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Sun provides hope that cold will exit



FIGHTING THE ELEMENTS—Highway Department personnel were among many public entities battling winter's impact on Snyder Wednesday. Slightly more than two inches of snow fell and forecasts called for

large accumulations. Fortunately, the forecasters were wrong and skies cleared late Wednesday afternoon and a slight warming trend was predicted through Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

In Lebanon policy...

No change anticipated

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's spokesman says U.S. policy toward war-torn Lebanon will not be changed even though a Pentagon commission said "an urgent need for reassessment" exists in the wake of the suicide attack that killed 241 U.S. servicemen last October.

While the Pentagon report, released publicly Wednesday, stopped short of calling for the withdrawal of American troops, Democratic presidential hopefuls were more critical.

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, called the report "a harsh and critical and objective evaluation of a failed policy." When Congress reconvenes in a month, he said, he will try to force an early withdrawal of the 1,800 Marines.

Another Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., said the report shows the Marines' safety "was not given a high priority and their mission was not properly defined" and he called anew for their removal.

Former Vice President Walter Mondale, another Democrat seeking the presidential nomination, did not issue a statement, but a spokesman said he

believes the Marine mission was poorly defined.

While the commission headed by retired Adm. Robert L.J. Long was critical of U.S. intelligence and senior officers responsible for the safety of the Marines, it also said their mission in Lebanon was so badly defined that officers were unable to agree on what it was.

The Marines were sent to the Mideast nation in

September 1982 as part of a four-nation peacekeeping force to be a "presence" in support of the Lebanese government's attempts to gain control over the country, the report noted.

But that military role expanded even as "initial conditions had dramatically changed," putting the Marines in danger, the panel noted.

It concluded that "there

is an urgent need for reassessment of alternative means to achieve U.S. objectives in Lebanon and at the same time reduce the risk to the U.S. multinational force."

In Los Angeles, Larry Speakes, President Reagan's spokesman, answered "there's none at the moment" when asked about a possible change in U.S. policy. He also argued that the commission members were "talking from a military standpoint" and noted that the commission didn't consider the administration's diplomatic policy.

In addition to questioning the mission, the commission:

—Said that U.S. commanders made a mistake by putting more than 350 Marines — a quarter of the U.S. contingent — into a single building.

—Faulted U.S. intelligence.

—Criticized the "rules of engagement" which say when a soldier can fire.

—Praised the medical care given the wounded.

It also noted that the Marine force "was not trained, organized, staffed or supported to deal effectively with the terrorist threat in Lebanon."

"Much needs to be done to prepare U.S. military forces to defend against and counter terrorism."

Retirements at city vacate key positions

Key positions at Snyder city hall will be vacated after Jan. 31 with retirement plans announced Wednesday by three longtime city staffers.

These include City Secretary Nita Farren, Water Superintendent George Lee and Plumbing Inspector Dale Hoyle.

Farren, who has served the city 32 years, will not officially retire until the 31st, but her last day on the job is planned Friday.

Regarding this, city of-

ficials have planned a come and go reception in her honor Friday from 2 until 4 p.m.

She will be taking early leave to benefit from unused and accumulated vacation time.

Lee has the most longevity of any city employee with 34 years service. In addition, Hoyle has some 32 years time with the city.

Both Lee and Hoyle plan to continue on the job through the end of January.

Welcome sunshine greeted Snyder residents Thursday, giving faint hope that the worst of a two-week winter storm had passed.

Long-range forecasts for the Snyder area called for a slight warming trend through the weekend. The revised forecast came on the heels of blizzard-like conditions in Snyder on Wednesday. The low temperature Wednesday was a record 0 degrees for that date and the reading at 7 a.m. was seven degrees. By noon Thursday, the reading was still below the freezing mark at 19 degrees.

The siege of arctic cold, which has held temperatures in the Snyder area below freezing for all but two days of the past two weeks, has inflicted substantial damage to residential water pipes but city water department personnel have coped with the situation well according to city water superintendent George Lee.

As of Thursday morning city crews had replaced some 50 frozen water meters and repaired half a dozen main water line breaks.

Lee said that the city had been fortunate in terms of the main lines with no breaks causing enough loss of water to lower pressure in the system.

He estimated that 35 to 40 percent of the city had been without water at some point during the cold spell but most of the problems were occurring in shallow service lines to homes and not in the city's main lines.

On the subject of frozen meters, Lee, who will retire after 34 years with the city at the end of January said, "I've never seen anything like it. In a normal cold winter we'll

replace 8 or 10 meters."

City crews were fortunate, however, in having plenty of new meters on hand due to an ongoing project involving replacing older with newer types. The city received a new shipment of the meters just a week before the big freeze and supplies appear adequate.

Lee also praised the citizens of Snyder for their response to the crisis. Most residents, according to Lee, seem to understand the nature of the problems and have been very cooperative with his department's efforts to restore service.

Local plumbers working on private property broken lines, however, are facing supply shortages.

Although none of the plumbing companies reported being completely out of pipe and fittings to repair broken lines, most reported that they could see local supplies getting thin.

John Velasquez of Velasquez Plumbing said that he was at least 60 calls behind in service orders and had been averaging 60 calls a day. Velasquez, reported his stocks depleted to the point that

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Hance downplays recognition factor

While admitting that he currently may be behind in name identification in the southern half of Texas, U.S. Rep. Kent Hance

pointed to two factors which he says will make him the winner of the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Sen. John Tower.

"I'll outwork all my opponents," he said, "and if you have a man down state who'll bet you money, take it, because I'm flat lucky."

Hance whistled through Snyder on a cold and snowy afternoon Wednesday, part of some 25 West Texas communities he said he has visited so far this week.

Thursday, he also stopped in Dunn and its local domino hall.

Hance said his having never run a statewide race has slowed his "name recognition" in this the early phase of the campaign, despite his winning

the U.S. Representative seat once held by longtime congressman George Mahon.

Democratic opponent Bob Krueger currently leads in the name recognition category, Hance admitted, pointing to the statewide race Krueger lost in 1978.

"We expect Krueger's lead to deteriorate as the race goes on. A horse race isn't over until they take that photo finish is it?"

Hance characterized both Krueger and third candidate Lloyd Doggett, state senator from Austin, as carrying a "liberal" tag. By comparison, he pointed to his political record as one showing conservatism in regards to both fiscal responsibility and U.S. defense.

Accompanying Hance here Wednesday was his wife Sharon.



CANDIDATE VISITS—U.S. Rep. Kent Hance (right) was in Snyder Wednesday for a reception in his honor. Hance, a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by John Tower, visits with Rodger Sullenger of Texas Electric. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ask Us

Q. — When Christmas and the New Year holiday fall on Sunday, is Monday the legal holiday?

A. — Not unless it is designated by the recent session of the Texas Legislature, according to a spokesman for the secretary of state's office. Each state has jurisdiction over its own holidays and the policy in Texas is if the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is lost unless the legislature approves an "extra" day off. This is done every two years when state elected officials are in session. As an example, this past Monday was a legal holiday for Christmas but this coming Monday will not be a holiday for New Year.

In Brief

Fire demolishes buildings

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — An inferno that destroyed four downtown buildings was apparently set by two men who robbed a leather goods store at day's end and left a woman clerk bound and covered with a caustic liquid, police said.

About 50 firefighters battled subfreezing temperatures and intense heat and smoke as the buildings burned Wednesday night.

Police said Noweta Bennett, 27, a clerk at Tandy Leather Goods, told them she was in the store by herself when a man came in and made a purchase about 7 p.m.

Later, he and a companion, both armed with knives, returned, she said. She said the men bound her with leather thongs and panty hose and poured a caustic, flammable liquid over her body. They set fire to the building, threatened to set her afire, and left with bundles of leather goods, she told officers.

Families settle for \$200,000

WACO, Texas (AP) — The families of three teenagers who drowned while in police custody during a 1981 Juneteenth celebration at Lake Mexia may collect about \$200,000 in an out-of-court settlement, sources have told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

But the tentative accord — less than 2 percent of the original \$12 million sought by the parents in lawsuits — could be jeopardized if a federal judge grants a motion by a Dallas attorney seeking a jury trial to resolve the case.

"As far as we're concerned, the settlement and negotiations have broken down," said Lana Johnson, an attorney for Belvin Baker, the father of victim Carl Baker.

Forecasting gauge falls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's main economic forecasting gauge fell 0.4 percent last month in its first slide since August 1982, the government said today.

The small decline in the forward-looking Index of Leading Economic Indicators broke a string of 14 consecutive monthly advances, the Commerce Department said.

After moving up and down every several months in the long 1981-1982 recession, the index started a long rise in September last year, signaling the end of the downturn and the strong rebound of 1983.

Though a drop in the number is taken as a sign of

Local

Fire damages home

A vacant mobile home, owned by Bobby Garcia of Snyder, was heavily damaged by fire shortly before noon Thursday.

Snyder firemen were called to the scene of the fire, on a paved county road connecting Texas Hwy. 208 and the Brick Plant Road shortly after 11:30 a.m.

Fire officials remained on the scene at noon and the cause is under investigation. No injuries were reported and damages were confined to the mobile home and furnishings.

Firemen also answered a car fire at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday at 3010 37th St. A car owned by Henry Tolleson received moderate damage to electrical wiring.

Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Wednesday, 27 degrees; low, 0 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 7 degrees; precipitation none; total precipitation for 1983 to date, 16.79.

WEST TEXAS: Travelers advisory posted for all of West Texas this morning due to patches of ice on highways. Fair and cold today. Fair tonight, not quite as cold in north tonight. Sunny and warmer Friday. Highs today near 20 north to 30 south with 40s in the southwestern valleys. Lows tonight 5 in the Panhandle to the teens south and west. Highs Friday upper 20s north to mid 40s south with 50s southwest.



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Rewards given for crime tips

The SDN Column

by Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "He who hesitates must be waiting to take advantage of clearance sale prices."

After all the hints about needing a new tie, not a one appeared under our Christmas tree this year.

In terms of Christmas giving, we ran across several strange occurrences. Martha Gist was doing some last-minute shopping for her friend, Barbara Eicke.

Martha found just the thing at Special Moments and left it with Nelda Huddleston, the store's owner, to be wrapped. Martha picked it up several hours later and carried the beautifully wrapped package straight to Barbara's house.

Upon returning home, Mrs. Gist received an urgent telephone call from the store. The gift was inadvertently left out of the package. A quick call to Barbara Eicke was too late, she had already opened the empty package.

A similar thing occurred to Barbara with a software cartridge she bought for a young man who had gotten a home computer. When it was opened on Christmas day, the package contained only an empty box and an instruction manual. It seems the package had been the target of a pre-Christmas shoplifter.

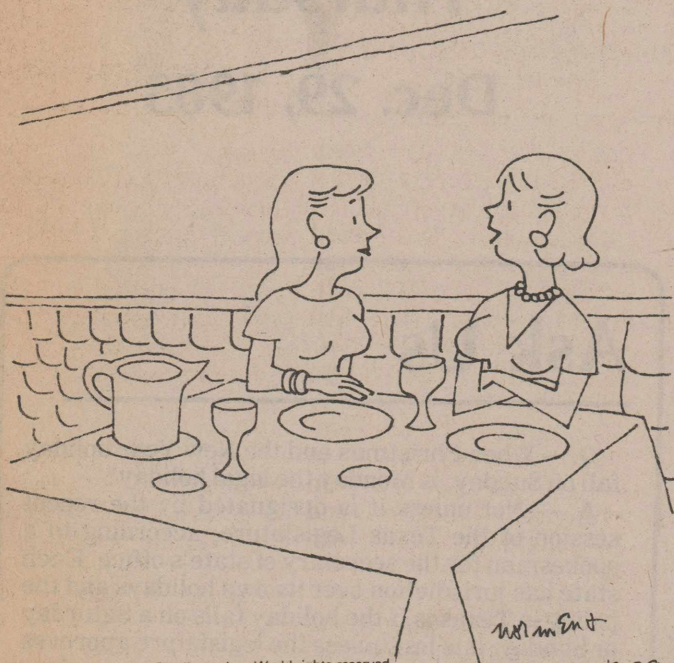
All sorts of humorous things can happen in that last-minute rush.

It has been 10 years or so since we owned a pocket knife. We don't recall the reason. Either, we lost them too easily or they were considered too dangerous.

We suspect it was the latter. As we opened our new knife the first time, it snapped shut and sliced our finger. The giver said he almost put this warning on the box, "This is not a toy."

One local attorney reports the weather has been so frigid, there has been more than 50 reconciliations.

LAFF-A-DAY



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"I know that someday Mr. Right will come along. Until then, I think I'll just stay married."

Justice Dept. probes official

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating whether Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Thayer passed along inside stock information while he was a director of several companies, a Pentagon spokesman has confirmed.

"Mr. Thayer is aware of the investigation and he

will not have any further public comment on this investigation," according to a statement read Wednesday night Lt. Cmdr John Woodhouse, the Pentagon spokesman.

Brad Marman, a Justice Department spokesman, declined to comment on a report about the investigation in today's editions of The Washington Post.

"We can't comment on any possible investigation one way or another, and that shouldn't be construed that there is one or not," Marman said.

The Post, quoting unidentified sources, reported that the Justice Department is conducting a criminal investigation into whether Thayer, 63, passed along inside stock information last year when he was chairman and chief executive officer of LTV Corp. and a director of several other companies.

State embargoes citrus from valley

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Estimates of crop damage from the recent Rio Grande Valley freeze continued to rise as Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower ordered an embargo on all citrus being shipped out of South Texas.

The ten day embargo, which begins midnight Friday, had the support of most citrus producers.

"Virtually all Texas producers had immediately halted shipment of fruit damaged by the freeze, but damage is not apparent for several days, I believe it is only prudent to officially suspend all fruit shipments," Hightower said in issuing the order.

The embargo ends Jan. 9, 1984.

The embargo was recommended to Hightower by the Texas Valley Citrus Committee, which met for an hour Wednesday to vote on the matter.

"We want to retain confidence in our product which has always enjoyed a good reputation," said Les Whitlock, manager of the Texas Valley Citrus Committee.

Citrus picked and stored before the freeze and fruit bound for juice processing plants is exempted from the embargo.

Violation of the embargo is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail or a maximum \$500 fine.

The Texas Department of Agriculture also said it will help farmers obtain disaster relief from what Hightower called the worst weather-related loss in 20 years.

Estimates of damage from the winter storm continue to rise as growers assess the loss of citrus trees and winter vegetables. McAllen Mayor Othal Brand said the damage is worse than anyone realizes.

Earlier this week, citrus growers estimated a \$30 million loss. But Brand, a partner of the giant packing company, Griffin &

Brand, said the loss to the general economy may be as much as \$100 million, about three times the loss in fruit.

"Ag money turns over several times in the local economy, far more than tourist dollars or pesos from Mexico," he said.

The freeze plunged temperatures into the low 20s Saturday across the usually sub-tropical, fertile "Magic Valley."

More than 55,000 acres of winter vegetables including onions, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, cauliflower and celery worth \$180 million remained to be harvested before the arctic blast.

"It's pretty hard to get a handle on, but right now we're estimating about a 50 percent loss," said Bill Weeks, vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association. He said the loss in vegetables may be as much as \$75 million and will mean higher prices in grocery stores nationwide.

Weeks said unemployment in the Valley will also rise "substantially."

The United Farm Workers of America agreed, estimating that 100,000 farm worker families will be affected by the agricultural disaster.

"Vegetable harvesting is more labor intensive than citrus groves," Brand said. "There are hundreds of people who go to the fields for us every day. But there won't be anything for them to go into the fields for."

Hightower's office is helping growers compile figures on crop loss so individual counties can apply for federal disaster assistance.

His staff will try to help individual farmers by assisting them in marketing what can be salvaged from the freeze.

"Obviously all we can do is to help the producer find a niche somewhere and make a few bucks off of something," said Andy Welch of the state agriculture office. "I wish we had a \$20 million budget like Florida does so we could get on TV and ask people to drink more Texas grapefruit juice."

Welch said Hightower will be working closely with the Texas Department of Community Affairs and the Texas Department of Human Resources to obtain assistance for pickers and packers who will be out of work after the emergency harvest of citrus is completed.

Meanwhile, growers are only beginning to assess the long-term affect of the freeze.

Dr. Richard Hensz, director of the Texas A&I Citrus Center said splits and cracks have been found in a "significant" number citrus trees.

Jim Rogers, vice president of Rogers Packing Co. of Donna, said it might take two or three years to produce another citrus crop if trees have to be heavily pruned.

"And if we have to replant, it could be six or seven years. Potentially we could be out of business," he said.

The National Weather Service is predicting temperatures below freezing Valleywide through Friday. Warmer weather will move into the area on Saturday.

Report issued to shift blame

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of President Reagan's task force on hunger say the panel appears to be preparing a political document "designed to exonerate Reagan administration policies" rather than truly assess the causes and extent of hunger.

According to one member of the task force, hunger is not a major problem in the United States and black children may be

the best nourished in the country.

However Robert Greenstein, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said the testimony heard by the task force from around the country was largely ignored.

Reports of what is contained in a draft document prepared by the task force staff "suggest that the task force report is more a political document designed to exonerate Reagan administration policies in the hunger area and promote administration programs than a careful effort to truly assess the causes and extent of hunger in America and what might be done to alleviate it," Greenstein said Wednesday.

In 1911, Kaiser Wilhelm II said Germany's navy would secure it a "place in the sun."



At Wit's End

by erma bombeck

My husband and I have always loved antiques. We will buy anything that is ten years older than we are.

Actually, our romance blossomed at an antique show when we looked at one another over a little wooden box with a cutting blade and uttered those three little words, "What is it?"

Technology being what it is, I couldn't help but speculate about the antique-lovers of the future. I can just see a couple poking through an armory full of memorabilia in 2040.

"What is it?" asks Ingrid, picking up two pieces of plastic connected by a string.

"It's a cordless phone," says Max.

"What did they use it for?"

"The way I understand it, you could talk on this while you cut your grass, washed your car, played tennis or worked in your garage."

"Why would you want to do that?" asks Ingrid.

"To keep up," says Max.

"Look at this. Do you know what it is?"

Ingrid picks up a bracelet with a small opening in it. "I haven't the foggiest," she says.

"It's a small TV set."

"I thought they were bigger."

"No, this was for when

you were driving to work or taking a bath or sitting at a ballgame and wanted to see another game that was being played somewhere else."

"Why would they want to do that?" asks Ingrid.

"To keep up," says Max.

Ingrid and Max browse through portable computers that you propped up in front of you as you traveled on an airplane or relaxed at the beach. They examine the cordless toothbrushes and little ashtrays that made smoke disappear.

Finally, Max becomes intrigued with a pair of headphones that make him look like a man from outer space.

"Hey," says Ingrid, "those are listed here in the catalogue. Listen to this: 'A radio built into headphones and worn by children in the '80s day and night.'"

"I wonder why," says Max.

Ingrid shrugs. "To keep up? It's puzzling, though, if they had all this stuff, how come the entire civilization died out?"

Max takes off the headphones. "The way my parents explained it to me, their batteries went dead and they couldn't function anymore."

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Berry's World



"Which section do you prefer, sir — 'high self-esteem' or 'low self-esteem'?"

ASTRO-GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 30, 1983

Conditions look very hopeful for you between now and your next birthday. This appears to be a cycle in which many of your dreams can be fulfilled.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your popularity with friends will be assured today if you show a sincere interest in their present involvements. Be a booster, not a boo-er. Major changes are in store for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 and your zodiac sign to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Send an additional \$2 for the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet. Reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have a style and flair about you today that will make you a standout. Your actions will win you both admirers and imitators.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your words carry more weight than usual today, so be selective in what you say. Your encouragement can cause the spirits of others to soar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be rather fortunate today by being able to tap into a beneficial situation in which another has done most of the spadework.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Bonds can be strengthened with a loved one if you place his or her needs above your own today. Be unselfish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Endeavors requiring artistic touches will be the ones you perform the best today. They'll also provide you with the greatest sense of satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Flirtations today will be taken seriously by the object of your intentions. Before casting glances, consider the consequences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Success is likely today in situations where you are unselfishly motivated to provide more good for those you love than for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Persons fond of you are anxious to know what you think of them. Try to use terms of endearment today to put their minds at ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Material conditions could take a dramatic shift today. The ways and means may be available to acquire something you've been wanting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your assertiveness continues to be tuned to a high pitch again today. However, you'll know how to match your motives with charm and wit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Normally you are not bashful about expressing your feelings, yet today you may be reluctant to let someone you secretly admire know you care.

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The Republican National Convention opened in Miami Beach in 1972, with the nomination of President Richard Nixon for reelection assured.

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Watch for our Super Dollar Day Circular
in Sunday's SDN

Variety of devices aid speech therapy progress

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A new facility in Scranton will help about 700 people in 20 northern and eastern Pennsylvania counties bridge the broad and silent chasm that separates them from the general society.

Some of them will be able to communicate with typewriterlike devices, others with a light wand, and some with a puff of air or the flick of a finger.

The St. Joseph's Center, with funding from the Scranton Area Foundation for equipment, and with the cooperation of

Marywood College, will act as an evaluation and recommendation center for non-speakers — people without voices or the use of standard language skills.

Hundred of letters have gone out to family doctors and specialists for referrals, informing them of the steps to follow for patients who might benefit from the services. Dr. Michael J. Flahive, a speech and hearing consultant who is head of the program, and Paul Harrington, a speech and language pathologist, are bracing themselves for what they think may be a

deluge of requests.

"The goal here is to help people to maximize their human potential," Flahive said. "I doubt that they will become part of the mainstream and become taxpayers, but they can be given more meaningful lives that were not possible before."

But the very situation that holds so much promise for speechless people is also making it difficult to find qualified experts to help them.

"The technology changes so rapidly that even someone who

graduated from college with a specialty in the field three years ago now is behind the times," Flahive said. "The equipment they used has been either modified or outdated by now."

The pool of non-speaking people includes people of all ages, and the reasons for their not speaking range from head injuries, cerebral palsy and laryngectomies to disease damage or other causes. At St. Joseph's Center, there are two basic ways — augmentative devices and alternative symbols —

to allow the speechless to speak.

"Which one we use depends on the individual, their age, the problems they have, and a lot of other things," Harrington said.

Harrington said that a researcher from the University of Wisconsin had rediscovered an entire system of symbols, created prior to World War II, which she taught to children afflicted by cerebral palsy.

The system, called Blissymbolics, uses sym-

bols similar to those used to establish a kind of conversation between chimpanzees and humans. They are also similar to the pictographs used by the Chinese or the Egyptians. For instance, all words for human emotions contain a picture of a heart in conjunction with other lines or shapes.

"They are cueing devices, like rebuses," Harrington said. "The whole intent is to simplify the coding and standardize it."

Those who study Blissymbolics are, in ef-

fect, learning a foreign language — in this case their own. And those who learn Blissymbolics in Scranton may be able to use the system anywhere else in the world — some of the training manuals are being published in four languages.

Among the more intriguing instruments being used to help the speechless is a voice prosthesis unit called "Vois." It has a vocabulary of 300 words and letters on a system of five levels, all color coded for ready identification.

A person who has no speaking voice can, by pressing a series of pressure-sensitive buttons, create words and sentences, and even spell. The Vois then "speaks" in an electronic voice simulation.

But the use of the Vois depends on a physical ability to reach and touch the keys. Some handicapped people just don't have the capacity to do that. And for them, there is another device.

A rocking switch resembling a portable sewing-machine power pedal is coupled with an imager which can scan

across several lines and stop at a pictograph of an emotion or object which the operator wants to relay to someone else. A sounding device will alert someone else in the room.

There are other triggering mechanisms used at the center that can be tongue-operated. Still others are activated by the breath. And one, which is attached to the head of a severely physically handicapped person, relies on a beam of light aimed at a receptor board filled with symbols.

"We try to answer with these the question of access," Flahive said. "There is some way to give almost anyone the ability to communicate when they are non-vocal. There are many bright people captured in problem bodies who now can communicate."

In 1887, pitcher Dan Casey of the Phillies struck out in the ninth inning of a game with the Giants which inspired the famous poem, "Casey at the Bat."

Japanese citizen fights for old name

TOKYO (AP) — Tran Dinh Tong is one naturalized Japanese citizen who, bucking official pressure to become one of the crowd, decided that becoming Japanese should not mean giving up the name of his Vietnamese forefathers.

Tran, 30, is the first person in Japanese legal history to win a court case to regain his original name which he abandoned for a Japanese name when he became a citizen of this country.

Yet outside the legal pale the Justice Ministry acknowledges it still "advises" those applying for citizenship to take "appropriate" Japanese names. Resident aliens insist that this practice exemplifies the homogeneity of society which has contributed to Japan's economic success but earned it a reputation of excluding those who would be different.

Tran came to Japan in 1972 and studied at the Tokyo Mercantile Marine University. He applied for citizenship in October 1981 with an adopted Japanese name of Hideo Nakai, using his Japanese wife's family name. He was granted citizenship in September 1982.

In an interview by telephone from his home in Kobe, where he works as an inspector for a trading company, Tran said he

wanted to use his own Vietnamese name from the outset — but was advised by authorities that it would be "impossible" to obtain citizenship with a foreign name.

Later he appealed to a family court to regain his name because "I felt as if I was lying to people, though the Japanese name was convenient for a lot of things in my daily life. Also, I wanted my child to carry my family name."

He said his Vietnamese name, written in the simplified "katakana" phonetic alphabet rather than Chinese characters used for Japanese, Korean and Chinese names, caused him some inconvenience, such as in getting credit cards. But he said someone had to take the initiative in changing Japan's "clannish society."

The policy on names "is of the prewar mentality that prevailed when Japan kept Korea as its colony," Kim Ho-joon, a welfare section official of the (South) Korean Residents Union of Japan, said.

Japan "annexed" Korea in 1910 and in making Koreans imperial subjects, forced Koreans to adopt Japanese names in 1939.

"It is designed to assimilate resident aliens into Japanese society — not to recognize them as different minority peo-

ple," Kim said.

There are about 670,000 Korean nationals living in Japan, constituting 83 percent of Japan's resident aliens. Many are Japanese-born descendants of forced laborers who worked here before and during World War II.

No official figures were available, but Kim estimated about 100,000 Korean nationals have been naturalized in Japan since the war, usually with their Japanese aliases.

There will be more Japanese citizens with "katakana" names if Japan's Nationality Act is revised to confer citizenship rights to children born in Japan of alien fathers, Tran said.

Under the current act — also cited by resident aliens as evidence of discrimination — people born in Japan of alien fathers and Japanese mothers have no citizenship rights. The government is considering revising the law to eliminate the sex of parents in determining citizenship.

Yasuaki Onuma, an associate professor of international law at Tokyo University, said citizenship policies were based on the "myth" that the Japanese were a single race, and the insistence on Japanese names was a "very paternalistic" remnant of colonial policies.

"Historically speaking, the Japanese population in ancient times was made up of various races from both the south and north," he said in an interview. "For instance, the (Caucasian) Ainu race lived, and still exists, in northern Japan with cultural characteristics clearly different from others."

Onuma said the myth began in Japan's more than 200 years of feudal isolation and was heightened by the 19th-century revival of the Imperial system, which defined the Japanese as a single "Yamato" (Japanese) race with the emperor as the center.

"Many things have been changed here since the end of World War II, but people's awareness of the single-race nation remains unchanged," he said. "Rather, it is positively affirmed as a key factor contributing to Japan's postwar economic success."

"It is partly true that homogeneity in society helped economic growth, but I don't think Japan can survive in future international society with that attitude. It's also unrealistic to think Japan can maintain 99 percent of its population with the Japanese race in coming ages."

The mass-circulation Asahi Shimbun said the Justice Ministry had

recently instructed regional officials to let naturalized foreigners use their own names.

However, an official who asked not to be named said the ministry would continue to encourage citizenship applicants to take "appropriate" Japanese names, while making sure they understood it was not mandatory.

"We advise them to adopt family names with a

sense of belonging to society, because their names will be used by their children, grandchildren and so on," the official said.

The Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations invaded Czechoslovakia Aug. 20, 1968, to crush Alexander Dubcek's liberal regime.

Peaceful prairie lies amid area of steel mills

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Mere minutes away from the Calumet region's steel mills and oil refineries, the Hoosier Prairie flourishes, unspoiled by the plows of development and, for the most part, unchanged by all that's been done in the name of progress.

It's a quiet place. Standing in its midst one can hear the peaceful sounds of grasses blowing in the wind, interrupted only by the occasional sounds of cars driving by.

It's a place teeming with nature and beauty. Growing within its boundaries are about 350 species of native plants, many rare in Indiana, and mammals ranging in size from whitetailed deer to muskrat.

The industry that defines the Calumet region and the flora and fauna of the Hoosier Prairie are, as the saying goes, like night and day. Yet the two live side by side.

The prairie, designated as a national natural landmark in 1974, is a 304-acre preserve. By definition, prairies are distinguished by their open areas of grass and flowering plants.

The Hoosier Prairie, owned by the state since 1977, is the last remnant of original prairie in Indiana large enough to be considered of landscape proportions. Pockets of unspoiled prairie lands may be found elsewhere in the state, often along

railroad tracks and cemeteries, but a tract as large as the Hoosier Prairie is notable.

To inhibit growth of weeds and to promote the germination of prairie plants, parts of the area are burned every year by the Department of Natural Resources. Fire prevents the grassy area from being overcome by trees.

"We're on the map as far as prairie enthusiasts are concerned. They know there's something here that's rare and valuable," said Irene Herlocker, a Munster resident who is credited with saving the Hoosier Prairie from destruction by developers.

Mrs. Herlocker first became interested in the prairie in 1967 when a neighbor and fellow bird-watcher who was moving from the area shared with her a secret birding site — a place she called the "Griffith dump."

"It made an impact," said Mrs. Herlocker, with whom prairies have admittedly become a passion. "I couldn't believe there was something so beautiful only 10 minutes from my home, and I'd lived within 10 miles of this area all my life."

What stunned Mrs. Herlocker so, she said, was the unaffected presence of the prairie's abundant wildflowers — bird's violets, bluets, blue-eyed grass, yellow star grass, shooting stars — all

in full bloom from the end of May to the end of October.

Although unfamiliar at the time with the different species' names, Mrs. Herlocker said she returned to the prairie often and began to learn to identify the flower types. As her knowledge of the area grew, so did her belief that the land was actually a piece of valuable and virgin prairie.

That hunch was confirmed two years later at an Illinois Audubon meeting where Mrs. Herlocker said she had also learned of the prairie's uncertain fate.

The land at the time belonged to a Chicago family who was holding it as an industrial investment. Its estimated market value was listed at up to \$3 million.

But Mrs. Herlocker, who formed and headed the Hoosier Prairie Committee, saw to it that the land, except for two small portions of it that were sold in the early 1970s, was kept intact until she and her fellow preservationists could save it.

Six years, countless meetings and numerous trips to the state and national capitals later, they accomplished just that. In 1975, the Nature Conservancy, one of the many groups whose support Mrs. Herlocker has mustered, negotiated with the prairie's owners to buy the tract at its appraised value of \$900,000.

With the help of most of Indiana's congressional delegation and then-Gov. Otis Bowen, the state and federal governments split the \$900,000 total.

The prairie was acquired by the state in 1977 and is now managed by the Division of Natural Preserves in the Department of Natural Resources.

Dep. mayor is off to college

NEW YORK (AP) — After 10 years in city government, Deputy Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. will be leaving New York and going to college.

The 39-year-old Wagner, whose father was mayor of the city, has taken a teaching post at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Earlier this year Wagner had been Mayor Edward Koch's choice to become city schools chancellor, but was turned down by the state education commissioner — who said he lacked professional education experience.

Koch said Wagner still will head a committee that will study what life in New York City should be like by the year 2000.

Wagner takes the Harvard position at the end of January.

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Commission report could be Reagan liability

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special Pentagon commission's report on the Beirut truck bombing that killed 241 American servicemen could prove a liability to Reagan administration attempts to defend use of U.S. Marines in their "peacekeeping" role in Lebanon.

The document, prepared by a five-man panel made up mostly of retired and active-duty senior officers, provides ammunition for critics who claim the Marines are in Lebanon on an ill-defined mission.

It also suggests military superiors in the chain of command failed to change ground rules by late summer so the Marines could "cope effectively with the increasingly hostile environment" that culminated in the truck

bombing on Oct. 23.

There are indications the issue may turn out to be a major one in the presidential campaign ahead.

"The mission of the U.S. multinational force was implicitly characterized as a peace-keeping operation, although 'peace-keeping' was not explicit in the mission statement" prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the report said.

The commission members said their inquiry "clearly established that perceptions of the basic mission varied at different levels of command."

The Marine commanders on the ground in Beirut interpreted their mission to maintain a "presence" as re-

quiring that the U.S. contingent "be visible but not to appear to be threatening to the populace," the report said.

"This concern was a factor in most decisions made by the Marine amphibious unit commanders in the employment and disposition of their forces," it added.

Another area in which perceptions varied, the report said, was the importance of the Beirut international airport to the Marine mission and whether the Marines had any responsibility to ensure its operation.

"While all echelons of the military chain of command understood that the security of the Beirut international airport was not a part of the mission, perceptions of the

U.S. multinational force's implicit responsibility for airport operations varied widely," the report said.

The panel members said the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon and others in the State Department saw a functioning airport "as an important symbolic and practical demonstration of Lebanese sovereignty."

They also cited the statement made by President Reagan on Oct. 27, four days after the truck bomb destroyed a Marine headquarters at the airport, that "part of their (Marine) task is to guard that airport."

Summing up the view on this point, the report said: "The commission concludes that the 'presence' mission was not interpreted in the same manner by all levels of the chain of command and that perceptual differences regarding that mission ... should have been recognized and corrected by the chain of command."

In reviewing the way events developed from the time the Marines were committed in September 1982, the report said "it was contemplated from the outset that the U.S. multinational force would operate in a relatively benign environment."

Syrian forces at the time were not considered a significant threat to the multinational force including French, Italian and British contingents as well as the U.S. Marines, the commission said.

Oilman left legacy of love for children

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Plenty of Texas oilmen have left fortunes to colleges, research centers and other institutions of higher learning.

But D.K. Caldwell of Tyler may be the only one who left a legacy to institutions of lower learning.

This fall, for the 47th year, the Caldwell Playschools opened their doors to a new batch of Tyler 4-year-olds.

The 266 preschoolers make crafts, take music lessons, play outdoor games and go on field trips — including a visit to the Caldwell Zoo.

The cost to parents — \$15.

And that's for children attending three days a week. For those attending two days a week, the tuition is \$10 a semester.

The two Caldwell Playschools and the 30-acre zoo were the pet projects of Caldwell — a pioneer East Texas oil producer who didn't marry until he was 63 and never had children.

But Caldwell dearly loved children. And today his affection and generosity are carried on by his widow, Lotie.

"He would spend hundreds of dollars for play equipment for children, but he would tie together his own broken shoelace," Mrs. Caldwell said.

One of the schools is in the old Tyler High School building, and the other is in a grand Georgian-style mansion built in 1888.

Both buildings have been refurbished and equipped with toys and supplies for creative play.

Not only are the Caldwell schools inexpensive, they are regarded highly by education professionals. All but two of the nine Caldwell teachers are certified by the State of Texas, and two hold masters degrees.

"The Caldwell school is an outstanding early childhood education program. It's one of the finest programs I have ever observed," said Dr. Barbara Wagner, an assistant professor of early childhood education at the University of Texas at Tyler and director of the university's preschool program.

The Caldwell school began in 1936 when Caldwell, then a bachelor, made the lower floor of his two-story home available for a school operated by the American Association of University Women.

Caldwell later took over the program, working for a while in partnership with the City of Tyler and the Tyler school district.

The school gradually outgrew Caldwell's home and moved into several small buildings in his back yard.

Mrs. Caldwell was a librarian at Tyler Junior College when she married Caldwell in 1950. After the wedding, she quit her job and took over much of the administrative work for the schools.

Caldwell built cages in the back yard for rabbits, then squirrels, then a monkey and then an alligator. In the afternoons, after school was over, the back-yard menagerie attracted children from all over the city.

One afternoon when 60 children were in the back yard visiting the animals, Caldwell decided the children needed a real zoo. He bought 125 acres on the city's north side and opened a zoo in 1952.

The zoo, which has grown continuously, now houses 475 animals. A \$4 million expansion program began in 1977 that includes an elephant house, a giraffe house, a monkey island, an administration and education complex, a farm exhibit that will include a 12,000-gal aquarium.

As it has always been, admission to the zoo is, of course, free.

Caldwell took a personal interest in operating around schools and the zoo because it allowed him to be enjoyed by children.

"He personally supervised every bit of the construction and operation of the zoo. He was out there at least three or four times during the week and every weekend," said Caldwell's nephew, Hayes Caldwell, director of the zoo.

"One of his trademarks was carrying around a roll of uncirculated dimes. He would walk around on Saturdays passing out those dimes to kids, telling them to help the economy by getting the dimes in circulation," Caldwell said.

While working in his downtown office, Caldwell often would take a break to walk the three blocks to the nearest play school.

"He could have just written a check to the schools and let that be it, but he really enjoyed children. He would come to visit as often as he could," said Mary Brasher, school secretary for 25 years.

When Caldwell died in 1977 at the age of 90, Mrs. Caldwell redoubled her efforts to continue the schools.

"That made me all the more dedicated," she said.

The operating budget for the zoo is \$450,000 a year. The schools' budgets total about \$225,000 annually. The schools and the zoo are supported solely by Mrs. Caldwell and trusts set aside by her husband.

Mrs. Caldwell said her husband made sure the financial future of both operations always would be secure.

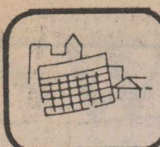
"He always thought one of the best things he could do for the community was (to) see that the children got a good start."

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FRIDAY

Duplicate Bridge Club, Snyder Country Club, 1:30 p.m.

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By Oswald Jacoby and James Jacoby

A little learning is a dangerous thing. South had just learned about hold-up plays. He hadn't learned much about them — as evidenced by the way he threw, game

and rubber out the window.

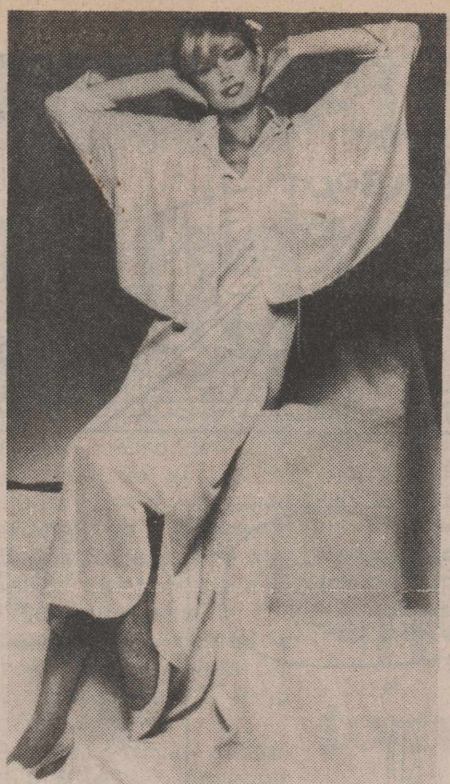
He let East's queen of spades hold the first trick and ducked the second spade also. If West had led a third spade, South's play would have worked because there would be no entry for West's last two spades, assuming South handled clubs safely.

West, with that nastiness so common to expert defenders, knew that spades had become hopeless so he shifted to the queen of diamonds.

South took his ace and played his king of clubs and a low club. West showed out and South wound up losing two spades, three diamonds and a club for down two.

South had no need of a hold-up play at trick one. He could win the first spade, then lead a club to dummy's ace and a club back to his K-9. This club finesse would insure his contract even if West produced the club queen, since West's spade suit would be stopped by South's J-4.

The successful club finesse would have given South at least 10 tricks, but that would have been just icing on the cake. When he won the first trick, he would have been sure of his game. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)



DREAMY DUOS—Nightgowns are too attractive to be confined to the bedroom, so matching bed jackets provide the perfect coverup. This year these double-duty outfits are more feminine and practical than ever. Some are accented with lace and pleating, left; others feature a shimmery texture on one side, while the inside is brushed with cotton for added warmth, right. (Left, by Papillon in anti-cling Enkacrepe nylon; right, by Lucie Ann in Golden Glow polyester.)

Walnut bars good for lunch or dinner dessert

By Cecily Brownstone

AP Food Editor

Cookie bars, you may have noticed, are being set before guests — for dessert at lunch or dinner or in the evening with tea or coffee — by some superlative cooks. Considering the delights of the best of these cookie bars, they are comparatively easy to make.

But one of the enjoyable parts of entertaining is to serve a cookie bar that is new to guests. And that is why we are offering you the following recipe for Walnut Bars. Their flavor and texture are exceptional.

WALNUT BARS

1-3rd cup butter
1-3rd cup sugar
1 large egg yolk
1 tablespoon milk
1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder

1-3rd cup raspberry jam
Walnut Filling, see recipe

Coffee Glaze, see recipe

In a medium bowl with an electric beater, cream the butter and sugar. Beat in the egg yolk and milk until blended. At low speed gradually beat in the flour, then the baking powder, until blended. Firmly press the dough over the bottom of a buttered square cake pan (9 by 9 by 1¼ inches), making a smooth layer. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven until just golden around the edges — 12 to 15 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool completely. Spread with the raspberry jam — it will be a thin layer. Set aside.

Prepare the Walnut Filling. Spread evenly over the raspberry jam layer. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven until a light golden color — 25 minutes;

cool completely.

Make up the Coffee Glaze and use it as a frosting for the top. Set aside at room temperature or refrigerate briefly until glaze sets. Cut into bars; with a small metal spatula, remove.

WALNUT FILLING: In a food processor or an electric blender, turning motor on and off and scraping sides as necessary, finely grind 2½ cup walnuts. Measure 2½ cups. In a medium bowl, stir together the 2½ cups ground walnuts with ¾ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Add 2 whole large eggs, 1 large egg white and 1 teaspoon vanilla; stir together until combined.

COFFEE GLAZE: In a small bowl, dissolve 1 teaspoon instant coffee in 1 tablespoon boiling water. At once add 1 tablespoon butter (soft) and stir until butter melts. With a spoon, gradually beat in 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar and ½ teaspoon vanilla, keeping smooth.

Arrau honored

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Claudio Arrau, the noted concert pianist, recently received the 1983 Music Prize awarded by the International Music Council of UNESCO at a ceremony here.

Other 1983 award winners included Herbert von Karajan and the Swedish Royal Academy of Music.

The prize is awarded annually to musicians and musical institutions who have contributed to the enrichment and development of music and served in the cause of peace and international cooperation.

The WEEDERS Guide

By EARL ARONSON

AP Newsfeatures

If you prepare your roses — the world's most popular ornamental plants — for winter properly, they'll reward you with a more beautiful show next growing season.

Wherever winter temperatures drop often below freezing but rarely below zero, drying winds and frequent temperature fluctuations pose a greater threat to roses than does cold. If the ground is frozen and the thermometer suddenly rises above 32 degrees Fahrenheit, strong winds may evaporate life-saving moisture from rose canes. This is water that cannot be replaced until the soil thaws.

One protective measure is an anti-desiccant spray available at garden centers. It combats the drying effects of wind by sealing in moisture. As an added precaution, mound 6-8 inches of soil around the bases of plants. Extreme cold may injure cane tops, which can be pruned in spring, but crowns and cane bottoms will be safe. Where sub-zero cold is likely, make mounds 10-12 inches high.

How about autumn pruning of roses? One school advises eliminating susceptible wood in fall to "beat winter to the punch."

But Jack Christensen, prominent rosarian and vice president of research for Armstrong Nurseries in Ontario, Calif., disagrees.

"Drastic fall pruning removes perfectly healthy wood that may suffer no winter-kill whatsoever," says Christensen. "As far north as Minnesota, gardeners can overwinter prized rose bushes almost at full size."

The trick is to bundle bushes in a kind of winter overcoat. First, prune lightly to make handling the plants easier. Then construct simple, 3-foot tall cylinders of chicken-wire around the bushes. Fill with insulating oak leaves or straw.

Christensen advises against fall fertilizing, which encourages new growth easily damaged by

cold and wind. But keep soil well-watered until frosts harden the ground.

Christensen developed the bright red tea rose Olympiad, a 1984 All-America Rose Selection honors winner and "official rose" of the 1984 Olympics.

Autumn is an excellent time to plant roses in southern areas and in California. I recommend April and May in northern regions.

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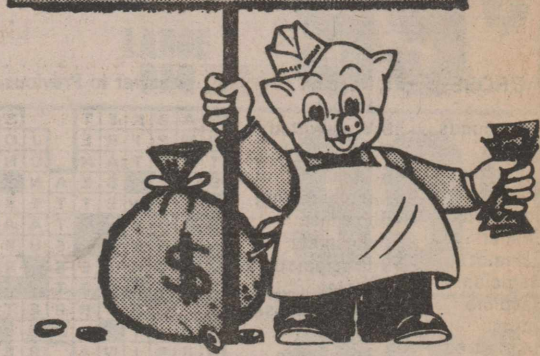
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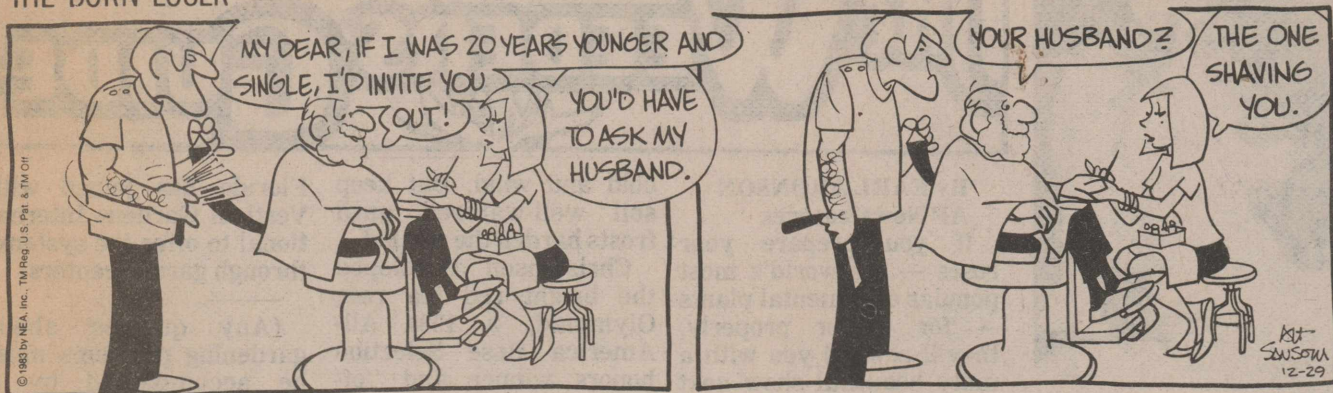
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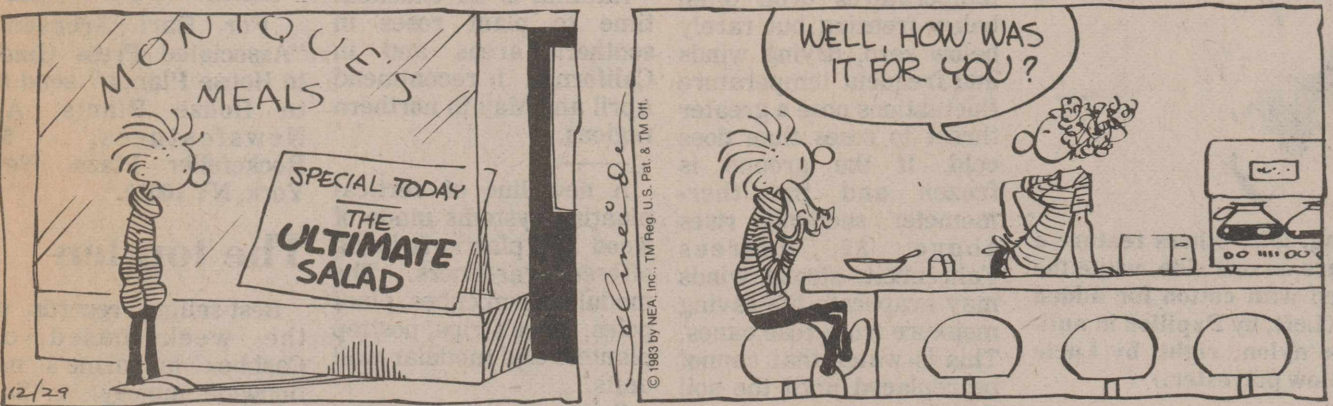
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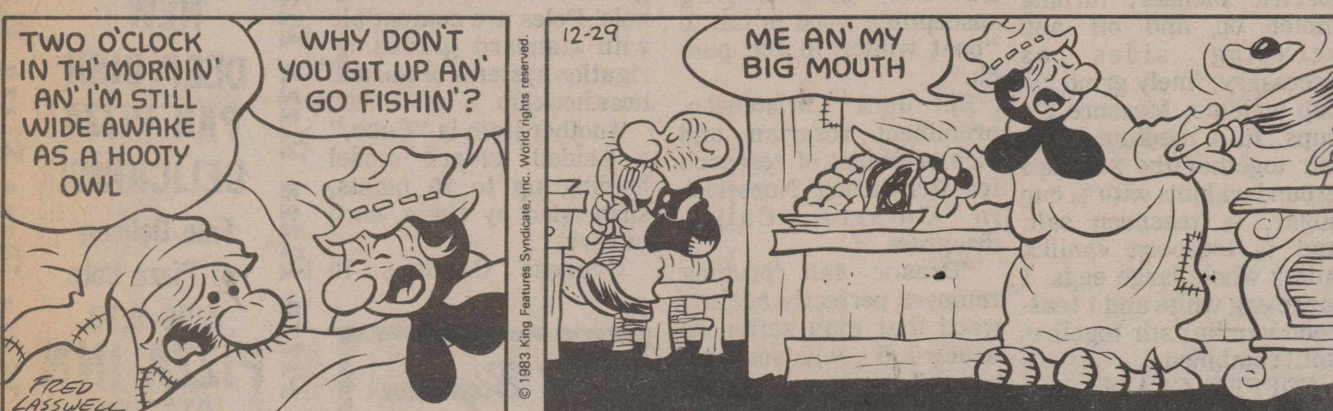
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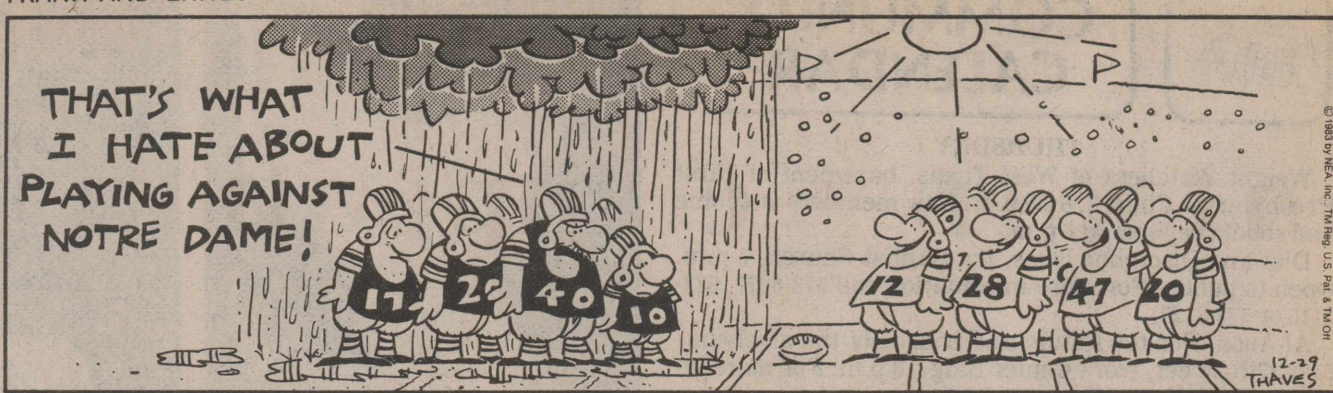
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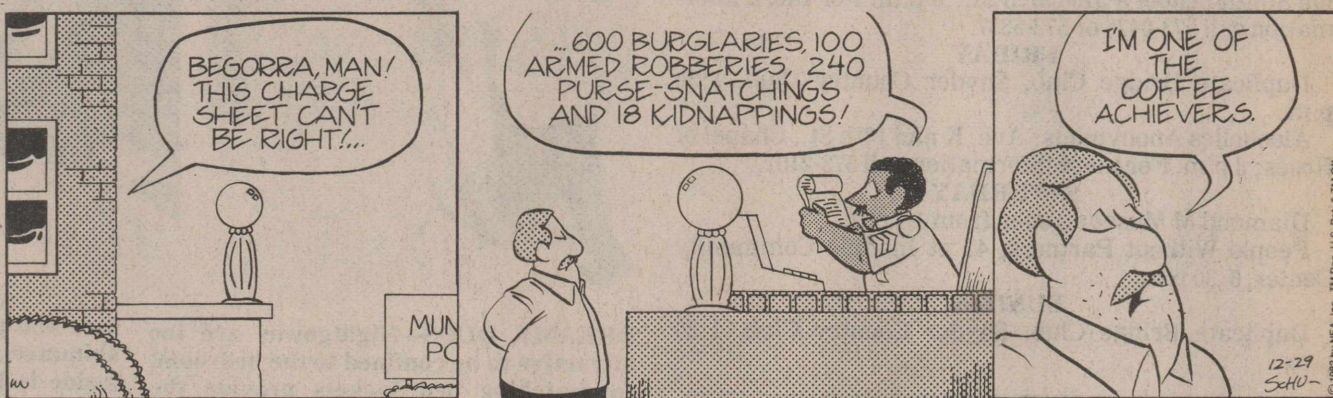
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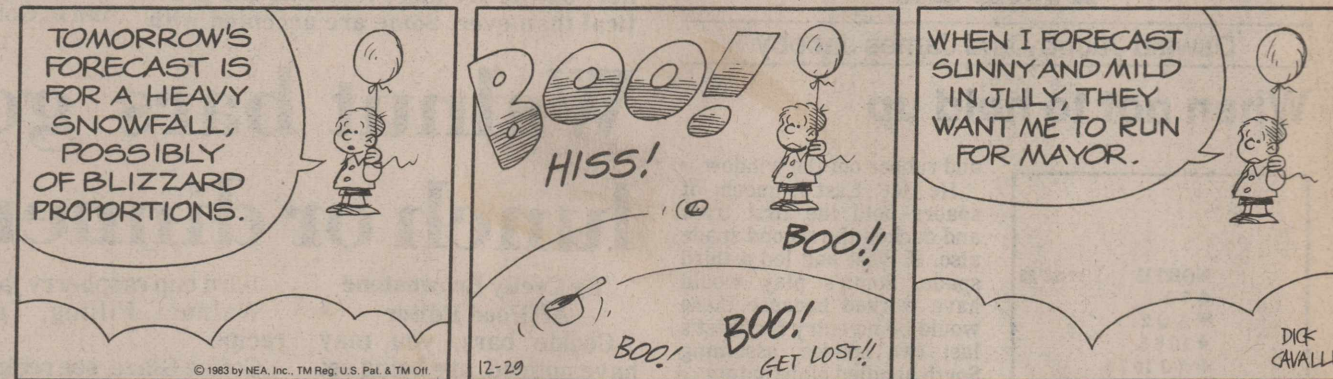
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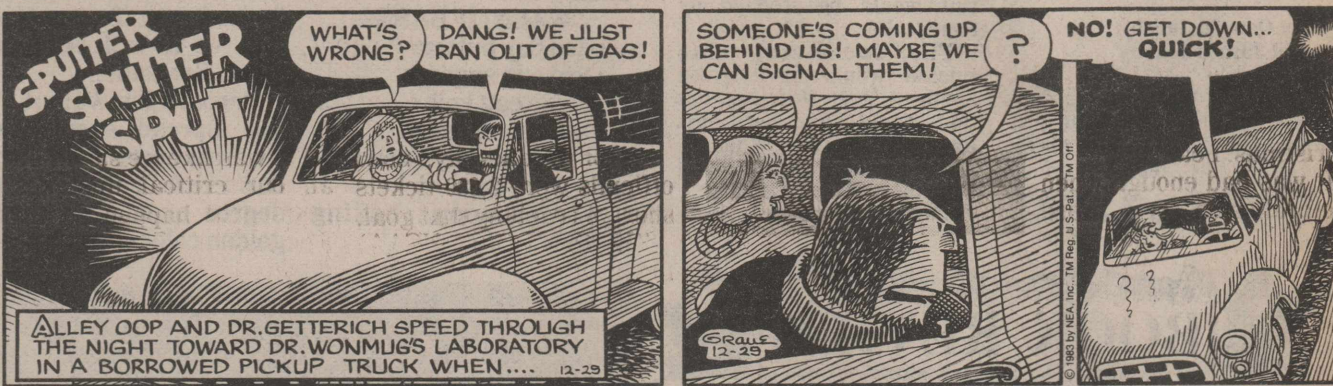
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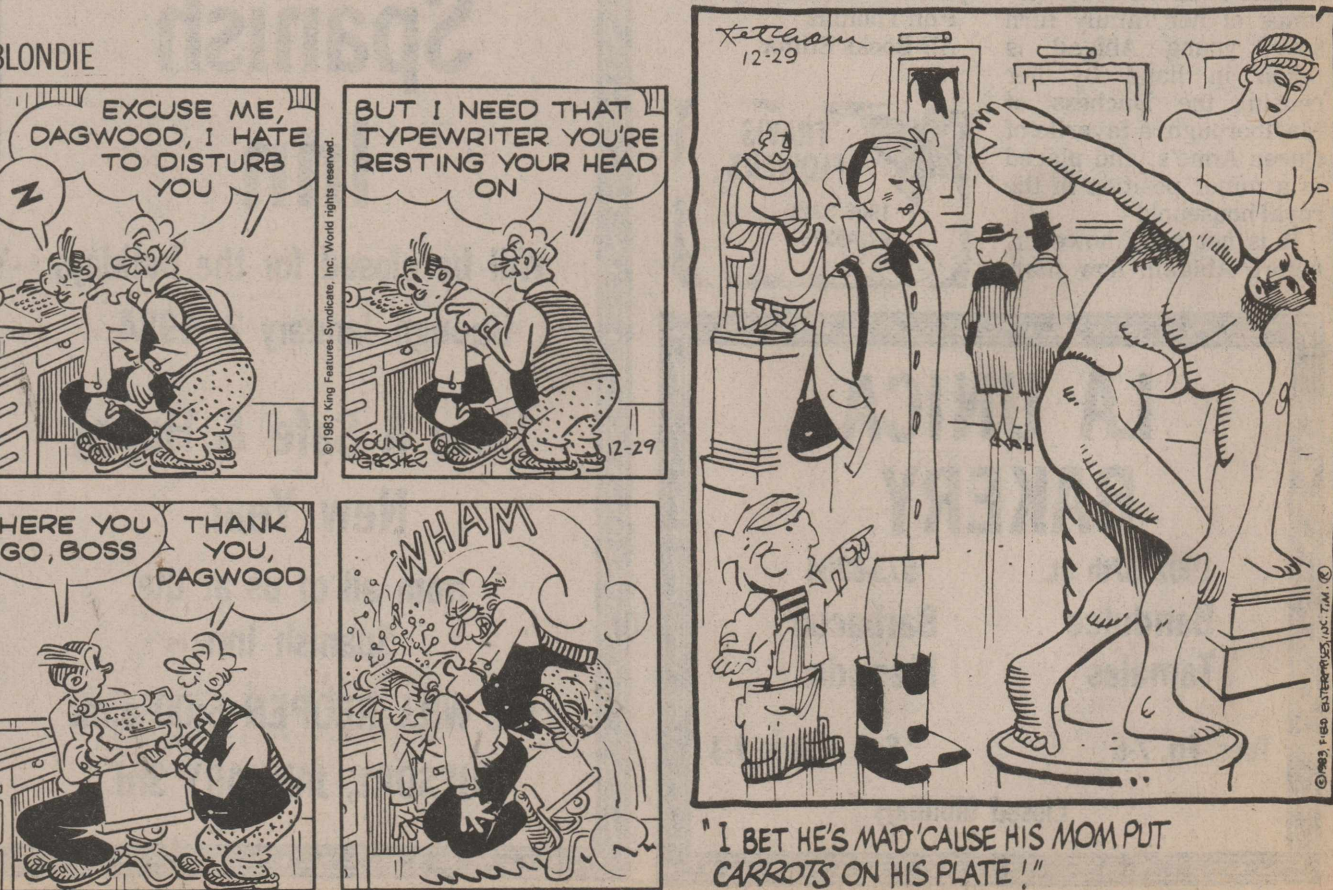
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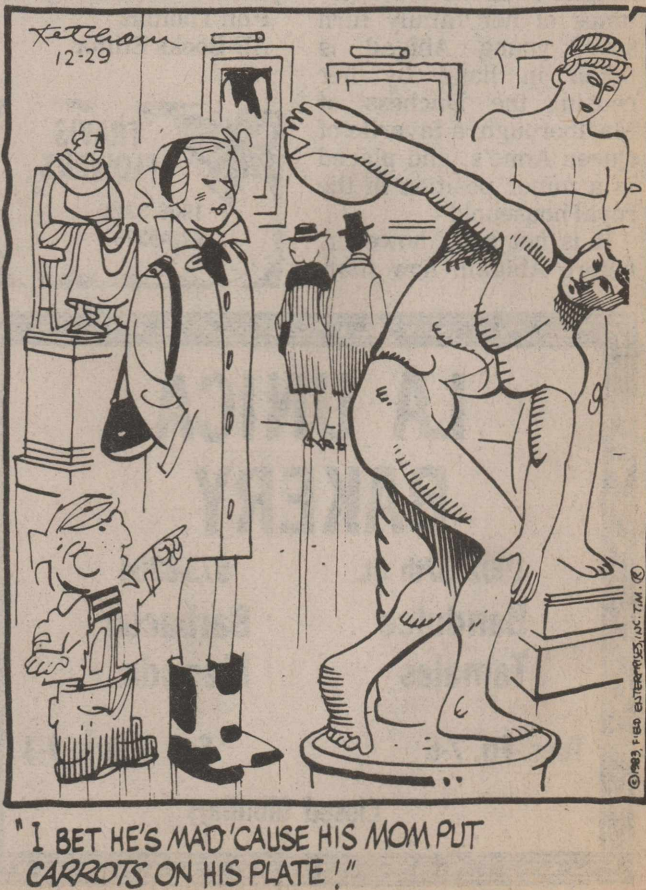
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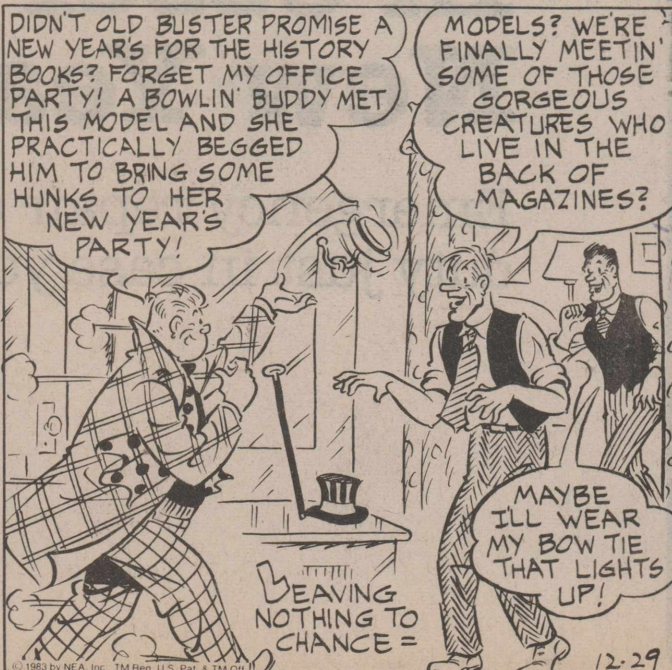
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SWC teams successful in tourney competition

by The Associated Press
It only took a pair of shots by Butch Moore and Quentin Anderson to redeem some sagging Southwest Conference pride.

Moore sank a "miraculous" 33-foot jump shot at the buzzer to give 9-2 Southern Methodist a 78-76 victory over Duke Wednesday night at the 20th annual Rainbow Classic in Honolulu.

And in El Paso, Anderson hit a 15-foot jump shot with six seconds remaining to give Texas Tech a stunning 59-58 upset of 15th-ranked Michigan in the Sun Bowl tournament.

The victories came just 24 hours after a dismal evening in which the four conference teams in action, including Tech, had all lost.

In other action Wednesday night, Arkansas crushed St. Peter's 82-49 at Little Rock; Texas A&M won the consolation game of the Music City Invitation in Nashville, Tenn., with a 44-42 victory over Air Force; and Baylor rebounded to take the consolation game of the Golden Triangle tourney in Pittsburgh with a 59-49 victory over Duquesne.

Tech coach Gerald Myers called the victory over Michigan one of the biggest in the university's

history. The win lifted the Red Raiders' record to 6-5.

"It was a big win for us because it came against a great team from a great conference," Myers said. "We've had some big wins at Texas Tech over the years, but this must rank up near the top."

The final play of the consolation game was designed to go to guard Bubba Jennings, Myers said, "but he was covered so he dished it off to the open man. Thank God Anderson made it."

SMU Coach Dave Bliss was just as appreciative of Moore's accuracy under pressure.

"It was a miraculous shot, a 33-foot banker off the glass," Bliss said. "We had an 18-point lead and just died on the vine in the second half ... we were

lucky to hold on."

Moore had missed a 20 foot jump shot with 10 seconds left to play, and the ball rebounded and was about to go out of bounds, when it was saved by Carl Wright. He passed it back to Moore, who was falling backwards when he hit the winning shot.

Larry Davis scored a career-high 28 points for SMU, hitting 14 of 17 from the field.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, 8-2, was led by center Joe Kleine who scored 19 of his game-high 23 points in the first half of the Razorback rout. The 6-foot-11 Kleine made eight of eight from the field and seven of eight from the free-throw line. Previously unbeaten St. Peter's did not have a starter over 6-foot-6.

For Texas A&M, it was the last-second block of a layup by Al Pulliam that gave Texas A&M its victory in Nashville. The 5-4 Aggies were led in scoring by sophomore guard Kenny Brown with 12 points and freshman Mike Clifford who added 10.

SHS cagers roll to action today

Two Snyder High School teams were involved in tournament play this morning while a third will play at home tonight as local basketball action resumed after a week-long break.

Snyder varsity girls were to take on Crosbyton at 10 this morning in the Jayton Tournament. The

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Masters champ dies on course he founded

HOUSTON (AP) - Three-time Masters champion Jimmy Demaret, who a friend said hobnobbed "on a first name basis with caddies and kings," has died at the age of 73 while boarding a golf cart to tour the course he founded in 1957.

"I guess he died like he would have preferred to go - not bothering anyone," Champions Golf Club developer Pat Morgan said Wednesday after Demaret died of an apparent heart attack.

Demaret, who had suffered recently from heart ailments, was stricken as he worked at the Champions club he co-owned with veteran pro Jack Burke Jr., according to club spokeswoman Laura Guillot.

"We're all in shock," Morgan said. "Jack goes back 60 years with Jimmy. ... It's like losing your brother or father."

Funeral arrangements were pending but Morgan said services would be restricted to family members.

Demaret was the tour's leading money winner in 1947 when he won seven tournaments. His first tournament victory came in 1934 when he pocketed \$25 for first place in the Texas PGA.

His first major victory

came in 1938, the year Demaret joined the tour, when he outdueled Sam Snead for the National Match Play title in San Francisco.

Demaret was unbeaten in six matches while playing on three Ryder Cup teams.

He later won the Walter Hagen Cup for helping to promote competition

between the U.S. and Britain.

Demaret was born May 24, 1910, in Houston, the fourth of nine children. He was working for Jack Burke Sr., then the club pro at Houston's River Oaks Country Club, when the younger Burke was born in 1923. A close friendship later grew into a business partnership.

Spurs fire McHone; Bass will take over

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - Bob Bass, who has just begun his third stint as coach of the San Antonio Spurs, says he hopes he can rally the team from its last-place standing and into the National Basketball Association playoffs again.

Morris McHone, less than halfway through his first head coaching job, was fired Wednesday by principal owner Angelo Drossos, who interrupted a skiing vacation in Aspen, Colo., to give McHone the news by telephone. Bass also called.

"They just said they were going to make a change. Coaches are paid to win and players are paid to perform," said McHone, who will remain on the payroll for the rest of the

season. His one-year, \$75,000 contract had made him the NBA's lowest-paid coach.

The Spurs had lost their fifth straight game on Tuesday night to fall to an 11-20 record, nine games behind the leading Utah Jazz.

Bass said he doesn't want to be referred to as an interim coach.

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Bowl roundup...

Peach Bowl showing signs of spoiling in '84

by The Associated Press
The Liberty Bowl has the big attraction in Notre Dame. The Gator Bowl is a prime-time feast for ABC-TV. Houston's Bluebonnet Bowl has strong regional

ties with Baylor and Oklahoma State involved. And then there is the Peach Bowl, the poor Peach Bowl.

North Carolina and Florida State will be the participants Friday afternoon at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium for the 16th and perhaps last Peach Bowl. The game will be blacked out in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., because of lagging ticket sales and NCAA sanction of future games might be dropped if 40 percent of the tickets - which amounts to 24,214 - is not sold locally.

As of Wednesday, bowl officials were 2,680 tickets short of reaching that goal.

"If they (the NCAA) mean what they say," said George Crumley, the executive director of the Peach Bowl, "this will be the last Peach Bowl if we don't sell the remaining 2,680 tickets. I've still got faith but it's going right down to the wire."

"But if the people of Atlanta are not going to support the game, maybe Atlanta should not have the game. It makes me very sad."

This is the third time the Peach Bowl has had to scramble to stay alive. In 1978, when Purdue played Georgia Tech, Janet Rodgers, the wife of Tech Coach Pepper Rodgers, personally took charge of selling tickets.

The game will be televised by CBS at 2 p.m. CST. North Carolina, 8-3, is a

three-point underdog to Florida State, 6-5. The Tar Heels lost three of their final four games to drop from a No. 3 ranking out of the Top 20.

"A win would get us back in the Top 20 for the fifth straight year," said Tar Heels quarterback Steve Stankavage. "There's been a great deal of disappointment and frustration at what has happened this year."

The Seminoles lost their season finale 53-14 to Florida, 8-2-1, which is facing 9-2 Iowa in the Gator Bowl.

"It was like we saved up all our critical mistakes that could happen," said Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden, "and they happened in that game."

Tonight, Notre Dame, 6-5, takes on Boston College, 9-2, in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn. The game has been labeled the "Catholic Super Bowl," even though the Irish had a mediocre season and almost turned down the bowl bid. Notre Dame has lost its last three games, while BC finished up with an impressive victory over Alabama.

BC hasn't won 10 games since 1940, when Frank Leahy was the coach. Leahy left after the Eagles beat Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl to coach at Notre Dame.

Friday's Gator Bowl at Jacksonville (8 p.m. CST, ABC) has a local favorite in Florida but the weather might favor Iowa.

Bethea does sign

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - The Michigan Panthers' attempts to acquire National Football League talent will not stop with the signing of Dallas Cowboys defensive end Larry Bethea, the Panthers' operations director says.

"We still hope to sign a couple of more players," Mike Keller said at a news conference Wednesday announcing the signing of Bethea to a future contract. "We're still negotiating with some players, but I don't want to

say we're going to call another press conference soon."

Bethea joins the United States Football League champion Panthers after six seasons in Dallas, where he appeared in 80 NFL games in mostly a reserve roll.

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By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Sports Editor

Somebody out there wished me an Unmerry Christmas. I can tell.

It was bad enough when the brakes on the ol' Ford decided to take time off for the holidays. But when the Chevy said "If he don't go I don't either," the plans to visit my mother-in-law looked like they were shot.

We finally did get on the road, though a day late, thanks to a kindly couple who offered their vehicle. All went well until we were 150 miles down the highway and realized we had left a friend's present back in the Chevy. You know, one of those situations where you ran into each other in the post office and they ask you if you mind transporting a gift to someone who happens to live near where you are going. And you say "No, no problem. We'd be glad to. Put it out of your mind. We'll get it there." One of those situations.

I swear that car was still grinning about it when we finally pulled in late Monday night.

Really, I don't know for sure if the car was grinning about the present or the fact that we had mammoth icicles extending down from the bottom of the trailer to the ground - a busted pipe. Fortunately, our landlord had disconnected the water.

Otherwise, we'd be skating from room to room right now.

Mother nature had one more trick. Have you ever come home to a cat in heat? I'm serious now. This is no laughing matter. It's minus 5 degrees outside and we've got this cat that is going 100 percent nuts. Totally, unobjectively nuts. Any other time there would be a half-dozen tom cats hanging around but in this weather the only thing moving outside is an occasional snowflake.

It's kind of sad, too. I mean here is this cat - a nice, pretty sort of a cat, really - who finally works up the nerve to go out in the weather, weather which she hates with a passion, and she's not getting any takers. I mean I'm considering walking around the neighborhood knocking on doors and asking people if their cat can come out and play. You know what I mean?

I guess I shouldn't mention that when my wife brought this cat home it was with the understanding that it was a male.

Now, add the fact that Southern Methodist embarrassed the entire Southwest Conference in the Sun Bowl and the fact that the Cowboys self destructed for the third week in a row, and how can you deny that somebody wished me an unmerry Christmas? You can't.

Tell you what. To the guy that wished this on me: I can live with my cars acting up; I can fix the broken pipe; I can maybe fix up relations between myself and the people whose present I didn't deliver. But please. Please. Will you come get this blankety-blank cat off my hands?

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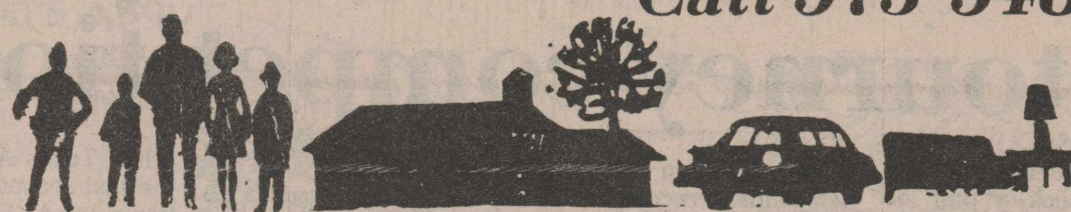
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Gun suicide seen as trend

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona historically has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation but a new trend seems to have developed in recent years — women shooting themselves in the head, says Eloy Ysasi, chief investigator for the Maricopa County medical examiner's office.

"I don't want to sound like an expert on why people kill themselves, but I suspect the reason is the women's liberation movement," he said.

"If a woman feels equal to a man in other respects, she might feel more inclined to use a gun — traditionally the male weapon — rather than traditional feminine means such as an overdose of pills or sticking her head in the gas oven."

He made the comments when asked how unusual was it for two Phoenix-area women to take their lives by shooting themselves recently.

"Until 10 years ago, it would have been very unusual," said Ysasi, who joined the medical examiner eight years ago after 20 years on the city police force, most of the time as a detective.

Statewide, Arizona's suicide rate last year was 17.6 per 100,000 population, compared with a national rate of 11.4, said Tony Di Campi, manager of the state Health Department's research department.

That was based on a total of 507 suicides in the state. Of these, 279 were in the Phoenix metropolitan area (Maricopa County).

Most of the deaths, both statewide and in Maricopa County, were in the 15-to-35-year-old group. The highest rate, however, was in the 65-and-older age group — 28.7 per 100,000 population, compared with the 17.6 figure for all ages.

Both Ysasi and Di Campi said they saw nothing unexpected in the elderly rate, since Arizona has attracted so many retirees to an expectation of easy living in sunshine and warmth.

"A lot of people move here for their health, but sunshine can't cure serious illness or the loss of a spouse, particularly if you're hundreds of miles away from long-time friends and familiar surroundings," said Ysasi.

Ysasi says he can understand suicide by older people under some circumstances — such as incurable illness or the death of a spouse of a lifetime — but not that of the young, such as a 17-year-old who shot himself because his girlfriend told him she didn't want to see him again. Or a 16-year-old who killed himself by running the family car inside a locked garage after his mother took his driving privileges away for using the car without permission.

"But what bothers me the most," he said, "is the

survivors — the folks the suicides leave behind. Most are haunted by the thought they might have done something different that could have prevented the tragedy."

Ysasi says he spends considerable time talking to the surviving family members, trying to help them through their own experiences.

He estimates that less than 10 percent of the suicides leave notes explaining their action.

Usually, the Christmas season is considered the time of most suicides, but this is not the case in Arizona, Ysasi said.

Marital problems, financial problems and mental depression seem to reach a peak about income-tax paying time in April, he said.

DiCampi says Arizona, since the early 1960s, has ranked among the top 10 states in suicides and has been among the top five in recent years. The rate has been upward since reaching 15.1 in 1970. Nevada consistently is No. 1, he said.

"Of all groups, those who have lost a spouse through death or divorce provide the highest suicide rate, and Arizona has many in that grouping," said DiCampi. "Figures show those who are divorced are five times more likely to take their life than a married person."

Novelist gets unlisted number

LYNNFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Novelist Robert B. Parker has been forced to get an unlisted telephone number, thanks to a wisecracking private eye with a nose for trouble, a talent for weightlifting and a fondness for fine food.

"Not because anyone's ever been abusive, just because people call up to invite me to dinner I don't even know," explains the creator of Spenser, a fictional Boston gumshoe who has become something of a cult figure to readers of Parker's popular mysteries.

"There are people who just adore Spenser and, by implication, me, whom they want to be Spenser," said the 51-year-old former Northeastern University literature professor in an interview at his Lynnfield farmhouse. "I'm pleased, I'm moved, but I'm puzzled. I've never felt anything the way some people feel about Spenser."

In 11 books, among them "Savage Place" and "The Godwulf Manuscript," Parker has molded Spenser into a modern-day Philip Marlowe, a larger-than-life champion of physical fitness, feminism and his own brand of street justice. A 12th Spenser novel is due out this spring.

A master of the stinging repartee, Spenser — his first name is never made known — is not cowed by wealth, brawn or influence. He is equally at home reading literary criticism, trading jabs with common thugs, dining at the Ritz and drinking a six-pack of beer during routine stakeouts.

Not surprisingly, there are some similarities between Spenser and his creator. Parker works out daily on Nautilus equipment. He likes good food and loves good beer, and his speech is laced with irony.

Dear Abby



Best Cure for Depression: Talk Yourself Out of It

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago I felt very depressed and decided I'd had enough of this world, so I took 20 aspirin and washed them down with three regular-size glasses of wine—straight.

My question is: How should this have affected a 5-foot-3, 104-pound, 15-year-old girl on an empty stomach?

I got up the next morning and went to church with an awful headache. I told a few of my friends what I had done and they said I was lucky I didn't wind up in the hospital.

Things look a lot better now and I am glad I didn't really kill myself. Am I lucky, or just average?

MY SIGN IS LEO

DEAR LEO: You are lucky you are still alive since you didn't really want to end your life. And you're average to feel depressed occasionally. (Everybody does, to some extent.)

The best way to handle a depression so severe that one questions whether life is worth living is to talk to someone about your feelings. If you can't talk openly to your parents, talk to a teacher, your school counselor, your clergyman or call a suicide prevention hotline. There are trained people there who will listen to you and advise you. And if these self-destructive thoughts creep into your mind often, get into a regular counseling program.

Life is worth living; witness the number of people with severe physical disabilities who fight a daily battle just to stay alive.

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Stuck in New Jersey," who got stuck for \$664 when 16 invited guests who had accepted her RSVP invitation to a catered wedding reception didn't show up. (The caterers charged \$41.50 per plate.)

"Stuck" could have instructed the caterers to pack up the 16 diners to take home and put in her freezer.

Why not? They belonged to her. She paid for them.

FAIR IS FAIR

DEAR FAIR: Why not, indeed? Thanks for a valuable suggestion.

DEAR ABBY: I learned something I want to share with as many people as possible because it was such a terrific eye-opener for us. My husband (age 44) recently had surgery that saved his life but left him impotent. Thank God we already had a lovely family, but the news that he would be rendered impotent following the surgery depressed him terribly. We both assumed that his impotence would mean the end of our sex lives. We were wrong!

His doctor suggested that we enroll in the human sexuality program offered by the medical college of our local university. We did, and a whole new world we didn't even know existed opened up to us!

Some very competent therapists introduced us to an amazing variety of options to achieve sexual satisfaction.

We were both inhibited at first, but we overcame all that in a few sessions, and now we are enjoying a sex life that is even more fulfilling than we had before his surgery.

I hope you can use this in your column, Abby. There must be a lot of people out there who can be helped by this knowledge. Thanks.

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Cuba moves deeper into world communism

HAVANA (AP) — At the bottom of Havana's central La Rampa avenue, facing out across the sea toward Florida, a 40-foot sign proclaims in defiant lights, "WE ARE INTERNATIONALISTS."

Cuba, a quarter-century after its revolution, is moving ever deeper into the world communist and revolutionary camps.

It offers its partners "internationalism" — thousands of Cuban teachers and troops to help in development and defense of Third World socialism.

In return it expects "socialist solidarity" — in Cuba's case, billions of dollars in Soviet aid.

The result: a society whose youth serve in Angola or Nicaragua, and an economy almost totally dependent on the East bloc, from Hungarian-made buses to Soviet baby food.

Cuba first leaned sharply eastward in 1960-61 when the United States, its

traditional trading partner, imposed an embargo on American commerce with the suddenly hostile island.

A generation later, relations between Washington and Fidel Castro's government have hit a new low point, jolted by the U.S. invasion of Cuban-supported Grenada, Cuban officials and foreign diplomats here say.

Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon was asked in an interview whether a U.S.-Cuban reconciliation is possible with Ronald Reagan in power.

"I doubt it very much," he shot back.

"... Since this administration came into Washington, there have been no serious talks about bilateral problems."

Said one Western diplomat: "The Cubans I talk to are without hope. They believe Reagan will be re-elected next year."

In this atmosphere, Cuban economic planners and political strategists

Ex-convicts, state settle

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Corrections must pay two former prison inmates \$14,000 under an out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit that accused the TDC of a civil rights violation because the inmates were used as bait in the training of prison dogs.

One of the defense attorneys, William T. Habern of Houston, on Wednesday called the settlement "the largest one I've heard of in a dog bite case."

Roy Edward Tankley, 33, of Fort Worth, and Phillip Todd Munsinger, 25, of Atlanta, Texas, filed suit in 1981, claiming their civil rights were violated as they served as "dog boys" at the TDC Wynne Unit. Both were serving terms for burglary and since have been released.

The settlement was reached just before Christmas and two days before depositions were to be taken in the case, Habern said.

"We had prison experts and dog training experts willing to testify that they didn't have to train dogs to attack," the attorney said.

Charles Brown, assistant public affairs director for the Corrections Department, denied that

inmates were ever used to train attack dogs.

"That would be cruel and unusual punishment," he said. Brown said some inmates were assigned to care for the bloodhounds.

Habern said the men were bitten repeatedly after they were forced to "jump out of trees and fight nine to 12 dogs" as part of an exercise designed to teach the dogs to track and subdue escaping convicts.

Both men have "permanent scars on their arms,

legs and other areas of the body," another defense attorney, Mary Sinderson, said.

Tankley allegedly suffered 120 dogs bites and Munsinger was bitten 56 times.

Their lawsuit had asked for \$75,000 in damages, Habern said.

TDC Director D.V. McKaskle said the training is not supposed to be dangerous for inmates.

"The inmates lay a track and let the dogs chase them to a tree. They

might have a skirmish with the dogs but they are issued protective clothing and have strict orders to wear it," he said. There are no plans to stop the training, he said.

"With the proper precautions, it's as safe as driving a car in Houston," he said.

Mattox cites usage

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas utility customers paid up to \$1 million in lobbying costs for electric companies in 1982, according to Attorney General Jim Mattox.

In a Wednesday news release quoting a National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' study, Mattox said as much as a third of the dues paid to the Edison Electric Institute goes for lobbying.

The institute is the electric utilities' national trade association.

Mattox said up to \$1 million of the \$2.8 million paid by Texas companies to the institute last year might have gone for lobbying.

"Most of that money came from Texas ratepayers, and that doesn't sit well with me — for consumers to have to pay for utilities to lobby before Congress and at the state level," he said.

Officials from two companies disputed Mattox's conclusions. Jim Parsons, Houston Lighting & Power vice president for public affairs, said only 2 percent of the 1982 and 3 percent of the 1983 dues went for lobbying.

Hope is ready for more tours

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fresh from a holiday tour for U.S. troops in Lebanon, Bob Hope says he's willing to do it again next Christmas — but hopes it won't be necessary.

The 80-year-old comedian was greeted Tuesday by cheering military personnel and friends as he stepped off an Air Force plane at a California Air National Guard base in Van Nuys.

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