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(Photo By Danny Valdes)

NOT READY TO CALL IT QUITS — J.D. Thompson of Big Spring has traveled millions of miles on his job as a Continential Trailways bus driver, without a major accident. And he's looking forward to improving on that record.

For safety-conscious driver

Highways happy ways

By BILL WERRELL

J.D. Thompson has traveled over seven and a half miles, on the average, for every single hour he has been alive during the last 30 years; without any accidents.

Thompson received a Two Million Mile Safety Award from the National Trailways Bus System, after accumulating over two million miles without even a minor accident.

Thompson started driving for All American Buslines, (now Continental Trailways) in Big Spring Aug. 23, 1945. He came here from Fort Worth after driving a city bus there for eight years.

He has driven to El Paso over 3,000 times, and still claims "When I go to El Paso every three days, its just like the feeling you get when you say 'Well, lets go to El Paso today.' It really is still almost what you'd call a thrill."

Thompson is assigned the run to El Paso along with two other drivers. So, with three men on a run, he gets off work every third day. There is a 15-hour layover in El Paso so the driver has time to get some rest before starting the eight-hour drive back to Big Spring.

Christmas day was a working day for Thompson, and he spent most of the holiday watching the white lines on the road to El Paso. It was a little lonelier for him this year, because in the past, when his daughters were younger, the whole family used to climb on the bus and join him on his trips.

Thompson used to drive chartered buses all over the country west of the Mississippi to places like ski resorts, in New Mexico, to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, and Colorado in the summer.

He doesn't get as many chances to pilot these charters as he used to, but he doesn't really miss them either.

"You usually have a big group of people to look after, and sometimes you're really not sure which route to take because it's all so unfamiliar. I'm 62, and after you get to be that old, you like the beaten path," declared Thompson.

Because of Thompson's senority over most of the bus drivers in town, he has first pick of what his regular route will be and never gets stuck on the night shift.

Asked whether bus drivers used amphetamines to stay awake during a night drive, Thompson said that while he never did, a lot of the old drivers used to, but now the restrictions put on them by the interstate commerce department are so tight that most of the drivers he knows have stopped taking them.

Thompson said that the most serious weather conditions he has ever encountered were the sandstorms outside of El Paso during the 1950s.

"It was so dry during those days that sometimes I'd have to slow the bus way down and put it into first gear for six miles or so at a time, because the sand was so thick in the air you couldn't see, if you went any faster. At times it was really blinding."

Thompson considers any problems he ever has with passengers just another part of the routine.

Some of the older passengers who ride too far and too long without resting are prone to retreat into a condition Thompson identifies as "bus happy."

"What sometimes happens is that an older woman or man may get on the bus seeming totally sane, but you get along a little way and they start to babbling and demanding little things. Sooner or later you realize that they're off the beam, and you got to take care of them."

Thompson recalled one recent incident. A young man climbed aboard a bus carrying no luggage. He was coatless. He had bought passage all the way to El Paso. When the carrier had traveled about half the distance to the border city, the man left the vehicle. Thompson didn't think much about it until members of a Texas Highway Patrol unit stopped him to search for an infant allegedly related to the young man.

It developed the departed rider, showing all the symptoms of being 'bus happy,' had told the police the bus driver had stolen his baby.

Asked when he was going to retire, Thompson said he didn't want to until it was physically impossible for him to drive anymore.

"I enjoy my work, and don't really see any reason to quit in three years. Life is too short not to enjoy your job, and I get more than just pay out of this one," said the bus driver.

Hearts 'n flowers



Apollo started it

With Tommy Hart

Perhaps the plague on man's house and the rocketing divorce rate can be traced back to Apollo's time.

Daphne, daughter of the river god, Peneus, was Apollo's first love. It was brought about not by accident but by the malice of Cupid.

Apollo saw the boy playing with his bow and arrows and reprimanded him. Cupid was attentively obedient but vowed avengance.

In time, Cupid took his stand on the rock of Parnassus and drew from his quiver two arrows of different workmanship — one designed to excite love, the other to repel it.

With the first arrow, Cupid (he of unerring aim) struck Apollo and with the second the nymph, Daphne.

To this day, Cupid has often switched his arrows but rarely does he shoot couples with the same kind of missiles. Requited love is one of the world's rarest and most precious commodities.

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Two paragraphs in "The Last Time I Saw Paris," by Eliot Paul, have intrigued me since the book appeared. Paul wrote:

"What had been confused and distorted on Beacon Hill was perfectly clear to the inhabitants on my little street and to the workers of Paris generally, namely that Sacco and Vanzetti were being murdered because they had been 'anarchists' and foreigners and that Judge Thayer and Alvan T. Fuller destroyed them for the good of their privileged kind.

"Previously, it had seemed to me that the slogan of 'Frenchman first and partisan afterward' had retained its force, but in little sidestreets like my own and on the broad boulevard Sebastapol the hand that turned the switch in the Massachusetts prison that night started the preliminary rumbling of a series of quakes that jarred France's hostile classes apart and ended in the death of a nation."

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Black bean; white meat for holiday

Officer Ray Hall drew the black bean and found himself on duty during Christmas dinner.

But he didn't miss it.

His family brought him turkey and dressing and all the trimmings to the Big Spring police station while they gathered at the J.R. Broughton residence.

"It was just as good this way," said Hall of the meal prepared mostly by his 84-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Shelby Hall. "I'll eat that turkey and ham anytime, anywhere."

Hall said his grandmother can still walk to town and can still really cook.

Midland family involved

Six die in wreck

IRA — Six members of a Midland family were killed as they traveled north on Highway 350 out of Big Spring toward Snyder Christmas Eve (Friday) in what has been described as one of the worst West Texas wrecks in recent years.

The Ronald Dean Langley family was going to Wichita Falls for Christmas when its station wagon was in collision with a pickup truck driven by William Cunningham of Big Lake one mile south of Ira.

The crash occurred at the spot where Highway 350 curves and then rises onto a hill coming into Ira.

Only one family member of the seven in the 1970 Pontiac staton wagon survived, a boy age nine.

The dead are Ronald Dean Langley, 33; his wife, Patricia, 28; and their four daughters, Robbie Denise, 12, Pamela, 5, Rhonda, 5 months, and Renee Morgan 9. The Morgan children belonged to Mrs. Langley by a previous marriage.

One son, Joe Morgan, 9, was taken to a Snyder hospital where he was reported in serious condition late Saturday.

Cunningham, driver of the Ford pickup which was headed south, was also hospitalized with a broken arm but in good condition.

The accident happened at 6 p.m. in an area where Scurry County Sheriff's Office officials say several accidents have occurred.

The Midland Department of Public Safety said no details of the accident were available.

Scurry Sheriff's Office officials said that officers were not yet sure what happened. They said the pickup was hit in the front, while the station wagon was struck in the front and side.

Scurry County Deputy Paul Hurt said the scene was "real sad."

"I was worried about getting people out of the cars. A lot of people stopped and helped us. I am grateful for that."

Highway Patrolman Bob Clark and Keith Pherigo of Snyder are investigating the accident which the Associated Press called the worst since eight persons were killed in Plainview in 1973 and 12 were killed in Childress in 1966.

Services for five of the victims, including the parents, will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Midland, under the direction of Newnie Ellis Funeral Home. Officiating will be the Rev. Ted Sanders, San Angelo. Burial for all six will occur in Resthaven Cemetery, Midland.

Rites for Beverly Renee Morgan, 9; Pamela Lynn Langley, 5; and Rhonda Michell Langley, 5 months, will be said at the same time.

Funeral for Robbie Dawn Langley, 11, will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Gail Reeves, Calverley Assembly of God Church, officiating.

The Langley family resided at 1305 W. Tennesse in Midland. The father was employed as a truck driver by the Lenorah Hot Oil Co. He was a member of Midessa Heights Baptist Church. The family was en route to visit Mrs. Langley's mother, Mrs. Mildred Masters, in Wichita Falls at the time of the accident.

Mr. Langley was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Midland, and had been a lifelong resident of Midland.

His survivors include a stepson, Joseph O. Morgan, Midland; three daughters, Shelley Denise Langley, Midland, Melanie DeLinn Langley, Midland, and Fara Jean Langley, Oklahoma City; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Langley, Midland; a brother, Charles Floyd Langley, Midland; and a sister, Mrs. Frankie Jean Strickland, Midland.

Mrs. Langley is survived by a son, Joe Orville Morgan, Midland; her mother; four brothers, James W. Masters Jr., Iowa Park; Floyd Masters, Henrietta, Tex.; Billy Jack Masters, Wichita Falls; and Robert W. Masters, Wichita Falls; and Richard D. Masters, Wichita Falls; and a sister, Mrs. Beverly Claiborne, Ralls.

Pamela Langley was born July 13, 1971, in Midland, Beverly Rene Morgan was born July 1, 1967, in Wichita Falls, was a student at Sam Houston Elementary in Midland. Survivors include her father, J.O. Morgan, Wichita Falls; a brother, Joseph O. Morgan, Midland; and her grandparents, Mrs. Mildred Masters, Wichita Falls; and Mrs. Pearl Morgan, Wichita Falls.

Ronda Michelle Morgan was born July 16, 1976, in Midland.

Finances dictate hard role for NY

NEW YORK (AP) — All that Big Apple friendliness goes out the window when the financially strapped city sets out to collect $80 million owed on parking summonses by out-of-state scofflaws.

In a get-tough campaign that began early this year, the city is hiring collection agencies and using computers and other sophisticated techniques to track down persistent violators.

Notices have been sent to motorists from Maine to California and city Transportation Administrator Alexander J. Mautner said the program already has netted the city $10 million.

If the scofflaw refuses to pay up, the Parking Violations Bureau can attach bank accounts here, garnishee salaries paid in the city, place liens on real estate holdings or confiscate vehicles within the city.

Such was the case last summer with a New Jersey-registered Rolls-Royce whose owner allegedly owed $11,255 on 279 tickets. When the claim wasn't settled, the city auctioned the car for $10,200.

The city issues eight million $15 to $25 parking tickets in a year and about 25 per cent go to illegal parkers with out-of-state registration plates, Mautner said.

If the car owners fails to settle three or more tickets within 18 months, the city officially declares him a scofflaw. Many apparently believe that their out-of-state plates make it unlikely they will be found.

The city also has worked out reciprocity agreements with New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania to exchange information that will enable each state to track down parking violators from the other.

"More than half the battle is won when we have reciprocity. Then we have more than an 80 per cent chance of collecting," said a bureau spokesman.

Neighboring New Jersey leads in the scofflaw sweepstakes, with nearly $40 milion in outstanding tickets issued to vehicles bearing its license plates, he said.

He gave this rundown on the information available about other states: Pennsylvania, $16 million; Massachusetts, $10.5 million; Virginia, $5.8 million; Rhode Island, $2.3 million; Connecticut, $2 million; New Hampshire, $1.3 million.

Iowa, $264,000; Illinois, $137,650; Maryland, $129,665; California $117,380; Michigan, $110,950; Ohio, $96,210; South Carolina, $90,640; Alabama, $62,950; Georgia, $53,825.

Delaware, $47,435; Texas, $46,435; Tennessee, $32,835; Colorado, $32,240; Maine, $31,365; Louisiana, $17,540; Oregon, $17,185; Kentucky, $15,020, and Minnesota, $11,860.

He was up there; cops spotted him

If you believe the police blotter, you've got to believe there's a Santa Claus.

Officers Dusty Choate and Jerry Pruitt of the Big Spring Police Department reported at 10:35 p.m. Friday that they spotted Santa in the sky coming in from the north.

And the proof of their sighting was found in the stockings of youngsters and under Christmas trees all over Big Spring Saturday morning.

Focalpoint

Action/reaction: Negotiation cause

Q. Why doesn't district court start here at 8 or 8:30 a.m. like most businesses? Forty prospective jurors are ordered to report at 10 a.m., then sit around and wait, as do all court personnel. Perhaps something starts at 10:40 a.m. At any rate, most of the morning is shot. Is it any wonder the courts are jammed with cases from many, many months back?

A. District Judge Ralph Caton said, "First, many of the lawyers handling cases are from as far as Odessa or Lubbock and many jurors live somewhere outside of town. They need allowance for transportation. Second, the moments just before the jury is called are often used for negotiation. If a guilty plea is imminent, sometimes the jury can be late in being called."

Caton explained that negotiation was the reason for delay in the Stewart case recently.

Calendar: Commission meets

MONDAY

Howard County commissioners court meets at 10 a.m., Monday to sign a delinquent tax collection contract, confer with Sheriff A.N. Standard and open bids for microfilming for the county clerk's office.

Offbeat: Unusual role

ELECTRA, Tex. (AP)-Santa Claus, played by Electra Justice of the Peace Dick Cranford, performed a wedding ceremony for Clara Weaver and Spec.4 Carlton Slaughter just after midnight Christmas Eve in Cranford's office.

Parents of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willis of Electra and Mr. and Mrs. James Slaughter of Portsmouth, Va., attended the ceremony with Cranford reading the vows in full Santa regalia.

The couple will reside in Lawton, Okla., while Slaughter is stationed at Ft. Sill.

The couple met at a Halloween party in Electra last October and decided to marry on another holiday. They chose Christmas and Santa Claus for something different to remember their wedding day by.

This is the 12th year Dick Cranford has been playing Santa Claus as a hobby.

Cranford begins his season each year by riding into downtown Electra around the first of December to hand out goodies to all who come to witness the arrival.

He is kept busy right through Christmas Eve night attending company, civic and private parties as Santa Claus. He even makes personal home deliveries on Christmas Eve for people wanting Santa to bring their children's gifts to them.

All the time he is busy elsewhere as Santa, Cranford's family waits for him to spend Christmas with them.

Asked how he signed the marriage license, Cranford said, "I signed my real name and Justice of the Peace, but in parenthesis I wrote in "Santa Claus.'"

Tops on TV: NFL football

If the NFL playoff games are your cup of tea you can catch them at 12 noon (Los Angeles Rams vs Minnesota Vikings) on Channel 7 and at 3 p.m. (Oakland vs Pittsburgh). If you're tired of football, James Bond is set for his act in "Diamonds Are Forever" over ABC at 8 p.m.

Inside: Laughter into tears

CHRISTMAS EVE party turns into tragedy in Chicago. See page 16A.

TOLL MOUNTING following plane crash in Thailand. See page 10A.

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Outside: Warmer



Fair today through Monday, warmer today and Monday. High today in upper 60, low tonight near 30 and high Monday near 70. Southwesterly winds 10 to 20 miles per hour today.

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And a wilderness diminishes

Idea catches on

KENT ISLAND, Md. (AP) — When winter comes to the Chesapeake, masses of brown reeds, tufted at the top like squirrels' tails, sprout near the water's edge along the northern bay and its myriad inlets.

It was the clever idea of the Cub Scouts of Den 2 at St. Mary's church in Annapolis, as a group project, to make house decorations of reeds for their mothers. Not only do reeds symbolize the season, but they are easy to get and there are plenty of them.

Good ideas generate their own enthusiasm, and so it happened on a recent Sunday afternoon that Paul and Marie Vodak of Annapolis drove with their three Cub Scout sons, Paul, Michael and Patrick, across the Bay Bridge to Kent Island to cut reeds growing alongside Highway 301. A family outing.

When Paul Vodak was young Paul's age, Kent Island was almost barren of human life. Boys could paddle flat-bottomed boats up and down its creeks and look at muskrats, raccoons, mink and all manner of waterfowl. Today, marinas and shopping centers seem almost as plentiful.

The same is true of Annapolis and the adjoining town of Eastport, where Paul and Marie Vodak were born.

"It's just wall-to-wall piers and boats and condominiums," Vodak said. "A shame, too. The place is ruined, as far as I'm concerned." Vodak is a surveyor. Marking ever-narrowing boundaries is his melancholy daily reminder of what has happened to his boyhood Eden.

He cut an armful of reeds with his pocket knife, piled them in the station wagon and went back for more.

"I supposed it's to be expected," Vodak continued. "One person discovers a good thing, another sees him and gets the same idea, then another and another and another, and before long the thing that attracted the first one is so changed it isn't the same, it's ruined. Nobody gives a thought to the kids."

Such, it seems, is the human condition. Last one in close the door — but there never is a last.

Paul Vodak returned to his reed-cutting and reminiscing.

"I used to be able to fish all day off Kent Island and not see five other boats Now the bay is crowded with boats, like downtown New York.

"And when somebody on another boat sees you catch a fish, over he comes to your spot. Then somebody else sees two boats together and soon he's right there with you. Before long you have to fight to fish. It's become almost work instead of fun."

Vodak inspected his growing pile of reeds in the back of the station wagon and decided he had almost enough.

"I don't want to cut too many," he said. "The county doesn't want people to take any at all. Some people cut them down to cover their duck blinds. But the reeds are important to the environment, the wildlife."

Paul Vodak had not noticed that, while he was cutting, a passing motorist had seen him and stopped down the road. Good idea. A vase of reeds would be lovely.

A second motorist noticed the two parked cars and also stopped, farther down the road. Then a third. Then a fourth. Within minutes, five passers-by were parked at the roadside, cutting reeds.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

VANISHING WILDERNESS — Paul Vodak Jr., youngest son of Paul Vodak, pulls a tall reed from a patch of the brown-tufted beauties along the northern bay of Kent Island, Md., recently. When Paul's father was young Kent Island was almost barren of human life, but now marinas and shopping centers seem as plentiful as the muskrats and raccoons.

2 crash party, kill 1

JEETERSVILLE, Tex. (AP) - Two men broke in on a small Christmas party in a north Tarrant County convenience store early Saturday, spraying the store with fire from a semi-automatic rifle and killing one man in an apparent robbery attempt, authorities said.

Tarrant County Sheriff's deputies said Michael Floyd Manning, 32, of Decatur, the manager of a neighboring liquor store on U.S. 287, suffered wounds in the chest and abdomen after he exchanged gunfire with the two men.

Fort Worth police later arrested two Wichita Falls men, ages 28 and 30, and a 25-yearold Fort Worth woman, who were being held in the Tarrant County jail late Saturday in connection with Manning's death.

Bob Goad, owner of the store, said he, Manning and six other persons were in the store about 3 a.m. for a Christmas gathering.

"We were opening presents," Goad said. "Mike had just gotten a Christmas bonus."

Goad told police that two men and a woman bought some items in the store and returned to their car. He said Manning apparently thought the trio looked suspicious and went outside to observe them.

Goad said the two men pulled rifles from their car and started to walk back into the store.

When one of the gunmen saw Manning, Goad said, "He (the gunman) pointed his weapon and opened fire. A split second later the other man fired what was seemingly an automatic weapon."

The persons inside the store ran to the back as the bullets sprayed the front, Goad told police.

Lean on Americans, too

Agents cut drug flow

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Young, eager Mexican narcotics control agents have cut a wide swath through the drug underworld that now provides most of the heroin reaching the United States.

About 250 agents, many of them in their 20s, have seized $1.2 million worth of cocaine and heroin and 563 tons of marijuana in a nine-month period, says Dr. Alejandro Gertz, who headed the elite squad until the administrative reshuffle that followed the inauguration Dec. 1 of Mexico's new president, Jose Lopez Portillo.

In addition to the seized drugs, narcotics agents destroyed 14,450 acres of poppy plantings, from which heroin comes, and burned 13,800 acres of marijuana plants during the same nine months, Gertz said.

In that same period the agency made 5,022 arrests, including 416 foreigners, most of them Americans. Some of American prisoners have been conducting hunger strikes and lobbying for improved prison conditions.

However, Mexico's drug mob is not giving up, Gertz said.

"They started planting three months ago, trying to recover earlier losses," he said. "But there are clear indications they are moving into the south, into areas not used up until now for growing poppies."

Mexico now supplies about 80 per cent of the heroin reaching the United States, according to the agency. Mexico became the heroin hothouse for the United States after supplies from the Asian "golden triangle" and Turkey dwindled.

The American agency plays an active advisory and support role in Mexico. It has supplied Mexico about three dozen planes and helicopters — the largest nonmilitary force in Latin America — and radios and other equipment.

This has helped the Mexicans in recent months to confiscate 71 airplanes, the majority of them American, in an effort to halt night drug flights that slip into the United States at low altitudes to evade radar.

Police beat

Uninvited guest

Jeri Daniels was inside her home at 2 p.m. Friday when she heard a knock and the doorbell ring.

As she walked into her living room, she saw that a heavy-set male in a nylon coat had kicked in her front door breaking the facing and doorknob.

When the man, who apparently thought the place was empty, saw her, he fled, closing the door behind him.

Nothing was taken in the attempted burglary, which was investigated by Officer Don Creek of the Big Spring Police Department.

The incident was one of several reported burglaries over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to the police.

At 10:12 p.m. Friday, Rhonda Metcalf of 622 Tulane reported that her purse containing $21 cash and $10 gift certificate was taken from her auto while it was at 611 W. 4th. Officer Gene Denton investigated.

During the night Christmas Eve, a CB radio valued at $169 was stolen from an automobile belonging to Jane Gilmore of Coahoma. The auto was on the parking lot of the Veterans Administration Hospital where she works.

At 1:07 p.m. Friday, Thresa Flores reported that a portable TV valued at $100 had been taken from her home at 106 W. 18th after the back door was forced open. Officer Ron Newby investigated.

Police worked several minor accidents Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

At 10:59 a.m. Friday, vehicles driven by Benito Castillo of Snyder and Isidro Garcia Castro of Post collided in the 1700 block of S. Gregg.

At 11:52 a.m. Friday, Officer Jerry Edwards investigated a collision between two vehicles at 1300 Lamesa Drive (U.S. 87) and the service road of IH 20. One vehicle was driven by Fidel Garcia of Route 2, Big Spring, and the other was driven by G.W. Eoff of Anson.

At 1:43 p.m. Friday, a 1977 Dodge driven by Robert A. Oglesby of Midland and a 1976 Lincoln Continental driven by Cheryl L. Bagnall of Mesquite were in collision in the 1300 block of Gregg. St. Jimmy Wallace investigated.

At 8:49 a.m. Saturday, Ellis Witt of 102 Canyon reported that his 1973 Chevrolet rolled out of his driveway, across the street, down a ravine, and crashed into trees at the bottom of the canyon.

Police reported a busy weekend of drunks, reported gunshots and suspicious persons and other disturbances.

Officers made three calls to the Tap Room where two persons were arrested for public intoxicated. Another person was arrested on the same charge at the Blue Moon, another at the Duncan Hotel and another was arrested Saturday afternoon after passing out in his car on 4th Street.

A person alleged to be a shoplifter was arrested at 5:44 p.m. Friday at the Safeway on Gregg Street.

Traffic deaths total 23

By The Associated Press

It was not a festive Christmas on Texas highways as the toll of holiday traffic victims mounted this weekend, swelled by a tragic six-fatality accident on Christmas Eve.

The traffic death count, which began Thursday evening, had reached 23 late Saturday. The total violent death count stood at 34, including three shootings, three stabbings and five fire deaths.

The Department of Public Safety, which calls Christmas the most dangerous holiday of the year, estimated that 51 persons would die in traffic accidents in the state between Thursday evening and midnight Sunday.

Six members of a Midland family were killed and two other persons were injured Friday in a grinding head-on crash about one mile south of the West Texas town of Ira, the DPS said.

Mrs. Langley's son by another marriage, nine-year-old Joe Morgan, was injured in the collision.

Two Cleveland, Tex., youths, Donna Barnes, 16 and James Barnes, 13, were killed Saturday when the pickup in which they were riding crashed on a rain-slick curve east of Cleveland. A third child, nine-yearold Lonnie Barnes, was hospitalized in critical condition, the DPS said.

Carl Wesley Johns, 26, and Sharon Johns Oliver, 28, both of Houston, died Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding overturned on U.S. 79 east of Palestine, officers said.

Waco authorities said 105-year-old Louvenia Foster died Saturday morning when fire swept her home. Officers said the elderly woman was sitting at a table when her clothing caught fire from a stove or heater.

Talk about your grinches

Thug steals presents

The grinch that stole Christmas was a nice guy compared to the low-life criminal who ruined the day for Romano Molina.

Mrs. Molina lost two dozen Christmas presents valued at more than $200 on Christmas Eve when a Big Spring version of that grinch borke into her locked car on the Highland South Shopping Center parking lot.

All of the presents for her nephews and nieces and cousins were taken. Gone were the toys, games, and clothing which the family had planned for the holiday.

The theft was discovered at 7:24 p.m. Christmas Eve, too late to do much about the loss of two dozen gifts.

Mrs. Molina is an employe of Montgomery Wards in Highland South and had been working until she discovered the burglary to her 1969 Plymouth.

"My aunt was really upset," said Dolores Leos, 20, a member of the family which had been counting on a big Christmas at 100 N.W. 4th Street. "Her boss (at Wards) gave her some other presents. We still got something, but nobody got what they wanted or asked for."

Did it ruin the family's Christmas?

"It did to a certain extent," the niece said. Most of the family's long-planned presents were in that car.

Especially sad was the loss of a special $36 coat which had been picked out and tried on by niece Shisha, 12, and which could not be replaced. The coat was the only one of its kind in the store. The little girl got a game instead of the coat she had wanted.

But just in case anybody thinks such a terrible act as stealing a Christmas present was an isolated thing, it should be noted that police reports indicate that Jo Byrd of 404 Goliad lost a gold and black wrapped package at about 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The package, taken from inside the screen door, was a bottle of Heaven Scent perfume.

It was stolen even though it had the Christmas greeting "Noel" printed on the top. At least the grinch had a change of heart and brought Christmas back.

Deaths

Mrs. Nixon

Mrs. J.C. (Gwendolyne) Nixon, 59, was found dead at her home here Friday afternoon.

Death was attributed to natural causes by Justice of Peace Bob West, who said Mrs. Nixon probably died Tuesday afternoon.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home. Mrs. Nixon was born June 26, 1917, in Lockney, Tex. She married J.C. Nixon in 1941 in Sherman. She had resided here since 1955. She had been employed at hospitals both in Big Spring and Stanton. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Big Spring; a daughter, Arlene Krueger, Chamblee, Ga.; three brothers, Wallace Foy and V.G. Foy, both of Fort Worth; and J.A. Foy, Brownfield; three sisters, Mrs. Dixie Becton, Petersburg, Tex., Mrs. Marcine Turliello, Fort Worth, and Jo Nolan, Tacoma, Wash., her father, Jim Foy, Fort Worth, and three grandchildren.

Minnie Parks

ACKERLY — Mrs. Minnie Ellen Parks, 80, of Munday, wife of a longtime Knox County farmer, died 8:12 a.m. Saturday in Knox County Hospital after a long illness.

Her daughter, Mrs. Russell Bledsoe, lives in Ackerly.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Gillespie Baptist Church with the Rev. Clevery Rerbeg, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Graves Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Munday.

Burial will be in Hart Cemetery in Breckenridge.

Survivors are one son, Lee A. Parks of Munday; four daughters, Mrs. Edward Marie Burns of Munday, Mrs. Ted Odessa Brown and Mrs. Garland Jeannine Heatley, both of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Bledsoe; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charley Lane of Goree; one sister, Mrs. Willie Mae Martin of Seymour.

Sarah Fritts

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel here for Mrs. Sarah Mae Fritts, 84, who died at 4:50 p.m., Thursday in a local nursing home. She has been ill two months.

The Rev. Roy Honea, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will occur in Trinity Memorial Park.

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HOME OWNERS CORNER

by Lewis Collins

Adding new walls or removing and altering old ones should be considered when you are thinking about potential home improvements. Adding a new wall to make space more usable usually involves only straightforward carpentry work that shouldn't be expensive. Several wall panel systems now on the market make it possible to erect a new wall without the traditional 2x4 framing. Buy the panels, fasten them at the floor and ceiling, tape the joints where the sections butt together, and you're ready for painting.

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More cattle rustling than muggings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crime rate in rural areas is increasing about as fast as in the cities, but there is still some difference in the offenses. More cattle rustling than muggings, for example.

But the Agriculture Department says rural police — meaning small-town marshals as well as county sheriffs — do have some things in common with their big-city counterparts in the rising number of "non-criminal" cases they handle.

For example, a recent survey among rural police departments in Michigan showed that 80 per cent of the calls for assistance involved such complaints as noisy neighbors, domestic squabbles, runaway children and abandoned cars.

"Rural areas still don't have nearly the crime problems of cities," the department's Economic Research Service says in the current issue of Farm Index.

"The FBI Crime Index — a grouping of seven serious crimes found to represent the most frequent crime problems — shows that metropolitan areas remain more crime-prone."

The report said the FBI index showed that in big-city areas some 6,110 offenses per 100,000 population were tabulated in 1975, compared with 1,998 per 100,000 in rural areas.

"In other words, rural dwellers were only a third as likely to be crime victims," the report said.

But the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration says that nationally, perhaps more than one-half of the crimes are never reported.

Some victims contend that police can't do much, anyway; others are not aware that a crime was committed — such as the loss of a little-used tool or other article. Or some are not willing to wait for police action.

"These problems seem especially difficult in rural areas," the report said. "A very few patrol units may be expected to cover a large geographical areas, thus greatly delaying response time."

The report cited several reasons why rural crime may be rising:

—More people are moving to rural areas and thus demand additional police service.

—Improved highways make rural areas more accessible to criminals.

—Rising affluence among farmers and other residents has attracted criminals who seek everything from tractors and automobiles to CB radios, tape decks and other gadgets.

Among the things rural communities can do to cope with the rising crime rate is to find effective ways to involve citizens in combatting it. This could be particularly effective among farmers who, traditionally, have been slipshod in guarding against thefts.

"But with crime rates up, more farmers are installing alarms, locks on all buildings, and outside lights," the report said. "Many farmers are generally keeping a more watchful eye on their belongings."

An old practice among many farmers of leaving tractors and other equipment in the fields overnight also is disappearing. If implements are left out, many farmers now chain them or otherwise hobble the machines to help thwart thefts.

When cattle prices were much higher two or three years ago than they are now, rustling also increased. It still occurs, and many farmers have adopted the branding practice followed by ranchers to help identify their stock.

The report said a number of actions can be taken to improve rural law enforcement, including:

—Cooperation, coordination and resource-sharing among law enforcement jurisdictions.

—Consolidation of training facilities to serve several small, widely dispersed agencies.

—Adequate salaries and benefits

—Alternative budget sources in the face of a tightening tax base.

Heartless thugs steal presents

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Her dad is an unemployed roofer who scraped hard to buy presents this Christmas for his 18-month-old daughter because it's the first one she'll know.

Tuesday night someone broke into the family home of Kenneth and Mona Rice, both 19, and stole all little Tanya's presents, along with a blanket from the couple's bed to carry them in, police said.

Rice "just cried when he told us about it," his mother, Wilma Rice said. "It's the first Christmas their little baby would really know, and it's real sad."

Young thief

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Salesmen thought the boy was the child of prospective customers and paid little attention to him.

But the youngster, between 11 and 13 years old, made off with a dozen diamond rings, worth nearly $12,000, around noon Wednesday.

Man is killed, gifts stolen

MOUT PLEASANT, Iowa (AP) — Thieves broke into a school near Mount Pleasant and stole the Christmas gifts for the fifth-and sixth-grade students. So law officers decided to play Santa.

"We had a group of disappointed youngsters," said one teacher after the 35 gifts were stolen Tuesday from the Pleasant Lawn Elementary School.

Henry County deputy sheriffs who investigated the break-in, Mount Pleasant police and a local merchant replaced the presents.

"Just a good deed," said Deputy Sheriff Dan Wesely.

House knocks down fence

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As Barbara Fahland sat on her front porch, her neighbors' house knocked down 30 feet of fence and an apricot tree.

It happened during a housemoving operation, said Mrs. Fahland. The house, she said, just "slid off the beams."

Peace officers play St. Nick

CLEVELAND (AP) — Police say L. C. Carlisle apparently was killed for toys and other Christmas presents that relatives had stored at the home where he lived alone.

Relatives told police gifts were kept there so the youngsters wouldn't get into them.

Carlisle, 55, was found dead in the first-floor bedroom Tuesday, shot in the stomach. The door was open, and the Christmas presents were gone, police reported.

The stolen gifts included three dolls, a miniature racing set, an aftershave kit, a punch bowl and pots and pans.



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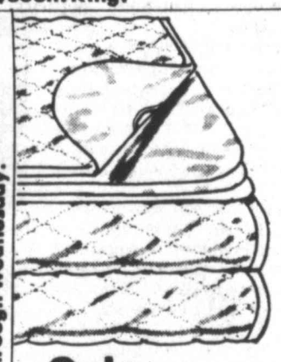
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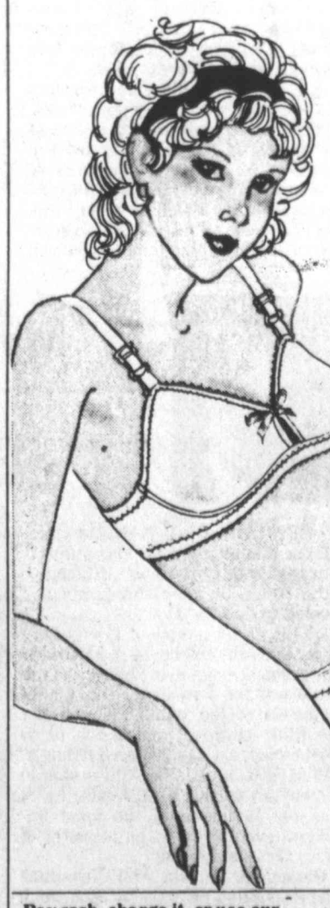
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Publisher's corner

Great music comes out of high school

"The music that comes out of that high school is truly amazing," said Rev. Charles Murphy to me.

Rev. Murphy and I were listening to a portion of the Big Spring High School Choir in a special performance of its Christmas program Tuesday for the Big Spring Rotary Club.

THE POINT made by Rev. Murphy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, is one many persons have expressed.

If there were a state championship for high school music, Big Spring would be a contender every year. Few schools can match this one's overall program in any sense.

The group which performed at Rotary were the Meistersingers, the top chorale, and I would not have believed that high school students could be that good.

Under the direction of Jack Bowers, the Meistersingers performed music of such sophistication that most of us Rotarians could only sit and wonder how they do it.

Like building any good ongoing program, the choir at Big Spring High School is based on pride and loyalty to the school. Being part of the choir, especially the Meistersingers, is a high honor, one that must be earned with practice and competition.

The amazing thing is that this year 11 freshmen have sung their way into the group, which has never won anything less than sweepstakes in University Interscholastic League competition.

The choir continues with a winning tradition which would be the envy of any football team in Odessa.

This year's choir had 34 students make all-region. Of those, 18 made the first cut for the all-state choir, and eight are still in the running as of now.

In the past five years, 16 from Big Spring have made all-state, the third best record in Texas.

THESE STUDENTS learn what it means to face pressure and competition, Bowers said, because they know their slightly older peers will be watching how they perform and if they can win.

Bowers say that this part of West Texas is known statewide for having the best choir programs. He said he doesn't know if it is the West Texas air or what, but youth out here have "a real vibrancy" for singing.

Bowers also says that loyalty and support for all school programs have been something of a problem at Big Spring High. He cites, for example, the winning girls volleyball team which failed to draw much of a crowd until the last two games.

He hopes this loyalty and support which has characterized the Meistersingers can be developed throughout the school.

If it could, Big Spring could have the premiere high school in the state.

When it comes to music, we probably already do.

For add to the choir program the effort of the well-known and often-acclaimed Big Spring High Band, and a parent could not ask for better musical training available for his child.

—J. TOM GRAHAM



Don't sit there

Around The Rim

Tommy Hart

This and that:

The best way to define the word "pedestrian:" It's a fellow whose wife beats him to the garage.

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IF INFLATION GETS much worse, you'd best invest in wash tubs and wheel barrows. You'll be carrying money around in both to pay for what you need.

I never was much help to my kids in their school studies. The last I heard they were still looking for that least common demonipator someone had lost when I was in school.

Some politicians have become so profane the most quoted word they use is "deleted."

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If you're just sitting there waiting for the doctor to arrive, don't. Go out and borrow money.

College students should make it a point to be kind to their parents. After mom and dad get through sending their children through college, the kids are all they'll have.

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If your cough sounds better today than it did yesterday, perhaps it is becuase you practiced all night.

Man has always had very selective hearing. What louder noise is there than the first rattle in a person's new car?

Didn't I see a sign around here the other day which read "Antiques and Junque?"

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IF YOU COME up with a good idea and then let a committee go to work on it, chances are you won't recognize it the second time around.

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If you abhor the thought of growing old, consider the alternative.

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Subtraction proved no problem for a first grader I know. The first time his teacher asked: "If you had two pieces of candy and I asked for one, how many would you have left?" The child replied without using his fingers to figure: "Two."

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Inmates serving time in the main "Walls" unit of the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville last year donated $1,200 to the Walker County UF campaign. The money was raised among 1,900 men through various activities staged within the prison. UW contributions increased by over 40 per cent at the prison in a year's time.



TV comes of age

Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON — Nobody seems to know it but the father of television was a German named Paul Nipkow who received a patent on his invention in 1884. He was followed in the development of the system by J. L. Baird of Scotland and C. F. Jenkins and V. K. Zworykin of the United States, who in the 1920s all worked on ways of bringing TV signals into a machine.

By the end of World War II television sets were ready to be marketed.

The big problem at that time was nobody knew what to put on them. The invention was there but it had no useful purpose.

ONE OF THE manufacturers, Sid Magnavox, said, "Look, why don't we put on plays and movies and quiz shows and sports events until we think up a purpose for TV."

The other manufacturers, who had tremendous amounts of money invested in their sets, agreed. They went to radio networks, the motion picture companies and sports promoters, the game show packagers and the news agencies and said, "We have this thing called television, but we can't think of any reason why people should buy it. Let's make a deal. We will purchase films and shows and football games and newsreels on a temporary basis until our research people figure out what TV can be used for."

The entertainment companies were reluctant to get involved in something on such a short-term basis, but they finally agreed to provide a product for TV at least until the TV manufacturers could come up with something that would make the purchase of a set worthwhile.

In no time at all shows were produced, sports events were covered, press conferences were held and pictures were provided of news events. There were panel shows and documentaries and children's cartoons.

THE SCREENS HAD something for people to look at. They bought the sets and an entire industry took off.

But all the time the TV manufacturers fretted and stewed because they knew that the American people would sit just so long before their sets watching entertainment until they lost interest in the fad.

They pressed their research people hard. "You have to find a real reason for people to own TV," they said, "or we'll all go down the drain. How long can we keep Americans glued to pictures? They're not idiots and if you fill their screens with police shows and situation comedies and talk programs they'll throw their sets out the window."

For 30 years scientists worked on the problem and then one day an MIT graduate named Aber Blamesworthy working in a TV research laboratory saw a dot on his screen. He accidentally touched a wire. The dot bounced from one side of the screen to the otehr and his assistant, a Miss Bonnie Wilby, playfully hit the dot back to him. He hit it back to her and each time they touched a wire the hit went "pong."

Blamesworthy was incredulous: "I think we've got it!"

"What have we got?" asked Miss Wilby.

"A real reason for television. It's a game. Two people can play tennis or basketball just by hitting a dot back and forth across the screen."

REMEMBERING...

By BILL D. BROOKS

MILK COOLERS

Before we got our ice box food like milk, cream and butter was kept cool in a thing that was called, oddly enough, a milk cooler. A sort of stand was built on the east side of the old smoke house and the milk cooler sat atop the stand. The cooler was actually a shallow pan about two feet wide by four feet long.

Water was placed in the pan and milk buckets were set in the water. The milk buckets were usually one gallon lard or syrup cans. Sometimes open-topped crocks were used. With the container in place a clean muslin cloth or feed sack was draped over the buckets and down into the water in the pan. With the edges of the cloth in the water, small rocks were set on them to keep the wind from blowing the cloth away.

Water seeped up through the cloth and over the top of the milk buckets. Wind blowing through the cloth evaporated the water causing the milk to stay cool.

Even after we got our ice box we still used the milk cooler. Milk was placed in it for a few hours to cool down before putting it in the box. This prevented the ice from melting so quickly.

There were other methods of cooling milk. People who were luckly enough to have a spring near their home usually built a stone spring house. The water flowing up out of the ground was cold and it made the inside of the spring house a constant cool temperature pretty well year round. The milk was kept in crocks which were set near the water's edge or sometimes submerged partly in the spring.

Springs were few and far between in our neck of the woods but some folks had well houses that were similar to the spring houses. A well house was usually built under the windmill tower or next to it. As water was pumped up out of the ground it ran through a wide wooden trough inside the well house. Milk, butter and such was kept in the trough, preserved there until needed.

The methods of cooling milk varied with where you happened to live but they all seemed to have one thing in common: nature was used to supply a need.





Withstands test

Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — When I was a boy in Utah, the story of the birth of Christ had already withstood the attrition of more than 1900 years. But a half century later, I have detected a new skepticism.

There seem to be more doubters who dismiss the gospel account as pious legend. The Christmas story, they say, has steadily eroded under challenges from historical research, from scientific discovery, from an enlightened spirit of modernity.

FOR EXAMPLE, historians have cited an alleged error in the basic Biblical account of the nativity. According to St. Luke, Christ was born "when Cyrenius was governor of Syria." The archives show that Cyrenius didn't arrive in Syria until 6 A.D. How, skeptics demanded, could an account that contained so basic an error be reliable?

And the customers, with their charts that trace the movements of the stars backward through the millenia, ruled out the appearance of a great new star that could have been perceived to be hovering over Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. So out went the tale of the three wise men and the frankincense and myrrh.

Attacking from other directors, the modern faith in self-assertiveness, in sheer bigness, in organization mechanisms, in the idea of man reformed by society and elevated by material advances — these articles of faith have left Christ's teachings far behind, with their notions that self-fulfillment lay in self-denial, that societal reform was dependent upon self-reform and that the individual's inner peace, gained through the pursuit of peace and charity was the only lasting foundation for peace among nations.

For many, then, the Christmas story has retreated to the shadowy status of mere symbol if not fabrication. Yet there are vast numbers of whom the birth and teachings of Christ have lost none of their authenticity. Millions have journeyed to the Holy Land to walk the ancient, hallowed paths that He walked, and they feel the grip of surpassing reality.

I have wandered over the gnarled mountains and sweeping valleys where Jesus sought to change men's hearts. From Bethlehem to Galilee, the land appears as eternal as His word.

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BETHLEHEM REMAINS such as it was when Mary and Joseph first halted before the inn and, because there was no room, had to find shelter in the stable. A huddle of flat-roofed stone houses cling to a bleak Judean hillside. Its narrow streets still echo to the clicking heels of heavily laden donkeys.

In Nazareth, a snuggle of clay dwellings tucked in the folds of a mountainside, I found the carpenter's trade still practiced as it was in the days of Joseph and Jesus. I watched a wizened, old carpenter work the wood, with both hands and feet, drilling holes with a fire-by-friction contrivance and pounding pegs into the holes with a wooden mallet.

The Sea of Galilee, encircled by mountains, is still a mirror of the sky above. Its waters are fished largely by brothers who haul in their nets as the Biblical brothers, Peter and Andrew, James and John, once did. And the sudden, fearful storms described in St. Luke still blow in from the Syrian mountains.

A short time in the Holy Land yields a hundred experiences that give life to the Bible. They are not proof of Biblical authenticity in themselves, of course, but in their aggregate, they reincarnate the texture, the sense of place conveyed in the gospels.

As a more tangible answer to the skeptics and the scoffers, the spade of the archeologists and the research of the scholars have turned up evidence corroborating the scriptures.

For instance, some historians are now satisified and the discrepancy in St. Luke about Cyrenius is the fault not of St. Luke but of our modern calendar. They say an error by the monk Dionysius Exiguus threw our calendar seven years off. With that error corrected, the first Christmas occurred in 7 B.C. and fragments of Roman inscription, unearthed in Antioch, reveal that Cyrenius was indeed governor of Syria in 7 B.C.

Big Spring Herald

Mailbag

Dear Editor:

It has been called to my attention that I am leading a crusade for a terrible blight on our community by representing my clients to the best of my ability in properly presenting their proposal before our city commission to change our city ordinance which prevents the Sunday sale of beer for off-premise consumption in our city to correspond with our state law which allows such sales.

I was reminded recently by a lady of a horrible tragedy which occurred in our community in which a young man was run over by a drunk driver on the way home from church one Sunday evening in the past. I extended my heartfelt sympathy and reminded her that at the time of the tragedy, we had an ordinance which prevented the Sunday sale of beer in our city, but it certainly didn't prevent the tragedy from occurring nor would such ordinance prevent the re-occurrence in the future. Each of us are reminded of the terrible tragedies that result from the abuse of alcohol, but there has never been nor in all probability will there ever be a successful attempt to enact laws which will make our communities immune from the tragedies of life. We simply cannot legislate morals successfully and history proves that any such attempt is futile.

I regret that there are those individuals who simply close their eyes and pretend that reality does not exist. There always have been these individuals present and there probably always will be.

As an attorney, I am called upon to represent all kinds of clients. Some are murderers, rapists and thieves, others are drunks and misfits in life who failed to obey our laws. By representing these clients it would be ridiculous to accuse me of endorsing such criminal acts.

This is exactly what has happened during this issue, which, in my opinion, is completely unfair to me and the other attorneys of our community.

Now that I have aired my complaint against so many well-meaning people I would like to say that we have the Sunday sale of beer for off-premises consumption all around our community and to not change our ordinance would simply be saying that we favor those individuals who are now selling over those who run their businesses and pay taxes in our city and deny them equal rights under our law.

As I stood before the commission last meeting beside one of my dearest friends who voiced his opposition to the proposal that I made, I said to myself, "Isn't it wonderful to be afforded the opportunity to live in a country where we are allowed the privilege to disagree without the threat of force or embarrassment."

I regret that I have since had thoughts to the contrary after the nasty calls, letters, and shameful threats I have received.

Roy L. Ford
Attorney-At-Law
206 Gregg



Poor absorption can starve body

Dr. G. C. Thosteson

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Will you please discuss the "malabsorption syndrome"? Is it curable if the patient is getting iron pills plus eating a pretty good diet? Is alcohol a factor? — M.S.

That is a tall order for the limited space available here.

It is basically the inability of the body to absorb sufficient nutrients from the food eaten.

The goal of digestion is to break food particles down to their basic nutrients so that they can be absorbed by the body. Most of this is done through the walls of the small intestines where the nutrients pass into general circulation.

It is important to know if the food is being improperly broken down or if there is a defect in the intestinal lining that prohibits passage. If there is incomplete digestion, then we suspect a disorder of one of the organs that produce material for digestion — the liver, gall bladder, etc. If digestion is not at fault, then an intestinal defect is looked for.

A study of a tiny section of the intestinal wall may show defective villi — which are tiny projections in intestinal wall that serve to increase the total area for absorption. Heredity may be a factor.

Whatever the cause, the victim will show symptoms of anemia (often mistaken for malabsorption syndrome) and vitamin and mineral dificiencies. Many have an intolerance of gluten (a wheat product). Alcohol can be a factor. Liver or pancreas problems may result from heavy drinking.

But I cannot answer your question about diet and iron supplements. As you can see from the above, the diagnosis of malabsorption is only part of the detective work. Finding out the why provides the jackpot answers.

Diet or supplements by injection may be in order with malabsorption, but this is determined after the cause is found.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Please send your booklet, "You and Your Gall Bladder." I am mailing you 25 cents in care of the Big Spring Herald with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. I recently was told I have gallstones and am anxious to learn everything I can about the subject. Incidentally, is the bitter taste in my mouth one of the symptoms of gallbladder trouble? — Mrs. J.H.R.

Bitter taste is not a symptom of gallbladder disease. The work of the gall bladder takes place far from the "tasting" scene.

I can only suggest some possible direct causes of bitter taste. Many substances may cause it — lithium, quinine, norphine, ammonium, bile and calcium salts, for examples.

Also, there is a close relationship between bitter and sweet sensations. This is familiar to the user of artificial sweeteners. If too much is used a bitterness is sensed. Derivatives of saccharine can be particularly bitter.

Serious illness (such as a flu virus infection) can cause taste disturbances. The gallbladder booklet you ordered should help in further understanding your problem. With stones surgery is usually the answer.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Thank you for your reply to an inquiry about bedwetting. You said, "I wish that the notion that all bedwetting stems from personality traits such as laziness, stubbornness, etc., would be squashed and proper treatment sought."

I agree. I was a bedwetter until I reach the age of 13. My mother was patient and she took me to a doctor. I had a small bladder capacity, which did not correct itself until maturity. When I was small I remember occasions when I could not reach home soon enough. My first cousin also had a bedwetting problem. — Mrs. H.L.

My point was that not all bedwetting is psychologically based, and that it is always best to investigate physical causes. Your letter makes the point quite well. Thank you.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Will having blood transfusions change your blood type? — Mrs. V.P.

No.

Dr. Thosteson welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.



My answer

Billy Graham

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: Do you think it is all right for Christians to celebrate Christmas, although the Bible says nothing about celebrating it? — D.A.

DEAR D.A.: I think it is right for Christians to celebrate Christmas. The greatest event in the history of the world was the invasion of this planet by the Son of God. While it is true that the Bible nowhere commands us to celebrate it, it also nowhere forbids it. I think it is natural for Christians to remember the birth of Jesus, for it was the beginning of the most important event ever — the ministry of Jesus Christ among us.

Remember that the first Christmas was celebrated not only by men, such as the wise men and the shepherds, but by the angels of heaven.

At the same time, Christians must remember the real purpose of celebrating Christmas. Christmas should be a time of joy and thanksgiving, and it should call our attention in a fresh way to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, by opening up the way to salvation through Him. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich . . . Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 8:9; 9:15).

Christmas has become commercialized and secularized to a point that is revolting to spiritually-minded people. But Christians should not give it up. We should instead work to redeem Christmas from its materialism, and remind people again of God's greatest gift, His Son. As the carol says, "O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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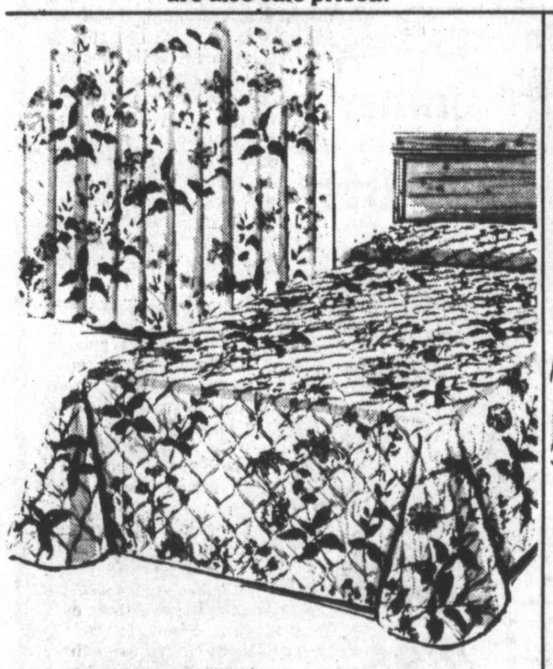
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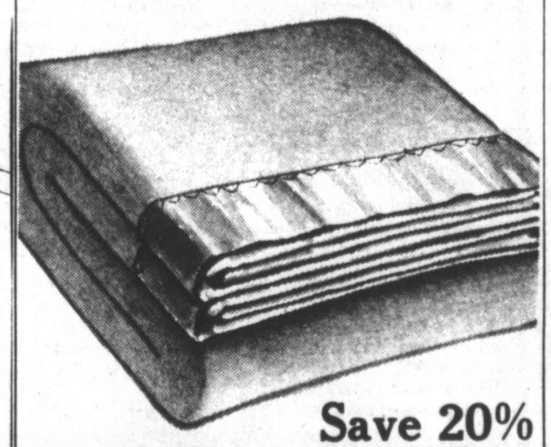
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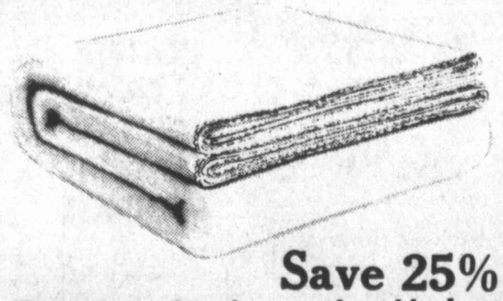
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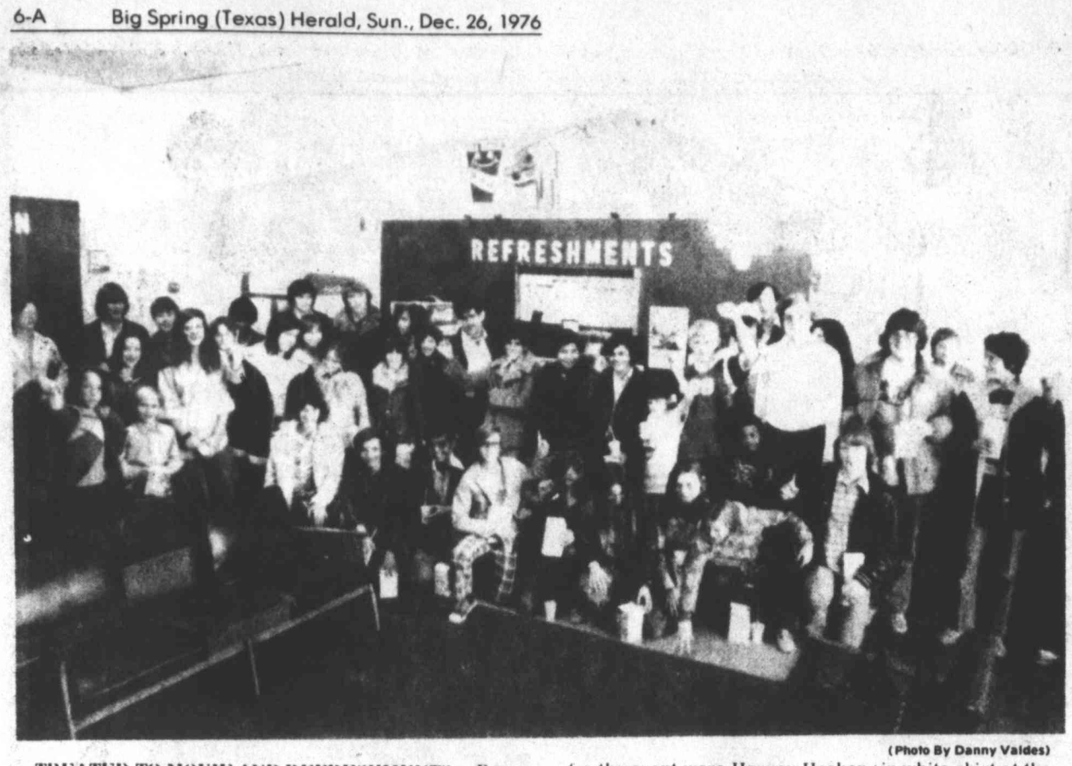


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TREATED TO MOVIE AND REFRESHMENTS — Boys and girls who carry paper routes for the Big Spring Herald were treated to a movie at the Cinema Theater and refreshments for a job well done during 1976. Hosts for the event were Harvey Hocker (in white shirt at the right) and Bobbie Williams (standing behind Hocker). The two are district managers for the Herald's circulation department.

LA bandit surrenders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A masked bandit toting a BB gun held the city's crack SWAT squad at bay outside a supermarket for more than an hour before 13 hostages were led to freedom, police said.

Romadus Carl Brooks, 19, allegedly tried to rob a supermarket Friday, rounding up 13 store employes and hustling them into a coffee-break room while he swept through the store, emptying cash registers, police said.

One store employe managed to escape through a back door and notified police, who arrived at the scene before Brooks had a chance to escape. Wearing flak-jackets and armed with shotguns, the SWAT squad spent more than an hour outside the store trying vainly to communicate with Brooks.

Finally, one officer shimmyed down a hatch leading to the room, releasing the hostages and apparently frightening the would-be robber into another part of the store.

Story denied by Pentagon

'Copter test site picked?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville newspaper reported in a copyrighted story today that an Army base on the Tennessee-Kentucky border has been chosen as a testing site for an advanced troop-carrier assault helicopter.

However, a spokesman for the Pentagon denied the report Friday, saying there has been "absolutely no decision" about which base or bases will get the twin-engine helicopters for testing purposes.

The Tennessean in Nashville reported in its Saturday edition that Ft. Campbell, located along the Tennessee-Kentucky border, was chosen because it is the home of the 101st Airborne Division. One of the division's major functions includes transporting infantrymen into combat action.

The Associated Press reported Friday that the Army awarded a contract for the new helicopters Thursday to the Sikorsky Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. The first aircraft are not scheduled to be delivered to troops until next August.

The Tennessean also said some of the new aircraft from the first batch produced will be subjected to similar tests by the 1st Air Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

The newspaper quoted an Army source as saying, "You can speculate and be pretty sure that you are right that the shakedown will be on the ranges at Ft. Campbell and Ft. Hood."

The new helicopter — the Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System (UTTAS) — is designed to carry 11 soldiers along with arms and equipment. The Army says it will be capable of surviving on battlefields of the 1980s and beyond when aircraft missiles and other weapons are expected to be more lethal.

The Army said it eventually plans — subject to later Pentagon and congressional approval — to purchase 1,107 of the new twin-engine helicopters, which are designed to replace the UH-1 "Huey" helicopters, the workhouse choppers used extensively in the Vietnam war.

Production of the new helicopters could cost as much as $3.4 billion, the Army said.

'Dr. Horton' faces DWI rap

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A municipal judge has ordered actor MacDonald Carey to appear in court Feb. 15 for a preliminary hearing on a misdemanor drunken driving charge.

Carey, who plays Dr. Horton on the NBC daytime soap opera series "Days of Our Lives," pleaded innocent Wednesday to the charge which stems from a predawn arrest Dec. 10 in West Hollywood.

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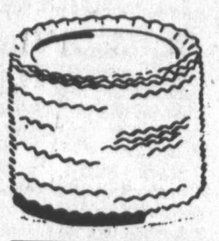
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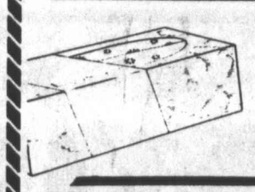
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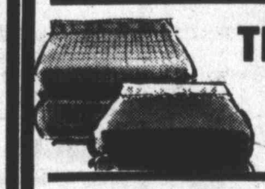
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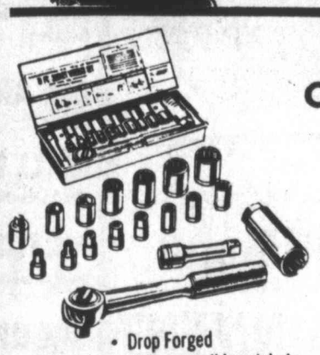
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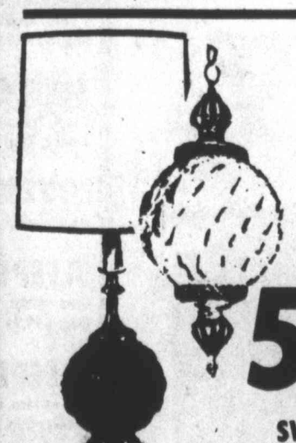


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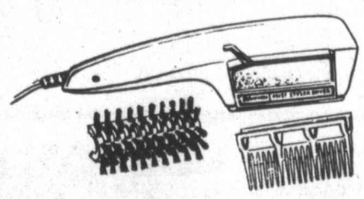
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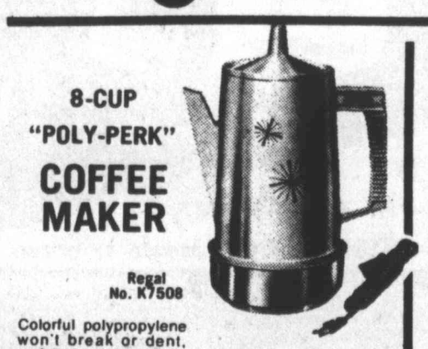


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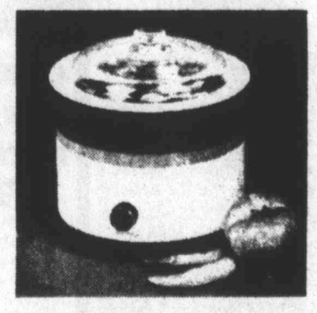
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Kissinger's reputation as wit well deserved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whatever Henry Kissinger's legacy as a statesman, he will be recalled as a rare wit in an otherwise humorless city.

It's a reputation he earned early. In 1969, his first year as director of the National Security Council, Kissinger told an interviewer:

"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full."

In 1971, in another interview, he remarked: "This job has done wonders for my paranoia. Now I really have enemies."

And in 1972, asked how fame had changed his life, Kissinger quipped: "Now when I'm boring at a party, people think it's their fault."

In 1973, Kissinger became secretary of state, taking his sense of humor along.

A reporter asked: "Do you prefer to be called 'Mr. Secretary' or 'Dr. Secretary'?"

Kissinger shot back: "I don't stand on protocol. If you will just call me 'Excellency' it will be okay."

As a bachelor in the Nixon administration he frequently dated beautiful Hollywood starlets. "Power," he said, "is a great aphrodisiac."

Kissinger often spoke of his "terrified staff." He raged at them in private and in public made them a butt of his jokes.

When a reporter told Kissinger in 1975 that the horse six reporters had bought — and named Henry the K — was being trained by a former U.S. foreign service officer, Kissinger said:

"That is very interesting. How wonderful that, at last, a U.S. foreign service officer is engaged in activity up to his mental level."

As his term as secretary of state ran out, a rumor circulated that Kissinger would take a commentator's job on television. Asked about it, he said:

"I will not go on TV in less than a year unless they make it a love story."

When basketball's Harlem Globetrotters offered to make him an honorary player, Kissinger accepted — although he said he was worried about "how I will look in short pants."



70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THEM — Chester and Anne Sayles pose in their home in San Bruno, Calif., where they'll be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. Sayles, who is 89, and his 86-year-old wife moved to California from Seattle 43 years ago.

Presented with a blue-red-and-gold uniform by the freewheeling, barnstorming team, Kissinger said the honor suited him. "I, too, make up the rules as I go along," he declared.

Unfortunately, on some rare occasions, Kissinger's amiable glibness caused him embarrassment.

Attempting pleasant conversation with austere King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in the king's palace, he inquired about a painting on the wall: "Is that an Arabian desert?"

"That's the holy oasis," the king responded, and then fell darkly silent.

Recalling the incident, Kissinger said he told himself: "There's another three months of the oil embargo."

Claus unpopular with clergymen

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Santa Claus isn't popular with all the clergymen here.

Santa Claus "is almost antiethical to Christian theology because what it emphasizes is receiving, rather than giving," said the Rev. Mr. John Lansing, a United Methodist clergyman and chairman of the Oklahoma City University religion department.

"I don't like the idea of Santa Claus for the simple reason it detracts from Christ," said Pastor Paul Knickelbein of the Gethsemane Lutheran church. "The world makes everything of Santa Claus and nothing of Christ, and that is where the danger is."

But a more traditional view of Santa Claus was taken by Pastor Robert Greathouse of Plymouth Congregational church.

People need Santa Claus because he represents "good will toward men and the spirit of generosity," the Rev. Mr. Greathouse said. And he added, "I'll always believe in him."

Highway fatality rate is on increase again

The 55 mph speed limit may have increased deaths due to auto accidents but fatality rates are climbing again. Many factors are involved but carelessness, especially on country roads, unsafe cars, bad weather and motorists who don't wear seat belts all contribute to accidents that could be prevented, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) says.

In 1975 there were 4.1 people killed for every 100 million miles traveled — compared to 3.9 in 1974. The trend seems to be increasing, the Governor's Office for Traffic Safety says.

A National Safety Council study shows country roads produce nine times as many deaths and 14 times as many property damage accidents as do controlled-access superhighways. Blind intersections and reduced vision on curves and hills contribute to many crashes. Being alert and prepared to stop in these situations can save many lives.

A quick check of the car also can help avoid trouble. Check tire tread and pressure, windshield wipers, accessibility of seat belts, de-fogger or rags to wipe off fogged windows, and hoses, belts and fluids under the hood. Problems with many of these could mean being stranded on the highway in winter weather — which can be very dangerous. Even for a short trip, it's wise to toss in a coat and adequate shoes in case there is car trouble.

CB radios not only help spot smokies but they also are useful for passing on weather and road condition information. Even AM or FM radio weather forecasts can give valuable information about what's coming. Sometimes postponing a trip for a few hours or a day will avoid bad weather that can threaten even experienced drivers. Arriving late is better than not arriving at all, TMA says.

People increase their chances of arriving alive if they wear seat belts.

Murder suspect now in Tucson

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — John Harvey Adamson, who is charged with the bomb murder of a Phoenix reporter, was being held today in a maximum-security cell in the Pima County jail.

Adamson, 33, a racing dog breeder, was transferred here from Phoenix Friday under heavy guard to await the start of his first-degree murder trial in Superior Court Tuesday.

The Arizona Supreme Court ordered the case transferred here after a mistrial was declared due to excessive publicity in Phoenix.

Mark Pettit, a Pima County Sheriff's public information officer, said Adamson will be treated the same as other inmates, except he likely will be isolated from other prisoners.

Deputy Phil Yale of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office said Adamson submitted a list of Christmas visitors he wanted to see before he learned that he would spend the holiday behind bars in Tucson.

'A job has to be done'

DALLAS (AP) — Even for road-hardened men, Christmas away from home is a painful experience. Carrying onions, carrying gasoline, carrying other people's furniture, their longings and plans to be home echo over the citizens band airwaves. And they sometimes find a little piece of Christmas along the way.

At the El Toro Truck Terminal on Interstate 20 near Dallas, a trucker from Opelika, Ala., hung up the pay phone after giving his wife and four children the bad news that he wouldn't be home Christmas Eve after all. Across the room, lights blinked on a tiny tree. Elvis sang "Blue Christmas" on the juke box. And a folding table was covered with cakes, cookies and candy—on the house.

"I generally get home by Christmas, but there wasn't a load to pick up and we had to wait," said Tommy Dyes. But Dyes counted himself lucky—he thought he could make it in by Christmas Day with his cargo of onions from Salt Lake City.

"There are about 150 trucks stuck in Yakima, Wash., right now because they can't get anything to haul," Dyes said.

Dyes' partner, Jesse Heard, says he'll never forget the only other time in the last 18 years that his work kept him from his family at the holiday season.

"It was 1970 and I was snowed in in Denver. I tried to get home by truck or plane, but there was no way. It's a terrible experience."

Claude Wright and Charles DeLoach also were pushing to get home. DeLoach, 22, an unemployed welder hitchhiking to Birmingham, Alabama, called Wright "my Christmas miracle."

Wright, headed for his Florida home, said he was driving through New Mexico early Christmas Eve with a refrigerated load of lettuce when he heard DeLoach on his CB radio, asking for a ride.

"I though my chances of getting home were just about impossible when I left San Diego on Thursday," DeLoach said, "but thanks to the CB radio and this man here, I should be home by Christmas afternoon."

"I guess you might call it the Christmas spirit," the truck driver said.

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But guns not muted

Birth of Christ recalled

By the Associated Press

Messages of good will and hope criss-crossed the globe Saturday as Christians celebrated the birth nearly 2,000 years ago of a Man of Peace.

Pope Paul VI called for honoring "in the birth of Christ the incipient life of man," and the Most Rev. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, encouraged the release of political prisoners and understanding between the races.

National leaders from President Ford to the queen of England sent their greetings to the millions who spent the day in prayer or merriment.

Still, the guns of war were not silenced.

Rocket and bazooka explosions along the Jordan River could be heard in Bethlehem, where the devout headed for the Church of the Nativity to worship as shepherds and three kings had done before. Tension remained in Ireland and South Africa.

In other areas, Christmas Day sparked a truce, if only temporary, in world strife.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

POPE PAUL VI OFFERS BLESSING
Thousands gather in St. Peter's Square

Nearly 50 Greek Cypriot children crossed the barriers in Nicosia to spend the holiday with their parents. Hugs and presents awaited them in their villages in the northern Karpass Peninsula, which has been under Turkish occupation since 1974. Many of the youngsters, mostly teenagers, had been separated from their families for months.

Christmas, as usual, was a day of contrasts.

There was weeping in Chicago, where a fire took a dozen lives in an old apartment building. But there was joy in other homes as parents talked by telephone to children in military service, thanks to the daylong vigil of a Ohio ham radio operator.

Few in the Western world abstained from the feasting and gift exchanging that has become part of the holiday, but many had to do without the snow that has made Christmases Past picture-card perfect.

The white stuff arrived almost too late for President Ford, vacationing with his family in Vail, Colo. The Rocky Mountain ski resort area got its first snowfall in nearly three weeks on Friday.

Ford planned to hit the slopes after the First Family gathered around a floor-to-ceiling tree to exchange gifts Saturday morning. A traditional turkey and trimmings dinner was planned for late afternoon.

"It's been a great year," Ford said. "And I hope that 1977 is a very, very happy, healthy and prosperous year for people, not only in the United States but people through the world."

Texan makes it in Music City

NASHVILLE (AP) — Larry Gatlin has become the 61st regular member of the Grand Ole Opry, Opry manager Hal Durham said Saturday.

Durham said the young singer-songwriter was set to debut on the 51-year-old radio program at the 7:30 p.m. show hosted by Porter Wagoner.

"This a thrill of a lifetime. When you think of all the country music heavyweights who have been and are associated with the Opry, it's an incredible feeling," said Gatlin.

The Seminole, Tex., native is an alumnus of the University of Houston. He has roots in gospel music, but in recent years his music has been described as country-pop, country-contemporary and country-gospel.

A resident of Nashville since 1971, the Monument recording artist currently has a hit recording in "Statues Without Hearts," which he also wrote.

Ridin' fence



High, low spots

with Marj Carpenter

It's the day after Christmas and all that good cheer and good will is over for another year. It shouldn't be that way, but it is.

I got to thinking about messages and happenings that had either made me happy or sad this year.

Right before Christmas, Ceola Burkhart died. You remember Ceola. She had fought the brave fight all of her life. We had two articles about her in the Big Spring Herald and a picture of her chugging her little cart up and down the hill near College Park Shopping Center.

Some wellwishers bought her a new cart so that she could putt around town and visit her church and friends. She had polio when a child and was one of the children who received a special letter from President Roosevelt. Her years of suffering are over and it's lonely where she was.

Christmas cards always bring you a lot of good news and bad about your friends from whom you hear only once a year. I was in shock when I learned an old friend was killed in a car wreck just two weeks before the holiday.

I don't know why tragedies seem deeper at Christmas. But so does joy and happiness.

I laughed at my annual letter from my 80-year-old great aunt in Pennsylvania. I remember when visiting her as a child, she was telling a tale about "I ran the hill up and ran the hill down and there was a snake waiting for me to bite."

The letter she sent this year informed me "We butchered our hog the day after Thanksgiving." It left me with the impression that everybody does this and that I ought to be about the business of hog butchering immediately.

I rejoiced over every card and letter from new friends and old. One from Carvel Owens, whom so many of you knew as Col. Bob Owens' wife when he was commanding officer out at Webb, ended with "Peace, happiness and health in 1977 — this we wish to all our Big Spring friends — and may Webb be with you forever."

People like Bob and Carol Burris, Bob and Jane Clover in Port Arthur, people such as Frosty and Judy Robison, Paul and Betty Meek in Dallas, say such things as "We're happy here but how we miss our Big Spring friends."

These are the messages that we read with joy at Christmas. Then comes a sad one or two among the many. One letter was sent out by a friend in Pilot Point to "Mother's Christmas card list, because Mother can no longer write to you all but she still enjoys hearing from you. Memories are what keep her going."

I guess that's what Christmas is all about. It's the old and the new, the happy and the sad, the touching of the hand, the message through the mail, or a telephone conversation or a gift or a memory — and it's all gone for another year.

I guess I better get cracking. And back out ridin' fence. There's lots of interesting people out there to tell you about.

Motion filed for new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for convicted State District Court Judge Garth Bates have filed an amended motion for a new trial for Bates.

Bates was convicted Nov. 11 on charges of accepting a bribe and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

The amended motion filed Wednesday by attorneys Marvin Teague and Jim Leahy contains 25 charges of trial error.

Among the contentions of trial error are charges that trial judge John Barron of Bryan did not instruct jurors to regard the case as circumstantial, which requires a higher burden of proof before a conviction can be returned.

Bates is free on bond pending appeal of the case.

Maternity plan nixed

Houston (AP) — The Houston City Council has rejected a proposal by Mayor Fred Hofheinz to provide expanded maternity benefits for city employes and their dependents.

Council voted 6-3 Wednesday to reject the proposal.

The cost of the city's existing insurance policy for hospital care for employes, dependents and retired employes will rise 24.19 per cent Jan. 1. That will require an additional expenditure of $1.6 million next year.

The mayor had recommended spending another $733,716 to provide pregnency benefits under major medical coverage the same as for any other temporary disability.

Greek cypriots find a way

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Nearly 50 Greek Cypriot children crossed the physical and political barriers that divide this island to spend Christmas with their parents.

Outside the Nicosia Red Cross headquarters, more than 20 Greek Cypriot children waited with friends and family for the bus that would take them to the United Nations "green line" dividing the island.

The children, aged 13 to 18, and the 21 children who left on Christmas Eve, are returning to their villages in the northern Karpass Peninsula, which has been under Turkish occupation since 1974.

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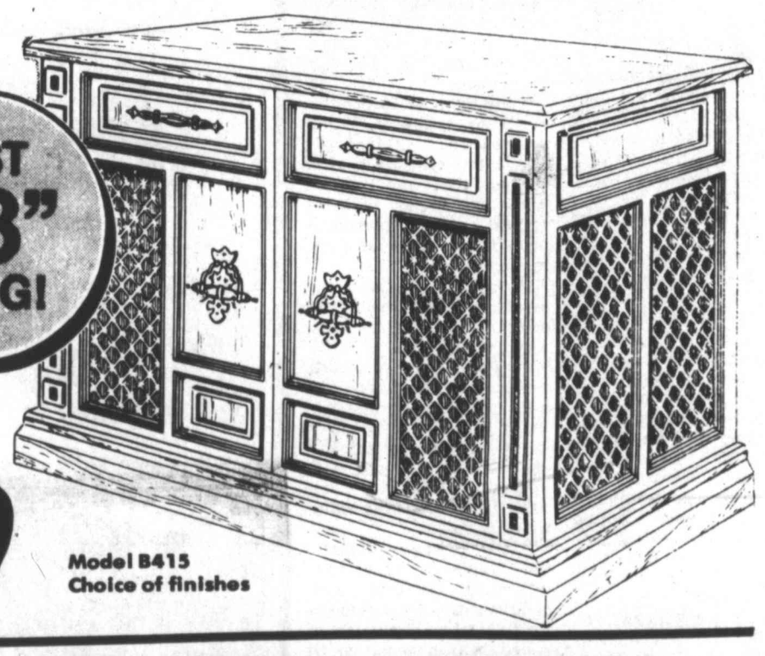
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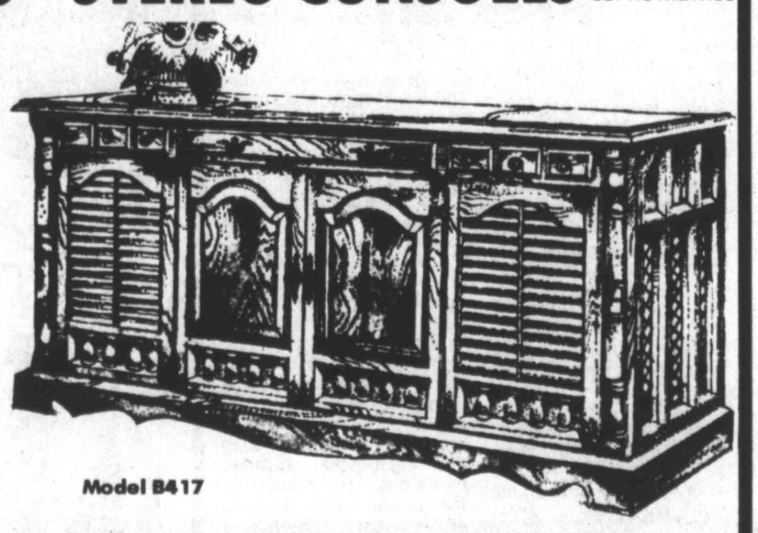
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ACCIDENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN, SAYS THE ROAD INFORMATION PROGRAM



by Alex MacLean

Safety benefit not reaped

Old roads pose problem

While the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit has been credited with reducing fatality rates on modern highways, drivers who use older roads have not reaped similar safety benefits, said The Road Information Program (TRIP), of Washington, D.C.

"The reason is simple. The margin of safety on modern roads becomes greater at reduced speed, but safety problems on old roads haven't changed a bit," said H.W. Reece, TRIP president.

In 1974, the first year of the nationwide reduced speed limit, fatality rates on the Interstate Highway System dropped 32.6 per cent. On local roads and streets, the accident death rate in the same period declined only 1.6 per cent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Rates have remained in proportion since then, TRIP said.

One NHTSA study on the safety benefits of reduced speed limits found "the high speed highway systems experiencing large savings and the local type rural roads showing no improvements."

The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) concluded, after studying the 55 m.p.h. speed limit, that "roads with the highest design standards have the lowest accident and fatality rates."

Howard L. Anderson, associate administrator for safety at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), points to the interstate system as "probably the most outstanding example of the impact of good roadway design on highway safety." He credits the system with saving 60,000 lives since 1956, when the first miles were opened.

But even when complete, the proposed 42,500 mile interstate system will comprise only 2.3 per cent of the total 1.8 million miles of paved roads in the nation. Of this total, TRIP says 800,000 miles have problems which can affect safe driving. Bumps, ruts, potholes, broken pavement, shoulder drop-offs, blind curves, narrow lanes, steep hills and obsolete bridges are among the most common hazards.

Even portions of the interstates are wearing out. As of Sept. 30, 1976, 8,400 of the 37,869 miles open for travel needed resurfacing or other major improvements.

Anderson sees another problem in the persistent "myth" that 80 to 90 per cent of all accidents are caused by driver error.

"We can rationalize that almost any accident was caused by the human factor," Anderson said, referring to situations such as equipment failure, collisions at blind intersections, and head-on crashes on narrow bridges.

"Driver error contributes to many accidents and so does the highway environment. In fact, the environment may lead the driver into error or prevent him from making the right decision," Anderson said.

He pointed out that the same drivers who use well-designed modern freeways also use older roads. Consistently lower fatality rates result on the better roads, and "the only difference is one facility is designed to accommodate many of the driver weaknesses," Anderson said.

TRIP studies of accidents on a state by state basis show that even if driver error accounts for most accidents, road deficiencies can be blamed for an estimated 3.5 million accidents (21.4 per cent) and $40.5 billion in losses in 1975.

Giving too much credit to the 55 m.p.h. speed limit may lull some drivers into thinking they can be less careful on local, low-speed roads when just the opposite is true, Reece feels. "It may also tempt some drivers to speed on 'back' roads where they think laws are not enforced," he added.

"Safety is a three-part equation — safe driving habits, safe vehicles and safe roads," the TRIP president said. "Leave out any one of them and you're asking for trouble."

Hutchison cagey about his plans

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Chairman Ray Hutchison of the Texas Republican Party said Sunday he has not made up his mind to run for governor in 1978, but there is a "possibility" he will be a candidate.

A reporter on the weekly television news panel show "Capital Eye" asked Hutchison if he was planning to run in 1978, and he replied, "No, that's not true yet."

"Not true yet? This is a possibility?"

"Oh, there's always a possibility. I'm not going to go away."

"You're not taking yourself out of that possible race in '78?"

"No sir, nor am I putting myself in it. But I am chairman, and we're going to field a—in my opinion—a slate, a complete slate of candidates at the state level. . . . I think the time is right."

Hutchison claimed the Texas Democratic Party "stands for absolutely nothing" and "is simply a vehicle to get your name on the ballot."

Asked if he expected any trouble re-electing Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., in 1978, Hutchison said, "Any realistic appraisal of Sen. Tower, in my opinion, would cause any person to feel very insecure if he thought he would beat him."

Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Tex., as well as chairman Joe Christie of the State Insurance Board, have been mentioned as possible candidates against Tower, and Hutchison said, "The plain fact of the matter is Congressman Krueger has no credentials to be senator of Texas."

"Senator Tower has represented this state well and, of course, caution should be exercised by any person who would think that he would be an easy target," Hutchison said.

Asked if Republicans are becoming an "endangered species," Hutchison said, "It's possible, of course, in future years that the Democrats by reason of their strong majority in the legislature could make us so, but I don't think we are. There's more enthusiasm right today for the Republican Party, at least in this state, than there was before the election."

Hutchison noted that the Republicans' presidential loss "was a very close election, and perhaps that's the reason, really, that we're seeing enthusiasm. We were not involved in a debacle."

"In Texas, for example," he added, "we were one of the few states that ended up with more elected Republicans after Nov. 2 than we had before Nov. 2. . . . If we had had 129,000 more votes in the presidential race out of over four million, we would have had a great year."

Odessa show opens Jan. 1

DENVER, Colo. — Pro rodeo, after winding up a record year in 1976, is taking a pause before officially kicking off the 1977 contest season with the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show rodeo in Odessa, Texas, Jan. 1, and 4-8.

The 1977 season actually began Nov. 1. A handful of rodeos held the last two months of 1976 will count toward championship standings in 1977; there's only two weeks out of the year when a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo isn't going on somewhere.

The PRCA will also host its 30th annual convention Jan. 10-13 at Denver's Stouffers Inn. Rodeo committeemen, cowboys, rodeo clowns, announcers and other contract personnel will meet to map out much of pro rodeo for the coming year.

Right after the convention the year's first "big one," the National Western Stock Show rodeo, will get under way in Denver Jan. 14, and continue through the 23rd. More than $100,000 will be at stake in the contest, and rodeo's 1976 world champions cowboys will compete for the cash, along with hundreds of other top hands.

The world champions include Tom Ferguson of Miami, Okla., who won the coveted all around title and became the first cowboy ever to win more than $100,000 in arena earnings and bonus cash.

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Calls pile up for jolly elf

YARDLEY, Pa. (AP) — Everybody knows that Santa Claus gets pretty busy this time of year, but this week a mother in this Bucks County town got a sample of what he's up against.

It all started when the Jaycees in Morrisville set up a number for local youngsters to call Santa direct to the North Pole. Unfortunately, the wrong number was copied somewhere along the line and calls started pouring in to Irma Barruzza at her home.

"I thought it was somebody playing a joke at first," said Mrs. Barruzza, who answered a steady stream of calls from 3 p.m., after school let out, until after 8 Tuesday night.

"There wasn't much I could do," Mrs. Barruzza said. "I just told them I was Mrs. Claus and that Santa was busy at the North Pole. I listened to what they had to say, tried to answer their questions and told them to be good."

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Revenues, expenses and deliveries are all up through 11 months for the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

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Operating expenditures for the 11-month period amounted to $2,131,777 up $396,000 over the same period of last year. Approximately $250,000 of this is in higher power costs which ran to $1,080,320 through November.

In Bangkok, Thailand

Toll heavy in crash

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Rescue workers pulled charred bodies Saturday from the wreckage of an Egyptian jetliner which plunged into a textile mill and exploded early Christmas morning. About 69 persons were believed killed, including all the jet's passengers and several workers.

Officials said about 40 bodies were recovered before the search was suspended to await the arrival of Egyptian aviation experts.

Airline officials in Bangkok said there had been at least 51 passengers on the Egyptair Boeing 707 jetliner, and police said at least 18 mill workers were missing and presumed dead.

Egyptair officials in Cairo said a team of experts was on its way to search for the flight recorder to learn why the plane crashed a mile short of the Bangkok airport runway.

Bangkok police said most of the corpses were charred or mangled beyond recognition and the plane and factory were totally destroyed. They said it was the worst aviation disaster in Thai history.

Supichai Phindabutt, a 30-year-old mechanic employed at the factory, said he was returning to his post at the end of the break when he heard the jet scream low toward the compound, smash the tops of nearby worker dormitories and crash into the factory.

"Then I saw three explosions," Supichai said. "One man and two women came out of the factory burning. The man jumped into a canal. I think he died.

"I heard many people screaming and crying inside the factory," he said.

Other witnesses said the jetliner came in low in the predawn fog Christmas day and sheared the roofs off several buildings and tops of coconut trees before thundering into the Thai Teijin textile factory one mile north of Don Muang Airport.

The plane was on Flight 864 from Cairo to Tokyo with stopovers in Bombay, Bangkok and Manila.

Egyptair in Bangkok said 42 passengers and a crew of nine died in the jet. However, Egyptian Charge d'Affaires Hussein el-Khazindar said the casualty figures might not include four persons who boarded the flight in Bombay. Airline officials in Bombay said one of the four was an American.

The preliminary passenger manifest listed Egyptians, Malaysians, Germans, Australians, Japanese, Thais, Canadians and Italians aboard the plane. The crew included two Japanese and seven Egyptians.

Workers at the textile factory said the casualty toll could have been far higher if not for the fact that many of the 216 night-shift workers were out for a break when the jetliner crashed.

The crash occurred in a light fog, but air controllers at the airport reported normal conditions and communication with the jet before the crash.

'Keystone Kops' chase goat

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A fugitive with wild green eyes and a dirty gray beard led police and a small posse of civilians on a chase. One witness was reminded of 'he Keystone Kops.

George Hollander said he was driving to work Tuesday when he noticed a goat in his path. "I looked ahead and there it was, standing in the road," Hollander said. "I couldn't believe it."

Hollander pulled over to the sidewalk. "I chased it about three blocks," he said. "All kinds of people joined in."

Someone would get within a few feet. The goat would leap away.

Police officers Steve Trentle and Don Deehan came on the scene.

"It resisted arrest," Trentle said. "It ran and we pursued. We chased it through the streets, through gas stations."

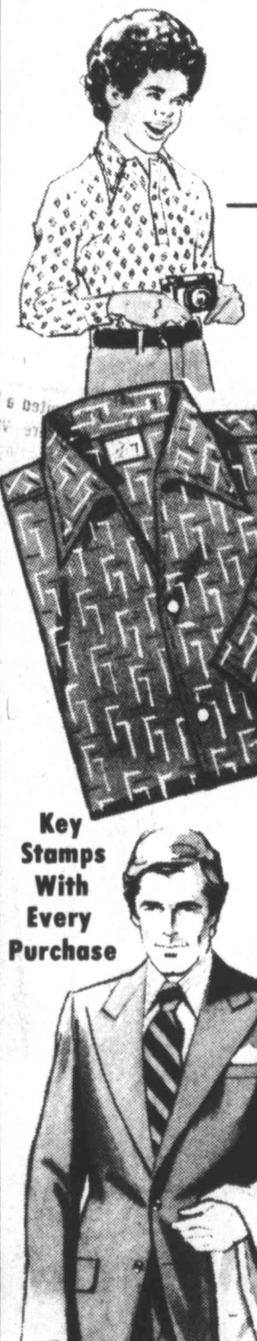
Finally, it crawled under a parked van. The posse surrounded it. It tried one last time to get away.

And then, Trentle said, he scooped it up "like I would a puppy."

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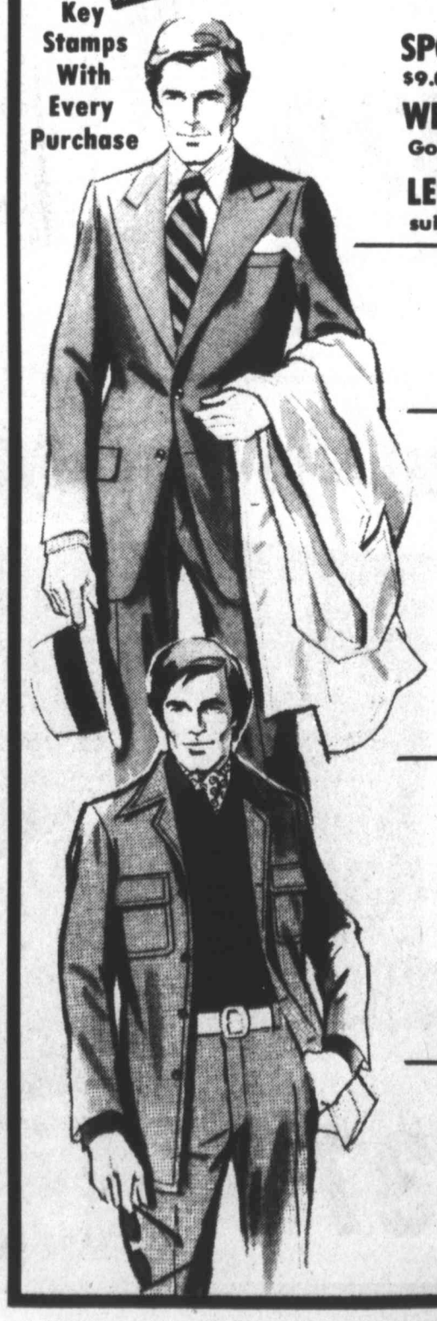
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Rico Bravo's past unclear

Oric Bovar shows the way

NEW YORK (AP) — Oric Bovar always wanted to be a star.

A movie star, a theater star, an opera star.

He never made it.

Now people say he thinks he's Christ.

Bovar, an astrologer and psychic, is deified by his dwindling number of disciples. They place their trust in him alone. They reject all doctors and medicine, saying Oric alone is the healer. Oric alone shows the way.

Remembering the lighter days and the gentler Oric, former followers feel he is demented. They say he lives in a fantasy world he has populated with evil spirits and holds out Faustian promises of success.

So potent is the belief of some that five men joined Bovar in a two-month vigil over the rotting corpse of a follower who had died of cancer. They believed he would return to life.

When police arrived at the studio apartment here on Dec. 8, Bovar intoned: "Stefan, come back. Arise."

It was all a test of faith, Bovar said later.

Like the earthquake he predicted would devastate New York City on Sept. 1, 1975. That, too, was a test, Oric said.

After the death room vigil, the men were given a citation for a health code violation: failure to report a corpse.

Now, the IRS reportedly is investigating whether Bovar has declared all his income. He has worked as a mail-order astrologer, but his followers say he charges them nothing and they don't know where he gets his money.

Now, the faithful have been dropping away, fearing for their friends who remain, and for Bovar who now speaks only to his followers and to "the father."

His past is unclear, but it is known that his theatrical, operatic and astrological ambitions have taken him around the world, to Hollywood, to Germany, to Italy.

He said he was born in Switzerland and his father was a British archaeologist who took him to Egypt. An old friend said he was born in the Midwest.

His parents disowned him, it is said, when he declared he wanted to be an actor.

He was given the name Rico Bravo by a numerologist and later rearranged it to read Oric Bovar. But he used the name Richard Deane in his early Hollywood days when he played tweedy, aristocratic types.

Now, say his friends, he has plans for a great movie about his life as Christ, ending with his torture and resurrection.

But who is the man with these plans?

Once a portly, good-looking man, he now is drawn and his hair is white. Once a lover of champagne and gourmet food, he now claims he needs no food or drink and has no bodily functions.

He lives alone in an apartment flamboyantly furnished by followers in a style befitting a Gypsy fortune teller in the West Village.

Defectors tell of irrational, capricious behavior, promises of mansions, swimming pools and great success, dictation of marriage partners and divorces and a pervasive atmosphere of fear and secrecy. Defectors are called "dark forces" and are shunned by the faithful who avert their eyes from their former friends.

A diabetic woman in Hialeah, Fla., says she almost died because he told her to throw away her insulin. She said he brainwashed her son, then rejected him, and she fears for her daughter who is still in the group.

"Oric is a great spiritual leader who has freed us and given us serenity. Who he is will come out very shortly," said Andrew Green, a 33-year-old reading professor who sat in the room with the corpse.

"He has created his own little cult of brainwashed people, he makes you so crazy you're scared of your own shadow," said a former follower who said Oric ordered him to throw away his eyeglasses, get married and get divorced the next month.

The size of his group — they insist it is not a cult — is not known. His spokesmen smile serenely and say it could be in the thousands. Individual followers suggest 100 at most are in the New York area with a scattering around Hollywood. Most are in the arts.

Actress Bernadette Peters and comedienne Carol Burnett were acquainted with Bovar in his earlier, more moderate days, as were thousands who sought his advice over the years.

Bovar apparently has helped many people, and they swear to his compassion, wisdom and psychic powers.

His followers say he has freed them, but they are utterly dependent on him.

A major appeal is his belief in "obsessing entities" — evil spirits — that can inhabit the body and cause all manner of physical and psychological pain — from the common cold to deep depression.

It is these entities, Oric says, that make us unhappy, make us lose control, and stand in the way of success. A sort of the-devil-made-me-do-it approach to living.

And, Oric alone can remove entities by massaging the base of the skull.

When the entity is removed, his followers say, physical health and spiritual well-being return.

Oric requires his followers to go on "the work." He requires them to meditate, abstain from drinking and pre-marital sex, and to follow a strict meatless diet that oddly contains sugar and a whipped cream substitute.

It was two years ago, say former followers, that he became austere and demanding about diet and sex. Although he hopped from Europe to New York and Los Angeles for many years, he finally returned to New York from Italy where he said he suffered a grâve but undisclosed illness.

Fewer rotary rigs working

Fewer rotary rigs were making hole in Texas during the week ending Dec. 20 than they were the preceding week. The ratio was 722-715.

A month ago, 722 rigs were active in the state while a year ago 710 were plumbing the depths of the earth for oil.

Nationwide, 1,861 rigs were active throughout the United States during the week ending Nov. 20, compared to 1,856 for the preceding week. A month ago, 1,855 were making hole throughout the nation while 1,790 were active a year ago.

Chena Gilstrap speaker at Colorado City event

COLORADO CITY — Chena Gilstrap, veteran athletic director of University of Texas at Arlington, will be the speaker at the 68th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet here, scheduled to get under way at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 in the Civic Center.

Gilstrap has been associated with UTA the past 23 years. He previously was head coach, a job he relinquished in 1965. His teams compiled a record of 162 wins while losing 88 times and playing nine ties.

In 1968, he was recognized as Arlington's Citizen of the Year. Before moving to Arlington, he was head coach at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville.

Awards to be made during the banquet include Outstanding Chamber Member, Farm Family of the Year, the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award and Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year.

B.B. Hardee is the outgoing Chamber president, having served in that capacity two years.

Two from here earn degrees

Graduate and undergraduate degrees were presented to 784 University of Northern Colorado students at fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 11.

Delivering the charge to the graduates was Dr. Forrest Frease, chairman of the UNC Department of English and director of the Honors Program.

Among the 398 undergraduates and 386 graduates were David L. Cooper, 85-A Ent; and James H. Hale, 67B Ent, both of Big Spring.

Ben Vereem to appear in Fort Worth Jan. 5

FORT WORTH — Casa Manana Playhouse will literally roll out the red carpet for Ben Vereem, the brilliant actor-singer-dancer, who has won numerous awards on Broadway and television. The top entertainer will speak Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 4:30 p.m. to students of the theatre school and special guests from area high schools and universities who are particularly interested in acting and performing as a profession or avocation.

Vereen will be honored with a special Casa Manana Celebrity Award presented by the school in recognition of the versatile actor's talents. He will be made an honorary citizen of Fort Worth and presented with a key to the city by Mayor Pro-Tem Margret Rimmer, who is also the vice president of the Board of Directors of Casa Manana.

The students will hear Ben Vereen tell about how he never saw a Broadway show until he was in one, and also about when he first became interested in the performing arts. He sang in his godfather's church choir and in the school glee club. Later he was accepted to the High School of Performing Arts, and was the first black to dance in the ballet, "El Cid." At the end of his senior year, he received a scholarship for his achievement in dance. His climb to stardom is a fascinating one.

Ben Vereen won the "Entertainer of the Year" award voted upon by his peers in the American Guild of Variety Artists — the first performer ever to win the triple crown, "rising star" and "song and dance star" in addition to the most recent one.

His television credits and recognitions have been numerous including his first dramatic role in the ABC-TV special "Louis Armstrong — Chicago style," a guest star appearance on the Mary Tyler Moore special for CBS-TV, and his four-week NBC series received national critical acclaim. He will appear as one of the principal stars of Alex Haley's "Roots" for ABC-TV scheduled to be broadcast in early 1977.

His Broadway stardom came with Bob Fosse's "Pippin," for which he won the Tony Award for "Best Actor" in a musical and the "Drama Desk Award" in the same category. Other Broadway credits include his portrayal of Judas in "Jesus Christ Superstar" from which he won raves from the press, the Theatre World Award, and a nomination for the prestigious Tony Award. He turned down re-enacting the role in the film version to go on to star in "Pippin."

Ben is the proud possessor of a CLIO, the award given by the advertising industry for his "Pippin" television commercial.

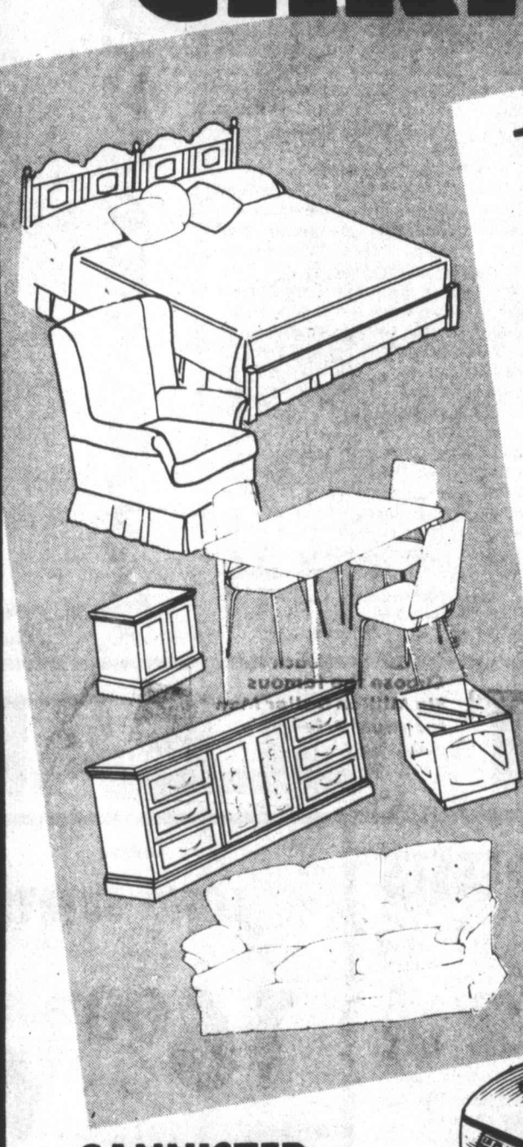
Casa Manana's special red letter day will also feature the 21-piece Eastern Hills High School Stage Band, directed by Charles Watts.

Ben Vereen's special visit to Casa is possible while he is appearing at the Venetian Room at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas for 10 days, Dec. 31 to January 8.

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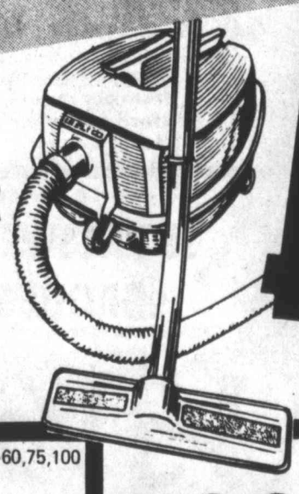


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But immigrants swarm in

Tiny sensor helps patrol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buried under a clump of sagebrush on the Texas-Mexico border, a tiny blue and white sensor detects a footfall in the desert sand.

At a Border Patrol station a few miles away, a light flashes on. Another potential illegal immigrant is attempting to enter the United States.

One time out of three, he will get away with it.

About 150,000 times a year, sensors ranging from Vietnam war castoffs to sophisticated new models send out their electronic impulses along the 1,945-mile boundary between the United States and Mexico. In an estimated 50,000 cases, there isn't enough manpower to follow up the signals, the Immigration and Naturalization Service says.

With Mexico's population expected to reach 85 million by 1985, compared with 50 million in 1970, the message is clear to Leonard F. Chapman, the former Marine Corps commandant who heads the Immigration Service.

"You know what is going to happen," says Chapman. "They are going to come by the millions."

The flow of illegal immigrants, which Chapman has called a "silent invasion," affects U.S. taxpayers who pay for services they receive and U.S. workers whose jobs they may take.

A Gallup Poll conducted for the Immigration Service in 1976 showed that more than one American in six thinks the country should accept no additional immigrants at all.

Immigrant groups seek amnesty for those already in the country illegally. Labor unions and the Immigration Service want criminal penalties for employers who knowlingly hire illegal entrants.

Congress has been grappling with the problem for years, without approving either proposal. President Ford has said that "a blanket decision of amnesty ... when we have a good many other people who are trying to get into the United States legally would be a mistake." President-elect Carter said in July he favors legitimate status for "those who are already here up to a certain date" and heavy penalties for future hiring of illegal immigrants.

Legal immigration is restricted to 120,000 persons a year from the Western Hemisphere and 170,000 from the rest of the world, about one-fifth of one per cent of the U.S. population.

No more than 20,000 may come from any one country. This restriction applied only to the Eastern Hemisphere until Congress extended it as of Jan. 1, 1976, throughout the world.

The main effect of the change will be on Mexico, which accounted for 45,000 of the 120,000 Western Hemisphere limit in 1975. No other country contributed more than 20,000.

"There is no doubt in my mind this was a singling out of Mexico in terms of trying to stop the flow of legal immigrants into this country," says Manuel D. Fierro, president of the National Congress of Hispanic American Citizens.

Chapman, who supported the legislation, denied this was a motive. He says the change was designed to equalize treatment of immigrants from all parts of the world.

He conceded that by reducing legal immigration, it might increase the flow of illegal aliens from Mexico by as much as 20,000 a year, but dismisses this as a "drop in the bucket."

How large is the bucket?

The Immigration Service estimates there are 6 million illegal aliens in the United States and the total is increasing by more than 250,000 a year. Many immigration lawyers and immigrant groups dispute the figure. Only about 866,000 were apprehended last year, more than 500,000 of them at the border or within 72 hours of crossing it.

In an effort to get better data, the Immigration Service has commissioned a seven-part study of the alien population. The first part, released in September, showed that 500,000 fraudulent entries were made in 1975 at 10 airports and 15 border stations which were studied.

The second phase, being conducted by J.A. Reyes Associates of Washington, is designed to find out how many "illegals" are in the country.

"We will be in the field counting in the spring, using community people who have been selected and trained," says Louise Warner of Reyes. "We will talk to community leaders and explain to them why it would be worthwhile for their people to cooperate. It will give us a data base for use in lobbying efforts for amnesty."

"It's only going to be a guess," says Jack Wasserman, a Washington lawyer and former member of the Board of Immigration Appeals. "Maybe the guess will be a good one."

However many illegal aliens there are, their impact on the U.S. economy is a matter of dispute.

"The commissioner is going around saying they take jobs away from Americans," says Wasserman. "All my experience indicates the contrary is true. A lot of aliens open up businesses and give Americans jobs. A lot of aliens are taking jobs that Americans aren't qualified for or interested in."

Chapman says the figures refute this. Immigration Service records show that 76 per cent of employable illegal aliens who were located last year were working when they were found. Nearly two-thirds of those employed were working in light or heavy industry. Over half of them were making more than $2.50 an hour.

"Aliens come to get jobs," says the retired Marine Corps general. "As long as they can continue to get jobs they are going to keep on coming."

They come in various ways.

In addition to the half million or more who eluded apprehension at border crossings and international airports, the Immigration Service has estimated that 300,000 per year overstay visitors' visas and 93,000 violate student visas. Others are foreign crewmen who jump ship in U.S. ports.

Some contract fake marriages with U.S. citizens to get around immigration quotas. Chapman says Immigration Service files show a case in which one woman married six men and her two daughters each married three. The women received $1,000 per marriage.

Others obtain fraudulent letters saying they have occupational specialties, such as Chinese cooking, which would entitle them to an immigration priority.

Raul Salinas, 14, arrested at a soccer game in Washington, D.C., in December and ordered deported to El Salvador, told of crawling three miles through a drainage ditch at midnight and then following a freeway into the United States.

The Immigration Service says it has detected smuggling rings which solicit clients deep in the interior of Mexico and other countries and slip them across the border. The smugglers in some cases provide illicit documents, credit terms and job placement service.

Once they are in the country, immigration officials estimate the illegal aliens cost taxpayers $13 billion or more per year in taxes for welfare and other public services.

In San Francisco in 1976, says Chapman, an illegal immigrant was found with a $33,000 medical bill which had to be paid from public funds. In Washington state, 33 persons out of one group of 130 apprehended held food stamps. Seventeen lived in subsidized housing, 16 were on welfare and nine were on both welfare and food stamps.

On the other side of the ledger, spokesmen for immigrants say the Immigration Service harasses legal immigrants, violates suspects' rights and keeps families waiting for years to be reunited.

"These people are really scared of the Immigration," says Sonia Gutierrez, director of Washington's Program of English Instruction for Latin-Americans.

Harold Hall heads board

RPC projects blossom

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Council reported a good year during 1976 in which they were designated as one of only eight central government organizations in the United States approved for a Health Systems Agency program.

The 17-county area was given the same designations as many states in this program in 1976. The Permian Basin COG obtains many of the projects which seem to be unobtainable by their sister organizations throughout the United States.

The national president of the regional governmental organizations also comes from the Permian Basin group and is Judge Barbara Culver from Midland.

Harold Hall, Big Spring city councilman, headed the board of directors during 1976 during which time, they saw many goals set up earlier realized. Ernie Crawford of Odessa serves as executive director.

Among their projects this year, in addition to setting up the Health Systems Agency which operates the Emergency Medical Service program, the group also saw renewal of the Big Spring Detoxification Center, which has been used as a pattern throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico for this type of service.

Other Permian Basin projects which were of special interest to Big Spring included a compilation of work done for the fight in trying to keep Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring.

The Permian Basin group assigned a staff member to compile needed information, to accompany Big Spring delegates to Washington and to appear at the public hearings held in Big Spring. The board also obtained the backing of other communities in attempting to help Big Spring keep Webb.

Funds approved by the PBRPC during 1976 which directly affected Big Spring included numerous grants for work at the Big Spring State Hospital, the Halfway House, the Detoxification Center, Community Development funds for the city of Big Spring for improvements in sewer and water services on the North side and for the demolition of old buildings, a rent supplement program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, funds for improvements to the highways, including the highway out toward the State Hospital, the Owens Street overpass, pavement on Scurry Street, an extension of 11th Place, yet to come and the new Moss Creek bridge, yet to come.

They also approved routine grants such as the Headstart program and others. Two ambulances for the city and county under the EMS program were turned down when the groups failed to sign an agreement to go into the Emergency Medical System.

Local members of the board include Judge Bill Tune and Hall. Charles Tompkins, city councilman, is on the grant approval committee which makes recommendations to the board.

Other Big Spring citizens are members of the Medical Systems Board, the law enforcement committee and others set up by PBRPC.

Accused coed killer jailed

GEORGETOWN, Tex. (AP) — Pedro Cruz Muniz of Jarrell is being held in lieu of $100,000 bond on capital murder charges in the death of Janice Carol Bickham, a Southwestern University coed.

The nude and battered body of Miss Bickham, 19, was found Wednesday afternoon.

Muniz, 20, was arrested at his brother's home in Jarrell shortly after midnight Thursday by Department of Public Safety Trooper Vic Mahagan.

Justice of the Peace Bill Hill set bond at $100,000.

Miss Bickham became the object of a search by state, local and county law enforcement officers after articles of her clothing were found Tuesday morning.

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$225,000 in bad checks

Operators think big

By BOB BURTON

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second of a three-part series examining the hot check problem in Big Spring.

It is a $225,000 per year business, if November is any indication. It employs at least three people in the legal end, and many more in the commercial. It has a 60 per cent failure (or success) rate. It is hot check writing, and it peaks in Big Spring during the Christmas season.

According to J.P. Bob West's secretaries, Linda Arsiaga and Connie Simpkins, they handle approximately 25 checks per day. In J.P. Gus Ochotorena's office, Colleen Henry and Marilyn Cramer handle ten to fifteen per day. That means there are 12,500 checks accepted annually in Big Spring which either have insufficient funds, no account, or are forged.

"They range from $3 to $500," said Arsiaga. "We aren't a collection agency; we are concerned in this office with issuance of a bad check, a class C misdemeanor."

"The merchants are very helpful. 98 per cent of them use us strictly as a last resort."

The merchants are required by law to follow certain procedure before they can file charges in J.P. court. They are required to send out a certified letter to inform the writer that the check has been returned for insufficient funds.

"If they haven't sent that out," continued Arsiaga, "we send out our summons letter. That usually bring them in."

"But," said Simpkins, "without an address we can't even begin to backtrack on the author of the check. The most hopeless situation is when we have no address, no Texas driver's license, and no phone number on the check. The best is when we have all three."

Nevertheless, the recovery rate on checks sent down to the J.P.'s office is only about one third.

"We have recovered about $8,500 in the last six weeks," said Arsiaga. "We collected on about 266 checks."



(Photo By Danny Valdes)

CHECKING THE HEAT — Connie Simpkins, secretary to JP Bob West, looks through the files of hot checks kept in the JP's office. According to Simpkins, hot checks through her office alone amounts to over $225,000 per year, a sizeable expense for local merchants.

What happens to the offenders?

"If they make restitution, we drop the charges and forget it," she said. "Those cases can be based in an error or a misunderstanding. If the person is brought in on a warrant issued after our summons letter is returned or ignored, they make restitution and the judge sets a fine of between $1 and $200."

Higher charges, such as theft by check and forgery are filed with the County and District Attorneys.

"Half our checks are written by the same few people," said Arsiaga. "There is no question that knowing and checking for a few names would prevent the repeat bad check writer from practicing his craft with such impunity. It seems when somebody starts to write, he writes one to everybody."

"I get personally involved in these checks," she said, "you know, if I go into a store and see someone writing a check, it's a great temptation to lean over and see if we've got anything filed on them."

Next: Possible solutions.

Not good week for St. Nick

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — This hasn't been a good week for Santa Claus in eastern Pennsylvania.

In Williamsport, one Santa's aide was robbed of $157, while another Santa checked himself into a hospital, suffering from muscle strain brought on by lifting too many children. And in York, police pulled Santa over and gave him a warning for speeding.

Police in Williamsport are searching for the two men who robbed Cindy Sue Gee on Wednesday.

To area in cotton income

May mean $120 million

By MARJ CARPENTER

The impact of a good cotton crop compared with good cotton prices may bring as much as $120 million to a five-county area of West Texas this season.

The cotton crop has already surpassed expectations of many experts in Howard County when it passed 90,000 bales in the county and the gins on the fringe of the county.

At the same time, Martin County is counting close to 100,000 bales and Dawson County has passed 200,000. Mitchell County is already past a predicted 30 bales nearing 45,000.

Glasscock County has surpassed the 21,000 bales predicted early in the season and is nearing 25,000.

It's hard to measure the exact impact on the economy of Big Spring, but this city will receive the bulk of the dollars spent from the Howard County crop, approximately a third of Martin Counties and a third of Glasscock Counties as well.

There will be some cotton dollars spent here from Dawson County as well as Mitchell County.

But the impact on the five-county area will be tremendous both through the Christmas season and on larger items such as home construction and improvements, new vehicles and new farm equipment.

The dollar of the farmer moves through lots of hands and in a year such as this one when bales are bringing from $350 to $375 and there are a lot of those bales, the impact will be startling.

As 1977 and the New Year approaches, the farm dollar is making the economy look great in the West Texas Cotton Belt.

Hearts 'n flowers

Continued from Pg. 1

The Chicago Bears can take at least part of the credit for the miseries the Dallas Cowboys encountered in their NFL playoff game with the Los Angeles Rams.

It was in the Chicago game that QB Roger Staubach broke the little finger on his throwing hand. The Cowboys were never quite the same after that.

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Does society discriminate against left-handed people or do the lefties retreat into their own world of isolation and distrust?

Left-handed children are more likely to be imaginative and creative, but are likely to show symptoms of poor sleep, headaches and dizziness.

Lefties are also more apt to show certain socially unacceptable behavorial traits, including stubborness, experience difficulty in completing projects, have problems in following directions and oftentimes develop a penchant for creating war within a family.

Around the world, the words for 'left' or 'left-handed' have negative connotations. The real clincher is the word 'sinister.' Almost everyone knows that the word means wrong, dishonest, corrupt, disastrous or evil.

According to Webster, however, the first definition of 'sinister' is 'on or toward the left hand.'

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Telephones have now become so sophisticated one can now be installed in a brief case and used to talk with anyone in the world. The battery-operated briefcase weighs 17 pounds and carries a $2,800 price tag. There are now over 5,000 in use.

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You can expect to see more and more 'energy posters' around the country. One of the more effective shows a fuel gauge in front of an outline of the globe with the needle nearing E (for empty). Emblazoned across the signs are the words "What then?"

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The trouble with being punctual is that nine times out of ten, there's no one around to appreciate it.

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No wonder young people today feel frustrated. Employers are forever seeking employes between the ages of 25 and 30 — with 40 years' experience.

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Howard County's Hoyle Nix and the West Texas Cowboys will make two appearances at the Sand Hills Rodeo in Odessa next month — on Jan. 1 and again Jan. 8.

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The superstition still prevails in some parts of England that if anyone sneezes for three nights in a row, someone will die in that household.

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H & R Block, the tax specialist, has every reason to think big. Of the 79,530,000 individual tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service last year, 8,390,000 of them, or ten per cent, were prepared by H & R Block.

The corporation, based in Kansas City, employs 2,300 people full-time and 29,000 during the Jan. 1 to April 15 'season.'

The firm began in 1946 as a family bookkeeping operation. The company's earnings have increased 1,054 per cent in the last decade.

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Shoddy merchandise is not peculiar to this generation. The Liberty Bell cracked the first time they tried to ring it.

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If you don't think time is going up in smoke, consider the fact that Buffalo Bill's grandson is now 63 years of age.

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A cluttered general store in Laredo used to sell more Tide detergent, Pet milk and Kool-Aid than any other store in America.

That was before last September, when Mexicans would stream across the border to shop. They accounted for $3 for every $4 spent in the Texas border city. They helped to make Laredo the nation's largest inland port and the busiest port of entry along the border.

Then the Mexican peso was devalued and the Mexicans stopped coming. The crisis hurt Texas cities around the Rio Grande as much, maybe more, than it hurt any community.

The problem is most critical. Gun-running continues and revolution is being talked. It is times like these that the Communists' sales pitch falls on attentive ears.

Public records

COUNTY COURT ORDERS

Cleophus Harrison pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated fined $50 and thirty days in jail, probated to six months.

Victor Gutierre Rodriquez pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated fined $50 and thirty days in jail, probated to six months.

Emil Frank Roznovsky pleaded guilty to driving without a license, fined $50.

Darin S. Tucker pleaded guilty to leaving a vehicle unattended, fined $150.

Hollice Leroy Fife pleaded guilty to sale of alcoholic beverage without a license, fined $100.

Charles Edward Bradley pleaded guilty to sale of alcoholic beverage without a license, fined $100.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Brian Keith Swinney, 20, 604 Aylford, to Mrs. Linda Maude Coates, 20, Rt. 1, box 545.

Michael James Howland, 21, 2 November Lane, to Mrs. Elaine Williams Howland, 21, 2 November Lane.

Johnny Dean Acuff, 19, 1300 Donley, to Miss Andifa Clarice Long, 17, 2306 Roemer.

Richard Alcantar, 17, 502 Runnels, to Miss Maria Jara, 16, 502 NW 10th.

Gerald Rivera, 23, 705 Creighton, to Miss San Juanito Nieto, 23, Rt. 1, box 212.

Charles Freddie Halley, 35, Webb AFB, to Mrs. Maria Guadalupe Catrett, 38, 2911 W. Hgwy. 80.

Richard Walter Affiect, 18, 2308 Allendale, to Miss Tinia Cecille Walker, 19, PO Box 2213.

Jeral Dean Loper, 18, 2912 W. Cherokee, to Miss Patricia Kay Withey, 16, 828 W. 7th.

Charles Stephen Thomas, 24, Stillwater, Okla., to Miss Lyneele Horn, 23, 2703 Ann.

DISTRICT COURT ORDERS

Robert Bruce Harris and Katreeva Jewel Harris, divorce granted.

Mirek Chojnowski et ux vs. Denton Enterprises Inc. et al, dismissed.

Efren Abreo and Ester Abreo vs. Terry Glenn Carter, dismissed.

Girlene Bowlin vs. Don Grantham, executor of Albert D. Grantham estate, decision for defendant.

Anita Jackson and Lorenzo Jackson, divorce granted.

Marie B. Lewis and Charles Lewis, divorce granted.

Leonor Kriesen and Lawrence Kriesen, divorce granted.

Maria Rodriguez Lopez and Jose Chavez Lopez Jr., divorce granted.

Brenda Kay McQuien and Donald Ross McQuien, divorce granted.

Raymond Torp and Paula Torp vs. Sears and Roebuck, dismissed.

Rose Saldivar et al vs. Juanita Kizer, judgment for plaintiff.

Charles Franklin Brazell and Hazel Blanck Brazell, divorce granted.

Bob Sawicki vs. James Erskine Brigman, dismissed.

T.H. Melton and Etta Oneta Melton, divorce granted.

Marie H. Carlsson vs. Knack Joshua Cox, judgment for plaintiff.

Pamela Joyce Cevallos and Mario Cevallos Jr., divorce granted.

Melba Lee Sheffield and Larry Lynn Sheffield, divorce granted.

Security Federal Savings and Loan vs. Hugh and Cheryl Hale, dismissed.

Roberta Louise Schenck and Lester David Schenck, petition for divorce.

Bill and Lila Estes (Reeder and Assoc.) vs. Southwestern Bell, suit for damages.

Effie Faye Ott and Harold Ray Ott, petition for divorce.

E.C. Inc. vs. Dan Whitaker (Lock, Stock, and Barrell), suit on lease.

Irene Dickerson and Stanley Rickart Dickerson, petition for divorce.

Marion Earl Morgan and Ruby Jean Morgan, petition for divorce.

Montgomery Ward vs. Sonic Ind., suit on account.

Harry Sacks et ux vs. Silvia Delbosque, suit over personal automobile injury.

Ruth Elaine Idell and James Thomas Idell, petition for divorce.

Cynthia Ray Bustamante and George Bustamante, divorce petition.

Alma Louise Moore and Johnny Clay Moore, petition for divorce.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. vs. James Ray Daniel, suit for compensation.

Maria D. Biermann and Ronald E. Biermann, petition for divorce.

Manuel Rodriguez, et ux vs. Gertrude Lowe, suit over personal automobile injury.

Brenda Gail Carter and Michael Allen Carter, petition for divorce.

J. Glenn Allen and Auldon Ely Clanton, suit over personal automobile injury.

Carol Ann Hartfield and Sam Hartfield, petition for divorce.

Homer M. Rickabough and Imogene Rickabough, petition for divorce.

Carl Johnson vs. M. and M. General Contractors, suit for damages.

Rebecca Lynn Partlow and Dickie Carl Partlow, petition for divorce.

American Home Insurance Company vs. Cecil R. Epkey, suit for workman's compensation.

Maria V. Padilla vs. Louis Anthony Rodriguez, suit over personal automobile injury.

Security State Bank vs. Philip Connell, suit on note.

Eloise Beaird and Curtis L. Beaird, petition for divorce.

COUNTY COURT FILINGS

Cladio Rodriquez, driving while intoxicated.

Earl Clifford Stephens, driving while intoxicated.

Billy Joe Burnett, driving while intoxicated.

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Dusters sweep Sonics clean

By SGT. R. D. MONSON

WEBB AFB — If the Dusters had a theme song it would probably go something like . . . "If you come down here you'd better just beware of a man called Bill Ammons."



(USAF photo by TSgt. Frank Miller)

MEMBERS of the Webb AFB Duster basketball team, Larry Kelley (5) and Elwood MacReynolds (15) present the trophy they brought home to Col. Harry A. Spannaus, wing commander, prior to the second game tipoff against Dyess AFB last weekend. The Dusters finished third in the Lackland AFB Invitational Basketball Tournament at San Antonio.

The Duster center is definitely big, 6 foot 9, and "bad." He is rewriting the team record books for blocked shots and rebounds. And on top of all that he can score too.

The Dyess Sonics found out about big bad Leroy, er I mean Bill, last weekend as the Dusters swept a pair of games from them, 102-86 and 107-81. Ammons scored only 14 points in the first game but dominated the middle on defense. In the second game he was his usual easy going self until Sonic center Ron Jones caught him in the mouth with a shoulder. Well, he shouldn't have done that!

Bleeding from the wound that later required four stitches Ammons became a man possessed. The Dusters were down by seven points when Ammons was hit, by half they were up by 12 and Ammons already had 20 points.

Not to say that Ammons is the entire Duster team, Curtis Marshall and ex-Howard College Hawk from last year, Larry Kelley, perhaps the best backcourt tandem in Air Training Command, averaged better than 20 points each in both games as did Elwood MacReynolds With Ammons screening for the guards and the defense sagging to protect against the big man, the rest of the Dusters had a field day, Marshall would quarterback the offense driving and scoring seemingly at will for a few minutes, then he would turn things over to Kelley and he would do the same.

The wins raised the Dusters to an impressive 10-3 record on the season. They will play a pair of games at Laughlin before heading into the command tournament in January.



(USAF photo by TSgt. Frank Miller)

DUSTER PIVOT MAN Bill Ammons stretches for a rebound between a host of Dyess Sonic players. The 6 foot 9 Ammons dominated board play, scored 27 points and blocked six shots as the Dusters won the second game of the double header against the Sonics here last weekend. The Dusters swept both games, 102-86, 107-81.

Notre Dame, Penn State meet in Gator Classic

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Notre Dame and Penn State, two of college football's biggest names who find themselves lower in the rankings than they would like, try to end winning but disappointing seasons on a high note Monday night in the 32nd annual Gator Bowl.

Notre Dame, 8-3, is ranked No. 15 while Penn State, 7-4, is tied for No. 20 in the final Associated Press regular-season ratings, and Notre Dame began the season the way Penn State ended it — with a loss to Pittsburgh.

Pitt trounced the Fighting Irish 31-10 and whipped Penn State 24-7. The only other common opponent was Miami of Florida, which bowed to Penn State 21-7 and lost to Notre Dame 40-27 a week later.

The Gator Bowl will be nationally televised by ABC-TV at 9 p.m., EST.

Penn State has been here three times. The Nittany Lions beat Georgia Tech 30-15 in 1961, lost to Florida 17-7 the following year and tied Florida State 17-17 in 1967.

It is Notre Dame's first trip to Jacksonville, but Coach Dan Devine is no stranger. His Missouri team thrashed Alabama 35-10 here in 1969. And Penn State's Joe Paterno and Devine locked horns in the 1970 Orange Bowl, Penn State beating Missouri 10-3.

However, Notre Dame and Penn State have not met since 1928, when Notre Dame won 9-0. In three previous encounters, Notre Dame won 14-7 in 1913 and 28-0 in 1926. The two teams played to a scoreless tie in 1925.

Scorecard

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	17	12	.586	—
Boston	16	13	.552	1
N. Y. Knicks	15	14	.517	2
Buffalo	12	19	.387	6
N. Y. Nets	12	19	.387	6

Central Division

Cleveland	19	10	.655	—
Houston	17	10	.630	1
New Orleans	17	16	.515	4
San Antonio	16	16	.500	4½
Washington	12	16	.429	6½
Atlanta	12	22	.353	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Denver	21	9	.700	—
Detroit	19	13	.594	3
Indiana	15	18	.455	7½
Kansas City	14	19	.424	8½
Chicago	11	16	.407	8½
Milwaukee	7	25	.219	15

Pacific Division

Portland	21	9	.700	—
Los Angeles	19	12	.613	2½
Golden State	15	14	.517	5½
Seattle	15	17	.469	7
Phoenix	12	15	.444	7½

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Cleveland at Washington
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Bicentennial sports year is spicy

By the Associated Press

A hundred years hence when historians dig up the capsule recording the life and times of the year 1976—the U.S. Bicentennial—they will look back on a sports scene saturated with dollar marks yet spiced by the wizardry and charm of three young ladies.

It was a year in which the big money game cast a funereal pall over professional sports—outlandishly unreal salaries threatening the foundations of team franchises. Still, all the wheeling and dealing could not obscure the brilliance of Florida's two-fisted tennis whiz, Chris Evert; the figureskating excellence of Dorothy Hamill in the Montreal Olympics and the breathless performance on the beam and bars of 14-year-old gymnastic queen Nadia Comanici of Romania.

These fantastically talented misses emerged as the individual sports standouts of the year, challenging the baseball production of Cincinnati's Joe Morgan and the unprecedented ball-carrying deeds of University of Pittsburgh tailback Tony Dorsett.

Money talked. Twenty-five major league baseball players, given new freedom, sold their services on the open market, more than half of them drawing salaries between $1 million and $3 million.

A gangling, sure-shooting basketball player named Julius "Dr. J" Erving drew a $2.5-million price tag when he decided he would rather play for the Philadelphia 76ers than the New York Nets. Another, Bob McAdoo of the Buffalo Braves, forced the New York Knickerbockers to shell out a reported $3 million extra in a three-player trade for his services. Muhammad Ali picked up $12 million in the ring.

Major league baseball started the year with a player dispute and a club lockout in spring training, climaxed by a new agreement allowing a player with six years' experience to become a free agent on completion of his contract. It ended with Charles O. Finley, controversial owner of the Oakland A's, hauling Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and the baseball establishment into court in a suit for $3.5 million damages.

The commissioner voided the sale of three of Finley's hirelings—outfielder Joe Rudi and pitcher Rollie Fingers to the Boston Red Sox for $1 million each and pitcher Vida Blue to the New York Yankees for $1.5 million. Afterward, Finley lost six of his best players, including Rudi and Fingers, in baseball's re-entry draft for a reported $9.2 million, of which he didn't get a dime.

Fifteen top players went in the free agent draft for $24 million in bonuses and salaries. The New York Yankees, who won the American League pennant, paid $2.9 million to outfielder Reggie Jackson and $2 million to Don Gullett, pitcher formerly of the Cincinnati Reds.

"It's survival of the fittest," said Gabe Paul, Yankees' president.

"Unrealistic. The game can't continue at this pace. It will dry up," warned Donald Grant, chairman of the New York Mets.

The year 1976 marked the end of sports as Americans had learned to know them—fun and games.

They emerged as a cold and calculating business. Undoubtedly at one time the victim of owners, who bound them to restrictive drafts and contracts, the players developed new clout through unions and, with the aid of favorable court rulings, swung the pendulum the other way.

Thus the athlete became a business man. The top performer in every professional sport found himself bargaining for wages exceeding that of the nation's president.

The Olympic Games, born in a cradle of understanding and supposedly dedicated to international good will through sports, turned into a festering sewer of politics, nationalism, hate and greed.

At the XXXI Olympiad in Montreal, in a $1.5-billion setting that was a throwback to Ben Hur, black African nations withdrew at the last minute in a thrust at South Africa's racial policies. The excuse was a demand—not met by the Olympic hierarchy—that New Zealand be barred because its rugby team had made a tour of South Africa. Rugby is not an Olympic sport.

At the insistence of the Soviet Union and the powerful Communist bloc, little Taiwan, an Olympic member, was forced to withdraw ungracefully. The Games went on with their doping, cheating, politics and heavy emphasis on nationalism. Ninety-four nations competed in a virtual straight jacket of security, forced by the terrorists' slaughter of the Israelis in 1972 at Munich.

The Soviet Union again harvested the greatest cache of medals, 125 of them, including 47 gold. The United States collected 94 medals, 34 gold. The greatest improvement was shown by East Germany, whose aassembly line products out of Leipzig doubled their 1972 harvest with 40 gold.

The star of the Games came from behind the Iron Curtain— a slip of a girl named Nadia Comaneci, who scored seven perfect 10s in the gymnastics events and won three individual golds. She was the successor to Russia's Olga Korbut, who stood in the wings and wept.

High points for the Americans were the record decathlon victory by Bruce Jenner, John Naber's four gold medals in swimming, the five boxing championships and return to dominance by the basketball team, upset by the Russians four years before.

American ladies outshone the men at the Winter Games in Innsbruck where Dorothy Hamill rekindled the traditions of Tenley Albright, Carol Heiss and Peggy Fleming in women's figure skating and Sheila Young scored a "rainbow triple" in speed skating, winning medals of gold, silver and bronze. Speed skater Peter Mueller won a third U. S. gold.

Despite its new growing pains at 100 years old, baseball remained the only sport where a man could collect his wife and kids and take them out to the ball game, without facing bankruptcy. While football, basketball and hockey ticket prices soared to $10 and $12 to pay the huge player salaries, one could still get into a baseball park for $1.75 to $3.

As a result the 1976 baseball attendance soared to 31,318,311—highest in the history of the game. This figure was boosted by the most intriguing new personality on the scene, Mark Fidrych, a 21-year-old Detroit rookie who flapped his arms like a bird and talked to the baseball as he mowed down enemy batters with unusual regularity. They called him "The Bird."

The solid Cincinnati Reds, in the National League, and the revived New York Yankees, in the American, won their respective pennants and the "Big Red Machine" rolled to four straight victories for a second straight World Series title. Catcher Johnny Bench was the Series' Most Valuable Player.

The National Football League, its draft procedure and so-called Rozelle Rule under court attack, continued to play to sellout crowds and establish itself as a weekend television ritual. The league's most famous passer, Joe Namath of the New York Jets, showed signs of wear while the best runner, O.J. Simpson, threatened to retire before finally rejoining Buffalo.

Jim Brosnan writing novel about baseball

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jim Brosnan is listed in Who's Who in the Midwest as a free-lance writer. He agrees. Others may not.

The former Cincinnati Reds pitcher has an unfinished novel about baseball he's been working on for two years.

Since 1963, when he traded his baseball glove for a typewriter on a full-time basis, Brosnan has had published two short pieces of fiction and several magazine articles.

It was with his writing and not his pitching that Brosnan gained fame when he combined the two talents in a diary of the 1959 baseball season entitled "The Long Season."

The book has been described as a forerunner of other "inside" looks at baseball, such as Jim Bouton's "Ball Four."

"I was very naive," said Brosnan in an interview from his home in Morton Grove, Ill. "I was writing as a guy who liked to read and wrote it the way I would have liked to have seen it if I were picking it out to read."

As a player, Brosnan's critics were more numerous.

"Up to a point my career deserves a lot of joking," he admitted.

That certain point came in the 1959 season. That was when he was obtained by the Reds from the St. Louis Cardinals and he entered the world of then-Reds Manager Fred Hutchinson.

"Hutch knew I could pitch," he said. "I wasn't sure. He was determined for me to be as good as he thought I could be."

His friendship with Hutchinson affected Brosnan's ability to write about the man who was dying of cancer. Life magazine commissioned him to write his story.

Brosnan telephoned Hutchinson. By the time they were ready to hang up, they were both in tears.

"Today I could be more objective," claims Brosnan, who went to high school and college here. "I still have a file of seven or eight pages on the bittersweet legend of Fred Hutchinson. I'm sorry now I hadn't gone out and sold it."

Brosnan began being an effective relief pitcher in 1960 and was a mainstay for the 1961 pennant winning Reds.

To celebrate the pennant, he wrote another book called "Pennant Race."

Brosnan, who had an 8-3 year in 1959, finished with a careerbest 10-4 mark in 1961. He went downhill after that and the Reds traded him shortly after the 1963 season began to the Chicago White Sox where he finished his career.

He has written several other baseball books and claims he now watches baseball games all the time on television.

"My wife says it's my only occupation," he laughed.

If his career disappointed anyone, Brosnan says it was his mother.

"She always wanted me to be a doctor," he said.



Konny's Korner

By Konny Service

If Bill Timms had known what was about to occur to him on Dec. 15, he might have felt his heart skip a beat, or feel a tingle run along his skin, as would any hunter if he had known.

It happened it the late afternoon on the Olin Blanks Ranch about 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee. Timms thought that he saw a movement under a bush about 25 feet from where he was standing. He raised his rifle to draw a bead on the possible prey.

As he looked through his scope he thought that the animal in his sights was a bobcat. But this was a slight miscalculation on his part.

After the shot, he went to the brush to examine his kill. When he started pulling the cat from the brush, he found there was a little more there than just a bobcat. In fact, there was a mountain lion's worth of stuff there.

The lion wasn't anything to sneeze at. The male cat weighed 142 pounds and was seven feet long from the tip of his nose to the tip of tail. (Editor's note: A picture of the animal was sent with this column, but could not be reproduced well enough to do it justice in the paper).

Ollie Sudduth, the foreman of the ranch and his wife were more than surprised to see Timms' trophy. There was no bounty on the cat, and Mrs. Sudduth said that there had been no reports on the killing of stock linked to the big cat, although lamb crops are small this year.

Timms believes that there could be still another big cat on the loose, because as his shot rang out, he could hear and see something other than his prey running through the brush.

I don't know if he will be returning to hunt for the other big cat or not, but Mrs. Sudduth told me that the mountain lion rug won't be ready until June, so who knows?

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THROUGH the fieldglasses

By Danny Reagan

Quick. Which outstanding college defensive back broke the District 5-4A pass receiving record for number of receptions and total yards gained? You're right. Big Spring's own John Thomas Smith, currently breaking defensive records during his career at North Texas State University.

Smith, who's brother J.T. played for Houston this year, came into the office the other day with his good buddy Willie Williams while they were both home for the holidays.

Unlike senior Williams, John Thomas wasn't named All-American this year, few juniors are. But with the NTSU defensive player of the year award practically in his pocket, and with the enthusiasm that his coaches have for his performance, there is little doubt that he will be on the elite squad next year.

Smith, who was in the same Steer defensive backfield as Williams during his junior year in high school, also alternated with Willie as flanker.

John started on the NTSU varsity as a freshman, his 6'2", 190-pound frame fitting perfectly into the "Mean Green" defensive secondary.

His most memorable game was this year's stadium-wrecking 14-8 win over Louisiana Tech.

"During the first half," John recounts, "their quarterback threw a pass into the end-zone and I dropped the ball and a chance for a 101-yard interception return. But on the very next play, he threw again and I intercepted it and returned it 100 yards."

That steal-and-run for six tied the school record for such a feat.

"We just seemed to do everything right on defense during that game," John added. For his efforts, he was named defensive player of the game, and ironically enough, his roommate (a former Loraine star) Michael Jones was chosen as offensive player of the game.

Smith's long-range goal is to be a defensive starter for an NFL club. For next season he wants to play well enough to be named to the All-American team.

While he was at BSHS, John was named the outstanding basketball player both his junior and senior years, and led all scorers in that time. Even though he was named to the honorable-mention list All-American high school football team his senior year, his roundball antics (teamed with Willie Williams) still have the homefolks buzzing.

John played forward and Williams started as guard during Smith's junior year, and they evolved as a fast-break team to fool all the experts.

"We were picked to finish dead last in district that year," said John, "and weren't supposed to win any games. We finished 7-7 in district though."

And that made the two friends remember their best football game together. "It had to be the 34-19 upset win over Abilene High. Willie caught a TD pass and I had two interceptions," Smith said.

"We had the best group of athletes that the high school has had in seven or eight years," interjected Williams, "with Tom Sorley and the rest. We had so much talent, but just couldn't get it together."

"Yeah," agreed John, not sounding at all like the athlete who knows he's had it together for a long time.



JOHN THOMAS SMITH
NTSU defensive wonder



(Photo By Danny Valdes)

LOOKING BACK, AND FORWARD — Willie Williams, left, and John Thomas Smith, former Steer teammates, look back over the Herald files of their performances in Big Spring High School. The dynamic duo were stand-outs in football, basketball and baseball for the local teams, and have proven themselves in their college careers. Williams, a senior at Austin College, was named to the first team division II All-American squad last week, and Smith, a junior at North Texas State University, is expected to follow suit in his senior year.

NFL's most perfect passer ready

By the Associated Press

Minnesota quarterback Fran Tarkenton is a man in search of "the perfect game." His Vikings are a team in search of the same thing.

The holder of all the National Football League's career passing records says he still hasn't played to his fullest ability.

"My individual challenge is to perfect my skills—ideally, to play the perfect game," observed the 36-year-old quarterback. There's no better time for it, in his mind and those of his teammates, than Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams in the National Football Conference championship game.

A triumph in the contest would send the Vikings in search again: for a perfect performance at the Super Bowl on Jan. 9 against the winner of Sunday's American Conference battle between the Oakland Raiders and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Raiders quarterback Ken Stabler may settle for less than perfection, as long as his team wins. The victor at Oakland, Stabler says, "will be the one that holds down the turnovers and makes the big plays, like third-and-10 situations."

Stabler and his crew will have to accomplish that against Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defense, which amassed five shutouts during the regular season and carries a 10-game winning streak into battle.

But Stabler connected on 67 per cent of his passes in the regular season, the second-best record in NFL history, and completed 27 of those throws for touchdowns as the league's top quarterback this season.

Minnesota won its fourth straight NFC Central Division title with an 11-2-1 record, the best in the conference on the way to its eighth playoff appearance in nine seasons.

Los Angeles finished with a 10-3-1 mark in winning its fourth straight NFC Western Division title.

The Raiders, in eight years under Coach John Madden, have failed only once to reach the NFL playoffs.

Madden and Pittsburgh Steelers Coach Chuck Noll were to put their teams through light workouts Saturday at the Oakland Coliseum. On Sunday, either an 11-game Oakland winning streak or Pittsburgh's 10-game string will end in the American Conference championship game.

It's the third straight Steelers-Raiders AFC title game matchup. Pittsburgh won the first two, 24-13 in 1974 and 16-10 last year, and went on to Super Bowl championships.

The Steelers' pair of 1,000-yard rushers, Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier, go into the game hampered by injuries. That could put extra pressure on the "Steel Curtain" to shut down Oakland's high-powered offense headed by Stabler.



TARKENTON READY — Minnesota quarterback Fran Tarkenton says he still hopes to play a perfect football game someday. The 36-year-old quarterback says the Vikings will have to play one of their best games to defeat Los Angeles Sunday in the National Football Conference championship game.

OU flattens Cowboys

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — A powerful Oklahoma offense, buoyed by junior halfback Elvis Peacock's two touchdowns, rolled over Wyoming 41-7 in the sixth annual Fiesta Bowl Christmas afternoon.

Wyoming, which lost one fumble and suffered five interceptions, was unable to get any offense generated after being kept in the hole most of the day by the eighth-ranked Sooners.

Oklahoma ended its season with a 9-2-1 record while Wyoming finished 8-4.

Peacock set the stage for the Sooner onslaught, scoring the first touchdown of the day on a three-yard run in the opening period. That capped an 80-yard drive which opened the nationally televised game, played before a crowd of 48,714.

Peacock's second touchdown came in the third quarter when he took a pitchout and ran 15 yards around right end to make the score 27-0.



SOONERS SOAR — University of Oklahoma quarterback Thomas Lott prepares handoff to fullback Ken King as Sooners took 14-0 first-quarter lead over Wyoming in the Fiesta Bowl.

Wyoming's only score of the day came with just 22 seconds left, fullback Robbie Wright plunging in from one yard out to cap a 92-yard march.

The leading rusher for the Sooners was quarterback Thomas Lott, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player. He carried the ball 13 times for 79 yards.

Oklahoma also got touchdowns from halfbacks Horace Ivory and Woody Shepard and fullback George Cumby.

Co-champs prepare now for Bluebonnet-pickin'

HOUSTON (AP) — Eight-ranked Texas Tech and 13th-ranked Nebraska, who almost represented their conferences in the Cotton and Orange bowls, will clash New Year's Eve in the Astrodome in the 18th Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. CST.

Tech reeled off a 10-1 season and shares the Southwest Conference championship with the Houston Cougars, who earned the Cotton Bowl berth by virtue of their 27-19 victory over the Red Raiders.

Nebraska, 8-3-1, lost the right to represent the Big Eight in the Orange Bowl when Oklahoma came from behind to beat the Cornhuskers 20-17 in the final 38 seconds.

The Raiders, led by quarterback Rodney Allison, and the Cornhuskers, with Vince Ferragano at quarterback, direct big play offenses, but both teams know the sting of losing by the big play.

Tech was charging in the final minutes against Houston for a touchdown that could have tied the score when UH cornerback Elvis Bradley picked off an Allison pass at the two to preserve the Cougar victory.

Oklahoma came from behind to beat Nebraska in the final minutes aided by a razzledazzle pass-lateral.

Facing third and 19 with 58 seconds to play at Nebraska's 34, OU quarterback Dean Blevins hit Steve Rhodes with a short pass. Rhodes immediately lateraled back to Elvis Peacock who ran to the two and scored the winning TD on the next play.

Ferragano, who transferred to Nebraska after starting ahead of Steve Bartkowski at California, led the Big Eight in passing and finished his career at Nebraska by hitting 145 of 2,074 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Allison, almost red-shirted by Coach Steve Sloan, emerged as the Red Raiders' savior when starting quarterback Tommy Duniven went out with an injury early in the season.

It was Allison's passing prowess that brought the Raiders on their second half comeback against Houston. For the season, Allison hit 83 of 139 passes for 1,458 yards and eight interceptions.

Nebraska's running corps may be slowed for the game. Monte Anthony, the Huskers' No. 2 rusher, underwent wrist surgery last week and will not be on the traveling squad.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said the Huskers are working on special defenses to stop Texas Tech but added, "we won't make a lot of drastic changes in the basic defense we play."

He said Allison is a real scrambler and noted, "scrambling quarterbacks have given us the biggest problems this year."

Nebraska was to arrive early Christmas Day in time for a morning workout in the Astrodome. The Red Raiders are not scheduled to arrive until Monday.

Foreman has score to settle with LA Rams

v The Associated Press

With all the talk of a revenge rematch between the Pittsburgh Steelers and George Atkinson of the Oakland Raiders, it's gone kind of unnoticed that Minnesota's Chuck Foreman has a score to settle, too.

Foreman will get his chance Sunday when the Vikings entertain the Los Angeles Rams for the National Football Conference championship a few hours before the Steelers and Raiders square off in Oakland for American Football Conference honors.

In the season opener, a forearm by Atkinson to the back of Pittsburgh wide receiver Lynn Swann's head resulted in a concussion for Swann, fines and warnings for Atkinson and bitter feelings on the part of the Steelers.

"If Atkinson pulls that kind of garbage, I'll come off the bench and get him myself," threatened defensive tackle "Mean" Joe Greene.

Meanwhile, Foreman remembers an early-season 10-10 standoff with the Rams, although he'd like to forget it.

"I had only 31 yards rushing, or something horrible like that," Foreman points out. "I think they did the best job defensing me of anybody we played against. I don't want that to happen again."

Since Foreman was a consensus all-pro selection a year ago, owns most club rushing marks and has averaged 1,000 yards over the last three years, you can see that few people other than the Rams have stopped him.

The conference winners meet in Super Bowl XI, scheduled for Jan. 9 in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.

The Raiders, with 11 victories in a row, and the Steelers, with 10, boast the NFL's longest winning streaks. Obviously, only one of them can continue.

Pittsburgh, which has won the last two Super Bowls, and Oakland are old hands at this sort of thing. This will be their third consecutive AFC title showdown and their fifth postseason confrontation in as many years.

Swann predicts he'll "have the last laugh" on Atkinson "when we come home AFC champs—again."

For that to happen, though, some of the Steelers' running backs had better get well in a hurry. Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier both rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season but are trying to come back from injuries, as is Frenchy Fuqua.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

KRAMER MVP — All-America quarterback Tommy Kramer of Rice accepts the Most Valuable Player award for his performance in Friday's Blue-Gray Football Classic here. Kramer passed for 172 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Gray to a 31-10 win over the Blue. The victory ended the South's three-year losing streak.

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Cotton looks skimpy

DALLAS (AP)-Unless there's a sudden surge of interest the Cotton Bowl may fail to be a sellout for the third consecutive year.

The last sellout, according to Cotton Bowl officials, was the 1974 New Year's Day game between Texas and Nebraska.

"Tickets are going good and all we have left are in the end zone," says Cotton Bowl official Wilbur Evans.

There was some thought that the University of Houston, the Southwest Conference co-champion and host against unbeaten Maryland, might not produce the ticket-buying power to equal the Cougars' performance on the field this fall.

However, Evans says Houston has purchased some 20,000 tickets while Maryland is expected to buy 9,000 when the books are closed.

"We will certainly approach a sellout even if we don't have one," says Evans.

The Cotton Bowl wasn't even a sellout two years ago when Baylor fans snapped up some 30,000 ducats. Through a mixup Baylor fans wanted more tickets but weren't aware they were available.

One source, who asked not to be named, indicated ticket sales could pick up for the clash of fourth-ranked Maryland and sixth-ranked Houston because of what happened to two professional teams last weekend. Both Dallas and Baltimore were eliminated from the National Football League playoffs, freeing some potential ticket buyers for the Cotton Bowl classic who might otherwise be squeezing their dollars.

Both Maryland and Houston arrive here Sunday to begin final preparations for the 1:15 p.m. CDT clash New Year's Day. It's the first Coton Bowl appearance for both teams and Maryland's initial showing in a major bowl since the 1955 Orange Bowl when Oklahoma beat the Terps 20-6. In the 1951 Sugar Bowl, Maryland defeated Tennessee 28-13. Two years later they played in the Orange Bowl and lost to Oklahoma 7-0:

Houston has never been to a major bowl.

The Cougars are 4-1 in so-called minor bowls.

The Atlantic Coast Conference champion Terrapins have been in bowls the last three years and defeated Florida in the 1975 'Gator Bowl. They finished the regular season 11-0.

Houston was 9-2 after making the best turnaround of any team in the country following a 2-8 campaign last year.

Both Coach Jerry Claiborne of Maryland and Coach Bill Yeoman of Houston boast All-America tackles. Joe Campbell of Maryland made the first team Associated Press All-America while Wilson Whitley did the same for the Cougars.

Ecomet Burley speaker at Cee City banquet

COLORADO CITY — Colorado Hgh School's football banquet has been set for Jan. 8 in the Colorado Middle School cafeteria.

The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $4 each. All parents are invited to the banquet and awards will be announced following the meal.

Guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Ecomet Burley, All-America nose-guard at Texas Tech, who played in the Canadian League last year and is currently working toward a law degree at Tech.

Awards which will be presented include the following:

—Football Sweetheart and Wolverines Beau.

—Hustlingest Wolf, football coaches.

—Fighting Heart, KVMC.

—E Award, Colorado City Record.

All varsity athletes will be presented and the coaching staff, as well as the Wolverines officers, sponsors and cheerleaders.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

SCENE OF TRAGIC FIRE — Twelve persons, ten of them children, died when fire broke out in this building on Chicago's west side Friday during birthday party for 11-year-old Jesus Garcia. Police said fire was touched off by a flaming can of lighter fluid used to light a barbecue grill.

Ten children, 2 adults perish in Chicago fire

CHICAGO (AP) — One minute it was a joyous Christmas Eve birthday party for 11-year-old Jesus Garcia; the next it was fire, panic and death for 10 children and two adults.

Flames rushing through the three-story brick building forced three people to leap for their lives from the top floor. One youngster was dropped safely to the outstretched arms of two men on the sidewalk below.

The fire erupted at the approach of supper time as family members lit a charcoal grill.

Police Sgt. Edward Flood said early Saturday that authorities had pieced together this sequence of events:

Lighter fluid from an open-mouthed gallon can was sloshed onto the burning coals and the can burst into flames.

Jesus' 15-year-old brother, Sergio, dropped the burning can on the third-floor front landing.

Then, in a frantic attempt to get the can out of the building, Sergio picked it up and dashed down the stairs, but apparently tripped near the second-floor landing. The can fell to the floor again and burning liquid sprayed through the stairwell.

Sergio's father, Rubin Garcia, 35, snatched up the burning container and managed to get it to the first-floor landing. He dropped it.

The stairwell was ablaze, cutting off the front escape for residents and partygoers.

Outside, Rich Janik and Robert Lesniak saw the flames and tried to tell the elder Garcia to run outside and escape the flames. But, they said, he did not understand English.

"We pushed him to the side and tried to stamp out the fire because we thought it was a small one," Lesniak said. "Just then the door lit up. The next thing I knew the whole building was up and people were jumping out the window."

"I saw this lady land right beside me on the sidewalk," Lesniak said. "Another girl jumped from the third floor and landed on the sidewalk. Then another girl jumped from the third floor and landed in the gangway. People were holding a little child by the legs outside a window. They were going to drop the child. Finally they did. Two fellows caught the child and broke the fall."

Eight persons were injured, with three listed in serious condition. Most of the dead children were huddled under beds where they apparently tried to hide from the flames and smoke.

Jesus Garcia survived, as did his brother and father.

But his mother, Otillia, 32, died and so did his sister, Juanita, 10.

The others who were killed were identified as Herminia Reyes, 22, and her three children, Judy Resendez, 11; Juan Resendez, 5, and Edilina Resendez, 1 month; Bertha Castro, 4, her sister, Letitia, 2, and their cousin, Lino Castro, 2; Michelle Martinez, 5, and her brother, Michael, 3, and Sergio Miranda, 5.

Flop in kindergarten? parents not laughing

LANSDALE, Pa. (AP) — When the North Penn School District told Margaret Maust that her son Vincent had, in effect, flunked kindergarten, Mrs. Maust was not amused. She sued.

"I just couldn't believe they could do something like that," she said.

Neither did a federal district court jury, which this month awarded Vincent $6,000 in damages, concluding that the school board's 1973 decision had violated his constitutional rights.

The school board is considering an appeal.

"We haven't had a chance to fully analyze the decision yet," said president Mary Gehman. "But if it means that every time you fail to pass a student you take a chance of getting hit with a damage award, then a lot of school districts may find they can't do what they think is best for the child."

Attorney Stephen R. Signore Jr., who represented Mrs. Maust, said Friday that the verdict doesn't prevent a teacher from holding back a kindergarten pupil.

"But it does say that in order to hold a child back, the school must have sufficient and valid reasons to do so, and it has to let the parents know what those reasons are," Signore said.

In the case of Vincent, who is now in third grade, school officials said they thought that instead of starting first grade a month before his sixth birthday, Vincent should repeat kindergarten "to have a satisfactory learning experience."

The jury award was Mrs. Maust's second court victory. In September 1973, when she refused to send Vincent back to kindergarten, the school board took her to court for violating school attendance laws. A county judge acquitted her.

Sharing yule with others

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Thousands of families are getting Christmas presents from Robert V. Altomonte this year.

Using a shortwave transmitter and receiver, Altomonte contacts servicemen at amateur radio stations at U.S. bases overseas. Then he connects his radio to a telephone line so the serviceman can speak with his family in the United States.

"I never get over the thrill of hearing joy and happy crying as families and service people greet each other," Altomonte said. "It's an emotional time of the year."

Jack Ford's career helped

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — His father's departure from the White House may help Jack Ford's career.

For some time now, young Ford has been saying that while his father was president it was difficult to find work in his chosen field — forestry — because of potential conflicts of interest. Now the President's 24-year-old son is job hunting.

Young Ford said Thursday that after President-elect Carter is inaugurated he plans to visit friends in California, and he said he would seek work after that.

Young Ford has studied forestry while attending Utah State University.

Police think man mugged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 33-year-old son of Sen. Joseph Montoya, D-N.M., was found in an alley suffering from exposure and bleeding badly from the back of his head, police reported.

Although police said Patrick Montoya told them he had fallen, members of the Montoya family said they believed he had been mugged.

Police said Montoya had a dollar in his wallet and another dollar in his pocket when he was found at 10 a.m. Friday in Northeast Washington.

Montoya's sister, Linda Haran, said her brother told his family that the last thing he could remember was getting off a bus with several packages and about $50 in his wallet.

He was reported in fair condition at D.C. General Hospital.

Job to be temporary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the new Senate Intelligence Committee says he'll be a short-timer in the post, expressing concern that the job otherwise would either drive him crazy or into a cozy relationship with the people he's supposed to be watching.

Sen. Daniel Inouye said he'll serve from two to four years, and hopes to establish a precedent that would make the chairmanship of the intelligence panel a short-lived post.

Wagging a finger towards his head, Inouye said, "In this job, either you go a little off, or you become a part of the institutions, the intelligence establishment. Either way is wrong."

In an interview with the Washington Post, the Hawaii Democrat said the intelligence committee is bound to make many mistakes in its first full year in 1977 as it attempts to create a polished method of monitoring the intelligence community.

"If I can get it running smoothly the year after that, bingo — I quit," he said.

"If I can establish this as a precedent, then the next guy will be almost forced to do the same," Inouye said. "Whoever is chairman should be free to stay longer is he wants, but if he does, I think he's asking for real trouble."

The committee was established by the Senate seven months ago to monitor the CIA and other intelligence-gathering organization.

Hoping for transfer

All alone and lonely in a Mexico City jail

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ken Barton, who has lost 25 pounds living on liquids for three weeks, spent Christmas alone and hungry in a Mexican jail.

He is one of 55 Americans and Canadians who have been on a hunger strike since Dec. 4 to protest the government failure to keep what they consider a promise to lift the ban on parole for drug offenders. Legislation to change the law is bogged down in Mexico's congress.

Barton talked with a reporter Christmas Eve while other prisoners visited with loved ones and ate home-cooked food. His thoughts rambled and he became dizzy at times.

Barton talked about Hawaii, where he had moved from Los Angeles to start a band and make the big time. Instead, he got involved in drugs and wound up in prison, where he has been for about 2½ years.

Some 9½ months after he was arrested at Mexico City's airport, Barton was sentenced to seven years in prison. He said he never saw a judge and never went to trial.

This is the way he said it happened:

Under the dim lights of a small bar in Hilo, Hawaii, Barton struck a bargain with an acquaintance, agreeing to carry 2½ pounds of cocaine from Lima, Peru, to the United States.

The offer of a two-week vacation in Lima and $5,000 sounded good.

"When I heard how easy it was to make money, I couldn't believe it," Barton said. "All you do is fly to Peru, pick up some cocaine from a guy and fly back."

He flew to Lima, checked into a plush hotel, made a telephone call, met a man in front of a restaurant and gave him $6,000 in a taxi for the white, powdery drug. A few days later, a drug agent at the Mexico City airport pulled Barton from an immigration line. The agent had Barton's name and passport number written on a piece of paper.

He says he was beaten and shocked with an electric cattle prod until he signed a statement in Spanish that he could not understand. To this day, Barton claims he doesn't know what is in the statement.

The next four days he shared a holding cell with 12 other prisoners. It was about 15 feet square, without blankets or cots and with only a tin can for a toilet. He had only beans and coffee for four days.

He was transferred to Mexico City's now abandoned Lecumberri Prison, known to Mexicans as the "Black Palace."

"I was stripped and made to scrub a brick floor section of the latrine with a brick. They threw buckets of cold water on me and they wouldn't let me stop for seven hours. I could either do this type of work or pay a bribe of $800, they said.

"Well, I didn't have any money, so off to work again. I cleaned out sewers, scrubbed floors, carried huge buckets of water for two weeks before I collapsed from fatigue and malnutrition. I was sent to the hospital for three days and returned directly to work...

"I'd work, collapse, and get beaten ... that was life for another 15 days. Finally my father sent me $500. After eight weeks and another $500 I was permitted to go to a cell and live like a low-life."

Kissing bandit

DETROIT (AP) — The holiday spirit spread to a stickup artist on Christmas Eve.

A 36-year-old waitress at a Detroit restaurant told police an armed gunman forced her to hand over $10 from the cash register.

He also "kissed me on the cheek and bid me a Merry Christmas," said Luola Skowron.

She said the kissing bandit and his partner then fled.

Joy returns for couple

FOREST CITY, Iowa (AP) — For John and Bonnie Nelson, Christmas is not so merry this year because of the loss of Ben, a Vietnamese refugee child they hoped to adopt. But it is brightened by the anticipation of another child.

"There's such a difference this year without Ben," said Nelson, 32. "We're just now sending out Christmas letters. And we said in the letter to our friends that this is a year that we'll never forget.

"It was a year of sadness and year of joy. The sadness that Ben left. And the joy that my wife is pregnant."

Doan "Ben" Van Vinh, 4, was placed with the Nelsons in May 1975 following Operation Babylift from South Vietnam.

The couple began adoption proceedings, but the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in May that Ben be returned to his mother, Doan Thi Hoang Anh, 33, who now lives in Great Falls, Mont., with Ben and four other children.

"We sent a box of Christmas presents to Ben," Nelson said. "A lot of Iowa things — farmer pants (bib overalls) and the biggest tractor I could find.

"This has honestly been the most difficult Christmas because he's not here," continued Nelson, who is public relations director for a junior college.

Nelson said the couple's third child is due in May. "And a few weeks after that, we're going to Montana to see Ben."



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ADMIRING THE WORK — Barbara Merworth, left, the owner of the Gayoso Art Gallery, and Carol Strong, right, admire the painting "The Church of San Miguel" by Mary Hogsett, Abilene. The painting is one of several that is with the traveling art show now on display in the local gallery.

Traveling art show stops at Big Spring gallery

By CAROL HART

The Gayoso Gallery, 103 E. 2nd Street, is the site of a traveling art show sponsored by the Big Spring Art Association, according to Barbara Merworth, owner of the gallery.

The show consists of 25 paintings which are on a ten-month tour of ten counties involved with the Big Country Art Association. The Big Spring Art Association is a member of Big Country. Both are affiliates of the Texas Fine Arts Association.

Martha Conway, a local artist who paints under the name of Dalmar, is the only Big Springer to have a painting in the show. Mrs. Conway explained that the paintings in the show are those that were judged second-place winners out of 149 paintings in the Big Country contest. Members of the Big Country group can enter as many as three paintings.

The ten first-place winners advanced to the Texas Fine Arts Association state competition, said Mrs. Conway.

Mrs. Conway explained the Big Country Art Association consists of artists in ten counties. The members have one meeting year. President of the group at present is Carolyn Walker, Colorado City. The 1977 meeting of the group is scheduled to be in Colorado City. Terry Patterson, Big Spring, is area director of the Big Country Art Association. George Gibbs, Houston, judged the paintings that are traveling with the show.

The Big Spring Art Association members meet monthly, said Mrs. Conway. The group has approximately 68 members. Officers are Elsie K. Merrell, president; Al Scott, first vice-president; Barbara Rogers, second vice-president; Martha K. Conway, secretary; and Hazel Duggan, treasurer.

The Gayoso Gallery, the art show display site is a recent addition to downtown Big Spring, having been opened in September. Mrs. Merworth opened the gallery to feature local artists's work. Any local artist can display work in the gallery, said Mrs. Merworth, if the paintings meet her approval.

Mrs. Merworth "likes the idea of having a gallery" in Big Spring. In addition to displaying local work, Mrs. Merworth conducts art classes in the basement of the gallery. She has been teaching in Big Spring for over a year, and needed a larger area in which to hold her classes. She uses the basement of the building for the three to four classes that meet every week. Mrs. Merworth explained that she teaches oil landscape, while Roy Lee Holley teaches drawing at the gallery.

The gallery usually holds 130 paintings, not including the special show that is on display now, said Mrs. Merworth. She added that her main purpose in opening the gallery was to "promote art" in the Big Spring area. All paintings in the gallery are on sale, she said.

The gallery is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, said Mrs. Merworth. The traveling art show will be on display through approximately Jan. 14.

Photos by Danny Valdes



"ONIONS" — Martha Conway, a local artist who paints under the name of Dalmar, shows Luke Sanford the painting she did that travels with the art show sponsored by the Big Country Art Association.



ON DISPLAY NOW — Roberta Ross views a painting by Dr. Al Densmore, Sweetwater. The painting is one of 25 traveling with the art show. Densmore is a member of the Big Spring Art Association.



OFFICER'S ROW, FT. MCKAVETT — Is the title of this painting by Wayne Porter, Menford. Joyce Sanford, pictured above, holds the painting for others in the gallery to see. The paintings traveling with the show are on display in the gallery for the Big Spring public to view. Paintings by local artists are also on display in the gallery, and are on sale.

Miss Madeline Richters weds Mark James Foster Thursday

Miss Madeline Faye Richters and Mark James Foster were united in marriage in a ceremony Thursday evening, Dec. 23 in the First Baptist Church, Coahoma.

The Rev. Jimmy Law, College Baptist Church, Big Spring, officiated during the ceremony, which was conducted before a heart-shaped arch flanked by two spiral candelabras. An arched candelabra was centered in the background. The trinity candelabra completed the altar decorations.

Miss Donna Parrish served as maid of honor. Dee Foster Jr., father of the groom, was best man. Bridesmaids were Katy Brooks, Coahoma, and Nancy Woods, also of Coahoma.

Groomsmen were D. C. Foster, brother of the groom, and Danny Hull. Ushers were Steve Spears, nephew of the bride; and Ronnie Hipp.

Candlelighters were Karen Spears, Delinda Spears, and Brenda Darden, nieces of the bride. Flower girl was Sarah McHanon. She was escorted by Jeff Richters, nephew of the bride.

The bride was attired in a formal-length gown of candlelight saki fabric featuring an empire waist. The waistline was encircled with a bias band and long Victorian sleeves which reached a point at the wrist. The chapel-length train attached with a matching bow and was accented with lace motifs. A Juliet held the bride's tiered illusion veil which was edged with Venice lace.

She carried a cascade of white fujii mums and red carnations.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richters and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Foster Jr.

The couple will reside at the Kentwood Apartmwnts.

The bride is presently attending Coahoma High School. The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School, and is presently employed at APCO Corporation in Forsan.

A reception was held honoring the couple following the ceremony.



MRS. MARK JAMES FOSTER

Days weren't good for health

Two hundred years ago when the Declaration of Independence was signed, there were only 3,500 doctors in the thirteen colonies. Of these practicing, less than 400 had earned medical degrees.

Not only was medical training scant in the eighteenth century, so were the doctor's tools. Clinical thermometers, stethoscopes and hypodermic needles were unknown.

No vaccines

Inoculation against smallpox did not exist. Neither did vaccines, antibiotics or anesthetics. The major pain killers available to physicians at the time were alcohol and laudanum.

A physician's idea of medical treatment in those days was to open a vein in the wrist and draw off a pint of blood, or dose the patient with a strong emetic to induce vomiting. Surgery consisted largely of amputations, with many patients dying of infection, shock and loss of blood.

Even though the doctor was a prominent man in his community and several physicians were among the signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Josiah Bartlett of New Hampshire, Lyman Hall of Georgia and Benjamin Rush of Pennsylvania, American medicine did not begin to come into its own until the nineteenth century. The 1800s were filled with such developments as the introduction of anesthesia, the X ray, ultraviolet ray treatments, the isolation of radium, and immunization.

A group of American doctors discovered that the mosquito was the source of malaria, yellow fever and other killer diseases.

Early private health insurance, initiated in the 1840s as insurance against the frequent train and steamboat accidents of the time, was subsequently directed toward protecting the policyholder against loss of income due to such diseases as typhus, typhoid, scarlet fever, smallpox and diphtheria, reports the Health Insurance Institute.

Helping pay the bill

Modern health insurance as a means of helping people cope with the broader costs of medicine care did not come about until the depression years of the 1930s. A decade later, 12 million Americans had health insurance.

Today, reports the Institute, more than 8 out of 10 persons across the country — an estimated 178 million — are covered by some type of health insurance, either purchased individually or obtained through group plans where they work.

Besides helping pay expenses for doctors, hospitals and surgery, modern health coverage can also provide protection against the expenses of drugs, medical care in nursing homes, dental treatment, and the costs of such medical procedures — undreamed of by early America's medical pioneers — as organ transplants and open-heart surgery.



factories.

Miss Lynelle Horn weds Charles Stephen Thomas

Miss Lynelle Horn and Charles Stephen Thomas were married in an evening ceremony Saturday, Christmas, in the College Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jimmy Law, pastor of College Baptist, performed the ceremony. The altar was adorned with numerous golden candleabras.

The bride was attired in a white formal-length gown of Quiana knit, with a hood, wedding ring neckline and long fitted sleeves. The hood, neckline and sleeves were enriched with a band of lace and pearls carried from the neckline to the midrift bodice, flowing into an A-line skirt. The hood graced the bride's head and a wauteau back draped from the shoulders and fell into a chapel-length train.

The bride carried a cascade of white orchids and white roses with snowflakes of gypsophila.

Serving as matron of honor was Mrs. Linda Marino. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Shelley Freitag, San Marcos, Donna McMann, Austin, and Paula McClendon, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Best man was James D. Thomas, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Mike Pipes, Austin, Gregg Grice, Big Spring and Mike Robertson, Lubbock. Head usher was Gary Thomas, cousin of the groom.

Serving as ushers and candlelighters were Steve Stanley, Austin, and Larry Brown, Lubbock.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bob D. Horn, Mrs. John M. Turner and the late James C. Thomas.

Following a wedding trip to Monterrey, Mexico, the couple will reside in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Southwest State University. The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School, and attended Southwest Texas State University and The University of Texas at Austin. He is currently employed by Brown and Root Construction Company in Stillwater, Okla.

A reception followed the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a floor-length cloth and an overlay of Chantilly lace was centered with the bride's cake. A pathway of white roses and candles led to the arrangement of roses and gypsophila that topped the cake. Appointments were crystal and silver.

The circular groom's table was covered in red felt featuring a sheet cake bearing a double wedding ring with the bride's and groom's names.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner.



MRS. CHARLES STEPHEN THOMAS



(AP WIREPHOTO)

MARRIAGE ADDICTS — People are starting to believe Dallas and Irene Sherman when they say they can't shake each other. They were married to each other for the third time Thursday. Their second marriage was marred when Sherman's wife shot him three times. The incident ended with Mrs. Sherman in jail, but she has since gotten her high school diploma, is about to graduate college, and now looks forward to her third time around with her husband.

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SET DATE — Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Patrick, 2810 Coronado Drive, Big Spring, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Paula, to Bruce Carlile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carlile, 2200 Cindy, Big Spring. The couple will be married March 12, 1977 in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Patrick officiating.

Hospitals observe season

Big Spring hospitals observed the Christmas season with decorations and parties for both employes and patients, according to spokesmen for several of the hospitals.

Cowper Clinic and Hospital decorated patient trays as well as the halls in observance of the season, said nurse Joy Chandler. She added that the hospital put up a large Christmas tree in the lobby that was decorated by people working in the front offices. Halls were decorated with evergreen sprigs, tinsel and wreaths. Nurse Kim Olde painted a mural with a large picture of Santa Claus, said Ms. Chandler.

The Cowper employes attended a Christmas party Dec. 17 at the Webb Oficers Club, as well as conducting a gift exchange in the hospital kitchen.

Hall-Bennett hospital placed decorations on all patient's doors, said a spokesman for the hospital. Large Christmas trees were also placed in the lobby and clinic entrance. Parties included a clinic party last Wednesday, and a nurses party Tuesday night.

Medical Arts held its annual Christmas party Monday night, according to Dr. Nell Sanders. The hospital also put up a large Christmas tree in the lobby.

According to Emily Ward, public relations director at Malone-Hogan, the hospital prepared for the Christmas week in many different ways. The hospital staff prepared bright red stockings of red felt trimmed with white fringe and snowmen for babies born during the week. For patients admitted during the week, red bookmarks were to be distributed.

Christmas wreaths with cornhusk figures of nurses decorated the halls, said Ms. Ward.

In the downstairs lobby, a white Christmas tree was put up, and decorated with red balls, ribbon, and beads. Old-fashioned trees were put up by volunteers in patients lounges.

A cub scout troop placed gifts for children under another tree. Tray favors of baskets filled with candy were readied for Christmas morning food trays.

The Veteran's Administration hospital was the site of many parties and gift-givings for patients there at Christmas time. A spokesman for the hospital said that different services at the hospital hosted coffees and teas during the pre-Christmas season. An Employes Association dinner was conducted at Howard College recently in observance of Christmas.

The spokesman said that doors of rooms were decorated, and trees were placed in each ward. Tray favors were distributed at various times during the month. During a gift distribution night Monday, groups, such as the American Red Cross, the Gold Star Mothers, the American Legion Auxiliary, the DAV and auxiliary, the Elks Club, NCO Wives and the Salvation Army came with gifts. Santa, representing American Legion Group 19, helped distribute the gifts. A group of Cub Scouts went around the wards performing carols.

At the Big Spring State Hospital, Mrs. Sonya Swindell said that tray favors were brought to the hospital units on Christmas morning. Volunteers and employes wrapped 500 gifts to distribute on Christmas to patients, and people in Work Village and the Halfway House.

Mrs. Swindell said that units were decorated, complete with Christmas trees.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

NEW YANKEE ATTIRE — Yankee Reggie Jackson gets fitted in his custom made full-length $7000 Nutria fur coat at a New York fur salon Tuesday.

Discrimination is noted

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — "Gross overt discrimination" deters many women from sticking with science careers, a Loyola University researcher says.

Dr. John F. Christman, research director at Loyola, participated in a study of 1,000 women between the ages of 17 and 27 who at one time were interested in science as a career.

"They get turned off one career and bounce to another simply because they are not going to beat their heads against the brick wall. They're smarter than that," Christman said.

Lack of career counseling in formative years accompanied discrimination as a reason for career shifts, he said.

"No one ever told them what careers were, or told them what a scientist, mathematician or an engineer did. And career counseling isn't getting any better. If anything, it's getting worse."

The two-year study was done jointly by Christman, Dr. Robert Vidulich of Memphis State University and Dr. Penelope Dralle of Louisiana State University Medical School.

Of the women studied, a quarter were high-school valedictorians, 93 per cent were in the upper 10 per cent of their class, 99.5 per cent went to college, and 60 per cent went beyond the bachelor's degree.

"One of the things that we have found is the idea that a woman marries and then abandons a career has been almost totally negated," Christman said. "Marriage has not removed them from the job market."

Christman said about 3 per cent—32 of 1,000—stopped their careers because of children.

Christman suggested that research can identify "the discriminatory hurdles which these women encounter" so those barriers can be removed or lessened.

He also said schools should find better ways of counseling students, especially in high school.

The researchers plan to keep in touch with the women already studies and to contact some 2,000 other women who attended the National Science Foundation program in 1974-75. Their careers will be followed for several more years.

Playing doctor

"Playing doctor" takes on adult proportions courtesy of a new series of do-it-yourself diagnosis kits that enable parents to detect when their children are suffering from learning disabilities. With some six to eight million youngsters so afflicted in the United States, according to the January Family Circle, this is an area you might want to investigate. Free checklists are available from The New York Institute for Child Development, 36 East 36th St., N.Y. 10016. Specify child's age and grade level.



MRS. FELIX RAMON PEREZ

Gregory, Perez vows exchanged recently

Miss Bonnie Sue Gregory and Felix Ramon Perez were married in a ceremony in the home of the bride on Dec. 19.

Judge Bobby West performed the ceremony in front of an altar decorated with white carnations and white candles.

The bride was attired in a satin gown with lace trim down the front and sleeves.

Elfie Perez was an honor attendant. Charles Nickels was best man. Miss Lana Perriberry registered guests.

Parents of the cuple are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Perez Sr., and SMSgt. and Mrs. Shirley L. Gregory.

The couple will reside in Ft. Hood following a brief wedding trip.

The bride is presently attending school at Big Spring High. She plans to continue her education in Killeen. The groom is a 1976 graduate of Big Spring High School, and is stationed with the Army.

A reception was held honoring the couple at the NCO Club at Webb Air Force Base.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown, Mannsville, N.Y.

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Glasscock County Schools are taking bids for the re-heating of the school gym. All bids should be in the office of the Supterintendent by no later than January 14, 1977. Bids should be on total electric and — or combination gas and electric.

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COLLEGE STATION — Say "nuts," in terms of food, and you add flavor, looks, texture, and calories.

Mrs. Gwendolyne Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, provided some 'nuts news' for shoppers.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"One-third cup will add about 250 calories to the daily food intake. But in spite of that, the question shoppers ask usually is whether to buy in the shell or shelled.

"Whether or not to buy nuts in the shell is often a decision you must make. Nuts in the shell often, but not always, cost less than shelled nuts. You can save time and effort by buying nuts which are shelled for you. By knowing how many nut meats you get from a pound helps you decide which is the better buy," she said.

To have one pound of shelled nut meats, you would need the following amounts of unshelled nuts:

Almonds, three and one-half pounds; Brazil nuts, two and one-half pounds; filberts, one and one-half pounds; pecans, two to two and one-half pounds; walnuts (English), two and one-half pounds; walnuts (Black), five and one-half pounds.

"In general, one pound of shelled nut meats equals about three to three and one-half cups. Whole nut meats will give more cups per pound than halves, pieces or chopped nuts," she said.

Nuts depend upon their oils for their pleasing flavor. When nuts are stale, the oils become rancid and unpalatable. Nuts in shell keep better than shelled nuts. Shelled or in the shell nuts keep best in a cool, dark place. Unsalted nuts keep better than salted ones. Nuts can absorb off flavors and moisture. When this occurs, you will have a limp, tough and even moldy nut, she explained.

NOTICE
Change of Meeting date from Monday, Dec. 27, 1976 to Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1976 of the Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant. Masonic Temple, 7:30 P.M.
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Miss Kim Swain exchanges vows with Mark Peters

Wedding vows were exchanged in a candelight ceremony at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, Sunday, Dec. 19 for Miss Kim Swain and Mark Peters.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Swain of San Angelo and the bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Peters, Big Spring.

In a candelight setting in front of an altar banked with white poinsettias and greenery, vows were exchanged with Father Benedict officiating.

Traditional nuptial selections were furnished at the organ and Walter Wheat of Big Spring sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was attired in a floor-length gown of re-embroidered silk organza complemented with Alencon lace and a veil of lace and illusion. She carried a cascading bouquet of roses.

Miss Debbie McKee served as maid of honor and the bridesmaids included Ms. Mary Beth Dean, sister of the bridegroom, Big Spring; Miss Mary Hardin, Lubbock; Miss Pam Young, Miss Melanie Swain, both of San Angelo and Ms. Susie Barerkman, of Houston. They wore identical gowns of burgundy velvet fashioned similar to the bride's.

Best man was Dr. Peters, father of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Frank Peters, Midland, brother of the bridegroom; Rick Swain, San Angelo, brother of the bride; Mark McCraney, Big Spring; Joe Hal Bareckman, Houston; and Lanny Lahmann, San Angelo.

Ushers were Pete Shaffer, Big Spring; Jack Elliott, Houston, cousin of the bridegroom, Ricky Stinnitt, San Angelo, cousin of the bridegroom and Mike Scarborough, Big Spring. Ring bearer was Kevin Dean, nephew of the bridegroom, Big Spring.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Holidom where a banquet table laid in burgundy velvet, highlighted with silver and crystal appointments and a three-tiered wedding cake and punch were served.

Following the reception, the couple went on a skiing trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, and will return to Houston where they will reside at 1303 Eaton, Apt. 20.

The bride is a graduate of San Angelo Central, attended Angelo State University and was employed at San Angelo National Bank.

Peters graduated from Big Spring High School, attended Western Texas on a golf scholarship, graduated at Angelo State and is attending the University of Texas Dental School.

Out of town guests in San were a group from Big Spring including Capt. Tom Michaelis, Dr. and Mrs. Henry K. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Auriel Lafond, Mrs. Jerry Spence, Mrs. Ralph Brooks, Mrs. Walter Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams, and Miss Katie Kernodle; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Presley of Midland, grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Jack A Elliott, aunt and uncle of the bridegroom from Houston.

Others were Mrs. Jack Elliott Jr., Miss Lisa Agnew, Miss Jane Agnew, Gill Agnew, all of Houston; Mr. and Ms. Preston Vallie, Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nanipkin, Odessa and Mr. and Ms. J. Daughtery and James Peters, Midland.



MR. AND MRS. MARK PETERS

History of song, Silent night, Holy night, retold

EDITOR's Note — "Silent night, holy night. . ." The history of that beautiful Christmas carol still touches with magic the quiet, unspoiled Austrian valley where the song was born.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

ARNSDORF, Austria (AP) — In this winter-white Alpine Valley where "Silent Night" was born more than a century and a half ago, Christmas has remained touchingly uncommercial and the old customs frozen in time.

There is no "Silent Night Pizza House" or "Heilige Nacht Gasthaus" to comfort the thousands of singing pilgrims who come from choir lofts in far-off churches and colleges continents away to sing the world's most popular Christmas carol in the shadow of the towering mountains that first echoed the simple words and haunting melody.

"I am sorry but I have asked the children and not one of them has ever heard of 'Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.' Is he very popular in your country?" asked Frau Lehrerin — school mistress — Ottilieaigner, with an apologetic smile.

She was standing at the same pen-scratched wooden desk in the same two-room volkschule where Franz Gruber had stood on Christmas Eve in 1818, when the priest from nearby Oberndorf asked him to compose a guitar accompaniment for a little poem he had just written.

It was an emergency, and Father Joseph Mohr explained the dilemma that to this day every Austrian child can retell better than any Christmas tale from Dickens. The organ had broken down in St. Nikola's Church where Gruber was organist and choir director as well as being schoolmaster in Arnsdorf. The poorest of church mice, legend now adds, had eaten away at the leather bellows. Unless they came up with something, there would be no Christmas music at the midnight mass in Obendcrf.

The history made that night by the village schoolmaster and the country curate still touches this quiet, unspoiled valley with a magic that out-dazzles the starlight on the old onion-dome churches and the frost glittering in the windows of the ornate, wooden-balconied chalets.

In the tiny schoolhouse, Gruber's cherubic features, balding and benign, beam down on the blond-haired children from the spot on the wall above the blackboard usually reserved in American classrooms for George Washington's portrait.

Upstairs, his bedroom, his writing desk, his spinnet, his heavy red plush furniture and the hand-carved, beautifully costumed wooden figures that, as sacristan, he had charge of arranging around the village creche, have been lovingly preserved.

Here "Silent Night" is sung the way Gruber wrote it, in D major for two solo voices — his bass and Mohr's tenor — in harmony with a children's choir and backed up by a "zupfrigen," or "pluck violin" as the guitar was then called.

Frau Aigner had six boys and six girls "with the sweetest voices in the school" singing the carol from house to house on the Sundays of advent in faithful recreation of the little choir Father Mohr hastily assembled to learn his words and Gruber's instant music.

At midnight mass on Christmas, "Silent Night" echoes down the years from the voices of these children in the little onion-domed church at Arnsdorf, from a trained choir and from operatic soloists accompanied by Gruber's original guitar at the "Silent Night Chapel" in Oberndorf on the site of old St. Nikola's Church, washed away by floods long ago. It comes from a full orchestra and the magnificent 1,600-pipe memorial organ in the parish church at Hallein, where Gruber died. A congregation of skiers and tourists sing it at the winter resort of Wagrain, further down the valley, where Father Mohr died, like Gruber, without knowing the immortality of their combined genius.

Fate could hardly have conspired to bring together two more unlikely collaborators on the Christmas hit of all time.

Gruber, then 31, was a struggling musician who had married a twice-widowed woman, 13 years older and with two children, to avoid military service in the Napoleonic wars sweeping Austria. Both her husbands had preceeded him as sacristan and school master in Arnsdorf.

Mohr was the illegitimate son of a musketeer who deserted both the archbishop of Salzburg's army and his mistress, a seamstress, who had to persuade Franz Wohlmot, the local hangman, to serve as godfather at the baby's baptism. Two months before he wrote "Silent Night" the young curate, only 26, had been accused by his pastor before a church consistory of being "without visible industry in pastorial affairs."

Father Noestler, the old pastor, dismissed his assistant as a poetical dreamer who wasted his time with the river boatmen in the Baurenstube, which still stands, singing songs and sucking on his long pipe. Oberndorf in those days was an important port for shipping salt from the many mines in the valley to as far away as Vienna and Budapest. In winter when the Salzach, a key tributary of the Danube, froze over, the boatmen with their strong tradition of folk music, went from town to town giving concerts and performing plays.

Mohr was their unofficial chaplain but by the next Christmas he was gone from Oberndorf and served in 10 different mountain parishes before winding up in a pauper's grave in remote Wagrain, just across from where the handsome Joseph Mohr School now stands.

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Born to Capt. and Mrs. Doug Sherman, 2410 Carlton, a boy, Jason Stewart, at 9:55 a.m. Dec. 21, weighing 7 pounds, 11 and ½ ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin David McDonald, Box 1059, Stanton, a boy, Kerry Ryan, at 2:39 p.m. Dec. 21, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Burcham, 703 Lorilla, a boy, Jacob Oliver, at 8:10 a.m. Dec. 22, weighing 6 pounds, 6 and ¼ ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Daniels, 234A Langley, a boy, Gregory Brian, at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 22, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick, 1306 Ridgeroad, a girl, Julie Mathilda, at 9:35 p.m. Dec. 22, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wayne Willis, 1710 Austin, a girl, Amy Tanniel, at 1:21 p.m. Dec. 23, weighing 6 pounds, 11 and ¼ ounces.

HALL-BENNETT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lopez, 1114 E. Nobles, Midland, a boy, John Michael Jr., at 9:37 p.m. Dec. 20, weighing 5 pounds, 13 and ¼ ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wesley Lewis, Sterling City Route, Box 157 F, a boy, Christopher William Wesley, at 9 p.m. Dec. 22, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

MEDICAL ARTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Ben Kirkpatrick, Route 3, Midland, a girl, Carrie Michelle, at 12:47 a.m. Dec. 17, weighing 6 pounds, 9 and ½ ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Leslie Alexander, 1606 W. 3rd, a girl, Tammy Kay, at 4:25 p.m. Dec. 18, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lad Cauble II, 203 N. 21st Street, Lamesa, a boy, Richard Lad III, at 3:27 p.m. Dec. 21, weighing 6 pounds, 6 and ¾ ounces.

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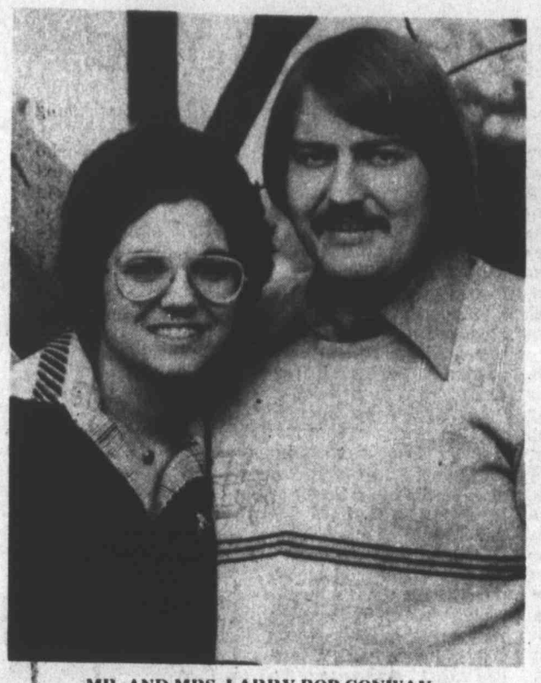
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Miss Bonnie Glanister weds Larry Bob Conway

The wedding vows of Miss Bonnie Glanister and Larry Bob Conway were recited in a ceremoney conducted Dec. 17 in the Court House.

Bob West, justice of the peace, conducted the ceremoney.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Ms. Bernard Glanister, and Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Conway.

Witnesses to the ceremony included Sammy McMullan and Buck McMullan.

The couple will reside in Big Spring. They are graduates of Big Spring High School. She is employed with Berkley Homes.

A reception was held honoring the couple in the Brandin' Iron Inn following the ceremoney.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

AT GOVERNOR'S INAUGURATION — Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn dance at his 1971 gubernational inauguration.

To celebrate anniversary

Kenneth and Jean Williams will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, January 1, at the Howard County Fair Barn.

The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the celebration. The couple requests no gifts.

Maritial milestones

Your chances of living long enough to celebrate your golden wedding anniversary are good . . . if you stay married long enough, that is.

The good news, reports the American Council of Life Insurance, is that the odds for a 23-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman (the current median ages for first marriage) to live long enough to achieve 50 years of matrimony have climbed from 140 to 334 per 1,000 marriages during the past 75 years.

Will it last?

The not-so-good news, however, is that more people are divorcing before ever reaching that golden landmark. The national divorce rate has tripled during the last half-century or so.

However, since most people who divorce, marry again — 75 per cent of the women and 80 per cent of men do — the Council notes that their prospects of reaching less distant but significant marital milestones have improved, too.

For example, the chances of celebrating a silver wedding anniversary for a 35-year-old bridegroom and a 30-year-old bride are about 7 in 10 — better odds than those for even a very young couple at the turn of the century.

If you wait

For those who wait longer before plunging into marriage for the first or yet another time, the Council reports more cheery prospects: a couple who marry at age 65 today can look forward to their tin anniversary celebration — 10 years of marriage at least.

As for those who have no plans to wed, the Council notes that statistics indicate that marriage adds years to life. In the 35-44 age group, for example, married men's death rate is 3.0 per 1,000. For those who are unmarried, it is 7.3 per 1,000. For married women, the mortality rate is 2.0; for those single, it is 3.9. Singles are therefore advised to consider marriage or at least stop reading statistics.

Allergy causes

The most common causes of food allergy include cow's milk, chocolate and cola (the kola nut family), corn, eggs, the pea family (chiefly peanut, which is not a nut), citrus fruits, tomato, and wheat, an allergist reported.



OPEN HOUSE TODAY — The children of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce, Stanton, have planned an open house to honor their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary. All friends of the couple are invited to attend the open house, which is slated from 2-5 p.m. today at 1011 Lamesa Highway in Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. Koonce were married on December 23, 1926, in Stanton. They are longtime residents of Stanton and Martin County.

Ways to treat vegetables

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

There are lovely new ways to treat fresh vegetables. The following recipe, for example, uses yams along with other good things to make a delightful stuffing for roast chicken. This stuffing is different from the usual version because the yams are diced and given brief skillet cooking rather than boiled and mashed.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH YAM STUFFING

3½ to 4-pound roasting chicken
salt and pepper
butter or margarine
1 c. diced ½-inch pared yams
2-3rds c. chopped medium-fine onion
2-3rds c. chopped medium-fine celery with leaves
¼ c. coarsely grated carrot, packed down
1 c. small fresh bread cubes
¼ c. finely chopped parsley
½ tsp. poultry seasoning

Sprinkle body and neck cavities of chicken with salt and pepper. In a 10-inch skillet melt 2 tablespoons butter; add the yams, onion, celery and carrot. Cook over moderate heat, stirring often, for about 5 minutes. Add bread and cook, stirring often, about 5 minutes longer. Off heat, stir in the parsley, poultry to taste. Stuff body and neck cavities of the chicken with the mixture; close cavities by sewing with a darning needle and heavy white thread or with small skewers and white string. If you like, you may rub the surface of the chicken with softened butter or margarine. Place chicken, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow baking pan. Roast in a 350-degree oven (it does not have to be preheated) for about 1½ hours; cut string away from legs; baste chicken with drippings in pan; continue roasting until golden-brown and tender enough to have the leg twist easily out of the thigh joint — about ½ hour longer. Makes 4 generous servings.

Rock music damaging

Repeated exposure to high sound levels of rock music can cause ear damage and therefore poses a "serious hazard to hearing." This is the conclusion of research sponsored by three U.S. medical schools.

Valley of the dollars slumped

No doubt that our economy is slumped in the valley of the dollars. According to a mini-guide to money spotlighted in the January Family Circle, today's dollar is worth 41 cents less than 10 years ago, which means that if you earned $9,000 in 1967 and have since gotten raises totaling about 33 per cent, your current income of $12,000 doesn't even allow you to run in place.

Breakers celebrate

The Spring City Breakers held their second annual Christmas party Saturday night at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Refreshments and entertainment were furnished by the club. Music was presented by the Yesterday's Dream, a local band. The club would like to thank everyone who participated and all the guests that attended to make the party a success.

The club will hold a meeting Jan. 24 to elect new officers.

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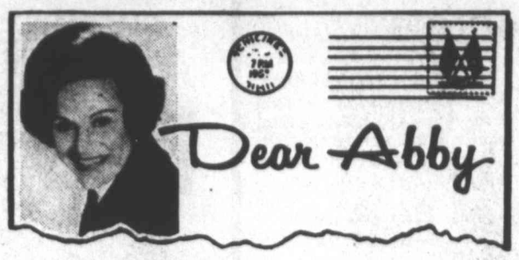
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DEAR ABBY: I am 30, college educated, have a good job and money in the bank. I'm 6 foot 2, weight 190, and people tell me I look like Paul Newman.

I like sports, and the theater, and I love people. Older women, children and animals adore me. I come from a good family, smoke only a pipe and drink moderately.

My problem? I am lonesome. I refuse to chase tramps. Girls tell me they like me as a brother. I have more "sisters" than a convent. What's wrong with me?

LONESOME

DEAR LONESOME: Either your description is off, or you are.

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 20, and for nearly five years I have carried one of your columns in my wallet. It is so worn I can scarcely read it, but it's done me more good than any single thing I've ever read. Please reprint it, Abby, for girls who need the advice as much today as I did then. I am enclosing the column. I am the girl who wrote the letter signed MOTHER HATER.

Sincerely yours,
"WISER NOW"

DEAR "WISER": Yes, I'll reprint the column. And here it is:

DEAR ABBY: You will probably think I am a monster, but I am a girl of 14, and I hate my parents. Especially my mother.

She is so old-fashioned it's pitiful. She wants to pick out all my clothes and tell me how to wear my hair. And I am the only girl in our crowd who doesn't wear eye makeup. She won't let me go in cars with boys. All she worries about is my reputation, and I swear I haven't done anything wrong. She is killing my chances to go with the right kids and be popular.

Don't tell me to talk it over with her because she will only give me a long lecture on this bull about how it's all for my "own good!"

I would like to be able to tell her things, but, heck, I don't want to get killed. I hate to sneak behind her back, but I have no choice. I sure wish I had a different mother.

MOTHER HATER

DEAR MOTHER HATER: Girls your age, who feel as you do, regard all adults as the enemy. Perhaps a letter from a girl your age with a different point of view on the same subject will help you more than any advice I could offer:

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and think more girls my age should appreciate mothers who love them enough to care about what they do. I feel sorry for young girls my age whose mothers let them go in cars with boys, and wear eye makeup and hairdos that are too old for them.

I am not allowed to go on car dates until I am 16. My mother helps me select my clothes. I wear no makeup to school, and only a little on special occasions. My mother has lived a lot longer than I have, and I have learned from experience that when she forbids me to do something, she always has a good reason for it. I am thankful that I have a mother who loves me enough to raise me right.

FOURTEEN AND LUCKY"

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Classes prepare newspapers

Students in Mrs. John Talmadge's eighth grade English classes at Runnels Junior High School have been working on newspapers in class for the past several weeks in addition to their regular studies, according to their teacher.

Mrs. Talmadge said that the students put together the papers, write the stories that go in them, and provide the art work. The students began their study of the newspaper world this year when Danny Reagan, Herald Sports editor, came to the classes to lecture on the business. Other Herald employes have talked to the classes in years past. The students took tours through the Herald, then divided into groups to begin work on their own newspapers.

Mrs. Talmadge said that the students can choose a Halloween or Christmas theme for their papers. The different groups choose a role to play in the production of the paper, then precede to produce something original. The stories that appear the newspapers are supposed to be original work, said Mrs. Talmadge.

The idea to have the students prepare newspapers is a part of a career education program, said Mrs. Talmadge. All of her students in the eighth grade participate. "They have a good time," she said.

The students came up with different mastheads for the publications. Titles included The Elf Enquirer, The Noel News, Rudolph's Reader, Santa's Standard, The Christmas Chronicle, and one with a Halloween theme, the Haunted Herald.

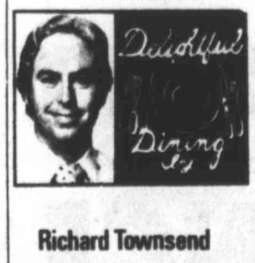
Front page stories in the newspapers included such items as the robbing of Santa Claus's home, and the arrest of an elf for drinking root beer while driving a snowmobile.

One story datelined Washington, D.C., stated that president-elect Jimmy Carter had told Santa Claus that he would like a new red wagon for Christmas, to haul peanuts in the future. Other gifts on his list were a bionic man doll, a Star Trek set, and a new set of golf clubs, according to the psuedo-news story.

A story appearing in Rudolph's Reader stated that Mrs. Santa Claus was not becoming liberated, as previous stories had stated. She explained that she was just out with her husband delivering presents because it presented a way to take a nice Christmas ride.

In the sports sections of several of the newspapers, stories such as Elves Toy with Snowmen and Elves Skunk Deers to Close Season appeared as headlining stories.

The newspapers also included classified ad sections, women's sections, photo layouts, and cartoons, all created by the students in the eighth grade classes.



Richard Townsend

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Schroeder speaks on pregnancy benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruling on pregnancy benefits points up the conflict between society's estimate of the value of the family and its willingness to absorb the family's costs, Rep. Pat Schroeder says.

She said the decision two weeks ago that companies are not guilty of sex discrimination if they deny pregnancy benefits to workers is a blow to the preservation of the family as a key element in society.

Rep. Schroeder also told the Washington Press Club Wednesday that the justices' argument that pregnancy was a voluntary action and therefore should not be covered by company plans was something out of "Alice in Wonderland."

"If you go skiing and get hurt, you're covered. If you race cars on weekends and get hurt, you're covered. If you jump horses and get hurt, you're covered. Even if you decide you've had it and attempt suicide — you're covered," she said.

"Now those things are all entered into voluntarily. But the court says pregnancy is the one voluntary act for which you must pay 100 per cent — and they say that's not genderbased discrimination," she said. "I have trouble with that."

She said that the ruling points up the conflict in contemporary society about the role of women and the role of the family.

There is much rhetoric glorifying women as mothers, the United States as a family-oriented society and children as the nation's most valuable resource, she said.

On the other hand, she said, there is the harsh reality represented by the court ruling that women workers are entirely on their own financially when they decide to follow society's advice and have children, taking a brief exit from work to do so.

Schroeder, a three-term Colorado Democrat and Harvardeducated lawyer, is a mother of two.

She said the ruling will hurt lower-income women workers the hardest, and could force them to choose abortions because they can't afford to take non-paid leave and pay all costs of pregnancy and child birth.

"Are we going to say that women who must work and can never save that much money (to cover pregnancy and unpaid work leaves) are going to be denied the privilege of having a family...Are we going to deny people who are not upper middle class the right to have children because they have to work?" she asked.

She also said that the ruling has another negative impact on female workers because a woman who takes unpaid pregnancy benefits loses her pension rights and seniority toehold in the company.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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The disaster of the busted organ helped lift the lovely lullaby beyond the mountain walls of the snow-silent valley. When spring came and the roads reopened, organ builder Karl Mauracher arrived from the Tyrol to repair the ruptured bellows at St. Nikola's and took the song home with him.

A singing group of glove makers called the Strasser family, precursors of singing groups like the Trapp family, added it to their repertoire. They sang it for Kaiser Josef of Austria and Czar Alexander of Russia when both were Christmas guests at Count Ludwig Von Donhoff's castle. The kaiser made it a seasonal must for his royal court orchestra. The czar invited the Strassers to sing the carol for him in St. Petersburg.

Another family group, the Rainer singers, took it from the Tyrol to America. New York newspapers record them singing it before Alexander Hamilton's monument on Christmas Eve 1831.

Passed from country to country on bits of musical score sheets and in tattered band books, "Silent Night" first appeared in print in Dresden in 1840, as a Tyrolean folk song, author then unknown. Next it was pirated to Berlin, where it turned up in a book of "musical home treasurers of the Germans."

It was variously attributed to Mozart, Beethoven and Josef and Michael Haydn before the abbot of the Benedictine monastery in Salzburg, which had a famous choir school and musical library, received a request from King Frederich Wilhelm IV of Prussia for a copy of the score for his Berlin court orchestra. The abbot traced the origin of the song to its two rightful authors.

Franz Xavier Gruber, who lived to be 75, was three years in his grave before his name appeared above the music of "Silent Night." They are still not sure if the skull exhumed from the forgotten grave in Wagrin for the sculptor to cast the bronze relief which now ornaments the new St. Nikola's parish church in Oberndorf was really that of Father Joseph Mohr.

Thus the glory of Christ's coming to save all men was sung for all time by a draft dodger and a bastard. The melody lingers on, as hauntingly lovely as ever, in the frosty stillness of this Alpine Valley where "Silent Night" is borne on the winter wind in endless reprise.

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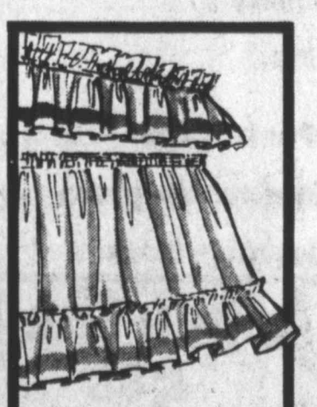
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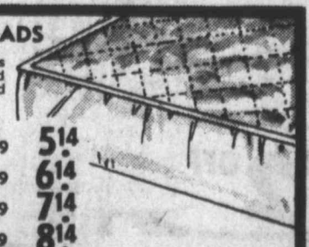
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A STAR IS BORN — Entertainers Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson pose for photographers Thursday night at New York's Tavern-on-the-Green during a preview of the film, "A Star is Born." At left, holding Barbra's hand is her boyfriend and producer of the movie, Jon Peters.

What you don't know can cost you money

By JIM DAVIS
Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Mary took good care of the few cars she owned during her many years. A few years ago she was driving a 1956 car worth a few hundred dollars and she had carried full collision insurance since she bought it new.

Joe was a lawyer and state senator from a border city who wanted to learn Spanish. He took his family in a new camper to Guadalajara for some intense study. He admits to "mixing it up with the best of them" in the wild Guadalajara traffic, all the while confident that his regular Texas auto insurance policy was covering him.

Jim and his wife had managed to get along with one car for years by working at the same place. When they learned they would be moving to another city they bought another car. Insurance on the old one was with a family friend in another city who was on vacation when the new car was purchased. The policy for the new car was purchased from a different company.

The Mary mentioned above is a retired teacher. She learned late that carrying full collision coverage on a low-value older car is not smart consumerism. In a few years she paid more in premiums than the car was worth.

Joe is Joe Christie, now chairman of the State Board of Insurance. He now knows a regular Texas auto insurance policy is good in Mexico only along the border and special coverage is needed for the interior.

Jim is the writer of this article. He now knows that putting both cars under the same company's coverage can result in up to a 15 per cent discount on premiums.

All three examples illustrate a truisim of automobile insurance purchasing: What you don't know can cost you money.

Being a good insurance consumer means knowing what you are buying and where you can get exactly what you need for the best price. Many people don't bother to learn what they need to know about automobile insurance and every year they pay for their ignorance. Together, they pay millions of dollars.

As with most other things, automobile insurance costs have soared in Texas in recent years. Between 1967 and 1973 there were three increases and three generally smaller decreases in the state's auto insurance rate. The past two years there have been three whopping increases of 7.8 per cent, 15.5 per cent and 19.5 per cent for the same coverage.

The last two increases came within the past year and have hit the insurance consumer especially hard. The last one — effective Oct. 1 — was tempered when the Board of Insurance increased deductibles on the standard policies for comprehensive and collision coverage. If everyone accepted the higher deductibles the rate increase would be about 7 per cent; if no one did the increase would be 19.5. Actually it will be somewhere in between.

The board sets standard rates based on numbers of accidents and information on how much insurance companies are paying out for repairs and medical costs. Both costs have soared recently.

While the average driver can do little except drive carefully to improve the wreck-cost inflation factor, he or she can do some things to make sure personal auto insurance costs are as low as possible:

Know what you are buying and what you need. Liability insurance covers damages you do to others and the amount you carry should be determined both by your conscience and your vulnerability to lawsuits. The amount of collision and comprehensive coverage on your own car and the deductibles you carry are major factors in insurance costs.

Decide how much you can pay for damages to your car without serious economic consequences. Higher deductibles can cut dollars from your insurance cost if you can afford higher costs from an accident.

Compare premium costs among various insurance companies. The Board of Insurance sets a common rate, but allows deviations from it if a company can show it needs more or less money to remain financially sound. Auto insurance policies in Texas are standardized by the state, so comparison shopping is possible once you decide what you want. The deviations vary from 25 per cent under the set rate to 55 per cent over, with the most common deviation being about 10 per cent under. Of course, the companies offering the best deviations are the most selective in issuing policies and usually the quickest to cancel after an accident.

Insurance standards vary with companies

Shopping for car insurance usually isn't easy. Different companies have different standards for accepting new customers and those offering the best deviation from state-set rates usually have the toughest standards. But it can help just knowing which ones offer the best deviations from the consumer's viewpoint.

According to information from the State Board of Insurance, the best deviations for the average passenger-car driver are offered by the following companies:

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(Continental Ins. Co.)
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(Crum & Forster Ins. Cos.)
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Volkswagen Ins. Co., 15 per cent under
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Show begins Jan. 20

CR77 practice starts

The Big Spring Band will utilize the Christmas holidays for practice sessions for their annual Campus Review.

In 1977, the event will be held on two consecutive weekends instead of a full week of programs. This decision was made because the crowds all prefer to attend the weekend shows.

Dates of this year's show will be Jan. 20, 21 and 22 again Jan. 27, 28 and 29. Tickets will go on sale the first of January at the high school band hall.

Bill Bradley and Gene Currie direct the event and choroeography this year will be taught by Cherry Jones of the Midland Community Theatre.

Production assistants will be Kim Andrews and Mike Tarleton. The production this year, which is the tenth anniversary of the first Campus Review will be called Review of the Review.

Favorite selections from the different shows will be re-presented with current high school students doing the performances.

From last year's "Play It Again Sam," the group has selected a new act by Fish 'N Chips and the song, "Shenandoah."

Among some of the other selections one from the 1975, "Getting It Together" show will be the Jewish Wedding Scene from "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

From the 1974 "It's a Small World" will be "Along Came Jones" and from 1973's "We Believe in Music" will be several selections including "Hello Dolly."

From the 1972 "Love Is the Answer," they will perform "Tradition" from "Fiddler on the Roof." From 1971 show in the theme "Those Were the Days," they selected, "One Finger, One Thumb."

From the 1970 carnival production, the selection is "Rhythm of Life."

The 1969 "Up, Up and Away" show will feature "Disney Salutes." The first show had no theme and the selection will be the Bottle Band number.

Ward's catalog reveals merchandise price cuts

Price cuts on 75 per cent of the items, special bedding and early shopper sales and 12 pages of overstock clearance have been announced in Montgomery Ward's 196-page winter sale catalog. The catalog is currently being distributed to more than 6 million families nationally.

"In this time of growing economic pressures, Ward's is able to help shoppers stretch their post-Christmas dollars by offering price reductions on items ranging from quilted bedspreads to dishwashers," said S.W. Allred, vice president and catalog merchandise manager in Chicago. "The catalog also offers a special sale on bedding products with price cuts as high as 47 per cent on selected items."

Four pages of early shopper buys (before February 7) feature 20-30 cent price reductions on items such as bath mat sets, ladies' multi-striped pullovers and stainless steel cookware. Nineteen items in the catalog are labeled best buys. Special values in clothing, bedding, draperies and furniture can be found in 12 pages of overstock clearance listings near the cneter of the book.

Examples of special buys in the catalog include:

—Susan stripe channel bedspread, cut 20 per cent to $19.88.

—Lamb collared leather coat, cut $60 from original price to $118.88.

—Down-like filled ski style jacket, cut 50 per cent to $19.99.

—Children's one piece jump suits cut $5 from original price of $12.66.

—$20-$40 cut from the price of canister and upright vacuums; both sell for $69.88.

—21.4 cubic foot frost free refrigerator, cut $90 to $419.88.

—12-cycle automatic dishwasher, cut $60 to $289.88.

—$40-$50 cut from the prices of Ward's air conditioners; prices ranging from $159.88 to $219.88.

—2-horsepower electric air compressor outfit cut $120 to $249.

—20-50 per cent cut from the prices of lighting fixtures.

—Maintenance-free "Get Away" battery cut $9.57 to $29.88 (and $24.88 with trade-in).

—Stereo recording console, cut $50 to $269.88.

—25-inch color television cut $90 to $599.88.

$21 cut from the price of Mr. and Mrs. Swivel chairs and ottoman combination.

—$150 cut from the price of Ward's free-arm sewing machine; now sells for $149.88.

—Multi-purpose building cut $255 to $1044.

"The price reductions and special buys offered in this sale catalog should help shoppers economize on purchases while stretching their dollars to their greatest capacity," Allred said.

Yule tree is hauled away

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Members of a Concord family looked out the window to admire a Christmas tree planted 15 years ago, only to discover it had been cut down.

J. Robert Madsen and his family had planted the spruce on the front lawn, watched it grow and pruned it with loving care so that this year it "had the perfect Christmas tree shape."

This was the first year the Madsens had lit the tree.

One morning this week a neighbor called and said someone had sawed down the tree and carried it away — complete with Christmas lights, a star and 100-foot extension cord.



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Sale! MEN'S SHOES





(AP WIREPHOTO)

ORPHANS — These baby Caymans, alligator like reptiles, were part of 250 that were seized by U.S. Customs officers at Miami's International Airport after they were shipped here from Costa Rica by air. Also seized were 600 iguanas, 120 lizards, and a large number of Red Legged Tortoises and boa constrictors. They had been incorrectly manifested, causing the customs to investigate.

Disasters sell well

By The Associated Press

Nobody scares people better than people. Diabolical, unpredictable, crazy people. And everybody, it seems, likes being scared.

The shudder business has moved from man-made creatures like Frankenstein to vampires to fire, flood and earthquake. Lately the conspiracy, the terrorist raid, the assassination are spelling bonanzas for the book publishing industry and for movies.

Many of best-selling diaster stories today are plucked "right from the front pages of our newspapers: Arabs, Israelis, Russia, China, nuclear confrontation, terrorism," says Al Silverman, editorial director of the Book of the Month Club, whose current selection is "Thirty-Four East," by Alfred Coppel. In that novel, the U.S. President is reported to be involved in a plane crash, the vice president is kidnapped by terrorists, and Russia and the United States moves to the brink of nuclear war.

Until recently, natural disasters were in vogue, with such films as "Earthquake," "Towering Inferno" and "The Poseidon Adventure." Man-made disaster themes, such as "Doctor Strangelove," the 1960s story of a nuclear holocaust threat, were on the fringe of science fiction.

"But the science fiction of just a decade or two ago seems to have forecast quite amazingly what's technologically possible today," says Hugh McDonald, a successful author of disaster themes.

McDonald's latest book, a Pyramid paperback entitled "Five Signs From Ruby," is the story of terrorists who threaten to destroy five Israeli cities with atomic devices planted in the cities. A recent McDonald thriller, "Hour of the Blue Fox," deals with germ warfare; the Russians' attempt to pollute a U.S. reservoir with a deadly virus.

"I don't know exactly why the public goes in for disaster themes," says McDonald. "Why, after all, did everyone rush to the Coliseum to see the lions devour the Christians? But I do know that money isn't the only motive for writers. I for one, feel a sense of responsibility to alert people to the possibilities and dangers that surround us."

"People fear the unknown. In a subtle way, disaster plots make the uncertain more certain, the unpredictable more predictable," says E.L. Quarantelli, a sociologist who co-directs the Disaster Research Center at Ohio State University.

The Disaster Research Center documents actual disasters and conducts in-depth interviews. Quarantelli says that "many people involved in disasters have reported that things had not been as bad as expected. Perhaps the mass media — books, movies, newscasts — had conditioned them to expect worse. In a way, while many books and movies about diasters are not wholly accurate, they may help people to cope emotionally with real disaster if it occurs."

Does technology threaten the demise of natural diaster epics?

Not really, say the experts. But the so-called natural disasters must be highly original, as in the case of Peter Benchley's "Jaws."

What might be the best-selling disaster epic of the year is Clive Cussler's "Raise the Titanic" which blends a true incident, a possible crisis, and a natural disaster.

It is set in the year 1988, when the United States and Russia are close to nuclear war. America's salvation from attack is a rare element, byzantium, locked in the vault of the ship Titanic, which sank to the bottom of the North Atlantic in 1912. Heroic, massive efforts are made to raise the old ship, then a hurricane strikes.

"Raise the Titanic" is already selling briskly in hardcover and will be on bookclub lists. Bantam has paid $840,000 for paperback rights, and film rights to have been sold for $450,000, plus a percentage of the box office gross.

Another disaster book awaiting screen treatment is Hal Lindsey's 12-million copy best-seller "Zondervan" movie title: "The Late Great Planet Earth," which warns of impending natural and man-made disasters.

A recent book with the nuclear apocalypse theme is James Mills' "The Seventh Power," which shows the U.S. Government held hostage by a home-made bomb hidden in a Manhattan apartment.

Edward Stuart, author of "They've Shot the President's Daughter," has just weighed in with another disaster theme, "Launch", about 150 Minutemen ICBM's under South Dakota soil, and a Russian spy satellite. In "The Nuclear Catastrophe," by Bett Pohnka and Barbara Griffin, an earthquake shakes up the nuclear plant that supplies electricity to Los Angeles, all a deadly, smog-like radioactive cloud hangs over the city.

"Telempath" by Spider Robinson shows the earth threatened when a biochemist invents a strange epidemic virus. In "Plague," by Gwyneth Cravens and John S. Mair, bubonic plague is rampant in Manhattan, and panicked residents of adjacent boroughs shut off all bridges and tunnels.

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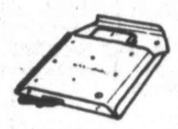
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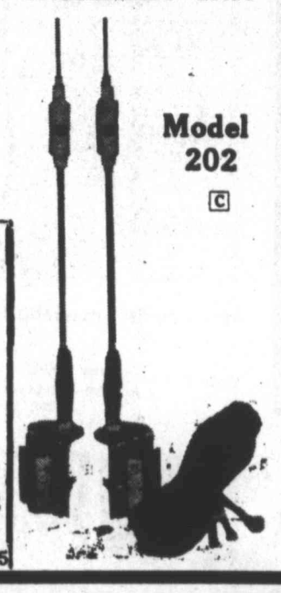


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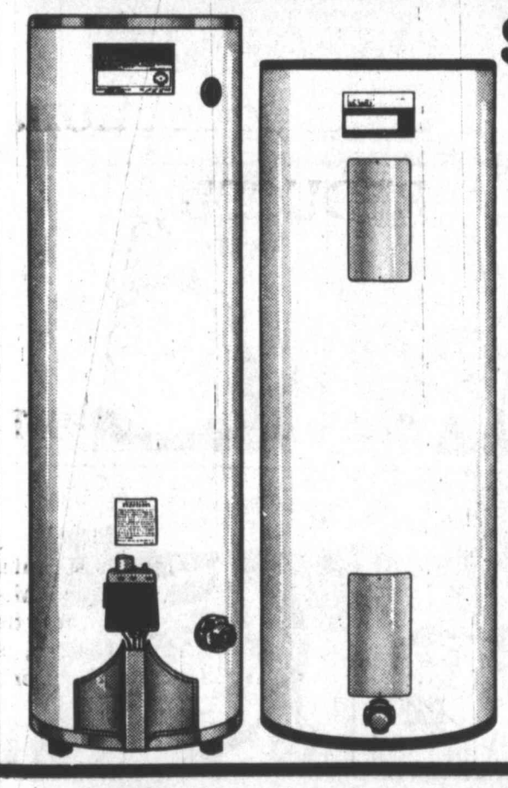
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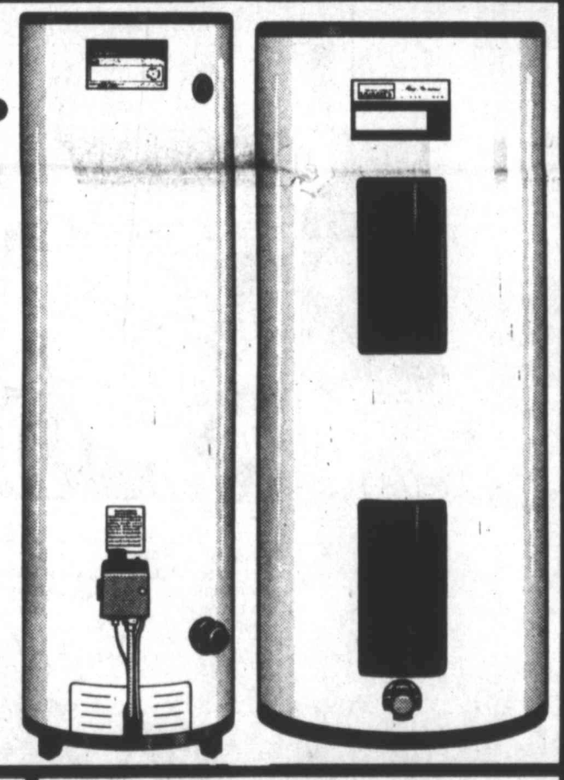
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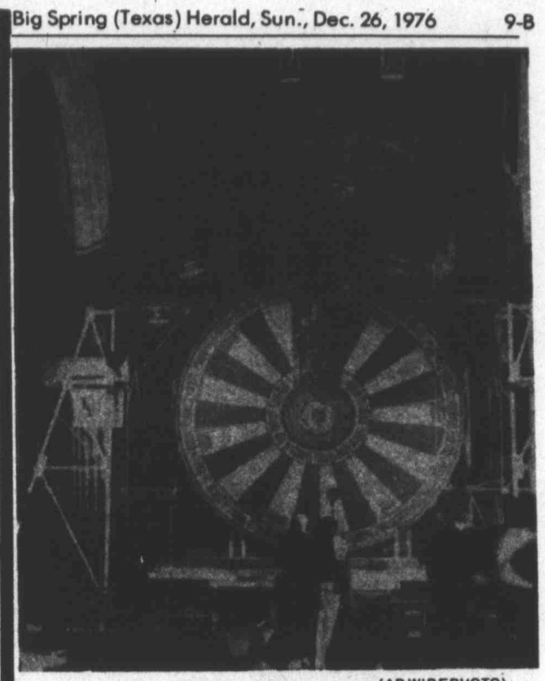
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THE END OF A LEGEND — The Round Table in Winchester's great hall is not the table at which King Arthur and his knights were supposed to have sat nearly 1,500 years ago, according to two scientific dating examinations. The table was made in the fourteenth century, probably for Edward III.

Farm

Wet weather continues to slow cotton harvest

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP) — Most of Texas' crops will be in as the year draws to a close. And looking ahead to 1977, there is good soil moisture over most of the state to get next spring's crops off to a good start, according to Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Cotton harvesting is in the final stages in the South Plains and Far West Texas, Pfannstiel said, and most gins are running behind schedule.

Sugar beet harvesting also is nearing completion in the High Plains, he said. However, the sugar cane harvest in South Texas is still at a standstill due to wet fields.

Harvesting of fall vegetables and citrus is also making little progress in the Rio Grande Valley due to wet fields, Pfannstiel noted. Some pecan harvesting continues in portions of North Central, Central and East Texas where the crop is light.

Wheat still is being planted in the Rolling Plains, and planting has been delayed in a few other locations due to continued wet weather. Early planted wheat and oats are providing some grazing although cold, wet conditions have slowed growth over most of Texas. A considerable amount of flax acreage remains to be planted in South Texas and the Coastal Bend as wet fields have caused delays Pfannstiel said.

Generally, 1976 has been a good year for Texas farmers and ranchers, said Pfannstiel. Total cash receipts from crop, livestock and agri-related products should total about $6.5 billion, second only to 1973.

Reports from district Extension agents showed these conditions.

FAR WEST: Wet weather continues to slow the cotton harvest, but all other crops are in. Livestock are getting some grazing from winter weeds and old grass on pastures and ranges; some are receiving supplemental feed. Fall calving is active throughout the area.

WEST CENTRAL: The cotton harvest is about completed, with good yields. Harvesting of peanuts and pecans is also nearing completion. Small grains are furnishing little grazing due to recent cold weather that has slowed growth. Supplemental feeding of livestock is widespread due to poor grazing conditions. Cattlemen are spraying stock for lice and ticks.

SOUTH PLAINS: Only about 5 per cent of the cotton crop is still in the fields as harvest operations have been making rapid progress. Much cotton has been field stored in ricks and modules due to backlogs at gins. Sugar beet harvesting is also nearing completion. Wheat is making slow progress due to cold weather and is providing limited grazing.

ROLLING PLAINS: Cotton harvesting has been active and ranges from 60 to 98 per cent complete over the area. Some guar is also being harvested, with yields averaging 200 to 300 pounds per acre in Hardeman County. Farmers are trying to complete small grain planting that has been delayed due to wet weather. Early wheat is providing limited grazing so there is some supplemental feeding.

Cotton industry faces threat, Mahon warns

Congressman George Mahon today warned the cotton industry that it is threatened with the promulgation of cotton dust standards by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration which could drastically affect the ginning and processing of cotton. The proposed standards, covering cotton gins, cottonseed oil mills and textile plants, are to be published in the "Federal Register" on December 18.

Mahon met with OSHA and industry officials on December 22 in an effort to convince government officials that the submission of the proposed standards should be delayed. Representatives of cotton ginning, cottonseed oil and textile industries joined Mahon in the plea for a delay, but agency officials refused to postpone publication of the cotton dust standard proposals, which would limit the amount of dust which would be acceptable in cotton gins, oil mills, and textile plants.

Hearings regarding the proposed standards will be held by OSHA beginning on April 4, 1977, and Mahon has called upon the cotton industry to make sure that all pertinent information is submitted at the hearing. He pointed out that, while the health of employes in he cotton industry is of vital concern, excessive regulation by OSHA could tend to destroy the cotton ginning, processing and textile industries, requiring the expenditure of vast additional sums by the cotton industry in order to comply with the standards.

Zoo concocting polluted stream

CINCINNATI (AP) — In the name of outdoors enthusiast Izaak Walton, the Cincinnati Zoo is concocting a polluted stream.

Janet Ross, zoo public relations assistant, said two 400-gallon tanks will be set up side by side.

"One will represent a healthy stream with clean water fish and plant life," she said. "The other will contain trash, bottles and rough fish as would be found in a polluted stream."

The display is being funded by the Izaak Walton Endowment Fund.

Farm markets

NEW YORK (AP)—Cotton futures No. 2 were lower in midday dealings today. Evened up positions prior to the long holiday weekend depressed futures, brokers said. Some selling also was prompted by a cotton census bureau report which placed the daily consumption for November at 4 per cent below October and 8 per cent less than a year ago

The average price for strict low middling 1 1-16-inch spot cotton advanced 13 points to 71.26 cents a pound Wednesday for the 10 leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

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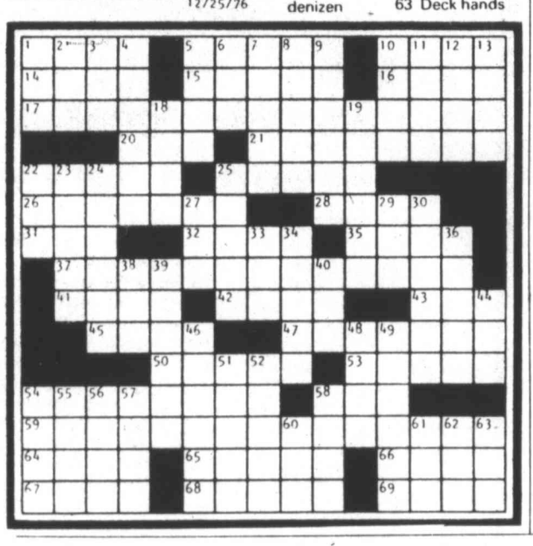
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27 WW II area
29 Sedan
30 Declare
33 Sound of discovery
34 Scores points, in pinochle
36 Adored ones
38 Voice vote
39 Ohio city
40 Armed hostility
44 Once called
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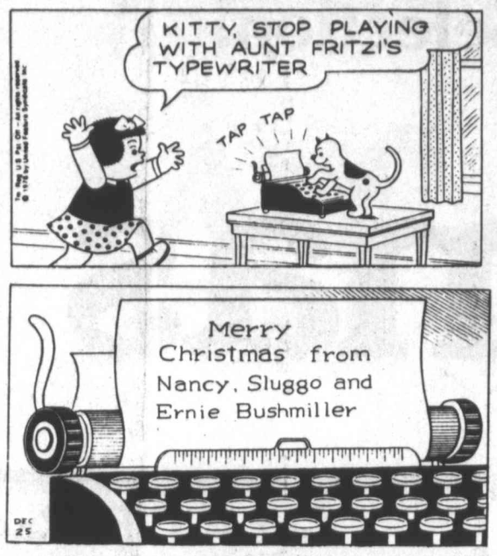
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print surprise answer here: ○○ ○○○○○

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VITAL UNITY DECENT MOROSE
Answer: What everyone who boards the train should have—A DESTINATION

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HOROSCOPE SUNDAY DEC. 26

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day for whatever this day's pursuits appeal to you. Be open to expanding your consciousness and expressing the finer things in life. Strive for greater harmony with others.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You are under good aspects for having a delightful day. Spend more time with the one you are most fond of and be happy.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Getting together with fascinating persons and improving your relationships with others is wise today. Avoid a troublemaker.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Engage in outside activities and meet interesting personalities. Be sure to get the proper rest for the new week.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Obtain data you need for a new project you have in mind. Listen to the voice of your intuition. Then use it wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make sure you keep any promises you have made and come to better terms with others. Discuss the future with loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your true relationship with others and strive to have greater rapport with them. Be happy with kin tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study new ways of improving your regular work so that you can gain more benefits from it. Be more cooperative with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have some creative talent that should be expressed at this time. Make the evening a very happy one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Good day to sit down with close ties and make long-range plans for the future. Make the evening a happy one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Imbue yourself with lofty thoughts and make plans for a prosperous future. Be sure to safeguard your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 29) Plan how to add to your present abundance. Take some time for enjoying the social side of life. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Know what it is that has the greatest meaning for you and how best you can attain such aims. Show others you have poise.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will understand the standard rules which have brought success to others and will follow through, adding a modern twist. Give the best education you can afford. The spiritual side of life is most important here. Sports are a must.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to YOU!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening when you are interested in putting into effect some new plans of action. But use caution as the time is not ripe to do so until tomorrow. Use this added time to study and to think out a better course of action than is present at the moment.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Early morning is best time to study how you want your future activities to trend so that you obtain what you most desire. Not a good day to make any heavy commitments, though.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friend may be disappointing in the morning, but this is due to own tensions, so carry through alone and get good results just the same.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plan just how to have more prestige in the future and then concentrate on how to gain your most personal goals. Steer clear of those who could bring more tension into your life.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) It is important that you get new views so that you can express yourself better in your regular line of endeavor. Do not annoy one who has much power over you.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Not a good day to start on some new project since your intuition is not reliable. Try not to offend a loved one who is in a depressed mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can better understand a partner who is distressed. Be sure to handle your part of any joint endeavor well. You will have to work harder with a difficult situation to get the right solution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Find a better system early in the day for handling your regular work. Then take care of civic duties. Try to come to a better understanding with co-workers and associates. Be more productive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan your work in such a way that you have ample time for recreation you enjoy. Give more serious thought to the future and gain more success thereby. Avoid one who argues too much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan how to have more harmony and happiness at home and get right work on such. A financial matter is annoying and should be handled without delay.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Cut down on unnecessary expenses and make little changes that will also help to build up your reserve. Not a good day for visiting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listen to the advice of a financial expert and follow it for best results. You are not thinking carefully where finances are concerned and need suggestions. Relax tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Analyze your postion and know how best to gain your aims. Plan some social affair for later in the week. Avoid one who has ulterior motives.

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All work, no TV, makes Essex a dull town

Life simpler, and boring

ESSEX, Calif. (AP) — Nobody in Essex watches television. Nobody can. It's one of the very few communities left in America that can't receive TV signals.

Some of the 17 ranchers and park rangers who live in the nearby hills can pull in stations broadcasting from Phoenix, Ariz., 270 miles to the southeast. But the 50 folks clustered around the post office, gas station and elementary school in the Mojave desert here get nothing. Even the closest stations — in Las Vegas, 110 miles away — are blocked by hills.

The Denver Research Institute says that one million U.S. households receive inadequate service on only one channel. Essex, with no service at all, is lumped into that figure along with isolated communities without TV in several other states.

"It's really boring here," says 13-year-old Toni Smith, who rides a bus 40 miles to attend junior high school in Needles.

"Television is an excuse for not doing something about loneliness," says Phil Acosta, 19, a highway maintenance worker. "Without TV I go out and make friends."

"I think you have politer kids here," says Margaret Stevens, 57, who was raised in New York and whose husband, Al, is the schoolteacher. "Everyone knows everyone. Kids are forced to talk with their parents. You just can't sit in front of the TV and stare."

Many of the older people spend free time roaming the brush country in four-wheel-drive jeeps, a substitute for TV entertainment. The kids make believe they're truck drivers, but that reflects the nearby interstate highway, not TV.

Just about everyone in Essex owns a TV set. Most moved here in recent years and brought with them the sets they had watched in other towns and cities.

Modern technology could bring television to Essex, but the several thousand dollars needed for a mountaintop device to relay a TV signal would have to be split among the townspeople, and they have decided it would be too expensive.

"Most people here just sort of scratch out a living," says Walt Smith, who runs a service station. "They're here because they like living in the desert, not because they want to be rich."

The sign which once flanked U.S. 66 reads, "Essex, Pop. 100." The sign is still there, but most of the people and Highway 66 aren't.

When the interstate bypassed Essex in 1973, U.S. 66 became a county highway. The cafe, bar and motel have since been boarded up.

The 17 kids at the Essex school, aged 5 to 12, have all seen television. Some have lived in Los Angeles, 250 miles to the west.

America gains first male saint by decree

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI approved on Nov. 13 the canonization of John Neumann, 19-century bishop of Philadelphia, as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. No date was set for the ceremony that will give the United States its first male saint.

In a session attended by officials of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and other Churchmen, Pope Paul ratified as a miracle the recovery of Michael Flanigan, a Philadelphia resident, from bone cancer in the winter of 1963-1964. The papal decree said the miracle was granted through prayers to the European-born bishop, who died in 1860.

Vatican sources said the papal rite proclaiming John Neumann as saint was expected to be set for next year, probably after Easter.

The United States got its first native Roman Catholic saint last year when the Pope canonize Mother Seton, a 19th-century convert who became a nun. The first U.S. saint was another nun, Italian-born Mother Cabrini, whom Pope Pius XII canonized in 1946.

John Neumann was a seminarian when he left his native Prachatitiz, Bohemia, now Czechoslovakia, in 1835. He was ordained a priest in New York the following year.

A man who spoke six languages, he dedicated himself to the care of immigrants. He was parish priest in Baltimore, Md., and Pittsburgh before becoming bishop of Philadelphia in 1852.

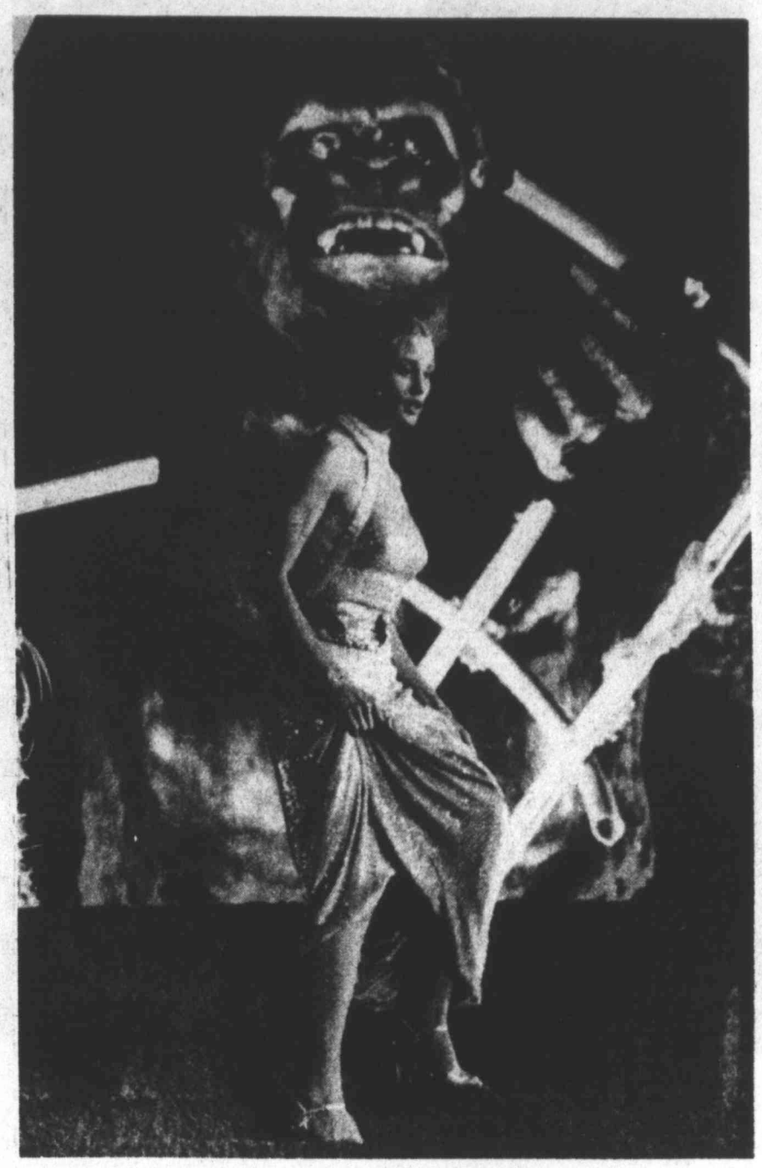
He was a major architect of the parochial school movement and had 80 new churches built in his diocese.

As he has done frequently, Pope Paul waived a general rule requiring two miracles for sainthood.

The Pope waived the two-miracle rule also Saturday in approving the canonization of Raffaella Porras, a Spanish nun, who lived from 1850 to 1925. She was the founder of the Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and died in Rome.

Pope Paul also approved the proclamation as blessed, the last step before sainthood, of two Italians, a bishop and a priest, who were killed during an anti-European uprising in China in 1930.

They were Bishop Luigi Versiglia, who was 56 at the time of his death, and the Rev. Callisto Caravario, who was 26. Both were members of the Salesian Order.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST — Newcomer Jessica Lange moves carefully around the 40-ft. monster known as Kong. Lange stars in the nationwide release of the remake of the 1930s classic in which the giant ape terrifies New York like nothing since the garbage strike. When asked, "How do you call a 40-ft. gorilla?" Lange reportedly replied, "Sir."

Gambling popular and illegal

Place your bets-anywhere

EDITOR'S NOTE — There are some who think it would be a moral advance to drop strictures against gambling. And there are others who know in their gut that it is wrong, although they can't tell you why. Meanwhile, gambling becomes more and more an American way.

By JOHN BARBOUR
AP Feature Writer

From Las Vegas East to Las Vegas West, gambling is sweeping the country.

When Atlantic City, N.J., won the right to be the nation's second casino city this month, it only underscored a trend startling to behold.

More and more it is legal to try to get something for next to nothing. Four of five Americans approve of gambling as a pastime and two of three freely admit they gamble within the law, or without it.

Thirteen states, all in the East and Midwest, sell lottery tickets, thereby putting the aegis of government on bet-making. In New York, bettors can wager on the horses and never leave home. And while New Jersey was authorizing its decaying resort area to spin the wheel of fortune, New York City and Long Island voters authorized "Las Vegas Nights" with roulette, blackjack and craps for charitable institutions "and other worthy causes."

From the public Horseshoe Club in Gardena, Calif., where people line up to play poker, to the private Mayfair Club in Manhattan, where consenting adults wager discreetly on bridge and backgammon, the name of the game is betting.

Even on daytime television, game shows sport the Las Vegas accoutrements of crap table dice and oversize playing cards for "21". The audiences shriek and grow with the winners and the losers.

All over America, people bet on anything that moves — a whopping $60 billion a year on sports alone, illegally at that, and no one knows how much on other forms of gambling. Something not too subtle is happening to the Protestant Work Eithic, which brands gambling as frivolous and sinful.

It has been an abiding contradiction of American life that millions bet every day, while often supporting legislation that makes that activity illegal.

And it has produced strange ironies. When New Jersey, a reported stronghold of the Mafia since Prohibition days, turned down statewide casino gambling in 1974, one of the arguments against the tables and the slots was that it would attract the wrong elements to the state.

Even while Atlantic City interests spent more than a million dollars to convince New Jersey voters that casino gambling was okay, a federal commission issued the results of a three-year study. It said that gambling is "a pastime indulged in by two-thirds of the American people, and approved of by perhaps 80 per cent . . . contributes more than any other single enterprise to police corruption . . . and to the well-being of the nation's criminals."

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DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS — Most of the nation looked forward to the joy and sparkle of Christmas. In Nantucket that spirit was tempered by thoughts of impending disaster. The resort island is 27 miles from the worst oil spill disaster in history. On the left a youngster holds a shining Christmas tree, while on the right a high school student holds an oil-soaked murre.

K.C. and Sunshine great garage group

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — All over the country, amateur rock musicians come home from school or work and practice simply-structured, boy-meets-girl Top 40 songs in the comfort of their garages.

Most of these garage bands couldn't play their way out of a paper Volkswagen, but a few copy the material well enough to achieve semi-pro status down at the local VFW Hall.

Occasionally, a group masters the strong beats and catchy melodic "hook" and actually records its own material. And once in a very great while, one of these groups makes it from the garage to the limousines of the stars. K. C. and the Sunshine Band made it. They are the ultimate, in fact, in garage groups.

In 1969, K.C., now 25, with surfer-boy good looks and always smiling quit a job at a Hiahleah, Fla. record store to work as a stockboy at Henry Stone's TK Records.

He was an 18-year-old musician in a soul band and he wanted to record. Three weeks after he started his new job, a 15-year-old soul music fan named Rick Finch began working alongside him.

"In the evenings we used to go up the studio and fool around," recalled Finch, who now plays bass and does the engineering for the Sunshine Band. "K.C. would get on the piano and I'd set up all the equipment and get on the drums."

One of their nightly episodes cutting demonstration records led to an instrumental in 1974 for which a TK singer named George McCrae provided some breaking falsetto vocals. That song, "Rock Your Baby," cost $15 to make and sold six million copies worldwide. K.D.'s warehouse days were nearly

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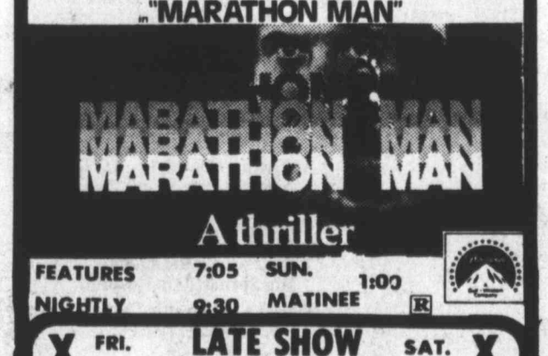
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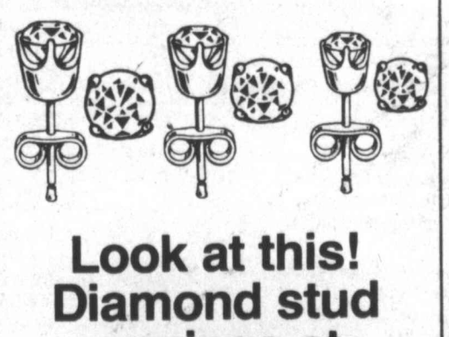
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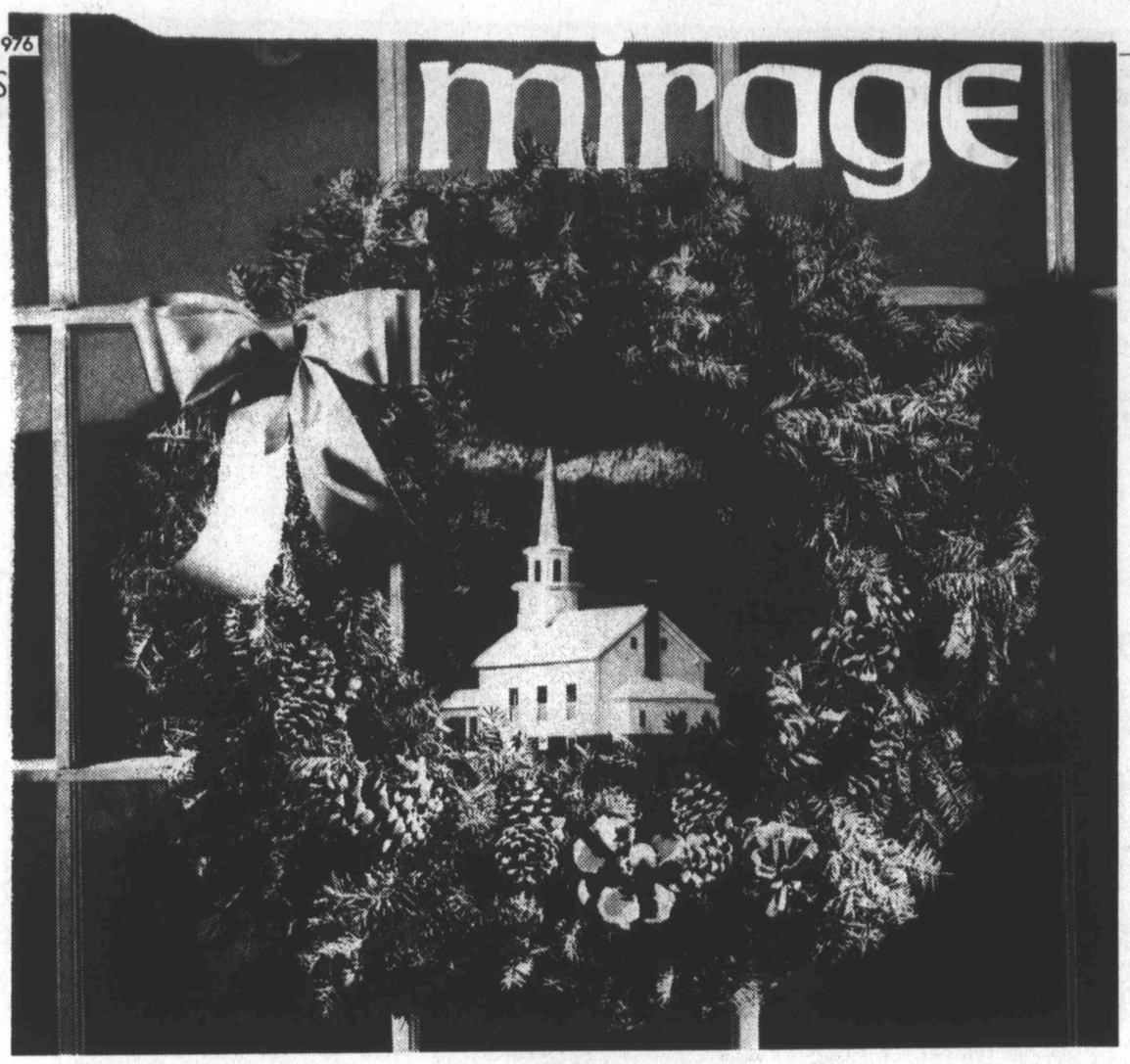
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Then suddenly I found myself staring at the wreath in the window. In the center of it, I could see the white church I'd gone to as a child. More often than not at Christmas there was snow on the ground when we went to the services, crisp and crunchy beneath our feet.

I blinked . . . and, when I looked again, the church was gone. But memory's message still remained. I turned to my husband. "There's something else to do," I told him, "if tomorrow is really to be Christmas."

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TWO HOMES — for the price of one on Bluebonnet. Stucco in tip-top cond. Spacious for lge family, perfect for teenagers. Walk to High School & shops. Reduced to $17,000.

CONVENIENT LOCATION — Corner of 18th & Goliad. Large 3 bed home w-huge kit w. O-R, DW. Nice cpt. Across street from schools. Mid teens.

SPACIOUS — and reasonable, 3 bed w-den, pretty cpt., lge stg in bk yd, on Auburn, very neat & clean. $16,000.

OWNER LEAVING — and must sell this extra nice home on Mulberry. Lge 2 bed w-21x11 lvg area w-frpl. Lvly kit w-break bar. New choc. brown cpt. Reduced to $14,000.

COTTAGE — on Stadium. 2 bedrm w-extra rm. Lge lvg rm, kit-din, lvly yd w-huge pecan trees. $14,000.

A-FRAME — to be moved. Two-story, appl. stay. Low teens.

VA APPRAISED — for $13,250, Veterans just pay closing. Darling 2 bed 2 bath Brick on E. 14th. Payment less than $135 monthly.

READY TO DEAL — on roomy 2 bed on Sycamore. Appl. stay. Carport, lge workshop, new fence. Like new.

UNIQUE — home on Nolan w-huge paneled lvg area w-woodburning frpl. Nice cpt. 2 bed, lge kit. $12,000.

BEST EQUITY BUY — on So. Monticello. Neat & clean 2 bed home. Owner will listen to offer on equity w-$74 mo. pymnt. Loan bal. $5160. Equity 3339. Total $8500.

LOT IN HIGHLAND — for $4000.

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SPECIALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

THIS IS THE YEAR
It's times like these that we realize property is the best investment. How often do you find a well cared for 2 br. home for $10,000? Quiet Street.

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCES
Be forgotten? Not when you can have this lovely home to entertain in 3 br. 2 ba. w-formal liv., huge den w-frpic., split master br., nice carpet, dbl. gar., fncd. yd., F.H.A. loan available. Approx. $2800 cash down.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR
With the holiday rush behind and look at this neat, clean 3 br. 1 ba. brk. home for only $12,500. Immediate possession.

SKIP THE RESOLUTIONS
Which are often broken and take definite action. Call to see this newly re-modeled 3 br. 2 ba. home for only $13,500. Good location.

THE FIRST STEP
You take in 1977 could change your entire life. Step in to a new world in this prestigious Highland South home. Everything you've always dreamed of in a home. Call for appt. to see.

LOOK AHEAD TO YEARS
Of happiness w-comfort & extras in this 4 br. 2 ba. brk. home w-refrig. air, nice carpet, dbl. car gar., sep. utility. Kentwood.

RESOLVE TO STOP RENTING
And invest in a home of your own. For approx. $1200 down you can own this 3 br. 1½ ba. on F.H.A loan.

HOUSE HUNTING 1977 STYLE
Spring is in the air at 2206 Morrison. Must see to believe this newly remodeled 4 br. brk. home. Own with pride.

START 1977
With equity instead of rent receipts. Neat 2 br. 1 ba. home. Completely re-modeled. F.H.A. loan, approx. $1,000 cash down. Don't miss this chance of a life time to own your own home for only $9,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
Look at this affordable home in Parkhill area. 2 br., formal liv., sep. dining & paneled kitchen-den, wood-burning fireplace, lots of extra stge. Price reduced to $18,500.

USE THAT XMAS MONEY
$2,600 equity will put you in this neat home in good location. 2 br., liv. rm., dining & nice kit. All rms. extra lge. Mo. payment $106.

RESOLVED
To relax and enjoy 1977 in a home of your own. Country type setting. 3 br. 1 ba. brk. Forsan School. $17,000.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR
With a Veteran and get in this 3 br. 1½ ba. home for closing cost only. Priced at $14,500.

YES! THERE ARE YEAR-END SAVINGS
Here's one. The owner is taking a loss on this pretty white brk. home. Carpeted thru-out, 3 lge. bdrms., liv., dining & paneled kit. Chain link fence, refrig. air. Exceptional buy at $18,000.

WINTER BLUES WILL FADE
When you see the charm of this older home. Lge. liv. rm., sep. dining, sunny kit., 2 ba. & sun rm., dble. gar. w-apartment. Only $19,500.

A NEW HOME
For the New Year. The ultimate in Suburban living. Rambling Spanish brk. on 10 acres — you will be thrilled from entry thru-out. 4 br. 3 ba., sunken liv. rm., formal dining, spacious den. All rms. w-glassed view. A home to enjoy for years.

A BELL RINGER
The livability of this home is evident as you view liv. rm. or spacious kit.-den from the entry. 3 lge. bdrms. 2 ba., dbl. gar., refrig. air. Kentwood. Only $36,000.

HANG YOUR 1977 CALENDAR
In this sunny kitchen w-dining area, gracious liv. & dining, 2 br. 2 ba., knotty pine den. Garage w-hobby rm. $24,000.

GET THE JUMP ON THE NEW YEAR
You've dreamed of more space — it's here — 4 br 3 ba, lge. liv. rm., den w-frpic., new carpet, covered patio w-extra strge. 100x170 corner lot, has own water well. $45,000.

MOVE BEFORE 1977
This immaculate home is ready. 2 lge. bdrms., liv. rm., dining rm., kit. & utility — all carpeted. Enc. gar., 15x18 guest or hobby rm. Good location. $16,500.

FRESH AS THE NEW YEAR
And only $15,500. 3 br. 1½ ba., cheerful kit.-dining, enc. gar., fncd. yd., carpeted thru-out.

MAKE 1977 SPECIAL
With this special home in Highland South. Front kit. lends view to foyer and family rm. w-plenty of room for lge. dining table & hutch, corner frplc., huge utility rm. lge. enough for sewing & ironing rm. 4 br. 2 ba. Spacious & gracious. $49,500.

NEW YEAR, NEW PRICE
Now $19,000. Very nice 3 br. 2 ba. brk. near Marcy School. Pretty kit. & dining, walk-in pantry, new panel-ing, covered patio, fncd. yd. See now.

1977 WILL BE BETTER
Especially with this Ranch Style brk. on lge. tile fncd. lot, outside City Taxes. Texas size liv. rm., 3 br. 2 ba., den w-frplc., dbl. gar., total elec. V.A. appraised at $42,500.

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NEW YEAR — NEW HOME

Realize your dream. Enjoy the massive frplc. in big den & frml. dining rm. of this 3 bdrm. 2 bth. beauty in Highland South. $53,400.

Economy plus — unbelievable price & value in this charming 3 bdrm. on crnr. lot w. mature pecan trees. Rental unit in back. $2,685 dn, $190 per mo.

Especially nice 3 bdr. 2 bth. brk. All new kit. has bit. in R.O., disposal. Plush shag crpt. Wasson Addn. $20's.

Don't miss this big, big Highland South beauty w. 4 bdr. 2½ bths., pnld. den w. frplc. & vaulted ceiling, sep. frml. rms., custom blt. w. all the extras. $60's.

Everyone will have room to breathe in this 4 bdr. 2½ bth. in Indian Hills. Big den w. log burning frplc. $51,000.

Real savings — V.A. appraised & going for $14,700 w. 3 bdr. 2 bths, sep. den w. blt-in O-R. Won't last.

Want a solid brick 3 bdr. 2 bth. w. ref. air, sep. dining, blt-in O-R, covered patio? See this one for $27,000 & $1,700 down pmt.

A real treat, just waiting for you. Plush country living nr. Country Club on 1 acre. Custom 3 bdr. 2½ bth., dream kit, big den, frml. rms. $80's.

Nifty Park Hill location, lrg. 2 bdr. w. sep. den & W-B frplc. Glassed-in patio. $20's.

Time to take advantage of the low, low price on this 3 bdr. 2 bth w. fresh paint & wall paper & blt-in O-R. $20,000. Will V.A. or F.H.A.

Sure to please her, this well blt. brk. in Western Hills. 3 big bdrms, 2½ bths, W-B frplce. in pnld. den. $45,000.

You'll get a true value in this 3 bdr. 2 bth. brk. situated nr. Kentwood school. House built in 1971 Ref. air, cent. heat, self-cleaning oven, D-W, disposal & lovely crpt.

Only $16,500 — nothing to compare at this price — 8 rm. brk. on crnr. lot — needs a little repair but an excellent investment.

Unique charmer — immaculate condition & in Washington Place area is' this 2 bdrm. brk. on crnr. lot. Lrg. LR — country kit. w-DW, 1½ bths. $20's.

Trees — Lots of trees — fabulous area of beautiful homes & lovely scenery. 3 bdrm. 2 bth. brk. W-B frplce. in den w. glass drs. to shaded patio. Located on 10 acres.

Outstanding buy — 2 acres — lovely fruit trees — 2 bdrm. mobile home — good water well — complete w. greenhouse.

Help yourself to this new listing on one acre — 3 bdr. 2 bth., frplce, blt-ins, lovely carpet & decor. 1692 sq. ft. of living space. Only 3 years old.

A good way to start the new year is this darling 3 bdr. on Morrison. Price reduced for quick sale.

Very good news in Wasson Place. Immaculate 3 bdr. 2 bth., total electric w. new carpet, blt-ins. Real charm includes double garage w. work bench. Appraisal price buys it.

Expect the finest in Kentwood from this 3 bdr. 2 bth. on Larry. Frplce., total elec., ref. air, blt-ins. VA appraised for $38,500. Owner lists it at $37,500. Bargain.

A small down payment can get you this cute 3 bdr. home with living room & den off kit., good crpt, stove & ref. will stay in house. Come see this good deal.

Very low is the $3,200 price tag on this 1 bdrm. cottage. Large screened porch & living room.

Exceptional space marks this 3 bdrm., 2 bth. brk. on Purdue. Immense den w. blt-ins and W-B frplce. New O-R, DW. Mid $30's.

Regain perspective in this cute 2 bdrm. house on corner lot. Near schools & only $9,000.

You'll never regret choosing this cozy 2 bdrm. w. oversized living room, den to hold pool table, ref. air, DW, total elec. on quiet st. New loan, easy to assume.

Have more for your money. Only $3,000 down gets you in this 3 bdrm. 2 bth. brk., new crpt — ample kit-dining area. Extra decorator touches.

Asking for a bargain? Take this brk. w. custom kit., new carpet, fresh paint, tile fence — under $10,000.

Pretty carpet in this big 3 bdrm. & den just for you. Nearby shopping, 2 storage houses, tile fence, auto yard lite. Mid-teens.

Plenty of room in this 4 bdrm. 2 bth. brk. — Kentwood — w. dbl. garage. Under $30,000.

Y'all come — see this spacious 3 bdrm. & den in Park Hill. Crnr lot, large utility & dining area. Mid-teens.

Near town — 3 bdrms — total electric — ref. air — 3 acres — corrals — barn — $20,000.

Everyday can be a happy day in this spacious home w. beautiful exterior & inviting interior. 3 bdrms., 2 bth., liv. rm., den, game rm., screened porch. Fifties.

We have a new listing in Forsan School District, 3 bdrm. brk. w. WB frplce., also 2 bdrm. home in rear, one acre, fenced.

You will enjoy the ref. air next summer in this 4 bdrm. brk. home. 2 bths, new carpet, corner lot.

Everyone should see this one — Very livable brk. home, 3 bdrm., completely carpeted, priced in teens.

Total electric home — ref. air, 3 bdrm, brk. trim — immaculate — teens.

Really more house for the money — 3 bdrm, 2 bth, den, O-R in spacious kit., brk. Twenties.

174 acres just outside city limits — ½ mineral rights — good water well — barn, corrals, & big, big brick home — 3 bdrm, 2 bths, country kit. w. O-R — beautiful den w. frplce.

Excellent school location — 3 bdrms — pretty shag carpet, all brick, corner lot. Teens.

A brick home to make the new year happy. 3 bdrm, den — College Park — Twenties.

STASEY REAL ESTATE

2701 Lynn 267-3311 Big Spring

ROOMY — 3 br., Beautiful den on ½ acre just out of town. Lots of extras for comfortable living. Nice neighborhood, detached garage would make nice workshop. Only $28,000.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY LIVING — 3 miles from town on 2 acres of good soil with strong, sweet water well, new pump, 3 br, 2 bth, extra large 2 car garage, central air, 25 fruit trees, nice garden and many other extras. Owner will finance. This won't last long.

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5 ACRES — Lrg 2 Bdrm, Den, Gar, Barns & corrals, gd fence, Mid 20's.

EQUITY BUY — $2300 & move in 3 Bdrm, Din Rm, fncd, storm cellar, gd loc on E. side.

FORSAN SCH — 1800 Sq. Ft. in 3-2, lrg liv rm, Gar, over 1 Acre in city.

1 BDRM — on 1.87 A. outside city in Forsan Sch, vacant and only $6500.

3 BDRM — Ducted Heat-Air, new paint inside, Marcy Sch, $14,500.

OLDER — 2 Bdrm, Sep Din, 34'x46' Gar & Workshop, $8500.

300 ACRE FARM — 185 A. in cultivation, ½ mile IS 20 frontage, $225 per A.

LOTS — Have several thru-out city. (Have other listings)

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Aubrey Weaver Real Estate

Brick home, 2 bedroom 2 baths, fireplace with building for commercial business.
Brick, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, redecorated, fenced backyard, Shown by appointment only.
House and lot on Lake Sweetwater. 1900 sq. ft., 1 acre land, fenced.
Three bedroom house in Forsan. 5 lots included.
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FOR SALE In Coahoma: Two bedroom brick house fully carpeted. Water well, carport and 12X14 storage building. 394-4247.

FOR SALE By owner: Three bedroom brick, 1¾ baths, living room, den or dining and kitchen. 1309 Johnson, call 263-7788 after 6:00.

FOUR ROOM Stucco: Furnished. $4,000 cash. On Moore Street, Sand Springs. Call 267-2287 or 267-7590.

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BIG SPRING'S OLDEST REAL ESTATE FIRM

A FAMILY HOME — Soooo livable! 3 br, 2 bth, brick, lge fam rm plus form liv rm. Fine loc nr schools, college, shopping, churches, park. Covered patio joins 1 br, 1 bth brick cottage for 4 br, 3 bth unit. Pretty fenced yd. $30's.

BUILT WHEN HOMES WERE to last forever. It's indeed charming, big spacious rms, form din rm, liv rm SOLD bdrm (& rm for more in basement), breakfast rm. Lots of stg s plus 1 br, 1 bth rear cottage. A fine older home that looks stout, comfortable & lasting. $16,000.

COAHOMA SCHOOL — $40,000. 2, 3 & 4 bdrm homes. Some with acreage, works SOLD 2 ft. brick, den, fireplace, over 2000 sq. ft. $30's. The best selection Sch. homes.

SMILE — You've found it! A $23,000 brck beauty w-den, 3 bdrm, 2 bths at an affordable price & easy financing (No down VA or little down FHA). Hobbiest owner has it in A-1 cond & it outshines the competition. 2 blks to Washington Sch. You'll like this one.

UNDER $140.00 monthly pmts. Pay low equity, assume loan on this extra neat 3 br, 1½ bth, nr school, park. A really nice home.

EXECUTIVE SPECIAL — An extremely special home — arranged — designed for living. 4 bdrms, 3 bth, den, fireplace. Start your mornings by breakfasting in glass-enclosed breakfast rm viewing into private, tree shaded yd — covered patio. Superb location. $40's.

COMMERCIAL BLDG — lot & SOLD East 4th St.

$7,000 — Well located 2 bdrm nr Washington School. $1,750 down & assume loan that pays off in less than 8 yrs.

IT'S a modest priced 3 bdrm (kingsize bds welcome), 1 bth, den, garage. So handy for shopping. No down pmts VA or little down FHA. Loan available. $14,250.

$10,800. Mr. & Mrs. Clean are leaving town & some fortunate family will find their priced right home one of the best buys on market. Nr college — 2 bdrm (big ones), central heat, ducted air, carpet, fenced, fruit trees, garage

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EDWARDS HGTS
Lvlst hms sur-rnds this nt 5 rmy hse w-mre rm for priv on spac-grnds. Enjoy winter or summer on in-closed patio. Lvly sunny kit — incids stv-ref. Hdwd firs cvrd in crpt & rugs. Value & qlty will never decrse in this area. $16,500.

FORSAN SCH & BUS
At front dr. 5-huge crptd rms, 2-tub bths. Not pinned-in on this full ½ acre. Rmy kit made for the lge family, plenty rm inside & out for gd living. Bearing fruit trees. A lot for $14,000.

MUST U ENTERTAIN????
Then you will surely enjoy this trmnds flow-thru liv-rm, dining rm, & warm panel den, this hm affords decoration w-spice & flair, it will surely please your guests. 3 spac-bdrms, qlty crpt, custom drapes. 2-qniq baths. Lvly priv-fncd bk-yd. extra wk shop & bath. Dble gar, stg. Ref-air, wd firpl for summer & winter comfort. U could never repic for $60's.

YEAR'S BEST BUY!
Move this extra well blt 1-owner hm & big bth to just the spot you desire. Gas log firpl. Huge sunny kit-vent-pantry. Utly rm includes other cabinets & sink + wlk-in pantry. Custom drps, rugs & carpt ... in this 5-rmy hm. Total $8500.

CLOSE IN DUPLEX
or 4 rm, 2 bth house. Crpt, panel. Formica kit cabinet tops. $8500.

ALL BRK HOME
$95 pmts includes 4½ per cent int. Easy equity buy. "Owner said sell!!!!" 3-bdrms, 1-b. Lge & clean. Wd fnc bk-yd. Near sch & bus line. Total $14,000.

TIME FOR EVERY
Season; this owner decided it's time to rest! Selling a corner Beehive., 4 units that's always rented. Rev. $425 . . . $25,000 cash. All in good cond.

HERE'S A VALUE
& will increase w-time. Top spot near IS 20, 2-bldgs, rented. Owners financing at 8½ per cent. Lo eq. . .Lo pmts. . .$12,500.

PERFECT IN MANY
Ways. For 2 or 3 folks, immac. & in exc-cond. 4 lge rms, lvly kit-abdnce of strg. Some crpt., gar, fncd yd. Nice n-hood & it's all ready for you at $11,000.

HIGHLAND SO HOME!!!
That has everything & more; 1st Privacy & view. Spcs liv-rm & den joins a neat pwdr-rm. 3-bdrms, 3½-bths, crptd, drpd. Butlfy kit-overlking a prfct bk-yd. Fruit & shd trees. Versatile home. You must see. $75,000.

LIVE LIKE A KING
on pes'nt prices. Your apt & 3-other furn units to supplment your income ($340. Mo). Easy finc. at 8½ per cent.

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SILVER HEELS
provides a backrop of scenic beauty for this lovely 3 Br 2 B Brick. You'll love it from the fireplace to the B I Kit. Has 1½ A with barn & Corrals.

SELLING V.A.
means nothing down on this lovely 3 Br 2 B brick with B-I kit, paneled den W-Fireplace & double gar. One acre of trees & quiet country living.

SPEND CHRISTMAS
in front of a crackling fireplace. Its easy to move in to this 3 Br 2 B brick with B I Kit Lg utility and dble gar. Mid 30's.

ROOM FOR ALL
In this 4 Br 2½ B brick W-large den & lovely fireplace. Has everything you could want in a home. B I Kit., dble gar. ref air. Its a dream! mid 30's.

NICE TO OWN
Easy to move into this picturesque 3 Br 2 B Brick with Sep Din, range, DW & private back yard. Close to schools, Quiet area. Mid 20's.

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD
yet only one block from school. 3 huge Br's, 1½ B Brick W-large kit & dining. Cent heat & air, Fence. New Carpet, Fresh paint. Mid 20's.

VA OR FHA
Very nice 3 Br 2 B fully carpeted home with Gar, Fence, Cent heat & air. $17000.

2 STORY HOME
with economy in mind. 3 Br 1 B W-large living dining area. Storage bldg W-bath could be apt. reasonably priced.

At this time of the year, it is a pleasure to turn aside from everyday affairs and express to our friends, old and new, sincere appreciation for their friendship and patronage.

May we convey warm Season's Greetings and extend our best wishes for Good Health, Happiness, and Prosperity in the coming year.

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REDUCED $4000
for quick sale, due to illness, this owner must move and leave his business, a good station, with living quarters on W-Hwy. 80.

WANT TO MOVE
in Kentwood, we have just what you're looking for, 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath-tile, large family room. Step-saving kitchen with built-ins, double garage, fenced.

NEED AN OLDER HOME
to remodel, you could have a picnic here, in this extra large 7 room house, on 2 lots.

HOME ON ACREAGE
Have country atmosphere and just five minutes from town, in this lovely 3 bedroom brick, large family room with wood-burning fireplace, carpeted and draped.

ON RUNNELS
this nice 2 bedrooms, only $7500.

TIRED OF
working for someone else, here's where you can have your own business, call today to see this.

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E. 16th ST.: Older Home in great Con'd, Ref A, 600 sq. ft. Tile Workshop in rear. Must see. Call Apt.
COLLEGE PARK: Four Bedrooms, Large Kitchen overlooking Lovely Yard.
KENTWOOD ESTATE: 3b, 2b, Bk, Ref A, Double Gar, F back Yd, Patio, Large Den, Beamed Ceiling and all the extras.
BEST BUY: 3 Bedr, Cottage Type Home. Just 12,000.
MORRISON: Brk, Corner Lot, 3B. A bargain in this neighborhood, Cheaper than rent.
ACREAGE: Just over 4 off South Service Rd IS 20, part of A-OK Campgrounds, Just East of Refinery.
2100 SQ. FT.: Ref Air. Ideal for Bus. Offices in downtown Area on Johnson St. $300 per Mo.
OVER 3½ ACRES: South 87 past City Golf Course.

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TWO BEDROOM STUCCO
Lrg rooms, comb. din & kit. Walk-in closets, cent. heat, dble carport. Immaculate inside & out. Only $7,500.
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REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE — Attractive 2 bdrm, ceramic bth, nice carpet, garage & fenced. Huge pecan tree. Unbelievable $10,950.

TIS THE SEASON — To be jolly & proud to show off this SPIC & SPAN lrg 2 bdrm, carport, storage & fence plus nice neighbors for $16,750.

ECONOMICAL — but nice, fenced corner lot, 3 bdrm, lrg liv-din area, garage. $10,950.

HAVE A MERRY XMAS — In this winter cozy brick 3 bdrm, nice carpet & blt-ins. $17,500.

QUALITY CONSTRUCTION — & many extras w-this spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bth, brick at 21st & Jennings.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS — Can be made in this darling sewing center w-this 3 bdrm brick on Cornell. $22,250.

COUNTRY STYLE — 2 bdrm, nice bth w-vanity, pretty kit, lrg closets & carport on an acre. $14,900.

INVEST! — In good level 1 acre lots east of town, 1-3rd down & low payments.

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Lots For Sale A-3

FOR SALE
8 ACRE PLOT
for $5,000.
On North
Birdwell Lane.
Call 267-7729

Farms & Ranches A-5

FOR SALE: 175-acre farm 17 miles south of Big Spring. Good water. $650 per acre. Call 915-263-1738 after 5:30 p.m.

379 acres, near Hamilton, Texas. 1-3rd cultivation, ¾ mile creek frontage, ½ minerals, lots of pecan trees, good grass, good farm home.

943 acres, good pasture land, leased for oil, ½ minerals, unimproved.

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Misc. Real Estate A-10

TWO MAUSOLEUM Crypts $1,950. Trinity Memorial Park. Side by side at eye level. Currently selling for $2,500. Contact Tom Wilkerson, 3906 Oak Creek, Austin, 78759.

TWO CHOICE Lots, section Garden Memories value $850, sell for $600. A. R. Collins, 512-793-2342, Burnet, Texas 78611.

Mobile Homes A-12

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RENTALS B

Furnished Apts. B-3

FOUR ROOMS And bath: living room, dinette, kitchenette, bedroom. Utilities paid. Couple only. 805 Johnson, 263-2027.

FURNISHED THREE Room apartment. Living room, kitchen combination, bedroom, bath. Shag carpet, electric appliances. All bills paid. Call 263-4804. Prices range from $130 to $150.

ONE BEDROOM Furnished apartment: No children, no pets. $175 month plus electric, $100 deposit. 263-6944 or 263-2341.

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NICE, CLEAN Three room apartment. Prefer couple. No pets, no children. Call after 5:00, 267-7316.

VERY apartm RENTED furnished drapes carpeting,

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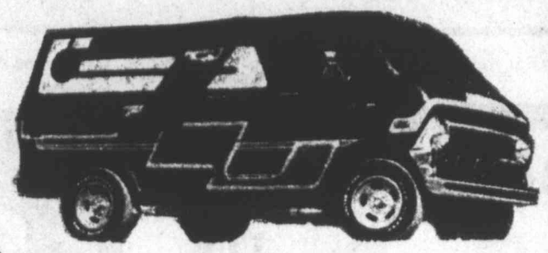


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Elizabeth hails peace movement

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II hailed the peace movement in Northern Ireland and the reconciliation between Britain and the United States after the American Revolution in her Christmas message today.

In the traditional broadcast to Britain and the Commonwealth, she said this is the time of year for differences to be forgotten, and the gift she would most value in the New Year — her Silver Jubilee year — is that "reconciliation should be found wherever it is needed."

The Queen described as a "shining example" the activities of those in the Northern Ireland peace movement.

"Here Roman Catholics and Protestants have joined together in a crusade of reconciliation to bring peace to the province," she said in the recorded television and radio broadcast.

"Reconciliation, like the one that followed the American War of Independence, is the product of reason, tolerance and love and I think that Christmas is a good time to reflect on that.

"In 1976 I was reminded of the good that can flow from a friendship that is mended," the Queen said. "Two hundred years ago the representatives of the 13 British colonies in North America signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

"This year we went to America to join in their bicentennial celebrations. Who would have thought 200 years ago that a descendant of King George III could have taken part in these celebrations?

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College students comment on lifestyle

By CAROL HART

The chance to attend a college or university is something for which many students spend months or years planning. The questions of where to go, courses to take, and adjustments that will have to be made are on most students minds early in high school.

Many Big Spring-based college students are at home during the holiday season. Several commented on things they missed in Big Spring, and on adjustments they made during the first weeks of school in other towns. All the students listed below are graduates of Big Spring High School. For most of them, the move to college was their first real move away from home.

Barbara Dirks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirks, is a junior music therapy and elementary music education major. She attends Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M.

Barbara has found that Big Spring has more activities to keep college students busy than Portales. She explained that Portales is a smaller town than Big Spring, and that students often journey to Clovis or Lubbock for the weekend.

Barbara chose Eastern because it has a good school of music therapy. She also chose the school because of a choir director who has since left for a post at another college.

Some of the people she encountered in New Mexico were prejudiced against Texans, she said. Several people she met felt that Texans had an expanded view of themselves, she said.

She also ran into different lingo up in New Mexico, as compared to Big Spring. Several of the phrases which people her age use here were unheard of there. As far as attitudes and actions were concerned, Barbara said she found that people at Eastern are much like people from this area.

James Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, is an electrical engineering major attending Texas A&M. He views the college years as a time for a person to mature. "You have to take care of living in general," said Hughes.

Hughes makes his home in an apartment, and has never lived in a college dorm. He has found himself forced to take care of things that his parents had done for years.

Hughes said he enjoyed the fact that there were no limits on his time at A&M, except the limits he put on himself. "At first, you don't know what your limits are," he said. He explained that it takes time to learn how to budget activities.

College is also a time to learn to associate with different people. Hughes said he learned to judge character because of the great number of people he encounters daily.

"College is the time you decide if what you have wanted to do all your life is the thing you want to do the rest of your life," he added.

West Texas State University sophomore Christine Soldan finds that she misses working in Big Spring. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Soldan, Christine said that she sometimes finds herself "bored sitting around" the dorm at college. She said she misses the job she held at the Cosden building this summer, and misses bringing in her own money. She carries a full load of college courses at WT, which makes it hard to work in addition.

Christine said that students have to "try to figure out what they want to do with their time." She explained that there are many ways to spend time, but not much time to waste.

Christine, an elementary education major, said that people at West Texas State don't ride around in cars as they do here. She misses that, because "it is a good way to see your friends," she said.

She found that she had to learn to make her own decisions on a regular basis when she left to attend college. "Making my own decisions was hard," she said. "I took on responsibilities I didn't have while at home."

She found that it wasn't difficult to make new friends at WT, because she found the people friendly. The college is located in Canyon.

A senior journalism major at Angelo State University, Carla Walker finds that she misses her family most when away at school. Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker.

Carla said that her small niece, Becky, is "something special" to her. She found that, since Becky was so small, she wouldn't remember her from weekend to weekend when she could get home. It would take until the day Carla had to return to school for Becky to become accustomed to her.

The friends Carla made in high school are all living in "different worlds" now, said Carla. She said that there is very little opportunity for her to see people she knew in high school for any period of time. There is never enough time to catch up on what has been taking place in their lives, said Carla.

How to make new friends was a lesson that Carla learned at college. She found that she had to make new friends fast at ASU, because there were few people from Big Spring there. She had been more withdrawn with her friends here, she said. "It took me a long time to get close to them," she said.

"There are times that I love to be by myself," said Carla. She found that hard to do at college, where she is constantly surrounded by people. She occasionally goes out to the lawn around her dorm and plays the guitar, a hobby which she enjoys.

Carla is the floor assistant in her dorm, which means she is on duty until midnight many nights. She is there to help other girls if they need her. "I do all sorts of things," said Carla. "I'm a counsellor, nursemaid, and the one that has to tell residents to quiet down if they are bothering other students."

What would life be like at a virtually all-girl university? Karen Fortson, Texas Woman's University, finds that having no men in her classes is a different experience. Karen is a junior elementary education major.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fortson, Karen said that she found that there is not so much "horsing around" in her all-girl classes. She noticed that the morale of the girls also went down as the semester progressed, said Karen. The girls would come to class in sloppy attire as the term progressed.

"We are not entirely secluded," said Karen. She explained that North Texas State University is just across town, and that the men there are at least visible.

Karen remarked that she misses the people who are used to the way she acts. She said that she sometimes says things that people who don't know her don't understand. She and her friends here had several sayings that they had come to use over the years. "They look at you like you're crazy at TWU," said Karen, "because they don't understand the terminology."

TWU is a small university, and Karen found most of her classes smaller than those at high school. The nursing classes at the school are larger than most others, she added. She found her teachers pleasant and willing to help.

The college provides some forms of entertainment, said Karen. The administration showed the movie "Three Days of the Condor," with Robert Redford, right before finals. Redford was just the lift she needed to get her through final week, said Karen.

Becoming accustomed to a church supported school was the adjustment that Donnie Wheeler, sophomore, had to make. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, he attends Abilene Christian University.

Wheeler said that there is no smoking or drinking allowed on the college campus. He said that this was not a hard adjustment for him to make, because he had attended no other university.

Everyone was friendly, said Wheeler, which made it easy to make friends among the many strangers that he met during his first few weeks at school.

ACU is "big but not too big," said Wheeler. "It is small enough to be personable," he added. Most of his classes have approximately 30-40 students in them.

The distance from Big Spring to Abilene is something that Wheeler likes, because he can come home more often.

Wheeler is "looking forward to going back" to ACU when the semester break ends. He said that his courses are not hard, because most of them are related to his major, music.

Texas Tech University is a story within itself. According to Judy Tereletsky, a sophomore art education major at Tech, the university is "Big Spring all over again." She explained that many people from her high school and junior college classes were at Tech this year.

Judy enjoys going to school in Lubbock. She noticed the difference in the distances people have to travel to get to stores or movies. "You have to go across town to see a certain movie," said Judy. The city, being much larger than Big Spring, has more to offer in the way of activities.

Judy said she misses not being able to run home when she thinks of things she needs. She also misses the people she had come to know in Big Spring.

But she likes the advantages that Lubbock has to offer. "There is a bigger variety of stores there," said Judy. She cited the South Plains Mall, a largeshopping center, as one of the places she shopped in frequently.

The move to Lubbock wasn't a hard one for Judy, because she had been there many times before. Her brother also attends Texas Tech.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tereletsky.

Barry Canning, a Texas Tech sophomore majoring in architecture, said that many of the people he knew in Big Spring while in school here are up at Tech.

He said that he found dorm life an easy adjustment to make, because there were 30 residents on his floor that were in the same situation as he was. Because of this, he found most of the people he met "really easy to get to know."

The courses that Canning takes at Texas Tech are "easy" compared to what he took while at Howard College. He explained that most of his courses ' are related to architecture now, whereas he had to take basic college courses while here.

Canning also finds that he feels like an individual at Tech. His classes usually have around 45-50 people in them, is opposed to classes with hundreds of students in the classroom.

Greg Brooks, a junior business managment major at Tech, misses people in Big Spring who knew him while at school. "I enjoy being in Big Spring," he said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brooks, he said that Lubbock provided the opportunities for a fuller "social life." He added that he thought Big Spring should have more clubs for college-age people.

People who Brooks met socially were all different types. He said that he found it hard to adjust to the social life at Lubbock, because he had to learn to budget his time. He also said that he met many different types of people socially now, and finds he doesn't know how to cope with all of them.

The courses at Texas Tech are harder than the courses he encountered here, said Brooks. He noticed students in the dorm who studied a week ahead of time in preparation for their final exams. He recalled staying up all night studying for a final in his economics class.

Brooks said that the university plans a lot of activities for the students. Some of them failed due to lack of participation on the part of students, he said.

One problem that Brooks sees in the college atmosphere is that people tend to "label things too much." He explained that everyone and everything had a label and was expected to stick with it.

All of the students interviewed seemed to enjoy their living in two different communities. Most seemed glad that they had the semester break time to spend at home, and most looked forward to returning to college life.

Meal planning easy with metric system

By JANET SARGENT
Asst. County Extenion Agent

Metric measurements on foods may confuse consumers trying to plan proper serving sizes for good health.

Healthful meals may be planned with foods labeled with grams by selecting the suggested servings from the four food groups.

The milk group contains milk, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. Three servings are suggested for daily eating by children. A serving is eight ounces, or one cup, in the English system of measuring. It is 250 milliliters in the metric system.

Another group is the meat group. It includes meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dried beans, peas and nuts. Two or more two-to-three-ounce servings of the meat group are recommended for daily eating. An ounce equals about 30 grams. A metric serving would be about 60-90 grams.

The vegetable and fruit group is the third group, and at least four servings are advised for daily eating. Every other day one serving should be an orange or dark green leafy vegetable or other rich sources of Vitamins A and C. In the English system, a serving is one-half cup or one whole fruit. A metric serving would be one whole fruit or vegetable, but 125 milliliters.

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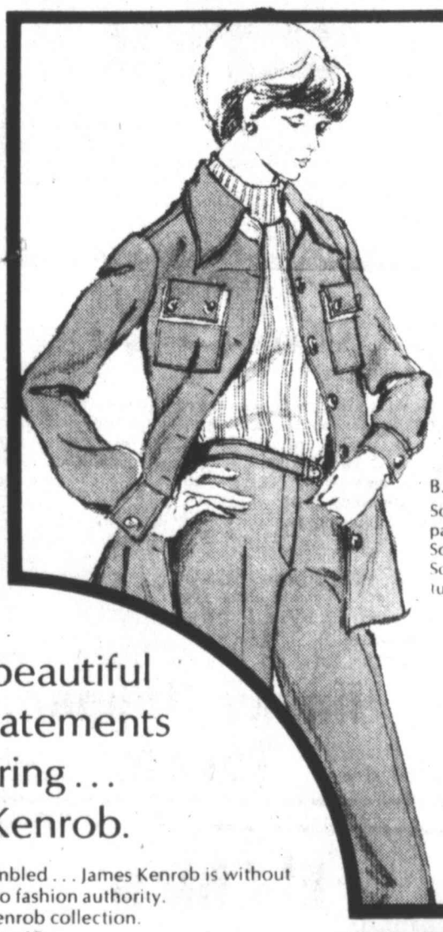
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