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AT&T loses bid for immediate increase

AUSTIN (AP) — AT&T, the biggest loser — so far — in the breakup of the phone system, has failed to persuade a state district judge that Texas long distance rates must immediately rise.

Nine days after the historic breakup of the nationwide Bell System, AT&T lawyers were in court late Monday to challenge the way the Public Utility Commission is handling the new order in the phone industry.

But State District Judge

Harley Clark turned down AT&T's double request. The company wanted Clark to overrule a PUC hearing examiner and allow an immediate \$115.4 million rate hike, or block a PUC order forcing AT&T to give Southwestern Bell \$617 million.

"We're asking that you get us out of this box that we're in," AT&T lawyer Joyce Beasley told Clark, claiming company losses of \$300,000 per day since Jan. 1.

But Assistant Attorney General Fernando Rodriguez, defending the PUC action, called Ms. Beasley's comments "the sky-is-falling language."

Under the federal court-ordered divestiture of American Telephone & Telegraph, Southwestern Bell and AT&T Communications are separate — and now opposing — entities. AT&T retained most of the intrastate long distance business, depriving

Southwestern Bell of one of its most profitable services.

To replace some of the long distance money, the PUC ordered AT&T to pay so-called "access charges" to Southwestern Bell and other local phone companies in Texas. AT&T says its rates must go up to cover those charges.

The \$115.4 million interim hike, which includes a 10.7 percent increase in intrastate long distance tolls, is part of a \$301 million increase package

filed by AT&T.

Last Friday, PUC Examiner Phillip Holder turned down the immediate hike, saying it would be considered at a hearing to begin Jan. 24. AT&T appealed that decision to the full commission, and went to Clark.

After Clark turned down the AT&T request Monday night, Ron LeMay, an AT&T vice president, said the company must stop the

\$300,000 daily losses.

"I'm not screaming doomsday stuff, but over time utilities simply cannot afford to incur \$300,000 a day in losses without affecting service," he said, adding, "I'm not telling you service is going to be affected immediately."

Ms. Beasley told Clark that AT&T is in a "most peculiar situation." Despite the legal scramble to raise rates, "Our very real desire is to have

lower long distance rates in the state of Texas," she told the judge.

AT&T's access payments to Southwestern Bell are up to five times higher than the similar charges paid by competing long distance companies, such as MCI and Sprint. But AT&T enjoys better connections with the Bell system.

The three-member utility commission has not decided whether it will hear AT&T's appeal of the Holder decision.



ALAMO BY MOONLIGHT—A carriage driver talks to an unidentified woman at the Alamo in downtown San Antonio while a bright Texas moon lights up the historic structure in the background. (AP Laserphoto)

They battled dreaded disease

Old cowboys want story known

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — When John Hidalgo and his former comrades meet in this West Texas city Friday for their first reunion in more than 30 years, it won't just be a time for reminiscing and retelling of war stories.

No, says Hidalgo, he and his buddies have a more important mission — they're going to try to reconstruct "the last episode of the last cowboys of our nation."

The 63-year-old Willcox, Ariz. man was one of more than 8,000 men who, in typical western frontier fashion, rode horses, camped in strange lands and risked their lives while fighting the enemy in a battle unknown to many Americans today.

Hidalgo participated in the aftosa campaign of the 1940s — a fight against a potentially fatal virus that had infected cattle in central Mexico.

Because ranchers feared the hoof-and-mouth disease, known as aftosa in Spanish, would spread to this country, the United States and Mexico formed a joint commission to eradicate it.

After a six-year battle, the malady was effaced but not before more than 700,000 Mexican cattle were slaughtered and more than 7 million others were vaccinated.

"The work that we did was a real important type of work," Hidalgo said last week in a telephone interview. "The job we were sent out to do was dangerous. We were in the category of getting killed. We spent our time in a strange and wild land and we conquered a disease."

But because the commission's work has been forgotten by many, Hidalgo says, it's time to tell the story.

"I don't think we even got a thank you from the U.S. government," he said. "But our history should be recorded and that's what we'll be starting to do (Friday)."

Hidalgo organized the first aftosa reunion, which will be held

in El Paso Friday and Saturday, and said more than 75 men are expected to attend.

"Most of us that worked in this hoof-and-mouth disease were from the western states — Arizona, Texas, New Mexico. Those people are mostly the ones that will appear (at the reunion)," he said. But Hidalgo said a couple of Mexican fighters also have been asked to attend the meeting.

"Our program is to have a reunion to where we can keep having a reunion every year from now on," Hidalgo said. "That way maybe we'll get people to know who we were and what we did for this country and for Mexico."

Aftosa first was detected in Mexico in December 1946.

The highly contagious disease affects only cloven-hoofed animals, such as cattle, sheep, deer and pigs.

It causes blisters to form on an animal's lips, tongue and hoofs and most animals who contract the virus die unless vaccinated every three months, Hidalgo said.

"But even the animals who didn't die, it (aftosa) would leave them crippled or to the point where they were no good no more," he said.

Researchers say the disease first was noticed in Mexico after more than 300 bulls were imported from Brazil.

When news of the disease hit the United States, ranchers demanded the border be closed to Mexican meat and a six-year quarantine was imposed.

Handgun victim to testify in wheelchair

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for a man paralyzed by an accidental gunshot said he would testify from his wheelchair today in his \$43 million lawsuit seeking to make handgun manufacturers and sellers responsible for handgun injuries.

David Clancy, 21, of Amarillo, was paralyzed from the shoulders down in 1977 when he was accidentally shot by a .22-caliber revolver in the parking lot of an Amarillo school.

Dorothy Clancy of Amarillo wept Monday as she testified

about seeing her son after the shooting.

"He kept saying, 'I wish I could move my arms and legs,'" she told the state district court jury.

Clancy's Dallas attorney, Wandle Turley, said he would call the last of his witnesses today, clearing the way for the Dale Corp., which owned the discount stores that sold the gun in 1971, to present its case.

On Monday, University of Wisconsin professor Leonard Berkowitz testified that the

mere presence of a gun is enough to incite some people to violence.

"I firmly disagree with those people who maintain that guns do not kill people, that only people kill people," Berkowitz said.

Lawyers for Dale said handguns are safe and useful when handled properly.

Monday was the fifth day of the trial, in which Clancy seeks to recover \$43 million in damages from Dale and two other companies involved in either the design,

manufacture or sale of the gun.

Berkowitz testified that his studies show that the presence of a handgun can "incite people to carry out violent actions... Handguns have an aggressive meaning to most people in society."

Turley has filed several suits similar to Clancy's but this is the first to go to trial. Pro-gun groups have said a jury finding for Clancy would have a chilling effect on the small handgun industry.

Turley argued that hazards

of small handguns greatly outweigh their usefulness. Designers, makers and distributors should be required under product liability laws to reimburse handgun victims for their injuries, he said.

Clancy was a 15-year-old student at Alamo Catholic High School in Amarillo when he was shot. Another student, who said he brought the gun to school so he could sell it to another student, said the gun went off as he was showing it to a girl while sitting in a vehicle in the parking lot.

Pay stand drew mail

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Stan Schlueter, who now says a tax hike is probable, says his previous unwillingness to tax Texans to fund a teacher salary hike helped fill his mail box.

"I think there are a lot of good competent teachers out there. Unfortunately, the ones that were writing me weren't. They have a great grasp of four-letter words," he said. "I received a lot of hostile mail. I tried to answer some of it, for some of it there was just not an answer."

During a Monday speech to the Texas School Assessors Association, Schlueter said a special session of the Legislature, in May or June, will raise taxes. Gasoline and sin taxes are the most likely to go up. The sales tax won't, according to Schlueter.

"Either the economy is going to turn around and refill our state coffers or we are going to have a tax bill," said the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Texans who are convinced a tax hike is inevitable favor a higher sales tax, he added. But many of those taxpayers merely are looking to trade a higher sales tax for a reduced property levy, Schlueter said.

"I can tell you that won't be the one we increase," he said of the sales tax.

Oil and gas taxes — including severance and refinery taxes — also won't go up, he said.

"That's the one we are going to have to stay away from the most. Why continue to tax a declining source?" the Central Texas lawmaker told the school tax collectors.

Texas will move death chamber

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Directors of Texas prisons, recalling a pro-death penalty crowd which nearly rioted when an execution was stayed at the last minute, have decided to move the state's death chamber to a remote location.

No decision was made concerning where to move the death house, but prison board member Lindsley Waters Jr. of Dallas said the intent is to hold executions outside downtown Huntsville. Executions are now carried out at the prison system's Walls Unit.

"We want to locate it on such a unit so we won't have quite the crowd control problems we have now," said Waters, who headed a committee which studied the situation.

About 200 pro-death penalty protesters waved signs which read "Kill him" at a demonstration at the Walls Oct. 4, the night before James David Autry was scheduled to be executed for killing a store clerk.

Vendors sold beer and popcorn and one man was arrested for carrying a gun.

The crowd, which consisted largely of Sam Houston State University students, booed and cursed Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox when he announced that Supreme Court Justice Byron White had ordered the stay of execution.

"Give me the syringe. I'll kill him," one woman shrieked. Condemned prisoners are executed by injection in Texas.

A similar demonstration

preceded the execution of Charlie Brooks Jr. Dec. 7, 1982. Brooks, 40, was condemned for killing a Fort Worth mechanic while stealing a used car.

Prison officials said a new death house could be built within a year.

The board's decision could be void if there is a state law against holding executions outside Huntsville. But the board voted to lobby to change such a statute if there is one.

In the meantime, the prison system will remodel its current death chamber by removing a wall used to separate the prisoner and his executioner when Texas used the electric chair. The executioner will remain hidden in a smaller, adjoining room, officials said.

Execution witnesses, who currently stand only a few feet from the condemned, will now be separated by a barred window.

The board also agreed to change execution procedures so that intravenous needles used to inject poison into condemned inmates' arms will not be inserted until the day the execution is scheduled.

Autry complained that he was taken to the death chamber about an hour before midnight Oct. 4.

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HOLD ON—Premier Zhao Ziyang of the People's Republic of China, holds on as his horse-drawn carriage lurches forward during his tour of Colonial Williamsburg Monday. Riding along with the Premier are the coachman, a Secret Service agent, Ambassador Selwa Roosevelt, second from right, and the Premier's military attache. (AP Laserphoto)

Chinese premier talks to Reagan about Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Premier Zhao Ziyang of China was conferring with President Reagan today in talks aimed at building good will after nearly a year of discord over the status of Taiwan, trade and security issues.

Zhao, China's head of government, is the highest ranking Chinese communist official ever to visit the United States. President Reagan is scheduled to return the visit by traveling to Peking in April, the first trip to China by a U.S. chief executive in nine years.

The Chinese premier announced in advance of his trip that he would not repeat Chinese insistence on an immediate halt of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, a step apparently intended to avoid unnecessary public disputes. But the Chinese government also made known that Zhao, maintaining China's independent and non-aligned stance, did not intend to "kowtow" to Reagan administration officials.

U.S. officials emphasized the positive elements of the relationship, citing heightened expectations for increased two-way trade and predicting that recent developments may result in new cooperation agreements by the time Reagan visits China.

They played down expectations of any major accomplishments or breakthroughs during the present meeting, calling it a building stone in a process aimed at placing relations on a solid and realistic basis.

These are some of the major issues and problems U.S. officials say are likely to be discussed during Zhao's visit.

—Taiwan: Administration officials make clear they will not renegotiate or further define how the United States intends to live up to an August 1982 agreement not to increase and "ultimately" to end arms shipments.

—High Technology: U.S. officials say the Chinese were "purring like kittens for awhile" over Washington's decision to remove many restrictions on high technology exports. Now the possible military applications of providing such technology are being thrashed out again by U.S. allies, worrying the Chinese.

—Nuclear Cooperation: China has edged significantly closer towards accepting non-proliferation safeguards and U.S. officials say an agreement is possible by April to permit the sale of U.S. nuclear reactors to spur China's production of energy.

—Arms sales: No major sales predicted, although China is exploring U.S. anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons. U.S. will seek to expand contacts with the Chinese military establishment.

U.S. to establish Vatican ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has decided to establish full diplomatic relations with the Vatican, believing the importance of the ties outweighs lingering Protestant opposition, State Department sources say.

Announcement of the decision was expected sometime today.

Reagan also is expected to nominate William A. Wilson, as the nation's first ambassador to the Holy See. Wilson, 69, is a California real-estate developer who has long had close ties to Reagan. Wilson was appointed by Reagan as his personal representative to the Vatican soon after taking office in 1981.

The Vatican will in turn appoint an ambassador, known as a papal nuncio, to Washington. It has been represented in Washington by an apostolic delegate.

Officials, who confirmed the decision, insisted on anonymity.

They said that in deciding to establish diplomatic ties, the administration takes the position that it won't violate the constitutional requirement for a separation of church and state because it doesn't confer special status on the Roman Catholic Church.

"It is not a religious issue but a public policy question," commented Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the United States Catholic Conference.

"This decision reflects the role played so effectively by the Holy See, under the leadership of Pope John Paul II and his predecessors, on behalf of peace and justice in the world," Malone said in a statement for release today.

Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic delegate to the United States, called the decision "recognition of the moral leadership on behalf of peace, justice, human development and human rights" given by Pope John Paul II and his predecessors.

Congress cleared the way for establishment of diplomatic relations when it voted early last year to lift an 1867 ban.

Reagan has 'open mind'

Spokesman backs down

WASHINGTON (AP) — After asserting that President Reagan has decided to oppose a key Kissinger commission proposal on El Salvador, an embarrassed presidential spokesman says Reagan will change judgment until he receives the panel's report on Wednesday.

Late Monday, spokesman Larry Speakes retracted a statement made earlier in the day saying the president would ignore a reported commission recommendation that insists future military aid to El Salvador be conditioned on improved human rights performance.

Speakes said Reagan will have an "open mind" on the panel's proposals. When the president reviews the report, "he will consider all aspects of every recommendation before making a final decision," Speakes said.

Until last summer, Congress had linked military aid for El Salvador to progress in curbing politically motivated civilian deaths and other factors. On Nov. 30, Reagan vetoed a congressional amendment aimed at renewing that condition.

Speakes said the president's position remains the same, but is subject to change pending review of the commission's report.

The Kissinger commission report is due for presentation to Reagan on Wednesday and is expected to endorse the underlying rationale for much of the administration's policy toward the region.

In his initial statement Monday, Speakes noted that the administration will voluntarily submit a report to Congress on the human rights situation in El Salvador next Monday.

When aid was tied to the certification, Speakes said, "We thought it didn't serve any purpose because each time one of these reports came due the right and the left rose up and tried to influence the report by intimidation."

Other administration officials, insisting on anonymity, said El Salvador appears more intent now on taking decisive action against right-wing death squads than it did when the certification process was in existence.

Commission Chairman Henry A. Kissinger opposed the aid-human rights linkage, but was overridden by a majority on the panel. He is said to be planning a dissent attached to the report.

Reagan is expected to agree with much of the Kissinger commission's findings. The panel reportedly will echo Reagan's own statements on the alleged threat of Soviet-Cuban penetration in Central America and agrees with the administration that more military assistance for El Salvador is needed.

The administration reportedly will seek between \$100 million and \$140 million in such aid later this month, using the commission's report as a major justification.

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Communist critics are sniping at novel 'Nineteen Eighty-four'

By ERIC WAHA
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — Communist critics are sniping at "Nineteen Eighty-Four," George Orwell's famous novel about life in the ultimate totalitarian state — and a book banned in the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries.

But the modern British classic is widely known in Eastern Europe from smuggled copies and translations published by underground presses.

Loyal Communists never liked "Nineteen Eighty-Four" because Orwell's super-state "Oceania" — where "Big Brother is watching" and government critics disappear as "unpersons" — has been compared to life under communism.

Recent commentaries in East Germany, Hungary and Poland suggest that authorities are concerned that the revival of Western interest in Orwell's novel might spill over into the Soviet bloc.

Earlier this month, an East German newspaper charged that the new wave of interest in "Nineteen Eighty-Four" may

have been fueled by people who wanted a "rebirth of the Cold War."

The Volkszeitung (Peoples' Newspaper) of Leipzig branded the book "the best seller of the Cold War" when it was published in the West in 1949.

"It remains to be seen whether the expectation will be fulfilled of those who want to provide the ideological background for the rebirth of the Cold War with an Orwell renaissance."

A sales manager at East Berlin's international bookstore said, "The book has never been published here, and consequently we don't carry it."

Nor is the book — or other Orwell novels — on sale in the Soviet Union.

In 1977 at the Moscow Book Fair, the Soviets confiscated an English-language copy published by the New American Library.

Customs officials allowed a copy of "Nineteen Eighty-Four" into the country for the 1979 fair, but banned Orwell's "Animal

Farm" — a satire widely interpreted as a slap at Communist officialdom.

American publishers have since stopped trying to bring in literature that might offend Soviet officials.

"Nineteen Eighty-Four" was mentioned last January in Literary Gazette, the organ of the Soviet Writer's Union. Vitaly Korbish claimed that Orwell's "vision of the future is becoming a reality — in the United States."

Orwell books aren't sold in Czechoslovakia, Romania and Hungary. But literary critics and some members of the reading public are very familiar with his name and works.

The Budapest literary and cultural weekly Uj Tuekor (New Mirror) carried a page-long article on Orwell in its New Year's issue.

Of "Nineteen Eighty-Four" it said: "Orwell still had time to live to see that in the period of the increasingly frigid Cold War, an effective weapon had been forged from his work toward the ideological fight against communism."

The Hungarian weekly contended that the novel "can be hardly related accusingly to the present-day realities of socialism (communism)."

The Leipziger Volkszeitung took a similar tack. It claimed "Nineteen Eighty-Four" is "infinitely remote from real socialism."

Going one step further, the newspaper added, "It cannot be overlooked that Orwell's 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' has parallels with the real world of imperialism ... through the increasingly total surveillance of citizens (in the West) by computers."

A long official silence on "Nineteen Eighty-Four" was broken in Poland with a commentary on Orwell in the December issue of Zdanie (Opinion). Poles said it may have been the first time the book was ever mentioned in a state publication.

Orwell should "not be held responsible" for the "myth" created by right-wingers that he was an "instrument of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism," the Polish magazine said.

"All kinds of definitions and yardsticks were applied to the 'black anti-utopia' which is 'Nineteen Eighty-Four,'" it said, adding that Orwell himself "deplored the primitive reception" given to his novel.

Western paperback copies of "Nineteen Eighty-Four" and

"Animal Farm" were sold at some Polish bookshops in the 1960s, but are rarely seen today. As elsewhere in the Soviet bloc, there are no official translations, although underground copies are read avidly.

Terming the message of Orwell's novel "absurd," the newspaper accused Western "merchants of despair" and "other media types" of whipping up an "international publicity campaign" to discredit Maxism-Leninism by linking it to the bleak nightmare Orwell invented.

"The book's greatest merit for those who equate communism and fascism is to imply that this fraudulent idea could someday become real," Humanite declared.

Smoother footing for nuclear power

By JOHN BARBOUR
AP Newsfeatures Writer

PALO VERDE, Ariz. (AP) — Nuclear power, which has been traveling a rocky road in recent years, has found smoother footing in the vastness of the Arizona desert.

Despite the lingering heat from Three Mile Island and cost overruns that have plagued projects from New York to California, one nuclear project has been spared the stormy public outcries and protests that have rocked other utilities.

Even Ralph Nader's Critical Mass Energy Project rated Palo Verde as one of the three best-managed nuclear plants under construction in 1982, out-performed only by McGuire II plant in North Carolina and Millstone III in Connecticut.

The utility industry bet big bucks on nuclear power across the nation, but delays in bringing plants into production have upped the costs and threatened some utilities with near disaster. The Zimmer plant near Cincinnati ran into Nuclear Regulatory Commission orders to halt construction when it was 97 percent complete and remains unfinished with costs soaring and its financial backers in disarray.

Long Island Lighting's Shoreham plant is all but finished, but still mired in controversy over an evacuation plan in case of accident. In Indiana the Marble Hill plants may be scrapped. A governor's commission made that recommendation after costs quadrupled and the utility couldn't find the money to pay for them.

In Washington, an ambitious nuclear expansion in a hydropower-rich state brought a disastrous default on bonds sold to pay for the reactors and a subsequent abandonment of two of five projected power plants. Financing is available for only one of the remaining three. The other two are mothballed.

Palo Verde expects to be ready for fueling in May and for production in December, if all goes well. Compared to the kind of troubles at many other plants, Palo Verde has had smooth sailing, without the heated protests or demonstrations over safety issues. The arena for dissent has been the occasional news conference and the hearing room.

As the year ended, the Palo Verde Intervention Fund, an antinuclear coalition, introduced former employees who said the construction firm Bechtel had buried tools and other equipment to boost the cost in a cost plus percentage contract that would have increased Bechtel's take. Not so said the utility in charge. Bechtel was on a cost plus fixed \$9.3 million fee, so couldn't increase its profit. The attorney general's office dug into it but came up only with construction debris on the first try.

The NRC earlier conducted a couple of investigations, gave Palo Verde a satisfactory to very good rating and then proposed two \$40,000 fines for paperwork deficiencies and possible falsification of some documents, suspect because they were unsigned or signed by the wrong person.

A worse blow came from credit rating institutions that downgraded the utility's bond ratings, thus increasing interest charges. That impelled the utility to ask for rate hikes to protect its financial status.

Even when Palo Verde ran into its first serious design problems, the malperformance of pumps and the control rod mechanism, it failed to arouse any large-scale public reaction.

On the other hand, when Arizona Public Service, the utility that manages Palo Verde, started talking about raising rates, Arizona's air-conditioned consumers demurred, though not enough to rally them against the nuclear project.

APS, which conducts several public opinion polls a year, says support for finishing Palo Verde rarely wavers.

"If you ask a question about nuclear power in general," says Executive Vice President Thomas Woods, in charge of Palo Verde, "you might get only 60 percent support. Ask a question about finishing Palo Verde and you get support in the 90 percent range."

What makes Palo Verde different?

First, most experts agree, it has been well-managed. Although it is some 20 months behind schedule and its costs have more than doubled to \$6 billion, it is in better shape than most nuclear projects.

Second, it is in the desert with inhospitable summer days and winter nights that tend to dissuade the most avid protesters.

Third, it is in Arizona, a land apart.

Tom Woods, who keeps his ears to the public mood for APS, says Arizonans are different from even neighboring Southern Californians.

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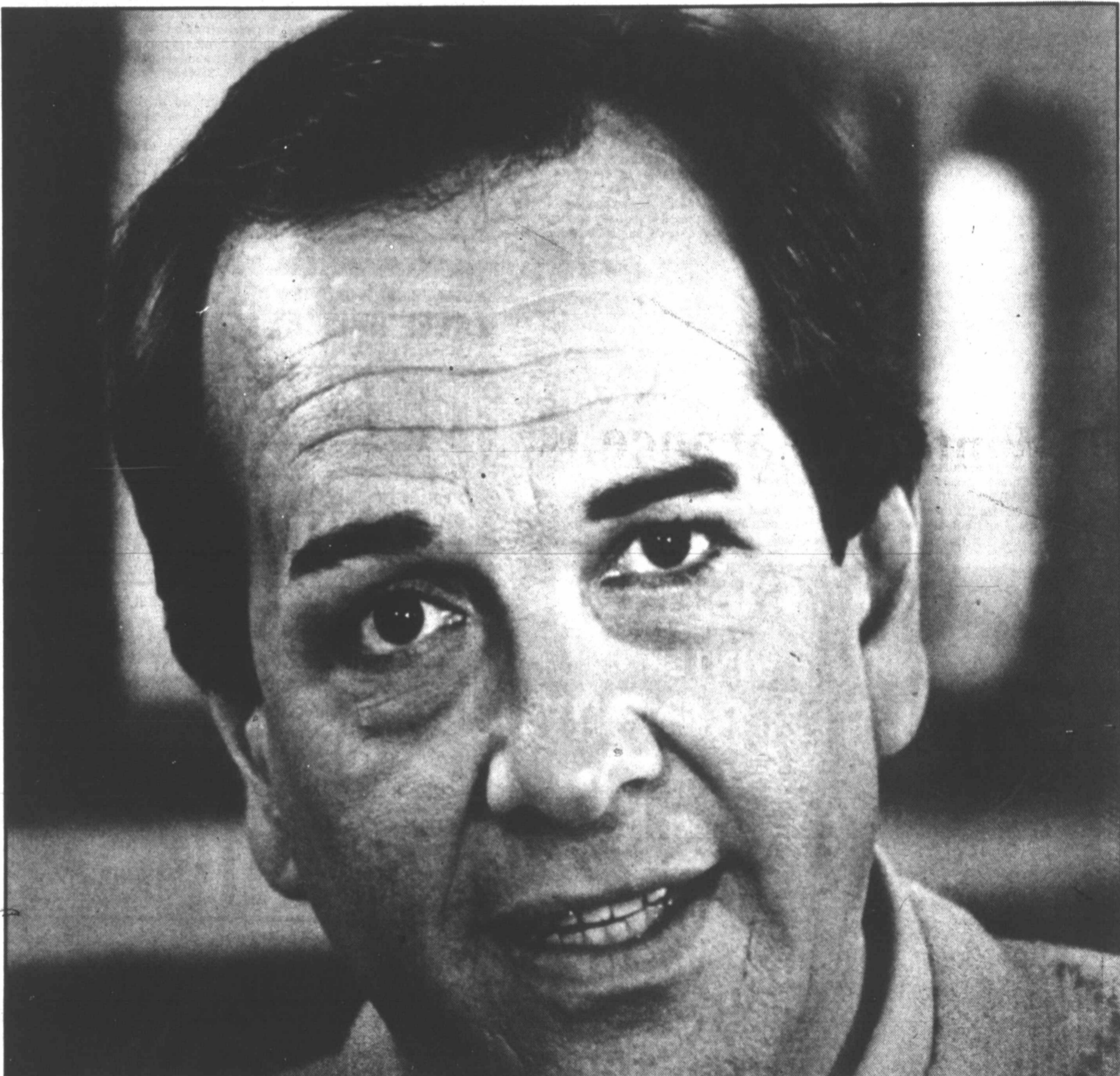
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Drama added to economics textbook

By STEVE JONES
Corvallis Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The nation is entering its worst financial crisis since the Depression. The U.S. economy is teetering on the brink of collapse, when, mysteriously, a key presidential adviser and his mistress are murdered.

The stuff of a murder-mystery thriller? No, a college economics textbook.

Murray Wolfson, an economics professor at Oregon State University, and Vincent Buranelli, a writer from New Jersey, have produced "In the Long Run We Are All Dead."

"Economics needs to be taught better than it is," said Wolfson, a slight graying man with an energetic laugh.

To make the subject easier to digest, he created a cast of characters who discuss and argue over the workings of the national economy. Unlike a dry textbook, Wolfson's book brings to life economic issues and principles.

Wolfson and his publisher hope the mystery will capture the imagination of professors and students alike.

"There's only one other book like it on the market and it has

sold remarkably well," said editor Michael Weber, who says he's convinced the Wolfson book will also do well.

Its lucid descriptions of conservative vs. liberal economic policies put it in a league with traditional textbooks on the subject. Combined with the classic whodunit tale, Weber thinks it's an unusual product.

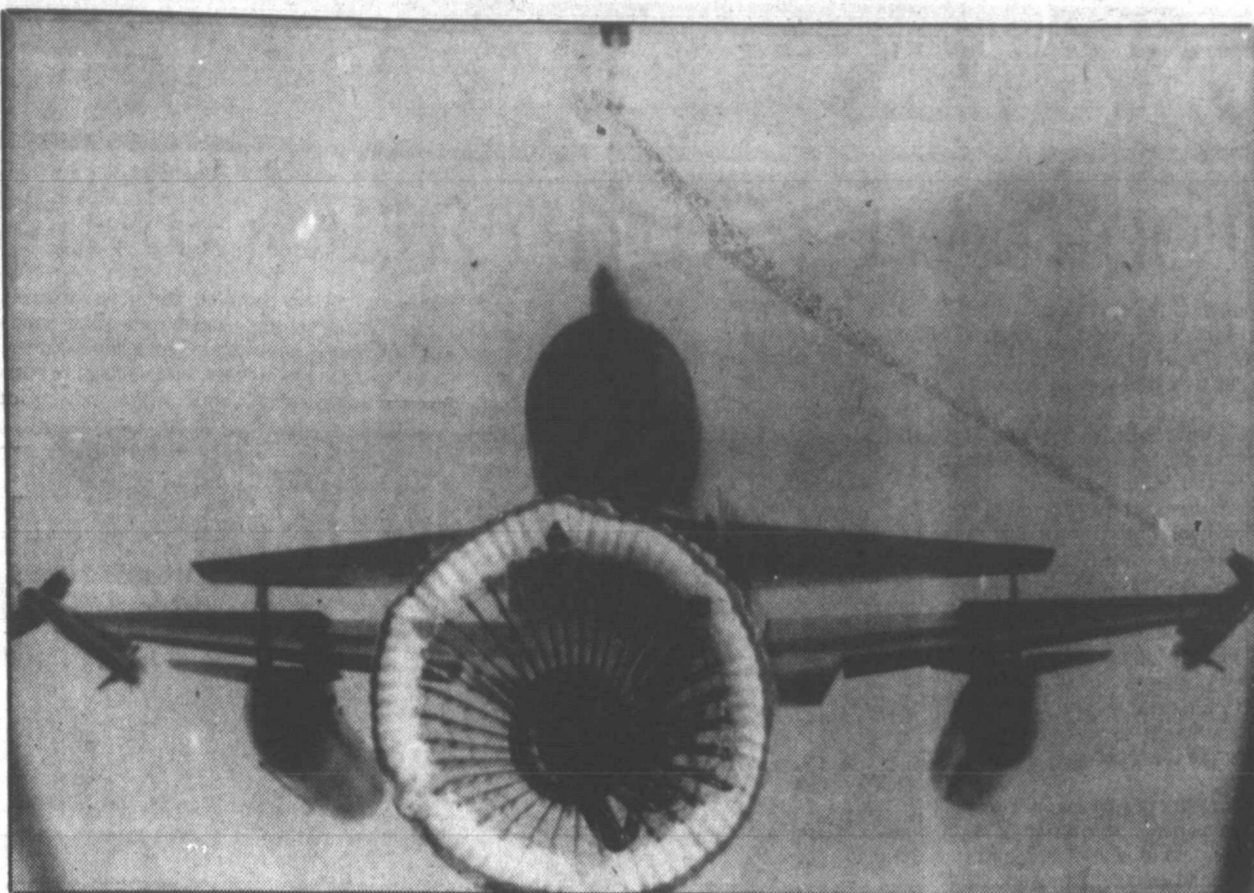
"This book is intended to be a supplementary text for a (college) course in macroeconomics," the study of gross economic principles that contribute to the national economy.

"There are many thousands — perhaps even a million — students taking macroeconomics courses each year. That's the market we want to reach," he said.

The idea came to Wolfson in 1981 when he was a visiting professor at the University of Southern California. After contacting the publisher, "I sat down at the word processor and slammed out a first draft in about four months."

"Then I discovered I couldn't write a novel," he said.

Buranelli was hired to rework the manuscript. "He cut all my sentences in half, but we kept the same plot line and characters."



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Dispute baby reaches first birthday

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Christopher Ray Stiver — a deformed infant whose birth set off an emotional dispute over his parentage and the issue of surrogate motherhood — reached his first birthday today with his future in doubt.

The baby's father, Ray Stiver, says he doesn't think the child will "be with us that long."

"His head isn't growing like it should ... he has a lot of trouble breathing ... It's one problem after another," he said.

Before Christopher's birth Jan. 10, 1983, at Lansing General Hospital, his mother Judy Stiver had contracted to act as a surrogate mother and bear an infant through artificial insemination for a New York man and his infertile wife.

But instead of the healthy baby the would-be parents longed for, Christopher was born with microcephaly, a smaller than normal size head which often indicates retardation.

Today, Christopher suffers from cytomegalovirus, a type of

herpes infection. He cannot crawl, roll over, sit or hold up his head. His hearing is impaired and he has suffered brain damage. He weighs only 14 pounds and is abnormally susceptible to viruses and infections.

Mrs. Stiver was to have received \$10,000 from Alexander Malahoff for bearing his baby.

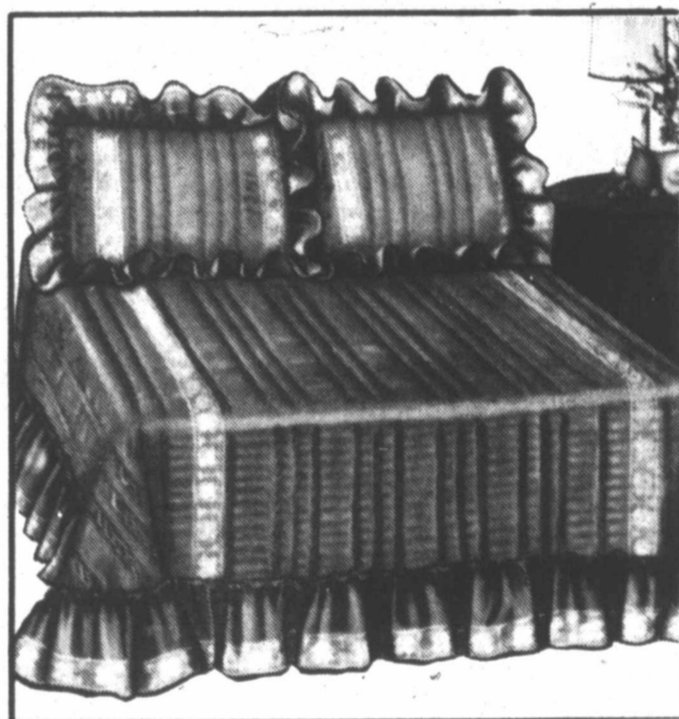
But after a preliminary blood test indicated Malahoff was not his father, Malahoff sued Mrs. Stiver for failing to provide him with a baby as their contract specified.

The Stivers filed a counter-suit, claiming that they had not been given proper advice on how to carry out their part of the agreement.

The cases were widely publicized, with Christopher known simply as Baby Doe.

The Stivers did not receive any payment and finally agreed to keep the child.

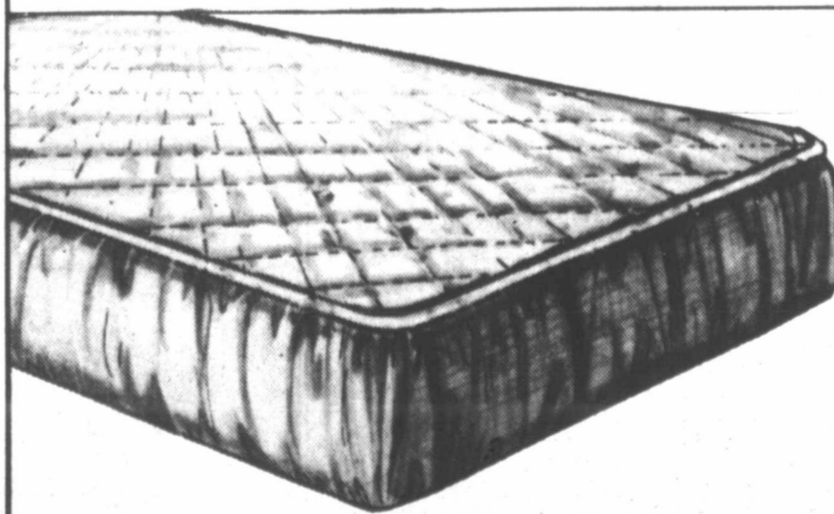
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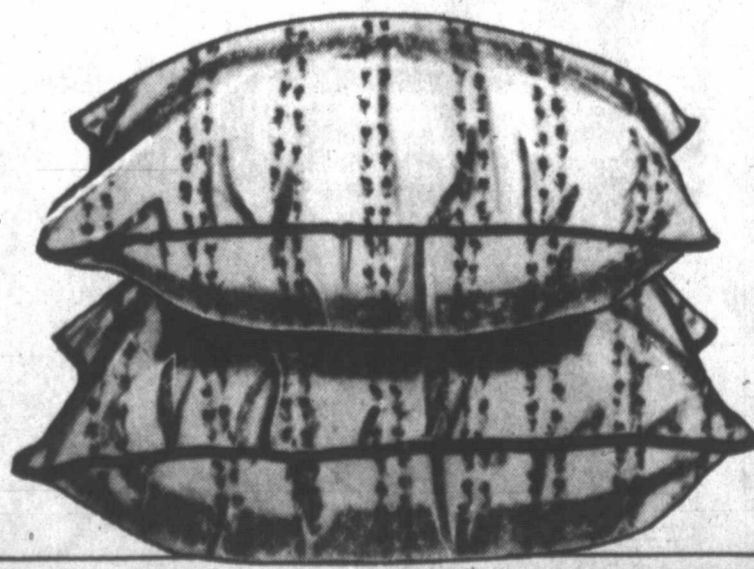
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Dear Abby

Trip to altar can be long for Massachusetts couples

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A letter appeared recently in your column in the Brockton (Mass.) Enterprise from "Kathleen," whose son wanted to marry his first cousin. Kathleen's letter stated that first cousins could not marry in Massachusetts. Abby, for some strange reason, this is a common misconception among the citizens of this state; first cousins can marry in Massachusetts.

Kathleen asked if her son and his cousin went to another state to marry and returned to live in Massachusetts, would they be living in sin in Massachusetts? You replied that a valid marriage is valid in every state.

Wrong! Not in Massachusetts! If Massachusetts' residents go to another state to contract a marriage that cannot be legally performed in Massachusetts, and said couple return to continue to reside in Massachusetts, their marriage would not be valid in the state of Massachusetts.

ELAINE TRUDEAU, REGISTRAR, REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS, BOSTON, MASS.

DEAR READERS: Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. I learned a lesson today. When it comes to the law, never assume anything.

My office phoned Elaine Trudeau in Boston to thank her for the above information, and to inquire, "What types of marriages would be legal in other states, but not in Massachusetts?"

We were told that a marriage between a man and his son's wife is one example. Another: Marriage between a couple who have not waited the required six months following a Massachusetts divorce, have gone elsewhere to be married and returned to live in Massachusetts.

So, dear readers, what seems logical is not necessarily legal.

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Kathleen," who was worried about the legality of the marriage of her son to his first cousin, missed the mark. Whether or not first-cousin marriages performed in one state are valid in another state is really of secondary importance when one considers the genetic implications of such marriages. Kathleen alluded to this problem when she wrote, "There is no insanity in our family, so we thought the marriage was OK."

Insanity is, perhaps, the least of the possible inheritable disorders experienced by offspring. Kathleen's son and his first cousin inherited similar genetic material from the common grandparent(s), and modern genetics have shown that there may be an increased risk of spontaneous miscarriage or, if there is a family history of some forms of inheritable disease, of occurrence of certain diseases in the offspring.

So, although their marriage may be legal, they should seek counseling from an M.D. and/or someone trained in genetic counseling prior to marrying or having children.

J.G. SPANGLER, M.D., GEISINGER MEDICAL CENTER, DANVILLE, PA.

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DEAR ABBY: A woman I work with told me that she and her husband have tried for years to have a child but she couldn't get pregnant, so they both went for physical examinations and found out that her husband was sterile. Then she told me they have applied to several adoption agencies and were told it will take between five and six years before they can get a child.

I asked her why they didn't try artificial insemination, and she told me that in the eyes of the church (Catholic) artificial insemination is the same as adultery. Abby, can this be true?

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DEAR NO NAME: She informed you correctly.

Alter family room with dramatic colors

When it comes to decorating, color makes all the difference. It may even be the single biggest factor determining room appearance.

For instance, take a room and decorate it according to two different color schemes. The change from one to the other can be dramatic, enormous, night and day — or, in some cases, contemporary and traditional.

One of those cases is featured in a recent issue of a national magazine, a joint project of the magazine's editors and interior designers. They color - schemed a family room for people who prefer contemporary decor and then again for others who favor traditional.

View the two versions side by side and you'd hardly guess it was the same room.

The contemporary version of the family room is Pow!, a splash of vivid primary colors. In fact, the color scheme is lipstick red and bright yellow.

But it has its subtleties too. While it's not the first thing you'd notice, like the colors, there's an interesting interplay going on among the red - group fabrics (on the ottoman, the throw pillows, the folding screens, in the Roman window shades). They're a mixture of stripes and checks: an important decorating detail.

There's more red in the room, a whole wallful of it. The entire fireplace wall is enamel - painted lipstick red.

The biggest block of yellow is the units of the modular sofa, which are covered in duck. More yellow: the enamel painted wooden window trim and decorative molding that rings the walls at ceiling height.

Softening the punch of the room's powerful primary colors are three off - white walls and an off - white floor. These expanses of "non-color" make the red and yellow color scheme more livable.

Another critical element is the ash - wood furniture. The pieces are an armoire, tavern table, dining table and Windsor chairs. The style is an updated, streamlined "country," equally at home in a contemporary setting.

In the re - do of the family room, the architecture stayed the same (with the addition of a conventional mantelpiece to the fireplace) but the color scheme underwent a drastic change. Instead of lipstick red and yellow, it's now mainly earth tones, augmented by navy blue and cream.

The color - scheme was borrowed almost ready - made from the terra cotta, taupe and ochre of the flooring.

In its new persona, the family room might be described as either traditional or Americana. The focal point is an Amish quilt in terra cotta, navy and cream. The modular sofa was replaced with a traditional one upholstered in plaid fabric the colors of the quilt.

The red fireplace wall was repainted taupe and the other walls were papered in a tattersall check (terra cotta lines on a cream background) from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's American Wing collection.

The furniture is somewhat eclectic. For instance, the coffee table shows a rustic or primitive influence while the bar has rounded, modern lines.

The accessories, though, are all traditional: numerous antiques and craft

items, including a hand - polished wooden hobby horse over the mantel, willow twig baskets, a milk can, a wire basket stuffed with logs and a stoneware crock serving as a vase for a spray of buttercups. Bean pot

lamps and pottery complete the accessories. Finally, the yellow - enameled wood trim and moldings have been repainted terra cotta. And the red Roman shades have made way for cottage curtains in white.



CONTEMPORARY VERSION of the family room is bright and youthful, with a color scheme of yellow and lipstick red. Off - white walls and floor soften vivid color scheme and make room livable.

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Income adjustments help reduce taxes

By Robert Metz
(Eight of 14 articles)

Moving expenses were an important item for many Americans who found new jobs in 1983.

Moving expenses are one of several categories of a powerful tax reducer, adjustments to income. Adjustments to income are taken from gross income to determine one's adjusted gross income.

TAX TIP: The adjustments are particularly important if you do not itemize because you can claim adjustments even when you use the zero bracket amount.

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TAX TIP: Those who do itemize should also do adjustments to income carefully. They reduce adjusted gross income, the figure setting the medical, casualty and charitable expenses one can deduct.

The rules say that if you moved to a new location during 1983 because you were transferred by your employer, found a new job in another community, or are self-employed and moved for business-related reasons, you may have a moving expense adjustment.

While there is no limit to how much you can claim for moving your household goods and traveling to your new home, the costs must be fair and reasonable. The maximum adjustment for other moving expenses is a total of \$3,000. There is a

\$1,500 limit on the combined expenses of house-hunting trips and temporary living quarters.

There are two important qualifiers: distance and time.

The distance between your new job and your old residence must be at least 35 miles greater than the distance from your old job to your old residence.

Let's say that your old job was 10 miles from your home. Your new job must be at least 45 miles from your old home for a moving expense adjustment. So, if you moved within a city, you might not qualify.

The time requirement varies according to your employment status. If you are an employee, you must be employed full time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months immediately after the move.

If you are self-employed, the time periods are doubled. That means that you must have been employed for at least 78

weeks in the two years immediately following the move, with at least 39 of those weeks occurring within the first 12 months.

TAX TIP: You may deduct your moving expenses if the time test has not been met by the date your 1983 return is due, if you expect to meet the time test for an employee by the end of 1984, or the test for the self-employed by the end of 1985. But if you then fail to meet the time test by the deadline, you must report the moving expenses claimed as income for the year in which you did not meet the test.

TAX TIP: Under extenuating circumstances, the time test can be waived. These circumstances are: You lost your job, and it was not due to willful misconduct; you moved a second time in a transfer that was for your employer's benefit; disability or death.

TAX TRAP: Note, howev-

er, that there would be no waiver if you reached mandatory retirement age before the end of the 39-week time test and your retirement had been anticipated.

You may claim: — The cost of moving household goods for you and family members. In addition to the hauling charge you may include charges for packing and crating, in-transit insurance and storage.

— Travel expenses for you and your family from the old location to the new one. This includes meals, lodging and transportation. If you traveled by plane, train or bus, the actual fare can be claimed. If you traveled in your own car, your transportation expenses can be claimed. Either total all out-of-pocket expenses for gasoline, oil, repairs, parking and tolls; or claim 9 cents for each mile driven. If you claim mileage, you may also claim the actual cost for parking and turn-

pike tolls. — The cost of house-hunting trips made after you obtained your new job, but before you moved to your new place of employment. Such costs include transportation, meals and lodging for you and your family. You all don't have to travel together, or even at the same time, but only one trip for each person qualifies. You may deduct the cost of house-hunting even if you didn't find a new residence.

— The cost of temporary quarters. This is solely for meals and lodging for any period of 30 consecutive days after obtaining work.

— The costs incurred in selling the former home and buying a new one. If you rent your quarters, you may claim the costs of settling your old lease and obtaining a new one. Typical home-sale costs include the realtor's commission, closing costs, attorney's fees, points charged on a mortgage if they are not deductible as interest, and your share of the escrow fees. Losses on the sale of homes are not deductible.

must offset the reimbursed sum.

Next: Itemizing deductions
(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

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Adjustments to income

Once you've figured your income, you should determine what, if any, income adjustments you are eligible for. This is the first step — and an important one — in whittling down your tax liability.

There are eight adjustment items. They are:

- Moving expenses.
- Employee business expenses.
- Payments to an Individual Retirement Account.
- Payments to a Keogh retirement plan.
- Interest penalty on early withdrawal of savings.
- Alimony paid.
- Disability income exclusion.
- Deduction for married couples who both work.

After these adjustments are made, you can either itemize deductions or take the zero bracket deduction.



Woman lives in world of darkness

PARADISE, Pa. (AP) — Right off Route 30, just east of Paradise, sits a sturdy brown farmhouse, and all day long, cars and trucks hurry past.

Safely tucked away in a corner of this massive house, just a few hundred feet away from the bustling traffic, is a long narrow bedroom. Inside the bedroom, it is always quiet — the thick walls of the home insulate it from the roar of vehicles outside.

And it is always dark — the shades are drawn tightly so that not a glimmer of daylight can penetrate the inky interior. In this black womb, a 93-year-old Chinese woman named Christiana Tsai lies on a massive wooden bed, just as she has lain, day after day, for the past 34 years.

Miss Tsai is held prisoner in the room by a debilitating disease. Since 1931, she has been bedridden. As a result, her body has grown thin and frail from disuse. And the disease has left her unable to tolerate bright light. For the past five decades, she has kept her eyes protected with a pair of owl, black sunglasses.

Despite these handicaps, Miss Tsai has managed to lead a productive life. Before illness struck her, she was an active missionary in her homeland of China. Even after she could no longer walk, she continued her crusade, coming to this farmhouse in the tiny village of Leaman Place and writing a book about her life called "The Queen of the Dark Chamber" in 1953.

The novel brought her immediate fame among Christians all over the world. At the height of her popularity, as many as 50 visitors a day streamed into her darkened room.

Then, gradually, the hullabaloo surrounding Christiana Tsai quieted. The stream of visitors has slowed down to a trickle; about 10 a week come now.

Christiana Tsai's humble room in a Lancaster County farmhouse is worlds away from her wealthy origins.

In her 93 years, she has traveled through two continents and two cultures. She has moved from East to West. She has spurned many gods and embraced one. She has left a world of light for a world of darkness.

In 1990, she was born in Hangchow, near the coast of central China. Born Tsai Ling-fang, she was the 18th of what would

eventually be 24 children. Her father, Tsai Sung-hua, was governor of a province during the Manchu Dynasty.

His 18th child, nicknamed "Too Many," was brought up in the traditional manner of well-to-do Chinese families — her feet were bound, she was schooled in the feminine arts, she was introduced to opium smoking and she was taught the strict observance of Buddhism.

When she was in her early teens, she considered entering a Buddhist convent, but was encouraged to enter a school closer to home, the Ming Deh Girls' School, run by American missionaries.

But from her first day at school, Tsai Ling-fang made it clear to her teacher, Mary Leaman, that she wanted no part of the religion taught there.

Then one day, the non-believing Tsai Ling-fang heard American evangelist S.D. Gordon speak at the school. Gordon compared people to stones — outside white and smooth, but hiding insects and darkness underneath.

"I knelt down and asked the Lord to forgive me and take away my sins and since that day have been studying the Bible," recalls Miss Tsai.

Taking Christiana as her new name, and Christianity as her new faith, she went out into China, traveling through the provinces with her friend and spiritual "godmother," Mary Leaman.

Then, one winter morning in 1931, Miss Tsai awoke to feel unbearable pain. She was unable to speak for eight months. She didn't open her eyes for a year and a half. When doctors finally diagnosed her illness as a malignant bone disease, almost 16 years later, she was permanently bedridden and her eyes were unable to tolerate light.

In 1949, the Communists forced Ms. Leaman and Miss Tsai to flee China. They came to Ms. Leaman's cousin's home in Paradise, establishing a new mission base there.

After Ms. Leaman died in 1972, Miss Tsai continued the crusade, receiving visitors from all over the world. She wrote two more books, "Christiana Tsai," in 1978, and last year, "Jewels from the Queen of the Dark Chamber," a devotional guide.

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Mystery fans keep bookstore thriving

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — It's not the gore or the blood or the screams of agony that attract the mystery readers of America. It's the puzzle, the intriguing, eternal question of "Whodunnit?"

So says Martha Farrington, a Houston woman who plugged into that curiosity three years ago to found a store for mystery readers called Murder By The Book.

The store started small, but business has tripled and is getting better every day, says Mrs. Farrington. Murder mysteries are the second most avidly read literary genre in the country, and mystery fans are a voracious bunch, she says.

"We have customers who read two and three a week," said Mrs. Farrington. "Most of them are interested in the drawing room type of mysteries. It's not the blood and the gore. We

don't carry that sort of thing. What attracts them is the mystery. It's sort of like a puzzle."

British authors seem to attract the most interest. Writers such as Agatha Christie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes) and Dick Francis are consistently the best sellers. Ms. Christie and Doyle specialized in the British drawing room mystery-puzzles, often taking place in some exotic location and with some bizarre form of death. Francis, a former jockey, writes all of his books with a horse racing theme.

American authors often specialize in the so-called "hard boiled" detective, the tough-guy private detective or homicide cop, says Mrs. Farrington. These are also popular if they are very well written.

"Most of my customers are well educated and literate," said Mrs. Farrington. "English teachers and lawyers seem to be my biggest customers."

In Murder By The Book, customers can stroll among

thousands upon thousands of mysteries, featuring a seemingly endless variety of homicide and mayhem.

"They writers seem to keep coming up with elaborate ways of death, such as using rabies or putting nicotine poison in the toothpaste," said Mrs. Farrington.

But she admits that some of the works use copy-cat ideas. "They do a lot of the plots over and over," said the bookstore owner. "But what keeps people reading them is the characters."

It's part of the mystery writer's skill to create colorful, often eccentric, characters and readers skim through the books following the plot and savoring the personalities.

"The characters always have to be good for the book to succeed," said Mrs. Farrington. "Some of the books done even have plots, really, but the characters are so good that people buy them for that."

So intense are some mystery fans that there have been clubs

organized around the fictional heroes.

There's a group called the Baker Street Irregulars, named for the home address of Sherlock Holmes, and the Wolfe Pack, a group who are fans of Nero Wolfe, the overweight detective created by Rex Stout.

Other mystery readers travel a lot, said Mrs. Farrington, and they will come to her store looking for a mystery that uses their travel destination as the scene of the action.

"Usually," she said, "we can find one."

Mrs. Farrington is trained in interior design, but she has been an avid mystery reader most of her life.

"I started with the Nancy Drew mysteries and haven't stopped reading them," she said.

In 1980, she decided to combine her interest with business and tentatively opened her store. There were a few lean days, but once the readers discovered it, she says, business has increased steadily.

New Japanese citizen fights to keep old name

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

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

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

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

In an interview by telephone from his home in Kobe, where he works as an inspector for a trading company, Tran said he wanted to use his own Vietnamese name from the outset — but was advised by authorities that it would be "impossible" to obtain citizenship with a foreign name.

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

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

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

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

"It is designed to assimilate resident aliens into Japanese society — not to recognize them as different minority people," Kim said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 - 5 River in Europe
 - 9 James Bond, for one
 - 12 On the ocean
 - 13 Local
 - 14 Paid golfer
 - 15 Stunt pilot
 - 17 Gear tooth
 - 18 Wheel track
 - 19 Capital of Canada
 - 21 Relent
 - 24 Copycat
 - 25 Joining
 - 27 10-cent pieces
 - 31 City in Brazil
 - 32 Small bills
 - 34 Wanting in color
 - 35 Swindle
 - 37 Within (pref)
 - 39 New Deal project (abbr)
 - 40 Daub
 - 42 Satan, for one
 - 44 Autos
 - 46 Hallow
 - 47 Card game
- DOWN**
- 1 Motoring association
 - 2 Compass point
 - 3 Over (poetic)
 - 4 Equitably
 - 5 Season
 - 6 Jackie's 2nd husband
 - 7 Fabulist
 - 8 Squealed (sl)
 - 9 Animal society (abbr)
 - 10 Bow of a ship
 - 11 Hindu ascetic practice
 - 16 Television sound
 - 20 Excursion
 - 21 Unit of measure (pl.)
 - 22 Troy
 - 23 Marry in haste
 - 24 FBI
 - 26 Compass point
 - 28 Buff
 - 29 Mythical woodfolk
 - 30 Burns
 - 33 Female saint (abbr)
 - 36 Every day (abbr)
 - 38 Shaded (Fr)
 - 41 Scarcity
 - 43 Be agreeable to
 - 45 Dancer
 - 46 Jeanmaire
 - 47 Abstract being
 - 48 Atop
 - 49 Driver's compartment (pl)
 - 50 Irritates
 - 53 Croak
 - 54 Hebrew holy day (abbr)
 - 55 Self-esteem
 - 56 Offspring

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede osol

will profit today from situations begun by others, provided you also show a willingness to share with them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but be wary of overindulgence. Late hours and too much of the good things will prove detrimental.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Career advantages you gain today can be lost or diluted if your tactfulness deserts you. Try not to step on anyone's toes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Momentum is on your side and important objectives can be achieved today if you follow the proper timetable. Don't be too pushy or impulsive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your commercial dealings today you are likely to get better terms if you allow the other party to make the offer. Don't tip your hand prematurely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to be congenial with associates today, but for the sake of expediency, don't do things that do not serve your best interests, especially financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your luck continues in your ability to realize material goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to keep today's activities in proper balance. If you devote too much time to fun pursuits, you may neglect important responsibilities.

You could be more fortunate than usual this coming year in situations which involve the family as well as yourself. Each will be instrumental in opening up doors for the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to be helpful today to persons who show a willingness to help themselves, but avoid those who attempt to palm their obligations off on you. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Send for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing an additional \$1 and your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't waste your time today arguing with a colleague who has a closed mind. Instead, seek cohorts who find merit in your proposals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Set aside involvements today which are not meaningful to you materially. Lady Luck favors you in matters that could add to your resources.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though your way of doing things might be challenged today, persist in your course if you believe yourself to be right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions indicate that you

STEVE CANYON

THAT PHONE CALL ABOUT SGT. MARY JOE TUDOR BEING ILL WAS A HOAX...

THIS TAXI WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE FLAM BUILDING — EMPTY AT 5:00 PM!

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WAS A SET-UP!

AND I AM LOCKED INSIDE — DRIVING TO SOUTH LIMBO WHERE I'LL BE CROWNED MISS FLAM SUCKERETTE OF 1984!

By Milton Caniff

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

IF THERE'S ONE THING I REGRET ABOUT BEING A CAT, IT'S NOT KNOWING HOW TO USE A CAN OPENER.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

BEFORE YOU FILL THIS PRESCRIPTION, I WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION...

NO...YOU CAN'T DRINK WITH IT.

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WAS THE QUESTION?

I'VE BEEN HERE FOUR DAYS NOW

PRESCRIPTIONS

OUR BOARDING HOUSE Major Hoople

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

WINNIN' A THOUSAN' BUCKS IS NICE, BUT IT AIN'T ALL THAT MUCH ANYMORE! I NEED SOME WAY TO LEVERAGE IT! MAYBE I KIN BRIBE A JOCKEY FOR A TIP! NAW, SOME OF THEM GUYS WOULD CHEAT THE EYEBALLS OFF A CHURCH STATUE!

TATTOOIN

PHOTOS WHILE U WAIT

DIPLOMAS

WE PRINT ANYTHING

PASS PORTS

HOLD THE PHONE! MAYBE THIS IS JUST THE PLACE JAKE HOOPLE NEEDS TO GET STARTED IN BUSINESS!

ANOTHER TATTOO?

I'M FINALLY GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN RECOGNIZE INSINCERITY WHEN I HEAR IT

BOY, THAT'S GREAT! THAT'S REALLY TERRIFIC! I COULD NEVER DO THAT! YOU REALLY AMAZE ME! WOW!

OF COURSE, SOMETIMES IT'S MORE DIFFICULT THAN OTHER TIMES

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

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A GUY WHO IGNORES YOUR DOORBELL AND BLOWS THROUGH YOUR KEYHOLE...

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

"It's for you...something about bone bills you owe the butcher."

I DON'T KNOW WHY GROWNUPS ALWAYS COMPLAIN WHEN IT SNOWS

SNOW'S NOT SO BAD

OF COURSE YOU DO HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THE OCCASIONAL DRIFTING

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

THERE ISN'T REALLY MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOGS AND PEOPLE.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT DOGS HAVE FLEAS...

AND PEOPLE HAVE INCOME TAXES.

TUMBLEWEEDS

By T.K. Ryan

PIG THE COSTUMES, DISGUISED AS CAVALRY, WE CAN GET INSIDE THE FORT!

HOLD IT!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

THAT'S OOGA AND WHONK'S LITTLE GIRL — SHE SURE HAS EVOLVED!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

IF YOU ARE MY CONSCIENCE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY FOOP BOWL?

I TOOK ON A FORM YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND

WHAT DO YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE?

WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW...

I LOOK LIKE EVERYONE'S MOTHER

NATCH.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY...WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE THE RESULTS OF THIS GENETIC ENGINEERING PROJECT WOULD BENEFIT MANKIND!

...YET, SO FAR, THE ONLY THING IT'S ENKED IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE, AND A LOT OF GREED!

THEN MEBBE TH' WORLD ISN'T READY FOR LIFESAVING PROTEINS YET!

ALLEY'S GOT A POINT THERE, DOC!

I AGREE!

OOP, WILL YOU CARRY THESE THINGS OUTSIDE WHILE I GET SOME MATCHES?

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

WHAT'S YOUR TROUBLE?

I DON'T MAKE IT A HABIT TO DISCUSS MY TROUBLES WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE ME.

OH, COME NOW...

...WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO WANT TO HEAR THEM!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE WORN THIS PURPLE DRESS TO SCHOOL!

MOM MADE ME!

DID ANYONE SAY ANYTHING?

OF COURSE!! SOMEBODY ALWAYS SAYS SOMETHING!

THEY SAID I LOOKED LIKE A TALL GRAPE!

Street person freezes to death Christmas eve

By CHRISTOPHER COOK

Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Clarence Simon froze to death Christmas Eve.
He didn't even make a half-hearted leap at the so-called safety net of Social Security, welfare or food stamps. Clarence just curled up on the ground behind an old fire station and went to sleep.
The mercury fell to a record low of 19 degrees during the night and Clarence never awakened. His street buddy, Wilson Toussaint, found him the next morning. No gloves, a paper bag for a pillow, and one shoe on.
His other foot — the left one — was wrapped in a bandage. The foot was rotting off. And none of Clarence's friends, not even Toussaint, could tell the police the dead man's last name.

If Clarence Simon's life was not pointless, his death certainly was. As darkness approached on the afternoon of Dec. 23, two friends tried to talk him into joining them for the night at the Salvation Army.

Clarence refused. Why he refused — and more important, why he chose to die — tells something about the world in which we live in 1984.

Simon was born — depending on which records you want to believe, in 1925, 1932, 1937 or 1940 — in Lake Charles, La. He could neither read or write.

I first met Clarence in July of this year. He was laid up in Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas while doctors decided whether to amputate his left leg. Clarence couldn't remember his last name, much less tell me his story.

What I found out, Jimmy Adams told me. But even Adams, a Beaumont Mental Health and Mental Retardation caseworker who'd taken Clarence under his wing, knew little about this irascible loner.

No one seems to know when he arrived from Lake Charles, but Clarence was on the Beaumont scene by the 1950s. He worked as a cook and all-around flunky at Salhab's Oyster Bar and Lounge.

With Ike in the White House and the economy on the upswing, those were good years for those who got a piece of the pie.

But those were tough years for blacks in Beaumont.

And Clarence Simon was black. Blacks didn't eat beside whites, didn't sit beside whites, didn't go to school beside whites. They averted their eyes and went to the back of the line. Or, more often than not, to a different line altogether.

Because Clarence had a light complexion, he passed for white in those days. He turned his back on his own people, his street buddies recall, and he made it in the

The joke's on Texas this time

AUSTIN (AP) — This time the Aggie joke is on Texas.

Ben Hardeman is paying back University of Texas alumni for all those tacky jokes they tell about Texas A&M. Many of those T-sippers unknowingly are placing Aggie-produced awards for service to their school on their walls and desks — a sort of Aggie joke in reverse.

"We took the low bid, that's all we did," said Dr. Robert King, dean of the UT College of Liberal Arts. "We knew it was made in Bryan but not that it was made by an Aggie. Do you think I ought to go jump off the (UT) Tower? I'll take any kind of punishment."

Hardeman, a 1969 A&M graduate and owner of OMC Industries, Inc., of Bryan, says he is shocked that anyone would care about his collaboration with the rival college.

"We're just about the only company around that makes cast (bronze) plaques, especially in this part of the country," he said, "and the only other one that makes the paperweights (such as those bought by the UT College of Liberal Arts) is in San Antonio."

In fact, he said, the UT system will be his company's largest customer this year, with about \$75,000 worth of business.

Hardeman started his company in 1967, while still an A&M student, but doesn't consider it an Aggie company any more.

world of the white people. So, when Clarence Simon came strutting downtown without so much as a howdy-doo to other blacks, more than one brother said to another, "Just wait. What goes around, comes around."

"He always wore a blue or brown suit, and a clean shirt every day. He'd pass by and wouldn't even speak," recalls Matthews Lee, whom Clarence would learn to speak to in later years. "He wore diamond rings all over his fingers."

But then came 1960 and Tom James brought the James Commission to Beaumont. James, a state legislator from Dallas, was a rising star on the political scene and a candidate for state attorney general.

He was also vice chairman of the House General Investigation Committee, and dedicated to cleaning up politics in Texas. That meant cleaning up gambling, bookmaking, prostitution, speakeasies and narcotics.

After a successful cleanup of Amarillo, James brought his committee to Jefferson County, long known as a county where corruption had a stranglehold on politics.

In December 1960, Department of Public Safety officers began hitting the downtown bookie joints.

And on July 8, 1961, Texas Rangers raided Salhab's and arrested Clarence Simon and three others on charges of bookmaking.

The four were tried in January 1962 and Clarence and two others were acquitted. The fourth won a retrial and his case was dropped in 1971.

But Clarence Simon never recovered. His life had peaked and maybe he sensed it. Salhab's Oyster Bar and Lounge was torn down. Clarence hit the streets. And he hit the booze.

Beaumont lawyer Walter Sekaly, who helped handle the Salhab Four's defense, remembers those years as another era.

"That was when we (blacks and whites) were barely drinking out of the same water fountains," Sekaly recalls. "I think when they cleaned up the area, there wasn't anything left to do. Clarence just went on the bum."

Sekaly doesn't say it, but behind his remarks lies this bitter truth: As an uneducated black man in Beaumont in 1962, Clarence didn't stand a chance.

The truth for Clarence was even more bitter. He had grown accustomed to living well beyond the means of black folks. He'd had a taste of life reserved for white folks, a taste he could not forget.

So, Clarence began a long relationship with Beaumont police.

Nothing really serious, just a growing list of petty offenses like theft of food from grocery stores and public intoxication.

And, in recent years, some offenses that illustrated Clarence's long, steep slide into a decrepit loneliness. He was arrested for indecent exposure. He was caught as a peeping tom.

He had no home, slept on the streets or front porches. Downtown was his turf, a place no one but street people claim as their own after the working stiffs clear out for the suburbs.

On Mondays and Thursdays, Clarence ate lunch free at the soup kitchen at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He dropped by during the week for "snack packs" of V-8 juice and Vienna sausages.

He clothed himself with St. Mark's donations and from the racks of Goodwill and the Salvation Army. He panhandled downtowners for loose change for booze.

Then in December 1982, misfortune struck Clarence even harder. Police found him in the street with a broken leg. He first told them he'd been beaten up. Then he said he'd been run over by a car. He didn't remember.

Emergency room doctors at Baptist Hospital put a cast on his leg and he hit the streets again, dropping out of sight.

On Feb. 17, a woman called Department of Human Resources caseworkers and reported a man suffering from delirium tremens. "He's laying on my front porch acting like Flipper," she told them.

Clarence was delivered to MHMR's Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Program (ATAR) where Jimmie

Adams worked. Routine testing revealed Clarence suffered organic brain syndrome. Alcohol had damaged his brain.

He couldn't remember his name or birth date. He had syphilis. City health records showed Clarence had begun treatment for the disease in 1941 but never returned after his initial visit.

Inside the cast, his left leg had become infected.

"He smelled like a man who wanted to be left alone," said Adams, who arranged for a new cast and the 22-day treatment program at ATAR.

Knowing Clarence would soon leave the program and need assistance, Adams

asked Social Security caseworkers to place the man in a nursing home. But the agency wanted proof of birth, a certificate Adams couldn't find.

Clarence went back to the streets as Adams began a long, frustrating battle with Social Security officials. Adams eventually lost track of Clarence, and when he found the man in July, gangrene appeared to have set in beneath the cast.

Clarence returned to the hospital, but it took a \$5 bribe to get him there. Trust was a feeling Clarence had long forgotten. I stood beside his hospital bed and offered him a cigarette. He was

suspicious but he took it.

The doctors fought to save Clarence's leg. They did, but it would require continual medical care. And Adams continued to fight Social Security.

Then, after a story about Clarence appeared in the newspaper, the agency gave way. Clarence went to a nursing home, but stayed only a month before running away. Clarence called Adams from a pay phone, and Adams called the nursing home.

The nursing home administrators weren't happy with Clarence. The man refused to bathe. He was contrary. They weren't sure they wanted him back.

It didn't matter to Clarence. He was returning to the street.

On the street he was free. His own man. No one telling him when to bathe, when to eat, when to sleep. In Clarence Simons' addled mind, the street offered the only integrity he had left — the freedom to choose.

Adams was in a bind. Should he force Clarence to do what should be done? Or should he honor the man's wishes and leave him alone? For Adams, the question lingers unanswered.

So, we are left with a man who froze to death on a Beaumont Street Christmas Eve. Another statistic, a

human life. By the time a charitable hand was extended, he did not trust it. The safety net was useless.

The time when Clarence could have used a helpful hand was years ago when he walked downtown streets with pride, no matter under what pretenses. When he wore a clean white shirt every day.

The story of Clarence Simon ended Tuesday, Dec. 27. His street buddies missed it, but Clarence received a Christian funeral and a decent burial.

He lay in his coffin wearing a fine blue suit and a clean white shirt. It was like old times.

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