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The SDN Column

The Bicentennial celebration figures heavily in vacation plans of most Americans next year.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration had a survey conducted and it revealed that out of 137 million Americans who plan to take a vacation trip next year, 91 million of them will visit a Bicentennial site or attend a Bicentennial event. In addition, at least 55 million other Americans plan to take weekend trips to Bicentennial events during the year.

Sites that are prominent in the nation's early history are expected to attract most of the visitors, but, of course, there will be Bicentennial attractions throughout the country, including Snyder and Scurry County. The survey indicates that the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., will attract the most Bicentennial visitors. Twenty-seven million of those surveyed said they planned to go there sometime during the year. Next came Williamsburg, Va., with 17.6 million, followed by Philadelphia with 17.4 million, New York City with 16.7 million and Boston with 15.3 million. Strangely, only 5.8 million indicated they planned to visit Plymouth, Mass., site of the early American colony.

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The Federal Energy Administration has come up with some "energy saving tips" for this season.

First, they are urging that last-minute Christmas-shopping trips be planned carefully to reduce travel time and fuel consumption to the lowest possible level.

Then, they are advocating gifts of sweaters, long underwear, etc., to encourage people to depend on clothing rather than gas or oil heating systems to keep warm during the cold months.

If you plan to give an appliance, select one that uses the least amount of energy. Labels are supposed to have this information on them now.

Fashion-wise, the women of the nation are being urged to wear slacks during cold weather. The FEA says they'll keep you 1.5 degrees warmer than a skirt, which will enable you to turn the thermostat down.

Extensive use of twinkle lights on Christmas trees is urged because the twinkle lights are on only half the time, which the FEA says will cut electricity use in half. We are skeptical of their reasoning on this, but we do agree that the on-and-off lights may be more economincal to operate over-all. They usually are smaller than the others, for one thing.

If you have to use extension cords for Christmas lighting, or to hook up new appliances, be sure they are the proper size. Under-sized cords waste electricity and they can be a fire hazard, also.

If you are going to be away from home during the holidays, dial down your thermostat to around 50 degrees, and also shut off or dial down your water heater.

Plan meals carefully and try cooking several meals at one time. It will save energy—yours and that used to heat the stove. And use your kitchen vent sparingly. In just one hour it can literally blow away a houseful of warmed air.

So, there you have it. Enjoy your Christmas and save energy, too.—WACIL McNAIR.

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WEIGHING IN—The Student Council at Snyder High School has been sponsoring a contest between the classes to see which could collect the most food for distribution by the Goodfellows. The final results this morning showed a total of 9,411 pounds brought in, or nearly five tons. The sophomore class finished first with 4,653 pounds, with the seniors not far behind with 3,959 pounds. The juniors and freshmen followed with 530 and 269 pounds respectively. Pictured at the weighing-in this morning are, left to right, Eddie Williams, Student Council sponsor, Carolyn Rylander, Mitzi Autry, Mark Hester, and Lee Ann Allen.

FOOD, FOOD, AND MORE FOOD—This is just a part of the canned goods, potatoes, flour, etc., collected by Snyder High School students to be distributed to needy families during the holidays. A total of 4,957 pounds was brought in this morning at the final deadline between 8-8:50 a.m.

House Sustains Veto On Tax Cut Extension

By CARL C. CRAFT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today sustained President Ford's veto of a bill extending 1975 income tax cuts, virtually assuring that most working Americans will pay higher income taxes beginning New Year's Day.

The vote was 265 to 157 with two members voting present. The tally was 17 votes short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto.

If the existing tax cut law dies on schedule, the typical worker's taxes will increase $3 to $4 a week starting Jan. 1.

Prior to the vote, House Speaker Carl Albert accused the White House of trying to "brainwash the Republicans" by telling them that they will get some kind of bill anyway.

Death of the bill means an automatic January jump in most Americans' taxes unless some emergency legislation is worked out between now and New Year's Day.

Ford opposed the bill on grounds it did not contain a provision imposing a ceiling on federal expenditures.

At the White House, Deputy Press Secretary William I. Greener said "the President obviously is pleased" by the vote.

Asked whether he had any contingency plans, Albert said, "None, have been discussed with me." However, he was expected to talk to committee leaders and discuss the situation.

"My present inclination is to let them live with this. I can live with it ... I can take the heat.

"I think it is better politics to be strong in our attitude to the legislation. Mr. Rhodes (Republican Leader John J. Rhodes) may think otherwise. He may be fooled."

The vote came dramatically as the electronic scoreboard ticked off the tally. Republicans burst into applause when it became obvious the veto would be sustained. Democrats stood silent.

Shortly before the showdown, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., chief author of the bill, stood to tell the House "this is a very critical moment in the history of our country."

"If we suffer a tax increase in January, we are playing Russian roulette with the economy of our country. Failure to enact this legislation will have a major economic impact — let no one doubt it," Ullman said.

Rhodes told the House that the Democrats "fail to recognize" that the American people want to limit federal spending and are "sick and tired" of big government.

"We can and should" put a spending limit on any tax cut extension bill, he said.

US, Others Withdraw From UNESCO Meeting

PARIS (AP) — The United States, at least 11 other Western nations and Israel withdrew today from a meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization because it approved a reference to the controversial Zionism-racism resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly.

The 80-nation conference is meeting to draft a declaration of guidelines for the news media to use in "strengthening peace and international understanding and in combating war propaganda, racism and apartheid."

On Wednesday, the conference agreed to include a reference to the designation numbers of the Assembly resolution declaring Zionism a form of racism and to two other U.N. reslutions on Zionism.

In a letter today to the conference chairman, Josef Grohman of Czechoslovakia, the chief U.S. delegate, Ronald S. Stowe, said the Zionism vote "simply imposes the debilitating handicap on those delegations which were trying to maintain the credibility and intellectual integrity" of the discussions.

Stowe, assistant legal advisor on U.N. affairs at the State Department, also cited as a reason for withdrawal the fact the meeting had abandoned attempts at consensus agreements on the "extremely sensitive substance" of the meeting.

The United States lobbied unsuccessfully to require unanimous approval of all conference decisions, while Algeria and Iraq wanted a specific condemnation of Zionism, the movement for a Jewish national homeland in Israel. As a compromise, Yugoslavia proposed inclusion of the anti-Zionist resolutions by referring to their designation numbers.

Informed sources said the draft of media principles, which when completed will be submitted to the annual UNESCO general conference, contains many other provisions that are objectionable to the democracies.

Bush Gets Panel OK

By DAVID C. MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 12 to 4 today to approve George Bush as director of the Central Intelligence Agency after President Ford ruled Bush out as a potential 1976 vice presidential candidate.

In a letter to Chairman John C. Stennis, D-Miss., Ford said that if Bush is confirmed for the CIA post "I will not consider him as my vice presidential running mate in 1976."

Bush, who told the committee earlier this week he was not seeking the vice presidential nomination but might accept it if offered, urged the President to make that decision, Ford said in the letter, dated today.

Voting against the nomination were four Democrats: Sens. Thomas J. McIntyre of New Hampshire, John C. Culver of Iowa, Gary Hart of Colorado and Patrick J. Leahy of Vermont.

A White House aide waiting outside the hearing room while the committee discussed the nomination in closed session said that Wednesday night it became "clear there was no victory," leaving Ford with the choice of withdrawing the nomination or ruling Bush out as a possible vice presidential candidate.

The aide's comments contrasted sharply with a statement made Wednesday by White House lobbyist Max Friedersdorf, who predicted "a very safe margin" without having to rule Bush out as a vice presidential candidate.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1975. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted, abolishing slavery.

On this date:

In 1777, George Washington's army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1799, George Washington was buried at Mount Vernon.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson married a widow, Edith Bolling Glat, at the bride's Washington home.

In 1961, Indian troops invaded Goa and two other Portuguese enclaves on India's west coast.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson announced that the United States planned to build a new sea-level canal in Central America or Colombia.

Ten years ago: North Vietnam disavowed reported peace feelers aimed at ending the war in South Vietnam.

Five years ago: A law permitting divorce went into effect in Italy despite opposition by the Roman Catholic church.

One year ago: A House-Senate conference committee completed work on a trade bill granting trade concessions to Russia, contingent on freer emigration from that country.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Wednesday, 39 degree; low, 13 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 15 degrees.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Partly cloudy extreme west and southeast portions. Otherwise fair through Friday. Not quite as cold tonight. Warmer most sections Friday. Low tonight mid teens Panhandle and mountains to near 30 Big Bend. High Friday 40s extreme north to mid 50s west and Big Bend.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Fair through Friday. Warmer west portion tonight and over area Friday. Low tonight in 20s. High Friday in 50s.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Fair and continued cool through Friday. Low tonight 26 northwest to 46 south. High Friday 53 to 67.

Upper Texas Coast: Small craft advisories remain in effect. North wind 20 to 30 knots and gusty, diminishing in afternoon and becoming east to northeast 10 to 15 knots tonight and Friday. Seas 8 to 10 feet, subsiding by tonight and becoming 3 to 5 feet Friday.

Barbados Shuts Island To Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — Barbados says it has asked Cuba to stop using the West Indies island as a refueling stop for aircraft carrying Cuban soldiers to Angola.

"Barbados ... does not countenance the use of its territory for purposes of interference in the internal affairs of Angola," said a statement by the Barbados Ministry of External Affairs quoted Wednesday in The Miami Herald.

"Accordingly, the government of Barbados has lodged a strong protest with the Cuban government requesting an immediate discontinuance of Barbados for this purpose."

The statement came a day after the Herald published a story reporting the refueling on the island nation, an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

Barbados is the easternmost of the Caribbean islands. It lies about 2,000 miles from Cuba and 4,000 miles from the African coast. Barbados has diplomatic relations with Cuba and the nations are linked by twice-weekly airline service.

In Washington, intelligence sources said the decision by Barbados may have been prompted by U.S. displeasure over the arrangement.

In addition, intelligence reports indicate the Soviets are stepping up aid shipments to the Marxist faction battling for control of Angola.

According to the intelligence sources, more than 230 planeloads of Cuban troops and advisers have stopped at Barbados for fuel before flying the rest of the way to West Africa, where the Cubans have been aiding the Soviet-backed faction in the three-way fight for control of the newly independent country.

The airlift began about the time Angola became independent of Portugal on Nov. 11, and U.S. intelligence estimates about 4,000 Cubans are involved in the Angolan civil war.

U.S. analysts say the Barbados action could cause Cuba to seek an alternate refueling stop, possibly in Guyana on the South American coast.

5 Shopping Days Till Christmas

Schools Set Yule Holidays

Christmas holidays begin tomorrow for public schools and Western Texas College students.

Dormitories at WTC will close at 2 p.m. Friday for the Christmas break. They will reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 12.

Snyder Public Schools will dismiss classes at 2:30 p.m. Friday for their Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed on the regular schedule on Jan. 5.

WTC will have its mid-winter "mini term" in session again. It is scheduled for Dec. 30-Jan. 10.

WTC's Spring Schedule Ready

Copies of the 1976 spring semester schedule for Western Texas College are now available at the office of the registrar in the Administration Building.

Registration for the new semester will begin at 1 p.m. on Jan. 12 and continue through Jan. 13. Classes begin Jan. 14 for both day and evening students.

Mercury Takes A Nosedive

It was beginning to feel a lot like Christmas today in the Snyder area today as the hardest freeze of the season chilled most of the state.

The official low reading in Snyder this morning was 13 degrees. This came on the heels of a maximum reading of only 39 degrees Wednesday.

The temperatures in the Panhandle-Plains regions banged the bottom of the thermometer this morning, despite the fact that winter still is four days away, according to the calendar.

Only the semitropical Lower Rio Grande Valley and a few other points in extreme South Texas or near the coast escaped, partly thanks to a blanket of clouds.

The mercury nosedived to 9 degrees above zero at Dalhart and Amarillo and 10 at Perryton in the Panhandle. At the same hour, however, it was a moderately comfortable 49 at Brownsville in the Valley's citrus and winter vegetable belt.

A cold front which paced the bitter weather across the state the day before had moved out into the Gulf of Mexico but was credited for holding the cloud cover over the southern section. Skies were clear to only partly cloudy inn other areas.

Among other points with subfreezing marks were Abilene, Lubbock and Wichita Falls 12, Childress 14, Wink 15, Midland-Odessa 16, Dallas-Fort Worth and San Angelo 20, Junction and Tyler 21, Waco and Texarkana 22, Longview 24, College Station 27, Austin 28, Lufkin 29 and Beaumont-Port Arthur 31.

Biting north winds contributed to a miserable chill factor in most localities.

ON NIXON PARDON

Ford Stands By Testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford today stood by his testimony to Congress about his pardon of former President Richard Nixon. The Washington Post said Ford discussed the possibility of a pardon with Nixon's top aide, in apparent contradiction to the testimony.

"The President's position is that the facts were made clear in his testimony before Congress," White House Deputy Press Secrtary William I. Greener said in a statement issued today.

The newspaper said that reliable sources indicated Ford gave a private assurance to Nixon Chief of Staff Alexander Haig on Aug. 20, 1974, that a pardon would be granted. Haig also served Ford in the early days of his administration.

Ford announced his pardon of Nixon on Sept. 8, 1974, almost exactly a month after he took office following Nixon's resignation due to the Watergate scandals.

During an Oct. 17, 1974, House Judiciary subcommittee session, Ford was asked by Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, D-Wis., whether any other persons made recommendations to him to pardon Nixon, from the time he took office until the time he decided to grant the pardon.

Ford responded, "No other person to my knowledge made any recommendation to me from that time until the time that I made the decision about Sept. 6. Nobody made any recommendation to me for the pardon of the former president."

The Post, in a story by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, said former Nixon speechwriter Patrick Buchanan confirmed that Haig "strongly implied" that it was his advocacy that secured Nixon's pardon.

The newsaper also said that former Nixon counsel Leonard Garment, also on Aug. 20, 1974, wrote a memo urging that Ford pardon Nixon. However, it said its sources were unsure whether Ford has seen the memo.

Asked for comment, White House spokesman William Greener said Wednesday night he had discussed the Post story with President Ford earlier in the day.

"The President said his testimony prior to the time he went up there (before the House subcommittee) had been checked and double checked" with persons involved, Greener said.

"He (Ford) was sure that what he said on that date was accurate to the best of his recollection."

Medallions Are Still Available

Bicentennial medallions are still being distributed at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce office.

Those who ordered medallions earlier may pick them up now at the Chamber office. Also, those wishing to purchase additional medallions may do so. Members of the Art Club at Snyder High School are also selling the medallions.

The latest shipment of bronze medallions had almost been exhausted late Thursday, but another shipment is due after the holidays.

Goodfellows

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carroll Jr.	$10.00
Mrs. James Sneed	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Scott	25.00
Terry Lee Sowell	50.00
Mack and Ilene Kruse	5.00
E.D. Walton Employes	115.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Lacik	25.00
Bentley Baize	10.00
Dr. and Mrs. D.K. Ratliff	10.00
Jack Armstrong	5.00
R.M. Hedges	5.00
Anonymous	226.00
Total for day	510.00
Previous total	3,754.21
Total to date	4,264.21

VIEWPOINT

Preparing For Santa

For some 19 million Americans, December is not the last month in the year but the first. This is the month they sign up with the Christmas Club at their local bank, to which they will faithfully report weekly or biweekly during the coming year to ensure that stockings are full come Christmas 1976.

Last year, Christmas Club members accumulated an average nest egg of $205 each for a total of nearly $4 billion, says Kenneth J. Benda, president of the Independent Bankers Association of America (IBAA). No less a sum, and probably more, was saved this year and is now being mainlined into the nation's economy.

Even so, the club accounts are not a gold mine for bankers, according to the IBAA. Only the very largest banks make any profit, with most losing 76 cents to $1.07 per account, not counting interest.

Almost half of all financial institutions now pay interest on Christmas Club accounts. Others offer premiums for opening accounts. And in the ecumenical spirit of the season, Hanukkah Clubs are now cropping up.

While the number of Christmas Club subscribers continues to grow every year, few people pause to read the rules printed in the coupon book, to which they must adhere. There are some things the IBAA thinks people should know about the pros and cons of membership:

—If you fail to complete a full year's payments, you agree to forfeit your interest on the account, if, indeed, any is offered at your bank.

—Like all other deposits, Christmas Club accounts are insured up to $40,000 by the government.

But then, anyone who can save more than $40,000 between now and next December doesn't need Santa Claus.

Blow For Citizenship

Although he had to promise that he would not run against any legislators, George Bush refused to rule out the possibility that he might take the vice president's slot on the Republican ticket in 1976 as he went through his grilling by a Senate Committee concerning his appointment to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

Apparently he struck a blow for full citizenship of public officials. It has long been customary in some branches of government, from Washington to city halls, to require appointees to pledge that they will not seek elective office. This practice has even figured in appointments to fill vacancies in elective offices, with the body making the appointment insisting that the appointee merely serve out the current term and forego a race for a term on his won.

It only adds to the sacrifice that the appointee must make to serve, and raises the question of why a person should be required to give up part of his citizenship rights to fill a public position.

Vets Loans Suspended

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas veterans land purchase program will be suspended for several months in hope of finding a more favorable bond market, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong announced.

Armstrong urged any veteran who is not negotiating with a seller to have his completed application with the required fees and papers in the land commissioner's office by Dec. 31.

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Club Fire Kills 7

NEW YORK (AP) — A four-alarm fire flashed through a posh east side night club early today, killing seven persons, fire officials said.

"I was screaming not to panic, but inside I knew I was going to die," said Jean-Claude Baker, the master of ceremonies of the transvestite revue, "Zoo," an import from Paris showing at the Blue Angel.

The club, on the first floor of a five-story building on East 54th Street near Park Avenue, was gutted. Twenty persons were evacuated from apartments on the top four floors of the white brick and stucco building. The dwellings appeared to have sustained minor damage.

Six of the victims were dead when they were removed from the club. The seventh died en route to the hospital.

It was not known immediately whether any of the entertainers were among the dead. None of the victims was immediately identified.

Six firemen suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation. They were treated at the scene.

Six of the bodies were found in the rear of the club where the rest rooms are.

Wide-Open Production Extended

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission assured wide-open oil production today in the first month of the new year, and one of the three commissioners suggested that oilmen ask President Ford to veto the new energy bill.

Commissioner Mack Wallace told oilmen at the statewide allowable hearing he was sending Ford a telegram requesting a presidential veto, and "it would serve your country well if you did the same thing."

Wallace said the bill would further jeopardize national security, severely curtail future drilling, put the United States' balance of payments in "greater imbalance," increase foreign oil imports and lead to a possible federal government takeover of state oil production.

"In the short term," Wallace said, "Texas will be done irreparable damage."

Commissioner Jim Langdon also said he hoped Ford would veto the "so-called energy bill."

Chairman Ben Ramsey, who is retiring in a year, confined his remarks to wishing oilmen a happy holiday season.

He noted, however, that foreign oil imports for the four weeks ended Dec. 5 averaged 4,644,000 barrels a day, an increase of 871,000 from the Jan. 3 average.

The commission set the oil allowable at 100 per cent for January—the 46th consecutive month of all-out production.

As usual, however, the huge East Texas field was restricted to 86 per cent production to avoid possible waste.

Major buyers of Texas crude oil asked for 3,956,900 barrels a day in January, an increase of 3,547 barrels from December.

Nominations by major purchasers for January, in barrels per day, with any changes from December in parentheses:

Amoco 350,000
Atlantic Richfield 180,000
Cheyron 78,000
Cities Service 115,000
Continental 54,500
Diamond Shamrock 36,000
Exxon 738,000 (minus 1,000)
Gulf 158,500
Mobil 345,000
Phillips 115,000
Shell 300,500
Sun 225,000
Texaco 223,000
Union of California 90,000

Three Mishaps Are Reported

City Police investigated three minor traffic mishaps here yesterday.

The first occurred at 12:07 p.m. at 606 East Highway. Involved were a 1971 Chevrolet driven by Lois Cumbie Pierce of Rt. 1, Snyder, and a 1975 Subura operated by Clifford Dwayne Cline of the Purple Sage Motel.

At 4:22 p.m. police investigated a mishap on the parking lot at Safeway. Involved were a 1974 Plymouth driven by Frances Blair McCowen of Rt. 2, Snyder, and a 1972 Plymouth operated by Van Johnson of 1900 Avenue R.

The third accident occurred at 9:07 p.m. in the 400 block of Twenty-fifth Street. Involved were a 1968 Ford driven by Wanda Gasaway Cody of 316 Thirty-first Street, and a 1970 Ford operated by Eileen Cash West of Hermleigh.

Firemen Called

The Snyder Fire Department was called out to a reported grass fire yesterday at 4:45 p.m. in the 3400 block of College Avenue, across from Everybody's Supermarket.

Damage only resulted to the grass.

CHRISTMAS PARTY—Nettie Webb, 1202 Twenty-fourth Street, hosted a Christmas Party in her home for Cub Scouts of Den 1, pack 258. Pictured with Mrs. Webb are (front row, from left) Ernest Aquilar, Bill Smith, Robert Elliott, John Garrett, Chris Garrett, (center) David Weir, Richard Brown, (back row) Joey Gulseth, Dennis Gulseth and Montie Rawlings. Den leaders, Pat Smith, Betty Rawlings, Emma Garrett and Carol Gulseth, were also guests.

State Democrats Sign A Pledge

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe led other top state officials today in pledging that the Texas Democratic party would remain the majority party in the 1976 elections.

"We are determined to keep it that way," Briscoe said as he and the others formally signed the pledge at a Capitol news conference.

Briscoe also announced a "lunch pail" fund-raising dinner in Houston on March 30 that will cost party faithful $25 each.

State Democratic Chairman Calvin Guest of Bryan said they hoped to raise $100,000 to $150,000 from the dinner to be used exclusively for the state party.

"I hope to pay off the party deficit ($82,000) and have money in the bank for the convention," Guest said.

Briscoe promised that none of the money raised at the Houston dinner would go to any primary political candidates.

"It will be used to strengthen the Texas Democratic party," Briscoe said. "It will be used to encourage the broadest possible participation in the party's activities."

Briscoe said the most immediate need of the state party was the financing of senatorial district workshops to instruct and organize party workers. Workshops have already been held at Mount Pleasant and Corpus Christi.

Another pressing need, he said, was the voter registration program.

"All of us here today have pledged our complete and all-out support for this fund-raising function," Briscoe said. We will all be working actively to make it a great success and one of the great Democratic functions in the history of Texas."

Joining with Briscoe in taking the pledge were Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Agriculture Commissioner John White, Comptroller Bob Bullock, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, Atty. Gen. John Hill, Speaker Bill Clayton, Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace and Treasurer Jesse James.

MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	39	up	3/4
AT&T	50 1/2		
Atl Rich	89	up	1/2
Beth Stl	33 1/4		
Borden	26 3/8	off	1/8
Brit. Pet.	11 1/2	up	1/4
Cat Trac	68 3/8		
Celanese	43 1/2	up	1/4
Chrysler	10		
Cities Svc	38 3/4	up	1/8
Coca Cola	84 1/4	off	1/2
Cont Oil	60 1/8	up	1/4
Dow Chem	93 1/4		
duPont	125	up	1/8
Eastman	107 1/4	up	1/2
El Paso NG	11 1/8		
Exxon	87 1/2		
Fairchild Cam	34 7/8	up	5/8
Ford	44	up	1/4
Gen Elec	46 1/4	up	1/2
Gen Foods	27 1/4	off	1/8
Gen Mtrs	58 1/8	up	5/8
Gen Tel	24 7/8	up	1/8
Gen Tire	17 1/2		
Goodrich	17 1/4	up	1/8
Great A&P	10 1/2	up	1/8
Gulf Oil	20 1/2	up	1/8
Glf St UT	13 1/8	up	1/8
Hous LP	22 3/8		
IBM	220 1/2	up	3/4
Int Paper	55 3/8	off	1/8
Jhn-Man	23 1/8	off	1/4
John Joh	90 7/8		
Litton	6 1/2		
Marathon	41 1/2	off	1/8
Marcor	28 3/8		
Mobil Oil	45 1/2	off	3/8
Monsanto	76 1/4	off	1/2
Penn Cent	1 1/4		
Penney	50	up	1/4
Phill Pet	51 3/4	off	1/4
RCA	19 1/8	off	1/8
Safeway	41 7/8	off	1/8
Sears	68 1/4	up	1/4
Sony	9 1/8	off	1/4
Stand Ind	41 7/8		
Sun Oil	26 1/8	off	3/8
Texaco	23 1/4		
Texas Inst	94 5/8	up	1/4
Un Carbide	60	up	3/8
Uniroyal	7 3/4		
US Steel	65 7/8		
Woolworth	21 7/8	up	1/8
Xerox	48 1/8		

General Assembly Praises Bailey

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Singer Pearl Bailey has been praised in the General Assembly as "an honor to her country and humanity at large," after she ended her four weeks as a U.N. diplomat.

Arctic Air Grips Sections

Arctic air took a firm hold on the Great Plains and Mississippi valley overnight. Temperatures dipped below zero under clear skies and in light winds.

East of the Mississippi Valley, skies were cloudy and temperatures were not as cold despite brisk winds. It was below freezing over the northern portions of the Gulf Coast states. A hard freeze was expected in Arkansas, North and Central Louisiana and Southwest Texas.

Temperatures moderated somewhat in the northern Rockies, where some snow and blowing snow was reported. Light snow was scattered over the Ohio valley and the Great Lakes region into northern New England.

Heavy snow warnings were posted near the Great Lakes in western New York. Travel advisories went up in parts of northern Michigan, northwest Pennsylvania and western New York.

Skies were generally clear over the central and southern Rockies and the plateau region. A band of fog extended from northwest California and southwest Oregon into extreme southeast Washington. There was some fog and haze in the interior valleys and coastal regions of California.

Overnight temperatures around the nation ranged from 28 below zero at International Falls, Minn., to 71 degrees at Miami.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Debra Fields, Rt. 2, Box 289; Fernando Sauceda, 413 Thirty-first; Craig Franklin, 2008 Thirtieth; Billy Don Huddleston, Clairemont Rt.; Lent Parker, 2607 Thirty-fifth.

DISMISSALS: Anna McCullough, James Doyle, Debra Hulsey, Laura Fortune, Lawrence Webb, Linda Ham, Madalene Wilson, Morris Callaway, Stanley Camp, Vera Jones, James Magness, Maria Rios, Christene Hoyle.

Senior Citizen Luncheon Set

Senior Citizens are invited to attend a covered dish luncheon Friday in the Senior Citizens Center at Western Texas College.

Persons attending are asked to bring a gift to be exchanged. A price limit of $2 has been set for the gifts.

Games will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until time for the luncheon. Persons wishing transportation to the Center may call Kay Albin, director, at 573-0444 between 8 and 8:30 Friday morning.

In the general presidential election there is a $20-million spending limit for each candidate.

Ford Mum On Energy Decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — After prodding Congress for a year to face the nation's energy problems, President Ford now must decide whether to sign a bill that would temporarily reduce fuel prices while phasing out federal price controls.

A Federal Energy Administration official said Wednesday that Ford apparently has tipped his decision on the energy bill to no one. But FEA chief Frank G. Zarb has recommended that Ford approve the measure as the best he is going to get from this Congress.

Zarb said Wednesday night he plans to meet with Ford today to discuss the bill, and he indicated the President may make an immediate decision on the measure. Asked if he thought Ford would sign the bill, Zarb said, "When I see him, perhaps you'll know."

A 58 to 40 Senate vote on Wednesday completed congressional action on the bill. In addition to cutting the price of gasoline and fuel oil, the measure would require manufacturers to gradually improve the fuel efficiency of new cars.

The measure also would allow the gradual lifting of government price controls on petroleum products over a 40-month period.

If Ford signs the bill, which runs counter to his own energy proposals, it would signal the end of a year-long fight between the Democratic-controlled Congress and the Republican President.

For American consumers, it could mean a reduction, perhaps almost immediately, of 2.5 to 3.5 cents per gallon in the price of gasoline and home heating oil. As price controls were lifted, prices would resume their climb sometime after the November 1976 elections.

Should Ford veto the bill, there is little chance Congress could override, leaving the nation with no controls on oil prices and no semblance of a national energy policy. Unless another period of temporary controls were imposed, fuel prices would be free to rise.

Eight Republicans, all from colder Northeastern states that are heavily dependent upon oil for heating, joined 50 Democrats in passing the bill.

Sale Of Oil Stocks Halted

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A temporary restraining order has been issued forbidding a Midland, Tex., man to sell oil stocks from his strip hotel room.

District Court Judge J. Charles Thompson on Wednesday scheduled a hearing for Dec. 30 on a complaint filed by the district attorney's office against Arch McColl.

McColl had placed a newspaper ad offering Las Vegas residents a chance to buy 10 to 15 shares of stock in a Lubbock, Tex., oil well.

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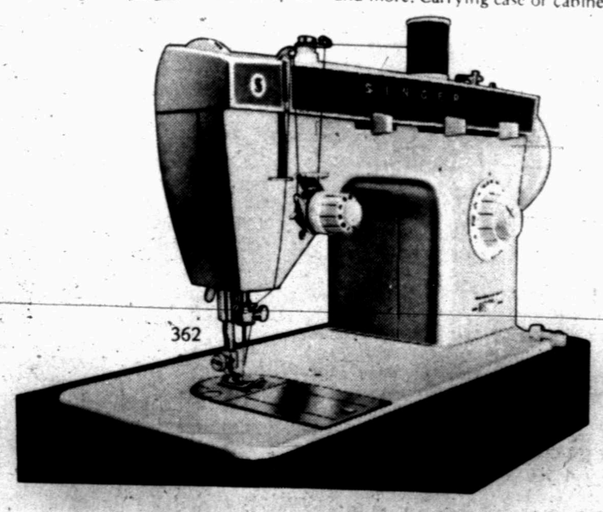
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LOVE IS...A beautiful handmade quilt for a Christmas gift. Mrs. Bill Boles was presented this gift from the "Love" Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Monday evening at their Christmas dinner held at Western Texas College. Forty-nine members and associates each made a Dutch doll block with their name on it and then joined them together to form the coverlett. Ladies from the Senior Citizen Center at WTC quilted it. Pictured with Mrs. Boles is her husband.

Games, Gift Machines Abound

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Among choice gifts for the home are inexpensive adult games that can add a decorative touch, and the new little appliances that let you do your own healthful thing in the kitchen.

Cubes, octagons, geodesic-type shapes in games are among those that offer a kind of table top sculpture as well as providing at-hand relaxation and intrigue. Some games are just fashionably executed versions of old-time favorites. In any event, manufacturers can hardly keep up with the demand, says Brooklyn-born Bob Reiss, 45, who began concentrating on games about eight years ago. A graduate of Harvard Business School, he has been in business since 1958.

"I am constantly amazed that amateurs can come up with so many new game concepts. Some are wild, although some are ancient games that everybody is making," he explained. "Closet inventors have come into the open. Time was when everybody seemed to be writing novels. Now they are making games in their attics."

In addition to the large assortment of the big selling under-$3 mind-benders, there are games such as tri-tac-toe, a three-level plastic version of the old favorite tic-tac-toe which is found in many game lines. With its colorful plastic balls it has been an intriguing addition to table tops for a number of years. Cobweb, a geodesic-type shape in which a plastic orb is encased, is another attractive game. Solution is achieved through a maze of dowels and cords that encase the ball. There are multiplicity games of molded plastic — some are star-shape — that can be taken apart and put together and that make attractive bits of chunky material.

Backgammon, which "has now caught on in middle America," has become fashionable, available in colorful corduroys and look-like-leather materials in stripes, all designed with house fashion in mind.

Some simple-looking games can be decorative and provide the most intrigue. For example, a whole new series of challenges are those that have contoured wood pieces within plastic cubes. Reiss illustrated one of the 10, by trying to manipulate three steel balls into holes in the wood piece. Two might go in easily, but in trying to get the third one in the others might be jostled out.

"Games might fulfill needs that aren't fulfilled in everyday life," Reiss theorizes in trying to account for the big popularity of such games in recent years. "People are often afraid of their other environment. If you don't get a promotion, you might lose face in your job, but a game is a challenge that one can accept. You don't lose face, especially if you are playing solo. Then, too, once you learn how to play, there is the satisfaction of seeing if someone else can do it.

Other popular gifts for the home include those with a "look, no additives" angle. You make everything from scratch. There are machines that will grind up wheat, seeds and coffee beans, and machines that make yogurt — pour boiled milk with yogurt starter into the five containers, set timer dial, plug in, put in refrigerator.

There are hand model pasta makers and an electric one that kneads and flattens the dough before turning out thin or thick noodles. And there is an automatic crepe maker that will turn out a crepe every 15 seconds and an electric cheese grater. For bread makers there are electric dough makers that help shorten the job.

A food processor will chop, puree, shred and grind and one super one that is touted as doing everying from kneading bread dough to freezing ice cream, can also cook. It is not inexpensive.

One of the newest machines will make peanut butter. Put in a half pound of peanuts, turn the dial and out comes your chunky or smooth nut butter.

For dieters, a diet computer has weight-control calculators, food selection cards and an ounce-gram scale. And for people with small families, a popular item is the little machine that provides small easy-seal freezer bags that may be filled with leftover foods or with the extra quantity that is prepared in advance to be popped in the freezer for another day's meal. Stores say it is a popular gift for the elderly.

School Menu

FRIDAY
Manager's Choice

Eggplant takes on a whole new personality when you fry thin slices of it until lightly browned on each side and then sprinkle it with grated Parmesan cheese.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Hamlet takes big gamble

NORTH (D) 18
♠ A 5
♥ K
♦ A Q J 9 7 6
♣ A 9 6 4

WEST
♠ K Q J 8 7 4
♥ Q 9 8
♦ K 5
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ 10 3
♥ J 7 6 5 4 2
♦ 3 2
♣ Q 8 2

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

Both vulnerable

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

Opening lead — K ♠

By Oswald & James Jacoby

It was the last rubber at Castle Elsinore. Hamlet, sitting South, knew he should have passed the fair Ophelia's diamond opening, but people tend to bid in the last rubber.

Similarly, Ophelia didn't have to jump all the way to three notrump, but she had great faith in Hamlet.

West opened the king of spades. Hamlet ducked, but had to win the spade continuation. Then he soliloquized, "To gamble, or not to gamble. Ah, there's the rub. For whether 'tis better to suffer a small penalty or to test the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and risk a seven trick set. I'll try the latter."

Then he led dummy's king of hearts, overtook with his ace and led his 10 of diamonds. The finesse worked and all was well at Castle Elsinore.

The finesse was not as much of a gamble as it might have been. West's bid had marked him with a lot of high cards and he was more likely than not to hold the king of diamonds.

Ask the Jacobys

A California reader wants to know if his opening bid of four hearts holding:

♠ A ♥ A K Q J 9 4 2 ♦ A Q J ♣ 8 5

was correct. His partner had passed.

Our answer is that it was sound. He had 10 tricks all his own, but a forcing two-bid opening would have been far better. In spite of his partner's pass there might well be a slam.

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

HOSTS MEETING—Judy Grimmett (left), Mary Williams (right) and Patti Palmer were hostesses at Amatie Junior Study Club's December meeting. The program was presented by club member, Timmie Mosley, on making Christmas decorations.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses are Oma Lee Spears, Mildred Sparks and Cleone Fulford.

FRIDAY

Open duplicate bridge at Snyder Country Club at 1:30 p.m.

Study Club Has Holiday Luncheon

The Altrurian Daughters Study Club met at Martha Ann Women's Club for their Christmas luncheon. Members exchanged Christmas gifts and made their annual donation to the Goodfellows. Hostesses were Mmes. Hugh Boren, Jr., Lee Stinson, Pat Falls, Ross Carroll, Jr. and Bert Dennis.

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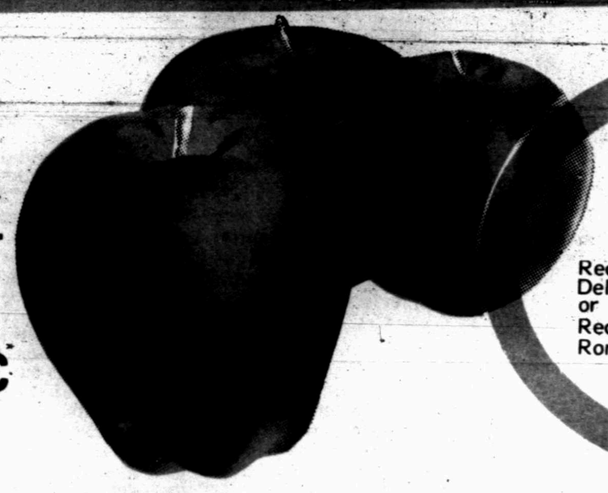

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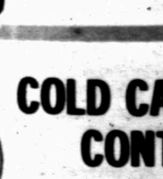

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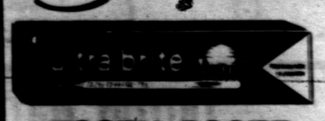
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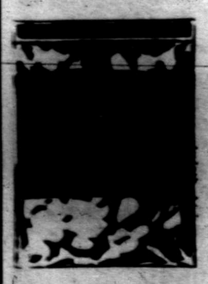
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SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Reagan Brown, chairman of the governor's Task Force for Job Creation, says the state will try to reduce the impact of this South Texas City losing some 1,800 civilian jobs at Kelly Air Force Base.

"We're trying immediately to bring the resources of the state to bear on these problems," Brown said after a meeting Wednesday with Mayor Lila Cockrell.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe had said earlier that he would dispatch Brown to help the city.

Air Force planners have said Kelly will lose the civilian jobs at the Air Logistics Center if planned spending cuts by the Defense Department are approved.

The firings are not expected before next June.

Brown promised state aid in finding ways to absorb the Kelly job losses and help to battle San Antonio's generally poor unemployment status.

San Antonio's October unemployment level reached 9.4 per cent.

The state level that month was 6.1 per cent and the federal level was 8.6 per cent, the Texas Employment Commission said.

Brown said that the Texas First Program found 20,000 new jobs for the state's jobless during the past five months. And he said San Antonio could mount a similarly successful program in the next few months.

Mayor Cockrell said the city is trying to get federal reconsideration of job cuts planned at Kelly.

Meanwhile, the city's staff is preparing a special application for an Economic Development Administration grant which could provide $3 million to $5 million in emergency aid here.

City officials said the funds could be used to create new jobs or to finance expansion loans for existing businesses to create new jobs.

"Remember when we used to worry because she didn't bring her friends home?"

Jackie Starts Earning Salary

NEW YORK (AP) — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has started earning her $200 a week as a consultant for Viking Press by bringing a book to the publishing firm, Ladies Home Journal reports.

Viking President Tom Guinzburg was quoted as saying that the book, "A Special Destiny," is based on a planned exhibit about the changing role of women in the 18th century.

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The Snyder High School varsity girls basketball squad will be participating in the Twenty-sixth Annual Lake View Maiden Tournament tomorrow and Saturday with their first contest set for 4:45 p.m. tomorrow afternoon against Garden City.

Other first round pairings will have Winters and Eola meeting at 3 p.m. tomorrow, Greenwood and the Lake View JV at 6:30 p.m., and Lake View and Fort Stockton squaring off at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday the losers of the Garden City-Snyder and Greenwood-Lake View JV games will meet at 8:30 a.m. The winners will collide at 12 noon. The losers of the Winters-Eola and Lake View-Fort Stockton tilts will meet at 10:15 a.m., with the winners clashing at 1:45 p.m.

Seventh place will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by the consolation battle at 5:15 p.m., third place at 6:30 p.m., and the championship at 8:45 Saturday night.

The Lake View Maidens and Fort Stockton are the two opponents in Snyder's District.

Grid Expansion Door Is Temporarily Closed

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League has closed the door on expanding into Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., for the 1976 season, but refused to lock out the cities for future consideration.

"We had no negatives to Birmingham and Memphis," said Dan Rooney, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers and chairman of the NFL Expansion Committee. "Our problems are expansion per se—not these two cities."

Representatives of Memphis and Birmingham, hoping to join the NFL for the 1976 season, were told Wednesday that they would have to wait, and even then are not sure bets to becoming members of the league.

"The people on our Expansion Committee are pro-expansion," said NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. "The problem is committing now."

John Bassett, president of the Memphis Grizzlies said he was not satisfied with the committee's reasoning.

"We will ask that the matter be put to a vote of the NFL members and we sincerely hope the league as a whole will not accept this recommendation. We feel the committee has done a great disservice to the American football public and especially to the Mid-South community, which has shown tangible support and enthusiasm for our application," Bassett said in a statement.

"In the meantime, we and our counsel will explore all available options for the Grizzlies in connection with this application."

Either team would need approval of 20 of the 26 present club owners.

Memphis and Birmingham were the strongest members of the now-defunct World Football League. When the WFL folded, the two teams applied for expansion franchises in the NFL.

Rozelle said any expansion plans by the NFL must clear three hurdles.

"The first hurdle is the state of mind," the commissioner said, referring to problems affecting the national economy, professional sports and the NFL in particular. He said the other hurdles were the selection of cities and ownership in those cities.

"It's safe to say Memphis and Birmingham did not clear that first big hurdle," Rozelle said.

"Sports leagues have folded and contracted, teams have folded and other leagues have abandoned expansion plans. This, plus litigation that we're not involved in, has created a cloud of uncertainty among the league owners," he said.

Bassett said he will consider possible antitrust action against the NFL through the courts if Memphis is officially turned down.

Braves Nip Houston

By The Associated Press

Like any good Rhodes scholar, Tom McMillen has learned his lessons well.

So it came as no surprise when the 6-foot-11 rookie from Maryland filled in for ailing all-pro Bob McAdoo by scoring a career high 18 points as the Buffalo Braves defeated the Houston Rockets 88-85 in National Basketball Association action Wednesday night.

Elsewhere, the Boston Celtics overpowered the Kansas City Kings 118-104, the Golden State Warriors trimmed the Detroit Pistons 113-102, the New Orleans Jazz trounced the Washington Bullets 105-88, the Phoenix Suns downed the Milwaukee Bucks 116-111 and the Cleveland Cavaliers shaded the Seattle SuperSonics 115-111.

McMillen, who had averaged less than 15 minutes and five points in 17 previous games and hadn't played at all in Buffalo's last two outings, got the call when McAdoo's sore heel flared up. He played 25 minutes, hit seven of nine shots, four of six free throws and pulled down seven rebounds.

"I know I have to be patient, but it does get frustrating at times," McMillen said. "Coach (Jack) Ramsay told me Monday to be ready, but I didn't know why. Sometimes it's an injury, sometimes a person is down."

Despite McMillen's heroics, the Braves needed Bob Weiss' 18-foot jump shot with 14 seconds to play to take the lead for good. Weiss' dramatic shot came from the top of the key as he was falling to the floor.

Jim McMillian led Buffalo with 23 points while Rudy Tomjanovich topped Houston with 19.

Celtics 118, Kings 102

John Havlicek and Jo Jo White keyed a 36-point third quarter outburst that powered Boston to its seventh consecutive triumph and 12th in the last 14 games. Havlicek and White scored 10 points apiece in the third period, helping the Celtics from a 50-48 halftime deficit to an 84-77 advantage.

Tanner To Pilot Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chuck Tanner has been hired on a three-year contract as new manager of baseball's Oakland A's, team owner Charles O. Finley said today.

Finley said Tanner, fired Wednesday as manager of the Chicago White Sox, "possesses the qualities I've been looking for ever since I've been in baseball. He'll be the best manager I've ever had."

Finley told of Tanner's hiring in a telephone call to The Associated Press office in San Francisco from his Chicago home.

Finley said he moved to hire Tanner, 46, as soon as new White Sox owner Bill Veeck announced Wednesday he had hired Paul Richards to manage the team next season.

Joe Namath Takes Shot At Karras

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Joe Namath, showing no resentment over being fined and benched for violating curfew, joined Coach Ken Shipp of the New York Jets today in lambasting television critics.

Shipp, the interim coach of the reeling Jets, was particularly incensed at remarks made by Alex Karras on ABC's Monday night football telecast.

Namath had some strong things to say about the broadcast generally, calling Karras "that big, dumb tackle," and saying Howard Cosell "tries to make all football players and coaches look like fools."

Shipp, a pipe-smoking Tennessean, brought up the matter Wednesday at the Jets' training quarters. The Jets, with a dismal 3-10 record, close their season Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys at Shea Stadium.

The coach was reminded that during the 20 minutes and 29 seconds that Namath sat on the bench Monday night in the game gainst San Diego, Karras, from his TV booth, was talking about what a shame it was to disappoint the more than 52,000 fans in the stands.

Shipp also drew sharp criticism from Sonny Werblin, former Jets' boss who originally signed Namath. Werblin was quoted as saying: "It was punishing him like a baby. If you're going to bench him, keep him out for the whole game."

"What do they know about it?" Shipp said. "Werblin is an outsider. Karras is just another old ball player making a living in TV. They knew nothing about the circumstances. They have no right to comment on it.

"Werblin and Karras don't have to face these other players the next day. They don't have to explain double standards. I do. It would have been an easy thing for me to duck.

"Hell, I'm not going to be the coach next year. They have told me that. But I couldn't bring myself around to saying, 'To hell with it.' I can't operate on double standards. I had to do it."

Namath was in high spirits and harboring no venom when he reported for practice Wednesday.

"Coach Shipp did what he had to do — I am not bitter about it," said the $450,000-a-year quarterback. "I didn't read what Mr. Werblin said. I try not to read the papers after an incident like this. They just make me mad.

"But I am not holding any grudge. I was damn upset, sure, but upset at myself, not at Coach Shipp."

As for television criticism, Namath acknowledged that he had a long-running distaste for the broadcasting on Monday night football, particularly Karras and Cosell. Frank Gifford, the ex-Giant and third man of the ABC team, escaped his wrath.

"Karras and Cosell spend their time criticizing the selection of plays and the execution," Namath said. "They don't know the game plan. They don't know anything going on down the field.

"Monday night football is all I get to see and it really burns me up. Those guys think everybody should play like an All-Pro. They try to sell the show on criticism. I think it's terrible."

Julius Boros won the U.S. Open golf title in 1952 and again in 1963.

Buckeyes Slip Past Toledo

The Toledo Rockets were driving for a score, but ran into some pretty bad traffic at Ohio State.

The Rockets sinashed into a stop sign when the Buckeyes changed to a wicked man-to-man defense in the last seconds and as a result, lost a 76-72 thriller to the Buckeyes.

"We wanted to set a pick for Larry Cole," explained Toledo Coach Bob Nichols about his last-second strategy, "but we couldn't get the ball up the floor fast enough. Careless ball handling let us down. It should be our strength."

Ohio State held a tenuous 74-72 lead with 11 seconds left and the Rockets in possession of the ball. But when the visitors attempted to move it any noticeable distance, the Buckeyes were all on top of them.

"We went to a man-to-man because we wanted them to use some time getting the ball down the court," said Ohio State Coach Fred Taylor, who had used the zone defense for most of the game.

Terry Burris' two free throws with less than two minutes remaining gave the Buckeyes their winning points. And after the Rockets failed in their attempt to score against that brutal Ohio State defense, the Buckeyes' Jud Wobd was fouled and converted two shots for the final margin.

In other college basketball games, Xavier of Ohio defeated Chicago Loyola, 75-59; St. Francis, N.Y., trimmed Navy 78-66; Creighton turned back Iowa State 73-61; Utah State blasted Brigham Young 87-76; Dartmouth beat Harvard 86-75; Fordham nipped Brown 65-64; St. Bonaventure tripped Thomas More 70-63; New Orleans held off Wisconsin-Milwaukee 65-62 and Evansville upset Mississippi State 85-73.

Mike Plunkett and Dave Harman scored 16 points each and Xavier used a swarming defense to beat Chicago Loyola. Plunkett sat out the first eight minutes while freshman David Payton started, but later triggered a 16-0 streak for the winners.

The St. Francis Terriers beat Navy behind Manny Figueroa and Jerome Williams. Figueroa scored 25 points while Williams had 23. The victory evened the Terriers' record at 3-3. St. Francis hasn't had a winning season since 1966-67.

Rick Apke and John Johnson combined for 39 points to carry deliberate Creighton past winless Iowa State. The 1-2 punch overshadowed a 29-point performance by Iowa State's Hercle Ivy.

Ed Gregg scored 24 points to lead Utah State over Brigham Young. Larry Cubas poured in 24 points to power Dartmouth past Harvard.

Lumberjack Coach Fired

NACOGDOCHES, Tex. (AP) — Stephen F. Austin University was on the market today for an athletic director and head football coach to replace Dick Munzinger' who was fired Wednesday after a disastrous 2-8-1 season with the Lumberjacks.

"We are looking for a winner," said Homer Bryce, chairman of the board of regents' athletic committee, "someone with a solid background in the coaching profession and whose credentials indicate he can put a winning team on the field for us."

The announcement of Munzinger's immediate dismissal was made by Dr. Ralph W. Steen, president of the school, who said a search for a new coach was under way.

The decision to fire Munzinger was made by the athletic committee of the SFA board of directors, Dr. Steen said.

Munzinger was named head coach in February of this year. At the time he was defensive coordinator of the Lumberjacks and was promoted to the top position after Coach John Levra resigned to join the staff of the University of Kansas.

Tigers Begin District Play At B'field Tonight

Snyder's Tigers initiate District 3-AAA basketball warfare tonight when they head north to Brownfield to tangle with the Brownfield Cubs in a battle on tap for 8 o'clock.

Brownfield has a strong 10-4 mark on the year, with three of their losses being by two points each time. Last Tuesday night, the Cubs lost 92-90 in overtime to Tahoka, which ran Tahoka's unbeaten string to 13-0 on the year.

The Cubs have also captured third place at a Hereford Tournament, falling by two to the Whitefaces in the second round. Brownfield brought home the consolation award in a meet at Denver City after losing by two points to Kermit in the opening round.

Brownfield is led by 6-6 junior, Danny Hamilton. He burned the nets for 36 points in the loss to Tahoka. "The Cubs like to work the ball inside to him a lot," commented Tiger mentor, Bob Moore.

Scott Jackson, 6-2, senior and Rusty Williams, 6-0, senior are also talented. Both can hit well from the outside.

All three are returning starters from last year.

The other two starters tonight will probably be Mike Sullivan, 6-2, senior and Donnie Wilson, 6-0, junior.

The Tigers and the Cubs have one common opponent this year, with Snyder losing to a talented Odessa Estes squad in Odessa, 68-38, and the Cubs stopping the Eagles in Brownfield, 63-56.

Snyder's last outing saw them hand Lubbock Monterey a 64-50 licking in the finals of the Canyon Beef Tournament, to capture first place.

The Tigers are led by 6-3, senior, Chester Cobb, who captured All-District honors last season in District 3-AAA. He will probably be starting at wing for Snyder tonight, with the other probable starter at wing, Randy Gressett; at guards will probably be Ray Brandon and Kelly Ragland; the post spot will be manned by Dane Witherspoon.

Kelly Ragland and Joey Arnold are also scheduled to see a lot of duty.

Snyder likewise owns a second place finish in a tourney at Plainview, losing in the finals to a tough Midland Lee unit.

For the year the Tigers are 8-4.

The Bengals and Lubbock Estacado were tabbed as the teams to beat this year in District 3-AAA earlier in the year, with Brownfield also in the race.

"It could easily be a five team race," declared Moore, "with Snyder, Estacado, Brownfield, Dunbar, and Lamesa all having a chance at the title."

Estacado is 8-2 on the year, Lamesa is 6-4, and Lubbock Dunbar stands 4-7. "Sweetwater is also a much improved team," added Moore. The Mustangs are 9-3 for the season, with a District 3-AAA opening victory over San Angelo Lakeview, 58-49, Tuesday night.

A Junior Varsity tilt between the two schools will get underway at 6:15 p.m. Coach Ken Plumlee of the Tigers named probable starters as Lucious Jeffery and Bobby Moore at guards; Randy Courtney and Kirk Johnson at the wings; and Tony Cobb at the post.

A sophomore tilt scheduled for tonight between the two schools has been cancelled.

Jobs For UT Athletes Under Investigation

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Texas investigators are looking into allegations that University of Texas athletes have been paid tax money through the years to fill easy summer jobs at which they often don't even show up.

The athletes' salaries often are more than regular state employes make for doing the same work, according to allegations under investigation by the Travis County District Attorney's office.

Split receiver Alfred Jackson, Texas' top long-distance threat on the football field, reportedly is one of several athletes who may have to answer to investigators.

Jackson, a sophomore, reportedly got a full month's salary in August 1974 even though he had to report for fall football workouts in the last half of August.

First reports were that four athletes were involved in the investigation, but a spokesman for the district attorney's office said it appeared to be a consistent pattern for several years "to hire two or four each year. We have more to talk to."

The allegations had been known for some time to Dist. Atty. Bob Smith, but they only surfaced Wednesday as the Longhorn football team was taking a break from workouts for the Dec. 27 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl game with Colorado to finish fall final exams.

Practice resumes Saturday.

A team spokesman said the investigation of the athletes' jobs was viewed as a fallout of the press' "vendetta" against Charles Schnabel, secretary of the Texas Senate, who has hired numerous athletes to do janitorial and clerical-type jobs.

A spokesman for the district attorney's office confirmed that its investigation was a "spin-off" of the Schnabel probe.

The information investigators have collected will be presented to the grand jury next month, he said.

Schnabel reportedly had private printing done on the Senate press and took kickbacks from Senate employes, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Schnabel, on his way to a deer hunt, said the athletes "have done everything we have asked them to do. They are conscientious, work hard and are willing to do anything we ask."

He said he or Sergeant-at-Arms Tommy Townsend usually assign them chores.

Athletes who have held recent jobs on the Senate payroll include freshman offensive lineman Terrance Tschatschula of Austin, junior basketball player Rich Parsons of Roseburg, Ore., and track hurdler Bill Blessing of Dallas.

UT system lobbyist Frank Erwin Jr., such a staunch Texas supporter that he is called the "Big Orange," said, "I've had some senators hire them . . . I might run into a senator somewhere" and ask him to hire an athlete.

"All the athletes I have ever known (who work in the Senate) worked for Townsend, who had them sign in and out, said Erwin."

Veeck Hires Paul Richards For Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Richards hasn't donned a baseball manager's uniform in 14 years and Bill Veeck hasn't owned a club in the same length of time. But both have returned to those roles with the Chicago White Sox in hope of rekindling the winning ways they developed with the "Go-Go" Sox of two decades ago.

New owner Veeck appointed Richards on Wednesday to the managerial post, and despite his lengthy absence from the dugout, Veeck said the 67-year-old Richards still is "the best I've ever seen in action as a manager."

Chuck Tanner, who managed the Sox for the last five seasons and still has three years left on his contract, was invited to stay with the club in any other capacity he wishes.

But Tanner, named manager of the year in 1972, reportedly is considering the same spot with Charles O. Finley's Oakland A's. Tanner said he would make his decision within the next few days.

Richards, a native of Waxahachie, Tex., also managed the Baltimore Orioles and served in front-office positions with major league clubs in Baltimore, Houston and Atlanta.

He broke into the majors as a catcher with Brooklyn in 1932 and is considered a genius at handling pitchers.

A strong advocate of speed, good defense and fine pitching, Richards has been out of baseball since 1972 and last served as a manager with Baltimore in 1961. His return came at the behest of Veeck, 62, who is returning to the game for the first time since selling the White Sox in 1961.

"Several years ago, I made a half promise that if Bill ever owned a ball club again I'd manage it for him," Richards said at a jam-packed news conference.

Richards will be the oldest manager in the majors next year but he said his age would not make a difference.

Veeck, who also will serve as general manager, said he wanted a manager he could feel comfortable with in the dugout.

Veeck, considered a hustler on the sports scene whose past promotions have rankled the circle of usually staid baseball owners, officially became owner of the White Sox on Tuesday.

SCORES

By The Associated Press

EAST

Dartmouth 86, Harvard 75
St. Francis, N.Y. 78, Navy 66
St. Bonaventure 70, Thomas More 63
Fordham 65, Brown 64
Fairleigh Dickinson 93, Montclair St. 55

SOUTH

S. Florida 115, Rio Grande 76

MIDWEST

E. Mich. 93, E. Montana 64
Creighton 73, Iowa St. 61
Ohio State 76, Toledo 72
Xavier, Ohio 75, Chicago Loyola 59
Ball St. 77, Cleveland St. 69
Utah St. 87, Brigham Young 76
New Orleans 65, Wis.-Milwaukee 62
Evansville 85, Miss. St. 73

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 86, NE Okla. 62

FAR WEST

Cal-Santa Barbara 70, Colorado 56
San Diego St. 73, Cent. Mich. 59

Pacers Pop St. Louis

By The Associated Press

You couldn't blame Rod Thorn for feeling deflated.

"We turned the ball over in the second half a lot — I'd say we had at least 25 or 30 turnovers," said the coach of the St. Louis Spirits.

On the other hand, you could see why Bobby Leonard was so happy.

"We had another good all-around effort from our group tonight," said the Indiana coach. "Tonight was one of those games where there were a lot of opportunities."

The Pacers made the most of them as Don Buse contributed nine steals and Darnell Hillman 19 points en route to a 113-102 victory in the American Basketball Association game Wednesday night.

"I was really moving tonight," said a jazzed-up Buse. "I just tried to keep the ball alive as much as possible."

Buse led a gang of Indiana thieves that made 18 steals off the fumbling Spirits.

"We were getting a lot of wide open shots," said an obviously pleased Leonard.

In the only other ABA game, the Denver Nuggets trimmed the New York Nets 106-103.

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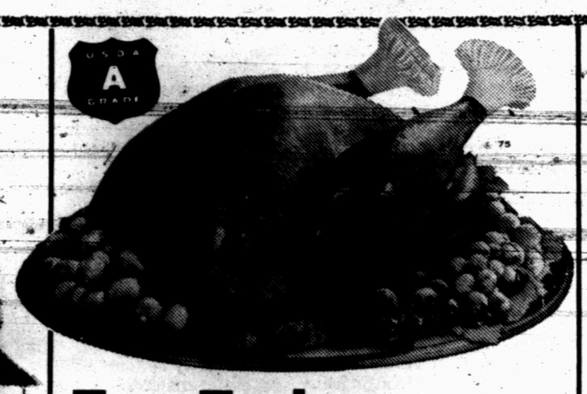

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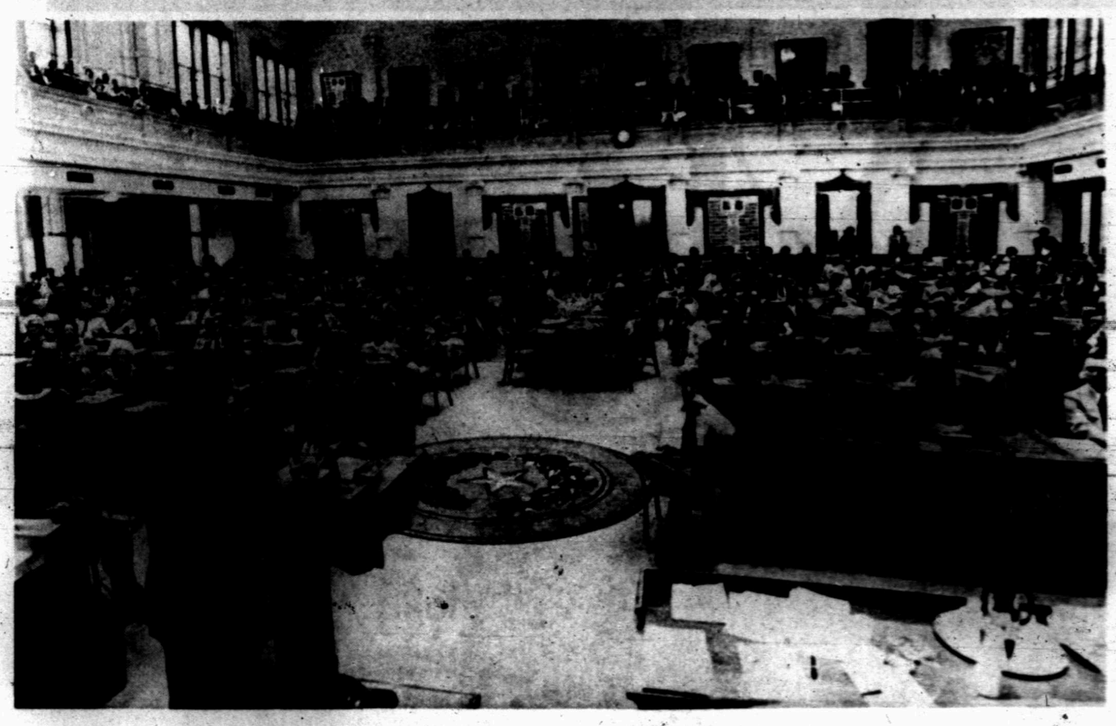

A FULL HOUSE—Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Weinberg speaks to representatives of more than 450 Texas governmental bodies on how the federal Voting Rights Act affects Texas at a special meeting of the committee on Elections of the Texas House of Representatives in Austin Wednesday. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Hill, White Criticizes Enforcers Of Voting Act

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Atty. Gen. John Hill and Secretary of State Mark White sharply criticized U.S. Justice Department enforcers of the Voting Rights Act Wednesday while two of them listened stoically.

Barry H. Winberg and Carl Gable, assistant U.S. attorneys general, had been invited to the Capitol by the House Elections Committee to explain the act to some 600 county officials.

Things were pretty dull until Hill and White, who have filed a federal suit to get Texas out from under the act, lit into the Justice Department. The county officials cheered.

Hill said that not legal but bureaucratic decisions were being applied to Texas.

He singled out for criticism the decision by Stanley Pottinger—Weinberg's and Gable's boss—to knock out a "purge" provision of Texas' new voter registration law.

"What happened to the burden of persuasion?" Hill asked. "...The test placed on us did not come from Congress or any law but procedural guidelines promulgated by a person within the Justice Department."

White, the chief election officer of Texas, called it "an abhorrent situation where the duly elected representatives of a free people are not allowed to implement legislation they have passed without obtaining preclearance from non-elected, generally non-responsive bureaucratic employes in Washington."

Pottinger's rejection of the "purge" of the voter lists, coupled with a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans, had the effect of knocking out re-registration attempts in many—if not all—Texas counties.

Re-registration materials can be sent out mainly to obtain information and only when accompanied by a separate statement that failure to return them would not remove a voter from the rolls. Deadline for the mail-out was Dec. 15.

White said no county would be required to mail out anything and could continue registering voters as before. Harris County, he said, had stuffed and sealed 800,000 re-registration forms when word came down about the various decisions.

The Voting Rights Act, he said, amounted to "a revisitation of Reconstruction some 100 years after it was supposed to conclude."

His assertion that there was no reason, such as coercion of Mexican-American voters, was rebutted by one speaker.

"We have suffered all sorts of abuses—itimidation, economic reprisals, everything from annexation to gerrymadering," declared Modesto Rodrigues of Pearsall, Frio County chairman of the Raza Unida Party.

"I don't know if it is because we are a new political party or because we are Mexican-Americans. I feel we should have 'free enterprise' in the political structure."

George Korbel of San Antonio, attorney for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), said the Justice Department frequently seeks his organization's views in evaluating changes in Texas voting laws. It was sought before Pottinger struck down the purge of the voter lists, he said.

He also said a number of Mexican-Americans have complained that they can't understand the Spanish translations of ballots and other voting materials. Native speakers of Spanish should be included when translations are prepared, he said.

Weinberg reiterated that the Voting Rights Act requires Justice Department clearance of the most minute changes, down to moving a polling place for a city election.

The U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted the act, he said, to cover "any change affecting voting even in a minor way."

"Darn near everything you can think of is covered," Weinberg said.

Archer City Votes Wet

ARCHER CITY, Tex. (AP) — For the first time since World War II, Archer City has voted to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

The proposal carried by 39 votes in a special election Tuesday with more than two-thirds of the registered voters in this North Texas town—where the movie "The Last Picture Show" was staged—balloting.

Archer City, south of Wichita Falls, last was legally wet in 1944, when beer was sold for on-premises consumption.

Contract Form Is Drafted

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A joint lawyer-real estate brokers committee has come up with a standard contract form they think will benefit both Texas home buyers and sellers.

The announcement was made jointly by the Texas Real Estate Commission and the State Bar of Texas after long study.

After March 1, 1976, the use of the contract form by all brokers will be mandatory. Copies of the form were mailed to 30,000 licensed brokers this week.

The form will be used only in cases where an existing house is bought through assumption of mortgage.

"Our objective in drafting this contract was to include several important protections for the buyer which had not always been included in assumption contracts," said the co-chairmen of the joint committee, San Angelo attorney Truett Smith and San Antonio real estate broker Guy Chipman. "We also worked toward assuring full protection for the seller."

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RECEIVES LIFE IN PRISON

'Squeaky's' Sentencing As Frenetic As Trial

By STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, in a courtroom scene as frenetic and confused as her trial, was sentenced to life in prison for trying to kill President Ford.

The red-haired, 27-year-old defendant struggled with federal marshals, screamed at the judge and threw an apple at the prosecutor during her sentencing Wednesday. The judge said she could not be rehabilitated.

Miss Fromme, a follower of mass murderer Charles Manson, replied she could not be rehabilitated because she had done nothing wrong.

"I'm satisfied that you deserve a punishment as harsh as the deed you contemplated," U.S. District Court Judge Thomas MacBride said as he handed down the penalty. "You cannot be rehabilitated."

"That's true," Miss Fromme screamed. "I didn't do anything wrong."

The sentence is the strongest the defendant could have received under a federal law against attempted assassination of a president. She is the first person to be tried under the statute.

She will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

The small, feisty defendant was convicted Nov. 26 of attempting to kill Ford when he visited Sacramento on Sept. 5. Secret Service agents said she pointed a .45-caliber pistol at the President from a distance of two feet as he shook hands with wellwishers along a walkway outside the state Capitol.

Miss Fromme demanded during the hearing Friday that Manson be freed and said society's lack of concern for the environment had forced her to act.

"You just said that the only way to get their attention is to do something drastic," she told MacBride.

"I have stood with a gun and said, 'Don't make me shoot' and you keep saying, 'Do it. Do it.' You are asking for it."

MacBride said after hearing evidence in the case he was "convinced that (Miss Fromme) could murder or would cause others to murder in a distorted conviction that only violence can save our natural resources.

"I would suggest to you that our most precious natural resource is a human life," he said. Killing the President, he added, "would have impoverished our nation."

After sentence was pronounced, Miss Fromme struggled with deputy marshals who tried to escort her from the room. She shouted "don't push" and as the door closed behind her, she let out a scream.

Her former roommate, Sandra Good, stood up in the spectators' section and shouted "you animals" as officers forced Miss Fromme toward the door.

Miss Fromme sat silently at the defense table through most of the early portion of the hearing as MacBride turned down arguments for a new trial. The judge then ordered her to stand before his bench for sentencing and asked the prosecutor, U.S. Atty. Dwayne Keyes, if he had anything to say.

As Keyes urged the judge to impose a life sentence, Miss Fromme pulled a red apple from underneath a robe she was carrying and flung it at Keyes. Her aim was good, and it struck him on the forehead.

She was quickly grabbed by deputy U.S. marshals as spectators gasped.

'SQUEAKY' FROMME
. . . . sentenced to life

Keyes appeared stunned by the incident, but he said later he was not hurt.

"It was a soft apple," he said.

U.S. Marshal Arthur Van Court said the apple had been "part of her left-over breakfast." He said he and his deputies did not know she had it until she dropped it on the courtroom floor early in the hearing. He said it should have been taken away then but was not.

At one point during the hearing, MacBride warned Miss Fromme that he would have her tied in a chair and have her mouth taped if she continued to make interruptions.

"You fool," she said. "I am just trying to save your life."

Her voice rose to a high-pitched scream as she described her vigil outside a Los Angeles courtroom when Manson and three followers were on trial for the 1969 killings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Miss Fromme told MacBride that she wanted to handle her own appeal, but her attorney, John Virga, said he didn't know if the appeals court would allow her to do so.

He said he had already filed notice of appeal.

Bentsen, Tower Split Energy Votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico senators voted Wednesday as the Senate approved, 58-40, an energy bill designed to roll back oil prices temporarily.

Democrats:

Bumpers, Ark., yes; McClellan, Ark., yes; Bentsen, Tex., no; Montoya, N.M., no.

Republicans: Domenici, N.M., no; Tower, Tex., no.

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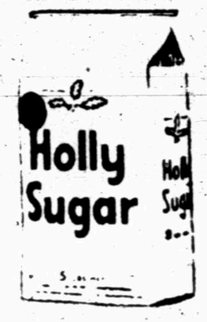

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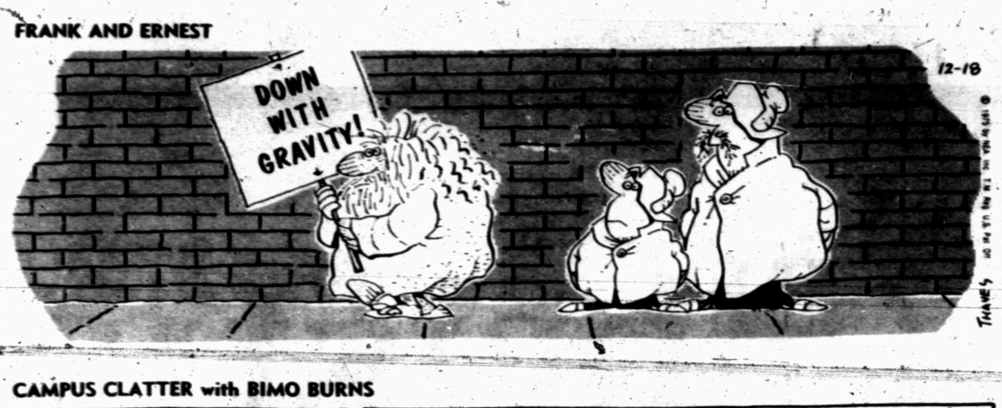

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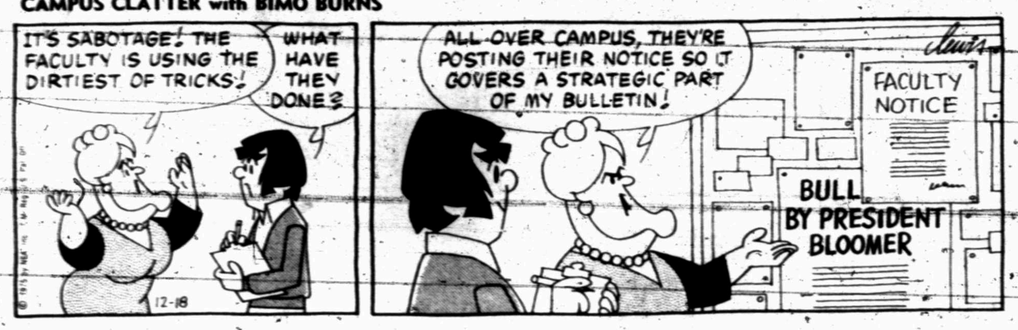

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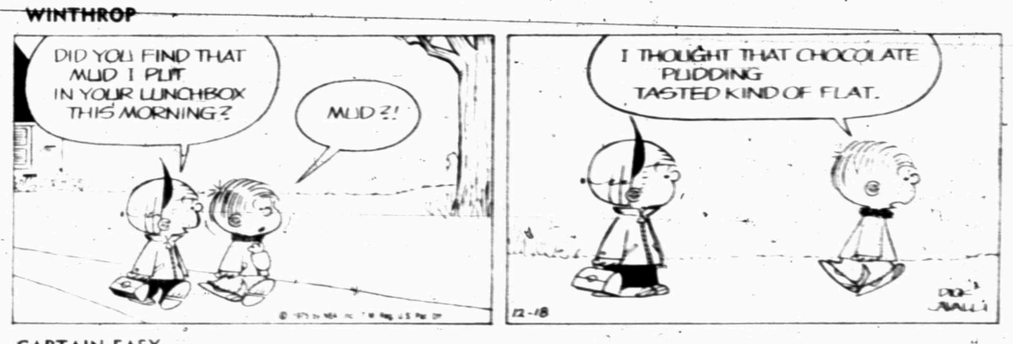

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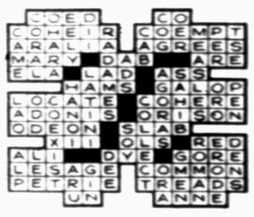

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13 Range
14 Cow's call
15 Done in stenography class
17 Shoshonean Indian
18 Short daggers
19 Growler
21 Parody
23 Narrow inlet
24 Variety (abb.)
27 Persia
29 School award
32 Everlasting (poet.)
34 Interstice
36 Give up office
37 Author of "Lord Jim"
38 Guardhouse
39 Auricles
41 Compass point
42 Speck
44 Brioche
46 Silly
49 Compound ether
53 Hosiery
54 Flight of steps
56 Law impouse
57 Lotion
58 Thirsty wine
59 Lotion
60 Bargain event
61 Chinese weight

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1 School writing material
2 Studied in geography
3 Pleasant
4 Clovs
5 Found in gym class
6 Wheat beard
7 State studied in history class
8 Ishmael's mother (Bib.)
9 Competitors
10 Music class word
11 Departer
16 Requesting
20 Is ascended
22 Mythology class character
24 Part of speech
25 Biblical name
26 Occupants
28 Mother-of-pearl
30 Exclamation of sorrow
31 Interpret (coll.)
33 Seventy
35 List
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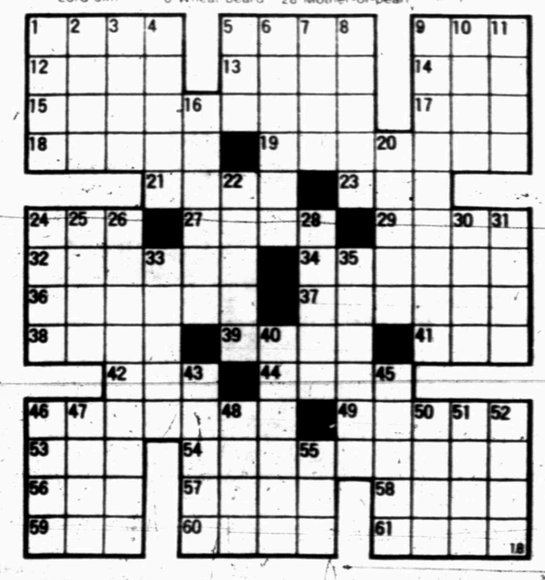

SIDE GLANCES

"Mom said I could have a small dragon if you were sure it's housebroke!"

FLASH GORDON

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"MAYBE SANTA CLAUS WILL BRING HIM A MOUSE."

"THAT WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A CHRISTMAS FOR THE MOUSE."

Judith Denies Role In Plot

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "To me, he was Jack Kennedy and not the president."

In those words, Judith Campbell Exner denied her involvement in any plot between the slain president and the underworld to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

"My relationship with Jack Kennedy was of a close, personal nature and did not involve conspiratorial shenanigans of any kind," said Mrs. Exner, ex-wife of a Hollywood actor, dark-haired, now 41.

She appeared at a news conference Wednesday wearing dark glasses and acknowledged that while she had this relationship with Kennedy, she had similar relationships with alleged Mafia bosses Sam Giancana and John Rosselli.

But she denied acting as a go-between for the Kennedy White House in reported plots by the Mafia and the CIA to assassinate Castro.

And she refused to say whether she loved America's youngest president, whose life and marriage to Jacqueline Kennedy built the national image of the White House as "Camelot" in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Exner refused to elaborate on her relationship with the late president or to answer reporters' questions about whether she had a sexual relationship with Kennedy. She has been pictured in Washington reports as an intermediary in Castro death plots that have been outlined in congressional committee hearings.

Flanked by her current husband, Dan, and attorney Brian Monaghan, Mrs. Exner told of meeting Kennedy and Giancana through a "mutual friend" and later visiting Kennedy "more than 16 or 20" times in the White House.

Her involvment with Kennedy became public earlier this week as a result of an investigation of the CIA by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The committee reported there were 70 phone calls between an unidentified "close friend" and the Kennedy White House. News reports first identified Judith Campbell as the person mentioned in the committee report.

Mrs. Exner, former wife of Hollywood actor William Campbell, said she last talked to Kennedy "in late 1962."

She said she called the news conference to end what she termed "wild-eyed speculation" about her connection with the plots against Castro. She also denied reports she was a Kennedy campaign worker.

She said she met Kennedy in February 1960 in Las Vegas and was introduced to Giancana a month later in Miami. She met Rosselli through Giancana, she said.

She refused to name the "mutual friend" who brought her together with the president and the Mafioso, but she promised to do so "when the entire story is told."

President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. Ginancana was the victim this year of a gangland-style slaying in his Chicago home, a week before he was scheduled to testify before the Senate intelligence committee.

Mrs. Exner said she hadn't known for certain that Giancana and Rosselli were Mafia figures, but she said she suspected it.

"I imagine I probably knew they were part of the underworld," she said.

KENNEDY FRIEND—Judith Campbell Exner, appearing at San Diego news conference, says she was "a close, personal friend" of President John F. Kennedy and the unidentified person in a Senate committee's report on assassination plots. But Mrs. Exner said underworld figures whom she also knew did not use her to get to the White House. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Auditions Scheduled By Met Opera Nat'l. Council

The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for the Southwest Region, which includes Texas and New Mexico, will be held for the seventeenth consecutive year. The Junior Leagues of San Antonio and El Paso will sponsor the auditions in cooperation with San Antonio College and The University of Texas at El Paso.

Preliminary auditions will be held for the West Texas-New Mexico District in El Paso on Feb. 7, and for the Central Texas District in San Antonio on Feb. 19 and 20. The Regional Finals will be held in McAllister Fine Arts Center at San Antonio College on Feb. 21.

Applications must be mailed no later than Jan. 20. Application blanks for the Central Texas District may be obtained by writing the Metropolitan Auditions, c-o The Junior League of San Antonio, 819 Augusta Street, San Antonio, 78215. For the West Texas-New Mexico District, the address is The Junior League of El Paso, 520 Thunderbird, El Paso, 79912.

The first place regional finalist will receive a trip, paid for by the Metropolitan Opera National Council, to compete in the National Semi-Finals to be held in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City on March 21, 1976. The first place winner will also receive the $300 Mrs. Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser Award. Second and third place winners will receive the Anne duPont Peyton Memorial Awards of $200 and $100 respectively.

Contestants selected to enter the National Finals on Sunday, March 28, may be presented with one of several grants to be used for further study. These include the Mr. and Mrs. Bromwell Ault Award, the Evelyn Auslander Memorial Award, the Stevenson H. Evvans Memorial Award, the Geraldine Farrar Memorial Award, the Rosine Hoyt Hoppin Memorial Award, the Else L. Bernard Joseph Memorial Award, the Mrs. Jean S.H. Newell Memorial Award, the Anne Rosoff Memorial Award and the Gladys Axman Taylor Memorial Award.

The National Finals will be judged by the artistic and musical Staff of the Metropolitan. The finalists will compete for a possible Metropolitan Opera Contract and $12,000 in cash prizes, including the Mrs. Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser Award of $5,000, the Gamma-Fisher Foundation Award of $4,000 and the Ogden Phipps Award of $3,000.

Miss Gilda Cruz-Romo, finalist from this region in 1969, went on to win first place in the National Finals. She is now under contract to the Metropolitan and is launched on a spectacular career.

Mrs. Edgar Tobin is Southwest Regional Chairman of the Metropolitan Opera National Council. The 1976 Auditions Director is Mrs. Frates Seeligson. The West Texas-New Mexico District Director is Mrs. Harold Crowson.

He Asks No. 1 to Give No. 2 a Few Lessons

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Nearly a year ago, after 24 years of marriage and four children, my husband asked me for a divorce.

It seems that although we were the same age when we got married, I suddenly got "too old" for him, so he found himself a girl his daughter's age and traded me in for her.

Somehow I survived the blow, but listen to this: Yesterday he phoned and these were his exact words, "Honey, if I sent Marcia (his young wife) over, would you please give her some cooking lessons? She's a great kid, but she never learned how to cook."

I was so shocked at his colossal nerve I didn't know what to say, so after a long pause I said, "I'll think about it and let you know."

Abby, the last thing I want to do is give this girl cooking lessons. Am I wrong? How should I handle this hot potato?

NUMBER ONE

DEAR ONE: With asbestos mittens. Tell your husband that you've thought it over and decided to let him eat crow.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 2-year-old grandson about whom I am worried. His father gives him "sips" of a martini, beer or anything he happens to be drinking.

I have tried to tell my son-in-law that it is harmful to the child, but he says it won't hurt the boy, and he continues to ignore me.

I have seen that baby take two, three and four sips of a martini. Everyone laughs and makes him think it's cute, so he is encouraged to take more.

Is it possible for a child to become an alcoholic this way? Or will he (as my son-in-law says) develop a tolerance for it?

NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEW JERSEY: The possibility of developing a "taste" for alcohol is greater than developing a tolerance for it. Your son-in-law must have onion soup for brains.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's parents died nine years ago, and we inherited the family home. The other children were given various items by the will, and we thought everything was fairly divided since no one complained at that time.

These past few years, two sisters and a sister-in-law have acquired an appreciation for antiques, and since they still regard this as their family home, they are constantly coming back to remember that Mother promised them the dishes and Dad said they could have the desk.

The other day, a sister-in-law tried to take possession of an old ice chest that I had bought at a garage sale and had restored.

I want to keep peace in the family, but I don't want to be taken advantage of. What do you suggest?

ANNOYED

DEAR ANNOYED: I suggest that you learn how to say no and smile at the same time.

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

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

For Friday, Dec. 19, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your biggest source of frustration today will come from the domestic area. Not one major blowup — but, more likely, a series of explosions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Mentally, you're prone to spread your resources too thin today. If you must do something to challenge your imagination, concentrate on something creative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before assuming new financial obligations at this time, measure with a critical eye that which you have to keep solvent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't put yourself out on a limb today. You can probably handle some difficulties, but not if you have to worry about others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Matters that should have been attended to will be coming back to haunt you today. Don't let them collect any more cobwebs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Advance planning is fine, but this is not the time to lay out money for something unneeded. Wait until your position is more stable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid situations today where the opposition has the advantage going in. Hold back a bit till you're in a position to operate on your own terms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you don't watch your step today, you could blow something out of proportion that would involve and possibly hurt some friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's good to be loyal to your pals, but today you could go elsewhere and get a better price.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Seek advice of trusted counsel or learned friends before making any legal moves today. If you go on your own and make a mistake it'll be a lulu.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You attempt to bite off more than you can chew today, physically and mentally. You'll even irritate those who try to pick you up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's no pie in the sky or get-rich-quick scheme that will make you wealthy overnight. Play everything close to the vest. You'll survive.

Your Birthday

Dec. 19, 1975

There will be some unusual circumstances this coming year that will make you more enterprising and eager to enhance your income. Stay in familiar areas in order to succeed.

THE MOVE to IMPEACH SANTA

CHAPTER NINE

By Robert J. Boyle

After Jinkersnipes testified during the impeachment hearing for Santa, the judge Dag Whood recessed the trial for the day.

"I want all of you here in the UN Assembly room promptly at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning," he said.

As Jinkersnipes and Juniperperper walked out, U.B. Fruitful and D. Lightful Wynter came up to them and said, "You did fine today. I believe Santa will win without any trouble."

"Trouble," Juniperperper said. "This already is trouble. We should be at the North Pole getting ready for Christmas and instead we are here. I hope Santa can get along without us."

"I'm sure he misses you two," D. Lightful Wynter said. "But I'm also sure the other elves will pitch in."

"I know they will," Jinkersnipes said.

"Now, how about tonight," U.B. Fruitful said. "Would you two honor us by having dinner with us at the Rocky Fellow Plaza?"

"I'm sorry," Juniperperper said. "But I have a prior arrangement. I'm having dinner with Julia June, a stewardess on North Pole One."

"How about you, Jinkersnipes?" asked U.B. Fruitful. "Can you join us."

"I'd like that," the elf replied. "After being on the stand today I could use a night out."

"We'll pick you up at your hotel at 8 o'clock," D. Lightful Wynter said. "I'm sure we'll have a delightful time."

When Juniperperper and Jinkersnipes returned to their hotel, they showered and prepared for a night on the town.

"Do you think it is right that we should be having fun when Santa is in so much trouble?" Juniperperper wondered.

"Gee, I don't know," Jinkersnipes replied.

"I'll tell you what we will do, we'll call Santa," Juniperperper said. "It'll be great hearing his voice and I'll ask him if he would mind if we went out."

They had the hotel operator put in the call and within minutes June Jawing, the North Pole operator was on the line.

"Hi there, June," Juniperperper said. "How are things at the North Pole?"

"Fine, Juniperperper," June Jawing replied. "We all saw you on television today and thought you did wonderful."

Hand in hand they strolled the streets of New York

"Thank you," Juniperperper said. "Is Santa there. May I talk to him?"

"I'll ring his workshop," June Jawing replied. "Hold on please."

"Hello, Santa here," a deep but friendly voice said.

"Hi, Santa," Juniperperper said. "How are you?"

"My, my and my, Juniperperper," Santa said. "I was hoping you would call. We watched you on TV today and all are proud of you and Jinkersnipes."

"Honest, Santa?" Juniperperper asked.

"Honest," Santa said. "We'll be watching tomorrow. We're busy here but we're working some overtime and although we miss you, we will have all the toys ready for Christmas. Peako the pup is sitting along side me and his tail is wagging a mile a minute."

"Pet him for me," Juniperperper said. "Here is Jinkersnipes. He wants to say hello."

Jinkersnipes got on the phone and said, "Santa, how are you? Can we go out tonight?"

"Hold on, Jinkersnipes," Santa said. "First, you did fine today and certainly you can go out tonight. Where will you go?"

"Well, Santa," Jinkersnipes replied. "Juniperperper has a date with Julia June and I'm having dinner with U.B. Fruitful and D. Lightful Wynter."

"Tell them I said hello," Santa said. "And tell Juniperperper to have a fine time."

"Bye, now, Santa," Jinkersnipes said.

Juniperperper took the phone and said, "Sure you don't mind if we go out?"

Santa laughed and replied, "You have fun. It isn't often you get to New York so enjoy yourselves. And, I'm confident that we will win the case. You're doing fine."

"Thanks, Santa, and bye now," Juniperperper said. "We'll be seeing you soon."

The two elves, both dressed in dinner jackets, left their rooms and went their separate ways.

Juniperperper went to the Pink Plaza for Julia June and rang her bell.

"Hi," she said. "My, you look handsome tonight."

Juniperperper blushed and said, "You look good, too, Julia June. I never saw you in an evening dress before."

He held out his arm and she took it. They went to the lobby and then took a taxi to the El Tora.

They had a huge dinner of lobster butterglow, crinkle fried potatoes, diced peas and corn. For dessert, they had flowing chocolate iced igloos.

"Mmmm, that was good," Julia June said.

"I enjoyed it, too," Juniperperper said.

They sat back and enjoyed the stage show, Higgins Hewitt and his Hamstring. The magician, Bobby Urban and his disappearing Imperial Crab also was featured and both elves enjoyed the show.

The clock was striking midnight when they left the El Tora.

"I have a busy day ahead of me," Juniperperper said. "But I certainly enjoyed tonight."

"We'll have to do it again," Julia June said.

"Yes, maybe when we get back to the North Pole we can visit the Crystal Forest Plaza together. It would be fun."

"I'd like that," Julia June said as she took Juniperperper's hand.

They decided to walk back to the hotel, and, hand in hand, they strolled the streets of New York as a soft snow began to fall.

"I'll be glad to get home," Juniperperper said.

He left Julia June at her door and returned to his room, Jinkersnipes was sitting there. "You look like you had a great time," he said. "And I did, too."

"Right," said Juniperperper. "But now let's get to bed because tomorrow will be a busy, busy day."

Within minutes both elves were sound asleep.

(More Tomorrow)

GERALD CRAWFORD

Crawford Is Appointed To Masonic Post

Gerald Crawford of Dunn has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 79th Masonic District of Texas.

The district includes Scurry and Mitchell Counties, with a total of six lodges, four in Scurry and two in Mitchell.

Thomas C. Yantis of Brownwood, who was elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas for 1976 at the 140th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas on Dec. 3-4 in Waco, made the appointment. Each year the Grand Master appoints 134 Masons to serve him in the various Masonic districts throughout the state.

Crawford is a member of Dunn Lodge No. 941 and has served this lodge as Worshipful Master in 1962 and as secretary for three years. He is a stock farmer and is active in the Lions Club and in several farm organizations. He also is an active Methodist.

Crawford is married to the former Mary Lou Byrd and they have three sons.

Reagan Expected To Visit Texas

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A statewide campaign director for Ronald Reagan says he expects the candidate for the GOP presidential nomination to be a regular visitor to Texas before the May 1 primary election.

Reagan has paid Texas four visits in the past few months, Ernest Angelo, San Angelo, a state co-chairman of the Reagan campaign, told newsmen Wednesday.

Angelo said he thought Reagan has an "excellent chance" to capture a majority of Texas 100 delegate votes to the national Republican convention.

NYC Technique Could Produce Consequences

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — As the year ends New York City's finances are patched together, but the technique used in doing so has left a lot of loose threads that could produce snags in the future.

So great was the sigh of relief that arose when bankruptcy was averted that it drowned out the cries of those who, without exaggeration, were horrified at the methods used, and the possible consequences that could result.

Investors cannot ignore the fact of a moratorium on repayment of the bonds they purchased. The contract terms of some bondholders were changed, and they could do little about it. Their bonds won't be redeemed on time.

One consequence of the New York City situation, which some urbanologists maintain is latent in many other large, industrial cities, is the introduction of a bill that would smooth the way for municipal bankruptcies.

If passed, this bill would permit financially distressed cities to file for bankruptcy without first obtaining permission of their bondholders, as they must now do.

Two of the municipal bond market's most strategic underpinning thus have cracked, and many dealers fear that future investors hardly will be willing to place in it as much confidence as they have in the past.

So far the consequences don't seem to be pronounced. The cost of money to municipalities is higher, and dealers here say some of it is a direct consequence of the New York financial crisis, but interest rates in general are higher.

Money is available. Municipalities everywhere outside New York have been in the market during recent weeks and the vast majority of those with sound ratings had little trouble selling their bonds.

These, however, are unusual days. The stock market despite its occasional volatility, offers only mild competition at the moment. Fixed-income investments, in contrast, offer relatively high returns.

However, what happens when the stock market does begin to offer brighter prospects for investors? Will those people and institutions who are now content to buy bonds be tempted into the equity markets? Quite likely.

Competition for funds also is likely to become more intense when industry begins gearing up for expansion. At the moment, businesses are seeking relatively meager amounts of capital because of an existing overcapacity.

Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

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Q. I am going to sell my home and I have just finished wallpapering some of the rooms. Can the expense be added to my home's cost basis?

A. Expenses such as wallpapering and painting are considered maintenance expenses, not improvements, and cannot be added to the basis of your home. You may, however, be able to claim the wallpapering as a fixing-up expense if you are attempting to make your home more salable.

In order to qualify as a fixing-up expense, the work must be done within a 90-day period ending on the day the contract to sell your home is made. The expenses must be paid within 30 days of the date of sale.

You can claim fixing-up expenses only if you are buying another house, postponing the tax on the gain from the sale of your old residence.

For more information, see IRS Publication 523, Tax Information on Selling Your Home, available free at your IRS office.

Q. I own a one-third share of an apartment house and share the maintenance expenses. How much of these can I deduct?

A. When you own a part interest in rental property, you may deduct only your proportionate share of the expenses, in your case, one-third, even if you pay more or less than your share.

Q. I am a junior accountant. Due to a lack of work in my office, my company is requiring me to take two accounting courses at my own expense, prior to reassigning me to a group of junior accountants doing more difficult work. Can I deduct the tuition and other expenses?

A If you are taking courses to meet the increased requirements for retention of your position, you will usually be allowed to deduct your educational expenses. This is true even though you may have obtained a new position or substantial advancement from your present position.

Generally, once you have met the minimum requirements that were in effect when you entered your employment, trade or business, you will still be considered to have met them even if they are later changed. However, if the courses qualify you for a new trade or business, the deduction will not be allowed. In your case, the duties involve the same general work as you usually do, so you are not qualifying for a new trade.

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RECEIVE AWARDS—State Senator Ray Farabee of the 30th District, left, was presented the Outstanding Senatorial Legislative Service Award by the Texas Farmers Union at its state convention in Fort Worth. State Agriculture Commissioner John White, right, was presented the Outstanding Service Award.

Dr. Lamb

Medical school enrollment policies

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Why do medical schools hesitate to enroll students seeking admittance if they have a history of diabetes? I am so at a loss to know why.

DEAR READER—I'm not sure that I can accept your statement as a fact. Getting accepted to medical school these days is very complicated, because the number of applicants far outnumbers the places available. The reason here is obvious. The college enrollments have increased many fold over the past 20 years, and the size and capacity of medical schools have not increased anywhere nearly as much. The end result is many times the number of qualified applicants for medical school than there used to be.

It is true that a selection committee might weigh in terms of the advisability of using one of the spaces available for a given applicant. To illustrate the point, there would not be much wisdom in selecting an otherwise wellqualified student who has cancer with a limited opportunity to live five years.

Also the practice of medicine is very demanding, far more than most people seem to realize. The average doctor commonly puts in 60 to 80 hours a week at a minimum. The physical stamina to do this requires a reasonably good level of health. There are few, if any, other occupations or professions that require so much constant hard work as does the successful practice of medicine.

Even so, a number of people with significant, obvious medical handicaps have completed medical school successfully and been outstanding doctors. So, there is no black or white answer to your question.

Those who want more information on diabetes can send in 50 cents for The Health Letter, number 3-10, Diabetes: The Sweet Sickness, with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Just send your request to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB—In a recent column you mentioned using a product made for babies who cannot tolerate natural milk. You suggested that it could be used by anyone as a substitute for cream.

I have just looked in our store. It carries three brands of canned products supposed to be for babies and upon reading the label I find everyone of them contains some coconut oil. I did not find any sort of powder.

DEAR READER—Try another store. I do not wish to encourage the use of milk substitutes that contain lots of coconut oil. These products contain far more saturated fat than ordinary milk.

One of the brands that uses soybeans as a base is what I had in mind. ProSobee made by Mead Johnson is such a product and can be found in many stores nationwide. If your store doesn't stock such an item, it is a local problem since such items do exist. You can usually find them in the baby food section of a store. If you can't, ask your store manager to start stocking such products.

ProSobee comes in a liquid concentrate, just as canned condensed milk. It can be diluted to use as milk or used undiluted as a cream substitute.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

CELEBRITIES ON THE COUCH

By Dick Maurice

Paul Michael Glaser stars as Dave Starsky, and David Soul plays Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson on the ABC television network series, "Starsky & Hutch" which airs Wednesday nights. This team as undercover police detectives has proven very popular with television viewers. It happens to be one of ABC's highest rated shows. Recently, I sat down with the duo to try to find out what they are all about.

MAURICE: Do the both of you enjoy promoting the show?

HUTCH: I think we both agree that we enjoy talking about good work. And that's what we think of our acting. It's good work.

MAURICE: How would the both of you describe yourselves, personally?

STARSKY: That's a tuffy. I would describe myself as somebody who is trying like anybody else to live their life as best they can. I have a tendency to be neurotic and a hypochondriac, get a little truth in here, I have a good sense of humor and am a very intelligent person. I'm not a bad looking person. I get scared very easily. I wish that I could love more than I do. I wish that the opportunity to love was available more than it is.

HUTCH: I really can't pinpoint myself.

MAURICE: Do you think the both of you became actors because you were searching to fulfill something?

HUTCH: All actors go into it for the same reasons. We are all the same. We are all one. Actors are a very special breed unto themselves.

MAURICE: With your great success, have you had to give up your privacy?

STARSKY: Yes, there has been some lack of privacy because of the show's success. But the one thing I hope to hell that I remember is who I am.

MAURICE: What have the two of you found out working with each other that's important for the show?

HUTCH: I think that one of the things that we have got to do is listen to each other, more than to anybody else. If we lose that ability, we've lost that chemistry. That's really what it is.....

STARSKY: What Hutch just said is very true but in many ways is the most difficult thing to do. Let's face it, it's the most difficult thing to do in life and that is to really listen to what people are saying. Under stress and strain if I listen more to my partner I would probably learn to relax more. I get all crazy because no one seems to hear me when I talk.

MAURICE: When the show's success depends on the two of you, in many ways it is like a marriage. We all know that marriages have problems. How do the both of you cope with them?

HUTCH: Yes, it is true, it is very much like a marriage. We cope with the problems as best we can. We remind each other that we have problems and we must listen to each other. Let's face it, that's all that marriage is about. Sometimes one person may be too selfish and too self-indulgent and needs to be reminded. We both made a pact to tell each other exactly how we feel.

MAURICE: If you could cast yourselves, would you be pleased with the roles of Starsky & Hutch?

STARSKY: I know I can speak for the both of us. We have waited a hell of a long time to get a juicy part like this. These characters are us and we are them. If anything can be said about this show it's that we both really care what happens to Starsky & Hutch. And we hope the viewers do to.

In the presidential election of 1824, since no candidate received a majority of the electoral votes, the decision went to the House of Representatives, which elected John Quincy Adams.

Mitten So Big

A Christmas Tale by D. Flurock and D. Baur

American Trends Are Changing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American industrial era may be fading, leaving behind such traditional values as the work ethic, majority rule and limitless growth, a new study shows.

The study, called the Trend Analysis Program report, suggests that Americans are questioning the continuing viability of some of their major corporate, political and social institutions.

Work has lost much of its meaning for many Americans who find it no longer "necessary for physical survival, no longer satisfying for some who know they can be replaced by machines," the report says. It notes "lower productivity, more 'goofing off,' more looking to government and employers for financial security" as evidence of an eroding work ethic.

The report was prepared by a team of more than 100 life insurance executives and is intended to give companies advance notice on social and economic trends. It is distributed by the Institute of Life Insurance in New York.

The next two decades will be marked by economic, institutional and political turbulence, the group writes. Also, because of the emphasis on higher education, there are likely to be more college graduates than there are jobs for them.

"The greatest dislocations are expected to occur in the late 1970s and early 1980s, which will coincide with the tail end of cuts in the military supply and public sectors as a result of budget considerations. Less educated persons will be hardest hit, with higher educated personnel filling more of the clerical and support positions, and technology continuing to eliminate many menial jobs," the report predicted.

The report foresees a growing emphasis on reassessing the welfare system, housing and construction programs, transportation and tax allowances.

The investigators write that many Americans are becoming alienated from the political process, resulting in low voting turnouts.

"The average, middle class American has become confused as issues become more complex, the political machinery bigger, the interest groups divided, the party platforms indistinguishable, and politicians with minority platforms elected because of three-way voting splits," they wrote.

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