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Council vote puts Crier future on ballot

By JIM STEINBERG

Crier Park: site of a new central fire station or of continued use as an undeveloped "park"?

That seems to be the choice Midland voters will have following Tuesday's 5-0 decision of the Midland City Council placing the future of the city land on the ballot for the April 1 municipal election.

For about one hour after the start of the public hearing session on the issue, city staff members, fire department officials and architects presented the rationale for the

station proposal for the park.

Prior to the presentation explaining the proposal, City Attorney Joe Nuessle explained that, legally, action taken by the council during a previous meeting allowing the proposal to be placed on the ballot following Tuesday's public hearing session "doesn't constitute approval of the project. Approval of the project occurs when the project (contract) is let."

Nuessle said that the steps followed by the city for the proposed park conversion met legal requirements for the process.

His remarks appeared to be directed to an eight-page statement drafted by Stubbeman which at one point questioned the legality of the way the issue was being placed on the ballot.

In that draft and during the public hearing session, Stubbeman charged the City Council acted "improperly and illegally" (on Feb. 14), in calling for an election to be held in April, while the public hearing on the matter was held on Feb. 28.

"Calling now for an election to be held in April is prejudging a decision to be made by the City Council pursuant to the hearing of Feb. 28," Stubbeman said.

During the presentation City Manager James Brown said that



Frank Stubbeman

origination of the proposal was a response to the growth of northwest Midland and the gradual shift of the downtown area westward, farther away from the present central fire station location.

The decision to add a new fire substation on the city's northwest side was put off "about as long as we dared," Brown said.

A scientific study was begun in 1975 which used computer methods to analyze data on fire station demands. Brown recalled. The study indicated the Circle Drive fire station could be closed if the central fire station were moved between the Village Shopping Center and the downtown area.

By closing one station, one crew would be left over to man a new fire substation, Brown said. Adding that he calculated the savings to be approximately \$175,000 annually in crew wages, benefits and maintenance costs.

Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. said Tuesday prior to the vote calling for the election that "it would not be prudent" to pay what would probably amount to \$330,000 for another parcel of land to build the new central fire station.

Before voting on the issue, Councilwoman Doris Howbert noted: "One of our duties as a member of council is to safeguard your tax dollars."

San Angelo architect Bob Zentner of Chakos, Zentner, and Marcum said the plan for the new fire station would provide a 100-foot park "curtain" to the north, facing the residential section near the park.

He said a buildup of earth "contours" would enhance the north side of building and minimize its intrusion into the park area.

Zentner said it would be beneficial to place the fire station near the main thoroughfares (Texas and Wall avenues) so fire trucks could have quick access to central areas of town. Entry of the trucks into the flow of traffic through side streets (H and I streets) make the location ideal, he said.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Thomson said that even if his department were suddenly allocated \$50,000 to fix up Crier Park, he would recommend that the money be used for some other park.

The reason, Thomson said, is that four already-developed neighborhood parks are within walking distance of Crier Park.

Crier Park is not an integral part of the overall park system in Midland, he said. A master plan study done by an independent consultant for the city in 1975 had five recommendations for its use, Thomson said, adding that not one of them was for development of the park facility.

The recommendations included selling the park for revenue and building a municipal or civic facility

on the site. The report was completed before the city's own fire station location study was begun, Thomson said.

Since the park's dedication in 1935, it has never been developed as such, except for an irrigation system and the addition of a water fountain, Thomson said.

Stubbeman, in his argument for keeping Crier Park intact as a park facility, said the "city's attempt to use Crier Park for a central fire station is based largely on the fact that it already owns Crier Park but would have to purchase most any other location, whereas parks should be protected to continue as parks."

Other Midland residents living near Crier Park spoke at the public hearing in protest of increased noise levels and property devaluation they said the new central fire station plan would cause them.

In other action, the council approved a resolution and order calling for a bond election for a \$500,000 bond issue to add an additional nine holes to the municipal golf course to be placed on the April city election ballot.

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proposed change using numerous hand-colored charts and a model of the proposed station.

Following that presentation, Midland attorney Frank Stubbeman, who is in the forefront of opposition for Crier Park's use as a fire station site, said "I thought this was supposed to be a public hearing. But so far all I have heard is city officials convincing other city officials that they are doing the right thing."

Stubbeman then presented the council with a petition signed by 60 persons in opposition to the fire



Motor-boating? A car splashes its way Tuesday down Country Club Drive in Burbank, Calif. (AP Laserphoto)

Court to review way PUC sets telephone rates

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Supreme Court agreed to review the way the state Public Utility Commission sets telephone rates.

It set an April 5 hearing on Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s appeal from lower court decisions upholding the commission's rate-setting method.

Bell said the case is the first to reach the court "dealing in depth with the discretionary powers of the public utility commission."

Also included in the hearing will be the state's appeal of decisions by an Austin district judge and the 3rd Court of Civil Appeals that Bell is entitled to a full hearing on whether rates set by the commission are confiscatory.

The commission granted Bell a \$57.8 million per year revenue increase in December 1976 — \$173 million less than Bell had requested.

In setting Bell's rates, the commission used a rate base consisting of the original cost of Bell's equipment, real estate and other assets, less depreciation.

Bell contends in its appeal that the commission was bound by law also to include current replacement cost — a much higher figure — in the rate base. The result would be higher rates.

It said the Legislature meant for the commission to use a formula allowing

25 to 40 percent of the rate base to consist of replacement cost.

The difference between the figure used by the commission and the adjusted value that Bell wanted it to employ was \$410 million.

Lower courts found the adjusted value was simply an outside figure, with the commission allowed to go as low as original cost minus depreciation in determining a rate base.

Bell said the "lower courts have cut loose the commission from any legislative guidance as to whether

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Rain gets even odds

Instead of waking to clear skies and mildly warm temperatures as in the past few days, Midlanders woke up this morning to cloudy skies, cooler temperatures and a 50 percent chance of rain tonight.

Chances of rain today were set at 50 percent.

The weatherman said skies are expected to be cloudy through Thursday with a likelihood of showers and a few thunderstorms tonight. Tonight's low temperature should fall to the lower 40s with winds becoming southwesterly at 10 to 15 mph. The high temperature Thursday should reach the upper 60s.

Tuesday's high temperature was 80 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 39 degrees. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal recorded a trace of precipitation from a light rainfall which occurred at about 3 a.m.

Light rain and drizzle was reported in Lamesa and Stanton this morning while some moisture had fallen on Andrews, Crane and Big Spring earlier in the morning and last night. Both Rankin and Big Lake reported overcast skies and temperatures around 40 degrees.

Heavy rains set southern California awash

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A massive storm system rolled northeastward out of the Pacific into southern California Tuesday, dumping heavy rain on eight counties and causing more destructive flooding and landslides in the Los Angeles area.

The National Weather Service said that more than 2.5 inches of rain could fall in the coastal areas and as much as 4 to 6 inches in the foothills and mountains by this afternoon.

By 6:15 p.m. PST Tuesday, the

storm had dropped 1.62 inches of rain at Los Angeles Civic Center, bringing the seasonal total up to 23.18 inches. The forecaster noted that 10 of an inch fell in the last 15 minutes of that period.

These figures compare with a rainfall total of 7.38 inches at this time last year and a normal of 10.43 inches for the date.

Jet crashes in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Continental Airlines DC-10 jetliner skidded off a runway and plowed into a building today while preparing to take off in a storm from Los Angeles International Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

There was no immediate official word on whether there were any fatalities or injuries, but Los Angeles radio station KNX reported that all the passengers survived.

A spokesman at Marina Mercy Hospital in Marina Del Rey said two passengers were admitted with injuries.

Passengers were evacuated through escape chutes and at least 10 ambulances were sent to the scene.

"It didn't look good. I saw the tail and saw the flames on runway 24 east," said Ethel Patterson, a spokeswoman for the airport.

There was no word on whether anyone was injured in the building.

Flash flood watches — meaning that flooding is possible in the watch areas — were issued for Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, all in southern California.

The Weather Service also issued an unusual "severe thunderstorm watch" along a 30-mile-long line from a point 10 miles northwest of suburban Burbank to 20 miles southeast of San Diego.

Gusty winds and hail were accompanying the thunderstorms, the forecaster said.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department set up a command post in the Sunland area, which, with the Tujunga area, had been hard hit by the Feb. 8-10 series of storms. The area is in the mountains to the northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Extra fire companies, bulldozers, skidloaders and two helicopters were brought into the area to be able to deal with any emergency on short notice.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division also established a command post in the field.

At 5:45 p.m. PST, police reported that Sunland Boulevard was the only major surface thoroughfare open into the Sunland-Tujunga area. Other arteries were closed by flooding and mudslides.

By late Tuesday afternoon, rock slides had closed a number of other roads in the foothills area.

Ralph and Anita Gustafson and their four daughters were forced to

evacuate their home in the region because of flooding and mud slides.

The Gustafsons had spent the last two weeks cleaning up their house from mud and water damage by the previous storms.

Residents were ordered out of nearby Schwartz Canyon and Eby Canyon because of rising waters.

The Red Cross set up evacuation centers in Sun Valley and in La Crescenta, both of which lie in the foothills to the northwest.

By nightfall, Pacoima Dam was at

85 percent of capacity and was releasing water at the rate of 4,875 gallons a second, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District reported.

Big Tujunga Dam was at 66 percent of capacity.

Don Nichols, assistant chief of hydraulic engineering for the county Flood Control District, was asked if this storm could cause damage as great as that inflicted by the storms earlier this month.

"Can it recur?" he said. "You bet it can."

Popcorn poppers jump to defense

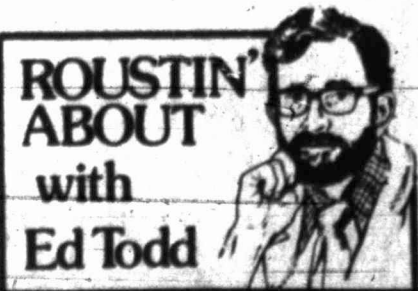
There's a multi-touted "health food" that's largely unnoticed today and has only a minute corner of the marketplace.

That spaced-out (as in jumping high) food is popped popcorn which, taken in sufficient quantities, can ease hunger pangs and, at the same time, leave you with a stomach ache.

But the popcorn poppin' people don't recommend you gorge yourself to the point of spoiling your appetite for the fruit of their labors.

First off, say the popcorn proponents, their product "isn't a junk food." They say it's "loaded with real nutrition" without pointing out the calories in this light-and-fluffy snack food.

As lightweight as it is, popped corn taken internally certainly could help turn the eater into a heavyweight. But that's unfair. So, too, could the



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sweetness of cotton candy, which certainly is not as prevalent as popped popcorn.

The popcorn "touters" say eating their snack food is "good exercise for the teeth and gums."

It's not as long-lasting as chewing gum or paraffin wax, which, for the kids, has been known to make a slightly-less-than-palatable substitute for the regular gum. But it works, nevertheless.

Popped corn, too, is about as high in fiber content as a comparable amount (however much that might be) of whole wheat toast. And who of late hasn't heard of fiber?

And vitamins? Yes, those whose livelihood is somehow tied to the kernels of the cob-and-stalk plant would have you know that research shows that their corn contains the B-complex vitamins.

Too, there's no sugar to it, though a bowl- or sack-full of it may be loaded with salt and butter... or margarine, if you please.

No doubt, a close look into just about any natural food would reveal much to flaunt.

And any food eaten is just like water: Too much could do you in.

But most food sure is good. And with a little doctoring, it's even better.

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46th Senator speaks up in favor of canal treaties

By W. DALE NELSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre, undecided until now in the Panama Canal debate, said today he will vote to ratify the treaties despite threats of political retribution involving what he called "coarse and brutish" tactics.

The New Hampshire Democrat's announcement was accompanied by a harsh denunciation of some conser-

vatives, whom he said seek not to compete honorably but only to "annihilate those they see as 'enemies'."

McIntyre's decision brings the number of pro-treaty senators to 46 in a running count kept by The Associated Press. Ratification of the treaties would require approval by two-thirds of those present and voting, or 77 if all 100 senators vote.

The AP tally shows 25 senators opposed. Twenty-nine are undecided. Of

these, 11 have said they are leaning in favor of ratification and seven that they are leaning against.

McIntyre had not said before today that he was leaning either way.

He has been courted by the White House to vote for ratification. President Carter campaigned in New Hampshire in mid-February for McIntyre, who is up for re-election this year.

But he also has been under pressure

by conservative organizations to oppose the treaties, particularly by the Conservative Caucus. Howard Phillips, national director of the caucus, has threatened some senators voting for the treaties with "potential political retribution."

In a speech prepared for delivery on the Senate floor, McIntyre accused the Conservative Caucus and other "new right" elements of using

"coarse and brutish" means to impose their views on others.

McIntyre expressed reservations about one aspect of the treaties. They provide for annual payments of \$10 million to Panama from surplus canal revenues during the transition period ending in the year 2000.

The senator said he might support an amendment or understanding to make clear that the United States would not have to make up the difference if operating surpluses fell short of the amount.

In another speech prepared for floor delivery, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., said it was "understood by both Panamanians and Americans that any balance remaining due in the year 1999 would not be paid" since the obligation of the United States is based on the availability of surpluses.

The Senate is considering two treaties. One transfers control of the waterway to Panama by the year 2000; the second guarantees U.S. rights to use and defend the canal

after that date.

On Tuesday, the Senate rejected by a 69-24 vote an amendment by Sen. William Scott, R-Va., which Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, the treaties' floor manager, said was designed to kill them by forcing a second plebiscite in Panama.

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Aid to cities creates 'civil war'

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House efforts to give governors the voice they want in urban affairs and mayors the relief they demand are putting the Carter administration in the middle of a civil war.

The nation's governors, from Georgia to California, scolded the administration Tuesday for threatening to cut back their revenue-sharing funds as part of President Carter's national urban policy proposals.

Then the mayors took their turn attacking the new urban funds that the White House wants to give governors to induce them to help their cities.

In all, it was a rough day for the administration. Urban policy dominated the closing hours of the

National Governors Association winter meeting and the mayors took their beefs directly to the White House.

Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse, N.Y., president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, led a delegation that spent two hours with presidential domestic affairs adviser Stuart Eizenstat and other officials. The mayors came out grumbling about the states' getting urban money.

"There's such a scarcity of money that if we want to help cities, I think the best way is for that money to go directly to the cities," Alexander said.

"We're sure the administration is trying to help cities by suggesting there be state incentives to lever states to help cities," Alexander said.

"But states now receive some \$2 billion of the \$6 billion in general revenue-sharing funds. They also share handsomely in the \$80 billion that goes out to state and local governments."

Carter is trying to satisfy both sides by forming a partnership in the war on crumbling communities.

The president's difficulties in coming up with an urban policy acceptable to all sides were reflected by administration reports Tuesday that formal announcement of the policy would be delayed once again, this time until at least late March.

Work on the policy began last March. Since then, several announcement dates have been missed as the eight agencies involved have become entangled in disputes over

what the plan should contain.

Further delays may cause problems for the congressional budget committees that must review the policy because they have only until April 15 to report resolutions with fiscal 1979 spending targets.

The president says he has believed all along, even when he was governor of Georgia, that revenue-sharing money intended to attack urban problems should go directly to cities and not through the states, as a third of the money now is.

But Carter also agreed with his former state house colleagues that some urban needs cannot be met without state involvement, such as for roadbuilding, school financing, tax relief, industry recruitment and placement of large public facilities

Confirmation of Miller likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — G. William Miller is heading for swift Senate confirmation as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board as investigators found no evidence that he did anything improper in connection with his firm's sale of helicopters to Iran.

Miller, chairman of Textron Inc., one of the nation's largest conglomerates, says an ongoing investigation of his company's business practices will not impede his work as the nation's central banker because he has done nothing illegal or wrong.

Reappearing before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, Miller rejected as "irresponsible" committee chairman William Proxmire's recommendation that he withdraw his nomination because of the investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A dozen committee members, complaining that confirmation had been unnecessarily delayed, tried to force an immediate vote to recommend Miller, 52, to the full Senate.

However, unanimous consent was required, and Proxmire, D-Wis., and Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., the committee's ranking Republican, announced their objections.

Under committee rules the vote now will be held Thursday. Proxmire conceded the nomination will be favorably reported from the committee and promptly confirmed by the Senate.

Of the committee's 15 senators, only Proxmire has said he might vote no.

The Federal Reserve post, in which Miller would oversee the nation's monetary policies, is viewed as one of the most powerful in government.

Miller was recalled before the committee to answer again whether he knew that the commander in chief of Iran's air force, the late Gen. Mohammed Khatami, was a secret owner of a firm that received \$2.95 million from a Textron subsidiary for helping to arrange a helicopter sale to Iran.

The deal by Bell Helicopter, one of 30 Textron subsidiaries, eventually was worth \$1.5 billion to Bell.

Many senators who complained about delays in confirming Miller said there was no evidence that the nominee knew of Khatami's ownership of Air Taxi Inc., an Iranian sales agency.

Proxmire insisted that Bell's payment to Air Taxi was clearly improper.

Repeating testimony he gave to the committee on Jan. 24, Miller said he had never known — and still is not convinced — that Khatami was an owner of Air Taxi. Other top company officials also had no such knowledge, he said.

If the Iranian general was an owner, Textron and Bell officials were deceived, Miller said.

When the hearing ended, Proxmire urged Miller to consider his position for 48 hours, then step aside.

Proxmire said the SEC investigation of Textron will continue for up to six months, cast a cloud over Miller and impair his ability to operate at the Fed.

U.S. families lower standards, study indicates

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a third of U.S. families have lowered their standard of living to make ends meet and an equal number have lost faith in the American dream, according to a new study of the impact of inflation and recession.

The study, conducted by David Caplovitz, a professor of sociology at the Graduate School of the City University of New York, also found that more than a fifth of those surveyed — 22 percent — said they were less interested than they used to be in owning expensive things.

Participants in the study were ranked, on a scale of zero to three, as to whether they had lowered their aspirations because of the economic crunch. The rankings were based on answers to questions about standard of living, the desire for expensive items and faith in the American dream, which was not defined.

Fifty-six percent were ranked one or more, indicating lowered aspirations to some degree. Only 2 percent, however, were ranked as having lowered their hopes considerably.

Caplovitz's study, "Making Ends Meet: How Families Cope with Inflation and Recession," was based on interviews in May and June 1976 with 1,982 people in the metropolitan areas of New York, Atlanta, San Francisco and Detroit.

Poor and retired people were deliberately oversampled because they were most likely to have felt the impact of the economic crunch; single, divorced and separated people were undersampled, because the study was designed primarily to deal with family groups.

Caplovitz measured two types of inflation: objective, meaning the gap between income and rising prices, and subjective, involving the degree to which a family was suffering.

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Fare dispute delays Braniff's DFW-London flights

DALLAS (AP) — Braniff International Airways' nonstop flights from Dallas-Fort Worth to London, scheduled to begin today, were in a holding pattern instead after being delayed indefinitely because of a government-to-government dispute over airfares.

Spokesman Lou Garcia said Tuesday that Braniff canceled its two inaugural flights to London today, but said further cancellations will be handled on a "day-to-day" basis.

The dispute began earlier this month when the British government turned down Braniff's entire fare package between Dallas-Fort Worth and London. The package featured

some discount fares, including a standby roundtrip fare of \$349.

The British said that if Braniff wanted to fly the route it would have to raise ticket prices to match what British airlines charge.

The Civil Aeronautics Board, which had granted Braniff's request for discount fares, said Tuesday it has decided not to grant an emergency ruling on Braniff's request for higher fares.

A White House spokesman said Tuesday that no presidential action is expected on the CAB decision.

"It's a dispute now between the U.S. and British governments," a Braniff spokesman said in Washington. "It

involves British rejection of our low fare proposals and CAB rejection of proposed higher fares. We're prepared to fly at any fare level."

Braniff filed the higher tariffs with the CAB, asking the board to waive the normal 30-day filing period.

The CAB decided in closed session not to take action on this request. The board said in a statement Tuesday that it gave instructions to its staff "to prepare an order taking reciprocal action consistent with its responsibilities under the Federal Aviation

Act. By law, that order will be subject to presidential review and its contents are not immediately disclosable."

Sources speculated the proposed CAB order would recommend that the president take some action against a British airliner serving a city in this country, perhaps British Airways or British Caledonian Airways.

Rep. Dale Milford, D-Grand Prairie, took to the House floor Tuesday to blast the British for not allowing Braniff to land, saying it went against the free enterprise

system. The CAB had approved these Braniff discount fares on the route: \$349 roundtrip standby; \$399 roundtrip for groups of 100, with minimum seven-day staytime, and \$479 roundtrip superAPEX, with 21-day advance purchase.

The British rejected the standby fare altogether; said the group-100 fare should be \$435, with a 14-day minimum stay, and that super-APEX should be \$481, with a 45-day advance purchase requirement.

Braniff officials have blamed British Caledonian for applying pressure on the British government to reject its proposed low fares and for dictating that Braniff had to operate out of London's Gatwick airport instead of the more convenient Heathrow airport.

British Caledonian officials said they were "appalled" at Braniff's contention. The carrier provides service between Houston and Gatwick.

Data shows more cancer in test witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports received so far from people who say they witnessed nuclear atmospheric tests indicate a cancer rate about 28 percent higher than normal, says a government cancer research specialist.

The Defense Nuclear Agency said Tuesday that of 13,460 persons who have called a toll-free number to report they were witness to a nuclear test, 277 said they were suffering from some form of cancer.

The research specialist, who declined to be identified, said this equals 2,052 cancer cases per 100,000 persons, while the normal cancer rate for

the same age group, between the ages of 40 and 44, would be about 1,600 cases per 100,000 persons.

"There was definitely an increased risk there," said the researcher.

The cancer rate is calculated from a complex formula based on "person-years" of exposure to radiation from various possible sources over the last 20 years. Most of the atmospheric tests were held before 1959.

Stressing that his assessment is "unscientific," the specialist said a precise calculation would require a study of case histories showing the degree of radiation

exposure experienced by each person from X rays and other sources in the years between the nuclear test they witnessed and the time they developed cancer.

"The risk of cancer increases with age," he noted.

The Pentagon is trying to contact the 250,000 to 300,000 military per-

sonnel and others who were present at nuclear tests between 1946 and 1963 in the Nevada desert and in the Pacific.

Data collected from those who call the toll-free number and from available records will be provided for analysis to scientific organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences.

The Pentagon says, however, the preliminary data, including claims by nuclear test veterans to having contracted can-

cer, "provides no indication of whether exposure to low-level ionizing radiation is biomedically damaging."

Pharmacists filling welfare prescriptions get service fee raise

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Pharmacists who fill prescriptions for welfare recipients got a 2.7 percent raise in their service fees today, despite a deficit in the program that buys the drugs.

Average service fees will rise from \$2.65 to \$2.71 per prescription. Total program costs will increase by \$190,000 between now and Aug. 31.

On Feb. 18, the state Board of Human Resources — formerly known as the welfare board — shifted \$4 million from other items to cover a deficit in the prescriptions for the needy program.

It ordered a subcommittee to find ways of keeping expenditures within the \$50 million a year appropriated for the program.

Means under discussion include requiring recipients to pay part of the cost of their prescriptions and a cutback in the number of free prescriptions from three to two a month.

Marlin Johnston, associate commissioner for administration, said a consultant's study showed druggists needed higher fees to keep up with inflation and receive a proper return on their investment.

"The thing you have to come back to is if we don't give the pharmacist a reasonable return on his investment, he won't do business with us," Johnston said.

Frank Dannelley, owner of an Austin drug store chain, disagreed with the increase in the service fee. He said it already was the second highest in the nation.

"I wouldn't have any quarrel with it

if they weren't talking about reducing benefits to these poor devils that ain't got it," said Dannelley, a member of the subcommittee on drug cost containment.

Johnston said there already are druggists in West Texas who refuse to participate in the drugs for the poor program — "They say there is too much red tape."

Dannelley said there might be some validity to Johnston's concern, "but you are talking primarily about rural areas."

He said druggists accept smaller service fees from health insurance companies, "and they haven't quit Blue Cross."

Pharmacists received an 11 percent fee increase in June in settlement of a suit filed against the department by the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

The suit arose from the department's enforcement of federal requirements that limit payment for drugs to "estimated acquisition cost."

Pharmacists must report whether the drugs in each prescription were bought directly from manufacturers or at higher wholesale prices.

Dannelley said expenditures are too high because the department's wholesale price figures don't recognize the existence of discounts.

"Wholesale discounts are as much as 12 percent from AWP average wholesale price. I can report AWP and make the spread — the whole 10- to 12-point spread, and it's perfectly legitimate," he said.

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New pharmaceutical bill to be introduced in Senate

The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration will soon propose a sweeping overhaul of the nation's pharmaceutical laws that would create a National Center for Clinical Pharmacology and require drug manufacturers and retailers to provide more information to the public.

The proposed Drug Regulatory Reform Act of 1978, which is aimed at simplifying and strengthening earlier drug legislation, is expected to be introduced in the Senate by March 15.

Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., of the Senate Human Resources subcommittee on health and scientific research, already has

decided to begin hearings on the bill on March 20.

Kennedy worked closely with the Carter administration in drafting the bill and contributed the provision calling for creation of a pharmacology center within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

The major themes of the proposal, as listed in a memo attached to a draft of the bill that was obtained by The Los Angeles Times, include:

Increased protection of public health and patient rights; promotion of drug research; openness and increased accountability of decision-making by HEW's Food and Drug Administration; improvement of FDA enforcement tools; and

prohibition of unethical drug promotion practices.

Among other things, the bill would require considerably more information on labels of non-prescription drugs including the purposes for which the products are to be used or the pharmacologic effect they are expected to produce, plus any significant side effects and adverse reactions that might result from their use.

Each retailer would be required to keep prominently posted a list of the prices of the 100 prescription drug products that had the highest dollar volume of retail sales in his store in a period determined under regulations issued by the HEW Secretary.

Such posted price lists would

stimulate competition and permit comparison shopping by consumers, especially those who had to use commonly prescribed medicines on a regular basis.

Although some of the provisions are expected to be controversial, Dr. Peter Bourne, Carter's top health adviser, said that both industry and consumer sources have been widely consulted in the drafting of the legislation "and I believe we are coming up with something on which most people can agree."

"The bill will reflect what the president said he would do," Bourne said, "and that is try to bring some reason and order to the confused processes of federal regulations in this area."

The proposed regulations, Bourne said, are designed to expedite FDA approval of new drugs for marketing and to speed the process of removing any dangerous drugs from the market.

The pharmacology center proposed in the bill would be operated by a director appointed by the HEW secretary and would conduct and support research in clinical pharmacology.

The center would conduct various investigations including probes into the safety and efficacy of existing drugs and new uses of drugs.

The center also would have various training and planning responsibilities, including the awarding of grants to medical and dental schools

and other health-related institutions.

The bill would prohibit the current practice of pharmaceutical salesmen examining prescriptions in drug stores to determine which physicians are prescribing particular drugs. Such surveys are conducted by salesmen who then use the information to try to persuade the physicians to buy their brands of the drugs.

Bourne explained that the prohibition was intended both to protect the privacy of physician-patient relationships and to curb what some people consider an unseemly competitive practice in the sale of medicines.

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Annual Radio City show to go on, but for last time

NEW YORK (AP) — Radio City Music Hall opens its annual gala Easter show Thursday featuring, as always, the high-kicking Rockettes, live music and a family movie.

But on April 12, management says, the 45-year-old entertainment palace will shut its doors, despite thousands of petitions, scores of speeches and countless emotional pleas.

The last year the theater made a profit was 1968, when it took in \$220,552. Since then some \$14 million has been lost by the 6,200-seat attraction that made its reputation on live entertainment accompanied by

family films.

"The Music Hall is closing in its present form April 12. That much is for sure," a hall spokeswoman says.

Music Hall fans and employees hope the theater will reopen in some other form or in its old form with help from the city or state.

Much of the hope centers on a March 14 meeting of the city's Landmark Preservation Commission, although commission officials cautioned that it could take a year before any action is taken. The action likely would be in the form of a tax break.



Zara Cully Brown

Cancer claims actress Zara Brown, 'Mother Jefferson' in television series

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Veteran actress Zara Cully Brown, who played the irascible mother-in-law on the CBS television show, "The Jeffersons," died Tuesday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of cancer. She was 86.

She had been admitted to the hospital Saturday. A spokesman at CBS said the white-haired actress, whose stage name was Zara Cully, went off the show in mid-season last year with a collapsed lung. She had made only occasional appearances on the show since that time.

Miss Cully, a great-grandmother

herself, played the mother of George Jefferson in the popular television comedy series about a black family living in a Manhattan high-rise apartment.

She was a graduate of the Worcester, Mass., School of Speech and Drama. After her marriage she moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where she was active in writing, directing and producing plays.

Her first appearance on the West Coast was in an Ebony Showcase production of "Detective Story."

Miss Cully's movie credits include "The Learning Tree," "The Great White Hope," "Ghetto Woman," "The

Liberation of L.B. Jones" and "Christmas Dreams." She had appeared on numerous television shows, including CBS Playhouse and NBC Matinee Theater.

Widowed, she leaves two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A son-in-law, John A. Buggs, is staff director of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Washington, D.C.

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Christian Fellowship, 2085 S. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles.

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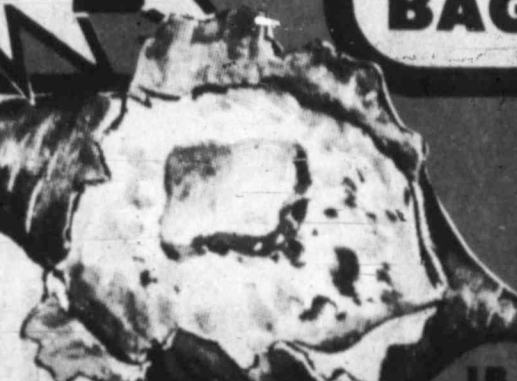
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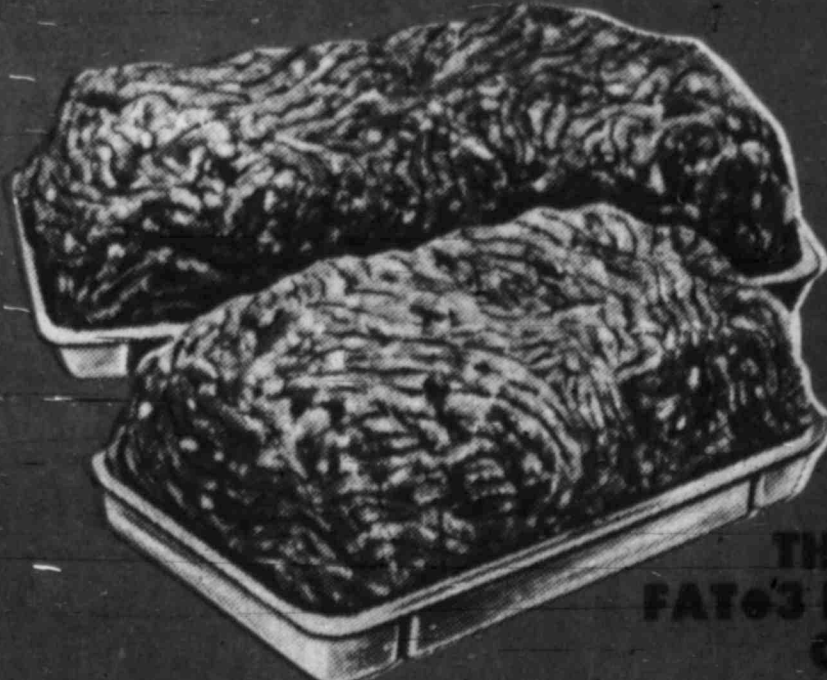
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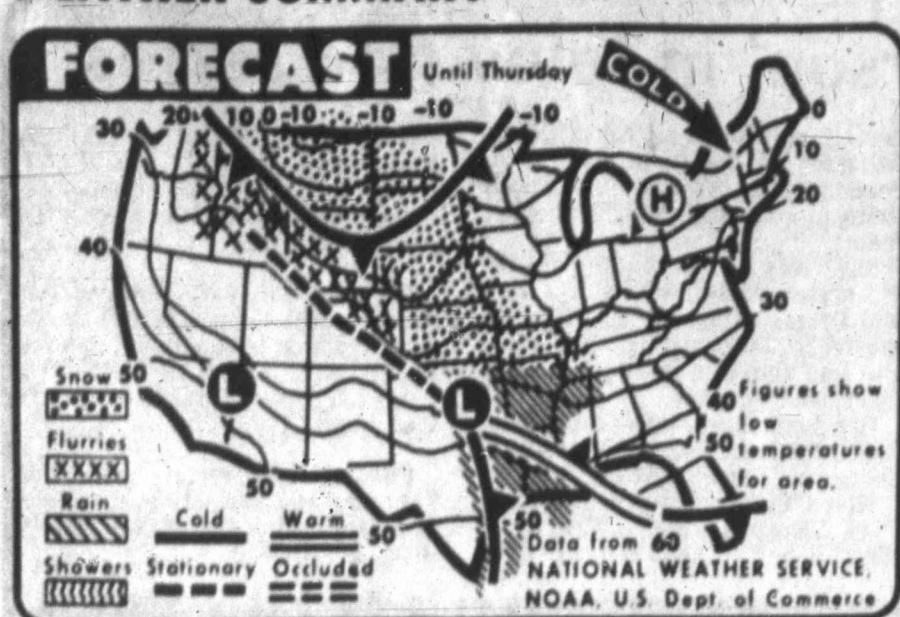
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WEATHER SUMMARY



COLD TEMPERATURES for most of the nation today will be accompanied by snow from the northern Plains and the northern Rockies to the southern Plains and rain from the southern Plains to the western Gulf. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Cloudy through Thursday. Chance of showers and a few thunderstorms tonight. High Thursday in the upper 60s. Low tonight in the lower 40s. Winds becoming southerly at 10 to 15 mph tonight. Probability of rain 50 percent tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 60 degrees
Overnight Low: 30 degrees
Today's High: 60 degrees
Today's Low: 40 degrees
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:46 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:15 p.m.

Precipitation: trace inches
This month to date: trace inches
1978 to date: trace inches
1977 to date: 36 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
7 a.m. 50 10 a.m. 55 1 p.m. 60 2 p.m. 65 3 p.m. 70 4 p.m. 75 5 p.m. 80 6 p.m. 85 7 p.m. 90 8 p.m. 95 9 p.m. 100 10 p.m. 105 11 p.m. 110 12 a.m. 115

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Texas area forecasts

North Texas—Mostly cloudy through Thursday. Rain beginning west by noon today, spreading across entire area tonight, ending from west to east Thursday. Cooler mid to late today. High 55 to 60. Low 35 to 40. High Thursday 45 to 50.

West Texas—Scattered showers except a few thunderstorms southwest. Warmer, drier and cooler south today. Mostly cloudy Thursday with scattered showers southwest and north turning cooler north. High middle 60s. Low middle 40s. High Thursday 55 to 60. Low Thursday 35 to 40. High Thursday 45 to 50.

Texas Thermometer

City	High	Low
Abilene	70	37
Albino	60	30
Alpine	70	30
Amarillo	42	28
Austin	60	37
Beaumont	80	52
Brewer	47	30
Childress	47	30
College Station	60	30
Corpus Christi	75	50
Cotulla	47	30
Dallas	60	30
Del Rio	47	30
El Paso	70	30
Fort Worth	60	30
Galveston	60	30
Houston	60	30
Junction	60	30
Langview	60	30
Lubbock	70	30
Marfa	47	30
McAllen	60	30
Midland	60	30
Mineral Wells	60	30
Palacios	60	30
Presidio	60	30
San Angelo	60	30
San Antonio	60	30
Shreveport, La.	60	30
Stephenville	60	30
Texasboro	60	30
Tyler	60	30
Victoria	60	30
Waco	60	30
Wichita Falls	60	30
Wink	60	30

Weather elsewhere

Wednesday

City	High	Low
Albany	31	12
Albuquerque	31	12
Albino	31	12
Alpine	31	12
Amarillo	31	12
Anchorage	31	12
Asheville	31	12
Atlanta	31	12
Baltimore	31	12
Birmingham	31	12
Bismarck	31	12
Boston	31	12
Brownsville	31	12
Buffalo	31	12
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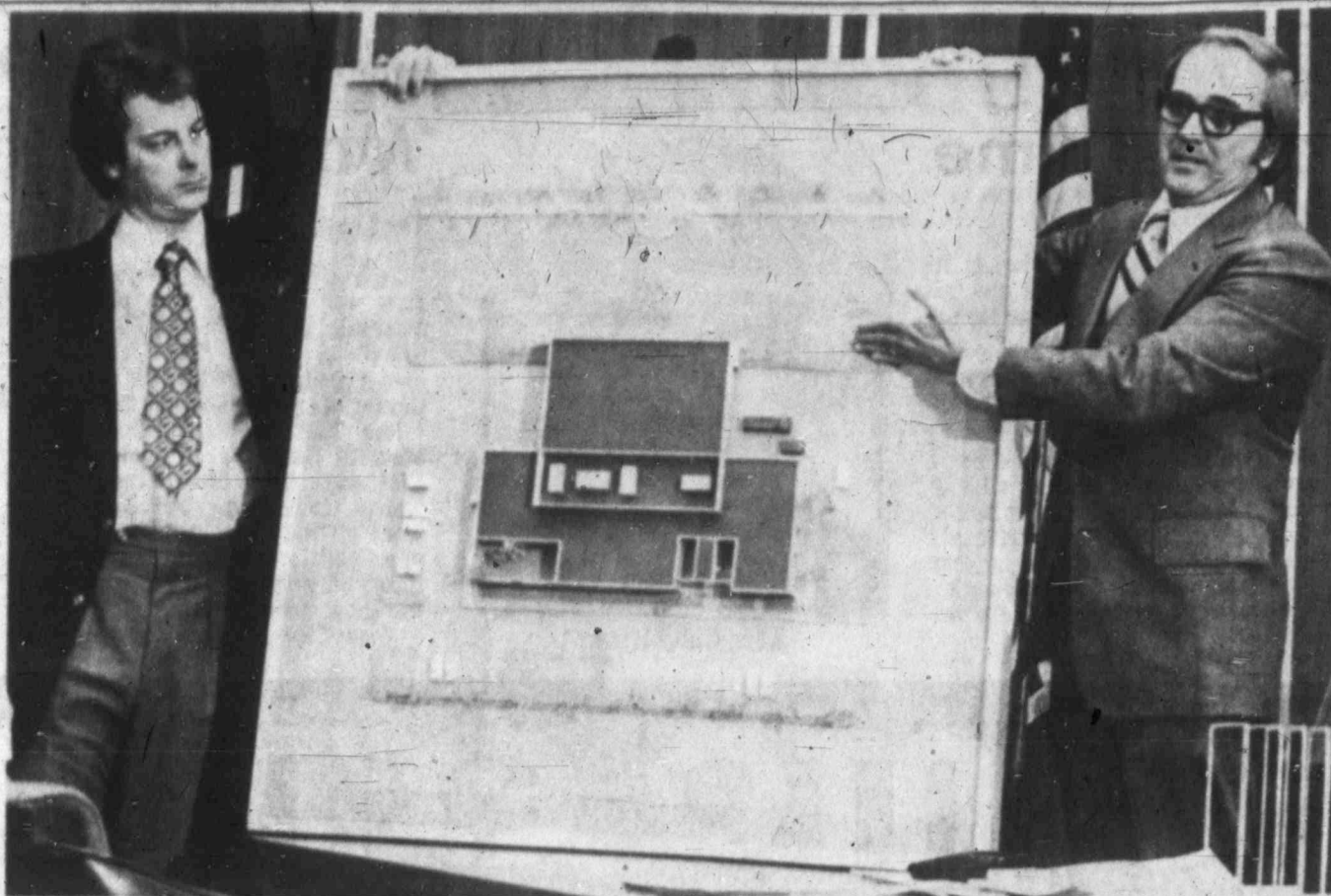
New Mexico, Oklahoma

Oklahoma—Cloudy with occasional light rain spreading across state today and tonight ending Thursday. Rain likely changing to light snow northwest late tonight. High 37 to 44. Low 25 to 33. High Thursday in the 40s.

New Mexico—Travelers advisory northern border today. Precipitation increasing and spreading eastward across the state today. Possible freezing rain this morning extreme northeast. Snow accumulation above 700 feet extreme north central today and above 800 feet in the central mountains. Snow accumulation of six inches or more higher mountain sections by this evening. Rain and snow diminishing later this evening. Thursday partly cloudy with scattered snow showers mountains and northeast and widely scattered rain showers lower elevations. High 30s and 40s. Low 20s and 30s. High Thursday 30s and 40s. Low Thursday 20s and 30s.

Extended forecasts

Friday through Sunday
North Texas—Partly cloudy and cool Friday through Sunday. Highest temperatures mid-50s to mid-60s. Low temperatures mid-30s to mid-40s.
South Texas—Partly cloudy Friday. Considerable cloudiness Saturday and Sunday. A chance of rain east portion Friday night and Saturday. Mild with daytime highs ranging from the mid-60s extreme north to low 80s extreme south. Early morning lows in the 30s and 40s.
West Texas—Partly cloudy with a slow warming trend Friday through Sunday. A chance of showers north to the 70s south. High temperatures in the 50s and 60s north to the 70s south. Low temperatures in the 20s and 30s north to the 30s south.



ARCHITECT BOB ZENTNER, right, explains the use of ground contours to conceal the proposed new

central fire station at Crier Park. Assisting Zentner is Tim Nortner, also an architect. (Staff Photo)

Coal miners register disapproval on contract at explanatory talks

By The Associated Press

Thousands of coal miners are getting their first look at a proposed contract today as leaders of the United Mine Workers present details of the pact at mass coalfield rallies and on radio and television.

But opposition to the pact continued to crop up.

About 400 representatives of union locals in Virginia's District 28 heard top district officials say late Tuesday they would not vote for the settlement to end the coal strike, now in its 86th day.

"A lot of it is old language identical to the 1974 contract," District 28 president Ray Marshall said.

Earlier in the week, local

presidents in District 6 voted 30-0 in an informal poll to recommend against ratification. Sixteen local presidents were absent for that vote.

The pact, which covers 160,000 miners, provides for a 37 percent boost in wages over three years.

It also would allow penalties for leaders of wildcat strikes and revamp the union's health benefits plan by requiring miners to pay up to \$700 in medical bills. Until the middle of last year, the union took care of all health bills.

Under the union's constitution, district officials must take the contract to the coalfields and explain it to the membership.

Three important explanatory

meetings were scheduled today. Local union leaders from southern West Virginia's districts 17 and 29—the two biggest in the union—scheduled meetings, as did District 6, which covers Ohio and a portion of northern West Virginia.

Two top officials in District 17 said they would urge ratification of the pact.

"This is a vote for the survival of the union. I hope my people pass it, because I know they're suffering and I just hate to see my people suffer," said Vernon Massey, a member of the UMW International Executive Board from District 17. District vice president Cecil Roberts, a vocal opponent of a previous tentative settlement, echoed that opinion.

But a district official who asked not to be identified said he would not vote for the contract even though he felt bound to try to sell it to the membership. But, he said, "I'm not going to lie to nobody about it."

Another selling tactic scheduled to premiere today is the broadcast of television and radio commercials about the agreement. Some of the spots will feature union President Arnold Miller. However, Miller has said he will not travel the coalfields to try to sell the contract.

Rank-and-file voting on the pact is not expected until Friday or Saturday, and local union leaders in West Virginia said the result would not be known until Saturday night.

Farmers pledge to renew brief blockade of bridge

HIDALGO, Texas (AP) — Striking farmers briefly blockaded the International Bridge leading to Mexico here today and then retreated to wait for a produce truck to cross into the United States.

About 300 farmers, who had lined the bridge spanning the Rio Grande, headed back for their hotels when McAllen Mayor Othal Brand told them that usually no trucks cross until noon.

They said they would return in the afternoon.

The farmers are protesting the importation of Mexican beef and vegetables.

McAllen is about five miles north of the bridge.

The farmers began their blockade at 8:30 a.m. and were there only about a half hour.

They formed a human wall across the bridge and stopped all traffic for five minutes. Strike leaders then instructed the demonstrators to move to the curb on the bridge.

About 100 helmeted law enforcement officers, some armed with tear gas and billy clubs, stood patiently nearby.

As the farmers waited, Hidalgo County Sheriff Brig Marmolejo radioed to the Mexican side of the bridge to see if it would be possible to get a produce truck to cross into the United States to appease the strikers.

The sheriff said the law enforcement officers would not force the farmers off as long as they did not impede traffic.

"Do your thing, get it over with and leave," Marmolejo told the farmers. "I think you've got enough news coverage."

Prior to the demonstration the sheriff said officials and farmers had agreed that the demonstrators would leave the bridge after talking with newsmen.

The sheriff was asked how long he thought would be reasonable for the demonstration. "Anyone who talks for more than five minutes is not a farmer—he's a politician," the sheriff said, quickly adding with a laugh, "I didn't say that."

Farm spokesman Joe Flannigan of Corsicana, however, said no such agreement had been made.

Special day proclaimed

Midland City Council has declared March 16 as Senior Citizens Against Crime Day. The announcement was made Tuesday during a regular council meeting.

Council members okayed a declaration which states that the senior citizens number one out of every 10 people in the state of Texas, that they are a rapidly growing segment of our society and that it is a segment "faced with fear of crime daily."

A Senior Citizens Against Crime seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 16 in the Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

The seminar will be conducted primarily for senior citizens, but all persons in the area have been invited to participate. During the one-day event, representatives of various organizations and institutions will make brief presentations about the services they offer.

Ector County history book given by club

ODESSA — A comprehensive history of Odessa and Ector County was presented Tuesday by the Exchange Club of Odessa to the Ector County Library.

Other copies of the book, entitled "From Rails to Rigs: the early History of Ector County, Texas, 1881-1927" are being presented to libraries throughout the Permian Basin.

Somoza's foes call for strike

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza's foes called for a new general strike today to protest alleged brutalities by the National Guard in quelling anti-Somoza demonstrations.

The General Confederation of Labor said 1,200 construction workers walked out of a government housing project Tuesday, and the other 800 working there were expected to stay home today.

Leaders of the anti-Somoza movement urged industry and business to shut down for 24 hours. Another general strike in January lasted nearly three weeks, closed 80 percent of the country's businesses and helped to generate political turmoil and violence that still rages in much of the country.

Student leaders predicted more clashes today between anti-Somoza protesters and the National Guard, Nicaragua's army, following funeral services for two of the three students killed Monday night when the army fired into 1,000 students marching out of the national university campus in Managua.

As a precautionary measure, Rector Mariano Fiallos Oranguren closed the city's two universities for 11 days.

One of the slain students was to be buried in Managua and another in Esteli, 90 miles to the north. The body of the third was not recovered.

They were among 13 persons reported killed in riots and battles between the National Guard and anti-Somoza guerrillas following the president's announcement Sunday that he would not resign but would stay in office until his term ends in 1981.

In addition to the dead, more than 70 persons were wounded and hundreds were arrested in the violence that followed.



Lonnie Taylor

Council OKs Third man zone change seeks post

The Midland City Council Tuesday voted to approve a zone change for a housing development that would allow slightly more than 100 dwellings to be built on the east side of Godfrey Street between the Andrews Highway and Shell Avenue.

The action came at the request of Harold Shull, who requested a zone change from 1F-1, single family district, to PD, planned district, on an 11.55 acre tract.

In other action the council approved an amendment to a planned district in the 3200 block of Cuthbert Avenue to allow a 37,120-square-foot shopping center.

The request was made by Property Investors International, Inc. The shopping center, which in the planned district included provision for at least two restaurants, is located adjacent to UA Cine 4.

The council approved drafting of an ordinance to prohibit parking along Big Spring Street between Michigan Avenue and Indiana Avenue.

The council also approved preparation of a request to the State Department of Highways for continuous left turn lane and signals between Michigan Avenue and the U.S. Highway 80 overpass on Big Spring Street.

Rate-setting to be reviewed

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and under what circumstances a particular rate base is to be used."

"Southwestern Bell and other utilities are denied fundamental due process when at mere whim and caprice the commission can ignore statutory standards for a reasonable balance rate base and substitute a 100 percent depreciated original cost rate base," Bell's appeal said.

The state's appeal said lower courts should have held that Bell was not entitled to present witnesses on the issue of confiscation. It said the law is clear that the courts can review only the record of hearings before the commission and then decide whether the commission acted in accord with the evidence.

Lower courts also denied Bell a stay of the December 1976 rates. A stay would have enabled Bell to charge the higher rates it requested until its case finally was decided by the courts, use the money and refund it only if it lost.

Man still 'critical'

A third candidate for Greenwood school board Place 4 filed for that post Tuesday.

Lonnie Taylor, production foreman for Union Oil Company of California, is seeking the spot now held by Charlie Dunn, who is not running for re-election.

Taylor has lived in the Greenwood school district seven months. He previously was a school trustee for the Ira Independent School District four years.

"I am interested in the community and the school district. I feel that my past experience on a school board would enable me to do a good job," Taylor said.

Taylor joins Leroy Ledford and Bobby J. Coffee in the race for Place 4.

Man still 'critical'

ANDREWS — Raymond Montoya, 26, of Odessa remained in critical but stable condition in Permian General Hospital after being pinned in a truck for more than two hours following a late Monday truck accident on an unidentified country road in northeast Andrews County.

Edmund Montoya, 25, and Jesse Montoya, 23, were listed in satisfactory condition today, a hospital spokesman said. All three are in the critical care unit at the hospital.

The three brothers were injured when the truck they were in went off the road, rolled over twice and came to rest in the middle of a field, officers said.

Court sentences two Midlanders

Sentences totaling 31 years were assessed two Midland men Tuesday in 142nd State District Court, after both entered guilty pleas.

John E. Crisp, 24, was sentenced to 15 years in connection with the Sept. 12 rape of a child.

Two eight-year sentences were assessed to Robert Lee O'Neal, on forgery by passing and credit card abuse that reportedly occurred during September and December of 1976.

O'Neal's sentences are to run concurrently.



A SEARCHER helps Lisa Albrizzi remove her wet and muddy socks Tuesday after she and four other spelunkers were found in Old Schoolhouse Cave near Waterloo, Ill. She and the four young men were reported exhausted but suffering from only minor injuries. They had been inside the cave since Sunday and reported that they became cold and tired while exploring and decided to huddle in a dry spot in the cave. (AP Laserphoto)

Registration deadline near

If you want to vote in the April 1 municipal, school, college and hospital election and haven't registered to vote, the deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday. Janice Bullita, voter registration deputy, said Tuesday.

Mrs. Bullita said Thursday also is the deadline for persons to change their address in order "to avoid problems at the polls" on election day.

Those who have not received their new yellow voter registration card should go to the courthouse to check on it, she said.

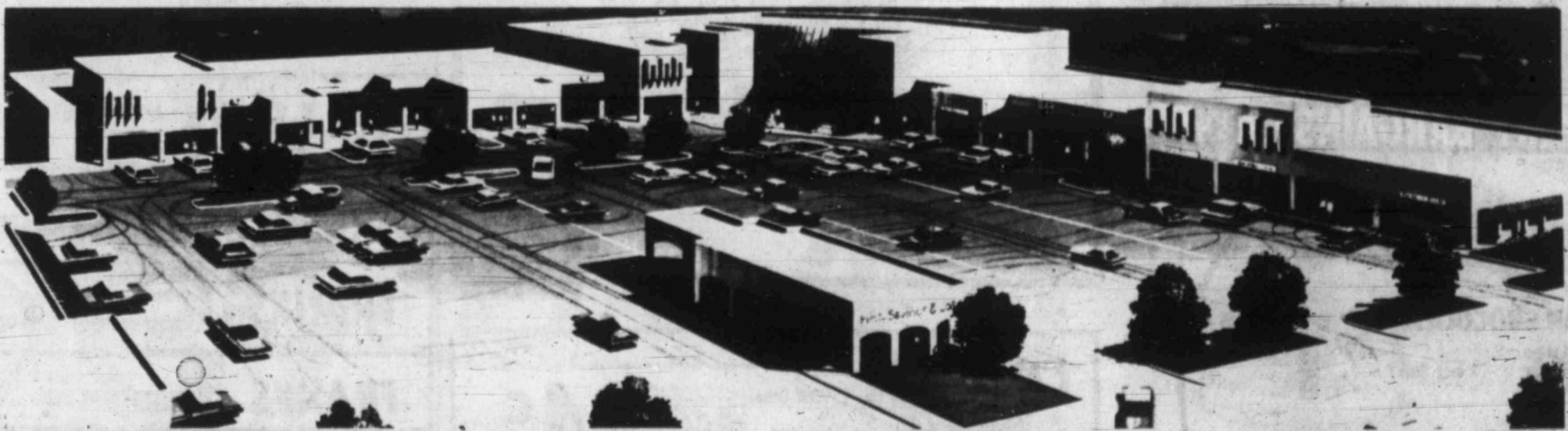
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JUDGED first place winners in the American history essay contest sponsored by the Lt. William Brewer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Midland are Michael Paul Bainbridge Jr., a fifth grader at The Hillander School; Larry Blankenship, a sixth grader at The Hillander School; Andrea Freeman, a seventh grader at Trinity School

of Midland, and Jimmie Sue Brusenhan, an eighth grader at Trinity School of Midland. The subject of this year's essay contest was "Growing Up in Colonial Times." Each essay was judged for historical accuracy, adherence to subject, originality, interest, neatness, spelling and punctuation. (Staff Photo)

Government lobbyists use unvarying plan, unlike style of Tongsun Park

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

WASHINGTON (AP) — All this time you've been thinking that lobbyists are a devious bunch of power-brokers who prowl the corridors of the Capitol and dispense goodies.

Some may operate with the flash and flair of a Tongsun Park. Not so with the lobbyists from the Department of the Interior.

One thing is certain, Tongsun Park never had instructions like those given the Interior Department crew sent to lobby for the administration position on the Outer Continental Shelf bill setting regulations for offshore oil drilling.

Right at the top of the

list was: "Call the member's office (main no. for Capitol is 224-3121).

"Ask for the legislative assistant handling the OCS bill, HR 1614.

"Identify yourself as calling on behalf of Congressional Liaison, Interior, for Secretary Andrus."

It's a good bet Tongsun Park never called the main switchboard at the Capitol. He probably had to fuss with a long list of separate numbers for each congressional office, maybe even some of those unlisted numbers that are such a pain in the neck if you lose them.

The Interior Department lobbyists had a code to record their assessments of how members might vote on

the OCS bill: "If the member plans to vote with us, use a plus mark;

"If the member plans to vote against us, use a minus mark;

"If the member's plans are unknown to the legislative assistant, use a question mark."

If the member is undecided use a U."

Maybe, Tongsun Park had his own code. Instead of pluses and minuses, he used numbers.

If a member of Congress was going to support Park's position on an issue, the Korean businessman might write 10,000 next to his name. If the congressman was opposed, he might write 5,000.

He might have had less trouble if he had thought

of using pluses and minuses.

The latest natural gas compromise has foundered on the raw nerves of two senators from neighboring Western states.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Energy conferees, thought he had a formula for gradual phasing out of price controls that would win some votes away from the advocates of immediate decontrol.

One of the wavering votes belonged to Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore.

But the decontrol group submitted a counterproposal, that Jackson abruptly rejected. Hatfield asked the Washington Democrat if he would submit his

reasons for rejecting the new offer.

The counterproposal was returned to Hatfield with check marks by each provision, not a word of explanation. When last seen, an angry Hatfield had lost his zest for compromise.

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Communists gain in West Europe

The Los Angeles Times

BONN, West Germany — Although Communists are threatening to take over in some Western European countries, or at least to join the government as coalition partners, they are actually represented in only one European democracy, Finland's.

The Finnish Communists won 40 of the 200 seats in parliament in 1975, but they are divided into two rival factions, a Eurocommunist majority and a Moscow-oriented minority.

Such divisions are common, not only between Eurocommunists and Moscow-line traditionalists but also including Maoists, Trotskyites and other splinter groups.

A breakdown of parties by strength and orientation follows:

France — Eurocommunist, about 600,000 members, 21 percent of the vote.

Italy — Eurocommunist, about 1.8 million members, 34 percent of the vote.

Spain — Eurocommunist, about 300,000 members, 9 percent of the vote.

West Germany — Pro-Soviet, about 42,000 members, many factions, less than 1 percent of the vote.

Britain — Eurocommunist, fewer than 30,000 members, less than 1 percent of the vote.

Austria — Pro-Soviet, fewer than 25,000 members, 1 percent of the vote.

Belgium — leaning toward Eurocommunist, about 15,000 members, 3 percent of the vote.

Denmark — Pro-Soviet, fewer than 10,000 members, 4 percent of the vote.

Finland — Eurocommunist and pro-Soviet factions, about 28,000 members, about 9.5 percent of the vote.

Iceland — Independent, about 2,500 members, about 18 percent of the vote.

Ireland — Pro-Soviet, fewer than 1,000 members, 1 percent of the vote.

Luxembourg — Pro-Soviet, about 5,000 members, almost 10 percent of the vote.

Netherlands — Independent, about 10,000 members, less than 2 percent of the vote.

Norway — Pro-Soviet, about 1,000 members, 4 percent of the vote.

Portugal — Pro-Soviet, about 100,000 members, 15 percent of the vote.

Sweden — Eurocommunist, about 15,000 members, 4.7 percent of the vote.

Switzerland — leaning toward Eurocommunism, about 7,000 members, 2 percent of the vote.

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Plan is worth a try

After two months of negotiations, Ian Smith's white government in Rhodesia and three black nationalist leaders have agreed on a constitutional framework to bring black majority rule to the country. That this should be greeted by our State Department as anything but good news reveals the ambiguity of our African policy.

The biracial parliament which would be set up under the constitution of the new state of Zimbabwe is anything but a perfect model of representative government. Its recognition of separate black and white voting groups is alien to America's ideal of color-blind democracy. The significance is that it has emerged in an arena of racial antagonism in Rhodesia which had made compromise and peaceful transition to majority rule appear almost impossible.

Of 100 seats in the new parliament, 72 would be filled by black voters. For 10 years, the 28 remaining seats would be filled by white voters, and white members would be forbidden from entering a coalition with black members to form a government. Thus the white minority would be shielded for at least a decade from being excluded from the parliamentary process altogether by the overwhelming black majority in the electorate.

This is the fruit of the effort of Rhodesia's "internal" nationalists to negotiate the way to majority rule. The "external" nationalists, who have wanted to shoot their way into power, are denouncing it as expected. While the internal nationalists can claim the support of most of Rhodesia's blacks, the external guerrillas are supported mainly by the Soviet Union and the black-ruled states on Rhodesia's borders.

The first reaction from Washington was the wrong one — an expression of reservations because the guerrilla "Patriotic Front" did not participate in the Salisbury talks. Our government has been trying with Britain to promote an alternate plan that would bring the Front's forces into the picture, but without success. United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young warned that the Salisbury agreement might even accelerate the guerrilla warfare and lead to greater Soviet involvement.

Considering the source, that could be a self-fulfilling prophecy. The United States needs to make

clear whether we support a negotiated transition to majority rule in Rhodesia, or whether we support the Patriotic Front, with its dedication to transition at gunpoint. Assuming the former, then the role of our government is not to encourage the Patriotic Front to keep fighting but to encourage its leaders to accept the invitation to take part in the attempt at peaceful transition that is ready to begin.

One way to encourage that participation is for nations like the United States and Britain to signal some support for what the whites and blacks within Rhodesia are trying to accomplish — support indicating that if the new plan turns out to win the approval of the majority of Rhodesians, white and black, the new state of Zimbabwe will be recognized as legitimate. The external leaders would then have good reason to try to include themselves in the transition.

The concept of "majority rule" emerging in Salisbury may look like something less in many American eyes, but it appears to bear a made-in-Rhodesia stamp. Certainly it embodies more democratic principles than are respected in some of the military dictatorships and one-party governments elsewhere in Africa supporting the Patriotic Front. It stands a chance of averting a bloody solution to the Rhodesian problem, and the United States should be less hesitant in recognizing its chances for success.

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark

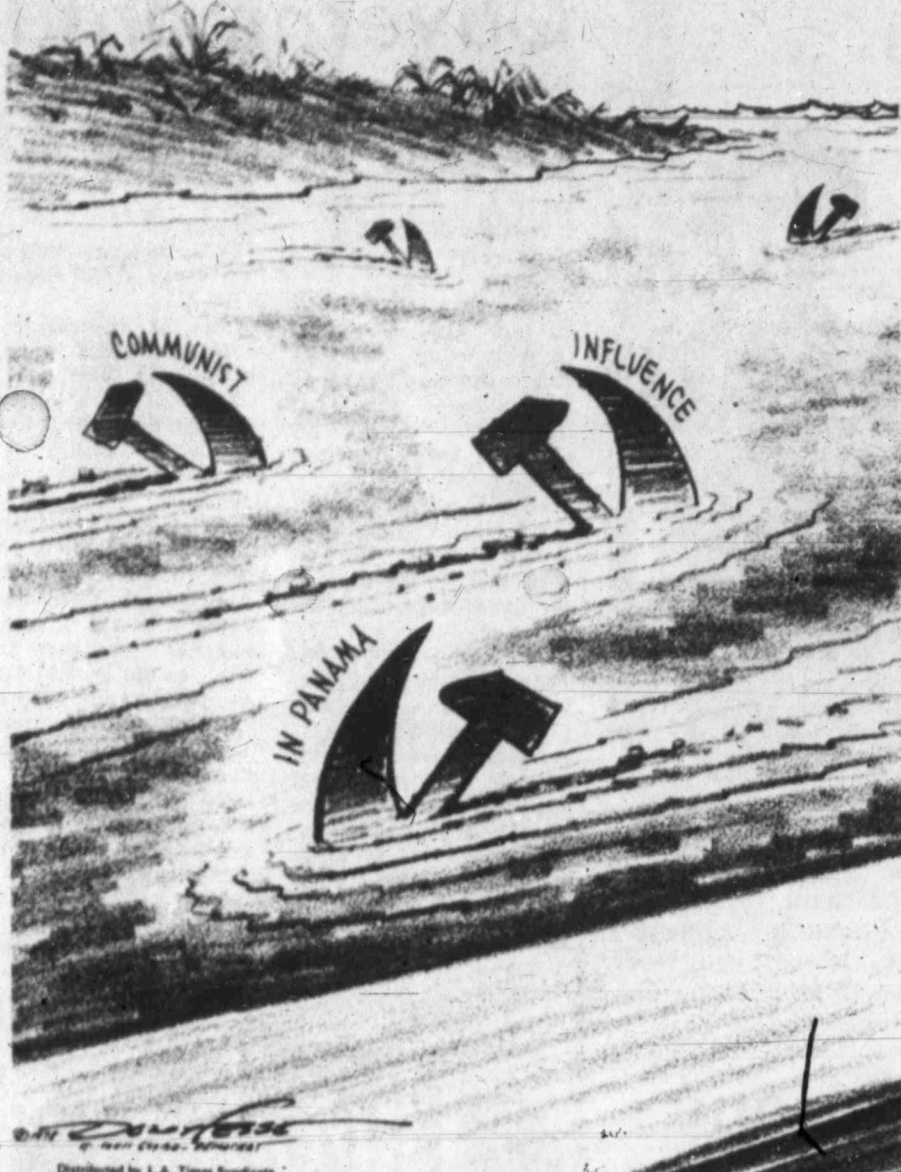


Some folks still think a \$25-a-plate dinner is a fund-raising event.

BIBLE VERSE

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." — Mat. 5:14.

SHARKS IN THE CANAL



By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON—The United States government shamelessly allows profiteers to export cancer-causing products, defective baby goods and hazardous pesticides to the unsuspecting people in underdeveloped countries. Even products that have been banned from the American market can be legally exported.

This may not fit the image most Americans have of themselves as a compassionate people who pour out food and clothing to the less fortunate.

Yet we have established that the government permits companies to export products that have been withheld from Americans as unsafe. Our associate Gary Cohn nailed down the evidence by posing as a clothing representative who wanted to unload Tris-treated children's sleepwear overseas.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has banned Tris-treated sleepwear from U.S. stores after discovering it could cause cancer. Yet Cohn had no trouble finding companies willing to purchase the harmful sleepwear for export to children outside the United States.

We should stress that it is not illegal to sell the banned children's clothing overseas, but it is certainly morally reprehensible.

At the LMR Trading Company in New York City, an official told Cohn that his firm would unload the Tris-treated sleepwear in South America. He cited Argentina, Brazil and Peru.

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Items said unsafe sold abroad

as markets his company could supply. However, in a subsequent phone call, Frank Rodosta told Cohn that after checking on the Tris-treated sleepwear, "I wouldn't touch it—and I wouldn't export it. Companies that export the products," he said, have "no consideration for human life...children." A lot of exporters, Rodosta said, "don't care what the hell they sell."

Another New York firm, called Cresmond Industries, offered to purchase the sleepwear but refused to say where it would be shipped. Helena Fabrics of New York City would not buy Tris-treated garments but would consider exporting Tris-treated fabric for sale "mostly to Africa."

An official of Intercontinental Dyeing, Inc., in Hialeah, Fla., stated that his company would purchase the condemned sleepwear for export to South America.

Footnote: Cohn made another telephone call to each company listed in this story and identified himself as a reporter. A Cresmond Industries official conceded he had made inquiries about selling Tris-treated garments to Central Africa, but had never actually made any sales. A representative of Intercontinental Dyeing, Inc., also said that his company hadn't sent any Tris-treated garments overseas. At Helena Fabrics, an official accused us of deceptive tactics, refused to answer our question, told us to "go drop dead" and slammed down the phone.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., will

NINTH-INNING EFFORT:

Canal treaties passage pressure is mounting

By V. H. KRULAK
Copley News Service

There is a sense of hysteria detectable in the Carter administration's ninth-inning effort to line up support for the controversial Panama Canal treaties.

Not since former President Nixon undertook to sell revenue sharing has there been such a frantic crisscrossing of the continent by administration spokesmen, all parroting the same litany: Our presence in Panama is not in keeping with the times; it is an affront to the Panamanian people, an abrasive to our Latin American relations.

And, furthermore, they say, if we don't stand and deliver, there is going to be real trouble in Panama—guerrillas, sabotage and violence.

The President himself joined the parade recently in a creation he called a fireside chat. He pulled out all the PR stops, from the Golden Rule to the virtues of brotherly love and including the spirit of Theodore Roosevelt who, Mr. Carter declared—with fear of disclaimer on Teddy's part—would be in the Carter camp on the Panama issue were he alive today.

But all of this is really idle. The truth is, neither the President nor any of the wire-for-sound silverthroats he has roaming the hustings has said a word that suggests the canal treaties will add one iota to the security or the economic well-being of the United

States. That's the bottom line.

Today, we own and run the canal. In times of emergency we make the decisions as to how it will operate, who will use it, and when. This unqualified authority has been worth its weight in emeralds during World War II, during Korea and Vietnam.

The whole burden of the administration's pitch to the American people is that we should exchange all of this for "neutrality—neutrality guaranteed" by the Panamanians, with our help, should the canal come under attack by some "common enemy."

But the President doesn't say how he knows that we and the Panamanians are always going to see the same nations as enemies—or friends, either.

Here is Omar Torrijos, the Panamanian dictator, proudly turned on by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and all he stands for, openly enthusiastic about the Soviet Union.

Apart from his political orientation, Torrijos is a common cutthroat, having come to power by throwing out the elected president and having remained in power by terror, putting his enemies in the slammer, or worse. He's a nihilistic Marxist who can't even spell "human rights" and yet he's the man Mr. Carter proposes to trust by an "understanding" that we will be welcome to send troops to Panama "to defend the neutrality of the canal."

The truth is, neutrality is the one thing our security needs can't tolerate. If, heaven forbid, we find ourselves involved in a conflict, it is likely to be with a Communist country. Under those circumstances it would be quite unlikely if Torrijos—or his idol Castro—would respect our need for preferential treatment in use of the canal. We would have to fight our way back, and that is the fact.

Nor is there any rational ground for apprehension that we could not cope with guerrilla action in the Canal Zone. The canal itself is vulnerable to sabotage mainly in the locks, and then only at three or four critical spots. Its security against intensive sabotage is well within our current military capabilities in the zone.

And finally there is the hobgoblin of our loss of friends in Latin America if we dig our heels in. Usually the administration spokesmen simply declare, without validation, that hemispheric solidarity would be in desperate jeopardy were we to stand up and behave like men.

Well, ask Lt. Gen. Gordon Sumner, chairman of the 19-nation Inter-American Defense Board. His prime job is to sense the pulse of the military leaders of our Latin friends. Soon to be retired and thus unaffected by administration pressures, he says that "every one of the Latin American governments except Panama wants the United States to keep the canal, and fears a Communist takeover if it does not."

The early Senate hearings make plain that the treaties are in trouble, despite the administration's hard-sell—just because Sumner's fears are shared at the national grass roots. So, supposing the treaties are not approved, what then do we need to do?

We need at once to set about modernizing the canal, enlarging and improving the locks—bringing the whole operation into the 21st century. The project is long overdue in the interest of American economics and defense.

As we do what needs to be done we will legitimately stimulate the Panamanian economy, to the benefit and satisfaction of native laborers, entrepreneurs and leaders. And we will reassure our Latin neighbors that the waterway they need so desperately will reside in competent, dependable hands.

Mark Russell says

Now we know what was accomplished a few weeks ago at Camp David — Sadat was brought to his knees with 50 F-5E fighter-bombers.

Saudi Arabia isn't sure if its pilots can handle those ultra-modern planes we are selling them. Therefore 60 camel drivers will take a crash correspondence course at the Air Force Academy.

Israel gets 75 F-16s. If they give up the settlements, we'll send them the engines.

We could all breathe a little easier if Orville and Wilbur hadn't decided to go to Kitty Hawk.

the small society



by Brickman

WHAT I CAN'T STAND IS THE WAY THEY TRY TO RAM DECENCY DOWN OUR THROATS —

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INSIDE REPORT:

Jody Powell learns futility of tracking down leaks

By ROWLAND EVANS
And ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON—Paul Warnke's White House status, just one year after President Carter forced his confirmation as chief disarmament negotiator through a reluctant Senate, dropped so low the last weekend of January that his future role seems clouded.

Warnke outraged the President's men when his Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) leaked to the press its opposition to selling 60 F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia—a transaction critically important to Mr. Carter. In response, the White House that weekend subjected Warnke and his key lieutenants to treatment calculated, in the words of one senior Carter aide, "to make life miserable for them."

Beyond the F-15 deal, the White House is not happy with Warnke as public advocate for the SALT II (strategic arms limitation talks) agreement he is negotiating with the Soviet Union. Less clearly, the dissatisfaction extends to Warnke's actual negotiating performance, including fears he may be making too many concessions. Most remarkable is the White House desire to reveal overall complaints about Warnke, an early Carter supporter and longtime stalwart in the arms control community.

The dissatisfaction crystallized on the planes-to-Saudi Arabia issue, because that question is perceived within the White House as a test case whether the President can set his own Mideast policy without Israel's veto.



Evans

Novak

The State Department, Pentagon and National Security Council join the President in supporting jets for the Saudis. Only Warnke's ACDA backs Israel's position.

Taking this stand in private is one thing; airing it in public is quite another. Other administration officials blamed ACDA for a Washington Post report last September revealing the agency's opposition to the F-15 deal. The Washington Star in its Saturday edition of Jan. 28 revealed that a Warnke letter to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance opposing the sale had been leaked to congressional friends of Israel.

That guaranteed a troubled weekend at the White House and even more so at ACDA. After one year as presidential press secretary, Jody Powell has learned the futility of tracking down leaks. But he was certain the leak came from the ACDA, probably sanctioned by its director, Powell, an Air Force Academy cadet when Warnke was a senior Defense Department official in the Johnson

administration performed his version of the Chinese water torture.

Powell placed three telephone calls to Warnke in Geneva (scene of the SALT negotiations) and six calls to other ACDA officials in Washington. Of all those calls spaced over the weekend of Jan. 28-29, not one mentioned Warnke's leaked letter. Instead, the ACDA officials were ordered to supply the White House immediately with all manner of information and documents on the F-15 transaction.

"If they were going to spoil my weekend," Powell later told a friend, "I sure was going to spoil theirs. The only difference was I could do it from home while they had to go down to the office." Apart from having their weekends disrupted, Warnke and his lieutenants could scarcely have failed to connect the White House harassment with the F-15 leak.

This is remarkable treatment for Warnke, a Washington super-lawyer who the President insisted on as chief SALT negotiator despite protests from defense-oriented Democrats. It could only have happened if Powell's displeasure was shared within the Oval Office itself.

Facing an uphill battle to ratify a Warnke-negotiated SALT II agreement, White House strategists winced at the imperious Warnke selling the treaty to Congress. They also grumbled that Warnke has stacked ACDA with pillars of the arms control community, lacking even a few good old boys who might help on Capitol Hill.

Whether the President himself is displeased with Warnke's performance as negotiator is unclear.

But there is no question about feeling on the National Security Council staff that Warnke is a little too soft. Warnke has deviated from administration doctrine by claiming U.S. strategic superiority and denying the vulnerability of Minuteman missiles.

Symbolic of Warnke's decline is the administration's decision to suspend Warnke-led negotiations with the Soviet Union over naval limitations in the Indian Ocean. Warnke had advocated voluntarily abandoning use of the Diego Garcia base in return for the Russians being kicked out of Berbera in Somalia, amidst escalating Soviet military involvement in the Horn of Africa.

Jimmy Carter does not publicly criticize officials, much less publicly regret their appointment. But the elaborate harassment contrived by Jody Powell should make Warnke wonder whether there are second thoughts about him in the White House.

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Dear Dr. Solomon: I know you are supposed to watch it a bit on the salt because it can give you high blood pressure, but what about pepper?—Darcy S.

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Incidentally, besides adding its flavor and bite to food, pepper may be serving another useful purpose before too long. It seems that two pests which cause considerable damage to stored food products—the rice weevil and the cowpea weevil—cannot stand pepper. It makes them pass out cold, according to the Department of Agriculture. So pepper may turn out to be a good, safe insecticide.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I have been very sick and my doctor put me on a clear liquid diet. It consists of ice water and tea. Aren't there any other liquids I can have? Please help me.—Virginia L.

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	Mid-morning Nourishment	
Grape juice	2/3 cups	
	Lunch	
Pineapple juice	2/3 cups	
Chicken broth	1/2 cup	
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Orange juice	1/2 cup	
	Dinner	
Cranberry juice	2/3 cups	
Beef bouillon	2/3 cup	
Fruit ice	1/2 cups	
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(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

Salvation Army picks new slate

New officers and directors were elected by the Salvation Army of Midland at the organization's recent annual meeting.

G. W. Brock was elected president; Mrs. Roger Allen, vice president; Rev. Charles Lutrick, secretary; and J. M. Fullinwider, treasurer.

New directors installed were Ted Collins, Jr., Donald B. Jones, Mrs. J. Paul Karcher, Robert H. Schwartz, and Mrs. Cy Wagner Jr.

Capt. Bob Vincent installed the officers and presented a plaque to outgoing president Fred Poe.

Board members heard financial and program reports for 1977. The Salvation Army's income last year was \$144,804, with \$57,749 coming from the United Way, \$69,665 from other public support, and \$17,390 in revenue from the Thrift Store. Expenditures totaled \$144,621.

The programs of the army were summarized in a number of statistics.

The transient lodge served 11,125 meals, donated 2,536 clothing items and lodged 3,970 persons. The family services department handled 2,228 cases and consulted with other agencies on 1,047 cases.

Democrats plan poll

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Liberal Democrats will take a straw poll in San Antonio Saturday to let voters know how they feel about statewide political candidates.

Ed Cogburn, secretary-treasurer of the organization known as the Texas Democrats, said candidates accepting invitations to speak at the rally include Comptroller Bob Bullock; former Gov. Preston Smith; Price Daniel Jr. and Mark White, candidates for attorney general; and Bob Krueger and Joe Christie, candidates for U.S. Senate.

Cogburn said both Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Attorney General John Hill were still trying to work out an appearance on their schedules.

"After the candidates have spoken, all registered participants of the rally will be given a ballot so that they might express their sentiment as to which candidates they are supporting at this time," he said. "It is a non-binding straw poll and the results will be made public."

National Committee woman Billie Carr will conduct a planning session to discuss upcoming conventions.

Mrs. Carr stressed that the Texas Democrats organization is made up of "moderate-progressive Democrats" and has no connection with a group called Texas Moderate-Conservative Democrats who met recently in Dallas.

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Sex, race, income influence opinions on lawyers

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

The higher a person's income and education level, the more cynical he or she is likely to be about lawyers and the fairness of the legal system, a new study shows.

Members of the well-educated, upper-income group also believe, however, "that their own needs would be met," while people with less schooling and money "exhibit higher regard for the skills and competence of the legal profession, but a greater pessimism about how well the system

would serve them," the researchers said.

The study, based on a survey of more than 2,000 adults, was conducted by a special committee of the American Bar Association in collaboration with the American Bar Foundation. It was directed by Barbara A. Curran, associate executive director and senior research attorney at the foundation.

Interviewers questioned people about 29 problem situations ranging from marital difficulties to job discrimination. They asked people whether they had experienced legal

problems, what they had done about them and what their experiences had been.

General opinions on lawyers varied with the sex, race and income of the individual. "White females were more charitable, trusting and optimistic about the courts, the responsiveness and accessibility of the legal system to all groups and the consideration, concern and probity of lawyers," the study found. "Black-latin females and white males tended to be more skeptical on these matters."

More than a third of all those ques-

tioned indicated they believed a lawyer would take a case even if he or she was uncertain about his own ability to handle the area of law involved.

"Doubts about lawyers in such matters generally increased as education increased—from 20 percent doubtful among those with less than eight years of education to 45 percent doubtful among those with education beyond college," the study showed.

Doubts also grew with income; people with the highest incomes—\$30,000 and over—were the least confident, with 59 percent of those surveyed saying they believed a lawyer would take

a case in an area in which he was not competent.

The survey findings come at a time of increasing concern over the ability of people to obtain legal advice at a price they can afford.

The Federal Trade Commission announced late last year that it would probe state and bar association regulation of such things as prepaid legal insurance, legal clinics and specialization to see if the rules boost the cost of such services or tend to make them less available.

"Our concern is that consumers have access to legal services at the

lowest possible prices," said FTC Chairman Michael Pertschuk.

Among other survey findings on public attitudes toward lawyers and the court system:

—Eighty-eight percent believed they would get a fair trial if accused of a crime, but 57 percent also said they thought juries are more apt to decide a case on the basis of their own feelings and prejudices than on the evidence presented.

—Eighty-two percent of those surveyed agreed with the statement that lawyers try hard to solve clients' problems without having to go to court.



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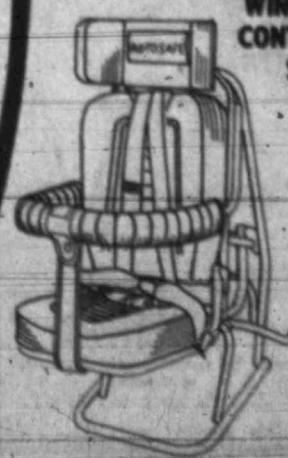
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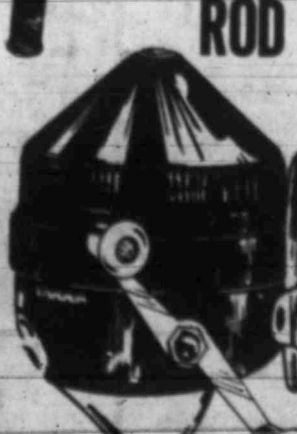
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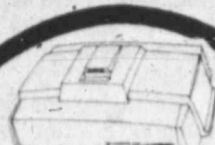
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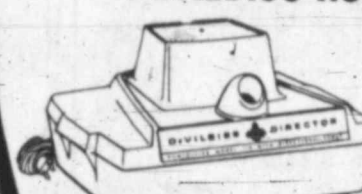
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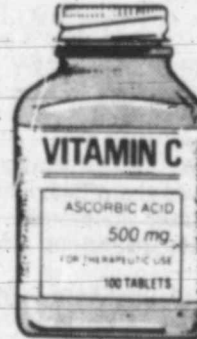
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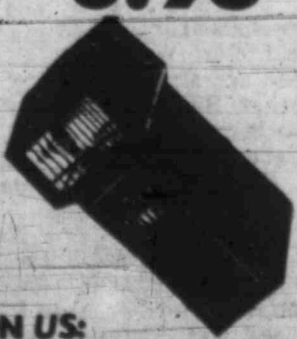
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Lessening controversy seems to boost mood of White House team

By FRANK CORMIER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter and his team are feeling better this week, thank you. And it's not a moment too soon.

The improved mood around the White House is attributable to the coal settlement, albeit tentative; to final congressional approval of Carter's plan to scrap the B-1 bomber program; and to brighter prospects for Senate ratification of the Panama Canal treaty.

Barely a week ago, executive tempers were frayed because of an escalating series of confrontations between the White House and the Washington press corps that revived memories of the "us against them" syndrome associated with the aborted presidency of Richard Nixon.

To Nixon, most reporters were suspect because he believed they

were partisan Democrats. More recently, Carter & Co. have reacted so strongly to displeasing publicity that one could be pardoned for wondering if they saw a Republican fifth column in the White House press room.

But this is nothing new, folks.

Although President Kennedy generally received a favorable press, even he once lamented, "I'm reading more now but enjoying it less."

About 11 months ago, sensitivity to press accounts by the Carter White House surfaced when press secretary Jody Powell awakened an Associated Press reporter at 6:15 a.m. to denounce a report that the secretary of state wouldn't deny the administration had miscalculated in handing Moscow an ambitious and quickly-rebuffed proposal to limit nuclear arms.

This was regarded by reporters as

fair warning that the administration never miscalculates until or unless the president says so.

A few weeks later, Powell became even more incensed at a New York Times account that pictured Carter as a reclusive martinet. The press secretary stunned reporters by acknowledging he had canvassed more than a score of White House staff members in a search for those who had talked to the Times.

All this was but a warmup, however, for the full head of steam Powell generated as reporters began writing stories that suggested the private banking practices of presidential confidant Bert Lance left much to be desired.

And then came Carter's New Year's trip abroad. Overshadowing made-for-television events were difficulties with a translator in Poland, an open

microphone in India that picked up a presidential secret, and other glitches.

The normally good-humored Powell struck back by telling a Boston audience the translator story was blown out of proportion because "most of the American press was drunk" when Polish officials, at a midnight cocktail party, gleefully disclosed the translator's problems.

Powell neglected to say that the unfortunate translator was dismissed by the White House before the Poles began dispensing vodka.

The press secretary had something of greater moment to holler about as the press corps began writing of David Marston, the GOP-appointed federal prosecutor who fell victim to the remnants of the political spoils system that some folks had expected Carter to dismantle.

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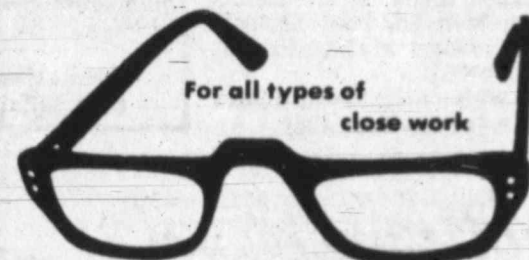
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Ann Eschberger, Ritchie marry in church rites

Ann Eschberger and James Morton Curran Ritchie Jr., both of Midland, were married at 7 p.m. Saturday in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Steve Edwards in the First Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Eschberger of 2000 Western Drive, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hilory G. Bedford, pioneer Midlanders. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Ritchie of Santa Fe, N.M.

Mrs. Craig Eschberger, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and Diane Elder was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dinah Ritchie, Hope Ritchie and Grace Ritchie, all of Santa Fe and sisters of the bridegroom.

Best man was David M. D. Ritchie of New York City, N.Y., brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were H. T. Hilliard Jr. of Midland, Philip Ottavitt of Dallas and Mark Eschberger of Austin and Craig Eschberger of Midland, both brothers of the bride.

Ushers were John Mays of Tulsa, cousin of the bride, and Nash Dowdie

Jr. of Midland.

Ring bearer was Sean Eschberger of Midland, nephew of the bride.

When presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory Qiana designed by Galina and fashioned with an asymmetrical bodice of beaded Alencon lace, setting off a wedding band neckline. Long, Bishop sleeves were accented by wide bands of beaded Alencon lace at the cuffs. The skirt flowed from an empire waistline into a full chapel-length train.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet of cymbidium orchids, stephanotis and brown eucalyptus. A stephanotis arrangement was worn in the hair attached to a full-length veil.

Wedding music was furnished by Steve Spain, organist.

After a reception in the Midland Country Club, the couple left for a wedding trip to New Orleans, La. They will reside in Midland.

Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner in the Racquet Club of Midland.



Mrs. James Ritchie Jr.

Other pre-nuptial parties included a rice bag and bridesmaids luncheon hosted by Mrs. Archer P. Farr and Mrs. T. P. Tarwater, a cocktail reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Henri R. deCompiègne in their home, a luncheon for out-of-city guests hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bell in their home on the day of the wedding, a luncheon at Midland Country Club given by Mrs. Pat Sale Kemper and Mrs. Larry Lynn and a recipe and spice shower hosted by Mrs. H. G. Bedford Jr., Mrs. Cecil Elder and Diane Elder in the Bedford home.

Wallcovering can set room's tone

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

The delicate subtlety of watercolor painting continues to go to walls, setting the decorating pace for an entire room.

More of these wallcoverings, which can give the appearance of hand-decorated walls, were shown at a recent industry exhibit sponsored by the Wallcovering Information Bureau.

More than 100 coverings — paper, fabric-backed vinyls and mylars — were among the prepacked, pre-trimmed, strippable and peelable coverings.

All exhibitors seemed to have gotten the earth message — browns, olive greens, terra cotta and so on, which are being starred with blues, tans, citrus, apricots, warm grays, among the groups of designs shown.

These colors are found in all categories including Americana, novelty and classic.

At the exhibit there were large-scale florals — one in shades of gray and brown on white. Another combined a floral and leaf design by Schumacher in apricot and beige, and there was a leaf spray against a trellis by Thibaut.

Some designers see small-scale fabrics as a trend but geometrics have definitely slowed up, says Dennis Maiotti of Lennon, because

they aren't really being accepted by American consumers "except where they are being promoted by interior designers in some metropolitan cities."

Beryl Oppenheimer, stylist for Seeman Studios, notes that fashionable clear orange colors have shifted toward the apricot and pink colorings, with a peach cast. She sees the Oriental influence and romantic watercolors as a trend.

Peter Hermann, design director of

Imperial, agrees that designers are producing many finely drawn designs and these require subtle tones of colors akin to watercolors.

This indicates, he says, that the mechanical aspects of the industry must be kept up-to-date in order to reproduce the desired effect — soft, restful shades of color.

One of his watercolor leaf-design effects is in shades of green and yellow on white.

Lubbock resident speaks at coffee

Mrs. Morris Sheats of Lubbock spoke on "How to Have a Happy Family" at a coffee in the home of Mrs. Audrey Smith, 4334 W. Dengar St.

The presentation included a discussion of principles necessary to developing a successful family.

Mrs. Sheats stressed the importance of each parent's personal involvement in the growth of interpersonal relationships within the family. She stated, "We can change no one by direct action, but as we change ourselves, we influence the lives of others."

She encouraged parents to take time to monitor what their children are viewing on television, become active in their children's academics and set an example for moral principles necessary for the family to survive.

The primary objective of each family in determining its strengths and weaknesses should be the setting of priorities for both relationships and commitment of time.

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DEAR ABBY

Paramedic urges child abusers to seek help

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: For several years I've served as a paramedic on a volunteer basis with the county ambulance service. I enjoy it, but I'm thinking of giving it up. I can handle accident victims, drownings, coronaries, but I'm just not up to facing one more abused child. Last night I held a beautiful 5-year-old child in my arms who had been beaten so badly she looked as though she had been in a wreck. With her tiny hand clutched tightly around my forefinger, she managed to whisper, "I was bad," before she died. (The parents didn't realize they were "hurting" her that much—they were only trying to teach her a lesson!)

I would love to adopt a child, and even went through all the red tape single people must go through in applying for a child. I love children and I know I'd be a good mother, but I'm gay and if the adoption agency found out, that would be the end of it.

Abby, please tell parents who are maiming, killing and psychologically abusing their children to seek competent help. They are so lucky to have children. There are a lot of us who would give anything to call ourselves parents. NO NAME OR TOWN, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: Nearly every city has a hot-line for parents who abuse their children. I hope your letter serves as a reminder that there is help for such child abusers. Call your local information for the

number.

DEAR ABBY: I recently borrowed a glass flower vase from a friend. When I went to her house to return it, she wasn't home, but her next door neighbor volunteered to see that she got it, so I left it with her. Well, the neighbor's little boy accidentally broke the vase. It can be replaced, but it is rather expensive, so I told this neighbor that I thought she should pay half and I would pay half. But she said she was only trying to do me a favor and she didn't see why she should pay anything. Who is responsible in this case?—CHICAGO

DEAR CHICAGO: You are. DEAR ABBY: I am a 9-year-old girl who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. To treat my symptoms I take a heavy daily dose of cortisone. Until my illness I was a normal kid in size and appearance, but the medicine I take has made me "moonfaced" and very heavy.

Abby, many of the kids at school call me names and tease me because of my weight, and lately it's been hurting me.

What's the best way to make my classmates understand that I can't help the way I look, and it's not from eating too much sweets.—FAITH-FULLY WAITING IN MASS.

DEAR WAITING: You need not be ashamed to tell your classmates exactly what you have told me. Please do. When they learn the truth, I bet they'll stop the teasing and name-calling. Please write again and give me a progress report. I care.

DEAR ABBY: My mother, a beautiful woman of 53, recently married a widower of 57. Daddy died two years ago and this man's wife died a year ago. Mom and "Pops" (as I call him) seemed made for each other.

It all started when Pops moved into Mom's home. Mom always had an 8 by 10 colored picture of my father (whom I'll call "Daddy") on the TV. Pops placed an 8 by 10 colored picture of his deceased wife on the TV beside it.

Next time we went to Mom's, she had another picture of Daddy—in his hunting outfit—on her bureau. Soon Pops placed a picture of his deceased wife on the bureau. This game has been going on until it's become ridiculous.

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Ex-Miss America enjoys new roles of actress, wife

By DIANE CLARK
Copley News Service

HOLLYWOOD — Laurie Lea Schaefer was in a Los Angeles department store when a teen-age boy looked at her quizzically. "Aren't you ... weren't you Miss America?" he asked.

The auburn-haired, green-eyed beauty who was Miss America of 1972, nodded in surprise and said, "Yes, I was."

"Boy, you sure do look old," said the lad.

Schaefer, all of 28, laughed as she recalled this incident. "To him, I was old ... I don't look the same as I did five years ago."

Responses like these don't really surprise Schaefer anymore. She learned to be prepared for anything when she was the 23-year-old beauty queen for Columbus, Ohio.

At that time she was hard put to evade the public eye.

Schaefer's days of being the model goodwill ambassador for the country have passed.

Singing, acting and dancing are Schaefer's new life. Or, perhaps they are her old life because she has been doing all of them since childhood. In fact, it was the pursuit of her fine arts degree at Ohio University that got her into beauty pageants to begin with.

Unlike most young girls, she never had childhood dreams of becoming "Miss America."

"I hadn't thought about going into a pageant at all until I was a freshman in college," Schaefer said. What at-



Laurie Lea Schaefer (left) has traveled a lot of miles since 1972, when she won the Miss America contest. That's Schaefer on the right, too, as she looked when she won the coveted title. The road has been long and sometimes rutted for this gutsy lady in pursuit of a career on the stage, the screen and in television. (Copley News Service Photo)

tracted her were the scholarship prizes given to winners. By winning several local contests Schaefer, whose mother was a widow, paid all her own college expenses.

But it was also a frustrating ex-



perience, for Schaefer tried three times unsuccessfully to capture the Miss Ohio title.

"I decided after three tries that I wasn't pageant material and had better concentrate my efforts on

getting my degree and on my career goals."

But then she was invited to be an entertainer at the Miss Ohio contest. There, one of the judges said to her, "Why don't you go into the Miss America pageant?"

"I've tried," Schaefer replied.

"Go back and try one more time."

She did, and this time she won, despite the fact she started crying during her private interview with the Miss America judges.

"I couldn't say anything. I just choked," she recalled.

"When I left the interview I went back to the dressing room and told the other girls, 'Well, there's no competition from Miss Ohio. I just blew it.'"

Of course, Schaefer hadn't blown it and she walked away with the title only three months after getting her college degree.

Unlike some other former Miss Americas who have been criticizing the pageant for accentuating beauty and not brains, Schaefer said she has good memories of it — and no regrets.

"It was my calling card. You don't get jobs because of it, but you do get auditions," said Schaefer, who has been pursuing a career as an actress ever since.

She was active politically at one point, having been Ohio Republican Party chairwoman during the 1972 presidential campaign. But after she stepped down as Miss America she

rebuffed efforts to get her to run for a state office.

She returned to acting and has had starring roles in "Music Man," "Tunnel of Love," "Star-Spangled Girl," "Guys and Dolls," "Under the Yum Yum Tree," "The King and I," "Oklahoma!" and would you believe,

"Let's Hear it for Miss America."

She also took time out to get married ... to John Lurie, who was an NBC anchorman in her hometown of Columbus. (She still goes by her maiden name professionally.) They bought a ranch home in Northridge, near Los Angeles.

Club has Play Day

The Midland Woman's Club had its Play Day, with Mrs. John N. Parker and Mrs. Cecil Davis, bridge hostesses, and Mrs. J. T. Baker and Mrs. E. V. Mitchell, canasta hostesses.

Bridge winners were Mrs. W. W. Smith, first; Mrs. A. H. Dimney, second; Mrs. Lorene Martin, guest prize, and Frieda Watts, special. The canasta winners were Mrs. Violet Smyres, Ethel Estes, Alice Mattie, Lorene Bohannon and Flossie Vaughn.

The next Play Day will be March 28. Hostesses for bridge are Mrs. T. P. Drew, 684-6509, and Mrs. Smith, 694-2941.

Canasta guests were Bohannon, Mrs. E. L. Hisey, Amy Morgan, Vaughn, Alma Weyman, Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. F. C. Wheeler of Stanton.

Bridge guests were Mrs. G. A. Schofield, Mrs. Don C. Allred, Mrs. E. W. Vanderpool, Thelma Echols and Martin.

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CLUB NEWS ROUNDUP

CHAPARRAL HD CLUB

Chaparral Home Demonstration Club members attended a "Fun Day" meeting in the home of Mrs. Henry Anderle.

Mrs. Donald R. Forsyth presented a program on "Making an Ecology Lamp." Members drew names for secret pals.

Guests were Mrs. Ed Matthews, Mrs. Jacob Pitcher and Mrs. George Horst.

Judy Germany, Midland County home economist, will give the March program on home decorating ideas.

PB LANDMEN'S AUXILIARY

A "Super Fun Game Night" was held in the home of Mrs. R. C. Bennett, by the Permian Basin Landmen's Auxiliary.

Hostesses were Mrs. Jack Russell, Mrs. C. E. Boyd, Mrs. R. C. Roberts, Mrs. Max Combs and Mrs. Ron King. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Marvin Wigley, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Curt Krebhiel and Mrs. R. S. Dameron.

SORORITY NEWS

BETA OMEGA, ESA

Awards were presented when Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met in the home of Mrs. Jerry Yeager, 1603 N. 1st.

Taking awards were Mrs. David Cooper, outstanding ESAs; Mrs. Gary Plake, outstanding first year member; Mrs. Craig Holly and Mrs. Plake, first degree of Pallas Athene, and Mrs. George Elliott, chapter sweetheart. Mrs. Van Folger, educational director, presented Mrs. Holly with second place awards for October, November and December programs. The programs took second place in the district.

Mrs. Frank Snider received her pledge pin. The chapter voted to sell yardsticks for \$1 each for the Kidney Foundation.

Appointed to the nominating committee were Mrs. Yeager, chairman; Bonnie Jordan, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Plake. On the scholarship committee are Mrs. Rick-Graham, chairman; Mrs. Rod Dameron, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Folger. By-laws and Standing Rules committee consists of Mrs. David Cooper, chairman; Mrs. Tony Watson; Mrs. Dennis Young, and Mrs. Snider.

Easter baskets will be made for the pediatric ward at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Plans for the country and western dance March 31 to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital were discussed. The dance will be in the Midland County Exhibit Building.

Mrs. Yeager presented the program on the family's favorite main dish.

The next meeting will be March 7 in the home of Mrs. Young.

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae met in the home of Mrs. Louis Michaelson with Mrs. Jeanne Burk, Mrs. Gerald M. Graham and Mrs. D. L. McClurg assisting.

Plans for the 11th annual candle coffee were discussed. Mrs. Donald N. Ewan and Mrs. David W. Greenlee will be co-chairmen with the event in the home of Mrs. Pat Wettstein in the fall.

Nominating committee members will be Mrs. Jay Horton, chairman;

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O.

Mrs. John Gill gave a program on the P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund when Chapter DD met in the home of the hostess, Mrs. J. L. Brown of 1610 Harvard St. Co-hostess was Mrs. Max Christenson.

The scholarship fund is the major educational project of P.E.O. and has given more than \$2 million to 1,311 women graduate students from 93 countries to study in the United States and Canada. Last year, there were 93 recipients of the fund attending 60 colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

CHAPTER BS, P.E.O.

Chapter BS of P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Mrs. R. M. Jemison, 2506 Auburn St. with Mrs. Harry Lee Harrison Jr. as co-hostess.

Fred Johnson gave a program on securing the home. Mrs. S. N. Thames of Plymouth, Mich., was a guest.

PSI PHI, BETA SIGMA ALPHA DELTA PI

The Psi Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for a business session and program in the home of Jill Arthur.

It was reported members had a "Girls Night Out" at La Bodega Restaurant, and plans were made for a couples' party to be held March 10 in the Coors Hospitality Room.

A discussion program on "Career and Marriage" was presented by Joe B. Hilliard has b Alice Sawyer and Beverly Acker.

PYRACANTHA GARDEN CLUB

The Pyracantha Garden Club toured the Midland Hydroponic Farms when they met with Mrs. Clark Storm as hostess.

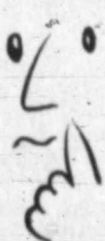
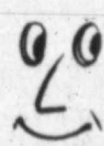
Marty Baumgartner gave a demonstration on repotting plants and showed the members through the greenhouses.

Mrs. Harold Dobbs brought the monthly plant. The club decided to provide a flower arrangement for Trinity Towers later this month.

Members were reminded of the seminar from 9 a.m. to noon in the Lancaster Garden Center. Dr. Everett Janne and Charles Green were to cover care and maintenance of plants.

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By The Associated Press

They're popping up all over the place. On collars, on suits, on coats. And they're destined to be as big a fashion hit this year as they were last year.

Once an ornament reserved for securing a cravat, the currently hot jewelry item is fast replacing the chain as the big trend-setting accessory for the fashion conscious.

Observers of the ever-changing fashion scene say the stickpin owes its re-emergence to a renewed popularity in shawls and scarves. And what better way to secure these often immense garments than with an elegant pin.

"It is a rage," said a salesperson at New York's Bergdorf Goodman, as she displayed a spider stickpin with rubies and diamonds for \$155 and enamel butterflies for \$105. "They're selling big. We get calls for them all day long."

In Chicago at Marshall Field and Co., the prices are somewhat lower for gold plated and gold-filled stickpins. But the popularity is the same. Initials, love knots and hearts, ranging in price from \$5 to \$15, are selling well.

The big sellers at Tiffany and Co. in New York are stickpins with diamonds. Prices range from \$55 for a plain round gold circle to \$595 for a tennis racket surrounded by diamonds.

"People are coming in and talking about getting their grandmother's stickpins out and making repairs," said Sally Burrell of Tiffany. "We started selling them last fall and had a tremendous Christmas season with them."

Cartier has several new stickpin

designs planned for the future, according to gold buyer Jeanne Schaffer. "We're definitely in the stickpin business, but we want to do more important and more exclusive items," she said. "There are too many people in the market. Our

clients are special and we want to do something a little bit different."

One plan calls for converting already popular Cartier diamond pendants to stickpins. The oval, teardrop and round diamond designs range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Clusters of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires set in 18k gold will run from \$650 to \$1,200.

The 1977 annual business survey of the Retail Jewelers of America, which represents 11,000 stores around the nation, reports that last year was indeed the year of the stickpin. Stores in Iowa, for example, reported that

"factories couldn't supply them fast enough." Georgia stores said stickpins "let fashion."

Forecasts for 1978 seem to indicate that the fashion world will have a long way to go before it can un-stickpin itself.

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GLORIA HOCKING, seated, drama instructor at Southern Methodist University, explains part of her program on "Emily Dickinson-Her Letters, Poems, Life, Costumes and Props" to Mrs. Lowell Brannan, program chairman of the Midland Country Club Ladies' Association. Mrs. Hocking presented the program at the association's luncheon in the clubhouse. (Staff Photo)



DALILA WALKER was chosen Wife of the Year during the annual Jaycee Wives Appreciation Banquet and Sweetheart Dance held in the Midland Hilton. Mrs. Walker was presented this award for the outstanding support she gave her husband, John, during the past year in his business and Jaycee activities. She received a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses and a plaque. (Staff Photo)

Physician to speak

Dr. Sylvan Bartlett will speak at a meeting of the Midland Chapter of the Association of Medical Assistants at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in The Midland National Bank building.

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'Girls' creating own job network

By KATHY SAWYER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Liz Withnell, administrative assistant to a congressman, got her friend Jan Lipkin a job on the congressman's staff, picking Lipkin's name out of a big pile of applications, because, she says, "I knew her abilities first hand."

To help fill openings for senior-litigators at the Federal Trade Commission, its executive director, Margery Waxman Smith, calls friends such as Judith Lichtman, executive director of the Women's Legal Defense Fund, to ask, she says, "Why do you know?"

Margaret McKenna, deputy counsel to President Carter, is contacting old friends and women's groups to "get the word out" that she is looking for qualified women to fill some of the more than 140 federal judgeships which Congress may soon create.

In and around the time-honored "old boy network," which has tended to elude or exclude them, the "girls" are weaving their own web of first-name acquaintanceships, grounded in the established principle that, especially in Washington, "it's not what you know; it's whom you know."

With more and more women climbing onto the upper rungs of power in government and industry, their own infant "old girl network" is hitting its stride, according to some of the "old girls" themselves.

The network's members are increasingly in positions to help each other out — in filling jobs, in day-to-day problems-solving, and most important, they say, in influencing policy.

"Women's and civil rights organizations have been slow to learn in this area. I think they've always thought if you're on the side of the angels, on the side or right, then you don't have to be political, or to lobby," says White House deputy counsel McKenna, who worked in the Carter campaign as well as the women's movement.

Women in high places are more willing and able now to help other women up the ladder. Instead of just protecting their own turf, she said, "There are strong people here now, people who are here not because they are women, but who would have been here 10 years ago but for the fact that they are women."

Qualifications count, of course, but as the Legal Defense Fund's Lichtman put it, "Sure, quality is important, but just being quality all those years didn't help us."

As described by some of its chief engineers, the "old girl network" is a conglomeration of women's groups, professional groups, individual friendships, job banks and referral services, luncheons and workshops. It spans the public and private sectors and the major political parties.

In its best conception, it is more broadly based than its male dominated counterpart; they say ("not just the Harvardites and Yalées"); and does not seek to exclude men or to segregate the sexes but simply to give women the boost toward equal opportunity which they have not gotten in informal male-dominated circles.

"What's happening is that women are getting their own groups within each of the larger groups," according to Patricia Goldman, who chairs the

Republican task force of the National Women's Political Caucus. "The military, organized labor, the while downtown business scene, the stock brokerage and banking community, the various segments of government — they each have their own separate pecking order. And now the women's groups within them are interlinking."

Goldman, noting that the president is required by statute to give a certain number of commission appointments to Republicans, said that those spots have tended to go to women. "People in White House personnel, mostly women, turned for suggestions to the only group they knew that was familiar with, and working with, Republicans (the Caucus), plus most of the pressure was coming from women. It's a bridge between the parties."

The Caucus is trading favors with a number of other groups. For instance, it is arranging a get-together for a group of female bank executives from New York City next week with speakers such as Labor Secretary Ray Marshall and other high-ranking officials, Goldman said.

"The Caucus is providing introductions to people at top levels of government so that these women can go back and say to their corporate heads, in effect, 'Well, I was talking to Ray Marshall the other day,'" she said. In turn, that group can provide the

Caucus with "contacts and 'grease' for some projects we were developing."

The Caucus is also working actively to set up similar meetings for a recently formed group of women lobbyists called Women in Government Relations. The lobbyists get the government contracts the Caucus can provide, while the Caucus can use the lobbyists' connections to find good job openings and to get "seed money" for Caucus projects from the corporations the lobbyists represent, according to members of the two organizations.

Traditionally, much of the "nitty gritty political talk" that occurs over cocktails or "at rum sessions after the main meetings" has excluded females, says Betty McCarthy, a representative for Borden Inc., and new president of Women in Government Relations, which has about 70 members. "Men appear to have difficulty including women in that kind of relationship, so we're trying to provide it for each other."

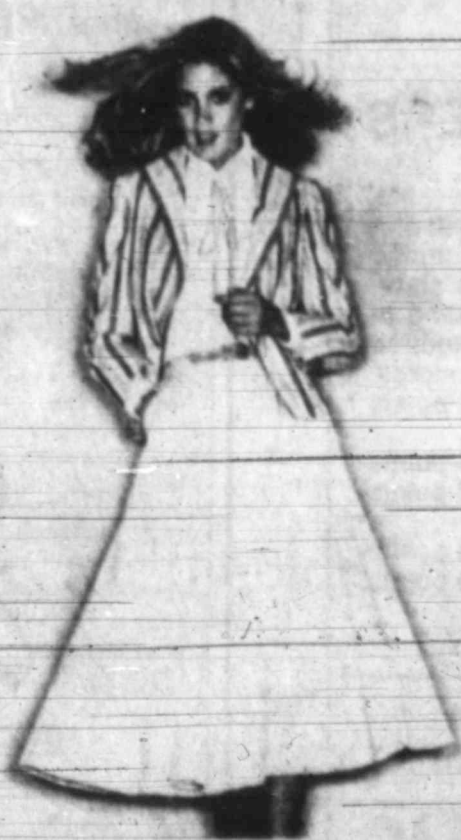
The network seems to be working best for lawyers, these days, according to several women in that profession. This is partly because lawyers are hired outside normal Civil Service circles and also because law schools are turning out women in plentiful numbers she suggested.



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By CARROLL RICHTER

(Thurs., Mar. 2)

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Get together with persons who can inspire you to new heights and listen to their ideas carefully. Think constructively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): You have to be more tactful with loved one in the evening but directness is best during daytime. Avoid misunderstanding.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Ask questions so that you know exactly what others expect of you and then you can work together with them intelligently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Make sure to use modern appliances efficiently and get good results with your work. Use your imagination more.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 31): Make plans to have greater abundance in the future. Come to a better understanding with a co-worker. Use common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Study with any problematical affairs you have at home and know how to solve them ideally. Guard your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23): Try to be more cooperative with close friends and get better results in the future. Take any health treatments you may need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You want to have a greater income and you can do so by using practical ideas and methods. Be active, be happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Be more clever; you can easily improve your personal existence and gain more happiness now. Be logical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Discuss a private matter with a close friend and get the advice you need. Show increased devotion to loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): Getting together with good friends can bring something good into your life now. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): You have a career plan that can become successful if you get the advice of an expert now. Avoid one who's a detriment to you.

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Andrews girl bound for Navy Academy

ANDREWS — Beth Hutchinson, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Hutchinson of Andrews, is one of 1,400 students who recently were accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., for the 1978-79 school year.

A native of Andrews, Miss Hutchinson is a senior in high school. She has received an academic award for making straight A's in her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She was elected to the National Honor Society. Maintaining an interest in mathematics and science, Miss Hutchinson has taken the maximum number of honors courses each year. She is a three-year member of the Biology Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Miss Hutchinson has competed as a swimmer and a tennis player earlier in her life. She played on the varsity volleyball team during her junior and senior years, but her participation was cut short when she broke her leg in a gymnastics accident. In 1975-76, she was chosen for the All-District volleyball team.

A member of Girl Scouts since the second grade, Miss Hutchinson has attended scout camp the past nine years and in 1976 was selected as a participant in a national scouting



Beth Hutchinson

event in Wyoming.

Miss Hutchinson plays a number of musical instruments, including the piano, ukulele and guitar. A band member since sixth grade, she now plays French horn in the high school band. As a freshman, she was a member of the All-Region Band, and as a sophomore, she competed in All-State Solo and Ensemble.

Miss Hutchinson is active in youth work at her church and is a member of the choir, often performing with a quartet.

Yantis plans 'chat' series on insurance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State Insurance Board Chairman Hugh Yantis said Tuesday he plans to start a series of "chats with the chairman," informal public hearings in towns within driving range of Austin.

He said he asked Joe Boggins, director of the state's association of independent agents, to set up the "seminars," starting with small towns and cities and working up to bigger ones.

"I hope I won't run into any conflict with the Administrative Procedures Act. I'll try it until somebody stops me," Yantis said.

He said he asked Boggins to set up the seminars because agents have local contacts and can assure publicity.

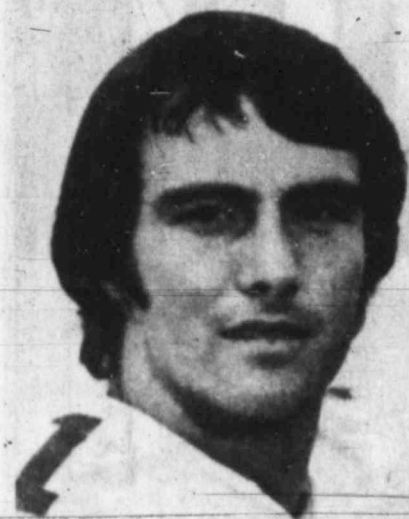
The meetings will be on Monday and Friday evenings, he said, leaving the rest of the week open for regular board meetings.

Subject matter will be wide open — "I'll talk to them about any subject," Yantis said.

At last week's hearing on property insurance, Yantis suggested that the entire three-man board tour the state to get the views of policyholders. But he later withdrew the proposal, saying politics might intrude.

He also cited problems with the administrative procedures act, which spells out conditions under which state boards and commissions can conduct their business.

He said Tuesday that another problem that was raised was the possibility of unruly crowds, since insurance often arouses strong emotions, particularly when higher premiums are proposed.



Danny White

Y kickoff scheduled

The punter and backup quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, Danny White, will speak at the kickoff of the annual membership campaign of the Young Men's Christian Association of Midland. The kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the ballroom of the Midland-Hilton Hotel.

There is no charge for admission, but reservations are required. The campaign will be for participating memberships in the four YMCAs of Midland, Park Center, Washington, Alamo and Central.

A native of Mesa, Ariz., White played college football at Arizona State, guiding them to a 34-2 record as quarterback for three seasons. He joined the Cowboys after two years with Memphis in the now defunct World Football League.

Roger Staubach, starting quarterback for the Cowboys, says of White: "He's a great athlete and a great quarterback."

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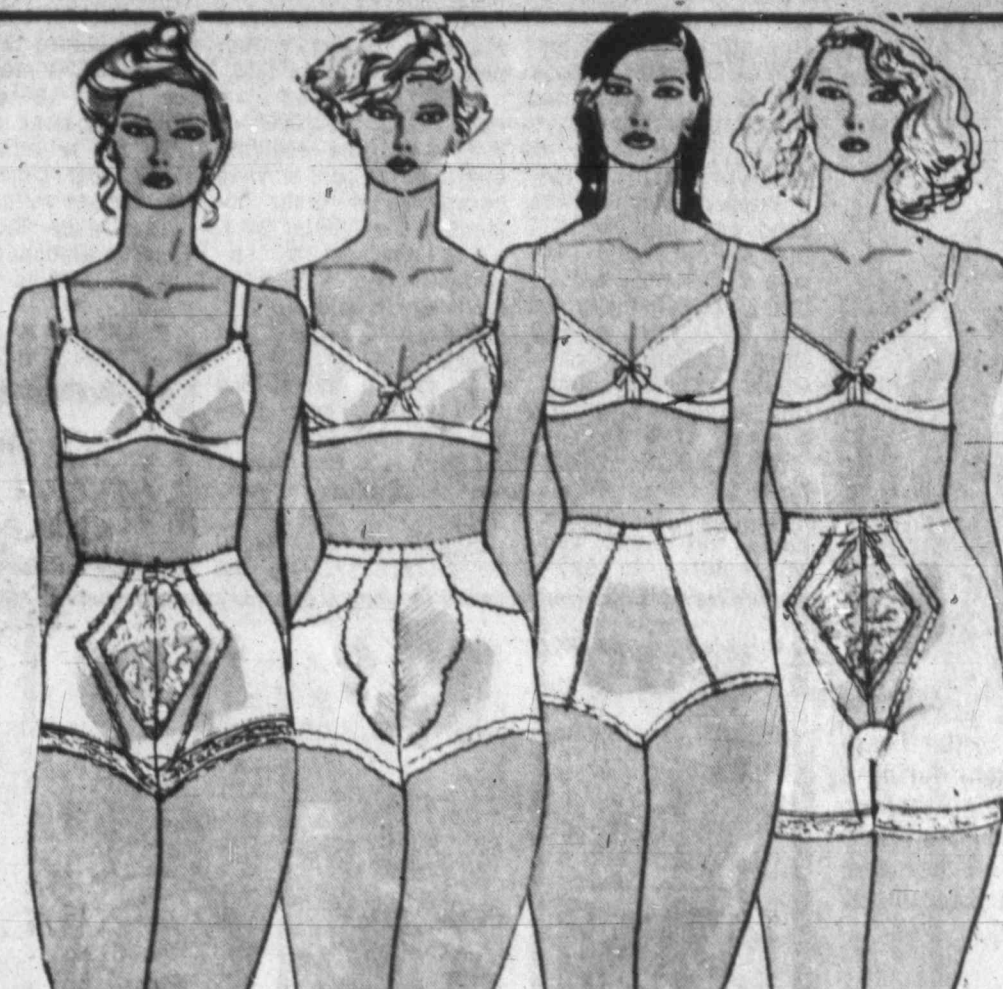
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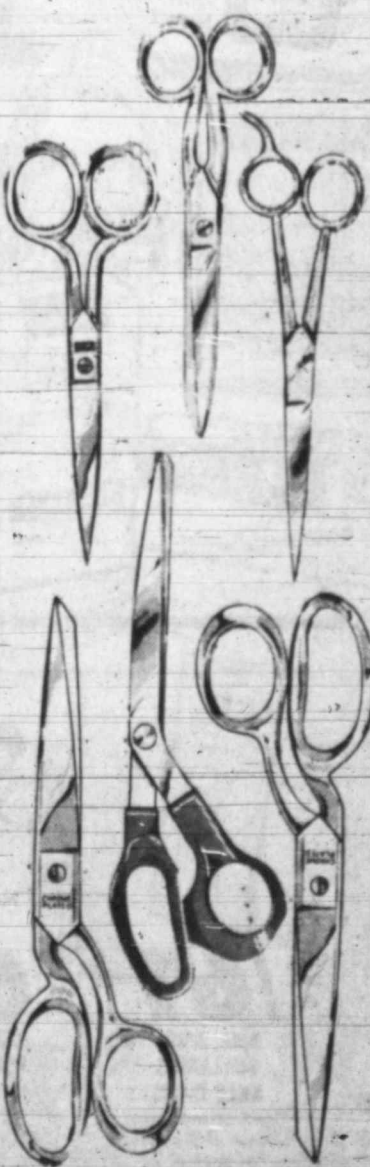
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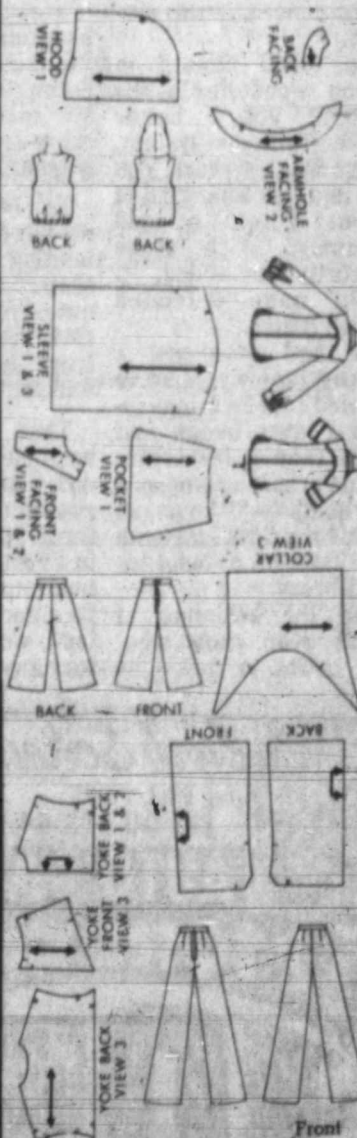
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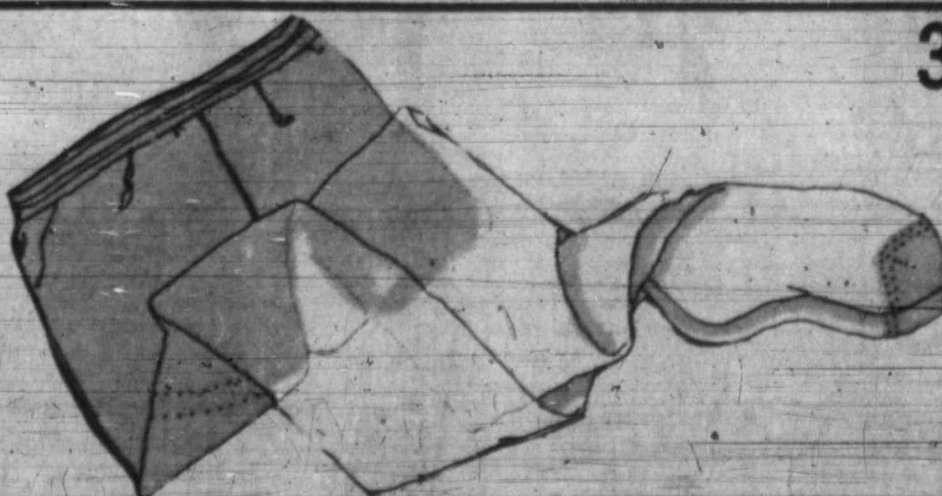
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AWARDED a life membership to the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers during a recent PTA meeting in Midland is Sarah Jo Kirksey, Travis Elementary School teacher. Mrs. Kirksey was recognized for her contributions to the development of youth in the schools. (Staff Photo)

Kelly helping gain releases

By MARK K. METZGER

WEST CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — When Paul Kelley says he knows the ins and outs of criminal law, he's talking about more than just what he's read in books. He learned much of what he knows while serving a 50- to 100-year stretch for murder.

Today Kelley, 31, of West Chicago is out of prison and has a thriving business doing legal research and writing briefs. He works on a case-by-case basis, for lawyers throughout Illinois, and his technique has been cited in at least one law book.

"I kind of like the idea of helping people get out of the penitentiary," he said with a chuckle. But he said when he first stuck his nose into a lawbook, all he had in mind was getting himself out of the penitentiary.

Kelley, an orphan at 9, went into prison — a two-time loser. A high school dropout, he pleaded guilty to a murder that he had gone to the police to try to prevent.

He found himself in prison wondering if he couldn't get a better shake from the system. "I got 50 to 100 years. You can imagine what kind of defense I got," he said recently. With some authority, he added, "I could have defended myself better."

He had developed a distrust for lawyers, so he decided to take things into his own hands and began reading law books. On his prison income as a mechanic — 3 cents an hour, or about \$7 a month — he started to build his law library.

"In the beginning, I didn't even know what law books to buy," he

said, "I bought any law book. I got stuff on wills, torts, taxation. It took a while to learn."

After about a year of this scatter-shot self-education, he stumbled across a publication called the Illinois Reporter, which contained the legal decisions and opinions that he was looking for. But Kelley had just \$8 and the subscription was \$16. He sent in his \$8, promising to pay the rest as soon as he got the money.

The publisher not only gave him a year's subscription, but also sent along five years' back issues. Kelley went to work with a vengeance.

In 1967 he filed his first appeal, claiming the court that convicted him had no jurisdiction over the case. He took that appeal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which dismissed the suit, but not before asking the U.S. Justice Department to file a response to it.

Soon, he was writing appeals for other inmates, developing a booming practice as a "jailhouse lawyer." He estimates he wrote 200 or 300 motions, briefs and other legal documents in prison.

In 1971, a law book referred to Kelley as "a leading brief writer in the state." And when he got out of prison on parole in 1976, he had a job offer from the prosecutor who had sent him up.

That job fell through because the prosecutor — now a defense attorney — couldn't get the funding for it. So Kelley took a job in a factory and started to build up his business as a freelance researcher. He isn't working in the factory any more.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the major provisions of the tentative contract between the striking United Mine Workers and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association: **WAGES.** Miners would get a \$1 an hour raise when they returned to work. There would be raises of 40 cents an hour at the beginning of the second and third years of the contract, and maximum 30-cent cost-of-living raises in the second and third year as well. The maximum raise would be \$2.40 an hour for the miners, who now average \$7.80 an hour. **BENEFIT.** Health benefits would be guaranteed for all recipients, but miners would be required to pay a deductible amount for health care that has been free. The maximum deductible for active miners would be \$700 per family. For retired miners, the maximum deductible would be \$450. Benefits for an estimated 595,000 of 810,000 persons receiving health care could move to company-run plans instead of the existing fund, administered independently. Eye care coverage would be provided for active and retired miners. A special \$5 million fund would be created by the coal operators to pay for benefits lost during wildcat strikes last summer. Pension benefits would be guaranteed, but the

sharp difference in the pension payments for miners who retired before 1976 and afterward would be retained.

Pension for miners who retired before 1976 would rise to \$275 a month over the life of the contract. Their pensions are now \$225 for a miner with black lung benefits and \$250 for one without black lung disease. Black lung benefits amount to an additional \$219 to \$440 per month.

Pensioners who retired after Jan. 1, 1976, would

receive an increase of \$25 a month over three years. Their benefits now average about \$420 a month.

The minimum disability pension is increased to \$137.50. Sickness and accident benefits would increase from \$100 to \$150 a week over the contract.

Death benefits would be paid for those who died after benefits were cut off.

The companies would give miners an additional

day off each year, making all miners eligible for vacation from Christmas Eve until Jan. 2.

Shift differentials would increase. The differential for afternoon cents for the midnight shifts would go from 15 cents to 20 cents. It would go from 20 cents to 30 cents for the midnight shifts.



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Hall-Hudson battle due to make history

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

Political history will be repeated in the 1st Congressional District of Northeast Texas when incumbent Rep. Sam B. Hall faces Republican challenger Fred Hudson in November.

Not that they have met at the polls before, but both unsuccessfully tried to unseat the late Wright Patman of Texarkana, who became a legend in the sprawling 23-county district in his 49 years in Congress.

Hall, 54, a conservative Democrat from Marshall who succeeded Patman in 1976, is a strong favorite, but Republicans point to the three strong races that Hudson, 52, savings and loan executive of Center, has run as a Democrat.

There will be little action during the May party primaries but 1st District politics will pick up after that.

Patman was often challenged but never

beaten. He died in 1976 a few months after announcing his retirement from Congress.

Hudson, a Harvard law graduate, came close to defeating Patman in 1972. He challenged him again unsuccessfully in 1974 when he stressed Pat-

Analysis

man's age, which was 80. In 1976, Hall and nine other Democrats sought the Democratic nomination with Hall winning a runoff over Dr. Glen Jones of Jacksonville. Hudson finished fourth in the Democratic contest. Hall then went on to win a special election for the unexpired portion of Patman's term after the veteran's death. Hudson dropped out of the special election race.

In November, Hall, who had once been defeated by Patman, defeated Republican James Hogan by a vote of 135,384 to 26,334.

This will be Hudson's

first race as a Republican.

In his races against Patman, Hudson said he disagreed with Patman's "populist" philosophies and said he was neither a conservative nor a liberal.

Hall has long criticized big government, excessive spending, foreign aid and a declining military posture.

In a recent Marshall speech, Hall said, "We need to get back to an era of fiscal responsibility... There is no such thing as a free lunch."

Hall said one of the "free lunches" he opposes is the controversial Panama Canal treaty now before the Senate.

Outlook better for mentally ill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In two to three years, the list of 674 adults and children waiting for vacancies in state mental institutions will be reduced to zero, predicts the departing head of the Texas Department Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

"We cannot admit them now without compromising care of present patients and abusing federal reimbursement programs," said Dr. Kenneth Gaver at a news conference.

Gaver entered the private sector Tuesday after 3½ years at his post. He would not announce Monday what his future plans are.

In addition to reducing the waiting list, he cited a future need to link services available at state centers to local agencies. The linkage would provide follow-up care for patients discharged from institutions who still need guidance.

During his tenure, reports of patient abuse at several state institutions led to the firings of two institution superintendents and a legislative inquiry.

"I don't think patient abuse will ever disappear from the face of the earth because we have people taking care of people. And people are not perfect," Gaver said. "But the mechanisms are there for it (abuse) to be reported, and double and triple reported."

The firings of superintendents at Rusk State Hospital and Mexia State School and other less drastic changes touched off resentment within the department, he acknowledged.

"Sure, there's been resentment of change. There's been resentment of the fact that people have had their feet held to the fire," he said.

In addition to inside discontent, Gaver said outside influence on departmental priority-setting ranks a pitfall to whoever fills his job.

"Priorities almost always are imposed from outside, and that's a real frustrating problem," he said. The department has made advances in several areas, he said. Among them is the lowering of doctor patient ratios in state hospitals from 1-to-84 in 1973 to 1-to-46 in 1977.

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Carter's closets said to conceal some skeletons

Newsday

If President Carter finishes his term of office with top marks, he will be running against a genealogical trend that shows that our most highly regarded presidents have the most impressive ancestral trees.

"If the past tells us anything, it is that no American born of humble status and common ancestry can realistically hope to be leader of this country," says Philip H. Gray, a professor of psychology at Montana State University by vocation and a genealogist by avocation. "No American president has ever come from the laboring class."

Gray says that the vast majority have been Anglo-Saxon Protestants with parents from the landed, professional or business classes. "By and large, the most effective presidents have had the most illustrious ancestry," Gray says.

So where does that leave Carter? In a paper presented recently in Washington at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Gray said that the president's ancestral record has been only scantily researched. But what little has been done has not uncovered any blue blood. In fact, a study of the male line on his father's side shows some skeletons rattling in the ancestral closet.

"His grandfather Carter was shot and killed in a brawl," Gray said. "His great-grandfather Carter was likewise murdered in a drunken fight. His great-grandfather went on trial for murder himself. As far as I know," Gray added, "President Carter isn't guilty of anything worse than lust."

A White House spokeswoman said she had heard of shooting incidents in the Carter family background, but could not cite specifics. However, according to published records, Wiley Carter was tried and acquitted in 1843 on a charge of killing a man who stole his slave. Wiley Carter's son, Littleberry Walker Carter, was shot to death in 1873 in a dispute over a homemade merry-go-round, called a Flying Jenny. His son, William Archibald, was slain in 1903 during an argument over a desk.

Gray said the Carter genealogy has been taken back 11 generations to the arrival in Virginia of a Thomas Carter.

Gray, who has worked out a system of hereditary eminence that he uses to rate the pedigree of presidents, said few people take genealogy seriously nowadays.

As far as our chief executives are concerned, Gray said, Andrew Jackson, John Adams and Abraham Lincoln came the closest to hailing from the working class. All had fathers who were artisans.

Among presidents descended from King Edward III of England, whom Gray considers the most prestigious ancestor for Americans of colonial stock, are: Washington (the only one to hold a coat of arms by right of inheritance from the male line), Jefferson, Monroe, John Quincy Adams (although he was John Adams' son, he got his blue blood through his mother's line) and Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Gray said that FDR had the most impressive ancestry — descending from no less than four eminent ancestors of royal blood. Gray rated FDR's Index of Genealogical Eminence (IGE) at a lofty 3.35. The IGE is Gray's own rating of pedigree in a person's family line. It is calculated by taking the total number of eminent relatives (368 in FDR's case), and dividing by the total of known male immigrants (FDR had 110). To establish a person as "eminent," Gray said he uses the "National Cyclopedic of American Biography," a basic reference tool.

Since World War II, Gray says, Democratic presidents have come from families of less distinction than Republican presidents. Here's how presidents since FDR score on Gray's IGE scale:

—Truman, who had only two famous relatives, totals a low 0.14. "Truman was," said Gray, "about what he thought he was—a successful politician."

—Eisenhower, whose known American ancestors are of German blood, had a creditable 0.75 index.

—Kennedy's index is zero. "The six immigrant families known for John F. Kennedy produced no famous persons other than himself and his brothers," said Gray.

—Johnson's index is not yet calculated. But Gray said he is aware of at least one famous relative. Johnson's score will probably be near Truman's, Gray said.

—Nixon's index will be a surprise to many who heard only of his Quaker ancestry. Gray said that Nixon has many New England colonists in his background, as well as some of the leading Pennsylvania families. These produced at least 62 famous relatives, giving Nixon a 0.85 index.

—Ford's ancestry has been worked out only on the mother's side. That traces back to New England and 59 famous relatives. When work on his line is finished, Gray said, it will show Ford not far from Nixon's score.

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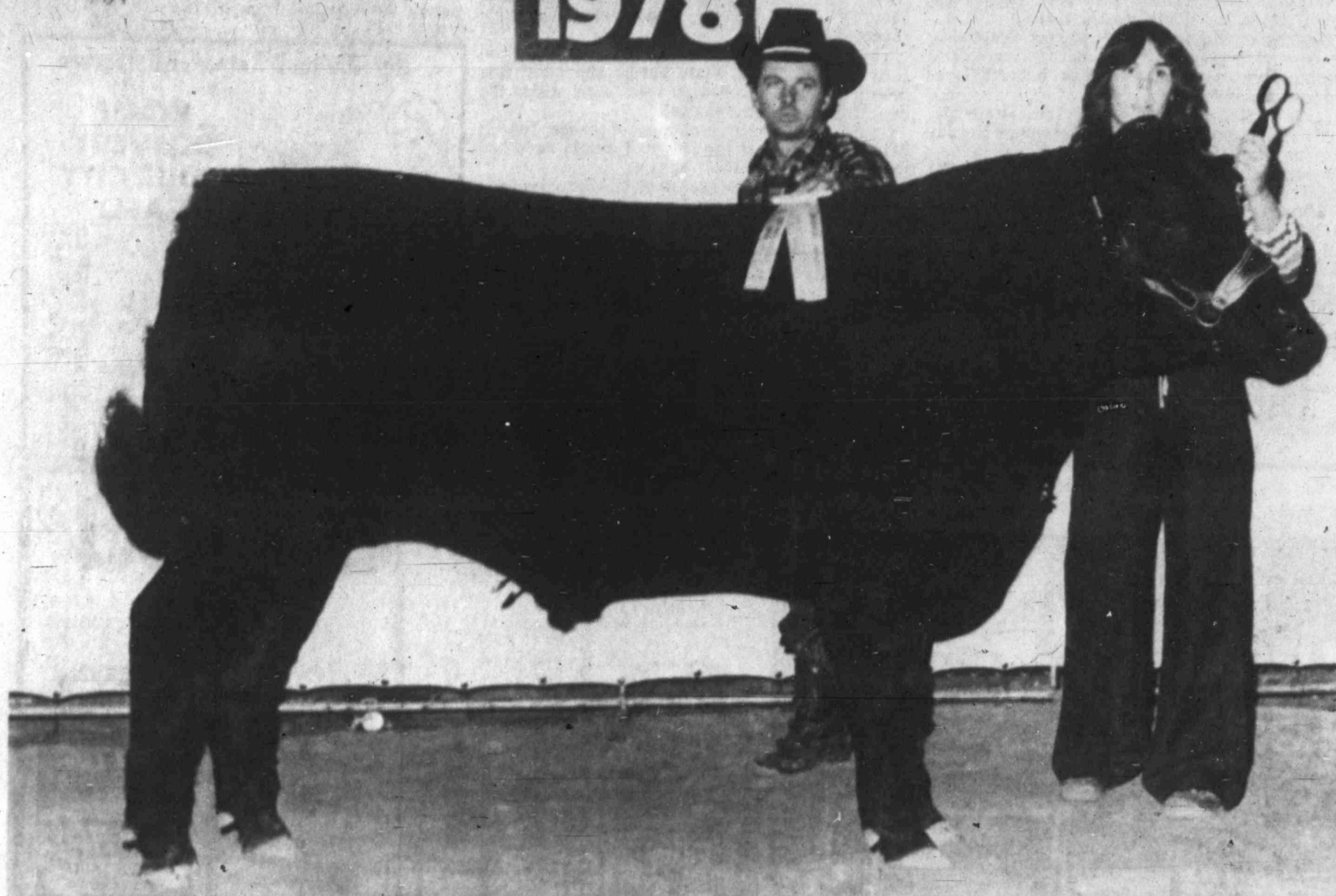
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Mighty cats trained, not tamed, says sorcerer of savage beasts

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

VENICE, Fla. (AP) — In the time-honored alitration of circus prose, born of the box-office betrothal of Barnum to Bailey, Gunther Gebel-Williams is a sorcerer of the savage beasts, a scintillating star of the sawdust circuit presenting a ferocious feline first: a copious collection of sharp-clawed carnivores and a league of leaping leopards tenaciously trained by the Lord of the Ring.

This means that for a living he gets in a cage with 17 quarter-ton royal Bengal tigers and persuades them to pirouette on their hind paws to the music of the Blue Danube waltz. Other snarling quadrupeds jump through fiery hoops, walk tightropes and ride the backs of elephants at his bidding.

No one around does it better. All the way back to Nero's time, when some of the early Christians had a way of soothing the savage beast and avoiding the horns d'oeuvres tray, no one ever may have done it better.

Coruscating circus cliches can never match the

ultimate compliment paid to this peerless pedagogue of pussy cats by Irvin Feld, the boss man of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. Feld bought an entire German circus, the Circus Williams, lock, stock and lion cage, to get Gunther. This is like buying the franchise of the Dallas Cowboys and the entire team to get Roger Staubach.

"He costs me a bundle," said Irvin, biting into a

Mulligan's Stew

fresh panatella, "but he's worth every penny and I never saw a performer work so hard or so willingly."

Circuses have changed a lot since I was a boy. The tents have been folded long ago, and you can walk into an air-conditioned auditorium without having to watch your step. Clyde Beatty, always in a safari suit, used to tame the big cats with a pistol, a whip and a chair.

"You can't tame tigers, you only train them," said Gunther Gebel-Williams, always in glittering sequins and spangles formerly associated with the high wire acts. "The whip was only for dramatic effect. With their tough hides, they would never feel it."

Gunther, who began poking his golden locks into the lions cage at the age of 12 with the Circus Williams, does not believe in force or fear. He achieves his extraordinary effects, like mixing animals who are deadly enemies, through a long patient process of reward, respect and tender loving care.

He personally cleans out the cat cages, feeds them each their 25 pounds of fat free meat a day, pares the toenails of the elephants and washes them down so they get used to seeing him around and know that he cares. Contrary to popular belief, the animals are not fat, happy and overfed when they enter the show, "said Gunther, nuzzling up to a tiger kitten named Oscar at the Big Show's winter headquarters. "Nobody wants to work on a full stomach. You would have to keep after them to work, and that would make them angry. It could be dangerous."

During his act, Gunther does a back somersault on to the back of an elephant from a teeterboard ac-

tivated by the foot stomp of a second elephant. The stunt took years to perfect. The problem was teaching the mighty mammoth how to apply a gentle toe tap to the teeterboard without crushing the wood or propelling Gunther into the top balcony.

The voice is everything. Gunther talks constantly to his roaring playmates and they roll over, play leap frog, promenade in a circle, even lie down and become a chaise-lounge for him. Occasionally one of the frolicsome tabbies rips up a couple of yards of spangles and sequins, and Gunther's golden-pelt acquires another row of stitches, like the 40 he added when a tiger stole a scene during his TV special.

Forty-nine weeks out of the year, Gunther lives in a railroad car with his wife Sigrid, who long ago has got used to sharing a menagerie with 40 animals, his 15-year-old daughter, who already rides bareback on horses and elephants, and his 8-year-old son Oliver, who has a dog for a pet. Probably the highest-paid circus artist in the world, he spends his spare time trying to coax a camel into the same cage with his tigers, leopards, panthers and pumas.

For his first act finale, Gunther enters the arena on the back of Kongo, a huge tusked African elephant, holding Prince, a royal Bengal tiger, on a leash. Of this trio of natural enemies, only Gunther was smiling. On opening night in Venice, when we caught the act, a dangling wire left over from the aerialists caught the tiger flush in the face as they entered the ring, dislodging both it and Gunther, who managed to soothe its snarling panic. "The tiger," he told us later, "is very upset. It does not understand what has happened. Its trust in me has been broken. It may take months to coax him again on the elephant's back. Tomorrow I must begin all over."

And that, friends, is show business.

BRIDGE

Misplaying a hand is often a crime

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

Is it a crime to misplay a bridge hand? Only if other players can point out exactly where you went wrong. You should be able to point out the crime in today's hand without much trouble.

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♥ A K 7 3
♦ 6 4
♣ J 6 3

WEST

♦ 6 5
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A 9 7

EAST

♦ 7 4
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH

♦ A Q 10 9 2
♥ 6
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 5 4 2

South

1 ♦ Pass

West

3 ♦ Pass

North

3 ♦ Pass

East

3 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — ♦ K

Declarer won the first trick, drew two rounds of trumps and cashed the

hearts to get rid of a club. It was then necessary to limit the club loss to two tricks. This turned out to be impossible, and South lost three clubs and a diamond.

You now have all the clues and should be able to spot the crime and the criminal before you read on.

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South should take the ace of diamonds and the ace of spades, leads a heart to the ace and cashes the king of hearts to discard a diamond. He ruffs a heart, gets to dummy's last heart. South then gives up a diamond.

Since he has no hearts or diamonds in either hand, South doesn't care which opponent wins the diamond trick. If a red suit is returned, South can ruff in his own hand and discard a club from dummy. And if a club is returned, South can easily limit the loss to two club tricks. Either way, the game contract is secure.

DAILY QUESTION

Partner opens with one spade, and the next player passes. You hold: S65; H10954; DKQJ7; CA97. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid 1 NT. You would bid two diamonds if partner had opened with one heart or if you had at least a 5-card suit. Avoid responding at the level of two in a four-card suit when you have only 10 points in high cards and no fit for partner's suit.

Old blacksmith shop checker tourney site

GREENWOOD, Miss. (AP) — Inside the battered tin blacksmith shop, William Foreman scoops a shovel full of ashes from the wood stove and dumps them into the forge.

He turns a switch, and the bellows kick on with a roar. Flames shoot up, and ash swirls over the forge.

Foreman heats a plow tip. Then he carries the glowing metal over to the anvil and beats it into the shape he wants.

When he's done — or just plain tired — the 73-year-old blacksmith pulls up a chair outside his shop and watches a checker game or two. His old, cluttered shed is what he calls the checker capital of Greenwood.

From early morning until nearly dark, people come in to try their luck against the current champion. Sometimes as many as 20 people at one time are waiting to compete.

The rules are simple: you sit down on one of the wooden benches and play the game until you lose twice, then you give up your seat to the next fellow in line.

The competition is fierce. These men are serious about their games

and there is no room for the weak of heart. When the weather is good, the games are played outside amidst the debris of Foreman's lifelong trade. During rain or cold weather, the crowd moves inside to

benefit from the sheet-metal roof and the forge's warmth. Foreman said the blacksmith shop has been open for 20 years and the checker games have been going on as far back as he can remember.

Odessa YMCA states lifesaving courses

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Psychiatric unit caters to VIPs

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A psychiatric hospital has opened here that's especially designed to treat people with prestigious jobs — doctors, corporate executives, top-level government officials and the like.

Stephen Winter, a spokesman for Springwood at Leesburg, said the facility, set on a 45-acre country estate, was planned after evidence showed VIPs and their families frequently were "penalized" for their prominence.

"Contrary to popular opinion, the prominent person — someone who is either rich or famous or both — often receives less effective psychiatric care than people who are treated more like everybody else," said Dr. Robert E. Strange, the psychiatrist who is clinical director of the hospital.

"Take the case of Ernest Hemingway as an example," said Strange. "In the book 'Papa Hemingway,' the story is told of the famous author's admission to a psychiatric hospital. Unfortunately, it appeared that the hospital staff was so busy getting his autograph that they never got around to giving him the treatment he needed."

Strange said the same phenomenon occurred repeatedly with high-level business and government leaders, physicians and famous actors or actresses who were hospitalized in psychiatric facilities.

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Senator takes office in style

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Roy Morris Blake is the new senator from the piney woods of East Texas. He was sworn in Tuesday in a ceremony that took longer than a governor's inaugural.

Blake, a former House senator from Nacogdoches since 1929. He was unopposed in a special election and succeeded Don Adams of Jasper, who quit and became chief legal counsel for Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

The ceremony was arranged by State District Judge Jack Pierce, a lifetime friend of Blake's. It took so long that Blake commented, after about an hour, "With Judge Pierce you don't have a swearing-in, you have an inauguration."

At one point Pierce noted that an unnamed important guest had not arrived, but he would keep the ceremony going "until dark if necessary."

Blake quickly leaned forward and whispered to

Pierce, who corrected himself, saying a new — and presumably faster — procedure would be followed.

Four speeches, including Blake's response, were scheduled after Pierce administered the oath of office. Pierce injected in the oath the phrase that the 3rd senatorial district "is comprised of 15 beautiful East Texas counties."

"It's more than a beautiful day outside," said Pierce in his introductory remarks, "it's a glorious day in the 3rd senatorial district, with happiness abounding."

"We've been looking forward to this since 1929, the last time someone from Nacogdoches County was elected to the state Senate."

The judge was in apparent pain from a Jan. 18 back operation and had doctor's permission to attend the ceremonies, Blake's office said, only if he traveled by airplane and not car.

The crowd of more than 100 in the Senate chamber remained seated for the invocation at the request of Austin lawyer Tom Reavley but chose to stand for the oath of office. One woman near the front of the chamber stood during the entire ceremony, except the prayer.

Bible on way

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A new Protestant Roman Catholic Bible in easier English is on the way to a publisher.

The Rev. Walter M. Abbot, who has directed the Vatican Office for Common Bible Work for the past 10 years, said negotiations are under way with a British publisher to put the new version out under the title Good News Bible.



A SPECTACULAR FIRE erupted Tuesday on LBJ Freeway north of downtown Dallas when an 18-wheel freight truck struck a 1974 Chevrolet, swerved and collided

with a third vehicle. The driver of the truck was trying to avoid a dump truck, which had a flat and temporarily blocked traffic. No injuries were reported.

Production of bomb may proceed

By DON COOK The Los Angeles Times

PARIS — In the face of continued foot-dragging by the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on deployment of the neutron bomb, the Carter administration is considering a decision to produce the new weapon without waiting for approval from its allies.

Last December, U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown told NATO defense ministers in Brussels that the United States wanted a consensus favoring deployment of the neutron bomb in Europe before President Carter would feel justified in ordering its production.

But it is now clear that, for political reasons varying from capital to capital, no such consensus will be forthcoming — although European military staffs and most defense ministers feel that deployment of the bomb is essential to maintaining the balance on the central front against the growing might of Warsaw Pact ground forces, tanks in particular.

The neutron bomb, a

but intense radiation effect, would be primarily a battlefield weapon against tanks. Although the bomb is not remotely comparable in destructive powers to the existing tactical nuclear warheads, it nevertheless has become a propagandist target as a "terror weapon" that destroys people — not buildings.

Soon after the December NATO meeting, Moscow opened a major campaign against the neutron bomb, including personal letters from Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev to all the NATO heads of government warning of the possible consequences to peace if the weapon ever appeared in Europe. At a privately-organized international conference on disarmament in Geneva this week, former Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride, co-winner of the Nobel peace prize in 1974, called the neutron bomb "a new horror weapon which will upset the existing balance of terror," adding that the Communist countries were "far more receptive to peace and disarmament than the West."

All of this — plus the fact that the United Na-

tions will devote a special General Assembly to disarmament in May — is having its effect on a decision by the U.S. allies to approve the bomb, NATO sources said.

According to the sources, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Leslie Gelb, who is responsible for political-military policy questions, recently toured several national capitals and NATO headquarters to assess feelings on the bomb. He was told in effect that although key governments prefer not to come out flatly in support of the bomb right now, they nevertheless want NATO to have the weapon available for use. Nor do they want NATO to appear to be knuckling under to the Soviet Union over what the alliance can or cannot deploy in its defense.

At the NATO meeting in December, U.S. officials said the neutron weapon — which would take at least two years from the time a production order is given until the first bomb comes off the line — was being developed exclusively for use in Western Europe and that the decision on production was linked to the Europeans' willingness to accept it will

their territory. "We have a weapon designed for alliance use," one official said, "While unanimity would not be the test, a substantial consensus would be necessary."

In Washington, Monday, administration officials insisted that the United States is still seeking a coordinated position with the NATO allies on the neutron warhead, even though hopes for a public endorsement of the new weapon by any West European ally are fading. "It is incorrect to say that we are ready to go ahead unilaterally," one ranking official said Tuesday. He repeated the administration assertion that the key allies are virtually unanimous in their approval of the weapon in private comments, but uniformly shrink from making their endorsement public.

"They want us to take the initiative," the official said. "We are trying to work out a coordinated position, to insure that where we go, the others are prepared to follow."

(Other sources, while acknowledging that the administration favors the neutron warhead and, all things being equal, probably will decide to

manufacture it, say that NATO acquiescence in its deployment would still be necessary.)

The European countries apparently hold the key to the decision are Britain and West Germany.

Prime Minister James Callaghan has been the most forthright about the bomb, telling the House of Commons that the weapon "is fearful in its use, but no more fearful than a number of weapons now being developed by the Soviet Union, including the SS-20 missile, for example. Mr. Brezhnev can help it, instead of focusing propaganda on the neutron bomb, he will enter into serious discussions in the United Nations or elsewhere on how to deal with some of the other weapons now being developed and on which research is taking place."

Since this statement, the British leader has been blasted successively by the Soviet organs Tass, Izvestia and Pravda, which said he was "out of step with the British public" and that "people have a right to expect a more balanced view on such matters." Callaghan was accused of "passing over in silence

the efforts of the Soviet Union to halt the arms race."

In West Germany, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has a divided coalition behind him. His own Social Democratic Party voted down a motion to oppose the neutron bomb at a party congress last fall, but its position remains one of caution — that all possible methods of arms control should be explored before the bomb is deployed.

A Bonn government spokesman has now officially stated that the question of production of the neutron bomb "is one for the American administration alone" and that the question of its deployment would be a matter of subsequent allied consultation. The Germans, in other words, agree that the buck stops at Carter's desk.

Among the smaller NATO nations, the Danes and Norwegians have both said they are against deploying the bomb but they have quickly added that it has nothing to do with them because they do not accept nuclear weapons on their territory anyway.

The Dutch government has gotten itself into the most curious political bind of all. Foreign Minister Heerstraan Van Der Klaauw told parliament it was the government's view that Holland should not take a stand against the neutron bomb but should continue further NATO discussions before agreeing to its deployment and add the question to the agenda of the mutual balanced force reduction talks now in their fifth year in Vienna.

But Defense Minister Ruelof Kruisinga told parliament he was against the neutron bomb, whatever the position the government took. The result was a parliamentary uproar and debate in which the opposition, headed by former Prime Minister Joop den Uyl, came out strongly for a flat rejection of the bomb.

For Carter, the decision will pose a number of complications. He came to office with the ostensible aim of curbing both nuclear arms and the arms race in general.

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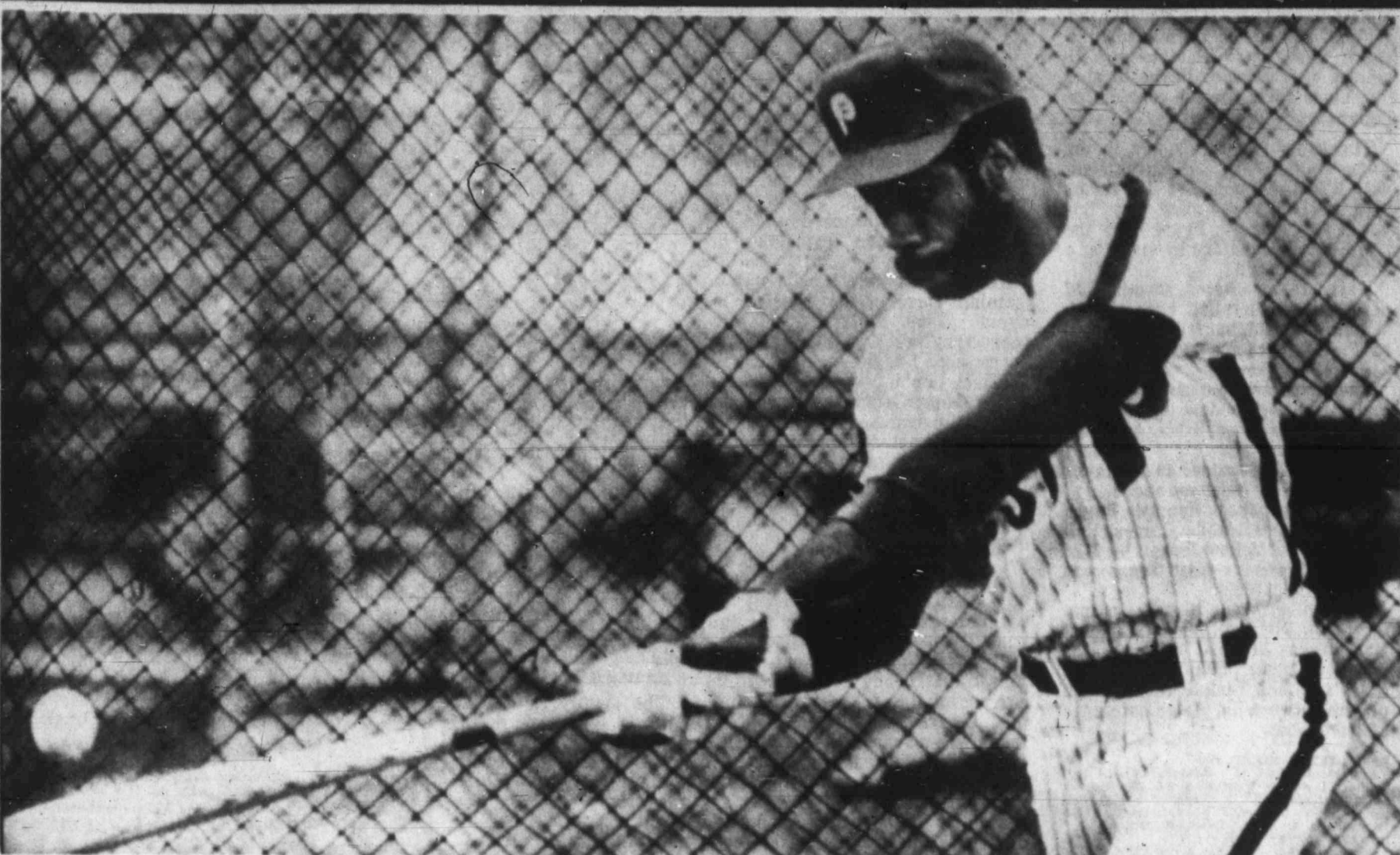
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Rangers trade David Clyde to Cleveland

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — David Clyde, credited with helping save the Texas Ranger baseball franchise as an 18-year-old pitcher straight out of high school in 1973, figures the team returned the favor, oddly enough, by trading him.

"This is a great break for me," Clyde, now 22, said Tuesday after he and veteran designated hitter Willie Horton were traded to Cleveland for righthander Tom Buskey and outfielder John Lowenstein.

"Of course, I hate to leave Texas. I hate to leave the Rangers. But I really didn't have much of a chance of making this team this spring. In Cleveland it's a different situation. This is a very big opportunity for me."

Clyde, a highly touted lefthander from Houston Westchester High School, walked out of his high school graduation robe and into Arlington Stadium on June 27, 1973, filling it to capacity — something that had never been done before.

But Clyde had a disappointing 3-9 season in 1974 and spent the last three months languishing on the bench.

In 1975, the Rangers sent Clyde to their AA Pittsfield team in the Eastern League and in 1976 he had surgery on his pitching arm, hurling only five games for the Rangers' AAA minor league team.

Last season he was plagued by wildness, issuing 119 walks in 128 innings en route to posting a 5-7 record and a 5.84 for Texas' Tucson

farm team in the AAA Pacific Coast League.

Horton, 35, became expendable when Texas signed free agent slugger Richie Zisk and traded for outfielder Al Oliver during the offseason.

"I'm shocked. Oh, man, I'm disappointed," said Horton, who finished with 15 home runs, 75 runs batted in and a .289 batting average last year after coming to the Rangers from Detroit.

"I can't say anything bad about the Texas organization, but I don't understand."

Horton, who also carries a hefty, guaranteed \$115,000 per year salary, is expected to play a great deal for the Indians.

"Both Willie and David should be very happy about this," said Rangers Manager Bill Hunter.

Hunter said he isn't sure how Buskey and Lowenstein fit into Texas' plans this season.

Lowenstein came to the plate only 149 times for Cleveland a year ago and finished with a .242 batting average. His best chance would be to make the team as a left-handed pinch hitter, but the Rangers already have Mike Jorgensen and Dave May in that role.

Buskey only pitched 34 innings for the Indians in 1977, giving up 45 hits and posting a 3.29 earned run average.

"At this time, I'm not sure how we'll use either one of them," said Hunter.

Tom Landry frets over schedule

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Landry, fully recovered now from a back injury he suffered on the ski slopes, is fretting over the schedule his National Football League champions have drawn for the 1978 season.

"It's the toughest we have had in the '70s," said Landry, who was honored Tuesday night with the Field Scovell Award at the Dallas All Sports Banquet.

The World Champion Cowboys get Baltimore, Minnesota, New England and New Orleans at home and Green Bay, Los Angeles, Miami and the New York Jets on the road besides their regular divisional foes of Washington, New York Giants, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

Only New Orleans and the Jets can be considered patsies on the schedule.

"You can't say Green Bay is a gimme," said Landry. "We haven't been able to beat them. I'd say this schedule has more contenders than any we've ever had."

Landry said the NFL schedule, which has been extended to 16 games, will "put a severe test on our depth."

In fact, Landry has a suggestion for the NFL rulemakers: Suit up more players for the games.

"I would be in favor of 45 players suiting up for the 1978 regular season," said Landry.

The NFL went with 43 players last year with two on the taxi squad.

"I think those extra two players will be needed," said Landry.

Landry said he didn't expect the

owners to go beyond 45 "because I understand that expenses are getting high. But I think 45 would be reasonable. It just stands to reason that there will be more injuries when you have to play two more games all out without giving your rookies experience."

He added "There is a lot of wear and tear when you play with intensity."

Landry said the NFL's new automatic cross-scheduling of strong teams against strong teams and weak teams against weak teams "certainly equalizes things. If our schedule is two games tougher it sure can make a difference over the course of the season."

"I'm in favor of the draft but I'm not sure I'm in favor of this kind of thing (the schedule)."

Stockton bows to pain

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The exigencies of winning couldn't have been much more pronounced.

Dick Stockton, after winning the first set of his first-round encounter with Jimmy Connors in the \$225,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship, started what could be the end of his career. Chronic lower back pain struck Stockton again, Connors noticed and played the pain for what it was worth.

"From the start I felt he was making me run more than any time when we had played before," said Stockton, 25, who retired from the match after having his service broken once in the second set. Connors took a 4-2 lead at that time and Stockton was getting stiffer by the minute.

They had exchanged breaks in the first set and Stockton had eked out of the tiebreaker after taking a 6-3 lead. Connors came within a point at 5-6 when a volley that hit the net cord just dribbled over. Connors danced to the net, his arms over his head, his knees bent and his posterior wiggling.

Stockton had a very similar play the next point, and Connors couldn't recover his netcord drop. Stockton

went to the net and did a feeble imitation of the Connors jiggle. The move didn't help his back any.

After Connors broke him in the sixth game of the following set, it was apparent that Stockton might not survive the heavy running and side-to-side rallies from the baseline.

Connors took the next game, 5-2, on a clean backhand approach shot, but Stockton couldn't return.

"I wasn't aware he even knew anything was wrong with my back," Stockton said after a whirlpool treatment and massage that eased the pain. "I don't make it publicly known unless I have to. Apparently he already knew."

In fact, Connors knew long before.

"I knew before the match," he said.

It wasn't that Connors didn't sympathize. When the players met at court-side for the changeover at 5-2, Stockton told Connors he couldn't go on. Connors grasped Stockton's arm, then helped him wrap a towel around his lower back. They walked from the stadium together.

"It was unfortunate the match ended like that," Connors said. "We had some good rallies. I think the

crowd was enjoying it." Stockton, ranked 10th in the world last year, was not optimistic about the future, a future doctors have told him should not include tennis.

"Last time they told me I should take two weeks off, then quit," he said. "With all the treatments I've had, there hasn't been much success except with acupuncture. And now it seems like that's wearing off too."

He said he would return to his home in Carrollton, Texas, to rest and decide what to do next. "I have no choice."

In other first-round matches Tuesday, second seed Vitas Gerulaitis suffered an upset by Marty Riessen. Riessen, who had to qualify for this tournament, beat the flashy New Yorker 7-6, 6-4.

Seventh seed Sandy Mayer beat Australian Geoff Masters 7-5, 6-2; Australian Phil Dent downed South African Ray Moore 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; Spaniard Jose Higueras beat Mike Cahill 6-0, 6-3; Bob Lutz defeated Balozs Taroczy of Hungary 7-6, 7-5; Stan Smith beat Butch Walts 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; and Cliff Drysdale beat Dean Martin Jr. 6-3, 6-2.



Outfielder John Lowenstein, left, packs his bags to head for the Texas Rangers while pitcher Tom Buskey cracks a few jokes at the Cleveland Indians' training camp at Tucson, Ariz. (AP Laserphoto)

Oberlin saved

OVERLIN, Ohio (AP) — The faculty at Oberlin College, where John Heisman once coached, has voted down a proposal to drop intercollegiate football.

The Heisman Trophy, the most prestigious award in college football, is named after the man who coached at Oberlin in 1892 and 1894.

In recent years, the sport has been de-emphasized at the 2,700-student liberal arts college. A few years ago, Oberlin stopped charging admission to the games.

A college spokesman, Jim Lubatkin, said the vote Tuesday night was 79-48 against the proposal to discontinue the sport.

He said those who wanted to discontinue football cited concerns over costs of maintaining the program and Oberlin's ability to adequately support it. The college presently spends \$20,000 a year on the football program, with some funds coming from alumni donations.

Opponents noted the popularity of the sport and said its elimination would have been a severe loss to the college community. Lubatkin said.

New softball organization headquarters in Midland

Midland is the headquarters of a new national girls softball organization according to Midland's Brent Watson, the president of the newly formed United Girls Softball Association.

The USGA is a non-profit corporation formed to supervise league play on a national level and provide leadership for girls, ages eight through 19. Safety and adequate playing time for all members are the two major objectives stressed in this

program.

The USGA is actually a break from the Miss Softball America program, which has been so successful in Midland the last few years.

Watson said that teams in New Mexico and Texas have already switched affiliations from MSA to USGA. Midland girls will also compete under the flag of USGA this year although the local organization will maintain the name Midland Miss Softball.

"Due to the financial problems that arose, at two of the national MSA tournaments, we felt that we could no longer maintain association with that group," Watson explained. "MSA left some outstanding debts in Florida and Virginia after national tournaments, and we felt it best to form another national organization. The aim of the USGA will be much the same as the MSA, but we have completed our own rule book."

"Virginia, Connecticut, Ohio and

some other states have expressed interest in our organization. We hope that in time they will join USGA. MSA is headquartered in California and it looks like that state will remain with that program at this time. Right now, we know that New Mexico and Texas will be part of the USGA, and we are presently trying to get programs started in communities that have not had girls softball programs before."

Other officers of the USGA are Bill Garvin, Hobbs, N. M., vice-president;

Mary Haskins, Midland, secretary; and Kenneth Boothe, Big Spring, treasurer. All of these board members have been active in girls softball programs in their local areas.

The administration of the program in other towns and states will be handled by B. W. Haskins, Midland, director of advisors; Dug Belcher, Odessa, director of commissioners; and Hartwell Martin, Midland, director of umpires.

With Jerry Hopkins, the kids always came first

The winds were blowing up a storm outside, and as I listened to the dust kick up furiously against the metal door of Coach Jerry Hopkins' office, I felt very glad to be where I was — inside. I told Hopkins as much while he poured me a cup of coffee. He smiled for a moment and answered, "Yes, that's one thing I'm not gonna miss."

Obviously, there's a lot of the 43-year-old coach isn't going to miss about Midland besides the wretched late winter weather. These past two years won't exactly go down as the most memorable of his life. He came here in 1976 — eager to duplicate the remarkable success he had achieved the previous five years at Seguin, and at Sonora before that. Two seasons later, he's leaving. For record buffs, he was 9-10-1 during those two seasons.

SOME PEOPLE will tell you that Hopkins saw the handwriting on the wall. That he just couldn't win in this district and he left before he was

asked to leave. Those people are wrong. He left for personal reasons. Reasons that, when I heard them, made me realize just how fine a man Jerry Hopkins really is.

If victory is the only criterion for judging a coach — and sad to say, many think it is — then I guess Jerry Hopkins was a failure at Midland High. He won eight district and three state titles at Sonora and captured three more district crowns at Seguin. But at Midland he came up empty, losing — bite your tongue — more games than he won. Unforgivable. Why, they string people up for less than that around here, don't they?

HOPKINS HAD his critics this season and he knew it. He wasn't deaf. He had a team that many said would challenge for the district title (don't believe everything you read) and yet, they couldn't break even. People looked for reasons. People always look for reasons. The kids can play with anybody, they observed. So



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it must be the coach. He doesn't know how to motivate.

That's been everybody's pet peeve with Jerry. They said he didn't know how to motivate. They took one look at his low-keyed approach and immediately decided that was his flaw. That was the root of the whole problem. That quiet stuff might have worked in Sonora and Seguin, but not here. These kids are different. They need somebody screaming "kill, kill, kill!" into their ears.

I NEVER bought that garbage. I never bought it because I had a coach once who screamed and yelled constantly, and by mid-season the

players had become oblivious to it. We just tuned him out. We had become so immune to his maniacal ranting and raving that all it did was go in one ear and out the other.

Only one person can motivate an athlete. Himself. He either wants to play or he doesn't. If a teenager can't get psyched up to perform before 10,000 screaming fans, then not even Knute Rockne can help him.

Even though Jerry Hopkins had been coaching football in this state for nearly two decades before he took the Midland job, he was never quite prepared for this whole wild West Texas football scene.

"When you're not as close geographically, you're not as close in a lot of other ways," was the way he put it. "There's just a completely different kind of comradeship out here. I don't want to use the word cutthroat, but it approaches that. It's not altogether friendly competition, and I've had a little trouble adjusting to that, I guess."

He's not alone.

HIS DECISION to return to Sonora is probably for the best. Jerry's a country boy at heart, and he enjoyed the 11 years he spent down there in the 1960's. He's looking forward to going back. You got the feeling that he somehow never quite felt comfortable in Midland. He was a fish out of water.

"I've never been much of a social guy," he said. "I'm just kind of a homebody. I don't really mix socially and never have. These guys (his players and coaches) are my family and friends."

He refused to admit that that was one of the reasons he was leaving Midland, but did admit that his wife Jackie would be happier in a smaller town. "It's a little easier on my wife in a smaller community to find her niche or whatever," he explained. "I think she'll be comfortable in Sonora. She'll be with people she knows and will be able to become involved in the church and other things she didn't have the opportunity to do here."

before he handed in his formal resignation to athletic director Sam Cox. I asked him if I could be there when he told his players of his decision. He thought for a moment and then said no. He had always been completely honest and sincere with his kids, and he was afraid that if I were there when he spoke to them, they wouldn't think his words were coming from the heart.

He was right. The kids always come first with Jerry. Ahead of winning. Ahead of himself. Ahead of everything. They truly are his family, and his concern for them is what I'll remember most about him. Not that he won nine, lost 10 and tied one.

Sam Cox paid him perhaps the supreme compliment Tuesday when he said, "Jerry is the kind of man I'd want my son to play for."

As I say good-bye to Jerry Hopkins and wish him the best in the future, I'll take it even a step farther. He's the kind of man that I'd want to play for.

Jim Hall doesn't fit new kid on block image

By PAUL DOMOWITZ

Somehow, Jim Hall hardly seems suited for his role as the new kid on the block. After all, for the past 15 years now, he has been one of the most respected men in road racing. Whether it was as a driver, designer or builder, Hall was the frontrunner. He was the king, Mr. Big, The Man.

But Hall has moved to a new neighborhood this year. A neighborhood where road racing trophies and impressive newspaper clippings won't even get you a cup of coffee. Performances speak louder than words on the United States Auto Club championship series circuit, where the cars are faster and the competition tougher, and if Hall expects to make a name for himself on this block, the 40-year-old Midlander knows he's going to have to deliver.

HALL AND his Chaparral-Lola racing team will get their first opportunity to deliver this Sunday when they participate in the Datsun Twin 200 at Ontario (Calif.) Motor Speedway, the first race on the 1978 USAC championship circuit.

Hall left today for the coast, where his team will get in two days of practice prior to Saturday's qualification trials. Sunday's race on Ontario's 2.5 mile oval is set for 1:30 p.m. (PCT).

"We've had quite a few delays getting ready," Hall said earlier this week. "The car didn't arrive until late. And we felt the pressure of being late for quite a while."

"Last week didn't turn out too good either. My chief mechanic (Hughie Absalom) has been sick and he was off all week so we were kind of short-handed."

STILL, THEY managed though, and with veteran driver Al Unser at the wheel Sunday, Hall is hoping for a good start in his newest racing venture.

Hall took only one car to California. The second won't arrive from England until later this week, and isn't expected to be ready until College Station, the third stop on the USAC circuit. But he has been pleased with the performance of the Cosworth V-8 powered Chaparral-Lola that they'll be using Sunday.

They've taken it to Phoenix (twice) and Ontario (once) for testing, and each time, Hall has liked what he has seen. "We were really competitive timewise at Phoenix right away," he said. "At Ontario, we ran 186.5 (mph), which is a little on the slow side. But I would think we ought to qualify Saturday at 198 or better."

HALL'S CHIEF concern right now is not with his car, but with his pit crew. Many a race is won or lost in the pits, and Hall is just a little concerned about the latter occurring. "Because of the delays the last few weeks, we didn't get any pit stop practice in," he explained. "I guess we're gonna have to line that up out there."

"We're liable to look a little bit silly in some of the pit stops, I'm afraid. I hope not. But with the limited time we've had, I can imagine us screwing it up."

Assuming he's well, Hall intends to let Absalom, a veteran of six Indy races while with the Vels-Parnelli team, do the managing in the pits, while he'll keep a low profile in the background. "I'm just gonna oversee the whole thing," he said, "and maybe see if I can spot anything from standing back and having an overall view of it. I think I can help more that way."

Hall got a scare two weeks ago when Unser was involved in a crash while competing in the International Race of Champions in Daytona Beach, Fla. Fortunately, the Albuquerque, N.M., driver came out of the fiasco with nothing more than a few pulled neck muscles, which shouldn't hinder him on Sunday.

TRACK TALK: The Ontario track, which features one of the smoothest racing surfaces in the world, is only six-years-old. The Datsun 200 is the first of two USAC championship races held here. The other is the Ontario 500, the third jewel in racing's triple crown (the others are Indy and Pocono), which is run Labor Day weekend. Unser won last year's Ontario 500. The total posted prize money for Sunday's race is \$136,000. Winner's share figures to be \$25,000. Ontario is located 60 miles east of Los Angeles. First National City Traveler's Checks is sponsoring Hall and the Chaparral-Lola team. Next stop on the USAC circuit is Phoenix on March 18, a 150-mile event.

Yarborough eyes stock title

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Cale Yarborough, seeking his third straight Grand National stock car racing championship, is leading after three races this year, but Benny Parsons is closing in.

Parsons' victory at Richmond Sunday gave him a total of 525 points. Yarborough has 530.

Dave Marcis is third with 451, followed by Dick Brooks 428, Bobby Allison 403, Neil Bonnett 385, Richard Childress 374, Tighe Scott 373, Buddy Arrington 363 and D. K. Ulrich 361.

Yarborough leads in money winning with \$63,200, followed by Allison \$52,980; Parsons \$49,575; Darrell Waltrip \$25,480; Brooks \$24,440; Ron Hutcherson \$19,950; Richard Petty \$19,875; Marcis \$19,550; Bonnett \$18,000, and Buddy Baker \$16,395.

The next event on the \$4.5 million tour for the late models is Rockingham, N.C., Sunday.



Rolando Blackman, right, of Kansas State tries to stop a pass by Oklahoma's Cary Carrabine Tuesday night during Big Eight first round playoff

game at Ahearn Fieldhouse in Manhattan, Kan. (AP Laserphoto)

Playoffs confuse Big 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The basketball season ended Tuesday night for half the Big Eight.

The other half — Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri and Nebraska — will return to action Friday night in the semifinals of the post-season tournament, with K-State meeting Kansas and Missouri tangling with Nebraska.

In the meantime, would someone please explain to Missouri and Iowa State that you're supposed to lose on the road and win at home...

The Cyclones, who triumphed at Missouri Saturday night in the regular season finale, watched Missouri turn the tables on them in the post-season tournament's first round Tuesday night at Ames.

With Clay Johnson hitting a 20-foot jumper with five seconds left, the Tigers shaded Iowa State 65-63.

The other three victors were all accomplished by home teams as Kansas State knocked off Oklahoma 52-44, Kansas cruised past Colorado 82-66 and Nebraska upended Oklahoma State 71-63.

The fifth-ranked Kansas Jayhawks, the regular-season Big Eight champs, will be meeting intrastate rival Kansas State for the fourth time this

year. "We'd rather not have to play them four times, but we're just looking at it as something we've got to do in order to accomplish what we want to accomplish," said Kansas Coach Ted Owens. "Complaining about it wouldn't do any good. We've just got to accept it."

Kansas State, not surprisingly, views a fourth meeting with the Jayhawks with much greater anticipation.

"I was hoping to have another shot at them," said K-State boss Jack Hartman. "We're just happy to have the opportunity to go over there."

"We know we can beat them," said Wildcat guard Scott Langton, who came up with four key steals and a pair of crucial assists in the victory over Oklahoma. "The first two times I didn't feel like they won, but it was more us letting it get away."

"We'll have to put together a complete game for both halves," said Steve Solder. "In all the other games against them we got out early on them and then kind of died."

Clint Johnson led the Jayhawks with 16 points Tuesday night while 7-foot-1 Paul Mokeski had 12 points and 16 rebounds. Bob Rutledge, who

notched only two points in the first half, had 14 in the second to provide the only offensive thrust for Colorado, which ended its season 9-18 overall.

Brian Banks scored 22 points and Carl McPipe 18 for Nebraska, which ran its record to 21-6. Mark Tucker had 31 points for the Cowboys.

The winner of the Kansas State-Kansas clash will meet the Missouri-Nebraska victor in the finals of the post-season tournament Saturday, with the champion getting the Big Eight's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

WTSU fires cage coach

CANYON, Texas (AP) — West Texas State began searching for a new basketball coach today after Tuesday's firing of Ron Ekker, WTSU's coach for five seasons and Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year two years ago.

Ekker, 43, guided the Buffaloes to an 8-19 record this season, losing to Indiana State 90-71 Monday night in the first round of the MVC post-season tournament.

"We are entering a new era at West Texas State with a major effort toward a unified athletic program. I feel there is a need for a change in our basketball program," Dietl said Tuesday in announcing that Ekker's contract, which expires Aug. 31, will not be renewed.

"Ron Ekker, in five years, did an excellent job of bringing the basketball program along financially and to a respectable position in the Missouri Valley Conference and he is to be commended for those efforts," added Dietl.

Ekker was unavailable for comment about his sudden dismissal.

Ekker posted a 65-70 record at West Texas during his five-year stint.

WTSU went 19-7 in 1975-76 when Ekker reaped coach of the year honors and was 18-12 last season while on NCAA probation.

Ekker's teams were 11-15 and 9-17 in his first two seasons at West Texas.

A native of Spring Grove, Minn., Ekker coached for two years at Hillsdale College in Michigan, where he posted a 44-17 record, before coming to WTSU.

South African gives up Cup

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Ray Moore, while railing against efforts to mix politics with sports, has withdrawn from the Davis Cup, effectively refusing to ally himself with either side in the dispute over apartheid in South Africa.

"I am a South African and I intend to remain one," Moore said Tuesday in a brief statement. "I neither embrace nor endorse the policy of apartheid. However, I do resent the interference of politics in the Davis Cup."

Moore, 31, referred to plans by civil rights, church and other groups to stage massive demonstrations at the Davis Cup competition between the United States and South Africa March 17-19 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"I look forward to the time I can represent my country again, free from political harassment of the so-called concerned countries and indeed from apartheid itself."

It marked the first time a South African athlete has balked in such a manner. Cliff Drysdale declined three years ago to compete for his nation's team. He has made no public condemnatory statements, but has acknowledged privately that he opposes his government's apartheid policy and wants no part in it. Drysdale lives in Lakeway, Texas.

Officials said the withdrawal would not change plans to hold the Davis Cup, but it was uncertain what the effect would be on the future of U.S.-South Africa sports contact.

"It will have an unbelievable impact," said Arthur Ashe, America's black tennis star who has toured South Africa and frequently lambasted the government there.

"I would love to see the Rand Daily Mail and the Johannesburg Star tomorrow morning. It'll be on the front pages."

Ashe predicted opinion in South Africa would be split between those who think Moore a hero and those who will call him a traitor.

"The down side of it is he realizes the reaction in South Africa," Ashe said of Moore, who is his friend. "It is a very momentous decision in his life."

Another American player, Sandy Mayer, who won his first-round match here in the \$225,000 U.S. National indoor championship Tuesday also sympathized.

Congress hears woeful tales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials of Mississippi State and Michigan State spun woeful tales of a mind-boggling administrative quagmire replete with judicial abuses and intimidation.

The audience was Congress. And the "villain" was the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The two schools were recently placed on probation by the NCAA.

Words such as "unbelievable," "fantastic" and "unrealistic" were sprinkled through Tuesday's testimony by the school officials detailing the NCAA's investigation, hearings and subsequent punishment to the House oversight and investigations subcommittee, which is probing the operations of the governing body of intercollegiate sports.

After two days of public testimony, the hearings will be continued in about two weeks, probably March 13.

"I truly believe we have only scratched the surface of the problem," said Rep. Jim Santini, D-Nev., who instigated the investigation after the universities of Nevada at Las Vegas and Reno were placed by the NCAA last fall. "We've just got to do something to curb the power abuses."

"There are some who want to pursue legislative remedies in the Congress," said Santini after chairing the second day of hearings for chairman John Moss, D-Calif. "I believe the changes can be made internally by the NCAA."

Drs. Jacob A. Hofer, Charles Scarborough and Frederick D. Williams, three members of the Michigan State University Select Committee, testified on their dealings with the NCAA when their school was charged with recruiting violations in the football program and subsequently placed on probation for three years.

They cited what they called questionable practices of the NCAA investigator, David Berst, the NCAA's disregard for procedural due process, the organization's evaluation of evidence and the NCAA's appeal procedure.

Reading a statement for all three, Williams said Berst "had resorted to threats, intimidation and vulgarity to secure information detrimental to MSU."

He said the NCAA "contends that its hearing procedures are

cooperative rather than adversary but we believe the reverse is true."

"Once the NCAA had formulated and sent formal charges against MSU, we had to assume the burden of proof and we were presumed guilty until we proved our innocence," the statement said.

"Proving innocence is often difficult, but our task was even more difficult because we had no way of knowing, until the hearing, the basis for the charges, because we were not given an opportunity to cross-examine those who had accused us of wrongdoing and because of the way in which the Infractions Committee evaluated evidence."

Williams said the evidence used against two assistant coaches came in the form of notes made from interviews with Ohio State University student athletes and supporters. The coaches denied the validity of the evidence, he said, and strengthened their defense with polygraph examinations, administered by a qualified operator, which they passed.

He said the NCAA's Infractions Committee chose to believe the investigator's notes and now one of the coaches, Howard Dwyers, is out of football, selling insurance in Lansing, Mich., and the other, Charles Butler, left the school and is now coaching at Bowling Green University.

"They told us that polygraph tests are accurate only 8 per cent of the time," Williams said. "The score was NCAA 20 and MSU 80; but MSU loses."

Attorneys Erwin Ward and Dixon Ryles represented Mississippi State, which was placed on two years' probation for recruiting violations. They said the NCAA puts fear into its member schools, coaches and student athletes when it conducts an investigation.

Ward said that although the NCAA allegedly is a voluntary organization, schools must maintain membership in the body to remain financially and athletically competitive.

"The resulting effect is that most member institutions bow down without a whimper," Ward said. "Those that stand up against the NCAA do so with trembling and continuing fears of retaliatory retribution that can be dispensed without warning by a powerful arm of arbitrary force."

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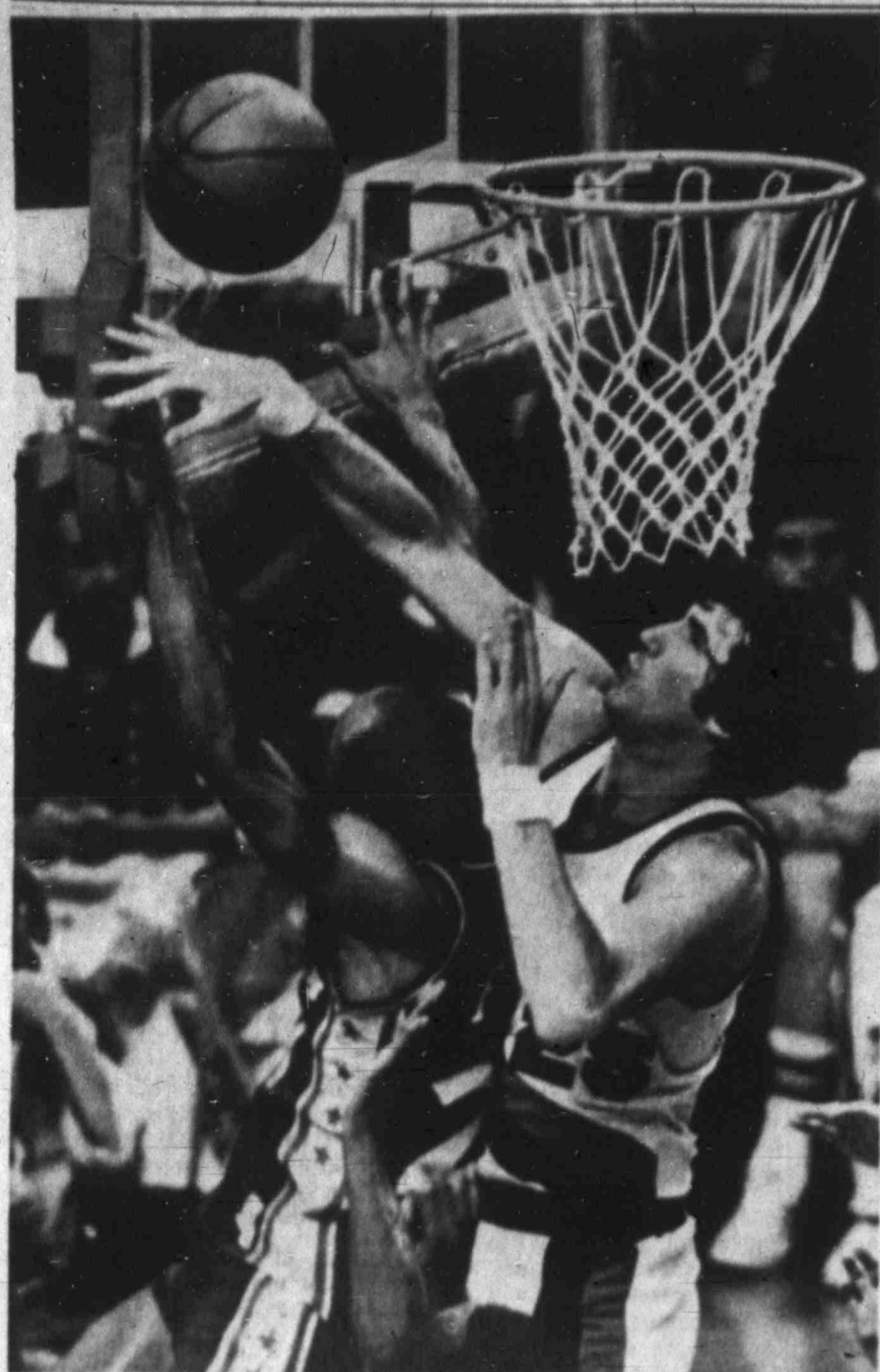
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Portland's Tom Owens, right, blocks a shot by Philadelphia's Lloyd Free in some high flying action between NBA division leaders Tuesday night. (AP Laserphoto)

Portland rips Sixers, 113-92

By The Associated Press

If you think the Portland Trail Blazers' 50-10 record is pretty fancy, how about Lloyd Neal's mark of 12-0?

Neal, a husky 6-foot-8 veteran who can play forward or center, has started 12 games for the Blazers this season and the National Basketball Association's defending champions have won them all.

No. 12 came Tuesday night, a surprisingly easy 113-92 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in a rematch of last year's playoff finalists. Neal, starting in place of power forward Maurice Lucas, led Portland with 27 points.

"Lloyd's playing was great," praised Portland Coach Jack Ramsay. "He has great confidence in his ability to go inside and the players were looking for him."

They'll probably have to look some more when they next take the court on Thursday night against the New York Knicks.

Bill Walton, the Blazers' center and the hub of their pattern offense and pressure defense, sprained his left ankle in the second period against Philadelphia. He did not play the rest of the game and a team spokesman said he would not be ready for Thursday night's game at New York.

"He's been playing about two weeks with a very sore metatarsal area — the ball of his right foot has been very, very sore," said Ramsay. "And now his left foot is hurting, too."

In other NBA games Tuesday night, the Milwaukee Bucks edged the Washington Bullets 136-135 in overtime, the Denver Nuggets defeated the Indiana Pacers 122-106, the New York Knicks outgunned the San

Richards advances

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Renee Richards won a hard-fought three-set match from Ruta Gerulaitis Tuesday to advance to the second round of a \$100,000 professional women's tennis tournament.

Among others advancing Tuesday were fourth-seeded Wendy Turnbull and eighth-seeded Kerry Reid, both of Australia.

The first round continued Tuesday night with top-seeded Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, seventh-seeded Dianne Fromholtz of Australia and third-seeded Virginia Wade of England all scheduled to see action.

Richards won her two-hour match 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. In the first set, neither player broke service until the 12th game when Gerulaitis, younger sister of tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis, double-faulted at set point.

Gerulaitis scored the only break of the second set in the seventh game on the way to her 6-4 victory. Richards then changed her attack.

"I was tired of trading ground strokes with Ruta because she was beating me," Richards said. "I went to the serve and volley in the third set because I thought I'd have some success in rushing her."

Turnbull started off slowly in her match with 18-year-old Zenda Liess of Daytona Beach, Fla., trailing 3-1 in the first set, she grabbed the next five games.

A controversial service ace call upset Liess, who immediately lost service in the next game and never really recovered, losing 6-3, 6-2.

JIM MURRAY

Myth puts shoe on wrong foot

By JIM MURRAY
Angeles Times Syndicate

A five-birdie finish, by any standard, is storybook stuff. But when Jack Nicklaus went three-four-two-three on the last holes at Inverrary Sunday to defeat young Grier Jones, he did more than win his 64th career PGA tournament. He upheld a myth.

The myth is this: In any pressure situation in sports, especially golf, take the tried-and-true veteran, the old pro. He has the been-there-before, the old cliché goes. The neophyte will psych himself out, it says here. There's no substitute for experience. And so on.

Las Vegas says it simpler: Always bet the champion. The racetrack buys it too: Always take the chalk. It begs the proposition that Crafty Age will always stare down Young Upstart or old Never-Been-There-Before until his palms begin to sweat, his knees tremble, heart flutters and mouth goes dry.

I would buy it — except I've seen the opposite happen too often.

You begin with the fact Nicklaus has won 64 PGA tournaments — but he has been second 43 times. He has had 16 major championship wins. But he has been second 15 times. Somebody's knees forgot to buckle.

The notion here is rather that the challenger is the one who should be loose. I mean, so he loses to Nicklaus. Big deal! He's SUPPOSED to lose to

Nicklaus! What's to lay awake at night about? Look at it this way: You're a journeyman ballplayer and Sandy Koufax strikes you out. So what? Sandy Koufax is SUPPOSED to strike you out. No one boos. The manager doesn't gripe. The ballclub doesn't cut your salary.

Ever notice how mediocre ballplayers hit Koufax proportionately far better than the Clementes, Arons and Mayses? This is because they go up there loose. They got nothing to lose.

Did you notice the University of Washington in this year's Rose Bowl? Two-touchdown underdogs, they came out passing on fourth down, running on punt formation, taking wild chances on blitzing, stunting and looping defenses, behaving like a lot of guys who got in the game on a short bankroll. It was Michigan that played like a guy trying to smuggle a satchel of money through a graveyard.

Does anyone think Leon Spinks came into the ring against Ali with a lump in his throat? Of course not. He was in on a pass. He was playing with house money. So what if he lost? Dog bites man stuff. Cat eats canary.

In 1955, Ben Hogan was a golfing legend. Jack Fleck was a golfing nobody. Guess who snapped the ball in the rough off the 18th tee and took three to get out? Not Fleck. He was out there combing his hair for the cameras.

No, it seems to me the pressure is all on the man at the top. He's the one

with the reputation to protect. He's the one like the gunfighter in the Old West. Everyone wants a piece of him. It's the surest way to immortality. He's the one who has to sit with his back to the wall where he can always watch the door.

The corollary proposition is that the one with the money will win it. If you don't need the money, the story goes, you are at an advantage. Buy this, do you? Well, then, how come the top athletes in the country aren't all named Rockefeller? How come the best players were born in shacks on cotton patches around railroad tracks? Because you don't get heavyweight champs out of silk sheets and Harvard prep school, is why. If you're a running back, would you like Truman Capote or Rocky Belier blocking for you?

None of this will impress the oddsmakers. They will continue to pick Nicklaus, the Yankees, Notre Dame, Ali and the NFC in the Super Bowl. The team that comes from last place to beat the long-time world champs in four straight in the World Series will continue to be "The Miracle Braves." The Jim Braddock who — predictably — beat Max Baer will continue to be hailed as "The Cinderella Man."

I think the glass slipper should be on the other foot. The old champ is the marked man whether it's O.J. Simpson in a backfield, Dempsey in a ring, Tilden at a baseline, or Nicklaus on a tee. All the other guy is doing is taking a chance on a lottery. He's like a guy

being mistaken for an archduke or a prince. He doesn't belong there, he doesn't know how he got there, it ain't gonna last — so why not relax and enjoy it? As the commercial says, go for the gusto. Spend the afternoon saying, "Your away, Jack!" for a change instead of "I believe it's me."

Baylor produces 30-hit attack

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor rapped out 30 hits Tuesday, with Mike Johansen knocking in six runs with four hits, as the Bears swept a non-conference college baseball doubleheader from Sam Houston State, 15-6 and 12-3.

Johansen knocked in four runs in the first game when the Bears fed 18 hits. Shane Nolen and Fritz Connally had homers for Baylor as Jon Perlman picked up the victory.

Houston Cougs win two games

HOUSTON (AP) — Jay Beard collected five hits, including a double in each game, to help Houston take a 9-5, 5-3, college baseball doubleheader from Nicholls State Tuesday.

The Cougars had 19 hits in the two games while Houston pitchers limited Nicholls State to only eight hits for the day.

Palmer may be threat

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — For the first time in years Arnold Palmer is something more than a sentimental choice in the \$200,000 Florida Citrus Open Golf Tournament.

Palmer lost in a playoff in Australia two weeks ago in his last competitive start — his best showing in a couple of seasons — and must be considered a legitimate threat for his first American title since 1973.

"I've played reasonably well a couple of times this year," Palmer noted after a practice round over the 6,929-yard, par-72 Rio Pinar Golf Club Course that serves as the site of the 72-hole test beginning Thursday.

"It's just a matter of keeping it all together for four days," the 48-year-old Palmer said.

Palmer, claimed by central Florida as a local boy because of his ownership of the nearby Bay Hill Club, is expected to draw most of the attention. But Hale Irwin is a more logical choice for the \$40,000 first prize.

Irwin, winner of three titles last season, has challenged twice this year and appears to be bringing his impressive skills to a peak. He scored an early second-place finish and last week helped chase Jack Nicklaus to a victory in the Jackie Gleason-Inverrary Classic.

Irwin, one of the most consistently dangerous men on the tour, faces most of the same supporting cast that provided such an outstanding finish in the Gleason.

Nicklaus is absent but the 147-man field includes runnerup Grier Jones along with former U.S. Open Champion Jerry Pate and big Andy Bean both of whom were in the hunt until the final holes.

Other standouts who will test the heavily-wooded layout include PGA Champ Lanny Wadkins and Ray Floyd, each a multiple winner last season but off to slow starts this year.

Mike Ivie joins Giants

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (AP) — In a straight player trade of infielders, the San Francisco Giants sent Derrel Thomas to the San Diego Padres Tuesday in exchange for Mike Ivie.

Thomas, 27, who also saw some outfield service last season, played in 143 National League games and hit .267 for the Giants with eight home runs and 44 runs batted in. He had 15 stolen bases.

Ivie, 25, who played first and third base and also has done some catching, hit .272 in 134 games for the Padres last season with nine homers and 66 RBI.

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Arab petroleum cash 'returning' to U.S.

By BILL CURRY

The Washington Post

MINDEN, Nev. — By the billions, Arab petrodollars come back to the United States each year.

Saudi businessman Ghaith Pharaon buys a bank or two or three. A Houston engineering firm closes a deal to oversee construction of a \$4-billion-plus natural gas project in Saudi Arabia, meaning 70,000 hours of work each week in Houston.

But at the same time, on a small and less visible but surprisingly widespread scale, increasing numbers of American businessmen and their workers are finding prosperity — both in profits and in paychecks — linked to the Saudis and other Middle Eastern nations with petrodollars to spend around.

In a long and narrow room in what used to be the Minden Butter Manufacturing plant here, Madge Johnson assembles tiny electronic sensor components for \$5.76 an hour. It helps support her two-teen-age daughters, keeps up the \$86-a-month car payment and left enough last year to pay \$600 in auto and house insurance premiums without cracking the family nest egg or going into debt.

There will even be a \$200 refund from the Internal Revenue Service for her.

About one-sixth of it all came from the Middle East. Of the \$5.76 Johnson earns each hour, fully \$1 of it is a petrodollar. The reason is that her employer, Bentley Nevada, now does some \$5 million of its \$26 million in total sales with the Middle East.

"Absolutely," answers company President Donald R. Bentley, when asked if some of his employees owe their jobs to the Saudis and other Middle East customers. The firm's payroll is \$80,000 a week, and averaged out, every sixth week represents Middle East petrodollars.

Across the continent, in Donora, Pa., Betty Ferguson earns \$5.73 hourly checking goods arriving at the lubrications systems division of the Elliott Co. For her, \$85 of her \$100 monthly mortgage payment comes from Saudi Arabia, because Elliott currently sends 85 percent of its production components for natural gas compressors to the Saudis.

The Saudis took Ferguson, who supports two young children and her mother, off a \$72-a-week unemployment check. Some 90 percent of the Donora plant's work force, which doubled from 65 to 137 in the past year, were taken off the unemployment rolls.

Down south, in Conway, Ark., Ward Industries doubled its production of school buses last year with a \$60 million Egyptian order, an infusion of business that made the assembly line sprout from 800 to 1,100 people. Soon, another 50 will be added to stamp out parts for a Ward assembly plant to be opened in Jiddah — a venture of company Chairman Charles Ward and Ghaith Pharaon.

Both the Egyptian order and the Jiddah plant were outgrowths of a \$25 million job for the Saudis, who wanted 700 buses to transport Moslem pilgrims to Mecca and Medina.

So it is for thousands of Americans in scores of scattered communities: whether potato chips, Oreos cookies, completely furnished modular hotel rooms or large equipment. Middle East business is providing profits and capital, paying for cars and houses and bringing, in some cases, a full awareness of dependence on oil money.

What concerns some people in the American Jewish community is whether that dependence of individual paychecks or the national aggregate of billions of dollars in sales to the Middle East could somehow eventually influence U.S. policy toward Israel and its Arab antagonists.

All of this forms a backdrop for the recent direct Egyptian and Israeli appeals for U.S. public opinion to support them in the current peace negotiations, including a plea by

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for Americans to "exert your influence" on Israel.

Both Sadat and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan have visited the United States in efforts to gain the support of Americans.

Milton Ellerin, of the American Jewish Committee in New York, said, "The concern is there that (Arab) business could be used adversely, either in company hiring and promotion policies or as a lever on public opinion toward Israel. 'You fear the unknown,' he added. 'This is an unknown.'

"We can't afford to make the Arabs mad at this time," says E.O. Ryan, Ward Industries' vice president for engineering, who became a Conway luncheon celebrity before the Lions Club, the Civic Club and the Business Women's Club with his reflections on life in Saudi Arabia after a business trip there.

"Three hundred jobs is a lot of jobs in that town," adds Charles Ward of the growth in his plant at Conway, population 15,000. "Everyone is aware of the impact," particularly when 40 Arabs spent two to three weeks in a local hotel while being trained at the bus plant.

Asked how this has affected public opinion, Ward cites a recent editorial in a Little Rock newspaper criticizing the Israeli government for what it considered obstructionism to Sadat's peace initiative.

Last year the United States exported some \$7 billion in goods to Arab nations — with about half of that going to the Saudis as that nation presses its \$142 billion internal development program financed with oil holdings.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has calculated that every \$1 billion in exports supports 90,000 U.S. jobs. Thus, a measure of money was returned to the United States in a recycling of some of the \$20 billion the nation spent last year for Middle Eastern oil.

"Brown crude is being turned into green dollars," says one U.S. government procurement officer of that return of dollars.

"We need to get as many Americans in (the Middle East) as possible to recycle dollars back out of there," said Charles Ward, who is also a member of the Democratic National Committee.

In North Miami, Fla., the Saudi impact is very clear cut. Panelfab, a manufacturer of prefabricated building components, has grown from 123 employees to more than 500 on Middle Eastern business, the latest a \$15.5 million contract through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing construction of the Khalid military city.

And in Pineville, La., a \$900,000 order for the same project through the Corps allowed Baker Manufacturing, which makes dormitory type furniture, avoid layoffs among its work force of 200, primarily made up of lesser-skilled people whose average salary is about \$3.50 an hour.

But the Arab business has been even more visible in Donora, a tiny Monongahela Valley community south of Pittsburgh that has been severely depressed ever since U.S. Steel closed a plant in 1965 and threw 7,200 people out of work.

"Traffic has been stopped while huge pieces of machinery have been moved through town — with accompanying pictures of the Saudi-bound goods in the newspaper. Employees are 'highly aware' of the impact of Middle East money on their lives, says one company official, as they are at many other businesses where company newsletters record what's been sold to whom.

Beyond the paychecks, though, is the reality that money is for spending, and so Saudi and other Middle Eastern petrodollars echo through local businesses like halloos off canyon walls.

Dual well finals

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1-K Wilson has been completed as a dual well in the Girvinex (Yates and Queen) field of Pecos County.

The new producer is one location northwest of the Yates gas discovery and 11 miles southwest of Girvin.

From the Yates it finished for a calculated, absolute open flow of 2.03 million cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 1,181 to 1,200 feet.

It completed from the Queen sand for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 2.9 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 1,605 to 1,798 feet. There was no petroleum fluid produced with the gas.

Total depth is 2,000 feet from north and 933 feet from west lines of scrap file 13132.

Total depth is 1,885 feet and plugged back depth is 1,842 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set at 1,885 feet.

Potentials, test reported

Sojourner Drilling Corp. of Abilene No. 1 W. L. Johnson has been completed as a Canyon sand discovery in Fisher County.

The strike finished for a daily flow of 108.5 barrels of 38-gravity oil per day, through a 20/64-inch choke and perforations from 4,438 to 4,470 feet.

Gas-oil ratio was 300-1. The pay section was acidized with 750 gallons and fractured with an unreported amount.

Operator has suggested the field be designated Five N (Canyon).

The location is six miles southwest of Hamlin and 467 feet from south and 1,687 feet from east lines of section 198, block 1, BBB&C survey.

Total depth is 5,250 feet and 41/2-inch casing is set at 4,680 feet, the plugged back depth.

The Canyon sand was topped at 4,435 feet on ground elevation of 1,789 feet. Other tops are Saddle Creek lime, 3,078 feet; Swastika, 3,955 feet; and Strawn reef, 5,152 feet.

IRION TEST

E. J. Loika of San Angelo spotted location for a 1,300-foot San Angelo sand wildcat in Irion County, 11.5 miles southeast of Mertzon.

It is No. 1 Myrtle Mae and Lucy Williams, 2,173 feet from south and 800 feet from west lines of section 24, HE&WT survey. Ground elevation is 2,374 feet.

The drillsite is 3/4 mile southeast of the San Angelo discovery in the Tankersley multipay field, but separated by 4 1/2, 200-foot failure. It is a northeast twin to a 5,570-foot dry hole.

TERRELL TRY

Singer-Fleischaker Oil Operating Co. of Oklahoma City No. 2-B-18 Allison is to be dug as a detrital test in the Allison multipay field of Terrell County, seven miles south of Sheffield.

It is 1,500 feet from north and east lines of section 18, block B2, CC-SD&RGNG survey. Elevation is 2,664 feet. It is to drill to 10,000 feet.

SUTTON OUTPOST

El Paso Natural Gas Co. of Midland No. 4 Simmons is to be dug as a one-mile west outpost to the Sonora (upper Canyon gas) field in Sutton County.

It is surrounded by Canyon gas production.

Scheduled for a 6,500-foot bottom, it is 1,500 feet from south and 1,100 feet from east lines of section 136, block B, HE&WT survey and six miles northwest of Sonora.

FIELD SPREADS

Petroleum Corp. of Texas of Breckenridge No. 4 Wess Hill has extended the Canyon production limits of the Sawyer multipay field in Sutton County one mile south.

The extender finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 867,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 7,008 to 7,487 feet after 6,500 gallons of acid and 74,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Location is 6,258 feet from the north and 1,870 feet from the west lines of E. J. Blakey survey No. 1. It is 14 miles west of Sonora.

O'NEILL PROJECT

Joseph I. O'Neill Jr. of Midland No. 1 J. R. Bailey is to be drilled as a long west outpost to the Cody Bell (Canyon gas) field of Schleicher County.

It is nine miles northwest of Eldorado and 1 1/2 miles west of the field.

Drillsite for the 8,800-foot test is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 22, block TT, TCRS survey. Ground elevation is 2,495 feet.

J. Elliott promoted

DALLAS — John R. Elliott, a native of Midland, has been promoted to banking officer of the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas.

He has been employed by the bank four years.

Secret maneuvering keeps gas deal stalled

Dallas Times Herald

WASHINGTON — Last Dec. 27, after Mexico abruptly broke off talks on a pipeline for major supplies of natural gas into Texas, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger received a telegram from six U.S. pipeline company officials.

"Because of opposition expressed by you to this (gas) project," Mexico City had canceled an arrangement the six firms already had worked out for long-range purchases, the

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executives said. They requested an urgent meeting with Schlesinger, "so that we might learn first-hand the nature of your opposition."

That the companies would be uninformed of such obviously critical discussions between Schlesinger and Mexican officials illuminates the widespread backstage maneuvering in which the multimillion-dollar gas deal has been caught up. With the stalled project entering what may be its most crucial period in the next several weeks, its final outcome almost certainly will be shaped by political considerations to which the pipeline executives will not be privy.

The most important factor in the Mexican equation, as seen by government and industry observers, is the eventual energy bill that President Carter will get from Congress. Administration officials are known to be concerned that its own efforts to keep a lid on prices of domestic gas would be sabotaged by allowing importation of Mexican gas at a much higher price.

Carter's original energy proposal called for a cap of \$1.75 that U.S. producers could charge for a thousand cubic feet of gas. Schlesinger balked at the \$2.60 price of Mexico's gas but it, as appears likely, Carter is forced to accept higher ceilings to get a compromise bill through Congress the Mexican offer might seem more palatable.

"The conventional wisdom is that we won't see any movement on the Mexico deal until we see what the energy bill looks like," said Steve Ward, foreign policy assistant to Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex. "After the domestic price is worked over and revised, \$2.60 might not look so bad."

But even if the Carter administration decides to come back to Mexico with a better price than approximately \$2.15 it thought the six pipeline firms should pay, there is no assurance that Mexico City will also make concessions in what has become a major national issue there.

"This is a very high-profile issue in Mexico and there is a vocal constituency," one experienced Mexico-watchdog on Capitol Hill said. "I think the average Mexican on the street is very aware of this and doesn't think the country should back down from its position."

All this leaves the consortium of pipeline firms, which last summer signed an interim agreement with Pemex, Mexico's state oil monopoly, to buy up to 2.2 billion cubic feet a day by 1980, with what one official felt was sense of fatalism about the project. "We hope something can be done but it's out of our hands now," said Frank Feed of Tenneco Inc., the major partner in the consortium. "When the Mexicans terminated negotiations they said problems in Washington had to be cleared up and the people in Washington say Mexico will have to change. So we're caught in the middle."

After a lengthy meeting with Carter at the White House Friday, Bentsen, a proponent of higher prices for U.S. natural gas producers and a key backer of the Mexican gas project, said he was optimistic a compromise on the long-deadlocked price issue would be resolved. With the major difficulty resolved in an energy bill would be passed by Congress by Easter, Bentsen said.

Another viewpoint expressed by an industry source involved in the deliberations believes that the Carter administration never objected to the

Purchase plan told

Elcor Corp. President Roy E. Campbell announced that the company has executed an agreement for the acquisition of a company compatible with its other operations.

The company to be acquired has sales of approximately \$23 million and is anticipated to boost Elcor's annual earnings before extraordinary items at the rate of 30 to 40 cents per share.

During the last 12 months, the earnings of Elcor, a Midland-based concern, before extraordinary items were \$1.01 per share.

The transaction should be completed later this week, Campbell said. The purchase price is approximately \$15 million in cash plus assumption of certain liabilities and commitments.

Although necessary funds to complete the acquisition are available under existing credit lines, arrangements have been made to increase credit lines from \$22.5 million to \$30 million, Campbell said.

Mexican gas price itself but did not wish to approve it publicly while it still was using its political leverage to keep the cost down in this country.

"Just the fact that we're still negotiating the price of natural gas here is so politically sensitive that Carter and Schlesinger couldn't appear to be playing a different game with Mexico," the gas official said. "I don't think anybody expected the deal to fall through like it did, but the first priority was keeping the lid on here."

Schlesinger, whose meeting in Washington Dec. 21 with Pemex director general Jorge Diaz Serrano and Mexican Foreign Minister Santiago Royal on the gas proposal has been described as "stormy," also is said to have softened his hardline stance on the pricing issue in recent weeks.

"What I'm picking up is that the Department of Energy has rethought its position after the Mexicans refused to buckle the past two months," a congressional source said. "It looks now like Schlesinger and the State Department will be getting back to the Mexicans with some more realistic feelers."

Another indication that initial opposition on Capitol Hill to the Mexican gas deal is undergoing a reassessment came last week when Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., an ardent proponent of price controls on natural gas producers in the United

States, announced his hope that Washington would deal "sensitively with the need to Mexico and political concerns Mexicans will naturally have" in oil relations with its giant neighbor to the north.

"Few Americans realize how quickly the evidence is accumulating that Mexico is the next major producer of oil in the world," Kennedy said in announcing hearings in March on the role of Mexico and other nations in world oil supplies. "It is important for both countries to proceed with utmost respect."

Kennedy's action was viewed by some congressional sources as a veiled response to an earlier assertion by Sen. Adlai Stevenson, D-Ill., that the \$2.60 price that Mexico wanted was "unreasonable" and should be resisted. Warning that the United States would become "hooked on high-priced Mexican natural gas as we already are on Middle East oil," the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee effectively blocked about \$600 million in Export-Import Bank credits Mexico requested to construct an 85-mile pipeline to move gas up to McAllen, Tex.

Wildcat, test set

Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1-M Brown is to be drilled as an 11,800-foot wildcat in the southeast side of the shallow Wasson field in Gaines County.

Location for No. 1-M Brown is 980 feet from south and 585 feet from west lines of section 39, block AX, pi survey and three miles east of Denver City.

MIDLAND TEST

Parker & Parsley, Inc., of Midland No. 1-D Buchanan is a new test in the Midland County portion of the Spraberry Trend area.

It is eight miles southeast of Midland and 1,815 feet from north and 440 feet from west lines of section 19, block 37, T-2-S, L. A. Webb survey. Contract depth is 9,200 feet.

DRY HOLES

ANDREWS — Blair Exploration, Inc. No. 1-A W. E. King, wildcat, 600 feet from north and 700 feet from west lines of section 7, block A-3, pi survey, 12 miles northwest of Andrews, 12,220 feet.

MOBIL Oil Corp. No. 10-19-A-37 Ralph, wildcat, 750 feet from north and 900 feet from east lines of section 19, block A-3, pi survey, 14 miles northwest of Andrews, 12,603 feet.

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SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. POLAN

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

HEMOGA

REGE

BIREB

TIXCEE

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER



Automation: A technological process that performs all the work while we just sit there. When we were kids, this process was called -----.

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

WAS CALLED MOTHER.
Automation: A technological process that performs all the work while we just sit there. When we were kids, this process was called MOTHER.

THE BETTER HALF

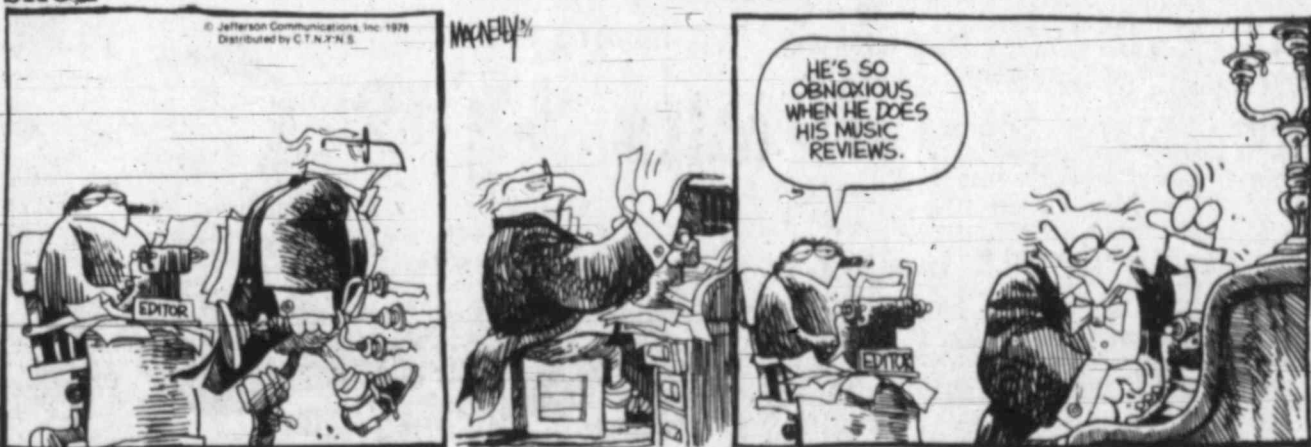


"...and thanks for this food, and let Stanley keep his derogatory remarks to himself."

ANDY CAPP



SHOE



DICK TRACY



REX MORGAN M.D.



PEANUTS

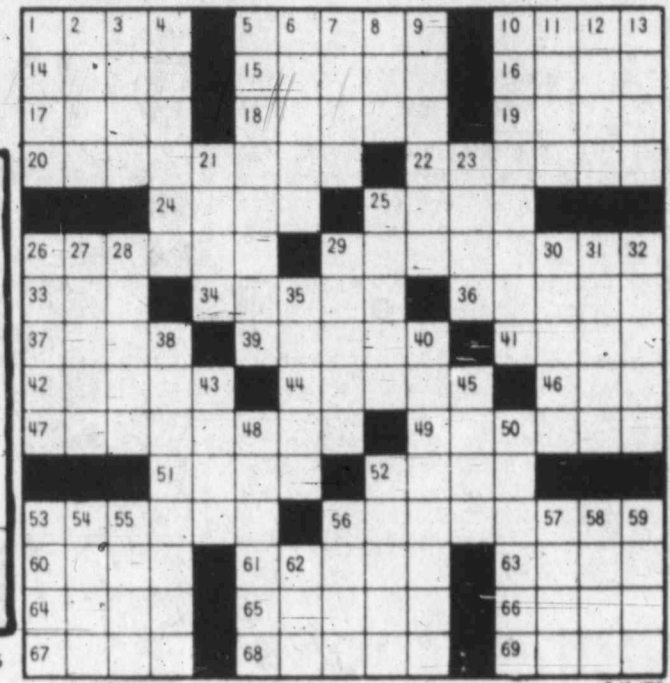


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1 "Now" this ...
5 States: Fr.
10 Home of the Bruins
14 As well
15 Iron
16 Knot of wool
17 Girl's name
18 Curved mark over a vowel
19 Experience
20 Like the original
22 Summits
24 Capable of
25 Emperor
26 Be eager for
29 Live from
49 Superfluity
51 Crumbling castle
52 Mug
53 Arrow poison
56 Guards
60 Spirited horse
61 Singing group
63 Half of a locomotive
64 Disappoint
65 Paves the way
66 Hawaiian city
67 French pronoun
68 European
69 Art department term
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2 Saint of Dec. 1
3 "I care!"
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5 Make resentful
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7 To
8 Hebrew letter
9 Cheap
10 Not grand
11 Importance
12 Wide-awake
13 Brews
21 Resorts
23 Butter portions
25 Nip-up
26 Council, Spanish style
27 Consumers
28 Hand: Lat.
29 French writer
30 Two, in cards
31 Gazetteer
32 Hounds' sounds
35 Man
38 Very charming
40 Small in importance: Colloq.
43 Possessive
45 Way out
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53 Bistro
54 Eurasian border
55 Track
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57 Voucher
58 Weight in India
59 Certain curtain decor
62 Speaker's sound



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HEATHCLIFF



Bergland pushing grain program

By DON KENDALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department may have to send field offices new orders to clarify the grain reserve program farmers are being asked to accept as a way to boost prices of wheat and corn.

As announced months ago, the goal of the program was to get farmers to store — with federal help — some 330 million bushels of wheat and 670 million bushels of corn and other grain for up to three years. The program is a favorite of Agriculture Secretary

Bob Bergland, who says it represents the most immediate action farmers can take to help boost grain market prices. By storing one billion bushels of grain, the market supply will be reduced and prices will go up, he says.

But Bergland told reporters last week that the grain reserve program is actually opened and that there are no exact limits on how much wheat and other grain farmers can store in the three-year program.

"While 330 million bushels is sort of a rough idea as to how much grain we think is going to have an effect (on prices), we're not going to draw the line," Bergland said. "We're not going to cut the thing off."

Bergland said that the same applies to the 60 million bushels set initially as the goal for corn and other grain.

The reserve program, he said, has a "self-adjusting mechanism" related to prices which will prevent a huge buildup of farm-stored grain much beyond the one billion bushels total.

Specifically, using wheat as an example, when market prices rise to \$3.15 a bushel the grain will be released for market and the government will stop paying farmers 25 cents a bushel per year to store it. Wheat recently has been around \$2.50 a bushel on the cash market in farm areas.

Right now only 1976-crop wheat is eligible in the reserve. Bergland said about 122 million bushels have been committed and that he expects farmers will add more in coming weeks.

Beginning today farmers will be able to deposit 1977-crop wheat in the reserve.

The plan applies to grain already being held by farmers under the loan program which, under normal conditions, allows farmers to borrow money for nine months before having to repay the loan. If the loan is not repaid, the farmer's grain is taken over by USDA and becomes federal property.

Actually, the three-year program simply continues the loan arrangement and allows the grain to be locked off the market longer than usual.

The 122 million bushels of 1976 wheat Bergland said is now in the reserve is considerably higher than the 91.5 million bushels reported by USDA in a Feb. 15 report.

In addition, farmers had about 184 million bushels of 1976 wheat still under loan which, theoretically, also is eligible for the reserve. The deadline for doing this is Feb. 28.

Only a very small amount of corn and other grain has been signed up.

The Feb. 15 report shows that 437.6 million bushels of 1977 wheat was under loan, grain which will be eligible March 1 for the reserve, depending on how much actually will be needed to drive up prices.

The disclosure by Bergland that the reserve plan is opened in terms of quantity took some officials by surprise. One, in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service said Friday that the decision was not generally known in the agency until Bergland told reporters about it.

Thus, the official, who asked not to be identified because his comments might reflect on Bergland, said that "We may have to let them know" about the open-ended reserve status, meaning state and county offices of the agency.

But the official, who has worked closely with the reserve since Bergland began developing the idea a year ago, said that the bushel figures — 330 million wheat and 670 million other grain — never were intended as a cut-off level.

"Those were amounts that somebody figured would be required to get prices up to where the grain would be released," the official said. "First thing we knew, they took on some kind of lid on the reserve."

Another action, which was announced last summer as an intended plan, will be for USDA to acquire six million metric tons — about 220 million bushels — of wheat as the U.S. commitment to a special International Emergency Food Reserve.

The department said it would ask Congress to authorize the stockpile — to be used only for donation as food relief in foreign countries.

Midland group plans to attend Washington event

A delegation of Midlanders will leave this weekend for Washington, D.C., where Monday they will attend the 12th annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce-sponsored reception and dinner honoring members of the Texas congressional delegation and their spouses.

Included in the Midland group will be W.H. "Bill" Collins, chairman of the board of the West Texas Chamber; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kloesel, Mr. and Mrs. C. Winston Barclay, Harrell Feldt, Fred Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bradford and City Councilmen Gordon Marcum and Thane Akins.

Kloesel, chairman of WTCC's National Affairs Committee, is in charge of the reception and dinner. Barclay is a director of the regional chamber and Mrs. Barclay is in charge of Congressman George Mahon's Midland office. Feldt is president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Tyler is the Midland chamber's executive vice president.

Bradford is associated with The First National Bank of Midland.

The Midlanders will join more than 50 other West Texans in attending the annual function.

A breakfast for the West Texans is scheduled Monday, at which time representatives from the offices of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Rep. James Collins, and the White House will brief the group on major legislative issues.

The rest of the day, prior to the reception and dinner, will be spent in visiting and sightseeing.

Calculatin' cooks now offered help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is rushing to the aid of those confused consumers who never can decide how much food they'll need for their next meal.

It's not that the calculating method, described in a new department booklet, is complicated. All you need to figure out exactly is how much to cook for dinner is the booklet and a mind like Einstein to understand it.

This new miracle kitchen formula is called — in the wonderful words of bureaucrats — the "amount to buy factor."

To use it, you'll first need the booklet: "Family Food Buying: A Guide for Calculating Amounts to Buy and Comparing Costs."

You need this booklet because "the factor" varies from food to food and you have to look up the appropriate "factor" before proceeding.

The booklet isn't expensive, though, only 70 cents from the government printing office. Pocket calculators are extra.

Basically, here's how the "amount to buy factor" works:

1. First you decide what food you're having, say pieces of head lettuce.

2. Then you determine the number of people who will be eating it, say three.

3. Then you look up the amount to buy factor for "lettuce: head: pieces." You'll find that the factor is 0.18.

4. Then you multiply this by the number of people. The result is 0.54.

5. Then you look in the "marketing unit" column and learn that lettuce is usually sold in one pound heads. So, in this case, you need 0.54 pounds of lettuce.

6. This step is optional: consider the appetite of your family or guests. For example, the Agriculture Department thinks 3 ounces of read meat-about the size of a normal sized hamburger patty-is enough to serve one person obviously not a teen-ager.

Of course lettuce can't be the whole meal. So let's have hamburger.

Oops! Hamburger isn't among the 727 foods listed in the book. Instead, there's "beef: ground: regular, lean or extra lean."

The amount to buy factor for lean ground beef is 0.24. Multiplied by the same three people who ate the lettuce, we discover we need 0.72 pounds of hamburger for these folks.

And finally, some ice cream for dessert. The factor for bulk ice cream is 0.08. Since ice cream isn't sold by the pound, we multiply by half gallons and learn that we need 0.24 half-gallons for the three people.

The department says its booklet is aimed primarily at home economics teachers, extension personnel and health personnel but "should be especially helpful to homemakers."

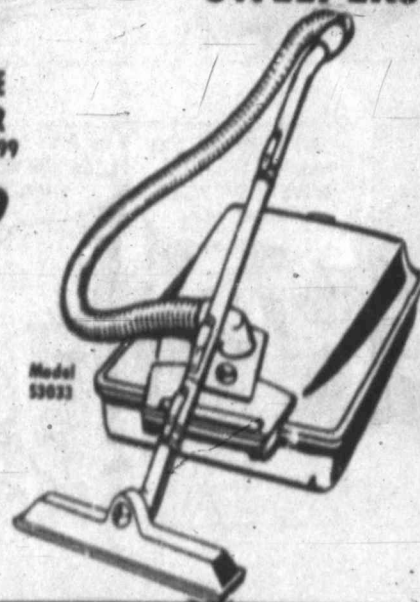
If you want one of these 70 cent booklets, order from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Ask for stock number 001-000-03720-0.

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