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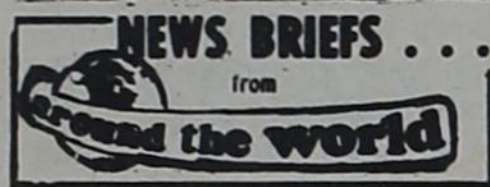
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U.S. & CHINA

The United States and China have taken a major step toward full diplomatic relations with the simultaneous announcement that liaison offices would be established in each nation's capital.

CARRIERS RETURN

Navy officials report that the Navy is bringing home two of the six aircraft carriers that have been stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin since last spring's North Vietnamese offensive.

ON FOOD PRICES

The Labor Department has announced that retail food prices rose faster in January than in any month since the Korean War.

ON HIJACK BILL

The Senate has passed 89 to 0 a bill that would replace the locally financed hijack police forces at the nation's airports with federally financed ones. The Senate version of the bill would authorize \$35 million annually to cover costs.

LAOTIAN CEASE FIRE

The Laotians have signed a cease fire which ends a decade of sporadic warfare fought with U.S. and North Vietnamese help along the borders of Vietnam.

LIFE TERM & DRUGS

Senator Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla) has proposed legislation making mandatory life imprisonment, without probation or plea bargaining, for adults convicted of distributing hard drugs to addicts.

DOCTORS ON LSD

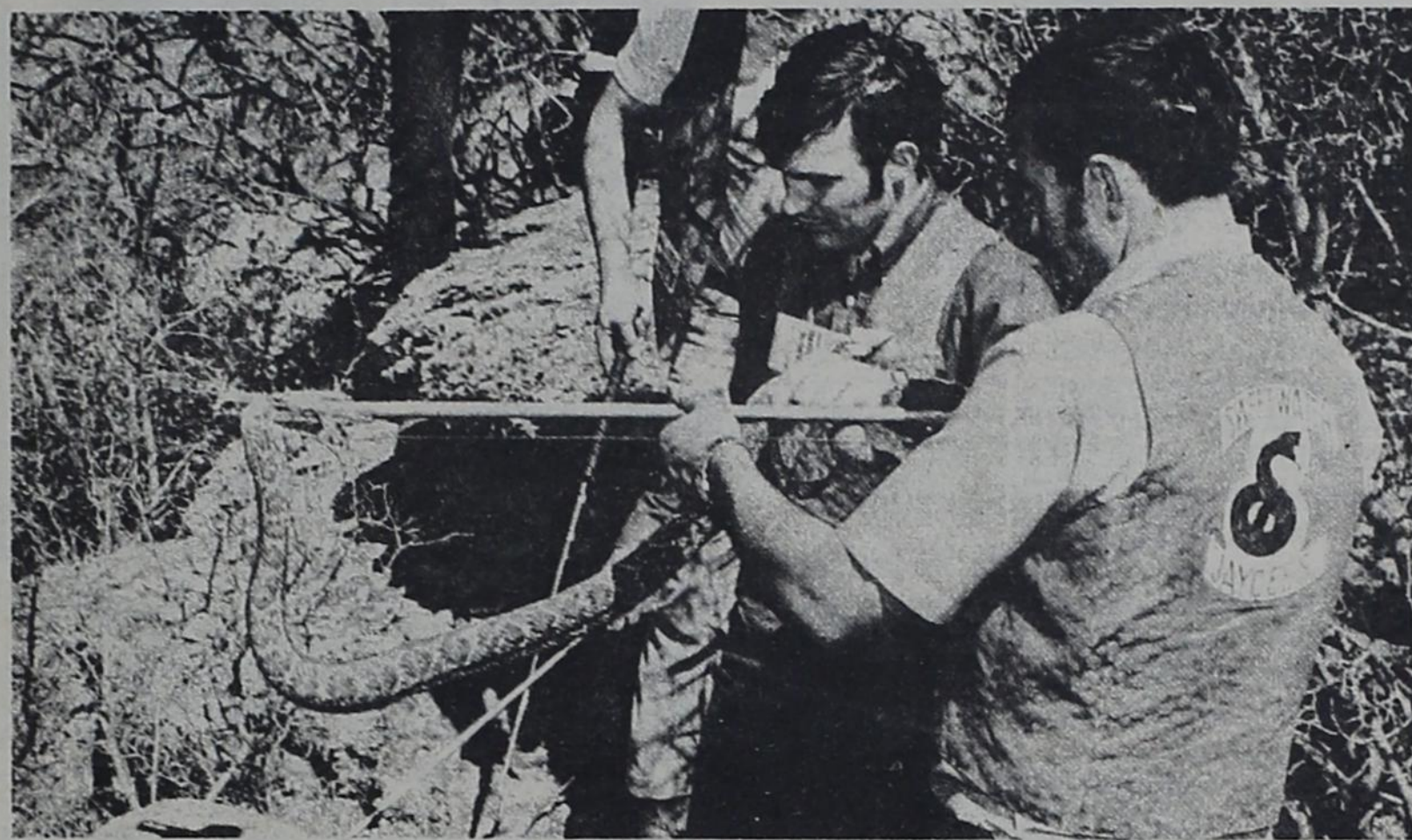
CHICAGO -- From a study of more than 30 rabbits at the University of Illinois, doctors say the results show that antibody-producing spleen and lymph node cells incubated with minute quantities of LSD show the drug "shut off completely" the production of antibodies.

GUNS DON'T KILL

CLARK, N.J. -- Lieut. Robert F. Bartkus, firearms officer for the Clark Police Department, reports its patrol cars have been equipped with the "Stinger Stick." It resembles a large night stick and shoots small bags of pellets to knock a person down without permanently injuring him.

TWO WAR VIGILS

ORLANDO, FLA. -- Mrs. Charlton Browning kept a lonely war vigil in two wars. Her husband was taken prisoner in Germany in 1943 and she learned of his release from a newspaper article. Her son, Tommy, shot down over North Vietnam in July 1966, was recently released.



CATCHING RATTLER: There's plenty of action when the Sweetwater Jaycees and other hunters pull a big rattler from its den. After

the snakes are caught, they are taken to the nearby Nolan County Coliseum. The snake roundup is said to be the largest of its kind.

Rattler Roundup Big Sporting Event

Few persons would want to stand in a pit with thousands of live rattlesnakes hissing at their feet.

But this is exactly what Bill Ransberger, a West Texas snake handler, does during one of the largest and most unusual sporting events in the world—the annual Rattlesnake Roundup at Sweetwater, Tex. The roundup, which is being held March 9-11 this year, is sponsored by the Sweetwater Jaycees and draws hunters and spectators from across the country and around the world.

Diamondback Deadliest

Under the guidance of experienced hunters, spectators go into the field to photograph the hunt and the driving of the snakes from their dens. The actual searching and trapping, however, is done only by registered hunters.

The roundup was organized 15 years ago to rid ranches, farms, and recreation areas around Sweetwater of the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, which is the deadliest of the 30 varieties of rattlers.

The venom of the rattler mainly attacks the corpuscles of the blood and the lining of the blood vessels. It can quickly cause death unless treatment of the patient is begun almost immediately.

The poisonous snakes are captured by first locating a snake den. Sunlight is reflected into the den with

mirrors to determine whether it is inhabited.

If a rattlesnake nest is discovered, the den is gassed. When the snakes flee the den to escape the gas, they are caught with snake hooks. The hunters are not allowed to use firearms.

Includes Dance

During the hunt more than 300 registered hunters capture up to 15,000 rattlers. They are watched by about 20,000 spectators, who also eat snake steaks, see live snakes on display, watch demonstrations of venom milking, and attend a snake dance. The event is held in a carnival atmosphere complete with a midway, a mustache contest, and a gun collectors' show.

Besides helping area residents, the roundup provides an education about snakes. Ransberger, who has worked with snakes as a hobby 16 years, attempts through demonstrations and talks to change fear of the reptiles to respect.

Ransberger gives his talk while standing in a pit full of the deadly rattlers. Wearing 18-inch-high, snake-proof boots made of bull-moose hide, he pays little attention to the rattlesnakes surrounding him, some of which strike at his feet.

The snake handler, who has been bitten 30 times by snakes, attributes his survival to proper first aid, which he also teaches to the spectators.

Farm Chemical Theft Warning Issued

A hypodermic needle can be a burglar's tool in thefts of agricultural chemicals.

That's what two State Department of Agriculture employees, sent by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White to a two-day seminar on grain and agricultural chemical thefts, learned recently.

Ed Whitesides, director of the department's Consumer Services Division, and Sam Smith, supervisor of the division's Weights and Measures Laboratory, were among 32 persons from nine states who attended the meeting in Jefferson City, Mo.

Sponsored by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, it attracted representatives of law enforcement agencies, chemical companies and state agricultural departments.

Grain thefts have been a bigger problem in Texas where selling stolen chemicals have been virtually unknown. Whitesides and Smith,

however, were warned to be on the lookout for chemical thieves.

"So much farming is done here and so many chemicals are used, this is a likely place for stolen chemicals to be sold," Smith said.

Though no exact figures were given, speakers said chemical thieves have made lucrative profits in the Midwest. According to Smith, they hijack trucks or burglarize warehouses to obtain merchandise. Later they insert hypodermic needles into the cans, withdraw half the liquid and replace it with water. A five-gallon can, retailing at around \$95, is sold for \$50.

Commissioner White warned prospective buyers to beware of bargains. "Know your salesman and your chemical company," he said.

Smith adds that one way buyers can tell if the chemical has been tampered with is by the weight of the can. "Water weighs less than chemicals," he explained.

Grainmen Warned Of Swindlers

Trust and carelessness are the allies of swindlers who dupe Texas grain dealers out of thousands of dollars each year.

"The thieves capitalize on careless mistakes," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White warned grain men recently. A trusting or careless buyer who does not check the truckload of grain he is buying can easily be deceived into paying for a full load when he is getting half.

White said thieves drive onto the truck scale early in the morning before scale operators arrive for work, ready when the scale opens. "No more than two persons are at the scale at this time," White said. "They're busy opening up and they may be half asleep."

Because grain swindles are deceptively simple, Commissioner White suggested that dealers use their most professional help to operate their scales.

The thieves have developed several sophisticated methods. For example, a "badger," an electronic device is placed under the truck scale and operated from the grain truck or a vehicle nearby. White explained that the control in the vehicle sends out a radio signal which activates a motor on the badger. This lowers a weight of approximately 50 pounds onto the scale beam, adding up to 30,000 pounds to the truckload.

Swindlers who use a badger will drive trucks with false bottoms. Even if checked, these trucks would appear full.

The more common way to manipulate scales is to place a man under the scale deck. He puts heavy bricks or lead weights on the transverse or multiplying beam, causing it to register more than the actual weight.

A four-man team of operators arrested in Texas last season admitted to clearing as much as \$120,000 a month, White noted. The "pit man," a 21-year-old Missouri youth now serving a jail sentence, said his take averaged \$6,000 per week.

Tighter controls and more vigilance by the weighmasters and grain dealers can go a long way toward reducing this type of fraud, White said.

Figures Show '72 Family Earnings Up

For the first time, more than half the families in the United States earn more than \$10,000 a year.

According to a report released in Washington by the Census Bureau, the median family income rose from \$9,870 in 1970 to \$10,290 in 1972. But because of increased prices, the median remained about the same in terms of what the money could buy.

A separate report on low-income persons showed that the percentage of aged poor living on incomes below the poverty line set by the federal government shrank from 19 percent to 17 percent. For the most part, this can be traced to increases in social security payments, the Census Bureau said.

Below Poverty Level

Of the 53,300,000 families in the U.S., 10 percent lived below the poverty line of \$4,137 for a nonrural family of four while 51.7 percent had incomes of \$10,000 or more.

The median income for blacks—\$6,440—is still only 60 percent of the median income for whites.

Since the late 1950's, the number of poor persons in the nation has decreased by 35 percent, with the rate of decline faster for whites than for blacks. More than two-thirds of all the poor in the U.S. are whites. While the population of blacks in the country was only 11 percent in 1971, they accounted for 29 percent of those living below the poverty level.

Public Said Against Car Inspections

Although there is a growing demand for safety in the United States, two research engineers have reported that most Americans still are undecided about the desirability of mandatory automobile inspections.

"Automobile inspections on a large scale with consumer support will only come into being if the basic system separates the inspection and the repair functions," declared the engineers, David W. Weiss and James Mateyka, in a report presented at a convention of the Society of Automotive Engineers in Detroit.

Some form of regular motor vehicle inspection already exists in 32 states. Eight other states use a system of spot checks. Vehicle defects that probably would have been detected by inspectors were identified as factors in at least 14 percent of the accidents investigated by a university research team.

Make Recommendation

However, Weiss and Mateyka said public resistance is based on a lack of confidence in the repair services available at inspection stations. They pointed out that they regard the establishment of state-owned or franchised inspection facilities as necessary to public acceptance of the inspection concept.

The researchers added that there will be continued resistance to mandatory inspections until much of the inspection process is speeded up and made more accurate by automated equipment.

INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS

—EDITORIALS—

NEUTRAL IN NONE

TV News

The television networks are currently enjoying the result of a poll among television stations designed to find out what station managers think of network news programs. Generally speaking, most stations rated their network news shows as good.

Obviously, however, few stations would knock their own product, which they must sell, especially since they are competing with other stations in their vicinity. A more accurate test would be to poll disinterested parties, with no selfish interest to consider.

Television news is under fire primarily because of the grave danger to the nation posed by a situation in which three groups of news executives in New York control and determine what most Americans see on their television news programs each evening. That is an unhealthy and potentially dangerous situation and while the bias is not as bad as it was a few years ago, it could become so again; neither the television newsman nor the newspaper newsman is above reproach.

As long as three groups of commercially-oriented executives in New York determine what goes on the nation's three networks every evening, they are exercising a disproportionate power and influence over news, and therefore public opinion, in this country.

On Poison

In recent weeks various inspectors have found poisoned mushrooms, poisoned tuna fish and poisoned pizza in various stores and warehouses around the nation. Not long before cans of poisoned soup were discovered.

That is not surprising in view of the inefficient inspection system the American depends on for protection. The Food and Drug Administration is woefully short of inspectors, the Department of Agriculture, which has more inspectors and does a better job, is limited in what it can do.

Present law and funding are such that regular inspections are not made of most food-producing plants. State agencies cannot hope to cope adequately with the flood of food products.

The message of recent weeks is loud and clear; Congress—this Congress—should enact legislation to provide adequate protection through regular inspections of every food-producing plant in the nation.



Agnew & 1976-
Rockefeller-
Women's Rights-
Ten To Go-

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Vice President Spiro Agnew's statements in recent weeks indicate he seeks to establish an image somewhat more to the left than has been his traditional political niche.

In interview answers to avowed liberals recently, his statements have stressed his view that his political shading is not reactionary, in fact is often in the middle of the political spectrum.

There's little doubt that Agnew, if nominated by the Republicans in 1976, will be up against a considerable body of public opinion holding that he is highly conservative if not reactionary.

It's this segment of the voting public to which Agnew has recently been addressing himself. And only if a Republican candidate captures middle-of-the-road America can he hope to win a presidential election.

There are already many in the G.O.P. who believe their 1976 chances hinge on the nomination of someone considered to be more of a moderate or middle roader. The name often heard in this connection is Governor

Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

John Connally of Texas is often named by President Nixon as a possible G.O.P. candidate, even though Connally is not yet a Republican. Even if the Texan is in G.O.P. ranks by 1974, his political image is about the same as Vice President Agnew's.

The White House is officially backing the so-called women's equal rights amendment, which now requires the ratification of ten more states to be law.

There are, however, some in the executive branch and many on Capital Hill who feel ratification is certain to open a large can of worms, and end many of the traditional special privileges women enjoy in this country.

Not many solons on the Hill has the political backbone to vote against this idealistic and Democratic sounding amendment, however, and state politicians have often found it hard to do so—because of effective campaigning by several major organizations and by women's lib groups in most of the states.



State Capital NEWS



BOYKIN

AUSTIN, TEX.—

"Future financing of public schools in Texas is the most talked about, but least understood, problem in the state today," Sen. Pete Snelson told the West Texas Press Association at their winter meeting in Midland.

"The courts have said that the wealth of a school district cannot be the criteria for future financing," he explained. "And all future school financing in the state is affected by the court suit on the Edgewood district of San Antonio. Public school financing has been challenged in the courts in 30 states."

He compared Edgewood with Odessa's school district. Odessa has 24,984 pupils, 1,119 teachers with a starting salary of \$7,445. Edgewood has 22,134 students, 805 teachers with a starting salary of \$6,000. This is not the "equality" promised under the 14th Amendment, the courts have ruled—and the U.S. Supreme Court is looking at the appeals on this and other state cases.

The U.S. Supreme Court decision will write the next public school financing formulas in Texas, Snelson added, which might force a special session of the Texas Legislature—after this 63rd regular session has adjourned.

He speculated on the future of school districts—pointing out that ideas have ranged from a "statewide school district" to more "consolidations of school districts"—uniting all districts in counties and statewide "property assessment at true market value."

Snelson, vice-chairman of the Senate Education Committee, quoted an El Paso newspaper clipping which said: "We are watching the demise of public education in Texas."

"The wealth of Texas as a whole will determine our future laws on public education," Snelson concluded—and asked these questions: "What will be the effect on the state tax structure? What will it do to consolidation of 1,100 school districts?" and "Will there be room for local enrichment programs?"

CONSTITUTIONAL PANEL PICKED—Legislators have until the end of the week to lodge their objections to the 37-member Texas Constitutional Revision Commission selected by the state's top six officials.

In order to reject the slate, a majority of both houses would have to signify their objections with the Secretary of State. Apparently, a relatively small number of objections with the Secretary of State. Apparently, a relatively small

By: Bill Boykin

number of objections will be lodged, although complaints on equality of the representation on the Commission were lodged by blacks, Republicans, women, youth and a West Texan. Mexican-Americans were also among signers of the objection petition.

Former State Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert was named chairman of the Commission which must report its recommendations to the Legislature by November. Mrs. Malcolm Milburn of Austin, former Republican state vice chairman, is Commission vice chairman. The Legislature will sit as a constitutional convention next year, using the Commission's work as its starting point.

The Commission includes four Republicans, four women, three blacks and three Mexican-Americans. Neither group was satisfied with its numerical representation, although individuals named by the selection committee generally drew commendation.

"Calvert is expected to call the group together soon after the Legislature's "veto period" expires. Members were warned they may as well be prepared to block off at least half their time for the next year to the revision task.

NEWSMEN'S PRIVILEGE BILL—Hearings on the "free flow of information" bill, commonly called the newsmen's privilege, was changed to March 6 at 2 p.m. in the Lieutenant Governor's committee room.

SALES TAX RECOMMENDATIONS—Tens of millions of dollars in sales tax collections are not finding their way into the state treasury, a Senate committee reported last week.

Former Sen. Joe Christie said the final report of the interim committee to study the sales tax reveals "glaring deficiencies in the way sales taxes now are collected."

Christie said the report is not meant as an attack on the office of the comptroller, the state's chief tax collector, but as an effort to suggest better and more efficient ways to get maximum yield out of the lucrative and sensitive sales tax.

In the committee's opinion, the state lost at least \$18.2 million in 1971 due to faulty administration of the levy.

Committee members offered these recommendations:

+Employment of more auditors to monitor payments by business firms to the state.

+Authority for cities to pursue in the courts collection of sales taxes once they are declared delinquent by the comptroller.

+Requirement that business firms post bond to insure payment of their sales taxes.

Postal Trouble?

Postal workers in Washington and other areas are warning of a strike if their wage demands aren't met; the workers' union implies a strike may be called later this year.

The average citizen is already often inconvenienced by slow delivery of mail, which many feel has slowed down since the postal service was turned over to a private corporation.

A major strike stopping postal service would cause hardship to tens of millions, inconvenience all Americans and financially ruin many. For these reasons, neither the President nor Congress could permit a major postal strike. If one is called, the federal government will almost certainly be forced to reacquire the nation's postal system.

Sens. O.H. (Ike) Harris and Oscar Mauzy, both of Dallas, served on the committee and will co-sponsor legislation to carry out the report's recommendations in the Senate.

The report charged Comptroller Robert S. Calvert has "pursued a policy which encourages sales tax delinquency" and has refused to demand adequate assurance of payment from new and consistently-delinquent taxpayers.

The proposed bonding requirement passed the House last week but failed to clear the Senate.

AG OPINIONS—Atty. Gen. John Hill held two bills to reinstate the death penalty for murder would be unconstitutional if enacted.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

+Financial requirements of a proposed state officials' code of ethics are constitutional, although there are some "problem areas" with the bill.

+The Legislature's extending the Governor's Committee on Human Relations beyond February 1 is valid, even though a bill to bring about the extension was not passed until after that date.

+Amendments to the budgets of counties under 225,000 population can be made at any time prior to and during the affected tax year.

COURTS SPEAK—The State Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings that former Crystal City School Superintendent John Briggs was due a \$21,000 contract settlement due to removal from duties in 1970.

The High Court also said a Houston hotel is responsible for loss of a purse a customer left in the restaurant.

A San Antonio grocery store owner who sold a magazine that may have been "unpleasant, uncouth and tawdry" should not be fined for violating pornography laws, the Court of Criminal Appeals said.

The Court of Criminal Appeals further held a defendant's testimony in court cannot be discredited by a conversation heard in a police station, since this would tend to circumvent the Texas prohibition against using oral confessions as evidence.

WELFARE BUDGET QUESTIONED—Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby asked additional data from the Welfare Departments case for major budget increases.

Hobby complained the department is asking for 2,851 new staff positions at a time when the federal government will take over cost of public assistance payments to some 275,000 aged, blind and disabled. While more Texans may qualify for state Medicaid coverage under the new federal provisions, Hobby said, he is not convinced the number of recipients of the medical care will be doubled as estimated by the Welfare Department.

Texas Research League, meanwhile, accepted Governor Briscoe's request to make an analysis of the impact of new Social Security amendments on state finances and welfare programs.

LUBBOCK MOVIE GUIDE

HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE

Dinah and Burt get nice mail

By NANCY ANDERSON
Copley News Service

HOLLYWOOD — Normally, Dinah Shore doesn't answer questions about Burt Reynolds, but she did answer this one: How do other women react to your romance with Burt? Do they write, "We hate you and want to scratch your eyes out, because we are so jealous." Or, do they say, "Go get him, girl. We're with you."

"We both get the nicest mail," Dinah said. "Everybody seems to be for us."

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At least a half-dozen David Cassidy fans broke through a line of beefy football players who were guarding the stage at Long Island's Nassau Coliseum and managed to hug, kiss and almost choke the star of "The Partridge Family" who was appearing in concert. Cassidy, not much bigger than the girls who chase him, was bruised on the back and neck in the melee.

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Asked whether she might marry Hugh Hefner, Barbi Benton confessed that, before she does, he'll have to ask her. ... Lorna Luft, Judy Garland's youngest daughter, says she doesn't encourage other young people to follow her example but that she doesn't at all regret having left high school three weeks before graduation. "I did it," Lorna expounds, "to take a part in a Broadway show. Since I always knew acting would be my career, I feel I made the right decision." The show closed quickly but not before Lorna had gotten good personal notices which helped her take another step up professionally.

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At the party Don Wortman and Tom Hartzog gave to launch their new production company, Hohn Howard,

Dorothy Lamour's husband, told me that it required 125 stitches to close a cut in Dotty's face, suffered in an automobile accident. "I wish I could get my hands on that guy," he added, speaking of the fellow who caused the wreck. The party was held at a house in old Hollywood which is headquarters for Wortman-Hartzog Productions and Wortman's home. The decor is turn-of-the-century baroque, carried out through the use of period pieces, many acquired at the MGM auction. For instance, one bedroom is equipped with furniture from "The Great Ziegfeld" while the other is fitted with pieces from "Kismet" including a silver bed with a mirror-lined canopy. Its posts were originally 26 feet high but have been cut in half to fit into the available space. Unfortunately I forgot to ask Wortman which bed he sleeps in. Personally, I think that mirror-lined canopy would keep me awake. The hosts had posted a bar and a small band in a tent in their garden, but guests were so busy at a bar inside the house that none except Joanne Worley and her escort, Roger Perry, even heard the music. Joanne not only heard it but sang a couple of numbers with the band.

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All proceeds from the sale of Presley souvenirs in the lobby of the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel during Elvis' current engagement there go to aid aurally handicapped children. El and the Colonel aren't even taking expenses.

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It's been a very sad time for Ann-Margaret. Her beloved father died in February, concluding a long illness, and, almost simultaneously, she learned that more surgery will be required to repair a small scar on her cheek. However, Annie is a strong, brave and deeply religious girl who is supported in adversity by

MOVIE MEMORIES

By Bob Harman



WHO WAS this dashing romantic idol of silent films who retired from the screen soon after the arrival of sound?

ANSWER: JOHN GILBERT
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her courage and her faith.

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Pat and Shirley Boone were asked to host a tour of Israel in connection with the special they'll do there at Easter, and, when word got out that they'd agreed, tour bookings increased until the organizers had to charter a second 747 to accommodate the crowd.

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Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw flew off to Paris for a romantic holiday before the start of his next picture in Jamaica. However, they won't have a Paris honeymoon, because Ali's divorce won't be final until she and Bob Evans agree on a property settlement.

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Before the White House dinner for Prime Minister Ted Heath, President Nixon revealed that Maria Callas had been scheduled to sing but had canceled because of a broken arm. He wondered whether Chad Everett and Cary Grant, two of the dinner guests, might entertain.

Chad, the "Medical Center" star, fired back, "Bring Maria Callas in, and we'll set her arm."

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DRIVE-IN THEATRES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE DRIVE-IN THEATER TWIN 1 6400 S. University 795-5248	LADY SINGS THE BLUES THE STERILE CUCKOO	R
GOLDEN HORSESHOE DRIVE-IN THEATER TWIN 2 6400 S. University	HAMMERSMITH IS OUT THE GRISSOM GANG	R
RED RAIDER DRIVE-IN THEATER TWIN 1 600 N. University 763-7466	SUPER FLY SKIN GAME	R
RED RAIDER DRIVE-IN THEATER TWIN 2 600 N. University	MACHISMO 40 GRAVES FOR 40 GUNS	R

Arnett BENSON 1st & Univ. 762-4535	OPEN 1:55 DAILY Devil's Widow	PG
Cinema WEST 19th & Quaker 799-5216	OPEN 1:00 DAILY "Jeremiah Johnson" Robert Redford	PG
CONTINENTAL CINEMA 763-2707 1805 Broadway	"The Assassination of Trotsky"	R
NATIONAL GENERAL THEATRES FOX TWIN #1 4215 19th STREET 792-6242	Sounder	G
NATIONAL GENERAL'S FOX TWIN #2 4215 19th STREET 792-6242	OPEN 4:15 Features 4:30-7:00-9:30 "The Poseidon Adventure"	PG
Jerry Lewis Cinema 1 South Plains Mall 799-4040	"Young Winston"	PG
Jerry Lewis Cinema 2 South Plains Mall 799-4040	"The Heartbreak Kid"	PG
Lindsey Main & Ave. J 765-6361	Innocent Bystanders	PG
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STATE 763-5461 1316 TEXAS	Skin Game Zeppelin	PG G
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Winchester 54th & Indiana 795-7186	John Wayne - Ann Margret THE TRAIN ROBBERS TWO SHOWINGS 7:25-9:15	



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Ponce Is Aboard USS Enterprise

(15MMO3365:JMB) USS ENTERPRISE (FHTNC) - Navy Airman Apprentice Miguel M. Ponce, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Ponce of Ropesville, Tex., is in the Western Pacific aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

The Big "E" was on station on the Gulf of Tonkin when President Nixon announced the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam.

He is a former student of Ropes High School, Ropesville, Tex.

Deans Honor List

LUBBOCK--A total of 2,377 students in the College of Arts and Sciences qualified for the dean's honor list for the 1972 fall semester, according to Dean Lawrence L. Graves.

To qualify for the honor list, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of courses, excluding pass-fail courses, and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Texas Tech uses a 4.0 grading system.

The College of Arts and Sciences is one of six colleges and two schools at Texas Tech University, which will be observing its Fiftieth Anniversary 1973-75. The fall enrollment was more than 21,490.

Students recognized for their high academic achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences are:

ROPESVILLE—Kyle R. Lewis, Junior; Wesley T. Bradshaw, Freshman; Kirk A. Lewis, Freshman.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Albert McElduff of 2527 Redwood, Amarillo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Ann to Kyle Richard Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis of Route 1, Ropesville.

The wedding will be at Oakwood Baptist Church, Lubbock, on May 19.

The bride is a graduate of Amarillo College, and is a candidate for graduation from Texas Tech in May with a B. A. in government. She is active in the Baptist Student Union.

The bridegroom is a candidate for graduation from Texas Tech in May with a B. A. in pre-law. He is active in the Baptist Student Union. He will be attending Texas Tech School of Law in the Fall of 1973.

Contract for Seal Coat Work

AUSTIN--A contract for seal coat work on 161.8 miles of highways in the Lubbock district was awarded by the Texas Highway Commission during its February meeting here.

W.D. Turner Construction Company of Lubbock was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$332,567.85. The work will take an estimated 70 working days to complete. William M. Pope of Lubbock is the Highway Department engineer in charge.

The projects include: Hockley County, FM 168, 1.310 miles from FM 41 (Ropesville) to Terry C/L.

ROPES HOUSEWIVES BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of March 1, 1973

Team	Won	Lost
Bowers Butane	57½	34½
Ropes Co-Op	53½	38½
Mansfield's Service	49	43
T & M Trucking	48	44
Jackson Insurance	38	54
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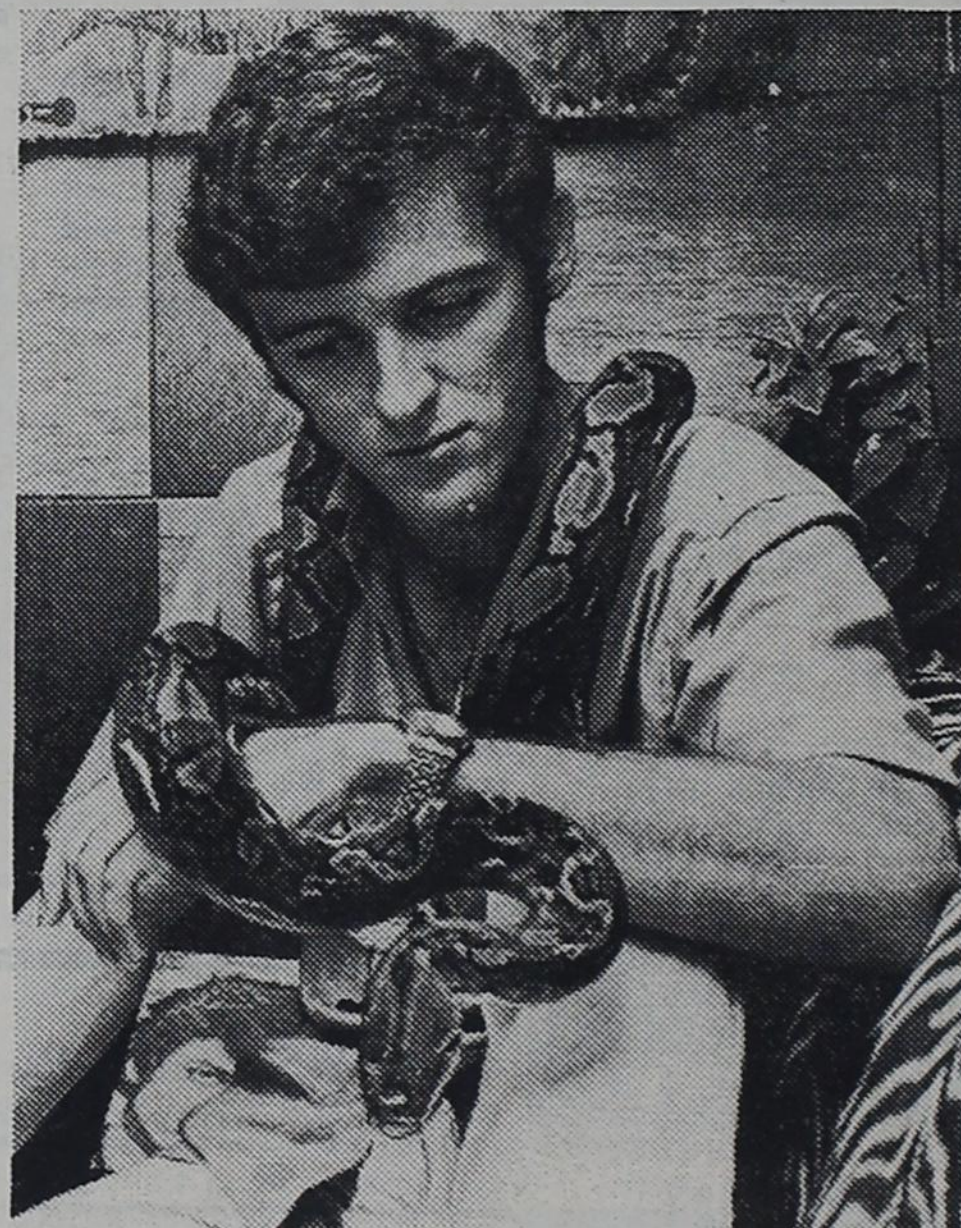
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ALL WRAPPED UP in each other are Bela DeMeter and his seven-foot python. It's all in the line of study for DeMeter, a University of Florida zoology major.

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Jordans To Appear Here

Appearing March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Ropesville will be The Jordans from Brownfield, Texas.

The group is composed of Jerry and Bruce Jordan, and their wives, Marilyn and Colleen.

Bruce formerly sang tenor for Whitey Gleason and the Jubilee Quartet.

The Jordans travel from Canada to California in a fulltime ministry. They have a way of breaking down all religious barriers, from that first warm smile and hello to the last soul stirring song that is sung. As a result, people from all faiths enjoy their singing and they are heading the popularity list across the land. Their youthful appeal, Christ-centered singing, and old fashioned dedication have been the ingredients to a rapid climb and most unusual success. As Bruce has stated, "We try to present Christ in the most spiritual kind of program possible."

Don't miss THE JORDANS when they come to your area.

The public and all the friends of the church are invited to attend the service at First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Play Presented

by Viki Bartlett

The Senior Class of Ropesville High School presents **Rubberneck**, a political comedy, by Donald R. Stieper.

The play will be presented in the Ropes High School auditorium on March 16, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

The admission will be \$1.00 for adults and \$.75 for students. This will be your last chance to see the seniors of '73 perform on stage, so be sure and do not miss it.

Watsons' Visit Here

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Watson were home for a few days from Lake Falcon, where fishing was good.

They were here to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of his brother, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Watson of Carlisle.

The Allen Watson family had a fish fry Saturday night in the home of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson, Lubbock.

Others attending were Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Watson, Ron & Shannon, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wooley, Mrs. Katherine Jones of Lubbock, Mrs. Ada Kimberlin of Ropes.

WHO KNOWS?

1. When was the Eiffel Tower completed?
2. How tall is the Eiffel Tower?
3. When is Ash Wednesday?
4. What is its significance?
5. What youth organization was founded on March 12, 1912?
6. When was West Point established?
7. What is graphology?
8. Who was President Woodrow Wilson's Vice President?
9. Who proposed the present system of standard time?
10. When was standard time established in the U.S.?

Answers to Who Knows

1. March 30, 1889.
2. 984.3 feet.
3. March 7th.
4. The beginning of Lent--40 days before Easter not counting Sundays.
5. The Girl Scouts.
6. March 16, 1802.
7. The study of handwriting --as it's supposed to indicate character, etc.
8. Thomas R. Marshall.
9. William R. Allen, 1883.
10. March 13, 1884.

Mrs. H.O. Parker Rites Held

Rites for Mrs. H.O. Parker, 76, a Lubbock resident since 1908, was at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday the 27th of February in the First Foursquare Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Fred Dawson of Las Vegas, Nevada, assisted by the Rev. Johnny Bates of Lubbock.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Parker was dead on arrival about 5 a.m. Tuesday in University Hospital. She resided at 4509 40th St.

She was born August 10, 1896 in Delta County and had been a Lubbock resident since 1908, moving here from Coleman County. Here late father, J.C. Phillips, was a pioneer Lubbock real estate man. She was a member of the First Foursquare Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Gene Barber and Mrs. B.D. Denney, both of Lubbock, Mrs. Sonny Arthur of Ropesville and Mrs. Loveta Gale of Brownwood; five sons, Carlos Parker of Lubbock, H.O. and Byron Parker, both of Denver City and Garland and Freeman Parker of Wellman; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J.H. Mitchell, James Kirksey, Merle Combs, Pierce Truett, Tom Russell, R.G. Nugent.

Southwest Junior Livestock Show

The Southwest Junior Livestock show will be in Lubbock on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. Judging of lambs and steers will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Barrows will be judged on Tuesday, starting at 8:00 a.m. The sale of prize winning animals will be on Wednesday, March 14, 1973, starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Fair Park Coliseum.

The Ropes Chapter of Future Farmers of America will be represented by the following entrants:

Larry Dalton	2 barrows
Darrell Gresham	2 barrows
Brad Pettiet	1 barrow
Jerry White	1 barrow

Levelland Area Livestock Show

The Levelland Area Junior Livestock show is being conducted this week. Judging of animals will be on Friday, beginning with steers at 8:00 a.m., followed by lambs, and barrows at 1:00 p.m. The sale of prize winning animals will be Saturday, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The Ropes FFA Chapter has entered 37 animals owned by 23 students.

They are Jeff Arnwine, 1 Berkshire barrow, 1 Hampshire barrow; Charles Chambers, 2 Berkshires; Damacio, DeLeon, 1 Hampshire; Jerry Drake, 1 Chester White Barrow, 1 Crossbreed barrow; Scott Drake, 1 Poland Barrow, 1 Spotted Barrow; Randy Ferguson, 1 Crossbreed barrow; Darrell Gresham, 1 Chester White Barrow, 1 Hampshire Barrow, 1 Monte Moore, 1 Duroc Barrow; Kim Nobles, 2 Crossbreed barrows; Cliffta Pettiet, 1 Hampshire Barrow, 1 Poland China Barrow; Randy Pierce, 1 Spotted barrow; Gene Polasek, 1 Steer; Mike Polasek, 2 Crossbreed barrows; David Redman, 1 Chester White Barrow, 1 Crossbreed barrow; Stanley Shockley, 1 Duroc Barrow, 1 Hampshire Barrow; Randy Smith, 1 Crossbreed barrow; Adrian Snider, 1 Berkshire Barrow, 1 Duroc Barrow; Christine Snider, 1 Crossbreed barrow.

Also included in this list are: Riky Streety, 1 Chester White Barrow, 1 Poland China Barrow; Tony Streety, 1 Chester White Barrow, 1 Poland China Barrow; Tony Thetford, 1 Spotted Barrow; Craig Turner 1 Crossbreed Barrow; and Jerry White, 2 Hampshire Barrows.

All in all there were 4 Berkshire Barrows, 5 Chester White Barrows, 10 Crossbreed Barrows, 3 Duroc Barrows, 7 Hampshire Barrows, 4 Poland China Barrows, 3 Spotted Barrows and 1 Steer. A total of 37 animals.

"Operation Magellan"

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ON THE SPOT

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COMES TO SENSES

Bad luck sometimes turns out to be a good thing after the immediate shock passes.

TRUE PICTURE

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MIRAGES

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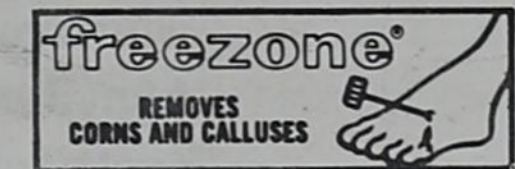
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