

The Bureaucracy, Part II

Firing Federal Employees—Next to Impossible

EDITOR'S NOTE — Is firing a federal employee really an impossible dream? The truth is that sacking a loafer or incompetent from the federal service can be tough, as shown in this second part of a five-part series.

By BROOKS JACKSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Firing a federal worker, even when there is strong evidence of goldbricking, can be at times an impossible task. And at times the public suffers directly. Witness the case of the unfilled book orders.

The Government Printing Office, swamped with complaints from citizens who ordered publications that never arrived, discovered that some of its

employees were simply throwing orders away rather than filling them.

The evidence was there in the trash cans. The question was, which employees were responsible? Investigators struck on the idea of preparing stacks of secretly marked orders which would be given to designated employees. The marks, looking like ordinary pencil notations, were coded in a way that each order blank would be linked to a particular employee.

Sure enough, 33 of the marked order blanks showed up in the trash. The markings indicated they all had been given to a single employee, whom we shall call James, although that is not his real name.

James was suspended and fired, as were several others caught in similar circumstances. Order blanks stopped turning up in the trash and the problem appeared to be solved.

But James exercised his right as a federal employee to appeal his dismissal. There were two days of hearings at the GPO, which sustained the firing. James appealed to the Civil Service Commission field office in Washington, which also upheld the firing. By now nearly a year had gone by.

James appealed again, this time to the Commission's Appeals Review Board. He contended in effect that the evidence against him was only circumstantial since nobody testified that

they actually saw him throwing away the orders.

This time James won. The board ordered that he be reinstated at his old job and paid for the 18 months since he was sacked.

The board found that the GPO had enough evidence to suspend James for the first 30 days but said there was no conclusive proof that the marked orders had actually reached him. The original packet of 131 marked orders had passed through the hands of three superiors, being counted only once, before he got any of them.

James was reinstated. The GPO now has television monitors to aid in watching over employees and officials say it is unlikely there will be any repeat of the mass discarding of orders

from the public. But they also say they solved the problem in spite of, and not with any help from the federal personnel system.

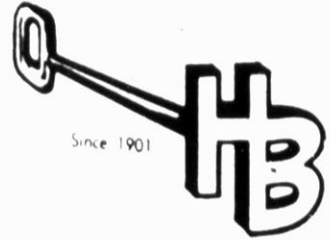
The system forced them, in their attempt to ensure that citizens would get the publications they had paid for, into something approaching a full-dress criminal trial with lawyers, live testimony, written briefs and motions and multiple levels of appeal.

In agency after agency, federal executives say it has become more and more difficult to fire a federal employee for anything but the most flagrant and outrageous behavior.

In the most recent 12-month period for which
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Day's Thought

"The size of a man can be measured by the size of thing that makes him anger." John K. Morley, English writer and statesman



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The End of a Relationship?

Heath Wayne Reed, age 2, hugs his giant snowman, possibly saying goodbye in anticipation of today's warmer temperatures which may end the life of the youngster's frozen companion.

Heath and his grandfather, C.W. James, constructed the snowman Tuesday, in the front yard of James' residence at 118 Bradley. [Brand photo by Paul Sims]

Farm Price Index Jumps 2 Percent During December

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's index of farm prices rose 2 percent last month, including grains for cattle, hogs, broilers and some vegetables compared with December, but higher costs left farmers even further from their goal of 100 percent of parity.

Preliminary figures for January showed farm prices overall were up 1 percent from a year ago, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

Lower prices for eggs, milk, grapefruit and soybeans partially offset the increases for other commodities, the department's Crop Reporting Board said.

Meanwhile, prices that farmers pay out to meet expenses also went up 2 percent from December and averaged 5 percent higher than a year ago.

This caused the farm parity ratio to drop one point from December, to 65 percent in January. Theoretically, at 100 percent the indicator would give farmers the same purchasing power their predecessors had in 1910-14.

The American Agriculture movement wants farmers to curb production until the government guarantees prices at 100 percent of parity. The parity price of wheat in January was \$5 a bushel,

compared with the \$2.54 wheat producers actually averaged on cash markets.

For farm commodities overall, the department's preliminary January price index averaged 185 percent of a 1967 base, compared with 181 percent in December and 183 a year ago.

Cattle averaged \$37.20 per 100 pounds of live weight against \$35.70 in December

and \$32.30 a year ago.

Hogs brought farmers \$43.90 per 100 pounds against \$41.50 in December and \$38 a year ago.

Corn prices at the farm held steady during the month at \$1.96 a bushel, compared with \$2.34 in January of last

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Abalos To Seek JP Position

Paul Abalos, director of the Hereford Independent School District's Parent-School-Community Involvement Program and former city commissioner, announced his candidacy Tuesday for the Deaf Smith County Justice of the Peace office.

"I feel that my working with the public for many years and my work experience qualifies me to do a good job in executing the duties of justice of the peace in a fair and impartial manner, while at the same time working in complete harmony with the city, county, state and school officials that will at one time or another do business with the JP court," Abalos said in a prepared statement.

"I will be retiring from public school education at the end of this school year. My wife, my brother and myself are in the restaurant business here and wish to remain in the area.

"Our roots are here and we find Hereford has many fine attributes conducive to making a living."

Abalos will have served 22 years in public school education at the end of the present school year. He taught in Presidio County schools for two years and in Marfa public schools for four years before coming to Hereford.

Since 1962, Abalos was an elementary school teacher in Hereford, special

Egypt Claims Israeli Proposals Lack Logic

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton talked for more than an hour today amid reports that Egypt strongly objects to Israeli proposals the American conveyed at the meeting.

And in Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan denied reports that Israel had promised President Carter there would be no more Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Atherton also talked with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel and Vice President Hosni Mubarak. After the meeting one Egyptian source said that "at this stage, and after seeing the written ideas from Israel brought by Atherton we can still say the gap is quite wide.

"There is a lack of logic on some points. While Israel agrees to the non-acquisition of land by force as in U.N. Resolution 242 and thus admits that withdrawal from Arab territories from primary issue they still insist on keeping the settlements and their air bases," the spokesman said.

Kamel told reporters the talks with Atherton were mainly about Sadat's visit to the United States this weekend.

Atherton said Kamel "gave me some of the Egyptian government's ideas on the draft declaration and we will be reflecting on this to see where we go from here."

Negotiations have centered on a declaration of principles to guide an overall peace agreement. Sadat has said he does not expect to announce agreement on a declaration after meeting with Carter.

"It is vital we make some progress when Sadat goes to Washington," one Egyptian diplomat said. "I don't know what will happen if we don't."

Egypt has insisted the Israeli dismantle settlements in the occupied Sinai desert, but the Israelis demand that Jewish settlers be allowed to remain, along with air bases to protect them.

The Arabs also have demanded Israeli withdrawal from all land captured in the Six-Day War of 1967. Israel has said it needs some of the land to protect its borders.

One Egyptian source said the situation "in a nutshell" is that "the Israelis are giving with their right hand and taking the same things back with their left hand."

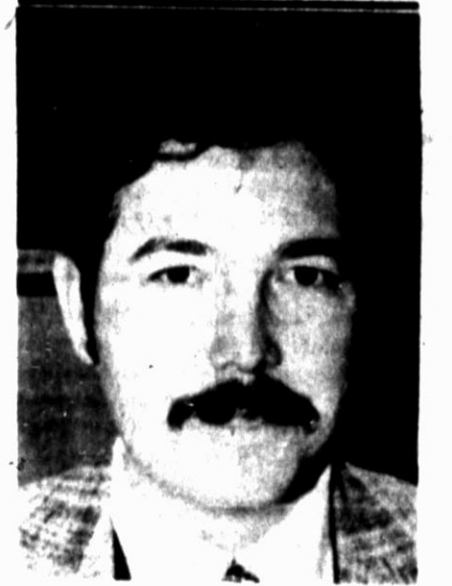
Dayan's comments in the Israeli Parliament came as Israel went ahead with plans for three new settlements. He said Carter was told Israel "would proceed with settlements at military base camps" on the West Bank and that reports to the contrary were wrong.

Cairo sources said Egypt is close to asking the United States to formulate proposals similar to those outlined by Carter when he met with Sadat at Aswan last month. Carter said then that a

Mideast settlement would have to be based on normal relations between the Arabs and Israelis. Israeli withdrawal to 1967 frontiers and secure and recognized borders for the nations concerned. He also said the Palestinian problems should be resolved.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Egyptian defense ministers resumed military negotiations to discuss Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Israeli sources said Israeli wants the military negotiators to ignore the Sinai settlement issue and concentrate on other
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ROLAND SAUL

Saul Files For DA

Attorney Roland Saul, 30, today announced his candidacy for Deaf Smith County criminal district attorney.

Saul, with the law firm Tubb, Easterwood and Saul, will try to unseat Andy Shuval, prosecutor for the last eight years.

Saul moved to Hereford in 1973 and served as assistant criminal district until January, 1976, when he joined the firm of Tubb and Easterwood.

"My experience as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney has given me insight into the criminal justice system from both sides," Saul said.

"While in order to maintain the proper checks and balances, the district attorney should remain separate and apart from the law enforcement agencies, I think it is essential that the district attorney has a good working relationship with the law enforcement agencies in the county.

"I feel that I can establish and maintain that type of relationship." Saul added: "One important aspect of the office which is too often neglected is that the district attorney is also chief counsel advisor to the commissioners court.

"I feel I can get along with people well enough to be able to effectively work with the commissioners court of Deaf Smith County."

A native of Plainview and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Saul, the candidate received his bachelor of science degree from Wayland Baptist College where he played basketball and was selected to appear in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

Saul is fund-raising chairman of the local American Heart Association local chapter, a member of the board of directors of the Hereford Campfire Council and the Rotary Club. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Saul and his wife, the former Sandra Story of Hereford, have three children.

Slick City Streets Cause 11 Wrecks

Hereford police Tuesday investigated 11 traffic accidents reportedly caused by ice-slick city streets.

Reports on four of the accidents, including two hit-and-runs at the high school, were not completed by the morning due to the large number of wrecks.

Minor accidents were at 7:20 a.m. in the 300 block of Witherspoon, at 7:59 a.m. at 15th and Highway 385, at 8:26 a.m. at Beech and W. Park, at 10:30 a.m. at Schley and U.S. 60, at 12:52 p.m. at Bowie and Major, at 1:11 p.m. at Fourth and U.S. 60 and at 2:03 p.m. at Fourth and Main.

The 11 wrecks prompted Hereford patrolman Joe Brown to discuss safe driving procedures on slick streets.

Putting the vehicle into neutral prior to stopping is a safer way to approach a stop sign or red light, according to Brown.

"A lot of people don't know that, but it helps. But they need to realize that it won't work if they're going too fast," Brown said.

"If you're going 40 miles per hour and hit your brakes and throw it into neutral, you're not going to stop...I personally go around 20 miles per hour when there's ice on the streets."

Trying to stop too quickly also is dangerous, Brown said.

"People haven't been taking enough time to stop before they get to the intersection. Around 50 yards from the stop sign, they need to tap their brakes and slow down.

"Then they should throw it into neutral and stop."

The patrolman said that it might be a good idea for people to practice if they are unaccustomed to driving on ice or snow.

"The next time we get some snow it would help if people practiced on empty streets, not where cars are parked on the side.

"Any time it snows, when you leave the house and approach the first stop sign, check to see how slick it is."



PAUL ABALOS

education instructor, assistant principal and bilingual consultant for Panhandle Service Center, Region 16, in Amarillo.

Abalos was named outstanding teacher in Deaf Smith County in 1967. He also was president of the Hereford Classroom Teachers Association for one year.

Abalos, currently a director on the board of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, served two terms on the Hereford city commission and was on the child welfare board and public health clinic board.

He was graduated from Ranking High School then received his bachelor of
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Seeking Pageant Entrants

The March 18th Miss Hereford Pageant is behind the reins of this trio, who are Wynelle Robinson, pageant director; Mary Herring, chairman of the pageant steering committee; and Margaret Formby, president of the Chamber Women's Division, which sponsors the competition. During the coming month, entries will be accepted in the Miss Teen and Miss Hereford divisions. Prospective entrants are reminded that talent will not be a factor in the upcoming pageant. [Brand photo by Dianne Banner]



PAGEANT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
...make plans for March 18th production

Entry Deadline Set For Local Pageant

Entry has been opened to local coeds in the 1978 Miss Hereford Pageant, which is to be staged March 18 in the high school auditorium. It was announced Monday by Mary Herring, chairman of the pageant steering committee.

The pageant is sponsored annually by the Women's Division of the County Chamber of Commerce.

In a called meeting Monday of the pageant steering committee and committee chairmen, it was decided that entrants in the Miss Teen and Miss Hereford categories will be accepted until March 1.

Those girls who are interested in vying for either the Miss Hereford or Miss Teen crowns are urged to contact Mrs. Herring, Rosie Griffin, Wynelle

Robinson or the Chamber office for details.

The upcoming pageant will follow a different format from past years, when talent was an important facet of a contestant's chances. This year's competition will be judged solely on personal interviews, evening gown and bathing suit criteria. Talent will not be included.

This change is due to the Chamber Women's decision to reroute the Miss Hereford winner from the Texas-Miss America path to the Miss Texas USA line of competition. This will be the first time that a Miss Hereford will be selected exclusively to represent this community at the Miss Texas USA Pageant, which is scheduled in August at El Paso. In former years, Hereford

has sent an entrant to the Miss Texas (Miss America) Pageant at Fort Worth.

The Chamber Women based their preference of the Miss Texas USA contest largely upon

the recommendations of the reigning Miss Hereford Dee Anne Caison, who is the only local girl to ever compete in both state pageants during the same year. Miss Caison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Caison Jr., will play a special role at the El Paso pageant this summer, having been chosen to serve as the first Miss Hospitality during the Miss Texas USA contest.

In stating the eligibility requirements for entrants, entry chairman Rosie Griffin explained that the Miss Hereford title is open to girls who are between the ages of 18-28 as of July 25, 1978. The Miss Teen crown is offered to girls who are between 15 and 17 years of age. Miss Teen Hereford will not advance to further competition, but will serve in several capacities on the local level.

Scholarships totalling \$1,200 will be presented by the Women's Division to the two title-winners and their runners-up. The newly-crowned Miss Hereford will be awarded a \$500 scholarship and the Miss Teen will receive a \$150 grant.

A \$300 scholarship is to be presented to the first runner-up in the Miss Hereford category and the second runner-up will win a \$100 scholarship. There will be a \$100 scholarship for Miss Teen's first runner-up, followed by a \$50 scholarship for her second runner-up.

The reigning Miss Texas USA Barbara Horan of El Paso will serve as mistress of ceremonies during the March 18th production here.

**Ann Landers
Hunter's Law**



DEAR ANN: My husband has a good job but he loves to hunt, fish and trap. He gets up at five o'clock in the morning to check his traps and goes off to hunt wild game.

Bob comes home at noon and says he hasn't got time to clean his birds. Well, that's my problem. I hate the job and have told him so. I'm not against hunting because I think every man should have a sport that he enjoys.

If he can take off a half day of work to have the fun of hunting, he can take off another half hour and have the pleasure of cleaning his own game. All our friends who hunt clean their own birds.

What I want to know is whose job it is — his or mine? I work hard keeping up with a big house and six children. — Watertown, S.D.

P.S. Please answer in the paper, because if he knew I wrote to you he wouldn't talk to me for another two weeks. I'm sure many other wives have the same problem.

DEAR WIFE: Every first-class sportsman honors the law of the hunting world: "Clean your own game." And this goes for fish, too.

Tack this column onto his hunting cap tonight, Toots, and lotsa luck.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I had an experience recently with my 16-year-old that is worth sharing. We were shopping and she selected a skirt and vest priced at \$15.95. We found a blouse that matched for 19.95. She put the three pieces together and said, "I'll bet we can get the three pieces for \$15.95." I said nothing. Sure enough, the woman rang up \$15.95 — I mean to wrap the merchandise.

I stopped her and said, "You made a mistake. The blouse was extra." The woman was very grateful and thanked me. When we got outside my daughter said, "That was dumb of you." I did not respond.

As soon as we got home she went to the phone and called her best friend to say how neat it was — what her Mom had done. Then she came into the kitchen and thanked me and said, "I'll never try anything crooked again. I would not have enjoyed wearing that stolen blouse."

So, if any of you parents out there wonder what goes on inside your kids' heads, take my word for it. They are looking to you for an example of decent behavior and when they don't get it they're let down. —

Tucson
DEAR MOM: No truer words were ever spoken. All the sermonizing in the world doesn't mean a thing. It's how you conduct yourself in the crunch that counts. Your daughter will never forget that incident. I'll bet she will tell it to HER daughter.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I was nuts about Frank and he treated me special. My first date with him was in July. Everything was great until last week. He said I

was too bossy, too possessive, too domineering and he wanted to spend more time with the guys. (We are both 17).

I've been crying almost every night. I need your advice. — Goodbye Dolly

DEAR DOLLY: Apparently you were too much for the guy. Take the hint and lower the voltage for the next fella. The only girl who looks good carrying a torch is the Statue of Liberty — so smile if it kills you and look ahead — not back.

**Attorney to Speak
Thursday Evening**

A new law, effective January 1, 1978, will be discussed by Earnest Langley, attorney, at the Deaf Smith County Genealogy Society's meeting Thursday in the local library.

Genealogists, by the nature of their search accumulate and require a tremendous amount of copies of paper, letters, public records, compiled records and published material.

In correspondence and exchange with other researchers, it is much easier to "xerox" this material than to repeat it in either type or longhand. Time spent in libraries is always a premium with never enough to "note" all the information found in a readable script for one's file. "Xerox" is swift and clear, even years later.

No matter what your research covers, how many copies you make, what you do with them or why you make copies, it will be to your advantage to be in attendance tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the library basement to hear Langley explain how the



EARNEST LANGLEY

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to advise all your readers of the Pro-Life Pro-Family legislatives luncheon to be held in Washington on February 8th at the Rayburn building.

We had so many of our residents (at least a thousand) to sign the resolutions to be presented to the President and Congress, that we felt you would want to know about the presentation.

All of Congress were sent special individual invitations to attend, but this does not necessarily assure us of their attendance. It would certainly help if they had some urging from their constituency to attend.

Please, write or wire representative George Mahon, United States House of Representatives 19th Congressional District, Washington, D.C. 20515; Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Room 240 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510; Senator John Tower, Room 142, Old Senate Building, Washington D.C.,

Barbs

By PHIL PASTORET

Gurus are getting so expensive to patronize that we're looking for a prophetic-sharing plan.

Taking your temperature is about all the IRS hasn't gotten around to yet.



Add to your collection of collective nouns: A gargle of cold sufferers.

20510, and express your wish that they attend the luncheon and allow me an audience with them as a Hereford delegate.

Your prayers, concern and work in this matter will be appreciated.

Patricia Vogler, President of Hereford Chapter Association of W's



It was at one time unlucky to put your shoes on the wrong feet.

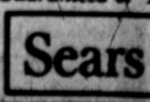
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Miffed Schools May Sue NCAA

By **HERSCHEL NISSENSON**
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — A group of almost 60 institutions is at odds with the National Collegiate Athletic Association over the new television plan and a possible lawsuit against the NCAA is being considered, The Associated Press learned Tuesday night.

"I think Chairman Moss' committee needs to know about this," a spokesman for one of the schools, who asked to remain anonymous, told the AP. He was referring to the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, headed by Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., which has been looking into the policies and procedures of the

NCAA. The schools include members of the Mid-American, Missouri Valley, Pacific Coast Athletic Association, Southern and Southland conferences and 19 independents. According to the AP's source, those five conferences, along with the independents in question, are being forced into

the NCAA's newly formed Division I-AA if they want a share of television money which they claim was guaranteed them when the new TV pact was approved last spring. At its mid-January convention in Atlanta, the NCAA's major division was split into Divisions I-A and I-AA. Division I-A will include the nation's big-time

football powers but, thanks to a late amendment, the five conferences previously mentioned plus the independents in question can also qualify for what originally was to have been the long-awaited so-called "super division." The spokesman claims the latter group of schools was specifically guaranteed 16 TV appearances over each two-year period of the new four-year contract with ABC-TV. But, he said, "The NCAA has informed us they have taken those guarantees away and put them in Division I-AA."

The spokesman admitted that a clause in the TV contract gives the NCAA's Television Committee the authority to make changes in the new plan with the approval of the policy-making NCAA Council. But, he added: "A letter we received the other day from the NCAA was the first any of us knew about the change in the guaranteed appearances. It was camouflaged and covered up from the outset. Right now legal counsel is involved and a lawsuit is being looked at."

Although NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers told a post-convention news conference that the schools in question had been "specifically earmarked" for 16 TV appearances in each two-year period of the new pact, he added that the split into Divisions I-A and I-AA "changes that." Under the new plan, most Division I-A games will be selected on merit, although the institutional limit of five TV appearances in two years still prevails. However, Division I-AA is guaranteed those 16 appearances every two years.

But most of the schools in question will probably declare for Division I-A. And ABC will almost certainly prefer to show the more prestigious football conferences as often as possible. Maravich, the leading scorer in the National Basketball Association, fell and injured his knee while attempting a between-the-legs pass late in



Help!

Jackie Mercer (20) is pressed by Clovis' Nelson Frasse in the third period of the Herford-Clovis battle Tuesday night at the La Plata gym. Mercer was one of four Whitefaces to finish the night in double figures (10 points) while Frasse tallied 15 for the Wildcats in their win. (Brand photo by Bob Nigh).

Maravich's Loss Not Enough to Stop Jazz

By **ALEX SACHARE**
AP Sports Writer
Not even the sight of Pete Maravich getting hauled off the court on a stretcher could keep the streaking New Orleans Jazz from its ninth consecutive victory. Maravich, the leading scorer in the National Basketball Association, fell and injured his knee while attempting a between-the-legs pass late in

New Orleans' game Tuesday night against the Buffalo Braves. The injury was diagnosed by Jazz trainer Don Sparks as "a strained ligament just below the knee on the outside part of the leg." Maravich is expected to miss tonight's game against Chicago and his status for Sunday's All-Star Game is questionable. Despite losing its scoring leader, New Orleans went on to beat Buffalo 114-95. Truck Robinson led the Jazz with 28 points and 16 rebounds, while Maravich had 26 points and 15 assists before leaving the game with 4:12 to play.

topped the Kansas City Kings 112-102, the Chicago Bulls trimmed the Atlanta Hawks 106-103 in overtime, the Boston Celtics beat the Indiana Pacers 104-94 and the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 116-107. "I don't know how long Pete Maravich will be out," said Jazz Coach Elgin Baylor, whose team climbed one game about .500 at 25-24, "but the doctors say it is just a strain and I'm very happy about that."

Trades Spur Shock, Dismay

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Shock and dismay have been expressed by teammates and a coach following the trade by the St. Louis Cardinals of wide receiver Ike Harris and guard Conrad Dobler to the New Orleans Saints. "You're kidding," said offensive line coach Jim Hanifan when told of Tuesday's transaction. "All I can say is that's good business. Conrad... well Conrad is someone special to me. Conrad and I go into a deep personal thing. It breaks my heart."

agent, for New Orleans defensive end Bob Pollard and guard Terry Stieve. "I was a little surprised, but I'm overjoyed," said Harris, who was signed at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, by Saints Vice President Harry Hulmes. "I'm glad to see that somebody recognized that I could help them."

David Thompson scored 41 points and Dan Issel added 26 for Denver, which blew an 18-point third quarter lead but managed to pull out the victory. Bob McAdoo scored 33 for New York. Blazers 136, Bucks 116 Portland posted its 43rd consecutive homecourt triumph, including 33 straight regular-season games, three short of the NBA record, pulling away from Milwaukee in the second half

Reactions Mixed On Kuhn's Blue Decision

By **HERSCHEL NISSENSON**
AP Sports Writer
Baseball's house was divided Tuesday in the wake of Commissioner Bowie Kuhn's ruling that killed the Cincinnati Reds' acquisition of Oakland pitching ace Vida Blue. Kuhn's critics were led by San Diego Padres owner Ray Kroc, who said that baseball was "doomed" unless the commissioner was fired. On the other side was Cedric

Tallis, general manager of the New York Yankees, who said the commissioner "has an obligation to try to protect competitive balance for the best interests of the game." And Dick Wagner, Cincinnati's vice president and general manager, obviously upset by the rejection of a trade that would have given the Reds a 1-2 pitching punch of Tom Seaver and Blue, termed Kuhn's decision a "kangaroo

court" and called the commissioner "judge, jury and his own prosecutor." Meanwhile, Blue remained unreachable, but in Oakland, his financial advisor, Chris Daniels, said the 28-year-old left-hander would play for the A's if he has to. "If Bowie Kuhn says he'll play in Oakland, that's what he'll do," Daniels said. "He just wants to play ball. I just hate to see him getting tossed back and forth like this."

On Monday, Kuhn canceled the trade of Blue to the Reds for minor league first baseman Dave Revering and \$1.75 million in cash. Two years ago, the commissioner rebuffed Oakland owner Charles O. Finley's attempts to sell Blue to the Yankees for \$1.5 million and outfielder Joe Rudi and relief ace Rollie Fingers to the Boston Red Sox for \$1 million apiece. Finley subsequently sued for \$3.5 million. His suit was overturned in the courts but an appeal is due to be heard later this month.

In calling for Kuhn's ouster, Kroc said he was the only owner to vote against renewing the commissioner's contract last year. "I told one of the owners that unless we buy up Kuhn's contract, we're doomed," Kroc said. "I don't want a lawyer in that job. We should have a good businessman who knows what life is all about."

Kroc pointed out that Finley eventually lost Rudi and Fingers when they played out their options, receiving nothing in return. The San Diego owner called Kuhn's ruling "plain crazy" and said the money Finley would have received in the deal "would just about make up his losses of last season."

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A78-13	16.50	1.73	22.50	1.84
B78-14	22.50	2.36	28.50	2.41
F78-14	28.50	2.42	34.50	2.54
G78-14	30.50	2.58	36.50	2.69
B78-15	26.50	1.70	32.50	2.07
F78-15	32.50	2.65	38.50	2.78
H78-15	34.50	2.88	40.50	2.96
L78-15	36.50	3.11	42.50	3.28

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LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS, AND YOU COME BOTHERING ME WITH YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX! THAMES 2-1

THE HERFORD BRAND Comics & Television Schedules



"According to this, he's supposed to be walking on top."

QUOTE/UNQUOTE What people are saying...



Gov. Edmund Brown, Jr.

"Four years ago I said it was time for a new spirit. Now I say there's no substitute for experience."

"I am appalled by the suffering these poor tribals have been going through for many years...there are any number of diseases. Cata-

...and goiter...one out of five women suffer from cervical cancer."

"Mr. Carter has been a complete disappointment to the people who supported him with vim and vigor."

"Last year 300,000 women used Medicaid funds for abortions. How many of these women would now be dead or mutilated, and how many unwanted children would have been born if Medicaid funds were not available?"

The National Organisation for Women, protesting the passage of the Hyde Amendment by Congress.

"Three years ago my old school (University of Pennsylvania) gave me my bachelor's degree at a special convocation, though I warned them they were lowering their standards, especially since I had skipped gymnasium altogether during my college days..."

"I've contended all along and I will until I die that I did not perform myself."

"No phrase within the constitution can be construed explicitly to prohibit the ordination of self-affirming practicing homosexual Christians."

The Rev. Byron E. Shafer, who wrote the majority report of a special study group of the United Presbyterian Church, recommending that the church permit the ordination of practicing homosexuals who otherwise meet requirements for the clergy.

"The fun thing about being sober is going to be meeting all the friends I've had for years...especially the ones I've never met. It's easy to like everybody and have everybody like you when you're smashed all the time."

Rock singer Alice Cooper, discussing his self-imposed decision to take treatment for alcoholism.



Alice Cooper

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6:15 TO TELL THE TRUTH
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6:25 LAUGH-IN
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