



LITTLE WATERMELON FOR A LITTLE GUY. Three-year-old Jason Ewing holds a fully ripened miniature watermelon which grew in the family garden this year. Of the Black Diamond variety, the watermelon are supposed to be "refrigerator size," but not that small. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ewing of Cabot-Kingsmill Camp, west of Pampa.

(Staff Photo)

All - Spanish talk show taps market

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A fourth-generation American named Val De La O is building a reputation as the "Spanish Johnny Carson," each week putting together an hour of music, comedy and talk show chat, all in Spanish.

The "Val De La O Show" is the only syndicated television variety show produced in Spanish in the United States. De La O is a very big fish in a very small pond, but he says he would welcome competition.

"I'm opening the door," he said the day after his show went on the air in Miami, a city with a 52 percent Hispanic population. "It's important to Spanish people to have role models. I want younger guys to start their own shows."

People who count people, such as the Census Bureau and Immigration and Naturalization Service, estimate the nation's Spanish-speaking population at between 17 million and 24 million people, or roughly 10 percent of all Americans. Hispanics are expected soon to become the country's largest minority.

De La O's show is syndicated to 32 markets, including New York, Miami, Chicago, Milwaukee, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Although on most shows everything is in

Spanish, English is occasionally spoken, as when Kirk Douglas, Muhammad Ali and Don Knotts were guests. And when it is, "We don't apologize," De La O said. "After all, we are in America."

That's the point of his show: it's made in the United States. Most Spanish programming seen here is part of the Spanish International Network, and made in Mexico. But De La O contends that Mexican shows do not relate to the American Hispanic. For example, programs originating in Mexico City often mention cities in Mexico.

"But I can't relate to that. Now, if they're talking about Kansas City, Chicago, Wichita Falls, that I can relate to," De La O said.

He also feels Mexican programming is too formal for American tastes, but conversely, his "casual levity" has made his show popular even in Ecuador.

In the United States, his audience of Spanish-speaking adults includes Cubans in Miami, Puerto Ricans in New York and Mexicans in Texas.

He acknowledged his fans' diversity, "but music tends to rise above differences," he explained. "Jose Feliciano is a Cuban, but Puerto Ricans like him also. Colombians like him

also. "If we were getting into issues, we'd have to consider the differences. But when you use stars, it doesn't matter if they're Cuban or Puerto Rican. (Mexican entertainer) Tony Aguilar, for example, fills coliseums in Miami, New York, L.A., Albuquerque."

De La O, 44, is energetic and aggressive. On camera, he is charming, cordial and flashily dressed. He obviously enjoys what he does.

As a student at the University of New Mexico, he worked at a local Spanish-language radio station translating the news into Spanish, then announcing, singing and performing.

"I got the bug," he said. De La O noticed the lack of Spanish-language TV programming and decided he had what it took to fill the void.

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Iran rejects talks

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's Parliament today unanimously rejected any direct or indirect negotiations with the United States about the fate of the 52 American hostages. Iran's official Pars news agency said. The announcement came as the hostages began their 334th day in captivity.

There was no immediate indication what prompted the Iranian announcement. But there was speculation it might be in reprisal for a Carter administration decision to send sophisticated radar picket planes to Saudi Arabia to help protect that nation's oilfields in the face of Iranian threats to attack them because of Saudi Arabia's reported offer of aid to Iraq in its war with Iran.

Iran's Pars news agency said Wednesday that Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai received and was studying a letter from Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie on the hostages. But Muskie told reporters at the United Nations, "I don't recognize any letter of mine of that description."

Muskie said he wrote to Iran to make clear that the four special radar and command planes the United States sent to Saudi Arabia were "purely defensive and have no offensive capability." The Saudis asked for the planes out of concern the Iranians might make good on a threat to bomb Saudi oilfields if the Saudis aided Iraq in the war.

In a brief report monitored here today, Pars said the Parliament also approved a seven-member "special commission to study the hostage issue." The news agency did not elaborate.

The Parliament, or Majlis, reportedly nominated the seven commission members on Tuesday, but put off a debate on the commission's powers. It was not known if that debate was resumed.

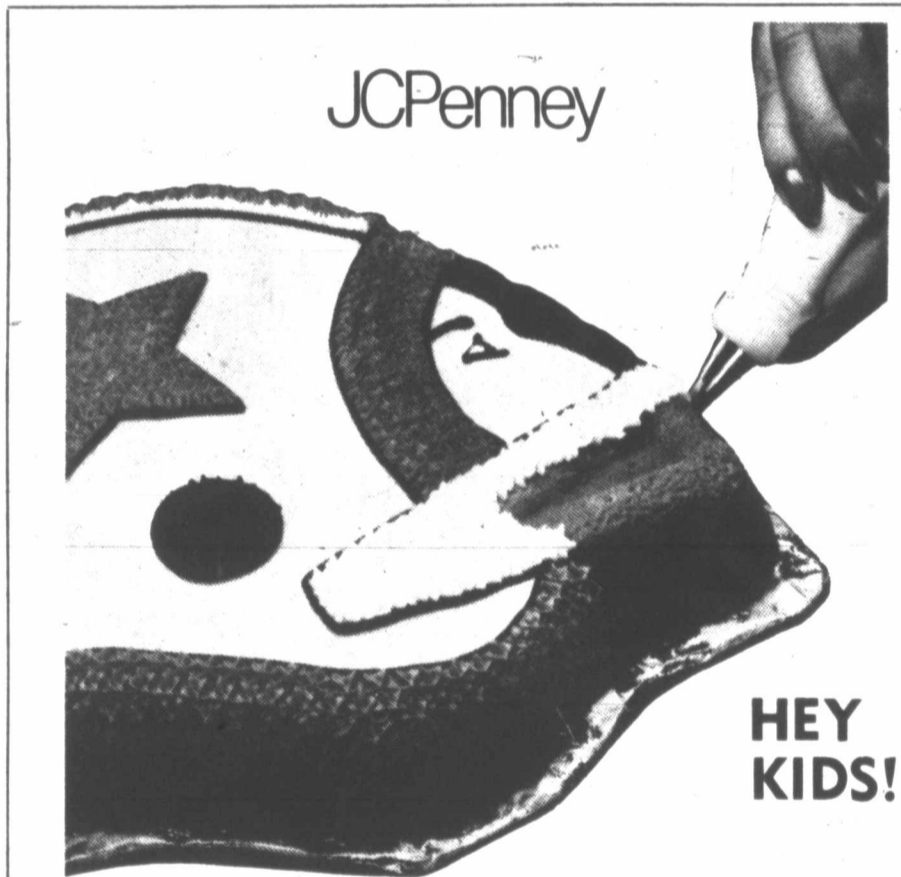
Police captain named



Pampa Police Chief J.J. Ryzman has announced the promotion of a veteran officer to the position of Captain. Roy E. Denman began duties at this rank Wednesday and will serve as acting chief in Ryzman's absence. The captain joined the Pampa Police Department in February of 1968 as a patrolman. He attained a sergeant's rank in 1970 and was promoted to lieutenant in 1978. Captain Denman has been acting as department supervisor of the Criminal Investigation Division. Lt. Charlie Morris has been transferred into this position. Captain Denman will attend an eight-week polygraph training seminar this month to attain certification as a polygraph technician. Chief Ryzman said the force is in need of three officers at this point.

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Representative says Abscam trial doesn't affect seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Michael J. Myers, facing possible expulsion from the House for his Abscam bribery conviction, is arguing that only his constituents — not his colleagues — should be able to kick him out of Congress.

But on the eve of today's House debate, the two-term Pennsylvania Democrat said he expects becoming the first congressman expelled since three border-state congressmen were banished during the Civil War for joining the Confederate army.

"If they expel, like I expect, the House will be operating like a lynch mob used to," Myers said in an interview published today by The Washington Post. "And I will immediately file a suit in federal court, with some of my constituents, charging that Congress violated its own rules in moving so fast."

The case was punctuated with

election-year politics, and the vote was set for the day Congress was to recess for a final month of campaigning.

"Obviously, in this mood, it's hard for impartial justice to be dispensed," said one Democratic House member who requested anonymity. "The only argument in Myers' defense is that perhaps only the voters of his district have a right to kick him out."

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The First Amendment -- and You!

By Bob Phlaney
Article I of our Bill of Rights makes this ringing statement:
"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

It seems about time to remind a lot of people, especially politicians, of the first article of the Bill of Rights, which became the First Amendment to our Constitution, especially in light of the on-going attempts of many politicians to abridge those rights. Those attempts don't necessarily affect the rights of the press as damagingly as they do yours, the reader with the right to know; what they do abridge is ALL of your rights, for once you lose the tiniest smidgeon of one, you lose the bulk of all.

It is all right for a police agency to break into a newspaper office and demand files, just how far removed is that from the same agency entering your home without a warrant, demanding to see the kinds of books you read, or the letters you receive and from whom? Of course, Hitler's Gestapo practiced this all the time, very successfully, and placed neighbor against neighbor in the process.

What the politicians would like is for the press to print only what they tell it to print. That is, do no investigation, print no results, don't stick noses into things which could vaguely reflect on any wrong - doing in any branch of the government. The Soviet Union has this kind of control over their newspapers and many of their citizens do not like it.

Two of the best-known papers are Izvestia and Pravda; one means "news" and the other "truth". The people of the U.S.S.R. are often found to say, "There is no Izvestia in Pravda and no Pravda in Izvestia." All that says is that a controlled newspaper is a dull newspaper. However, we're not far from that position, and will be right on it if you allow the person with something to hide to bring abridgement legislation into being.

We remind you: It was two newspapermen who uncovered the Watergate break-in; it was a newspaperman who unveiled the collusion and racketry in Arizona and was killed for it; it was a newspaperman who blew the lid locally on the inequities of the Veteran's Buildings rentals and handling; it was two newspaper people who unmasked the Synanon organization as a corporation and received the Pulitzer Prize for it; it was a newspaperman who was killed trying to expose the Jonestown Flood of self-massacre.

If you would rather not have heard about these events, if you would have preferred them to have been swept under the rug, then you will no doubt prefer George Orwell's 1984 world, with every last freedom and communication medium gone.

The Ultimate Right...

In a situation in which the tenderest human qualities of love and compassion should have been exhibited, just the opposite occurred.

In Durham, North Carolina, a newborn baby girl was found abandoned in the woods, covered by leaves and dirt, the placenta laying beside her. A warrant has been drawn against the "mother" and we use that term in the loosest technical sense. The baby had been left to die, or so it seems. How could anyone treat a human life with such morbid indifference, especially one's own flesh and blood? The story is sickening.

Luckily, the baby is reported in good condition at Duke Hospital. The little girl has a future to pursue, despite her mother's efforts to the contrary.

The story tends to prove the old maxim - there is no such thing as an illegitimate child, only illegitimate parents. - The Washington Daily News

OPINION PAGE

All can benefit in free market

You have heard it from both the major American political parties: How nice it will be "if our side wins."

Now for the "good" news. "You ain't seen nuthin' yet!" Just note what Dr. Gene Uselton, director of the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise at Texas A&M University, has to say on what we can expect in the immediate future.

He predicts that higher inflation, excessive taxation, and an increase in government deficits will continue to plague the nation's economy.

One can recall having read in newspapers how many of the "local area" communities will have 1981 tax increases - in school districts and municipalities. And one can note by the thin condition of one's pocketbook that inflation is still galloping right along.

Too, only a dreamer would anticipate any improvement in the national financial picture - increased deficit spending seems to be in the air, no matter who the candidate is, promising his thing.

Dr. Uselton said there is little difference between the solutions to the country's current economic crisis offered by the two political parties in this presidential election year. He cited figures released by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that predict unemployment will reach 8.75 percent by mid-1981, adding that the recession will probably last longer than anyone had "hoped."

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development also has indicated interest rates will continue to rise, food and petroleum prices will be higher and the 1981 government deficit will be about \$40 billion instead of President Carter's estimate of \$29 billion. Dr. Uselton said.

The economist said both the Republican and Democratic economic advisers generally agree on solutions for a recovery, including a new social contract between business, labor and academic leaders; a tax cut to compensate for increasing inflation and social security tax increases; and an effective effort to increase exports.

But he said he cannot support proposals that depend upon government intervention as the main ingredient.

He said, "Government intervention in the economy over the past 20 years has produced increased inflation; excessive taxation, harmful legislation, and regulations that have been counterproductive."

He tempered his words by adding that although the government policy makers may have had the best of intentions, "they have used inappropriate methods and produced disastrous results."

He mentioned contradictory policies that have hampered American industry. Two examples: "On the one hand, the Environmental Protection Agency is pushing hard for stringent air pollution controls, and on the other, the Energy Department is pushing companies to switch from imported oil to dirtier coal. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration mandates weight - adding safety equipment for cars, yet the Department of Transportation is insisting on lighter vehicles to conserve gasoline."

When government is out of the picture and the individual through free enterprise strives to make a profit, things wonderful occur in the economy, such as greater productivity and financial gains. Dr. Uselton sums it up a bit differently, but provocatively: He said that the paradox of the free market process is that human beings, seeking their own "selfish interests," tend to produce tremendous benefits for society in general. That's a mouthful for the liberal crowd to think about.

Reagan's immigration impulse

Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan seems to have endorsed a controversial plan to legalize the flow of Mexican aliens into the United States by permitting these people to stay here as long as they wish. It's a generous and humane approach to the problem, a solution in touch with the libertarian side of Reagan's philosophy and (not coincidentally) with the finer aspects of American tradition. We congratulate Reagan on making the proposal and hope that he will have the courage to stay with it through the campaign and (if it is to be) through the more difficult process of implementing it as president. In subsequent questioning by reporters, however, he appears to be already backing away from the plan, we regret to note.

Reagan's initial proposal, similar to one already endorsed by the governors of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and the governors of the Mexican border states, was refreshing for its simplicity and its concern for reality. The reality is that Mexican workers are here. The reality is that most of them are contributing to the American economy and to their own well-being at the same time. Treating them as criminals and trying to round them all up would be pointlessly expensive and fruitless.

We're not among those who tremble in fear about foreigners displacing Americans from their jobs. Some may use illegal aliens as a scapegoat, but most of the problems that afflict the American economy can be placed squarely at the door of government policymakers.

We also hope that Reagan and others will look at U.S. immigration policies as a whole, and take some steps toward reforming them to be more reflective of the best in the American tradition and character. We are a generous and open-hearted nation of immigrants. Our present immigration policies are a disturbing miasma of anachronisms, racial and cultural biases, fear of foreigners and decades of bureaucratic encrustations. It's time to re-light Miss Liberty's torch and reopen the golden door.

J.P. Doodles

by Barry McWilliams



My brother's in Camp David

by ART BUCHWALD



WASHINGTON -- "Why," a Republican friend admonished me the other day, "don't people take the Billy Carter affair as seriously as they did Watergate?" It was a fair question and I had to give it some thought.

Then it occurred to me that the reason people can't get as upset about Billy Carter as they did about Watergate is that most of us seem to have a Billy Carter in our family. He could be a brother or a brother-in-law, a cousin, or even an uncle who has lost his moral compass.

We empathize with President Carter because we know in our hearts there is nothing we can do about the Billy Carter in our family except keep a stiff upper lip and say we love him, which of course is a lie that we hope God will forgive us for.

When you become president of the United States, having a Billy Carter in the family can become downright dangerous. You have to keep an eye on him all the time, and you can get all messed up with the FBI, the CIA and your own National Security

Advisor just trying to keep him from doing something stupid that would embarrass the White House.

There has to be a better solution for handling a black sheep in the family when you take over the highest office in the land. There are too many sharks out there waiting to pounce on someone in the First Family who could be used to cash in on the White House Connection.

One solution would be to make better use of Camp David. What the government could do is build a special compound at Camp David where the relatives of the president of the United States could take up residence for four years. The compound would be very pleasant, with cottages, a mess hall, tennis court and a bowling alley. It would be surrounded by a 10-foot-high electric wire fence with watchtowers at all four corners manned by armed Marines.

The relatives would be given complete run of the compound, but they wouldn't be

allowed to leave the premises while the president was in office. They would be permitted two telephone calls a week, provided they weren't made to a foreign embassy or an oil company.

They could have visitors on Sunday, but they would have to be screened by the Justice Department to make sure they weren't related to Robert Vesco.

So they won't get bored and go on hunger strikes, there would be vocational guidance instructors available to teach them a trade for use when they are released. As an added inducement, a literary agent in residence would arrange book deals for them with publishers so they could make some extra money, which they could spend in the commissary.

Some people say it is unfair to put the relatives of the president of the United States under house arrest while he is in office. But the alternatives are much worse. You can't allow the Billy Carters of this world to walk around scot-free, with everyone dangling half a million dollar loans in front of them, without endangering the security of the country.

It isn't as if they would have to remain in Camp David forever. They could all be released as soon as the president pays his debt to society.

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The Midland Story

By Anthony Harrigan
MIDLAND, Mich. - While the automotive centers in this state feel the chill winds of recession and foreign competition, other communities in Michigan enjoy a healthy economy. One of these is Midland, home of the Dow Chemical Co.

Dow plants provide a stable economic base for this well-planned, attractive city of 36,000. Dow family money has provided this city with many cultural amenities, including a superb performing arts center and the beautiful Dow Gardens which have been in development since 1898. Handsome buildings in the style of architect Frank Lloyd Wright are to be found in the quiet residential areas along the river that runs through the city.

It is only appropriate that Midland should be the site of a center of free enterprise education. The Northwoods Institute, with a modern campus in a wooded area, educates its students in the values of a free market economy. A strong belief in the free enterprise system is required of all faculty members. This type of commitment is rare in America today.

One of the most influential figures in articulating the Northwoods philosophy is Dr. Orvall Watts. His life story is the story of enterprise.

Dr. Watts grew up in a tiny North Dakota community, the son and grandson of ministers. Life was very hard. One year, he told me, his father had a total income of \$40. The family lived on potato peelings and skimmed milk. They lived for a time in a sod house. Such was life on the near-frontier around the turn of the century.

Young Orvall was industrious, however, and a scholarship-enabled him to attend Wesleyan College in Manitoba, Canada.

From there, he went on to a distinguished career as a professor. When he speaks of self-reliance, Dr. Watts speaks from experience. His words and life story are an inspiration to a generation of students at Northwoods Institute.

Midland and Northwoods aren't likely to receive national attention. Yet, they, and other communities and institutions like them, are part of the fabric of American life. They are reminders that not all the news of our time is bad news. The country continues to have its success stories. Life in America is still very good. Not all institutions of higher education treat capitalism as the enemy of the people.

South of here at Dearborn is Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum, a visit to which is an important education experience for anyone concerned about the spirit of enterprise. Henry Ford was perhaps the greatest of the enterprising Americans. In his little workshop began an industrial revolution - indeed a social revolution, for his Model T did more to emancipate people and take them out of rural isolation than anything any politician ever did.

The Ford workplace, like contemporary Midland, should be an inspiration to a new generation of enterprisers. Japan seems to have overshadowed America because of its recent economic successes. But Japan is still chiefly a developer of adaptive technology. The Soviet Union is hopelessly backward in all but military equipment. The United States still leads in innovative technology.

The need today is for America to continue to place reliance on the free market system that is taught at Northwoods. Capitalism is still the great hope for national success.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press
- Today is Thursday, Oct. 2 the 276th day of 1980. There are 90 days left in the year.
- Today's highlight in history:
- On Oct. 2, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke that paralyzed the left side of his body.
- On this date:
- In 1187, Jerusalem fell to Moslem forces led by Saladin - the sultan who was trying to drive Christians out of Palestine.
- In 1889, the first Pan American conference was held in Washington, D.C.
- In 1941, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow during World War II.
- In 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first black to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Ten years ago, President Richard Nixon received an enthusiastic reception when he visited Madrid.
- Five years ago, U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon declared that another increase in world oil prices would seriously jeopardize global economic recovery.
- One year ago, Pope John Paul II delivered his most comprehensive statement on international affairs in an address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
- Today's birthdays: film critic Rex Reed is 40 years old. Editor Clay Felker is 55.
- Thought for today: There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come - Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

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Bus strike forces commuters to cars

DALLAS (AP) — More than 40,000 stranded commuters have cranked up their cars and slipped on their walking shoes following a walkout by transit workers that has virtually shut down the city's only mass transportation system.

"I'm a little inconvenienced, but I'm hard to make mad," said Virgil Moore, a country club employee who hitch-hiked to work Wednesday morning after about 600 transit workers walked off their jobs.

"Only 50 drivers showed up this morning (Wednesday)," said Dallas Transit System spokesman Jerry Johnson. "That's a drop in the bucket."

Drivers, mechanics and bus cleaners walked off their jobs after DTS officials declined to grant a pay increase request that employees say would match an increase given to DTS supervisors.

Cliff Franklin, DTS general manager, called the strike an "illegal work stoppage," and said the company would consider "disciplinary action" against strikers. Although he set no deadline for the workers to return, he said DTS might seek an injunction ordering employees back to work if the strike continued.

He said the company would "stand firm" on the 7 percent raise that went into effect Wednesday—a \$1.23 million increase. The Amalgamated Transit Union has asked for an additional \$850,000, a figure Franklin said could only be met by a fare increase, tax hike or layoff. "I want one thing, one thing, and that's to be treated

like a man," said veteran driver walking a picket line outside the DTS office. The man, who asked not to be identified, echoed the sentiments of other drivers, who complained of "split shifts" — working two four-hour blocks a day — and driving special buses to sporting events on their days off.

One commuter, Charlotte Williams, 29, said she wanted DTS officials to grant the pay increase so things could get back to normal.

"I think this is the biggest mess in the world," she said, "especially when people depend on the buses." Tammy Watkins said she waited three hours for a bus to Parkland Hospital and another three hours for the bus ride back home.

"I think the whole thing is terrible," she said. "I've never seen anything like this in my life. They should have given some notice before they went on strike."

While the strike worked a hardship on commuters, downtown parking lots enjoyed a booming business. "I don't know exactly how many parking spaces we have," said Curtis Olson, a parking lot manager, "but there are not enough today (Wednesday)."

The extra cars that flooded into the downtown area created few traffic problems, according to Sam Wilson, assistant director of Traffic Operations for the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

"On Mondays and Fridays, we have heavy

congestion, then in mid-week, the volume seems to drop," he said. "Today looked more like a Monday or a Friday."

R.L. Bright, a manager for the Terminal Cab. Co., said calls for taxis were heavier than he had seen in his 33 years with the company.

Three major downtown employers — Dallas Power & Light, First National Bank and Republic National Bank — said most employees arrived at work on time.

Joan Hunter, DP&L spokeswoman, said about a third of the company's 1,000 employees use the bus system and another third carpool.

Downtown workers got to the office with little trouble, but the folks who depend on buses for regular hospital treatment were out of luck.

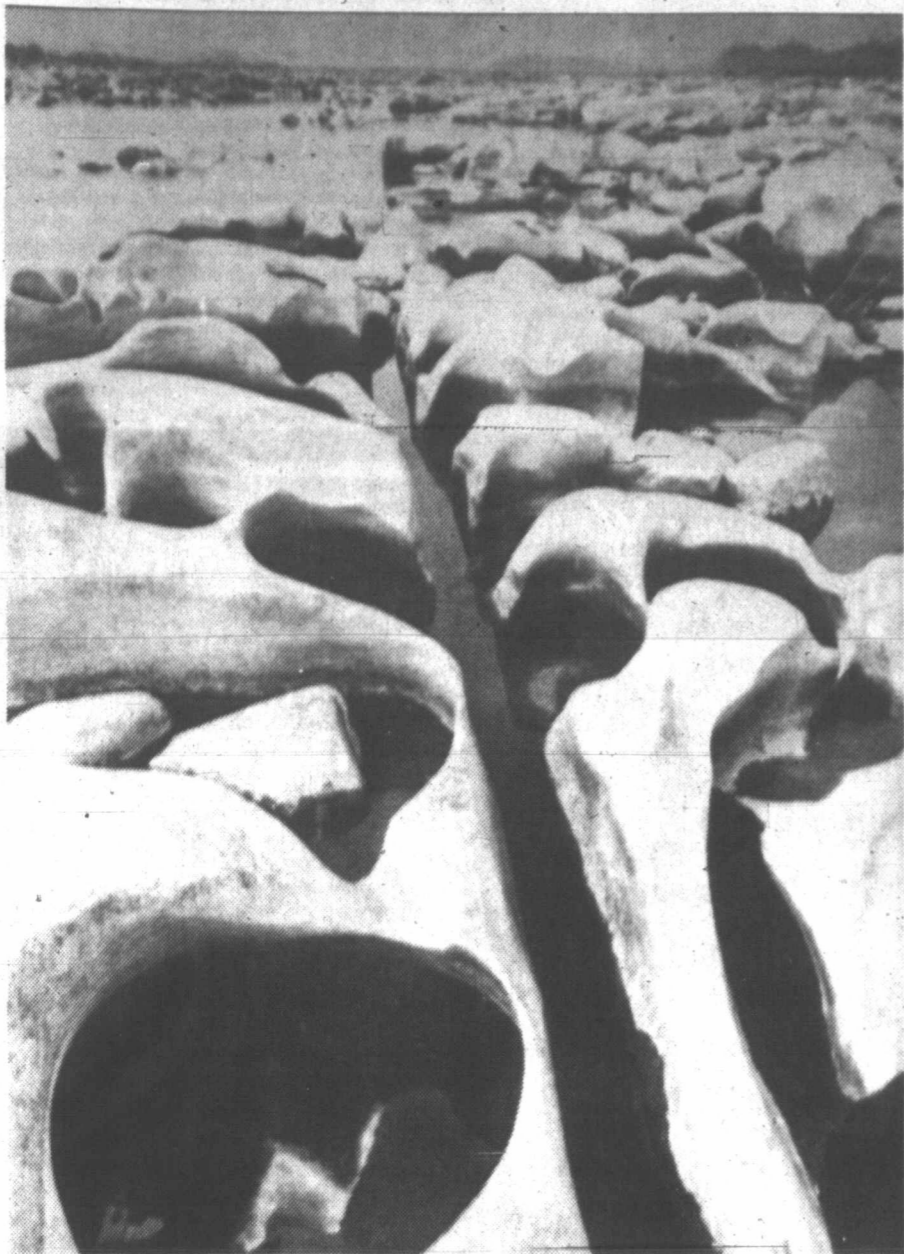
"It's almost scary, it's so empty," said Barbara Emmett, associate director of community relations at Parkland Memorial Hospital as she surveyed an empty out-patient clinic.

"It's normally wall-to-wall with people by this time (9 a.m.), but not today," she added.

All of the fuss over idle buses was a bit confusing to Kathy Scott, who recently moved to Dallas from Boston.

"I worked in Boston and they had strikes all the time," she said. "You had to get used to it."

"I find it hard to believe that buses are all the transportation you have."



UNUSUAL WATER - CARVED ROCKS. These unusual rocks, recently uncovered by drought along the Susquehanna River near Palmdale, Pa., look much like giant prehistoric animal bones or a moonscape. The river rampaged in the early 1970's, leaving its banks and damaging nearby land. However, a summer of drought has caused a water drop which reveals the unusual pot-holed rock formation.

(AP Laserphoto)

Newspaper says study will examine assassination clues

DALLAS (AP) — The National Academy of Sciences will fund a new study of the acoustical evidence that led earlier investigators to conclude two gunmen fired on President John F. Kennedy when he was killed nearly 17 years ago, a Dallas newspaper reported.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its Thursday editions that the study will review the validity of committee findings that a recording of police radio transmissions captured the sound of four shots fired at the motorcade.

The newspaper said the study was requested by the Justice Department and quoted a department source as saying the study is the "first preliminary step" toward reopening the investigation.

The four-month study, financed by a \$23,360 National Science Foundation grant, will be announced on Monday, the newspaper reported.

The Warren Commission determined in 1964 that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired three shots at the president from a sixth floor window in the Texas School Book Depository.

In 1978, the House Assassinations Committee concluded a conspiracy probably resulted in the president's assassination in Dallas' Dealey Plaza.

The committee's conclusions were based on a recording of a Dallas police radio transmission made when the microphone on a police motorcycle apparently was left open while the shots were fired.

Acoustical experts, who examined the nature and origin of the sound impulses, said they were 95 percent certain the sounds were four shots. They said three came from behind the presidential limousine in the general area of the book depository and the other came from an unidentified individual on a grassy knoll to the side of the vehicle.

Three dissenting members of the committee, Dallas police officers and former staff members of the Warren Commission have criticized the acoustical findings.

The newspaper said FBI agents last month reviewed a sharply critical report written by Dallas Police Capt. James C. Bowles.

Bowles, who wrote the report as a private citizen, was a communications supervisor at the time of the assassination and was asked to serve as a technical consultant in the Justice Department's study.

Bowles said his report "will destroy this canard they call" acoustical evidence.

He told the newspaper that the high frequency of shots could not be transmitted through the "voice grade" low-frequency radio system used by the police in 1963.

The newspaper said a National Science Foundation announcement Monday will state that an ad hoc committee will be formed to review the methods used in evaluating the acoustical data and the reasons for the acoustical experts' conclusions.

Mondale sidesteps debate questions

HOUSTON (AP) — Vice President Walter Mondale tried to turn the tables on Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan while nimbly sidestepping questions about President Carter refusal to debate the GOP nominee and independent candidate John Anderson.

"The nation needs a debate between the two people who have a chance of winning," Mondale told a news conference Wednesday night during a whirlwind campaign trip to this oil-rich Southeast Texas city.

Carter refused to participate in a Sept. 21 nationally-televised debate in Baltimore. The president has agreed to debate both Reagan and Anderson, but

said the first debate must be a one-on-one meeting with the Republican nominee.

Mondale was scheduled to address the United Food and Commercial Workers International union conference today before flying to California.

During his 15-minute news conference, the vice president also discussed the importance of the Texas vote, the hostage situation in Iran and the Iran-Iraq dispute.

Mondale said the presidential debates were "the best possible way for the American people to see the candidates in an environment where they really have to show their stuff or to show they don't have it."

He also accused the former California governor of trying to "protect" Anderson.

"But Mr. Anderson has accepted. So that indicates Mr. Reagan is left with one answer, that he refuses to do what the American people want him to do," he said.

Mondale told reporters he believed the race in Texas would be tight but predicted the Democrats again would come out on top.

"Texas is very important," he said. "It is going to be closely contested. The Republicans are going to be spending so much money here, it is going to be good for the economy."

The Carter-Mondale ticket carried the state by a narrow margin in the 1976 election

against then-President Gerald Ford.

Mondale also joked about former Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski's endorsement of Reagan.

He said Jaworski "had left the party when (Calvin) Coolidge was president (in the 1920s) and we haven't had him

back. I don't think it was too helpful to Mr. Reagan."

When asked about an "October surprise" concerning the hostages in Iran, Mondale noted that from the beginning the Carter administration has conducted a foreign policy that served the nation's interests.



OCEAN OF SMOG OVER BASIN. Three unidentified women view the Los Angeles Basin from the Griffith Park Observatory in Griffith Park Wednesday. The buildings and streets are barely visible through the thick soup. Air Quality Management officials said Wednesday's smog was the worst yet for 1980 coupled with over 100 degrees temperatures.

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THE UJAMA DANCERS and Drummers are respected throughout Trinidad for their Afro-Trinidad, limbo, fire and carnival dancing. They and the other members of the Caribbean Carnival of Trinidad will open the Community Concert season Friday at 8 p.m. at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

CAMERA ANGLES

By SANDY COLTON
AP Newsfeatures
As photo columnist and chief photographer for the Associated Press, I receive literally hundreds of photography-related press releases in the course of a year.

Most quickly wind up in file 13, that round basket next to my desk that's cleaned out daily by the janitor. The volume is too great and subject matter usually not that exciting.

But some wind up in a pile on my desk, begging to be used. Here are a few items from that pile:

From PMAI (Photo Marketing Association, International) comes good news. There is no recession, at least as far as the photo industry is concerned. The picture-processing business is "booming" and SLR camera sales have quadrupled since 1976.

People apparently are flocking to photography. Reasons? According to PMAI, improvements in cameras have made picture-taking easier for the average person, with better results. The average amateur, seeking better results, is upgrading his equipment.

Photography is a good buy. According to the latest Wolfman Report, the statistical source book for the industry, the price of photo equipment has risen less than 20 percent since 1967 while the cost of all other commodities has increased over 117 percent.

At current prices, four rolls of film with processing equals about one tank of gasoline. People apparently are taking vacations closer to home but shooting more pictures when they get there.

From General Electric comes an interesting trick of the photo publicist's trade. How do you take an eye-catching photo of a new type of auto headlamp? Solution: mount two headlamps at opposite ends of a bar set up so that they will swivel in a circle. Have the model hold the bar, set the camera for a time exposure, turn off the studio lights and make one exposure of the model by electronic flash. Now, place a dark slide over the front of the lens while the shutter is still open and turn on the headlamps. Remove the slide from the front of the lens long enough to make an exposure, cover the lens again and have the model move the bar slightly. Do this seven times, close the shutter and turn on the studio lights. Result? An eye-catching photo of the model seemingly surrounded by a circle of headlamps.

With the cost of silver fluctuating so wildly, it is only natural that someone would come up with a film that conserves silver. Ilford has just announced, and will introduce at Photokina, in Cologne, West Germany, a new high-speed film (ASA400) that releases all of the silver during processing. Dyes are used to form the negative image.

It's not clear yet whether this will be of value to the average amateur, since few will norma-

ly do enough processing to make the reclamation of silver worthwhile.

What is intriguing about this announcement is the claim that the new film is much finer grained than today's counterparts, and that overexposure actually decreases the grain.

For the person in a hurry, who tray processes his own black and white prints, comes word from Germany that Tetenal has introduced a high-speed developer. Called Eukotan, when used with Brovira PE paper it will fully develop a print in three seconds with constant agitation at room temperature. They then recommend a 30-second fix in Eukospeed Superfix and a two-minute wash in running water.

If you process your own film and then hang it up to dry,

you've no doubt been bugged by curling or, if you use weighted clips, with clip marks or punctures in the film from the clips. Now there's the Pace Filmhook, an ingeniously simple device that features two hooks that fit through the sprocket holes in the film. Marketed by SIMA, they should be available at your local camera store for about \$1.95 a pair.

How do you store your negatives and prints? The safest way is in polyethylene jackets. Most other materials are unstable and even damaging to film and prints over a period of time, causing yellow or brown staining. What can you do about already stained black and white prints? Try shooting a copy negative using a filter closely resembling the color of the stain. For film, try refixing and rewashing.

At Wit's End

By Erma Bombeck

One of the few advantages (make that the ONLY advantage) to aging is being in a position to compare the present with the past.

The older I get the longer the distance I walked to school, the colder the winters, the more ragged the underwear and the poorer I become.

I had an audience close to tears the other night as I described how I used to paint my varicose veins with magic markers so they would look like textured stockings when I saw the group was losing interest. Quickly, I went into my I-can-remember-when gasoline-was-only-10-cents-a-gallon and a-movie-cost-a-nickel routine. That always impresses

them. From across the room, a young man said, "Think of the stories our generation will have to tell in just five years."

"How do you figure that?" I asked. "Okay, assuming that the current rate of inflation is compounded annually over the next five years, you can pretty well figure out that if a postage stamp cost 15 cents this year, in 1985, it'll cost 35 cents. Or a pack of cigarettes that cost 85 cents will zoom up to \$1.95."

The gorp began to drift over to where he was speaking. "Can you imagine what kind of attention you're going to get in five years by saying, 'Why, I bought a home and only paid \$150,000 for it in LA.' Can't you hear someone saying, 'What kind of a dump could you buy for \$150,000? Why, I looked at one the other day

with one bath and a carport for \$343,000!'" The whole group got caught up in the spirit of what he was saying.

"People will never believe I once bought a slice of pizza for only 75 cents or a ticket to a movie for \$5."

"Think of it! A suit I bought this year for \$235 will cost a guy \$540 in just five years."

"Imagine, they'll be paying \$3.35 for a quarter-pounder, \$2.99 for a gallon of gas and \$6 for a copy of Playboy."

Finally, a young girl intent on counting on her fingers said, "Good grief! A bra that cost \$8.50 this year could run as high as \$19.50 in just five years."

I didn't think anyone heard me as I mumbled, "That could bring Dolly Parton to her knees."

I had the attention of the group once more and didn't know what to do with it.

Fossils both livelihood, hobby for collectors

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE
Associated Press Writer
CHARMOUTH, England (AP)

This is where fossils are found, and Samuel Barnard Hansford and Brian Langdon are champions at finding them.

Their discoveries of bones, shells, footprints and other relics of creatures that lived multimillions of years ago keep them in touch with experts and museums around the world.

No two men with the same passion could be more different.

"I have never sold a fossil in my life," said Hansford, 78, a ruddy-cheeked, bewhiskered countryman, who exhibits his finds behind a souvenir shop and alongside his assembly of historic farm machinery. He has collected fossils as a life-long hobby.

Langdon, 37, a jaunty Londoner who migrated to the country, turned his hobby into a livelihood. He sells fossils in his shop and, like Hansford, displays breathtaking specimens in a back room. Both men charge 15 pence (33 cents) to see their exhibits.

"I know everything that's happening on this coast," Langdon said. "Sixty thousand people come through my shop every year."

Neither man mentioned the other in recent interviews, although Hansford has been featured on television, and advertising stickers for Langdon's shop are seen for miles around.

Hansford lives in Charmouth and Langdon in Lyme Regis, small towns two miles apart on the sunny Dorset county coast of southern England. They are popular vacation spots for their sandy beaches, safe bathing and fine views.

What makes this region famous among geologists and fossil hunters are the accessible cliffs of blue lias, a soft shale and limestone mixture. When it was mud it preserved what died in Mesozoic times, the dinosaur age around 150 million years ago.

The marine reptile dinosaurs, ichthyosaur and plesiosaur, were first identified from bones

found here early in the 19th century by the Anning family of Lyme Regis.

The Annings had a seaside souvenir shop near the site of Langdon's business.

The Annings sold fossils which they found on the beach. When those proved the most popular items with visitors, Mary Anning turned full-time collector and dealer in the 1820s and called the establishment "Fossil Shop," reputedly the first in the world. It was demolished in 1928.

Mary Anning's father was a carpenter. Hansford, now retired, was an apprentice wheelwright and carpenter and made his living from a small construction business. Langdon was a carpenter before going into fossils full time.

Both Hansford and Langdon say anyone can find fossils, with luck.

You need a lot of luck, but also a trained eye. A rock weighing 150 pounds may contain a glorious ammonite 2 feet across.

But before it is chiseled out, the visible evidence is often only the shape of the rock, or a thumbnail-size bit of the fossil shell showing on the surface.

Barney Hansford, as he likes to be called, says fossils can be found at any time. His prize ammonite was in a rock forming the door to a child's sandcastle. "I sat on the beach for two hours with my eyes on that rock, waiting for the family to go home," he related.

Hansford said he was satisfied to live with his finds and let them all be seen, especially by children "because geology isn't taught in schools."

He pointed to a photograph on the wall of five bits of bone that the British Museum had identified, kept and named after him, as part of the backbone of an unknown dinosaur.

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DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago our 18-year-old daughter (I'll call her Nancy) tried to commit suicide. She took a handful of sleeping pills, but thank God we found her in time to save her. Now that she is back to normal, she says she realizes how foolish she was, and she has promised that she will never try anything like that again.

Nancy has always been a rather shy and quiet girl who never dated much until she met a young man who gave her a big rush. They were seeing each other every night until he suddenly broke it off, saying he thought they were getting too serious. That's when Nancy took the pills.

Abby, how can we be sure she won't try it again? Is there something we can do to help her? She is putting on a brave show, but we can tell that she is brokenhearted.

LOS ANGELES MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: According to Dr. Katherina Marmor of the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center, one who has attempted suicide is 10 times more likely to try it again.

Nancy should phone the L.A. Suicide Prevention Center (213-473-1217). The center welcomes anyone who has attempted suicide (or even considered it) to come in for individual or group counseling. The caring, competent staff will adjust the fee to one's ability to pay.

Most cities have 24-hour suicide hotlines offering help in a crisis. (Ask your operator for the number.) Counseling for the depressed or suicidal person is available at all mental health centers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. My problem is my roommate. She's a swell kid, but she doesn't go out much because she's so quiet. The guys say it's like pulling teeth to get a word out of her. Any suggestions?

LYNDA

DEAR LYNDA: Yes. Fix her up with a dental student.

Young Scot rocks U.S. music charts

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Ali Thomson, 21, from Scotland, is rocking the American music charts with "Take a Little Rhythm."

Thomson knows that it's very unusual for a first effort to become a big seller. "I think people need an optimistic pop song, which is basically what it is," he says. "The album has a lot more depth to it."

In Britain, "Take a Little Rhythm" was a turntable hit. It was listened to on radio, as something a music fan would buy if he had a bit more money. Now that it's a hit in America, it's being released in Britain again.

"I hoped it would be a hit in America," the skinny young singer-songwriter says in his Glasgow accent. "I felt that the musical climate here might accept my music more readily. I didn't expect it to happen so quickly."

He's hoping that after the second single, "Live Every Minute," comes out, more Americans will buy the album. That song is the only one on the LP which has a Supertramp influence, Thomson says. The style of electric piano playing is similar.

Thomson is spending the summer, when A and M Records doesn't call on him to do interviews and make TV appearances, at Caribou Ranch in Colorado, writing songs for an album he'll start cutting in September.

"When I made the current record," Thomson says, "the material spanned two and a half years. Now I'm trying to write 12 songs in two months to keep the continuity. It's a bit of a task."

"That place is so beautiful. I go walking and horse riding, which I've never done before, and spend a lot of time writing," Thomson would like to record at Caribou, but since his record contract was signed in England, he thinks there would be a problem.

Ali Thomson's full name is Alistair James Mackay Thomson. He explains that "Thomson" is Scottish and "Thompson" is English. Ali is a nickname for Alistair, a common name in Scotland. James is his father's first name and Mackay, the ay pronounced eye, is his late mother's maiden name.

He was born in suburb of Glasgow and grew up in the suburb of East Kilbride. He says, "Glasgow's famous slums were being knocked down and people moved out to new towns, built for population overflow. I was living with Glaswegians brought out of their old surroundings."

"It seems to work. The violence isn't too bad, and there are good social amenities. I hated it; it had no warmth." He likes London, where he lives now.

Thomson's father, an administrator in the motor industry, sings.

"He always used to say he would have been a musician if he hadn't been interrupted by Germany in 1939." There have been poets in the family and Sir Hugh Robertson, founder of the Glasgow Orpheus Choir,

Model editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Editor Judy Scheuch doubles as a model for the magazine on which she works.

In a recent issue of "Women's Sports" magazine, she is shown in photos accompanying articles on jogging clothes and camping equipment. She says she has no plans to pursue modeling full-time.

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to a columnist, but I find myself with a problem I cannot fathom myself.

I am an antique dealer (semi-retired). When I first started my antique business I met a very affable young American couple while traveling in Europe. Since we lived in the same city in the U.S., we became close friends. I taught them as much as I could about antiques and advised them on their purchases, many of which came from my store.

Now, 27 years later, they have met another antique dealer, also in this city, who is duping them constantly. He is selling them brand-new Oriental furniture and objects of art, and passing them off as centuries old.

I am appalled at this situation and don't know how to handle it. They are very happy with their purchases from him.

My question is this: Should I tell them the truth about their new purveyor, or keep my mouth shut and let them go on being cheated by this chicanery? I don't want to lose their friendship.

KNOWS ANTIQUES

DEAR KNOWS: Since your friendship goes back 27 years, you'd be less than a good friend to sit in silence while some crook rips them off. Tell them how to distinguish authentic Oriental antiques from new reproductions, and let them draw their own conclusions.

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DR. LAMB

DEAR DR. LAMB — A year ago I began to have periodic bouts of severe diarrhea. These lasted about a week. I took Lomotil to help deal with the problem. The episodes became so frequent that I had them every three or four days and for five months. I went to a new doctor who gave me a lower GD X-ray and he said that everything was normal and he put me on 10 days of belladonna four times a day, Metamucil and Lomotil as needed. Also I was on a bland low-fiber diet.

Eventually I became "normal." He told me to stop the Metamucil but continue the belladonna and Lomotil when necessary.

He said to avoid salads,

nuts, spices, whole grains or, in other words, bulk. The diagnosis was irritable colon. He said that these foods irritated my colon. I've continued to have this problem and I read in your column that you often recommend bulk diets for people with an irritable colon.

I asked my doctor about this and he said no. I miss those good foods. Do you feel I could safely try your diet?

I'm 30 years old, 5 feet 2 and weigh 100 pounds. I've tried eliminating milk with no results and I take two grains of thyroid each day.

DEAR READER — There are many causes for diarrhea. I'm glad you tried eliminating milk. It's possible that you didn't follow this strictly enough or long enough to see what results you might get. You might eliminate all foods

that contain milk or milk products entirely for a period of several weeks and see if it helps.

A rare cause for severe diarrhea episodes is an allergic-type reaction to gluten, celiac sprue. In the early stages it might not show anything on an X-ray. Gluten is found in almost all cereal products except rice and corn. If you want to test yourself for this you should eliminate all such foods from your diet. That will involve, during the test period especially, preparing all of your food at home from known products. Do not use any processed meat (cold cuts) which may contain cereal, ice cream, puddings or commercial soups which may contain flour. For thickeners you can use corn starch, rice flour and soybean products.

I'm sending you The Health Letter number 13-8, What You Need to Know about Diarrhea. It explains in more detail a number of the different disorders that can cause this problem and what can be done about it. Other readers who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Send your request to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

I presume your doctor has had your stools examined for ova and parasites and has made an effort to find out if you have any infectious process that may be causing diarrhea.

No, I can't recommend that you try a bulk diet since your doctor has told you it's not advisable in your case.

Recipe teams fresh, canned vegetables

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor
DINNER FARE
Skillet Meat Loaf

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TOMATO SQUASH

My sister Phyllis sometimes teams a fresh vegetable with one from the pantryshelf.

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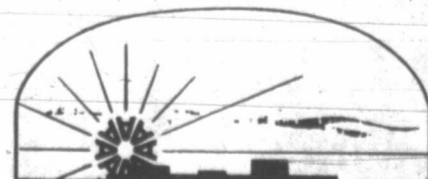
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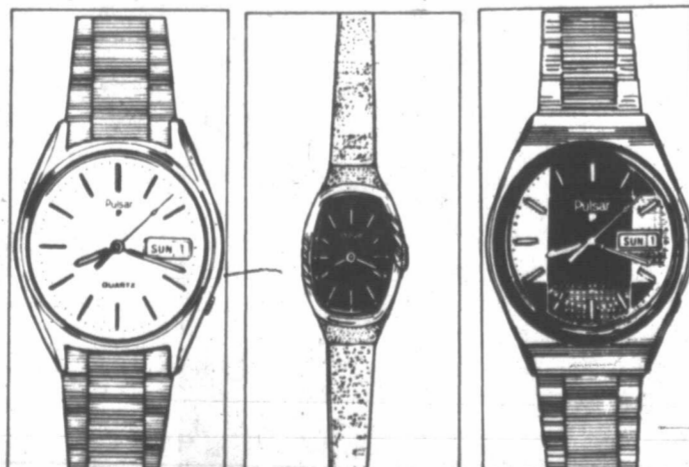
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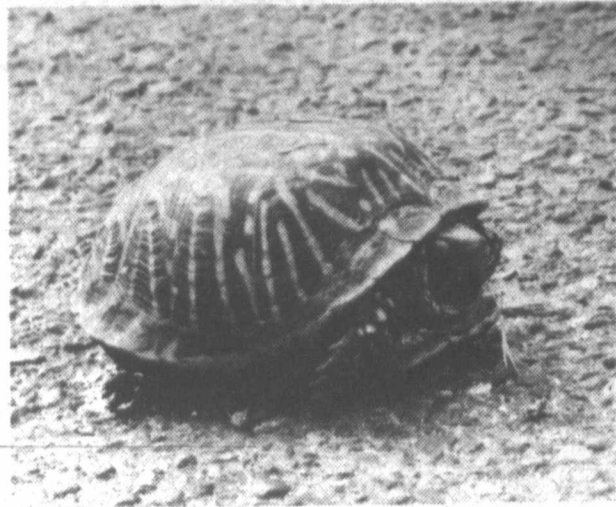
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A Look at Texas

By The Associated Press
NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Law officers using helicopters and dogs swept across Nacogdoches County for two men who escaped from jail last weekend, according to a sheriff's department spokesman.

Michael Lynn Lyons, 22, who deputies say has escaped on three other occasions, and John Alvin Herrera, 24, of Houston, were apparently spotted Wednesday near Douglas.

Department of Public Safety troopers, deputies and other officers searched most of the day Wednesday and planned to resume their search today.

Lyons was jailed initially for helping two other inmates escape and Herrera was being held on burglary and theft charges.

ANTIOCH, Texas (AP) — A three-year-old girl died after being accidentally shot with a pistol found by her 4-year-old cousin, a Henderson County Sheriff's department spokeswoman said.

Laura Moore was pronounced dead on arrival at Henderson County Memorial Hospital shortly after the shooting, which occurred about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The spokeswoman said the girl was shot in the head after her cousin found a .38 caliber pistol under the mattress in a room where the two children were playing. The pistol apparently discharged as the child was pulling it out from under the mattress.

Justice of the Peace Bill Richards ruled the death an accident.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Railroad Commission said

Wednesday it has agreed to spend \$600,000 in federal funds to reclaim the abandoned Olmos Mine in Maverick County.

Fifty-six acres of the 145-acre coal mine will be restored to pasture land, the commission said.

Costs will be borne by a federal fund created with a special tax on coal.

The mine, with a 25- to 30-foot shaft and two lateral tunnels, is across the highway from a housing project and poses a risk to children, the commission said.

The mine was abandoned in 1925.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. District Judge Fred Shannon ruled Wednesday that Texas may legally exclude the Socialist Workers Party from the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Secretary of State George Strake refused to certify the party because it failed to come up with the required number of signatures on nominating petitions.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Sen. Ron Clower, D-Garland, said Wednesday that Senate and House subcommittees will conduct a joint hearing Oct. 8 on problems of the state's new crime victims compensation fund.

Clower's Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and the House Subcommittee on Implementation of the Victims of Crime Compensation Act will receive testimony on possible changes in the program.

Texas arsonist charged

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (AP) — A 29-year-old janitor who had pleaded guilty to an arson charge in Texas seven years ago has been charged with setting fires that damaged Coffeyville's city auditorium and an elementary school in Caney, Kan., during the summer.

Robert Carty was charged with arson and aggravated arson in connection with the two fires, which occurred less than a month apart in the two southeast Kansas towns. He was being held in the Montgomery County Jail on \$50,000.

Coffeyville's Memorial Hall, a downtown landmark for more than 50 years, burned July 18, causing \$1.2 million damage. Authorities at first thought the fire was accidental.

Then on Sept. 10, a fire broke out at Caney's Lincoln Memorial Elementary School. Some 300 children, teachers and staff members were evacuated.

Names in the news

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Mae West, 87, who reportedly has suffered a stroke, has improved enough to be transferred out of the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman says.

"She is out of intensive care now and has been transferred to a room on a medical floor," spokeswoman Paula Lee said Wednesday. Earlier, hospital community relations director Betty Sheller said Miss West's condition had stabilized.

Miss West, whose acting career began in the 1920s, starred most recently in the 1978 film comedy, "Sextette." Earlier this year, she also did a series of TV commercials for a mineral water company.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Wayne Newton, who spent more than 20 years as a regular entertainer at Las Vegas nightclubs, has officially taken on a new role as casino owner.

Newton welcomed dozens of well-wishers Wednesday at the official opening of the casino at the Aladdin Hotel, which he has purchased for \$85 million.

The event ended an 83-day shutdown for the casino. The Nevada Gaming Commission ordered the casino closed after the hotel corporation and several of its officers were

convicted of hiding the identities of its owners.

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince Philip of England kept his cool as 200 supporters of the Irish Republican Army demonstrated outside during his speech to environmentalists.

Security was extremely tight for the prince's appearance. The invitation-only lecture was sponsored by the Animal Research and Conservation Center of the New York Zoological Society, Rockefeller University and the Conservation Foundation of Washington, D.C.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Former Mayor Carl B. Stokes, in his first week back in Cleveland after an eight-year stint as a New York newsman, is easing his way back into political life.

Stokes, 53, who in 1967 became one of America's first black urban mayors, moved into an East Side apartment last Sunday. Since then, he has been setting up a law practice and helping run a voter registration drive in black neighborhoods for the Democratic National Committee.

Stokes announced in August that he would not stay with WNBC-TV in New York, where he has been an anchorman,

reporter and commentator since 1972. His contract expires on Oct. 28.

LONDON (AP) — From the royal box and the balcony, the bids rained down. And on the stage of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the items came and went — including a rhinestone-studded bicycle that belonged to singer Elton John and wine sent by the royal family.

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Scientist resigns to join private company

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Edward G. Gibson, a scientist-pilot on the Skylab 4 mission, has resigned a second time from the astronaut corps to join a California firm.

Gibson's resignation becomes effective Oct. 31, when he becomes advanced systems manager for the TRW Defense and Space Systems Group in Redondo Beach, Calif. The Johnson Space Center announced Wednesday.

The departure of Gibson, a solar physics expert, leaves the corps with 25 senior astronauts, 35 who have completed space shuttle training and 19 now in training, a spokesman said.

Gibson, who flew on the 84-day Skylab mission in 1973-74, joined the corps in 1965, but left the space agency between 1974 and early 1977 to serve as a staff scientist and consultant in private industry.

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Clown: "Smile hides the hurt"

UPPER MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — From the time she was a girl, Midge Donovan had a fantasy that she shared with no one because no one else would understand.

In her secret heart, she always wanted to be a clown.

"It was a defense mechanism, I guess," she said. "When things get heavy, you smile to hide the hurt."

Midge's mother died when she was 12. The family was not well off. She went to work at 17, married at 19. Heavy.

"When things were tough I smiled a lot on the outside," she said, "and I always had my clown fantasy to cling to. I never even told my husband about it. I never told my best friend. I never told a soul. But just thinking about clowns made me all tingly."

The hardest times were yet to come. Three years ago, Midge's husband, Bill, became totally disabled with emphysema.

"Well, I was 45 years old and I had to go to work. With a friend, who was a recent widow, I opened a dress shop. It was a success, but it was a struggle, and I was a wreck."

"With the shop taking up all my time, and the situation at home needing my time, my life was a real mess, all downhill. I became a compulsive eater, gained about 40 pounds."

"As always, I hid my grief behind a laugh. Good old happy Midge, ever the cut-up. But I had never gone through worse times. Then, last year, I saw this ad in the paper that changed my life."

The ad said: Clown School.

"I didn't hesitate. I sent an application. I didn't know what would

come of it. I expected to be told that you had to be 20 and had to go off with a circus or something. Here I was, 48 years old, applying for clown school. Absurd.

"From the first day, it was just wonderful.

"There were 10 in the class. The youngest was 12 and the oldest was over 60. Most were in their 20s. I went for two hours every Friday night for 13 weeks. All week long, I looked forward to Friday night.

"Then came the test, sort of the final exam — go out to the shopping mall and be a clown.

"I took as a character a woman all dolled up in satin who was really funny looking but thought of herself as gorgeous.

"Well, it didn't work. I went out in the shopping mall and nearly suffocated. I couldn't do it. Here I was, a lifelong extrovert trying to portray an introvert. Nobody laughed.

"I was crushed. As a clown, I was an absolute failure. So much for the dream of a lifetime.

"A few weeks later, I was at home listening to country-western music and suddenly it hit me. I would be a clown cowgirl, an outlandish extrovert — myself, but someone different.

"In 24 hours I had my costume made. As soon as I started putting on my makeup I knew it would work. By the time I put on my purple wig I was no longer Midge Donovan. I was Maggie D. Clown. I went to the shopping mall and had a ball. Everybody laughed, including me."

TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION. First Lady Rosalyn Carter and daughter Amy are surrounded by comic book characters gathered at the White House Wednesday to support President Carter's program for energy efficiency. The characters from left are: Green Goblin; Incredible Hulk; Spider Woman; and Captain America.

(AP Laserphoto)



Cholera source testing continues

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — Health officials hope water samples taken from three area sewage treatment plants will determine the source of Galveston County's first recorded case of cholera.

Samples were taken this week from sewage treatment plants in League City, Friendswood and Nassau Bay. Officials said potable water supplies in the three communities have not been contaminated.

"With the tests, we should know Thursday if there is a form of cholera in any of the three sewer plants," said Dr. W.W. Kemmerer.

but recovered without being hospitalized, Kemmerer said.

He said he was unaware until Sunday night that a private laboratory in Houston had found cholera bacteria in a feces sample taken from the youngster. The sample was destroyed before officials determined if an epidemic form of cholera or a less dangerous type existed.

"We must find out where it came from," Kemmerer said. "We want to preclude it from going anywhere else."

Nassau Bay City Manager Howard Ward said the child's father had worked about four years in the sewage plant operated by the predominantly residential municipality adjacent to the Johnson Space Center.

Kemmerer said it is possible the child may have contracted cholera from a septic system the her home. He said it also was possible the father could have carried home the bacteria in his clothing or the child might have contracted the illness at a day care center where her mother worked.

Ex-cop's testimony irks officers

HOUSTON (AP) — A former police lieutenant received instruction on the use of throw-down guns while attending the Houston Police Academy in 1964, according to a federal court deposition.

Paul D. Dillon gave the deposition in a federal suit filed by the family of a Shreveport, La., youth seeking \$2 million in damages from the city and police.

Randall Webster was killed in a high-speed chase with Houston police in 1978. A gun found next to the body subsequently was traced to the police property room.

The existence of throw down weapons "is kind of something that everybody knows about but nothing is ever really said about it. I was actually instructed about the use of throw downs when I went to the academy," Dillon said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, signs warning residents not to use Clear Creek water were posted along the stream that cuts across the mainland section of this coastal community after officials reported Monday that a 3-month-old League City girl had contracted the sickness. The child became ill Sept. 15

Paul Nutting, League City assistant administrator, said the family has been spending weekends in a house still under construction.

Nutting said the house does not receive city sewer service and city officials discovered raw sewage seeping from a septic tank Tuesday.

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Tests planned after cows die

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Samples of food, water and tissue have been sent to the Texas A&M veterinary unit to see what caused the death of 46 cows near the Northeast Texas community of Maxey in Lamar County.

Dr. Don Smith, the veterinarian, said Tuesday the samples were collected from the dead animals that belonged to rancher Buster Crutchfield.

Crutchfield found the animals Monday morning after his son-in-law called him and told him "it looked like 20 dead cattle (were) on my place."

"I've never seen anything like it," Crutchfield said, after finding the dead yearling calves strung along a 200-yard stretch of fence on his ranch about 10 miles west of Paris.

"When I first came out here (Monday), there were roughly two or three still alive. They were laying down, just kind of stretched out — kind of limp."

Exhumation ruling to be appealed

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An attorney says he will ask the Fort Worth Court of Civil Appeals to set aside an order blocking the exhumation of the body in Lee Harvey Oswald's grave.

State District Judge James E. Wright ruled last month that the grave of the accused presidential assassin should remain undisturbed although Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, had given author Michael Eddowes permission to arrange an autopsy.

Wright, in granting the restraining order, said the permission alone was an insufficient reason to open the grave.

Attorney Cue Lipscomb said Wednesday that Eddowes will urge the appeals court to set aside the restraining order, but that the appeal could be complicated by a jurisdictional question.

"The appeals court might take the position that it lacked jurisdiction since Wright had not ruled on pleas filed by Rose Hill Cemetery and Dr. Charles Petty, who is the Dallas County Medical examiner," said Lipscomb.

Eddowes contends in his book, "The Oswald File," that a Soviet impostor, not Oswald, assassinated President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

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Bowling roundup

Ogden leads Caprock League

Three weeks into the season, Ogden and Son have jumped out into the lead in the Caprock Men's Bowling League at Harvester Lanes.

Ogden has won nine of 12 games, but four teams are right behind with 8-4 records. Tied for second are Tri-State Data, Ranger 5, Parsley's Roofing and Charlie's Furniture.

Ogden bowlers and their averages include Roy Morris, 190, Bill Abernathy, 181; Le Roi Ogden, 176; Jessie Smartt, 177; Wilber Wagner, 165 and Burk Riddle, 165.

Miller Jewelry and Service Liquor are tied for third with 7-5 records.

Individually, R.O. Johnson of Tri-State Data has high handicap series (734), high scratch game (265) and high handicap game (287).

Forrest Cole of Harvester Lanes bowled a 678 for high scratch series.

Cole's whopping 213 average also leads in that department. Jerry Simpson of Miller's Jewelry is setting a 208 pace.

Others with a 190 average or better include Kerry Parsley, 196, First National Bank; Robert Jacobs, 196, Jacobs Communications; Kervin

Davis, Harvester Lanes, 191; Lonnie Parsley, 191, Parsley Roofing; Lonnie Nunley, 191, Parsley Roofing; Roy Morris, 190, Ogden and Son, and R.O. Johnson, Tri-State Data, 190.

Bowlers who have earned weekly honors so far this season are listed below along with their scratch and handicap series.

Men
Forrest Cole—718 scratch, 718 handicap; Nathan Killough, 739 scratch, 748 handicap; Van Vandenberg, 724 scratch, 766 handicap; Arnel Bryan, 659 scratch, 735 handicap.

Women
Cindy Thompson, 591 scratch, 593 handicap; Lela Swain, 585 scratch; Charlene Morris, 737 handicap; Jean McGill, 600 scratch, 645 handicap; Kitten Meeks, 556 scratch, 664 handicap.

More entries are needed in the PBA Match Game Doubles Tournament, Oct. 25-26 at Harvester Lanes. Entry deadline is 10 p.m. Oct. 23. Entry fee is 50 dollars per team.

Astros stay two games in front with 5-2 victory over Braves

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

Back in August, it seemed the cards were stacked against Bill Virdon.

He had lost J.R. Richard to a stroke and Nolan Ryan, another of baseball's top pitchers, was not up to par.

What the Houston Astros' manager needed was an ace in hole — and that's what he got in Vern Riffe.

The most pleasant surprise of the Astros' staff stayed in there pitching Wednesday night, hurling a six-hitter to lead the National League West leaders to a 5-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

"I'm not worried about what I've done already," said Ruffe after improving his record to a sparkling 12-4. "I'm just looking down the road. We've got to look at what's ahead and take this thing one game at a time."

The victory kept the Astros two games in front of the Los Angeles Dodgers, 8-4 winners over the San Francisco Giants.

Elsewhere in the NL, Montreal defeated St. Louis 8-0; Philadelphia tripped Chicago 5-0; Cincinnati edged San Diego 2-1 and Pittsburgh outscored New York 10-5.

Terry Puhl hit a three-run double to key a four-run second inning for Houston. Alan Ashby led off the frame with a double off Phil Niekro, 15-17. Niekro retired the next two batters before walking Joe Morgan and Cabell to load the bases.

Dodgers 8, Giants 4
Joe Ferguson belted a home run and a triple and drove in six runs to lead Los Angeles over San Francisco.

The Dodgers scored their first four runs in the second inning with four straight hits off loser Ed Whitson, 11-12, including Ferguson's two-run triple.

Ferguson got another RBI in the third on a fielder's choice, and three more in the fifth when he belted his eighth home run of the year. The six RBI were a career high for the Dodger catcher, who has driven in five runs on three other occasions.

The victory went to Burt Hooton, 14-8, who continued his mastery over the Giants. He worked the first seven innings to record his 11th victory in his last 12 decisions against them.

Expos 8, Cardinals 0
Andre Dawson stroked three hits, drove in two runs and scored a pair to spark Montreal over St. Louis. David Palmer, 8-6, scattered six hits and struck out 10 to gain the key victory.

The Expos' victory kept their one-half-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

The Expos broke the game open with five runs in the seventh. Dawson had a run-scoring single in the inning.

The NL East race will be decided this weekend, when the Expos and Phillies play a make-or-break, three-game series. The Expos are idle today, while the Phillies finish up their series with the Cubs.

Phillies 3, Cubs 0
Steve Carlton hurled a brilliant two-hitter, throwing no-hit ball until the eighth inning, as he pitched and batted Philadelphia past Chicago.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner gave up only a leadoff single to Mike Vail in the eighth and a base hit by Bill Buckner in the ninth. Carlton, 24-9, struck out 10 overall to raise his National League-leading total to 286.

Carlton's sacrifice fly opened a four-run seventh inning against Dennis Lamp, 10-13. Mike Schmidt hit his 45th homer and Greg Luzinski his 19th in the rally.

Reds 2, Padres 1
George Foster's two-run homer in the ninth inning led Cincinnati over San Diego. Foster's homer, his 24th, followed Junior Kennedy's infield hit and tagged Bob Shirley, 11-12, with the loss.

Tom Hume, 9-10, pitched one inning in relief of Tom Seaver for the victory. Earlier, the Padres had taken a 1-0 lead on Dave Winfield's eighth-inning RBI-groundout.

Pirates 10, Mets 5
Dave Parker drove in three runs and relief pitcher Enrique Romo blasted a grand slam homer, helping Jim Bibby win his 19th game, as Pittsburgh defeated New York.

Parker hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Ray Burris, 7-13, and drove in another run with an infield out in the fifth.

Bibby, 19-6, allowed eight hits and three runs before giving way to Romo, who earned his 11th save.



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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Oct. 3, 1980

Projects or ventures where you have opportunities to utilize your creativity should prove fortunate for you this coming year. Don't be afraid to experiment in areas you've never tried before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In dealing with your group today you will fit more comfortably into a leadership role than as that of a follower. Accept the scepter graciously. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph, Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In competitive situations today the odds are tilted slightly in your favor. However, you may not feel this is true when you first enter the fray.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your powers of observation are exceptionally keen today and useful knowledge can be gained by watching how someone you admire operates.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today your dealings with your male friends are apt to turn out more fortunately for you than involvements you have with the ladies. Select appropriate companions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may see visible proof today from someone you've always hoped was supportive of you, but who you were never quite sure

of. Now you know you have a staunch ally.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're lucky today in things you manage for others. Your sincere efforts to advance their interests will prove beneficial for you as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your popularity with persons in positions of influence is very pronounced today. One may do something good for you without your asking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something opportune is brewing where your work or career is concerned. Its effects will enhance your job security and may even lead to advancement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your presence will be felt wherever you go today, not because you're forceful or aggressive, but because your positive, sunny manner tends to be uplifting to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This can be a very rewarding day materially, provided you focus on situations that offer potential gain. Heed your hunches that sense dollar signs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be a good listener today. You may pick up some valuable information which will fit neatly into your present plans and prove you're on the right track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may find yourself in a situation today where you'll feel something important has slipped from your control. Fret not. It's in good hands.

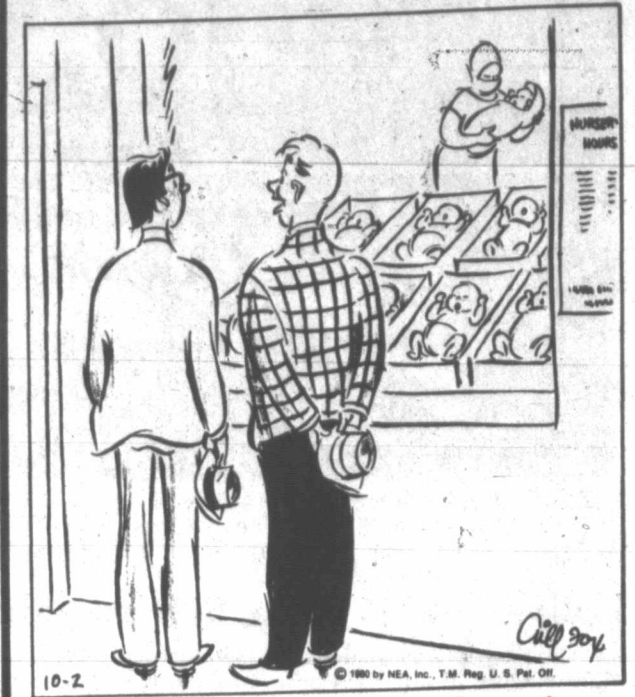
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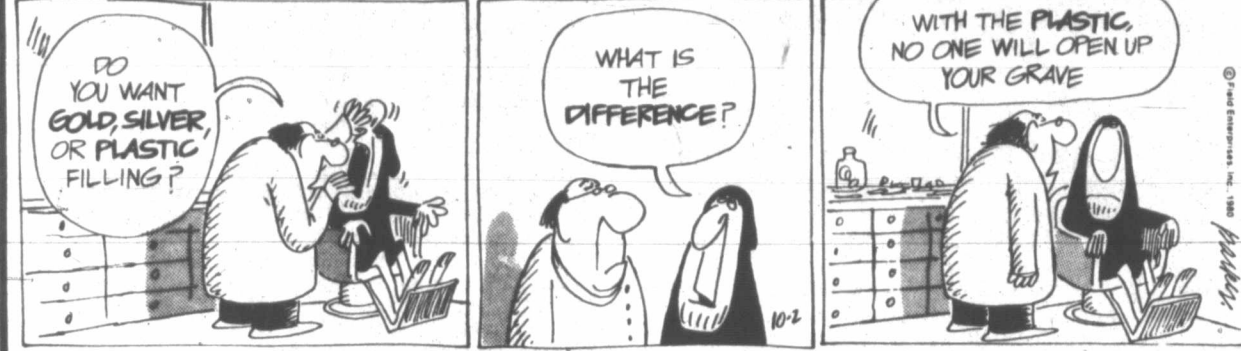
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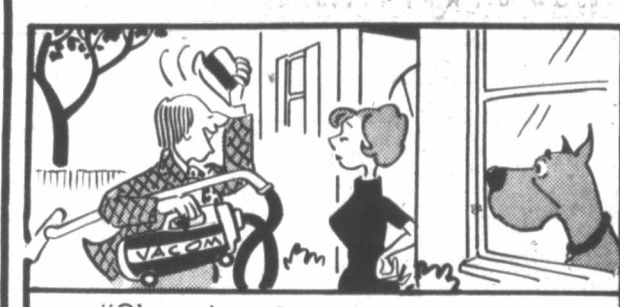
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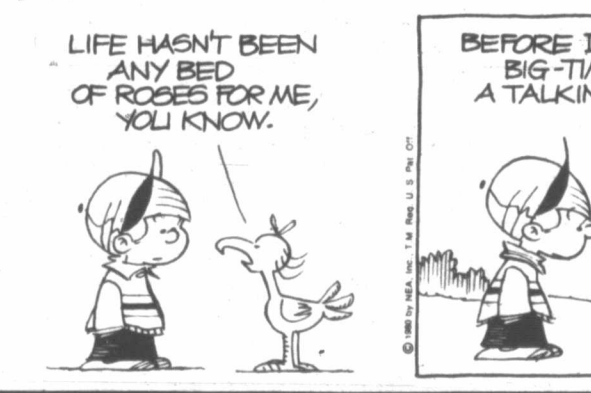
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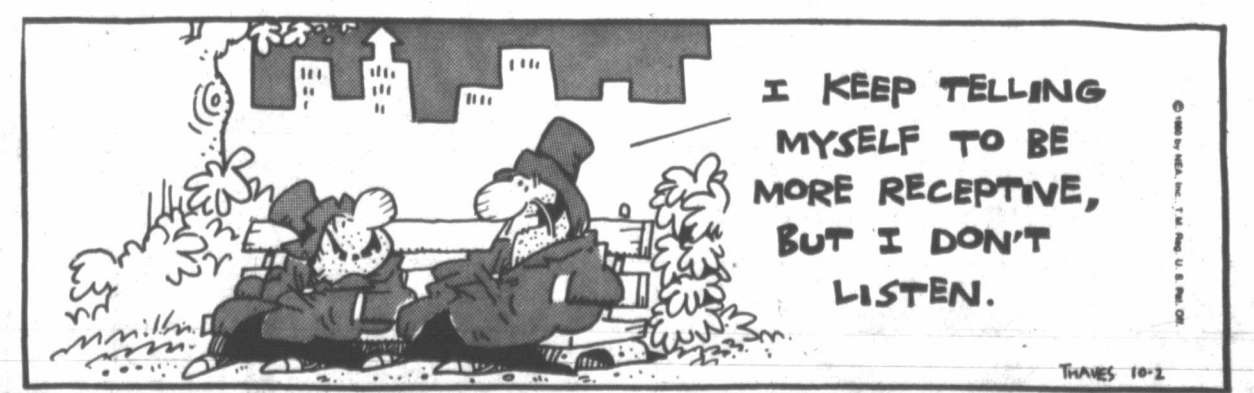
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Three convicted in drug round-up

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three men were convicted and a fourth found innocent by a federal court jury Wednesday in what prosecutors said was a major drug smuggling conspiracy.

Nine others charged in a federal grand jury indictment had previously pleaded guilty. A final man named in the 12-count indictment is still at large.

"We've got 12 out of 14. I'm very satisfied," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Malley. "We've broken up a major drug ring. When was the last time you heard of a drug smuggling ring in St. Louis?"

Convicted in U.S. District Court were I.N. Burchinal Jr. of Paris, Texas and John Gerard and Russell Jack Kern, both of Tucson, Ariz.

Joseph S. Olivastro of Olivette, Mo. was acquitted. Gerard's wife wept openly while members of Olivastro's family, who had sat through the six-day trial, cheered the verdict. "God bless you," Olivastro said to each juror.

The men were convicted of conspiring to buy an airplane to be used to smuggle marijuana, hashish and methaqualone pills from Colombia, South America to the Arizona desert in a 1978-80 conspiracy.

Pleading guilty Sept. 22 were Anthony Olivastro and Joseph M. Olivastro, sons of Joseph S. Olivastro; Curtis H. Kopman of Chesterfield, Mo.; Thomas Cabrera of Affton, Mo., and Steven P. Nuelle, Ronald D. Giancola and Steven H. Meoli, all of St. Louis.

Gerald G. Folsom of Kansas City, Mo., and Gerald B. Natelson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. pleaded guilty after the trial was underway. Authorities are searching for Oscar Ansurian of Ft. Lauderdale.

Prosecutors said Kopman had developed a connection through Natelson to purchase drugs in Colombia. Anthony Olivastro and his brother Joseph were to provide funding for the smuggling operation.

Kern and Burchinal both attempted to procure airplanes for the smuggling operation. Gerard introduced the Olivastros to Kern after Burchinal failed to make equipment adjustments on one plane in a satisfactory time period.

Joseph S. Olivastro was charged with providing money and advice to his sons during the course of the conspiracy.

The government's case relied heavily on the testimony of Richard Boumis, a confessed cocaine dealer, who was to fly the plane. Boumis agreed to testify after pleading guilty to cocaine charges in an unrelated incident.

All four men had denied knowledge of a conspiracy to smuggle drugs while their attorneys concentrated on breaking down Boumis' credibility as a witness during the trial.

Kern and Gerard face maximum sentences of 15 years in prison and \$15,000 in fines. Burchinal, convicted on only one count, faces a prison term of five years and a \$10,000 fine.

Attorneys for Kern and Gerard said the verdict would be appealed. Burchinal's lawyer declined to discuss the decision. U.S. District Judge James Meredith set sentencing for Oct. 23.

Cougar residents recall isolated summer months

COUGAR, Wash. (AP) — Four months after the first devastating blast of Mount St. Helens, the roadblocks isolating this tiny Washington town are down at last.

The "liberation" comes too late for the summer tourist trade, but Cougar's few residents are delighted to see some faces from the outside world.

"We're liberated! You don't know how good it feels not to have that hassle about going through the roadblock," said Dot Elmire, owner of the Cougar Store.

"At least we don't feel like we're locked up in a little part of the world," said Marilyn Platt, part-owner of the Lone Fir Resort here.

Gov. Dixy Lee Ray on Wednesday signed the order bringing down the roadblocks on the road to Cougar, allowing the general public access to the town for the first time since the volcano's May 18 blast.

"We had a little flurry (of business) when they took the roadblock off at around 1 p.m.," Mrs. Elmire said. "They wanted to give us some business they said, bless their hearts. It was kind of fun to see some strange faces."

The "flurry" consisted of about nine people, and that's an important number in Cougar these days.

The town, 12 miles southwest of the southwestern Washington volcano, had 150 to 200 residents before the eruption, Mrs. Elmire says. The blast, and the subsequent isolation, left Cougar with about 50 people, she says.

The Cowlitz County sheriff's office puts the population at 20. Residents who stuck by their homes are angry at the state for isolating the town and depriving them of summer trade from tourists, campers and fishermen. They wanted the town removed from the restricted-access "red zone" that rings the mountain.

Mrs. Platt says she's lost \$45,000 since her motel closed May 18. Finally, a three-member panel appointed by Miss Ray recommended Cougar's liberation, though the rest of the 20-mile-deep red zone remains intact.

"It was the opinion of every expert — geologists, the State Patrol, the sheriff and so forth — that the south side of the mountain did not carry with it the degree of danger" originally thought, explained panel chairman Lawrence Leahy.

The May 18 blast, which blew the peak off the volcano, showered several states with ash and wiped out thousands of acres of timberland with searing gases, killed 34 people. In addition, 28 people are still considered missing. The bodies of three victims were recovered Tuesday from an area northwest of the mountain.

Although some business owners talked of suing the state to recoup their losses, Wednesday, for the most part, was a happy day.

"It's a relief. It's great," said Jim Payne. "It sure has been quiet and suddenly we're having cars coming through here. When the roadblock was up it felt like being behind the Iron Curtain."

TSTA endorses Carter campaign

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' largest teachers organization has announced it will work for President Carter's re-election, breaking a long-standing tradition of political neutrality in presidential races.

Dora Scott of Houston, president of the 126,000-member Texas State Teachers Association, said Wednesday at a news conference teachers have a big stake in Carter's re-election.

Parents, however, don't have to worry about teachers indoctrinating their children with the Carter message, Ms. Scott said.

"Teachers are going to do their job in the classroom. Outside the classroom, we must realize we have got to become politically involved," she said.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, a Carter state co-chairman, said TSTA members and their families are "worth 250,000 votes," not to mention volunteers for such campaign chores as manning telephone banks.

The National Education Association, of which TSTA is a part, also has endorsed Carter.

Ms. Scott said the organization decided on the endorsement because Carter "has fulfilled his promise to secure enactment of a cabinet-level Department of Education," worked for higher federal aid to education, helped defeat tuition tax credits legislation and supported the Equal Rights Amendment.

The TSTA has lost members in recent years and recently took a setback when the Texas Classroom Teachers Association refused to require its members to join TSTA.

Jim Butler, TSTA executive secretary, said he did not think the TSTA was running any risks by endorsing Carter.

"I feel teachers are going to agree with our position because it was arrived at through a process that reflects their views," Butler said.

Ms. Scott said the TSTA broke with its tradition of not endorsing presidential candidates "because we feel politics controls our destiny and we felt it was necessary to become involved and we felt that President Carter is the best person for the presidency."

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Former Republican for new party

AUSTIN (AP) — John Anderson's national campaign chairwoman says Anderson's followers probably will start a new political party, regardless of whether he is elected president.

Mary Dent Crisp, chairwoman of the National Unity Campaign for John Anderson, made the statement Wednesday at a news conference in the state Capitol.

"Win or lose, one of the most exciting things that has happened is the great grassroots movement that put him (Anderson) on the ballot. ... These people don't want to go back to the Republican or Democratic Party. I think they are very likely to be forming a new party. It might be a realignment, it might be a party that takes the place of an existing party," Ms. Crisp said.

She said she expects Anderson to win and rejected the notion he might drop out and swing his support to Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter.

"He is committed all the way to the end," Ms. Crisp said of

Anderson, who ranks as low as 9 percent in some polls.

Ms. Crisp was national co-chairwoman of the Republican Party before bolting to Anderson after the GOP dropped its long-standing support for the Equal Rights Amendment.

"I don't see how the Republican Party can survive as a viable party," she said.

Ms. Crisp said the GOP was "reducing itself to a right-wing group ... controlled by special interest groups," including "right-to-lifers and electronic evangelicals."

Single-interest political groups, such as those opposing abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment drafted the GOP platform, she said, and "you can't win elections with people running on that platform."

"Ronald Reagan is not going to win this election," Ms. Crisp asserted.

Although President Carter endorses the ERA and made headlines by seeking votes for it in some state legislatures, Ms. Crisp said she was not satisfied.

"Carter has never used the power of the presidency" to achieve adoption of the ERA by hold-out legislatures, she said. "We don't even hear him talking about it. It is lip service. It is cosmetic."

Grocery relief only temporary

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Supermarket shoppers got a break from rising prices last month, but an Associated Press marketbasket survey shows grocery bills during the first three-quarters of 1980 went up much faster than they did in the same period of 1979.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, meanwhile, predicts that food prices will jump sharply during the rest of this year and will rise at a double-digit rate next year.

The AP drew up a random list of 15 commonly purchased food and nonfood items, checked the price at one supermarket in each of 13 cities on March 1, 1973 and has rechecked on or about the start of each succeeding month. One item, chocolate chip cookies, was dropped from the list at the end of November 1977 because the manufacturer discontinued the package size used in the survey.

Among the highlights of the latest survey:

- The marketbasket bill increased at the checklist store in eight cities last month, up an average of 1.4 percent. The bill decreased at the checklist store in five cities, down an average of 2.2 percent. The increases and decreases cancelled each other out, leaving the overall, average bill unchanged during the month. During August, the overall bill was up by 2.9 percent.

—Comparing prices today with those at the start of the year, the AP found the average marketbasket bill at the checklist store rose an average of 10.1 percent in nine months. During the same period last year, the marketbasket bill was up an average of 6.1 percent.

—The September moderation in grocery prices was due mainly to a drop in the price of coffee: When coffee was removed from the marketbasket totals, the AP found the average bill at the checklist stores went up a little more than half a percent during September.

The price of sugar rose at the checklist store in eight cities last month. Prices have been going up all year, reflecting the fact that worldwide demand is expected to exceed production. The average price of a five-pound sack of sugar at the start of October was 80 percent higher than it was at the start of the year.

—The USDA says that prices during the last quarter of the year will rise at an annual rate of 13 percent to 15 percent. Next year's increase, the USDA says, will be about 10 percent to 15 percent.

No attempt was made to weight the AP survey results according to population density or in terms of what percent of a family's actual grocery outlay each item represents. The AP did not try to compare actual prices from city to city, for example, that eggs cost more in one area than another. The only comparisons were made in terms of percentages of increase or decrease.

Jazz fans file 'Mutternity' suit

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — It's a sort of "mutternity" suit. Ivan Kohn says the 3-foot-tall Great Dane is his and its name is Jazz. Lawrence and Bev Ross say the dog is theirs and its name is Duke.

Both parties have veterinary records and photographs to back up their cases and Whatcom County Superior Court will have to decide the Solomon-like dilemma.

It started a year ago when Kohn heard the dog bark at the Rosses' Birch Bay home. Believing it was his runaway Jazz, he took it.

"I knew it was my dog," Kohn said. "I'd had him four years, and I know what my dog sounds like. It's just like with a kid."

The Rosses' theft charge against Kohn was dismissed because Kohn had no criminal intent, a judge ruled, although Kohn was ordered to return the dog.

In his superior court lawsuit, Kohn seeks an order requiring the Rosses to return the dog to him immediately. He is also seeking unspecified damages for "mental anguish, irritation, inconvenience and annoyance."

"We've had Duke since he was a puppy," Mrs. Ross said. "Kohn claims the dog is 5 years old. But Duke is only 2½. He may have a dog that looks like Duke, but this is not his dog."

Some Refund:

SYMERTON, Ill. (AP) — When she received a check for \$4,577.76 from the state, the clerk-treasurer of this tiny northeast Illinois village was pleasantly surprised.

Rita Parkinsokn said the check, intended to cover Symerton's share of state income taxes collected from its 125 residents during the month, was 15 or 20 times the usual amount.

"We're just a tiny village," Mrs. Parkinsokn said. "It usually averages \$200, or maybe \$300 at the most. But I received this check for \$4,000. It has to be a computer error."

Mrs. Parkinsokn said the village, 23 miles southeast of Joliet, received just \$2,990 during the entire previous year as its share of income taxes.

The windfall may not last. The check apparently resulted from a mistaken mailing, said a spokeswoman with the state Revenue Department.

Helen Adorjan said a review of department records indicated that the Will County town of Shorewood, about three miles west of Joliet, was supposed to get a check for \$4,577.76.

The check might have been put into the wrong mailing envelope and further investigation was needed, she said.

But the check, which arrived in a windowed envelope, was made to the order of the clerk-treasurer of Symerton, Mrs. Parkinsokn said.

Mrs. Adorjan said it was unclear what steps would have to be taken to correct the mistake.

Talk show runs gamut; game shows taking over

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Visigoths have overrun that tiny outpost of wit and original thought on morning television, "The David Letterman Show." At the end of this month, NBC will replace Letterman with two game shows.

Canned avarice prevails.

In announcing the demise, NBC programming chief Branson Tartikoff blithely reckoned that Letterman was in the wrong time period. The young star may return sometime, perhaps in "Saturday Night Live's" once-a-month vacancy.

But on to the important stuff. Starting Oct. 27, NBC will serve up in Letterman's stead two new game shows, Tartikoff said, "offering money and fabulous prizes."

"Las Vegas Gambit" and "Blockbusters" are the new NBC entries in television's onward march.

In its current issue, Panorama, the television magazine, features a story on the ABC "Charlie's Angels" Spelling-Goldberg scandal, "Angelgate," as it is sometimes called.

The scandal involves alleged under-the-table kickbacks from ABC to Spelling-Goldberg for "Charlie's Angels," enabling the producers to make money on the show without sharing their profits with their partners, including Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood.

There are no revelations in the story, written under a pseudonym by a screenwriter. But there is the interesting suggestion that, since under-the-table payments to producers and the cheating of profit participants are considered part of the Hollywood game, someone must be out to get ABC.

"The real question," Panorama quotes a producer as saying, "is why everybody is yelling and screaming about something that was a fact of life for 15 years, maybe more."

"Could it possibly be ... that there are persons unknown who want to make it easy for the FCC to lift a few of ABC's station licenses? Could it be that someone is trying to hurt ABC?"

Two independent stations, WOR in New York and KCOP in Los Angeles, have purchased broadcast rights to the Oscar-winning Vietnam film "The Deer Hunter" after the networks turned it down, deeming it too violent.

Part of the networks' thinking, no doubt, was the centrality of a bloody gambling game involving Russian roulette. The game is completely bound up with the storyline — occurring four times — and wouldn't easily yield to judicious editing.

Both WOR and KCOP intend to broadcast "The Deer Hunter" on election night, when the networks are tied up with vote returns.

It is a traditionally big ratings evening for independent stations. The violence WOR and KCOP are principally interested in is the bloodying of their network rivals.

Children win judgment in parents' fatal wreck

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Supreme Court today upheld judgments totaling more than \$700,000 for three children of a couple who died when an oil well logging truck turned in front of their motorcycle in Odessa.

Without writing an opinion, the court affirmed judgments of an Odessa district court and the El Paso court of civil appeals on behalf of three of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tennis Wampler.

Losing the case was Go International Inc., whose employee, Jimmy Wester, drove the truck that collided with the Wampplers' motorcycle.

Wester is the son of a Go International vice president and regional manager.

The original trial court judgment totaled \$1.1 million and included two teen-age children, William Ray Mills and Gerald Tennis Mills, who had been adopted by an aunt 14 years earlier when the Wampplers were sick and unemployed.

But the appeals court threw out the \$390,000 awarded to the two Mills boys because, it said, adoption eliminated their right to a money judgment under the Texas Wrongful Death Act.

The boys' grandmother, Hazel Lewis, appealed on their behalf, saying their adoptive parents had died about a year after their natural parents were killed.

"But for the action of Jimmy Vernon Wester and the gross negligent entrustment of ... Go International Inc., the Mills boys would have been reunited with their natural parents and natural brothers and sisters," Mrs. Lewis' appeal said.

The Supreme Court said it could find "no reversible error" in the court of civil appeals decision.

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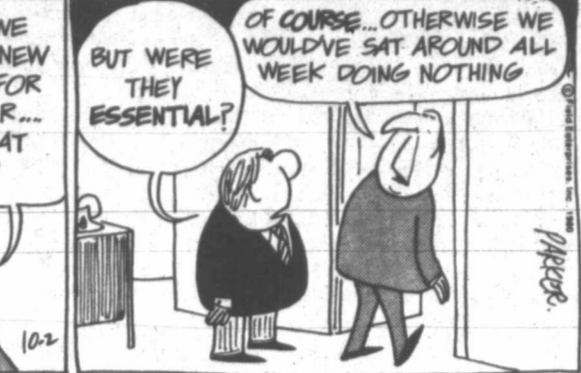
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Report says mentally ill have been failed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Both the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Texas communities have failed, so far, to "deinstitutionalize" the care of the mentally ill and retarded.

That was a key finding in a report released Tuesday by the Texas Research League, which was asked to make the study by the state agency.

The privately financed research group said the MHMR board had adopted a goal of a "unified, comprehensive and integrated delivery system of care and treatment that will be community based, wherever feasible and in which the clients will, whenever possible, be treated at the community level in the least restrictive level."

However, the report said "thus far, Texas has fallen far short of that goal. There is no system (of care and treatment) in the usual sense of that term, just a large number of relatively autonomous and independent agencies and institutions doing their own thing in a largely uncoordinated fashion.

"Many patients are inappropriately placed in institutions without proper screening to determine whether or not they could be cared for in 'less restrictive' surroundings," the report said.

"Many are released from the institutions without coordinated plans for their treatment and supervision in their home communities."

MHMR officials, however, have "begun to address the department's problems and needs effectively, and a period of stability in that leadership is needed badly, after long years of rapid turnover," the league said.

The report pointed out that MHMR is the state's largest agency with 28 separate institutions and programs, 30 community MHMR community centers, 200 outreach programs and 30,000-plus employees.

Texas, along with the rest of the nation, is in the process of transition from institutional care to community-based care of the mentally ill and retarded. Since 1970, the report said, the average population of Texas' state hospitals has been cut by more than half

and the population of the schools for the retarded has been stabilized.

"But the cost of operating the institutions has not reflected their declining populations," the report said. "and the cost per day, per client has multiplied five or six times in the past decade. If the trends continue ... the cost per client day could hit \$350 in the schools and \$775 in the hospitals by 1990."

The state agency is not alone in failure to make the transition, said the report.

"Most communities in Texas are woefully lacking in 'support facilities' to provide community-based care. The number of alternate residential beds probably will have to be tripled, for example, if a true continuum of services is to be established. Start-up costs could range into the hundreds of millions of dollars, ... and annual operating costs might increase by more than \$150 million," the report said.

Also, said the league, "there has been virtually no preparation for readjusting the institutions to new roles and functions fitted to

sharply reduced populations of clients, most of whom are apt to be far more difficult to treat.

"Some institutions may need to be consolidated with others and some may need to be closed. More effective leadership in program development needs to be provided by the MHMR central office."

The report also found that the current method of funding MHMR by the Legislature is far too restrictive. Currently, the Legislature appropriates specific sums to each institution for specific purposes.

"With more flexibility, up to \$35 million might have been rebudgeted for more effective treatment programs during the current biennium, for example," the report said.

The league summarized its findings with the conclusion that "the key to providing effective MHMR services at a reasonable cost in Texas lies in the development of a specific plan for implementing the continuum of care concept, with flexible financing geared to that plan, and MHMR's structure reorganized to fit the needs of the new system — particularly in the areas of program planning and leadership, and in field coordination of program activities."

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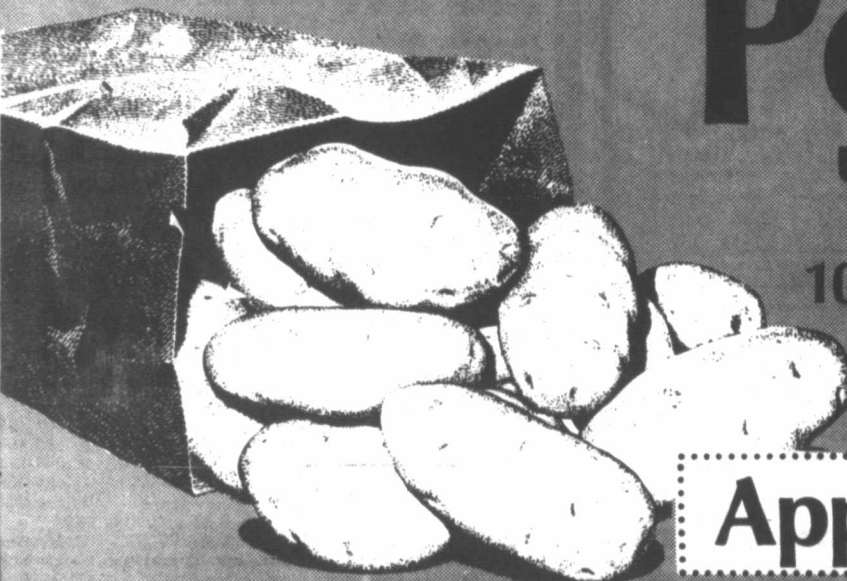


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