



HOSTAGE RELEASED — Mrs. Delbert Porter of Petersburg leaves the Swisher County courthouse in Tulsa after being taken hostage during a bank robbery in Petersburg shortly after noon today. Two suspects were captured after a high speed chase five miles east of Tulsa and Mrs. Porter was released unharmed. See story, p. 8A.

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'The crossroads of West Texas'

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Mexico to swing right?

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Jose Lopez Portillo was sworn in as president of Mexico today. He accepted the red, white and green presidential sash from Luis Echeverria at Mexico City's national auditorium where representatives of 102 governments attended the inauguration.

Lopez Portillo indicated in his presidential inauguration speech that his administration would return to more business-oriented policies and swing the country toward the right.

The former treasury minister succeeds Echeverria, whose land expropriations and government seizures of private businesses had been called socialist-oriented by businessmen and landowners.

Lopez Portillo, taking office for a six-year term, said in prepared remarks that redistribution of income in which the poor can share more of the country's wealth should be based on creating more jobs.

He made it clear that his government would emphasize production and restoring faith of the business sector in the government.

"Let us understand that the death struggle of the economic strategy Mexico had followed since World War II revealed its inability to stimulate

production and increase investment capacity," Lopez Portillo said. "I must now insist that new policies be outlined."

The new president also said that the government and Mexican citizens alike would have to go through a period of austerity to pull Mexico out of a recession.

"... World problems and pressing needs arising from our rapid development imposed an unavoidable reality on inflation, later complicated by recession and unemployment."

"Mexico's inflationary growth went from less than 7 per cent in the 1960s to as high as 25 per cent during Echeverria's six-year term. The

national debt quadrupled to \$18 billion and the balance of trade deficit is \$4 billion, four times what it was six years ago.

"To regain control of events under present conditions it will be necessary to proceed with austerity..." Lopez Portillo said.

"We will reduce running expenses to a minimum, eliminating overlapping, pointless or extravagant expenses which can be dispensed with."

The government priorities in increasing production, he said, will be agriculture and livestock, energy sources, petrochemicals, mining, the steel industry, capital goods, trans-

portation and basic consumer goods.

He noted that there are real limitations to land distribution. In the past, Mexico's agricultural problems have been as much political as technical, with the government proportioning out land to peasants who cannot produce efficiently in large quantities.

Lopez Portillo also noted in his speech that his government would maintain free convertibility of the peso, emphasize family planning in this country that is 95 per cent Roman Catholic and push tourism investment.

Lamesa economy is cotton-based Dirt farmer elected C-C prexy

By MARJ CARPENTER

LAMESA — "This is the first time we have ever had a real bonafide dirt farmer for president of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce."

Jerry Harris, incoming president of one of the top chambers in the nation, was introduced in this manner Tuesday night by Ray Renner, master of ceremonies at the annual event.

The Lamesa chamber was this year accredited by the National Chamber of Commerce as one of only ten per cent of 4,000 chambers which are honored in this manner.

Its top membership worker, Mrs. Dorothy Haney, chairman of the Round Up Club, is also eligible for possible honors as the top membership chairman in the United States.

Goal of the chamber for 1976 was "Six for '76" seeking 600 members and as of Tuesday night at the chamber banquet, Lamesa had a total of 678.

Renner cited the selection of Harris as president, pointing out, "Almost the entire economy of our area is cotton-based."

Perry Roberts, retiring president, reported a great year with three top accomplishments. These included being accredited by the national chamber, with Jim Norris as chairman of this project.

The other two were the successful membership drive led by Mrs. Haney and beginning a Lamesa Housing Authority, Inc. to help answer the need for rental property. J.D. Williams served as chairman of this project.

Perry also expressed appreciation to Allen Bligh, chamber executive and Mrs. Patsy O'Neil, secretary, for their work. He presented the Top Hand award to Jackie Kelly for 21 members and presented plaques for work with the Bicentennial Commission to Richard Crawley, overall chairman; Ray Renner, horizons; Willis Gresham, festivals and Wayne Smith, heritage chairman.

Harris presented Roberts with a past president's plaque and presented roses to his wife. He also pledged to back the Highway 87 Association in its work in the coming year. J.D. Dyer Jr. of Lamesa will serve as president.

New chamber officers, other than Harris are Mrs. Haney, senior vice president; Rick Palmer, economic development vice president; Don Bethel, community affairs vice president and Bill Hamilton, treasurer.

Incoming directors are Lee Roy Colgan, Doyle McCada, D.V. Phipps, Dick Edwards, Dr. David Smiley, Smith, Williams and Hamilton.

Holdover directors include Charles Baldwin, Lee Bartlett Jr., Frank Jones Jr., Rick Palmer, Bill Gerber, Elwood Hamilton, Rob McDonald, and S.L. Stephens Jr.



OUTGOING, INCOMING PRESIDENTS
Perry Roberts (l.), Jerry Harris

Retiring directors were presented framed certificates and include Elwood Freeman, Nelson Hogg, J.P. Senter, Jimmy Young, Don Bethel, Joe Coffey, Travis King, and Bob Crawley.

Walter (Zaney) Blaney, a Texas official goodwill ambassador and well-known dinner-show magician entertained the crowd with a rollicking 45 minutes of pure fun. The act included suspending one young lady in mid-air and stealing the shirt off the back of one of the chamber directors in Blaney's best known acts.

The Lamesa Slumtown Symfunny, which had not played in recent years "came out of retirement" to furnish music for the event. The Rev. Richard Schmidt, minister of First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Guests were introduced from Levelland, Brownfield, Seminole, Snyder, Big Spring and Ackerly.

The banquet held a huge patriotic backdrop prepared by Herb Kunkel of Lamesa Middle School. Uncle Sam hats filled with red, white and blue flowers dotted the tables. The decorations were done by Area II Young Homemakers, Dawson County Garden Club, Dirt Dobber and Green Thumb Garden Clubs.

The Lamesa High School Future Homemakers, along with Norma Johnson and Westell Whitaker were in charge of food and serving with Charles Varner in charge of physical arrangements at the banquet.

Coahoma swimming pool funds okayed

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Cong. Omar Burleson announced today the approval of a \$50,500 matching grant-in-aid to Coahoma for a swimming pool. The Department of the Interior approved the federal funds, which will be matched locally.

The grant will be used to construct a swimming pool, bath house, parking facilities, landscaping and sign.

Coahoma Mayor Joe Swinney said the pool will be built near the little league park on the west side of town. Swinney stressed that the pool would

serve not only Coahoma residents, but Sand Springs as well.

Swinney said he does not presently have the matching funds required by the government. He said he would depend on private donations for the bulk of the \$50,000. The Texas Park and Wildlife Department will provide \$500 of the funds.

Sinney said there are several ways to begin construction on the project, but that he would like to see the pool completed by May, 1977.

Pistol shots kill officer, his wife and another man

ODESSA, Tex. (AP) — Pistol shots killed a veteran peace officer, his wife and another man at the dead couple's Odessa home before dawn today.

The victims were city detective Floyd Hudman, 51, a policeman here for 15½ years and previously a sheriff's deputy for seven years; his wife Carol, 33, and a man identified by authorities as Alan Smith, 40.

Asst. Police Chief Tommy Calendar said investigators pieced together

these details:

Hudman returned home about 3 a.m. and found his wife and the other man in a bedroom. Mrs. Hudman was shot in bed and Smith as he apparently stood in the middle of the room. Hudman then shot himself with his .38 caliber service pistol, and he died at a hospital about an hour later.

The gunfire awoke the Hudmans' son and he telephoned police. Officers found eight bullet holes in the floor of the bedroom.

Neighborhood watch proposed 'Epidemic' of burglaries

By BOB BURTON

Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard recommended a rural neighborhood watch starting today in light of what he called an "epidemic" of local burglaries in the past two months may be related to as many as three gangs who have been operating northwest of Big Spring.

Standard said it was likely that several city burglaries could be laid at the doorstep of these gangs. He said that their method of operation was consistent; they worked mainly during daylight, they worked very fast, they always took resalable items, (guns, silver, radios, jewelry) and the houses they hit were always vacant. Standard believes the thieves use a "knock-and-enter" method to select houses.

Standard advised "There are two methods to follow in order to stop this kind of crime. This department is working steadily toward apprehension. The citizens, especially those in rural areas, can work toward prevention."

Standard recommended recording all serial numbers of items like guns, TVs, radios. He mentioned the city's police program to engrave items which could be taken with a Texas driver's license number. He recommended that neighbors cover for each other in the event one home will be left vacant for any period of time.

"I expect this unusually large number of burglaries to continue past the first of the year," said Standard. "And I want to bring to the attention of rural people that they are especially subject to burglary."

Since Sunday, five burglaries, all possibly related, have been reported to the sheriff's department.

One of the burglaries was in Martin County. Sunday, the Robert Petkewicz residence on Gail City Rt. was entered. Monday, burglaries of homes belonging to Mrs. Bill Powell, Sterling City Rt., and Louise Sneed in Luther were reported to the sheriff. Tuesday, a burglary at the home of Luther Smith, Rt. 2, Box 34, was reported.

Each of these homes lost cash, jewelry, guns, radios, TVs, all of the losses items which could be quickly resold for cash. Standard believes all

the loot is going to one or two people who clear it out of the county.

"We have some suspects," the Sheriff said, "And we expect some results soon, but people should be aware of the problem."

Burglaries the department believes may be connected with the gang include: Buddie and Rosie Rivera in Knott, Oct. 1; the Oct. 16 burglary of the Saragora Ochoa residence, Rt. 2 Box 36; B.M. Newton, NW of Big Spring, Nov. 8; and the recent burglaries mentioned above.

Ten from area hunt industry

Ten men from the Big Spring area will join representatives from eight other West Texas and Panhandle cities when they leave Monday from Dallas for a four-day West Texas Industrial tour to Ohio.

Roger Brown, Ralph McLaughlin, Charles Beil, Jack Redding, Don Adams, John Latham, Dave Sanders, Ellis Britton, Winston Wrinkle and Harry Nagel, all from Big Spring, will leave Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon enroute to Cleveland.

Roger Brown, Big Spring, said that the group would set up luncheons with the local industry people of Cleveland and Cincinnati, and make a pitch for Big Spring's potential as a rich industrial center.

Fred Tylor, Midland, said that this tour would be the second such endeavor. Last year a similar group went to New York City, and its success prompted the new tour.

Survey team will undertake work

A survey team will begin work in several areas of the city Thursday, according to Paul Feazelle, head of community development.

The team will travel door-to-door to put together information about the number and percentage of local, low income families. The three members of the team will wear name tags identifying them as employees of the city.

The information gathered will be used in preparation for the 1977 application for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Federal Government. Team members are personnel from the Howard County Human Resource Center.

Focalpoint

Action reaction: Nickname

Q. How did Julius Erving, the professional basketball star, ever come by the nickname of Dr. J? Did he ever study to become a doctor of medicine?

A. Erving encouraged the nickname, after team mates early in his career started referring to him as "The Doctor" because he seemed to always have an answer for their problems. He was later called by other nicknames but discouraged their use, saying he preferred to be called "The Doctor." A teammate ultimately began to call him "Dr. J" and it stuck.

Calendar: Jazz concert

TODAY

Pecan Show in Stanton at the community building, continues through Thursday with judging of pecans at 9 a.m. Thursday and Food and Craft show from 1:30-6 p.m. Thursday.

THURSDAY

8 p.m. City Auditorium, Festival Frolics, admission \$1 per person, presented by Ricks College, located in Rexburg, Idaho, and owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

8 p.m. Jazz concert, high school auditorium sponsored by the Big Spring Band Boosters, admission \$1.

SATURDAY

Swap 'n Shop Sale at Webb AFB recreation center, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open to public.

Mexican dinner, High School cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. sponsored by the Big Spring Band Boosters. Dinner \$2.50 each, tamales to go, \$2.50 per dozen.

Offbeat: Santa arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — The child sat on Santa Claus' knee in the shopping center parking lot and listed the things he wanted for Christmas.

When the youngster finished, two men walked up to Santa and talked to him.

They didn't give him a list of Christmas wishes. They wanted Santa. They took him—in handcuffs.

The young man in the red suit and white beard was Mark D. Pluff, 18.

Sheriff's Deputies W. C. McDuffie and B. R. Robertson arrested him Tuesday on charges of aggravated robbery. Pluff was charged the night before with being one of two men who took another man's car at gunpoint.

McDuffie said Pluff, who had been hired to play Santa in the shopping center, offered no resistance but his arrest shocked the children who were on hand.

"There was this small stand set up with reindeer and a sleigh," the officer said. "He was sitting inside the thing and had a kid on his knee."

"There was a bunch of kids around and some grownups. They didn't say too much of anything but they couldn't believe we were arresting Santa Claus. They were shocked."

Blue ribbon show: Crosby

Bah-Bah-Bah-Boo-Bing Crosby will host a Christmas Special at 8 p.m. on CBS which should be good for some sweetly-sung carols and light-hearted humor. A four-star movie, "A Double Life," will appear at 9:30 p.m. (without advertisements) on PBS. The flick stars suave Ronald Colman and a young Shelley Winters.

Inside: Age discrimination

TEXAS Mexican-American Democrats ask President-elect Jimmy Carter for a meeting within two weeks to ask about a promise that he would bring Mexican-Americans into decision-making process. See p. 11A.

IT'S UNJUST to put a person out to pasture at age 65 if he or she wants to continue working and is able to, the House Social Services Committee says. See p. 12A.

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Outside: Cold easing

Cloudy skies today mean warmer weather as the cold snap continues to ease. High today mid-50s, low tonight upper 20s, high tomorrow near 60. Winds will be from the northeast at 5-11 miles-per-hour, dropping to light and variable tonight.



'Now there appears hope'

'Lost Americans'

RIO RICO, Mexico (AP) — Residents of this tiny Mexican village believe they are one step closer to fulfilling dreams of becoming American citizens.

Although an immigration judge ruled they are Mexican citizens, the "Lost Americans" of Rio Rico feel recognition of their plight by the courts is at least a step in the right direction.

U.S. Immigration Judge J. C. Craig, in a decision made public Tuesday in San Antonio, said Rio Ricans failed to meet two critical tests of citizenship—the exercise of jurisdiction over the area by the United States and the giving of allegiance

to the United States flag by the area's citizens.

"This is the beginning of a dream which someday will be realized," said Pedro Cantu as he stood in the unpaved, muddy streets of the border town Tuesday afternoon. "I may not live to see it, but my sons might."

Aging adobe houses line the streets of Rio Rico and many residents still cook meals on open fires behind their houses. Pigs and chickens roam the streets at will.

"We've waited a long time," continued Cantu. "Now there appears hope."

"We're pleased the case finally got a ruling," said Edinburg lawyer Laurier

McDonald whose firm has represented the Rio Ricans in their legal fight for American citizenship since 1972.

"The case has now been certified which means the people of Rio Rico have an automatic appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington D.C.," he said. "The only issue is whether they were subject to American jurisdiction. That, apparently, is the whole crux of the case."

The 130 Rio Ricans live about 50 yards from the Rio Grande and the village faces the cause of its problem—an irrigation pumping house built in 1906.

Police beat Jackets taken from dorm

Burglars lifted 13 leather jackets and a leather vest from the Howard College dorm room of Frank Grasso sometime between 4 and 11:50 p.m. Tuesday. The jackets included men's and women's styles in a variety of colors. Values were estimated at \$495.

Officer James Van Ness caught one of two juveniles who tried to break into Fina's Cafe, 200 N. Gregg, around 1:30 a.m. today.

According to reports, Van Ness spotted the two youths attempting to pry open one of the cafe's windows with a screwdriver. One of the youths was caught while the other ran away. Only \$5 damage was reported.

Betty E. Hamilton, 1405 State, reported that vandals slashed two tires on the right side of her car while it was parked in the Highland Park Shopping Center around 6 p.m. Tuesday. Damage was estimated at \$135.

Pat Boatler, 513 E. 1st, reported that intruders entered his home sometime between 5 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday, and made off with some cash. According to reports, several five-dollar bills, three one-dollar bills and an unestimated amount of silver coins were heisted.

Three Big Springers received minor injuries following a two-car collision on North Monticello and Lamar. According to reports, the engine of a pickup driven by Angelita Solis, 1205 Marjio, died near the intersection of North Monticello and Lamar. Coasting through the intersection, the pickup collided with a car driven by

Genevieve Flippen, 1723 Purdue, struck a curb and overturned.

Mrs. Solis and two occupants of the truck, George Solis and Amanda Solis, were taken to Medical Arts Hospital. Mrs. Solis and her daughter Amanda have been hospitalized but are reported in good condition with minor cuts and abrasions. George Solis was treated and released.

Other Big Springers were running into each other all around the town Tuesday.

Cars driven by Henry L. Little, 202 State, and Nathan Lee Phillips, 424 Ryan, collided at Sixth and Gregg, 1:30 p.m.

Cars driven by John M. Alexander, Roswell, N.M., and Melanie White, 1204 Harding, collided on the 1100 block of West Third, 4:21

p.m. Cars driven by Gay Evans McKinney, 1203 Douglas and Kojelo Monje, 1005 E. 13th, collided at Thirteenth and Nolan, 4:41 p.m.

Cars driven by Kathy Higgins, Sterling City Route, and Wade Burroughs (parked), 1311 Virginia, collided at 1311 Virginia, 6:46 a.m.

Cars driven by Yicidro Villareal, 703 Douglas, and Marcella Mendoza, 101 Carey, collided at 1300 Gregg, 10:37 a.m.

Cars driven by Joe Alexander, Snyder, and Winfield Sanderlin, 1014 Sycamore, collided at FM 700 and West Highway 80, 12:03 p.m.

A car driven by William Jack Watson, 2903 Lawrence, collided with an elm tree at 1313 Lincoln, 2:52 a.m. Damage to the tree was estimated at \$50.

Deaths

Maud Brown

COLORADO CITY — Services for Mrs. Maud Brown, 86, Colorado City, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Colorado City Church of Christ. Burial will occur in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She died Tuesday morning in a Colorado City hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Brown had lived in Colorado City since 1970 after moving here from Levelland. She had lived in Cross Plains prior to moving to Levelland.

Survivors include a son, Tom Brown of La Porte; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Shrum of Levelland and Mrs.

Faye Spivey of Colorado City; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Jim Sparks

Jim Sparks, 77, died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in a local hospital after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 15, 1899, in Eastland, and was a retired tool pusher with Duncan Drilling Co., in Big Spring.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

James Arnold

James R. Arnold, 56, died at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Clayton Hicks, chaplain of the V.A. Hospital, presiding.

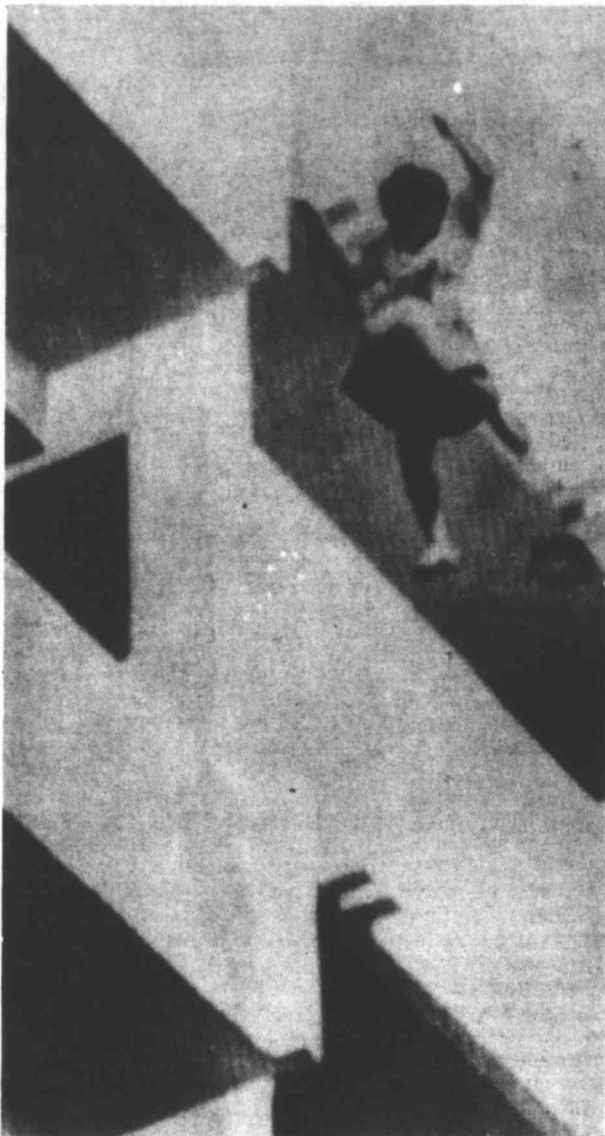
Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 6, 1921, in Howard County, Ark. and married Bertie Wiley, March 23, 1946 in Georgia.

He moved to Big Spring in 1947 from Martin County. He was a veteran of W.W. II and had retired from civil service at the Big Spring VA Hospital.

Survivors include his widow of the home, four sons, Robert Earl Arnold, and James Thomas Arnold, both of Sweetwater; Eddie Dean Arnold, and Tony Ray Arnold, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Jessie Faye Evans; Alexandria, La.; four brothers, Lloyd V. Arnold, John C. Arnold, Richard L. Arnold, and Billy Joe Arnold, all of Big Spring; a sister, Nora B. Mathies, Big Spring; two half-brothers, Jessie L. Bedwell, and Luther Bedwell, both of Big Spring; a half sister, Lillie Graham, Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Joe E. Evans, James Barnhill, Bob Landreth, Bob Garner, Allen Mathies, Richard Arnold, David Henry and Bobby Abbot.



(AP WIREPHOTO)
SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS — A Thai teenager identified as Mukda Arkoom plunges from the roof of Bhumpol hospital in Bangkok today in an apparent suicide attempt. The girl, a patient reportedly suffering from emotional problems, was saved by hospital personnel who made a net to break her fall.

King kong wins first round in war with fem impersonator

LONDON (AP) — King Kong has won the first round in his gorilla war with a female impersonator.

The High Court banned the distribution of the British movie "Queen Kong" on Tuesday until the courts decide a suit by the King's

sponsors charging the makers of the British film with copyright infringement.

The copyright suit was brought by RKO, which made the 1933 classic, and Dino de Laurentiis, whose \$20-million remake is opening in the United States this month.

Man quizzed in Dallas officer's death freed

DALLAS (AP) — Police have released a man arrested for questioning about the slaying Sunday of officer Robert Wood and a

spokesman said, "We're back where we started."

Spokesman David Beidelman said a 38-year-old man took a polygraph examination Tuesday evening, but the results were inconclusive and he was freed.

Beidelman said the man probably would take another polygraph exam today.

While police searched for Wood's killer, more than 200 of his fellow officers somberly looked on as the slain 27-year-old patrolman was buried Tuesday in his home town of Bonham in Northeast Texas.

"We're back where we started," said Beidelman. "We're still checking out every lead."

Beidelman said police, acting on an informant's tip, arrested the man Tuesday afternoon at a West Dallas

garage, about a mile from where Wood was killed while investigating a traffic violation.

"The man had a long police record, including murder, and he was driving a blue Vega like the one Officer (Teresa) Turko described," said Beidelman. Wood's partner, Teresa Turko, who fired several shots at the fleeing assailant, said Wood's killer escaped in a dirty, blue 1973 or later model Vega car.

Beidelman said officers found dents in the rear of the man's car, but determined they were not bullet holes.

"We are reasonably sure it's not the right car," said Police Capt. Don Milliken.

Police continued to investigate hundreds of telephone tips and more than 300 Dallas area Vegas matching Turko's description.

Six West Texans lose hospital district suit

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Six West Texans who claimed a hospital district included them in its boundaries solely to tax their property lost their case today in the Texas Supreme Court.

C. E. Carter and others contended that a 1973 law creating the Hamlin Hospital District violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

They also argued that their votes were not given equal weight.

The property owners sought a permanent injunction to prevent the district from assessing and collecting property taxes.

A state district court judge in Jones County ruled in favor of the district, although the jury found for Carter and the five other plaintiffs on several issues.

The plaintiffs, who owned property south of U.S. 180, said seven times as many voters lived north of the highway, but those south of U.S. 180 owned 35-40 per cent of the taxable property.

The jury found that those living south of the highway did not trade in Hamlin; sought medical services elsewhere; probably would not use the Hamlin medical facilities; and had no need for the hospital district.

Nevertheless, the judge agreed with the district's argument that the determination of boundaries was a "political question" and was not subject to judicial review under a guideline first laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1907.

The Eastland County Civil Appeals and Supreme Court affirmed the judge's ruling.

Weather

Light snow dots Texas Panhandle

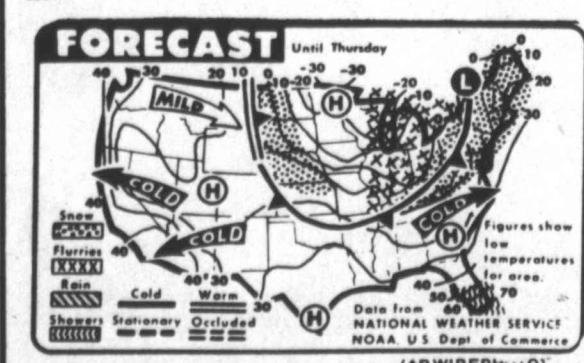
By The Associated Press
Light snow fell in the north part of the Texas Panhandle and neighboring areas of New Mexico and Oklahoma early today.

CITY	MIN	MAX
BIG SPRING	50	20
Amarillo	53	23
Chicago	20	18
Denver	49	17
Detroit	24	11
Fort Worth	58	30
Houston	52	40
Los Angeles	77	50
New Orleans	45	25
Richmond	33	12
St. Louis	33	29
San Francisco	62	51
Seattle	47	33
Washington, D.C.	31	18

Sun sets today at 5:41 p.m. Sun rises Thursday at 7:29 a.m. Highest temperature this date 79 in 1950. Lowest 17 in 1918. Most precipitation .53 in 1936.

FORECAST
WEST TEXAS: Clear tonight through Thursday. Warmer most sections Thursday. Low tonight near 20 north to upper 20s south-east. High Thursday near 50 north to mid 50s south.

EXTENDED WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: No significant threat of precipitation Friday through Sunday. Turning colder north over the weekend. Highs 50s north to 60s south except near 70 Big Bend valleys lowering to 40s north to 60s south by Sunday. Lows mostly in the 20s north to the 30s south.



WEATHER FORECAST — Snow is forecast for the Northeast today, with the weather changing to snow flurries over the Great Lakes region. Snow is also predicted for the northern and western Great Plains states. Showers are anticipated for southern Florida. Cold temperatures are expected to prevail across most of the nation.

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West Texans to be honored

Some 39 West Texas and Big Spring area employees will be among the first to be honored by American Petrofina, Inc. in its newly-announced service awards program.

Fina employees in production, pipeline, terminals, engineering, asphalt sales, marketing and transportation departments will receive gold emblems studded with diamonds during a dinner meeting to be held at the Big Spring Country Club this evening. The service awards program was announced in October as part of Fina's observance of its 20th anniversary.

Taking part in the awards presentation will be Paul D. Meek, president and chief operating officer, and R.B. Wilkins, vice president-production, from Fina's corporate headquarters in Dallas.

Receiving the top award for the most seniority in West Texas will be T.C. Early, pumper and gauger at Fina's Hawley terminal near Abilene. He joined the Onyx Oil Company at Hawley as a laborer on January 1, 1937. The Onyx Company was merged into

other companies until, in 1956, Early became a pipefitter with Cosden Petroleum Corporation. In April 1963, Cosden was acquired by American Petrofina, Inc.

A native of Hanna, Tex., Early is married to the former Hallie May Rushing and the couple has three daughters.

Second in seniority by three months, Guy (Dock) Sharpe joined the Atlantic Pipeline Company on March 30, 1937 in the maintenance gang. He transferred several times to Texas pump

stations before moving to Rocksprings in Edwards County in 1959 as station chief, the title he now holds. Fina acquired the Arco Pipeline from the Arco Christi area to Midland in May 1972.

Sharpe, a native of Huntington, Tex., is married to the former Nell Forrest and the couple has a daughter and a granddaughter, both in Huntsville.

The gold tie tacks to be awarded will be inlaid with two full cut diamonds representing 30 or more years, or one diamond for 20

or more years with American Petrofina and its predecessor companies.

Of the total number, 10 employees will be honored for 30 years of service and 29 will get emblems for 20 or more years of service.

American Petrofina was formed 20 years ago this fall and in the past 20 years, sales have jumped from \$10 million to more than \$1 billion a year. Today, Fina is the nation's fastest growing integrated oil company and is listed in the 20th position in Fortune Magazine's top 500 corporations in the United States.

Committee called 'huckster for nuclear power industry'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Common Cause, the public interest lobbying organization, charged today that the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy was a "huckster for the nuclear power industry" and should be abolished.

In issuing a 38-page report, Common Cause President

David Cohen said the committee "provides a platform to nuclear power supporters while it rarely hears the critics and never listens to them."

"It ignores safety issues and cost overruns while it protects federal investments in its members' states and districts. It is the classic special interest committee to the nth power."

Common Cause said the powers now held by the 18-member panel, headed by retiring Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., should be given to House and Senate committees that are responsible for U.S. energy policies.

Congressional leaders can start eliminating the panel by refusing to replace retiring members or those who lost reelection, the report said. Besides Pastore, four members will not return in January.

There has been speculation that a move will be made to abolish the panel, partly because of concern about its constitutionality. It is unique as the only joint committee with power to draft legislation.

An aide to Pastore said he had not seen the Common Cause report and that the senator would have no im-

mediate comment on its allegations.

Common Cause said the joint panel, established in 1947 to help oversee development of nuclear weapons, has a lock on congressional consideration of nuclear power issues.

The committee "has the power to completely shut off the possibility of alternative legislation or of testimony," Common Cause said. The report said the panel "totally directs the progress of all legislation concerning nuclear power in both houses."

In its report, entitled "Stacking the Deck," Common Cause said that in the past 23 years the panel has heard only 98 public interest group witnesses, an average of fewer than five per year, compared to 2,531 government witnesses and 1,109 industry representatives.

Common Cause said committee members actively promoted nuclear development because they represented states where there was a heavy investment by the nuclear industry. Twelve of the 18 members represent six states that received more than half of the \$5.5 billion the U.S.

Natural gas suppliers hope for bill in July

HOUSTON (AP) — Natural gas suppliers are hopeful the new Congress will give quick approval next year to the decontrol of wellhead prices of newly discovered natural gas.

"Much of the wrangling has already gone by," David H. Foster, executive vice president of the Natural Gas Supply Committee, said Tuesday.

"We should move as quickly as possible, and, hopefully, have a bill by July. The first 120 days of the new Congress will be absolutely critical."

Foster spoke at the first formal annual meeting of the industry group that was organized in 1965 to seek decontrol of wellhead prices on grounds free market

prices would bolster the nation's declining natural gas supplies.

A bill that would have decontrolled prices of new gas dedicated to interstate markets was defeated by a 205-201 House vote in July after having been approved by the Senate.

No specific bill was endorsed at the Tuesday session but Foster said he believes the suppliers will have sufficient support in the 96th Congress to decontrol new gas interstate sales.

"We obviously are not going to support a bill that would extend the federal controls to intrastate sales," he said. "We can't support a bill that would not lead to additional supplies."

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Drawdown issue not dealt with

Replies from the Office of the Secretary of Air Force were at last received in Big Spring this week concerning this year's drawdown of Webb Air Force Base.

A letter received by Mayor Wade Choate was written by Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Maglione, director of legislative liaison. Other citizens who had protested the reduced role for Webb received responses from other Air Force offices.

THE REPLIES were good in one sense: They demonstrated that the Air Force is concerned that Webb not be reduced anymore until a final decision is made on the future of the base.

But the responses were lacking when it came to dealing with the drawdown issue.

The Air Force continued to say that the reduction was part of an overall action to level student loads in relation to base training capacities within the Air Training Command.

But if one looks at the number of student pilots for September at the various bases, the attempt to level the load must be considered a failure, especially when viewed in the light of the draft environmental impact statement's theoretical capacity: Consider

these numbers:

Base	March pilots	Sept. pilots	Capacity rank
Laughlin	237	274	1
Reese	209	253	2
Columbus	191	239	5
Vance	193	232	4
Craig	164	191	6
Webb	281	180	3

Notice how the number of student pilots in September are roughly in line with the capacity, except for Webb which is third in capacity and last in number of pilots, and Columbus which is fifth in capacity and third in number of pilots.

Can anybody look at that chart, figures provided by the Air Force, and think Webb has not been unfairly drawn down during 1976?

The responses from the Pentagon make no attempt to explain this except the action was taken to "level student loads in relation to base training capacities."

THE PENTAGON replies all contend that the "action was initiated (Dec. 24, 1975) before Webb was identified as a base closure candidate."

Poppycock. The Christmas decision

to draw Webb down was taken a full month after Air Training Command, knowing full well that two bases would probably be closed, admits to having prioritized the bases with Webb and Craig atop the list of possible closure.

In the light of what has happened since then, it is impossible to view the two decisions as completely separate acts.

The Pentagon responses also make reference to "weather factors," but when the Herald was looking into the question of the Webb drawdown, we were told that "programmed flying hours" was the best indicator of actual load. The programmed hours would indicate Air Force intent, and not just the effects of one particular rainy spell.

So what did programmed flying hours for September mean? Take a look:

Base	Previous yr. avg.	Sept. pro. hrs.	Capacity rank
Laughlin	5,700	6,600	1
Columbus	5,300	5,700	5
Vance	4,800	5,200	4
Reese	5,200	4,900	2
Webb	6,500	4,800	3
Craig	4,300	4,500	6

The Pentagon reply makes no reference to this, only to actual flying hours which can be up or down because of weather.

BOTH PROGRAMMED flying hours and number of student pilots show that Webb has been taken from the top of the heap to the bottom with a decision made after Air Training Command must have known Webb would be a candidate for closure.

Even worse, the change of mission was supposed to make it Webb's mission to train foreign pilots. Yet during this same drawdown period, the number of Security Assistance Training Program (foreign) pilots fell from 174 in March to only 137 in September while other bases gained.

The Pentagon response also does not face this issue. However, when the Air Training Command's environmental impact team was in Big Spring for the public hearing, the team said the foreign student pilot drop at Webb was due to limited on-base dormitory space. If this is a problem, then why did ATC choose Webb as the primary SATP mission base?

The Secretary of the Air Force still has not given Big Spring an answer.

—J. TOM GRAHAM



A new GOP?

William F. Buckley, Jr.

Everywhere they are asking about the future of the Republican Party, even people who have never shown any interest before in its affairs — suggesting that nothing will so become the GOP as its departure from the scene. Concerning the party's future, a few observations:

1) Thomas Dewey once said that there was no such thing as a "Republican Party." There are 50 Republican Parties, which unite every four years for the purpose of a presidential election. Any decision made by any person or group of persons about the future of the Republican Party has got to be sold to 50 Republican cadres throughout the country.

2) THE REPUBLICAN Party has had organizational, ideological, and spiritual problems. The first dates to the defection of the Rockefeller wing during 1964. On that occasion, we recall, the liberals in the party declined to go along with the choice of the Rockefeller convention. Nelson Rockefeller made a few motions, but it was clear that he hoped for the defeat of Barry Goldwater. Senator Javits, then prominent as a liberal Republican, was entirely outspoken in his opposition to Goldwater.

The GOP's stellar man, John Lindsay, was so affronted by Goldwater's designation, he went to sleep and, six years later, woke up as a Democrat. The political philosopher James Burnham predicted at the time that the failure of the liberal wing to close ranks behind the conservatives would almost inevitably set up reciprocal hostilities, and they did. It was a long time, but in 1976 Rockefeller was eased out of the Vice Presidency by people who, ignoring his own drift to the right, never quite forgave him his organizational disloyalty.

The ideological difficulties of the party developed from its incapacity to articulate a principled alternative to the dogged passion of the Democrats to find central and statist solutions for social problems. This meant a certain incoherence; an ambivalence concerning Democratic programs. Inasmuch as conservatives almost always depend on principle rather than particulars (thou shalt not kill is good conservative doctrine, even though it fails to specify what you should do while not killing), the natural advantage lies with Democratic ideology, which promises things like good health, full employment, peace, and free funeral care. The Republican Party hasn't succeeded as a negative political force, and probably cannot succeed as an affirmative political force since people aren't easily aroused by mere talk of human freedom.

Spiritually, the Republican Party suffered from Watergate, conceived now as endemic to a political philosophy of extortion. Extortion by government patronage of business (Lockheed) and unbridled power in the name of national security. It was thought that the party's exorcism could be effected by the deposition of Nixon. It is thought now by some that that will not be enough, that nothing less than the party's formal immolation will do.



'O-S' — Special youth problem

Dr. G. C. Thosteson

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Last year my 13-year-old boy had what doctors called Osgood-Schlatter's disease of the knee. He was in an elastic bandage for approximately six months and was not able to run or ride a bicycle. After a year he is still bothered somewhat.

Yesterday we found our nine-year-old girl has the same ailment. Both cases were diagnosed with X rays and blood tests.

Our pediatrician says this usually starts from an injury. We were wondering if a lack of calcium would contribute to it. Do you have any information on this? — Mrs. D.F.

"O-S" — as your pediatrician told you — is thought to be the result of an injury. A rough jolt to the knee area is believed to disturb the upper end of the tibia (the large leg bone below the knee). There is normally a lump at this site called the tibial tubercle. A report several years ago mentioned that an increased blood supply at this point apparently results from tiny fractures caused by injury or violent activity.

Pediatricians are familiar with this. It is not uncommon, and occurs most often in youngsters from 13 to 15 (peak growing years). Because of the injury factor it is found more in boys than girls. In your case the split was 50-50. You probably have an active set of youngsters.

The early symptom is pain after exercise, such as running, and upon kneeling. While O-S may mimic other problems, like bone cysts or similar disorders, it is easily diagnosed through X rays of the joint.

The leg is usually put into a plaster cast, except in mild cases. The cast remains on for six weeks, after which the patient resumes modified activities. Running and any heavy athletic participation is forbidden for

an indefinite period afterward.

The leg usually grows normally after treatment. If your son is having difficulty after a year he should be examined again. He may need more support than an elastic bandage.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: I want to know something about the adrenal glands. Where are they located? What is their function? Can a person do without them? — Mrs. D.R.

These are two tiny glands, one located on top of each kidney. (The word "adrenal" is from Latin meaning "near the kidney.") The adrenals are what are known as endocrine glands because they secrete their hormones into the blood stream. The chief hormones are hydrocortisone (ACTH) and aldosterone.

These hormones are important in controlling various aspects of metabolism, particularly mineral and carbohydrate use. Included in the hormones they produce are estrogen and progesterone. Although the production of these is small compared to that of the ovaries enough is produced to help make up for that lost after menopause, when the ovaries "shut off."

Disorders of the adrenals usually lead to over or underproduction of

their hormones. If overproduction is the problem, then surgical removal is often necessary, usually of one gland or a part of a gland. Frequently, however, in serious cases of overproduction both glands can be removed entirely. If the glands are found to be underproducing (Addison's disease) hormone supplements can take up the slack quite effectively. One could discuss these fascinating structures forever and only barely cover the topic. You can add to your knowledge at the library.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Can an excess of bran cause stomach or intestinal gas? — Y.O.

Bran is one of the high-fiber foods, which generally have more gas-producing qualities than the lower residue foods. But I wouldn't say the potential for gas is any greater with bran than with raw vegetables.

What about constipation? Many can be relieved of it, both mentally and physically, by reading Dr. Thosteson's booklet, "The Way to Stop Constipation." For a copy write to him in care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25 cents.



My answer

Billy Graham

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I once read in the Bible that nothing unclean can enter Heaven. Since Christ was the only one who was sinless, does that mean that He is the only One Who will be in Heaven? I am confused. — F.S.

DEAR F.S.: Yes, the Bible does teach that nothing sinful will be in Heaven. Ephesians 5:5, for example, says "For this you know, that no whore, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." You are also right in saying that Christ was the only sinless One who ever lived.

The Bible says that all of us are sinners, and we all stand condemned before God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). None of us, no matter how good we may think we are, can be saved on the basis of our good works. God's standard is perfection. If salvation were based on our obedience to God's law, we would all be condemned, because "by the works of the

law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16).

But God loves us, in spite of our sins, and He wants us to spend eternity with Him in Heaven! This is why Christ came into the world — to make salvation possible. The Bible says that He died on the cross in our place, and took the punishment for our sins. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

When we accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour, God forgives us of our sins and adopts us as His children (Romans 8:15-17). God gives us the righteousness of Christ, and we are now able to enter Heaven.

If you have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Saviour, I urge you to do so now. Confess your sins to Him, and ask Him to come into your life. He has promised to do it, and to give you eternal life if you truly trust Him. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).



Why not help?

Around the rim

Candy Smith

We seem to be having more than a few problems coming our way lately — slow mails, airline strikes, all coming at a bad time of the year — Christmas.

We have a 'high' rate of unemployment and increasing inflation. Our money is not worth what it used to be and buying sprees during the holidays are no longer uninhibited.

IMAGINE, THOUGH, what kind of Christmas the country of Mexico is going to have. Unemployment is about 50 per cent and is expected to go higher. Their inflation is worse than ours and getting even worse. The unit of currency, once recognized as stable on the world market, unlike the dollar, has been devalued three times in the last six months to a low of 50 per cent of its worth last Christmas.

Border authorities on both sides of the line have discussed and tentatively drawn up a treaty for the release of American prisoners from Mexican jails and vice versa.

Both sides now are voicing doubts as to whether the idea will ever be put into action. Briscoe says he doesn't have sufficient authority to speak for other areas of Texas and so on and so on.

The intentions with which the treaty was drawn up are admirable if the diplomats who drew up the plan refuse to let it be killed by legal back-

firings.

IT APPEARS to be a very convenient time, given the mess that Mexico is in at this point, to do a bit trading.

It's not a new idea. We tried a form of it, and are still trying, in an effort to get remaining POWs and a list of the dead from South Vietnam. Only we didn't have a whole lot of the Vietnamese wanted.

It was also the same principle that some critics supported as a means to talk the Russians into discouraging the Cubans from fighting segments of Angolans. But restraint of trade, other experts said, would damage detente and we could not afford to do that. It didn't seem to matter that going or not going into Angola was what detente was all about.

Anyway, we have no detente as such with Mexico and we are in a position to help Mexico and probably would anyway. Certainly it will take experts to come up with a feasible deal on behalf of American prisoners.

But since this country is always so apt in helping other nations in time of disaster, one of the latest being extensive aid to earthquake victims in Guatemala, it doesn't seem too selfish to ask for a little cooperation in return. Now if the Americans will just cooperate.



Must defuse bomb

Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — The Panama Canal is a time bomb set to explode next year. Unless Jimmy Carter can find a way to defuse it, the canal controversy could erupt into a crisis of international proportions.

Here are the ingredients which make the Panama Canal a dangerous, ticking time bomb:

—Intelligence reports warn that Panama's military dictator, Omar Torrijos, must produce a satisfactory settlement next year or risk being swept out of office by a left-wing rebellion. The issue is charged with emotion among Panamanians. The best estimate is that no government could survive that doesn't regain control of the canal within a reasonable period.

—THERE IS ANOTHER dark cloud on the horizon. A small check, drawn on a Panamanian government agency, has just bounced. The government had been juggling funds, it turned out, from one account to another. Bankers tell us this is a symptom of an approaching financial crisis. At the first sign of domestic trouble, dictators habitually try to divert public attention by seeking a whipping boy. Torrijos is expected to respond to any crisis at home by using the canal issue to whip up the passions of the people against the United States.

—Latin American leaders have alerted Carter's advisers that all of Latin America will unite behind Panama on the canal question. The Panama Canal has become a symbol, they said, of U.S. colonialism. An arbitrary, diehard stand by the United States, they warned, would fan anti-American sentiment throughout the hemisphere.

—At the same time, Ronald Reagan's campaign rhetoric on the Panama Canal has made it an emotional issue in this country. Many conservative congressmen are ready to wave the flag on Capitol Hill in behalf of continued U.S. occupation of

the canal zone.

This could lead to an emotional showdown over the Panama Canal that could put a severe strain on U.S. ties with its Latin American neighbors.

FOOTNOTE: TO ADD to Panama's woes, cracks have appeared in the gigantic Bayana hydroelectric dam, which Panama is building with \$42 million in World Bank funds. Outside experts have been called in to find a remedy. The dam is one of the bank's proudest projects and is supposed to help lift Panama out of poverty. In a private letter, the bank's Latin American program chief, Roberto Fernandez, has conceded that "small cracks have appeared." But he insists they are not dangerous.

REPUBLICAN ENTRENCHMENT — As each new administration lays down the controls of government, it leaves behind several political appointees who burrow into the bureaucracy.

They quietly pull their heads below the purge level, wangle civil service ratings and continue to draw their government pay.

The deposed Richard Nixon had scarcely landed at San Clemente two years ago before his loyalists began a scramble for civil service positions. Several of his henchmen and hatchmen succeeded in entrenching themselves in the federal government.

Now a number of Republicans from the Ford administration are looking for safe berths in the bureaucracy before they are dispossessed by the Democrats next January.

The White House itself is helping to plant some of President Ford's campaign aides on the civil service rolls. A White House official explained that they had left the protection of civil service to work for the president's election.

Big Spring Herald

Mailbag

Dear Editor:

I am a very interested citizen, as is my husband. We live and work in Big Spring. Our income depends on the business here, but I am very concerned about the attitude of some of our citizens on the closing of Webb AFB.

As is the case with many of you, I deal with the public most of the time. I have noticed a sort of panic among some of the people. This is about the worst thing that could happen to a city. When the news first broke, there was a drop in sales and there was really no excuse for it.

After all, we have good cotton harvest prospects. Oil activity is high. Cosden is producing at about its capacity. I got this from a reliable source, as we are not Cosden-connected.

So, look, we have three of West Texas' most important sources of income — cattle, cotton and oil. So let's all start "putting our shoulders on the wheel," to quote an old saying used by our pioneers. They came here and founded this bountiful country with courage and perhaps only a covered wagon.

If we lose the base, sure, it will hurt. But I can't believe this facility won't be put to use. We were in Roswell, N.M., the past summer and were fortunate enough to get into the cab of a very informed taxi driver. He brought us up to date on everything the city has done to the former air base there. It is amazing. To quote another old saying, "let's not wither on the vine" and not give up.

I have lived here most of my life and love and have confidence in our city and I say to the courageous people who are going ahead with new businesses, home and etc., hats off to them and let's all start thinking in a positive way.

Let's really make Big Spring the 'main spring' it is. We soon have a new year coming up and I believe it will be a good year. I have faith in our people and our city. We wouldn't live any other place. We tried this for five years and came 'home' to the best place ever.

The Herald is better than ever. We say "thanks" as we look upon it as a part of our daily lives. Among our many favorites are Hearts n' Flowers, Ridin' Fence and photos by the one and only Danny Valdes.

Mrs. J.C. (Ellen) Eudy
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Dear Editor:

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A would be passenger
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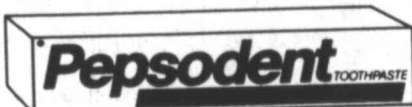
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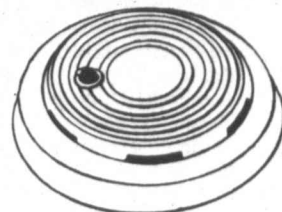


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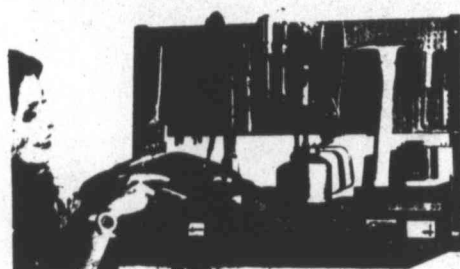
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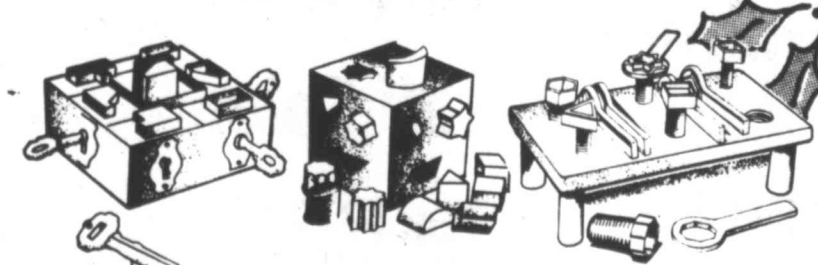
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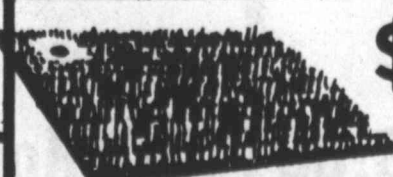
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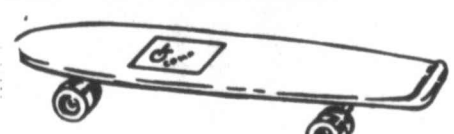
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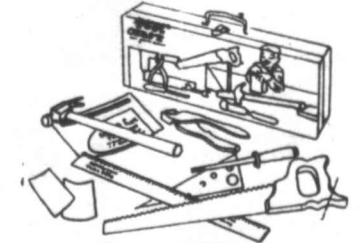


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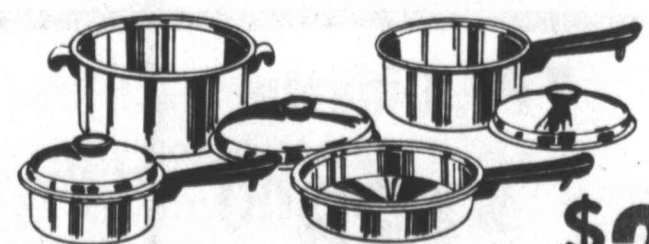


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Salvation Army bells ringing in Big Spring

The familiar sound of the Salvation Army bells can be heard in the streets of Big Spring again this year.

Brig. Robert Ball hopes to keep ringing in our ears until Christmas Day.

To date, six service organizations have signed up to man the bells and kettles: Kiwanis Club, Noon Lions Club, American Business Club, Rotary Club, and the Civitan and Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Last year the Kiwanis Club won the trophy for raising the highest donation of the Christmas season, and are out to get it again this year.

The Salvation Army will be taking applications for food and toys Monday

through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., until Dec. 17, at their office at 308 Aylford.

Any churches, classes, or groups desiring names of the needy should contact Mrs.

Dieting drag

If you're limiting calories consumed during the holidays and finding yourself dragging, maybe you had better recheck what's on the menu. When calories are cut to a minimum, meat is important to keep a dieter satisfied and well nourished. It's to the dieter's advantage to eat two 3½-ounce servings of meat a day.

Ball at 267-6141.

The Salvation Army would like to act as a clearing house for all groups or individuals giving Christmas aid this year, and asks that you mail the name and address of the family being sponsored to the Salvation Army Office, 308 Aylford, Big Spring, so that they can keep a record, and make sure no needy families are forgotten at Christmas time.

The Salvation Army's toy day is Dec. 22. Brig. Ball said, and since there is no facility for fixing broken toys by Christmas, he would appreciate the donation of any new toys in the one to two dollar class.

Scout units in session

Cub Boy Scout Pack 29 shared its November meeting with Brownie Girl Scout Troop 49 at the Community Center in Forsan.

Mrs. Susan Gaston photographed each activity beginning with the game, "Which Scout Said It", directed by Kent Neel. Following the game, cupcakes decorated with white icing and a miniature American flag were served by Sonnet Summers and Joseph Summers.

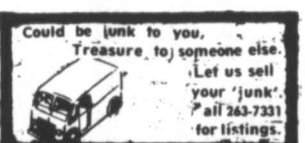
As the Cub Boy Scouts held a short business meeting directed by their den leader, Mack Alexander, and asst. leader, Mrs. LaVera Alexander, Sandy Sibisky (West Texas Girl Scout Council field director) joined the Brownie ring, directed by Mrs. Shirley Summers, leader, and Mrs. Carolyn Mills, assist. leader.

The Scout Groups joined outside the Community Center for the salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Homage was directed toward a tattered flag held by Larry Harp, denner, Vance Gaston assist. denner, Kristi Evans and Donna Mills. Mrs. Alexander led the group in a tribute to "Old Glory" and stated the meanings of the stars and stripes.

Each cub scout shared his personal meaning of the flag. The colors of the flag were explained by Vanessa Gaston, Angela Cannon, Wendy Mills, Kimberly Evans, Sonnet Summers and Latane Rudd. After the proper folding of the American flag was demonstrated, Alexander disposed of the tattered flag with the reverence and respect owed to the emblem.

John Rosas and Mark Yarbrough passed out the art supplies for each scout to draw the American flag. In the closing circle, Bruce Strickland shared a Thanksgiving poem followed by each Scout giving silent prayer.



Engineers honored

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP)—Special awards were presented Tuesday to Byron C. Blachke, resident engineer of the San Antonio highway district, and to Paul Lockhart, administrative engineer in the Tyler

District. The achievement awards were made at the 50th annual short course sponsored jointly by State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and Texas A&M University.

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READY FOR DISPLAY — The Armed Forces Bicentennial Caravan will be at Highland Mall Monday and Tuesday. The mobile museums, which graphically illustrate the history of the Armed Forces and their contributions to the nation, can accommodate up to 100 visitors per van, per hour. There will be a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at the mall at 9:45 a.m. Monday.

Staffers drawing \$552 a week

Transition salaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top members of President-elect Jimmy Carter's transition staff are drawing federal salaries of \$552 a week, about \$210 a week less than the law allows.

Carter himself is drawing no pay for the transition, and neither are Jack H. Watson Jr., transition coordinator, and Stuart Eizenstat, Carter's director of policy development and agency liaison, a transition spokesman said Monday.

A new law allots an incoming president \$2 million to pay the expenses of assembling a staff and preparing to take office.

The law authorizes maximum salaries at the top civil service level of \$39,600 a year, or \$762 a week. But members of Carter's top staff are being paid at an annual rate of \$28,725, or \$552 a week.

The transition spokesman said the salaries were being kept down in order to keep within the \$2 million budget.

The General Services Administration made public an incomplete salary list for 164 Carter workers Monday.

The minimum salary was \$8,316 annually, or \$160 a week.

The transition spokesman said the staff already has been expanded to 210, and more were expected.

Drawing \$552 a week were Hamilton Jordan, the chief talent scout; Landon Butler, an assistant in the personnel advisory group; Jody Powell, Carter's press secretary; Madeline MacBean, Mrs. Carter's transition director; Barbara Blum, director of transition operations; Greg Schneiders, Carter's appointments secretary.

Walter V. Kallaur, administrative officer of the transition; Michael S. Berman, top aide to Vice President-elect Walter F. Mondale, and Frank Moore, congressional liaison.

Most of those on the transition payroll will be paid from Nov. 14 — 12 days after the election — until Jan. 20, when Carter is inaugurated.

Unless they get permanent jobs in the new administration, they will draw the government salaries for only about 10 weeks.

The GSA is the government's housekeeping agency and is in charge of paying the transition staff.

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court reversed a Jefferson County divorce case today because the husband was not able to obtain a verbatim transcript of his appeal hearing.

The high court sent the case back to the trial court, which had granted the divorce and awarded the wife custody of the children.

Jessie James Smith was the defendant in the suit for divorce by Kaffie Marie Smith, but he did not appear at the trial court hearing.

The high court said the court of civil appeals refused to reverse the judgment, but this ruling is in conflict with numerous Supreme Court cases, dating as far back as 1936.

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Lawmakers told to learn rules

By SCOTT CARPENTER
Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau
AUSTIN — This past week 38 smiling new faces came to Austin to try to learn what's going to be happening during the 1977 session of the Texas Legislature.

The 38 are the new members — those who have never served during a session before. They were told to learn the rules, and the systems for applying for expense reimbursement and for purchasing supplies and hiring staff were meticulously explained.

But the real learning process won't come until January when they start learning that is isn't enough to introduce a bill. With 4,000 bills expected, members will have to work hard just to get a committee chairman to grant a hearing on proposed legislation.

Then to get the bill before the House or Senate and then over to the other house and through the committee structure is a major undertaking.

Of course, the lobby will enter the picture soon, if it already hasn't. Most of the 38 are already familiar with many of the major lobbyists, those who donated to their campaigns or the campaigns of their opponents.

Soon they'll find out that the Trial Lawyers Assoc., which poured thousands of dollars into political races, is willing to daily feed the membership of the House and Senate.

Each day, the Trail Lawyers set up a smorgasbord in their offices, located just a few yards from the Capitol. Legislators, members of their staffs and guests sit on the couches and chairs and desks and drink the lawyers' cocktails and eat their food.

At night, many of the lobbyists set up regular camps around Austin. The legislator doesn't need to pick up a check for himself or his or her guests — that's all taken care of.

There will be a lobbyist for small loan companies at the club at the Villa Capri motel, and the truckers association will probably again set up at the Ramada Inn near the Capitol.

Frank Erwin, lobbyist for the University of Texas, last session set up shop at the Quorum Club. Since he lobbies for a public university, he doesn't have to register as a lobbyist nor report how much he spends entertaining legislators.

Many of the new legislators have had their first experience with the Quorum Club. At the end of the seminar on being a legislator, each was given an invitation, signed in an anonymous fashion "some Austin friends" to drop by for a few drinks and some conversation.

Of course, the other lobby groups don't miss their chance to building friendships with legislators in all hours. They set up regular lunches or dinners — or play catch as catch can at the end of each session. Sometimes they help fund parties for whole delegations.

Many roam the bars, sometimes with their special legislators — the one that sings their song during the sessions.

Learning the ropes of being a member of the legislature isn't just learning the basic operations of government. It's learning who speaks for whom and whom you can trust. It's learning that once a commitment for a vote is made it must be kept.

It's learning where the power is based, and it's learning how to use it or be used by it.



THEY MET IN A PATROL CAR — Officers Joe Povelaitis and Katherine Bridges hold name tags they wear as New York City police. The two shared a patrol car in Brooklyn for two months and when officer Bridges was reassigned to the Bronx they decided they couldn't stand the separation. Off-duty the two are together again since they went to City Hall last Wednesday to get married.

Woman hostage helps lead to capture of bank bandits

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (AP) — A cool hostage and a coordinated effort by North Texas authorities in two counties led to peaceful capture of two bank robbery suspects.

Paul Breeding, 38, and his son Allen, 18, of Amarillo were charged with bank robbery and aggravated kidnapping Tuesday night after a daring \$59,000 holdup earlier in the day at the First State Bank of Petersburg.

Justice of the Peace Glenn Stone set bond for each man at a total of \$300,000. The two were being held in the Hale County jail here today.

A woman hostage, Leota Porter, was released unharmed and officers credit her for helping effect the capture.

"She (Mrs. Porter) was real cool," said Deputy Sheriff Ellis Butler. "The bank robber was a native of Petersburg so he had her blindfolded — but she recognized his voice. When she said his name it must have blown his mind. That's probably when he made up his mind to surrender."

Breeding and his son were chased by authorities to an abandoned farm house five miles east of Tulsa in Swisher County about two hours after the robbery. They surrendered after officers from Hale and Swisher counties and state troopers surrounded the house, police said.

"It was a real professional job. We got all the money back and no one was hurt," Ellis said.

Officers said a man wearing a ski mask and armed with a shotgun forced a customer and all employees of the bank into the president's office. The bandit took cash from three teller drawers and the bank vault and escorted Mrs. Porter outside to a waiting car.

Ellis said people from all over the area volunteered to help catch the robbers.

"I had three citizens flag me down and ask to go with me," he said. "I didn't have to deputize them. When they got in the car and I gave them a gun, they were deputized."

Authorities said two officers managed to catch up with the suspects' car but let them go when they threatened to harm Mrs. Porter.

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Hawk players to present 'Butterflies Are Free'

Prime rib of beef and hilarious entertainment is in the offing at Howard College Student Union Building Friday and Saturday, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Howard College Hawk players will present Leonard Gershe's "Butterflies Are Free" in the form of a Dinner Theater.

The production is directed by John Gordon, head of the Howard College Drama Department. The cast includes Kenneth West, Julia Sweatt, Sue Prosser and Doug Peercy.

"I feel comfortable in urging the community to attend this production," Gordon said. "We have an excellent cast and 'Butterflies' is one of the funniest plays written in the last few years."

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the play will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 single and \$11 per couple. In addition to prime rib, the menu includes baked potato and a salad bar. For ticket information or reservations, contact Howard College — 267-6311.

Two killed in crash involving fire truck

VAN, Tex. (AP) — Two motorists were killed in a crash involving a fire truck while the vehicle was hurrying to flames which blackened 1,000 acres of grass land Tuesday.

The collision occurred on a farm road about one mile south of here in East Texas as a Van volunteer fire department truck was en route to the big blaze southwest of town in Van Zandt County.

Marshal cites fire danger

The Big Spring Fire Department wishes to remind citizens that this may be a dry winter and the danger of fire is great.

Burning of open fires for trash, grass and weeds is very hazardous and is also against the law. Fines may be given for such an offense.

The only legal way to burn trash in the city limits is in a metal drum with mesh wire covering the top, according to Fire Marshal Howard Dodd.

Aussie dollar is devalued

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australia's conservative government devalued the Australian dollar 17.5 per cent Sunday, and today the New Zealand government made a companion revaluation of its dollar. The change in the New Zealand rate was much less, since that dollar was devalued 15 per cent on Aug. 10, 1975.

The U.S. dollar value of the Australian dollar was reduced from \$1.2354 to \$1.0174. Foreign exchange dealings were suspended in New Zealand until Tuesday, but Prime Minister Robert D. Muldoon said he expected his dollar to open at about 91 U.S. cents, down 6 cents, and at 89 Australian cents, up 10 cents.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's Australian government said it was forced to devalue the currency because of rising costs, high wages and the loss of one-third of Australia's foreign reserves in the past year. Treasurer Phillip Lynch said the remaining \$2 billion in reserves would pay for less than three months of imports.

The Australian move was welcomed by mining and farming interests and condemned by labor unions and the opposition Labor party. The president of the Associated Chamber of Manufacturers, Max Dillon, warned of the danger of inflation and said the devaluation "is of benefit to the primary and mining industries but not to the general community."

Probing Texas bank failures

Barnes due to testify

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, whose recent financial dealings have caught the attention of federal investigators, was scheduled to testify today before a U.S. House Subcommittee probing Texas bank failures.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Ferdinand J. St. Germain, D-R.I., quizzed more than a dozen witnesses Tuesday as it opened two days of public hearings into last summer's collapse of the Citizens State Bank of Carrizo Springs.

Also scheduled to testify today was Richmond C. Harper Sr., principal owner of the Frontier State Bank of Eagle Pass and a prominent South Texas businessman and rancher.

Barnes reportedly asked to testify before the committee in executive session — behind closed doors — but was refused, sources said.

Barnes, who was once the youngest speaker of the Texas House and the rising star of the state's Democratic party, was caught in a voter backlash in 1970 after the collapse of the Sharpstown State Bank in Houston.

Some doctors halt medications that keep terminally ill alive

DALLAS (AP) — There is little doubt that some doctors, with a family's permission, withhold or halt medications that are keeping a terminally ill patient alive, a former dean of the University of Texas law school says.

Professor W. Page Keeton said the subject of euthanasia is vaguely defined by the law as far as legal liability. It is one of the topics that he and other professionals from the clerical and medical fields planned to discuss during the four-day Texas Conference of Churches (TCC) "Value of Life" seminar that began today in Dallas.

Keeton said Texas murder statutes are not clear on the subject of passive euthanasia, but his own stand, which may lead to a head-on confrontation with other speakers, certainly is. "I think it is ridiculous, myself. It doesn't make any sense to make criminals out of some just because others think it's immoral," he said.

Although he was never linked directly to the bank's problems, his role in questionable legislative maneuverings which involved the bank tarnished Barnes' career. He was been in private business since 1970.

St. Germain and Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., both sought in Tuesday's hearing to discover any role Barnes might have had in bank dealings involving Citizens State.

Witnesses said Barnes had borrowed money from Citizens State. His name surfaced in connection with the purchase of other banks by Enrique Salinas.

Salinas, a 35-year-old Eagle Pass businessman who was principal owner of the Citizens State when it was closed June 28, testified for more than three hours.

He said he bought the bank early this year to protect \$500,000 in certificates of deposit he had at the bank. Salinas said he moved to buy the bank when he heard it was in trouble.

State banking examiners in their October 1975 report found the bank in a state of severe deterioration, largely the result of "insider" loans

being made to members of a San Antonio control group which owned the bank then. Examiners said these loans to the bank's official family, their friends and associates probably could not or would not be repaid.

Salinas, in a rare public appearance since his troubles began last summer, said he tried to shore up the failing bank but state authorities closed it before he could do so.

State examiners, in a June 1976 report, wrote off as loss more than \$1 million in bank loans to Salinas, his wife, family and businesses.

Salinas said he planned to repay the loans but was not given a chance.

Salinas testified he lost \$3 million to \$4 million of his own cash when state authorities declared the bank insolvent and closed it.

Salinas, who has had interest in six banks in Texas at times during this year, said he is now completely out of the banking business.

The congressmen also quizzed Dr. James Bauerle, a San Antonio dentist and University of Texas System regent who was a member of the San Antonio control group which sold the bank to Salinas.

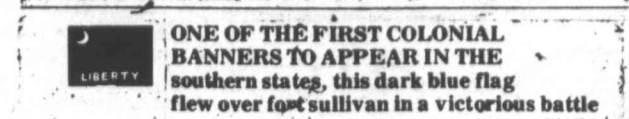
One of the persons Keeton expects to debate is the Rev. Dr. James Gustafson, professor of theological ethics at the University of Chicago. Keeton described Gustafson's approach to euthanasia as "vague" and "philosophical."

Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, president of the TCC, chuckled at the prospect that the conference might be criticized by other church groups for inviting speakers who favor euthanasia.

"We're hoping this will kick off discussions in other

smaller groups," he said. "The only stand the TCC will be taking is that life is a gift of God and, therefore, is of infinite value."

Some of the other speakers include Dr. Kubler-Ross, who will discuss her views on death and dying, based on 10 years of research with terminally ill patients. The Most Rev. Mark Hurley, Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa, Calif., will set the theme for the conference with a talk on the value of life in a progressing medical society.



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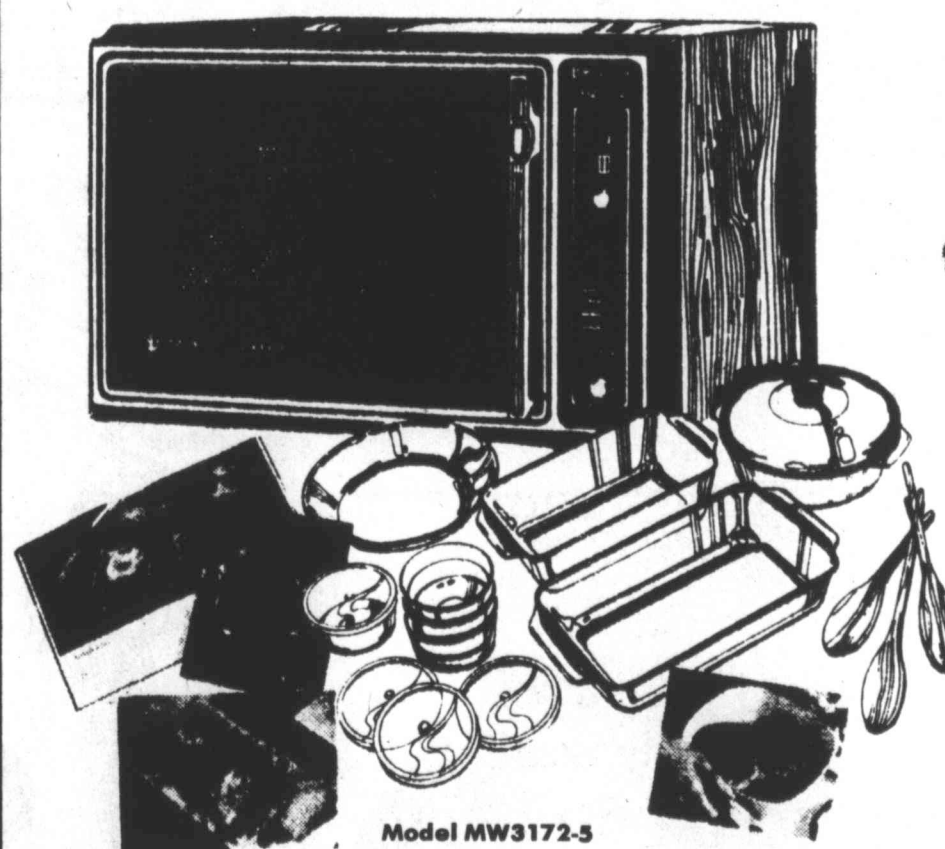
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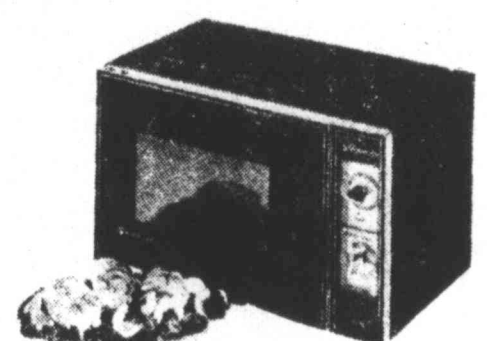
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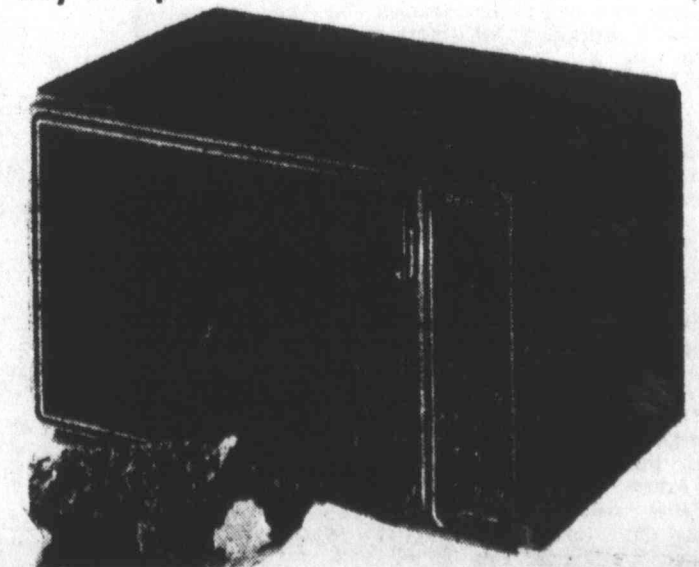
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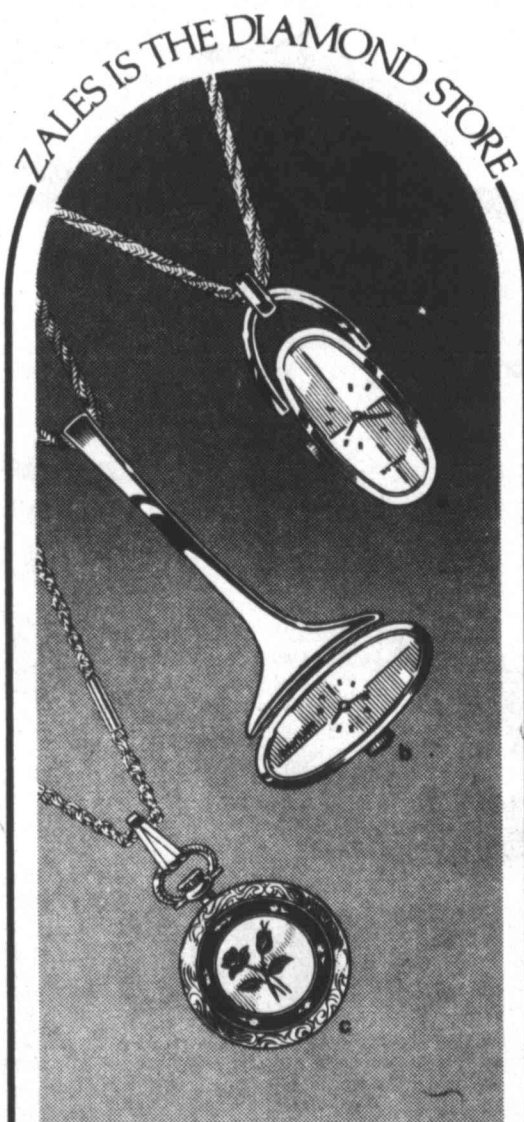
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Their affair is not your affair

DEAR ABBY: One of the girls I work with has fallen head over heels for a guy she couldn't know very well. Either that, or she's led a very sheltered life. I've known this guy for years. He's a closet queen who uses girls as a cover-up. I hate to see this girl get hurt because she is really crazy about him. If he should go so far as to marry her, it can't last very long because he's the type who never stays with one lover very long, but needs a nice straight woman to be seen in public with. Should I tell her what she's got herself mixed up with? Or let her keep going with him until he breaks her heart? NAMELESS, PLEASE

DEAR NAMELESS: The guy could be bisexual, and it's also possible that he has decided to go the straight route. Since it's not possible for you to know what's in his head, I suggest you mind your own business. P.S. Maybe she knows all about him, but loves him anyway.

DEAR ABBY: We are a group of professional middleclass couples who often get together in each other's homes for good conversation. Each hostess serves something.

One of the couples serves on paper plates. Her excuse is that she works and must conserve her energy, and although most of us work, we feel that this is her right. However, whether it's inside or a barbeque, she uses plastic forks, knives and spoons, which she washes and saves for the next party!

We have hinted that as long as she washes the plastic tableware for her next party she might as well use silverware, but she doesn't seem to understand.

Abby, if you've ever tried to eat borscht with a plastic spoon, or macaroni salad with a plastic fork, you'll know what we mean.

After her last party, our husbands told us not to accept another invitation to this couple's home. Our hints have done no good, and we like her too much to drop her. Any suggestions?

PLEASE, NO PLASTIC

DEAR PLEASE: Quit hinting. Come right out and ask her to please save the plastic for picnics and to use silverware. And if that doesn't help, but you like her too much to drop her, bring your own silverware.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and unmarried. Just recently I gave my baby up for adoption. I loved that baby more than anything in the world, and that is why I didn't keep him. I loved him enough to know that he would have a better home and a better chance in life with a mother and father, someone who is older and better able to care for him than I am.

I still have another year of high school. I would not really have been around long enough to give my son the love and care he deserves.

So when people ask, "How could you give your baby away," my answer is, "Because I loved him."

UNSELFISH MOTHER IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a very nice, but shy 17-year-old son. He has never had a date in his life, and I'm sure it's because he's afraid he'll get turned down.

He is an honor student, but doesn't do very well in sports, which could be the reason he isn't very popular with the "in" crowd at school. He is slightly overweight, but there are fatter boys who date so that can't be the reason.

It breaks my heart to see him alone all the time. A girls' club is having a dance, and the girls ask the boys. One of my best friends has a daughter in this club. Should I put a bug in my friend's ear and ask her to ask her daughter to ask my son? He wouldn't have to know I arranged it.

MOM

DEAR MOM: Don't put any bugs in anybody's ear. Your son may be a late bloomer. And another one of his problems could be a well-meaning mother who's inclined to run interference for him. Let him develop socially at his own pace.

DEAR ABBY: I doubt that a 24-year-old man would have any interest in a 13-year-old girl. It's the immature boys you have to watch out for. When I was 18 years old and did a lot of babysitting, a little 10-year-old boy actually made a pass at me!

BORED IN BRATTELBORO

Hate to write letters? Send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212, for Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (24¢) envelope.

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Belated thanks received for book of fairy tales

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Thirty years after he donated a book of fairy tales to an overseas book drive, Claude O'Brien has received a thank you note from a Russian engineer who's using it to learn English.

"The sentiments of friendship and brotherhood will be always, notwithstanding of a policy of the governments," wrote Oleg Korol, who lives in the Ukrainian village of Wolytsia.

In the letter, which begins, "Dear unknown American friend," Korol, 24, explained that while looking for books at the library to improve his English, he found "a thick, green book" of Grimm's Fairy Tales that contained O'Brien's address on the flyleaf.

"I am nicely surprised, that the men in a whole world are so benevolent and well disposed," Korol said of discovering that the book was the gift of an American. "Grand thanks to good human nature."

The letter, written Nov. 2, arrived at O'Brien's childhood address in Spokane, Wash., Nov. 16 and was forwarded to him by relatives.

"I don't really know how the book got to Russia," said O'Brien, a 42-year-old high school teacher. "I vaguely recall that in 1945 there was a school drive for books for Europe. That's the only possible way I know of."

Korol, who works at a telegraphic plant, said he was graduated from a polytechnical institute in the Ukraine in 1975. The son of a teacher, he said, he was married last year and has a son named Bohdan.

"After finishing school, where I had learned French, I decided to take possession of English," wrote Korol. "I am reading Polish, Czech, Slovakian, French and English books."

"I wanted to ask you for the book 'Song of Hiawatha,' the admirable thing by Longfellow," Korol said. He also said he would send O'Brien a copy of classic Ukrainian stories. O'Brien said he plans to write to Korol and that teachers in Kennewick and Spokane have offered to donate copies of the Longfellow work. "I'm hoping to get a complete copy of the works of Longfellow to send," he said.

Dried flowers add beauty

By JANET SARGENT
The beauty of many fall flowers and leaves may be preserved to enjoy indoors during the winter months.

Following are several ways consumers can preserve autumn foliage.

Heavy textured leaves such as oak and magnolia are most attractive when placed in a simple container or combined with other foliage. Remove an inch or so of the bark and cut slits into the stem. Place the stems in a solution of one part glycerin to two parts water. Rub the foliage with glycerin once a day. Remove from the solution when the leaves take on a pliable texture and change color.

Oats and rye, as well as golden rod, cockcomb, statice and straw flowers may be dried by tying in small bunches and hanging in a dry place.

Many flowers also may be dried by successfully burying them in sand (if sand is not available, a mixture of one part borax to one part white cornmeal may be used). Sift the sand to remove anything which may damage the petals.

Pick flowers at full bloom during the warmest part of the day. The lightest, brightest flowers seem to turn out best. Cover the bottom of the box used for drying the flowers in with sand.

Open-faced flowers such as zinnias and black-eyed susans are placed down. Thick-centered flowers such as roses and marigolds are placed face up. Do not be concerned with long stems — length can be added with wire. Carefully cover the petals with sand.

To prevent the centers of thick-centered flowers

turning dark, remove them from sand as soon as the outer petals dry — usually four to five days — and hang to complete the process. It usually takes up to two weeks for other types to dry.

For use during the holiday season, evergreens may be preserved to prevent their becoming brittle. This applies also to table-top size Christmas trees, but will not work for large trees.

Crush the stems and place in solution of four tablespoons micronized iron plant food, two cups of light corn syrup and four teaspoons chlorinated household bleach.

While atmospheric conditions and the age of the foliage will influence the finished product, you will soon have the basis for many beautiful arrangements, with a small investment of time and money.

Talent fair is Saturday

The fair has been in existence for about six or seven years, estimated Ms. Sargeant. The Howard County Council on Aging began the fair. It provides a supplement to older adults' incomes, added Ms. Sargeant. Those participating keep the proceeds on items they sell.

Members of the Senior Citizens Center, who meet at

Approximately 20 people have signed up to participate in the Senior Citizens Talent Fair, according to Janet Sargeant, assistant County Extension agent in Howard County.

Ms. Sargeant said that the fair is slated to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Highland South Shopping center mall. The fair will run until 5 p.m.

the First Presbyterian Church here, are participants in the fair. According to Ms. Sargeant, the Senior Citizens center is supported by grants, federal monies and the Dora Roberts foundation. The senior citizens center is open daily for activities to be conducted. The Council of Aging meets once a month. The group is also responsible for conducting the Meals on Wheels program in Big Spring. This program provides hot meals for shut-in citizens.

Ms. Sargeant said that she is involved with the fair as she will help coordinate the sales and will assist in setting up the exhibits. She said that wood works, crochet, quilts, afghans and baked goods are among items up for sale at the fair.

"I hope the public will get out and support the fair," said Ms. Sargeant. "It provides a good way for senior citizens to supplement their income. It is also a good way for senior citizens to get out and meet other people."

Clubhouse Christian singles

There will be a meeting of the Christian Singles Club at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at 1901 Morrison. Single adults of all ages are invited. They do not have to be church members.

This group was organized by individuals to provide singles with Christian fellowship and it is not affiliated with any denomination. The club is strictly social and the meetings consist of conversation and games, with occasional picnics and potluck suppers. There are no officers, dues, or obligations at the present time.

Current members are anxious to extend the hand of friendship to those feeling a need for this type of fellowship. Anyone wishing additional information may call 267-8993 or 263-7361.

Mu Zeta

Texas Mu Zeta met at the Pizza Inn recently to hear a program given by Harla Johnson and Sue Trim.

They told the group how the women of today are given a choice of working in the home or working outside of the home. The women also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a large and small family.

Plans were made for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 10.

The raffle was won by Jo Ann Little. The next meeting will be held in the home of Paulette Shaffer.

Play pen requested

The Howard County State Foster Parents Association held a business meeting Tuesday night at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

The group discussed the Christmas party slated Dec. 17. A spokesman for the club said that Santa would be present to give out gifts.

The group voted to purchase one or two tables for meetings. A committee was named to check out buys.

The Foster Parents are in need of a play pen. Anyone with one to donate can call Mrs. Donna Van Ness, president, at 263-1061.

Redwines have new daughter

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Redwine, Route 1, Box 357A, Big Spring, announce the birth of a daughter, Brandy Cabernet, at 8:43 p.m. Nov. 23.

The baby weighed 3 pounds, and ½ ounce. She was born at Malone Hogan Hospital. The Redwines have another daughter, Burgandy Chablis, age 2.

Out-of-town guests Kinder-Gym program offered at YMCA

Mrs. Vera Trantham had out-of-town guests for a traditional turkey dinner last weekend.

Included were her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Smith of Kaufman, Miss Diane Smith and Mrs. Theodore Smith. Also Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Buford of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Osburn, their children, Vanessa and Troy, and Mr. Otis Grafa.

Baby announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curry, 1518 Kentucky Way, announce the birth of a daughter, Jenna Beth Sunday Nov. 28 in Malone-Hogan weighing 9 pounds, one ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wise. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Louise Curry and the late James Lloyd Curry.

A gymnastic program for 3-5-year-old boys and girls will be conducted at the Big Spring YMCA on Monday and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:15 p.m.

The program will consist of basic tumbling skills, trampolines, and general gymnastic movements. Ron Anuzewski, one of the coaches for the Y Gymnastic class, will teach the program.

The class will run for 5 weeks (10 lessons) beginning December 6. The class will break for the Christmas holidays on December 20, and resume on January 3. Cost for Y members is \$2.50 and Non-Y members \$6.50.

For more information or to register, contact the YMCA at 7-8234 or come by 901 Owens.

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WARNS OF DANGER — Dr. Francis Rose explains bird habits to Webb's jet pilots in hopes that birdstrikes can be reduced.

Birds menace pilots at Webb

The two flying training squadrons (FTS) tried a new approach to their required monthly flying safety meeting by combining their efforts recently at the Webb AFB officers' club.

Capt. Dave Bowman of the 3389th FTS, one of the organizers feels that it was successful and he looks for a combined meeting at least once a quarter. Collaborating in the program effort were 1st Lt. Bill Moline of his unit and Capt. Charlie Hall and 1st Lt. Hank Jones of the 83rd FTS.

Lt. Jones has gained a base-wide reputation for his humorous approach to learning situations, and is credited with much of the originality in the skits presented.

Dr. Francis Rose of the

biology department of Texas Tech University in Lubbock gave a slide presentation to the T-37 and T-38 pilot assembly on the habits of birds in this region.

The sandhill crane is prevalent this time of year in West Texas, and is of major concern to pilots because of the collision potential. Other bird varieties mentioned by the biologist as hazards include the eagle and vulture. More than one aircraft crash has been linked with a birdstrike, including one at Webb three years ago.

According to Maj. Ed Griffin, wing chief of safety, if the information given to Webb's pilots by Dr. Rose directly results in at least one fewer birdstrike, the program was worth the effort.

Farm Food projects prove popular

LAMESA — Seventy three 4-H members enrolled in food projects will have the opportunity to compete in the County Food Show competition Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in Forrest Park Community Center.

ASCS is naming officials

The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service is conducting its annual community committee election.

Ballots were mailed to each eligible voter in the county. These ballots are mailed to each farmer, rancher and their spouse. Each voter is entitled to vote for his choice of three people out of the five who are listed on the ballot for that particular community. Howard County has five community areas.

These include Community A with Donald Allred, Joe Mac Gaskins, Eddy Herm, Jerry Iden and Jerry Roman on the ballot. Community B has Milton Anderson, David Barr, Mike Moates, Loyd Underwood, and Jack Wolf.

Community C included Clay Ingram, Marion Newson, A.G. Rogers, R.C. Thomas, and W.H. Ward as nominees and community D has Rodney Brooks, R.E. Haney, Donald McKinney, Clyde Montgomery and Doi O. Ray. Community E nominees are Larry Adkins, Lawrence Davis, Bud Grantham, Fred Newman and Randall Reid.

Dec. 6 is the final date to receive ballots in the ASCS office. On Dec. 10, the county committee will tabulate the votes, and name the three new community committeemen from each group. Then, the newly-elected community committeemen will convene Dec. 17 to fill the expiring term of Neil Fryar on the county committee.

The county committee has three-year terms for each committeeman. These are staggered so that one term will expire each year. This is Neil Fryar's third year. However, he is eligible for re-election.

Tim Hall, county executive director, urges all voters to participate in the election and reminds any person who feels he should have received a ballot to contact the ASCS office.

Project information sheet, menu and recipe is to be submitted by today, by each 4-H member planning to enter the show. These will be judged prior to the show.

Four out-of-county judges have been obtained. The contestants must be enrolled in a 4-H food project. The juniors are ages 9-13, and senior contestants are 14 prior to January 1, 1977 and not over 19 years of age.

Each will exhibit a serving dish containing the entire recipe. They will use only tableware and utensils appropriate and necessary to serve the dish prepared. They will be judged on knowledge of food and nutrition, food exhibited, a day's menu based on the four food groups, and personal appearance. The public is invited to view the exhibits and observe the awards presentation at 3:00 p.m.

One winner and alternate will be selected in each of the four food classes, both junior and senior division. The winners will represent the county at the District Food Show to be held on the Texas Tech Campus, Saturday, Dec. 11. Menus and project information sheets for all County Food Show winners will be judged in Lubbock Tuesday, Dec. 7. Winners do not attend the record judging. Mildred Crump, County Extension Agent will submit this material and assist with the judging of records.

Fort markets

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Livestock prices Tuesday. Cattle and calves 900. Slaughter cows firm to 1.00 higher with advance on low yielding canner and cutter. Slaughter bulls not established early. Slaughter calves 50.75 higher. Feeder steers steady. Steer calves uneven. Feeder offerings weak. Thin calves 250-450 lbs 10 higher. Few feeder heifers steady. Heifer calves 75-1.00 higher. Demand good. Trading very active. Slaughter cows: Utility 1-4 20.00-24.70; canner & cutter 18.00-22.00. Slaughter calves: Good & choice 300-500 lbs 27.00-29.30. Feeder steers: Choice 250-400 lbs 5.00-38.50; thin 38.50-40.40; 400-500 lbs 35.00-38.50; 500-600 lbs 32.00-35.00; good 250-300 lbs 32.00-35.00. Feeder heifers: Choice 250-300 lbs 26.00-29.40; good 24.00-27.50. Hogs 250. Barrows and gilts 50 higher. us 1-2 200-230 lbs 33.00-33.50, us 1-3 190-250 lbs 2.00-23.00, 2-4 200-270 lbs 31.00-32.00. Sows steady 1-3 200-400 lbs 24.00. Boars: 300-450 lbs 15.00, 160 lbs 24.00. Sheep 0.

New homes data listed

WASHINGTON — The typical new American home cost \$42,702 and required monthly payments of \$351.71, a survey by a trade association says.

The survey covered 950 home buyers in the year ending June 30, 1976, according to the National Association of Homebuilders.

Law will destroy private capital at its source?

Tax Reform Act of '76 assailed

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 makes "truly fundamental changes" to America's system of transferring property through estates, attorney Guilford Jones III said Tuesday.

Jones, speaking to the Big Spring Rotary Club at its weekly meeting in the Settles Hotel, questioned the wisdom of Congress in passing the act, saying the new law will limit an American's ability to accumulate wealth.

This will destroy private capital at its source, Jones contended, "the last thing we need right now in this country."

Jones, a former accountant who now

specializes in tax law, said the 1976 reform act was so complex that no one is sure what effects it might eventually have. He noted the government paperback version is bigger than the entire internal revenue code.

"Did Congress really understand what it was doing when it passed this law?" Jones asked. "I think not."

The floor debate on the law was inadequate, he said, adding that the legislation had been drafted and marked up by very few committeemen, mostly in private. "Two dozen men strapped this on us," Jones said.

The young Big Spring attorney said that moderate estates from \$500,000 to \$700,000 may require less cost to transfer to heirs under the new act, but larger ones will take much more.

He said that one tax specialist had calculated that a \$10 million estate that could have been handed down to the deceased's children for a \$3 million cost under the old system will now require \$6 million — or a doubling of the tax.

Jones cautioned Rotarians that he was only making broad comments on the complicated tax reform act and that these were "technically insufficient." He urged that tax advisers be consulted before the end of this year because of sweeping changes which will go into effect Jan. 1.

Immediate action may be needed by persons with estates more than \$500,000,

he said. "This week is almost too late."

Jones discussed briefly the new special valuation method which was written to help farms, ranches and small closely held businesses remain in the family after a death instead of having to be broken up for estate taxes.

The special valuation method will allow property to be valued based on a five-year average income instead of market cost for tax purposes.

For example, a 640 acre ranch in Glasscock County which will earn \$1.25 an acre through leasing would have cost \$28,000 in taxes before but only \$7,333 under the new law.

But, Jones said, it is not all good news. An estate of more than \$500,000 may not be reduced that much; very few people can qualify to use this special valuations method; and the heir must continue to use the property in the same way for 15 years, he said.

This rule could put heirs in the position of attempting to carry on a business they might know nothing about

simply for tax purposes, Jones said.

The law, when fully phased in by 1981, was written to allow the equivalent of a \$175,000 deduction on estate taxes which would help small farmers and businessmen.

Jones said that he doubted if many congressmen knew the negative sides of the law that they had passed.

While the new law lowered the maximum tax from 77 to 70 per cent, Jones said that an estate now gets to 70 per cent faster and stays longer. Jones was introduced by Curtis Mullins.

MAD leaders ask Carter for meet in two weeks

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Texas Mexican-American Democrats have asked President-elect Jimmy Carter for a meeting within the next two weeks to ask him what he plans to do about a promise that he would bring Mexican-Americans into the decision-making process under his administration.

Former State Sen. Joe Bernal of San Antonio, chairman of the Mexican-American Democrats (MAD) said Tuesday the group drafted a letter to Carter this week asking for the meeting and reminding him of the overwhelming support he received from Mexican-American Democrats in the recent election.

Bernal said the group met in Corpus Christi to analyze the election and determine what kind of impact Mexican-Americans can have in the new administration.

"What we want is proportionate representation at all levels of government, we want to become involved in the decision making process, Bernal said."

Bernal recalled that during a campaign speech in Houston Carter promised to bring minorities into his administration.

"We are not looking for handouts, but involvement," he said. "We don't want welfare," he added noting that Mexican-Americans want Carter to do what Gov. Jerry Brown did in California.

"Brown started an

austerity program," he said,

"but he involved everyone. Participation is the

meaningful thing for us."

He said that both federal and state governments have failed to get the Mexican-Americans involved. "I am waiting for the day in Texas when we will have a Mexican-American on the board of regents of the University of Texas, of Texas A&M, of the Board of Pardons and Parole, waiting for the state government to get us to participate."

Bernal said MAD analyzed the vote in the recent election and found that, on the average, about 87 per cent of Mexican-Americans in Texas voted for Carter.

"In some precincts in Corpus Christi," he stated, "the percentage was 95 per cent."

He said the percentage never has been so high for a single candidate.

"We had conservative, moderate and liberal Mexican-Americans united in this campaign," he said. "We did not have the division of 1972 when many felt that McGovern was too liberal."

Also, he added, "we have had eight years of inflation and unemployment under the Republicans. And inflation and unemployment hit our people hardest, especially in South Texas."

Kentwood center offers special

The Kentwood Older Adult Center, 2805 Lynn, will present a Music Special 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Tom Castle String Band will be featured on the program. The band is made up of Castle on violin; Margie Castle on piano; A.C. Powell on guitar; Gertrude Hamlin on guitar; and Herb Eastham on mandolin.

A number of singing members will be interspersed with the band sets. Marshall Brown will serve as master of ceremonies. The public is invited, and admission is free of charge.

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Truck drivers are squeezed by speed laws

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Legislators may be hearing soon from a new organization set up to oppose insurance penalties for speeding between 55 and 70 miles per hour.

It's a matter of human rights, says Billy Jack Johnson of Fredericksburg, secretary-treasurer of the National Licensed Drivers Association, Inc. Johnson told a news conference Tuesday that truck drivers are caught between the 55 mph speed limit and employers' expectations of efficiency.

But when a driver racks up speeding tickets, his employer is charged higher rates for car and truck insurance. Drivers get fired so employers can reduce their insurance bills, Johnson said.

The 1975 legislature rejected a bill prohibiting insurance surcharges for speeding tickets between 55 and 70 mph.



TO SING HERE — Lovely vocalists from Ricks College with the Dance American Style variety show are Renee Wood and Ronda King. The Festival Frolics will be presented in the city auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Admission is \$1 per person and under 12 free. It is sponsored locally by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

If he or she wants to continue working It's unjust to put person out to pasture at age 65

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—It's unjust to put a person out to pasture at age 65 if he or she wants to continue working and is able to, the House Social Services Committee says.

The committee said in its final report to the 1977 legislature that the state should take the lead in giving the elderly the right to work. "Age should not be used as the basis for discriminating against an entire group of workers," the committee said.

Chairman Lane Denton, D-Waco, said "a bill of some sort" will be introduced to carry out the recommendation, although he did not seek re-election but ran instead—unsuccessfully—for railroad commissioner.

"Aside from the disastrous effect on income, often the sudden disappearance of the work role around which so

much of life is built is a shock from which people do not recover," the committee report said.

In all, the committee made 21 recommendations designed to make life easier for old people.

The report said all services for the elderly should be brought together in a single state agency in order to end "fragmentation, duplication, overlap and gaps."

It said the Governor's Committee on Aging and the Texas Department of Public Welfare both have responsibilities for old people but "it was hard... to determine where the Governor's Committee on Aging's jurisdiction stopped and DPW's started."

Another recommendation would raise from \$3,000 to \$10,000 the amount deducted from the valuation of an old

person's home for tax purposes in most parts of Texas.

Denton said high property taxes cause some old persons to sell their homes and move into nursing homes, often with Medicaid or Medicare paying the bills.

Raising the homestead exemption would allow "the elderly the opportunity to continue to live in their own homes, thereby maintaining their independence and dignity and forestalling a move into an institutional setting," the committee said.

It also proposed increased funds and a broader role for the Texas Commission for the Deaf, including its recognition as the state referral agency for parents of deaf children.

Parents of children with poor hearing "are frequently confused and not certain as

to where to turn to obtain assistance for their children and themselves," the report said.

The committee recommended creation by statute of a state agency dealing with early childhood development, a function now handled by a division of the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

Among the duties of the early childhood development office should be creation of a statewide "parenting education" program.

"Many of today's families are exceedingly young. The number of teenagers marrying is increasing at a rate four times that of all Texans. And the number of babies born to mothers 19 and under is increasing at an even higher rate," the report said.

Schools announce new senior citizens activities policy

The Big Spring Independent School District has announced its new senior citizens activities policy.

Any resident of the school district, who is 65 years old or who is 60 years old and retired, is eligible for a senior citizen activity pass.

The pass can be obtained at the ticket window at the rear entrance of the business office, located at 11th Pl., across from the high school.

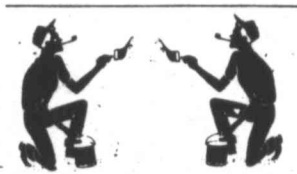
The pass will admit the senior citizen free of charge to all school activities

conducted in Big Spring with the exception of varsity football games and activities for which all seats are reserved.

This would exclude such things as CR and their musicals where the entire auditorium is reserved. The University Interscholastic League district regulations prohibit free admittance to varsity football games.

However, the policy covers a number of activities such as the Jazz concert, plays, the Christmas and spring

choir concerts, basketball, baseball and volleyball games, football games at a level under varsity and many other events.



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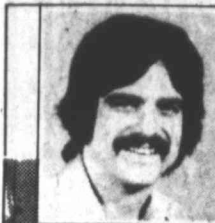
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THROUGH the fieldglasses

By Danny Reagan

Juco preview

Thursday the Howard College Hawks open one of their toughest Western Conference seasons in the 17-year history of the league.

The 10 member WJCC is as balanced as it has been in some time. Currently, the teams have an overall 63-19 record, which includes five tournament championships and four runner-up positions.

The Hawks are picked to finish third at the end of league play this year, and Western and Midland College were chosen by a coaches poll to finish ahead of the locals in first and second position, respectively.

But a few surprises have cropped up in the Juco mix-master. Odessa College and South Plains have identical records of 8-1, and plan to figure prominently in the division honors hand-out.

The Hawks, of course, are 7-3, and only one more team in the group has lost more. Clarendon sits at 4-5. Rounding out the records in the league: Western Texas is the only undefeated team going into league action at 8-0.

NMMI stands at 4-1, Amarillo is 7-2, Midland 6-2, New Mexico JC is 5-2 and Frank Phillips has a 5-2 slate.

Hawk Coach Harold Wilder has indicated repeatedly that the lack of experience and a green defense might present the Hawks with some problems in conference action.

And pre-conference stats bear Wilder out. HC is allowing more points per game, an average of 88.5, than any other team in the league. However, they offset that stat with the second-most prolific scoring machine in the conference, averaging 96.6 points a game. That is only second to Midland, which is performing at a 98.8 a game clip.

Western Texas fields the conference's leading defense which is only allowing 52.1 points an outing.

Wilder has only one returning player with much experience. Reggie Lefall. But sophomore Paul Cathey and Lowell Walker have shown exceptional progress.

Wilder and his assistant Leroy McClendon have also found help in the freshmen ranks. Mike Little, Eugene Williams and Joe Cooper appear to be more ready for conference action at this stage than was previously expected.

The Preybirds will tip-off their 1976-77 WJCC conference hardwood race tomorrow in Roswell against New Mexico Military Institute at 7:30. The game will be aired on local radio stations KBYG and KBST.

Team	W-L	Pct.	Avg.	Opp. Avg.
WT	8-0	1.000	76.4	52.1
Odessa	8-1	.889	80.1	60.7
South Plains	8-1	.889	91.6	84.1
NM Military	4-1	.800	78.6	69.8
Amarillo	7-2	.778	84.7	67.0
Midland	6-2	.750	98.8	83.3
NMJC	5-2	.714	86.9	80.9
Frank Phillips	5-2	.714	79.4	75.3
Howard	7-3	.700	96.6	88.5
Clarendon	4-5	.444	65.1	64.9

THURSDAY — Odessa at South Plains; NMJC at Frank Phillips; Clarendon at WTC; Midland at Amarillo; Howard at NMMI.

SWC roundball race

In the past two years, the "ignored little runny-nosed kid on the block" of NCAA basketball has been making himself more and more vocal.

Last year Texas Tech won a berth into the NCAA play-offs with a close victory over the Aggies in the first SWC end of the season tournament. But the Red Raiders are shy on depth and experience this year, as graduation all but cleaned them out. They are picked to finish fourth in the race for top honors.

Arkansas, Houston and Baylor are the powerhouses in the conference who are expected to keep "the little kid's" voice noisy.

Texas A&M would ordinarily be one of the top choices, but the Aggies lost key starters Sonny Parker and Barry Davis, and Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams, two starters who were declared ineligible by the conference because of illegal recruiting.

TCU, SMU and Rice are not expected to be anywhere in the picture, except in a spoiler role infrequently.

Arkansas will base its contending chances on returnees 6-4 Marvin Delph, 6-3 Sidney Moncrief and 6-4 Ron Brewer. Unproven 6-11 Steve Schall will stand in as center.

Houston has almost everyone back, including all-American prospect Otis Birdsong who averaged 25.6 points a game last year. Birdsong will be joined by 6-10 Al Winder, 6-5 George Walker and 6-9 Mike Schultz.

Baylor also has holdover talent in 6-11 Tony Rufus, 6-7 Larry Spicer, 6-3 Billy Carlisle and two juco players, Russell Oliver and Larry Rogowski.

Texas will base its hopes on one of Los Angeles' top schoolboys in 6-4 Ron Baxter. UT coach Abe Lemons says he'll "put him up against anyone in the league as a pure shooter."

It should be a dogfight to the very end.

Forsan tournament

Forsan High School is hosting their 1976-77 Invitational Basketball Tournament beginning tomorrow, Dec. 2.

Boys and girls teams from Borden County, Coahoma, Grady, Ira, Klondike, Robert Lee, Sterling City and of course, Forsan will compete in the three-day event.

Each team is guaranteed three contests, and tickets for each session are \$1 for adults and .50 for students.



DOUBLE PLAY — Two of the heaviest deer that have been bagged locally are shown here by David Hopkins, left and Kenneth Conner. The two men, led by guide Gary Conner, shot the deer in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. They dressed out at a remarkable 165 and 175 pounds, and both sported a wide spread of antlers.

Action Thursday in the girls' division sees Klondike versus Ira at 9:30 a.m., Coahoma against Sterling City at 12:30 p.m., Robert Lee versus Grady at 4 p.m., and Borden County up against Forsan at 7 p.m.

Boys' action Thursday begins with an 11 a.m. tip-off between Klondike and Ira, followed by a 2 p.m. matching of Coahoma and Sterling City, Robert Lee and Grady at 5:30 p.m., and Borden County and Forsan at 8:30 p.m.

Eight games will also be on tap Friday and Saturday, and the tourney will end Saturday night with an awards presentation from 9:30-10 p.m.

Troubled Waters clear

The best strong safety in perhaps the entire National Conference, in my opinion is Dallas Cowboy Charlie Waters. But he had to go under a lot of bridges to get to where he is today.

He moved from the big city a few years ago to combat personal problems, such as a broken marriage, trouble in recuperating from a badly broken arm which required four bouts of surgery, and a deepening depression.

He had also gone through surgery to free a pinched nerve in his knee, had bone chips removed from an ankle, and undergone surgery on an elbow. To add to his worries, his father suffered a heart attack while watching last year's Super Bowl, and almost died. This has all happened since he joined the Cowboys in 1970.

This year, however, he is healthy, both physically and mentally, and Tom Landry has indicated that he is playing as well as anyone on the club.

Putt Choate honored

Southern Methodist University held its annual Football Banquet last night, and Big Spring's own Putt Choate was honored as the defensive player of the year.

Ricky Wesson was given the offensive player of the year award. Choate has been a defensive stand-out all season for the Mustangs, and was given the game ball after the victory over Arkansas.

Deals with TV?

From "The Sporting News" comes a very intriguing question. "Why did undefeated, untied Pittsburgh, No. 1 in the nation, choose the Sugar over the Orange Bowl?"

Quoting directly from an article in that publication, here are their thoughts: "Orange Bowlers say ABC-TV bribed the Panthers to pass up the Orange for the Sugar, which ABC televises. The charge is that ABC put Pitt on a regional telecast several weeks ago, paying Pitt and West Virginia \$194,000 apiece.

"It also was alleged that Pitt was promised national TV spots in 1977. Pitt could have collected \$1 million in the Orange Bowl, but will settle for \$750,000 in the Sugar."

Pitt coach John Majors denies the story, and says that New Orleans is where the majority of his team wanted to go.

Think whatever you will, but here's another question. Why were teams like the University of Texas televised so many times this year when they have had such a dismal season?

There were plenty of other teams who deserved the recognition, and who could have used the money more. It stinks to me.

Clinic at HC set

A basketball clinic coached by Hawk mentor Harold Wilder will start at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Howard College gym. The clinic, which is expected to run all morning, is open to all grade school children, especially those involved in Gra-Y programs at the YMCA.

The clinic was originally to be held at the YMCA gym.

Area BB results

The Coahoma High School teams swept three games from visiting Forsan. In the varsity boys game, Derrill Witte led his team with 15 points in a 58-51 verdict. Forsan's Ralph Miranda also scored 15 points for the Buffs.

In varsity girls action, Coahoma squeaked by 41-40, with Melissa Brown garnering 17 points for the winners. Beverly Strickland hit 23 points for Forsan.

The Coahoma JV Boys also won a close one 39-38 over Forsan. Dusty Douglas hit 17 for Coahoma, while Rusty Henderson topped top honors with 10 for Forsan.

Sands High School won two out of three games from Wilson. The Mustangs won the varsity boys game 88-67, with Martin Nipals hitting 24 points for the winners.

The varsity girls kept their winning streak alive by whipping their opposition 77-62. Renee Roman hit 27 points, Susan Martin bucketed 26, and Jill Floyd made 24.

The JV boys lost their game 57-59. David Hall hit 15 for Sands.

Quote for the day

"For every ticket bought to the Dec. 9 Football and Volleyball Banquet, held in the BSHS cafeteria at 7:30, with special speaker Faye O'Dell from Oklahoma, I will grow one hair on the top of my head." — Jim Baum.

Using 'Bam', 'Mr. Invisible', 'Wildman'

Steers polish Golden Tors

By DANNY REAGAN

Sports Editor

Are they for real?

Does a duck like water?

The Big Spring Steers, led by Elroy "Mr. Invisible" Green, Johnny "Bam" Jones, and Casey "Wildman" Wilder, put together a super-muffler of a defense and a determined effort on offense that would make that rubber-tree-plant-carrying ant envious, to down a superb Lamesa quintet, 62-47.

The careening Bovines, now 4-1 for the season, exhibited another team effort to completely frustrate the taller and more experienced visiting Golden Tors. Head Coach James Griffin had stated before the game that the Steers had to throw together a potent full-court press, and stay close under the boards to win the game.

They did exactly that, especially in the fourth quarter, when full of emotion and adrenalin, they held the Tors to only four points. Both teams started the contest as if they had been shot out of a cannon, especially the Steers. With

scarcely 30 seconds gone in the game, Casey Wilder had hit a jumper outside the circle, and invisibly quick Elroy Green had performed a hustling one on one number that resulted in a lay-up.

The taller Lamesa team seemed at any moment to take advantage of their great heights, but the adhesive "Horn press obviously, made them nervous.

Kenneth Perry's dominance of the 6-9 Eric Kerr, and six clutch points by Frankie Rubio had "Griff's Group" up by two, 14-12 at the end of the first eight minutes.

Both teams appeared somewhat jittery in the second quarter. The Steers missed a number of scoring opportunities, and turned the ball over four consecutive times.

But Bubba Stripling jump shots, two field goals by Mike Harris, another quick steal by Green, and two last minute turn-around jumpers by Jones, gave the Steers the edge 29-27 at intermission.

The score was tied four times during the first half, and the locals never trailed.

The Golden Tors were able to pull within one point at the end of the third quarter, but after that, they were only to make four more points the entire night.

The third quarter exploded as did the opening period for the Steers, highlighted by two steals by Kenneth Perry, one by Green, and three bucket-poppers by Johnny "Bam" Jones from the top of the key.

Lamesa's C. Wellington opened a one-man comeback for the visitors, and despite the efforts of Casey Wilder, with his steals, corner jump shots and board work, and a

few more 30-foot jumpers by Green and Jones, Lamesa had pulled to within one point 44-43 at the end of the quarter.

The running pressmen of Big Spring opened the final stanza in characteristic form. Lightning struck quickly, (sometimes known as Elroy Green's hands), and "Mr. Invisible" passed his steal down to Bubba Stripling for an easy lay-up.

Green was to nab two more steals for the night, and end with six. With the quick target shots by Mike Harris, and a couple of shots by Casey Wilder from his spot (30 feet out, and just to the left of the top of the key), the Steers had a nine-point lead with just four minutes left in the game.

Coach Griffin sent in the reserves at that point, but the score, and aggressive defense just continued to mount.

Del Poss, Scott Wilder, Stripling and Harris led the last assault and when the final buzzer sounded, the Bovines had a 15-point victory, 62-47.

BIG SPRING STEERS

Player	FG	FT	TP
Johnny Jones	6	2	14
Frankie Rubio	4	2	10
Casey Wilder	4	1	9
Elroy Green	4	0	8
Bubba Stripling	3	0	6
Mike Harris	3	0	6
Kenneth Perry	1	1	3
Scott Wilder	1	0	2
Del Poss	1	0	2
Mark Poss	1	0	2
Steve Evans	0	0	0
TEAM	27	8	42

Lamesa Tornadoes

Player	FG	FT	TP
Wellington	8	2	18
E. Kerr	5	1	11
A. Martinez	3	1	7
G. Price	3	1	7
A. Manuel	1	2	4
B. Pinkert	0	0	0
TEAM	20	7	47

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The Big Spring Steer Junior Varsity continued their dominance of opposition this year by blasting the Lamesa JV's 72-25.

Ed Henry's charges mounted a 38-10 half-time lead, and coasted to the victory. Big Spring's Wright scored 20 points, Latta had 15, and Rice put in 10.

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'NO, YOU DON'T!' — Seems to be the expression presented by the actions of Big Spring's Elroy Green (25) and Kenneth Perry, as they pull a rebound out of the hands of Lamesa's Guy Price. Giant Golden Tor Eric Kerr, at 6-9, waits underneath for anything that falls his way.

Coahoma, C.C. dominate

6-AA All-District

The District 6-AA all-district team was announced recently, and a couple of area teams dominated selection.

Colorado City and Coahoma placed more members on the first team offense and defense than any other school in the district.

The Wolfpack from C.C. had 10 players chosen while the Coahoma Bulldogs were a close second with six members on the 22-member elite.

Ken Kelso, Terry Don Roberts, Kenny Fryrear, Bobby Fryar, Ruben Ornelas and Tim Greenfield from Coahoma were chosen to first team slots. Coahoma's tally should actually be seven, because Ken Kelso was chosen to first team offense and first team defense.

Making second team honors for Coahoma were Jim Bob Phillips, Billy Smith, Donald Luce and Dusty Douglas. Edwin Dickson and Phillips were also picked for the honorable mention backfield.

Making the honor squad for Colorado City were Ray Torres, Gary Hulme, Pete Parham, Benny Arispe, Jim Jordan, Kevin Herm, Jackie Ellis, Steve Belvin, Ruben Ornelas, and Wayne McKee.

Here are the rest of the picks:

ALL DISTRICT 6-AA ALL DISTRICT OFFENSE

1st Team QB — Ray Torres, C. City, Sr., 5'10", 165 lbs.

Running Backs — Don Earl, Stamford, Sr., 5'10", 170 lbs. (Unanimous); Larry Smith, Merkel, Sr., 6'0", 180 lbs.; Ken Kelso, Coahoma, Sr., 6'1", 170 lbs.; Gary Hulme, C. City, Sr., 6'1", 195 lbs.

Receivers — Bill Harrell, Stamford, Sr., 6'3", 165 lbs.; Pete Parham, C. City, Sr., 5'11", 185 lbs.; Benny Arispe, C. City, Sr., 5'8", 120 lbs.

Linemen — Jim Jordan, C. City, Sr., 6'1", 185 lbs. (Unanimous); Kevin Herm, C. City, Sr., 5'10", 190 lbs.; Terry Don Roberts, Coahoma, Jr., 5'11", 205 lbs.; Kenny Fryrear, Coahoma, Sr., 6'1", 170 lbs.; Phillip Colburn, Winters, Jr., 6'3", 215 lbs.

2nd Team QB — Jim Bob Phillips, Coahoma, Sr., 5'8", 145 lbs.; Jimmy Chapman, Winters, Sr., 5'11", 180 lbs.; Roger Doane, Merkel, Sr., 5'11", 180 lbs.; Frank Sanchez, C. City, Jr., 5'9", 160 lbs.

Receivers — Brad Parsley, Merkel, Jr., 5'11", 145 lbs.; Allen Ritchey, Ballinger, Sr., 6'3", 180 lbs.

Linemen — Ruben Ornelas, C. City, Sr., 5'8", 160 lbs.; Billy Smith, Coahoma, Sr., 6'0", 180 lbs.; Benny Herman, Stamford, Sr., 5'10", 165 lbs.; Tom De Berry, Wylie, Jr., 6'3", 195 lbs.; Glen Braune, Merkel, Sr., 6'1", 180 lbs.

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1st Team Linemen — Bobby Fryar, Coahoma, Sr., 6'3", 205 lbs. (Unanimous); Jackie Ellis, C. City, Sr., 6'4", 215 lbs. (Unanimous); Steve Belvin, C. City, Sr., 6'1", 260 lbs.; Phillip Coleman, Winters, Jr., 6'3", 215 lbs.; Mark Shaw, Merkel, Sr., 5'9", 145 lbs.

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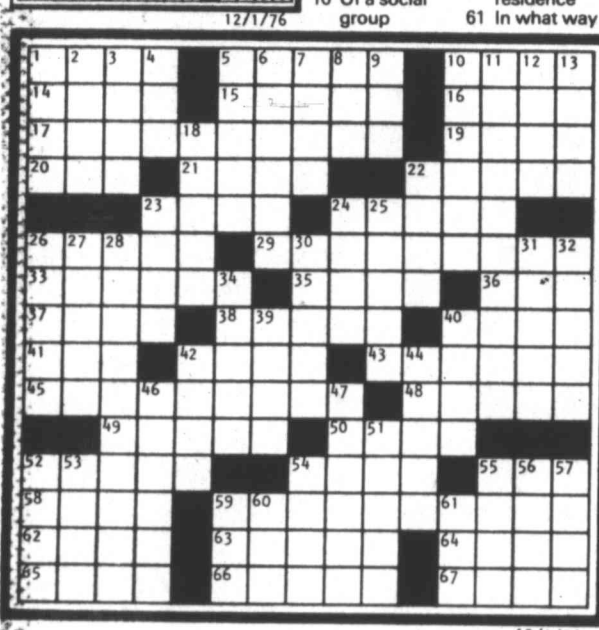
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Yesterday's Jumbles: BOGUS LOONY TERROR NEEDLE

Answer: The kids always found this subject nerve-racking—"TENSE"

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1976

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A new attitude where some long-range activity is involved will bring you a better means by which to enhance your success in life. You will have to use your brain and be willing to think out such a course from all sorts of logical angles and reasoning power. Take time to consult with an expert.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to blend the old with the new, the radical with the proven and have more success in your dealings with others. Attend a social function where there is a combination of the formal with the informal.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Give some deep thought to existing conditions and see how you can improve them. You have good workable ideas that can add to present income. Avoid a trickster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Seek out friends who can assist you to gain your aims more readily and successfully. Make sure you attend some social function to which you may be invited, or do some entertaining of your own.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Convincing one from whom you want a favor is quite easy today and you can progress thereby. Be careful and exact in handling credit affairs. Relax tonight and enjoy home and kin.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Delve into new avenues of expression and step out of that rut you have been in for so long now. Advance more quickly. A new contact can bring real advancement if you listen to advice given you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Apply a little pressure on those who have not kept promises and are keeping you from advancing and get good results. Be sure to handle intelligently some new situation that arises with loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to please a precise partner who demands that you meet his standards and all is then fine. A civic matter may seem distressing but it can be remedied very quickly now.

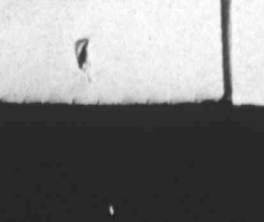
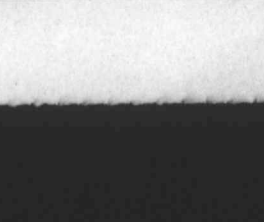
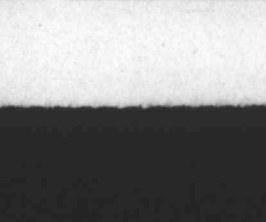
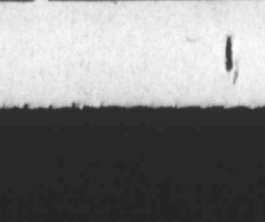
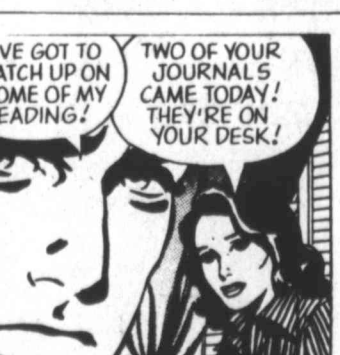
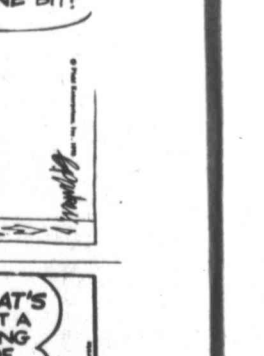
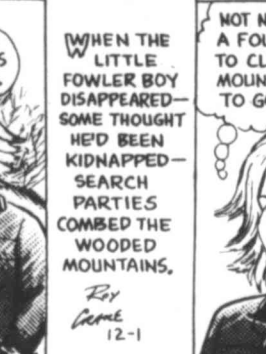
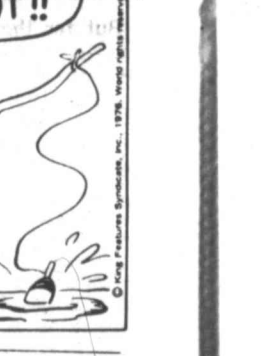
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be enthused about the work ahead of you and it will soon be behind you and efficiently. Come to a better understanding with co-workers, also. Light entertainment in evening is fine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can indulge in some amusement that is appealing, but don't spend too much money. Show more affection for those you like without expecting them to make the overtures first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Show particular attention to kin and gain their affection and goodwill. Get rid of friction that exists there. Don't be taken in by conniving persons, especially in the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have problems that need immediate attention in order to solve them wisely. If a short trip is needed, drive with utmost care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You need money but need to use caution or you could let poor thinking spoil your chances with some new project you have in mind. Listen to what an adviser has to suggest and follow through.



Connally law firm is sued

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — The son of a New Mexico legislator alleges in a federal court suit that a Houston law firm in which former Texas Gov. John Connally is a partner discriminates against Mexican-Americans.

The class action suit, filed here Tuesday, seeks an injunction to end alleged discrimination by the law firm of Vinson, Elkins, Searls, Connally and Smith.

Chris Lucero Jr. of Albuquerque, a Harvard Law School graduate and son of New Mexico Rep. Chris Lucero, claims in his petition that the law firm rejected him as an associate because he is Mexican-American.

"The date I applied for employment they had only one minority attorney out of approximately 220," said Lucero in his original Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint.

He added, "I was told that they would hire up to 30 new associates. To the best of my knowledge those hired had qualifications no better, or no worse, than mine. I believe the reason for my rejection is based on my minority status of Mexican."

The suit was filed after the law firm failed to take any action on Lucero's EEOC complaint.

Lucero contended in the suit that he was interviewed by the law firm in Boston and Houston before he was rejected by letter in November 1974.

Dallas burglar shot to death

DALLAS (AP) — Police gunfire killed a youth whom two officers caught burglarizing a neighbor's apartment early today, authorities reported.

A police spokesman said other residents heard window glass break as the intruder forced his way into the place shortly after 1 a.m. and summoned the officers. The spokesman gave this account:

Patrolmen M. D. Cozby and A. V. Hall answered the call and found a burglar collecting a stereo set and other items to be carried away. One officer covered the front door and the other went to the back.

The intruder started running and Cozby fired the fatal pistol shot after the youth ignored an order to halt. Investigators identified him as Kenneth Wayne Perry, 17, and said he lived in an apartment next door on Dallas' near east side.

Autos M-10

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Deitz became Deats

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Deitz became Deats in Big Spring. This was because there were two George Deitz families here — and to keep from getting the mail mixed up, one of them just changed the family name.

The Deats family were among the real settlers who helped develop the Big Spring area. This was pointed out in this month's Heritage Museum newsletter using information compiled by Richard Deats (a grandson) and his aunt, Martha Deats Moody, the last of the nine Deats children.

Lewis Theodore Deitz was the third of 11 children born to Johannes and Mary Ann Deitz in 1858 in Danville, Ill. He received his education in the public schools of Manitowish County, but he left school when he was 13 in order to help support the family. This was not unusual in those days.

In 1877 he married Sarah Elizabeth Ryan, his first sweetheart. He was 19 and she was 16. She was from a Scotch-Irish family that lived the other side of the Susquehanna River.

He came to Big Spring and worked for the railroad. He was an engineer for the T&P for 23 years. Nine children were born to that couple — Walter, Bertha, Ralph, Charles, Lalah, Jessie, Martha, George and Ethel. The last six were born after they arrived in Big Spring. L.T. also had a brother, George, who came to Big Spring. He was the one who changed the family name.

While he was with the T&P, L.T. Deats helped organize the first railroad union in this area. Also, while an engineer, he made investments in cattle and land in Howard County. In 1907, he sold out, disposing of 400 head of cattle and the rangeland for a large sum of money which he invested in



BUILT IN 1907
... for the Deats clan

Big Spring real estate.

That was the year the family built their home at 708 Main. Martha, who was only four years old at that time, still remembers the move. She recalls that she and her sister Ethel went to the new house in a buggy and when they arrived, Mama was already busy cooking.

Mrs. Deats was known as an excellent cook and the children called her rolls, the "Deats house Rolls." L.T. Deats served on the school board and later was second mayor of Big Spring, elected in 1910 to succeed George D. Lee. He served two terms.

Among the accomplishments in his administration as mayor was a franchise granted the Big Spring Water Works. It was agreed with C.L. Alderman, president, that they would pipe water from the wells to the city. This was a big step forward.

The first concrete sidewalks were also constructed, the first fire ordinance written and the city purchased the power and

light company.

So with piped-in water, sidewalks instead of dusty lanes, and electricity, Deats became kind of a town hero. He was featured in "Texas and Texans" by Frank W. Johnson in 1914. He died in 1924 and Mrs. Deats in 1937.

Of the original nine children, only Martha survives. She is the first volunteer, through Red Cross, in volunteer work at the Veterans Administration Hospital to serve 10,000 hours and was presented the VA Silver Bowl Award this year. She also is active in the Gold Star Mothers Club, the Letter Carriers Assoc. Auxiliary and the First United Methodist church.

A Deats who was very special to us here at the Herald was the late Lucille Deats Pickle, who was a granddaughter of L.T. Deats. Lucille would admit she was from a pioneer family, but never really told us "how pioneer."

The streak of hard work and modesty runs through the entire clan. And that clan

has been a very important part of the development of Big Spring. Just think, Big Spring may have the only family with that particular spelling... Deats.

And we're glad they came here — way back when — and built a few sidewalks and fences, for me to walk on and ride by when I'm out ridin' fence.

Supreme Court rules against Ohio officers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Tuesday ruled against an Ohio policeman who was ordered by a jury to pay more than \$800,000 to the families of two men he shot and killed and to a third man who was paralyzed by the officer's bullet.

In an unsigned opinion, the justices said they had changed their minds and had decided not to hear Columbus police officer Raymond Belcher's appeal of a lower court decision.

Belcher had challenged the decision by the U.S. Circuit Court in Cincinnati which upheld the jury verdict in trial court.

The case stemmed from a barroom brawl in Jimmy's Cafe in Columbus in 1971.

Belcher was at the cafe while off duty and out of uniform when a scuffle broke out. He intervened and shot and killed Robert Ruff and Michael Noe. He also shot Casey Stengel who was permanently paralyzed as a result of the wound.

Stengel and the survivors of the dead men filed suit against Belcher under a federal civil rights law which provides damages for persons whose civil rights are violated by state officials.

The jury decided that Belcher must must pay \$831,000 in damages. Belcher appealed on

grounds he was not acting as an official at the time he shot the three men.

The justices earlier had agreed to hear the case. But they said, "We have concluded that the writ (scheduling the case for a hearing) should be dismissed as improvidently granted."

The justices said they have

determined from a review of the record that there was substantial evidence Belcher was acting in an official capacity.

Among other things, Belcher was granted official leave because of his injuries in the incident, and a local board of inquiry concluded that his "actions were in the line of duty."

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NASA to keep quiet

Waiting for messages from other worlds

DALLAS (AP) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is planning to wait for messages from other worlds to find out rather than sending out signals to locate extra-terrestrial life, an engineer for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory says.

Bob Edelson of Pasadena, Calif., is one of several engineers and deep space scientists who will begin listening for possible communications from other worlds in the fall of 1978.

Speaking at the National Telecommunications Conference in Dallas Monday, Edelson said today's technology is capable of sending messages into deep space but a reply, should one be sent, could take 24,000 years. Therefore, the decision by the NASA is to keep quiet and listen.

"You have to be a bit

presumptuous in this field," Edelson admitted. "But we have to assume that any signals we pick up were sent for detection."

He said that "it is likely that communication between different species exists today." He added that "lifesigns," or stars suspected of harboring the elements necessary to sustain life, have existed for some 5 billion years before our sun was born.

The space probes will be conducted by Ames Research Center in Mountainview, Calif., and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Edelson said the search will not include Earth's solar system, which scientists have concluded is almost surely void of life as we know it.

As for life in deep space, the engineer quipped, "About all you can say for

sure is you won't find a race of dolphins out there. They have to be able to at least build the right kinds of tools (to transmit earthbound messages)."

The probes will last five years. If no messages have been received by then, Edelson said the program will be reassessed. He added that past probes have yielded nothing.

Asked why he believes the search should continue, Edelson said "Because it is inconceivable to me that the 7 trillion or more stars in the galaxy, that we're the only ones here."

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