basic drawing will be taught by Teri Sodd from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22.

Children's classes with Peggy Benton Young and Char Corl will begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

Persons interested in enrolling in these classes should phone the center at 762-6411, Ext. 364.

Area Men in Service

Marine Pvt. William G. Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Wolfe of 2125 57th St., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

A 1976 graduate of Monterey High School, Wolfe joined the Marine Corps in January, 1976.

Texas Tech Offers German Course in Austria

Live and learn—in Austria! That is the offer of the Texas Tech University Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages.

The department, in cooperation with the Institute of European Studies, offers a six-weeks course in German, June 17-July 30, 1977, which takes students to Vienna, houses them with Viennese families, includes excursions as far away as Prague, Czechoslovakia, and brings them back to the United States for \$1,695.

If a student wants to stay in Europe for additional travel after the course ends, this too, can be arranged.

Dr. Thomas T. Bacon of the faculty in German at Texas Tech is program director, and he was group leader for the 1976 Austrian study program.

Students who complete the course will earn six semester hours of credit. One course will deal with the history of Vienna and Austrian life. The second

course offers intermediate or advanced spoken German. Students already fluent in German may elect an independent research project in Austrian or German literature.

Participants must have successfully completed two semesters of German. Enrollment is not limited to Texas Tech students although it is limited in the number who may participate. Application deadline is March 24.

The fee includes round-trip transportation from Lubbock to Vienna, insurance, tuition, field trips and room and board through July 30. Expenses incurred by independent travel following the course are borne by students.

Applications and additional information may be obtained by writing Bacon, Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, Box 4579, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex. 79409. The telephone number is area code 806: 742-3282.

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CLOTHING DRIVE—Students at Mackenzie Junior High School made an all-out effort this month to collect clothes to donate to the Salvation Army and needy youngsters in other local schools. Shown sorting some of the clothes donated are, from left, Elizabeth Smith, Rene Loflin and Dana Hodges, three of the biggest contributors to the drive. The school's Student Council sponsored competition among classes and homerooms, and this year's drive has been the most successful ever. (Times Photo)



BIRTHDAY SURPRISE—Adeline Young was surprised on her 90th birthday with a cake during a Christmas party sponsored last Friday by the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ. Pictured with her is Dr. Tom Langford, an elder of the church. The church hosted the holiday party for senior citizens.

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Lubbock Couple to Sing at Cotton Bowl

Jana and Tim King, both graduate students of music at Texas Tech University, have been invited to sing the national anthem for Cotton Bowl football fans on Jan. 1.

King is a baritone and his wife a soprano. He is a choir director at Lubbock High School. Mrs King has sung "The Star Spangled Banner" at Red Raider basketball games for five years.

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CHEERING SQUAD—Boosting school spirit at Atkins Junior High School this year are members of the cheerleading squad. From left, they are Sherry Bradley, Alison Sellmeyer, Kim Wallace, head cheerleader, Pam Swindle and Brenda Herndon.

SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

T.J. Patterson quoted me last week—accurately—but let me expand on his statement and expound on the situation. There was hardly enough room to comment on many things and the crowd was one.

The crowd, or lack of it, for the Baylor game was downright shocking. If it was because of economics, that people just could not afford to attend, that's different. But if it was indifference, then Tech, Lubbock and West Texas is in trouble.

Bob Nash and J.T. King were talking before the game as I came along. Bob made some remark that I missed, but I heard J.T. say, softly, "we'll be lucky to have 38,000 here today. And we'll have to have a big sale today to go that high."

Nash shook his head and remarked that "didn't they know that this (Baylor) was the BIGGEST game in Tech history?"

I asked Jake if he wasn't kidding? Certainly there would be more than 50,000 fans on hand, wouldn't there?

"I'll say it again. We'll have to have a big sale to have 38,000," he declared softly.

It was easy to see that Jake was displeased, even though you couldn't tell it by the tone of voice. It was a look about him as he recited facts.

"I'll tell you something else," he asserted. "If we don't have 15,000 or more at the Bluebonnet Bowl game, the only way we'd be invited to another bowl is if we were 11-0."

And if you think Jake is whistling Dixie, forget it. Bowls are big money and they depend on ticket sales. Bowls will go to the schools that bring crowds with them.

Do you remember a few years ago when West Virginia, I think it was, played in the Sugar Bowl. New Orleans businesses were mad about the lack of support and the lack of out-of-town money spent.

It led to the famous joke: "West Virginia fans came to town with a \$10 bill and the 10 Commandments—and they didn't break either one."

That may be funny to tell at smokers, stag parties and other events, but it accurately reflects what bowls think. Nebraska, Tech's Bluebonnet Bowl foe, attracted some 15,000 Nebraskans to Hawaii this year. Now, THAT's support.

So Houston beat Tech and so Tech isn't in the Cotton Bowl. The Baylor game was for the co-championship of the league, something the Raiders never had succeeded in accomplishing in 16 prior campaigns.

All this year's team—picked about fifth or sixth in pre-season polls—did win 10 of 11 games, scare the pants off a fine Houston team in a tremendous closing rush, beat UT, A&M and Arkansas in the same season and win a co-championship.

Steve Sloan had his contract extended to 10 years the other day and we congratulate Dr. Mackey and others for this move. We also congratulate Steve on accepting it and hope that his association here will be a long and happy one.

But, in view of the crowd for the Baylor game, we would have had doubts had we been Sloan. We still haven't arrived as major college fans in West Texas. We give lip service. And I'll bet that a lot of folks waving red Sunday morning weren't at the Baylor game.

Speaking of support and bowls, Tech is encouraging anyone and everyone going to the Bluebonnet Bowl to buy tickets through Tech. We, for instance, are buying tickets for our daughter, who lives in Houston. This helps the Tech representation.

The Tech folks, by getting tickets here, will all be in the same area and this also will give more support for the Raiders. And, if you've never been in the AstroDome, just being there will be a thrill.

A good friend died last week. R.B. McAlister was a sports fan to the day he died. I caught a fleeting glimpse of him one afternoon waiting for the elevator at Jones Stadium. He tried never to miss a game and he was particularly avid when it came to baseball.

A few weeks back he called me. He suggested I come out and we'd just sit and talk about sports in general, players and teams and folks we knew. My schedule made it impossible and he understood. But I would have liked that. Mr. Mac will be missed.

Gerald Myers may think he doesn't have a good team, but this road trip didn't indicate it. The Raiders beat a couple of fair country clubs, on the road, and we know something more about this season's club.

One basketball expert said Sunday he wasn't sure but what Tech didn't have a better team than it had a year ago. It has experience. It has strong guard play. And, as he pointed out, Mike Russell can do more things than Rick Bullock could.

The Raiders, despite losing Russell and Ron Phenix, and having four fouls on Grant Dukes, still beat Wyoming rather handily—at Laramie. That takes a bit of doing, because the Cowboys are rugged. And the 5-0 record is better than a year ago at this time.

They have a week to get ready for the Indiana tournament, and Miami or Ohio, their first round foe, while host Indiana, defending national champions, are facing Utah State. A strong showing there would boost their national rating, which so far this year has been zero.

What's That?

Pat Sullivan, a teacher at Williams Elementary School, recently introduced the term, "pronoun antecedent," to one of her first grade classes. One youngster commented, "Well, for such a big word, it sure doesn't mean much."

Youth Football Names Directors

The newly elected board of directors for the 1977 season of the Lubbock Youth Football League met recently at the Melonie Park Home Owners Party House to elect a new slate of officers.

Named president was Frank King. Other new officers include James Alexander, vice president; Kay Hobbs, secretary; and Bobby Davis, treasurer.

Members of the board are Chuck Saul, Mary Werner, Winford Parr, Charles Harrington, Med Hunt, John Cardinal, Duane Stephens, Percy Hines, Joe Horton, Joe Cornett, Mrs. Clyde Lynn, Jim Stewart and Sonny Marshall.

The Lubbock Youth Football League is an organization open to all youngsters between the ages of 10 and 12 who are interested in playing football. The league gives them an opportunity to work as a team, teaches them basic knowledge of the sport, helps keep them physically fit and teaches the importance of good sportmanship.

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3 days-2 nights deluxe room
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Midnight breakfast at "Tiffany's" the Gateway's 24 hour restaurant

\$42.00*
*per person, double occupancy; extra night \$17

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