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Friday update

Off South Africa Today

Two US Supertankers Collide

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP)-Two American-owned supertanker sister ships collided in fog and caught fire in the Indian Ocean off South Africa early today, sending flames across the oil-slicked seas. Dozens of crewmen leaped into the water from the burning decks.

James Darcy, spokesman for Gulf Oil Corp. in Pittsburgh, said the two Liberian-registered vessels were on charter for Gulf Oil but owned and operated by Bethlehem Steel Corp. in Bethlehem, Pa.

Bethelehem officials said that the tankers are controlled by a Bethlehem subsidiary.

Two seamen were reported missing and 82 other crew members were reported rescued by helicopter and ships. Only one of the supertankers was carrying a full load of oil, estimated at between 58.8 million and 73.5 million gallons, officials said here.

The fully loaded 330,954-ton Venoil and the 330,869-ton Venpet, which was carrying no oil, collided at about 10 a.m. (3 a.m. EST) 20 miles off Cape St. Francis, 54 miles east of this industrial coastal city.

The South African Press Association reported that a 60-mile-long oil slick was building up from the collision site near prime beach area in South Africa.

Maritime officials expressed fears about possible pollution and described the collision as the most serious supertanker accident ever along the South African coast.

The Japanese-built, four-year-old sister ships were traveling under the flag of the West African Republic of Liberia, where the world's largest merchant fleet - about 2,600 vessels - is registered.

The relative safety of the Liberian fleet came into question earlier this year when four Liberian-registered tankers - the Argo Merchant, Olympic, Oswego-Place and Sansinena - were involved in accidents.

A supertanker is a vessel of 300,000 tons or more. By contrast, the Argo Merchant which ran aground and broke up off Nantucket last December was carrying only 7.5 million gallons of oil.

The Venpet caught fire and its crew of 38 Chinese abandoned ship, most of them leaping into the water. A spokesman for the P&O shipping company in London said the oil-bulk carrier Jedforest had rescued the crewmen from the flaming seas.

South African radio reported that within three hours of the collision all but two of the Venpet's crewmen were rescued by helicopter from an offshore drilling rig and by two nearby ships answering distress calls. No injuries were reported among the rescued crewmen.

Some of the Venoil crew, believed to number about 40, also abandoned ship, but the captain and at least eight crewmen were reported still on board.

According to latest reports, the tankers were drifting apart and there appeared no imminent danger of either sinking. A thick pall of smoke mushrooming into the air could be seen from Port Elizabeth

The supertankers, built in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1973, are nearly a quarter-mile long and some 60 yards wide. A spokesman for Lloyds shipping service in London said the collision would have been "a major disaster" if both vessels had been fully loaded with oil.

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'Phase II' Rumored

By The Associated Press

Farmers in Texas are talking about a mysterious "Phase II" of their three-day-old strike while their counterparts in Colorado complain of what they described as spy tactics by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

With all the talk, however, there was no indication Thursday that the strike was having any widespread impact despite scattered reports of demonstrations and rallies in several states.

Gov. J.J. Exon of Nebraska said Thursday he had arranged a conference telephone call for today with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and other governors to discuss the strike.

Exon said he acted at the request of "several" Midwest governors and that the governors of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South and North Dakota, Minnestoa and Iowa were invited to participate.

Greg Rystad, a spokesman for the American Agriculture group organizing the strike in Texas, promised a more militant "Phase II" but would not elaborate.

Fire Claims 32

MANILA, Philippines (AP)-Fire broke out early today in a mental hospital building holding more than three times the number of patients it was designed for, and 32 inmates were killed, officials said.

Some of the victims were so indifferent they lay apathetically in the burning ward while others fought off rescuers trying to get them out, Dr. Jaime Castaneda, director of the National Mental Hospital, said.

He reported that six of the patients were treated for minor smoke inhalation. He said some of the patients may have escaped, but "police will get them back," and they were not considered dangerous.

Cotton Cutback Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)-The Agriculture Department is telling the nation's cotton growers that they must reduce their plantings by one fifth in 1978 if they want to receive the full benefits of federal income supports.

Cotton farmers who go along with the voluntary cutback in production will be guaranteed the full 1978 target price of 52 cents a pound, the minimum allowed by new farm legislation.

The SDN Column

Big Spring has been making progress in pulling things together in the wake of the closing of Webb Air Force Base, but a federal agency bottleneck has reared its traditional head, according to J. Tom Graham of the Big Spring Daily Herald.

"Remember back before the base was closed? In each meeting with the Air Force or any federal agency, Big Spring was assured and assured and assured that the government stood ready to make the base drawdown transition as painless as possible," says Graham.

"The reality has turned out to be quite difference from the pre-closing promises.

"Despite repeated and determined attempts, Big Spring has been unable to obtain right-of-entry into buildings at Webb since the base was declared excess by the Air Force in September.

"Unfortunately, the efforts of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Industrial Team have been stonewalled by the same agencies who earlier pledged their complete support and cooperation. Which agency is to blame? No one knows. Each points the finger at the other and nothing gets done."

The federal wheels turn slowly.

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The Hereford Brand reports that around 10,000 hunters descended on the "Magin Triangle" of Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro Counties last Saturday morning for opening of the pheasant hunting season.

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The Sweetwater City Commission has approved an increase from $30 to $40 in its base rate for ambulance service, according to the Sweetwater Reporter. The ambulance service there had brought in a bill "in excess of $50" from an Abilene ambulance service for completing a run for the Sweetwater unit to an Abilene hospital after the Sweetwater ambulance blew out a tire.

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Walter Buckel of the Lamesa Press-Reporter says there are now so many substitutes on the market that it's difficult to remember what the original was.—WACIL McNAIR

Sadat May Meet Begin

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)-President Anwar Sadat, indicating the pace of Mideast diplomacy is speeding up dramatically, said today he might meet with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin in Egypt before the end of the year.

Appointment Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Congressman Omar Burleson announced his appointment of Stanley G. Pavlik of 2901 38th Street in Snyder to a slate of nine nominees to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, for admission in July, 1978. Eight other applicants from the 17th Congressional District have also been appointed to this slate.

The Academy will now examine and appraise the nominees and select a Principal for admissions, with qualified Alternates. Alternates may be given further consideration, depending upon available vacancies.

GOODFELLOWS' HELPERS—Students at Snyder High School have been helping the Goodfellows in their Christmas program designed to aid needy families. Shown weighing a box of groceries this morning are, from left, Andrew Contreras, Larry Rogers, Jim Zoda, and Lisa Dennis. Officials reported that approximately $900 in cash was donated and about 6,000 pounds of food was contributed. (SDN Staff Photo)

Begin Outlines Peace Proposal For Carter

WASHINGTON (AP)-Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin outlined for President Carter today his nation's proposals "for resolving the issue of Palestinina Arabs" in negotiations with Egypt.

After Begin left the White House, Carter telephoned Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to give him a report of the discussions. Carter and Begin are to meet again Saturday night.

Jody Powell, the White House press secretary, said there could be further "communications" between Carter and Sadat but he knew of no meetings planned with the Egyptian leader.

A White House statement said that during the two-hour meeting, Begin and Carter also discussed proposals for future relations between Israel and Egypt.

"The president thanked the prime minister for his thoughts in both of these areas and promised to give them serious consideration," the statement said.

Carter planned to fly to Fayetteville, N.C., this afternoon to attend the wedding of a nephew. He is due to return here Saturday afternoon and will meet with Begin again that evening.

Earlier, qualified U.S. sources said Israel was "rethinking" its position regarding the territory on the West Bank of the Jordan River that it won in the Six-Day War of 1967. Speculation centered on proposals for some local-self rule for the 650,000 Palestinian Arabs living there.

Begin and the ruling Likud Party had taken a firm stand against relinquishing the territory, which they consider historically to be part of Israel. It was not immediately clear whether giving the Arab residents greater control over their day-to-day affairs clashes with this concept.

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Thursday, 76 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 52 degrees; precipitation, none; total precipitation for 1977 to date, 22.68.

West Texas-Windy and not as warm today. Gusty winds, stronger gusts to 65 mph possible through mountain passes, causing some blowing dust Panhandle and South Plains gradually diminishing late today. Fair and colder tonight and Saturday. Highs today mid 50s north to upper 70s south. Lows near 20 north to mid 30s south. Highs Saturday upper 40s north to mid 60s south.

Santa Is Due Here Saturday

The stage is set for Santa Claus to make an appearance Saturday in Snyder.

Arrangements have been made by the Chamber of Commerce for the old gentleman in the red and white suit to fly into town at 11 a.m. tomorrow. He will arrive at Winston Field in a plane piloted by Jake Amato of Airtrax Taxi Service.

There will be a brief visit at the airport with any youngsters who assemble there. At that time he will distribute candy to the children.

Then, Santa will board a Snyder fire truck for a ride into town.

He will be on a special platform on the west parking lot at the county courthouse, where he will visit youngsters, pass out candy and pose for pictures until 2 p.m. If the weather should be bad, Santa will move into the Texas Electric Service Co. office on the west side of the square.

During the plane flight into Snyder, the airport crowd will be able to hear Santa greeting them from the air. Special arrangements have been made to hook up the airplane's radio to an amplifier inside the large hangar at Winston Field.

Santa Bucks In Its Final Week

The Big Snyder Merchants Santa Bucks event moves into its final week, with nine more winners determined.

Next week, the, fifth and final Santa Bucks week, there will be a $100 winner, six $50 winners and four $25 winners.

Lou Crowder, Box 7, Ira, is the winner of the $50 Santa Bucks award this week.

The week's $25 winners are Terry Rumpff, 3108 40th; Bessie Maxwell, 3001 32nd; Helen Crouse, 3112 Avenue T; Nora Gray, Route 3, Snyder; Beth Thompson, 2300 Avenue F; W.E. Griffith, Route 1, Snyder; Butch Biddle, Box 1201 Snyder; and Linda Howell, 5400 College Avenue.

The final drawing for Santa Bucks is set for Thursday. Anyone can register at any or all of the participating business firms in Snyder.

Participating firms are Wards, Forrest Lumber Co., Its A Boutique, Hinshaw's, Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, Perry's Roes, This-n-That, Snyder Drug, Snyder Athletic Center, Munden's Pharmacy, Bud's Office Supply, Tape Town, Bennett's Office Supply and Shoe Mart.

Others are Stinson Drug, Anthony's, Farm & Ranch Western Wear, Glover's Fenton's Dad & Lad, Dryden's Shoes, Tot-to-Teen, Western Auto, NJ's, Thompson's Shoes, White's Auto, Raun's Photography, J.C. Penney, Whitfield's Fabrics, Gray's and Mens II-Bea Owens.

Sales Tax Rebate Has Big Gain Here

City sales tax rebates in Snyder continue to show substantial gains over last year and also continue to run well ahead of other cities in its population bracket, according to the latest reports from the office of State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

For the period ending Dec. 2, Snyder's sales tax rebate amounted to $78,332, compared to $60,107 for the corresponding period last year. The Snyder total for the year has reached $474,617 and at this time last year the total stood at $403,861.

Figures for other area cities, including the latest period, the total for the year and the total at the same time last year, follow:

Sweetwater $53,720 for this period, $352,599 for the year and $296,555 last year; Pecos $49,536 for this period, $286 786 for the year and $262,266 last year; Levelland, $46,779 for this period, $334,367 for the year and $279,703 last year; Lamesa, $40,402 for this period, $308,668 last year and $256,662 last year; Brownfield, $38,320 for this period, $278,030 for the year and $225,615 last year; Monahans, $35,567 for this period, $242,645 for the year and $237,211 last year; Colorado City, $16,527 for this period, $122,976 for the year and $111,139 last year; Rotan $7,732 for this period, $39,552 for the year and $38,507 last year; Roscoe, $2,506 for this period, $19,129 for the year and $13,762 last year; Roby, $1,724 for this period, $10,724 for the year and $10,604 last year.

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why costs are rising

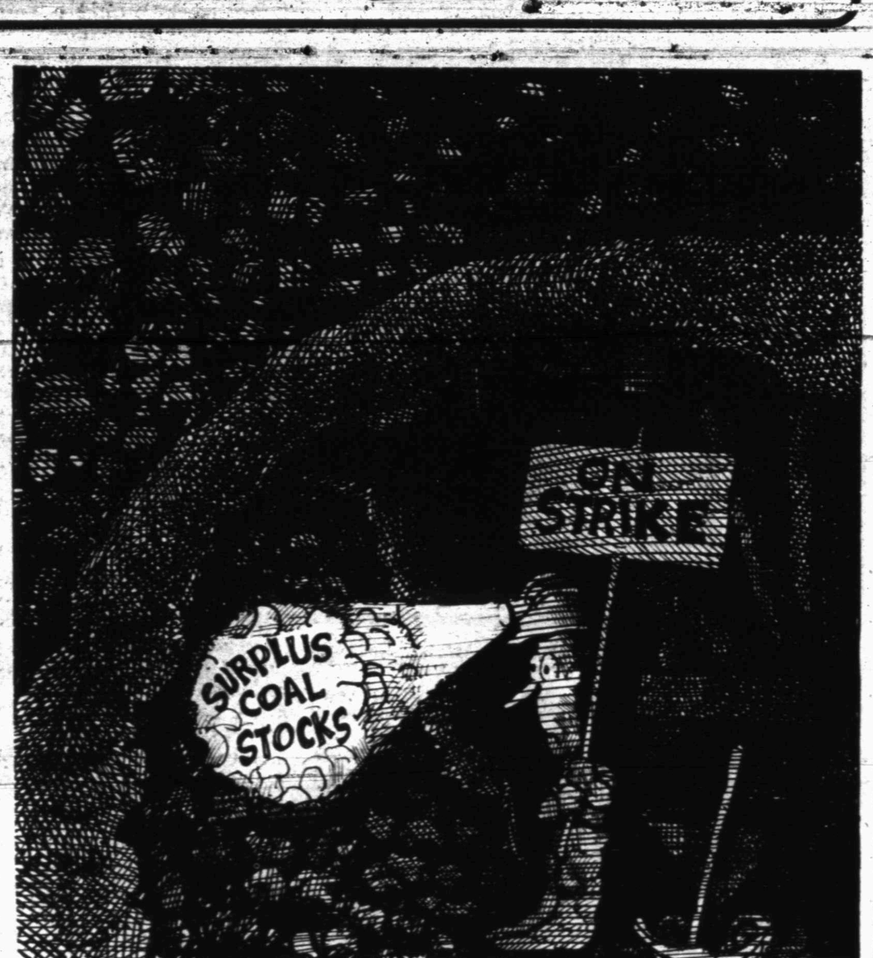
A few days ago no less a person than Joseph A. Califano Jr., Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, addressed letters to administrative officials of 22 local school districts and colleges informing them that Federal aid will be cut off if they don't sign declarations that they are not discriminating against females in hiring policies.

Developments following nation-wide publicity turned up some extremely interesting information. It was learned that 10 of 12 colleges on the list have never received Federal aid and apparently have no desire to get on the list of recipients. One non-participating college was first in the nation to grant a bachelor's degree to a woman. It happened in 1849. Qualified people have been employed during the early 150 years without reference to sex.

Trustees of a common school district in Regina, Mont., said they had never applied for Federal aid, didn't want any and would look after educating the four students enrolled in their school. Direction from Washington was not desired, on the assumption that cost involved in filling out applications for funds and certifying to compliance with requirements would exceed any amount of Federal money they might receive. One Texas common school district on Secretary Califano's warning list is shown to have received Federal aid of $861 over a period of years. Before leaping to the conclusion that this incident is a demonstration of bureaucratic inefficiency it must be realized that HEW is charged by Congress with responsibility of making sure that no Federal money gets to any institution which hasn't filed a declaration of innocence of the forbidden practice of discriminating against females in hiring practices.

There is no way an electronic device could be expected to tell the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare that the Regina school district in Montana has only four students and has never received Federal aid, or that 10 of 12 colleges on the warning list have never asked Washington for any kind of financial assistance.

That is the way welfare states operate. It is part of the system to make a policeman of every public official who has anything to do with disbursing Federal funds.



Cave In

menace is ignored

A Tokyo newspaper reporter has tested anti-hijacking security at a baker's dozen of the world's major airports and found it woefully wanting in most cases.

Hiroshi Sekiguchi carried a pistol-shaped electronic lighter in a shoulder bag during an 18,630-mile trip through Europe and Asia. Guards at six airports detected and confiscated the lighter, but seven others conducted no close examination at all.

That shouldn't surprise. For some inexplicable reason, a number of countries have refused to take the hijacking menace seriously. There is a flurry of concern with each new incident, but it quickly fades.

What's amazing is that one of the airports that permitted Sekiguchi to board a plane with his fake pistol was Frankfurt, West Germany.

More than amazing. For a country which has suffered so much at the hands of terrorists and which is their current favorite target, it is incomprehensible.

john cunniff

business image bad

NEW YORK (AP)-It requires no great insight to discern why many people are dissatisfied with business.

Some executives of large corporations are seen, even by investors, as part of a management ripoff mentality, enjoying a lifestyle in which the company pays for everything from free lunches to luxurious retirement.

Courtney Brown, a corporate director and business educator, claims that many emoluments are "utterly essential." Executives, he said, are the hardest working group he knows and sometimes need cars and company jets.

But he adds, the extremely large salaries and bonuses, sometimes paid even though anticipated dividend increases are skipped, "create an extremely bad impression and are quite uncalled for."

A low opinion of corporate ethics, especially following revelations of foreign bribery and illegal domestic political payoffs, has added to the belief of some people that anything that works is acceptable to business.

Not enough jobs is a perennial criticism, more serious in that it is seen as a general condition rather than the weakness of specific businesses. Seven percent unemployment is unacceptable to all.

It does little good to point out that in the 12 months through November some 3.9 million jobs were created, that there were more people at work than ever before, both numerically and as a percentage of population.

Defective products and insensitivity and unresponsiveness to consumer complaints plays a large role in the anger of many.

Industrial pollution, and often a reluctance to clean it up, thus endangering not just the quality of life but life itself, has badly tarnished the image of business, even though the corrective process is well under way.

But exploitation of consumers or investors, corruption, poor products, indifference and pollution, say students of business, are often inevitable consequences of human frailty and the disorder, disruption and discordance of change.

Something should, can and will be done about them, they say, but what can be done about the millions of people who feel they have no stake in the system, a condition that underlies much industrial unrest and lowers productivity?

The Advertising Roundtable, the latter made up of chairmen and presidents of the nation's giant corporations, have sought to ameliorate these feelings through education and advertising.

Louis O. Kelso, a San Francisco attorney, a practical man with a vision of people's capitalism, has had notable success with his origination, the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and similar financing techniques.

Under an ESOP, a company creates an employe stock-ownership trust, borrows capital from a bank to buy company stock for it, uses the money to modernize and grow, repays the loan, and leaves the stock in the hands of employees.

Since tax benefits are attached, the company obtains low-cost growth capital and remains technologically competitive, and the employees accumulate large amounts of stock, especially for their retirements.

John H. Perry Jr., an inventor, businessman and former publisher, also feels we must reduce estrangement. He claims his plan would also eliminate much welfare, shrink federal deficits, promote economic understanding, improve voter participation and lessen inflation.

Under his National Dividend Plan, funds earned by corporations and paid by them in federal income taxes would be designated for distribution through local banks to each registered voter on a per capita basis.

The dividends, coming probably to $750 a year per voter, would be tax-free. Corporate income taxes would be capped at 50 percent. A moratorium would be declared on any major new federal spending during a five-year phase-in. And any federal deficit would be deducted from the annual dividend.

Others too are working on alternatives, for specific companies and for the system in general.

The Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives, set up by a consortium of foundations, is currently working to establish community ownership of a closed steel mill in Youngstown, Ohio.

The Work in America Institute, another non-profit organization, seeks to convey information on the various experiments toward raising productivity, mainly through worker participation in decisions.

In all instances, a feeling exists that if more people understood and felt a part of the system, then job creation and capital raising and a host of other challenges would be more effectively met.

bill henry

your chamber in action

SANTA CLAUS

Santa will make his annual fly-in to Snyder tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. Jake Amato of Airtrax Air Taxi Service will be flying Santa to Winston Field and all area children are invited out to see Santa.

He will receive a police escort to town and be situated in the west parking lot of the courthouse to hear Christmas wishes, pass out candy and pose for pictures until 2 p.m.

Special arrangements have been made at the large hangar to hear Santa as he arrives in Snyder over the airplane's radio.

CANYON REEF BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 16-team Canyon Reef Basketball Tournament is now history, but its impact may linger for quite a while. The tourney itself was a great success, even if very few fans saw any of it.

The crowds were very small but the competition and quality of play was excellent. No town near our size has ever put together such an excellent field of teams. The coaches were extremely pleased and all want to come back again next year if such a tournament is offered.

Cost figures have not as yet been computed, but the chamber is expected to lose quite a bit of money on the event. The board of directors will not discuss its part in next year's tournament until its January meeting.

PLAYOFF GAMES

We hosted our final football playoff game last Friday with Seagraves capturing the Class A semi-final championship. Its win enables it to play East Bernard in Brownwood tomorrow afternoon for the state championship.

Seagraves officials sent a letter to the Snyder Daily News earlier this week thanking the community for its work in hosting two of its playoff games. This letter of thanks and the money those fans leave in Snyder is what all this promotion is about.

The community goodwill between our two towns and school districts could not be purchased at any price. It had to be done with the fine showing of community goodwill we have provided.

That's why we got this particular game in the first place. Big Spring should have gotten it. But, because of our splendid showing in earlier games this year, the two teams picked us.

INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION

The nominating committee of the Industrial Foundation, headed by Leon Autry and made up of Dr. Gene McClurg and Bill Dryden, named four prospective board members at its meeting Wednesday. Those who will be placed on the ballot are Lanny Wadleigh, Bill Ziske, Rex Fields and Daryl Lambert.

The ballots will be sent to foundation members later this month for approval along with a by-law revision. This revision will allow the nominating committee to select the same number of directors as needs to be replaced. In the past, two prospective directors had to be nominated for each vacancy.

This has caused some hard feelings in the past and stopped many members from accepting a nomination. It's not like running for office, it's accepting an invitation to serve the community. Nobody likes to lose in a situation like that.

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in washington

martha angle and robert walters

WASHINGTON (NEA)-- In what can be described only as an act of petty harassment, Ralph Nader has launched a personal investigation of a European trip taken last month by Joan Claybrook, administrator of the federal auto safety agency.

That previously unpublicized move is the latest development in Nader's month-long personal vendetta against Claybrook, among his most trusted aides and closest friends before she accepted a job offered by the Carter administration.

In a formal request filed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Nader is pressing for disclosure of every imaginable detail of Claybrook's government-sponsored November 4-20 trip to Great Britain, Sweden, France, Germany and Italy.

Determined to embarrass Claybrook into resigning from her post as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Nader presumably hopes to portray her trip as a junket financed by American taxpayers and European automakers, whose United States exports she regulates.

He is demanding from NHTSA Claybrook's detailed itinerary, a list of everyone she met on the tour, the names of all members of her travelling party and a full description of any lunches, dinners or gratuities accepted from her hosts.

But Claybrook was so scrupulous about avoiding even the appearance of impropriety that she personally refunded to her hosts the cost of every meal provided by automakers while she toured their plants.

When Fiat, Italy's largest manufacturer, offered a corporate plane to fly Claybrook and her aides to its elaborate crash-testing facility in Torino, she declined in favor of an overnight train trip.

The tenor of Nader's request suggests he suspects Claybrook devoted too much attention to auto producers and too little to European consumer and safety groups. In fact, much of the trip involved meetings with government traffic safety experts and inspection tours of their test facilities.

Nader's high-pressure campaign, against Claybrook was launched in mid-November, when he sharply criticized her in his syndicated newspaper column. One week later, he stepped up the attack in an interview with the Washington Star.

And less than a week after the interview, Nader released to the news media an 11-page, single-spaced letter to Claybrook charging that she was "unwilling or unable to take command of your agency" and that the failure during her early months in office "etch a trial of averted or broker promises."

Nadar's principal objection to Claybrook's performance dates back to the June 30 decision by Transportation Secretary Brock Adams to require the 1982-84 installation of air bags in all passenger cars sold in this country.

Both Nader and Claybrook believe that safety feature should and could have been installed as early as the 1981-83 model years. Claybrook pressed Adams, her boss, for earlier implementation, but supported him after he decided to give the automakers more lead time.

Nader's strength always has been his single-minded dedication to causes he believes just. When Claybrook headed Congress Watch, his lobbying organization, she shared that spirit of fierce partisanship.

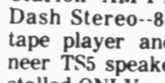
Claybrook understands, however, that she now heads a government agency which not only serves multiple constituencies but also must cope with political pressures.

Nader also is well aware that politics is the art of compromise. But he applies that philosophy on a highly selective basis, usually when dealing with someone he knows is more powerful or influential.

Claybrook isn't the only former Nader colleague now in government service and thus required to modify the purist's approach to many issues. But his concerted attack only on her does a gross disservice to Nader's own reputation as one of the nation's most valuable citizens.

The Ford Model A was introduced in 1929.

Christmas Special!



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No Santa For This Family

By Tom Tiede

BAILEY SWITCH, Ky.—(NEA)—The government believes there are at least 26 million people in America who can officially be classified as poor. Some have no jobs. Some have no money. Some lack food, clothing and medical care. But the poorest of the poor are those who don't have Christmas.

The George Hobbs' family of Bailey Switch is in the nethermost. It lives here on a mountain of despair, alongside a road that has no end, and not even the holidays can alter the grief. George Hobbs says December 25 is "just another day" in his home. "I feel awful sad about it, I sure do."

Hobbs is an epileptic, 42 years old. He was born in a place called Stinking Creek, whose name was a prophecy for his life. He was too sick to go to school, he says, and too unreliable for employment. "I can't read, I can't write. The only thing I ever done like other people was to have a family."

The family numbers 11: Hobbs, his tobacco chewing wife Betty, two children who have left home, and Glen, 17, Bessie, 13, Clarence, 11, Will, 10, Edward, 8, Jamie, 7, and Robert, 5. Jamie has epilepsy, too; some of the other children are retarded; young Robert has never received a Christmas gift.

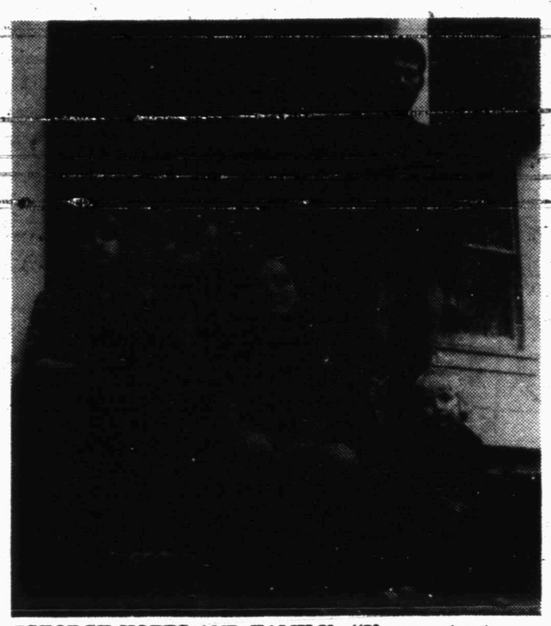
The family lives in a $50 a month shack on a slope of the Appalachians. It shares the dwelling with two dogs, numerous rats, and a legion of cockroaches. When it rains, dead worms appear on the kitchen floor. In summer, spiders nest in the children's beds. Young Robert says he eats the ants, sometimes.

The shack has three rooms. The walls are caving in, the windows are broken, the roof leaks. The floors are indicative of the decor: they are warped pieces of random boards that frame occasional gaping holes. The holes are for garbage.

At night, a hole in the living room also serves as a toilet. There is no plumbing in the Hobbs' home. Sulfur water is drawn from a well, and other matters are attended to in an outhouse. Bathing is done in a washtub. George Hobbs says he has never had a real bath; "I had a shower a couple of times, that was when I was put up overnight in the hospital."

The Hobbs do have electricity, but only after a fashion. The light in the living room is a 15-watt bulb affixed to the ceiling. Lights in other rooms are also too dim for reading. Besides this, the only items powered in the shack are a TV, range and wringer washer. Hobbs says the refrigerator is recently broken.

That refrigerator is sorely missed. The family can't store milk, meats or other perishables. But then, as Hobbs says, he can't afford many perishables anyway. "We eat bread a lot," he says. "I tried to get the food stamps, but you got to pay for them, you know, and I got nothing to pay with."



GEORGE HOBBS AND FAMILY: "If you got a tree, the kids cry if there's nothing under it." (Photo by Tom Tiede)

Hobbs is not totally without funds. The family receives nearly $600 a month in public assistance. But $400 of this is taken by rent, heat, utilities, etc. And that leaves barely 70 cents per person per day to cover everything else. Everything else includes food. "It's a rough go," says George Hobbs.

So rough that there is nothing for extras, not even for Christmas. The Hobbs' have not put up a tree in two years. No ornaments, the father explains. Besides, "if you got a tree the kids cry if there's nothing under it." If the children ask, Hobbs will tell them that things may get better next year.

No doubt the children will ask. They have learned about Christmas from television. They have felt the holiday excitement at school. They have seen the stores stuffed with wonderful luxuries, like new shoes. Still, the children won't ask much. They know the answer. "There is no Santa," says Will.

Clarence says he may spend Christmas watching wrestling on television. Edward and Bessie will play with the dogs. Jamie, the epileptic, will be satisfied if he can spend the holidays at home; he's been much in the hospital as of late, the last time so that a tapeworm could be removed from his intestine.

The father had hoped the family would have a Christmas dinner. But then the refrigerator broke. "I'd get ice cream, but the stores close down, and anyway there's no car." Robert, who has never known Christmas, says he will eat dry cereal, and chew tobacco, and stand on his trouser cuffs in the yard.

George Hobbs says the holidays will hurt at his house — and no one more than him. "I look at my wife, and my kids, and I feel like I wish there was no Christmas." On the forth Sunday of the month, then, surrounded by absolute failure, he will remember this 1977th Christian celebration by trying to forget.

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PIANO STUDENTS
...entertain residents

Residents Hear Students

Piano students of Mrs. Billy Tune, ages six to 17 entertained residents of Leisure Lodge with Christmas selections recently.

Students who participated in the program were Janna Tate, Shana Killian, Gina Brooks, Crystal Gibson, Kristie Cowen, Bonnie Campbell, Michelle Killian, Joleigh York, Jamie Giddens, Kathy Norris, Angela Wilson, Tobi Stephens, Bob Spikes, Todd Stephens, Kurt Dunn and Paul Tate. Others performing were Marika Sitton, Donna Browning, Sherilyn Campbell, Abby Rinehart, Sharon Bynum, Marca Parham, Teresa Young, Karen Stipe, Mickey Broach, Becky Pylant, Shellie Davenport and Darla Ketchum.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY

People Without Partners will meet for 42 at Inadale Community Center; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum will be open 1-5 p.m. Museum is located on WTC campus.

BRIDGE

Oswald and Jim Jacoby

Pupil's lead fools teacher

	NORTH	12/16-A
	♠ Q 3 2	
	♥ K Q 6 4	
	♦ 7 4	
	♣ K 10 6 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ 10 8 6		♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ J 8 7 5		♥ 10 9 2
♦ J 9 6		♦ Q 10 8 3 2
♣ A Q 4		♣ 3
	SOUTH	
	♠ A K J	
	♥ A 3	
	♦ A K 5	
	♣ J 9 8 7 5	

Both vulnerable

			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead -- Ace of clubs.

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Here is a hand written for the American Bridge Teachers' quarterly by teacher Sumner Cotzin.

Sumner tells of his own discomfiture by one of his pupils. As you can see correct, normal play will bring in the slam. South's best play is to play West for the queen of clubs. West has it and it is curtains for the opposition.

Now let's see what happened to Sumner.

West led the ace of trumps and continued with the four spot. What would you do? Just what Sumner did. You would hop up with dummy's king and pay off.

Sumner congratulated the pupil on his lead. Not that it was too outstanding a lead. West had nothing to lose since if South did hold the king of clubs West would discontinue the suit.

The pupil replied, "You taught me never to underlead an ace against a suit contract and to take aces against slams."

'Sweathog' Files For Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)- Robert Hegyes, "sweathog" Juan Epstein in the ABC television series "Welcome Back Kotter," has filed for a divorce from his wife of four years.

No reason was given for the split-up between the 25-year-old actor and his wife, Mary. The divorce was filed in Municipal Court on Wednesday.

"We have agreed to separate under the most amicable conditions," the couple was quoted as saying in a press release issued by their public relations firm Thursday.

The couple, who recently purchased a home in Studio City, has no children.

Ask the Jacobys

We keep getting questions as to when a card is deemed to have been played. The question may be a close one since, in general, a card is played by a defender if detached from the hand with evident intention of playing and held so that partner may have seen its face.

In other cases a card is definitely played when placed face up on the table even though the man playing it has kept his hand on it.

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

Cakes baked in a conventional oven are cooled on wire racks. Cakes baked in a microwave oven are cooled on a flat heatproof surface; these cakes continue baking after they are removed from the microwave oven.

AFS Seeking Homes

The American Field Service is a private, nonprofit organization. It was founded in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance corps had served with the allied forces in both World War I and II. Its 4,000 volunteer members carried more than a million casualties.

The American Field Service program as it is known today, was founded in 1947. Its purpose from the beginning has been to create greater understanding between peoples of the world by bringing students from abroad to study in the United States' secondary schools and to live with American families for a year. The American Abroad program has been an outgrowth of the American Field Service program and was started by the foreign returnees who, when they had returned home, wanted to give young American's a similar opportunity to understand another country.

The Snyder High Student Council became interested and initiated the beginning of our local AFS Chapter. They assumed the responsibility of the chapter from its beginning in Snyder in 1958 until 1962; then it became too much and it has become a community organization. The local chapter meets the first Saturday in each month at 8 a.m. for Dutch Treat breakfast.

Present officers are Sam Kitching, president; David Robertson, vice president; Mrs. George Stewart, secretary-treasurer; and Virginia Groves, faculty advisor.

Families of Snyder that have hosted foreign exchange students in the past are the Don Robinsons, Dan Martins, Raymond Williams, Leon Autrys, Bob Crowells, V.V. Shearburns, D.V. Merrits Jr., Thane Mebanes, Mal Stevensons, Roy Carters, Marlin Terrels, Roy Meadors, E.B. Dennises, W. Monroneys, Jay Rogers, George Stewarts, Jimmy Cernetts, Gary Roberts, Bill Lines, C.E. McCormicks Jr., Guy Sullivans and this year's families the Marshall Parhams and Bill Ziskes.

American Abroad Students from Snyder have been Dick Martin, Philippine Islands, 1960; Jean Young, Germany 1961; Tommy Shelburne, Italy, 1962; Margaret Zeck, Brazil, 1964; Barbara Crowell, Chile, 1966; Sharon Carter, 1967; Chere Reneau, Germany, 1968; Scott Morgan, Peru, 1970; Vicky Blankenship, Australia, 1974; Diana Campbell, Spain, 1975; Veronica Melgar, Finland, 1976 and Jeanne McCormick, Brazil, 1977.

"It was an experience that bridged two families for us and we hope two countries and an enjoyable and profitable year." said Junior McCormick who has been involved in AFS in both aspects of the program.

"Volunteering to keep an AFS student in our home for a year, started a chain reaction of friendships around the world. Because of our contact with Inge, we now have friends in six countries whom we write and hope to visit some day.

These students are of the highest calibre from their country and will be an influence on their countries' politics and mood in the years to come. As I see it, this is the most hopeful route for world peace through actually living another's culture.

Within the close confines of our family, we all benefitted from Inge's being a member. We learned to appreciate each other more and we tried a little harder to be as considerate of the old family members as well as the new one. We learned from Inge as we are told she learned from us. From her experience with us, her parents want to respond by having a U.S. AFS student in their home. Thus, the program grows and is successful in many ways. We are proud to be a part of it!" says Barbara McCormick.

The AFS program is seeking applicants from families interested in keeping a student in their home. If you are interested, call Roy Carter at the high school at 573-2503 or Sam Kitching at 573-3466.

Close the fireplace damper after the fire is out, or risk letting the furnace use 10-30 percent more fuel than normal, cautions Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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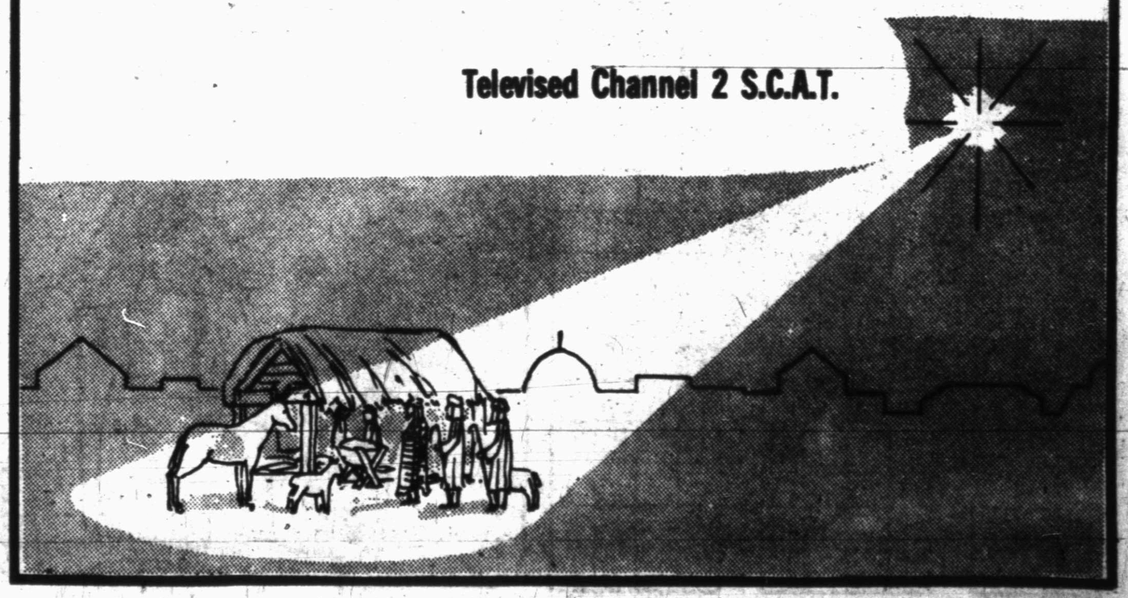

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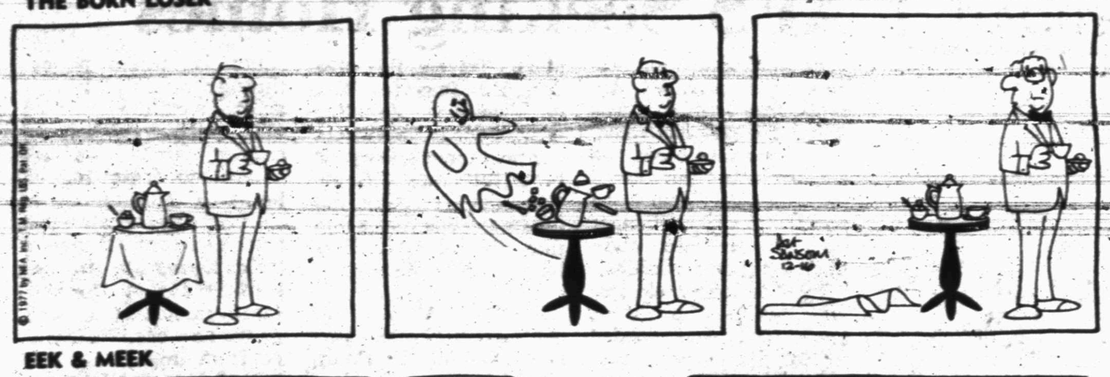

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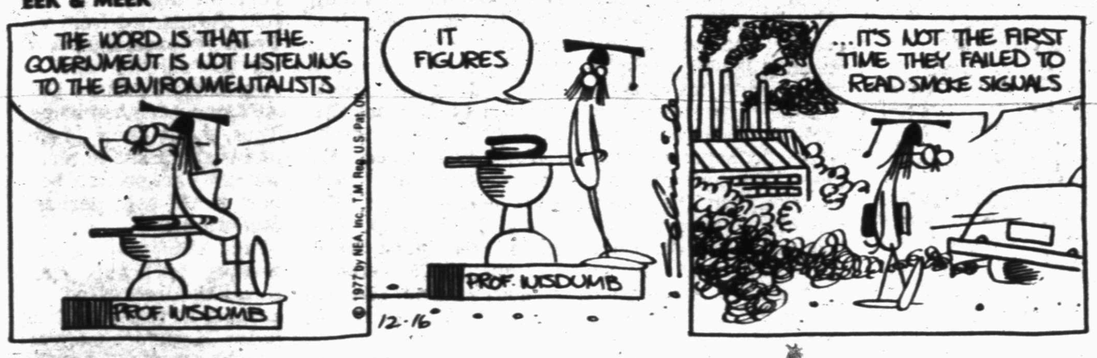

FLASH GORDON

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

BLONDIE

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

ACROSS

1 Golf shout
5 Japanese sash (pl.)
9 Ill-bred person
12 Wind instrument
13 Male ancestor
14 Armenian mountain
15 Tedious
17 Sports enthusiast
18 Madrigal
19 Boxes
21 Epochs
23 Rested in chair
24 Heat unit (abbr.)
27 Negatives
29 Nourish
32 Bring out
34 Become manifest
36 Discern
37 Proposal
38 This (Sp.)
39 Tenth of a decade
41 Donkey
42 Highway curve
44 Entity
46 Next to kidneys
49 Bold
53 Cage of an elevator
54 Marching order (2 wds.)
56 Rhea
57 Hangs up
58 Defect
59 Degree (abbr.)
60 Eye infection
61 Longs (sl.)

DOWN

1 Chicken
2 Toe the line
3 Leonine sound
4 Macabre
5 CIA forerunner
6 Surgical sample
7 "_____ La Douce"
8 Fortune tellers
9 Lunchroom
10 Asian sea
11 Inside of (Fr.)
16 Idol-like
20 Restaurants
22 Spruce
24 Relinquish
25 Beverages
26 Trash strewer
28 Closed car
30 Companion for ham
31 Cub scout groups
33 Stop
35 Least
40 Eloge
43 Cracks
45 Nougat
46 Made perfect score
47 Lady
48 Aid
50 Cut-price deal
51 Scrutinize
52 Evergreens
55 Take advantage of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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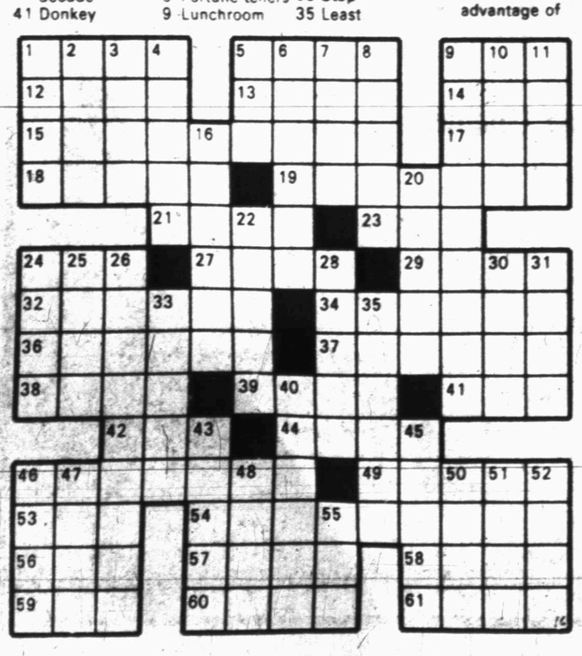

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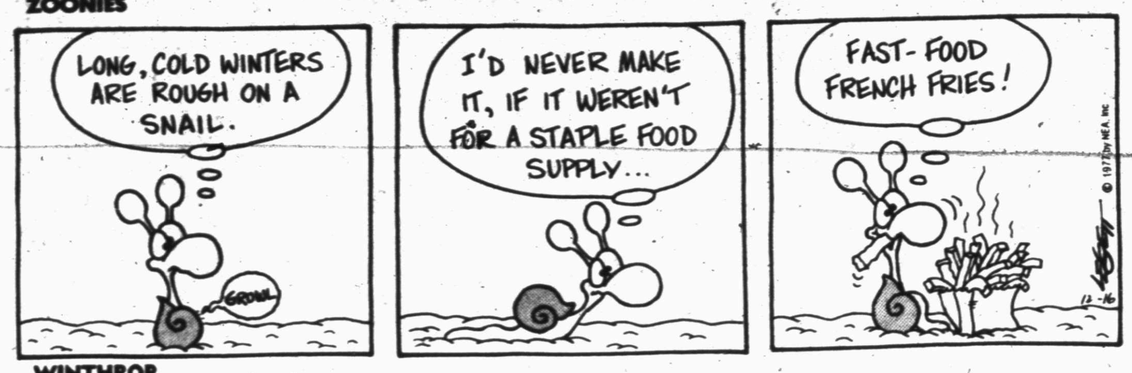

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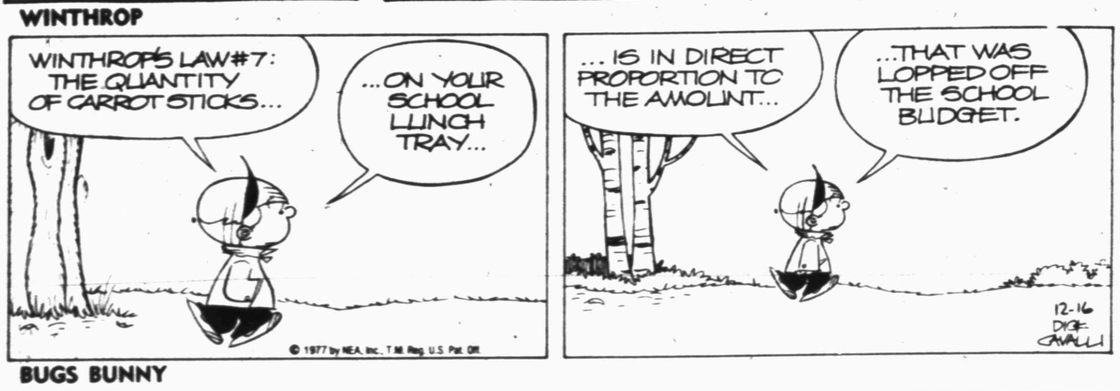

BUGS BUNNY

ALLEY OOP

CAPTAIN EASY

SHORT RIBS

PRISCILLA'S POP

DENNIS THE MENACE

MARKETS

Midday Stocks

By The Associated Press

	High	Low	Last
Alcoa	43½	43⅜	43⅜
Am Airlin	10	9⅞	10
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
AmTT	60⅛	59⅞	60
Armco Stl	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
AtlRichfl	50⅛	49⅝	49⅞
Beth Steel	20¾	20½	20⅝
Boeing	29	28⅞	29
Borden	31	30¾	30¾
Brit Pet	15¾	15¾	15¾
Burl Ind	21	20¾	20⅞
CaterpTr	53⅛	53¾	53¾
Celanese	42½	42⅜	42⅜
Chrysler	13½	13¼	13⅜
Cities Svc	51	51	51
Coca Cola	37⅜	36¾	37¼
Cont Oil	28¼	28⅛	28⅛
Dow Ch	26½	26¼	26⅜
duPont	118¼	117½	118
EG&G Inc.	17	16¾	16¾
EastnAirL		6⅛	6 6⅛
East Kodak	50¾	50⅛	50⅝
El Paso Co	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
Exxon	46¾	46⅝	46⅝
Fairch Cam	23½	23⅜	23⅜
FordMot	43⅝	43⅜	43½
Gannett Co	37	36⅞	36⅞
Gen Elec	48⅝	48	48½
Gen Food	32	31¾	31¾
Gen Motors	63¼	62¾	62⅞
Gen Tel & El	31	30⅞	31
Gen Tire	23	22¾	22¾
Goodrich	22½	22⅛	22¼
Goodyear	17¼	17	17⅛
GtAtlPac	8⅜	8¼	8¼
Gulf Oil	26⅛	26	26
Gulf StaUt	14	13⅞	14
HarteHnks	32⅜	32⅜	32⅜
Honeywell	45⅛	44¾	45
HoustInd	31⅞	31⅜	31¾
IBM	266	264¾	265½
Int Paper	42⅛	42	42
Johns Manv	31¼	31⅛	31¼
Johnsn John	74¼	73⅞	74
K Mart	27⅛	27½	27½
Kennecott	19⅞	19⅜	19¾
Litton Ind	13⅞	13¼	13¾
Marathn Oil	47⅜	47½	47½
Martin M	24⅝	24⅜	24⅜
Mobil	62¾	62⅝	62⅝
Monsanto	55⅜	55	55¼
Penney JC	34¾	34¾	34¾
PhillpsPet	31¼	30½	30¾
Polaroid	26⅞	26⅜	26¾
Proct Gamb	83	82¾	83
PubS NwMx	21⅜	21¼	21¼
RCA	27½	27½	27½
Safeway Str	42	42	42
SantaFe Ind	37⅛	37½	37⅝
SearsRb	28⅛	28	28⅛
Sony Corp	7	6⅞	6⅞
Sou Pac	33⅜	33	33
South UnCo	34⅜	34⅜	34⅜
StdOil Cal	39⅝	39½	39⅝
StdOil Ind	45⅞	45⅜	45⅞
SunComp	43⅝	43⅜	43⅜
Texaco Inc	26⅞	26⅝	26¾
Texas Inst	72⅞	72⅝	72⅞
Texasgulf	20⅝	20¼	20¾
TimeInc	36¾	36½	36¾
TransW Air		9¼	9 9⅛
UAL Inc	20½	20¾	20½
Un Carbide	41¼	40¾	41⅛
Uniroyal		8⅛	8⅛ 8⅛
Un Nuclear	28½	28½	28½
US Steel	29⅞	29½	29⅝
Westgh El	17½	17⅜	17½
Woolworth		19	19 19
Xerox Cp	45¾	45⅜	45⅝

Cotton

NEW YORK (AP)-Cotton futures No. 2 were higher in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 1-16 inch spot cotton advanced 63 points to 48.08 cents a pound Thursday for the ten leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 20 cents to 85 cents a bale higher than the previous close. Mar 52.05, May 52.90, Jul 53.55.

Grain

CHICAGO (AP)-Wheat No 2 nard red winter 2.76½n Friday; No 2 soft red winter 2.60½n. Corn No 2 yellow 2.21¼n. hopper 2.15¼n box. Oats No 2 heavy 1.45n. Soybeans No 1 yellow 5.89n.

No 2 yellow corn Thursday was quoted at 2.21½n hopper 2.15½n box.

County Court

Pleas Entered

The misdemeanor docket was cleared of six cases Thursday following action taken in county court.

Earnest Forest and Loomis Lane Allen each entered guilty pleas to charges of driving while intoxicated. Forest drew a $100 fine and a three-day jail term while Allen received a $100 fine and a 30-day jail term, probated for six months.

Pleading guilty to charges of driving while their licenses were suspended were Sammy Ward and Richard Rios. Each man drew a $25 fine and a 72-hour jail term.

Ronnie Hernandez was fined $250 and handed a 30-day jail term after he pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana.

Receiving the lightest sentence was Ollie Pike who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was fined $100.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Killian, 3111 Ave. V, are the parents of a 6 lb. 7 oz. girl, born at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graham Discusses Nixon

NEW YORK (AP)-Evangelist Billy Graham says former President Richard M. Nixon acted during the Watergate scandal as if "he was on some sort of drug, under some evil spell."

In an interview in the January issue of McCall's magazine, Graham said, "I never heard him use the kind of language that was on those tapes, and none of his friends I've talked to ever heard him use those words, either.

Graham told interviewer James Michael Beam he has known Nixon for 20 years as a close friend.

"I feel that I didn't misjudge him, but that I misjudged what he would do under certain pressures. I think there came a point when he cracked under all those pressures and was no longer the Nixon I had known and admired."

But Graham added that he has "never been privy to what happened and he has never seen fit to tell me."

Christmas Tree Stripped Of Pot

HOUSTON (AP)-Narcotics officers stripped the Christmas tree of its decorations.

Officers said they removed 34 marijuana joints, tied with decorative ribbons, from the tree they found in a Pasadena home Thursday night.

Armed with a search warrant, the officers reported seizing three pounds of marijuana, an assortment of pills, and a small amount of cocaine.

Four women and seven men were arrested but no charges had been filed.

Woman Is Questioned In Theft Here

Police officers today reported questioning a 23-year-old woman and recovering about $100 worth of jewelry allegedly taken several months ago from the 3100 El Paso Ave. home of Bill Atwood Sr.

Officers said approximately $300 in jewelry was taken from the home and added that they hope to recover the remaining items. The woman was apprehended Thursday.

Otherwise, Thursday was marked by the usual investigations of minor traffic accidents.

The first mishap was reported at 10:55 a.m. at the intersection of 25th St. and College Ave. Reports show that a 1977 Buick driven by Stella Sanders Webb was in collision with a 1977 Chevrolet van driven by David Fisher.

The intersection of 25th St. and Ave. T was the scene of the city's second mishap at noon. Involved in the collision were a 1974 Chevrolet driven by James Miller and a 1976 Mercury driven by Elizabeth Hines Corbell.

A vehicle driven by a Rotan woman, Deanna Jean Martin, was in collision with a 1976 Chevrolet pickup driven by a Snyder physician, Dr. Robert B. Pierce. The mishap occurred shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A hit and run was reported to police at 4 p.m. Reports indicate that a parked 1975 Ford owned by Phillip Wade von Roeder was struck by a vehicle which apparently left the scene.

Tornado Area To Get Fed Aid

AUSTIN (AP)-Gov. Dolph Briscoe said today he has been notified that the federal Small Business Administration has declared Harris County a disaster area.

The governor requested that the county be declared a disaster area after a Tuesday tornado caused $10 million in damage.

The federal agency will begin accepting loans Monday for long-term low-interest rate loans, Briscoe said.

Berry's World

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"LOOK! Will you LEAVE ME ALONE? I don't WANT a 'Billy' beer!"

Christmas Challenge Issued

AUSTIN (AP)-A possible confrontation between Gov. Dolph Briscoe and atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair over a Christmas celebration at the Capitol arose today as Briscoe urged other state employees to show up for the "Christmas Carol Hour" next Tuesday.

Briscoe said in a statement a "challenge has been raised to our right to gather" for the annual sing-song, and he added:

"I am confident that attendance at this year's Christmas Carol Hour will evidence overwhelming support for the right of free citizens to express through their presence the high regard held for such traditions.

"I hope you would join me in inviting others who would like to share this traditional celebration."

Briscoe's press secretary, Bob Bain, said the governor's statement was directed at remarks purportedly made by Mrs. O'Hair. Bain said Mrs. O'Hair had stated she would show up to challenge the singing of carols.

Firefighters Douse 6 Fires

Snyder firefighters were kept busy yesterday and today extinguishing six minor fires.

The first fire Thursday was reported at 2:15 p.m. when firefighters were told of a grass and cotton fire at Dunn.

At 3 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a grass fire approximately 12 miles south of Snyder.

Another grass fire was doused on East 40th St. about 5:25 p.m.

The Cogdell Ranch was the scene of a minor grass fire which was extinguished about 5:45 p.m.

Thursday's final fire was reported at the Sweetshop at 8:50 p.m. Firefighters said it was a grease fire and confined to a grill.

This morning at 9:10, firefighters were called to extinguish a grass fire approximately 16 miles south of the city.

Workers Due SS Tax Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)-A bill requiring a $227 billion increase in payroll taxes over the next decade to support the Social Security system is on its way to President Carter, carrying the unenthusiastic support of a majority of Congress.

The bill imposes a greater tax burden on workers than Carter had proposed. But, he says, the measure that passed Congress on Thursday represents "a good resolution" of the financial problems facing the Social Security system, which pays benefits each month to 33 million Americans.

The Senate approved the bill 56-21; the House vote was 189-163.

Even without the bill, Social Security taxes are scheduled to increase on Jan. 1, 1978. With the bill, every American who pays into Social Security - the total today is 107 million persons - will face even higher taxes starting in 1979.

For high-income workers - those who will be earning about $42,000 a year or more 10 years from now - and their employers, payroll taxes would more than triple over the next decade.

The tax increase on the "average" worker, who now earns $10,000, will go from the present $585 a year to $715 in 1987.

But the government expects the average worker's income to increase to about $18,600 a year by 1987, putting his tax under the bill at $1,330 a year. That compares with a $1,200 tax on that level income under present law.

In every case, the employer would continue to match whatever payroll tax is levied on the employee.

All told, the bill is designed to bring an additional $227 billion into Social Security between 1979 and 1987. At least on paper, the tax increases would remain in effect far beyond that, because the bill is aimed at keeping the system financially sound for the next 30 years.

The system is in trouble because of a sluggish economy and a declining birth rate, which mean fewer workers are paying into Social Security.

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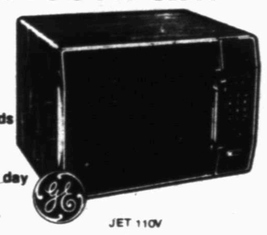

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Ira JV Basketball Meet In Full Swing

IRA–Spur and Loraine jumped out to an early advantage in boys' junior varsity tournament action here yesterday. A trio of teams remain unbeaten in girls' play.

In round-one action, Sterling City's Alan Phillips led his team past Ira to tip off the three-day tourney, 53-43. Phillips garnered 17 points while teammate Jeff Barr had 16.

The Sterling-City team was not able to bask in the win long, however. Later Thursday evening they fell Spur, 63-37. McKinney led the Spur group with 23 points.

In other boys' action Loraine stayed on top by defeating Hermleigh, 55-30. Frankie Martinez paced the Loraine team with 19 points.

The only two undefeated teams, Spur and Loraine, will play at 5:15 p.m. today.

In girls' action, Loraine drubbed Colorado City 44-30 as Sarah Monoz put up 14 points; Spur blasted Sterling City 61-8 and M. Diaz led with 10 points; and Ira bombed Colorado City, 65-15, highlighted by a 38-point effort from Linda Cooley.

Today's action was to include: Hermleigh boys vs. Ira at 11:30 a.m. and Colorado City vs. Sterling City at 2:25 with the winners to play at 8:05 p.m. Winner of the 8:05 game and the Spur-Loraine game are to meet Saturday at 12:50 p.m. (double elimination).

Girls' games were to include Sterling City vs Loraine at 1 p.m., Spur vs Ira at 3:50 and C-City vs S-City at 6:40.

Tomorrow morning, Loraine girls play Spur at 10 o'clock; Ira and C-City play at 11:25; Spur and C-City meet at 5 p.m. and Ira and Loraine vie at 6:30.

BOYS

S-City 12-10-15-16 53
Ira 14-13-8-8 43
Sterling City-Alan Phillips 17; Jeff Barr 16. Ira-Darryl Calley 16; Art White 11.

Loraine 10-15-6-25 55
Hermleigh 6-7-10-7 30
Loraine-Frankie Martinez 19; Manuel Munoz 11. Hermleigh-A. Fuentes 11.

Second Round

Spur 13-17-21-12 63
S-City 5-14-5-12 37
Spur-McKinney 23; Diaz 15. S-City-Alan Phillips 14.

Girls

Loraine 14-9-17-4 44
Colorado City 4-4-8-14 30
Loraine-Sarah Munoz 14; Gloria Moreno 12. C-City R. Ausbie 13.

Spur 17-9-14-21 61
Sterling City 0-1-4-3 8
Spur-M. Diaz 10; M. Roberts and D. Condron 9. S-City-T. Harris 4.

Ira 17-17-23-8 65
Colorado City 4-2-7-2 15
Ira-Linda Cooley 38; Brenda Cooley 15. Colorado City-R. Ausbie 7.

Pro Quartet Dependent On Others' Outcome

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

The National Football League playoff scramble isn't confusing at all, at least not to the Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins, who play vital games Saturday.

All they have to do is win those contests and then keep their fingers crossed to see what happens Sunday.

Miami faces the Buffalo Bills and needs nothing less than a victory to stay alive in the American Conference East. If they win, the Dolphins then must root for New England to kayo Baltimore on Sunday in order to deliver the division crown to Miami. Of course, if Baltimore wins, nothing Miami does can keep the Colts from the title.

Washington is in a similiar situation. If the Redskins beat NFC West champion Los Angeles Saturday, they could sneak into the playoffs on a wild-card ticket, provided either Minnesota or Chicago loses its last game. The Vikings play at Detroit Saturday night, seeking to clinch the NFC Central title; and the Bears, aiming for their first playoff berth since 1963, meet the New York Giants Sunday.

Lowitt Figures

Cowboys 24, Broncos 9

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

By Sunday afternoon, a couple of teams around the National Football League may be wishing they were anywhere but on a football field - and they'll vent their frustration on the teams stuck out there with them.

In other words:

—The Pittsburgh Steelers, knowing the Cincinnati Bengals have clinched the American Conference Central Division title, will take it out on the San Diego Chargers.

—The New England Patriots, knowing that Miami has eliminated them from the AFC East race, will turn the tables and beat up on Baltimore, thus keeping the Colts out of the playoffs and giving the Dolphins the crown.

And in half a dozen or so other cities around the nation, the NFL season will come to an end virtually unnoticed.

Last week's record was a less-than-sparkling 7-7, putting the record at 124-58 for a .681 percentage. The picks:

Bengals 23, Oilers 17

Houston, upset over an official's call that kept it from beating the Bengals the first time they met, would love to upset Cincinnati. But playing for a playoff spot is a bigger incentive.

Steelers 17, Chargers 10

Two ferocious defenses - but Pittsburgh's got a solid offense to go with it.

Dolphins 31, Bills 14

Bob Griese could see all the holes in the Buffalo defense even without his spectacles.

Patriots 24, Colts 20

The Upset Special. New England, seething over last Sunday's blocked punt, will give a textbook demonstration of "don't get mad; get even."

Rams 21, Redskins 20

The future is ... well, it's some other time for George Allen. And it's just possible his future is somewhere other than Washington.

Vikings 17, Lions 10

It's possible that Minnesota is taking the first step on the road toward ... GOOD GRIEF! NOT AGAIN?!

Bears 24, Giants 13

Walter Payton won't get the 199 yards he needs to break O.J. Simpson's record, but it'll be nice seeing him in the playoffs.

Seahawks 31, Browns 30

Cleveland's going out on a sour note, Seattle on a hot one.

Cowboys 24, Broncos 9

What does Dallas have that Denver doesn't? An offense. The playoffs will prove that, too.

Raiders 28, Chiefs 12

Oakland plans to go with a lot of second-stringers. They're still better than Kansas City's first-stringers.

Eagles 21, Jets 14

New York plans to go with a lot of second-stringers. So what?

49ers 20, Packers 10

The second half of the season vindicated Joe Thomas' choice of Coach Ken Meyer. He'll be back.

Falcons 17, Saints 9

Atlanta sets a record for the fewest points allowed in a 14-game season it's given up 122; the record is 133 and gives Hank Stram one last push off the cliff.

Cardinals 24, Bucs 10

And for Tampa Bay, the start of a new streak ...

American Football Conference

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Balt	9	4	0	.692	265	197
Miami	9	4	0	.692	282	183
N. Eng	9	4	0	.692	254	187
NY Jets	3	10	0	.231	191	273
Buff	3	10	0	.231	146	282
Central Division						
Cinci	8	5	0	.615	222	214
Pitts	8	5	0	.615	273	234
Hstn	7	6	0	.538	278	214
Cleve	6	7	0	.462	250	247
Western Division						
x-Denv	12	1	0	.923	268	134
y-Oakld	10	3	0	.769	330	210
S Diego	7	6	0	.538	213	195
Stle	4	9	0	.308	262	354
K.C.	2	11	0	.154	205	328

National Football Conference

Eastern Division

x-Dallas	11	2	0	.846	331	206
Wash	8	5	0	.615	179	175
S Lou	7	6	0	.538	265	270
NY Gts	5	8	0	.385	172	253
Phila	4	9	0	.308	193	207
Central Division						
Minn	8	5	0	.615	201	206
Chcgo	8	5	0	.615	243	244
Dtrt	6	7	0	.462	162	222
Gn Bay	3	10	0	.231	118	205
Tpa Bay	1	12	0	.077	86	216
Western Division						
x-L.A.	10	3	0	.769	288	129
Atlnta	6	7	0	.462	144	122
S Fran	5	8	0	.385	206	244
N Orlns	3	10	0	.231	225	301

x-Clinched division title.
y-clinched wild card playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles at Washington, CBS
Buffallo at Miami, NBC
Minnesota at Detroit, n ABC

Sunday's Games

Chicago at New York Giants
New Orleans at Atlanta
New York Jets at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
San Francisco vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Houston
Denver at Dallas
Cleveland at Seattle
Kansas City at Oakland
New England at Baltimore, NBC
Pittsburgh at San Diego

9th Black Rips Birds; Play Today

Snyder ninth grade Black, headed for the Abilene 9th Grade Basketball Tournament, defeated Jayton here last night, 82-46.

The Tigers, in winning their third consecutive game of the season, put four players in double figures - Robert Rodriquez, 15; Jerry Don Greene, 13; Cris Seale, 11; and Tony Degrate, 10.

High scorers for the Jaybirds were Sumner with 16, Parker with 12 and Sunday with 10.

The Tigers bounded out to a 29-3 lead after the first period, then continued their pace with a 23-19 second quarter effort; a 20-12 third quarter effort; and a 10-12 try in the final period.

Snyder Black and Gold teams will participate in the Abilene Tourney beginning today. The Black team is to meet Abilene Lincoln at 8:15 tonight while the Gold group plays Abilene Franklin at 6:45. Both games will be held in the Cooper gym.

Lake View Edges Freshman Girls

SAN ANGELO--Snyder freshman girls fell to Lake View here last night in a squeaker, 28-26. The Tigers were behind at the half, 19-17, and though they stayed with the Matadors point for point in the second half, could not make up the difference.

Scoring for Snyder were Sherry Warren, 10; Pam Gray, 7; Cindy Clayton 4; and Kim Fritz, 5. L. Rogers led Lake View with 17 points.

8th Grade Teams Defeat Lincoln

SAN ANGELO--Snyder 8th grade girls' team defeated Lincoln Junior High squads here yesterday. The Tiger Black team ripped Lincoln 7th grade 33-14.

Scoring for Snyder were Kelly Jones, 14; Lisa Cobb 6; Vickie Gregory and Sherri Rich, 4 each; Brenda Anderson and Joyce Barnes, 2 each; and Jill Brown, 1.

Snyder Gold also won, defeating Lincoln 8th grade 25-23. Scoring for the Tigers were Tracey O'Day, 9; Shana Koonsman, 8; Katrina Humble, 5; Kelly Dryden, 2; and Lynne Robertson, 1.

Tournament Tests Kentucky Defense

One of the nation's top guns faces the nation's top-ranked basketball team tonight in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament in Lexington, and something's got to give.

It could be the Kentucky defense.

"We're not really sure how to defense Freeman Williams," Kentucky Coach Joe Hall says of Portland State's high-scoring star. "Normally, our procedure is to play a straight game and not concentrate on any one individual. We're more concerned with winning the game.

"You know, Pete Maravich of LSU always had great games against us and broke all kinds of scoring records, but Kentucky always won the game. We'd like for some player to accept the challenge and try to hold Williams. We'd be very proud if he did stop Williams, but we're not going to overcompensate."

Williams shot through, over and around every conceivable defensive setup last year to emerge as the country's No. 1 scorer with a 38.8 average. This year, he has "slipped" to 25 points a game, but Hall said: "I understand they've got a very young team and I imagine he's not getting the opportunities he got last year."

Kentucky, the nation's No. 1 team, faces Portland State in the second game of tonight's doubleheader. St. John's, the pride of New York City which recently dropped out of the rankings, will meet Seattle in the other opening-round game of the tournament, one of many around the country this weekend.

Utah and Texas Tech threaten Tennessee's dominance in the Volunteer Classic at Knoxville. Utah fell out of the national rankings after a one-point loss to Long Beach State last week, but the Utes are the pre-tourney favorites. They'll meet undefeated Texas Tech in what shapes up as possibly the best game of the tournament.

Tennessee, which has won the tournament 11 of the 12 times since it started in 1966, faces Dartmouth in the other preliminary-round game.

Among the other tournaments which start tonight is the Dayton Invitational at Dayton, Ohio, featuring Georgia Tech, Oregon, San Diego State and Dayton. South Carolina plays Portland and San Jose State meets Santa Clara in the Cable Car Classic in Santa Clara, Cal.

In the Golden Gate Invitational at San Francisco, Baylor tackles the University of Pacific and Idaho plays San Francisco. In the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., Memphis State takes on Texas-El Paso and Army plays Kansas State.

Florida State, Texas A&M, Navy and Samford are featured in the Birmingham Classic at Birmingham, Ala. In the Bluebonnet Classic at Houston, the competing teams included North Texas, Rice, Houston and Xavier, Ohio.

Grambling, Ohio U., Biscayne and Southwestern Louisiana are entered in the Cajun Classic at Lafayette, La.

Steers Whip Tigers In Queens Tourney

BIG SPRING--Snyder varsity girls' basketball team was bounced into the consolation bracket of 'Hawk Queens' tournament play here yesterday.

Big Spring's Sherri Byrd and Rose Magers thrashed the Tigers offensively as the Steers won, 80-63.

The Tigers fell behind quickly in the contest, down 14-8 at the first quarter and 37-28 at the half, but it was third-period action which iced the game for Big Spring. Led by Miss Byrd, who slapped in 38 points for the game, the Steers added 20 points in the period-before-last while holding the Tigers to 6. Snyder surged to win the fourth quarter 29-23, but came up far short on the total score.

Lesa Sterling led the Tigers, which were to meet Odessa Permian in consolation play today at 4 p.m. Miss Sterling basketed 20 points. Teammate Geneane Martin had 18.

Behind Miss Byrd's game-high performance were Miss Magers with 24 points and Selena Harris with 18 points for the Steers.

Big Spring will play Midland High tonight at 8:30.

Consolation finals will be held 5:30 Saturday. The Championship game is scheduled for 8:30 that evening.

SHS	FG	FT	PF	TP
J. Hataway	1	0	3	2
T. Boydston	2	2	2	6
G. Martin	8	2	0	18
L. Bilano	0	0	5	0
L. Sterling	6	8	1	20
C. Koonsman	0	0	3	0
D. Baach	0	0	2	0
C. Taylor	4	0	0	8
K. Harlin	2	5	2	9
TOTALS	23	17	18	63

BSHS	FG	FT	PF	TP
S. Byrd	18	2	2	38
S. Harris	9	0	3	18
R. Magers	12	0	4	24
S. Hernandez	0	0	1	0
V. Minter	0	0	5	0
N. Balboa	0	0	1	0
D. McNew	0	0	4	0
Kothman	0	0	2	0
B. Reagan	0	0	4	0
TOTALS	39	2	26	80

Ali Discloses Intent To Give Norton Try

NEW YORK (AP)-Muhammad Ali, who has "announced" his retirement as world heavyweight boxing champion several times, apparently will be around quite a while longer.

At a news conference Thursday to promote a title bout against young Leon Spinks in Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 15, Ali suddenly disclosed that he has signed for still another defense next September against Ken Norton, a three-time rival.

The Norton fight, for which Ali reportedly will receive a whopping $12 million, will be held in a foreign country, according to Bob Arum of Top Rank, Inc., who also is promoting the Spinks bout.

At the Ali-Spinks news conference, the champion was asked if he was ducking Norton. That's when he disclosed his latest plans.

The contract needs only Norton's signature. Arum has deposited $125,000 in a bank to serve as part of the purse. The money goes to Ali if Norton fails to sign by May 1.

"I see no problems in getting Norton," Arum said. "I can't say that I have him, though, because I don't."

However, Ali said Norton's advisors are clamoring for another shot at the champ.

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CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST ASSEMBLY

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Avenue, with qualified teachers available for classes for all ages. During the 10:50 a.m. service, Pastor James Jackson will bring a message titled "If Christ Had Not Come."

In the evening service at 7 p.m., the annual Christmas program will be presented. A special program will be presented titled "The Modern Christmas Carol." Afterwards, treats will be distributed to each one in attendance. Everyone is invited.

On Tuesday the Women's Ministries Dept. will conduct their annual business meeting at 9:30.

On Sunday morning the church bus will be making a route over the city. If you desire transportation to the church services, call 573-3316 or 573-2724.

FIRST BAPTIST

The Young Adult Department will meet tonight for a covered dish supper in the fellowship hall.

Sunday the cantata, "His Love Reaching," will be presented during the 11 a.m. worship service. The multi-media presentation will be directed by Jerry Neill, minister of music and youth. Rev. and Mrs. Ken Andress will narrate the cantata. The pastor will speak on the subject "The Kind of Church I want Our Church to be in 1978" in the Sunday night service. The proposed 1978 budget will be presented during the evening service for the church's consideration. After the evening services, the youth will have a caroling party.

The college youth will meet Monday, at the Jerry Neill home at 2211 41st Street, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Baptist Young Women will meet Monday morning at 9:30 in the Young Adult Building for a time of sharing Christmas memories.

Tuesday, the Baptist Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Sears Building for Bible study. Mrs. Ken Andress will be in charge of the study titled, "Growing in Faith and Wisdom."

There will be no graded choir Wednesday. Supper will be served as usual at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. All organizational groups will meet in the auditorium at 7 p.m. for a study of Christmas carols.

The church offices will be closed Dec. 23-26 for Christmas.

BETHEL BAPTIST

"Greeting From Above" will be the sermon topic of R. Virgil Mott on "The Back To Bethel Broadcast" over KSNY at 8:35 a.m. Sunday. "Seasonal Music" will be featured, and a Christmas poem will be presented by Mrs. M.M. (Sally) O'Rear.

Church transportation will begin at 9:25 a.m. If you want to ride to Sunday School, call 573-5050. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m.

Rev. Cleck Smith will be the guest minister for the two Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Christmas day, Dec. 25, Rev. Bill Carroll will be the minister for the morning service. All evening services will be dismissed on Christmas night.

Wednesday service will begin at 7 p.m. with Jesse Faulkenberry directing all activities for one full hour.

INTER-FAITH

The Agape Christian Fellowship will hold its inter-faith services Sunday evening in the West Elementary cafeteria. The services will begin at 5 p.m. with a covered dish supper followed by a singing and sharing worship service. The Rev. J. Walter Axtell will minister and Don Wise will lead the singing.

Services will not be held on Christmas night but will resume on Jan. 1.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church at 2701 37th Street will have Church School classes at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10:50 a.m. The church bus will run at 9 a.m.

Sunday evening's activities include a brief worship and white gift service with the gifts being sent to the Juliette Fowler Homes for the aged and children in Dallas. The annual Christmas party will follow the white gift service and will feature treats for everyone and a special visit from Santa.

The Wednesday evening study and prayer group will meet with the Otto Schaufeles, and the Tuesday morning group will meet with Pearl Blanchard. The church is having a New Year's Eve concert with the "Letters of Life" at 7 p.m. Dec. 31. On Christmas Sunday morning, the church will have only a worship service which will begin at 10:30 and end at 11:30.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:45 with Sunday School. The lesson for this Sunday is, "Bildad, the Traditionalist," with the lesson material taken from Job 8:1-10:22. Morning worship and children's chapel will follow at 10:55.

Sunday evening worship begins with B.T.C. and Discovery Hour at 6. The B.T.C. lesson for this Sunday is, "Security of the Believer" with the lesson text taken from I Peter 4:19. Evening worship service and radio broadcast will follow at 7 with the pastor George E. White in charge of the worship services for the day.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 is the time for mid-week prayer service.

If you need a ride to church please call 573-7105.

37th STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pat J. Abbananto, minister, will preach in the worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible classes for all ages are scheduled at 9:45 a.m. Two ladies' Bible classes are held each Wednesday morning at 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock. The regular Wednesday night services are scheduled at 7:30.

Thirty-seventh Street also sponsors a daily radio program, approximately 8:20 a.m., Monday through Friday on KSNY titled "Five Minutes With the Master." Free Bible correspondence courses are offered as well as free religious tracts covering a variety of subjects.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

The annual Christmas dinner at Trinity will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight. After the dinner there will be singing of Christmas hymns and carols.

Church School for all age groups will meet at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jene Greer bringing the message "Jesus: God With Us" from Matthew 1:23.

There will be 'Open House' at the parsonage Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30.

The Youth Christmas Pageant will be presented Sunday evening at 6:30 and 7:15, on the church lawn at Trinity. Everyone is invited to see this presentation.

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m., the Bible Study and Prayer Group will meet at the church. The Share Group will meet at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, the choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. and the Bible Study will also meet at 7:30 p.m.

The Tasters' Share Group will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., there will be a Communion Candlelight Service at Trinity.

EAST SIDE C OF C

Sam Kitching will be the host on the Saturday morning radio program, "Love of Living." He will be the speaker Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. on the radio program "Give Me the Bible." His subject will be "Lost Gain." His sermon topic for the 10:25 a.m. worship service will be "Members of the Body of Christ." At the 6 p.m. worship service his sermon subject will be "Reasons for Praise."

Bible classes for all ages are held each Sunday morning at 9:30 Ladies' Bible classes are held each Wednesday morning at 10.

Mid-week worship services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome at all services. For free transportation to services. call 573-5666 or 573-3583.

IRA CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m. The Adult lesson titled "God's Call to Right Living" is based on Micah's prophecy.

Pastor June Middlebrooks will be preaching on "Simeon" in the morning worship at 11 and Debra Hester will tell the "Christmas Story" during Children's Time. There will be a Christmas treat for every child in church Sunday.

Suzanna Wilson, Shirley Taylor, Debra Hester, Karen Pevehouse, and Jeanette Holladay from the Women of the Church of God will present the Christ's Birthday Observance - Theme: "Light and Life to All He Brings" during the evening service at 7. Following the Christ's birthday offering the church family will have a Christ's birthday celebration in the church annex.

Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. several from the church will go Christmas caroling in the Ira Community. At 8:30 p.m. the church family will meet in the annex for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. there will be a Mother's Day Out in the church annex.

COLONIAL HILL BAPT.

The early Bible class will meet at 7 a.m. in the fellowship hall, with the Rev. Miller F. Robinson teaching the lesson. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 will feature the Colonial Hill Adult Choir's presentation of the Christmas cantata, "Down From His Glory," by John W. Peterson.

The Messengers will rehearse at 3:45 p.m. and youth choir will meet at 5. Church training is set for 6 p.m. and other music groups will present a Christmas program in the 7 p.m. worship service.

The Baptist Young Women will meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the home of Mrs. Ernie Armstrong. The adult choir will have a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Joe Key on Monday evening.

On Wednesday, choirs of grades 1-6 will meet at 6:30 p.m. to go caroling. Prayer service is set for 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11. The Rev. gary West will have as his sermon topic, "It's Impossible, But I'm It," with the scripture from Mark 14: 60-65.

There will be a covered dish supper and a visit from Santa Claus at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Youth Co-op will have its Christmas Pageant at 7 and 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The Wednesday Bible class will meet at 10 a.m.

TO SPEAK HERE--Johnny Willson, Missionary from Australia, will speak and show slides of his work at 7:30 tonight at Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St. The Willson family has served 11 years in Australia. The public is invited to hear him.

Colonial Hill Cantata On TV Channel 2

The adult choir of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present the Christmas Cantata, "Down from His Glory," by John W. Peterson, during the morning worship hour Sunday.

The service will begin at 11 a.m. and the public is invited. Subscribers to the Snyder Community Antenna Television, the local television cable, may see the service on Channel 2.

An instrumental ensemble will join the church choir for the cantata. The cantata will be directed by Jim Patrick, the music director of the church.

UNION UNITED METH.

Rev. Wayland Dowden will bring the message at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. with classes for all the family. A nursery is provided for both services.

A special Christmas service will be presented at 7 p.m. by the youth of the church. Following the program there will be a fellowship and Santa Claus will make a visit.

Prayer and Share Group will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the parsonage.

IRA UNITED METH.

Morning worship begins at 10 a.m. with Rev. Wayland Dowden bringing the message. Sunday School is set for 11 a.m. with classes for all the family. The title of the lesson is: "God's Call to Right Living," with the scripture found in the book of Micah.

Bible Study will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

MORNINGSIDE BAPTIST

The annual church Christmas supper will be held tonight at 6:30 in the fellowship hall of the church. After the supper the church will assemble in the auditorium where Johnny Willson, missionary from Australia, will speak and show slides of the work in Toowoomba.

Sunday morning services start at 10 with Bible study. The lesson will be, "Follow God's Directions," Exodus 13:-17-22. Morning worship begins at 11.

The evening service starts at 6 with training service classes. The evening worship begins at 7. The pastor, Vernon D. Parnell, will direct both services. Leonard Broach is the music director.

Spiritual counseling and transportation can be obtained by calling 573-2738.

'Open House' Is Set At East Side

East Side Church of Christ has set "open house" Sunday afternoon for its new buildings at 201 31st Street.

Vistors are invited to tour the new facilities which now are in use between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The new construction has provided additional space for classes and for the Thursday School.

Also, the older building has been remodeled, resulting in improvements to all of the church property.

Refreshments will be served during the open house event and the public is invited to attend.

The East Side Church of Christ staff includes Sam Kitching, evangelist; Nils Donnell, educational director; Gary Lowe, director of the Christian Student Center at Western Texas College; and Judy Lockhart, church secretary.

Elders are Buford Browning, Jay Massingill, Bobby McCormick, Edwin Parks, Gray Parks, Maurice Scott, Robert Scott and J.T. Stephens.

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GRACE LUTHERAN

The Sunday School children will rehearse their Christmas program tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the church.

The high school youth of the Y.C.C. will rehearse their annual Christmas pageant at 5 p.m. at Trinity Methodist.

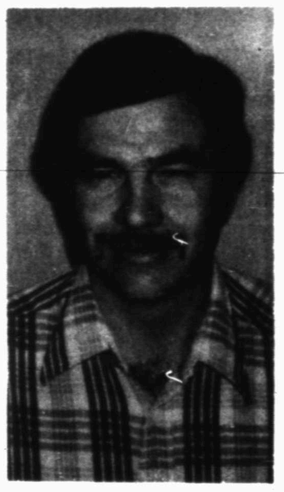
Sunday is the last Sunday in Advent. The Learning Community gathers at 9:15 a.m. Educational ministry is extended to all ages. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. "Vision vs. Suspicion," Pastor Jonathan Jensen's sermon, is from the text of Matthew 1:18-25.

The J.C.C. will meet at Grace Lutheran at 5:30 p.m. for supper, attend the 6:30 presentation of the Y.C.C. pageant, and go to the Hanzalik's at 4011 Houston for a Christmas party. Parents may pick up the youth at 9 p.m. at the Hanzalik's.

The annual Y.C.C. pageant will be presented on the lawn of Trinity Methodist at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. Note the time changes.

The Children's Christmas Program of the Sunday School will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. A unique program will insert the Christmas narrative into a play about a family's dilemma about how to deal with the many expectations and demands of the holiday season.

The Church Council has determined that there will be no Sunday School classes on Christmas Day.



JERRY NEILL

Neill Will MC Christmas Service Here

Jerry Neill, Minister of Music and Youth at the First Baptist Church, will be master of ceremonies for the Annual Community Christmas Service Tuesday, December 20. The service will take place on the west side of the square beginning at 7 p.m. It will be presented by various groups and individuals of the community. The observance is conducted through the joint efforts of the Ministerial Alliance and the Snyder Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes. It is rumored that there will be a visit from a jolly old man from the North Pole. There will be free hot chocolate and coffee for all.

CALVARY BAPTIST

Men will meet for prayer at 8:15 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m Morning worship and children's church will follow at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Glenn Border, will bring both messages of the day. Training service will begin at 6:15 p.m. and evening worship at 7. The choir will present a Christmas program during the evening worship. Eddie Skains is in charge of the music and Rev. Preston Gumm is associate pastor.

The public is invited to all services and a nursery is provided for each service.

Teachers and officers will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday for lesson preparation. The church will have a Christmas party following the 7:30 p.m. mid-week service.

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The 'Fundamentalist' is heard each day at 12:25 p.m. over KSNY.

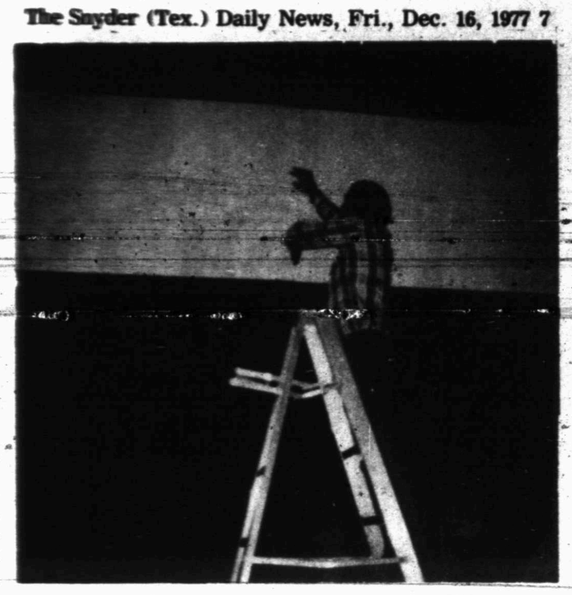
AVENUE D BAPT.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11, with Joe Stansell of Fluvanna bringing the message. He will be preaching in view of a call as pastor of the church.

Training Union will begin at 6 p.m. and during the 7 p.m. worship service, the choir, under direction of Terry Bowman, will present a Christmas program. A fellowship will follow the evening service.

The Wednesday evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The muskrat, native to almost all of the United States and Canada, is named for its two scent glands.



FINAL TOUCHES--Putting final touches on multi-media screens is Jerry Neill, minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church. These will be used in the presentation Sunday of the cantata, "His Love Reaching."

First Baptist Cantata Set For 11 And 3

"His Love Reaching," a musical by Ronn Huff and Bill and Gloria Gaither, will be presented Sunday by voices from the adult and youth choirs of First Baptist Church under the direction of Jerry Neill. This musical was written by the composers of "Alleluia--A Praise Gathering for Believers," featured at the Community Thanksgiving Service a few years ago. "His Love Reaching" has the same warmth and musical appeal as "Alleluia."

Two performances have been scheduled--one at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18, and the other at 3 p.m. that afternoon. The latter has been planned for the community and out-of-town guests. Both will be in the auditorium of the church, and the nursery will be provided.

The musical concert will feature a three-screen, multi-media setting for the many familiar Christmas carols included in the cantata as well as several recent compositions. The 65-voice choir will enter in a candlelight procession and will be accompanied in the finale by a handbell choir.

Narrators for the musical are Rev. and Mrs. Ken Andress. Soloists are Mrs. Mike Sanders, Susan Minor, Karen Sue Jones, Bill Poe, Mrs. James Jones and Kerry Wood.

FIRST UNITED METH.

Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. The morning service of worship will begin at 10:55 a.m. The fourth candle will be lit during this service. A special offering for the Methodist Home in Waco will also be received during this time. The Rev. David H. Robertson will be witnessing to the Word.

The Junior and Senior High will meet at 5:30 p.m. for their snack supper.

During the evening service of worship, the Chancel Choir will present a cantata, "His Love... Reaching," by Ronn Huff and Bill and Gloria Gaither. This will be a multi-media presentation complete with professionally-produced slides shown on three screens. The cantata will be done live with Jan Womack, Ann and Gary Huddleston as soloists. Narration will be done by Larry Genuchi.

The calendar for the week includes a meeting of the Mary-Martha Cluster on Wednesday, the Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday night, and the Christmas Eve Candlelighting service at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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Santa And The Pigwidgen

By LUCRECE BEALE

Synopsis: Claus finds the key to open the door. Beyond the wall are bands of rollicking pygmies and flying reindeer. When the pygmies catch the deer, Tweedleknees tries to save them.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN
THE PYGMIES

THE PYGMIES stared at Patrick Tweedleknees.

"Who are you? What are you doing here?" they demanded.

The elf glared back but he had never been so scared. He could not imagine how he had found the courage to face the fierce pygmies.

He saw the reindeer flying overhead. They rose and dipped, round and round, like horses on a merry-go-round.

"You said you were going to have reindeer meat for supper," growled Tweedleknees.

"And why not?"

"You ought to be ashamed!" exploded the elf.

The pygmies burst into laughter, "Very well! We'll have elf meat instead!"

They pounced on Tweedleknees. He twisted and writhed and bit and clawed and wormed out of their hands. He snatched up a sword and slashed off the head of the nearest pygmy.

The pygmy picked up his head and put it back on his neck. "You are a wild one!" he said admiringly. "We'll take you to our king."

"And who is your king?" asked someone. It was Claus. Unseen he had come into their midst.

"The Pigwidgen," said the pygmy. "The most powerful creature on earth."

Claus' knees shook. He wondered how he could conquer creatures who could not even lose their heads.

He tried to speak but before he could find his voice Patrick Tweedleknees said grandly, "Claus is more powerful than your old king!"

"Oh ho!" shouted the pygmies. "We shall see!"

They seized Claus and Tweedleknees and carried them off to the castle. "We will eat while we wait for the king," they announced.

Tweedleknees wondered if they meant to have him for dinner but the pygmies bent over a tiny pot of stew. They filled their bowls and ate greedily. The pot was so small Claus could not understand how it could feed so many.

He leaned over the pot. To his surprise it saw it was as full as it had been at the start. The pygmies had seconds and thirds and fourths and all the time the pot stayed full.

"Does the pot never empty?" asked Claus.

No matter how much was eaten, the pot stayed full.

"Never," boasted a pygmy. "If you are so powerful surely you have such a pot, too."

Claus shook his head and Tweedleknees exclaimed. "He could have if he wanted but it so happens he does not care for stew."

"What then does the great Claus like?" asked the pygmies with interest.

Claus turned on Tweedleknees. "Say no more!" he begged, for he knew not what awful boast the elf might make.

But Tweedleknees would not be quiet. "He likes roast pig!" he blurted. "And he can eat more than you or your old Pigwidgen can any time of day!"

At that moment the castle door slammed and the Pigwidgen himself entered the hall.

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FDA Reneges On Ice Cream

WASHINGTON (AP)-An imported substitute won't be replacing natural protein in the 800 million gallons of ice cream produced in this country yearly after all, as the federal government backtracks under dairy industry pressure.

A Food and Drug Administration spokesman said Thursday it was reneging on a plan originally announced in May to allow ice cream makers to use sodium caseinate in place of non-fat dry milk.

The FDA said then that it had decided the nutritional and taste qualities of ice cream wouldn't be hurt by the switch.

The ice cream industry agreed and noted its costs would be cut about 5 cents a gallon by using the European import, already in the American kitchen in the form of non-dairy coffee creamers, whipped toppings and instant breakfast drinks.

But the American dairy farmer balked. He argued that the change would cut his income and add $300 million to the Agriculture Department's spending for dairy supports.

In announcing the decision to keep sodium caseinate out of America's favorite dessert, at least temporarily, the FDA said it had determined the additive might lead to less nutritious ice cream.

"We have decided to revoke it (the rules change) because it would be possible to make an ice cream that was less nutritious than the current ice cream," FDA spokesman Wayne Pines said.

Sodium caseinate, made by reducing skim milk to its dry protein residue, is a protein similar to that in non-fat dried milk. It once was produced in the U.S., but the beginning of federal price controls in 1949 ended its commercial value as dairymen switched to producing dry milk-which was covered by the subsidy.

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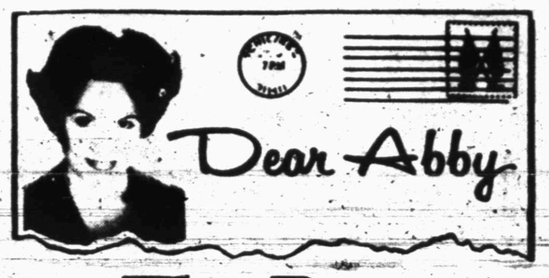

Dear Abby

The Best Of 1977

DEAR ABBY: About ten years ago you gave the editor of our church bulletin permission to reprint two of your columns. One was your "Ten Commandments For Wives," and the other was your "Ten Commandments For Husbands."

Will you please run them again?

MRS. N.D.G.

DEAR MRS. G.: With pleasure.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WIVES

1. Defile not thy body neither with excessive food, tobacco nor alcohol, that thy days may be long in the house which thy husband provideth for thee.
2. Putteth thy husband before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter and thy son, for he is thy lifelong companion.
3. Thou shalt not nag.
4. Permit no one to tell thee that thou are having a hard time of it; neither thy mother, thy sister nor thy neighbor, for the Judge will not hold her guiltless who letteth another disparage her husband.
5. Thou shalt not withhold affection from thy husband, for every man loveth to be loved.
6. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness and modest attire.
7. Forgive with grace, for who among us do not need forgiveness?
8. Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is worth more to thee than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers.
9. Keep thy home in good order, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.
10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS

1. Thou shalt put thy wife before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter, and thy son, for she is thy lifelong companion.
2. Abuse not thy body either with excessive food, tobacco or drink, that thy days may be many and healthful in the presence of thy loved ones.
3. Permit neither thy business, nor thy hobby, to make of thee a stranger to thy children, for the precious gift a man giveth his family is his time.
4. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness.
5. Make not thy wife a beggar, but share willingly with her thy worldly goods.
6. Forget not to say, "I love you." For even though thy love be constant, thy wife doth yearn to hear the words.
7. Remember that the approval of thy wife is worth more than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers. Cleave unto her and forsake all others.
8. Keep thy home in good repair, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.
9. Forgive with grace, for who among us does not need to be forgiven?
10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is a minister. He does everything on a scheduled basis. And I mean EVERYTHING.

Sunday night is our night for lovemaking. I am not complaining because I enjoy it as much as he does, but, Abby, he is big and strong and very physical. He's not rough or abusive, but he's very affectionate and puts a lot of enthusiasm in everything he does.

To get to the point, on Monday morning I'm exhausted, and that's the day I do my wash.

Any suggestions?

TIRED ON MONDAY

DEAR TIRED: Yes. Wash on Tuesday.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a widow in my late 50s who has been keeping company with a bachelor my age for three years. My problem is I still haven't met any of his family members.

He lives on a farm with his mother and two sisters. I've never been to his house because his mother is senile and both his sisters are crazy.

He doesn't work and says he has no income, but he owns a little property and drives a nice car.

He's asked me not to phone him because he has a party line, which he says everybody listens in on, and he doesn't want people knowing his business.

Last year his brother died, but he didn't tell me until after they buried him because he said it was a private funeral and his brother was crazy. I'm beginning to think insanity runs in his family.

If I weren't so darned lonesome, I'd forget him, but he does play a nice game of gin rummy. How do you and your experts figure him?

MINNIE IN W. VA.

DEAR MINNIE: My experts suspect that your gentleman friend is either married, crazy or both. And my advice is to determine his marital status, find another gin rummy partner or take up solitaire.

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