

Strike in Mexico affects oil prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy futures opened higher today, partly in response to a nationwide shutdown of Mexico's refinery operations by striking union workers.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, gasoline prices shot up as much as 0.75 cent a gallon before midday pulling crude prices up with them. The February contract for crude oil was up 17 cents.

Analysts said the stronger prices partially reflected investor concern that the disruption in Mexican refinery operations could mean lower U.S. supplies. The striking workers are protesting the arrest of their union boss on gun-running charges.

On Tuesday, the February contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude oil, settled 3 cents lower at \$17.69 a barrel after having been down as much as 25 cents during the session. On Monday, the February contract closed 17 cents higher at \$17.72 a barrel.

Union boss' arrest protested...

Striking oil workers cripple operations

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Refinery operations across Mexico were crippled today as tens of thousands of striking oil workers protested the arrest of their union boss following a gunbattle in which a federal agent was slain.

The arrest of Joaquin Hernandez Galicia on gun-running charges Tuesday was widely seen as a surprise challenge to the powerful union by the new administration of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

The official Notimex news agency said soldiers blew down the union boss' door with a bazooka shot during the morning raid on his home in the northeastern city of Ciudad Madero.

The allegedly corrupt Petroleum Workers Union of the Mexican Republic controls more than half the lucrative drilling contracts issued by the government oil monopoly Pemex, or Petroleos Mexicanos, S.A.

"We had to move to clean up things," a presidential source said on condition of anonymity. "They knew this was coming."

Hernandez Galicia warned last week that the union would paralyze Mexico's oil industry if the government carried out a threat to sell Pemex operations to private investors. Oil revenues are crucial to the struggling Mexican economy.

Salinas, who took office Dec. 1, has vowed to sell or close unprofitable and non-strategic state industries.

Animosity between Hernandez and Salinas, then president-elect, surfaced in October when the union revived charges that a leading governing party official, Mexico state Gov. Mario Ramon Beteta, had embezzled millions of dollars while serving as head of Pemex.

During Beteta's tenure, the union lost control of millions of dollars worth of contracts.

Attorney General Enrique Alvarez del Castillo said a federal agent was killed in Tuesday's battle between security

forces and Hernandez Galicia's bodyguards.

Carlos Torres, a spokesman with the attorney general's office, today said authorities had arrested 34 people in connection with the case, including former union Secretary-General Jose Sosa and 16 others on illegal weapons charges.

Salvador Barragon Camacho, the union's nominal leader as secretary-general, surrendered to authorities early today and was hospitalized after complaining of heart problems. He recently suffered a heart attack, Notimex said.

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WRITER — Snyder High School freshman Jason Rios has won the Council for Educational Excellence's award for the past six weeks for a paper styled after George Orwell's "Animal Farm."

English teacher Kim Collier (right) submitted the entry. The council recognizes a Snyder High School student's classroom work each six-weeks. (SDN Staff Photo)

90 applicants seek TDC guard classes

As the deadline passed Tuesday for the second TDC correctional officers training class offered through Western Texas College, 90 completed applications were returned.

This is an increase over the first class, when 60 applications were submitted with 26 ultimately selected by the Texas Department of Corrections.

The current list of applicants also has a sizable increase in cities and towns represented, according to Mike Thornton, the WTC liaison staffer with TDC.

He noted the list of 90 in-

dividuals represents 23 communities, most within a 100-mile radius of Snyder.

One TDC requirement is that the ethnic profile of applicants be submitted, and Thornton said the current list includes 65 white males, two white females, 18 Spanish males, three Spanish females, one black male and one Indian male.

The second correctional officer graduating class will be eligible for employment when the Daniel Unit opens in late June or early July.

From the first class, 23

graduates are to report Friday to four TDC units located in Brazoria County on the Texas Coast.

The second graduating class will conduct commencement exercises April 20.

The next step for applicants will be Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, when the pre-screening process will take place at the WTC Christian Student Center.

This process will be completed by TDC staffers and will include a weight check, administration of the pre-employment test and an interview.

Court hearing due...

Expelled senior files legal action for reinstatement

The Snyder school district is now under a temporary restraining order in the case of a 19-year-old SHS senior expelled from school Dec. 8.

The order temporarily reinstates the youth pending an injunction hearing now scheduled in 132nd District Court next Tuesday.

The legal action on behalf of Abel Lee Escobedo has been filed by his attorney, Marvin Sentell.

The matter involving Escobedo came before Snyder school board members last Thursday.

After a 1½ hour hearing, school trustees voted to support the expulsion decision of Principal Ray Courtney.

The student was expelled by administrators for "disciplinary reasons."

The meeting with trustees was the second step in the student's appeal process. The decision was first appealed at a Dec. 13 hearing before Superintendent Dalton Moseley.

After Moseley's decision to support the measure, the student had the right to appeal to the school board. The filing in

district court is the next step in the process.

School officials learned of the temporary restraining order Tuesday afternoon. If the student returned for classes Wednesday, he was to be placed in the In School Suspension program (ISS), but Moseley noted he did not appear for classes during the

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Girl wins Capitol trip

Crystal Church, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Church of Hermleigh, has been named the winner of Midwest Electric Cooperative's "1989 Rural Electric Youth Tour."

Named as alternate for the trip was Holly Scott, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott of Snyder.

Crystal will be part of the youth tour group from Texas traveling to Washington D.C. June 15-27.

The group of approximately 70 will tour the nation's Capitol. While traveling, other possible stops are the Country Music Hall of Fame, Graceland and Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn.



CRYSTAL CHURCH

Pay decision is postponed by AD board

Board members of the Scurry County Appraisal District passed December bills and the amended 1988 budget unanimously, but decided to postpone approval of the amended 1989 budget until all members were present. Juluis Roemisch was unable to attend the session.

Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler has requested a pay adjustment for his staff using some of the funds carried forward from the previous district budget.

In other action, Peveler was given a go-ahead by the board to participate in the West Central Texas Council of Governments committee working to bring emergency 911 telephone service to counties served through the Abilene-based COG.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The reason there are so many mother-in-law jokes is when the spouse is unhappy, the manufacturer gets the blame."

We once knew a guy who spent several weeks trying to straighten out a computer error with a major credit card company.

Having not used the card, he received a monthly statement for \$0.00 which he tossed aside. After a few months the statements turned to letters, and the tone of each letter became more stern.

Finally, the credit card company made threats to turn the account over to a collection agency, perhaps seeking a legal remedy which would result in a tarnished credit rating for the consumer.

Telephone calls and promises to clear up the situation by an understanding clerk only resulted in more confusion.

In desperation, the man finally wrote the credit card company a check for \$0.00 and stuck it in the mail. It was then that the computer duns stopped.

Howard Gray of Howard Gray Motors had a similar experience recently with the IRS. The company received a quarterly underpayment notice from the IRS for one cent.

Howard had to decide whether to spend several dollars in telephone calls or to simply pay the penny. Gray decided the latter was best, so he wrote a company check for one-cent and mailed it to the feds.

The IRS probably spent 20 bucks sending out that statement for one copper.

In the mail the other day we received a dividend from the FDIC for \$1.20. We have no idea why, but the one paragraph letter which accompanied said the payment was related to a general creditor claim filed in connection with the failed Security National Bank of Lubbock.

We were told if we wanted to know more, we could make a call to FDIC offices in Midland. It would be our guess a person could spend \$50 to \$100 trying to clear up a mystery of a \$1.20 computer-processed check.

Incidentally, we have no plans to cash it.

2 burglaries Tuesday noted at Ira

Sheriff's deputies are investigating two burglaries that were reported Tuesday morning at Ira.

Carl Smith at Ira Pump & Supply reported the first break-in at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, saying that a set of tools, some cash from a box in the office and a computer video display terminal, disc drive and other equipment, had been stolen.

The second burglary was reported by Jerry Helm at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Dick Gray Co. a half-mile south of Ira off Hwy. 350, where a battery charger and a jack were missing.

A department spokesman said it had not been determined if both burglaries were committed by the same person or persons.

Wednesday

Jan. 11, 1989

Ask Us

Q. — When is spring break for Snyder school students?

A. — It will be held the week of March 19-25.

In Brief

Quayle trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Quayle asked the Republican National Committee to help pay the expenses of a family Christmas vacation in Vail, Colo., but a spokesman for the vice president-elect says the amount submitted was well below the \$65,000 mentioned in a published report.

David Beckwith, Quayle's spokesman, said Tuesday evening that Quayle should receive \$15,000 from the RNC. The Washington Post reported in today's editions that Quayle's office wanted as much as \$65,000 and was granted \$25,000.

Bank to pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women and minorities who worked for a major Chicago bank from 1973 to 1988 will share a record \$14 million in back pay the bank agreed to pay in settling a race and sex bias case dating to 1977.

Harris Trust and Savings Bank and the Labor Department announced the settlement Tuesday, ending an 11-year legal battle in which an administrative law judge twice ruled against the institution. A Chicago group that intervened on behalf of some bank workers estimated that about 5,000 current and former Harris employees are eligible for a share of the settlement.

Police sting

DALLAS (AP) — Police today were rounding up people who sold drugs to an undercover police officer who posed as a student at a Dallas high school in the first such sting operation since one ended tragically at nearby Midlothian.

Officers said Tuesday the undercover officer spent five months at a high school in north Dallas. They declined to identify the school.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 66 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 40 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, .04 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair early then increasing cloudiness after midnight with a low in the mid 30s. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy and colder with a 20 percent chance for showers and a high near 40. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty.

Surgery to help remove bony growths from disease sufferer

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — She was called "Elephant Man" because of her body, and classmates' taunting became so intense that her only refuge became an empty classroom.

"It was hurting me," recalls Corina Gutierrez, now 27. "It was me, what they were saying, and I couldn't do anything about it."

Along with the normal crises of a seventh-grader in Odessa, she had the horrific realization that her bones were not growing properly.

"I used to wonder why I looked like this. I didn't feel like a person," she told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. At school, "I wasn't doing good because of all the kids, you know. I wasn't getting anywhere. So at lunch I would just go and stay in the room at lunchtime. I didn't want to go outside."

On Tuesday, Corina traveled to

Dallas' Humana Hospital, where surgeons will remove the bony growths from her forehead, ears, and inside her mouth that caused her to be compared with John Merrick, the Englishman who was shown around the countryside in 19th Century freak shows.

Like Merrick, who became known as the "Elephant Man," Corina suffers from Proteus syndrome, an extremely rare disorder characterized by the bony growths, which are little understood. The name is taken from the Greek god, whose name means "more than one."

Corina had a normal birth in Odessa and was 5 years old before her mother noticed the first growth behind her right ear. A forehead swelling was noticed next and in between were dozens of visits to doctors. Some of the physicians said the growths were

calcium deposits while others "just said they didn't know," Corina said.

Finally, about a year ago, her constant headaches — and fatigue caused by a heavier than normal skull — drove her to visit an Odessa clinic run by the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. A doctor there referred her to Dr. Carol Clericuzio, a physician with the state-run Genetic Screening and Counseling Service.

Dr. Clericuzio was the first to recognize Corina's disease, according to Sharon Davison, the regional clinic coordinator with GSCS, an agency of the state Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

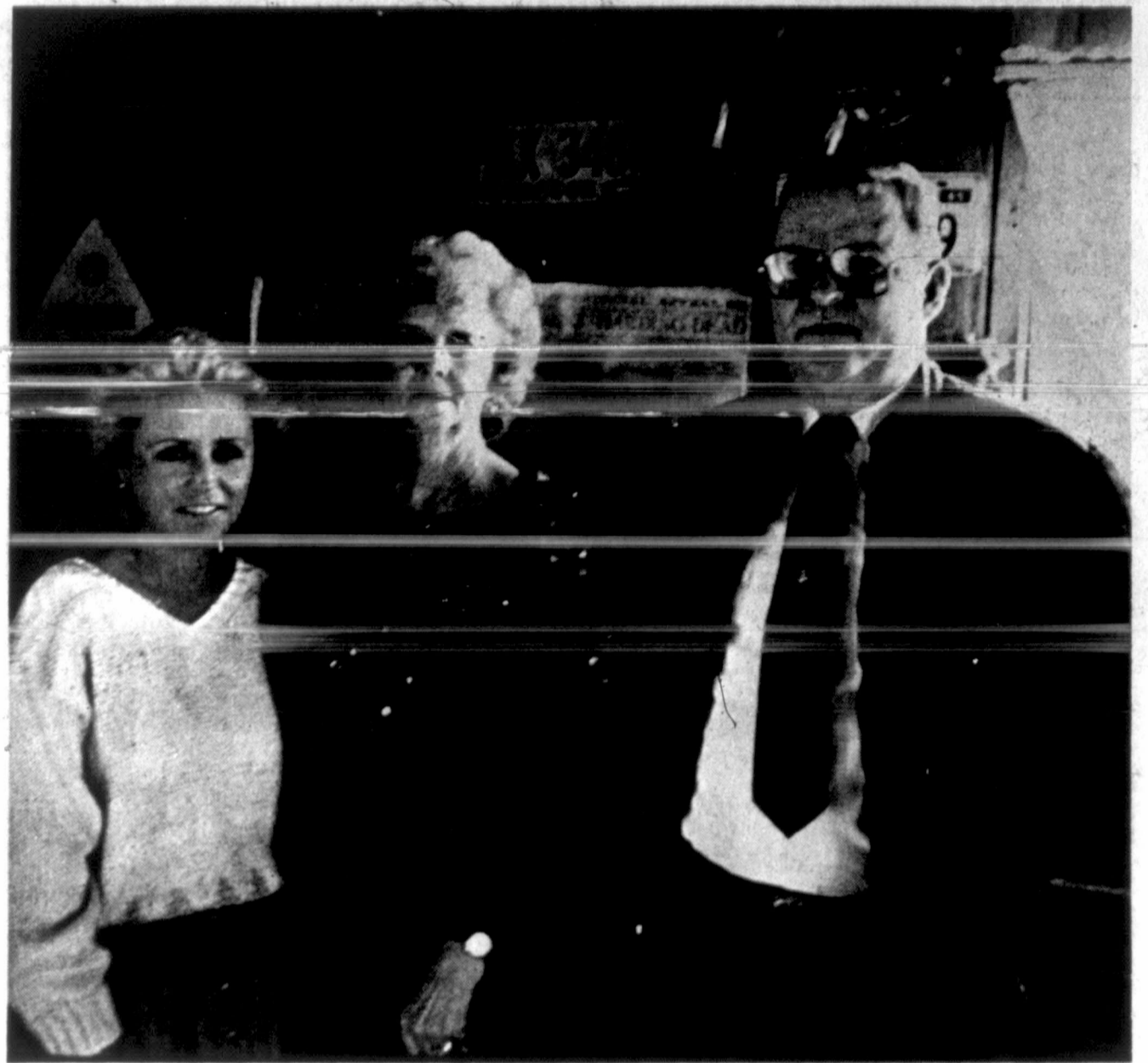
Once the disease was suspected, a trip to the Dallas institute confirmed it, Ms. Davison said.

"That's when they determined they were going to do the surgery," she said. "We don't know about the prognosis. We really don't know if it would have been fatal or not. But it would have become more and more disabling."

The cost of the surgery is estimated at \$10,000, and is being paid by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Ms. Davison said during a visit Monday with Corina at the Midland office of GSCS, where the two met to iron out details of the Dallas trip. The surgery will be performed at the International Craniofacial Institute at the Dallas medical center.

The lead surgeon, Dr. Kenneth Salyer, has obtained X-rays of Merrick. He will review them before Corina's surgery, Ms. Davison said.

Except for a larger than usual jawbone, a casual observer cannot tell anything unusual about Corina. Thick, cleverly placed golden bangs hide the forehead growth. The ear growth also is hidden by hair. Only Corina knows that she can't sleep on her right side because of the swelling. She talks hesitantly, in short phrases, and only occasionally will smile.



OFFICERS — Recently elected new officers of the Scurry County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse are secretary Belva LaRoux, treasurer Laura Jones and president Charlie Reynolds, shown here during a Monday meeting at The Shack restaurant. (SDN Staff Photo)

AIDS-infected chimpanzees receive Social Security plan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A biomedical foundation is establishing a pension plan for 81 AIDS-infected chimpanzees.

The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research plans to invest more than \$1.77 million over the next 10 years into chimpanzee retirement accounts that are expected to grow into \$2.9 million through the year 2026, officials said.

"We always have had a moral obligation to take care of the animals that we use, but we can have the best intentions in the world, but if we don't have the money, there is little that we can do for them," John Speck, controller of the biomedical foundation.

The fund will help in their care and is sure to be enough to buy bunches of bananas and lots of apples, cucumbers, celery and watermelon over the next 40 years for the chimpanzees, who cannot be used for other research after being exposed to AIDS.

But Roger Fouts, a psychology professor at Central Washington University in Ellensburg who has studied chimpanzees for 20 years, said the biomedical foundation's humanitarian attempt is admirable, but it might not be enough.

Prairie View president resigns

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) — Percy Pierre says he is resigning his post as president of Prairie View A&M University at the end of May to hold an endowed professorship in engineering at the school.

Pierre has been president of the Black school for six years, during which the university went through rapid and dramatic change and enrollment grew from 4,495 in 1982 to 5,640 last fall.

Pierre said he thought a five-year plan that he proposed when assuming the presidency of the historically Black school in 1983 had been fulfilled.

"If you look at \$3 million for about 40 years, that's bare minimum," he said. "Giving a chimp enough food, enough water and making sure that they have a dry and warm cage doesn't seem to be enough."

Foundation officials said the chimps exposed to the AIDS virus have shown no signs they have developed the fatal disease. It is probable the chimps will live their normal life span of about 40 years or more; pushing their care bill to \$5,000 each annually, they said.

The biomedical foundation is among the leading facilities worldwide that conducts AIDS

research using primates. Speck and Dr. Jorg Eichberg, director of veterinary resources, began discussing two years ago how to pay for care for the chimps, and started the investment program in the spring.

Eichberg, who in June 1983 became the first scientist to infect a chimpanzee with the AIDS virus, said he hopes the chimp retirement program would silence animal rights groups critical of the foundation's use of animals for experiments.

"We are really genuinely concerned that these animals get the best treatment available," Eichberg says.

DR. GOTT PETER GOTT, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the symptoms of a dropped bladder?

DEAR READER: Prolapsed (dropped) bladder is a common condition in women as they age, especially if they have had multiple pregnancies. When this disorder arises, the bladder sags downward, causing a woman to lose her urine when she strains, coughs or sneezes. This is called stress incontinence and can be quite bothersome.

Occasionally, if the prolapse is severe enough, the bladder can actually protrude from the vagina. Many women put up with bladder prolapse because surgery is the only permanent cure. In this procedure, the bladder is re-suspended in a more normal position higher in the pelvis; usually, for technical reasons, the uterus is removed, too, but this is not essential.

Women for whom surgery is not an option can sometimes be helped by using a pessary, a plastic or rubber supporting ring that is placed in the vagina to hold up the bladder and the neighboring uterus. Some women who have mild bladder prolapse and experience minor incontinence are satisfied simply to wear pads.

Also, women with this condition are more susceptible to repeated urinary tract infection.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary-Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A group of us at the senior center were comparing symptoms. We are all diabetic, have some sort of heart trouble, and we are all over 70. When we exert ourselves, we break out in hives, get very itchy and have to take cold showers. Our doctors are no help. Can you tell us why this happens?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, diabetes and heart disease commonly occur in elderly people, so I'm not surprised that you and your friends have one or both of these diseases.

However, I am surprised that your senior citizens' group reports exercise-induced urticaria, the appearance of hives during physical activity. This is not usual in older patients. The condition is actually a type of allergy, in which exercise triggers the release of histamine into the skin. Sometimes this itchy-hive disorder is due to a reaction to environmental substances, such as pollen or dust.

I do not know the reason you and your friends experience this ailment.

However, since the problem is probably related to excess histamine, the use of anti-histamine medicine might help you. Benadryl, Chlortrimeton and other related drugs — taken in pill form before exercise or applied as a spray when symptoms occur — may provide relief. The medicines are safe, inexpensive and available without prescription. Try this therapy and let me know if it is successful.

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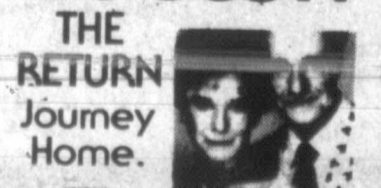


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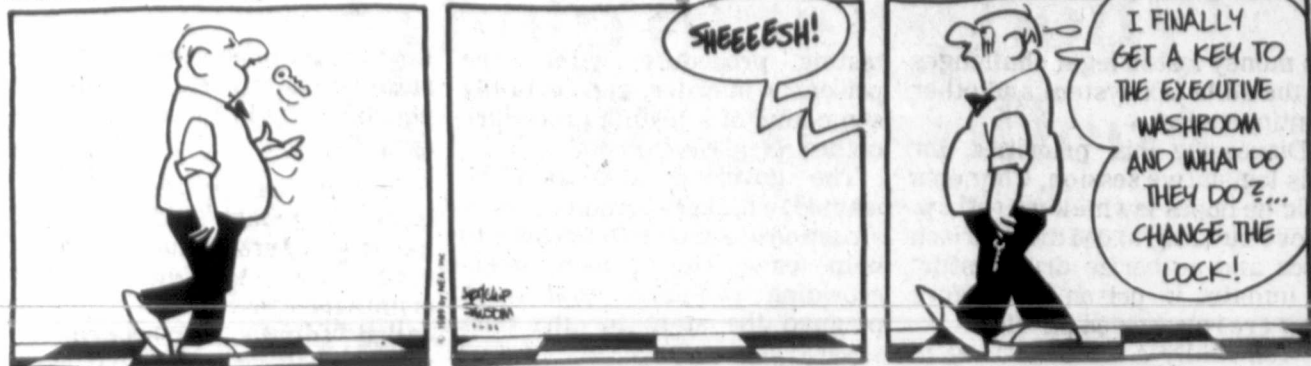


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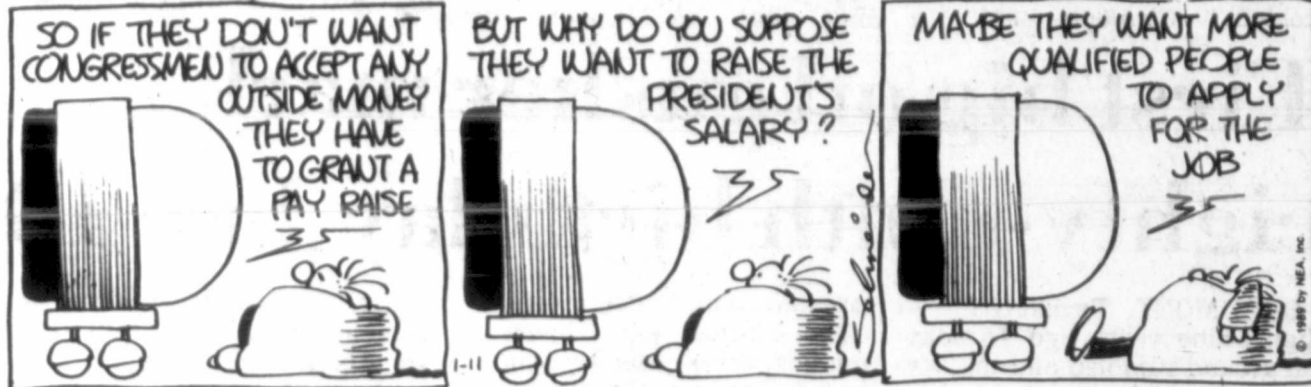
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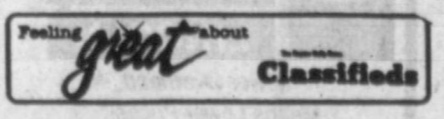
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Dear Abby



Teen Who Rushed to Judge Makes His Retreat in Style

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I've read, seen and heard many instances of the rudeness of the younger generation, but I'd like to relate an incident that restored my faith in young adults.

My teen-age daughter was very proud of her new leather "bomber" jacket she had bought with the money she had saved from baby sitting. While standing in the lunch line, she was approached by a high school senior who had spied the jacket. He had bought one just like it for his girlfriend — and her jacket was missing.

He proceeded to question my daughter about the jacket she was wearing and eventually accused her of stealing his girlfriend's jacket. Only when my daughter was in tears in front of the packed lunchroom did the girlfriend appear wearing her "missing" jacket.

The senior of course apologized to my daughter and went even further by having a vase of yellow flowers delivered to her while she was in her afternoon class. Chivalry is not dead!

IMPRESSED

DEAR IMPRESSED: You call this "chivalry"? I call it a grandstand play. First he humiliates a girl publicly — calling her a thief. Then on discovering he had made a mistake, he sends flowers to her classroom. This kid is a natural showman. He should go far in the P.R. business.

DEAR ABBY: A lady asked, "What do you do with a 28-year-old man who rarely showers, never washes his hair and doesn't own a toothbrush?"

You replied, "Nothing." Well, I was married to a man just like that for 40 years. He was a good provider

and a gentle person in all his actions. Even though I hinted often and spoke negatively about other men who never cleaned themselves up, he never got the hint, so I also tried to do "nothing."

I slept on the far side of the bed, feigned sleep and weariness and avoided closeness whenever possible.

I know I hurt his masculine ego many, many times. Poor soul. How I wish I could have said something definite about it instead of living those 40 years in that unhappy situation, and doing so little to make him happy and satisfied.

Abby, I would have advised that lady to tell her husband to shape up or ship out. That is what I should have done 40 years ago.

TOO LATE NOW

DEAR TOO LATE: If your husband is still alive, it may not be too late. Get "Love and Sex After 60" (Harper and Row) by Dr. Robert N. Butler, former head of the National Institute on Aging (and Pulitzer Prize recipient for his book, "Why Survive: Growing Old in America"). But all the books in the world will not help you unless you look your man straight in the eye and tell him the truth: "I love you, but I can't make love with a clothespin on my nose."

"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" provides sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters — even how to write a love letter! It tells you how to properly address clergymen, government officials, dignitaries, widows and others. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (Postage is included.)

Texas residents try to get tickets

DALLAS (AP) — With George Bush heading to the White House, some residents of his adopted state are doing strange things to get tickets to the Black Tie and Boots Ball, a Washington inaugural bash organized by Texans.

One Houston socialite called Rep. Charles Stenholm demanding tickets to the ball because she had bought a \$6,000 gown for the evening and intended to come. When she was told that no tickets to the Jan. 21 event were available, the woman burst into tears and proclaimed flatly that she would come anyway.

Stenholm, president of the Texas State Society, a group of

Texans who live in Washington, says such behavior is not uncommon as his office prepares to throw a party that's become a hot inaugural event even though it isn't on the official schedule of events surrounding Bush's inauguration.

One Texan who didn't get tickets called Stenholm's office in a snit because he had heard that non-Texans were going to the ball. He demanded that guests be required to show Texas birth certificates at the door to be admitted, said Chino Chapa, Stenholm's press secretary.

That request was turned down, Chapa said, because "our guest of honor wouldn't be qualified."

Doctors drop out of HMO program

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nearly 25 percent of the doctors have dropped out of a health maintenance organization, leaving many of the organization's 58,000 members scrambling to find doctors to treat them.

The action by the doctors during the midst of the flu and cold season has left 2,500 patients of the giant former Maxicare Health Maintenance Organization without their usual doctors.

Seven of the 31 private physicians affiliated for more than six months with the plan, now known as Humana Maximum Benefit Plan, have dropped out, officials said Tuesday.

The primary reason cited is because of rules implemented Jan. 1 for the program that requires admissions only to Humana hospitals except in emergencies threatening life or limb and in a few categories of illness.

"It's caused a lot of inconvenience to a lot of the patients," said Dr. Jose J. Gamboa, a family practice physician, who resigned from the program rather than be required to send most patients only to Humana hospitals.

"Some of them were my pa-

tients from way back, and it's sad to see so many people go through so many changes," he said.

Another problem for all 58,000 members of the HMO is that a contract with 25 H.E.B. pharmacies to provide prescription drugs to the patients was not renewed.

This means the in-house pharmacies of the four walk-in clinics run by the HMO have been flooded with patients seeking needed medications.

The Eckerd chain of 24 pharmacies took over the contract Jan. 1 to provide medication for plan subscribers.

Before the Jan. 1 rule requiring doctors to use Humana hospitals, at least nine hospitals were available rather than just the three San Antonio Humana hospitals.

The new regulations do allow admissions for children to Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and for adults under specific circumstances to two other Santa Rosa Health Care Corp. hospitals, but the previous Maxicare rules were flexible enough for physicians to put patients in hospitals near their offices.

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Your Birthday

Jan. 12, 1989

Your sphere of influence looks like it is going to increase considerably in the year ahead. In fact, you may be numbered among the big fish in a rather large pond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are now in a cycle where your leadership qualities are likely to grow stronger and stronger. Today you may take charge of a situation you would have backed off from previously. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are endowed with a curious mind and adventurous inclinations. Today you might devote some time to exploring an unusual happening that has captured your attention.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general are beginning to grow more hopeful at this time, so don't give up on your dream. When you least expect, something good may happen for you out of the blue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions could be a bit unsettled today where your career is concerned. You may achieve a goal you didn't anticipate and a setback where you thought you had a shoe-in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your way of doing things today is apt to be a bit more ingenious than the methods suggested by your contemporaries. However, it might take a bit of selling on

your behalf to get everyone to go along with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are prepared to ferret it out, you could be quite lucky at this time in finding a sideline venture that may add to your earnings. Begin by checking to see what friends have going for them now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Nice people and opportunities presented to you by friends at this time to make new contacts. The results should be very gratifying.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your possibilities for fulfilling ambitious objectives are likely to be better today than they will be tomorrow. Stay on top of these goals, even if you have to put in a little overtime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to structure your agenda too rigidly today, because the nicest things that might happen to you could be through chance encounters or merely being in the right place at the right time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things should have a way of working out to your ultimate benefit today, provided you do not disrupt the natural flow of events. This could be especially true in matters that are meaningful to you financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lots of projects and assignments aren't likely to lessen your productivity today, they could instead enhance it. Being under pressure a bit will stimulate your industriousness.

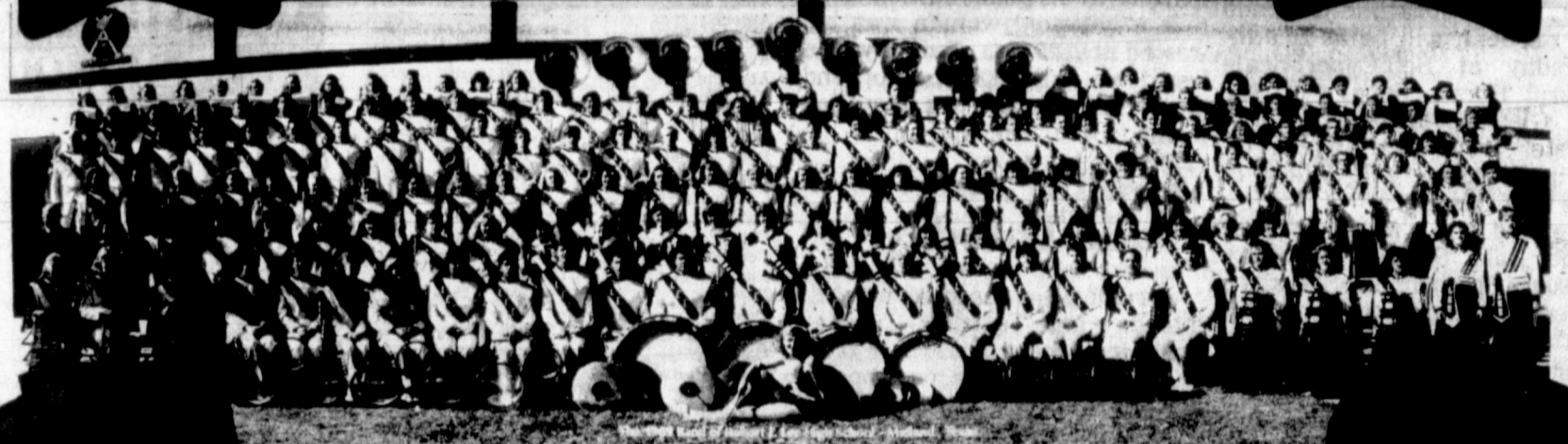
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be on your toes today because an unexpected shift in circumstances could provide you with one or more profitable opportunities. Lady Luck will be pulling for you in this area.

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