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AT OPEC PRICE-FIXING MEETING

Saudi Opposed To Oil Hike

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) opened a price-fixing meeting today with only conservative Saudi Arabia, the cartel's biggest producer, opposed to an increase in the price of crude oil.

The Saudi oil minister, Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, said on his arrival in Doha that his country favors postponing the increase for six more months because the world economy is still too shaky. The Saudis previously said they would agree to a "reasonable increase" of less than 10 per cent in the price of $11.51 for a barrel of benchmark crude.

The ministers of the 13 nations who supply 80 per cent of the oil imported by the world's non-Communist nations met behind bulletproof shutters in the banquet hall of a luxurious hotel beside the Persian Gulf.

Indonesian Oil Minister Mohammed Sadli, the current chairman of OPEC, opened the conference with a reminder to the ministers that their decisions would "affect the state of health of the world, not only now but for some time to come."

"We hope to convince the members of OPEC of our views," Yamani said. "We believe we have a strong view, but we never come with a position we can't change."

Yamani said his government has found that the trend of international economic recovery "is not as strong as we hoped to have." He noted that Saudi Arabian light crude is the benchmark oil on which OPEC's price structure is based, and he commented: "I don't think OPEC will be in position to raise the price of Saudi crude without the consent of Saudi Arabia."

Wednesday update

Airport Blast Kills 3

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Iraq accused the Syrian secret service today of planting a bomb that exploded in Baghdad airport's customs section. The Iraquis said three persons were killed and many injured, including 10 requiring hospital treatment.

Syria and Iraq are governed by rival factions of the Arab Baath socialist party and have a long history of bitter quarrels.

The Iraqi casualty count contrasted with earlier reports abroad of six killed in the blast Tuesday evening.

Third Death Date Set

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A judge gave Gary Gilmore his third date with death today, ordering him shot at sunrise Jan. 17. Gilmore said he would ask to be released from prison because of the delay.

"You could set it tomorrow morning as far as I'm concerned. I'm ready," said Gilmore. He said he wanted it next Monday.

But 4th Dist. Court Judge J. Robert Bullock, ruling on a motion from Utah County Atty. Noall Wootton, set the date in accordance with a state law that requires that an execution follow sentencing by 30 to 60 days.

The judge asked Gilmore if he wanted to withdraw an application he had made for freedom based on the numerous delays in the case, as his attorney had indicated he would.

"No," said the inmate. "I was going to dismiss that motion, but you just imposed another unreasonable delay."

Gilmore called the judge a "moral coward." "You simply don't have the guts. ... You have put me through cruel punishment. I'm going to seek my release and my freedom in every court I can," he said.

Fuel Closes Road

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tex. (AP) — Firemen and highway patrolmen closed down U.S. 271 between this Northeast Texas city and Pittsburg today while experts tried to recover a highly volatile blending fuel that leaked from an overturned tank truck.

A spokesman for the Department of Public Safety said the fuel was "extremely dangerous."

The truck overturned Tuesday night and nearly 9,000 gallons of fuel spilled into a ditch and Cypress Creek. The volatile fumes spread over the area which includes mostly farms.

A special pumping unit was brought from Houston early today to recover the fuel.

Kidnapers Set Deadline

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Radical left kidnapers threatened to kill King Juan Carlos' advisor, Antonio Maria de Oriol, in an apparent move to upset today's national referendum expected to approve Western-style democracy.

W. R. Dunlap Is Found Dead

W.R. Dunlap, 75, of Crosbyton, a former Snyder and Scurry County resident, was found dead this morning in a field near the former Murphy School in Southwest Scurry where he had been bird hunting.

Initial reports were that Mr. Dunlap apparently had suffered a heart attack. Justice of the Peace M.M. Monk of Gail was called to the scene as a coroner.

Mr. Dunlap at one time lived in the Lake Thomas area and also resided in Snyder. He was a former school teacher, having taught at several schools in this area, including Fluvanna. He was the father of Roy Dunlap, a former Snyder City Manager who now resides in Killeen.

Mr. Dunlap was living at 514 West Main in Crosbyton and the body was returned there from Bell-Seale Funeral Home this morning. Funeral rites were pending at Crosbyton, and burial is to be at Ralls.

EARLY MORNING DEVASTATION—The sun is shining through what was once the home of Ronnie Black and his family as Snyder firemen scurry about the charred remains extinguishing the last smoldering embers. The fire occurred about 7:45 a.m. today and destroyed Blacks' mobile home at 2110 Peyton Avenue. Black was working at the time of the fire, but his wife and two children were in the home and narrowly escaped death. See story page 2. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

The SDN Column

The bureaucrats talk about "slowing down" inflation, and we suppose that a slow-down is better than full speed ahead, but some figure filberts have calculated that if the rate of inflation continues for the remainder of the century at its 1976 rate, a hamburger will cost more than $5 in the year 2000.

We recall several years ago when someone reported that during a tour of Alaska he paid $1.85 for a hamburger and a cup of coffee. Most of us thought it was an exaggeration, that such a charge would be impossible—or to use a Washingtonian phrase, "obscene."

Well, you can judge for yourself now. It has come to pass, not only in Alaska, but in eating establishments throughout the country.

And the way things have been going, the time may come when the cup of coffee may cost more than the hamburger.

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Perhaps you noticed in the paper the other day that latest estimates are that stockpiles of wheat in this country may be the largest in history.

And it hasn't been but a few months since George Meany and sundry other experts were fearful that if American farmers were permitted to sell some wheat to Russia, the reserves might fall so low that it would send the cost of bread sky high.

Well, the cost of bread may seem rather high, but it wasn't caused by a scarcity of wheat. These new estimates indicate that we may have more than we know what to do with, to use a good Texas expression.

One thing we noticed during the great debate over wheat sales to Russia was that many American citizens apparently thought that our government was going to sell the wheat to the Russians. Actually, the government was only asked to clear the way so that sales through regular marketing channels could be made to Russia—just like tractors, wrist watches, or any other item that producers and-or manufacturers in this country might have abailable for export.

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Anyway, we have heard continually that the balance of trade is a key factor in our economy, and any time we can ethically swing it in our favor, it should be done. It means simply that if we can produce and sell more than we buy, we are going to improve our financial situation. And it has been going the other way too often in recent years.

Back in 1836, the U. S. treasury had a surplus of $28 million. That doesn't sound like much when compared with the current debt of billions, but if a federal regime could put us in the black by 28 cents today, it would be considered an astonishing achievement.—WACIL McNAIR.

There's More In Store for Shoppers During Snyder's Santa Spectacular $3,800 In Free Gifts

FLUVANNA, SNYDER BOARDS

Doubleheader Session Held

An audit of the Fluvanna School District and several policy changes for the Snyder School District highlighted a "doubleheader" school board session Tuesday night in the Snyder Public School administration building.

The Fluvanna board was called into a brief session to formally accept the 1975-76 audit of the Fluvanna District, which now has been annexed to the Snyder and Borden County School Districts. The Tuesday night session will be the last for the Fluvanna board.

The Snyder School Board gave final approval to policies and regulations defining duties and responsibilities of principals, assistant principals, the athletic director and the director of maintenance and transportation. These had been approved on first reading at the November meeting of the board.

Also approved were job descriptions and qualifications of coordinators in the school system. These include the instrumental music coordinator, the choral music coordinator, the industrial arts coordinator and the instructional materials coordinator.

The music coordinators are

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Pupil Test Score Skid Has Educators Baffled

Student achievement and college entrance test results in public schools have become a matter of considerable concern throughout the country, including Snyder, Dr. Thomas Scannicchio, assistant superintendent-curriculum, told the Snyder School Board last night.

Reporting on standardized test results here the past October, Dr. Scannicchio said the trends in Snyder Schools had virtually paralleled the nation-wide figures in dropping one to two points over the past 10 years.

Although there have been some signs of a levelling off, the situation still has educators perplexed.

For one thing, students' course grades in both high school and college have been moving upward while scores on achievement tests have declined. Dr. Scannicchio said the problem becomes evident in public schools beyond the third grade and continues through high school. He said better scores in the lower grades may be attributed to the fact that beginning in the third grade, the pupils are exposed to a much greater abundance of learning interests than ever before.

Various groups suggest a variety of factors that may be involved, but none can pinpoint anything definite and say "this is it," Dr. Scannicchio said.

For example, he said some

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END OF AN ERA—Members of the Fluvanna School Board assembled Tuesday night for their last session, writing the final chapter in the history of Fluvanna Independent School District. The Fluvanna District was annexed to the Snyder and Borden County School Districts last August, and members of the last Fluvanna board met last night to formally accept the 1975-76 audit of their district. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

8 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

WEATHER

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 29 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 29 degrees.

West Texas—Fair with no significant temperature changes through Thursday. High Thursday in 50s except low 60s Big Bend valleys. Low tonight in 20s except 30s extreme south.

Free Movie For Kids Saturday

A visit from Santa and a free "kids show" are in the offing for Snyder area merchants this Saturday.

In cooperation with the retail committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, Santa is due to arrive in Snyder Saturday morning for an all-day visit on the square.

It was announced today that another special event had been added. The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Cinema Theatres, will sponsor a free movie Saturday afternoon.

Showtimes will be at 12 noon and at 2 p.m. and the feature will be 85 minutes in length. The free show is "Flight of the Lost Balloon."

Snyder News publisher Roy McQueen urged local parents to take their children to the free movie and then take advantage of the free time to do Christmas shopping at local stores.

"This is an ideal time to get some of that last-minute Christmas shopping done without the kids," McQueen said.

Santa is due to fly into Winston Field at 10 a.m. Saturday. Confirmation of his scheduled visit from the north pole was received here Monday.

After landing at the Snyder airport, Santa will distribute candy to local youngsters. He will then receive a police escort to downtown where he will be available to visit with local area youngsters until 3 p.m. Saturday.

Chamber officials noted that Santa will be on hand during the evenings the following week when local stores plan to remain open for the benefit of late shoppers.

Saturday, if there is inclement weather, Santa Claus will make his headquarters inside Texas Electric Service Co. on the west side of the square.

Goodfellows Donations

Ted Crenwelge	$15.00
Mrs. S.D. Hays Sr.	10.00
Troy Botts	25.00
Whit Farmer	5.00
Eddie Kinney	5.00
Gloria Hunter	5.00
Alonzo Johnson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joyce	25.00
Abelia Espinosa	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Parker	25.00
Norris Williams	2.00
Altrurian Club	5.00
Elain Lambert	10.00
Juanita Eckert	2.00
Ruth Banks	5.00
Mary L. Faver	5.00
H.E. Kelley	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hurst	5.00
Earnest Peavy	2.00
Gene Dulaney	10.00
Leland Herod	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bowlin	5.00
Anonymous	29.87
Day's total	$213.87
Total to date	$3,676.97

Spectacular Winners Told

Several winners in this week's "Snyder Santa Spectacular" have been announced and three more winning tickets are out, the Chamber of Commerce reported.

Winners this week who already have claimed their prizes are Mell Montgomery, Jan Sims, Mrs. Madge Derryberry, Alice Boss, Collie Fish, Ramona Reed, Debbie Rodriguez and Mrs. Tommy Cotton.

Tickets outstanding include a green numbered 012000, for $200 in merchandise certificates; a green number 017227 for $150 in certificates, and a blue numbered 064442 for $50 in certificates. Persons who have those tickets must claim their prizes by 5 p.m. Thursday. Any prize remaining at the time will be added to the new drawing.

DISCUSSING PHONES—Priscilla Hammerdal of Pal-O-Mar Motel listens as Bill Gilliland, Southwestern Bell Manager in Snyder, outlines service requirements for the PBX equipment at her motel. Phone company personnel were guests of the Snyder Motel Association for a "gripe session" on phone service.

Motel Association Discusses Phones

A meeting of the Snyder Motel Association featured a "gripe session" with telephone company officials as guests here Sunday.

The meeting was held at the Beacon Lodge, with Henry and Elinor Patton hosts.

Representing the telephone company were Bill Filliland, Snyder Manager; Daniel Contraras, marketing representative, and Carrie Lee, group manager, operator services.

They discussed PBX problems, operator handling of motel calls and future plans for routing calls.

Representatives of six local motels were present, and they were promised more operators on duty to handle Snyder calls to eliminate waits for the operator.

Others attending were James Patterson, owner of Beacon Lodge; George and Priscilla Hammderdahl of the Pal-O-Mar Motel; Bill Ziske, American Motor Inn; Mary Smelser, Ponderosa and Travel Inn Motels; Art and Helen Feinsod, owners of the new Friendship Inn, the Purple Sage Motel, and Catherine Williams, manager of the Snyder TraveLodge.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Opal Phipps, 807 Twenty-ninth; Gloria Cortez, 2405 Thirtieth; Lance Richburg, Roscoe; Robert Garza, 607 Thirty-fifth; Jay Burns, 3609 Irving; Linda Burns, 3609 Irving; Joe Burns, 3609 Irving; Verdie Forkner, 2904 Ave. M; Stanley Camp, Rt. 1.

DISMISSALS: Ivy Chaney, Edward Lewis, Mrs. Ronny Davidson and baby girl, Armelinda Ramirez, Lucille Hudson, Adolfo Flores, Margie Lewallen, Nita Jennings, William Horton, Cathleen Collins.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Davidson, 1916 Coleman, are the parents of a 5 lb. 8 oz. daughter, born at 3:55 p.m. Dec. 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Snyderite Officer Of Music Group

DENTON—Noble Bryant Young of Snyder has been elected treasurer of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the Professional Fraternity for Men in Music, at North Texas State University, for the spring '77 semester.

Young, senior political science major, is the son of Noble J. Young, 4204 Avenue U.

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Atl Rich	59¼		
Beth Stl	40⅜		
Borden	32½	up	⅛
Brit. Pet.	12⅜	up	⅛
Cat Trac	55⅛	up	¼
Celanese	49¾	up	¾
Chrysler	19	off	⅛
Cities Svc	57⅝	up	¼
Coca Cola	76¼	off	¾
Cont Oil	38	off	⅛
Dow Chem	40⅜	up	⅛
DXL	9⅜	up	⅜
duPont	133⅛	off	⅜
Eastman	84⅛	off	½
El Paso NG	14		
Exxon	52½	off	¼
Fairchild Cam	42⅝	off	⅜
Ford	59⅛	up	⅜
Gen Elec	53½	up	¼
Gen Foods	32⅜	up	¼
Gen Mtrs	75½	off	⅛
Gen Tel	31¾	up	¼
Gen Tire	26⅜	off	⅛
Goodrich	27		
Great A&P	13	up	¼
Gulf Oil	29		
Glf St Ut	14⅞	up	⅛
Hous L&P	31¼	off	⅜
IBM	269¾	off	⅛
Int Paper	68⅝	up	⅝
Jhn-Man	34¾		
John Joh	74½	up	⅜
Litton	14½		
Marathon	56⅝	up	½
Mobil Oil	62⅞	up	⅜
Monsanto	86⅝	up	⅝
Penney	55¼	up	¼
Phill Pet	63¾	up	⅛
RCA	27	up	⅛
Safeway	46¾	off	⅛
Serrs	69¼	up	⅛
Sony	9¼	off	⅛
Sou Pac	35		
Stand Oil Cl	38⅝	up	¼
Stand Oil Ind	56¾	up	⅛
Sun Co	44	up	¼
Texaco	27⅜		
Texas Inst	103⅞	off	⅝
Time Inc	37⅞		
Un Carbide	61¼	up	½
Uniroyal	9		
US Steel	51¾	up	½
Woolworth	24⅜		
Xerox Cp	58⅜		

2 Snyderites To Graduate

FORT WORTH—Two Snyder residents Harold Buchanan, Jr., and Gary Patterson are among some 275 Texas Christian University students who expect to complete degree requirements at the close of the fall semester on Dec. 17.

The December graduates will be invited to participate in TCU's 1977 spring commencement activities planned for May 21; those not choosing to participate will receive their diplomas by mail.

A total of 270 students completed degree requirements in December of 1975 as compared with 240 the previous year.

Buchanan will receive his B.B.A. in Business Management, and Patterson will receive his B.S. in Physical Education.

Mobile Home Is Razed By Blaze

Twenty firemen and three fire trucks were dispatched at 7:45 a.m. today to extinguish a major fire that occurred at the 2110 Peyton Avenue mobile home residence of Ronnie Black.

Black was working at the time of the fire, but his wife and two small children were at the mobile home when the fire occurred.

Returning to his residence after he was informed of the fire, Black learned that his wife had pulled one of the sleeping children from its bed as the flames were spreading in the bedroom.

Fortunately, the woman and her two children escaped from the encroaching flames. No one was injured in the blaze, but the mobile home was destroyed.

The fire is believed to have started in a bedroom of the house. One fire official speculated that clothes heaped around a heater may have touched off the fire.

MARKETS

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Cattle and calves 300. Slaughter cows, bulls and calves [illegible] steer calves steady to weak. Feeder heifers and heifer calves steady. Demand good. Trading active. Run includes around 20 per cent slaughter classes. Balance mostly feeders.

Slaughter cows: utility 1-3 21.00-24.00; cutter 17.50-21.00. Slaughter calves: good and choice 300-550 lbs 27.50-28.50. Feeder steers: choice 250-400 lbs 36.00-38.50; good 32.00-36.00, mostly 32.00-34.00; good and low choice 400-600 lbs 31.50-34.00. Feeder heifers: choice 250-400 lbs 36.00-38.00; good 24.00-27.00; 400-550 lbs 23.00-26.50.

Hogs: 300; barrows and gilts steady; 1-2 200-230 lbs 37.00-37.50; 1-3 190-230 lbs 36.50-37.25; 2-3 200-270 lbs 35.50-36.50. Sows steady; 1-3 300-600 lbs 26.50-27.00; boars 300-650 lbs 16.50.

NEW YORK (AP) —Cotton futures No. 2 were higher at midday.

Futures prices posted modest advances on continued commercial buying, brokers said.

The average price for strict low middling 1 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 48 points to 72.71 cents a pound Tuesday for the 10 leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 25 cents to $1.60 a bale higher than the previous close. Mar 77.30, May 78.00, Jul 77.70.

CHICAGO (AP) — Wheat No 2 soft red winter 2.68¾n Wednesday; No 2 hard winter 2.65¾n. Corn No 2 yellow 2.49½n (hopper) 2.44½n (box). Oats No 2 heavy 1.74¾n. Soybeans No 1 yellow 6.95½n.

No 2 yellow corn Tuesday was quoted at 2.49½n (hopper) 2.46½n (box).

BOARDS

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required to have bachelors degrees, or higher, from an accredited college or university, a valid state teacher's certificate, and a minimum of five years of teaching experience.

The industrial arts coordinator is required to have a master's degree with a major in his assigned curricular area and a valid state teacher's certificate.

The instructional materials coordinator is required to have a masters degree, a valid teacher certificate, at least five years of successful classroom teaching, and must have demonstrated aptitude for creating and using instructional materials and media equipment.

In other action, the board agreed to pay off a deficit of $2,358 in the student publications budget. Supt. Bill J. Hood said this deficit had accumulated over a period of some 10 years and resulted partially from the delivery time of yearbooks, which do not arrive and are not billed until a new fiscal year has begun. Also, it was pointed out, the cost of the yearbooks has been a factor. The 1976 annual cost $14.08 per copy and was sold to students for $8 per copy. A budget subsidy took care of 411 annuals, but the order was for 700 of the books.

A request for additional kindergarten equipment at East Elementary School was approved. In his request, Principal Bob Travis said that average enrollment for kindergarten at East was 60 students and that it appeared the school will maintain a minimum of two kindergarten classrooms henceforth. Only one of the rooms in use for kindergarten has carpeting and sufficient other equipment. Total cost of the equipment was estimated at $1,700.

Approval of requests to take six semester hours of college work at the Sul Ross Extension Center on the Western Texas College Campus were approved for Jack Gorman, Wallace Combest, Mrs. Brenda Otto, Dorothy Kayser and Anna Ketchum.

Assault Trial Is Underway Here

The trial of Pearl Claxton began today in county court.

Ms. Claxton is accused of assaulting Lela Newton on Nov. 20.

Presiding over the trial is County Judge Preston Wilson. Prosecuting the case is County Attorney George Killam. The defense attorney is Alex LeFeuvre.

Late Wednesday morning the jury selection was continuing.

Four Mishaps Reported By City Police

Four traffic accidents have been reported by city policemen.

A minor two-car colllision occurred Tuesday at 10:10 a.m. in the 1700 block of Twenty-fourth Street. Involved in that mishap were a 1964 Ford driven by Hugh Mason of Hermleigh and a 1972 Chevrolet driven by Rosaena Alarcon of Snyder.

At 1:24 p.m. yesterday, the Western Texas College dormitory parking lot was the scene of an accident. A 1969 Chevrolet driven by George Speed was in collision with a 1974 Chevrolet driven by Melinda Baldwin. Only minor damages were reported to the two vehicles.

A 1969 AMC driven by Veronica Melgar collided with a parked 1973 Oldsmobile owned by Chester Wilson shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday in the parking lot at Gibson's. The cars sustained only minor damages.

Today, at 8:07 a.m., a 1968 Pontiac driven by David Thompson was in collision with a parked 1974 Oldsmobile owned by John W. Early. The mishap occurred in the 2800 block of Thirty-third Strreet. Only minor damages were reported to the vehicles.

TESTS

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believe college entrance exam scores have dropped because virtually all state colleges and universities and many private universities have eliminated many admission barriers and students know they can get into the college of their choice without excelling on entrance exams.

On the other hand, some feel that a deterioration of discipline in both the school and the home, and a trend away from concentration on basics in the classroom may have contributed to a decline in both achievement test and college entrance exam scores.

Others feel that an increase in areas of study in recent years has resulted in less concentration on basics.

Dr. Scannicchio said it also had been pointed out that more students now are involved in drugs and alcohol than ever before and that some correlation between this upsurge and the downward trend in test scores appears likely.

"If anybody has any answers, we would appreciate hearing them," Dr. Scannicchio concluded.

No DAV Meeting Set This Month

The Disabled American Veterans will not hold a regular business meeting in December, it has been announced.

The DAV members and their Auxiliary will hold their next meeting in January.

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REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN—Ira Schools registered youngsters Tuesday for kindergarten classes, and among those on hand were Mrs. Tommy Sterling and daughter Julie, standing at left, and Mrs. Bob Spradlin and son Justin, seated. Standing at right is Dean Blankenship, the kindergarten teacher. Ira has a new kindergarten building under construction which is scheduled to be completed in January. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

TO HALT BRITISH ECONOMIC DECLINE

Labor Government Cuts Spending, Raises Taxes

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Labor government today announced a $4.2 billion cut in public spending over two years and higher taxes in a desperate battle to halt the nation's economic decline.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey told a hushed, packed House of Commons that $1.7 billion is being slashed from state spending programs in the fiscal year beginning next April 1 and $2.5 billion will be cut in the following year.

He said taxes will be hiked on tobacco and liquor, but he added a Christmas sweetener to heavily taxed Britons. The taxes won't be clamped on until Jan.1.

The reduced spending and higher taxes are a part of Britain's effort to qualify for a $3.9 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund.

The government slashed public spending $1.6 billion five months ago, but this did little to halt Britain's economic slide. The new cuts will hit a wide range of government programs, including welfare, housing, health and transportation. Left-wing Laborites and the trade unions oppose the cuts, contending that they will mean more unemployment.

Britain is suffering its gravest economic crisis since the great depression of the 1930s. The country is deep in the red. There are about 1.2 million unemployed. Industry is stagnant.

Jury Hearing Kidnap Case

A 6-man, 6-woman jury was empanelled Tuesday in 132nd District Court for the trial of Bobbie Ruth White.

Ms. White, 50, is accused of acting as an accomplice in an aborted aggravated kidnaping that occurred Dec. 8, 1975. In that incident, Department of Public Safety trooper Keith Pherigo was briefly taken hostage in the east parking lot of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Yesterday, the testimonies of DPS troopers Keith Pherigo, Pat Alexander and Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson were presented to the court.

Presiding in the case is District Court Judge Wayland G. Holt. Attorney for the prosecution is Dist. Atty. Pete Greene. Representing the defendant is Charles Fairweather of Amarillo.

The jury is expected to begin its deliberation in the case this afternoon.

Adult Classes Plan Party

Adult Education classes at Western Texas College will have their last meeting of the fall semester Thursday night.

A Christmas party is planned following a short class session, with refreshments to be served. Because of the holidays at WTC, the Adult Education classes will be recessed until Jan. 13.

Enrollment in the Adult Education classes has reached 61 this fall, Jerry Corkran, instructor, said. This is about 10 per cent higher than last fall. All adults interested in enrolling for the classes are welcome to attend any class session.

TIA Seeks To Half Air Fares

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas International Airlines asked the Civil Aeronautics Board today to let it cut air fares in half on selected early morning and early evening flights between ten major metropolitan areas.

If approved by the CAB, the fares would go into effect on Feb. 1 on certain flights between Albuquerque, N.M., and Los Angeles, Austin, Tex., and Dallas-Fort Worth, Midland-Odessa, Tex., and Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver and Salt Lake City, and Houston and New Orleans.

Unlike conventional discount fares now used by the airline industry, the new fares would have no restrictions such as advance purchase or length of stay requirement. All passengers flying on the selected flights could use the fares.

The fare reduction is designed to attract new airplane passengers. Texas International predicted the lower fares would attract 110,000 new passengers annually on the routes and allow it to make a profit of $1.6 million on the service.

The new fares, to be called "Peanut fares", would apply only to one round trip flight per day in the selected markets.

For example, Texas International flies four round trips daily between Albuquerque and Los Angeles but only the 9:30 a.m. flight from Albuquerque to Los Angeles and the 8:20 a.m. flight from Los Angeles to Albuquerque would offer the half price fare.

Road Mishaps Are Reported

Two early morning traffic accidents today were investigated by Highway Patrolmen.

The first mishap occurred about 6:30 a.m. when a 1974 Datsun failed to negotiate a curve and turned over. The mishap was reported about 11 miles west of Snyder on a county road.

Patrolmen reported that the driver of the vehicle was Samuel D. Harris of Gail. Moderate damages were reported to the vehicle, but the driver was not injured.

The second mishap occurred at a bridge in Dunn. A 1968 Pontiac driven by Domingo M. Trejo was in collision with a 1972 Oldsmobile driven by Una Hart Wade.

The mishap occurred about 7:45 a.m. today. Only minor damages were reported to the two vehicles.

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BRIDE HONORED—Mrs. Steve Allen, nee Carla Clements, was honored with a bridal coffee Saturday morning at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hosting the event were Mmes. Bill Atwood, Prentis Bass, B.L. McKinley, Nina Cooper, Lawson Stiff, Garrett Harrell, Borden Gray, Scott Casey, Marvin Kelley, G.B. Clark, Fla Joyce, Morris Light, Roger Mize, Cloyce Talbot, Deloras Peralez, Jim Simpson, Lee Stinson, Jerry Smith, Holman Odom, Sidney Johnson, R.E. Patterson, E.J. Richardson, Jr. Pictured are (from left) Mrs. Glenn Patterson, sister of the bride of San Antonio; Mrs. N.R. Clements, mother of the bride, the honoree, Mrs. Don Allen, mother of the groom, of Sanderson; and Mrs. Thurston Smith, grandmother of the groom of Colorado City.

Sorority Learns New Dances

Lambda Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 7 for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by president Carolyn Fortune. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Kay Hickman read thank you notes received from Linda Moreland and Gloria Myers and minutes from the woman's club meeting. Treasurer Betty League reported on the proceeds from the woman's bazaar held last Friday.

The social committee reminded members of cookie night and the Christmas party to be held soon. President Carolyn Fortune appointed a committee to prepare for the woman of the year award to be presented in the spring.

The program was presented by Dena Ellis and Carol Foust. The topic was "Popular Music." They took the members back to the '50s with a sock hop and the Bunny Hop demonstrated by bunny hoppers Kathy Roberts, Carol Foust and Mona Bryant.

As a test of memory, the gang heard 25 selections from 1955 to 1970. Members listened and named title and performer. Laura Greene was named the one with best memory with the highest score.

The dance craze of the 60s was Chubby Checker and the Twist. He set feet twisting. Mickey Baird, Kay Hickman and Bette League showed the members how the trist was done. Dena Ellis and Bette League instructed the gang in newer dance steps like the Hustle and the Bump.

The meeting concluded with members practicing new dance steps.

FHA MEMBERS HELP—Future Homemakers of America will be assisting with the American Lung Association Drive slated for Dec. 16. Beverly Mitchell, local chairman, is pictured above as she gives posters and instructions for the drive to FHA members (from left) Donna Sovell, Carlene Williams and Lavonda Eckert. The girls will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at the West Texas State Bank Community Room and receive materials to be distributed. They will be in local stores collecting for the Lung Association.

Friddie Prinze Sued For Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor-comedian Freddie Prinze, star of the NBC television series "Chico and the Man," has been sued for divorce by his wife of 15 months.

The couple has a 9-month-old son, Freddie.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

Sparkle City Squares will meet at 8:30 p.m. at National Guard Armory.

THURSDAY

Snyder Coin Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the West Texas State Bank Community Room.

Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. for the Christmas Party. Rosa Bigham, Jo Anne Sterling, Loraine Tipping and Ora Wells will be hostesses.

Retired Teachers Association will meet at 12 noon at the Fellowship Hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church for their Christmas luncheon.

ABWA will meet at 7 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club with Inez Teaff as hostess. The Christmas program and Installation of Officers is slated.

FRIDAY

Covered Dish Luncheon, 12 noon, Senior Center at Western Texas College. All Senior Citizens invited to attend.

Arizona with 14 national monuments has more such monuments than any other state.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY

THURSDAY

Cheese Meat Loaf
Fluffy Steamed Rice
Sliced Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad w-Italian Dressing
Hot Rolls & Butter
Frosted Marble Cake
Milk

SECONDARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY

Italian spaghetti w-Ground Beef
Parmesan Cheese Garnish
Cabbage & Green Pepper Slaw
Apple Wedges
Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Chocolate Brownie
Milk

The Swedish city of Stockholm sprawls across 14 islands connected by some 50 bridges.

COOKBOOK COMMITTEE—Jean Everett was honored by members of the "Country Doings Cookbook" committee with a coffee held in the home of Mrs. J.B. Patterson, Monday morning. "Country Doings" is Scurry County's Centennial cookbook, compiled in 1976 in celebration of the Country's 100th year. The committee expressed appreciation to Mrs. Everett who was the Centennial co-ordinator. Pictured are (from left) Paula Lunsford, Jean Everett, Carol Bullard, Ina Farguson, Lillian Ashley and Mammie Patterson. The cookbook, dedicated in remembrance and appreciation of the cooks who pioneered the open range, as well as the kitchen range, is on sell at local grocery stores this week.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Bath coup goes down drain

NORTH 15
♠ A 5 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q J 7
♣ Q J 7

WEST
♠ K Q 10 8 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A 6
♣ 10 6 5 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 6
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 9 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ J 4
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A K 8 4

North-South vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	2 N. T.
Pass	3 N. T.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead — K ♠

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Today's hand is an example of a Bath coup variation. North's two-spade call is one of those modern cue bids designed to announce a good hand. North happened to have first round spade control and some ideas for a slam, but he didn't have any great slam interest.

South's two-notrump rebid ought to have shown a better spade holding than jack-small, but South just wanted to discourage any slam ideas his partner might have. North was discouraged and settled for three notrump.

Three notrump played by North would be the normal contract for his hand and it would go right down after East opened a spade.

South as declarer had a really good chance to make it. He ducked the king of spades lead and if West had shifted to any other suit or had led a low spade everything would have come up roses for South. After long study West decided that his only chance would be to continue with the queen of spades and hope to pickle South's jack so West led the queen and ended South's chance for success.

Ask the Jacobys

An Ontario reader wants to know what we do with:

♠ A K x x x x ♥ x ♦ A K x x ♣ K x

Our right hand opponent has opened with four hearts. We are vulnerable and he is not.

We bid four spades. We may be landing miles deep in the soup, but we are far more likely to find ourselves winning game and rubber.

(For a copy of JACOBY MODERN, send $1 to: "Win at Bridge," c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019)

TALK TO SANTA—Mickie and Jody Tavarez pose for a picture with Santa after they told him what they would like to have for Christmas. The jolly old gent was on hand to visit with children at the Shoe Mart.

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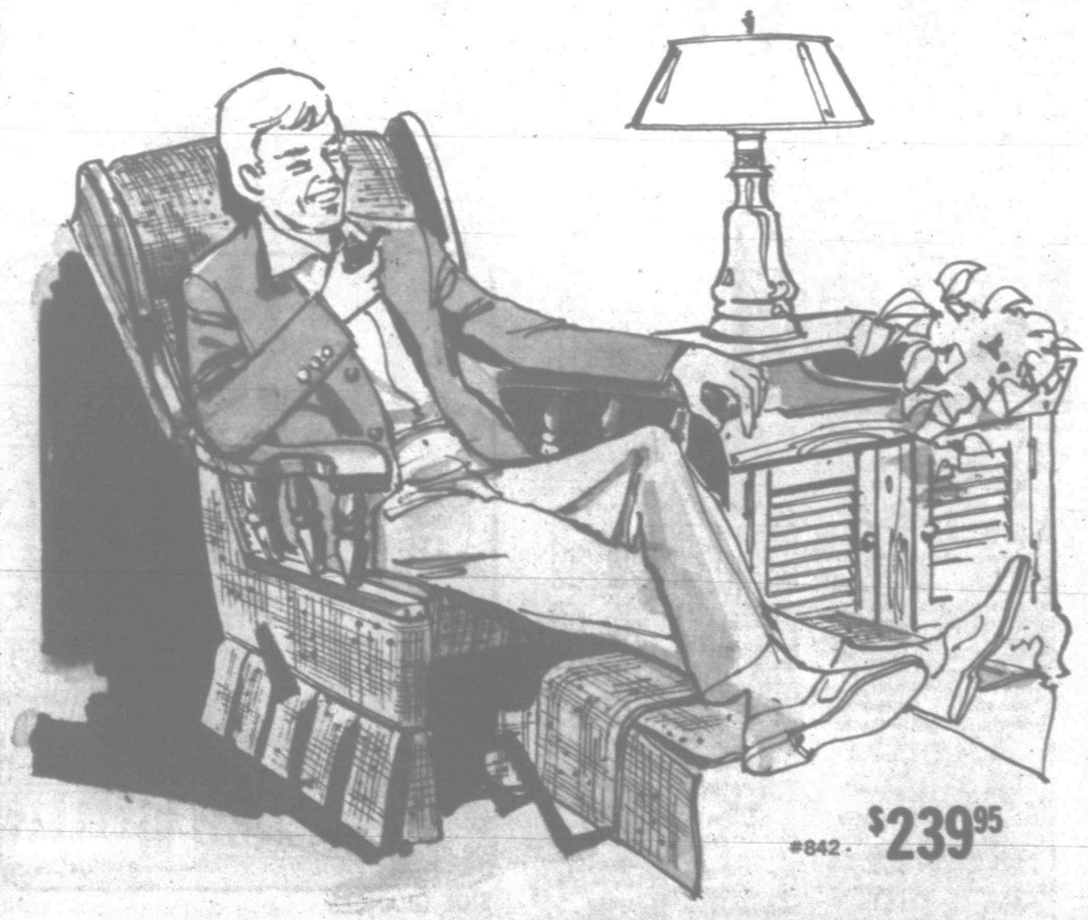

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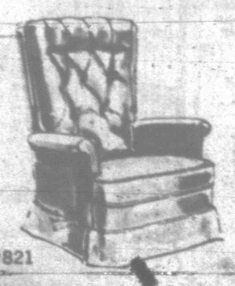

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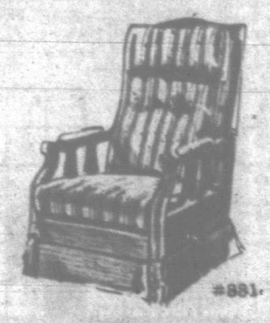

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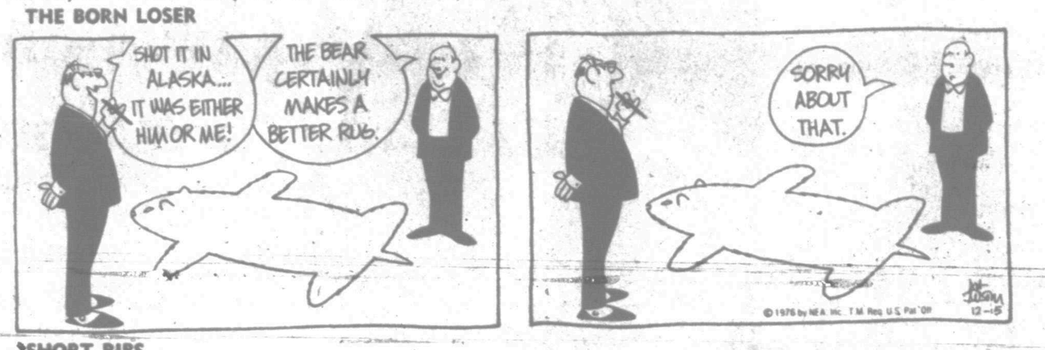

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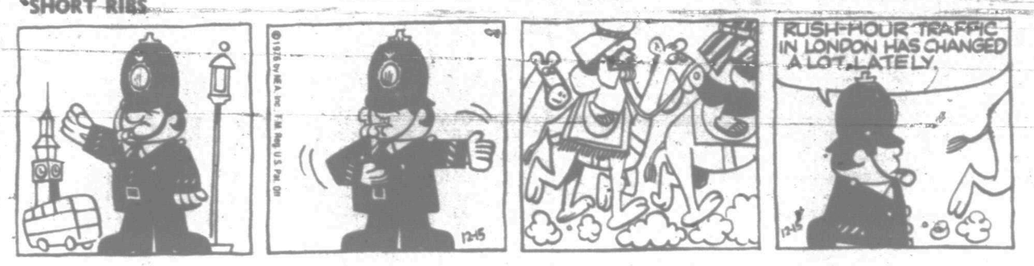

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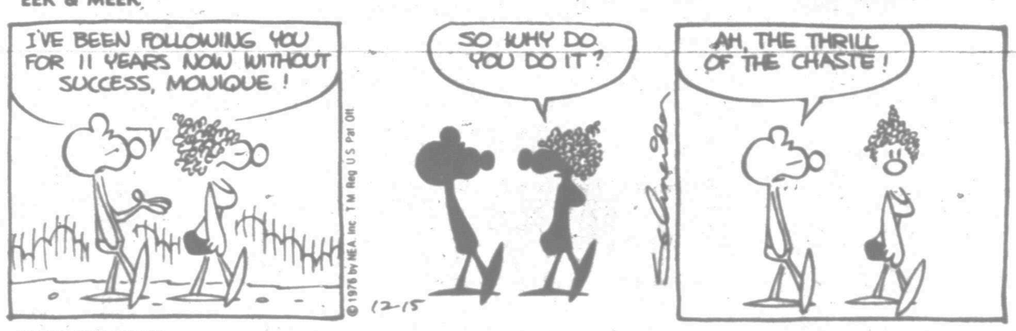

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

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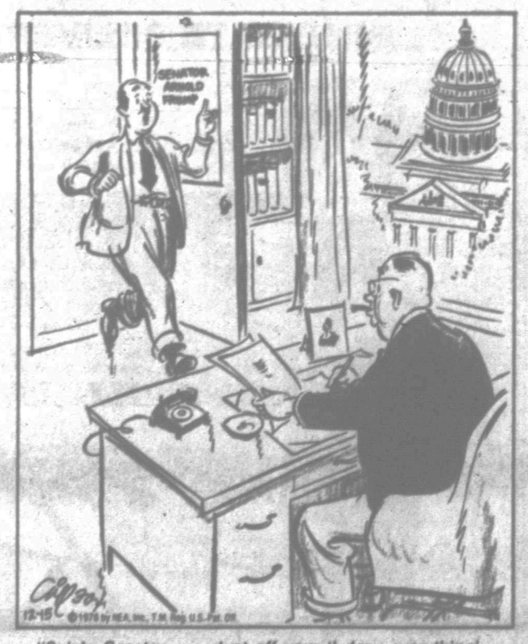

"Quick, Senator . . . dust off your 'I deny everything' speech!"

ACROSS

1 Pass through a sieve
5 Golf hole
8 Magnitude
12 Soft-drink nut
13 Put down
14 Chef
15 Beehive State
16 Former President's nickname
17 Ancient writing
18 Morning prayer
20 Rented
22 It is (contr.)
23 Doctrine
24 Schism
27 Explosive (abbr.)
28 Sandwich type
31 Tarp paste
32 African tree
33 Ordinance
34 Irritate
35 Shadowbox
36 Gold (Sp.)
37 Golf mound
38 Strike lightly
39 Footwear
41 Disfigure
42 Bistro
43 British insurer
46 Runner
50 Air (prefix)
51 Ostrichlike bird
53 Yorkshire river
54 Profound
55 Go astray
56 College athletic group
57 Abstract being
58 Make an edging
59 Season

DOWN

1 Surface coating
2 The smallest bit
3 Level
4 South Seas paradise
5 Glee
6 Pack animal of Tibet
7 Otic makeup (2 wds.)
8 Vamoose
9 Notes of debt
10 Region
11 Squeezed out
19 Insect egg
21 Is (Sp.)
24 Point of land
25 Look over
26 Similar to
27 Demonstrative pronoun
28 Political group
29 Wagtail
30 Pairs
32 Rarest
35 W.W. I plane
39 Automotive society (abbr.)
40 Instruments
41 Nearsighted person
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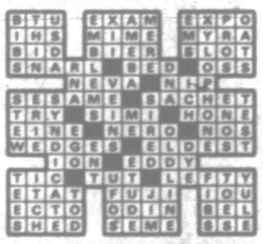

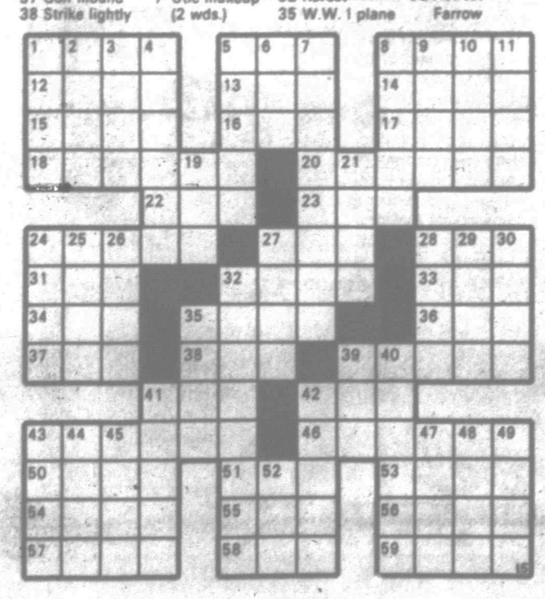

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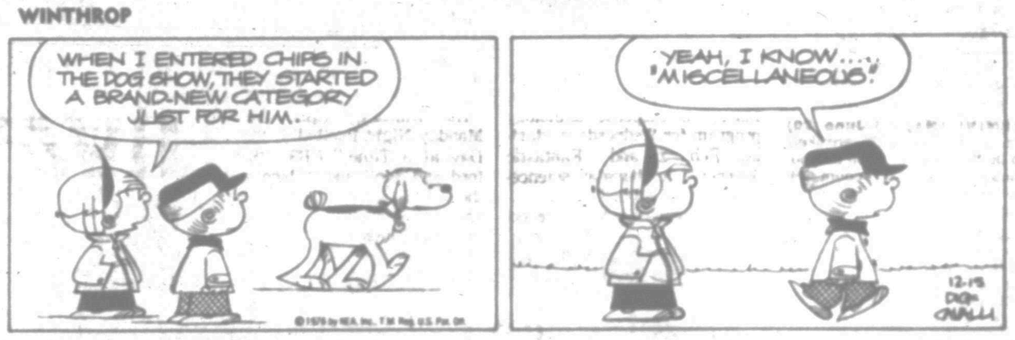

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"GOSH, THANKS A MILLYUN, GRAMPA!"

"NOW... WHERE CAN I GET A SADDLE?"

Hill's Opinion Sought On State Bar Mortgage

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - Atty. Gen. John Hill has been asked by the chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee if the $4 million mortgage on the new State Bar building is valid.

Sen. A. R. Babe Schwartz, D-Galvaston, mailed a request for Hill's opinion Monday.

May the board of directors or officers of the State Bar of Texas validly encumber real property held in the name of that state agency? Schwartz asked Hill.

It has come to our committee's attention that the State Bar of Texas, a state agency created by Art. 320a-1, has entered into an alleged mortgage on the real property held in the name of the State Bar located in the State Capitol complex. Such mortgage purportedly secures a $4 million note in favor of the American National Bank of Austin, Texas, Schwartz said.

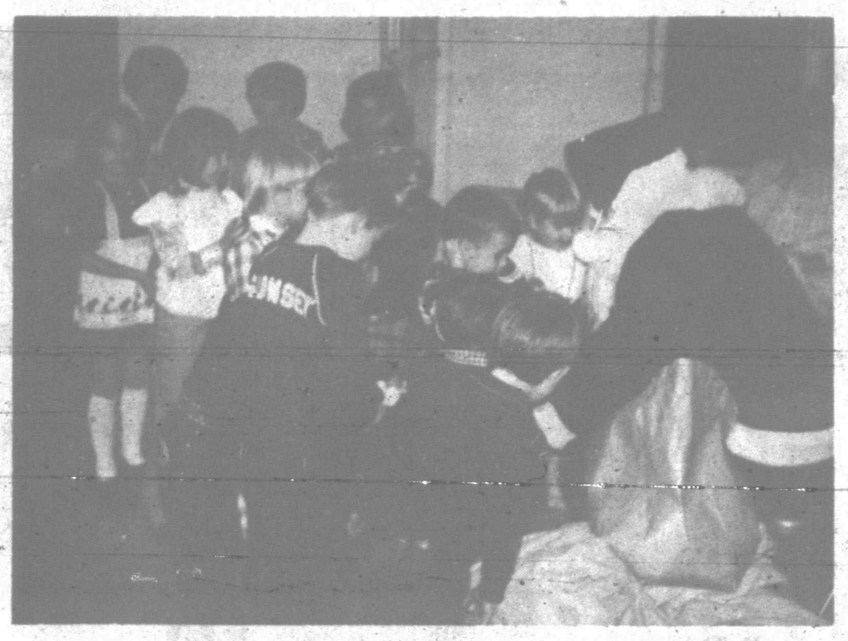
Schwartz enclosed a copy of the mortgage and a copy of an Associated Press story detailing the transaction.

Joe Longley of Austin, a bar director, told The AP the mortgage is illegal because the state constitution prohibits use of the state's credit except where specifically authorized in the constitution.

Five attorney general opinions dating back to 1940 have held the bar to be a state agency.

If Hill says the mortgage is invalid, it will simply mean the bank cannot look to the new $6 million building as security for the note.

The president of the bar, Gibson Gayle of Houston, said, "We welcome the opportunity, presented by the request for an attorney general's opinion on the Law Center mortgage, to have this matter clarified. Our actions concerning financing for the Law Center have been conducted in a manner we believe consistent with provisions of the State Bar Act, which gives the State Bar unique authority to "contract with relation to its own affairs."



SANTA AT OPTIMISTS' PARTY—The Snyder Optimist Club hosted a Christmas party for youngsters Tuesday night at the National Guard Armory. A highlight of the evening was a visit by Santa Claus, shown here passing out "goodies" to the children.

Reorganization Plan Questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Carter's plan for a reorganization of the federal government is encountering opposition from a key members of Congress and a well-known legal scholar who question its constitutionality.

Carter has said he wants Congress to give him authority to submit reorganization plans to Congress that would go into effect after 60 days unless either the House or Senate expressed disapproval.

During his campaign, Carter repeatedly pledged to cut the number of federal agencies from some 1,900 to 200. He conceded that such a consolidation in the number of agencies might not result in a reduction in the number of federal employes.

Many observers and Carter staffers believe the only way such a sweeping reorganization of the bureaucracy can take place is with the authority the President-elect is seeking.

In effect, Carter would be authorized to reorganize the executive branch if Congress did nothing to stop him.

If Carter must submit his reorganization plans in the form of legislative proposals that would be subject to amendment by Congress and would require approval at the committee level as well as by the full House and Senate, there would be many more opportunities for opponents to torpedo them.

Prof. Raoul Berger of the Harvard Law School said the proposal to have reorganization plans take effect unless Congress disapproves them raises "a constitutional doubt."

Emphasizing that he supported Carter in the election, Berger said, "I don't like the notion of giving such a tremendous blank check to the President."

Three Sentenced In Jail Raid

DEL RIO, Tex. (AP) — Three men involved in a raid last summer on the jail at Piedras Negras, Mex., received prison sentences and fines Tuesday from Federal District Court Judge Judge John H. Wood Jr.

Donald Fielden, the leader of the commando-style raid that freed 14 American prisoners, was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to pay a $10,000 fine. Fielden requested time to return to Dallas to clear up personal matters, and Hill told him to report to the U.S. Marshal in Dallas Dec. 21. Fielden had pleaded guilty to conspiracy.

William McCoy Hill was given a total of six years in prison and a $10,000 fine for conspiracy and importation of a firearm.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

For Thursday, Dec. 16, 1976

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Somebody very close to you may put his foot in his mouth today. You're the only one who can extricate the appendage!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have to give more than you intended in order to accomplish what you desire. Don't worry, you can still come out ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Those who think petty are likely to be thorns in the flesh for you. Persons who really count will continue to be your staunch allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There may be some disruptions at home today where it seems the family is not in total accord. You can be the bridge over troubled waters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid coming on too strong with co-workers today. Admitting your shortcomings will gain friends and sympathy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can come out ahead today if you don't take ill-advised risks with your hard-earned dollars. Act only on knowledgeable advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The more you can condition yourself to be magnanimous and warm with friends, the better you'll make out today. A small potatoes outlook earns a paltry reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your initial tendency today is to look on the dark side. It may sound trite, but look for the silver lining and the sun will come shining through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't place your hopes on that which is basically material. There are many other rewards that can't be measured in dollars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Deal with life today in terms of that which you can see, feel and hear. If you confine your concern to the concrete, you can avoid a lot of consternation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The negative response you anticipate from others will not come about today. Once your thinking cap is straight, the problem dissipates.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Play fair in business dealings today. Trying to rob Peter to pay Paul is a practice you'll regret if you attempt it.

Your Birthday

Dec. 16, 1976

Dive into more group activities this year. Benefits and advantages come to you through rubbing shoulders with the right crowd.

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IN RATING BATTLE

Networks Reveal Six New Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's not been a good season for new series. Of 14 shows the television networks have axed since September, 11 were new entries in the hotly contested 1976-77 season.

The latest casualty, the hour-long "Gibbsville" series about newspapering in Pennsylvania, had been on the air only since Nov. 11. NBC says the show will depart come midseason.

The news came Tuesday as both NBC and CBS, fighting to catch up with ABC in the ratings, made public their midseason lineups that call for six new series — four on CBS, two on NBC — to air early next year.

NBC's "Quincy," a new medic-detective series that was a segment of the network's "Sunday Mystery Movie" this season, also got weekly status, scheduled for Thursday nights on an unspecified date in February.

In addition to dropping "Gibbsville," NBC said it was axing television's only Western, the new "Quest" series. It had confirmed trade reports of that show's demise last Dec. 7.

NBC's two new series, each an hour in length, are "Nightmare," a suspense anthology program for Wednesdays, starting Feb. 2, and "Fantastic Journey," a Thursday science-fantasy that starts Feb. 3.

Two new CBS shows are comedies. They are "A Year at the Top," a Norman Lear series about an aged music group that makes a deal with the devil for youth and success. The other show, which premieres on Monday, Jan. 17, is "On Your Own," a domestic comedy.

In readying for midseason combat with top-ranked ABC, CBS, whose ratings have been unexpectedly low most of this season, also massively rejuggled its prime-time program schedule for next January.

It put seven returning series in new time periods, changing the current schedule on every night but Thursday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, the latest A.C. Nielsen ratings say an estimated 22 million television sets were tuned to ABC's "Happy Days" last week, making the 1950s-era comedy the most-watched show on network television.

Last week's 20 most-watched programs, according to the Nielsen survey, were "Happy Days," "Laverne and Shirley," "Charlie's Angels" and "Six Million Dollar Man," all on ABC; "M-A-S-H," CBS; "The Carpenters," ABC; "60 Minutes," "All in the Family," "Johnny Cash Special" and "The Waltons," CBS; "ABC Monday Night Football"; "One Day at a Time," CBS; "Sanford and Son" and "Chico and the Man," NBC; "Rudolph's Shiny New Year," "Christmas in Disneyland" and "Friday Movie," ABC; "Phyllis," CBS; "Little House on the Prairie," NBC; and "Rhoda," CBS.

DESPITE MONTH'S PEACE

Lebanon Future Still In Doubt

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A tenuous peace prevails in Lebanon's war-ravaged capital a month after Syrian troops occupied it and ended 19 months of Christian-Moslem civil war.

Most of the bloodletting has stopped. Anarchy is gradually giving way to a semblance of law and order. But the future of Lebanon is still very much in doubt.

None of the causes of the conflict or the massive problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation have been tackled.

The Syrian soldiers who were welcomed as peacemakers with flowers, hugs and kisses are increasingly regarded as occupation troops whose departure no one can predict.

The hammering of carpenters and the honking of taxi drivers has replaced the din of battle. Some shopkeepers have timidly reopened in their old premises. But thousands of others have lost their shops and business offices. Many are penniless, their entire capital lost in the war.

Syrian army bulldozers have cleared most of the street barricades, fallen masonry and other debris choking the streets. Christians and Moslems cross freely, though not completely without fear, from one side of the divided city to the other.

Merchants, artisans, housewives and others hope the psychological and geographical partition bequeathed by the war will fade away. But the warlord-politicians on both sides continue to use the same divisive slogans.

Many Lebanese fear a final military showdown may prove inevitable before lasting peace is achieved. Neutral observers feel this depends on the extent to which the various Lebanese factions try to hinder Syria in its determination to make the Pax Syriana work.

An estimated 300,000 people — 10 per cent of the population — lost their homes. Many moved into the apartments vacated by an estimated 500,000 affluent Lebanese and foreigners who fled abroad.

The damage suffered by the Lebanese economy is estimated at more than $10 billion. Hundreds of millions are needed to reactivate the economy on a small scale, before the work of reconstruction starts.

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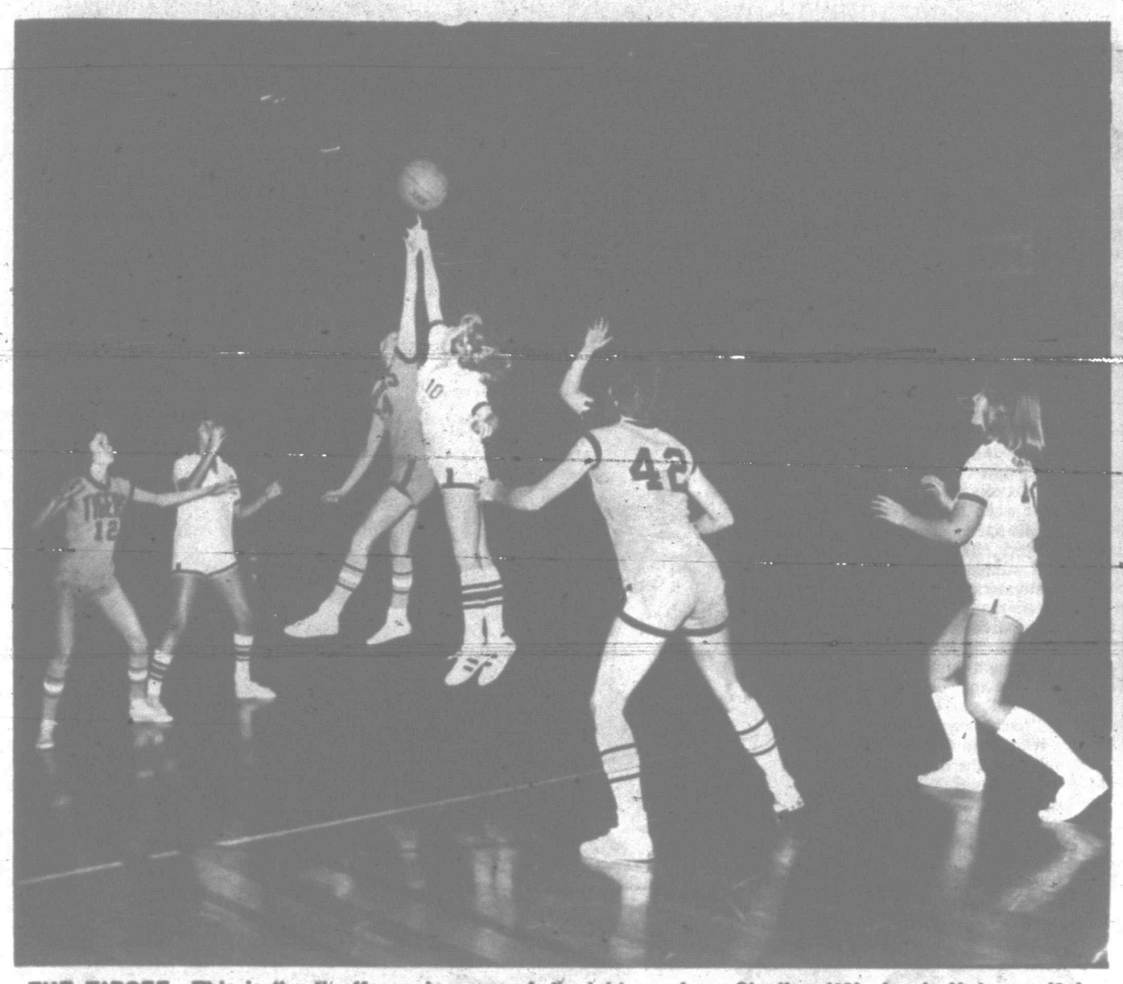
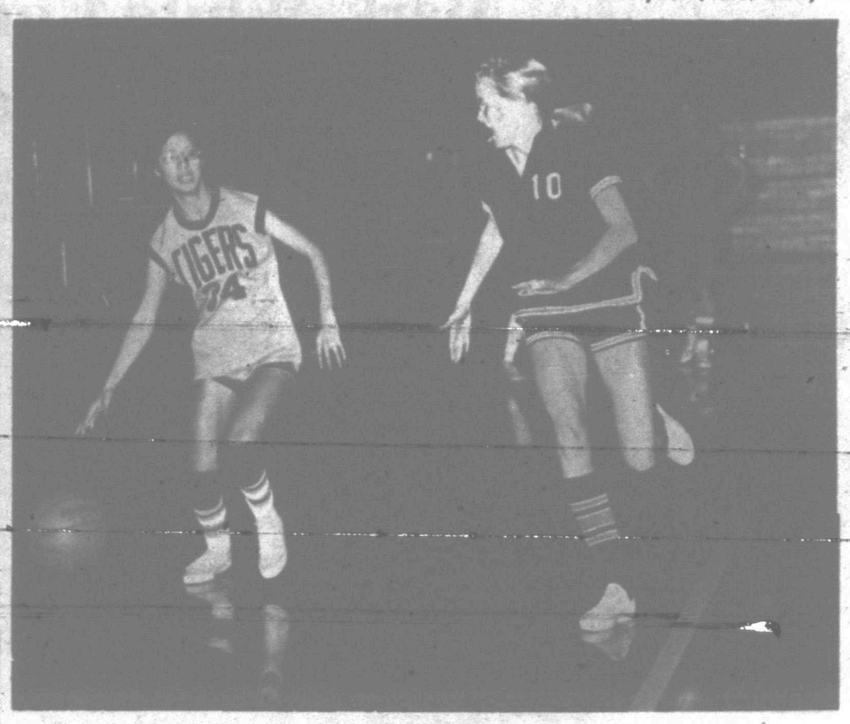


THE TIPOFF—This is the tipoff opening second half action in the Snyder JV-Post basketball contest here last night. Snyder girls pictured, from left to right, are Lesa Sterling (12), Jamie Hataway (24) and Tanya Boydstun (42). Post won, 63-35.



DRIBBLES DOWN COURT—Snyder High School's Liz Bilano (34) dribbles down court during the Tiger girls basketball contest with Post here last night. Appearing in the background for Snyder is Paula Grimmett (20). Snyder won, 38-37.

Houston Seven Point Choice Over Maryland

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With Arizona and Arizona State mulling invitations to bolt the Western Athletic Conference and join the Pac-8, it is not clear just how many teams still are in the WAC.

But two of the leftovers — co-champions Wyoming and Brigham Young, both unranked nationally — will attempt to embarrass the haughty Big Eight on the WAC's behalf for the second year in a row.

The regular-season forecasting ended with a 20-4-1 — .833 final week, bringing the record for the year to 538-222-13 — .708. The bowls shape up this way: Fiesta Bowl, No. 8 Oklahoma vs. Wyoming: If they come to play, this will be the biggest mismatch of all the bowls; if they do not, it will not be close, either...Oklahoma 45-14.

Tangerine Bowl, No. 14 Oklahoma State vs. Brigham Young: These clubs hooked up in the Fiesta two years ago with Oklahoma State winning 16-6. No Big Eight embarrassment here, either...Oklahoma State 35-24.

Liberty Bowl, No. 7 UCLA vs. No. 16 Alabama: Bruins blew another shot at the Rose Bowl and will be making their first postseason appearance elsewhere. Alabama, which came on strong, is in its 18th bowl in a row and 30th over-all, both national records...Alabama 24-21.

Gator Bowl, No. 15 Notre Dame vs. No. 20 (tie) Penn State: Pitt's Tony Dorsett started Notre Dame's season off on the wrong foot and ended Penn State's the same way...Notre Dame 17-10.

Peach Bowl, No. 20 (tie) North Carolina vs. Kentucky: The last time Kentucky went to a bowl was a quarter-century ago, a 13-7 Sugar Bowl triumph over Oklahoma...Kentucky 26-14.

Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, No. 9 Texas Tech vs. No. 13 Nebraska: The Cornhuskers are out to make amends for last year's Fiesta Bowl demise ...Nebraska 31-21.

Sun Bowl, No. 10 Texas A&M vs. Florida: One of the great bowl match-ups in history between two teams with, tremendous penchants for turning something good into a bad scene...Texas A&M 30-13.

Orange Bowl, No. 11 Ohio State vs. No. 12 Colorado. Nothing to say about the national championship; not even a Top Ten team on hand in sunny Florida, just sunny Woody Hayes and his one-time pupil, sunny Bill Mallory...Ohio State 14-7.

Cotton Bowl, No. 4 Maryland vs. No. 6 Houston: Coach Jerry Claiborne claims Maryland is the best team in the country and he is mad the Terrapins have been downgraded so far...Houston 27-20.

Rose Bowl, No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 Southern California: "I think the game is for the national championship," said Southern Cal's John Robinson...Southern Cal 21-14.

Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Pittsburgh vs. No. 5 Georgia: Four years ago, Johnny Majors announced he was leaving Iowa State for Pitt and the Cyclones promptly lost to Georgia Tech 31-30 in the Liberty Bowl. Now, Majors is leaving Pitt for Tennessee. Goodby Johnny. Goodby Tony Dorsett. Goodby national championship? Nope...Pitt 28-17.

Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Buffalo St 78, Fredonia St 61
California, Pa. 104, Waynesburg 77
Columbia 90, Manhattan 62
Delaware 64, Widener 53
Duke 64, Connecticut 59, OT
Fordham 84, Brown 80, OT
Mercy 104, Case U 97
Niagara 64, Siena 63
Princeton 77, Villanova 74
Rhode Island 52, Robert Morris 43
S Hampton 90, Medgar Evers 73
Scranton 89, Binghamton St 65
Temple 55, Navy 54
Utica 80, Union, N.Y. 56

SOUTH

Alabama St 97, Morris Brown 77
Alcorn St 101, Florida A&M 86
Appalachian St 67, E Tenn. St 65
Coppin St 104, D.C. Teachers Col 75
Clemson 98, Buffalo 67
Louisiana Tech 94, SW Louisiana 92
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DERBES HAS PLAN FOR OFFICIATING

By AUSTIN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — J.R. Derbes is looking for a million people who do not like the officiating in the National Football League.

He wants them to sign a petition calling for sideline instant replays to help officials on close calls. His plan also features an on-the-spot vote by competing coaches on whether a borderline call should be allowed to stand.

He said he has taken his plea for electronic backups to Art McNally, supervisor of NFL officials, and Jim Kensil, NFL executive director.

McNally and Kensil said they told Derbes that his plan really contained nothing new but that they would consider it along with various other instant replay suggestions that are under study.

That is when Derbes decided to go to the fans. He said he was contacting women's groups in New Orleans, asking them to distribute his petitions nationwide within their various structures.

"On each side of the field, there'd be a TV monitor in front of the coach's bench," Derbes explained. "Each coach could view the instant replay and be allowed so many challenges per quarter.

"The idea is to give the coaches a chance to agree or disagree. Should they disagree, the referee would consult the instant replay. He'd still have the final say-so."

Derbes, 50, is involuntarily retired, the victim of heart trouble and emphysema. His campaign to revamp NFL officiating began Dec. 5 in Foxboro, Mass., after an official's decision gave New England one of four touchdowns it scored against the New Orleans Saints.

"Millions of people saw that on instant replay, and they saw that Steve Grogan did not cross the goal line with the ball," Derbes said.

Grogan fumbled at about the five-yard line, and the ball bounced into the end zone ahead of him. The Saints recovered, but the officials signalled touchdown, making the score 20-6. The Patriots went on to win 27-6.

Derbes—attending the game with a group of Saints fans called the French Quarterbacks—began his campaign almost immediately.

"It would improve the outcome of many close games," he said.

Arizona's Lee Pistor kicked 15 field goals in 19 attempts last season, including four out of five from at least 40 yards.

Varsity Girls Win

The Snyder varsity basketball girls defeated Post 38-37 here last night after the junior varsity dropped a 63-35 decision.

The varsity game was close all the way. Post led 10-4 after one quarter. Snyder took the lead, 19-18, at halftime. Post went back ahead, 28-25, after three periods. Snyder held a 13-9 edge in the final frame.

For Snyder, Jamie Hataway tallied 15 points, and Liz Bilano put in 10. Post's Dana Bird and Larisa Shiver each scored 12 points.

Post leaped into a 23-5 lead in the first quarter of the JV game and easily coasted to victory. Tanya Boydstun tallied 14 points, and Lesa Sterling posted 12 for the Snyder JV. For Post, Linda Pringles tallied 38 points, Paula Bauman roped 14, and Pat Abraham scored 11.

POST (37)—Bird 6-0-12; Duren 3-1-7; Kennedy 3-0-6; Shiver 6-0-12; totals 18-1-37.

SNYDER (38)—Newman 3-0-6; Taylor 2-0-4; Bilano 2-6-10; Sellars 0-3-3; Hataway 3-9-15; totals 10-18-38.

Post 10 8 10 9—37
Snyder 4 15 6 13—38

POST JV (63)—Bauman 7-0-14; Pringles 15-8-38; Abraham 4-3-11; totals 26-11-63.

SNYDER JV (35)—Hataway 3-3-9; Boydstun 5-4-14; Sterling 4-4-12; totals 12-11-35.

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Baylor To Get Jazz Offer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former National Basketball Association star Elgin Baylor will be offered the job of replacing Bill van Breda Kolff as coach of the New Orleans Jazz, says general manager Barry Mendelson.

Van Breda Kolff, in his third year as coach of the team, was fired Tuesday.

Baylor has been an assistant coach with the Jazz since it was formed for the 1974-75 season. He served as interim coach for one game after Scotty Robertson was fired and before van Breda Kolff was hired.

Robertson was fired when the team was 1-13 in its initial season.

Preston Pearson Ready For Rams

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Is Tom Landry setting the Los Angeles Rams up for another psychological kill?

It appeared that way Tuesday when the Dallas Cowboy coach plucked injured running back Preston Pearson off the shelf for frontline duty next Sunday in a first round National Conference playoff game against Los Angeles.

Pearson was obtained for the $100 waiver price last year by Dallas from Pittsburgh and was never more devastating than in the NFC title game against the Rams.

He caught seven passes for 123 yards, including three for touchdowns. Pearson snared a 29-yard touchdown pass that was strictly out of the science fiction play books as he stretched his body full length to make the grab.

"Preston will be a little rusty but he's a clutch player as he showed last year against Los Angeles," said Landry.

Pearson replaces Doug Dennison, an explosive runner who does not catch the ball particularly well.

Dallas owned a psychological edge last year when the Cowboys defeated Minnesota in the last seconds on Roger Staubach's 50-yard "Hail Mary" pass to Drew Pearson.

The Rams were overjoyed that they didn't have to play Minnesota on the road.

But the home advantage somewhat lulled the Rams to sleep. Dallas was a heavy underdog but jumped ahead early then humiliated Los Angeles 37-7.

Landry dusted off the old shovel pass from the spread formation which Pearson ran in for one touchdown.

Also, Golden Richards, a swift wide receiver who has played little in three games because of hamstring pulls, is now ready for the Rams. Ditto for cornerback Mel Renfro, who has had foot problems.

In fact, the Cowboys are as healthy as they can be.

Asked about the Ram incentive, Landry said "Well, if I was in their position I would remember that game last year. I'm sure they will be trying their hardest to play a good game.

"That was a freak game last year. Something was wrong psychologically."

And just to give the Rams something to remember him by, Landry has inserted an old nemisis into the starting lineup.

It's Too Late For Palmer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — "I always wanted to play quarterback but they wouldn't let me," Arnold Palmer said confidently as he bent over to take a snap from center.

After being sacked for a loss by a half-ton of Oklahoma State players, however, the 47-year-old golfing great decided it was too late for a new career on the gridiron.

Palmer, who is part owner of a golf and country club near Orlando, was enticed onto the practice field Tuesday when the Cowboys worked out for their Tangerine Bowl game against Brigham Young University Saturday.

Mixed Team Makes Debut

MIAMI (AP) — The new Mixed Team Golf Championship, offering $200,000 in total prizes and a unique format in which each team is composed of one male and one female touring pro, makes its debut this week.

"I'm all in favor of anything that adds a little spice to the tour," said Tom Kite, who will be paired with Judy Kimball in the 72-hole test.

"I think it ought to be a lot of fun," said Ben Crenshaw, who, with Judy Rankin as a partner, forms one of the favored teams.

The event, which begins Thursday on the Blue Monster course at the Doral Country Club, is ranked an official event for the women but is not recognized by the PGA Tour. It is included on the 1977 PGA tour schedule, however, and is expected to become a fixture.

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Mark White Considering Attorney General Race

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Secretary of State Mark White says he might be a candidate for attorney general in 1978.

He also heated up the growing conflict between the governor's office and Atty. Gen. John Hill by attacking Hill's proposal for special grand juries that could cross county lines with their investigations.

The secretary of state serves at the governor's pleasure, and White is part of Gov. Dolph Briscoe's inner circle of advisers.

"I am seriously considering a race for attorney general at this time," White told reporters after speaking Tuesday to a special seminar for newly elected local prosecutors.

White said he would decide for sure after the 1977 legislative session ends in late May.

"I will resign before I hold one office and run for another," White said.

One prosecutor asked White to comment on Hill's proposal of statewide grand juries.

White said Watergate taught the lesson that "concentrating too much power in one person makes the whole system rise or fall in that one person." He reminded listeners that two former U. S. attorneys general were involved in Watergate.

The state attorney general would be the prosecutor and leading figure before any statewide grand jury.

Hill is expected to run for governor in 1978, regardless of whether Briscoe is in the race.

White's questioner from the floor also asked about the refusal of the governor's Criminal Justice Division to approve Hill's request for a $500,000 federal grant and $50,000 in state funds for undercover work against the narcotics traffic along the Rio Grande.

"I agree with the CJD. . . . To create a secret police force for a state official . . . is a dangerous concept," White said.

He said the Department of Public Safety could do the kind of work Hill wants performed. Hill wanted to hire special investigators to help lawyers and accountants from his organized crime divison who are already at work in Starr County. He also sought funds for electronic listening and recording devices, a surveillance van and $300,000 in "flash money."

White said Briscoe wasn't involved in the CJD decision.

Tim James, head of the organized crime division, later told reporters the grant request was considered so important that Hill had it hand-carried to Briscoe's executive assistant, Ken Clapp.

GREG PAVLIK
...Annapolis Nominee

Snyderite Is Naval Academy Nominee

Greg Pavlik, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Pavlik of 2901 Thrity-eighth Street, Snyder, is one of 10 young men from the Seventeenth Congressional District in Texas who have been chosen as nominees for possible admittance to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The announcement was made by Congressman Omar Burleson who represents the district.

The Naval Academy will appraise the 10 nominees and choose one of them for admittance. Several alternates will also be named and may be admitted to the academy depending on available vacancies.

Pavlik is a senior at Snyder High School and a candidate for graduation in May.

He first got word of his selection as a nominee when a Snyder Daily News reporter contacted him Tuesday at the high school after the newspaper had received an announcement from Congressman Burleson's office. He first called his mother and then posed for a photograph after telling her the news.

Pavlik is a member of the National Honor Society at Snyder High School and is active in several student organizations.

He recently played the role of Herr Zeller in "The Sound of Music," which was presented by the SHS drama and music departments, and was a starting linebacker on the Snyder High School varsity football team.

Two Charged In Coat Theft

BALTIMORE (AP) — Two men allegedly trying to hawk a stolen coat on a downtown street didn't have much luck. Perhaps it was the merchandise — a $30,000 full-length white mink coat taken from the hotel room of actress Carol Channing.

Baltimore police recovered the coat Tuesday. Two Baltimore men were arrested and charged with burglary after they tried to sell the coat, police said.

The coat was taken Monday from an upstairs room in the two-floor hotel suit where the actress and her husband-manager, Charles Lowe, are staying during a run of "The Bed Before Yesterday."

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Tax deductions are possible

By Ink Dipper

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

You've lived through it before. The date is April 13, and the time is midnight.

In the last four hours, you've breathed through half a pack of cigarettes and floated your bladder in six cups of coffee. On the table in front of you are stacks of bank statements, checks and receipts.

You've claimed all possible deductions and are about to sign the form and put it in an envelope with a painfully written check.

Before you seal that envelope, though, think a minute. Can you make one more deduction because of your CB radio?

Now that may sound a little like deducting some expense associated with your vibrating recliner. But a CB can provide a real deduction for many CBers.

Of course, the suggestions we offer aren't solid. Nothing surrounding tax law really is. Some attorneys build great fortunes every time there's a major rewrite in the federal tax laws. And the Internal Revenue Service is the last place to find firm answers.

A few years ago, one financial publication asked five different IRS offices the same question about a tax problem and received five different answers.

So what we have here are generally suggested practices and not the Gospel.

If you use that CB as a member of a volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad or civil defense unit and are not paid for the services, then you can probably take a deducation if the set is required to get to the scene of the emergency.

It's considered an asset and can be depreciated over a period of years, and any repairs or replacement parts needed to keep it working are also deductible.

Those deductions would be taken off like any charitable contributions.

As a volunteer, you can also take off any out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the work. The IRS allows for gas and oil expenses incurred in operating your car for charity work if you have receipts.

Another good idea, just in case you're audited, is to keep a log book of what you did in your charitable work.

You can keep an account of travel and money spent in volunteer work. For instance, if you had to go out of town on a charitable trip, the log book would reflect it and you would have the receipts to back it up.

The CB is also going to be a big business deduction with many new CBers, such as truck drivers and traveling salesmen who can prove that it's a legitimate business asset. After all, it saves time and money by providing directions and reliable information on road conditions and fuel availability.

Other business people have added the CB and can justify it. Many commercial fishermen, for instance, now have CBs on their boats instead of (or in addition to) the more expensive marine radio-telephones, and they're using them as a way of getting emergency help and finding out where the schools of fish are running.

You may be in doubt about whether your CB can provide a deduction. The best thing to do is check with the person putting together your tax return - if he or she knows anything about tax laws – or call the IRS. The agency will stand by its answer, but the "Official" version of the tax law will give you some idea, maybe, about where you stand.

That CB won't provide you a big tax loophole. It won't be as big a break as an extra kid or a big, uncollectable loan you made to your brother-in-law.

But it'll help. And on April 13, you need all the help you can get.

Towns Get Emergency Ambulances

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Three West Central Texas towns have new emergency ambulances thanks to the Texas Department of Health Resources.

The department said Tuesday that the new ambulances were obtained through a federal grant and matching funds by Mitchell County, Fisher County and Brownwood Community Hospital. The ambulances and equipment cost about $20,000 each.

The funds were maide available through the Emergency Services Systems Act of 1973 and the grant is administered through the state department's Emergency Medical Services Division.

The vehicles are designed to be operated by two emergency medical technicians who maintain radio contact with the hospital emergency departments of their respective hospitals.

The department said these are the first deliveries of about a dozen vehicles which will be placed in areas needing emergency ambulance transportation.

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URGES READMISSION OF CADETS

Report Finds West Point Responded Inadequately

By MALCOLM N. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 91-page report by a special commission says the U.S. Military Academy responded inadequately to West Point's biggest cheating scandal, according to Pentagon sources.

The report, written by a commission headed by former astronaut Frank Borman, recommends the readmission as soon as possible of the West Point cadets ousted in connection with widespread collaboration on graded homework last March.

The Borman report is to be made public today, along with a second report that is critical of the way the academy handled Army lawyers who defended the accused cadets.

A total of 151 cadets have been caught up in the scandal, including 139 who have left the academy, four who had been expelled for other reasons before their cases were decided and eight who have stayed there with appeals pending.

Last August, Army Secretary Martin R. Hoffmann virtually guaranteed readmission at the beginning of he next academic year to the cadets, who were among 823 members of the 1977 graduating class given the homework for Electrical Engineering 304.

The commission also recommended that:

—The mandatory single sanction of explusion for honor code violators be abolished in favor of discretionary punishment. This, however, comes after the cadet corps voted last week to keep the expulsion rule.

—The term of the superintendent be extended beyond the usual three years to keep policies from periodically changing in a way that makes cadets cynical.

—The selection of a superintendent be based on his respect among academicians.

—The academy cease using the honor code — which states that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do" — to enforce regulations.

—The tenure system, which protects 11.6 per cent of the faculty from removal before age 64 or the completion of 30 years' service, be altered.

The Defense Department announced Monday that Brig. Gen. Walter F. Ulmer Jr., commandant of cadets, was being reassigned from the academy, at least six months early, without his expected promotion, to become an assistant division commander at Ft. Hood, Tex.

In a paper written in June and made available Tuesday, Ulmer said the scandal had its roots in the erosion of "the typical cadet's belief" in the concept of duty and honor.

"The basic fault is institutional: we did not respond well enough to societal changes of the late 1960s," Ulmer wrote, adding:

"The staff and faculty at West Point — in an attempt to produce as many graduates as possible for an Army that needed dedicated lieutenants — apparently were uncommonly tolerant of marginally acceptable behaviour."

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Mechanic Found Shot To Death

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — An auto mechanic, who usually didn't ride with customers to demonstrate cars, was discovered bound and shot to death in a south side motel room Tuesday night. He had left work with a man who asked about buying a used car from the lot where the mechanic worked.

David Preston Gregory, 26, a mechanic at the car lot for three years, was found lying on a bed about 6:30 p.m. in the new Lincoln Motor Hotel.

Investigators said the victim's hands were tied behind his back with adhesive tape. His executioners also bound his feet, and placed tape over Gregory's mouth, police said.

Gregory died of multiple bullet wounds in the head, said Dial McMillan, Tarrant County medical investigator.

Police pieced together these deatils:

Shortly before 6 p.m. a car occupied by two men and a woman broke down not far from the used car lot. A witness told officers that one of the men walked away, leaving the other two in the car.

That individual, described as a black man in his 20s and wearing a brown trench coat, went to the car lot in East Fort Worth, where he selected a black Pontiac and said he wanted to buy it.

James Brevelle, another mechanic at the lot, said that car wouldn't start, so arrangements were made for the would-be customer to test drive a brown and beige 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix—later found abandoned.

Breville said Gregory went with the man in the car only because salesman Joe Martin was busy and couldn't break away for a demonstration drive.

Gregory and the man drove to the abandoned car and the second man jumped in with them, leaving the woman behind, a witness said.

While police were investigating the woman in the disabled car, officers were notified about the shooting at the motel. A few minutes later the two men who drove away with Gregory were seen trying to rob a liquor store not far from the used car lot.

Donna Terrel, night manager of the liquor store, said a man wearing a trench coat stood outside the door while a companion entered her place and walked into a storeroom.

She told the man to go, she said, and as he was leaving she noticed a large caliber pistol in his belt.

Dr. Lamb

Bad habits hurt hiatal hernia

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—A person I know has an inflamed esophagus and also a hiatal hernia and cannot keep food down. Do you think smoking cigarettes or drinking alcohol is advisable for this person? I keep nagging that they are harmful. I would greatly appreciate any answer in your column.

DEAR READER—The person you know is his own worst enemy and deserves to be nagged. Unfortunately nagging may not do any good. Through centuries of relations between men and women, nagging has proved to be very poor medicine. If you will forgive my exaggeration think of all the healthy husbands there would be if nagging resulted in good health.

I presume from your remarks that the person you know has an irratated lower esophagus because acid-digestive juice leaks backward out of the stomach into the lower esophagus. This is commonly associated with a hiatal hernia (hernia of the stomach through the diaphragm).

Alcohol increases the formation of acid digestive juice and makes matters worse. Coffee and all caffeine-containing beverages also make it worse. Cigarette smoking has not been shown to increase acid formation, but it may affect the normal contracting action of the stomach which may aggravate the situation.

To help you help that person you know I am sending you a copy of The Health Letter number 4-8, Hiatal Hernia, Esophageal Reflux. Others who want this information can send 50 cents and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper PO. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB—I had a vasectomy three years ago. A hard nodule has formed in the scrotal sac. The nodule is about the size of an English pea, and the doctor has assured me that it is nothing to be concerned about. Do you foresee any complications? In the event I should desire to sire a child, could an operation reverse my sterility? Or could sperm be withdrawn for an artificial insemination?

DEAR READER—A small lump or nodule can be many things, including a small cyst filled with sperm cells, or the scar tissue that may have formed around a small amount of blood associated with the operation. In any case you did the right thing. Anyone who has a lump or nodule of the testicle should have an examination as soon as possible. In some cases it is a malignancy and early diagnosis may save a person's life. Don't delay as some of these tumors spread very rapidly.

You should consider a vasectomy as permanent at the time you have it done. Some urologists claim a 25 per cent success in restoring fertility by re-operating on the vas and rejoining it. Success is not success unless sufficient healthy sperm cells are released to enable pregnancy. Recently microscopic operations, perfected by a few surgeons, have been credited with better results.

Withdrawing sperm by a needle after a vasectomy has been performed may not be successful. Sometimes the testicle stops forming an adequate amount of fiable sperm cells after the vas is tied. Sperm banks have been used to store frozen sperm before a vasectomy is performed but these are not well regulated in every instance and no one can guarantee you how long the frozen sperm will really be usable.

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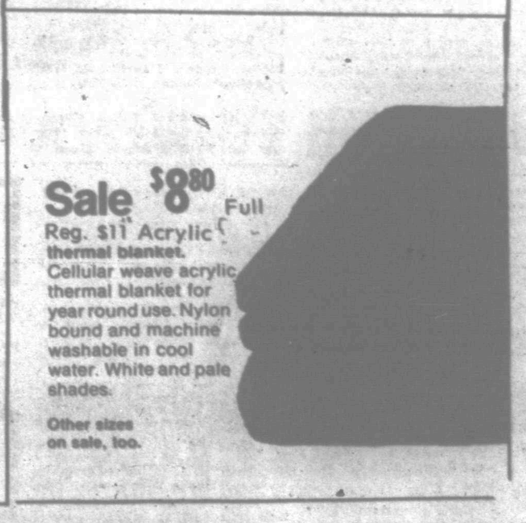

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Rep. Bob Bergland, D-Minn., a farm operator and political ally of Vice President-elect Walter F. Mondale, was widely seen as the likely choice to head the Agriculture Department.

Carter spokesman Jody Powell emphasized Tuesday that Carter's next appointments will not necessarily all involve Cabinet secretaryships. Powell said simply they would be Cabinet-level posts and said there would be at least two announcements.

Another possibility was an announcement of Carter's reported decision to name Charles Schultze, budget director in the Johnson administration, as chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers.

Meanwhile, Rep. Andrew Young, D-Ga., said he has been offered the post as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations but that he hasn't made up his mind about whether to take the job.

Carter and several top aides cautioned newsmen again Tuesday against advance speculation about choices for top appointments.

Earlier, Jane Cahill Pfeiffer, a former IBM vice president, had asked that she not be considered for secretary of commerce, saying a Washington job would have parted her from her husband, and because she had undergone a thyroid cancer operation less than a year ago that left her without "confidence in my own sustained energy level...."

At his Tuesday news conference, Carter said he will nominate W. Michael Blumenthal, chairman of the Bendix Corp., as treasury secretary and Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., as transportation secretary.

Earlier, he chose Wall Street lawyer Cyrus Vance as secretary of state and Atlanta banker Thomas Lance as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Carter said he probably will announce, even before his inauguration, an economic program aimed at creating jobs and, quite likely, reducing taxes. He said he favors job-creating programs supplemented by tax breaks.

The President-elect also disclosed that Vance has joined Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in trying to persuade members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from imposing steep oil price increases at a price-fixing meeting in the Middle East this week.

The President-elect ducked a question about pay raises for top federal employes, saying the matter rests on outgoing President Ford's desk.

On other topics, Carter said:

—He has not given sufficient study to possible duplication of offensive weapons systems to decide whether defense spending might be curbed by eliminating some of them.

—He is confident Congress will give him authority, probably by the end of February, to draw up broad government reorganization plans that would go into effect automatically unless vetoed by the Senate or House.

—The government faces a near record deficit of $60 billion to $65 billion from the 1977 budget he will inherit from President Ford, but he declined to say what size deficit he might face in his first year in office.

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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.

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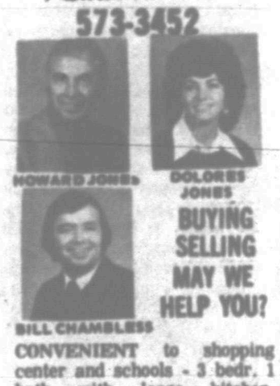
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Christmas Sales May Determine Tax Break

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The jingling of cash registers, not sleigh bells, will be the key to a successful Christmas season for the incoming Carter administration.

President-elect Carter and his advisers have put Christmas retail sales at the top of the list of economic statistics that will influence their decision on whether to recommend a tax break next year.

Retail sales have been disappointing since early in the year. And when Americans stop buying, businesses stop producing and that means fewer jobs on production lines.

There are other statistics this month that will count in Carter's decision, including November industrial production figures that will be released late today.

There also will be figures on housing starts and personal income, both on Thursday, corporate profits on Monday, consumer prices on Dec. 21, and the index of leading economic indicators on Dec. 29.

At an Atlanta news conference Tuesday, Carter said he will meet with his key advisers soon after Christmas to decide on what to do about the economy. He said he probably will announce the decision before he takes office Jan. 20.

If things remain as they are now, he indicated, help will definitely be needed. He noted that with unemployment at 8.1 per cent and inflation still dogging the economy, "the economic problems are very severe."

He said he prefers jobs programs as the best way to put people back to work, adding that he would supplement those with a tax break, if necessary.

Retail sales is one of the statistics that gives the quickest look at what is happening in the economy. So if consumers start buying generously at Christmas, it may mean they will keep on spending into next year, diminishing the need for a quick tax cut.

The whole purpose of a tax break is to put money into the hands of consumers so they can buy more.

Some encouragement was found in the retail sales report for November, which was up 1.7 per cent over October.

Another economic indicator, meanwhile, showed a slight improvement in October. The Commerce Department said business inventories that month grew at their lowest pace in six months.

Inventory growth can reduce production if business tries to sell excess stocks rather than manufacturing more goods.

In another development, William Lilley III, acting director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, said the nation's steel companies were having problems getting the recently announced steel price increases to stick.

GOODFELLOWS' HELPERS—Several industrial arts classes at Snyder High School have been helping the Goodfellows repair articles for distribution to needy families at Christmas. Shown repairing a bicycle in Tommy Wright's metalworking shop class at the high school are, from left, Ande Sconyers, Kinney Grisham and Charles Holloway. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

'Black Holes' In Space Suggest Unified Theory

By GUY DARST
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The celebrated hypothetical "black holes" in space, thought to be the remains of stars that don't radiate light, may not be as black as previously believed, scientists say.

Papers presented by physicists at the Eighth Texas Conference on Relativistic Astrophysics here Tuesday show that black holes should indeed radiate light and that the light might be observable with more advanced detection devices in satellites.

The findings point to evidence that could support a new unified theory of physics.

Dennis Sciama of England's Oxford University said the theoretical finding of possible radiation from black holes means that "we may be on the verge of the unification of general relativity and quantum field theory."

A successful merging would show that the universal forces of gravity, the subject of general relativity, and electromagnetism, one of the subjects of quantum field theory, are part of some underlying common phenomenon.

No one has ever seen a black hole or proven their existence, but the objects have been a favorite of science fiction writers. In theory, a black hole is the remains of a burned-out star that exhausted its nuclear fuel and collapsed.

If an object as big as the earth were made into a black hole, for example, it would be the size of a ball about one inch across, scientists say. Light cannot escape from a "black hole" because of its mighty gravitational forces, they say.

Some scientists have suggested that if there were a black hole in our solar system, it would be possible to send a satellite to it, feed it heavy hydrogen or some other fuel, capture the energy released by the hydrogen as it is burned by the black hole and relay the energy to earth.

Black holes intrigue physicists because they apparently violate the laws of physics. For example, certain subnuclear properties should just disappear under the gravitational pressure.

Science fiction writers have toyed with the idea of a spaceship falling into a black hole and leaving an image of itself fixed on an imaginary spherical surface in space, just above the black hole, called the "event horizon." This surface is given that name because events taking place inside it theoretically could not be detected.

Radiation from black holes was first proposed in a paper three years ago by Steven W. Hawking of Cambridge University in England, who presented a paper here Tuesday.

Hawking's theory maintains that scientists could observe the death of a black hole, since they should explode in a burst of gamma rays — radiation even more energetic than X rays.

Such a black hole, said Oxford University's Sciama, should radiate "in its last flash, about one per cent of the power of our sun from a point in space about the size of an elementary particle such as an electron."

Such flashes have never been seen, but Sciama said the "next generation of detectors (to be carried in satellites) may detect them."

Bush Says CIA Vital To Defense

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency is a national asset which must be preserved as a vital part of the American defense system, George Bush, director of the CIA said Tuesday.

Bush, who has announced he will be leaving his post the same day Jimmy Carter becomes President, told members of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce the intelligence information and analysis provided the President and the policy-makers by the intelligence community is indispensible in preparing the United States for an "eventuality" in international affairs.

"I think one of the greatest dangers to this country would be to allow an organization such as the CIA to be weakened by those who seek to discredit and destroy it," said Bush.

Bush said one of his constant concerns over the past year has been the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

"I am charged under the law with protecting our methods of operation. To say that secrecy in foreign intelligence is inconsistent with democracy is to ignore the importance of defending our freedom against determined and unscrupulous adversaries," he said.

He said no director of the CIA today could possibly tolerate any abuse of the integrity of the foreign intelligence process.

Fords To Vail For Holidays

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford and his family will spend a 10-day Christmas holiday here despite little snow and poor skiing.

Who Sparks Those Office Parties?

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: With Christmas coming soon, the same old problem for many of us wives is the Christmas office party—with no spouses invited!

After quite a few years, I realize now, it's the WOMEN who promote these affairs. I honestly believe that most men don't care for these office parties, but the women engineer everything. They get the men to sign up for the catered lunch, which now begins at 11:30 A.M. and goes on forever. They get them to agree to exchanging gifts. Anything, just to get them to commit themselves.

The men go because if they don't, the other men will say they are henpecked.

What's your opinion, Abby?

AGAINST CHRISTMAS PARTIES

DEAR AGAINST: More and more large companies are making Christmas parties a "family affair." Married employees are free to bring their spouses, and single ones may bring a date. In offices where mates and dates are not welcomd, you can be sure a vote was taken, and the majority ruled. No one is forced to go to an office party. And that "henpecked" excuse is only good for chickens.

DEAR ABBY: I have a boyfriend (he's no "boy," he's a 45-year-old man) who has needed to see a dentist for at least three years that I've known about. His teeth are in terrible shape. Some are so rotten they are crumbling, and he has large spaces in his mouth where he's lost teeth and never had them replaced.

He even gets terrible toothaches and headaches because of the miserable shape his mouth is in. Yet he refuses to go to a dentist. He has made up all sorts of excuses, saying he's too busy, his dentist has a three-month waiting list, etc. Finally, he told me he can't stand pain, and he can't take novocaine.

He looks awful, and it can't be good for his health. How do I get him to a dentist? I love him. He's too big, or I'd drug him and drag him there.

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE: Forget the drugging and dragging, and turn to educating. Ask your dentist for written material on the new methods of painless dentistry.

If neither doctor nor dentist can impress upon your friend the importance of dental care, point out the futility in loving a man whose health is going downhill because of needless fear and ignorance.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow in my early 60s. I live with my sister and her husband, but I am financially independent and pay my fair share.

When my sister and her husband are invited to someone's home for dinner, they say to me: "The So and So's have invited us to their home for dinner, and they said to bring Edith along if she's not doing anything."

Abby, would you consider that a proper invitation? When I tell my sister that I don't, she says, "It's good enough. People don't send engraved invitations for dinner."

Abby, would you accept one of those "Bring Edith" invitations or not?

EDITH

DEAR EDITH: A "bring Edith" invitation is more than most widows who live with their sisters receive. I appreciate your sensitivity, but if I were you, I'd go and have a good time.

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.

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"Come on, Larry — let's have a nice big smile!"

Many Middle Managers Are Caught In Career Bind

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of corporate middle managers are becoming caught in a career bind that threatens to end their upward mobility and terminate their dreams of the comfortable, affluent life.

Most of the victims are in the middle years between ages 40 and 50. Having advanced steadily in their jobs, they have long assumed that eventually a top management position, with more money and a comfortable retirement, was theirs.

Those aspirations now are being threatened. With the ranks of middle management swollen by past hiring excesses and the slowdown of business expansion, many of them find they have to win their jobs over and over again.

"There's no way for them to relax," said Eugene Jennings, professor, author, student of routes to executive success and confidential adviser to the heads of large corporations. "They're squeezed from the top and the bottom."

The pressure from the top is by upper management that seeks to cut costs and raise productivity. From the bottom they are being pushed by younger managers seeking to pull themselves up the ladder.

"They find themselves too young to retire and, in their own minds, too old to start over again. And they find themselves too high up the ladder to incur risk, and too low to dictate to the corporation," said Jennings.

The professor, who maintains "listening posts" in many of the largest corporations, reports that "few major companies aren't oversupplied with these middle managers."

He employs alliteration to describe the phenomenon: "It's the middle-middle muddle. Managers in a mess of trouble."

Some companies are offering early retirement to encourage them to leave. "However, some of them don't accept the opportunity and have to be pushed." Others are phased into positions known to be deadends.

Jennings, who is trained in psychology as well as in business administration, notes that the common complaint of such men is that they are misunderstood by the company and unappreciated by family and friends.

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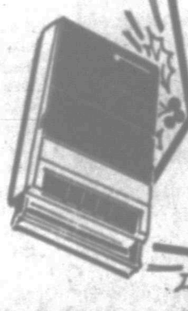

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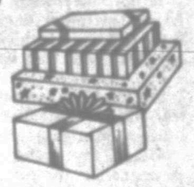

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