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Surrender Of Hijacker Ends A Tense Drama

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A disgruntled airline mechanic surrendered today after taking two persons hostage and commandeering a DC8 jetliner almost 15 hours before, authorities said.

Palm J. Hinnant, 37, was quietly removed from the plane shortly after 6:30 a.m., bringing to an end the tense drama that began Tuesday afternoon.

One of the hostages, Richard Funk, was rushed to Peninsula Hospital. The 38-year-old United Airlines shop manager earlier told authorities over the airplane radio that Hinnant had slashed him several times after forcing the two hostages to board the empty airliner.

The other hostage, United Airlines mechanic Jerry Dusenberry, 42, was released unharmed by Hinnant about an hour earlier after two of the hijacker's friends boarded the aircraft.

"Everybody's coming off and we got the gun," Lincoln Jones, one of Hinnant's friends, told authorities shortly before the disturbed hijacker surrendered.

Hinnant was taken into custody by Charles Bates, FBI agent in charge. Jones and his other friend, Clarence Hamlet, also left the plane and police swarmed aboard to check it.

"Where will we be going from here?" Hinnant asked authorities as he left the plane. "I'll be going to jail, right?"

Published reports said Hinnant had been informed Tuesday before the hijacking began that his paid sick leave with United had run out.

Shortly before he had released Dusenberry, Hinnant declared: "It's too late for me now. I'm just trying to get away from what's bugging me.

Authorities had unsuccessfully tried to persuade him to surrender, but Hinnant, armed with a Luger-type automatic handgun, had continued to issue demands over the craft's radio and to intimidate his captives. His key demand was for another jet and a flight crew to pilot it to an unknown destination somewhere eastward.

Wednesday update

Tribute Paid To Daley

CHICAGO (AP)—Bells tolled across the nation's second largest city today as thousands of persons, from dignitaries to day laborers, paid final respects to Richard J. Daley.

Daley, mayor of Chicago since 1955 and boss for a quarter of a century of the largest political machine in the nation - the Cook County Democratic party - died Monday of a heart attack in his doctor's office. He was 74.

President-elect Carter, Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., were among national leaders attending a funeral Mass in The Nativity of Our Lord Church, just a few minutes' walk from where the mayor was born and the bungalow where he lived most of his life.

The mourners included Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic party's presidential standard-bearer in 1972 and among those who sharply criticized Daley and his police force during the tumultuous 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Strike Postponed

TYLER, Tex. (AP)—Members of th International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1806, today postponed their scheduled strike against Gulf State United Telephone Phone Co. to vote on a new company proposal.

The workers were poised to begin their strike this morning, but a union spokesman said it was postponed for at least 24 hours while a vote is taken.

Union spokesman Jim Samson said the new company package will be presented to employes in 12 cities in East and Central Texas.

Company spokesman Jim Batten said the new proposal calls for a nine per cent raise in the first year and a seven per cent increase in the second year.

East In 'Deep Freeze'

By The Associated Press

Gusty winds and bitter cold put the eastern half of the country into the deep freeze today as snow fell from Minnesota through upper Michigan and New York.

One inch of new snow was reported at Du Bois, Pa., Utica, N.Y., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Grand Forks, N.D. There was sleet in Oklahoma and Arkansas and light rain in scattered areas of Louisiana.

Skies were overcast along portions of the Pacific coast and across the northern Plateau, East Texas, the lower Mississippi Valley, the northern Plains and the Great Lakes region but mostly clear elsewhere.

Temperatures in the eastern half of the country stayed below 10 degrees across the north Atlantic coast states and in the teens through the mid-Atlantic coast states, the Great Lakes area, the Ohio Valley, the Mississippi Valley and portions of the Southeast.

New record lows for the date were set at Charleston, S.C., with 20 degrees; Columbia, S.C., with 15; and Raleigh, N.C., with nine. Macon, Ga., recorded a low of 15 and Meridian, Miss., 16.

Controversy Erupting

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — The first serious controversy of President-elect Carter's transition to the White House is erupting over the civil rights record of Griffin Bell, the former federal judge Carter wants as his attorney general.

Carter has twice publicly defended Bell's record as "superlative." He says his confidence in him is "absolute."

But he has failed to still increasing criticism over Bell's judicial opinions in desegragation cases and his membership in private clubs that have no black or Jewish members.

Bell, an Atlanta lawyer, long-time Carter ally and law partner to chief Carter adviser Charles Kirbo, has called a new conference to face what he himself called "hard" questions.

CONTEST WINNER—Christmas lights at the home of Mrs. Irene McFarland, 2234 Sunset Avenue, won first place in the Snyder Jaycees annual Christmas lighting contest. The contest entries were judged Tuesday night.

McFarland Decorations Place 1st

Mrs. Irene McFarland, of 2234 Sunset Avenue, was named the winner of this year's Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Snyder Jaycees.

Mrs. McFarland's Christmas decorations depict a caroler and feature numerous candles mounted inside paper bags lining her roof. Judge of this year's contest was Bob Clifton, president of the Jaycees.

The judging was conducted Tuesday night. Forteen entries were judged in this year's competition.

Bill Efland's 2807 Thirty-fourth Street residence and E.T. Hinson's 2232 Sunset Avenue residence won second and third place, respectively.

Winning honorable mention classification in last night's judging were Gerald Corkran, 4017 Irving; Clay Johnson, 2811 Avenue X; and Joe Nelson, 2808 Avenue T.

Other entrants in the contest were Mrs. Robert Schooler, 2803 Thirty-fourth Street; Mrs. J.A. Cornett, Star Route; Cheryl Richardson, 2904 Avenue J; Bill Murphy, 2311 Twenty-ninth Street; Howard Brenneman, 411 Thirtieth Street; Irene Wagner, 2301 Avenue T; Mrs. Charlie Miller, 2512 Towle Park Road; and Bob Watlington, 2200 Towle Park Road.

NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

Basic Phone Rates Decline In Snyder

New telephone rates granted by the State Public Utilities Commission went into effect with the onset of winter, and for Snyder-Hermleigh phone users it means a reduction in charges for basic local service.

Bill Gilliland, local manager for Southwestern Bell, said that the rate for a one-party residence telephone here decreases from $6.50 to $5 per month, and the rate for a one-party business phone drops from $14.50 to $10.50 per month. These new rates are effective for both Snyder and Hermleigh.

The $6.50 and $14.50 rates had been put into effect last February. The rate for a two-party residence phone will decrease from $4.90 to $3.25 per month.

However, the greatest reduction here will go to rural telephone subscribers. A four-party rural phone's rate will drop from $6.15 to $2.40 per month, while an eight-party rural phone's rates will decrease from $5.05 to $1.95 per month. A four-party rural business telephone's rates will decline from $12.40 to $3.75 per month, and an eight-party rural business phone's rates will drop from $10.80 to $2.65 per month.

The increases which will be felt here will be for long distance calls and for installations and service calls. The maximum charge of installing one new residential telephone under the new plan will be $30, while the maximum charge for the installation of a new business phone will be $48.25. Pay phone fees have gone up from 10 cents to 20 cents each, and beginning Jan. 7, there will be a 20-cent charge for directory assistance calls (information) in excess of 10 per month.

There are lower rates for the initial minute on many customer-dialed long distance calls, but increased rates for additional minutes on some LD calls. There will be a reduced number of applicable rate steps, from 18 to 10, and the most notable reductions are on the initial minute rates for short distance toll calls—those from 1-51 miles—and on intrastate toll calls of more than 133 miles. These reductions will allow many Texas customers to save money, phone company officials said, because 25 per cent of all Texas intrastate long distance calls last less than one minute.

Charges are increased for the initial three-minute period for intrastate operator-handled long distance calls, reflecting the greater expense for providing this service, and for additional minutes on all intrastate long distance calls of more than 28 miles.

Airport Board Chairman Quits

John Thomas, chairman of the Scurry County Airport Board, has resigned.

Thomas said he had submitted his resignation to the County Commissioners Court following the commissioners' meeting Monday when the court voted to permit construction of additional hangars at the county airport by individuals.

Thomas said he felt this was inadvisable, and that the county itself should construct any hangars that are located on county property. He said this had been discussed with the Commissioners court several times in prior sessions when a hangar shortage at Winston Field had been considered.

Thomas, whose term expires in January, said that the airport board had "taken a lot of flak" over the hangar situation, but had virtually no voice in plans for a solution. He said the airport board recommended that the county build additional hangars and they felt this did not get proper consideration. The board did not recommend privately-owned hangars, he said.

Thomas is the second member of the airport board to resign this month. The resignation of Tommie Mills was accepted on Dec. 13. Mills' term also expires in January.

The SDN Column

It is obvious nowadays that many people who have little or no idea of the significance of the occasion celebrate Christmas. Back in the earliest colonial days, apparently everybody knew what Christmas was all about, but strangely, many of them didn't celebrate. In fact, at one time it was against the law in Massachusetts to celebrate Christmas, punishable by heavy fine, and, we presume, a violater might have been placed in "stocks." The stocks were detention facilities in public view, with mechanisms gripping wrists and ankles, so that everyone passing along the street would know the person being held was a law-breaker.

And, strangely, it was the Puritans, the people who maintained the strictest religious practices, who supported the law against observance of Christmas.

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Bill Clayton who says he was in the stands and looking straight down the goal line with binoculars says Los Angeles didn't come close to getting to the goal on that "touchdown" they were awarded to win over the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday. Lawrence McCutheon simply never got there, he said, and Lee Roy Jordan may have been right when he said McCutcheon was closer to the goal on the previous play than the one when he was given the touchdown.

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In the other playoff game last Sunday, the Baltimore Colts were soundly beaten by the defending world champion Pittsburgh Steelers, and some of the fans may have escaped death or serious injury because the Colts didn't win. If they had still been in the stands celebrating a victory, some undoubtedly would have been in the area where the small plane crashed in the supper deck of the stands just a few minutes after the game ended.

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The cactus patch philosopher says that people who get the feeling that life is passing them by should remember that the Bible suggests that the answer may not just be for more to happen, but for the individual to enjoy more what's happening.—WACIL McNAIR.

Weather Hampers Oil Spill Efforts

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) — Thrashing winter seas and 50-mile-per-hour winds today threatened Coast Guard efforts to sink the front half of a Liberian oil tanker that broke apart, unleashing one of history's worst oil spills.

Fifteen-foot waves crashed over the broken Argo Merchant, carrying oil into the rich Georges Bank commercial fishing grounds since the tanker split Tuesday morning.

Massachusetts waited for word from officials in Washington, D.C., on the state's request for federal aid for businessmen whose livelihoods might be damaged by the spreading oil.

Oil-coated birds have been spotted by the hundreds on Nantucket, but wind and wave were sweeping the oil away from beaches.

The break-up early Tuesday of the 640-foot tanker Argo Merchant spewed 75 per cent of her 7.8 million gallons of heavy industrial crude oil into a slick 75 miles long and more than 25 miles wide at its broadest point.

"This is the biggest oil spill disaster on the American coast in our history," said Russell Train, head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The aged, rusting vessel — called a "suspect ship" by the Coast Guard because of 19 previous mishaps since 1964 — piled onto the Middle Rip Shoals 27 miles southeast of this island resort one week ago today. She was 10 miles off course when she hit.

No one was injured in the pile-up, and no one was aboard when she broke up Tuesday at 8:55 a.m.

"We're going to try to lighten the ship by shifting the cargo, and hope there will be enough buoyancy ... We'll pump off part of the cargo ... then tow it out to sea and sink what's left," said Coast Guard Capt. Lynn Hein. He said the ship could be a hazard to other vessels unless it were removed from the area.

Had the cargo been gasoline, it would have been enough for an automobile to be driven around the world 6,000 times at the equator.

"I am convinced some of the oil has gotten to Georges Bank," Coast Guard Rear Adm. James P. Stewart told reporters.

The vessel was on its way from Venezuela to Salem, Mass. Stewart said an investigation showed the ship's master was not using all navigating equipment available to him, and that the ship was not kept in repair.

The captain of the Argo Merchant, George Papadopoulos, was summoned today to deliver a deposition on the grounding in open court.

Midwinter Registration Ends Friday

Friday is the final day of registration for the Midwinter session scheduled from Jan. 3-13 at Western Texas College.

Students may earn three hours of college credit in the session, with classes to meet four and one-half hours per day Monday through Saturday. Cost will be $36 per course plus a $5 lab fee for students in photography or computer programming. Dormitory housing will be available at a cost of $45 excluding meals.

Students who cannot register by Friday will be registered between 8:30-9 p.m. on Jan. 3.

GIFTS TO MUSEUM—Scurry County Bicentennial-Centennial mementos have been turned over to the Scurry County Museum. Jean Everett, left, Centennial Chairman, and Delbert Downing, general chairman of the Scurry County Bicentenial-Centennial Commission, are shown as they presented medallions and cookbooks to Sharon Sutton, director of the museum.

Bicentennial-Centennial Mementos Go To Museum

The Scurry County Bicentennial-Centennial Commission has turned over its remaining supplies to the Scurry County Museum, Delbert Downing, general chairman, has announced.

Included were several medallions, pendants, etc., and some Scurry County Centennial Cookbooks, "Country Doin's." The museum will have these items to sell and-or put on exhibit as it chooses. They were delivered to the museum and presented to Sharon Sutton, director of the museum, by Downing and Jean Everett, Scurry County Centennial Chairman.

Downing expressed appreciation for the work and cooperation of scores of Scurry County residents who worked on Bicentennial and Centennial projects. The highlight of the big year-long celebration was a three-day event last July 3-4-5.

The county organization was able to provide financing for its operations through various activities, including the sale of the medallions and cookbooks, Downing said. The only appropriation it received was a $1,000 grant from the City of Snyder. Thereafter, the Bicentennial-Centennial organization took care of its own financing.

Miss Sutton expressed her appreciation on behalf of the museum for the contribution of the medallions and cookbooks. They will be kept on hand at the museum and people who want to purchase them may buy them there.

This virtually puts the Bicentennial-Centennial Commission out of business, except for the Heritage Park on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds. This was developed during the past year as a permanent installation and was formally dedicated on July 3 at the outset of the big three-day celebration.

Goodfellows Donations

Dave Haywood	$10.00
Marlin Terrell	5.00
J.A. Merritt	2.00
Ikon Joyce	10.00
Stephen Prescott	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Holdren	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Atwood In Memory of C.T. McLaughlin	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Dryden	25.00
W.J. Peterson	2.00
Jo Gillespie	10.00
Anonymous	29.00
Day's total	$168.00
Total to date	$6,894.47

29 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Post Office Is Still 'In Black'

The Snyder Post Office continued to operate "in the black" during the last reporting period for postal receipts, according to figures released by Postmaster Jack Tilson.

For the period of Nov. 5 to Dec. 3, the local Post Office had receipts totalling $38,849 while expenses for that period amounted to $37,760.

Tilson also announced that the Post Office here will not receive any mail on Christmas Day, which is one of the five major holidays when no mail is delivered to the Snyder office. This holiday schedule became effective on Thanksgiving Day and will be in force henceforth.

Advisories from the U.S. Postal Service's Southern Region office said that normal mail service will be provided throughout the country on Friday, Christmas Eve Day, but all Post Offices will operate on their respective "normal holiday" schedules on Christmas Day. This means that no mail will arrive in Snyder on Christmas Day.

CLEAR

WEATHER

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Tuesday, 43 degrees; low, 17 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 23 degrees.

West Texas: Generally fair through Thursday except partly cloudy extreme south. Highs Thursday mainly in the 50s. Lows tonight 20s.

A CLOSE SHAVE—Three vehicles were involved in a minor collision today at the intersection of Twenty-fifth Street and College Avenue. While attempting to stop at a red light this morning, a 1971 Ford pickup truck driven by Bobbie Dean Bible was involved in a collision with two parked cars. Bible's pickup pinned a parked Mercury Comet, owned by Virginia Eime, against the curb while at the same time striking a 1977 Chevrolet, owned by Debra Howard that was stopped at the intersection. A wrecker was later summoned to separate two of the vehicles. Only minor damages were reported in the mishap. Bible was formerly a law enforcement officer in Santa Anna. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

Holiday Traffic Toll Estimated

CHICAGO (AP) — The Christmas holidays will be a time of highway tragedy for from 460 to 560 persons, the National Safety Council predicts.

The council released on Tuesday its estimate of the number of persons likely to die in highway accidents between 6 p.m. Thursday and midnight Sunday.

Last year, 412 persons died during the Christmas holiday, the safety council said.

Two Vehicles Are In Mishap

Minor damage resulted from a two-car collision in the 2500 block of Avenue R at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Involved were a 1975 Model Chevrolet driven by Nelda Martin Blythe, Route 2, Box 123, Snyder, and a 1972 Model Pontiac driven by Alice Martinez Lieba, 607 Thirty-fourth Street.

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MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	34⅞	up	⅛
AT&T	43⅞	up	¼
All Rich	97⅞		
Beth Stl	40⅞		
Borden	35⅝		
Brit. Pet.	13⅛	up	⅛
Cat Trac	36⅛	up	¼
Celanese	46⅛	off	¼
Chrysler	19		
Cities Svc	38	up	⅛
Coca Cola	76	up	⅛
Cont Oil	38	up	⅛
DXL	11⅛	up	⅛
Dow Chem	43	up	⅛
duPont	137⅞	off	⅛
Eastman	89⅝	up	⅛
El Paso NG	14⅝	off	⅛
Exxon	51⅛	off	⅛
Fairchild Cam	45⅛	up	⅛
Ford	39⅝	up	⅛
Gen Elec	52⅞	up	¼
Gen Foods	31⅛	up	¼
Gen Mtrs	70⅝	up	¼
Gen Tel	31⅛		
Gen Tire	25⅞		
Goodrich	27⅛	up	⅛
Great A&P	13⅛	up	⅛
Gulf Oil	26⅞	up	⅛
Gif St Ut	14⅝		
Hous L&P	21⅛	up	⅛
IBM	277	up	⅛
Int Paper	67⅛	up	⅛
Jim-Mas	33⅝	off	⅛
Joh-Joh	7⅞	off	⅛
Litton	14⅝		
Marathon	37⅛	up	⅛
Mobil Oil	62⅛	up	⅛
Monsanto	50⅝	up	⅛
Penney	51½		
RCA	26	up	⅛
Safeway	47⅛	up	⅛
Sears	61	up	⅞
Sony	9⅝	up	⅛
Stand Oil Cl	39⅛	up	⅛
Stand Oil Ind	50⅝	up	⅛
Sun Cp	45⅛	up	⅛
Texaco	25⅛	up	⅛
Texas Inst	97⅝	up	⅞
Time Inc	27⅛	up	⅛
Un Carbide	41⅛	up	⅛
Uniroyal	9⅛		
US Steel	30⅝	up	⅛
Woolworth	24		
Xerox Cp	37		

Smoot Rites Set Thursday

Funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Bell-Seale Chapel for Eugene Smoot, 76, formerly of Gail, who died Tuesday in San Angelo.

The Rev. J.R. Reedy will officiate at the funeral service, and burial will be in the Gail Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Smoot was a former Borden County auditor. He was married on Dec. 29, 1920, at Sweetwater to Miss Lula Clary. She preceded him in death on Dec. 17, 1974.

Surviving is a niece, Jean Schomer of Brownwood.

Bellhop Tips Jimmy Carter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 30-year-old bellhop has offered President-elect Carter a tip: when staying at a hotel, let the staff carry the luggage.

Carter has been photographed handling his own baggage on several trips, and Tom Gould, who works at the Crown Center Hotel here, said the President-elect has hurt the trade.

Feed Grain Allotments Unchanged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers will have a "national allotment" of 89 million harvested acres for their 1977 feed grains crops, unchanged from this year, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

The allotment is not a restriction on how much feed grain farmers can produce. It serves only as a base for computing how much government payments farmers may be eligible for in a year.

For example, farmers harvested about 112 million acres of the major feed grains — corn, sorghum, barley and oats — in 1976, some 23 million acres more than the so-called national allotment.

The law provides that if market prices of the grain drop below "target" levels — $1.57 a bushel for corn this year — then direct government payments can be made to farmers to make up the difference.

The payments are based on what an individual farmer normally produces on his share of the national acreage allotment. For example, if he harvested 112 acres he might be eligible for payments on only 89 acres, using this year's proportion.

The allotments also are used to compute USDA disaster payments that farmers may be eligible for because of crop losses from drought and other natural causes.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Bobby Hill, 2103 Ave. O; Leslie Rinehart, Rt. 1; Charles Teague, 2201 Forty-third; James Smylie, 3001 Thirty-ninth; Lemuel Wilborn, 2301 Moncrief; Buford Thornton, 1004 Twenty-sixth; Elsie Stevenson, 4006 Irving; Jeanettie Lewis, 411 Thirtieth; M.C. Burditt, 3408 Ave. E.

DISMISSALS: Able Becerra, Gale Gilliland, Elon Banks, J.H. Rogers, Opal Rhodes.

Pogrom is a Russian word which originally meant storm. Later it came to mean any devastation and finally the planned devastation of helpless Jews by government-led or government-approved groups. Today the term is used to mean the devastation of any helpless, undefended people.

Dear Abby

Don't Be Stingy With a Handout

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I've always been a soft touch for a bum asking for a handout, but many people say that giving a bum spare change does him more harm than good.

What do you and your readers think?

SOFT TOUCH

DEAR SOFT: What's a bum? Is he a victim of circumstances or a self-made failure? Since it's not possible to know, I'd rather err on the side of generosity and give a small temporary assist to a man who's obviously down on his luck.

DEAR ABBY: I have known this guy for two years, but we didn't get really serious about each other until seven months ago. I'm 18 and he's 19. He kept trying to get me to go to bed with him, and I kept saying no. Finally I gave in.

I really was in love with him, Abby. I'm no tramp. I thought it would bring us closer together. Maybe even get him to figure out some way we could get married.

Well, I was wrong. After that evening I didn't hear one word from him. Finally I ran into him by accident three weeks later, and his attitude toward me was completely different. He acted like a stranger.

I feel so cheated and cheap. If I had known then what I know now, I never would have given in. But now it's too late, and there's nothing I can do about it.

I wasted something very precious on someone who wasn't worth it and didn't appreciate it.

Please keep telling girls that the way to keep a guy is by NOT giving in to him. I wish I hadn't.

FOOLISH IN FLORIDA

DEAR FOOLISH: I will. And maybe your experience will help some other girl when she has that decision to make.

DEAR ABBY: I am the secretary, receptionist and telephone operator in a one-girl office. I love my job and my boss is the greatest. The problem is his wife. She is very friendly toward me, but you would think I am working for HER.

She asks me to write all of her thank-you notes, address her Christmas cards and run her errands.

Yesterday she sent some pantyhose to the office with her husband for me to return to the store for credit. (No sales slip. Just try it some time.) She also sends things to the office for me to gift-wrap and mail out of town for her. All this takes time.

Now she has a new one. Every Friday afternoon she brings her pre-school son to the office for me to entertain while SHE goes to the beauty parlor.

How can I put a stop to this without starting a cold war? She considers me a friend.

HAD IT

DEAR HAD IT: Tell your boss that you enjoy doing what you were hired to do, but you haven't the time to run his wife's errands. And let HIM handle it. (It might cool your friendship, but it needn't start a cold war.)

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.

MARKETS

By The Associated Press

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cattle 1,800, compared with 4,270 last week and 833 same period a year ago. Compared with last weeks close slaughter cows 50-1.00 higher.Slaughter bulls 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter calves firm. Feeder steers and steer calves steady. Feeder heifers & heifer calves firm demand good. Trading active. Run included around 15-20 percent slaughter cows, 4-5 percent slaughter bulls & calves. Balance mostly thin feeders under 500 lbs.

Slaughter cows: utility 1-3 . 32.00-35.50; Cutter 28.00-32.00; Canner 17.00-19.00. Slaughter bulls: 1 1300-1800 lbs 32.00-36.70; 1 1800-2000 lbs 36.00-38.00. Slaughter calves: good & choice 300-500 lbs 36.00-38.75. Feeder steers: choice 300-500 lbs 34.00-38.00. Mostly 34.00-36.00; 500-600 Lbs 32.00-35.25; Good 30.00-34.00; 600-700 Lbs Thin up to 27.00; 300-400 Lbs 30.00-33.00; Standard 300-600 lbs 28.00-30.25. Feeder heifers: choice 300-500 lbs 26.50-30.00. Mostly 28.50-27.50; Good 24.00-27.25; Good & choice 500-600 lbs 24.00-25.50.

Hogs St. estimated receipts this week 1,675 compared with 1,800 last week and 750 same period a year ago. Barrows & gilts 1.00 higher. 1-2 300-230 lbs 36.00-38.00; 1-2 190-300 lbs 37.50-38.50; 2-3 300-270 lbs 37.00-38.00; Sows 1.00-2.00 higher; 1-3 350-650 lbs 38.00-39.00; 450-650 Lbs 37.00-38.00.

Sheep 25. Feeders: choice 70-75 lbs 40.00.

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Selected world gold prices Wednesday.

London: Morning fixing $133.00, up $.15; afternoon fixing $133.65, up $.05.

Paris: afternoon gold fixing $132.75, up $.60.

Frankfurt gold close $134.25, off $.12.

Zurich: $133.75 bid off $.25, $134.50 asked.

Handy & Harman base price, New York $133.00, off $.10.

Engelhard selling prices, New York $134.10, up $.05.

Soviets Denounce Bukovsky For Crimes

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Bukovsky, the Soviet dissident who was exchanged last weekend for Chilean Communist leader Luis Corvalan, has been denounced for "crimes against Soviet power."

The official news agency Tass made no direct reference to the prisoner swap, and said Bukovsky was a "criminal recently expelled from the Soviet Union."

States Urged Not To Cut Penalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organized crime may be making larger profits from such "victimless crimes" as prostitution, gambling and pornography because of moves to decriminalize the offenses, a federally funded study says.

In a report released today, the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, a government-supported advisory panel, urged states to go slowly in cutting criminal penalties for "victimless crimes."

It said cutting penalties for such offenses seems to increase those crimes and, in turn, channels more money to organized crime.

The report said decriminalization plans usually are based on the idea that removal of stiff penalties from victimless crimes would cut corruption and let police concentrate on more serious offenses.

"Actual experience with legalization in certain areas indicates that these arguments are not realistic," the panel said, contending that legal off-track betting and state lotteries have not lured gamblers away from illegal bookies and the numbers racket.

"The partial legalization of gambling and pornography not only appears to have increased the levels of those activities, but also may have increased profits for organized crime," the committee said. "As to prostitution, its current connection with organized crime appears to be increasing through ownership of bars and massage parlors where the women work."

The commission concluded that "the issue of revising laws on victimless crimes is one that states should view with considerable caution."

The panel said investigations "indicate that pornography has become organized crime's latest business," producing profits which are pumped into loan-sharking, extortion, consumer fraud and bribery.

In a 288-page report on organized crime, the commission also recommended establishment of special prosecutors, statewide grand juries, witness immunity and protection laws, electronic surveillance and election campaign reform laws.

It urged that prosecutors' offices be removed from politics and that assistant prosecutors be full-time, career government employes. Other suggestions included a nonpartisan selection plan for judges.

The report said organized mobsters have moved into a variety of legitimate businesses, including freight companies and airlines, which it said are used as fronts for smuggling of drugs, weapons, jewelry, cigarettes and alcohol.

Sunriser's Kiwanis Gets Honor Award

The Sunrisers Kiwanis Club of Snyder has been advised that it earned an honor club award for a club project in 1976.

Don Stacy, president of the club, said the Sunriser's Club report on the Heritage Park dugout project had earned an honor club award among clubs with less than 25 members in the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International.

The Snyder Sunriser's Club will get special recognition at the district's 1977 convention as a result of the project. Also, the project will be judged in international competition for this year.

Firemen Called

City Firemen were called to a minor house fire at 1108 Avenue R at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday. They also extinguished a grass fire four miles southeast of the city at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Execution Of Trio Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell Jr. has delayed a date with "Old Sparky" — the Texas Department of Corrections electric chair — for three convicted murderers on death row at the state prison in Huntsville.

Powell Tuesday stayed the scheduled December executions of Doyle Boulware, who had been scheduled to die on Dec. 27, and Larry J. Ross and Selwyn Gholson, who had been slated to be executed on Dec. 31.

Powell offered no comment with the stay orders.

Attorneys for the men had sought the stays to have more time to seek Supreme Court reviews of lower court decision affirming the death sentences.

Boulware was convicted of slaying a Dallas policeman in 1974.

Ross and Gholson were sentenced to death for the slaying of a highway patrolman who had stopped them on Sept. 14, 1974, for questioning in connection with an earlier bank robbery.

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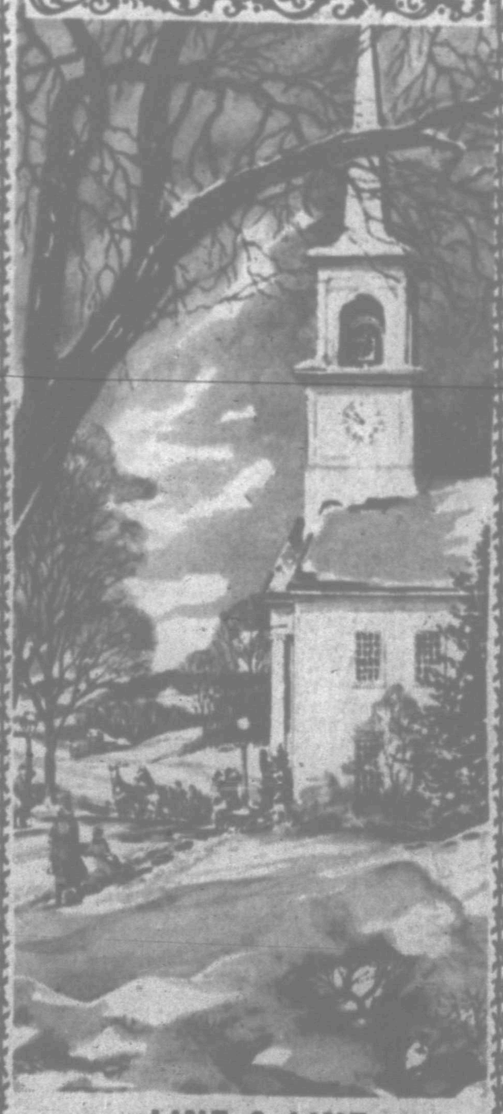

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Christmas Recitals Presented By Students Of Lynn Bethel

Approximately 250 guests attended the Christmas Recital Sunday afternoon at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mrs. Wayne Bethel's students presented Christmas selections at the piano and organ. The organ was furnished by Conn Organs, Abilene.

Red and white candles surrounded by festive Christmas rings lighted the stage. A large black wrought iron bird cage, surrounded by pots of red poinsettas, was filled with greenery and red velvet birds. John Gaston narrated "The Christmas Story" as students rendered piano and organ pieces relating to the story.

The recital was presented in three parts. The first recital was presented by student teachers, Cheryl Taylor and Rita Eicke. Their pupils played the following songs: "Joy To The World," by Michelle Osborn; "O Come All Ye Faithful," by Charles McCormick; "Silent Night," by Michelle Krueger; "Jolly Old Saint Nick" by Dee Gilbert; "White Christmas" by Penny Wolfe and "Jingle Bells" by Gloria Flack.

"The Christmas Story" narrated by John Gaston was combined with Christmas songs. Selections included: "White Christmas" by Teka Eicke; "Jingle Jolly Bells" by Carrie Lieb, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ; "Good King Wenceslas" by Kristi Masters "Ava Maria" by Jenny Jackson; "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Tanya Raines, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ; "O Come Little Children" by Lisa Dennis and Mrs. Bethel; "Greensleeves" by Cindy McCormick and Teresa Smith.

"Christmas In America" was the theme of the final recital. Laurie Bethel narrated the history of Christmas beginning with 1492 when Christopher Columbus, his crew and Indians feasted together aboard the Nina. As she told of Christmas in America through the years, Chistmas songs were played by the students.

Christmas carols played included: "Up On The Housetop" by Don Osborn; "Suzy Snowflake" by Lisa Franklin; "Jolly Old St. Nick" by Carla Harper; "Santa's Cool Blue" by Cristina Gray; "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" by Angela Lieb; "Parade of The Toy Soldiers" by Rita Eicke, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ; "Mistletoe and Holly" by Sarah Cameron; "Rocking Around The Chistmas Tree" by Kris Seale; "Deck the Halls" by Lesa Sterling and Vanette Everett; "Sleigh Ride" by Tammy Farmer, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ. "Jingle Bells" by Diane Sentell, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ; "Home for the Holidays" by Lisa Thompson; "Silver Bells" by Sheryl Burk; "White Christmas" by Cathey Cypert; "Dance Candy Fairy" by Jeanne McCormick, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel at the organ; "Winter Wonderland", by Cheryl Taylor; "Christmas Island" by Glenna Dennis; "Hawaiian Christmas Song" by Marla Bodine and "Christmas Fantasy" by Terry Lewis.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL—Students from Bethel Studio of Music presented a Christmas recital Sunday afternoon at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured above are (from left, front row) Angela Leib, Lisa Franklin, Lisa Thompson, Gloria Flack, Charlie McCormick, Michelle Osborn, (second row) Glenna Dennis, Jeanne McCormick, Cathey Cypert, Rita Eicke, Carla Harper, Don Osborn, Tammy Farmer, Sheryl Taylor, Terry Lewis, Cristina Gray, Laurie Bethel, Dianne Sentell. Pictured below are (from left first row) Stephanie Weaver, Kay Lyn Hammack, Jayna Gilbert, Kristi Masters, Kim Wills, Teka Eicke, Jenny Jackson, Penny Wolfe, (second row) Mark Cypert, Virgil Feinsod, Carrie Lieb, Patricia McFaul, Cindy McCormick, Dee Gilbert, (third row) Lisa Thrift, Beth Bowen, Lisa Dennis, Tanya Rains, Lesa Sterling, fourth row) Cris Rains, Teresa Smith, Kathi Burk, and Zell Gaston. Not pictured are Michelle Krueger, Sarah Cameron, Kris Seale, Vanette Everett, and Maria Bodine.

Following the recitals, a reception was held. Punch, Christmas cake and candy were served from a beautifully decorated table.

Teresa Smith and Lesa Sterling provided organ music during the reception hour.

Centenarian Weds Girl

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A farmer reputed to be 168 years old married a 15-year-old girl Tuesday in a town in northeastern Iran, a Tehran newspaper said today.

It was the 13th marriage for Ali Ashraf Husseini, who comes from Azarbaijan, an area noted for oldsters, the paper, Ettelaat, said. The bride was identified as Akram Gholami.

There was no word on the accuracy of Husseini's age. Records are often missing in cases of claimed great old age.

Tombstone Swears In Lady Mayor

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. (AP) — Some residents think Wyatt Earp and "Doc" Holliday rolled over in their graves as the first woman was sworn in as mayor of "the town too tough to die."

Marge Colvin, 55, said some men, including current Mayor Jack Hendrickson, didn't think a woman would fit in with the historic image of the southeastern Arizona town. But enough of the 1,400 residents disagreed to choose Mrs. Colvin over the town magistrate by a 72-vote margin.

The inauguration was held Monday night in the 1882 city hall, next door to the OK Corral, where Earp, his brothers and Holliday gunned down Billy Clanton and the McLaury brothers in one of the most celebrated shootouts of the Old West.

The campaign for mayor of the 98-year-old town was as colorful as the characters who now are buried on Boot Hill.

Mrs. Colvin said she spent between $50 and $60 on a few posters and spoke at three meetings.

"My opponent spent a fortune and said publicly that we shouldn't let a bartender run our town," said Mrs. Colvin, who tends bar and manages the Tombstone American Legion Club. "That's ironic, since the outgoing mayor owns the Lucky Cuss Saloon and one of the council members owns Johnny Ringo's Bar."

The new mayor said she ran for office without a slogan and without promises. She said she decided to seek the job "because there was nobody I wanted to vote for."

A divorcee who lives in "a long shotgun house" from the 1880s on Toughnut Street, Mrs. Colvin said her new job will be a challenge.

"It's like going swimming and the lake's real cold," she said. "At first you can't stand it, but after a while, you get used to it."

Party Planned At Leisure Lodge

Residents of Leisure Lodge invite their friends and relatives to an open house and Christmas Party Thursday, December 23, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. The relatives are invited to have lunch with the residents. Please call 573-6332 if you intend to join them for the noon meal.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Counting hand guides play

By Oswald & James Jacoby

	NORTH 22 ♠ K Q 10 9 4 3 ♥ 10 9 8 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 7	
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	SOUTH ♠ A 6 ♥ A Q J 5 4 ♦ Q 10 9 3 ♣ 4 2	

East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥
3 ♣	3 ♥	4 ♣	4 ♥
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
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There are lots of ways to bid today's hand. Each player has some reason to get into the bidding act.

West would wrap up his five-club contract, but you can't blame South for doubling. He had heard his partner bid twice. North realized this and ran to five hearts which East doubled.

East rather expected to score at least one diamond trick, but he had failed to allow for the possibility that his partner would be void of that suit.

The defense started with two rounds of clubs. South ruffed in dummy and promptly lost the trump finesse to West's king. West led a trump back and South was ready to tackle spades.

He cashed his ace of spades; led his second spade and promptly finessed dummy's 10. East showed out and now South was able to discard all his diamonds on the four good spades and bring home his doubled contract.

The play looks sensational, but actually it is based on simple counting. East is marked with seven diamonds. He has shown two hearts and would not have raised clubs without three so he was left with just one spade.

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Students Presented In Recital

On Friday, Dec. 17th at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Jerry Neill presented her students in a Christmas Recital in the Young Adult Building of First Baptist Church. Preceding the program, refreshments of punch, hot cider and assorted cookies were served to the students, their families and friends.

Performing piano solos were: Jacqueline Pylant, Becky Pylant, Judy Schooler, Beverly Duff, Janetta Pylant, Shanda Wiman, Teresa Hagins, Becky Gray, Sabrina Robinson, Matt Cross, Robin Cross, Kristi Neill, Whit Parks, Laurie Donelson, Lori Sealy, Natosha Bills, and Karen Sue Jones. Special features of the program were Christmas duets played by the following: Jacqueline and Janetta Pylant, Robin and Matt Cross and Becky and Jacqueline Pylant.

At the couclusion of the program, beginning students participating in their first recital were recognized. They were: Shanda Wiman, Teresa Hagin and Sabrina Robinson.

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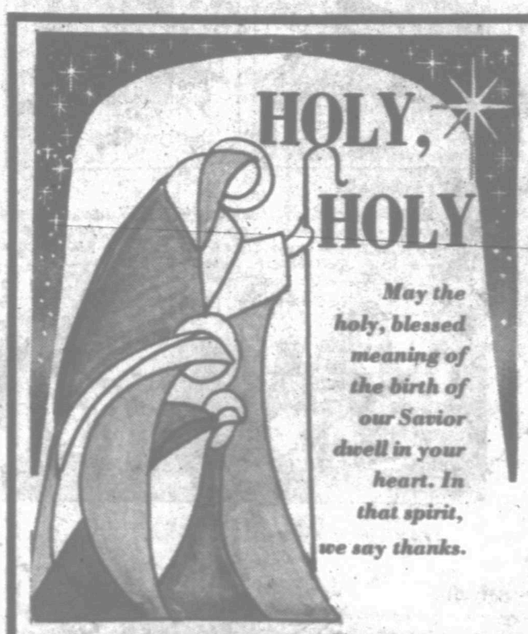

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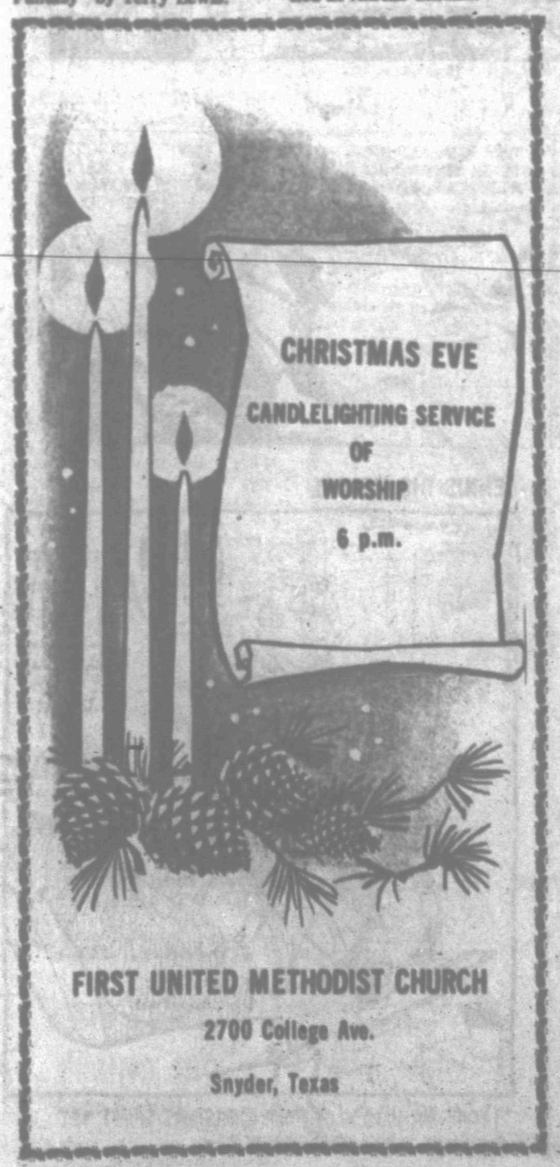

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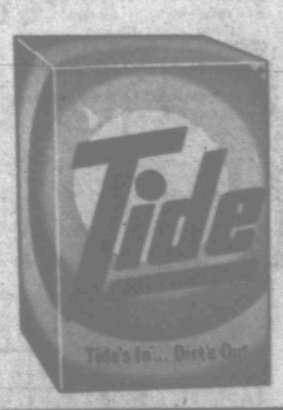

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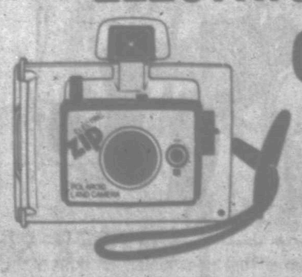

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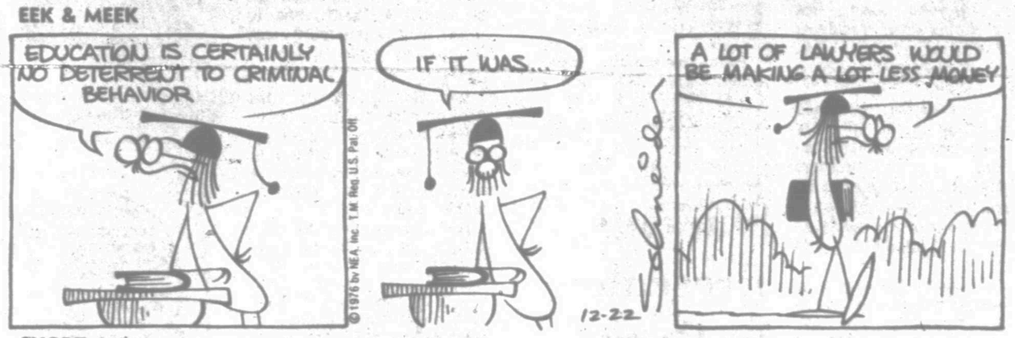

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4 Milky gem
8 Unconcealed
12 Frozen water
13 Inferior in size
14 Military assistant
15 Pod vegetable
16 Doffs
18 Auto failure
20 Evil
21 Explosive (abbr.)
22 Dry as wine
24 Woman's name
26 Concerto part
30 Footwear
33 Here (Fr.)
34 Job
36 Gnaw
37 Ah me!
39 Nothing (Fr.)
41 Lyricist Gershwin
42 Exterior
44 Enduring (2 wds.)
46 Door clasp
48 Automotive society (abbr.)
49 Make a mess of
51 Dog doctor, for short
53 Sobbing
57 Revish
60 Few (Fr.)
61 Weapons
62 Down with (Fr., 2 wds.)
63 Golfer Snead
64 Florida islets
65 Penitential period
66 Eon

DOWN

1 Smoking tube
2 Cooled
3 Beverages
4 Ornate
5 Equivoque
6 No ifs ____ or buts
7 Poetic
8 Western-hemisphere organization
9 Ice cream flavor
10 Paradise
11 Tree dwelling
17 Seth's son
19 Compass point
23 Russian ruler
25 Legendary bird
26 Italian greeting
27 Legal aid group (abbr.)
28 Heating by radio
29 Largest continent
31 Celtic peasant
32 Sway
35 Barrels
38 Caspian
40 Sharpest
43 Invitation response (abbr.)
45 Sheltered side
47 Flower leaf
49 Mountaintop
50 Regarding
52 Pipe
54 Part of a church
55 Back end
56 Arizona city
58 Stupid fellow
59 Hank of twine

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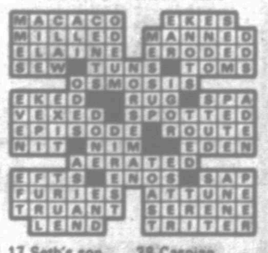

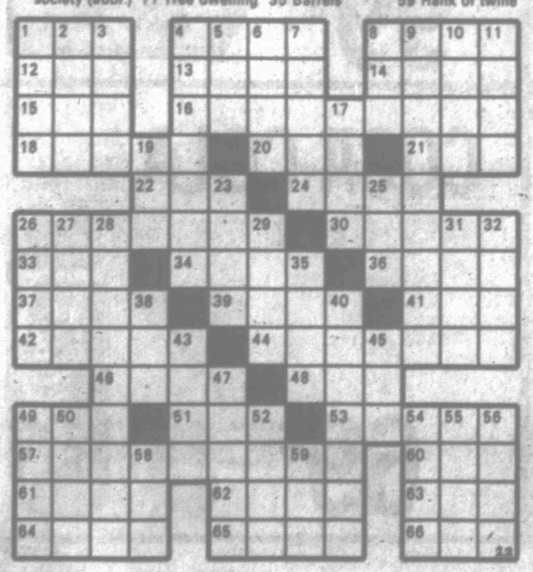

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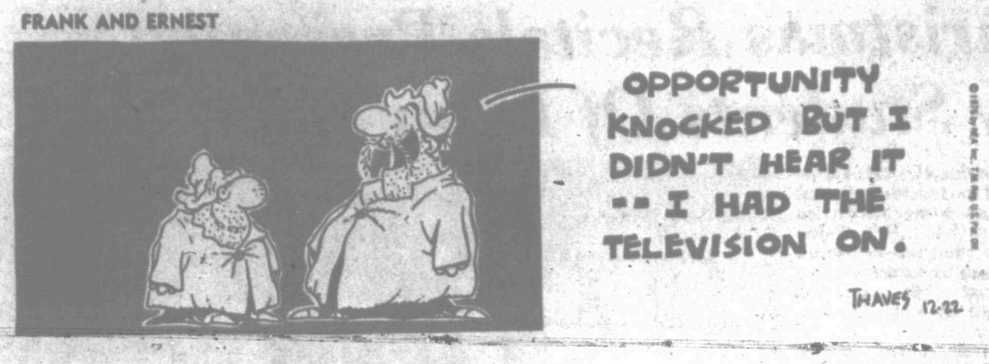

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Renfro Wants One More Shot

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Mel Renfro wants a last hurrah. Now he's waiting for the Dallas Cowboys to give him the chance.

The Cowboy cornerback who will be 35 next week sat in misery Sunday through Dallas' 14-12 National Conference playoff loss to Los Angeles and said: "It was the low point in my life."

Nursing a small cartilage tear in his knee, Renfro missed the last four Dallas games.

"I wished I could have been able to contribute," said Renfro. "My heart went out to those guys ... so many of them wanted it bad ... people like Benny Barnes and Charlie Waters. I'm really sorry for them."

Renfro isn't certain of his status with the Cowboy front office because of his advanced age and injury problems.

"I've not received a word one way or the other except some of the administrators anticipate me coming back for the final year of my contract," said Renfro. "I have not talked with Coach (Tom) Landry.

"I'm leaving for the northwest on a trip to visit some relatives and then I will come back to Dallas and a decision will be made whether to operate on the knee. If Tom says 'we want you back with us' then I will start my off-season program."

Renfro played brilliantly this year when he was off the injury list.

"I started out with three strong games, then hurt my knee and rested three weeks, then came back for four weeks and then I was out ...."

He said "I think a lot of it had to do with the wear and tear of the artificial surface. In my opinion, the artificial turf has created problems for me ... maybe cheated me of a couple of years. I can sure tell the difference after we play on natural grass by the way my knees and feet feel after the game."

Renfro said "I feel I can have another good year. Some people said I was slowing down but I wasn't beaten one time all year for a touchdown. That's slowing down?"

Asked if he would like to get into coaching, Renfro said "I think I would like to do that. I would like to assist with the defensive backs. I would like to become more involved with the team than just as a player."

Tiger Girls Lose 57-22

COAHOMA—Coahoma's varsity girls defeated the Snyder High School varsity girls, 57-22, in a basketball game here last night.

Coahoma outscored the Snyder girls in every quarter. Angela Dykes roped 18 points, and Laurie Snell put in 10 for the victors. For Snyder, Jamie Hataway was high point girl with nine points.

SNYDER (22)—Newman 0-1-1; Boydstun 1-0-2; Bilano 1-0-2; Fisher 2-4-8; Hataway 3-3-9; totals 7-8-22.

COAHOMA (57)—Bingham 4-0-8; Brown 4-1-9; Shaffer 4-0-8; Snell 2-8-10; Dykes 9-0-18; McMahan 1-0-2; Hutchins 1-0-2; totals 24-7-57.

Snyder 4 6 7 5—22
Coahoma 14 12 17 14—57

Hermleigh Loses Two

LORAINE—Loraine defeated Hermleigh's boys 66-53 and the Hermleigh girls 82-37 here last night.

Loraine took a 14-8 lead in the first quarter, boosted it to 29-19 at halftime, and coasted to victory in the boys' game. Merket tallied 18 points for the victors while Andrews and William each put in 14 points. For Hermleigh, J.D. Williamson scored 16 points, and Tim Nunn put in 17. Tim Dacus tallied 14.

The Loraine girls outscored the Hermleigh girls in every quarter. Jackie Rose pitched in 40 points, Mundiz tallied 12, and Gay Jones notched 11. For Hermleigh Cathy Hess roped 15 points, and Laurie Peterson posted 12.

HERMLEIGH BOYS (53)—Dacus 7-0-14; Nunn 7-3-17; J.D. Williamson 7-2-16; James Williamson 1-0-2; J. Roemisch 1-2-4; totals 23-7-53.

LORAINE BOYS (66)—Andrews 6-2-14; Merket 8-0-18; Oliver 2-0-4; Williams 7-0-14; Valejo 6-0-12; Martinez 2-0-4; totals 32-2-66.

Hemleigh 8 11 20 14-53
Loraine 14 15 20 17—66

HERMLEIGH GIRLS (37)—Hess 6-3-15; Peterson 6-3-12; Leatherwood 1-4-6; L. Hess 1-2-4; totals 11-15-37.

LORAINE (82)—Rose 19-2-40; Jones 5-1-11; Mundiz 6-0-12; Oliver 0-2-2; Terry 4-0-8; Deloera 3-1-7; Marina 1-0-2; totals 38-6-82.

Hermleigh 11 9 6 11—37
Loraine 26 16 24 16—82

Atlanta To Get Replay Screen

ATLANTA (AP) — A huge instant-replay television screen is to be built at Fulton County stadium with proceeds from a $1.5 million bond issue approved by the county commission Tuesday.

Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves, is supporting the project, and county officials said he has agreed to guarantee repayment of the bonds in exchange for exclusive advertising rights and half of the gross advertising revenue.

Tom Says Officials Goofed

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas Coach Tom Landry figures the officials fumbled the ball three times in Sunday's 14-18 National Conference football playoff loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

Landry, after viewing films, says there was no doubt that tight end Billy Joe DuPree made a first down on a fourth and 10 pass at the Ram seven-yard line late in the game. It made the first down," says Landry. "He caught the ball at the five and got hit on the six. They marked the ball where he came down which cost us a first down."

The ball went over on downs to the Ram.

The second oversight, according to Landry, was Lawrence McCutcheon's foot-long touchdown run for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth period.

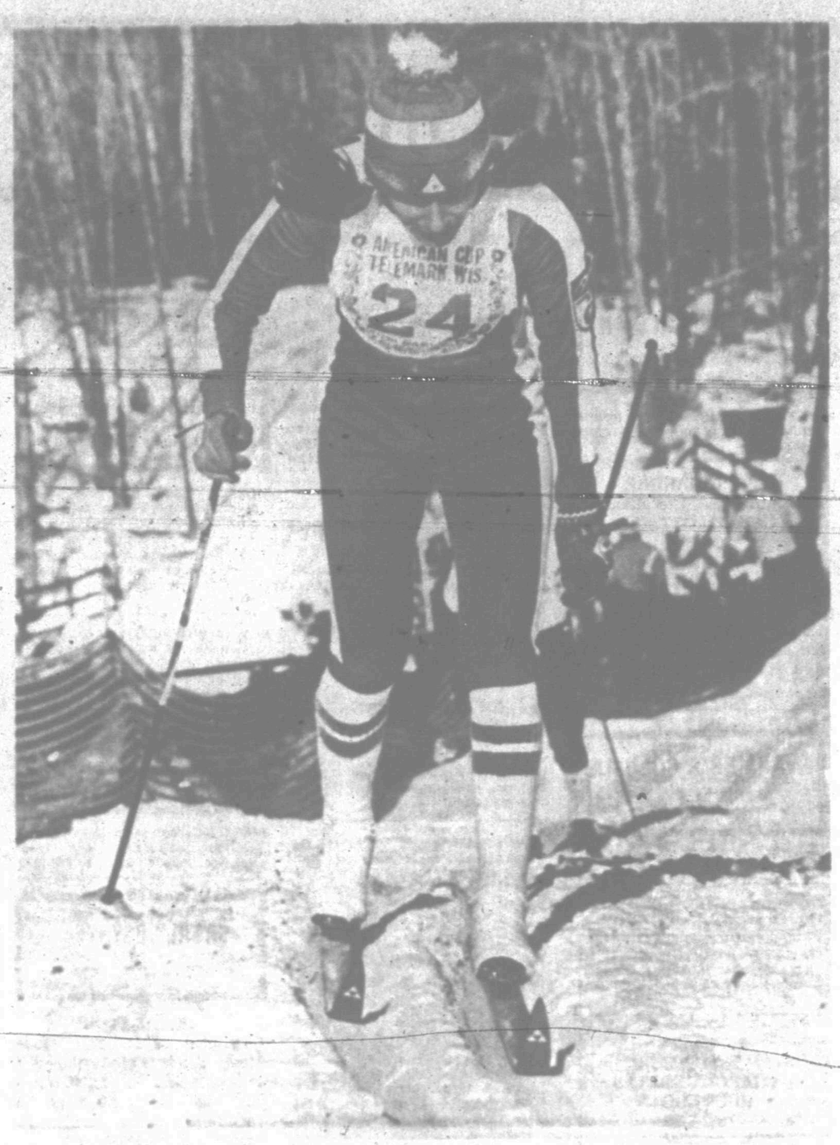
"Every indication was he didn't score," says Landry. "When I talked to the league office they said he made a second surge. When they (the officials) got there they marked him for a touchdown. Neither official made a decision right away."

Landry adds "I think some TV camera went at it from the side. He didn't look like he scored."

Landry also says Cliff Harris was apparently blocked into Ram kicking specialist, Tom Dempsey, on a 24-yard field goal that apparently tied the game 10-all. The Rams declined the three points and took the five-yard penalty and the ball at the Dallas three. McCutcheon scored his controversial touchdown three plays later.

"Cliff's penalty was the critical one, except he was hit when he started and tripped up," says Landry. "Therefore, his momentum carried him into the kicker."

All this was pointed out to Art McNally, supervisor of officials for the National Football League. It will not change the score.



HEADS FOR THE FINISH—Sharon Firth of Canada heads down a slope and races to the finish line of the Women's 5km Race at the Gitchi Gami Games in Cable, Wis. Tuesday. She won the event with a time of 15.47.05. Joan Groothuysen of Canada was second with a time of 15.48.66 and Sharon's sister, Shirley was third with a time of 15.49.50. (AP Wirephoto)

Steelers Like To Play In Oakland

By The Associated Press

The home field advantage in sports has been well publicized. But what about the "away-field" advantage?

That is what the Pittsburgh Steelers think they have in Sunday's American Football Conference playoff game against the Oakland Raiders.

"There's nothing we like better than going against a team that's biting at the bit, with the crowd hollering obscene things at you," says Pittsburgh quarterback Terry Bradshaw. "Then you go down and score, win the football game and get out of there."

Coach Chuck Noll agrees with Bradshaw.

"Our team reacts to the crowd noise, whether it's for or against us," noted Noll. "That kind of thing excites our football team. Our history shows it."

The most recent example, of course, is Pittsburgh's 40-14 humiliation of the Baltimore Colts in last week's American Football Conference playoff opener at Baltimore. The Steelers have won more than one National Football League game in intensely hostile territory en route to two straight Super Bowl titles.

The Steelers could be exactly in their element, then, because the crowd in Oakland figures to be very hostile. The fans have been waiting impatiently for a Super Bowl participant ever since the world series of football began 11 years ago.

The winner of Sunday's AFC title game will advance to Super Bowl XI at Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 9 against the survivor of Sunday's National Conference playoff game between the Minnesota Vikings and Los Angeles Rams.

The Steelers, with their offensive and defensive lines playing extremely well, are slight favorites over the Raiders — despite being riddled by injuries. First-string running backs Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier were hurt in the Baltimore game and both are listed as "questionable" for Sunday's game. Another Pittsburgh regular, kicker Roy Gerela, has a groin injury.

The Raiders, who beat New England 24-21 last weekend, are in better shape physically and offer one of the most explosive passing games in the NFL behind quarterback Ken Stabler. The southpaw passer could come out throwing at the start to upset the Steelers' equilibrium.

Unlike Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Minnesota are in relatively good shape for their game at Bloomington, Minn.

The Rams have only two minor injuries after their 14-12 decision over Dallas last weekend. Minnesota, which beat Washington 35-20 last weekend in advancing to the NFC championship game, also has two players on the injured list, but both middle linebacker Jeff Siemon and quarterback Fran Tarkenton are expected to play.

The Rams and Vikings have been the most successful teams in the NFC for several years. Yet, neither has won a Super Bowl. In the last four years, the Rams have a 44-11-1 record while Minnesta is 45-10-1. The tie occurred when the two played a 10-10 game three months ago.

The Vikings are unanimous in their agreement that the game will be a brutally physical battle, decided in the trenches.

"It's a do-or-die situation," said Minnesota tackle Alan Page. "If you don't do it, it's all over."

Orioles Place Two On Waivers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Veterans Mike Cuellar and Tommy Harper were placed on waivers by the Baltimore Orioles Tuesday.

Cuellar, 39, a left-handed pitcher, had four 20-game seasons with the Orioles. In his first season with the Orioles in 1969, he was co-winner of the American League Cy Young Award with Detroit's Denny McLain. But he had his worst season with the club in 1976, with a 4-13 record and an earned run average of 4.96.

Harper, 36, an outfielder, played in 46 games last season and hit .234.

All-Star Game Comes To An End

CHICAGO (AP) — Higher costs and uncertainties about recruiting players have brought an end to the annual midsummer football game between a team of college all-stars and the champions of the National Football League.

The Chicago Tribune Charities Inc., sponsors of the game which had been played in Soldier Field since 1934, announced Tuesday that the contest was being discontinued.

"Problems which make continuation impossible have been created by uncertainties in recruiting player personnel and increasing expenses reflected in insurance costs that doubled last year alone because of high player salaries," said Robert Hunt, president of the Chicago Tribune and its Charities.

"We regret the end of a traditional sports classic which has contributed substantial assistance to the needy in Chicagoland," he added.

A spokesman for the sponsors commented, "The game simply has priced itself out of existence." He also said 26 of the 55 college players reporting to All-Star camp last year had not signed with an NFL team.

"They just came in on their own and this made their status shaky. We didn't have a hold on them. Our contract is with the National Football League, and the All-Star players always had been tied to their league clubs when they reported. Also, there is no (scheduled) player draft next year and that adds to the uncertainty."

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle said, "The College All-Star game played a major role in promoting the growth of the National Football League. I regret it is no longer practical economically for Chicago Tribune Charities to sponsor it."

The NFL champions had a 31-9-2 lead in the series, with the last victory by the college squad coming over Green Bay in 1963.

The 1976 game, the last in the current contract between the sponsor and the NFL, ended on an inauspicious note.

The Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers were leading in the third quarter after a downpour. Hundreds of fans streamed onto the artificial turf, splashing and skidding around and tearing down the goal posts. The game was called off.

An NFL spokesman in New York said the future of the game may be discussed at a meeting in Seattle on Jan. 17, or, more likely, at the league's March meeting in Phoenix.

Dome Clock To Be Replaced

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The balky scoreboard clock that has left Superdome crowds puzzled and angry for two years will be replaced, says the man who runs the big stadium.

But replacement will not be made in time for the nationally televised Sugar Bowl game Jan. 1, and probably not until after the New Orleans Jazz completes its 1976-77 National Basketball Association season.

Jim Clinton, who runs the Superdome for the state, said he will soon be asking for bids on a new computer for the clock.

Mustangs Rip Tigers, 70-57

SWEETWATER—The Sweetwater Mustangs defeated the Snyder Tigers, 70-57, in a District 3-AAA basketball clash here last night. The loss leaves the Tigers with a 7-11 record for the year.

The Mustangs took a 19-12 lead in the first quarter, and Snyder narrowed the gap to 33-30 at halftime. The Tigers went back ahead, 51-39, in the third period.

Snyder shot only 33 per cent from the field in the second half. This is the Tigers' last game until after Christmas.

Tony Cobb roped 20 points for the Tigers while Randy Courtney contributed 16 points and Lucious Jeffery added 10. Aubrey Todd, Wesley Box and Matt Patterson tallied 19, 18 and 16 points, respectively for the hosts.

Sweetwater also won the junior varsity match 47-46, holding a 10-6 lead after one quarter and a 26-21 lead at halftime. Snyder went ahead, 38-36, in the third period but the Ponies outscored Snyder 11-8 in the last frame to pull out the victory.

J. Johnson tallied 22 points for the Snyder JV while E. Todd posted 16 and J. Medlicott put in 11 for Sweetwater.

SNYDER (57)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Everton	0	1	1	1
Jeffery	5	0	2	10
Moore	0	0	2	0
Crayton	2	2	4	6
Courtney	7	2	5	16
Lewis	2	0	4	4
Cobb	9	2	0	20
TOTALS	25	7	18	57
SWATER (70)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Heredia	0	0	5	0
Hernández	0	5	5	5
Allen	0	0	3	0
Todd	8	3	2	19
Layfield	3	0	2	6
Oliver	3	0	1	6
Box	9	0	1	18
Patterson	6	4	2	16
TOTALS	29	12	14	70

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SNYDER JV (46)	FG	FT	PF	TP
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Forbes	1	0	3	2
Short	2	0	2	4
Gass	3	0	4	6
Duncan	0	4	5	4
Taylor	0	0	2	0
Hicks	0	0	5	0
Peterson	0	2	3	2
Johnson	8	6	4	22
Hinton	1	0	4	2
TOTALS	16	14	33	46
SWATER JV (47)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hillis	0	2	3	2
Medlicott	4	3	0	11
Duncan	2	5	3	9
Patterson	3	3	2	9
Todd	5	6	4	16
Elliott	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	14	19	12	47

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Signs Indian Pact

CLEVELAND (AP) — Infielder Larvell Blanks, whom Cleveland Indians Manager Frank Robinson calls "the toughest man on the club at the plate with men on base," has signed a multi-year contract, the club announced Tuesday.

Blanks batted .280 last season with five home runs and 41 runs batted in. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

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Proposal Rushes Cattle Payments

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has proposed further new rules designed to carry out a new law passed by Congress this year to insure that farmers and ranchers will be paid promptly for livestock they sell to meat packers.

Officials said the latest proposal, officially published today, basically requires "that payment for livestock purchased on a cash basis must be made by the close of the next business day."

The proposal, a first step in the government rule-making process, was designed to implement amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act, which went into effect Sept. 13.

"If the seller or his representative is not present to accept payment at the place of transfer of possession of the livestock, the purchaser must either wire transfer funds or place a check in the mail," the department said.

Congress tightened the 55-year-old law following years of complaints by producers about payment procedures of packing companies and other buyers, including outright nonpayments as well as delays.

On Dec. 7, USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration adopted new rules requiring larger packing plants to post bonds as guarantees that they are prepared to pay producers for livestock. Those rules will be effective on Feb. 7.

The proposal announced today is the second step in formal rule-making to carry out the amendments and further proposals may be forthcoming, an agency spokesman said.

The department said public comments on today's proposal will be accepted in writing until Feb. 20, 1977, and can be sent to the Hearing Clerk, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250.

"The amendments further require that livestock, inventories, proceeds and receivables of packers be held in trust to insure payment for livestock purchased on a cash basis," the department said. "The seller waives his rights to the trust provision if he extends credit to the packer."

Of the 11,313 visitors to the Caribbean island of Aruba during October, 1976, 7,447 came from the continental United States, 2,201 from Venezuela, 612 from Colombia, 145 from Puerto Rico and 134 from Canada.

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TO GUADALUPE JONES, JR.
GREETING:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A.D., 1977, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court House in Snyder, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of February, 1976.
The file number of said suit being No. 11,601
The names of the parties in said suit are: MARIA GUADALUPE JONES as Petitioner and GUADALUPE JONES, JR. as Respondent.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Divorce.
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Texas Must Conform To Federal Jobless Act

Bjt, By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Congress has given the Texas Legislature a choice. Pass a new jobless benefits law that will anger several influential groups or penalize employers $600 million.

Lawmakers must conform Texas to numerous changes made this year in the federal unemployment act. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1978.

If they fail, employers will face an increase of as much as 600 per cent in their federal unemployment tax payments—about $600 million a year.

On top of that, the U. S. Department of Labor would send an administrator to run the state unemployment program in place of the Texas Employment Commission.

And the changes ordered by the federal law would take effect anyway.

With that kind of sword dangling overhead, passing a new Texas unemployment law would seem simple. But guess again.

Labor wants to use the occasion to add higher unemployment benefits and eliminate waiting periods.

Texas' benefits are the lowest in the nation, averaging $53.90 per week, with a maximum of $63. Jobless workers now wait four to six weeks for their first check, says Joe Gunn, labor's representative on the three-man commission.

"I agree we have got to conform to the federal law. . . . But when we protect employers for $600 million, we ought to pay a few dollars for the workers," Gunn said.

What are the key changes that Texas must adopt?

—Starting Jan. 1, 1978, unemployment compensation must be extended to employes of cities, counties, school districts and other political subdivisions.

"There is no alternative to going along," says Dick Brown, executive director of the Texas Municipal League.

—Employes of about 5,000 large farms and ranches will be brought under unemployment compensation, as will domestics working for employers who pay as much as $1,000 per quarter in wages to maids and similar help.

—The wage base against which an employer's state and federal unemployment taxes are computed will rise from $4,200 to $6,000 per worker.

—Pregnant women cannot be disqualified from jobless benefits. The TEC's policy is to allow benefits if a women is available for employment and able to work, but Gunn said it still disqualifies pregnant women occasionally.

—Professional athletes must be disqualified from collecting unemployment benefits during their off-seasons.

—Teachers cannot receive benefits during their summers off. The legislature has the option of providing unemployment compensation, however, to non-professional employes such as bus drivers who are not guaranteed jobs when school resumes.

"If we pay these non-professionals, unquestionably it will cost a good deal," observed Jack Burcham, the TEC's unemployment insurance director.

—Aliens without the right to permanent residence in the United States must be denied benefits. This would cut out so-called "white card" workers who have permission to cross the Rio Grande each day to work in Texas but who cannot remain overnight.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Mexican nationals who built up U. S. credits toward unemployment compensation and regularly seek work in border towns would be denied benefits.

"I tell you this, with the devaluation of the peso, they (TEC offices) are doing a land office business on the border," said Burcham.

Gunn would like to make another change in the state law.

When a jobless worker registers with a TEC office for benefits, he must tell why he lost his most recent job and then list all other jobs he has held for the past three years. Each of those employers is asked why the person left. Failure to respond in 10 days results in an increase in an employer's tax, based on the presumption the worker left through no fault of his own.

Unemployment taxes vary according to an employer's record of laying off workers.

Gunn says the 10-day limit doesn't hurt big corporations with lawyers and accountants to keep track of such paperwork but "it hurts the guy who is operating out of his hip pocket."

"It would drive the employer of two or three employes to the top of the rate bracket—from one-tenth of 1 per cent to 4 per cent of his payroll," he said.

Gunn says he hopes for a negotiated bill that would bring all parties together but he "will try to bottle up" the commission's compliance bill if negotiations break down.

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By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

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DEAR READER — Valium as you probably know is a tranquilizer. Catapress does cause drowsiness. I am not surprised that the combination makes your husband so sleepy. Catapress also makes some men impotent. When that occurs there is little else they can do in bed besides sleep.

These effects occur with some other medicines used in the treatment of high blood pressure. There are good reasons why some doctors think treatment with some of the high blood pressure medicines can be worse than the disease.

I agree with treatment for elevated blood pressure, but whenever possible I do think it is better to use mild medicines – just enough to do the job – or lower the blood pressure by changing one's living patterns.

That means anyone with any elevation of blood pressure should eliminate any body fat they can. Every ounce of fat under the skin should be eliminated by weight control programs. When this is done and the salt intake is reduced, the need for powerful medicines with undesirable side effects can often be reduced or eliminated.

So I think your husband should eliminate any fat deposits he has. And a word of caution, if a person is taking Catapress and stops it suddenly there may be a severe sharp rise in blood pressure. If his doctor decides to eliminate it he should be gradually withdrawn from the medicine to avoid this dangerous response.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-8, Blood Pressure, to give you more information on the problem. Others who want this information can get it by sending 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB — My doctor told me that I must eat one cup of All-Bran every day to alleviate a colon problem I was having. Since I don't really like the stuff, I have been putting it into liquid form in my blender and mixing it with other things such as chocolate flavoring, yogurt, a banana, with milk, etc. I am wondering if I am still getting the benefit from the bran even though I put it in liquid form. Am I eliminating the roughage my colon needs by doing this? Incidentally, even though I am doing this, my problem seems less severe.

DEAR READER — It doesn't make a particle of difference. The cereal fiber in various bran-type breakfast foods is what counts. Many people use pure bran and mix it with apple sauce, ice cream and an infinite variety of foods. The bran in whole wheat flour is also fine, and it makes no difference if the bran is in a baked or cooked food.

The cereal fiber, bran or breakfast foods containing them are not roughage as you think. As soon as cereal fiber is moistened adequately it becomes soft. Just look again at a bowl of cereal that you have let soak in milk for a while and ask yourself if that is really roughage or softage.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Safety Lights Old-Fashioned

CLEVELAND (AP) — The flashing red lights at 41,600 of 233,000 public rail grade crossings can be easily overlooked if a motorist is not directly in front of them, says the United Transportation Union's research board.

The board reports it has found that the alternate red lights are outdated for today's high-speed traffic and recommends that they be replaced with xenon flash lamps similar to those used in photography.

New Course In PE Offered At College

A new course in physical education - HPE 113-14 - will be offered at Western Texas College during the spring semester, it was announced by Dr. Sid Simpson, athletic director and division chairman of Health and Physical Education.

The one-hour activity course entitled "Dimensions of Movement" will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A co-educational offering, the course will include instruction in carriage, charm, poise, make-up techniques for women and grooming for male students. This portion, approximately 9-12 clock hours, will be taught by Mrs. Roy (Gay Idom. Approximately 25-30 clock hours in dance movements will be under the instruction of Mrs. Elaine Lambert and Roy McCormick. Included will be ballet, jazz, and modern dance.

A lab fee of $7 will be charged for the class which will have a maximum of 20 students.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

For Thursday, Dec. 23, 1976

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be sure to include old friends as well as new in any social activities you're planning, so nobody's feelings will be hurt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you may achieve them, goals not in accordance with your highest ideals will prove hollow victories today. Set lofty standards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may suffer some disappointment regarding your original plans today, but the alternative will prove best in the long run.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your shopping logic today is governed by the thought that a gift must be expensive to be appreciated. This could lead to some hefty bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There is a strong possibility that you will prejudge the good intentions of an associate wrongly today and cause an embarrassing situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) While the means are at hand it would be wise to clear up old debts. They can't be rationalized away too much longer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you're a sociable, outgoing person but today you're likely to be a bit slow in warming up to others. However, you do let your hair down later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're entertaining at home today, limit it to guests whose company you truly enjoy. Inviting someone out of obligation may spoil the fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may have to deal with someone today who is a trifle cantankerous. This person can be won over by not responding in kind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial conditions are a mixed bag today. You have some heavy expenses, but funds may come from unusual sources.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have an important decision to make today, balance your opinion against others whose judgment you respect.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Strangely enough, one you do the most for today will do the least for you, while one you ignore will bend over backward to help you.

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New Phone Books Coming Out Soon

Snyder telephone customers will receive new telephone directories by the week after Christmas, according to Southwestern Bell Manager Bill Gilliland.

Gilliland said that 10,500 directories are being mailed to Snyder telephone customers this year. The new book includes 49 alphabetical pages and 124 Yellow Pages.

"The cover of the new directory was painted by Texas Hill Country artist Warren Martin of Ingram," Gilliland said. "The painting, titled 'Royal Family,' depicts the majestic beauty surrounding the birth of a golden eagle."

Martin, who was born in San Antonio in 1932, grew up on the N.J. Hans ranch at the head of the Guadalupe and Sabinal rivers.

Gilliland said the artist has had numerous shows in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico since his first show in a roadside diner near San Antonio in 1962. Martin has held one-man shows at Central Park Gallery in San Antonio, David Studios of Arizona, Fort Huachaka Historical Society in Arizona, Kendal Memorial Gallery in San Angelo and Guadalupe Galleries in Kerrville.

With his brother, Robert, who is a Texas sculptor of modern mobiles, Martin owns the Texan Gallery in Ingram, which is near the Hill Country Arts Foundation.

Gilliland said this year's distribution will be affected by the current nationwide paper shortage. "This year, most residential subscribers with more than one telephone will receive one directory. Business customers will receive their directories according to individual usage and demand."

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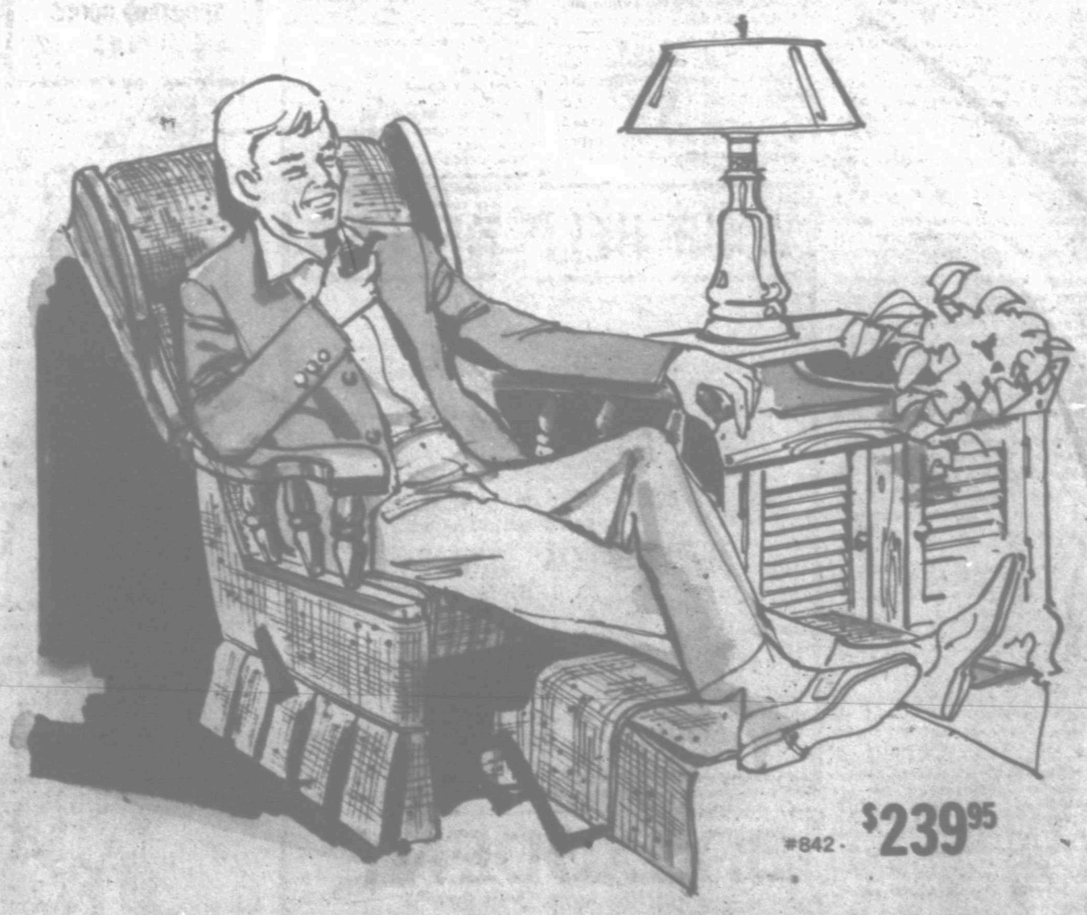
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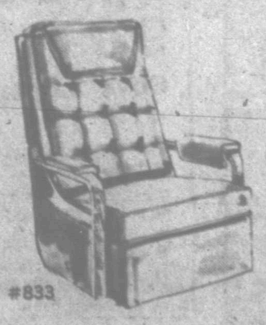
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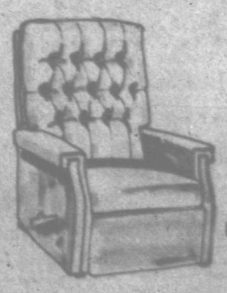
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Taxes, Brush, Weeds Big Conservation Handicaps

Taxation, undesirable brush and weeds and economics of conservation were the top three major problems affecting soil and water conservation practices on private farms and ranches over the state according to a recently published report by the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The report titled, "Conservation Problems in Texas," lists 29 conservation problem areas. Information within the report is based upon appraisals of current or potential conservation related problems made by 980 farmers or ranchers who serve as district directors on local soil and water conservation districts. Texas has 196 SWCD's.

Taxation was cited as the number one problem and the economics of conservation listed as third.

"By combining the two and adding in normal agricultural production costs, many conservation practices' initial cost is so great that landowners cannot afford the investment even though it would be sound on a long term basis. We are selling cattle for less than what they brought 30 years ago, but pickups, tractors and other expenses cost 3-10 times more than what they did in 1947," said Kenneth Kuykendall, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

"This situation makes it hard for landowners to apply conservation practices which would temporarily reduce their income even though it would be best for the land in the long run. Today the taxation on farm and ranch lands is out of balance with the land's productive ability which in many cases have forced agricultural lands out of production," he added.

Undesirable brush and weeds were ranked as the second major problem because of their suppressing the growth of a productive grass cover which protects the soil, efficiently uses available water and stabilizes livestock operations.

"Most Texans don't realize that scientists estimate about one hundred thirty eight million acre feet of water--almost 38 per cent of the state's average annual rainfall--is used by undesirable weeds and brush," said Kuykendall.

Examples of other identified conservation problems included in the report are difficulty of grass establishment, overgrazing, water erosion, loss of soil moisture, and absentee ownership.

The report also emphasizes that continuing research, education and provisions for economic incentives are necessary to correct soil and water conservation problems.

In gathering data for the survey, districts responded to four major conservation problem areas. These included water-related problems, soil management problems, plant management problems and other problems, issues and policies.

"It is interesting to note that in the areas of agricultural and silvicultural non-point source pollution the soil and water conservation districts rated such a problem over the state as slight to none," said Kuykendall.

Kuykendall indentified non-point source pollution as pollutants conveyed by water and uncontrolled by any person. He added that such pollutants are not traceable to a discrete indentifiable source.

Advisory groups who participated in the formulation of the survey included the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University; Blackland Conservation Research Center, Temple; United States Department of Agricultural Research Service and the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board provided staff assistance in coordinating and compiling the results of the survey.

Members of the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts included F.F. "Flip" Calhoun, Plainview; Kenneth Kuykendall, Cherokee and Bill Goldsberry, Edinburg.

The Research Committee is charged with determining the severity of conservation problems and recommending Association action to address the problem. The committee has previously conducted three appraisals of this nature.

Information concerning this report can be obtained by contacting Erwin A. Pavlik, District Conservationist, Snyder Field Office, Soil Conservation Service, 3423 Avenue T., Snyder, according to W.L. Wilson Jr., Chairman, Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

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(Editor's Note: Ink Dipper (KYZ-3916) is the handle of the editor of The CB Times-Journal.)

CBers who have been the brunt of television interference complaints can breathe a little easier now.

The Federal Communications Commission has put this on the record: Most TV interference (TVI) is caused by poorly filtered television sets and not by CBers.

If there is a key word in that, it's "most." Some CBers are to blame, either because their rigs are poorly filtered or because they are illegally operating with too much power.

In an October statement, the FCC said that "the majority of TVI complains ... result directly from poor TV receiver design, lack of adequate filtering in TV receivers presently on the market and inability of TV receivers adequately to reject unwanted and adjacent-channel signals."

The agency's engineers found that 82 per cent of all such interference complaints were traced to poorly filtered home entertainment equipment.

The hard-line statement from the FCC came after the television broadcast industry tried unsuccessfully to block the expansion from 23 to 40 CB channels. Broadcasters maintained that the expansion would result in more television interference.

FCC observers see the TVI statement as a hint from the agency that it will take action if television manufacturers don't start upgrading filtering. The FCC has no control over set designs, and it has opposed federal legislation that would have given it that power. But the growing headache from TVI complaints is apparently almost too much to stand.

TVI complaints are the biggest source of trouble for the FCC, according to staff personnel. If all television sets were properly filtered, they say, it would be easier to enforce the law requiring CBers to operate with no more than four watts of transmitting power.

FCC field engineers are bogged down with complaints of TVI that aren't the fault of CBers, and it's hard to sort out TVI caused by over-powered units.

Plenty of CBers are running extra power, and if you're a CBer, you probably know someone who is. CBers can boost their power by doing one of three things - rewiring their radios, using high-powered amateur radio equipment or attaching power amplifiers to their regular CB radios.

Rewiring is fairly unreliable with transistorized units and usually only works well with old, tube sets. Using amateur equipment or amplifiers can boost power from the legal four watts to as much as 2,000 watts, which plays havoc with television reception in your average suburban neighborhood.

These are the kind of people who really give CB a bad name, and they also interfere with radio frequencies used by the military and businesses.

They are the ones that the FCC tries to put off the air. "Uncle Charlie," as the FCC is called in CB jargon, has special monitoring units which move into metropolitan or geographic areas where TVI or other interference is reported, and they make cases against illegal CBers.

Probably the most dramatic crackdown so far this year came in Maryland in October when FCC engineers, helped by U.S. marshals, raided the homes and businesses of 19 CBers and confiscated $65,00 in illegal equipment.

The crackdown came after a barrage of complaints of interference with television reception and business and military communications.

This is exactly what the FCC's personnel should be doing – not running down TVI complaints only to find the fault lies in the TV and not the CB.

If the television manufacturers don't move quickly to upgrade their product, then the FCC should take action to make sure that it does. Then the agency can devote its full energies to making sure that the citizens band is properly used and not dominated by people who break the law with over-powered equipment.

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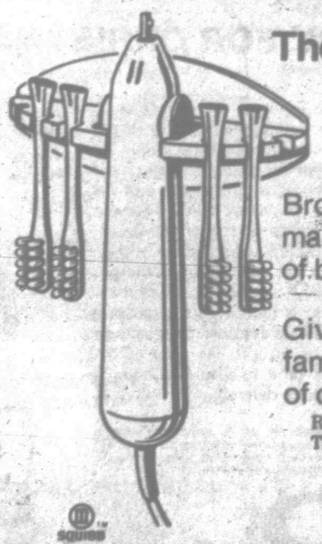
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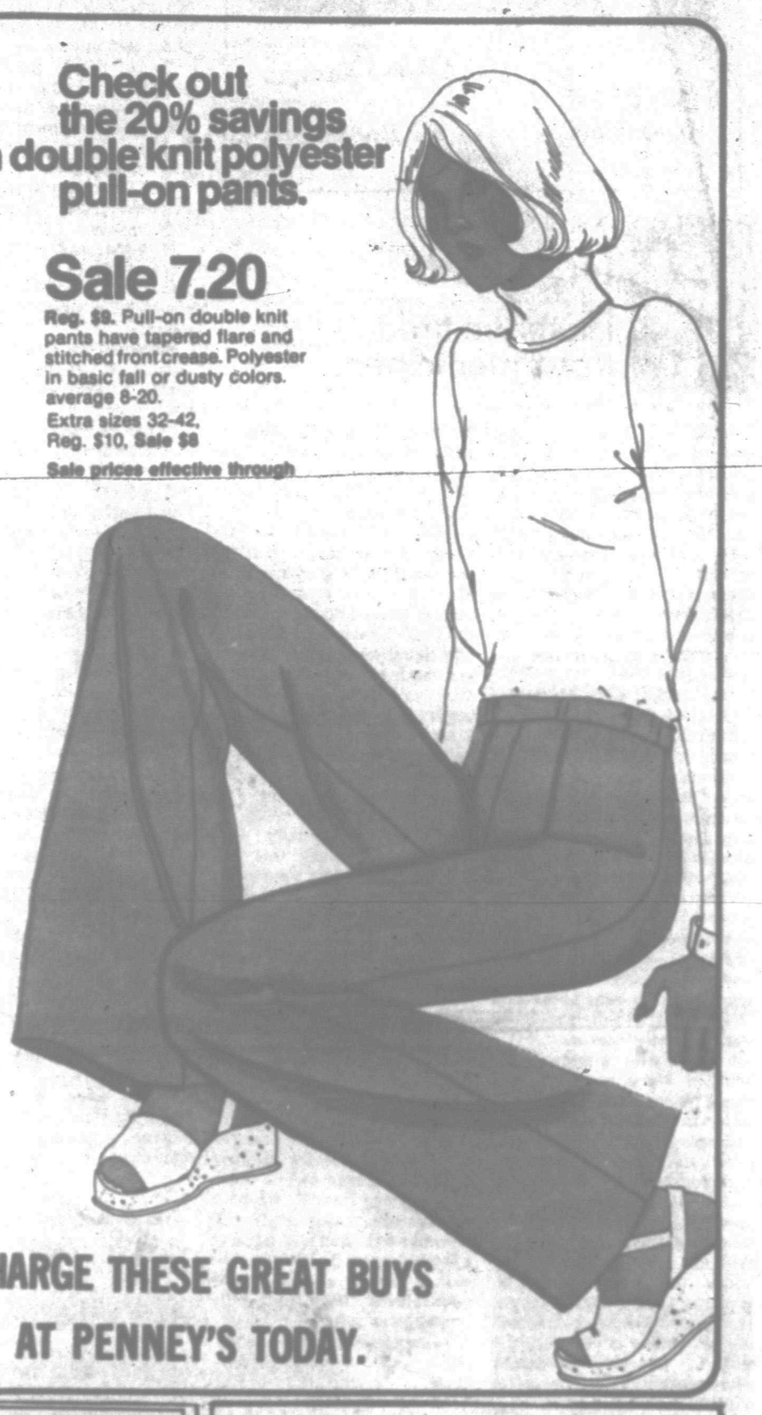
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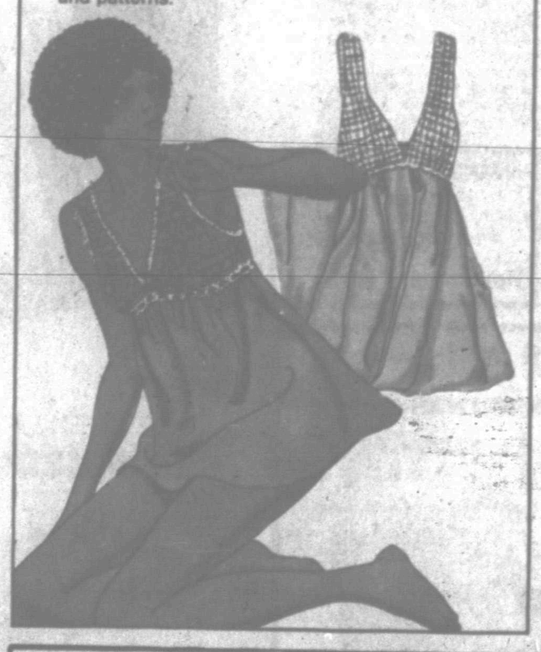

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