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## Economy plan: cut taxes, hold wages

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's plan for the U.S. economy mixes a \$25 billion tax cut this year and an anti-inflation program pegged to voluntary restraints by business and labor on wages and prices.

In his first-annual economic message to Congress today, Carter said his economic package, if approved by the House and Senate, will reduce taxes by \$258 for a typical family of four with \$15,000 annual income, a reduction of nearly 20 percent. About 96 percent of all taxpayers will receive some reductions, he said.

Presidential aides said the

tax reduction, however, would only be intended to offset increases in other taxes such as Social Security during 1977 and 1978.

The president also promised to consider additional tax reductions on a regular basis, perhaps annually, to keep the tax burden on Americans from cutting further into their income.

In announcing his economic program, Carter said it contains "my economic priorities for the years ahead and my strategies for achieving them."

It is intended, in part, to meet criticism from the busi-

ness community which has complained it did not understand Carter's economic policies.

"I have begun from the premise that our economy is basically healthy, but that well-chosen government policies will assure continued progress toward our economic goals," Carter said in the report he sent to Congress.

There was little that was new in the program that had not already been leaked by the administration to reporters. But some of the goals of the program for unemployment and inflation were changed.

A chief aim is to reduce the nation's jobless rate from the current 6.4 percent to as low as 6.1 percent by the end of this year and 5.5 percent by the end of 1979.

Carter virtually abandoned his commitment to a balanced budget by 1981, pledging instead to work for a balanced budget when the economy is near full strength.

He also abandoned his previously stated goal of reducing inflation to 4 percent by the end of 1978.

He said his economic program should ensure growth in the economy of 4.5 percent to 5

percent a year and a reduction in unemployment of about one-half percent each year. The economy grew by nearly 5.8 percent in 1977.

"Our problems cannot be solved overnight," Carter said. "But we can resolve them if we fix our sights on long-term objectives, adopt programs that will help us to realize our goals and remain prepared to make adjustments as basic circumstances change."

The most controversial part of Carter's program will be his effort to get labor unions and business leaders to accept smaller increases in wages and

prices in order to reduce inflation by one-half percent a year.

Carter's chief economic spokesman, Charles L. Schultze, acknowledged to reporters that the initial reaction of business and labor ranged from "wary acceptance" to a little bit of grumbling. But if successful, he said, inflation could be reduced to 4 percent by 1981.

Carter said success of the inflation program will depend on major firms and unions consulting with the government in advance on steps that can be taken to slow the wage and

price spiral in individual industries.

"This program is based on the initial presumption that prices and wages in each industry should rise significantly less in 1978 than they did on the average during the past two years," Schultze said.

Carter said he rejects the idea that inflation can be reduced only through slow-growth policies that keep unemployment high. But he also said that unless inflation is controlled, "the prospects for regaining a fully employed economy will be seriously reduced."

The president said there will

be continued emphasis on reducing the inflationary contributions of government regulations and programs and announced establishment of a high-level interagency committee to deal with the problem.

"My administration cannot and will not pursue policies in the future that threaten to trigger a new and more virulent round of inflation in this country," Carter said.

He didn't disclose anything that wasn't previously known about his program, which will be outlined in detail in a

(See Economic p.4)



Snow blankets Pampa

Drivers had to cautiously make their way along Pampa streets today as icy and snowy roads made traveling conditions dangerous. The Texas Highway Patrol in Amarillo reported that all roads in the Panhandle are dangerous and traveling is discouraged. There is a chance of snow for the weekend with cold weather forecast through Sunday. (Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

## Congressmen think message 'fell short'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's long agenda for an election-year Congress is encountering complaints that may signal a renewal of the congressional problems that marked the first year of his presidency.

The emphasis in his first State of the Union message Thursday night was on the economy — taxes, jobs and inflation.

And Carter followed it today with his economic message, which he called "my economic priorities for the years ahead and my strategies for achieving them."

The economic blueprint spelled out Carter's proposals for a \$25 billion tax cut, a goal of reducing the jobless rate to 5.5 percent by the end of 1979, and a one-half percent annual reduction in the inflation rate through a program of voluntary restraint by business and labor.

Abandoned was Carter's campaign pledge to balance the federal budget by the end of his first term. He put off that goal to an unspecified time when the economy would be at full strength.

As expected, the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate praised the State of the Union message while their Republican counterparts found much to criticize.

Delivered to a nationally broadcast joint session of Congress, the speech was interrupted 43 times by applause but also drew criticism from Democrats and Republicans who felt the president's proposals fell short of what they believed was necessary to deal with the nation's most pressing problems.

In a 50-page compendium of proposals accompanying his speech, Carter said the year's top priorities are a strong energy bill, creating new jobs, reducing taxes, eliminating inequities in the tax laws, revamping the federal Civil Service system and ratifying the Panama Canal treaty.

Carter was criticized last year for overburdening the legislative process with too many proposals and for not consulting sufficiently with congressional leaders. The problems were most visible in connection with his energy program, which Carter had said would be the judge of his first year in office — and which fell into a congressional quagmire.

The president should be asking for standby wage and price controls.

The president also proposed a \$25 billion tax cut, coupled with a revision of the tax laws, a move certain to generate a long and bitter debate on Capitol Hill.

Two members of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas and Sen. William V. Roth of Delaware, both Republicans, attacked the tax cut proposal.

Dole said Carter's proposal "offered token tax relief to the American people while increasing Social Security and energy taxes by many more billions." Roth said the tax cut "is neither big, bold nor beneficial."

Two other major Carter proposals, the Civil Service revamping and creating a cabinet-level Department of Education, also seem sure to run into strong opposition.

On the Education Department issue, for example, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers already have split on the proposal, and special interest groups are lining up for and against the idea based on how they see it affecting their favorite projects.

Carter acknowledged the plight of farmers fighting for higher prices in remarks inserted into his text.

For two days, farmers have clogged roads leading into Washington with their tractors and have picketed the Capitol, the White House and government agencies in their campaign to dramatize their demand for higher crop prices to offset spiraling costs of production.

He said the farm bill passed last year would "help a great deal" but added that "it's incumbent on us to monitor very carefully the farm situation and continue to work harmoniously with the farmers of our country."

"What's best for the farmers, the farm families in the long run, is best for the consumers of our country."

But Carter offered no specific proposals to raise prices paid to farmers and it is too early to tell whether the farmer protests are generating enough support in Congress for early action with or without White House recommendations.

Turning to foreign policy, the president appealed for ratification of the Panama Canal treaty, which he described as "important and controversial" but which he said would "discourage the spread of hostile ideologies in this hemisphere, and directly contribute to the economic well-being and security of the United States."

His appeal drew prolonged applause. Carter grinned as it died down and quipped, "I have to say that's a very welcome applause."

Sen. Harrison Williams Jr. of New Jersey, another Democrat normally among Carter's allies, said he was "frankly a little disappointed in his lack of detail on mass transit."

As chairman of the Senate Human Resources Committee, Williams has a key role in handling many of Carter's domestic proposals.

## Prices up 6.8 percent in '77

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN  
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose a moderate 0.4 percent in December, bringing the overall rise in prices in 1977 to 6.8 percent, the government reported today.

The inflation rate was about in line with what the Carter administration predicted for the year and compared with a 4.8 percent price rise in 1976.

The Labor Department blamed last year's acceleration of inflation on higher food prices during the first half of the year when severe winter weather affected crops and reduced supplies.

The administration originally projected consumer prices to rise 6.7 percent in 1977 but revised its forecast in April to 6.9 percent because of the weather's effect during the first three

months of the year.

Although inflation was higher last year than in 1976, the rate cooled during the second half of the year. Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted 4.6 percent annual rate during the final three months of 1977, compared with a 10 percent annual rate in the first quarter.

Administration economists predict inflation in 1978 will rise at about the same rate as last year, with the average family's food costs increasing 4 to 6 percent.

It is in his State of the Union speech Thursday night, President Carter expressed concern with the high rate of inflation and proposed a new, voluntary program to combat it through wage and price restraints. He called on government, business, labor and other groups to hold wage and price increases in

each sector of the economy during 1978 below the average increases of the last two years.

"A sincere commitment to voluntary constraint provides a way — perhaps the only way — to fight inflation without government interference," Carter said.

The 6.8 percent inflation rate last year compares with inflation rates of 7 percent in 1975, 12.2 percent in 1974 and 8.8 percent in 1973.

Food prices rose 8 percent last year following an increase of only 0.6 percent in 1976.

The increase was led by higher prices for meats, poultry, processed fruits and vegetables, sugar and cereal and bakery products, all of which declined in 1976, the government said.

Although coffee prices have declined since mid-year, the in-

crease of 47.8 percent in 1977 was only slightly less than the rise of 57.9 percent in 1976.

In announcing the year-end figures, the Labor Department also reported that the purchasing power of the average worker's paycheck declined 0.3 percent in December because of inflation and a drop in weekly pay.

Over the year, real spendable earnings — take-home pay after reductions for inflation and taxes — were up 3.4 percent because of a reduction in federal income taxes last June.

In December, the consumer price index stood at 186.1,

meaning that it cost \$186.10 to buy the same marketbasket of goods and services purchased for \$100 in the 1967 base period. The index is not seasonally adjusted.

Although food prices last year were higher than in 1976, the government said prices for non-food commodities rose 4.9 percent over the year, about the same as in the previous year. The cost of services rose 7.9 percent, also about the same rate as in 1976.

Medical-care services increased 9 percent last year, while the cost of transportation was up 6.7 percent and rents climbed 6.5 percent.

## Booze off city's wagon

A second chapter in the local "Alcoholic Beverages and City Employees" saga was written this morning, and if Mack Wofford, Pampa city manager, has anything to say about it the second chapter will be the last.

Wofford was informed this morning that several employees of the city's water department, on their way to an out-of-town meeting and using a city vehicle to make the trip, had stopped at a local liquor store to purchase beer.

The employees were observed making the purchase by a Pampa News staff member who was acting on an anonymous telephone tip received at The News Thursday afternoon.

The call apparently was prompted by a story in the Wednesday, Jan. 18, edition of The Pampa News which reported the dismissal of three water department employees for allegedly consuming alcoholic beverages on city property.

The caller told The News that some city employees regularly consume beer in city

vehicles, and said if The News wanted proof, to simply follow a certain city vehicle as it left town Thursday night. The caller was sure the vehicle would stop at a liquor store for the purpose of buying beer.

The caller proved to be correct, and Wofford was told of the incident this morning.

While he declined to make any extensive comment until he had investigated the incident, the city manager did say "you can be assured such an occurrence will not take place again."

He also said there is no specific city policy against transporting alcoholic beverages in city vehicles, but there is "an unwritten rule" against the practice.

Wofford also said he was distributing a letter to all department heads today informing them "very clearly" that the use of city vehicles to transport alcoholic beverages would not be allowed.

Since in Wofford's view "it would be very difficult to prove" the beverages purchased by the employees Thursday were consumed in the vehicle, no action against them was contemplated.

## 12-inch snow collects in New York

By The Associated Press

A howling storm swept up the Atlantic coast today, dumping more than 12 inches of new snow on some areas, closing airports, schools, offices and roads and virtually paralyzing New York City.

A state of emergency was declared in New York City as swirling winds swept more than a foot of new snow into drifts several feet deep in many areas. Up to 20 inches of snow was expected in the city unless the snowfall changes to sleet or rain.

New York's entire metropolitan area was crippled. Schools and government offices closed, all three major airports — LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark — shut down, many Manhattan office buildings were almost deserted, and vehicular traffic was stalled or snarled.

In New Brunswick, N.J., police turned back all non-emergency vehicular traffic at the city limits.

Speeds were reduced to 35

mph on the New Jersey Turnpike "for anyone stupid enough to be driving," a turnpike spokesman said. The Long Island Expressway, the main thoroughfare from Long Island to New York City, was ordered closed as stalled cars littered the roadway.

Commuters in Washington were running 30 minutes to an hour late as rain and sleet turned five inches of snow into a slushy mess. Dulles and National airports reported delays in flights.

Philadelphia — buried under 10 inches of new snow within 12 hours — closed its airport, all public and parochial schools and state offices. State buildings in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg also shut down.

However, showing the storm ahead of it was warmer air from the South, which was turning the snow to sleet and freezing rain and, finally, just heavy rain as it moved north.

Rain soaked the Southeast from Mississippi eastward

Thursday and was pushing through the mid-Atlantic states early today, reaching Philadelphia several hours before dawn.

The combination of warmer temperatures and rain raised another danger — local flooding — for northern sections still blanketed by snow and ice.

As it passed through Thursday, the storm dropped snow as far south as southwestern Louisiana — which had not had any for five years — and left up to five inches in northern Alabama.

A squall line moved through Florida Thursday, spawning up to 20 tornadoes. However, no injuries were reported, although 40 houses were damaged.

"We're not really sure all these 20 were tornadoes," said forecaster Elbert Hill of the National Weather Service. "We've had situations like this before when we've had a good squall line move through the state."

Tennessee and Kentucky, which have been buried under more snow in the past couple of weeks than they sometimes get in an entire season, got another layer Thursday.

Schools were closed in much of Tennessee again today. Officials in Memphis are talking about canceling the week-long spring vacation to make up for lost time.

Garbage has not been collected in Memphis since Jan. 11 and residents are complaining of dogs tearing their plastic trash bags.

Kentucky was under a virtual siege Thursday night with accumulations up to 19 inches.

Gov. Julian Carroll activated 300 Kentucky National Guardsmen Thursday to help officials in the Louisville area, where Jefferson County Judge Mitch McConnell warned that the government cannot do everything.

"Get everybody together, get your shovels out and get your roads clear," said Gov. Carroll.

"We're not helpless."

Times were also hard in areas more accustomed to dealing with winter weather, like Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Icy rivers were big problems in both states.

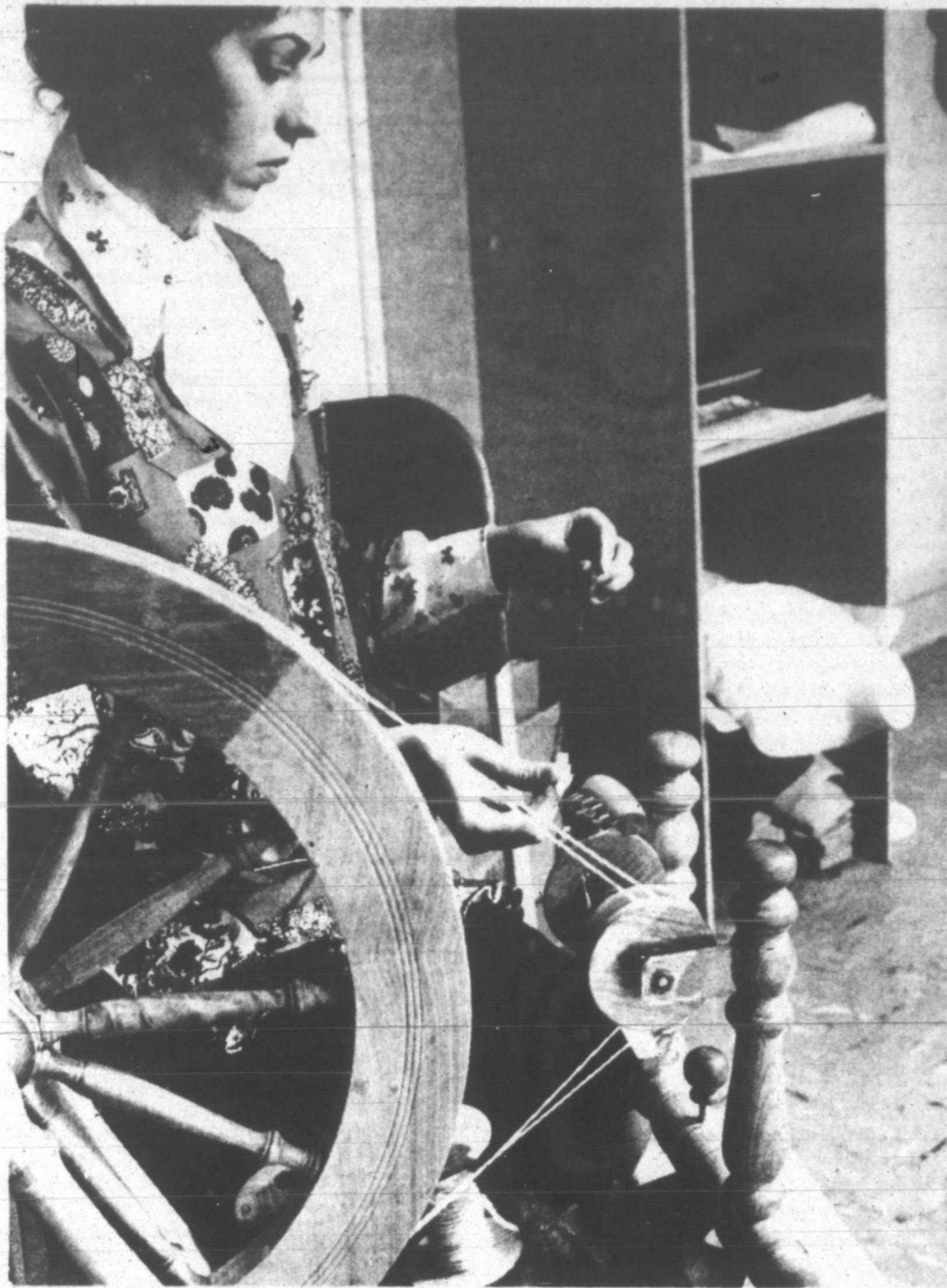
"It's worse than it was a year ago," said Carroll Sheldon, lockmaster at Markland Dam, near the Ohio-Indiana border. The Ohio River froze solid last year, one of the few times this century it has done so.

"It's a different type of ice. Last year it was solid. This stuff is mushy and fills up the towboard path," said Sheldon.

The delay in river traffic was preventing salt shipments from reaching snow-clogged Cincinnati, which has almost exhausted its 15,000-ton stockpile since the first of the year.

Elsewhere, there was snow in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico and rain showers in Oregon, central California and much of Arizona.





**Learn to spin wool**

Anne Worley, fashion director at Panhandle - Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, spins wool into thread with the aid of a spinning wheel. Miss Worley will be teaching a wool spinning class at the museum each Saturday beginning Jan. 28. Other classes that may be offered at the museum include natural dyeing and spinning with other materials such as cotton and flax.

# Shooting spree wounds children

PORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man shattered a sliding glass door and burst into a Fort Worth residence firing a pistol Thursday night, killing one of the family's children and wounding three others. Police said the shootings stemmed from a domestic quarrel. Marilyn Daniel, 15, was found dead at the scene, police said. Denise Daniel, 13, Billy Daniel, 8, and Dwayne Daniel, 4, were reported in critical condition late Thursday night at a Fort Worth hospital. The family's 14-year-old son, Willie Joe Daniel Jr., ran from the residence and was unharmed. The shootings occurred at the north Fort Worth home of Willie Joe Daniel Sr. after one of Daniel's children called police pleading that a gunman was at the "front door, trying to break into the house." The assailant remained at large early today. Police said

he was believed to be armed with a shotgun. A nurse at John Peter Smith Hospital said Billy and Denise Daniel were in surgery early today, "alive, but barely alive." Police said the shooting spree erupted after the man went to the home to speak to the children's mother, Anthonette. He quarreled with her and then with the two girls, they added. Witnesses told police the man took a pistol from a bedroom closet and got another from his car while Mrs. Daniel ran to a neighbor's home to call for help. When he returned to the house, the assailant found that Billy Daniel had locked the front door. Witnesses said the man pounded on the door before breaking the glass door to gain entrance. He then chased the children through the house, firing wildly, police said. At least 10 shots

were fired, investigators said. "We could hear him breaking the back window," said neighbor Mary Ruiz, who said she ran next door to the Daniel home. "He let me in. He opened the door. I could smell gun powder in the house. He still had the gun in his hand. I looked at him. He cursed me and said 'Get out of my way' as he ran to his car. . . . 'I must have had an angel in my pocket,'" Mrs. Ruiz added. "He was looking right at me, holding the gun and he didn't shoot me." Mrs. Ruiz said she entered the house and saw Billy and Dwayne lying on the floor bleeding and moaning. She said Denise was standing near her two brothers, screaming hysterically and praying they wouldn't die. Marilyn was found slumped in a bedroom closet with a bullet wound in her ear. Dwayne had suffered a gunshot wound

in the back and one in his face, while Billy was shot once in the back of the head. Denise suffered five gunshot wounds. The Fort Worth police dispatcher who took the call from one of Daniel's children said she "could hear noises in the background — it was children screaming and crying." "We could definitely hear the background noises and could tell that something was going

on there," she added. "We could also hear the suspect trying to break the door down."

# Marston fights for job

By JAMES H. RUBIN Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — David Marston, who is fighting his removal as U.S. attorney in Philadelphia, is heading to see Attorney General Griffin Bell for a meeting that may decide how long Marston stays in his job. Bell summoned Marston and the U.S. attorney's four top assistants to Washington to discuss the Carter administration plans to fire the Republican prosecutor. Today's scheduled meeting comes on the heels of new confirmation Thursday that Marston's office is investigating the law office of Rep. Joshua Ellberg, D-Pa., the congressman who urged President Carter to replace Marston. The matter sparked a growing controversy after Carter disclosed last week that at Ellberg's urging in November he had asked Bell to speed up Marston's ouster. Bell later said he already had intended to replace him, and the administration has denied knowledge of any investigation of Ellberg until this week. It was learned Thursday that there has been some sentiment in the Justice Department to

keep Marston in his job in hopes of rescuing the administration from further embarrassment. At least one high-ranking department official has said privately that Bell may be better off settling his differences with Marston. The official, who asked to remain anonymous, described Marston as inexperienced in trial work and insubordinate for challenging Bell and Carter publicly. But the official, in outlining a rationale for keeping Marston in the post, said Bell might decide it is "in the best interest of criminal justice" to retain him. Other administration officials suggested that the 35-year-old U.S. attorney, who has 2 1/2 years remaining in his four-

year term, might be allowed to stay on until pending investigations are completed. Marston's first assistant, Kirk Karaszewicz, said that Bell's deputy, Michael Egan, called Marston Thursday and said the attorney general wanted to meet with him. "Nothing else was said," Karaszewicz related. The five men were scheduled to take a train to the capital and meet with Bell at 2 p.m. **ROGUE THEATRE** Wheelie, Texas 7:00-7:30 New Through Jan. 21 **Darby O'Gill and the Little People** Plus **A Tale of Two Critters**

# Happy Chandler, last of the 'rugged' politicians

By JULES LOH AP Special Correspondent VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — This is the heart of the bluegrass country, where the horses are fast, the whiskey is strong and Chandler is happy. "Come on in, partner, and sit next to the fire," Happy Chandler said, hand extended, grin in full bloom, voice in full gallop. "Oh, I'm fine, just fine. Ha. Keeping busy and wearing the world with a loose jacket. Ha, ha. Come on in, partner." Happy Chandler might be the only person on earth who can talk and laugh at the same time, slighting neither. The news that Happy Chandler will be 80 this year, in July, is news in the way the first robin is news. Hasn't he always been reliably on hand to cheer the world? Yet, how can Happy Chandler, ebullient symbol of eternal spring, be thought of as getting on in years? "Partner, I feel as good as I've ever felt. Weight's an even 200. Blood pressure's 120 over 80. Take hold of this," he said, tightening his biceps. "Hard. Rugged. I'm rugged, partner." Like Hubert Horatio Humphrey of Minnesota, Albert Benjamin Chandler of Kentucky belongs to a shrinking breed of politicians who lived, breathed and flourished on the sheer joy of politics. State senator at 30, governor of Kentucky at 36, United

States senator, commissioner of baseball, governor again for another generation of Kentuckians, Happy Chandler was candidate for something or other in 13 races, winner of 12 of them, and all the while loved, truly loved, every minute of the hurly and the burly and the noise and the crowds. "Partner, I have shaken more hands than any man dead or alive. I like to wear my hand out shaking hands. "One August day in 1955 at Beach Bend Park in Bowling Green I shook 25,556 hands. A guy with a clicker counted 'em. They say it's a record. I had on a white summer suit and it got wringing wet. Water filled my shoes. Partner, I like to die. Rocking in his paneled den, in his royal blue University of Kentucky jacket and his fire-engine red socks, rocking and reminiscing, Happy Chandler is as cheering on a winter's day as the fire in the hearth. Around him are the mementoes of his public years, framed certificates, silver trays, photographs, a shrine of the high and the powerful of the nation and the world spanning half a century. "I have something I bet you'd like to see, something I'm proud to have," he said. "Follow me." He led the way to the rear of the house, to his bedroom. Whatever this special treasure,

it was obviously too precious, too personal to display out front with the rest.

## Cain files for judgeship

District Judge Don Cain has announced that he will file for election to the 223rd Judicial Court of Gray County, subject to the action of the May 6 Democratic primary. Cain has served as county attorney and county judge. He is a member of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, The American Bar Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He has served as president of the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council, the Pampa Rotary Club, the Gray County Bar Association and the Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association. He has served on the board of the Pampa United Fund and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

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## Advice

Dear Abby  
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Until I read your column today I thought I was the only woman in the world whose husband didn't trust her out of his sight.

We've been married a year and I feel like a prisoner. I have my own car (which I paid for myself), but my husband carries the keys and if I have to go anywhere he insists on driving me there.

When he comes home from work I get the third degree. "Was anybody here today? Who did you talk to?" (He places the telephone cord in a certain way so he will know if the phone has been used.)

I've never lied to him and have no reason to, but he doesn't believe a thing I say. I am his fifth wife, and now I know why the first four couldn't live with him.

Please don't write me at home because he gets all the mail before I do. Just write a message to "Stuck in Penna." and tell me what to do.

STUCK

DEAR STUCK: Obviously you are able to write, so if you really want out of that miserable marriage, write to a friend or relative and ask them to come and get you.

You appear to fear your husband, so if you have reason to believe that he's capable of doing you bodily harm, ask whoever is coming to rescue you from this tyrant to bring along police protection.

If you have no one to whom you can write, tell your husband you want to leave, and if he doesn't give you the keys to your car, telephone the police (or sheriff) and ask THEM to come and get you.

DEAR ABBY: I am the office manager for a law firm and have several women working under me. Is there in existence anywhere a standard dress code for the office?

I realize that times are changing, and office attire is more casual now, but surely there must be a limit to some of the "get-ups" women are allowed to wear to the office. I have an extremely difficult time getting the idea across to some of my girls. Can you help?

FORT WORTH

DEAR FORT: For what it's worth, there is no "standard dress code" for all offices.

I don't know what kind of "get-up" you consider "the limit," but if you spell out specifically what you consider inappropriate attire for your office, you'll have your own dress code.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my middle 40s, single by choice and I have an excellent position. My widowed mother lives with me and I am not lonely.

A few months ago my favorite cousin died. She was a few years older than I, and her husband was 12 years her senior. Well, the new widower has been coming here very often to visit "us." Both Mother and I agree that he is interested in ME. The problem is, I am not interested in HIM.

So far I've been able to avoid being alone with him, but he is very persistent. If he doesn't catch on pretty soon, I may have to hurt his feelings in order to discourage him. Can you give me a few pointers?

NOT FOR HIM

DEAR NOT: Keep the conversation impersonal, don't let him get you alone, stay out of his reach, and retire early. He'll get the message. (P.S. How about introducing him to a friend? One woman's leftovers can be another woman's banquet.)

Hate to write letters? Send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Laaky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212, for Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (24¢) envelope.

Ask Dr. Lamb  
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — In one of your columns you described the effects of DES on male children. My husband is one such case. Although he is not completely sterile his sperm count is only 4,500,000. We are unable to conceive. Can this effect of DES be reversed? Is there hormonal therapy that can correct this dysfunction? We would appreciate your advice concerning this matter.

DEAR READER — DES (diethylstilbesterol) is a synthetic substitute for estrogen and it was once widely used to prevent miscarriages in women who had histories of miscarriages or a threatened abortion. The spotlight has been on its effect on the daughters of women who used DES. As I mentioned in my earlier column there is evidence that it may also have affected some of the sons by affecting sexual development and more often affecting sperm production. It is certainly true that low sperm counts and infertility can result in a man whose mother took DES to preserve her pregnancy.

However, that does not prove that this caused your husband's low sperm count. There are lots of men who have low sperm counts whose mothers never went near DES during pregnancy. The normal count is 60 to 150 million sperm cells per milliliter (there are about 3.5 milliliters per teaspoon). There are some things that can be done in selected cases to improve a man's fertility which may help in your husband's case. It is important to have had an evaluation to be sure there are no hormonal deficiencies that can be corrected. Some men have higher counts when they are placed on thyroid supplements. Recently there has been some success reported in using the fertility pill that women use, to increase sperm production in men. The same hormones from the pituitary

gland that stimulate the ovary in the woman stimulate the testicles in the man. Using this principle the fertility pills were tried and found to work in some cases. Another technique that has helped in some cases is the use of pooled specimens. A large number of sperm cells can be collected in several specimens and artificial insemination used but that is cumbersome and expensive and some people object to artificial insemination on moral grounds. I believe the Vatican has come out against artificial insemination for any reason, even when the donor is the husband.

The number of sperm cells is not the total answer either, it depends upon whether they are normal or abnormal sperm cells. A large specimen of abnormal sperm cells will not produce a pregnancy. I should remind my readers that the number of sperm cells often has little to do with a man's sex drive or inclinations. He can be normal in all regards and not be fertile, so one should not equate fertility with masculinity — whatever masculinity really is, since each culture seems to have its own changing definition of that term.

My best advice would be for your husband and perhaps yourself to go to a fertility clinic for a careful study, to learn if he can benefit from a fertility pill or other recent developments. Each case is different, and you won't get a good answer without a good personal study.

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Polly Cramer

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## Plants in the home...

# How to select an indoor tree

ELVIN McDONALD



If you're in the market for an indoor tree, I suggest you shop around and see what's new. That's what I've been doing for a friend who has just moved to the city from the country and says she is about to lapse into terminal cultural shock because there are no trees outside the windows of her high-rise apartment.

In my experience, one's confidence and willingness to be adventurous in the selection and purchase of a new plant diminish in direct relation to the size and price. Consequently, most house and office trees tend to be the common standbys — schefflera, weeping fig (Ficus benjamina), areca palm and dracaena.

There is of course nothing wrong with any of these, but with the same kind of good care any of them needs you can grow something far more unusual that may prove to be an even better house tree.

Before you shop, evaluate the environmental conditions under which your tree will grow. Consider this check list:

**Light:** For long-term good health it should be bright enough for you to read by most of the day, ideally with two hours or more of direct sun. In case you have more trees than sunny windows, rotate them on a weekly basis so that none has to live in a dark corner for more than a few days at a time. Remember also that branches near the ceiling may receive considerably less light than those below.

If natural light is dim or nonexistent where you want a tree, use one or two 75- or 150-watt incandescent floods (Duro-Lite's Plant Lite, General Electric's Cool Beam or Sylvania's Cool-Lux), in ceramic (porcelain) sockets, placed directly above, or above and to the side, of the tree, and about 3 feet away so as not to burn the top leaves. To supplement weak natural light, burn the floods 6-8 hours daily; to help replace natural light, 12-18.

**Temperature:** Average dwelling and office temperatures (60-75F.) suit

most indoor trees during the winter heating season. In combination with fresh air circulation, but with protection from both hot and cold drafts. Since heat rises, the uppermost branches will be the first to suffer in a room that is kept too warm.

**Humidity:** In temperatures comfortable for you and in evenly moist soil, most indoor trees will tolerate low humidity, but for best growth they need 30 percent or more, best supplied in winter by a cool-vapor humidifier. Mist the leaves frequently will help keep them clean, but won't increase humidity for long.

**Repotting:** To encourage rapid growth, move to a size or two larger pot each time the tree becomes rootbound. To discourage a tree that is about to collide with the ceiling, keep it in the same size pot but replace some of the old soil with fresh once a year, ideally in late winter or spring; trim back roots and branches as necessary.

**Fertilizer:** Same rule of thumb as for repotting; if you want rapid growth, apply foliage-plant fertilizer regularly, following label directions. Otherwise, feed lightly if at all and then only in spring or summer.

Now for the good news: Some trees I think you may find more interesting to grow indoors than the old standbys include: Cycad or sago palm: Half-palm, half-fern that dates from the age of the dinosaurs. Best to keep on the cool side in winter with damp to moist soil. Dry heat and parched soil will kill it; the same as a schefflera or

almost any other plant.

**Bamboo palm:** This bamboo lookalike is a true palm and one of the best, most graceful, for growing indoors. Red spider-mites will attack in hot dry, stale air, the same as on the common areca.

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HOUSE CALL

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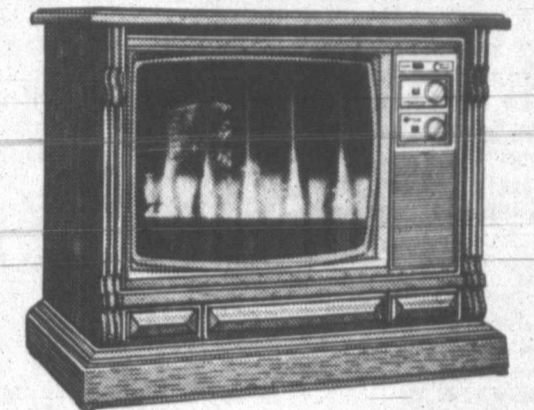
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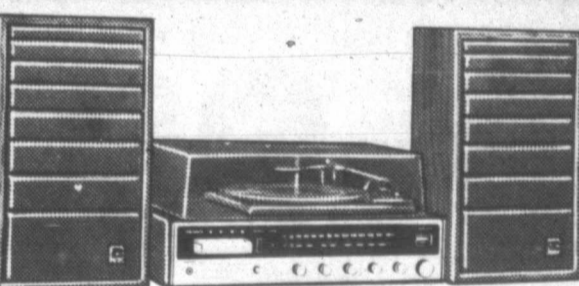


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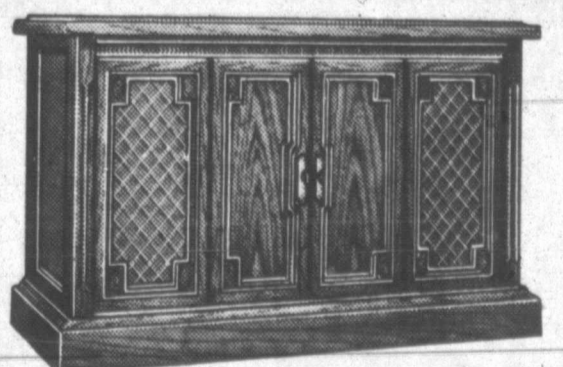
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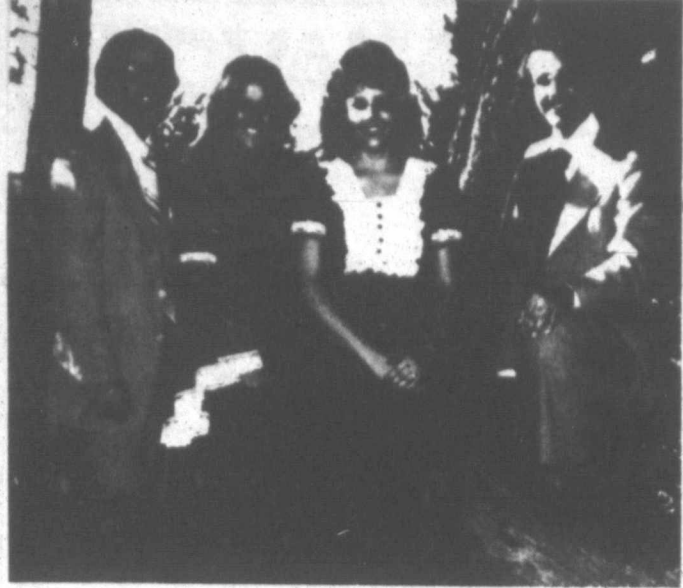


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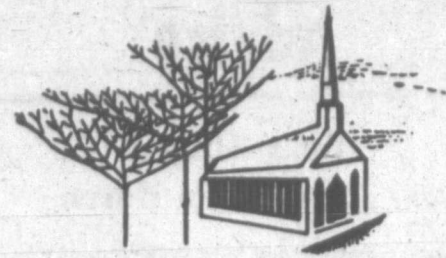
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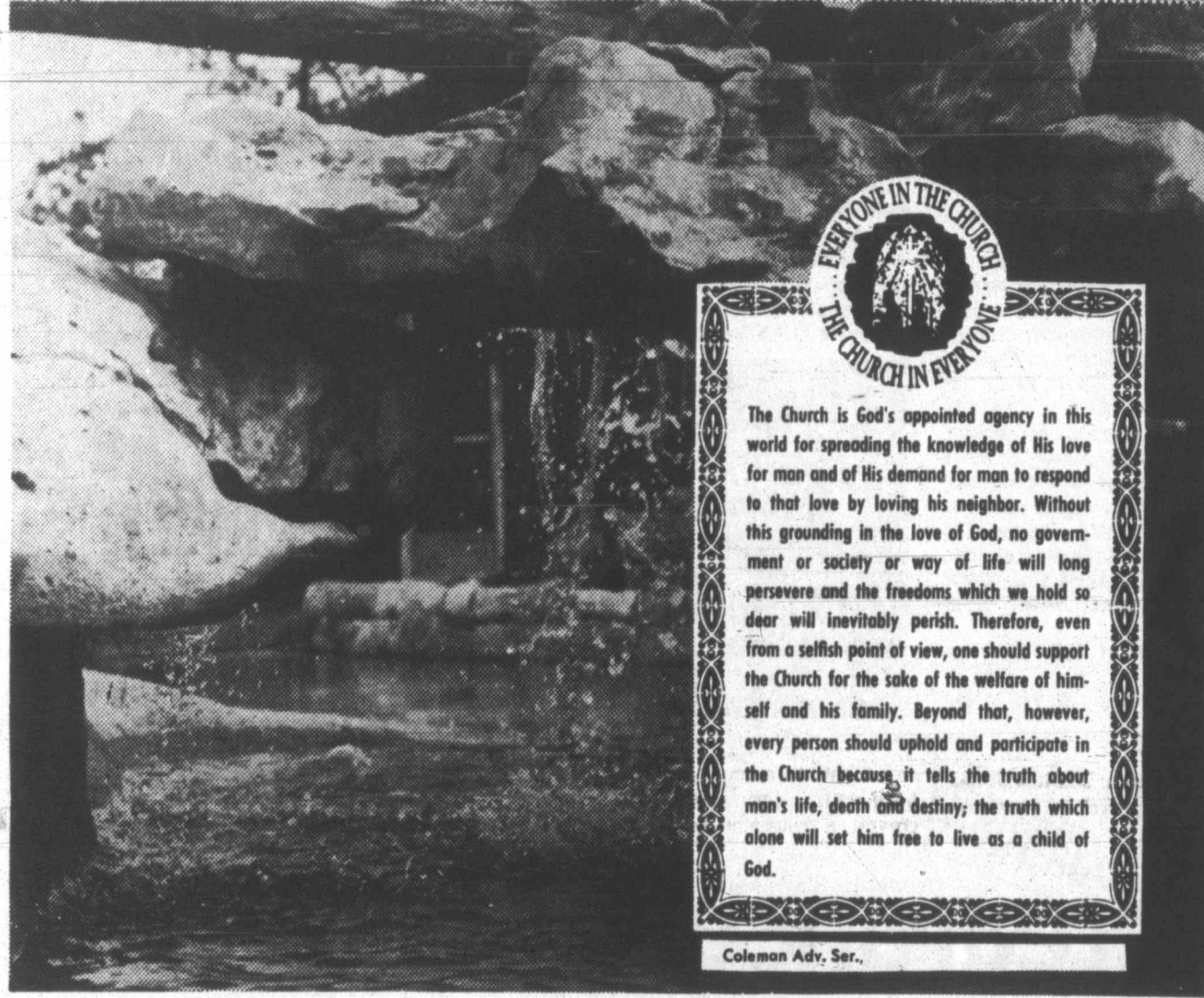
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Part III: The untaxed

# Who doesn't pay? States don't know

**EDITORS' NOTE** - To change the laws regulating tax exemptions requires a long and politically difficult process. Here, in the last of a three-part series, is a look at what some states have been doing to make exemptions fairer, and what tax experts feel ought to be done.

By **LEE MITGANG**  
AP Urban Affairs Writer

The first step in reforming the laws governing tax exemptions is to keep up-to-date records on who is not paying taxes. Most states don't.

"The question of property tax exemption must surely set some sort of record for the paucity of current, comparable data," wrote L. Richard Gabler and John Shannon in a recent report by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Nearly everyone who has attempted to tackle the tax exemption problem has hit the same stumbling block: less than half the states keep current records of tax-free property.

In 1976, for instance, Stephen E. Lile of the University of Kentucky tried to explore the problem in his state, and found that "surprisingly little is known about the amount of tax-exempt property in Kentucky because few records are maintained on such things as name of owner, location, current use,

and characteristic of exempt property."

Thus the scope and depth of the problem is hidden from public view in more than half the 50 states. The taxpayer only knows his taxes are going up, but not why.

"Tax exemption constitutes a subsidy by the tax-paying public to owners of exempt property. The public therefore has a right to know the extent to which it is engaging in 'tax expenditures,'" Lile wrote.

The Associated Press asked state tax departments which do not keep such records to explain the information gap. Several responded that such record-keeping was a city or county responsibility. Others said they saw no sense in wasting staff time and money to assess property which isn't going to be taxed anyway.

The North Carolina Department of Revenue said it doesn't gather tax-exempt information because "exemptions have a fairly low priority because very little can be done to reduce them."

The Michigan State Tax Commission, which also doesn't keep records said it was because of the "expense involved."

State officials in Tennessee, on the other hand, have decided to begin a statewide study of tax exempt rolls, but they appear to be an exceptional case

among states that haven't kept records before.

Aside from the time and trouble of record-keeping, tax experts note that rocking the exemption boat - even with the simple act of keeping current assessments - is not something many state legislatures relish. Those who receive exemptions frequently command votes and dollars, including churches, universities, clubs, wealthy landholders or veterans groups.

John Coleman of the U.S. Census Bureau, who compiles exemption records for the federal government every five years has tried with little success to get local governments to keep up-to-date assessments of tax-free property and make them public.

"I don't sense any response at all. It's so sensitive they're intimidated, I suspect," he says.

Thus, ACIR for the last 15 years has called upon states to take basic steps to keep better track of tax exemptions. They repeated those recommendations this year in a paper by Gabler and Shannon. Among them were:

-An annual review of exemption privileges. This would give local government a chance to see if a century-old exemption law still has merit, or whether it conflicts with cur-

rent budgetary or social goals.

-Regular assessments of tax-exempt properties. Many states protest this is expensive and wasteful, but Coleman counters that in many states, the cost of assessments would be more than made up when states root out exempt properties that really should be paying taxes.

-A breakdown of exemptions according to taxing jurisdictions and publication of findings.

Very often, both government and private exempt organizations are centered in cities. Those organizations may benefit people all over the state, but only taxpayers in the city end up paying for taxes lost and municipal services provided.

To address that problem, 36 states either allow local governments to levy limited special taxes on tax-exempt state facilities, or else the state makes special "in lieu" payments or pays service charges.

Wisconsin, for instance, has since 1973 compensated local governments for state buildings. And Virginia allows municipalities to charge for services on tax-exempt state property, libraries, charitable organizations and cemeteries. New Jersey this year has begun paying cities nearly \$11 million to cover tax losses on state buildings.

Frequently, though, tax ex-

peris like Shannon feel these payments come nowhere near compensating local governments for the true cost of carrying exempt property on their rolls.

The state has had a law on the books since 1971 that would allow local governments to charge tax-exempt institutions - including the state - service charge fees. But the legislature each year puts off the effective date of the law so that it will never take effect.

"State legislatures have a habit of passing laws that don't take effect for two or three years. That way they get the glory of saying they are 'doing something about the problem', but they keep putting off implementation," says Humphrey Tyler of the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment.

Rarely do even the staunchest critics of exemptions advocate abolishing them altogether. In their favor, exemptions promote social goods - churches, schools, hospitals and a host of beneficial and fraternal organizations.

Federal land and facilities, the largest single category of exempt property, are constitutionally exempt from local taxation, and most tax experts don't even talk about changing that.

Tax-free organizations often perform services that government or profit-making organizations couldn't do as well. It has also been argued that the taxing power of government could be used to hinder the freedom of churches or universities.

And some places, particularly university towns or state capitols like Albany, N.Y. or Trenton, N.J., might be ghost towns

if not for the jobs and revenues resulting from the presence of tax-exempt organizations.

But some tax officials remain deeply concerned about abuses, the virtual lack of current review of exemptions, and by the fact that once an exemption is granted, it is probably forever.

More than 30 states grant whole or partial exemptions to homeowners senior citizens, veterans or welfare persons, but even this tax break is criticized by some who ask why the state provides an added subsidy to the needy who own homes, but nothing to apartment dwellers.

Lack of clarity in the exemption laws in many states have opened the way to unintended loopholes. Philadelphia's tax board is concerned about universities that host professional theater groups that compete with the city's private theaters. Boston is concerned about hotels and restaurants that operate tax-free at Logan Airport.

The exemptions on religious property are probably the most controversial of all. In 1970, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against a taxpayer who argued that by granting exemptions government was forcing him to support churches he didn't choose to. New religious groups such as Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church or the Universal Life Church have put tax officials and courts in the con-

stitutionally difficult position of deciding whether they are genuine religions.

Stephen Lile, meanwhile, questions the fairness of state subsidies in the form of exemptions to organizations, no matter how worthy, simply on the basis of how much property

they own. "The public would hardly choose to support organizations deemed to have social value on the basis of value of property," he says. "But, of course, this is exactly what happens when the subsidy takes the form of exemption from property tax."

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## Ski boom colors slopes green

DENVER (AP) - The towering peaks of the Colorado high country are blanketed with deep snow this winter.

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After a snow-drought that cost the state's ski industry an estimated \$78 million last year, the skiers are back - in force. Records are being set for snow, sales and spending.

How good is it?

"On a scale of 1 to 10, it's a 12," said W. Garrett Mitchell, president of Colorado Ski Country USA, the industry's trade organization.

Quick facts and figures:

-As of Wednesday, 171,702 skiers had been on the slopes at the Steamboat Springs ski area this season. On the same date last year, the figure was 72,919. There were 73 inches of snow

on the ground Wednesday, compared with 29 inches last year.

-Klaus Christ has two seatings each night at his Golden Horn restaurant in Aspen. Candles and fresh flowers are on the tables, and there has not been an empty seat since Dec. 7.

-Snowfall this winter at the Vail ski area has totaled 225 inches, already 5 percent above the record snowfall for the entire 1975-76 winter. Some 324,794 people have skied the mountain, compared with 175,710 last year. Hotel and motel reservations are up 22 percent.

-Last fall, United Airlines announced a new deal for skiers: Book a packaged ski tour through United and if more than half the lifts on a mountain were not running,

United would fly you home free. "We have not had one single person take advantage of it," said Don Cannalite, United's public relations manager in Denver.

When they get here, the skiers are spending money.

Each guest at the Keystone resort has been spending between \$52 and \$62 a day this

year for lift tickets, lodging and food, said Jerry Jones, vice president of marketing. Last year they were spending about \$48.

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Seven teachers from Pampa schools will attend an in-service workshop for trade and industrial vocational teachers tonight and Saturday in Amarillo.

Attending will be Don Cole, Phil Earhart, Larry Kilbreth, Claude Robertson, Austin Ruddick, Warren Smith and Bill

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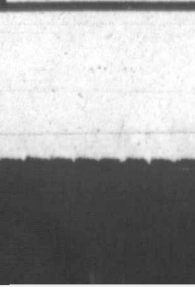
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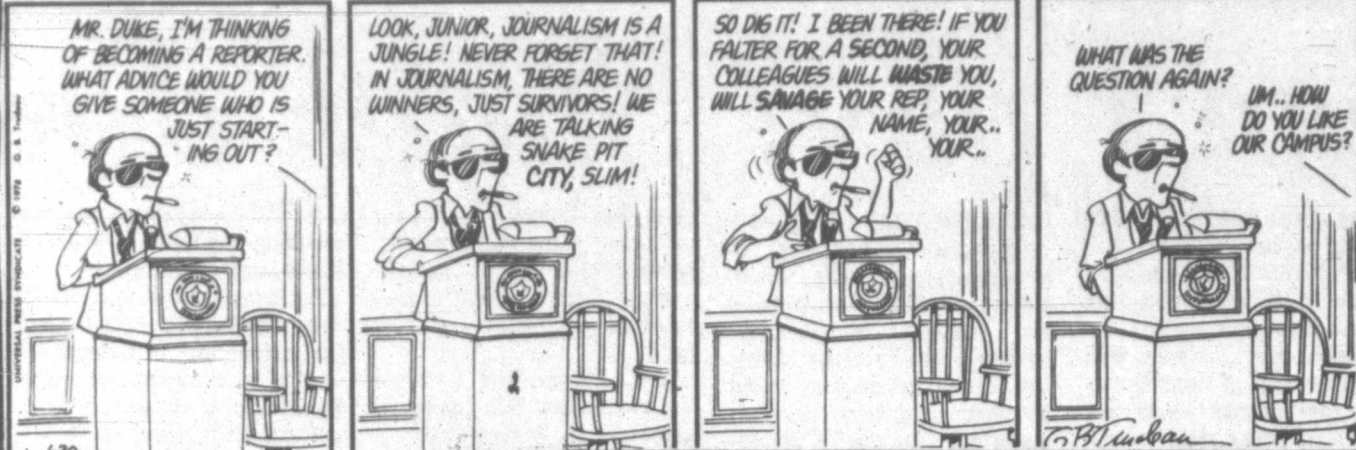
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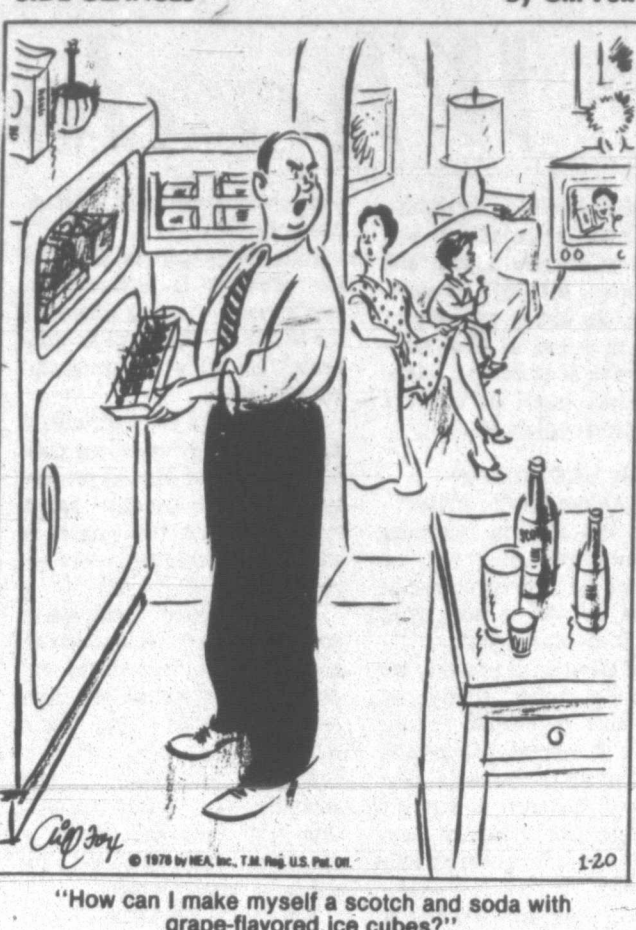
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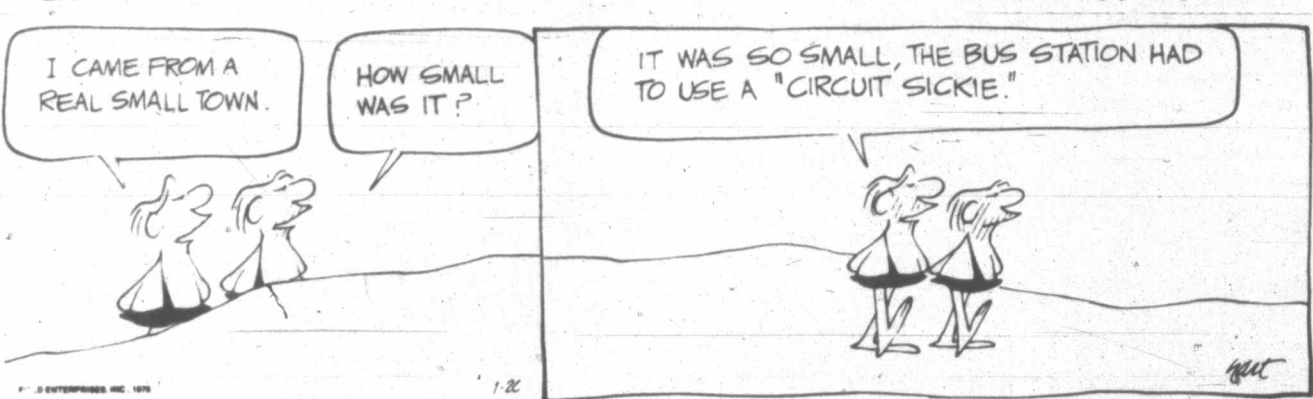
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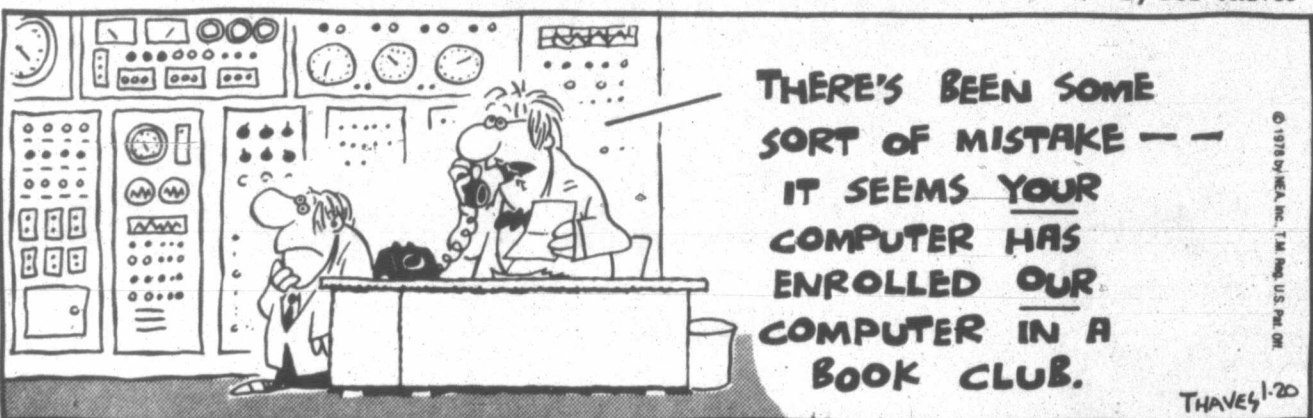
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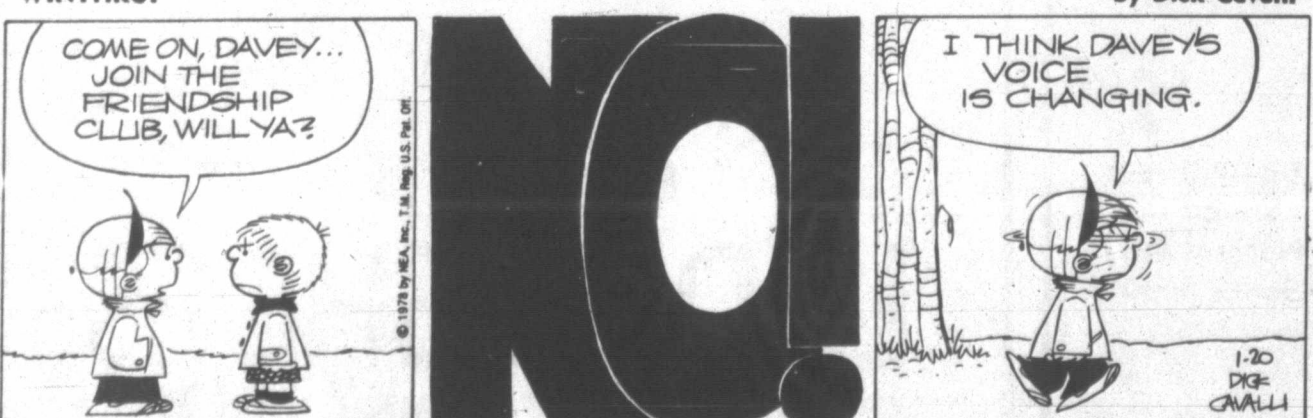
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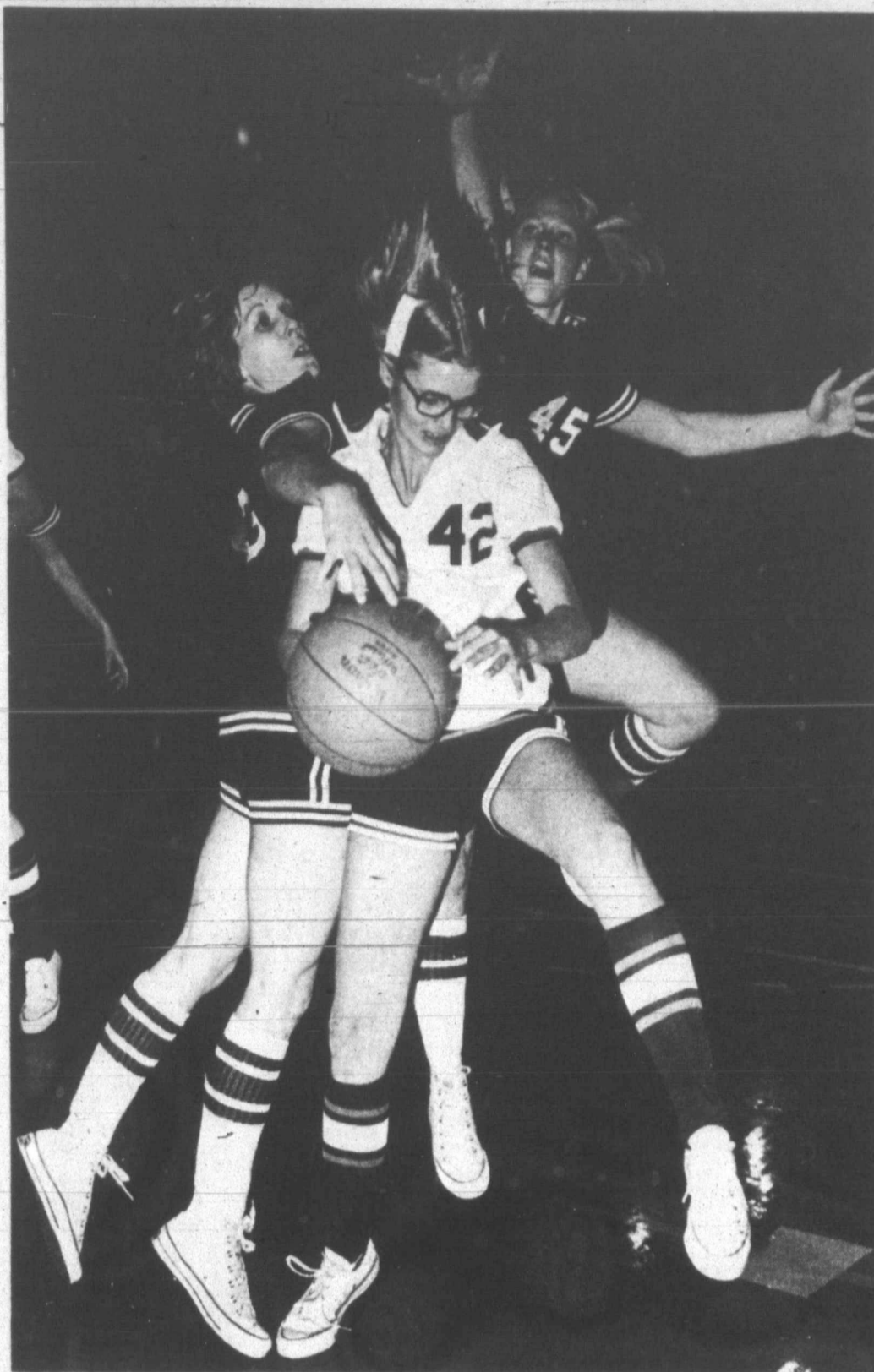
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"Remember when he was a puppy and would snuggle down at our feet?"





### Surrounded by Whitefaces

Pampa's Amy Tackett (42) finds little room under her own basket in the Harvester girls' 37-29 district win over Hereford Thursday night at the Fieldhouse. Pampa scored the final 10 points of the game to pull away from the tough Whitefaces led by Tammy Heard, left, and Marie Schilling (45).

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

## Girls blitz Whitefaces

**By TOM KENSLER**  
Pampa News Sports Editor  
Pampa's girl Harvesters held Hereford to four second-half points and scored the only points in the final quarter to take a 37-29 district victory over the Whiteface girl cagers at the Fieldhouse Thursday night.

Hereford held a slim 29-27 advantage after three periods, but missed on every field goal and all five free throw attempts in the final eight minutes. The game was marred by fouls and turnovers which continually stopped action. Hereford committed 22 turnovers and were whittled for 15 fouls. Pampa gave the ball away 26 times and had 19 infractions.

"We were sloppy and got beat in the boards, but we still won," said Pampa Coach Bob Young after the game. "We must be doing something right." Hereford took a 16-9 lead after the first quarter when Tammy Heard, Sherry Whitaker and Marie Schilling broke the Harvester press effectively. But Pampa came back to knot

### Pardee to Washington?

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears found themselves without a football coach today after Jack Pardee resigned and headed for greener pastures.

Pardee, who had been bidding his time in signing a new contract, asked permission to talk to the Washington Redskins and shortly after that the Bears issued a release saying Pardee had resigned. Pardee, who had been at the Bears' helm for the last three years and had been reluctant to sign again, said Thursday, "I nearly fell out of bed when I heard the news Wednesday night."

The news was that George Allen had been fired as coach of the Redskins.

Pardee left for Washington to talk to the Redskins, and the Bears were in line searching for a new head coach. When asked whether he had been

the score at 25-all by intermission, behind Pat Coats' eight points in the second stanza.

The Whitefaces outscored Pampa 4-2 in an error-laden third quarter before the Harvesters pulled away in the fourth quarter starting with D'Conway and Kellye Richardson jumpers. Conway paced Harvester scoring with 13 points followed by Richardson (12), and Coats (eight).

Denise Albracht and Schilling scored seven apiece for Hereford.

"We really needed this one because Hereford is right behind us in fifth place and the top four teams go to the tournament," said Young.

Pampa is now 6-6 on the season and 5-3 in league play. Hereford falls to 4-5 in loop action.

In the preliminary event, The Pampa Sophomores beat their Hereford rivals, 36-24 despite 14 points by Darlene Sanders of the Whiteface City team. Tammy Minyard (eight points), Dwinnna Treadwell

fired or quit, Pardee said: "Well, no, I'm just talking to Washington. Nothing has changed." Told the Bears had said Pardee had resigned, he replied, "Well, whatever they said."

Jim Finks, general manager and vice president of the Bears, was on his way to Tampa, Fla., for the National Football League meetings and unavailable for comment. Pardee, reached at O'Hare International Airport before leaving for Washington, said, "I enjoyed living at Washington more than I did any other place."

Pardee is a 15-year veteran of the National Football League, having played at Los Angeles and Washington under Allen. Recently he said he was displeased with facilities at the Bears' training camp and their home grounds at Soldier Field.

# Pampa faces upset-minded Dons

**By TOM KENSLER**  
Pampa News Sports Editor

On paper, the District 3-AA-AA clash between defending champion Pampa and Palo Duro should be no contest.

After all, the Dons are 4-15 on the season and were blasted by Tascosa, 78-53, while the Harvesters defeated the Rebs, 58-55.

But Pampa Coach Gary Abercrombie and PD Coach Ed Smith are both aware of the game's implications.

In a two-half setup, all district games are important.

"I hope the players don't take this one lightly," explained Abercrombie, "because if we lose at Palo Duro, everything we worked for in the first two district games is thrown out of the window."

The Harvesters are 2-0 in loop

play, having edged Caprock and Tascosa at home by three-point margins. A victory tonight would assure Pampa of a tie in the first half and set the stage for a showdown with Amargillo High Tuesday night.

The Sandies face a crucial test at Tascosa tonight.

Palo Duro had an open date Tuesday and surprisingly, Smith says the layoff might have done more harm than good

to his struggling Dons. "I would have rather played because I always worry about the kids losing some sharpness."

The Dons are expected to field an opening lineup of 6-2 Deon Green at point guard, the 6-3 pair of Victor Wells and Tracy McLain at the wings, and 6-3 Maderia Hardy and 6-2, 225-pound Scott Loftis underneath.

Hardy leads PD scores with an 11-point average, while

Wells and McLain are in the nine to 10 point range.

Sophomore Edward Shaffer, a 6-1 wing, has also seen starting duty.

Smith says he worries about Pampa's "height advantage," but the Dons are taller at three of the five positions.

Pampa will open with stalwarts Ricky Buntion (19.2 ppg, 12.9 rpg) and Rusty Ward (18.6, 9.5) underneath, and regulars Tim Reddell (9.7) and Steve Duke (10.5) on the outside.

The fifth spot has been a revolving door in recent games and this week it's Johnny Hays'

turn to come outside. Hays was impressive coming off the bench against Tascosa at both ends of the floor.

Since both teams like to fast break, coaches Abercrombie and Smith expect a high-scoring, fullcourt affair.

"My main concern is for us to keep some organization out there and not get too wild," said the Pampa mentor.

As is customary in the district schedule, the respective junior varsities will battle at 6 p.m., with the varsity scheduled to tee it up at 7:45 in the Dons' gymnasium.

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## Fame for Eddie Mathews

NEW YORK (AP) — The newest member of baseball's Hall of Fame thinks some of the modern players belong in the Hall of Shame.

"The one thing I'm proudest of is that every day I played, I gave the best I had," said Eddie Mathews, the latest pledge in the fraternity of stars at Cooperstown, N.Y. "I don't think the players today do that."

"And I don't think they're as happy as we were. I feel sorry for them. Every day you read about how they don't like the way the uniform fits or their locker is too close to the shower. For the money they make, I don't think the production or attitude is there."

Mathews, the slugging third baseman of the Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves in the 1950s and 60s, made the Hall of Fame because of his skill with the stick, blasting 512 home runs in a 17-year career. His three years as manager with Atlanta were much less distinguished and they have obviously left a sour taste in his mouth.

"I have no desire to manage or coach again," said Mathews, now a scout with the Milwaukee Brewers. "Basically, it's because of the attitude of the players. They're making good money, but they can't run to first base. You ask them 'Why?' and they say 'I can't get my head together.' You ask them to take extra batting practice, and they say they have to take the wife to the

grocery store."

Mathews said his top salary was \$67,500, which he made "fairly steady most of my career. I considered it a darn good salary."

The Baseball Writers Association of America felt he had better than a darn good career, voting him into the historic shrine in his fifth year of eligibility. He received 301 votes out of the 379 cast, a comfortable margin over the 285 (75 percent) required to gain entry into the Hall.

"This is the most exciting day of my life," said the lifetime .271 batter and the fifth third baseman to gain immortality. "I think last year I was a little more excited. This year I fought it. I used reverse psychology. I just didn't want to get my hopes up again. Last year was very disappointing, but this

was well worth waiting for."

Last year, Mathews, 46, finished second in the BBWAA balloting, trailing Ernie Banks, the only player selected by the writers in 1977. Banks, the buoyant Mr. Cub who is tied with Mathews in the ninth spot on the all-time homer list, called Mathews last year to help cheer him up.

Mathews said he appreciated the gesture, but he wasn't going to make any calls to this year's also-rans. Enos Slaughter finished second with 261 votes, just 24 short of the necessary total. Duke Snider had 254, the late Gil Hodges had 226 and Don Drysdale picked up 219 votes. No other player reached the 200-vote total.

### City bowling tourney set

The Pampa Bowling Association will hold its annual Mens City Tournament on the next two weekends, beginning Saturday.

The American Bowling Congress sponsored event is divided into team, doubles and singles classifications. Teams will compete on Saturdays while the doubles and singles events are scheduled for both Sundays. Tournament action begins at 3:15 on Sunday and 3:30 on Saturday.

Prize ratio is one for every 10 entries in the event open only to members of the Pampa Bowling Association.

## Lombardi Trophy given to Browner

HOUSTON (AP) — Notre Dame defensive end Ross Browner gave the No. 1 signal twice during his final collegiate football season.

The first time came when the Fighting Irish beat Texas in the Cotton Bowl to win the national championship. The second time was Thursday night when he won the Vince Lombardi Award as the nation's outstanding collegiate lineman.

And maybe the second time had a deeper personal meaning.

"I wanted to go out with a national championship," the senior 6-3, 247 pounder said.

"We accomplished that and now I feel I can give the No. 1 signal to my father because I came out on top in this, too."

Browner addressed his No. 1 signal to his late father, Jimmy

Lee Browner Sr., who died of cancer in 1976.

"I do have some reasons to dedicate the rest of my life to the fight against this dreaded disease," Browner told the sell-out crowd of 1,200 at the \$100 per plate dinner. "I got a lot of the discipline that I have today from my father."

Browner, a finalist for the Lombardi Award last year when the trophy went to Houston's Wilson Whitley, won out this year over teammate tight end Ken MacAfee, Texas defensive end Brad Shearer and Kentucky defensive end Art Still.

Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine said Browner, as one of four team captains, was one reason the Fighting Irish came back from a slow start to win the national title.

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The Agriculture Department is starting to release its data on crop yields in metric terms. The Forest Service and National Park Service are adding metric to all of their signs and brochures which include weights and measures designations.

The Patent and Trademark Office has issued a requirement for use of metric in patent applications. The Maritime Administration has developed a program of metric conversion to provide for the orderly transition to metric in all facets of merchant shipping by 1980. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has funded several metric education projects.

Next New Year's Eve, you'll probably toast 1979 with champagne in metrics rather than in magnums. Wine bottlers change officially at the end of 1978.

By January 1980, your fifth of whisky will be in a metric measurement. Distillers already have begun placing the new sizes on dealers' shelves.

The automobile industry, computer and farm equipment manufacturers are leading in the movement toward going metric in keeping with the Metric Conversion Act of 1975.

And while heavy public opposition and U.S. government pussyfooting has forced the Federal Highway Administration to drop (temporarily) its plans to change road signs from miles to kilometers, the National Weather Service has merely postponed its official switchover from Fahrenheit to Celsius from this year to 1980.

In the face of a public response ranging from lethargy to active opposition and of a White House attitude ranging from indifference to outright distaste, efforts to bring the metric system to the United States will accelerate in 1978.

President Carter has — at last — submitted his choices for the 17-member Metric Board, created by Congress as part of the 1975 conversion law, to coordinate the nation's voluntary conversion to the metric system. By congressional mandate, progress toward a nationwide metric conversion could not speed up in the absence of an administrative board.

President Ford deferred naming the board in the wake of his defeat for the presidency. Carter waited until the end of his first year in office to act but just prior to the 1977 Senate recess, he named the proposed members. And now Congress soon can get on with the job and

confirm the choices of which it approves.

If confirmed, one of the nominees, Glenn Nishimura of Arkansas Consumer Research and the Consumer Federation of America, will represent consumer interests on the board. Other members will represent education, manufacturers, scientists, engineers, small business, government organizations and labor groups.

Some vitally important things to you and me — our units of time, money and electricity — won't go metric. It may surprise you, but measurements for time and electricity are already metric. Money is not part of weights and measures but our monetary system is and always has been decimal, like the metric system.

Other familiar products not slated to change are 8, 16, and 35 millimeter film, 100 millimeter cigarettes, 500 milligram (or whatever number) tablets. These are metric units now.

Electrical outlets, plumbing fixtures, most hand tools — these won't change. No problems in this huge area.

But your belovedly familiar football field may be in for change; a "soft" conversion, with 100 yards expressed as 91 meters, would not be sensible. It would destroy the already decimal nature of the sport: 10-yard first downs, 100-yard field.

Perhaps some 66-kilogram (145-pound) star back will be hailed for running 70 meters (77 yards), leading his team to a total of 508 meters (556 yards) gained during the contest. Other outstanding singular efforts could include a 34-meter (37 yard) field goal and a 36-meter pass for the longest scoring play.

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Briscoe okayed spending

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe unilaterally decided to let his Office of Migrant Affairs spend almost 20 percent of all "balance of state" job training money coming to Texas from the federal government, according to public officials and documents.

Briscoe made his decision in early 1976 without consulting the Texas Department of Community Affairs (TDCA), which until then administered all federal Manpower funds coming to state government, TDCA director Ben McDonald said today.

"We had no say. . . . We received a copy of the letter and we just complied with it. . . . I was not consulted about the let-

ter," McDonald said.

The governor's office was asked for comment.

Asked if he had any doubts about the advisability of "creaming" a fifth of the "balance of state" funds under the federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program for the Office of Migrant Affairs, McDonald said he had "no comment."

"When the governor sends me a letter, I don't have any doubts or recriminations," McDonald said.

Also saying he was not consulted in advance was Bud Harris, TDCA's director of Manpower services, who is responsible for reviewing and eval-

uating CETA programs in areas of the state without local "prime sponsors."

By law, the governor is the prime sponsor for CETA programs in the 119 "balance of state counties" without such sponsors locally.

The Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs (GOMA) received \$1 million in early 1976 from Briscoe's action, and the amount jumped to \$11 million by the end of 1977.

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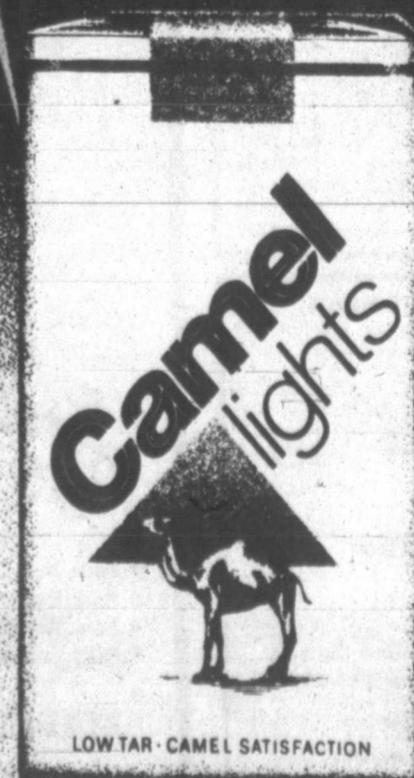
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