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STATE HIGHWAY Engineer Harry Apodaca walks along a section of New Mexico highway between Jemez Springs and Los Alamos that collapsed in mud due to a heavy spring runoff. The road sank during a 48-hour period Tuesday and Wednesday.

(AP Laser photo)

## Prices jump one percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices increased another 1 percent in March, led by sharply higher prices for food, housing, clothing and gasoline, the government said today.

It said gasoline prices rose 3.8 percent, the largest monthly jump in nearly four years. Both housing and food costs were up 1 percent.

The March increase in the Consumer Price Index, which followed a 1.2 percent rise in February, means that the nation's 35 million Social Security recipients will receive a 9.9 percent increase in benefits to offset the impact of inflation in the past year, officials said.

The average benefit will be increased by about \$25 to \$283 a month. Checks reflecting increases will go out beginning in July.

Although the increase in the Consumer Price Index was less than in February, it was still at a level that

endangers the success of the Carter administration's anti-inflation program.

Prices during the first three months of 1979 increased at an annual rate of 13 percent, the highest quarterly rise in 4 1/2 years and far above the administration's target for this year of 7.4 percent.

The increase for the 12-month period ending in March was 10.2 percent.

One of President Carter's top inflation advisers, Barry Bosworth, told The Associated Press Wednesday that if inflation does not begin to cool soon, it is likely to get much worse as workers demand steadily higher wages to keep pace with steadily rising prices.

At a Democratic fund-raising dinner in Bedford, N.H., Wednesday night, Carter also warned of further price increases.

"Inflation is bad and it will be months at the very

least before it gets substantially better," the president said. "Frankly, we will continue to see discouraging price figures coming out for some time to come."

In its report today, the Labor Department said workers' spendable earnings dropped another 0.1 percent in March because of rising inflation. That raised the total lost buying power of paychecks in the last year to an even 2 percent.

The department gave this breakdown on price increases for various categories in March, compared with the previous month, followed by the total increase over the 12 months from March 1978.

—Food and beverages 1 percent, down from 1.6 percent in February and up 12.5 percent for the 12-month period.

—Housing 1 percent, down from 1.3 in February and up 10.6 percent for the year.

## Education top priority?

Education should be a number one priority with Gov. Clements, said Nancy Coffee, president of the Pampa Association of Educators (PAE) — a branch of Texas State Teachers' Association (TSTA).

Money for education is a very large part of the state budget, said Coffee, an English teacher at Pampa High School, and appropriations for it are made after the state has allocated money for other items.

Money will be spent as the legislature deals with each item, said a spokesman from the governor's legislative division. No percentages for certain appropriations have been made, he added.

The House has set a \$20.3 million budget for Texas, stepping over Clements' suggested \$19.7 million for state spending. The Senate has not released a budget.

"TSTA would like to see educational needs treated first," said Bill Mackey, a member of the PAE and the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA), and teachers' salaries are a small part of it.

In a recent press release, TSTA Executive Secretary Callie W. Smith said the governor has changed his tune in regard to policies affecting teachers' salaries, one of the budget items.

Clements said that teachers should receive a 5.1 percent increase in their salaries, but the proposed House bill "is clearly excessive."

The House has drafted an appropriation bill giving public school teachers a 5.1 percent increase per year of the next biennium, to be added to step increases already provided by law.

The Pampa school system provides a 13-step salary schedule for teachers, ranging from \$9,610 to \$15,590 a year for bachelor degree holders and from \$9,800 to \$16,250 for those with a masters, said Dwan Walker, business manager of the local school system.

"Teacher salaries, said Clements in an April release, "are already at the national average," when the cost of living differences are considered.

In a February speech, Clements said he doesn't believe news reports that it costs less to live in Texas cities than in other parts of the nation.

"He also quoted Bureau of Labor Statistics saying the inflation rate in Sunbelt States, such as Texas, is catching up with the rest of the nation," said Smith.

"It (teachers salaries) hasn't kept up with inflation and the cost of living increases," said Coffee.

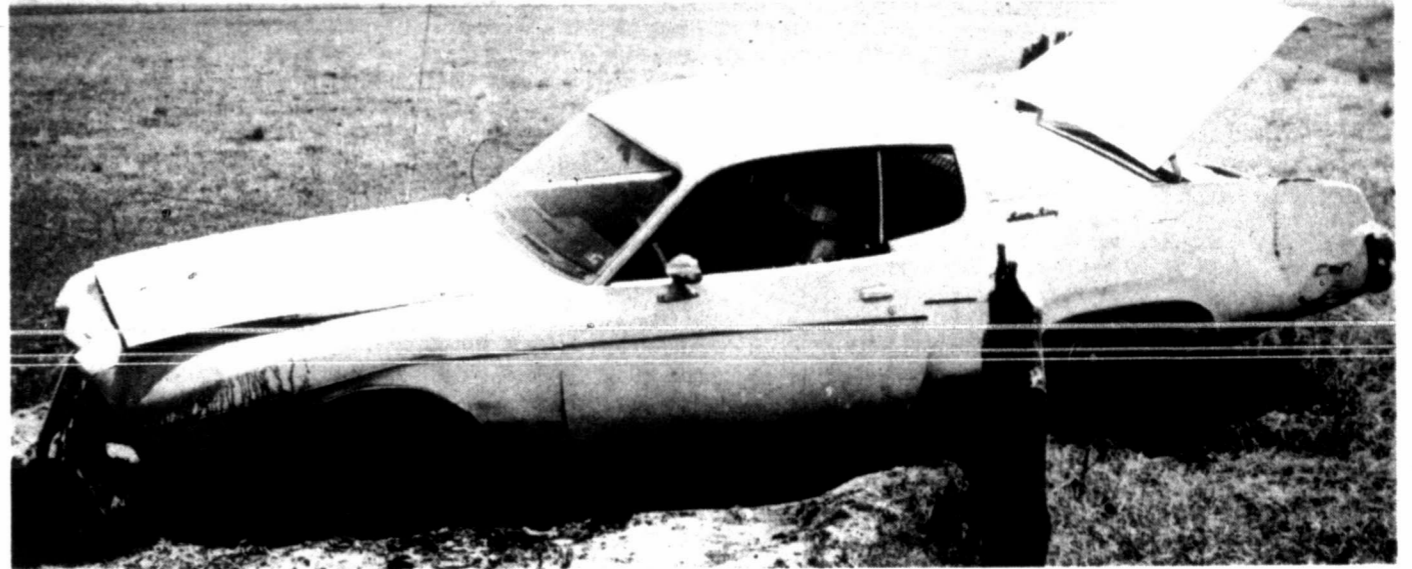
Amarillo teachers are circulating a petition to appeal to the governor while locals are writing letters, she said.

Mackey said "We (teachers) are not as well off as we were 10 years ago," although we are making more.

Ten years ago, teachers were in the 18 percent income tax bracket and are now approaching the 30 percent group, he said.

"Nearly all teachers have some additional income," he said. Many teachers take moonlighting jobs to meet their needs.

"We'd like to be able to stay up with inflation," he said.



A 1974 PLYMOUTH driven by Hoyt LaRue of Pampa sits abandoned off Highway 70 north of the city after LaRue reportedly crashed it into the rear of another car. Both cars then veered off the road and through a fence into a pasture.

LaRue ran from the accident scene and was apprehended by authorities. A highway patrolman said LaRue will be charged with driving under the influence of drugs and failure to stop and render aid.

(Pampa News photo)



WORKMEN LOAD a casket bearing a body identified as Edith Roller into a moving van Thursday morning at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. More than 500 bodies of persons who died in Jonestown, Guyana, on Nov. 18, 1978, are being shipped to California for burial.

(AP Laser photo)

### What's inside

#### Weather

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers early this afternoon and fair skies tonight. The high is expected in the mid 60s with the low in the low 40s. Winds will be out of the north this afternoon at 10 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph tonight. The high Wednesday was 68 and the overnight low was 45.

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#### School Board hears bids

The Pampa Independent School Board will hear bids for renovation work, typewriters, band instruments, paper and duplication supplies at its meeting at 5 p.m. this evening.

Other business for consideration includes renewal of USDA Commodity Agreement, release of securities pledged by depository bank, payment of due bills and invoices, the budget report and the setting of 1979-80 tuition rate.

#### Federal judges step closer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four of 10 nominees to fill new federal judgeships in Texas moved closer to the bench late Tuesday when the U.S. Senate confirmed their appointments.

Robert M. Parker of Longview, Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo, David O. Belew Jr. of Fort Worth and Barefoot Sanders of Dallas will be able to schedule their swearing-in ceremonies after President Carter attaches his signature, an action expected in the next two to three days.

## Wheat field chase ends in Pampa man's arrest

A Pampa man, out of jail for only a couple of hours, was arrested for the second time in two days Wednesday after he reportedly caused an automobile accident north of the city and fled from the scene.

Hoyt David LaRue, 30, of Rt. 1, Pampa, was booked in the Gray County Jail at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday. A Department of Public Safety (DPS) patrolman said LaRue will be charged with driving under the influence of drugs and failure to stop and render aid.

The accident occurred on Highway 70 eight miles north of Pampa at about 1 p.m. Wednesday. A 1974 Plymouth driven by LaRue reportedly struck the rear of a 1978 BMW driven by Ron Lessuck of Amarillo. Both cars went off the road, and the BMW crashed through a barbed wire fence and

onto a pasture, while the Plymouth was caught in the fence. Neither man was injured.

LaRue ran from his car southeast across a Roberts County wheat field, where he was apprehended in a search involving Pampa and Canadian DPS units and Roberts and Gray County sheriff's deputies. LaRue was said to have been sniffing model airplane glue at the time he was captured, and DPS troopers confiscated approximately 30 tubes of glue and some beer from LaRue's car.

At 10:51 a.m. Wednesday, LaRue had been released from the county jail after posting \$2,500 bond on charges of driving under the influence of drugs, failure to leave information at the scene of an accident and no driver's license.

He was arrested Tuesday

morning after his 1963 Chevrolet reportedly crashed into a Clark Street residence. According to Pampa police, LaRue also attempted to run from the scene of that accident, and assaulted an officer with a screwdriver.

Lessuck, an Amarillo businessman, said he was driving north on Highway 70 when he noticed LaRue's Plymouth quickly moving up behind him.

"I looked back and he was maybe 100 yards behind me," Lessuck said. "Then about two seconds later he was filling the whole rear view mirror."

Lessuck's car was then struck by LaRue's, and both cars went off the road and through the fence, Lessuck said. Lessuck kept control of his car and it came to a stop after a quarter mile.

Lessuck said he flagged down

a woman from Perryton and they stopped to see if LaRue was injured. It was then that LaRue jumped from his car and ran. Lessuck said. The woman drove Lessuck to Pampa, where he contacted police and the highway patrol.

DS Trooper Steve Easterly, who apprehended LaRue, said the man did not resist arrest, but sat down when Easterly approached him. LaRue was sniffing glue from a red sweatshirt at the time he was caught, Easterly said.

Easterly estimated the damage to Lessuck's car at about \$2,000, and said LaRue's car was "totaled out."

Charges against LaRue will be filed before the Roberts County judge in Miami, Easterly said. LaRue was to be taken to Miami this afternoon.

## Doughton: Pride to bounce back

For the first time in years, the Pampa High School Band has failed to win the University Interscholastic League (UIL) sweepstakes trophy following Class 4A concert and sight reading competition Wednesday in Amarillo.

But director Jeff Doughton vowed the band will be back next year in fighting shape.

The band broke with tradition this year by dividing into two groups — a symphonic band directed by Doughton, and a concert band under the direction of assistant Jim

Duggan. Each band made the first division in concert competition, but both were judged second division in sight reading.

Bands from Hereford and Amarillo High took the sweepstakes this year. Pampa had to settle for a special award. The Pampa band made first division in marching competition in October, but had to get firsts in both concert and sight reading Wednesday to win the sweepstakes.

"There are no excuses," Doughton said this morning. "We just didn't make it — it's that simple."

"We're extremely disappointed, but there are no sour grapes. We're certainly not displeased with our kids."

"They performed well," noted Duggan. "It's tough and it's hard to take, but we'll return," Doughton concluded.

Comments on judges' scorecards included generous praise for the band, particularly in the areas of appearance and discipline.

This marks the first year the high school band hasn't won a sweepstakes in Doughton's six years as director.

## Counties vary on application of closed sessions

By DAN LACKEY  
Pampa News Staff

Habits of individual county governments in meeting, or possibly failing to meet, the requirements of state laws regarding closed sessions of government bodies vary across Texas and according to the size of the county, a random telephone survey by the NEWS showed Wednesday.

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy said Monday he intends to place executive sessions on each agenda of commissioners court regardless of whether closed session

business is pending, something not previously done here.

The state public meetings law as it applies to commissioners courts allows for closed sessions in cases of personnel matters; sale, lease, or purchase of real property; discussions of pending litigation; and discussions involving the deployment or implementation of security personnel or devices.

Potter County Clerk Sue Daniels said executive sessions were not written into Potter County Commissioners Court agendas unless specific items were to be discussed. She said a

reference to the public meetings law (Article 6262-17 Texas Vernon Civil Statutes) was printed in the agenda when an executive session was announced.

Daniels said Potter County commissioners then reconvened in open session and announced "in general" the topic discussed during the closed session and whether a vote or specific action will be taken. She said the Potter County Commission had met in closed session only "two or three times" this year.

Randall County Clerk Leroy Hutton said executive sessions

were not automatically placed on each Randall Commissioners Court agenda.

Hutton said "personnel matters" were automatically included on each agenda of the Randall County court. He said they were open session personnel matters unless otherwise specified, however.

But the commissioners court of largely urban Dallas County includes an announcement of executive session on each agenda, according to Houston Wade, clerk of the commissioners court.

"We put in a call for the

executive session, citing all the provisions of the law under which the court can meet in executive session," he said. Wade said the judge will announce an executive session, if there is one, at the close of the regular meeting, citing the specific section of the law under which the closed session is being called.

The Dallas court meets weekly and Wade estimates that one in four actually include an executive session.

Wade said he thought the law had a "lot of gray area" and was "applied differently throughout

the state."

The Harris County Commissioners Court, which includes Houston in its jurisdiction, does not include executive sessions automatically on each agenda, according to clerk Nolan Bordelon.

Bordelon said the Harris County court works this way:

Announcement of executive session is not included on the minutes unless there is closed session business pending. Bordelon said, however, that an addendum could be added to the agenda if necessary up until two

hours before meeting time.

Bordelon said the agenda announcement of closed session did not cite the law but referred generally to the purpose of the executive meeting. For example, "for the purpose of hiring consultants for the county flood control project."

Before meeting in executive session, the clerk said, the judge would then cite the section of the law under which the closed session was legally justified.

In counties with smaller populations, the procedures are apparently less formal.

Hemphill County Judge Bob

Gober says he hasn't had occasion to meet in executive session since taking office in January.

According to the secretary in the county judge's office, the Lubbock County Commissioners Court has met in closed session only once in the last two years. The secretary said notice of executive sessions were not included on the agenda.

Judge Kennedy said Monday he will get the Attorney General's opinion on simply placing "executive session" on each court agenda.

# Planners 'misjudged' on Social Security

Early in 1977, trustees of the Social Security system caused an uproar by announcing that the program's disability insurance fund would be bankrupt by mid-1979, with the rest of the system going broke by 1983.

They estimated that over the next 10 years, through 1987, Social Security's survivors', retirement and disability funds would pay out \$1.4 trillion — sufficient to give more than \$5,700 to every man, woman and child in the country.

There just wasn't enough money coming into the program to pay for it all, they said.

Congress approved the Social Security Amendments of 1977 — a package of laws designed to raise taxes and lower expenditures.

Now, the trustees say, Social Security's major programs won't go broke until just after the turn of the century.

The health insurance program, however, will be bankrupt by 1990 unless additional sources of money are found.

The news is disquieting to the millions of Americans who are paying ever-escalating Social Security taxes — the maximum is \$1,400 this year and will be at least \$2,800 in 1987 — and are hoping to collect on that "investment" when they retire or should they become disabled.

And it must be terrifying to persons who currently rely on Social Security's health insurance, called Medicare, to help offset the soaring hospital and physicians' bills that so often are the major expense faced by the aged and disabled.

But the alternatives — even higher taxes or drastic reductions in Social Security payments, possibly a combination of both — aren't particularly palatable to most Americans, either.

The government's major social program, one that as late as 1973 had the unqualified backing of most people in this country, appears to have broken faith with its supporters.

Social Security now is the single most expensive item in the federal budget. And Social Security taxes are second

In the beginning, there were about 90 tax-paying workers for each Social Security recipient. Now there are only three.

only to the federal income tax in the bite they take from paychecks across the country.

Because of the way Social Security taxes are structured — a flat-rate tax with an earnings ceiling while the income tax is graduated and limitless — Social Security actually takes more than the income tax from many workers' paychecks.

This year, for instance, a married worker claiming three dependents must make more than \$8,400 before Social Security withholding is less each week than the federal income tax.

In many cases, the earnings figure would be even higher because of additional dependents and the ability of many persons to claim an income tax refund at the end of the year. Social Security taxes are not refundable.

Inevitably, the bite will get bigger. The only thing being argued by Congress and the Social Security Administration is whether the payroll withholding tax should be increased or whether an entirely new form of Social Security tax should be created.

That the Social Security system is in trouble isn't an issue any more. After devoting countless hours to attempts to figure out what is wrong with the system, many people are coming to believe that the major problem is Social Security itself.

Questioning the integrity of the system once was about as socially acceptable as casting aspersions on motherhood, the flag and apple pie.

After all, Social Security has provided a financial cushion for millions of people since its inception in 1935.

For many people — retirees and those still working — it represents the only regular retirement income they'll ever have.

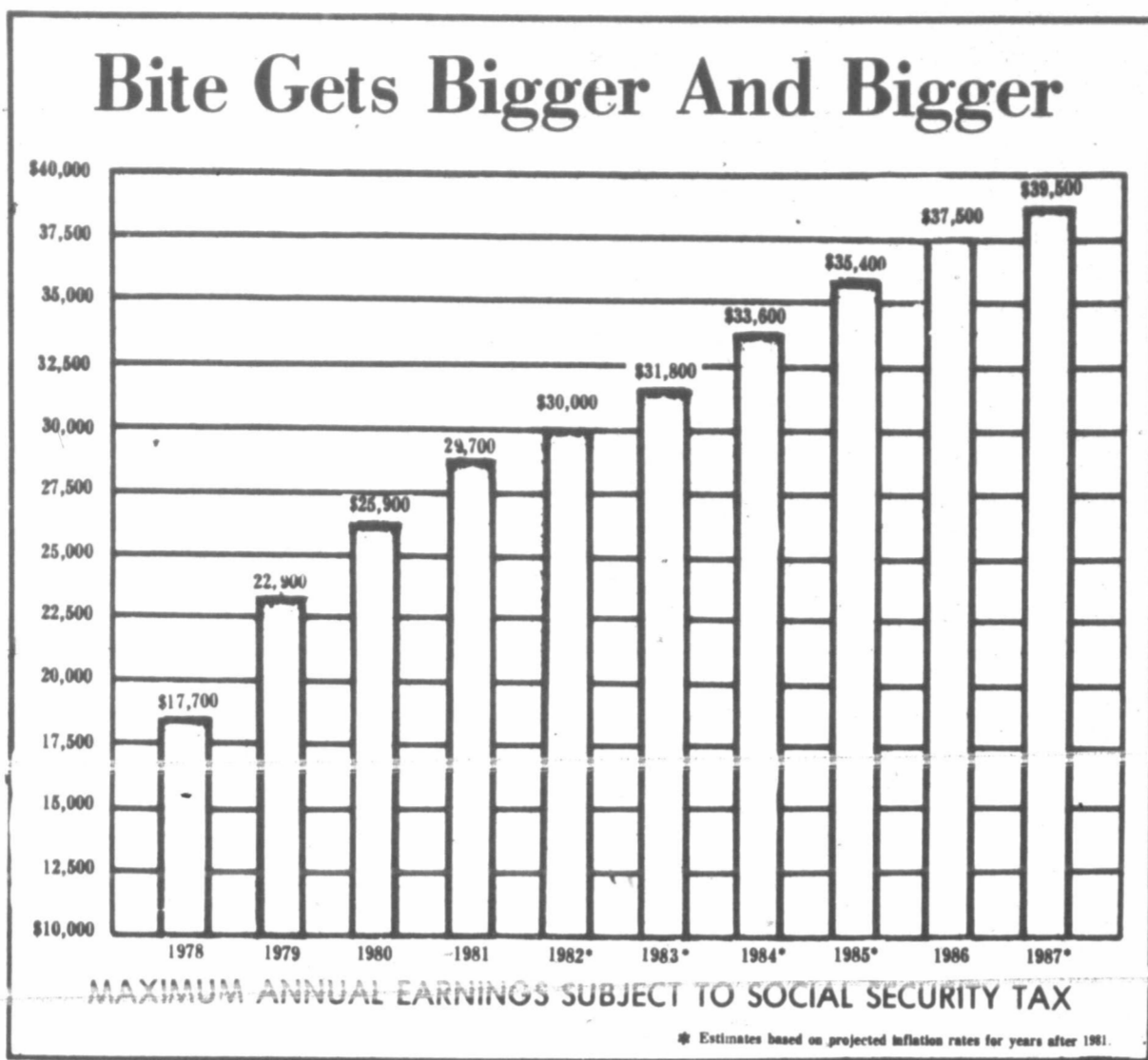
It provides monthly payments to millions of children and surviving spouses who lost the family's only wage earner through death or disability.

It provides regular checks for millions of disabled persons who otherwise would have no income other than that from private charities or tax-financed welfare programs.

And it provides coverage against the enormously high cost of hospitalization for almost everyone who gets a check, and for only \$8.20 a month provides voluntary medical insurance that helps pay doctor bills.

(The medical insurance premium is scheduled to be boosted to \$8.70 a month on July 1. In January, the deductible portion of Medicare hospitalization insurance rose from \$144 to \$160 for the first day of a hospital stay.)

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Despite the insurance protection and the monthly support checks, it appears that many people are discovering they have grounds to complain about the Social Security system.

They're questioning whether the taxes withheld from their paychecks and collected from their employers could not be put to better, more profitable use privately.

Critics want to know why a program that cost \$35 million in 1940, the first year Social Security checks were issued, is expected to cost \$115 billion in 1980.

There are serious concerns being voiced about the tax burden imposed by Social Security — a 4,500 percent increase from the \$30 maximum annual payroll tax of 1937 to the \$1,400 maximum this year.

As the tax revolt movement continues to grow, the impending furor over Social Security taxes could make California's Proposition 13 battle look like a pillow fight at a slumber party.

What's happened to Social Security is growth.

The system, like a stray puppy that grows into a huge mastiff, is eating its would-be masters out of house and home.

And the people charged with laying plans to cope with that growth are admitting they haven't done such a great job.

In a 1977 report, the system's chief actuary admitted that program planners had misjudged the inflation rate, unemployment rate, birth rate and number of persons claiming disability in stating, as late as 1972, that Social Security was a soundly financed program.

The actuary, A. Haeworth Anderson, wrote that it would be politically and economically suicidal to end the system because so many people have paid into it and depend on it to augment their financial situations.

But new and higher taxes and a reduction of payments made to Social Security recipients must occur, he said, and "drastic revisions" need to be made to stiffen the rules for eligibility to draw checks.

Anderson's report, gloomy as it is, represents one of the more optimistic outlooks on Social Security.

There are those, such as financial consultant Howard Ruff and economist Milton Friedmann, who claim the Social Security program is a major cause of raging inflation and will destroy the national economy if not done away with.

Ruff and researcher and author Warren Shore go so far as to call the program a fraud, claiming that it operates much like a Ponzi scheme — an illegal chain investment scam.

The current operation of the system has created considerable concern among persons of all political and social philosophies.

A private insurance or pension plan financed in the same manner as Social Security, for instance, would be forced out of business as financially unsound under a number of consumer-protection laws.

Private programs are required to maintain cash reserves equal to a certain amount — generally about 10 percent — of total liability.

Social Security isn't.

Private plans cannot have unfunded liabilities (the difference between payments due those belonging to the plan and the premiums they will pay prior to retirement) exceeding certain legally established amounts.

There is no limit on Social Security's unfunded liability.

Private plans generally tell members when they join just what their benefits will be when they retire or become ill or disabled.

Social Security recipients' payments are based on average wages of all American workers and, under the

current system, will increase as average wages go up. Thus it is impossible to accurately tell a 21-year-old worker, or a 55-year-old worker, what his retirement checks will be when he reaches 65.

Private plans limit promised payments to members to amounts that can be funded with the premiums being paid by the members.

Social Security payments are not related in any real sense to the money paid in by an individual.

Peggy Pearman, a 67-year-old Anaheim, Calif., woman, for example, has collected well over \$20,000 in Social Security disability and retirement payments since she stopped working after a heart attack in 1965.

She paid no more than \$2,019 in Social Security taxes during the 28 years that

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money was withheld from her paychecks under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), an amount matched by her employers.

Her total return on an "investment" of just over \$4,000 has been more than 400 percent to date, and will increase every month she continues to draw a check.

Mrs. Pearman's case isn't unusual. Because of the low Social Security taxes charged during the first 40 years of the program (the maximum annual tax didn't top \$100 until 1959) almost everyone who has drawn payments for more than five years has received considerably more money than was paid in by and for them.

By comparison, a worker who began paying Social Security taxes this year and pays the maximum amount for the next 28 years will "contribute" up to \$129,000 to the system.

That figure is based on current tax rates and future maximum taxable wage scales projected by Social Security trustees last year.

The amount will be matched by employers.

For that "investment" of \$28,000 or more, the worker can expect a return of from 50 percent to 200 percent over a 14-year period.

Worse, from the point-of-view of someone planning to depend on a Social Security check for much of his or her retirement income, the relative value of the monthly payment is expected to shrink over the next 70 years.

People will be paying higher and higher taxes into the system but getting less and less purchasing power for their money.

Private programs need to compete on the open market to sell their policies and plans to consumers in order to increase the funds flowing into their coffers.

Social Security's funding is assured because the program is mandatory for most people. If you hold any of the nine out of 16 jobs in this country that are "covered" by Social Security, you are required by law to pay FICA taxes.

When trustees of the system announce that it's in financial trouble, there is no need to go to the open market to find people willing to buy what Social Security is selling — Congress simply passes a new tax scale that boosts the program's income.

So long as voters are willing to

support the Social Security program and continue electing congressmen committed to its survival, tax money to fund it always will be found.

But with claimed assets of just over 1 percent of an estimated \$4 trillion liability, it's hard to call Social Security a sound system in comparison with any solvent private pension or insurance program.

The \$40 billion in assets is enough money to cover current expenditures for less than six months.

The FICA tax increases contained in the 1977 amendments are supposed to pull an additional \$27 billion into the system over the next 10 years, but Social Security's total liability is expected to grow faster than its income.

It's a particularly sticky problem because the number of workers who pay taxes into the system is continuing to shrink in relation to the number of persons who have stopped working and are drawing Social Security checks.

When the initial Social Security Act was passed in 1935, projections were that for each person covered by the law and eligible to begin drawing a retirement pension in 1940, there would be upwards of 90 persons working and paying taxes to underwrite each pension check.

Currently, after several major expansions of Social Security's scope, there are but three active workers for each person drawing a check.

By the turn of the century, according to present estimates, there will be only two workers paying the taxes necessary to send checks to each Social Security recipient.

And the smaller the workforce, the bigger the FICA tax burden on each wage earner.

That's because Social Security is funded through what is known as a "transfer mechanism."

While private pension and insurance programs generally pay members with money set aside specifically for them, Social Security operates by paying recipients not with their money but with money being paid in by the current crop of workers.

Only in that manner can the cost-of-living hikes in monthly payments — which have topped 900 percent since the first checks were mailed out in 1940 — be financed.

The money paid into the system by today's retiree is all gone. It was used to pay benefits to persons who retired in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

In the words of a special congressional committee that reported on the proposed Social Security law in 1935, financing the system "amounts to having (workers in) each generation pay for the support of the people then living who are old."

In 1939, even before the first retirement checks were paid out, the law was amended and to the category of "people who are old" were added the retirement-aged spouses and dependent children of retirement check recipients.

In 1966, disabled persons and their spouses and dependent children were added to the list of persons eligible to draw checks funded with taxes paid by those currently working.

In 1968 the Medicare hospitalization and voluntary medical insurance programs were added, providing coverage for persons over 62 who were eligible to draw a Social Security check.

And in 1973, the health and medical insurance programs were extended to the disabled.

Additionally, there have been 11 instances since 1935 when the Social Security Act was amended to include new groups of workers under the compulsory coverage of the law.

From a system that at its inception provided 32,000 American workers

with a small retirement income, Social Security has grown to a vast web of programs covering more than 160 million persons with one or more types of "insurance."

Currently, more than 34 million persons draw Social Security checks each month — one out of every seven persons in the country.

The tab for the program in President Carter's proposed budget for the 1980 fiscal year is \$11.2 billion — slightly more than 20 percent of the entire budget.

The actuaries whose job it is to figure out how much money the system needs must estimate how many people will retire, become disabled or die in a given period — historically 75 years — and how many will be entering the workforce during the same period.

They also must estimate unemployment rates, birth rates, increases in earned wages and the rate of inflation.

If they guess well, they can plan accurately how much FICA tax will be needed to fund the programs.

If their estimates are too pessimistic, the system stands to take in more money than it needs (something that has not happened).

If too optimistic, the money runs out and emergency legislation — such as the 1977 amendments — is needed.

According to chief actuary Anderson, projections made in the 1960s and early 1970s were too optimistic.

A particular problem was that planners estimated that the number of workers who would pay FICA taxes would increase in relation to the number of people who would begin drawing Social Security checks this decade and into the 1980s.

At the same time, the federal census bureau was projecting that in the 1980s the birth and death rates in the country would be nearly equal, bringing us to zero population growth. That situation would reduce the number of new workers available to pay taxes, reducing the income available to the Social Security Administration.

By guessing wrong, said Anderson, the FICA tax rate was set too low, precipitating the 1977 tax increases that are helping fuel a nationwide tax revolt.

In a recent national poll by the Los Angeles Times, a majority of the respondents said that of all taxes they were required to pay, the Social Security tax was the most burdensome.

Should that attitude prevail at the polls, someday, the Social Security system well could end up the target of a congressional majority bent on making radical tax cuts to ease pressures from the tax-paying folks back home.

An idea of the impact of FICA taxes can be obtained by looking at federal budget income projections for the coming year.

A total of 43 cents of each dollar is to come from personal income taxes — the largest single source of money.

Social Security taxes are next, providing 30 cents of each income dollar. Approximately 60 percent will come from employees' payroll withholding taxes and from payments made by the self-employed.

Employers will pay the rest, adding the cost to the price of their goods and services or subtracting it from the amount of money they have available to pay in wages.

In either event, while the employer actually makes the payment, the money comes out of the pockets of all workers and consumers.

In terms of pennies per dollar, Social Security taxes may not sound like much, but in terms of the hole they make in a paycheck they're quite considerable.

Mrs. Pearman, who worked and paid into the Social Security system from the beginning of payroll withholding in 1937 through the end of 1965, says she earned the maximum amount of taxable income in each of those 28 years. She paid a total of \$9,019 in Social Security taxes.

By comparison, the maximum FICA withholding for 1978 alone was \$1,070 — just about half of what it took a 1965 retiree 28 years to pay into the system.

In 1982 the maximum annual withholding will be \$2,010 and by 1987 it is expected to hit at least \$2,851.

Put another way, a worker who paid the maximum FICA tax from 1937 until retirement at the beginning of this year coughed up a total of \$10,700. His employer matched that amount, for a total of \$21,400.

A worker who began paying Social Security taxes in 1965 and who retires at the end of 1987 will pay \$28,926 — to which must be added a like amount paid by his employer, for a total of \$57,852.

And a 21-year-old who began working last year and who retires at age 65 will pay more than \$100,000 into the system, his employer matching that amount dollar for dollar.

In each case, the workers' retirement benefits, when adjusted for inflation and increases in living standards, will be about the same.

Today's 21-year-olds and their employers will pay more than 18 times as much in Social Security taxes than did today's retirees and more than 50 times the amount paid by someone who retired in 1965 — but cannot expect a commensurate increase in the value of the Social Security payments they'll be receiving 44 years from now.

Under the 1977 Social Security Act amendments — the ones that boosted the maximum payroll withholding by \$333 this year — future hikes in Social Security payments will be pegged to increases in the average national wage index.

In an attempt to figure out what that will do to the system, the trustees — Michael Blumenthal, secretary of the Treasury, Ray Marshall, labor secretary, and Joseph Califano, HEW secretary — put together a chart based on estimates of wage increases through 2050.

Though very conservative, the estimates show the average annual earnings of an American worker soaring from \$8,779 in 1977 to \$66,000 in 2050.

(The trustees are predicting that hikes in the average wage, which have been in excess of 7 percent a year, will not exceed 5.75 percent after 1985.)

Increases in Social Security retirement benefits, however, would rise at a much slower rate, not exceeding 4 percent per year after 1986, the trustees estimated.

That means that while Social Security withholding taxes will rise at rates pegged to average annual wage increases, increases in retirement payments won't keep pace.

The trustees estimated an average monthly retirement payment of \$396 for 1978, increasing to \$21,573 per month in 2050.

While a \$21,573 monthly retirement check sounds great, what the trustees' report shows is that they are planning for at least a 6,153 percent hike in average wages through 2050 while Social Security retirement benefits will lag behind the soaring inflation rates, increasing 5,488 percent during the same period.

The most telling section of the prognostication deals with "replacement rates," the size of the retirement benefit in comparison to the recipient's last full year of wages before retiring.

The chart shows that the replacement rate for an average wage earner who received estimated earnings of \$12,200 in 1980 would be 68 percent that year — meaning his retirement checks would total \$8,437 the first year of retirement.

By 2005, it is estimated that the average wage will be \$52,970 but the Social Security replacement rate will have shrunk to 42 percent, or \$20,913 the first year of retirement.

For "maximum" wage earners (those receiving the maximum taxable wage or more) the replacement rate will decline even more, according to the trustees' estimates.

Someone earning the maximum taxable wage of \$22,900 this year and who earned the maximum wage throughout his career would be eligible for retirement checks with a replacement rate of 35 percent.

But by 2050, when the maximum taxable wage is expected to hit \$285,900, the replacement value of a year of Social Security retirement checks is to be only 28 percent, or \$75,790.

For low wage earners, shown as those generally earning about half of the average wage in each year, the replacement rates would shrink from a high of 63 percent in 1980 to 55 percent at the turn of the century.

Thus, while anticipating that wage and standards of living will skyrocket in the next 70 years, the trustees say the value of monthly Social Security retirement checks is expected to shrink.

The decline, according to the 1978 projections, will range from 12.5 percent over the next 25 years for average wage earners to 20 percent over the next 41 years for maximum wage earners, according to the report.

Critics of the system point to statistics such as \$129,000 in Social Security taxes over a working lifetime and \$75,790 a year in retirement payments as support for their argument that the program should be abandoned.

Social Security, they claim, is one of the major fuels feeding the fires of inflation, and the country would be better off without it.

Supporters counter that as inflation continues to erode the purchasing power of the dollar, Social Security may well be the only program providing financial support for millions of elderly and disabled Americans.

Anderson, the system's chief actuary, maintains that Social Security is so large and well established, and such an integral part of our national socioeconomic structure, that its momentum will not be halted.

Under today's political realities, he probably is quite accurate. There seems to be no urgency on the part of Congress to act on what even the program's staunchest supporters see as major financial problems they would cure with increased FICA taxes and reduced benefit levels. And there are few voices in Congress calling for an examination of whether the program has outlived its usefulness.

Anderson's report concluded with the comment that the answers, if they ever come, "will depend in large part upon the extent of the dialogue among an informed citizenry."

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The growing Social Security tax bite: Maximum annual withholding from paychecks 1937-1987\*

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THE NEW PTA officers for Lamar School are (left to right) Historian Gloria Swanson, Secretary Brenda Roach, Treasurer Mary Denham, Vice-president Betty Cochran, City Council Representative Georgia Shay and President Charlotte Walker. (Staff photo)

# Drug bust collars 73 in Tyler

TYLER, Texas (AP) — At least 73 suspected narcotics traffickers had been caught in a police dragnet and more than 50 others were still being sought early today in what authorities here called the "biggest drug bust in East Texas history."

Tyler Police Chief Willie Hardy said early today 73 of 121 suspects charged with delivering illegal drugs had been arrested and that several more arrests were imminent.

More than 75 officers, including police, Department of Public Safety and Texas

Rangers, began hauling in suspects late Wednesday afternoon in an operation that culminated eight months of undercover work by two Tyler police officers.

"You can hear a kind of roar in the booking area," Hardy said Wednesday. "We are just trying to get as many as we can before they start to scatter. It kind of looks like Grand Central Station around here."

The police chief said 50 of the 121 individuals were charged with felony counts of selling cocaine and two were accused of

delivering heroin. He said the others face felony counts alleging delivery of a variety of illegal drugs, including marijuana and methamphetamines.

Exact figures on the value or total amount of the contraband involved in the arrests were not available.

Officers confiscated seven ounces of cocaine from one arrested suspect Hardy said that was the largest seizure so far, and he placed the street value at between \$2,300 and \$2,500 an ounce.

"Some of the individuals are acquainted, and we think like some work in conjunction with others... but this is not a single drug ring," said Hardy. "They (suspects) include young, old, black, white, rich and poor from Tyler and other cities in Texas."

Hardy said officers were not having any unusual difficulty in finding most of the 121 individuals named in 226 warrants.

"Sure a few have heard and are hiding, but we are satisfied with the progress we are making," Hardy told The

Associated Press.

Hardy said several of the suspects, which he declined to identify, were considered major suppliers of drugs in East Texas.

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## Farm labor bill eyed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A mechanism for Texas agriculture workers and farm owners to bargain collectively on wages and working conditions would be established under a House bill studied Wednesday.

Rep. A.C. Garcia said his proposal would raise the standard of living for impoverished Texas farmworkers.

At the same time, representatives of citrus and vegetable growers and the Texas Farm Bureau lodged protests against the bill.

Garcia and Rep. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, are sponsoring the legislation, which would set up a three-member agriculture labor relations board to govern union elections and monitor complaints from workers and farm owners.

"The bill would establish the mechanism for workers and farmers to get together and work out a just and fair contract," Garcia said.

## Make that the class of '59

The News erroneously published Wednesday that the Class of 1969 will hold its reunion July 7. Actually, the Class of 1959 will hold its 20-year reunion at that time. Anyone who knows where the people listed in Wednesday's News are can contact Marilyn Fite Brown at 5-6011. Marcia Miller Hoover at 9-2640 and Pat Broadbent Rithaler at 9-6597 to insure that everyone receives reunion information.



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## Services tomorrow

**CUNNINGHAM, Bernice** — 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.  
**SHORES, Clarence** — 2 p.m., Ed Brown & Sons Chapel of the Fountains in Borger.

## deaths, and funerals

### BERNICE CUNNINGHAM

Funeral mass for Mrs. Bernice Cunningham, 83, of 429 N. Faulkner, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Francis J. Hynes officiating. Rosary and Wake Service will be 7:30 p.m. tonight at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel. Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday in the Hamilton City Cemetery with the Rev. Elmer Rupp, pastor of Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church, Gatesville, officiating. She died Wednesday morning at the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Mrs. Cunningham was born July 6, 1895 in Hamilton. She was a resident of Gray County for 50 years and had been proprietor of West Ward Grocery since 1931. She was married in 1913 to William George Cunningham, who died in 1953. She has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and its predecessor, Holy Souls Church, for 50 years. She was a member of the Altar Society and the Pampa Genealogical & Historical Society and the Coin Club.

She is survived by a son, William D. Cunningham of Plainview; a sister, Mrs. Alfred T. "Winnie" Carleton of Austin; her mother, Eldora Belle Carter; her father, William Davis Snell; and three grandchildren.

### INFANT KRISTY DAWN BOX

Graveside services for Kristy Dawn Box, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Box of Oklahoma City, Okla., will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Arrangements will be made by Sherman Demuth. She died Wednesday.

Survivors include her parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Box of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holdaway of Pampa and a great-grandmother, Linnie Jewell of Amarillo.

### S.W. ROARK

WHEELER — Services for S.W. Roark, 87, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor, and Dr. Harry Roark officiating. Burial will follow in the Wheeler Cemetery. He died Tuesday.

Mr. Roark, born in Danbury, N.C., came to McAlester, Okla., in 1935 and to Wheeler in 1975. A member of the American Legion, he was a veteran of World War I. He was a retired employee of the Federal Housing Administration and a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Bob of Wheeler; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Isom of Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Booten of Ardmore, Okla., Joe of Louisiana, Dr. Howard of Gainesville; six sisters, Mrs. Lelia Urroway of Roseburg, Ore., Mrs. Magdelene Cromer and Mrs. Thelma Meers of Moore, Okla., Mrs. Doris Marin of Ringling, Okla., Mrs. Marcie Jones of Monahans; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### CLARENCE "SHORTY" SHORES

BORGER — Services for Clarence "Shorty" Shores, 68, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ed Brown & Sons Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. David Carrington, pastor of the United Pentecostal Church of Dumas, officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Stinnett. He died Wednesday.

Mr. Shores, born in Waldron, Ark., had been a resident of Borger since 1941. He was a member of the Bethel Temple United Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Florene; four sons, Harvey and Billy of Dumas, Gene and Richard of Borger; five daughters, Mrs. Betty Annis of Dallas, Mrs. Shirley Schwalbach of Lancaster, Ohio, Mrs. Dorothy Watts of Tulsa, Mrs. Frances maestas of Perryton and Mrs. Debbie Driver of Borger; two brothers, Lee of Las Cruces, N.M., and Archie of McAlester, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Dessie Cox of Fort Worth, Mrs. Nellie Brooks of Yuma, Ariz. and Mrs. Becky Vernon of California; and 24 grandchildren.

## daily record

**HIGHLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL**  
 Wednesday's Admissions  
 Sexton West Curry, Box 8, Rt. 2, Stinnett  
 Ruby Lee Fleming, 600 N. Nelson  
 Barry Brent Newton, 1120 Juniper  
 Lois Morgan, Box 2, Lefors  
 Rubye Inez Culpepper, 309 W. Decatur  
 Lucille Cline, Box 655, Canadian  
 Dennis Walker, 808 Malone  
 Jimmie Davis, 717 Sloan  
 Mary Payne, 321 Montague  
 Renee Steele, 932 E. Fisher  
 Danny Lee, Box 3, McLean  
 Beth McGahan, 309 Sunset  
 Marshall Hopkins, Rt. 2, Box 193B  
 Annie Fryer, Box 2497

John Gerner, Borger  
 Cheryl Blackwell  
 Bonnie Roberts, Borger  
 Henry Gay, Borger  
 John Horton, Borger  
 Johnny Stephen, Borger  
 Leslie Reed, Borger  
 Zonelle Myers, Phillips  
 Sherry Nivens, Fritch  
 Michael Followill, Fritch  
 Judy Robertson, Pampa  
 Elsie Leninen, Stinnett  
**Dismissals**  
 Karen Sterrett, Borger  
 Dorothy Audrain, Borger  
 Cy Bryant, Borger  
 Dawn Brittain, Borger  
 Larry Riley, Borger  
 Robbie Turner, Fritch  
 Phillip Newson, Spearman

**HEMPHILL COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
 Admissions  
 Mark Frankberry, Wheeler  
 Hugh Hayes, Canadian  
 Terry Lynn Thompson, Canadian  
 Stacy Watson, Canadian  
**Dismissals**  
 Opal Henderson, Higgins  
 Leticia Zaragoza, Canadian  
 Genovieve Zaragoza, Canadian  
 Kim Hanover, Skellytown  
 Cordie Shumate, Wheeler

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
 Admissions  
 B.C. Morgan, Shamrock  
 Johnny Waters, Wheeler  
 Jerry Miller, McLean  
 Della Ross, Elk City, Okla.  
**Dismissals**  
 Jennifer New and baby boy, Wheeler  
 Valle Jolly, Shamrock  
 Barbara Yarborough, Shamrock  
 Vera Jackson, Shamrock  
 Marie Taylor, Shamrock  
 Glenn Gaines, Wheeler  
 Pearl Rushing, Shamrock  
 Donald Bryant, Shamrock  
 John Simpson, Shamrock  
 Jane Ann Smith, Amarillo  
 Elzie Turnbow, Shamrock  
 Elmer Smith, Shamrock  
 Ethel Litchfield, Shamrock

**GROOM HOSPITAL**  
 Admissions  
 Margaret Wood, Clarendon  
**Dismissals**  
 Adelia Thompson, Carter, Okla.

**MCLEAN HOSPITAL**  
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## minor accidents

A 1969 Ford driven by Jan Bender of 418 Ryder was in collision at the intersection of Ryder and Alcock with a 1978 Chevrolet driven by Delores Broadbent of 1116 E. Browning, who was westbound on Alcock. Bender was cited for failure to yield right-of-way.

An unknown person driving a 1970 Chevrolet was southbound in the 200 block of South Cuyler and struck a caution light pole at the northwest corner of South Cuyler and Atchison. The person left the scene on foot.

## Bingo backers hit the jackpot

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Bingo supporters hit the jackpot Wednesday in the House as representatives approved a constitutional amendment that would legalize the number game.

"This simply gives the people of Texas an opportunity to vote on legalizing bingo," said Rep. Lloyd Criss, D-LaMarque. "The current law is completely unenforceable and we all know it."

Representatives adopted the Senate-approved constitutional amendment on a 103-37 vote. Senators will be asked to approve House changes or a conference committee will be appointed to work out the differences.

If approved by the Legislature, Texans will vote on legalizing bingo Nov. 4, 1980.

The Texas Constitution prohibits bingo as an illegal lottery. Some churches and charitable organizations have ignored the ban and left law enforcement officers in a quandary.

## Weather

### Texas weather

By The Associated Press  
 Scattered showers and thunderstorms were forecast for upper sections of the Texas coast today where floodwaters were receding slowly and residents were cleaning up from recent severe flooding.

Dave Kava of the National Weather Service said floodwaters in Southeast Texas would be slow in draining, especially if the approaching cold front triggered more shower activity.

The Neches River late Wednesday was measured at 10.5 feet, down about six inches from its 11.1 foot crest Tuesday.

In the Pine Street area of Beaumont, police remained on duty guarding about 50 flooded homes to prevent possible looting.

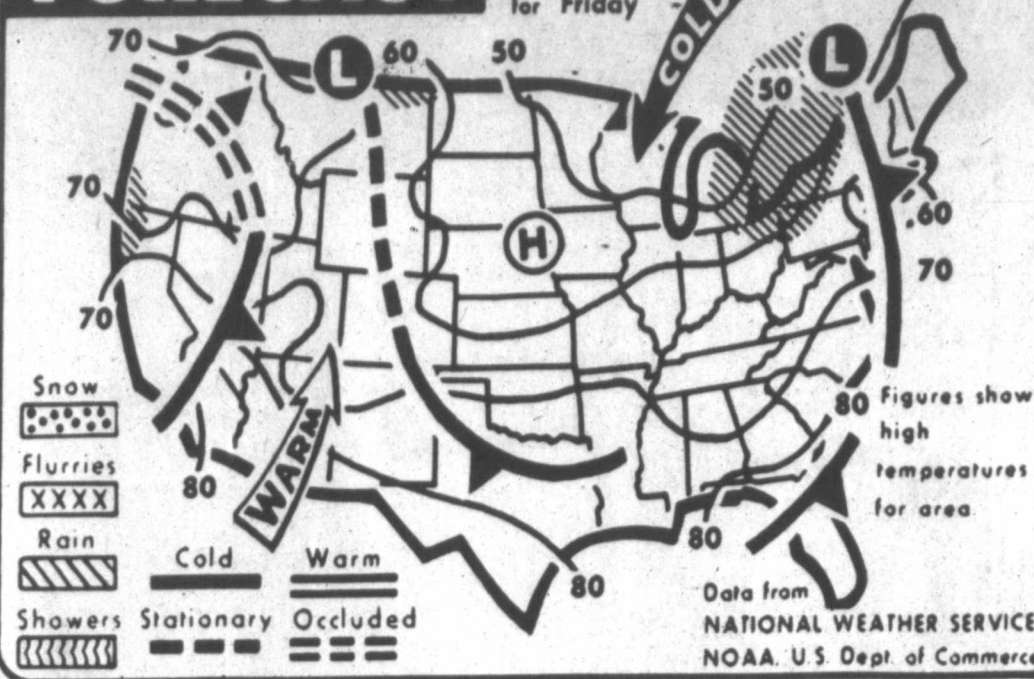
Residents of some subdivisions west of Beaumont began returning to their homes Wednesday, but a cold front could trigger more shower activity.

## Extended

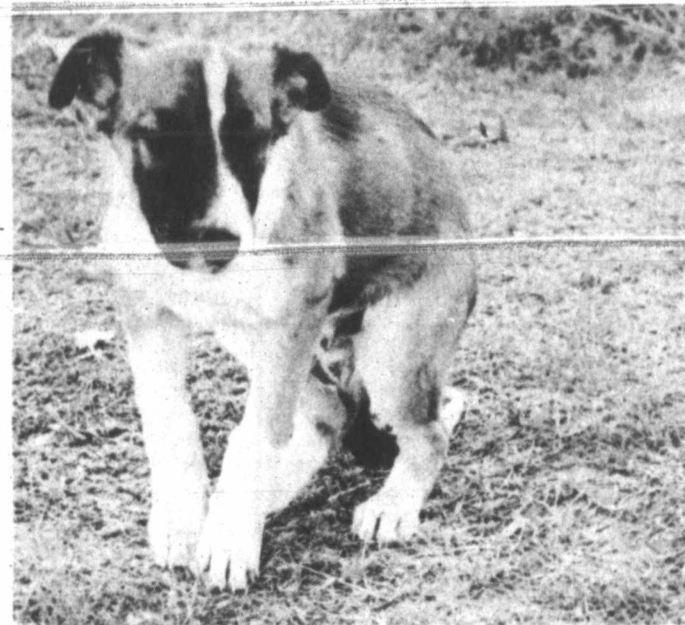
Saturday through Monday

West Texas — Generally fair Saturday through Monday. Warmer over the weekend. Highs upper 70s north to the upper 80s south except near 100 lower elevations of the Big Bend. Lows 40s north and 50s south Saturday warming to the 50s north and 60s south by Monday.

## FORECAST



THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE predicts rain Friday for parts of Oregon, California, Montana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. (AP Laserphoto)



ANIMALS that run around looking for food are good candidates for a home at the animal shelter. If you are a pet owner, try to avoid getting your animal into such a situation. Pampa News Photo

## Jury gives Cuevas death penalty

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury assessed inmate Ignacio Cuevas the death penalty today for his part in the 1974 attempted prison break at Huntsville in which four persons died, including two hostages.

The six-man, six-woman panel deliberated just under five hours before deciding Cuevas' punishment.

In the retrial. He was assessed the death penalty in his first trial, which the courts overturned. He was serving a life term at the time of the prison siege.

Cuevas was charged with causing the death of a hostage during the prison uprising.

It had taken the jury four hours and 20 minutes to decide on the guilty verdict Tuesday.

In the final arguments, defense attorney Will Gray portrayed Cuevas as a stupid, unfortunate paw of Fred Gomez Carrasco the 11-day prison siege, longest in U.S. penal history, and the escape that left two convicts and two hostages dead.

Gray said, "I don't know if it will be of any consequence that he (Cuevas) is stupid, and that he had an IQ of 70. But no matter what you do to Mr. Cuevas, you are not going to keep some other misguided, stupid man from committing violence."

Carrasco and Dominquez were shot to death.

Two of the 11 hostages, prison librarians Julia Standley and Elizabeth Beseda, were shot to death.

## police report

Mrs. H.B. Cain reported the theft of an Argus Cosina 35mm camera, valued at \$80.

Ken Allison, an employee of Doug Boyd Motor Co. at 811 W. Wilks, reported the theft of tools worth more than \$200 from a pickup truck belonging to the Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Co. of Miami. The truck had been parked at Boyd's for the last 10 days.

Andrew J. Melton of 1101 Cinderella reported a washing machine was removed from his rental house at 400 Perry when the house was vacated by a tenant. The washing machine is valued at \$130.

## Area news in brief

### Seven at FHA meeting

Seven aprons will be hung up in the home economics room of Pampa High School, as seven local members of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) participate in the FHA State Meeting in Fort Worth today and Friday. Some 7,000 FHA members will be a part of the activities, which consist of a business meeting to install officers, a general session for all the state's FHA representatives and workshops.

### Baker students place high

Six students of Baker Elementary School placed highly in cultural arts at the recently held 56th Annual District VIII Conference of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

First place honors were won by Kristi Roe, a third grader, with a poem submission in the literature division and Paul King, a special education student, in visual art.

Placing second were fifth grader Jimmy Davis in original music composition, third grader Rafael Felix in visual art and special education student Chris Carlson in visual art.

Another special education student, Dane Foster, received honorable mention in the visual art division.

The three divisions — literature, music and art — were based on the theme, "Look Out Your Window."

"This is the first year we've had entries in music and literature," said Ann Lotter, the head of the cultural art program at Baker.

Baker had 47 entries in the cultural arts competition, a big increase over last year's two submissions.

Baker, Travis, Baker, and Horace Elementary Schools were given superior ratings for their yearbooks and scrapbooks at the meeting.

Both Horace Mann and Lamar were rated excellent on evaluation while Lamar was given an excellent mark for its scrapbook.

Darlene Courtney of Pampa was re-elected vice president of the District VIII Congress of Parents and Teachers.

## about people

All Cub Scouts in Pack 422 participating in the Superstars competition should meet their leaders at the Pampa High School Track and Field at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Don't forget your sack lunches and registration money. For more information call 5-6304.

Terry Miller and Phyllis Brooking, formerly of L&R Beauty Salon, are now associated with Cora's Cut and Curl, 422 N. Doyle. Call 665-2811 for appointments. (Adv.)

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

VIENNA (AP) — The eighth International Youth and Music Festival is to be held here Aug. 4-Aug. 25.

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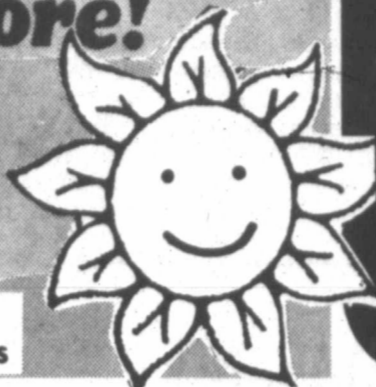


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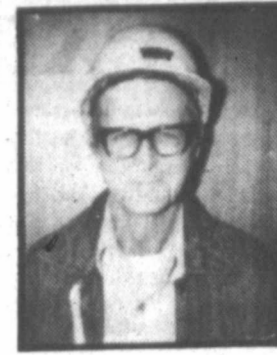
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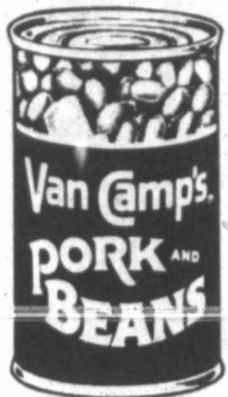
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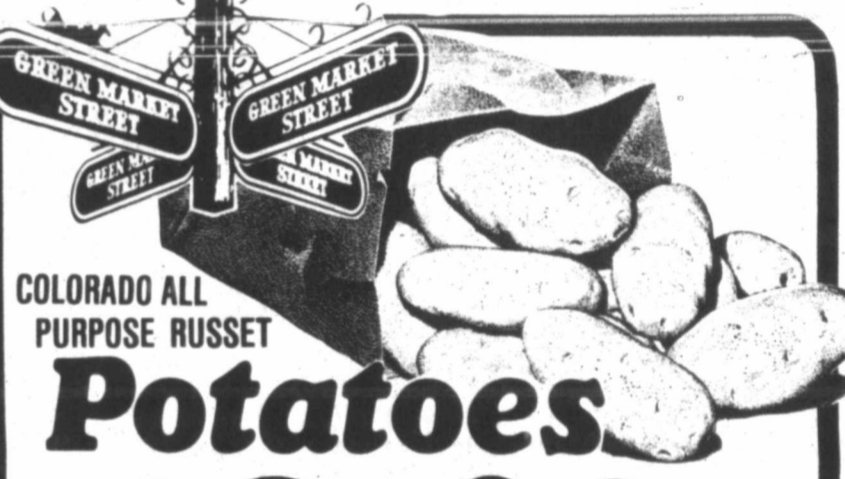
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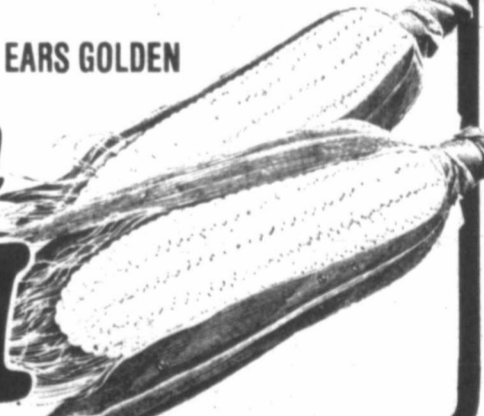
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# Texas House fails to outlaw state income tax

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has failed by two votes to approve a constitutional amendment outlawing a state personal income tax. The tally Wednesday was 99-38.

It was the third time that Rep. Al Brown, D-San Antonio, had failed to muster the required 100 votes to send the measure (HJR102) to the Senate, and under House rules it is dead.

Gov. Bill Clements had included a constitutional prohibition against the income tax in his legislative program.

On his two previous attempts, Brown mustered 99 votes and 86 votes for the measure.

In an effort to put the measure over the top, Brown agreed to removal of a provision banning a corporate profits tax as well as a personal income tax.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, an opponent of the constitutional change, sought to add a provision allowing a personal income tax if the state used the money to replace state and local property taxes.

"It is wrong for a person with \$200,000 worth of property and very little income to pay all the taxes and a person with a \$200,000 income and no property to pay very little taxes," Bryant said.

Bryant's amendment failed, 76-62.

Brown said a constitutional ban on the income tax would be a gift to future generations.

"We wouldn't be putting on the young people, the future leaders of our state, a personal income tax. ... One of the things that has made our state great ... is the fact we don't have a personal income tax," he said.

"Don't you think we ought to let that generation decide for themselves?" asked Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso.

"The very fact the Legislature would be empowered to do that (pass an income tax) makes me nervous, and at my age, it's not good

for me to be that nervous," replied Brown.

Rep. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, a paraplegic in a wheelchair, told the House, "I favor a personal income tax."

Moreno said he was proud "when I become able to earn an income to start repaying what the government had done for me."

Senators tentatively approved, 15-13, a bill requiring insurance companies to pay benefits when a chiropractor renders services covered by health and accident policies.

## Food stamp program soaring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people getting government food stamps, increasing at a budget-breaking pace since Jan. 1, grew an additional 6.3 percent in February to a three-year high of 19.6 million persons.

At that pace, enrollment in the program soon will exceed the peak of 19.3 million persons in April and May 1975.

However, the Agriculture Department, which reported the latest figures Wednesday, said advance information for March "suggests a significant slowdown" in the program's growth rate.

Leslie Wilder of the department's Food and Nutrition Service said the estimate of 18.6 million persons getting food stamp benefits in February was the largest enrollment since March 1976 when 19.2 million were covered.

Food stamp participation soared 10 percent in January to a revised level of 17.5 million persons from 15.9 million in December.

The new January figure was 300,000 persons fewer than the department initially estimated a month ago, and the December enrollment was revised downward by 200,000 from what the department said then.

One change in the program that has attracted more families was elimination of the requirement that people had to spend part of their monthly incomes to get free bonus food stamps.

Since the rule expired Jan. 1, needy families have been getting the free bonus coupons without having to put up any of their own money.

Previously, for example, a family of four that had to pay \$60 to get \$100 worth of food stamps now gets \$40 worth of stamps without charge.

The sharp rise in food stamp participation is straining the department's budget for the program, estimated initially to cost about \$6.1 billion for the fiscal year that began last Oct. 1. Costs for next fiscal year are projected at about \$6.9 billion.

But Congress set a ceiling on food stamp spending of \$6.16 billion for the current fiscal year and \$6.19 billion in fiscal 1980. The lids were based on earlier estimates of food price increases.

Food prices, however, have climbed more sharply than expected, meaning food stamp benefits — and federal costs — are gaining more rapidly.

Department officials have said that unless Congress removes or increases the limit on spending, food stamp benefits will have to be curtailed beginning this summer to stay within the budget ceiling.

Rep. Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., who is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, says he believes Congress will "raise the ceiling, not remove it entirely" to accommodate the influx of new food stamp households.

But Foley told a meeting of newspaper farm editors Tuesday it might not be so simple "if we get into a long debate over food stamps" in general.

"I can see people (in Congress) adding all kinds of amendments to it, to prevent food stamps from going to strikers, from cutting people off the program, from changing regulations for students," he said.

"We could go through the whole food stamp controversy all over again."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A one-ton shipment of kikuyu grass seed has been seized by federal inspectors in Oakland, Calif., because it is classified as a noxious weed.

The seed was ordered from the New Hebrides, an island group in the southwest Pacific by a seed company in Arizona. But Agriculture Department inspectors denied entry to the seed.

Officials said Wednesday it was the first time a weed has been denied entry under provisions of the four-year-old Federal Noxious Weed Act. The importer will either have to export or destroy the seed.

Max Heppner of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said the agency could not release the name of the Arizona company that ordered the seed because the matter still is under investigation.

Kikuyu grass (Pennisetum clandestine) is "one of the world's most noxious weeds," the department said.

"It is widely spread throughout the tropics and subtropics and acts as a pasture grass in many locations," it said. "However, it is considered a weed in 36 countries because it is so aggressive it takes over many desirable plantings."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. cotton trade team will visit Europe later this spring to help promote the fiber in key markets.

The Agriculture Department said Wednesday the team will visit Romania, Hungary, France and the United Kingdom May 19 through June 2.

Meetings will be held with textile industry leaders, cotton traders, government officials and others "to discuss the U.S. cotton supply situation, 1979 crop outlook and marketing opportunities and problems, as well as to point out the advantages of using U.S. cotton."

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## Mending mature marriage

by Louise Pierce

We older-weds need a lot of patience, with ourselves, with each other and with the world we live in. Unfortunately, patience, in the old or the young, is one of the hardest qualities to come by. Kids want what they want when they want it, and 25 to 50 years of marriage doesn't really change that attitude much, not unless you give it priority when you adjust to well-worn wedlock. You have to discover it in yourself, concentrate on it and work toward its achievement.

Several of my friends have husbands who are recently retired. And they all report that they are half out of their minds. For 20 to 40 years the house was strictly the wife's domain, with masculine intrusion only from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Now the Big He is at home in the daytime as well as at night, and he follows her around constantly, demanding a task, a conversation, a kind word.

Callie T. told me: "Bim is under my feet 24 hours a day, and it's driving me up the wall. I don't want him putting dishes where I can't find them, inviting the neighbors over for coffee before the breakfast table is cleared or wheeling me into playing checkers with him when I've got washing and ironing and cleaning and mending to do. If my mother were still alive, I'd go home to her."

Obviously Callie and Bim need some outside interests. He needs domino buddies and she needs club meetings. They both need the shared joy of dancing, if only on the kitchen linoleum to Lawrence Welk once a week; of eating out, even if all they can afford is a hamburger or a bowl of chili; and of yard work and back-fence chatting and jogging around the block.

But, more than that, they need to learn patience with each other.

Otis and I are complete opposites in timing. For 40 years I yelled because he wouldn't get ready early for whatever show or game we were scheduled to attend, and I made a thousand barbed remarks if we arrived after first acts of plays were over, after banquets were half eaten, after most of our friends had gone home from parties. On the few occasions when I wheedled him into early preparations and we were the first arrivals, he exploded into tirades about how many more minutes of the Cowboy's game he could have watched on TV, how much more of the paper he could have read and how many phone calls he could have made to golf buddies.

We changed our attitudes the night we got ready for a dinner party at exactly the right time. He stood at the door, panting, reminding me that this time he was ahead of schedule. I thought I was too. But I started looking for my gloves - and found only three that were all for the same hand. I spread them out and asked helplessly, "Can anybody anywhere be that rattle-brained?" He said, "Sure, honey. You can." We laughed and hugged each other and set out for the party. It was the most fun we'd had in a long time. And it taught us to be patient with each other, with circumstances, with life.

The Bible tells us to "be still and know that I am God." Can't that carry over into earthly relationships? We don't need to be in constant tiffes. We don't need to scream if our mates are too slow or too fast - or if they don't come home until the potatoes are cold and the ice cream is hot, bringing the excuse that they'd been enjoying a new career or a new friendship or an over-long session at the 19th Hole after an afternoon of golf. We can be still and know that our spouses will learn patience if we do, that we'll endure each other and love each other and stay together as long as we both shall live, if we master the art of patience. We may even learn to like living under each other's feet.

How did you cultivate, or plow up, your chance at sympathy? Let me hear from you.



## Dear Abby

by Abigail van Buren

DEAR ABBY: What a dumb, sexist answer you gave HATES SURPRISES, whose husband of 12 years still surprised her with one or more unexpected dinner guests. (He'd walk in and say, "Don't fuss, Honey. They'll eat whatever we eat." Meanwhile, poor wife was caught with only leftovers or barely enough to feed her own family.)

You said, "Stop being a GOOD scout and start being a GIRL Scout. Be prepared!"

Why should she be imposed upon with absolutely no notice? A thoughtful husband would never put his wife on the spot that way. And unless she's a total dummy or a doormat she wouldn't put up with it.

You should have told her to meet the inconsiderate boob at the door with, "I'm not prepared for company, so let's all eat out. It will take me only a few minutes to change my clothes."

After her husband picked up a few of those restaurant checks he would be cured of surprising his wife with unexpected company.

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DEAR NO: I got clobbered with my cutesy "Girl Scout" advice. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am steamed! Why should a wife have to feed extra guests without notice just because her husband decides to invite them at the last minute?

I can still remember my poor mother, scurrying around in the kitchen, frantically trying to get a company dinner together on a minute's notice because my father had picked up a couple of pals in the bar and brought them home for dinner.

You goofed, Abby. Instead of telling the wife to be prepared, you should have told her to tell her husband she wasn't running a fast-food restaurant, and to please take his friends somewhere else and feed them.

STEAMED IN UNCIE, IND.

DEAR STEAMED: All the feedback on feeding unannounced guests agreed with you - except this one:

DEAR ABBY: You told HATES SURPRISES to be prepared, but you didn't tell her how to be prepared for unexpected dinner guests.

You should have suggested that she keep a supply of cheese and crackers on hand, as well as a few cans of gourmet goodies just in case. Also, a bottle of wine would turn an ordinary meal into a festive occasion. And a couple of candles always helps to give a table an elegant appearance.

With so many new, prepared foods available at the market today, there's no excuse for anyone to be caught unprepared for drop-in guests.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has been criticized for signing my name "MRS. JOHN DOE." I was told that since there is no MR. John Doe, there cannot be a MRS. John Doe. I am sure I read in your column that a widow could continue to use her deceased husband's name.

Friends insist that I am now Mrs. JANE DOE. Will you please come to my aid?

MRS. JOHN DOE

DEAR MRS. JOHN DOE: Even though John Doe is no longer living, he gave you his name to use as long as you live. So until (or unless) you remarry, you are Mrs. JOHN Doe.

The teen years are the questioning years. Abby has the answers to all your questions in her booklet, "What Teenagers Want to Know." Enclose \$1 and a long, stamped (26 cents), self-addressed envelope.

# Compute your executive potential

By Barbara McDowell

NEW YORK (NEA) - Have you always insisted you belonged at the helm of a multinational conglomerate? Now you may be able to prove it, says Largent Parks Jr., a Dallas executive-search consultant.

Parks claims a Business IQ test he began administering for laughs has proven itself surprisingly effective in sizing up executive ability.

The quiz is based on the theory that there are three types of business intelligence: concrete, the type possessed by salespeople, clerks and other workers; functional, found in successful middle-managers and supervisors; and abstract, usually associated with top executives.

The test is composed of 13 pairs of words. The person being tested is to say what he or she thinks each pair has in common. It is important to give the first answer that comes to mind.

For example, the fist pair is "lemon" and "bananas." "If the response is 'both are yellow' or 'come from trees,' it suggests basic or concrete thinking," explains Parks. "If the answer is 'fruit,' it reveals a functional level of intelligence.

"A reply of 'fruit' says the person is abstract. The word 'fruit' is a conceptual term or a thought apart from a specific object."

Here are the 13 pairs and the types of responses indicative of (a) concrete, (b) functional, and (c) abstract thought:

1. Lemon-banana: (a) yellow, come from trees; (b) food; (c) fruit.

2. Coat-dress: (a) made of cloth; (b) people wear them; (c) clothing.

3. Ax-saw: (a) made of metal; (b) carpenters use them; (c) tools, cutting implements.

4. Dog-lion: (a) live outdoors; (b) have fur and tails; (c) animals, four-legged mammals.

5. North-west: (a) tell where you're going; (b) on maps, charts; (c) compass points, directions.

6. Nose-ear: (a) flesh, attached to the head; (b) parts of the body; (c) sense organs, receptors of stimuli.

7. Air-water: (a) clear, invisible; (b) elements of the environment; (c) necessary for life.

8. Table-chair: (a) have four legs; (b) used for meals; (c) furniture.

9. Egg-seed: (a) they

grow; (b) food; (c) beginnings of life, points of origin.

10. Poem-statue: (a) found in books, museums, etc. (b) artists create them; (c) art.

11. Wood-alcohol: (a) both words have two o's; (b) fuel, used in manufacturing; (c) organic substances.

12. Praise-punishment: (a) both words start with p; (b) training tools, means of discipline; (c) motivators.

13. Fly-tree: (a) both have limbs; (b) found outdoors; (c) living organisms.

The test is scored by awarding two points for each abstract answer, one for each functional answer and zero for each concrete answer. If several answers are given for one pair, the most abstract one is used.

Extra credit points are awarded for age: one point if the person tested is between 35 and 39; two if between 40

and 49, three if between 50 and 54 and four if 55 or older. Then the raw score is converted to the Business IQ as follows:

Score	IQ	Score	IQ
13	100	22	121
14	109	23	125
15	111	24	126
16	113	25	128
17	114	26	130
18	115	27	132
19	116	28	135
20	118	29	138
21	120	30	140

Concrete thinkers generally have Business IQs of 115 or less, while functional thinkers place between 116 and 127. A score of 128 or more suggests that the person tested is an abstract thinker who has a good chance of performing well in the executive suite.

Parks claims one executive's Business IQ was identical to the score he had received on a sophisticated

battery of IQ tests taken a few months earlier. But Parks insists his quiz is not about to replace the Stanford-Binet or the California Test of Mental Maturity.

"There is no way to compare this little 13-question test with those complicated exams that require the better part of a day to complete and are carefully proctored," he emphasizes. "The Business IQ test is strictly for fun."

So even if you scored a perfect 140 on the test, don't demand that your boss turn over the company to you. At least, not until you have proven yourself in the real world of business.

Violins mellow with age and, if properly cared for, produce a better sound at the age of 100 than when they are new.



## Polly's Pointers

by Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY - I never wear belts and since most dresses come with them I have a sack full that are never used. Perhaps some of the readers would have some ideas on how to put them to use. - DOROTHY

DEAR DOROTHY - I am sure we will be hearing from some of our ingenious readers with ideas for using your many belts. If you sew and have scraps and pieces of fabrics on hand they could be rolled and secured with some of the belts and take less storage space and be neater looking, too. I save dry cleaners' plastic bags to use for covering out of season clothes and such extra bags could be rolled and fastened the same way. - POLLY

DEAR POLLY - Those plastic rings that hold six-packs of soft drinks can be used to make a handy tote bag. Fasten six-pack plastic rings (double for added strength) with links from a chain belt or even with paper clips. Use 12-inch lengths of chain for handles, line the inside and have a novel tote. - JINNY

DEAR POLLY - I think I have a solution for Ruby who has a vinyl-covered recliner with a perspiration odor. I have had great success removing sour milk and other stubborn odors from plastic milk jugs and other containers by filling them with a well-known electric dishwasher solution and water and leaving for some hours. Ruby could soak towels with this and then place them on her chair.

My portable dishwasher has two suds cycles and the second suds water comes out clear and sudsy so I let this run into a large bowl and recycle it by using it for washing the coffee pot and any things that are not dishwasher safe as well as wiping off the sink, fridge and cupboards and to keep the dish cloth clean and sweet. This even works magic as a pre-soak for extra stubborn stains on clothes to go in the laundry. - HAPPY

DEAR POLLY - This is for Jeri who has trouble with instant iced tea getting hard. When opening a new jar and after removing the needed amount put the closed jar in the refrigerator. I do not understand why but the tea will not harden. - S.S.



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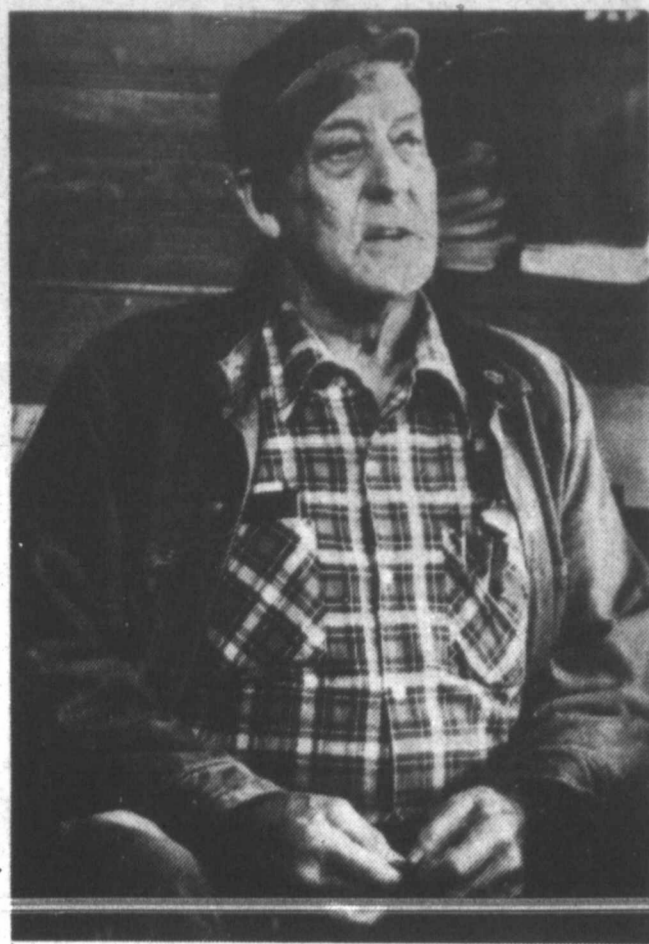
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# Marryin' keeps 80-year old man busy



**DEWEY WRIGHT**, Cripple Creek's 'marryin man,' takes great pleasure in his work. "I just like to see people get hitched up," grins the 80-year-old ex-blacksmith.

**By Garret Mathews**

**CRIPPLE CREEK, Va.** (NEA) - Just like the song, Dewey Wright lives up Cripple Creek.

And to cover all bases, his antiquated blacksmith and auto-repair shop is down on

There's a string band in town that sometimes plays some of the old Cripple Creek songs just for the fun of it. Wright even played banjo for it years ago.

"I'm much too tied up being a marryin' man to do much of anything else," says the 80-year-old.

Some 13 years ago, the county authorized Wright to conduct civil marriage ceremonies. (Officially, he is a lay appointee of the Methodist Church.)

The thinking was that Wright could perform a lot of ceremonies in his rural end of the county so that his counterparts at the county seat wouldn't be quite as busy. He remains the county's only so designated marrying man.

To put in mildly, Wright's ability to supervise the saying of vows gives him a great deal of pleasure.

"I just like to see people get hitched up," he grins. And Wright is good at his craft. So good that he has performed hundreds of ceremonies. He has attracted brides and grooms from almost every state in the union.

He admits it helps to advertise.

Wright regularly takes out small ads in the weekly newspaper offering quaintness, an absence of hoopla — and a chance for folks to tie the knot on the banks of historic Cripple Creek. For more conservative couples, Wright has access to a nearby church.

"I get a lot of newlyweds who've heard of Cripple Creek all the way from Ohio

and Pennsylvania," says the fellow who likes to wear his cap sideways.

Wright's ceremony is only as official as it has to be. Until recently, he didn't have a fancy black robe and usually conducted the nuptials in overalls and work boots.

His job is simplified by the fact that the state does not require witnesses or a waiting period.

"All I've got to have is a marriage license and a certificate a couple can pick up at any courthouse," he says. "In fact, if the couple doesn't want to exchange rings, that cuts out a goodly portion of my service and we can finish the whole shebang in about five minutes."

Wright once married a couple on nearby Wytheville's Main Street right in front of their automobile.

"I was in the courthouse signing a property tax form when this young couple approached me about getting married," he explains. "I told them they had the right boy to do it."

"Well, they said they wanted the job done right away and I told them they had the right boy to do that, too. A few minutes later, we exchanged the vows in front of the man's car and in 10 minutes they were gone."

Wright got into a mite of trouble with some church folks after that ceremony. Some thought he should have used more discretion.

And then there was the time an obliging Wright hitched up a 32-year-old woman and a 61-year-old man.

"They were a real nice

couple and I didn't think any more about it until I got a phone call a couple of days after the deed was done," he says. "This caller told me the woman had about the worst reputation in Wythe County and that she had been divorced at least twice before."

"I told the fellow such facts were none of my business and that they shouldn't be any of his business either."

"It doesn't matter to me if both partners have been divorced several times or if there are a lot of children involved," Wright explains. "I figure the people are determined to get married and that it might as well be me who gets the joy of marryin' them."

The marrying man says he charges nothing for his services, although he accepts donations. He thinks \$10 is about right.

One fellow gave him \$30 and could not be persuaded to pay less. Wright cleared his conscience by having his wife bake the new couple a fancy wedding cake.

Wright stares at the wood-burning stove in the center of the old repair shop. Though he has been retired for years, he will still shoe a horse for a long-time customer or sharpen a few tools. Unless this small enterprise counts as an ongoing concern, the community of Cripple Creek is down to only one store and a post office.

"Plenty enough for me, though," Wright likes to say.

## Crafty Cooking

by  
sally shaffer miller

It dawned on me just the other day that people who are on a diet aren't necessarily on a reducing diet. It also dawned on me that a great many writers who discuss diets usually gear in on the weight-loss diet.

What about the diet for diabetics? Or, like my friend Jeannie must have, a diet for hypoglycemia? Or a heart patient's low-sodium diet?

My husband and I are in a situation resembling a reverse Jack Spratt nursery rhyme.

He's on a reducing diet, and I lose weight quickly and find it hard to gain. It's a standing joke at our house that whatever weight I lose, he finds.

However, he's losing weight and doing quite well, but like most dieters, the self-discipline breaks down and an insatiable craving takes over. This happened just last week.

"Please," he begged, "make that oops? There goes the diet cake." I knew which one he meant.

I reminded him of the astronomical calorie count, and that he couldn't eat another bite for the next two weeks. But he looked so pathetic, I couldn't turn him down.

So here's the ANTI-DIET SHERRY PECAN CAKE.

**HAVE ON HAND:**  
1 pkg. yellow cake mix for a two-layer cake  
1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix (3 1/2 oz.)  
4 eggs, beaten  
3/4 C. cooking sherry  
1/4-3/4 C. finely chopped pecans. I usually use only 1/4 C. because we're not that wild about pecans.

3/4 C. very light cooking oil  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1 tube pan

**NOW DO THIS:**  
Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a tube pan. Completely ignore everything on the cake mix box.

**NOW:**  
Mix all the ingredients together and beat for 4 minutes. Pour it into the tube pan and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 10 minutes. I've found that 1 hour and 15 minutes won't hurt, but do the toothpick bit, just to be sure.

Cool the cake, but not completely. It really tastes better just a bit warm. No need to frost, but you can dust it with powdered sugar, if you like.



**AFTER PLAYING IN** a celebrity basketball game, actress Julie Newmar remained in her team uniform for a night on the town. The costume proved well suited for her gyrations on the dance floor of a New York City disco. It was not revealed whether or not her team won but her high spirits would indicate that it did.

## Club News

**WORTHWHILE HOME**

The Worthwhile Home Extension Club met April 20 at Southwestern Public Service office.

Mildred Prince gave a demonstration on a microwave oven and a food processor.

There were 14 members and 6 guests present.

The next meeting will be May 4 at the Annex.

**CIVIC CULTURE**

The Civic Culture Club met April 24 in the home of Mrs. R. L. McDonald. Mrs. A. B. Cross presided.

Lettie Smith gave a program on Texas Heritage.

The next meeting will be May 8 with Lettie Smith.

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**

The Tri-County Democratic Women's Club met on April 18 in the Flame Room of the Pioneer Natural Gas Co. Vickie Moose presided.

It was reported that the club's

charter had been received from the State.

Ruth Osborne gave a report on the District Convention in Amarillo March 31 when Vickie Moose was elected District Vice President and Ruth Osborne was elected District Treasurer.

Georgia Mack reported on President Carter's visit to Elk City, Okla.

Perry Lee Moose reported on his visit to Washington D.C. and his experience as a page in the House.

**STAMP CLUB**

The Hutchinson County Stamp and Coin Club has named the following officers for the current year: Eva Plumlee, president; Juanita Wilson, first vice president; L.N. Anderson, second vice president; Bea Reid, secretary; Mrs. Floy York, treasurer; Dubb Anderson, historian.

General membership meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Opportunities Center, Borger. Prospective members should contact Juanita Wilson, 106 B Avenue, Phillips.

## Tennessean fiddles as phone rings

**By Jerrie Garman**

**COOKEVILLE, Tenn.** (NEA) - If Frazier Moss weren't known for his fiddling, the man who claims he's "never met a stranger" would be known for his friendliness.

"I get letters from all over the United States," he says, "and I answer every one, even if it's just a postcard. Stamps are breaking me up!"

"And letters aren't all he receives."

"I get calls all day — even in the middle of the night — from people who have heard my music and just want to talk to me," he continues. "I always talk to them."

Moss once got a call from a man in Vermont who just wanted to meet him. The man came to Cookeville to fiddle with Moss for two hours.

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Another call came from "a real nice lady" in California, who asked if she could pay him a visit.

"Sure, I would be proud to have you — and Zelma would be proud, too," Moss responded. (He and Zelma

have been married since 1931.)

"We both entertained her," he adds.

Moss says people who have heard his music in person or on record often stop him on the street just to say hello. Though he often does not remember them, he carries on a lively conversation anyway.

"Life is a give-and-take thing," he philosophizes. "You have to get to know people and do things for people in order for them to do things for you."

One of the people he got to know is Louis Owens, an uncle of singer Dolly Parton. "He heard me playing and he came up to me and said he would like to cut a record with me," recalls Moss. So, Owens produced Moss's latest album, "Fiddler's Dream."

Moss is happy with the album, which he says is the most professional of the 10 recordings he has made.

"Sometimes I get in a musical mood and listen to myself," he says.

Moss's music reflects the

best of the tunes of the South, many of them hundreds of years old. He compares his music to early dance forms and knows many hornpipes, reels, jigs, waltzes and polkas.

Moss received his first fiddle at age 8 for selling Perry's garden seed.

He strung the toy-like instrument with his mother's sewing thread and learned to play "Rocky Mountain Goat" from his great uncle.

He has been fiddling ever since that day more than 70 years ago.

Encouraged by one of his teachers, Moss won his first fiddling contest — and a \$5 gold piece — when he was 12.

From then on, his fame climbed steadily, peaking when he won the National Old Time Fiddle Championship in Weiser, Idaho, in 1977. But that doesn't mean his life has been easy, Moss adds, explaining that he was a construction worker for 40 years and had to schedule his fiddling around his job and family life.

Moss says he has played in so many fiddling contests



**FRAZIER MOSS**

that he has lost track of the number.

And what is his winning strategy? Moss says he just "throws a fiddling fit" and comes out with one of the prizes.

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**By CECILY BROWNSTONE**  
MRS. VALLDEJULI'S  
BLACK BEANS

- 1 pound dried black beans
- 6 cloves garlic
- 2 onions
- 6 sweet chili peppers
- 2-3rds cup olive oil
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon whole dried oregano, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 1/2 tablespoons dry red wine
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vinegar

Pick over beans. Wash well and cover generously with water. Soak overnight. Drain, rinse in fresh water and drain again. Place beans in a kettle with 8 cups fresh water. Bring rapidly to a boil. Reduce heat to moderate, cover and cook about 45 minutes. Peel and finely chop or grind the garlic, onion and chili peppers; cook them in the hot olive oil in a skillet over low heat, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes. Drain enough of the boiled beans to make 1 cup and add to the skillet; mash thoroughly with the other ingredients in the skillet; add to the kettle with the salt, pepper, oregano, cumin, sugar and bay leaves. Cover and boil for 1 hour over moderate heat. Add the wine and vinegar, cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Uncover and, if you like, cook until sauce thickens more. Serve in soup bowls or soup plates and pass extra chopped onion.

Note: We used a large sweet green pepper instead of the sweet chili peppers called for. Our recipe yield was a scant 8 cups — enough, over rice, for 6 main-dish servings. — C.B.



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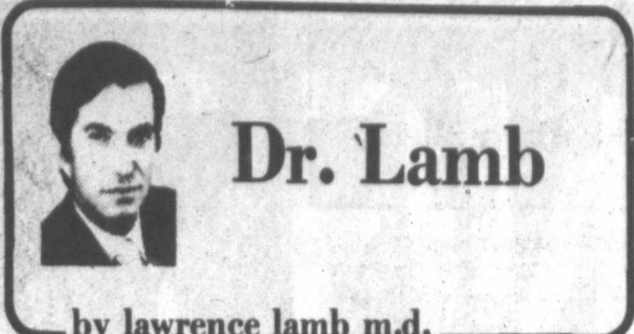
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## Dr. Lamb

by Lawrence Lamb M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I'm 21 years old, have two children and weigh 145 pounds. I have been trying to lose weight but I have failed. I would like to lose at least 35 pounds. I am on the pill. Do you think the pill is the reason for my not losing weight?

I eat a small breakfast and before lunch-time I am very hungry and my stomach won't go down. I do sit-ups but after I do sit-ups for awhile I start getting this severe pain at the bottom of my stomach. I perspire beyond your imagination: Is it because of the water in my body? I was thinking about taking water pills but I'm afraid to take these since I am on the pill too.

DEAR READER — Your letter suggests that your basic problem with weight control is you eat too much. That's true of everyone. People get fat because they consume more calories than their body uses. The excess calories are simply stored as fat. We lose those fat stores if we consume fewer calories than our body uses.

Many people don't think about using calories, but rather think only of limiting calories with a diet. It is a simple equation just like a checking account.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 4-7, Weight Losing Diet, to provide you a plan of a balanced diet that you can use to control your calorie intake. Other readers who want this issue can send 50 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.

Along with this diet, as The Health Letter explains, you should exercise. Your story of pain in the pit of your stomach and excessive sweating suggests to me that you may not be in optimal physical condition. In that case, you may need to gradually start a daily walking program and slowly develop your ability to exercise. Try

to build up to walking an hour a day. Start off with just walking 15 minutes a day and then gradually increase it so that you don't exhaust or wear yourself out.

No, I don't think that the pill is responsible for your gaining weight nor do I think it prevents you from losing weight. It's true that the pills cause the body to retain sodium salt, which in turn causes you to retain water. These few pounds of water are not fat and, in any case, you wouldn't be retaining 35 pounds of water.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am 20 years old and have bad dark circles under my eyes. I haven't spoken to doctors about it because I don't know if anything can be done. I eat a balanced diet and I don't think there's any vitamin deficiency. I wear glasses so eye strain isn't the answer. Could this be from other sources? I have a fair complexion.

DEAR READER — If a person is relatively thin, there may be very little fat underneath the eyes. In light-skinned people who are thin, the veins underneath the skin may show through giving a dark bluish appearance.

Another factor is increased pigment. The cells in your skin that produce melanin pigment may be overactive in this area. This is an inherited characteristic and is just as much a part of you as the color of your hair. This is the same pigment that the cells in your skin elsewhere produce to cause tanning. How dark your skin is depends literally on how much melanin pigment is produced. In either case, there's not a great deal which can be done about it other than the use of cosmetics.

The early warning signs of arthritis are swelling in the fingers, hands and feet and persistent stiffness in the morning



**FASHION AFOOT** - Men can step along in style in the latest dress shoes. From left: dark brown moccasin - front slipon shoe with handsewn overlap front seam, for round - the - clock wear; white grain calfskin slipon tassel shoe is at home for resort wear or under sunny skies anywhere; smooth bergundy calf slipon reverse - seam

moccasin: front shoe features hinged gold ornament, elegant for evening; medium brown calfskin slipon tassel shoe can be worn for day or evening. All have leather uppers and soles, which the Sole Leather Council advises for comfort and foot health.

## Driver's license not just for cars

By EDGAR MILLER  
Associated Press Writer  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — "May I see your driver's license?"

Chances are you've been asked that question many times. And chances are that usually it wasn't by a policeman but by a store clerk.

The driver's license has become such a universal identification card that since last July Tennessee has been issuing similar cards for identification purposes to blind persons and others who cannot drive.

Jim Henderson, public relations director for the Department of Public Safety, said 424 of the \$2 ID licenses had been issued so far.

Henderson said a study was under way on whether to add a photograph to licenses to further assist identification. Many states already require photos on licenses.

"It can be done," he said in a recent telephone interview. "If it is done it will have to be paid for by somebody."

He pointed out that the camerawork, processing and affixing the photos would probably require additional personnel.

The result would be to make the present driver's license more expensive. Tennessee's charge of \$6 for a four-year license is one of the lowest in the nation, Henderson said.

"It's really not our business to provide identification as

such," Henderson said. "Our business is to insure safety on the highways."

Nonetheless, a driver's license is almost as essential for check-cashing or buying as it is for driving.

Frank King, manager of the J.C. Penney store in Chattanooga's suburban Eastgate Shopping Center, said his store, as most large retail outlets, required both a driver's license and a credit card as identification for check-cashing, unless the person has a Penney's charge account.

Why the driver's license as opposed to some other identification?

"Most people travel by au-

tomobile, and it is against the law to drive without a driver's license . . . and in suburban shopping centers they have to arrive by automobile. Most people guard their driver's licenses jealously. It's about as good identification as you can get," he explained.

Some stores are even more demanding. One Chattanooga store photographs check cashers and another requires a thumb print.

Robert Turner, customer-service manager to Loveman's Department Store, said that without a driver's license or voter registration card and a credit card, a customer would have to know somebody in the

store before he could buy with a personal check.

Many store clerks and bank tellers are inflexible on the license requirement.

One person who had been living abroad recently returned to Tennessee, where he had a bank account but not a driver's license. At his bank, when asked to produce identification, he handed over his passport.

"I'm sorry, sir, but this won't do," the teller said after looking it over. "I'll still need to see your driver's license."

The liqueur Benedictine is named after the Benedictine monks who first made the drink at their monastery in 1510.

## Some beauties may be blemished

Forget the old aphorism that beauty is only skin deep. Often it's not even that deep, as makeup master Pablo Manzoni knows all too well.

The creative director of Elizabeth Arden International and painter of beautiful faces everywhere, takes a critical look at some of Hollywood's lookers in the current US magazine.

About Diane Keaton he says, "The terrible caps on her teeth mar her natural, sweet smile."

He even feels Sophia Loren's looks could be improved. "Her long throat and cheekbones are beautiful, but she hides them with all that hair."

On the other hand, Manzoni says Farrah Fawcett-Majors is too good to be true, or natural. "She's OD'd on

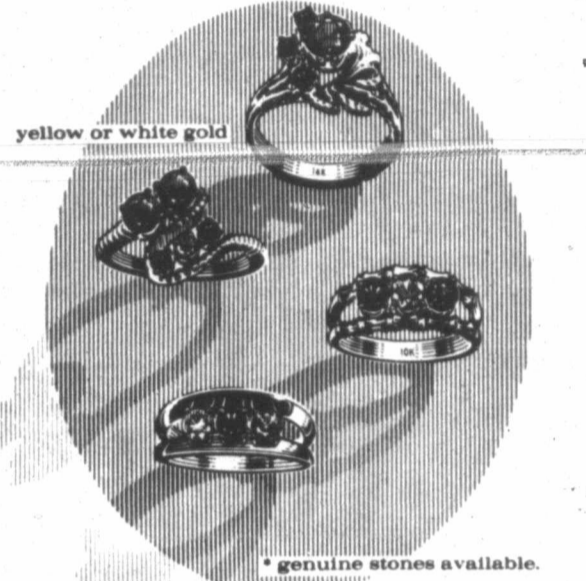


DIANE KEATON, maybe she should stop smiling.

make-up perfection. There's nothing to discover behind her glitter."

But he's kind to Barbra Streisand. "I admire her for keeping her nose,

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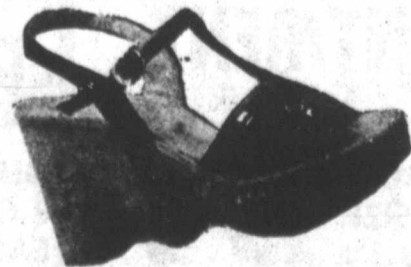
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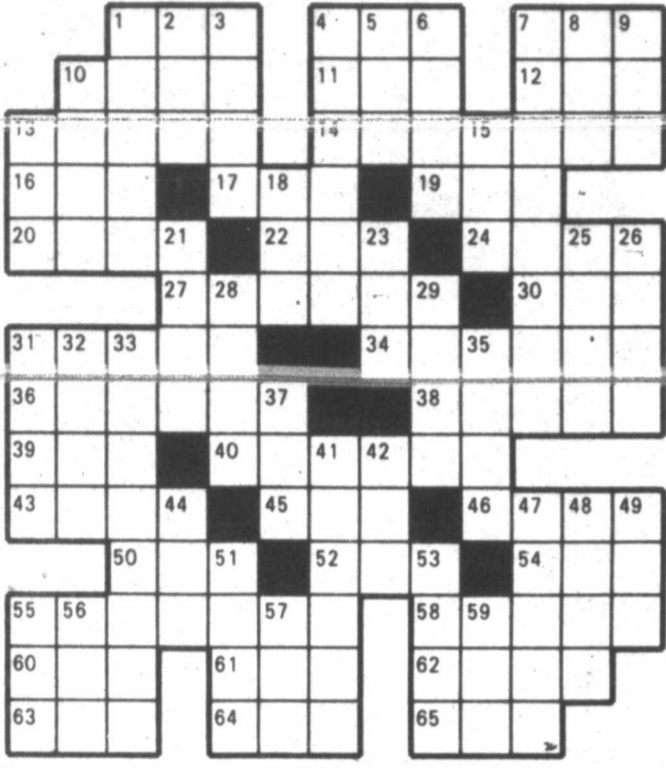
1 Soviet plans  
4 Least (abbr.)  
7 Wire measure  
10 Crockett  
11 Same (prefix)  
12 Western hemisphere or organization (abbr.)  
13 Milk-organ  
14 Eskimo  
18 Distant  
17 Highway curve  
19 Go to court  
20 Court cry  
22 Cassowary  
24 State (Fr.)  
27 British king  
30 Frozen water  
31 Of arm-bone  
34 Devotion of nine days  
36 Commode  
38 Shop tool (pl.)  
39 Long period of time  
40 Neuter  
43 Fuss  
45 Born  
46 Light tan.  
50 Vigor

**DOWN**

1 Mother (Sp.)  
2 I possess (contr.)  
3 Spinning motion  
4 Noxious gas  
5 Doctrine  
6 Words of denial  
7 Halves  
8 Author Fleming  
9 Lysergic acid diethylamide  
10 Normandy invasion day  
13 Flying saucer (abbr.)

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

MIT EELS EMIR  
MOO DRAT EASE  
ETA GENE RIND  
SAD SACK HINTS  
ART MAE  
EMMY TERRIFY  
MIA ERRED MAO  
MITS LEAKY PIG  
ATHEISM EISTA  
GOT MST  
QUART QUACKED  
URGE LUFF HAM  
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### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede owl

April 27, 1979

You are presently in a very good building cycle. This coming year you will strengthen your position by shoring up old foundations and laying some ambitious new ones.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Important decisions should not be made too hastily today. Fall back on your usual pattern of thinking things through and mistakes will be avoided. Beginning with your birthday, find out what the year ahead holds for you. Send for your Astro-Graph Letter by mailing \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't let mishaps early in the day rattle you. Your hand grows steadier as the clock ticks on. You'll be capable of making any necessary corrections.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Should a situation arise today where you have to make a choice that affects both an old friend and a new acquaintance, side with your time-tested pal.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Related, but minor, issues should be kept in proper perspective today. Focus on your major goals. Tend to the trivials at a later date.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Plans of long standing shouldn't be shelved impulsively today.

Stick to your original map. You'll find your pot of gold.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In business matters today play a little hard to get. If you hold out, the deal could be sweetened considerably.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Keep your ego out of the picture today if another person can handle something better in a joint venture. Both of you will come out on top by coordinating.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** In challenging situations today you may be plagued with some initial doubts. Happily, however, they won't last long.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may have to stick up for someone today. The person, who is absent, will deeply appreciate your loyalty on his or her behalf.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The problems that face you today will be paper dragons, so don't let them intimidate you. You're made of sterner stuff.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Diplomacy and tact are weapons you're capable of wielding with considerable skill today. Keep this in mind in awkward encounters.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Situations which you have running smoothly financially will continue to do so, provided you keep out of the picture one who tends to iam things up.

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By Milton Caniff

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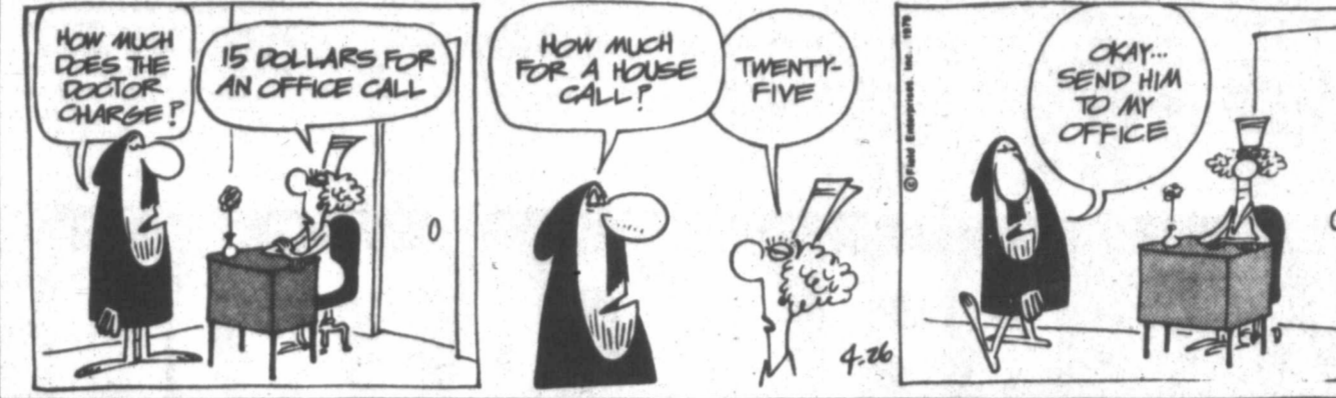
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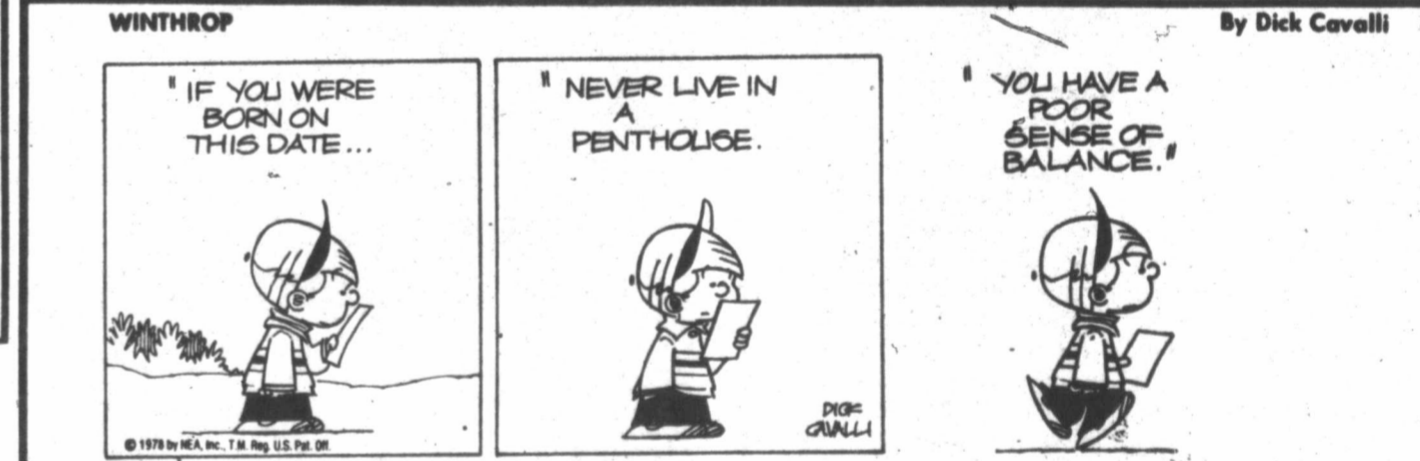


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"Marmaduke and I have been through a lot together...butcher's bills, vet's bills, fifteen brands of dog food..."



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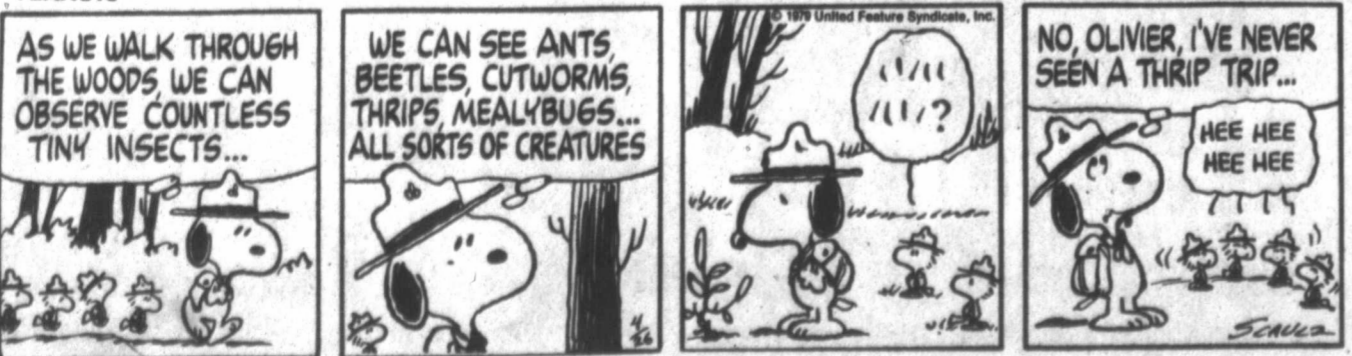
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Major League roundup

Oakland pitcher celebrates birthday

By The Associated Press  
"Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday Dear Yankee-Killer, Happy Birthday to You."  
The Oakland A's warbled that little ditty to birthday boy Craig Minetto Wednesday night after he celebrated No. 25 in the best possible fashion, recording his first major league victory by beating the world champion New York Yankees 1-0 with clutch relief from Jim Todd.

because they couldn't pronounce Craig," he said. There was no word on what the Yankees called him.  
The 6-foot left-hander, who had made just one start in his previous six big league games, combined with Todd for a seven-inning that bested the four-hit effort of loser Ed Figueroa.

DeCinces, who scored what proved to be the winning run on Rick Dempsey's sixth-inning single, singled home two insurance runs in the ninth. Frank Tanana suffered his third loss in five decisions.  
Royals 7, White Sox 6  
Frank White doubled with two out in the bottom of the ninth and scored on Al Cowens' single. Darrell Porter, who drove in four runs, gave the Royals a 6-5 lead with a solo home run in the eighth but Bill Nahrorny got the White Sox even in the ninth with his second home run of the game. The Royals came from behind with four runs in the seventh on two-run doubles by Porter and Clint Hurdle.

Twins 4, Indians 2  
With the score tied in the ninth inning, Jose Morales drew a one-out walk, Cleveland right fielder Bobby Bonds dropped Bobby Randall's sinking liner after a long run. Randall was given a hit — and rookie John Castino delivered a two-run double.  
Phillies 5, Dodgers 4  
Pete Rose singled home the winning run with two out in the ninth inning to give the Phillies a 5-4 victory over the Dodgers Wednesday night and a sweep of the three-game series between

last year's National League playoff rivals.  
The Dodgers had scored three runs in the eighth inning to take a 4-3 lead before the Phillies bounced back against rookie reliever Rick Sutcliffe, who had allowed just one earned run in 131-3 innings before Wednesday.  
Mets 2, Giants 0  
New York's Craig Swan pitched the first two-hitter of his career, striking out four, walking one and retiring 16 consecutive batters in one stretch. The Mets managed just three hits, but one of them was John Stearns' first home run of the season off the left-field foul pole leading off the fifth inning.  
Pirates 3, Reds 2  
Dave Parker doubled to lead off the 11th inning and came around to score on Lee Lacy's sacrifice fly as Pittsburgh won its second in a row after a

six-game losing streak. Pirates Manager Chuck Tanner said Wednesday's victory was more important than Tuesday's streak-snapper "because of the way we did it — a one-run game in extra innings."  
Expos 9, Padres 6  
Montreal scored five runs in the first inning, three of them on Jerry White's homer, as the Expos stayed one game behind the first-place Phils. White replaced Ellis Valentine in the lineup after the Expos' right fielder was suspended by National League President Chub Feeney for bumping an umpire in a game last Saturday.  
Cubs 4, Astros 0  
Dennis Lamp fired a five-hitter and Dave Kingman and Bobby Murcer hit home runs as Chicago blanked Houston for its fifth straight victory.

Sports writers feud erupts

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A furor over the barring of women sports writers from the Texas Ranger clubhouse erupted into a shouting match Wednesday between team management and men writers also kept out of the dressing room by team policy.  
Writers were not penetrated the Ranger door during a three-game series between Texas and the Toronto Blue Jays.  
In a angry, cursing episode Wednesday night, the male

writers confronted General Manager Eddie Robinson, a Ranger executive vice president, demanding that he open the doors.  
The male writers have been banned from the dressing room because, a spokesman reported, Alison Gordon of the Toronto Star, was also denied admission. Robinson called the meeting with the writers before game time to explain the front office position.  
"We had a meeting with the players (in spring training) in which I brought up how I felt we

should do it," he said. "They quickly told me they had their rule and that was it."  
That rule, he said, was no women in the clubhouse.  
"We cannot tell our players what they can do in the clubhouse," Robinson insisted. "I talked to the American League office today and they said you can't tell them what they can do in there."  
The meeting between writers and Robinson grew progressively hostile before they cooled off and left the issue unsettled.

Orioles 5, Angels 2  
Steve Stone and Don Stanhouse combined to pitch Baltimore to its seventh victory in a row and hand the Angels their third consecutive loss after a 10-game winning streak. Doug

New Orleans Open begins

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lee Trevino romped through the obligatory pro-am phase of the Greater New Orleans Open, quipping and putting with equal ease but keeping to himself his thoughts on today's opening round of the \$250,000 tournament.  
"I shot a 70 — four birdies and a couple of bogies, but none of that counts," he said Wednesday. "All of that gets wiped out. It's just for fun."  
Trevino has earned \$83,099 on the PGA tour this season, ninth best. Two of those who lead him — Tom Watson with \$229,966 in earnings and Lon Hinkle with \$105,999 — are among those

competing for the \$45,000 waiting for the winner here.  
"I'd like to win it all," Trevino said. "I don't like to leave anything on the table."  
"I love to pay taxes. I'd like to pay the federal government \$1 million a year in taxes," Trevino said he's fully recovered from the back problems that made 1977 such a painful year for him.  
"People started saying, 'He's finished.' No way. They just took a disc out, not my heart, not my guts," he said.  
He finished last year with \$228,723 and moved ahead of Arnold Palmer on the list of career money winners. With

earnings of \$1,932,545 for his 12 years on the tour, he now trails only Jack Nicklaus in career earnings.  
"Tell me how many other people are able to make good livings doing what they enjoy," he said.  
Trevino said that he's as much a performer as a golfer, and the 7,080-yard Lakewood Country Club course is just another long, grassy stage.  
"I'm just as grouchy as the next guy," he said. "I'm really a loner. I don't room with any other golf pros. I don't eat with any other pros. I hide."

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Tue	Mar 27	New York Mets	6:30 PM
Sat	Mar 31	Baltimore Orioles	12:30 PM
Fri	Apr 6	Houston Astros	7:30 PM
Sat	Apr 7	Houston Astros	7:30 PM
Sun	Apr 8	Houston Astros	2:00 PM
TUE	APR 10	CINCINNATI REDS	6:30 PM
Thu	Apr 12	Los Angeles Dodgers	9:30 PM
Fri	Apr 13	Los Angeles Dodgers	9:30 PM
Sat	Apr 14	Los Angeles Dodgers	9:30 PM
Sun	Apr 15	Los Angeles Dodgers	3:00 PM
Tue	Apr 17	Cincinnati Reds	7:00 PM
Thu	Apr 19	Cincinnati Reds	7:00 PM
TUE	APR 24	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	6:30 PM
Tue	May 1	Pittsburgh Pirates	6:30 PM
Wed	May 2	Pittsburgh Pirates	6:30 PM
Thu	May 3	Pittsburgh Pirates	11:30 PM
Fri	May 4	Chicago Cubs	1:30 PM
Sat	May 5	Chicago Cubs	1:00 PM
Sun	May 6	Chicago Cubs	1:00 PM
TUE	MAY 8	PITTSBURGH PIRATES	6:30 PM
WED	MAY 9	PITTSBURGH PIRATES	6:30 PM
Fri	May 11	St. Louis Cardinals	7:30 PM
Sat	May 12	St. Louis Cardinals	7:30 PM
Sun	May 13	St. Louis Cardinals	1:00 PM
TUE	MAY 15	LOS ANGELES DODGERS	6:30 PM
WED	MAY 16	LOS ANGELES DODGERS	6:30 PM
THU	MAY 17	HOUSTON ASTROS	6:30 PM
WED	MAY 23	HOUSTON ASTROS	6:30 PM
Fri	May 25	San Francisco Giants	9:30 PM
Sat	May 26	San Francisco Giants	3:00 PM
Sun	May 27	San Francisco Giants	3:00 PM
Mon	May 28	San Francisco Giants	3:00 PM
Tue	May 29	San Diego Padres	8:00 PM
Tue	May 29	San Diego Padres	11:00 PM
Wed	May 30	San Diego Padres	9:30 PM
Thu	May 31	San Diego Padres	3:00 PM
SUN	JUN 3	NEW YORK METS	6:00 PM
TUE	JUN 5	MONTREAL EXPOS	6:30 PM
Fri	Jun 8	Philadelphia Phillies	7:00 PM
Sat	Jun 9	Philadelphia Phillies	6:30 PM
Sun	Jun 10	Philadelphia Phillies	12:30 PM
Wed	Jun 13	Montreal Expos	6:30 PM
Thu	Jun 14	Montreal Expos	7:30 PM
Fri	Jun 15	New York Mets	7:30 PM
Sat	Jun 16	New York Mets	6:00 PM
Sun	Jun 17	New York Mets	1:00 PM
TUE	JUN 19	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	6:30 PM
WED	JUN 20	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	6:30 PM

Games in CAPS are home games played in Atlanta.







# Government red tape has always been there

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (AP) — Are you dismayed by governmental red tape, budgets gone haywire, bureaucracy so cumbersome it seems to take forever to get anything done? Take heart, citizen. Apparently, alas, it was ever thus.

"The townspeople wanted a simple, one-room schoolhouse," Herbert Hall said. "It was decided on at the most fundamental level of American government, a New England town meeting. Yet," he said, palms upturned, "look how it was handled."

By luck, and also by the concern of Herbert Hall and others like him who care about their heritage, the simple schoolhouse is still standing, surely one of the oldest relics of its kind.

It was ordered built at the

town meeting of Aug. 31, 1716, and was named with Yankee simplicity, "the Southermost School."

A conscientious citizen, one William Sanford, donated three quarters of an acre of land and 10 days later the selectmen voted an appropriation for the building; 20 pounds.

The value of the British pound has changed since those times, and there was, of course, no American dollar then. Had there been, the appropriation would translate to roughly \$100.

"Nine years later — nine years!" Hall said, "the carpenter submitted his bill. It took that long to get the school built."

Hall has the document framed. It is brittle and faded, but the tidy script of the contractor, Adam Lawton, remains legible. The cost of the

Southermost School came to 23 pounds, 12 shillings, 7 pence. That would be, roughly, just over \$118. In today's jargon, an 18 percent cost overrun.

Well, it was worth it.

It was worth it because the school has survived, complete with part of its original schoolmaster's desk, the lift-up part, with one of its original pupil's desks, from which others have been copied, and, best of all, with its original graffiti.

Thus, in the flowing lines of long lost penmanship, there remain the names and initials of long lost generations who attended the Southermost School: "Sarah Coggeshall," "F.H.J.," "Mary Spooner."

"I found the names of some Almys," Hall said. "They were the people who raised my grandfather after he was orphaned."

Herbert Hall is a 6-foot-3 Rhode Islander, the northernmost one foot of whom is covered with black hair. He was born in 1942 on the farm his grandfather inherited from the Almys and as a boy used to play in the old schoolhouse.

"It was a farm building in those days, a tack room, but the oldtimers knew what it had been. It went out of use as a school in the 1860s or '70s and was moved down the road to the farm."

Hall restored the little building — it is 14-by-26 feet — and donated it to the local historical society. Fixing it up did not require much: a few timbers shored up, some beams replaced.

It appears just as it did when Sarah and Mary and F.H.J. and the Almys learned their three-Rs there.

## Journalist looks at question

### What was your state of mind?

RIDGEFIELD, CONN. (AP) — "What was the state of your mind when you wrote last Wednesday's column?" Justice Byron White, who posed the question, is peering anxiously over the great carved desk awaiting my answer, while the other justices rock meditatively back and forth in their high backed leather chairs.

Empty. Vacuous. Hung-over. Naked before mine enemies, the Smith-Corona people.

Are these legal terms? Valid alibis?

Actually, Your Honor, my mind was as blank as the paper sticking out of the typewriter and the problem was, like now, to come up with 500 or so words to get me off the hook for yet another day.

Panic might best express the state of my mind, but there must be an explicit psychological term for fear of empty spaces protruding from a typewriter roller.

When the High Court ruled the other day that a reporter can be compelled to disclose his thoughts, opinions and judgments in sitting down to write a story, I immediately dreamed my attorneys were entering a temporary insanity plea or pleading no contest on the grounds that no recognizable thought process could ever be detected in these random thrice weekly musings.

But if plea bargaining is permitted, I should like to suggest that my own mental condition in approaching a deadline is best expressed in Hal Boyle's favorite quote from Emily Dickinson: "Help, help, another day!"

The same sort of daymares troubled my desk-bound afternoon nap when the Supreme Court ruled it was within the bounds of the Constitution for police to probe the files of newspaper offices.

My first thought was, welcome, you'll be the first ones in history ever to find anything useful in these files.

But then I began to have second thoughts about strangers rifling through my random collection of inconsequential. What if the agents assigned to my case discovered that battery-operated yo-yo in my top left hand drawer? That set of Las Vegas souvenir loaded dice? An ashtray from a second-rate Roman hotel that somehow found its way into my portmanteau? Two old expense accounts that I could probably explain if I had to, but ...

The long awaited decision in the Lee Marvin "palimony" trial also occasioned some subliminal brooding. The thoughts were stirred by what feminist Gloria Steinem, the editor of Ms. magazine, said after the judge handed down his ruling. Asked what effect the decision would have on other live-in relationships, she thought it was likely that from here on out women would insist "on an agreement in writing before they gave up their careers or wash even one dish."

Well, it just so happens that I am in possession of just such a written document. It is called a marriage license. Mine, issued under remote Vatican jurisdiction, has a no-trade clause, and even with recent advances in the technology of automatic dishwashers I believe it is a little late in the game to have myself declared a free agent.

# Montezuma Castle lives in memories

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — The once-stately Montezuma castle that beckoned the rich and famous to bathe in hot mineral springs and revel in its splendor is a forgotten, vandalized building vivid only in the minds of those who enjoyed its past.

Pleasure seekers basked in its 19th Century resort luxury, the YMCA owned it in the early 1900s, Mexican priests trained there when it was a Jesuit Seminary and there are former students who remember it as Montezuma Baptist College, from 1922 to 1930 and from 1933 to 1935.

Some of those college students — most of them now retired — recall annually the good times at Montezuma when they gather for the Montezuma Club reunion.

Club President Wesley Smith of Lubbock, Texas, says he hopes there'll be 200 attending the 1979 reunion August 28-29 at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta, N.M.

The reunion agenda does not include a trip to the alma mater castle.

"So many of them don't want to see it" said one member. "It's all worn out."

Smith said he's 72, "one of the young ones." Members in their 90s have attended in the past and plan to be there again this year, he said.

Efforts are under way to arrange group travel by bus from Oklahoma City, the Houston-Austin-San Antonio and Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, areas; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Los Angeles, Calif., he said.

Program chairman is Fred Pulliam of Eminence, Mo., who is in the process of making preparations for this year's gathering, Smith said.

The Montezuma Club has a membership roll of more than 4,000 students and faculty members, who attended classes at the majestic castle along the banks of the Gallinas River, six miles northwest of Las Vegas, until it closed for the second time in financial straits.

One of those who've been a regular reunion participant since the club was organized 28 years ago is Eunice Shamburger, 77, a retired secretary in Fort Worth.

Her memories of Montezuma are fond.

"I loved it," she said. "I think it was one of the most beautiful buildings I'd ever seen. It was built in such an attractive way. It had three towers. To me, it was just wonderful."

"We would like very much for the building to be saved," she said. "But the vandals have destroyed it."

The 800-acre property and buildings are now for sale for \$1.8 million.

Student life at the Baptist college was grand, Miss Shamburger said.

The girls lived in the main castle building, and the boys in a nearby dormitory.

The school "had a regular schedule of activities — a football team that played throughout the area, a basketball team, tennis team, debating, drama and a strong music department. The greatest attraction was hiking and picnics and skating in the wintertime," she said.

The students ice skated on "those lakes they harvested ice off of."

Her happiest memories are of "getting out to the hills by myself. I really enjoyed the outdoors."

Montezuma's history dates back to the mid-19th century.

The U.S. Army started a hospital near the area's hot springs in 1846, and the one-story adobe building was converted in 1862 to a hotel.

The railroad brought trade to the region, and the hot springs caught the eye of Eastern promoters who recognized their resort value.

The Hot Springs Hotel opened in 1879, and the railroad purchased the property the next year.

A new \$200,000 structure was opened, but on Jan. 17, 1884, a fire caused by clogged gas mains left it in ruins.

In 1885, the new steam-heated, electrically lighted Montezuma Hotel burned less than three months after its opening, leaving only the sandstone walls of the first three floors.

Again, it was rebuilt, in Queen Anne Swiss architecture with 172 rooms in the main building and a 77-room annex.

But, it was an economic disaster for the railroad company.

The resort, equipped with a casino, bowling alleys, a zoo, stables, horserace track, power plant, bathhouse and a railroad spur, was losing \$40,000 a year until 1893 when it was forced to close.

It opened under new management in 1895, but closed its doors for good in 1904. The YMCA bought it in 1913, then sold it to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico for the Montezuma Baptist College campus.



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