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Promoter Weds

Former boxing promoter, Ross Fields, alias Harold J. Smith, and his common-law wife of five years, Alice Vickie Darrow, pose for cameras after they were married May 17 in a lavish ceremony. Fields, former head of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, is a central figure in an alleged \$21.3 million embezzlement from Wells Fargo. No charges have been filed in that case with a federal grand jury in the third month of its investigation.



Children in ancient Rome played hopscotch, blind man's buff, and tug-of-war just as children do today.

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history and to his medical condition.

- reduce windfall benefits (minimum benefits).

- penalize early retirees and encourage workers to remain on the job longer.

- base cost of living increases on the Consumer Price Index or the rise in wages over a 12-month, instead of a 3-month period.

The effect of Reagan's proposals on persons presently receiving retirement benefits would be the manner of indexing cost of living increases and a delay in receiving cost of living benefits for a three month period in 1982.

For those near retirement, they would fare less well. If they retire at age 62, they would get 55% instead of 80% of the full benefits they would receive if they worked to age 65.

For the young - age 25 to 35 - Reagan proposes to eliminate the social security tax rise scheduled for 1985 and to decrease by 1990 today's tax rate so the average worker would pay around \$33,000 less in social security taxes over his working period.

Reaction to Reagan's proposals was immediate and widespread. Critics of

his plan say his cuts went beyond what was necessary to meet the immediate trust-fund problem and were engineered to help balance the budget while cutting taxes and boosting defense spending.

In view of the mounting criticism and a 96-0 vote by the Senate last Wednesday and a vote by the House of Representatives on a resolution, "not to precipitously and unfairly penalize early retirees or reduce benefits more than necessary to achieve a sound system, Reagan indicated that all of his proposals are negotiable.

Senator Claude Pepper, D-Fla., Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging, described the Reagan plan as "nothing more than a wholesale assault on the economic security of America's elderly population." However, Representative J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, called them "a sincere package that could serve as the basis for a bipartisan approach."

The Congress will resume its consideration of the Social Security System when it reconvenes following its 10-day memorial day recess.

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that there were some changes which had to be made without regard to the wishes of the people involved.

State statute requires an "ad announcement" of all precinct changes. However, it is the policy of the Forsyth County Board of Elections to notify individuals

who have been changed to a new precinct by a postal card.

Additionally, everyone in an annexed area will be notified of his new voting place if Plan 2-D becomes official. These notices will be received by August 4, a date prior to the registration deadline.

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said Hairston, "we're just putting it on the back burner for the present time." "We are meeting almost daily to formulate a combined city-wide effort, it won't just be us (NAACP)," commented Hairston.

Hairston also said that the association wasn't taking action against the ward realignment alone. "It's more than the realignment thing, we're focusing on many things; unemployment, federal budget cuts, for example," Hairston added.

He declined to comment further saying that the NAACP preferred to work silently at this time.

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Brenda Turner, said that the focus of the conference is on expanding resources for special needs children, supporting families who adopt, and enabling adoption workers to increase skills in finding family resources for the children who wait.

Another event of the conference will be a Parent Recognition Banquet sponsored by the Duke Endowment, Saturday evening. Representative families from the eight states will be honored, reflecting a variety of lifestyles from single

parents to couples who have adopted ten or more children.

Sponsoring the conference is part of the Adoption Resource Center's regional effort to eliminate barriers for waiting children. The Center is based at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill School of Social Work, Group Child Care Consultant Services, and is funded by a grant from the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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