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Wildlife is thriving at South Texas Nuke

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — Nuclear plants generally tend to attract controversy, but the South Texas Nuclear project also is attracting scores of mother nature's wild creatures.

Because no hunting is allowed at the 12,000-acre plant site, 20 miles south of Bay City in Matagorda County, the plant has become an unofficial sanctuary for various forms of wildlife who center their lifestyles around the reactor's man-made, 7,000-acre reservoir.

"Nobody out there hunts them, so the beasties of the field can freely wander out there," said Houston Lighting & Power spokesman Don Beeth.

"I saw a big jack rabbit not too long ago. From a distance, I wasn't too sure if I was looking at a jack rabbit or a newborn deer," Beeth said.

HL&P is one of the four project owners.

Surveys show that alligators, deer, water fowl and countless birds have been migrating to the site. Endangered species, such as the peregrine falcon and an American bald eagle, also have been sighted.

David McAden, the environmentalist who conducts the required annual surveys as part of the

plant's licensing process, said the cooling pond at the plant especially has been a boon for waterfowl.

"This has been super for waterfowl that have come into the area in great numbers," McAden said. "As more water fills the reservoir, it will change the types of waterfowl that will come to the area."

As the cooling pond fills, many of the alligators are expected to move to marsh areas to nest and come there to eat. McAden will be making his alligator survey in the cooling pond, sloughs and ditches around the plant next week.

"We do a night count by spotlighting alligators' eyes, which show up red," said McAden, adding that the eyes of opossums and raccoons are green under the lights.

He said although the survey is not dangerous, he did have an eerie experience while approaching a huge gator last year.

"We spotted a large alligator and started paddling our boat toward him," McAden said. "We got within five feet of him where we could almost touch him and then he went under water. It was kind of spooky not knowing where he'd be coming

up next."

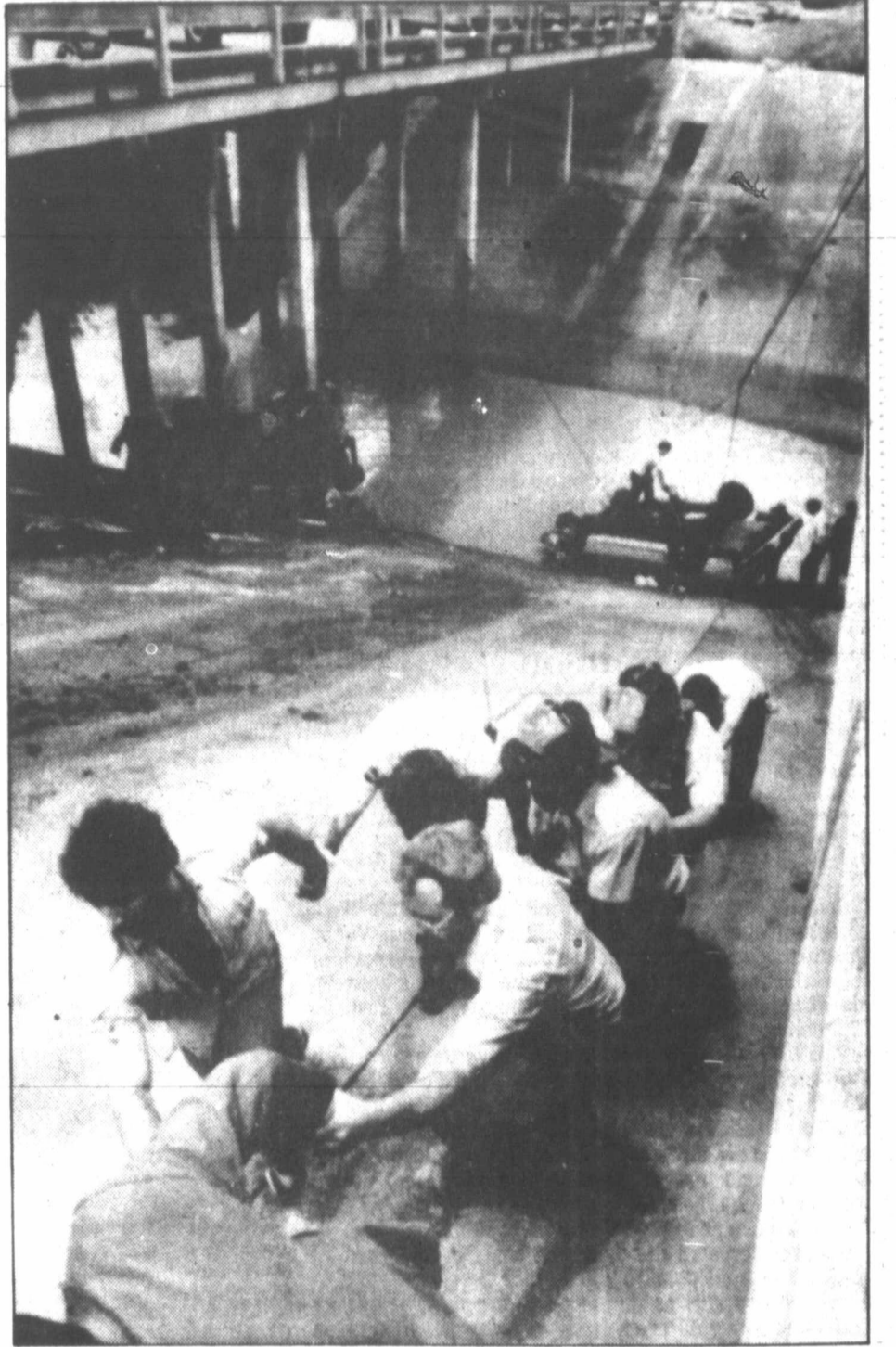
The sighting of a young bald eagle last December also has officials anticipating that the rare national symbol may make its home in the area.

"A nesting pair of eagles was found in Matagorda County near Sargent," McAden said. "We're expecting that when the cooling lake is filled, it will be attractive as a habitat with the trees along the Colorado River (nearby) as a possible nesting place."

David Hooper, the plant's information coordinator, said the plant is off limits to hunters and fishermen and that helps make the site an unofficial wildlife sanctuary. He said alligators and other creatures that venture into the working areas are relocated by a "varmit" officer who is licensed by the state.

"Sometimes an alligator works his way up a ditch to the site and we have to relocate him somewhere on the plant site where he is not a hazard," said Hooper.

Many times the distractions the gators make around the worksite is the biggest hazard, he said.



CRASH SCENE—Rescue workers haul a stretcher up the embankment of a bayou in Houston Monday after a car-truck wreck sent the two vehicles down into the bayou. Three persons in the car were killed and three injured in the truck.

New Mexico official to head Texas prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — A man credited with a big role in elevating New Mexico prisons to among the best in the nation has been chosen as director of the Texas prison system.

The Texas prison board on Monday hired Ray Procnier, deputy secretary of New Mexico prisons, to direct the troubled Texas prison

system. Procnier pledged that the Texas system would be "open, honest, humane and decent."

At the top of Procnier's list of references on his resume was President Reagan.

Procnier was director of the California prison system in 1967-75 when Reagan was governor of that state.

"You're going to love this man, Ray Procnier," said board chairman Robert Gunn of Wichita Falls in introducing the new director at a news conference. "He's strong, he's knowledgeable, and he's compassionate."

Procnier was hired in July 1983 to improve New Mexico's state prisons after the deadly 1980 Santa Fe inmate riot.

New Mexico Corrections Secretary Michael Francke said Monday. "He's a dynamo of enthusiasm and an encyclopedia of corrections knowledge."

"His motivation and communications skills are second to none," Francke said. "He helped us transform the New Mexico Corrections Department from just another department in the pack into one of the leaders in the nation."

Procnier succeeds W.J. Estelle, who resigned the \$64,400-a-year job Oct. 7 last week, acting director Dan "Red" McKaskle announced his retirement, taking his name out of the running for the permanent post at the head of the 36,000-inmate system.

Procnier, who also has been prison director in Virginia and Utah, said, he had never met "a group of people more dedicated than this (Texas) board, and the governor and the attorney general toward a common end, and that's to have the best prison system in the country."

Truck driver in critical condition

HOUSTON (AP) — The driver of a pickup truck which glanced off a freeway guardrail, killing three people, remained in critical condition today.

Two other people were injured Monday when a pickup truck hit the guardrail and struck a car, knocking both into a creekbed below, police said.

Sgt. Jesse Feroi of the Houston police accident division said that two women and a man, all of them riding in the car, were killed about 12:40 p.m. when their vehicle plunged 27 feet into South Mayde Creek in far west Houston.

A spokesman for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office identified the driver of the car as Shirley Murphy, 40, of Conroe. Her passengers were identified as

Barbara Lopez, a Houston woman whose age could not immediately be determined; and Rodney Charlton, 51, of Houston.

The driver of the truck, Edna Daly, 25, of Houston, was in critical condition, said a spokeswoman at Hermann Hospital.

The identities of the truck's two passengers were still being sought by police. Feroi said they were treated and released from another hospital.

Both vehicles landed upside down, but the truck struck a pillar which kept it from sliding entirely into the water. The car was immersed and recovered only after workers shut off the flow of water into the creek from nearby Addicks Reservoir, Feroi said.

Hydraulic jaws were used to free the bodies from the twisted metal of the car, Feroi said.



MOVING ALONG—Participants in the 1984 Great American Race arrive in Indianapolis. Contestants from Warsaw, Ind. compete in a 1912 American La France fire engine. (AP Laserphoto)

Lower youth wage's time has come, Donovan says

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"This is a tool whose time has come," Donovan told members of the Gulf and Great Plains Legal Foundation. "I believe there are jobs that need to be done that aren't being done out there."

Donovan also announced a \$370,000 grant to help retrain and find jobs for 200 steelworkers in Baytown, an industrial community about 35 miles southeast of Houston.

U.S. Steel Corp.'s Baytown plant has been plagued by a series of employee layoffs, and ARMCO Steel closed its east Houston plant last year.

Baytown's Lee College will administer the program, which was established under the federal Job Training Partnership Act. Under the program, unemployed steelworkers will receive job counseling and training in computer programming and technology.

If Congress adopts the subminimum wage proposal, employers could pay 16- to 19-year-olds \$2.50 an hour — 85 cents an hour less than the

Year-round schools successful

HOUSTON (AP) — Improved scores on standardized tests and reduced crowding have encouraged officials of the Houston school district to expand a year-round curriculum from its pilot program to 13 other elementary schools.

Students at Janowski Elementary School learned more than a year's worth of material in the school year during which the new curriculum was in effect, according to scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Bilingual students showed almost two years of improvement during the year, school officials said.

The latest chapter in the Janowski story holds the greatest promise for raising students' educational attainment levels of anything we have considered," said Billy Reagan, Houston school superintendent. "The proven potential for enhanced learning, particularly language development, extends beyond our existing achievement goals."

Janowski was the first school in the state to implement the year-round program. Under the program, students have 60 days of classwork followed by a 20-day break. They receive regular holidays, winter and spring breaks, but the summers are filled with computer classes, field trips and special academic instruction for students who fall behind.

The year-round plan means higher costs, with extra teacher pay and increased utility bills, but officials say the long-term costs are minimal compared with the construction of a new school or adding temporary buildings.

"The initial focus was on giving relief in crowded situations," said Patricia Shell, Houston Independent School District superintendent for instruction. "But we began to have increasing focus on

student achievement and time on task (time spent on school activities)."

Teachers and parents generally praise the program.

Woman loses case against station over dieting series

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A jury ruled that a television station had the right to broadcast a picture taken in a shopping mall of a 265-pound woman in connection with a series of reports on dieting.

Rebecca Harvey, 30, claimed KSAT-TV portrayed her as morbidly obese and ridiculed her. She sued the Outlet Co., former owners of KSAT-TV, for \$1 million in damages.

A state district court jury ruled against her Monday.

"I harbor great concern that a TV station charged with the public's trust is able to film anyone for any reason they deem fit," said her attorney, Steven Sinkin.

Sinkin said the jury's verdict, reached after about

an hour of deliberations, was a "distressing sign."

Ms. Harvey, who refused to comment after the verdict, had charged that the station invaded her privacy by not obtaining her permission to use her picture in February 1982 as a part of a promotion for a five-part television series titled, "Dieting: A Losing Battle."

Jeanne Janes, the station's advertising and promotions director, said, "We're very pleased. We never intended to embarrass anyone."

In final arguments, defense attorney Cynthia Taylor Krier argued that the photograph depicting Ms. Harvey in a local shopping mall was "innocent" and "incidental."

"The picture was taken in a public place and that picture was taken from the back and was not distorted in any way," Ms. Krier said.

But Sinkin's co-counsel, Brian Shaughnessy, argued that his client, who stands at 5-8½, was held up to ridicule after being recognized in the brief television spots.

"She was characterized as something so fat she was about to die," Shaughnessy said.

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Tentative agreement is reached with most hotels in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A tentative agreement between striking workers and 11 hotels and casinos is a "major breakthrough" and could end the sometimes violent 51-day walkout that has cost this city tens of millions of dollars, the governor said.

The pact, if ratified, would bring about 9,000 strikers back to work and leave fewer than 3,000 employees off the job at eight other hotels. About 17,000 workers struck 29 hotels and casinos April 2.

If the 10 hotels and one casino involved in the tentative settlement reached Monday can come to terms with striking musicians and stagehands, the five-year contract will be presented to the 26,000-member Culinary Union for ratification, Culinary attorney Philip Bove said.

The pact calls for a \$1.91 per hour wage increase over the life of the

five-year contract, said industry sources who asked not to be identified. In earlier settlements, the union won four-year agreements with increases of \$1.46 an hour.

"This is the major breakthrough we've been waiting for," Nevada Gov. Richard Bryan said. "The strike is something we'll feel for a long time to come, but I'm just delighted that we've had this breakthrough. I'm anxious to get our people back to work, promoting Las Vegas as the resort city that it is."

Negotiators for the hotels and the Culinary Union, Nevada's largest labor organization, hammered out the agreement in meetings throughout the day Monday. Bartenders were also included in the talks.

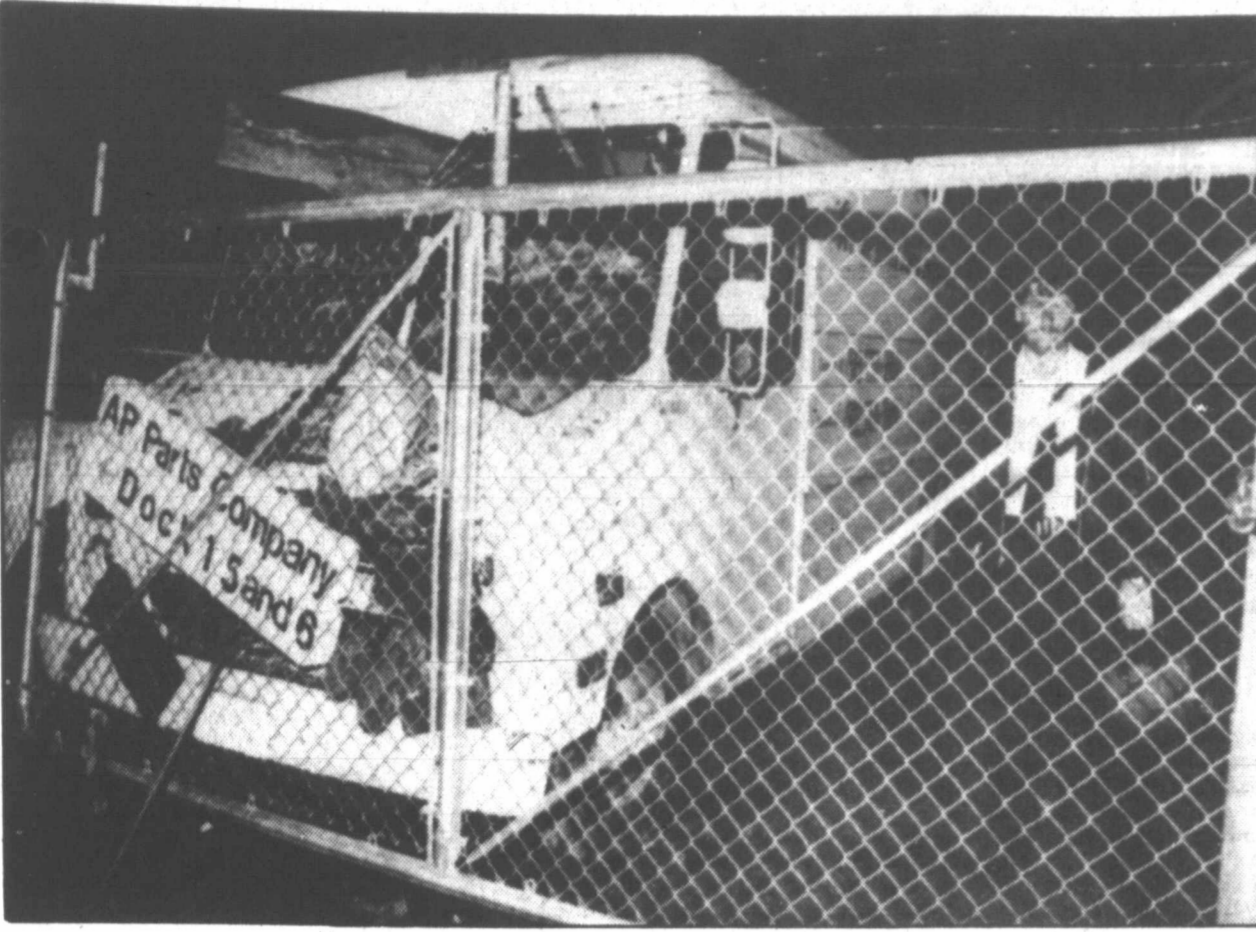
Two weeks ago, when five hotels settled, stagehands and musicians quickly approved the terms contained in that Culinary pact. But about 12,000

other workers remained off the job at 19 hotels and casinos.

The MGM Grand, Frontier, Desert Inn, Sands, Showboat, Tropicana, Union Plaza, Mint, Castaways and Golden Gate hotels and Silver Slipper casino reached the tentative accords Monday.

A settlement with those properties would leave only eight hotels on strike: three Holiday Inns, Sam's Town, the California Hotel, the Marina, the Four Queens and the Las Vegas Club. Several of the eight have hired permanent replacements for striking workers and the future of those workers has clouded negotiations.

On May 3, however, the Hilton hotels and Caesars Palace reached separate agreements with the union, leaving the workweek guarantee virtually untouched.



ARRESTS MAR DEMONSTRATION—At least 41 persons were arrested and several Toledo, Ohio police officers injured as a "solidarity demonstration" by local unions to show support for striking AP Parts Co. workers

erupted into violence Monday afternoon. Hundreds of union workers and demonstrators threw missiles and heaved a railroad tie over a barbed wire topped fence and into the windshield of an armored security truck.

Violence erupts at auto parts plant

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Police in riot gear patrolled outside a struck auto parts plant today while 250 non-union workers remained inside, demanding protection against demonstrators who clashed with officers and heaved firebombs at company trucks, officials said.

At least 41 people were arrested and several police suffered minor injuries late Monday when 4,000 protesters, including hundreds from other unions, demonstrated outside the huge AP Auto Parts Co. police and company spokesmen said.

attempts to penetrate our fence, including an 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig. There's been considerable damage to our facility, to our motor vehicles."

At least one police cruiser outside the 1.2 million-square-foot plant was burned, and others had flat tires and broken windshields. Deming said demonstrators pelted the building and company trucks with firebombs, causing an undetermined amount of damage.

management workers inside the plant were afraid of being hurt if they tried to leave, Deming said.

Asked if police were expecting more trouble, Ms. Reder said, "There have been threats to that effect. We are prepared and ready but hope that it doesn't happen."

Four to six police officers were treated at hospitals for minor injuries after being hit by bricks or other objects, Ms. Reder said, while other officers "will be sore and bruised in the morning."

Members of United Auto Workers Local 14 struck the plant May 2 over a cut of 35 percent, or an average \$5.84, in wages and benefits that previously averaged \$20 an hour. The cuts were imposed in March by the company, which said they were needed to stay in business.

Protesters were "armed with bottles, bricks, clubs and God knows what else," said company spokesman Richard Deming. "They made several

Police used wooden bullets and tear gas on the crowd, which began gathering Monday afternoon. The department put its 500 officers on alert, and about 90 to 95 were on duty overnight. A normal overnight shift would be about 70 to 75 officers, Sgt. Rose Reder said.

"Everything is very cool right now," Ms. Reder said early this morning, adding that the number of pickets had diminished to about eight at each plant entrance.

But the 250 non-union and

at least 41 people had been booked on various charges, including aggravated rioting and failure to disperse, and about half were held overnight while others were released. Many clubs and other items were confiscated.

"It was mostly going to be a peaceful demonstration," said James Siegel, a 17-year employee at the plant and one of the members of striking Local 14 of the United Auto Workers. "I don't know what got out hand."

Rancher gets extra month of freedom

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Millionaire rancher Rex Cauble, who had been scheduled to begin serving a five-year prison term today for financing a drug smuggling operation, has been given an extra month of freedom.

U.S. District Judge William M. Steger on Friday signed an order delaying Cauble's incarceration, saying his financial expertise was needed in sensitive negotiations regarding the future of his business.

Cauble Enterprises.

Cauble, 70, of Denton, lost his one-third share in Cauble Enterprises when he was convicted of bankrolling the largest marijuana smuggling operation in Texas history.

Steger said Cauble was needed to help attorneys sell some of the assets of the business, estimated to be worth between \$50 million and \$75 million.

Cauble was scheduled to report to the La Tuna Federal Correctional

Institution near El Paso this morning. A hearing on the future of Cauble Enterprises is scheduled Wednesday morning in Steger's court.

Cauble was convicted in 1982 of violating racketeering, banking and criminal travel laws. He lost his last appeal earlier this month, but remained free on a \$1 million cash bond.

He must serve 40 months before being eligible for parole, officials said.

Cities considering joint resource-recovery plant

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — The cities of Grand Prairie and Irving are studying the feasibility of turning their 600 tons of garbage produced daily into energy.

Early next month, city officials from the two Texas cities will review a study on the feasibility of jointly operating a resource-recovery plant that could be the largest such facility in the state.

"It's the answer. It's the only answer," said Irving Mayor Bobby Joe Raper. "If all of the technology can be worked out, then it behooves a city to get involved."

Only three such plants currently operate in Texas — two small plants at state prison units and a medium-sized plant in Waxahachie in Ellis County.

Don Dietrich, assistant public works director for Grand Prairie, said the available ingredients also include wastes generated by the Trinity River Authority's sewage treatment plant in Grand Prairie and by Gifford-Hill, a pipe manufacturer that relies on steam for its production process.

"We've got all the ingredients for a successful plant," said Dietrich.

At resource-recovery plants, solid waste is burned and the heat produced is changed into steam, which can be sold to industry or used to spin turbines that generate electricity.

Officials said energy sold by the plants should pay for the plant's operating costs. Construction costs for a resource-recovery plant are estimated at upwards of \$50 million.

Resource-recovery plants will be the wave of the future as

land becomes scarce and it becomes more expensive to bury waste materials in landfills, officials said.

Officials in both cities said they have adequate landfill available to serve their needs for another 20 years. With a resource-recovery plant, the landfills might last another 100 years, they said.

"With a recovery plant, about 90 percent of the garbage gets recycled into energy and you end up with about 10 percent of the original amount, in the form of ash, which is taken to the landfill," said Dietrich. "This would mean that a 10-year landfill site might last 100 years."

Officials have not chosen a site for the plant, but said it probably would be located at a landfill in northeastern Grand Prairie.

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Group seeks preservation of homes

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Arlington citizens who appeared before the Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission in an effort to preserve historical homes in their neighborhood said their efforts have been ignored.

Three older homes with the potential of being designated as historical markers have been bulldozed by a local developer since members of the Old Arlington Preservation Society, headed by Walter and Kristina Rumans, appeared before the commission.

"Walter did a slide presentation of some of the houses and the restoration that has taken place," Mrs. Rumans said. "We also presented a map to the commission marking the area that we

would like to see set aside as a historical district."

Commission Chairman Stan Agee contends the group made a favorable impression.

"What the group needs to do is come to us with a very specific proposal or alternate proposals," he said. "The materials they gave us were too-broad and extensive and the commission has too heavy a workload to study a 50-page book in detail."

Agee said he would like to see the historical sector in Arlington become a "people place" where people can gather, much like the River Walk in San Antonio.

Rumans said the designated area still

has 10 to 20 "good candidates" for restoration.

Agee said his major concern in forming a historical district is the strict ordinances attached to the formation of such a sector. He cited an example of such complexities in Santa Fe, N.M., where strict regulations prevent owners from installing electrical outlets in walls without approval.

"It would take several weeks of planning and zoning work sessions to work out the ordinance so that it is comfortable for the city staff, the preservationists and the commission, keeping the City Council abreast of the process so that they aren't hit with the ordinance all at once," Agee said.

Car of missing businessman found

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Police say they found no signs of foul play on a car belonging to a businessman who disappeared last February after leaving for work.

The car, registered to Paul Delaney, was found Friday in the parking lot of a Marriott Hotel in Dallas, police said. A hotel employee told police that the car had not been moved in about two months.

"The car was clean. It seemed pretty routine. There was no damage. There was no sign of a fight or anything," said Dallas police investigator Jim Beene.

There were no indications that Delaney had been registered at the hotel, Beene said.

Delaney, who owns a Palestine antique store known as Kansas Collectables, has not been seen since early Feb. 6 when he stopped at a convenience store in this East Texas city for coffee.

He reportedly left home about 4:30 a.m. for his shop. His wife, Margie, reported him missing when he did not arrive home about 7 a.m. He was to take the children to school because one of the family cars was in the repair shop, police said.

Employees at the store said the door was locked when they arrived. Their daily work schedule had been posted by Delaney. A coffee cup and ashtray had been knocked over on a desk and there were coins scattered across a table in a snack area.

Delaney's wife said Dallas would be "a logical place for someone to dump a car. Not Paul — I'm saying someone else dumped the car."

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Pioneer Day activities planned

Saturday, June 16, marks the first annual Pioneer Day in Pampa. This fun-filled day of western activities and entertainment is to become an annual fund-raising event for the Gray County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). Pioneer Day Barbecue is to

begin at 11 a.m. and last until 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Tickets for the barbecue will also cover entertainment and exhibits. Children under six, accompanied by a parent, are free. Entertainment includes a performance by the

Lightning R. Wranglers, an authentic country music group; Ballan Grant, known for her yodeling abilities; Mike Lowrie, trick roper and the Calico Capers Square Dancers. Exhibits by craftsmen, artists and neighboring communities are planned, as

well as a Liar Contest and a Pioneer Pie Competition. A Wagon Camp with several types of horse drawn vehicles are scheduled to arrive in Pampa from throughout the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma. Rides will be available for the children. Door prizes donated by

local merchants will also be given away.

Anyone wishing to exhibit their art, scrapbooks, crafts or other items should make arrangements by calling Terry Woolley at (806) 665-4517.



Dear Abby Rapist weighs his choice of doing time or treatment

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I'm in jail for rape. I am 25 years old and have been in jail for eight months waiting to go to the Western State Mental Hospital where I will be put through a sex offender's program. I'm told the program will take anywhere from three to seven years to complete.

Well, I don't feel like giving up that much of my life for a first offense.

If I get five years in prison, I could be out on parole in 18 months. My lawyer tells me if I take the mental hospital treatment, I will find out why I did the rape so I won't do it again. I would like to know why I did it, but I don't want to spend three to seven years to find out.

If I go to prison I will be out sooner, but I'll have a prison record for the rest of my life. So what should I do?

LOST IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR LOST: If you have a choice, go to the mental hospital. You need the treatment. What good will it do you to be out on the street in 18 months if you risk committing the same crime? It's not fair to society to turn you loose, and it's not fair to you. A second offense could put you in prison for a much longer stretch.

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DEAR ABBY: This is another one of those "I can't believe I'm writing this" letters. My twin brother died recently following a long illness. (He was 59.) Three years ago he had a will drawn up specifying that his estate be divided equally among our two sisters and me. He appointed me executor of his will, and I accepted. Last year he added a codicil to his will eliminating one of our sisters.

During our first meeting with the probate lawyer, he suggested that "some families" get together and mutually decide to alter or ignore the deceased's wishes and/or codicils. My two sisters are now using that statement to force me (by legal means, if necessary) to ignore my twin's codicil and abide by the

original will.

Abby, I promised to carry out my brother's wishes, which he made very clear to me. Now I'm being asked by my family, "Am I a brother, or am I 'Mr. Executor'?"

No one in our family is "needy." Should I carry out my twin's wishes? Or must I yield to the wishes of my family?

TORN IN NEW YORK

DEAR TORN: As the executor of your brother's will, you are not only morally obligated to carry out his wishes, you are legally responsible for doing so. And for a lawyer to suggest that you do otherwise is both unprofessional and dishonorable.

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DEAR ABBY: This is an open letter to my loving father and some dear, elderly friends:

When will you accept your hearing problem as something which, in most cases, can be helped? There are some wonderful, vastly improved hearing aids on the market as well as surgical techniques that might help you hear better.

Hear this! I am irritated at your expecting me to shout myself hoarse because you are too stubborn to seek professional help. Please see an audiologist or go to a respected hearing aid dealer and at least find out what's available to improve your hearing.

Remember, I love you, but it's difficult to love someone I am constantly shouting at!

A DAUGHTER AND FRIEND

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(If you put off writing letters because you don't know what to say, send for Abby's complete booklet on letter-writing. Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 (this includes postage) to: Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

'New Wave' furniture reaches American market

Is America ready for "new wave" furniture?

Ready or not, the art movement that relies on odd color combinations, strange angles and irreverent attitudes was interpreted in new furniture at the recent furniture market in North Carolina, and at least one national retailer plans to put new wave furniture on the sales floor by fall.

Although only a few furniture showrooms contained new wave and other adventurous styles, these few garnered a large share ordered by retailers at the market.

As usual with dramatic style departures, the new wave showed up first in upholstery and occasional furniture and in accessories. Among American manufacturers, Thayer Coggin made the strongest showing. Its 12-piece "Prisma" collection by Milo Baughman includes sofas, chairs, tables and multicolored etageres.

Baughman predicted "New wave will be the most interesting and important revolution in design since William Morris and the arts and crafts movement."

Baughman's designs for Thayer Coggin illustrate some of the style's basic principles in the use of large, overscaled upholstered pieces that combine black and several primary colors in a single chair or sofa.

An import collection from Sweden of seating and tables and the apparently obligatory oddly-angled etagere was shown by A&B America.

Others also offered some pieces that might be called new wave. Casa Stradivari has a collection of "ruffled" tables and chairs, the ruffles

carved from a block of maple. A "Mondrian" chair, designed by Robert and Barbara Tiffany for Atlantic, is upholstered in black but has one red leg and an asymmetrical red stripe on one side.

With all the talk about new wave, there was little agreement about its precise definition. However, the recently-established American Society of Furniture Designers made a stab at putting the style into historical perspective.

The group noted that both new wave and post modernism are recent reactions against the starkness of modern furniture design. Post modernism — last season's new style sensation — brings both color and decorative ornament back into furniture and architecture with soft pastel colors, columns, pyramids and other details that soften the environment.

New wave, on the other hand, is characterized by humor and playfulness, takes some of its inspiration from the "bad taste" of the 1950s and is the antithesis of restraint. New wave furniture and architecture has its echoes in fashion, rock music, dance and graphic design.

Although most new wave fashions appear to come directly from Europe, some observers have noted that individual American craftsmen actually began turning out new wave designs in the early 1970s. However,

the movement has received most of its attention since the introduction in 1981 of designs of the Memphis group at a furniture exposition in Milan, Italy.

Memphis is a collaborative studio of 30 designers from eight countries and is headed by Ettore Sottsass, a highly-regarded Italian designer who is probably best known for his designs of

typewriters and other streamlined modern objects. He has chosen to break away from the orthodox modern tradition in new wave designs characterized by surprising shapes and proportions and discordant colors used together.

Until now, new wave has been considered too avant garde for mass marketing. But Baughman and the others

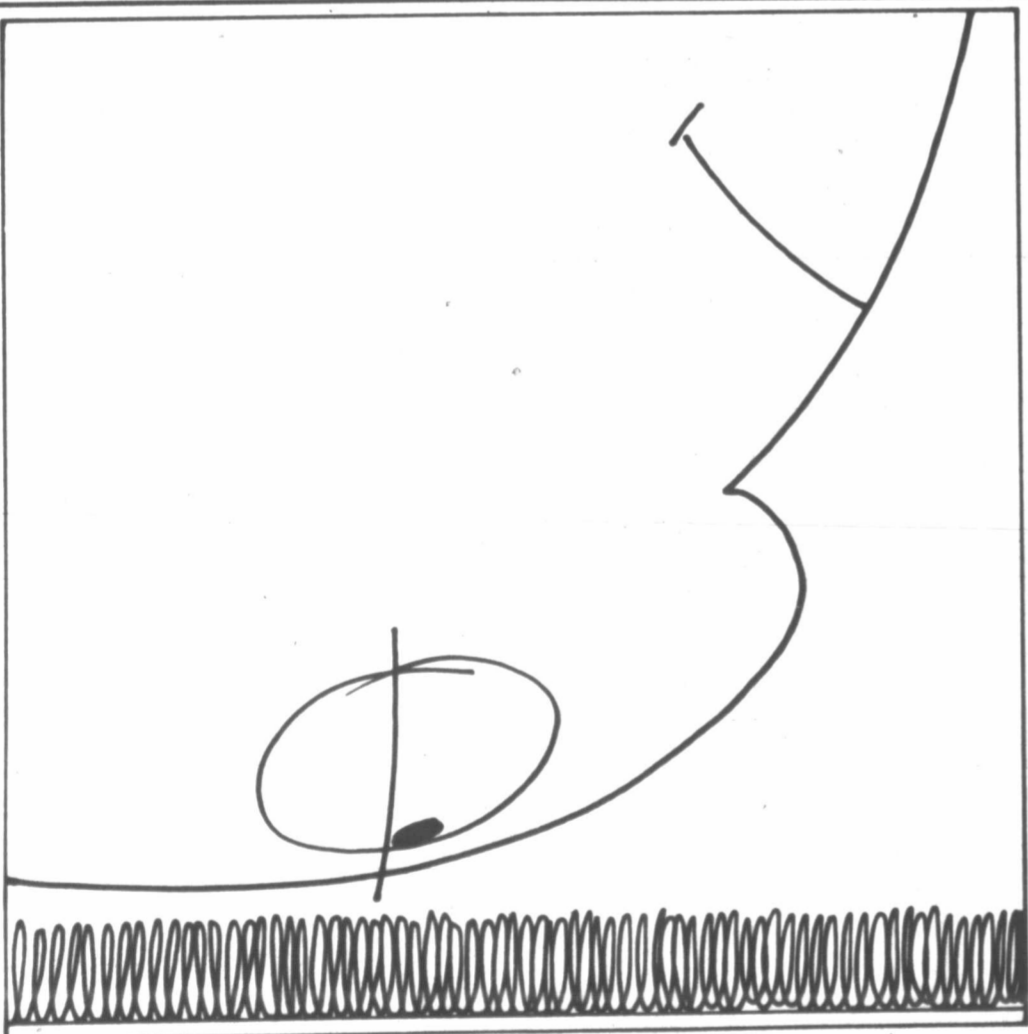
who have created the new products are out to prove the public — or at least some portion of it — will take home the pieces and learn to live with them.

Will new wave pieces blend with what you already have? Don't be silly. However, blending is not really necessary. As Baughman explains, "There are no rules in this genre."

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Life care for elderly new housing option

By BOB WITTMAN JR., Allentown Call-Chronicle ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Rosalie Weed thought her life had come to an end when her husband died in 1980. Rattling around their West End Allentown home alone, she felt isolated and sorry for herself.

"I thought I was the only widow in the world," Mrs. Weed said.

For a time, she considered an offer from her daughter to move in with her. Although she loved her daughter and figured that she could make an easy transition to her daughter's Bucks County household, Mrs. Weed also wanted to retain her sense of independence.

"But I wanted peace of mind. And I wanted my daughter to have peace of mind," she said.

What resolved her dilemma was a newspaper advertisement she came across for a new retirement community in the area. The ad was for Luther Crest, a "life care" complex then under construction in Allentown.

It spoke of luxurious accommodations, freedom from the worries of home maintenance, the convenience of on-site medical care and the security of knowing someone would be

there to care for her long after she would be unable to care for herself.

Says Mrs. Weed, now 74 years old, "I saw the ad and said, 'That's for me.'"

Life care is still a new concept in elderly housing. In Pennsylvania, the state legislature is only now grappling with legislation to regulate it. Life care was first developed by the Quakers about 10 years ago, and probably fewer than 300 communities are operating in the United States.

Expensive and attractive, life care communities are designed to appeal to the middle-income elderly — those with financial security great enough to make them ineligible for subsidized housing but too meager to allow them to afford the financial drain of private nurses and homemakers.

The life care concept combines apartment living with skilled nursing care, and for people such as Mrs. Weed, who took up residence at Luther Crest last September, it provides an environment in which to organize a new life.

"This can be my permanent home," she says.

What makes the marketing of life care communities different from other kinds of private, non-profit elderly housing is the feature of

lifetime care.

Active elderly people move into unfurnished apartments of the size and layout their lifestyles demand and their resources allow. If their health deteriorates to the point where they can no longer care for themselves, they give up their apartments and become patients in the facility's on-site skilled nursing center.

The switch from one to the other would happen automatically and be based on a medical recommendation. There would be no complicated application process. A resident can expect to be pampered with a variety of services and attentions not found at other types of apartments for the aged.

At both Luther Crest and Phoebe Terrace, two of the newest in the area, one cooked meal is provided, housekeeping services clean each apartment once a week and provide fresh bedroom and bathroom linens. House doctors are also available around the clock at both places.

Both facilities provide security and safety features

such as smoke detectors, automatic sprinkler systems, safety bars in the bathrooms and emergency call buttons in the bedrooms. Both complexes include plush lounges, craft rooms and coin-operated laundry rooms.

At Luther Crest, the more expensive of the two, an on-site dentist, an ophthalmologist, two physical therapists and a full-time hairdresser are provided. There's also a service for transporting

residents on shopping trips and visits to medical specialists.

All of this comes at a huge price. Entrance fees at Luther Crest range from \$48,000 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$79,000 for a two-bedroom unit. At Phoebe Terrace, the range stretches from \$36,700 for what's described as an "efficiency unit" to \$76,900 for a two-bedroom suite.

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Nurses keep parents informed

BOSTON (AP) — Anxious parents waiting in the lobby of The Children's Hospital here are kept posted about the progress of their child's surgery through the Surgical Liaison Program.

"We deal with about 25 to 35 families a day," says Judie Surveyer, a registered nurse who has been the coordinator of the program since November. "Of those, a handful are at home, so we're talking to them over the phone. The rest are here in

the hospital."

When the operation is over, the nurses accompany the parents to the recovery room, where they can also learn how long the recovery is expected to take and about post-operative care.

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Here's the answer

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

Q — I plan to finish my attic. I have examined finished attics done by some of our neighbors and have a question. Instead of putting up a 7- or 8-foot ceiling across the top of the rooms I plan to make, can't I leave the upper part of the attic wide open? It seems to me I saw this one time in somebody's attic and that it gave a very interesting effect. If I decide to do it that way, are there any special things I should know?

A — No reason why you can't forget about a conventional ceiling if you wish. Remember, though, you may find cleaning chores a bit awkward later on. Apartment dwellers with very high ceilings find this to be so, but most of them would rather have that occasional problem in exchange for the open-space feeling that high ceilings generate. If you leave everything wide open, as you put it, be sure the space between the rafters is covered with insulation and some kind of covering and that there are plenty of vents to prevent condensation, plus some other form of ventilation and possibly an exhaust fan, which needs to be turned on only periodically.

Q — We have an old-fashioned plaster wall in our living room that requires patching in several places. I know how to make the patches, but am not sure what should be done before repainting. Once the patching is finished, I expect to paint the entire room.

A — When the repaired areas have hardened, seal them with shellac diluted with denatured alcohol. After the shellac has dried, go ahead with the painting.

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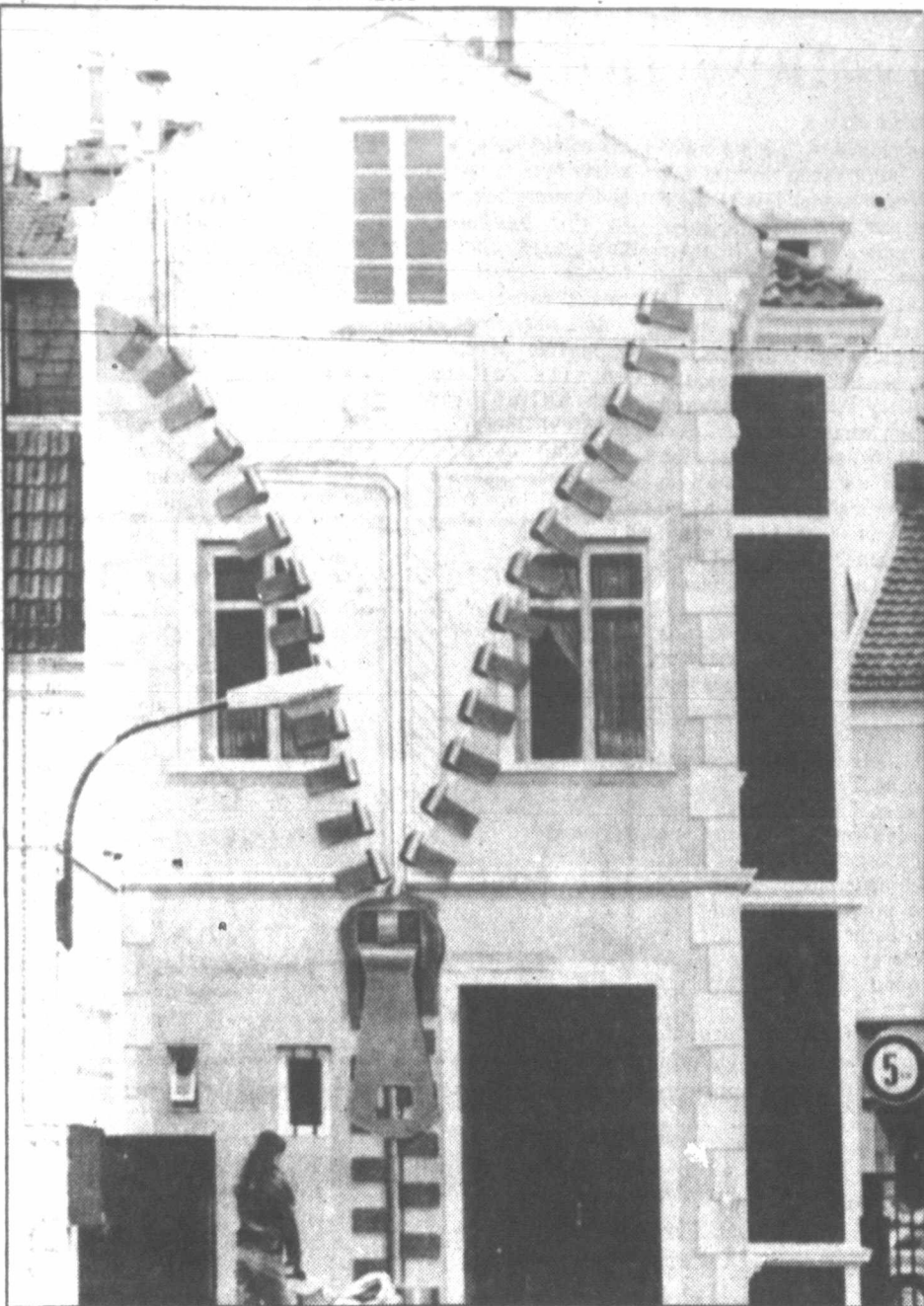
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Economists see recession by end of '85

By The Associated Press
More than two-thirds of the economists surveyed by a professional group believe a recession will begin by the end of 1985, a pessimism reflected on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average closed at a 13-month low.

The National Association of Business Economists said Monday that a survey among its nearly 4,000 members found the majority foreseeing huge federal deficits driving interest rates to levels where businesses and consumers can no longer afford to borrow.

"The expectation of a shorter-than-normal business recovery is tied directly to federal policies," said Nicholas Filippello, president of the association and chief economist for Monsanto. "If Congress were to come up with a more substantial deficit reduction package, then we could have a more normal economic recovery."

Meanwhile, on Monday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slumped 8.48 to 1,125.31 in sluggish trading. It was the lowest close since the average stood at 1,124.71 on April 8, 1983. Analysts blamed the third straight losing session on persistent interest-rate worries.

The economists group said 69 percent of its members surveyed believe a recession will begin by the end of 1985 or sooner while 30 percent see the recovery lasting into 1986 or beyond.

The economists predicted the robust 8.8 percent annual growth rate from January through March would slow to 4 percent to 5 percent this quarter, a forecast echoed by other analysts and the Reagan administration. Although interest rates have risen recently, yields at the latest Treasury Department auction fell off Monday from a week ago.

The Treasury

Departmentsold \$12.8 billion in new T-bills — half in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 9.95 percent, down from 10.07 percent, and half in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 10.39 percent, down from 10.40 percent.

Monday's results dropped the yields to where they were a few weeks ago but still left them at their highest levels since 1982.

In other economic news Monday:

—Standard & Poor's Corp. refused to restore its top credit rating to General Motors, saying the world's largest carmaker will have to invest heavily in new products while fending off foreign competition. The leading credit rating agency did raise its ratings on Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. debt.

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announced a management proposal that the food and consumer products company attempt to acquire Esmark Inc. If company directors approve, the bid would compete with a \$2.4 billion

takeover offer launched earlier this month by a group of investors headed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. of New York, a firm specializing in leveraged buyouts.

Nursing home resident dies

—LAKESIDE, Texas (AP) — Investigators are looking into an apparent outbreak of food poisoning that may have contributed to the death of one person and hospitalized 13 others living in a nursing home in this Fort Worth suburb, a health official says.

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An antidote for excuses

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The sounds of business and the economy reveal a lot.

People who have spent time in the spectator's gallery at the New York Stock Exchange, for example, claim they can tell whether the news is good or bad by the sounds on the trading floor.

And those who listen to some of the sounds that often emanate from assemblies of American business people and economists are often discouraged by what they hear.

All this makes very appealing the voice of Curtis Carlson, founder and owner of Minneapolis-based Carlson Companies, an umbrella for about 35 service companies (incentives, restaurants, travel, hotels).

At a meeting here recently, Carlson recalled the recession-induced mood in his company as executives prepared for 1982.

The management teams of some Carlson companies, he related, were presenting what they referred to as "realistic" projections based on the business decline. They had lost faith in their ability to overcome adversity.

"Some of our people were actually committing heresy by abandoning our goal of \$2 billion by '82 and pre-programming a 'hold even' position for the coming year," he said.

"Creating a self-fulfilling prophecy," he continued, "they were mentally conditioning themselves and their organization to gracefully accept this loss of momentum."

So Carlson, who has set goals throughout his business career, which began when he left

his job as soap salesman to found Gold Bond Stamps on little money but enormous faith and energy, delivered this message at the planning session:

"Our executives simply can't surrender to negative thinking. We can't turn around and blame the Arabs, the Japanese, the government, or anyone else for our lack of sales effort.

"If our business slows down this year or in any other year, we can only blame ourselves!"

"Shakespeare wrote, 'I think that the fault is not in the stars but in ourselves.' And I say that too, because since our company started back in 1938, I can find absolutely no relationship, no correlation between the ups and downs of the economy and the progress of our company.

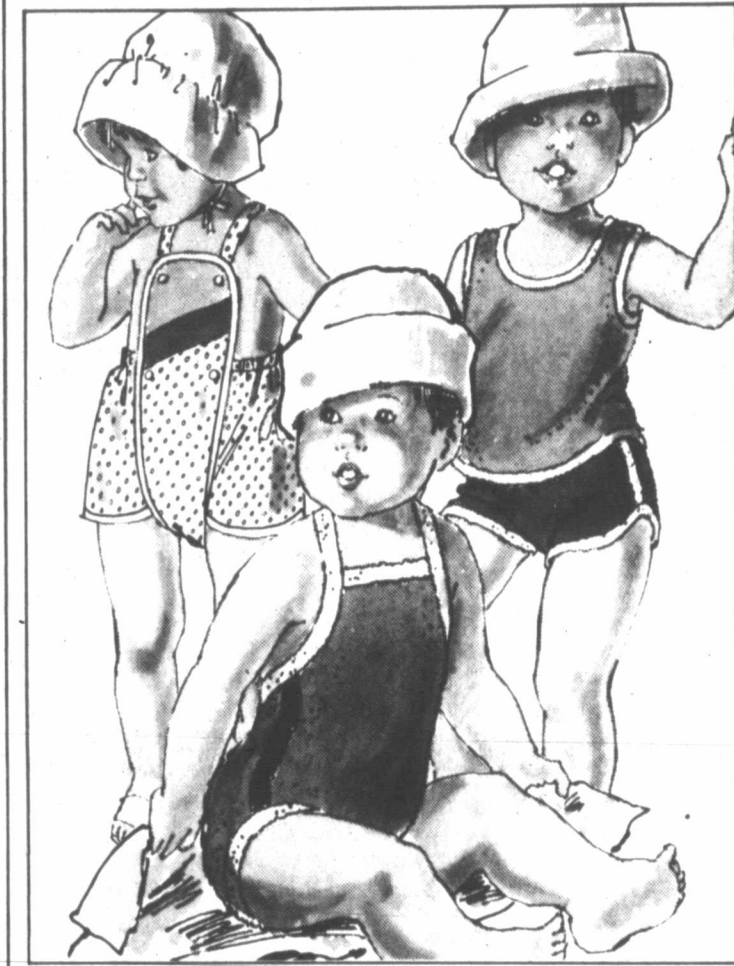
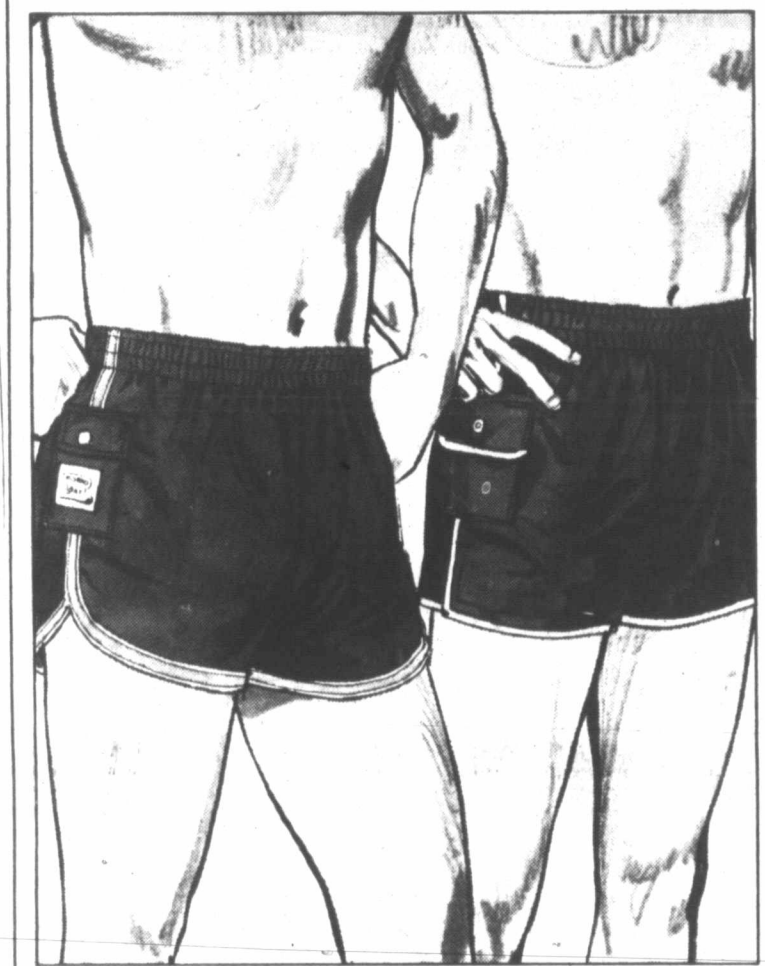
"We were born in the Depression, have gone through three wars, multiple recessions and a lot of hostile legislation, but always our progress has been due to our own efforts — not what was happening on the outside.

"The main issue here is that we've got a giant target out there, a \$3 trillion economy. We only want to do 15 percent more than last year.

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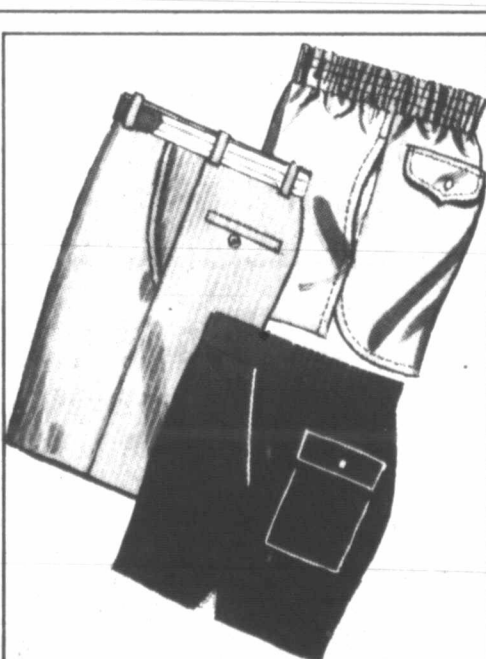
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Homeless veteran lives to aid motorists

By BILL HUNT
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas (AP) — Unemployed and homeless, Doug Kattner camps out in a dilapidated 1972 Chevrolet parked behind a service station. The owner welcomes the free nightwatch service Kattner's presence provides.

Most of the time, the 41-year-old Kattner said, he sleeps, unless his leukemia or phlebitis in both legs make it impossible.

For meals — when he eats — Kattner nurses a peptic ulcer with soft, bland food bought on a \$76 monthly food stamp ration. His dentures don't fit and he can't buy new ones, he said, so he remains toothless.

Occasionally, he said, he has bouts with epileptic seizures that could be controlled by medication he can't afford.

Quilts, clothes and a pair of stringless shoes kept him warm during the hard freezes this past winter, he said, and he guards papers from the Social Security Administration that deny his request for disability payments.

And although he said most government agencies are unwilling to help, Kattner's life-sustaining interest is aiding motorists who call for help on citizens' mother lives at the same Waco house where Kattner was raised. He sees her "every chance I get." But staying there, while it beats living on the street, is out of the question.

"She's on a fixed income," he said. Kattner's father, a mail carrier who had the Baylor University route for 13 years, died a little more than a year ago.

Nothing has been "normal" since Kattner's medical discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1963. It "don't bother" the University High School graduate to talk about his involvement in the Vietnam War, but the war left mental and physical scars that persist.

"I went into Vietnam with six stitches and came out with 4,385," he said, showing shrapnel marks more than 20 years old that are visible in both legs.

Back in Waco, the Veterans Administration Medical Center became a second home when Kattner wasn't working at some odd job — cab driver, a few mechanic jobs, even at his own shop.

But a divorce last May put him on the street to battle last winter's bitter cold in the back seat of his car. And with his health deteriorating, he said, he hasn't been able to work in more than a year.

"Every time I apply for a job I know I'm qualified for, they say no because of my physical disabilities," he said.

The jobs he's held have been "nice, easy jobs," he said. "When I had a gas station, it wasn't that bad."

He drove cabs on his last job but can't handle the pain that driving causes to his legs. He uses two canes to walk.

"I'm just a walking scar," he said. "The shrapnel

hinders movement of my knee. At one time I was considered totally disabled, but I got in service station work and it wasn't that much trouble."

Occasionally he works to remodel a automobile to make money for payments on his car and pay for gas to drive to Temple for blood transfusions and his leukemia treatments. Rarely can he work on anything, he said, and then only for 30-minute spans.

"At times he cries because of pain to his back," said Paul Counterman, a mechanic at the station where Kattner stays. "He was absolutely starving at the time he came around here. We had to talk and coax him to eat."

Recent physicians' reports show that Kattner shouldn't bend, stoop, crawl or squat. Other reports say he should limit standing and sitting time. Still, he was turned down in August by a Social Security hearings judge for disability payments, his papers show.

"I want to be able to do things on my own," he said. "I'm eligible for housing and gas, but in order to get it, you have to have six months' gratuity or income. I paid my own Social Security at the cab company."

Despite his situation, Kattner said he doesn't believe the world owes him anything.

"At times I get that way, but rarely," he said. "I was brought up to be nice to everybody, so I am."

Texas kite artist hopes her business will keep flying

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Paula Hagar pieces together plump panda bears, beautiful butterflies and colorful California poppies — then she casts them to the winds.

She sometimes bills herself as a "fiber artist," but the Southlake woman is basically a kite artist, who creates, shows and sells all manner of kites and windsocks.

"I'm painting on a blue canvas, using a light factor," she explained.

Ms. Hagar is one of the few kite artists in the United States; she could think of only two others in Texas. But she has never let conventions limit her career choices.

"I've done a million things — stained glass, teaching. I owned a health food store, I had chickens and sold eggs," she said. She joked that she read "Mother Earth News" at an impressionable age and got off on the wrong start, but her kite work has been successful from the start.

She began by buying half a dozen cheap plastic kites and using them as patterns. From there, she went to working from kite books and learned how to make patterns of her own.

In the two years she has been working seriously on kites, she has been to the top art shows in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. She recently was invited to a show in Paris, France and the Kimbell Art actical and artistic purposes for centuries. Historians trace the origin of kites to China, where they were first used for military reconnaissance about 200 B.C.

Kites eventually became so much of an Eastern tradition that they were adopted into

ceremonial festivals for amusement. The Chinese created beautiful elaborately decorated kites. Kite flying spread throughout the East and gradually worked its way across the South Pacific and to the Americas.

Kites have been used to collect weather data, carry men across water and, of course, to discover electricity. Technical knowledge gained through kite making contributed to the invention of the airplane.

Ms. Hagar said she is working to learn more about the technical side of kite making. So far, though, everything she has made will fly.

"I always test fly the patterns before I work with them," she said. "Technically, they're all aerodynamically sound. I read constantly on it. I wish I were more mathematically inclined; it's important, especially if you design any kind of new pattern at all."

More important to Ms. Hagar, though, is the appeal kites hold for children.

"I've had such neat experiences with children," she said. "I get letters from them after they've bought them out or work them out. I have a credit program for children — why not get them started early on the American way?"

Her master's degree in family and child development has helped her design kite workshops for children through public schools and organizations. In the past, she has presented kite workshops for handicapped and terminally ill children.

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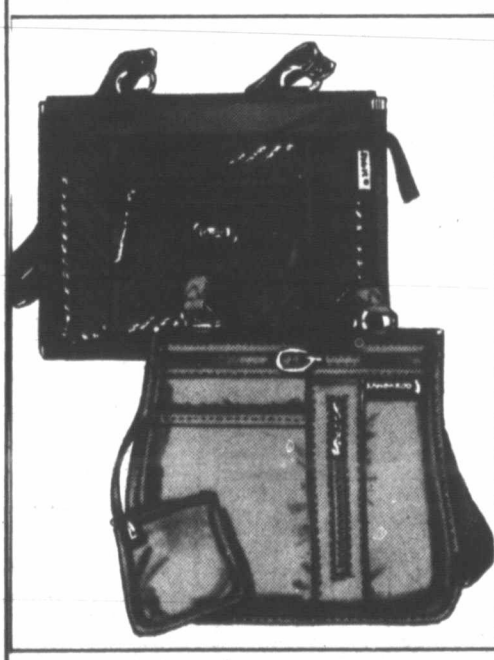
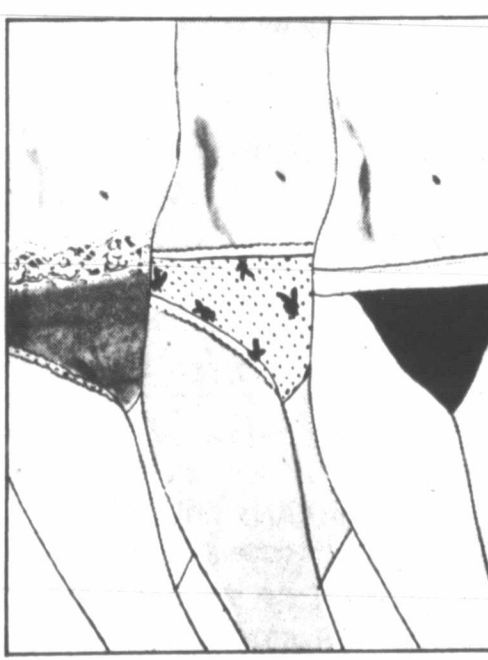
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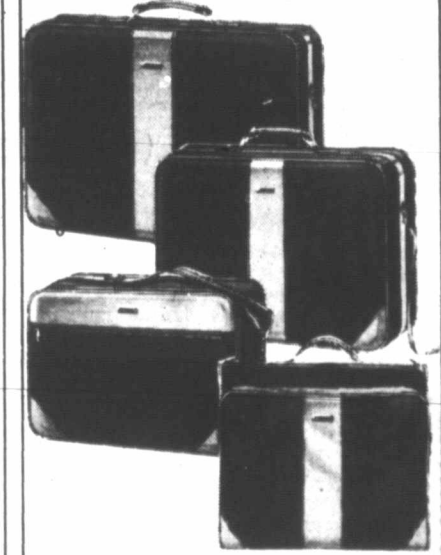
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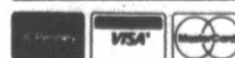
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Billboards
 4 Italian lake
 8 Rooster's pride
 12 Odd
 13 Grouchy person
 14 River in Europe
 15 Everything
 16 Roman patriot
 17 Orient
 18 Depend
 20 Pronoun
 22 Ensign (abbr.)
 23 First-rate (comp. wd.)
 25 Beasts of burden
 27 Permeate
 28 Pigeon shelter
 31 Asian hardwood
 32 Faith healer
 34 Profound sleep
 38 City in Utah
 40 Source of metals
 42 Dance step
 43 Bags
 45 First Hebrew letter
 47 Sects

DOWN

1 At a distance (abbr.)
 2 Take out (abbr.)
 3 Speech unit
 4 300, Roman
 5 Speaks frequently
 6 Arithmetic, for short
 7 Woodwind instrument
 8 Confederate States Army (abbr.)
 9 Water holes

Answers to Previous Puzzle

ZEKE ZEST WHA
 EDNA EPEE HEN
 BOOT RICE BIRD
 UMWI DICE ARIES
 HADS WOND
 BOERS IONIZED
 ERDA TORS OLD
 TAG TINT ZOLA
 SLEEVES DELAY
 TAD REDO
 ZETA MIT GOAO
 UNITALS TILIE
 ODE BILE ESTA
 NOR ORES ATON

10 Pine Tree
 11 Top military officers
 19 Pronoun
 21 Tangle
 24 New (prefix)
 26 Dry as wine
 27 Same (prefix)
 28 Impair
 29 Part of train (pl.)
 30 Plaza cheer
 33 Sinbad's bird
 35 Pores
 36 Atlas chart
 37 Combustion remnant
 39 Time zone (abbr.)
 41 Express State
 44 Beast of burden
 46 Cask stave
 47 Bring about
 48 Unnerve
 49 Obtain information
 50 Musical tone
 52 Fern features
 56 Actress Foch
 57 Complacent agency (abbr.)
 61 Mao tung

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede-osal

Raises or advancement which were previously denied you where your work or career is concerned will be forthcoming in the year ahead. All you have to do is perform to the best of your ability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be extremely fortunate today work-or careerwise. Opportunities ignored by others will be obvious to you. Major changes are in store for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your year-ahead predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conclusions you arrive at today are apt to be on target because you're not likely to make a judgment without first weighing both sides of every issue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sharing is the key that will unlock the floodgates of opportunity for you today. When you show a willingness to give, others will do likewise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you can't do on your own can be achieved with the assistance of others today. Contacts you've established socially may prove to be the most helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're involved in a matter meaningful to you financially, try to wrap it up today. The returns will be larger now than they'll be later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make it a point today to hobnob with friends with whom you have real clout. Something advantageous or even profitable could result from these encounters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll do better in business situations today if you do more listening than talking. Let the other play his ace, then trump them.

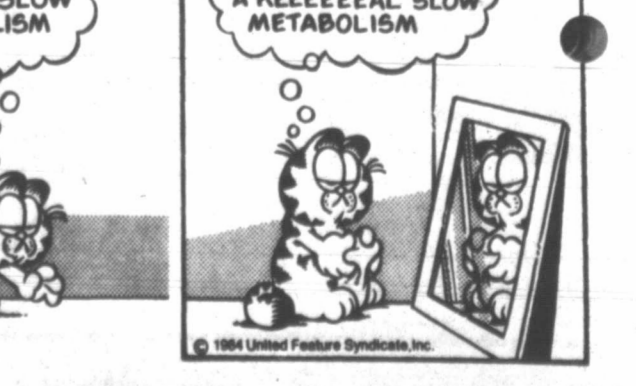
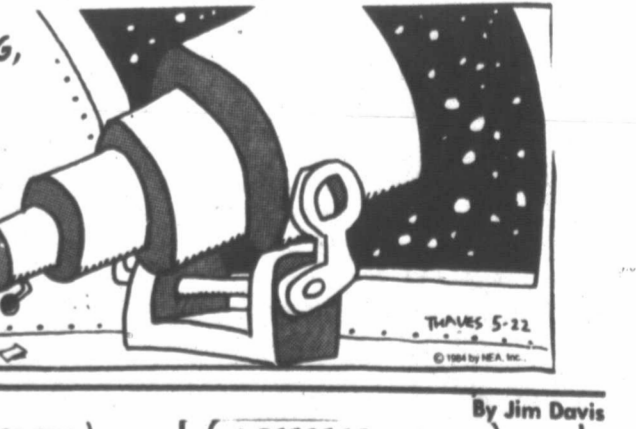
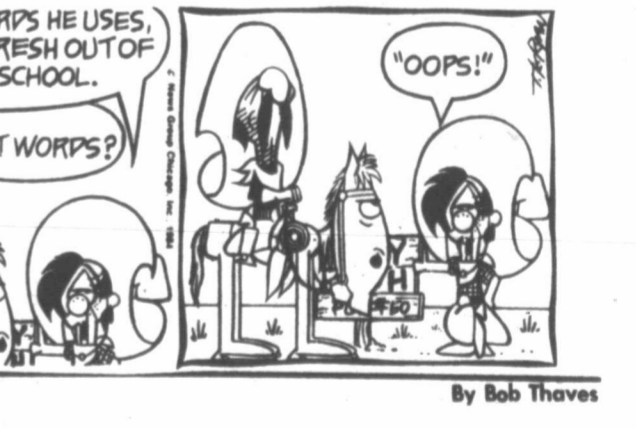
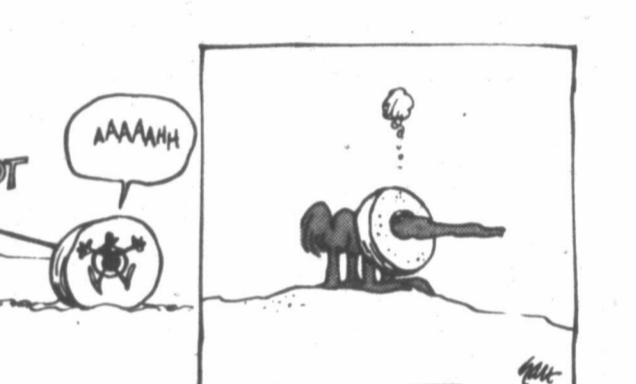
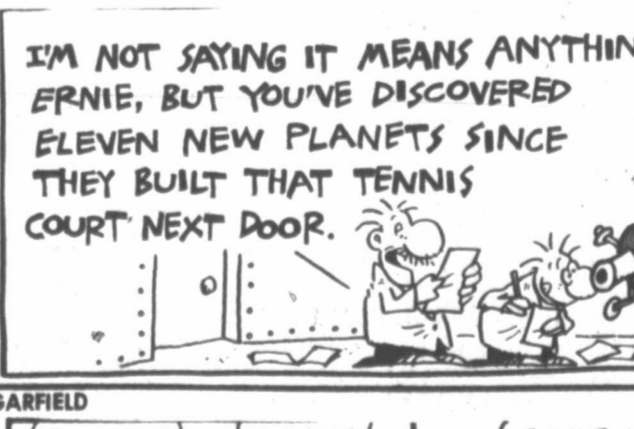
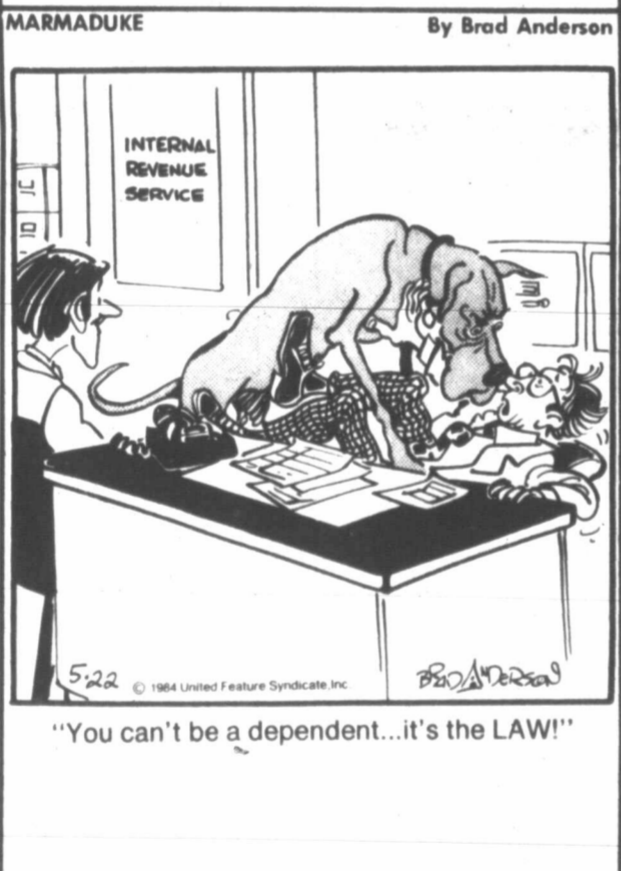
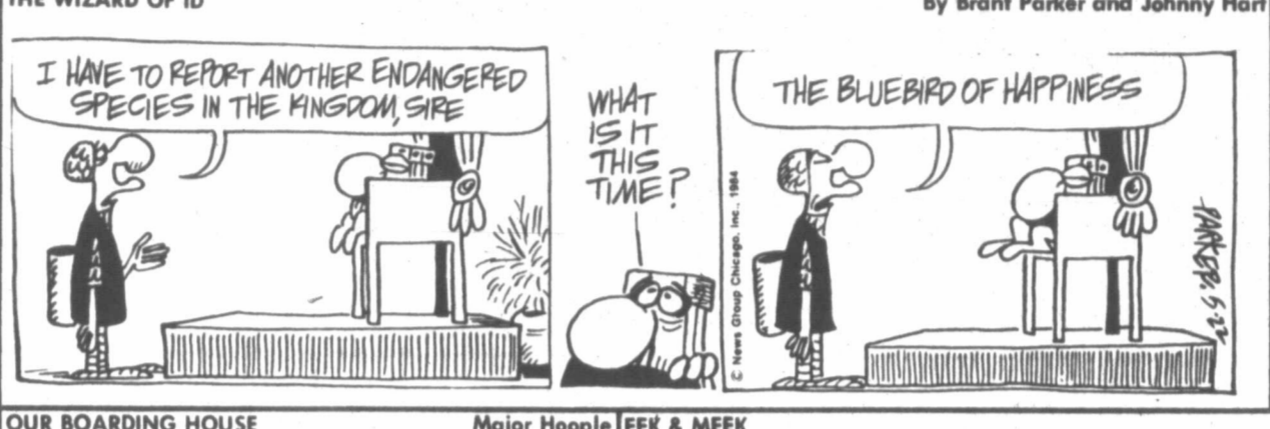
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your club or organization wants you to serve on a special committee today, accept the post. Something personally fortunate will result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't fritter your time away today on insignificant matters. Think big. The stage is set for you to pick a plum of real importance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to associate with persons today whose thinking and behavior set a good example. You'll discover what works for them can easily work for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An important matter about which you were dubious will take a change for the better today. It's a situation that affects another as well as yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're the catalyst who can get everyone pulling together today. Your optimistic presence will serve as a rallying point.



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PANDA POWER—Giant panda Ting-Ting and son Tibu rest on a jungle gym in the cage at the Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City. China's reclusive giant panda, the distinctive black and white symbol of the world conservation movement, is a political animal busy fostering friendship between the People's Republic, Japan, the United States and other countries. (AP Laserphoto)

Pandas, politics and the People's Republic

BY JASPER BECKER
Associated Press Writer
GLAND, Switzerland (AP) — These days China's reclusive giant panda, the distinctive black and white symbol of the world conservation movement, is a political animal busy fostering friendship between the People's Republic, Japan, the United States and other countries.

"Panda diplomacy" has replaced the "pingpong diplomacy" of the Nixon era, said David Mitchell, public affairs director of the World Wildlife Fund.

The endangered pandas have offered hina a golden opportunity rowing friendship that replaces their historical animosity and distrust.

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone himself launched a nationwide effort to raise money for the international campaign to save the pandas.

Shortly before Nakasone went last March to Peking, where he finalized agreements including a \$2 billion credit, he announced that his government would donate the equivalent of \$2 million.

The gesture triggered a remarkable response in a country reputed to have a deep-seated prejudice against both conservation and charity.

The ministries of education, foreign affairs, finance, the environment agency, the leading newspapers, TV stars, advertising agencies, boy scouts, girl guides and even industry joined in. Toyota alone presented the panda project in China with 20 trucks and a land cruiser.

Over \$350,000 was raised by the beginning of May, when the Japanese Foreign Ministry also set an additional target of about \$1 million.

"The panda is ideologically and culturally neutral and proved the sort of symbol Orientals like to deal in. And in this situation, the WWF was ideally suited to play the role of honest broker," Mitchell said in a recent interview at the World Wildlife Fund's headquarters in Switzerland.

The White House wasn't slow to catch on. A month before the Reagans visited China the White House contacted the World Wildlife Fund in America and a "pennies for pandas" collection among children

was organized. Nancy Reagan was duly photographed handing over a check for \$15,000 on a visit to the pandas at Peking Zoo.

Top government circles in Bonn are now rumored to be debating what exactly Chancellor Helmut Kohl should contribute on his forthcoming China trip.

This sudden rash of concern for the cuddly herbivores among world leaders has been prompted partly by a shortage of bamboo, the pandas' principal food, in the remote rain forests of the Wolong reserve in Sichuan province.

Nearly 20 percent of the population faces death from starvation and the World Wildlife Fund needs to raise \$2 million to carry out a joint project with the Chinese to save them. Only an estimated 1,000 are left in the world.

It is a credit to the fund's own diplomatic skills that it is in China at all.

At the organization's inception 23 years ago, the panda was adopted as its symbol although no Western scientist had been allowed to visit them since the Chinese revolution.

Under Mao Tse-tung, China refused to have anything to do with the World Wildlife Fund.

Only after Mao's death in 1976 did the fund, after some persevering, manage to establish contact and in 1979 this led to an invitation for a visit by a delegation from the group. An agreement was later signed that enabled a U.S. scientist, George Schaller, to set up a World Wildlife Fund panda research project.

Pandas had already been used in China's foreign policy, but differently.

"The Chinese know the affection with which pandas are held the world over so they would present a pair to a foreign country as a mark of their highest esteem," Mitchell said.

The last country to be awarded this honor was West Germany three years ago. The choice of West Berlin's zoo suggested to some that this was also a snub to the Soviet Union.

Since then the Chinese have become convinced the pandas are too precious to be used in this way especially since they usually fail to breed in captivity, Mitchell said.

"Now, there is the healthier situation where world leaders want to be seen helping to preserve the animals in their

natural environment," he said.

Mitchell thinks the Chinese desire to save the pandas is genuine and is backed at the highest party and government levels.

China experts also observe that it is no coincidence that Deng Xiaoping, party boss Hu Yaobang, Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang and a handful of other top leaders are jokingly referred to as the "Sichuan mafia."

"But in any case it would be unthinkable for the Chinese to lose their unofficial natural symbol," Mitchell said.

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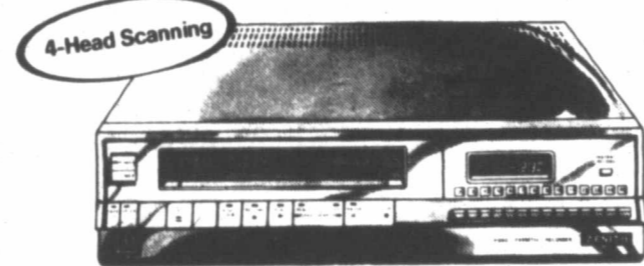
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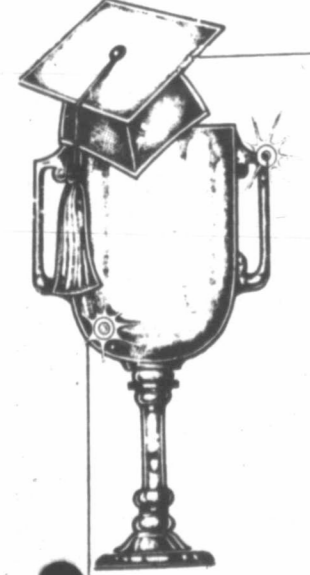
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MISSING COUPLE—Beth Ann Brooks, 17, and Brian McEwen, 20, have been missing since May 12. The couple attended the Millard South High School prom in Omaha, Neb., May 11 and were last seen when they departed Miss Brooks' home for a post-prom party. (AP Laserphoto)

Prom couple disappear; authorities are baffled

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Eleven days ago, Brian McEwen took Beth Ann Brooks to her high school prom. They haven't been seen since they set out for a post-prom party, and parents, friends and law officers investigating their disappearance are baffled.

"It's just like they were swallowed up by aliens," said Douglas County Sheriff Richard A. Roth.

The sheriff's department has tracked several leads, but nothing has checked out. Now, detectives are hoping a national missing persons bulletin will turn up information on the whereabouts of McEwen, 20, a sophomore engineering student at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Miss Brooks, 17, a junior honor roll student at Millard South High School.

They were last seen about 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. The couple went to the prom Friday night, then drove to McEwen's house where he changed from his rented white tuxedo into blue jeans and a sweat shirt. From there, they went to Miss Brooks' house where she changed clothes.

They vanished on their way to an after-prom party at an Omaha motel, and the mystery began.

Investigators believe the couple may have been abducted or had an accident. They say the evidence does not support their initial theory that McEwen and Miss Brooks ran away.

"That's the first thing that came to my mind, that's the first thing that came to everybody's mind," Sheriff's Sgt. Marty Bilek said Monday. "Every time we tried to confirm that happened, it turned out we discounted it."

"Everything doesn't add up," said Kenneth L. McEwen, noting that his son was supposed to go fishing at 8:30 the morning he disappeared.

"He'd rather be fishing than be with a woman," the elder McEwen said. "It's as simple as that."

Carmella Brooks said her daughter was "happy-go-lucky, really involved in life and living" — not likely to run off with someone she'd been dating off and on for only five or six weeks.

"I'm just completely baffled," Mrs. Brooks said.

The parents say their children left for the after-prom party with no check books, credit cards, extra cash or extra clothing.

Japan says it will ask Iran to quit attacking shipping in Gulf

By The Associated Press

Iraq and Kuwait today urged Japan to curb its purchases of Iranian oil, saying Iran would quit fighting in the Persian Gulf war only when its oil export revenues run dry.

Since the recent series of air attacks on oil tankers and freighters in the gulf, Arab nations have been trying to increase pressure on Iran to leave neutral ships alone. Iran has threatened to disrupt all navigation in the gulf unless Iraq stops attacking vessels loading at Iranian ports.

Iraq and Iran have been at war since September 1980.

Japan's foreign minister, Shintaro Abe, told his counterparts from Iraq and Kuwait today that Japan would ask Iran to halt its attacks on commercial ships in the gulf and ask Iraq to "restrain as much as possible" its military actions against shipping.

Last year Japan bought 10.8 percent of its oil imports from Iran, part of about 65 percent of Japan's crude oil imports which pass through the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance to the gulf.

Abe said Japan, the only industrialized nation on good terms with Iran, is now buying only half as much oil from Iran on a direct basis as it bought last year. Japanese tankers suspended crude oil loading at Iran's Kharg Island terminal in February.

President Reagan has sent a message to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia offering American protection in the expanding gulf war but stipulating that U.S. aircraft would have to be able to use Saudi airfields.

Kuwait and the Arab League have accused Iran of recently attacking three Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian tankers.

Arab and Western diplomats said

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were sending reconnaissance planes over oil tanker routes south of the Iraq-Iran war zone, although fewer flights were reported Monday than Sunday.

An Iranian newspaper, controlled by the government, suggested Monday that Iran's air force bomb power stations in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to force them to stop backing Iraq in the war.

In one report on the effects of the attacks, a spokesman for the Lloyd's insurance market said there were about 100 tankers in the gulf Monday, compared with about 800 several months ago. About 20 percent of the non-Communist world's oil passes through the gulf, most of it for use in Japan and Western Europe.

Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) said that many of the tankers were empty.

Bombay Hindu-Moslem riots continue

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Army troops patrolled curfew-bound slums today, trying to control Hindu-Moslem rioting that has killed at least 125 people in Bombay and outlying areas in a six-day span.

Police spokesman P.M. Sawant said four people were killed during the night in the latest round of mob violence.

The United News of India reported that at least seven people were stabbed

to death today at a religious shrine in Thane, on Bombay's northern outskirts. The agency did not say whether the shrine was a Hindu temple or a Moslem mosque.

Sawant said he had heard reports of violence in Thane but could not immediately confirm the stabbing incident.

Police described the situation this afternoon in Bombay, India's most

important commercial center, as "quite tense."

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi toured riot-ravaged parts of Bombay and Bhiwandi on Monday, and appealed for an end to feuding between Hindus and Moslems.

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