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On liking city's water, and other matters

By LINDA HILL

"I came to Midland for the water. I love the flavor because my taste buds were shot off during the war."

That's the way syndicated columnist Mark Russell explained his presence at the Midland Chamber of Commerce annual membership dinner Monday night. Russell's column appears in The Reporter-Telegram.

The comedian-writer-singer praised the chamber's theme — "Let us rise up to meet the challenge of the 40s."

Russell spoke to a crowd of about 600 persons about the Washington scene. His appearance in Midland was arranged by Jim Allison Jr., publisher of The Reporter-Telegram and a former chamber president.

In the song, "Big Bad Oil," Jimmy Carter destroys Big Bad Oil and his seven sisters — among them, Tessie Texaco and Mabel Mobil — with a ration book.

"I didn't know how that oil song would go over," Russell said after the show, "but it never went over better. It means you're all masochists. From here on out, whenever I sing about Big Bad Oil, I'll picture the main street of Midland."

Russell told his audience the reason Americans don't believe there's an energy shortage is that there isn't a

warlike atmosphere.

"Until Jane Fonda joins a car-pool... Until Dr. Spock burns his Exxon card, nothing will happen."

Russell said he often is asked, "Is Jimmy Carter funny? I have a stock answer to that. Nope. But he's showing potential."

He commented on Carter's sending the Internal Revenue Service money he didn't owe. "That's one small step toward a balanced budget and one large step toward stupidity. Ask not what the IRS can do for you; ask what you can do to screw up their bookkeeping."

The columnist explained the Panama Canal treaties by saying Carter gave up the canal for Lent.

"Let's keep the canal in America," Russell urged his audience. "George Washington did not cross the Panama Canal so we could give it up."

And, he reminded his listeners of Abraham Lincoln's words: "This canal shall not have been dug in vain."

Another "glorious tradition" of the United States, Russell said, is the War of 1812, "which was held in 1814 — another government screw-up. Two years were erased by the great-grandmother of Rosemary Woods."

Among the other topics to become objects of Russell's barbs:

— Government reorganization: "The word reorganization bothers me

because that assumes the government was organized to begin with." "Streamlining" the bureaucracy is "like putting racing stripes on an arthritic camel."

— Bob Haldeman's revelations about Richard Nixon: "When will those Nixon haters ever let up?"

— Carter and Walter Mondale: When Carter was trying to select his running mate, he asked Mondale how he stood with the Lord. "I've always liked you, Jimmy," was Mondale's reply.

But Mondale almost lost out on the nomination. He kept asking to see the peanut trees.

— Gerald Ford: "He always reminded me of the guy who answers the meat buzzer at the supermarket."

— Liberals and radicals: "A liberal is a radical with three children. A radical is someone who loves humanity but can't stand the people in the neighborhood."

After his speech, Russell said 1977 was a terrible year for humor in Washington. Bert Lance probably was the biggest laugh-getter. "That's a terrible comment on the year."

But, he said, he has great hopes for 1978. Political honeymoons are always tough for comedians, he said.

He remembered that one year into the Nixon administration, Bob Haldeman, John Ehrlichman and Martha Mitchell were all unknowns.



Comedian Mark Russell dazzles with humor and antics those attending the annual membership dinner of the Midland Chamber of Commerce

Monday night at the Midland Hilton. (Staff Photos by Brian Hendershot)

"I don't want to say any one (politician) was better than the others. They're all hilarious," he said of politicians.

Personal foibles of individuals are "an easy laugh, but you feel a little guilty about it." Generally, audiences relate better to jokes about issues, he added.

Russell said audiences have become much more aware of what's going on in the political arena in recent years.

He attributed that awareness to an increased amount of investigative journalism.

And, he said, he doesn't have to change his act much at all when he

goes out of Washington, D.C. "Any Chamber of Commerce (audience) is good," he commented, "because they have an axe to grind."

How long does he keep a joke in his act? "Sometimes only a couple of weeks, sometimes longer. I'm still doing Wendell Wilkie jokes."



Rep. George Mahon

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The relevant congressional committees have served notice that they intend to blow the lid off President Carter's new defense budget by adding some \$2 billion to it and the House Appropriations chairman doubts he can stop it.

The chairman, George H. Mahon, D-Tex., said in an interview Monday that he cannot recall a previous drive with as much steam behind it.

"I am more or less committed to holding the line" at the president's requested total of \$126 billion said Mahon, but "I would anticipate" additions.

"People are just a little bit uncomfortable," Mahon said, "and they

don't want to take unnecessary risks with national defense this year. This seems to be the mood of many."

Carter, who has vowed to cut the defense budget, may have helped cut the ground from under that effort with his hard-hitting defense speech last week in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In that speech, the President decried the "massive forces" that the Soviet Union is building and pledged that "we will not allow any other nation to gain military superiority over us." He mentioned that he might order the nuclear block buster missile into production if the Soviet buildup continues unabated. The Pentagon currently has the MX at a medium development pace, requesting \$158.2 million for the weapon this year

compared to \$134.4 million last year.

Mahon said the MX was "one of the candidates" for the expected congressional additions. He said adding money for another Nimitz nuclear aircraft carrier, as the House Armed Services Committee is advocating, "would set you back big." President Carter did not ask any money this year for a nuclear carrier.

Charles W. Duncan, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Defense, said in a meeting with newsmen Monday that \$126 billion "is an appropriate number" and one that takes full account of the Soviet military buildup. Carter decried in his speech last week.

Duncan characterized the president's speech as "a strong reaffirmation of existing U.S. defense policies." Duncan added that "I don't see anything this year" in the way of Pentagon requests for extra money and that "clearly, we have not" asked Congress to add to the fiscal 1979 Defense budget now before it.

While running for president, Carter said he could cut Pentagon spending by \$5 to \$7 billion every year. The Carter administration contends that the fiscal 1979 request for \$126 billion fulfills that pledge because it is that

much lower than President Ford would have requested under past projections made by the Republican administration.

The House Armed Services Committee wrote the House Budget Committee last week that it believed \$2.6 billion would be added to the president's fiscal 1979 defense budget. Additions the committee intends to recommend to the House include \$2.3 billion for a Nimitz carrier and \$2.1 billion for a nuclear cruiser. To help offset these and other increases, the committee served notice that it intends to lop \$912 million from the Pentagon request for money for the Navy's Trident missile submarine.

The House Armed Services Committee, in its letter estimating the size of the fiscal 1979 defense budget, said its \$2.6 billion in additional budget authority would equate to \$441 million in spending. The extra money is needed, said the committee in recommending the addition on a 25-5 vote, to combat the Soviet buildup.

Three members of the House Armed Services Committee — Reps. Bob Carr, D-Mich., Thomas J. Downey, D-N.Y., and Pat Schroeder, D-Colo. — said the extra money was not needed, declaring: "The Pentagon resembles

a blubber pot into which so many calories have been stuffed that part of the latest does will be unconsumable and will dribble down its chin."

The House Appropriations Committee, in its letter to the House Budget Committee, said that the money requested by President Carter "is within a reasonable range of what is required," predicting the committee's final figure will come "within a few percentage points" of the requested totals.

The Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees recommended an addition of \$1.7 billion to the president's defense budget request. The Senate Armed Services Committee said the additions were required "in light of the continuing long-term quantitative and qualitative expansion of power and military capability of the Soviet Union." That committee said it was especially concerned about strategic programs in the Navy's shipbuilding budget.

Lebanon conflict eases while Israel regrouping

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Fighting slackened off in southern Lebanon today as Israeli forces consolidated their control of all territory south of the Litani River except the port of Tyre.

A token U.N. peacekeeping force was waiting to move in when fighting stopped, but U.N. officials in New York said it could be "weeks or months" before Israel heeded the Security Council's demand to withdraw its troops from Lebanese territory.

The Israeli army reported shelling guerrilla positions but said the level of firing had dropped.

Independent observers in Lebanon said the south was comparatively quiet after intensive Israeli bombardment of Tyre and other guerrilla fallback positions north and south of the Litani on Monday night.

A Palestinian communique issued in Beirut said Israel made two air strikes during the night against guerrilla positions near Tyre and in the Arkoub region, 50 miles to the west in the foothills of Mount Hermon.

Defense Minister Ezer Weisman told a news conference Israel decided not to occupy Tyre, the Palestinians' chief supply port 12 miles north of the Israeli-Lebanese border, "for reasons of population and to avoid more destruction."

Associated Press correspondent Aly Mahmoud reported from Tyre that the guerrillas remained in tenuous control of a nine-mile coastal strip, stretching from the Rashidieh refugee camp south of Tyre to the Litani, 15 miles north of the border.

"We don't have the weapons they have. We are outnumbered," Mahmoud Labadi of the Palestine Liberation Organization said.

Guerrilla fighters in Tyre cursed their Arab and Soviet backers for failing to come to their aid. "Tell our treacherous Arab leaders that we wish our guns were turned on them rather than on Israel," one guerrilla shouted from a trench.

Less than 300 beleaguered guerrilla fighters were holding on to the city and neighboring Palestinian refugee camps.

Israeli troops and tanks seized the approaches to the crusader city from the south, east and northeast. The Israeli navy blockaded the harbor and only the coastal highway to Beirut was still open.

The bulk of the 10,000 guerrillas retreated to fallback positions north of the Litani when the estimated 15,000-25,000 Israeli invaders launched their final offensive over the weekend.

Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Mordechai Gur, said the escape corridor to the north and the Kasbiya Bridge over the river were left open "so the people of Tyre won't feel encircled."

The Israeli Cabinet declared Israel would not withdraw from southern Lebanon until it received assurances that the area "will no longer serve as a base for the terrorists and their murderous attacks." Gur said that to be effective, the U.N. peacekeeping unit must keep guerrillas away from the Litani River, Tyre and the border areas.

Lebanon complained to the United Nations about Israeli air and naval bombardments. Its ambassador gave the U.N. a list of "hostile acts" his government said Israel committed since the Security Council's withdrawal resolution was adopted Sunday.

Lt. Gen. Ennio Sillasvuo, commander-in-chief of the U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, flew from Jerusalem to Beirut today to discuss arrangements to deploy peacekeeping units in the south. U.N. sources in New York indicated sizable forces would not be sent in until the fighting stopped.



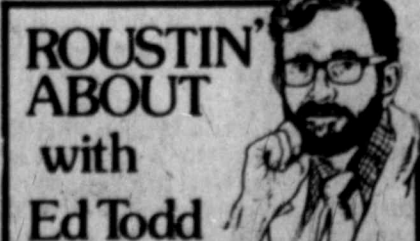
THE COMING OF SPRING creates a peachy situation in the backyard of Taft Morris, 1003 W. Kentucky Ave., as soaring temperatures coax a flurry of blooming on Morris' peach trees. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

Kite contest presents more crash than flight

The chieftain known within the tribe as "Big Tumbleweed" really was trying to get his first-ever show into the air.

He was having mixed success. Most of the homemade kites were lifting off. Some were having tail problems. And some just weren't meant to fly — although good and novel intent were behind the designs.

The Saturday afternoon event was the Midland Central's YMCA first fling at a kite-flying contest for "Indian Princesses" and the "Indian Guides" and their parents. The organization wasn't too sound,



but spirits were soaring. "Big Tumbleweed," whose real name is Walt Temple, turned to the four unseasoned judges at the event (Continued on Page 2A)

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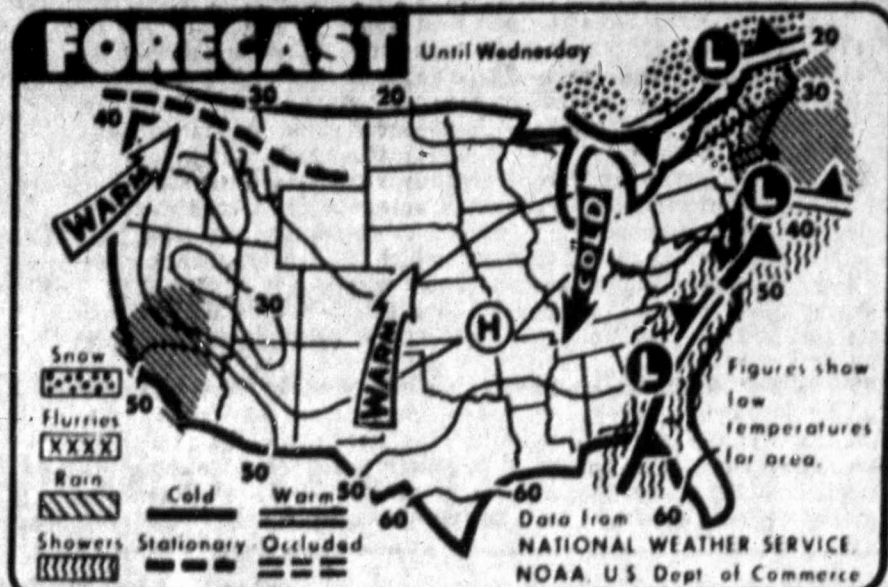
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WEATHER SUMMARY



A MIXTURE of rain and snow is forecast today for New England, with showers expected for the rest of the East Coast. The National Weather Service also predicts rain in the Southwest. Temperatures are expected to be cool over New England and mild elsewhere. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANNEY, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. High Wednesday in the low 50s. Low tonight near 30. Winds becoming southerly tonight at 10 to 15 mph.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 58 degrees

Overnight Low: 31 degrees

Room today: 70 to 75 degrees

Sunrise tomorrow: 6:39 a.m.

Setback today: 7:01 p.m.

Precipitation: 0.00 inches

100% to date: 0.00 inches

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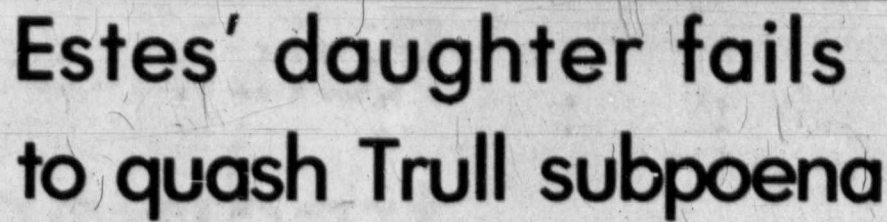
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Raisin sauce tops off traditional Easter ham



No traditional Easter dinner is complete without baked ham, but this year give your ham a touch of elegance with this raisin-brandy sauce. For a

special treat, flambe the sauce at the table in front of family and guests.

Raisins enrich our diets year 'round, but they especially come to mind during the Easter season as one of our most traditional foods. Families awaken to fragrant, yeasty raisin breads and coffeecakes on Easter morning. Snack-sized packages of raisins in the Easter basket delight little children. And what would the traditional Easter ham be without a sweet raisin sauce to top it off?

This Easter season, add raisins to your shopping list and surprise your family with a new, raisiny-good Easter treat.

Easter egg hunts are an annual event. This year, try hiding a few raisin snack packs along with the candy eggs. Mothers will approve.

Or, add a special touch to the traditional baked ham by serving Raisin Apple Brandy Sauce alongside. A delicious blend of sweet and sour, this elegant sauce is surprisingly easy to prepare in a matter of minutes. Raisins and apple slices are gently poached in a lemony syrup, then beautifully flamed in front of family or guests at the table, if you wish.

Flaming sauces are really not difficult to make if you remember two simple rules. First, the liquor you use must have a high alcoholic content. Most after-dinner liquors, such as brandy, are perfect. Second, the liquor must be warmed to just below boiling before igniting.

For best results, prepare the raisin sauce in the kitchen over the stove. When dinner is about to be served, bring the sauce to the table in a chafing dish and keep it barely simmering over a low flame. Pour the warm brandy over the sauce, ignite and spoon the sauce over slices of ham.

For another twist on the "Easter ham" theme, try this recipe for Raisin Easter Glaze, a delicious and convenient blend of raisins, mustard and apricot-pineapple jam.

RAISIN APPLE BRANDY SAUCE

1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup apple brandy
1/4 cup raisins
1 tart green apple, thinly sliced
1 lemon, sliced
Melt butter in a skillet; stir in sugar, cinnamon, 1/4 cup of the brandy and raisins; simmer to dissolve sugar. Poach apple slices in syrup until just tender. Add lemon; cook until slices are translucent, but still hold their shape. Warm remaining 1/4 cup brandy, ignite and pour over sauce. Serve warm with sliced ham. Makes about 2 cups sauce.

NOTE: Plain brandy can be substituted for the apple brandy. For

a non-alcoholic version, substitute apple juice for the brandy and omit flaming.

EASTER RAISIN GLAZE

1 jar (18 ozs.) apricot-pineapple jam
3 tbsps. lemon juice
2 tbsps. prepared mustard
1/4 cup raisins
Heat jam in saucepan over medium heat, stirring until melted. Blend in lemon juice and mustard. Brush all but 1 cup of the glaze over ham during last half hour of baking. Stir raisins into reserved glaze. Spoon over ham during last 10 minutes, watching carefully to prevent raisins from over baking. Any remaining glaze can be reheated to be passed as a sauce for the ham slices.

Crushed pineapple gives Easter bread new look

Something good is happening to hot cross buns, a traditional Eastertime bread.

PINEAPPLE CLUSTER BUNS

1 (8oz.) can crushed pineapple
1 package active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
2 large eggs
1/4 cup syrup from pineapple
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup wheat germ
Pineapple Glaze
Turn pineapple into wire strainer over bowl, and let drain, saving syrup. Sprinkle yeast over warm water in mixing bowl, and let stand 5 minutes to soften. Beat eggs. Set aside 1 tablespoon beaten egg to glaze buns. Stir remainder of egg into yeast, along with 1/4 cup syrup from pineapple, 1/4 cup sugar, melted butter and 1 cup flour. Mix well. Add salt, nutmeg and wheat germ. Gradually blend in remaining 1 1/4 cups flour to make a moderately stiff dough. Cover bowl, and let rise in warm place until

doubled, about 1 hour. Meanwhile, turn drained pineapple and any remaining syrup into small saucepan, and add remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until consistency of thick jam. Cool. When dough has risen, punch down, and roll out on floured board to a rectangle 9 by 12 inches. Cut into 3-inch squares. Set aside 1 tablespoon pineapple filling for glaze. Divide remainder among squares of dough. Fold corners together to cover filling, pinching to seal, and round up. Place seam-side down in well greased 9-inch layer cake pan. Cover pan and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 45 to 60 minutes. Brush with reserved beaten egg. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F) 30 to 35 minutes, until nicely browned. Let cool about 15 minutes, then spoon Pineapple Glaze over. Serve warm. Makes 12 buns.

Pineapple Glaze: Mix reserved tablespoon pineapple filling, 3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar and a few drop warm water to a good spreading consistency.

NEEDLEPLAY

Waffle stitch sounds good enough to eat

By ERICA WILSON

Has anybody ever heard of the "waffle stitch"? Though it sounds like something that should definitely be served with butter and maple syrup, the waffle stitch is actually an intriguing, hard-wearing stitch that's perfect for rugs, foot stools, chair seats, floor pillows, vests, slippers—anything that's going to get lots of human contact.

The stitch was first taught to me by a German lady in one of my seminars (yes, I often learn while I'm teaching), and when I "introduced" it in my newsletter, it raised quite a furor among friends and teachers. It seems the waffle stitch has been around for some time under all sorts of aliases: my friend Muriel Baker (author of "The XYZs of Canvas Embroidery") had published it under the name of "Southern Cross"; Joe Bucher, in "The Complete Guide to Creative Needlepoint," calls it "plait stitch crossed" or "Mexican cross stitch." Constance Howard, the well-known needlework instructor, calls it the "granny stitch." Katherine Ireys, in her "Encyclopedia of Canvas Embroidery Stitch Patterns," calls it—finally—the "waffle stitch."

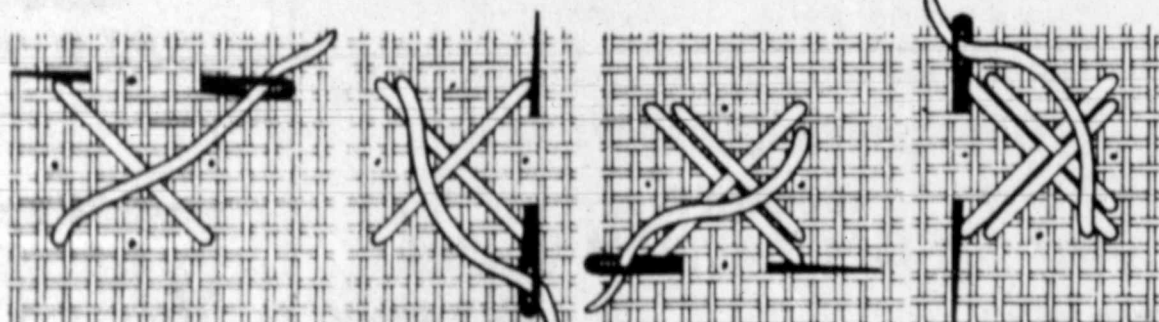
It's really a very simple stitch that looks complicated—a "crossed cross stitch" if you will—and its possibilities are limitless. A young girl I taught it to wrote and told me she's raised thousands of dollars for her church fair from projects done in this seemingly humble stitch.

The director of my stitchery school, Edie Lynch, made herself a wonderful belt with bands of waffle stitch alternating with bands of bargello stitch. She worked the first few stitches of her waffle in dark colors, next in medium and finally went to light, which gave a totally unique effect.

That's perhaps its greatest appeal as far as I can see—you can work the waffle stitch in all sizes, and in one or two colors or in myriads of colors, mixing several in one stitch to heighten the 3-D effect. It's all a matter of sitting down and deciding how you want to "showcase" the waffle stitch.

You could make a contemporary, Vasarely-like wall hanging by covering a piece of large canvas with waffle stitches that blend into one another in all different sizes and op-art colors. Or to lean even further in the op-art direction, work a band of slanting satin stitches on the lower right hand side of each waffle stitch so they magically become 3-D boxes.

One last thought: Don't limit yourself when it comes to your thread either. Bring together fine cottons with delicate silk and bold rug wool—



Waffle Stitch

To begin: Come up on the upper left, go down on the lower right to form the first diagonal of the cross stitch.

Come up on the lower left and go in on the upper right to complete the cross. Make sure your cross fits into a square.

Now come up one thread in on the upper left. Go down on the lower right, one thread

in, and come up one thread in on the upper right. (You can just take a stitch across, as in the diagram.)

Repeat, working around the square. Continue until the square is completely covered, giving a most satisfactory three-dimensional effect!

luscious combinations that will make your waffle stitch almost edible!

(Erica shows you how to stitch a timeless record of a special event—a new baby, a birthday, an anniversary—in her new 48-page book "Say It With Stitches." Twenty-one traceable designs, plus scores

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Give new life to white walls

By BARBARA HARTUNG
Copley News Service

Q. I am moving into a new condominium and am unsure just what to do in the living room. I want to create a dramatic and interesting background for new furniture I plan to buy which will be comfortable. I want furnishings but with a clean,

contemporary look. But the all white walls right now seem terribly stark.

I would like to warm them up with a bit of color or wallpaper. I don't particularly want a lot of pattern, so I was thinking about a grasscloth to give texture to the wall. I would like wallpaper because I want to close off a window in the living room and eliminate it completely. Would this be a solution, or do you have any other ideas?—S.H.

A. I think your idea of grasscloth is great. It can provide marvelous texture and a warm background without the distraction of a pattern. Be certain you hire someone capable of closing off your window carefully so that it will not show when you wallpaper over it.

I do want to suggest one additional idea that I think is interesting. Designer Foster Hamilton used matchstick bamboo to cover walls in a living room to set a tropical mood. To add to the room he

covered a sofa in a jungle print of foliage camouflaging wild animals. Brass and glass in updated Chippendale tables added to the crisp look of the room. If you could not find matchstick bamboo, what about that reed fencing that is available in do-it-yourself stores? That provides a lovely natural background and could be tacked to the wall and held with contrasting or matching wooden strips of wood at top and bottom. I think this kind of wall treatment could be effective for a whole room or just one wall—such as a bed wall in a bedroom where you wanted to create a dramatic backdrop for a splashy picture or woodcarving.

Q. I would appreciate your help in selecting a wall color and carpeting for my living room. I have two love seats on a gold background with a floral pattern of blues, greens and burnt orange. I have two gold French provincial chairs and one blue

club chair. They are all covered in velvet. I also have a French provincial piano in fruitwood. My tables are also in fruitwood. The room is 18x27-feet and has a bay window.—M.E.

A. You have quite a number of choices for wall and carpeting color. I would imagine, you really should consider, however, before making a decision, whether the room is cool or warm. If you have a souther or western exposure, your room is probably quite warm and if you look east or north, chances are you have a cool room.

Most people like to use warm colors if the room is cool for example, you might prefer a pale gold to warm up a cool room. However, if your room is quite sunny, perhaps a soft blue or green would be more pleasant. If you chose a pale gold for the walls, I'd then probably choose a slightly deeper gold for the carpeting. Or with gold walls, you might like a rust or burnt orange carpeting for your room. If you went for blue walls, a slightly deeper blue for the floor. Light green walls and a deeper green for the floor would be nice looking.

Girl Scouts entertain

Members of Girl Scout Troop 35 entertained residents of Leisure Lodge on St. Patrick's Day with songs.

The girls, among their selections, sang "Happy Birthday" to two residents, Troy Seago and Vera Connell, who have birthdays this month.

Girls participating were Lisa Forde, Sammie Siebert, Christy Smith, Paula Fisher, Shawna Cleere. The leader is Pam Smith, and the co-leader is Susan Hanson.

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Begin with one dirty chimney -- let's say a fireplace not cleaned for a couple of years. The soot lining the chimney flue is saturated with flammable stuff called creosote. (More detail on creosote is available in any dictionary.) It doesn't take much to ignite creosote -- a newspaper fire sending flames up to the damper is enough.

Once kindled, creosote burns with joyous abandon. In a matter of seconds the fire spreads up through the flue creating a draft that only helps things along. At this point your average chimney fire begins to roar and howl, sending the occupants of the house running for cover.

If you run, you'll be treated to a real fire works show. As the creosote fire builds and intensifies the heat melts the mortar between the brick. The red-hot mortar actually drips into the flue, only to be caught up in the tremendous up-draft, and these little fire balls shoot out the chimney and onto the roof. If you're lucky, the chimney will fall apart destroying one end of the building -- if you're not, this miniature volcano can bring the whole house down.

However, if you stand your ground a chimney fire can be controlled. CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, throw rock salt on the floor of the fireplace, cover the opening with a wet blanket and hope for the best. But it should be pointed out that having your chimney cleaned is a lot easier on the nerves than the rock salt and wet blanket method.

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Holding some of the awards captured by the Joseph Black Society are, left to right,

Larry Linne, Chrissie Faller, Tami Lynne and Tony Faller. (Staff Photo)

CAR society captures 17 awards

The history book submitted by the Joseph Black Society, Children of the American Revolution, won first place in the historian's contest at the CAR state conference held in Austin.

The history book was compiled by Larry Linne, historian of the Joseph Black Society.

A total of 17 awards were received by the society and individual members at the conference. Other awards were received in the areas of president's art contest, registrar's program, Mini-Marathon, publications, contributions to the state building fund, CAR-Daughters of the American Revolution, CAR-Sons of the American Revolution, participation in the state quilt, attendance at national convention in Washington, D.C., and Texas Society State Merit Award.

First place trophy in the Mini-Marathon (3 miles)

for boys 13-21 years of age went to Linne. A special certificate was presented to Brandi Linne, 3, for completing half the course, which was along Waller Creek.

Midland members and guests attending the conference were Leaf Faller, Tony Faller, Chrissie Faller, Kathleen Hastings, Tami Lynne, Larry Linne, Brandi Linne, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Faller and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Linne.

The next meeting of the society will be April 2 in the home of Mrs. E. H. Judson and will be a party honoring graduating seniors of the society.

The Joseph Black Society is sponsored by the Lt. William Brewer Chapter and Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the SAR.

DEAR ABBY

Invitation to wedding confuses reader

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: A month ago we received an invitation to a wedding in England. (We live in Maryland.) The groom has been a guest in our home on several occasions—and we are friendly with his parents.

Yesterday we received word from the groom's mother saying that we would not be included in the very small family wedding group, but were expected at the reception, and she hopes that we will "understand."

We were terribly hurt and do NOT "understand."

We are on a retirement income, and would not consider making such a costly trip for a "reception" only. But if we were invited to the wedding, we would gladly go.

I have already written to tell them that "something has developed" that may prevent us from making the trip, in order to leave it open for the moment.

Are we wrong to feel as we do? What would you do?—FRUSTRATED

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I would write to the groom (leave his mother out of it) and tell him that it is customary to invite out-of-town guests to the ceremony, and unless you are included, you must decline. Period.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that you or one of your readers may be able to help me with. I own several ranches in the Wyoming-Colorado area, and when I meet a city person for the first time and he learns that I'm in ranching, he invariably asks, "How many acres do you have?"

Abby, I consider this a very personal question. It would be like asking someone, "What is your net worth?" or, "How much is in your bank account?"

I realize that they mean no harm, and are just trying to make conversation, but I also feel that how many acres I have is none of their business.

Can you (or one of your readers) suggest an answer that wouldn't hurt their feelings, and at the

same time wouldn't give beautiful in my eyes. child! She should be in I'm sure other mothers them any information. However, the eldest is an what a heartbreaker that have to deal with it, too.—

operation? — child with a head full of blonde will be when she MIDWEST MOM

RANCHER: golden curls, enormous grows up!" (She is 7, and DEAR MOM: There is

DEAR RANCHER: brown eyes and long dark she's already asking me no help for the idiot. You

Any evasive response will lashes. I know she's when she is going to start up by signaling with your

do, provided it's given in pretty, and so does she. breaking hearts!) face or hand—or your

a friendly, good-humored and so do her sisters, who Please comment about foot, if necessary. But I'll

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(b) "Not enough." (c) My problem, Abby, is child in the presence of that well-meaning but

"All I can handle." the well-meaning idiot brothers and sisters. It thoughtless strangers

DEAR ABBY: I have who stops me in the makes it so hard on the who are overwhelmed by

three healthy, wonderful supermarket when I am others. the beauty of a child will

daughters, ages 7, 5 and with all three and says, Any suggestions on how think twice before they

3, and they are all "My, what a GORGEOUS to handle these idiots? speak.



AT WIT'S END

Mouth says 'yes'; knees say 'no'

By ERMA BOMBECK

It's no use for me to diet. I know that now. All those years when my knees rubbed together whispered "No, no," but there was a "Yes, yes" in my mouth. I fought the battle.

All those years when I lost ten pounds every Monday (five in my neck and five in my bust), I hung in there.

All those years when I embraced cottage cheese as a formal religion, I gave it my all.

But after yesterday, I have to admit, I'm beaten. I'm fighting the battle alone.

It started in the morning when I faced the refrigerator with my hand over my heart and once again pledged allegiance to hunger. I poured myself a half glass of tomato juice with half a glass of butter-milk and tossed it down. I felt virtuous.

At lunch, I threw down a cup of bouillon and pretended celery was wicked.

I had dinner ready to serve by 3:30 in the afternoon. It was well-balanced and would be totally satisfying. Broiled fish, an oil-free salad, asparagus and an apple.

At 4:00 p.m. I looked at the dinner again. It looked

pale, so I surrounded it with a fruit salad with coconut in it.

At 4:30, with nothing to do, I rolled out a pan of biscuits to pop into the oven.

By 5:00, the asparagus looked naked without a sauce, so I opted for a Hollandaise.

By 5:30, I was furious. How dare my husband be late and force me to obesity? I added whipped potatoes to the meal.

By 6:00, the fish looked terminal. I decided to get my husband's mind off the small main course by giving him a robust appetizer. I rolled out those little butter, cheese and flour things stuffed with olives and popped them in the oven.

By 6:15, I sliced the apples and covered them with a pie.

At 6:30, my husband walked into the kitchen. "I'm home!" he shouted brightly.

"You ain't all! You don't care about other people at all. How they look. How they feel about themselves. If I go to my grave with panyhose around my hips, let it be on you! conscience!"

He pretended he didn't know what I was talking about.

Dairyman packages milk for long-term storage

SUMNER, Wash. (AP)—Curley deTray says he can't understand all the fuss Eastern researchers are going through to keep milk fresh, since he's been doing it successfully for more than three years.

The process is called ultra-pasteurization, or sterilization, in which deTray flash-heats the milk, then flash-cools it, killing virtually all bacteria. He claims milk can be stored weeks or months without spoiling,

and the flash-method keeps it from tasting as if it's been cooked. Pasteurized milk, which must be refrigerated, has a maximum "shelf life" of about two weeks—less, if the container is opened fairly soon after packaging.

DeTray runs Valley Fresh Products here, packaging milk under the Stayfresh label. Besides whole milk, the Valley Fresh line includes 2 per

cent milk, chocolate milk and carob-flavored milk for an Oregon health food store.

DeTray's customers include Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, the Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration. He doesn't sell Stayfresh products locally.

His processing room is pressurized, and only

filtered, sterile air can get in. Working parts of the packaging machinery are lubricated with steam.

Only one person works in the processing room at a time, and the worker must wear sterile clothing.

"We've got milk that's been sitting outside for three months that's still as fresh as the day we bottled it," said DeTray.

That milk was packaged in a special carton, made of cardboard and lined with foil. The foil makes a tighter package and keeps out the light, providing a three to four month unrefrigerated shelf life.

although it must be shipped refrigerated because of Agriculture Department requirements, he said.

DeTray pulled a carton out of a cabinet and shook it.

"This one's been in here a while—couple of months—and it's still good. You can tell. If they go bad, they swell up," he said.

And the taste?

"It's incredible," said Larry Snyder of Puyallup, taking another sip from the glass. "I think it's actually better than regular milk."

"That's what everyone says," DeTray said. "They say they can't believe it."

HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGNER

(Wed., March 22)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Consider well your overall ambitions and goals and then reduce them to a working success by your own efforts and initiative. Be meticulous in your thinking.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make plans that are practical in both business and at home and get better results in the days ahead. Change diet where necessary and enjoy better health. Stop being so belligerent.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Improve health and appearance before you go out for recreation and have more enjoyment. Don't neglect outstanding bills.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get your basic affairs in better order and all works out admirably for you now. Improve your home so that everyone is happier in it.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make routines more efficient—running so that you get better results and more leisure time. Don't neglect necessary shopping and correspondence. A more optimistic attitude is vital now.

LEO (July 22 to August 21) Seek out financial experts who can give you excellent ideas on how to improve your position in life. Economize and build up a reserve.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22) You are highly magnetic today and can get excellent results in dealing with others. Get together with close ties and have a good time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Handle private and confidential matters well today and get good results. A better understanding with loved ones is possible now. Use a more masterful approach.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Pigeonhole friends and relatives so that they work out best in your social and recreational activities. Making new contacts is also good, especially where business matters are concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Consult with those at the head of groups and organizations for the information you want. Get into civic work that is good for you and your community.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20) Look at everything from a more expanded perspective and you can grow accordingly. Cultivate new acquaintances, socially and in business. These can be good for you in the days ahead.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19) Handle obligations efficiently and you benefit since your thinking is exceptionally clear. Be more cooperative.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20) Long talks with allies can bring greater accord and more ideas for expansion and success in the future. Civic work you do is also helpful.



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DEATHS



La Don Liscum

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La Don Liscum, 59, of 1405 Princeton Ave. died Sunday morning in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Midland Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Hermanson officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newell W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Liscum was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Fredricksburg, Iowa. He spent his early life in that area where he and Anne Roberts were married. After World War II, they moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where Liscum started his postal career Feb. 4, 1946, as a clerk.

In 1951, the family came to Midland, where Liscum continued in the postal service. He retired in 1974 as a customer services representative of the Midland Sectional Center.

Liscum was a member of the Midland Lutheran Church, having served in various capacities, including Sunday school teacher, elder and president of the congregation.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Donald P. Liscum of Midland and Van W. Liscum of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Howard of Mexico and Mrs. Tony Smith of Midland; his stepmother, Mrs. Forrest Ward of Waterloo, Iowa; his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnson of Waterloo, Iowa; three brothers, Kenneth P. Liscum of Waverly, Iowa, Elvin C. Johnson of Waterloo, Iowa, and Ronald D. Johnson of Jesup, Iowa, and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be given to a favorite charity or Midland Lutheran Church.

Pallbearers were to be Richard Scott, John Evans, Charles Houpt, Clarence Tucker, Richard Reed and Fred Chaney.

Mrs. M. Hamlin

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Eugene (Margaurite) Hamlin, 48, of Ruidoso, N.M., and formerly of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickel Funeral Home here with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hamlin died Saturday night at her home.

She was born Sept. 28, 1929, in Denton. She married Eugene Hamlin March 15, 1947, in Burkett. She had lived in Ruidoso the past 10 years, moving there from Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Linda Kellogg of Oklahoma City; two sons, Charles Hamlin and

Bobby Hamlin, both of Sweetwater; her mother, Mrs. Brodie Cain of Big Spring; a brother, Charles Cain of Big Spring; her grandmother, Mrs. Ed Roberts of Big Spring, and three grandchildren.

Helen Booher

LUBBOCK — Services for Miss Helen Ruth Booher, 60, of Lubbock, sister of Winfred H. Booher of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home with the Rev. John Denmark, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Miss Booher died Sunday in a Lubbock hospital after a long illness.

A Slaton native, she moved to Dallas in 1939. Following her retirement from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in 1976, she came to Lubbock. She was a member of the Oaklawn United Methodist Church in Dallas.

She is survived by another brother.

A.A. Zolinger

BIG SPRING — Services for A. A. "Al" Zolinger, 65, of Big Spring were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickel Funeral Home. Burial was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Zolinger died Sunday night in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Aug. 9, 1912, in Bell County and moved to Big Spring in 1930. He married Juanita Welch in 1934 in Big Spring. He was a retired civil service employee. He was a Lutheran and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sue Wall of Denver and Ede Weaver of Big Spring; a son, Jeremy Zolinger of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. L. T. Lounsbury of Sun Valley, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Ella Sherron

CRANE — Services for Ella Sherron, 71, were to be at 10 a.m. today in Tabernacle Baptist Church here. Burial was to be in Crane Garden of Memories directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sherron died Sunday in a Rankin hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Aug. 30, 1906, in South Pittsburg, Tenn. She married Claude Sherron June 6, 1923. He died in 1966.

Survivors include four daughters, Bernice Kneupper of Crane and Ella Mae Slatler, both of Crane, June Reed of Wichita Falls and Lena Dutton of Garden Valley; a son, Gene Sherron of Wisconsin; three sisters, Jeannie Terry, Nannie House and Mrs. Odessa Holland, all of Tennessee, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mollie Masten

Services for Mollie Wimberley Masten, 79, of Midland will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Newell W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Elbert Smith, pastor of Bellview Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Masten died Monday morning in a Midland hospital. She resided in a Midland nursing home.

She was born Aug. 3, 1898, in Ballinger, and lived there until age 12. Her family then moved to Mitchell

County. She married the late Sam Wimberley in 1914.

They moved to Midland in 1929, purchasing the present Wimberley Farms north of Midland. They moved to Crane in 1949 where Wimberley was in the furniture and appliance business. They returned to Midland in 1968 and resumed farming.

Mrs. Masten served as hostess for senior citizens at the Museum of the Southwest. She was a member of Bellview Baptist Church. She was a member of the Crane Study Club, Voluntary Club, Hospital Auxiliary, the Home Demonstration Club and the Crane Business and Professional Club.

She is survived by two sons, Melvin Wimberley and Loyd R. Wimberley, both of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Cook of Dalhart; a brother, Tom Gill of Seagoville; three sisters, Lillian Ross of Pecos, Lura Blalock of Florence, Ariz., and Mrs. Audrey Lee of Lorraine, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Billy Higdon

BROWNFIELD — Services for Billy Higdon, 71, of Brownfield will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Southside Church of Christ here. Doyle Kelcy, pastor, will officiate.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, Texas, directed by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Higdon was the brother of G. H.

Higdon, Rufus Higdon, Joe Higdon, Georgia Cooper and Mrs. Ione Dunn, all of Midland.

He died Monday morning in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

A native of Arcadia, La., he grew up in Wellington. He married Opal Joy Kennedy Dec. 28, 1928, in Memphis. The couple moved to Brownfield in 1942. He worked for Broadway Cleaners and Phillips Cleaners here until his retirement a few years ago.

He was a member of the Southside Church of Christ.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, a sister, seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

B. Hutcheison

TEMPLE — B. J. Hutcheison, 66, of Sweetwater died Monday in a Temple hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickel Funeral Home in Big Spring with burial in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born in 1911 in Lampasas. He lived in Big Spring from 1945 until 1968, when he moved to Sweetwater. He retired as an engineer for Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1976 after 32 years of service. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Hutcheison, and five children.

Myrtle Edgar

LUBBOCK — Services for Myrtle Edgar, 94, of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in the W. W. Rix Chapel with burial in the City of Lubbock Cemetery directed by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Edgar died Sunday in Big Spring after a long illness.

A native of Freestone County, she came to Lubbock in 1921 from Childress and later moved to Big Spring. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Chester Jaymes of Lubbock and Mrs. Edward Cruz of Big Spring; three sons, R. S. Odom and C. E. Odom, both of Clovis, N.M., and J. Clyde Odom of Lubbock; a brother, W. R. Debnam of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. B. E. Miller of San Angelo, 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

C. M. Sparkman

BOERNE — Services for Clarence Marvin Sparkman, 87, of Boerne, a former Glasscock County judge, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Ebersberger Funeral Home here with burial in Mission Burial Park North in Bexar County.

Sparkman died Saturday in a Kerrville hospital after an illness.

He was born June 26, 1890, in Crawford. He was a lifelong farmer

and rancher. He was a member of the Boerne Baptist Church.

He served as county judge in Glasscock County from 1941-1948.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Sparkman; three daughters, Joy Wilkerson of Garden City, Mrs. Gordon Monroe of Kerrville and Mrs. Raymond Powell of San Antonio, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Money taken in strong-arm Odessa robbery

ODESSA — A lone bandit took an undetermined amount of cash during a strong-arm robbery Monday night of Towne Motel, 4923 Andrews Highway.

An Ector County Sheriff's investigator said the robbery occurred about 8:30 p.m. after a man entered the motel to pay for lodging. When the clerk opened the cash door to accept the money, the man pushed the clerk, a woman in her 70s, to the floor, breaking her glasses, the investigator said.

Shortly after 2 a.m., Odessa police received a report that a female clerk at the 7-Eleven store, 1200 E. 10th St. was struck during what was believed to have been a robbery attempt.

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GRAMMER-MURPHEY

Fraternity breaks keg rolling record

LUBBOCK — "Everything went great," Mark Null, a Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity member in Alpine, said Monday after he and several other members completed a 340-mile keg roll from Alpine to Lubbock.

Starting out from Alpine at 7 p.m. Friday, the fraternity brothers pushed their way into Lubbock at approximately 2 a.m. Monday, "way ahead of schedule," according to Null.

Not only did the fraternity break the world's record for keg rolling, but they raised roughly \$10,000 for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Null said.

With the help of a public address system and CB radios belonging to the caravan which escorted the barrel rollers, he said they were able to solicit a "whole lot more donations" for the hospital. Initially, persons and groups had pledged a certain amount of money for every mile the fraternity rolled. Many towns along the way, Null said, fixed meals for them. He said fire trucks escorted them through town.

Null said because of the success of the keg-rolling venture, other chapters of the fraternity are planning a keg roll from Los Angeles to Boston.

Midlander sentenced for false W-4 form

U.S. District Judge D. W. Suttle in Midland Monday sentenced Vance D. Cawthon of Amarillo to two years imprisonment for making false statements on an Internal Revenue Service W-4 form.

Cawthon was convicted Feb. 3 of three counts of making the false statements. Suttle sentenced Cawthon to three one-year prison terms, but made two of them concurrent.

Man accused of taking sum mistakenly in his account

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — A 52-year-old bachelor accused of taking off with \$100,000 mistakenly credited to his bank account has been traced to Las Vegas, authorities say.

Charles Walsh has been sought since Feb. 9 when authorities say he emptied his account at Commercial Trust Co., which says \$100,000 was mistakenly credited to the account. Jersey City police said Thursday the FBI and the department have traced the former coin dealer to the gambling capital "where he has cashed a lot of travelers checks," but he has not been located.

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Fashions that are well worth remembering, fashion accents from Dalton. Solid brown open front collared jacket, \$59, natural color slim skirt, \$39, natural color four button blazer, \$95, natural color front box pleat skirt, \$48, multi-color cotton plaid shirt, \$49.

GRAMMER-MURPHEY



AT LEAST ONE person was killed and 14 others injured when this barge caught fire and exploded during loading operations at the Getty Oil Co. refinery at Delaware City, Del., shortly after noon Monday.

The Coast Guard said the mishap occurred as the barge, which had just been filled with 15,000 barrels of jet fuel, was being pushed away from the Getty pier into the river.

Wildcat, field activity reported in Permian Basin oil, gas regions

A&B Oil Co. of Monahans will re-enter and plug back to 3,350 feet for tests of the Delaware as a wildcat for the former American Quasar No. 1 State of Texas in Reeves County.

The operation, 13 miles northwest of Toyah, is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 28, block 59, psi survey.

It was drilled to 14,485 feet and abandoned in August 1973 by American Quasar. It will be operated as No. 1 State of Texas. There is no nearby production.

DAWSON WELL

Petroleum Exploration & Development Funds, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Crow has been completed 1 1/4 miles northeast of the depleted discovery well of the Patricia, North field of Dawson County.

Five miles southwest of Lamesa, the well finished for a daily pumping potential of 105 barrels of 39.7-gravity oil, plus 47 barrels of load water, through perforations from 8,160 to 8,180 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 648-1.

The well was drilled to 13,300 feet in the Spraberry, and 4 1/2-inch casing was cemented at total depth.

Location is 660 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 21, block 36, T-S-N, T&P survey.

GULF GASSER

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 J. W. Cadenhead has been finished in the G-M (Pennsylvanian gas) field of Ward County, 10 miles northwest of Barstow.

The project, 1 1/4 miles west of the one-well field, finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 39.8 million cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 16,246 to 17,051 feet, through 25,000 gallons of acid and 4,000 gallons of fracture solution.

The project was drilled to 17,980 feet and plugged back to 17,816 feet. Seven and 3/4-inch liner was set at 17,950 feet.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from northeast and northwest lines of section 18, block 1, W&NW survey.

PECOS WELL

Mobil Oil Corp. No. 1 State-Ive Gas Unit has been completed in the Coyanosa (10,475 Mississippian) field of Pecos County, 23 miles northwest of Fort Stockton.

A re-entry project, it finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 2.6 million cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 11,535 to 11,568 feet.

A former Devonian and Ellenburger gas well, No. 1 State-Ive is 1,320 feet from north and 950 feet from east lines of section 12, block 48, T-S, T&P survey.

It is the second Mississippian well in the field and is 2 1/4 miles northwest of the other well.

MIDLAND WELL

John L. Cox of Midland No. 2-B Braun is a new well in the Parks

(Spraberry) field of Midland County, 12 miles southwest of Midland.

It is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 20, block 40, T-S-S, T&P survey.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 64 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 60 barrels of water, through perforations from 9,132-9,233 feet; 8,490-9,708 feet and 7,809-7,858 feet. The lower set was fractured with 60,000 gallons, the upper set with 40,000 gallons.

Total depth is 9,700 feet.

UPTON WELL

John L. Cox of Midland No. 2-F Owens is a new well in the Upton County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field, 12 miles northeast of Rankin.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 127 barrels of 38-gravity oil, through perforations from 6,919 to 6,941 feet; from 7,160 to 7,802 feet and from 8,264 to 8,364 feet.

The lower set was fractured with 50,000 gallons; the middle set with 40,000 gallons and the upper set with 40,000 gallons.

Gas-oil ratio was 760-1. Total depth is 8,430 feet and 4 1/2-inch casing is set at total depth.

In addition to the oil, it made 22 barrels of water.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 33, block Y, GC&SF survey.

GAINES PRODUCER

Exxon Co., U.S.A. No. 6 Exxon-Sheal has been finished in the Robertson, North (San Andres) field of Gaines County, seven miles southwest of Seminole.

The well potential on the pump for 206 barrels of oil and 384 barrels of water, through perforations from 4,594 to 4,683 feet. Gas-oil ratio and gravity have not been reported.

The well is bottomed at 4,840 feet and 4 1/2-inch pipe is set at 4,839 feet.

Location is 467 feet from south and 960 feet from west lines of section 10, block A-24, psi survey.

RUNNELS TESTS

MDH Oil & Gas Co. of Cross Plains spotted two 4,500-foot wildcats in Runnels County near the Kuper multipay Gardner field, 5.5 miles northeast of Winters.

No. 1 Jounson is 3/4 mile northwest of depleted production and 1,533 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of J. M. Espinosa survey No. 500. Ground elevation is 1,874 feet.

No. 1 Kick Kruse, one location southwest of depleted production, is 2,150 feet from south and 900 feet from east lines of Thomas Green survey No. 498. Ground elevation is 1,872 feet.

WILDCAT SITE

Delray Oil, Inc., of San Antonio No. 1 Raymond Rush is to be drilled as a 3,900-foot wildcat in Runnels County, 2.5 miles southwest of Talpa.

It is 1,378 feet from south and 2,600 feet from east lines of section 110,

ETRR survey and 2,310 feet southeast of a dual Leonard (Palo Pinto) and Leonard, North (3460) well.

CROCKETT TRY

William N. Beach of Midland No. 1-B Noelke is to be drilled as a 2,400-foot wildcat in Crockett County, 11 miles southeast of Iraan.

The test is 2,310 feet northeast of depleted gas production in the Olson multipay area.

MAG TEST

Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., No. 1-28 State is to be drilled one location southwest of its No. 1 State of Texas, opener of the MAG (Pennsylvanian oil) field in Crockett County, 18 miles southeast of Rankin.

The 9,850-foot operation is 1,830 feet from north and 875 feet from east lines of section 28, block 5, University Lands survey. Ground elevation is 2,628 feet.

CROCKETT WELL

C. F. Lawrence & Association, Inc., of Midland No. 1-B Todd has been finished as a long extender to the Howard Draw (Grayburg-San Andres) field of Crockett County.

Two miles northeast of other production and 16 miles north of Ozona, it was finished for a calculated, absolute open flow of 500,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 1,228 to 1,244 feet, through 2,000 gallons of acid.

Wellsite is 660 feet from north and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 55, block UV, GC&SF survey.

CHAVES TEST

Harvey E. Yates Co. of Roswell, N. M., No. 2 East Lake Arthur-Federal is a new 2,400-foot wildcat in Chaves County, N.M.

Scheduled for tests of the San Andres, it is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 29-155-27e and seven miles southeast of Lake Arthur.

It is one location north of an 8,200-foot failure. There is no nearby production.

Rail board orders gas customer refund

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

The railroad commission Monday directed Lone Star Gas Co. to refund approximately \$90,000 to customers due to errors the company made in billings.

The errors were made in collecting \$900,000 that the commission decided Lone Star owed LoVaca Gathering Co.

Lone Star was allowed to impose a surcharge of one cent per thousand cubic feet of natural gas

during July, August and September of 1976 to make up the money it owed LoVaca.

In addition to the refund, the commission ordered Lone Star to collect nearly \$40,000 from seven industrial accounts which were not billed the surcharge.

The firms include Andy Cordell Brick, Houston Brick and Tile, Charter International, Intratec, Dow Chemical, Entex and LoVaca.

In other action, the commission:

—Granted Lone Star permission to raise gas rates in Eastland by \$16,850, or nearly \$13,000 less than Lone Star sought.

—Suspended a request by Lone Star to impose a surcharge of four cents per thousand cubic feet on 119 customers in unincorporated areas near Wichita Falls. A study will be made of the

Exxon chairman gives views on energy prices

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The chairman of the board of Exxon Corp. says somewhat slower economic growth will be a necessary part of the adjustment the United States must make to higher energy prices.

"What the world is running out of...is not energy, but cheap energy. We are in a period of transition to a new era of high, and probably rising, energy costs," C.C. Garvin Jr. told the annual meeting of the National Petroleum Refiners Association here Monday.

"Somewhat slower economic growth will necessarily be a part of the adjustment process — at least for a while..." he said.

"No one can really know how the transition period we have entered will turn out — how rapidly scientific and technological progress will bring down costs and develop new sources, how far the link between economic growth and energy growth can be stretched, what new supplies of oil and gas will be discovered in frontier areas," he said.

Former President Gerald Ford is to deliver a keynote address at lunch today to the 2,400 refiners attending the meeting. The luncheon and two receptions afterwards are closed to

the public and press, but Ford planned a brief news conference for this afternoon.

Garvin, in his speech Monday, also said a national energy policy cannot provide either instant or final solutions, but must create a climate within which the nation can make progress toward solving its energy problems.

"The emphasis should be on getting results," Garvin said.

He said a national energy policy "should cut away the underbrush of

unnecessary regulation" and "provide for oil and gas pricing which will restrain consumption while encouraging exploration and production."

Garvin said, "There are plenty of energy resources around if we're willing to pay enough for them and if we're willing to take the time necessary to develop them."

"And finally, it should recognize that the oil and gas industry doesn't exist just to rip off the rest of the nation," Garvin said.

Field tests scheduled

Houston Oil & Minerals of Houston has announced plans to drill a project in the Spraberry Trend and Calvine (Dean) field of Reagan County.

The project is No. 8-14 Merchant Estate, 2,000 feet from southeast and 660 feet from southwest lines of section 14, block A, Hooper & Wade survey, abstract 251.

It will be drilled to 8,500 feet. Crown Central Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 2-143 Terry is a new 7,400-foot test in the Jameson (Strawn) field of Sterling County.

The test is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 143, block 2, H&TC survey, 11 miles northeast of Sterling City.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS — Conoco No. 52 W T Ford, drilling 5,191 feet in time. Rial No. 1-B University, drilling 4,573 feet in time.

BORDEN — Britton Management No. 1 Judge Williams, swabbing, no gauges reported.

BREWSTER — Enscher No. 1 Smith, drilling 12,368 feet. Union Texas No. 1 Jane Sibley, drilling 14,501 feet in shale.

CHAVES — Union Oil No. 1 Windmill-Federal, drilling 10,339 feet in sand, shale and lime. Had drilling break from 10,245 to 10,273 feet. Look drillstem test from 10,250 to 10,273 feet. Test was opened for 30 minutes, gas to surface in 15 minutes at 95 thousand cubic feet on 4-inch choke, decreased to 36 thousand cubic feet in 30 minutes on 4-inch choke, recovered 85 feet of drilling mud.

CONCHO — Campana Petroleum No. 1 Leonard, drilling 4,058 feet in shale. CONCHO — Bennett, Hill & NRM No. 214 Norman, id 585 feet, plugged back depth 525 feet, waiting on rotary.

CROCKETT — James L. Lamb No. 2-4 University, drilling 476 feet in shale. Concho Petroleum No. 1 Bowlin, id 8,600 feet, logged and perforated 8,380 to 8,420 feet. Fractured with 80,000 gallons and 140,000 pounds sand, preparing to open up and flow back log.

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completion unit. NRM No. 2-A Rocker B, waiting on completion unit.

NRM No. 3-A Rocker B, id 6,735, set 4 1/2-inch casing at total depth, waiting on cement.

NRM No. 4-A Rocker B, set plug at 1,820 feet.

NRM No. 5-A Rocker B, set 8 1/2-inch casing at 730, now waiting on cement.

LEA — Cleary Petroleum No. 1 Pelmont-Federal, id 6,550 feet, lime and sand, tripping and running surveys.

Cotton Petroleum No. 1 Lowe Land, drilling 1,280 feet in lime and dolomite. Mesa Petroleum No. 1 North Schabert, moving in rotary tools.

Mesa Petroleum No. 1 Mattie Burns, drilling 9,785 feet in dolomite. W. A. Moncrief Jr. No. 1-V Phillips, State, drilling 12,100 feet in lime and shale.

Energy Reserve Group No. 1 Gulf State, drilling 8,120 feet in dolomite and chert.

Atlantic Richfield No. 1 Langley Deep, id 15,871 feet, conditioning hole for logs.

Gulf No. 1-RL Lee, id 15,990 feet, swabbing with no gauges through perforations from 15,930 to 15,967 feet.

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SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. FOLIAN

1. Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

REATEA

CABIS

PYRAT

LEDSET



His boss hated him so much, just before he fired him, he gave him a raise so he would be losing a ----- job.

2. Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 3 below.

3. PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

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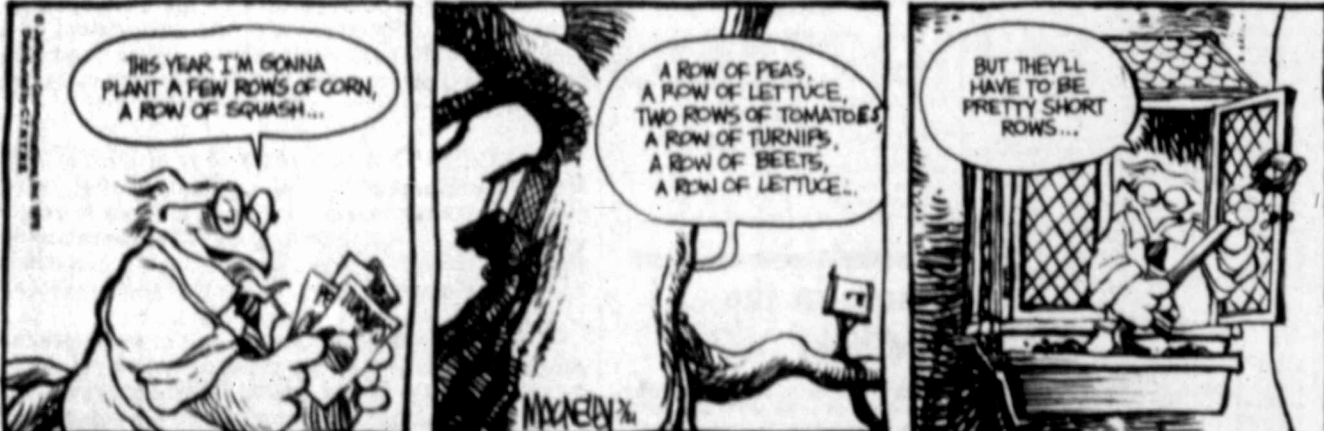


"You wash and I'll watch."

ANDY CAPP



SHOE



DICK TRACY



REX MORGAN M.D.



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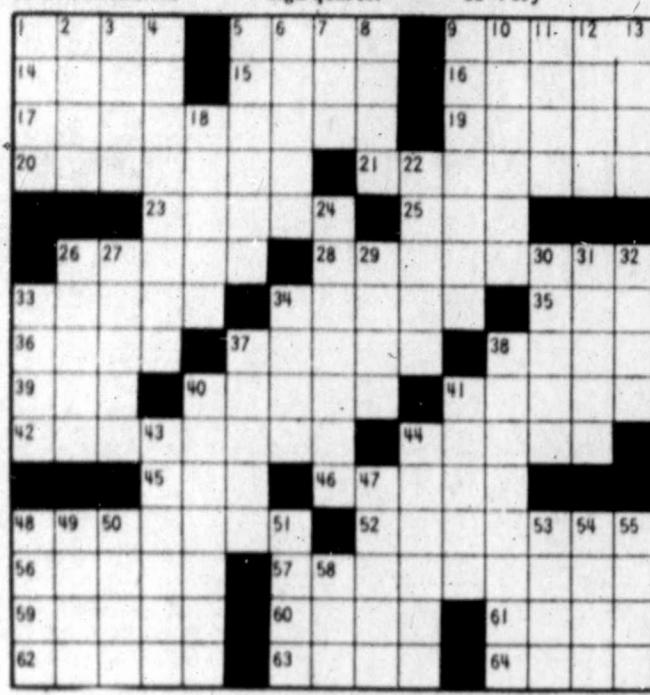


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 - 2 Grasping
 - 3 Runway
 - 4 Hall or large room
 - 5 Harmonize in color
 - 6 Graceful bearing
 - 7 Railroad sleepers
 - 8 When to pay
 - 9 Marsh plant
 - 10 Foolish fancy
 - 11 Moslem faith
 - 12 Tuber plant
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 - 14 Desk appearance
 - 15 Play possum
 - 16 Old card game
 - 17 Gold, in Italy
 - 18 By all (by far)
 - 19 Pewter
 - 20 Rue de la
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 - 22 doggo (keep out of sight)
 - 23 Girl's nickname
 - 24 Evergreen
 - 25 Composer's name, in part
 - 26 Does business
 - 27 Indian antelope
 - 28 Like a sieve
 - 29 Twelve years ago: Rom.
 - 30 Half, in Spain
 - 31 Befriender
 - 32 "It's—"
 - 33 Factotum
 - 34 Parts of seeds
 - 35 Early movie theater
 - 36 People
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 - 38 —the covenant
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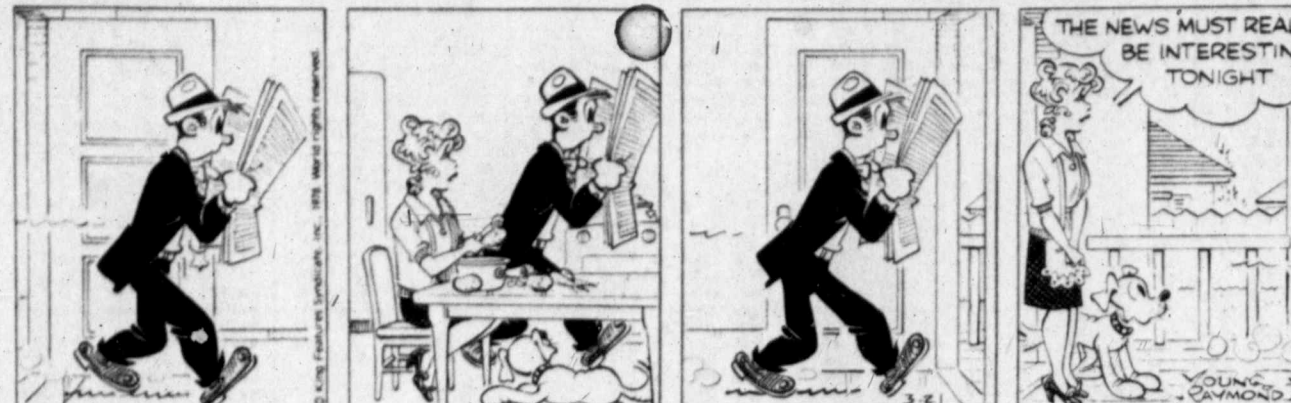


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