

MARINES MOVE—A U.S. Marine amphibious vehicle leaves the gate of the U.S. Embassy compound in west Beirut before dawn today on its way to the Mediterranean Sea and a U.S. ship off the coast of Beirut. (AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Embassy staff moves

Last Marines pull out

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The last U.S. Marine combat unit in Lebanon began its pullout at dawn today, preparing to join 2,000 members of their amphibious unit who have been waiting in warships offshore since February.

The Marines, who started the pullout by floating three armed amphibious vehicles out to the flotilla, belong to a combat unit of 90 to 100 men stationed in west Beirut to guard the seaside U.S. Embassy.

The entire unit is expected to be transferred to the five offshore ships by Tuesday, according to Western sources who asked not to be identified, and their guard duties at the embassy will be assumed by a Marine security detachment that reports to the U.S. State Department.

Simultaneously, U.S. Embassy personnel will finish moving from the seaside building to a heavily guarded and blockaded smaller compound 500 yards away in west Beirut and to an annex in east Beirut where most embassy

personnel will live. In addition to the 15-Marine security detachment, which all U.S. embassies have, the new diplomatic quarters will be guarded by a Lebanese unit recruited from among local militiamen — Druse and Shiite Moslems in the west and Christians in the east.

The British Embassy, which shared the seaside compound with the United States, moved to another building in west Beirut last week.

U.S. officials said earlier that once the embassy had moved from the conspicuous compound on the seafloor, the Marine amphibious unit would not be needed and could take up other duties, eventually returning to the United States. All but the guard unit have been aboard the ships since the main Marine force was pulled out in February after the breakdown of U.S. peacemaking efforts.

During the period when the main Marine force was ashore — between September 1982 and the

February pullout — a total of 265 Marines and other U.S. servicemen were killed, including 241 in the truck-bombing of the Marine post at Beirut airport in October 1983.

The pullout came hours after Druse and Sunni Moslem militiamen battled with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades in the streets of west Beirut before they were stopped by the Lebanese army. Police reported two killed, including a civil defense worker, and 15 wounded, 10 of them civilians.

The battle in Beirut erupted about noon in Sakiet el-Janzir, a middle-class neighborhood of high-rise apartment buildings a few hundred yards from the main Hamra shopping district.

It was the most serious fighting since the army redeployed in the capital July 4 in the first phase of a Syrian-backed plan to end the nine-year civil war. It demonstrated the deep enmities that remain among the factions, and the tenuous hold the Lebanese army has on Beirut.

Mobeetie man killed in wreck

A 29-year-old Mobeetie man died Saturday in a two-vehicle accident in western Oklahoma.

The man, Larry L. Johnston, was pronounced dead at 5:35 p.m. Saturday in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City.

The fatal accident occurred about 1 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of county roads in Roger Mills County, about two miles northwest of Reydton, Okla., according to investigating officers.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Johnston was driving west in a 1981 Toyota pickup when it collided with a 1978 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Jodie Robertson, 17, of Reydton.

After the impact, the pickup flipped over, and Johnston was thrown from the vehicle, the officers reported.

Robertson and a passenger in the Blazer were not injured.

Johnston was first treated at the Cheyenne (Okla.) Hospital and then was transferred to Oklahoma City.

Services for Johnston will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, with the Rev. Ralph Hovey, pastor, and the Rev. Aaron Laverty, former pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

He was born Aug. 1, 1954 in Pampa and had lived in Mobeetie most of his life. He attended Mobeetie schools, graduating in 1972. He had owned and operated K.C. Pumping Service since 1982. He was a member of the Mobeetie Masonic Lodge. He was past president of the Mobeetie Old Settlers Reunion and a member of the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department.

He married Kimberly Hathaway in 1978 at Mobeetie.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Krista and Shelley, both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston of Mobeetie; and one sister, Mary Cheshier of Pampa.

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TOMORROW'S FORECAST



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Pending legislation to test Democrats

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is tending to ranch chores at his vacation hideaway, leaving politicking to Republicans in Congress who hope to force Democrats to vote on several sensitive issues during their current three-week session.

At his news conference last week and in paid political television advertisements, the president blamed House Democrats for stalling on six pieces of legislation he wants passed before the November election.

The bills range from an anti-crime package and a balanced-budget amendment to tuition tax credits. One of the measures, which would allow

religious student groups to use public high schools for meetings, was passed by Congress last week. It will be signed by Reagan, probably this week.

The president and White House aides are trying to portray the matter as a test of the "new realism," the campaign theme of Democratic challenger Walter Mondale.

In his campaign advertisements, Reagan called on Mondale and his running mate, Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., to persuade House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill to bring the items up for a vote.

"They can exercise that leadership," the president in the political commercial.

He said the pending legislation "seems a perfect test of whether the Democrats are concerned about reducing deficits, rewarding work and thrift and making our cities and neighborhoods safer and increasing personal liberties throughout our land."

Four years ago, as he was

seeking the presidency, Reagan promised to balance the federal budget. But the deficit is currently soaring near \$200 billion a year. Reagan favors a constitutional amendment calling for, but not exactly requiring, a balanced budget.

All of the legislation in question provides Reagan with campaign themes in his re-election bid.

The president arrived in California on Saturday to formally open the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Then he flew by helicopter to his isolated ranch in the Santa Inez Mountains to begin his 18-day vacation.

While Mondale hits the campaign trail in the South, the president intends to remain completely out of the public eye until Aug. 13. He will then return to Los Angeles to prepare for the private wedding of his daughter, Patti Davis, the next day.

Reagan returns to Washington on Aug. 15 for a few days before heading to the Republican National

Convention in Dallas, stopping en route to campaign.

The House is expected to follow the Senate's lead this week and give quick approval to legislation guaranteeing Social Security recipients a cost-of-living increase Jan. 1, 1985, even if the rate of inflation remains below the 3 percent trigger for automatic inflation adjustments.

One of the other measures would allow non-working spouses without incomes to set aside \$2,000 a year, instead of the current \$250, in a tax-free Individual Retirement Account — a measure rejected in Congress earlier this year. The last bill would create urban enterprise zones in which developers would get tax credits for investing in run-down areas.

Although the tuition tax credit measure is popular with Catholics, who often send their children to parochial schools, it already has been voted down by the Senate and does not appear to be a good candidate for passage.

Despite shower, rain still behind for year

A shower early this morning in Pampa dropped an official .03 inch of rain, but the total rainfall for both the month and year remains well below normal.

The .03 inch this morning brought total rainfall for July up to .95 inch, still almost two inches below the 2.88 inches of rain normally recorded in the month.

The new rain pushed Pampa's yearly total up to 9.84 inches, 2.52 inches below the 12.36 inches normally received by this date.

The rain this morning was the first significant moisture recorded since July 17, when an afternoon shower quickly dumped .87 inch of precipitation.

The showers formed in Eastern New Mexico Sunday afternoon and finally drifted into Pampa this morning, according to Darrell Sehorn, KGRO staff meteorologist and Pampa's official weather observer for the National Weather Service.

The weather pattern that created the shower will remain across the area for the next five days, Sehorn

said. He said no major weather fronts or storms were expected to move into the area. Any showers will be random, evening storms, he said.

The random rains in the forecast will be "convective showers," he said. The isolated rains will come when warm, moist air heated in the afternoons begins to cool in the evenings, Sehorn said.

The meteorologist also predicted that temperatures will be slightly below normal for the week, with highs in the upper 80s and lower 90s and lows near 65.

The edge of a large dome of record-setting cool air hangs just to the east of the Pampa area, bringing the slightly cooler temperatures to the eastern half of the nation, Sehorn said. Atlanta, Ga., Sunday recorded its lowest high temperature ever for the date, with a high of just 73 degrees. The mass of cooler air over most of the eastern U.S. will help keep down the afternoon temperatures here, he said.

Gasoline prices drop again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Motorists already enjoying gasoline prices near their lowest level in five years are likely to receive more good news at the pump, as disarray within OPEC promises to push prices lower, analysts say.

Gasoline prices have dropped steadily for 11 weeks, and the prices have been lower only in two months in the past five years, according to oil industry analyst Dan Lundberg.

The average pump price for all grades of gasoline, including taxes, was \$1.84 per gallon, Lundberg said Sunday.

Prices were lower in February and March of 1983, just before the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to limit production to prevent the free-fall of prices, said Lundberg, publisher of the weekly Lundberg Letter tracking oil industry trends.

He attributed the decline to OPEC disarray related to the Iran-Iraq war and attacks on Persian Gulf shipping, as well as an announcement last week by the Soviet Union that it would cut prices \$1.50 a barrel for the 1.7

million barrels of crude oil it exports daily to Western Europe.

"OPEC has lost its discipline," he said, forecasting that prices will continue to fall unless OPEC reorganizes or rising consumption balances the supply with demand.

The Soviet price cut will tend to exert pressure on OPEC countries and Egypt and Britain to follow suit, according to analysts quoted today by The New York Times.

"The official price structure is holding, but it is under severe pressure," said John Lichtblau, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. "I think that there is a fairly good chance it will hold, but the odds are lower today than a week ago."

"Oil markets are very fragile," said Paul Miotok, an international oil analyst with Salomon Brothers.

Price decreases at the pumps have continued despite an increase in demand, Lundberg said. "The interesting thing is that these drops in prices seem to run contrary to the law of supply and demand because the nation, and particularly California, are showing an increase in consumption as 1984 wears on."

Young T-ball player remembered

The Pampa Police Department T-ball team will make a special presentation this week to the Optimist Club and the parents and grandparents of a young baseball player who was killed in a traffic accident here last fall.

The youth, James Edwin "Jim" Stafford, 9, died Oct. 18 when a pickup truck struck the bicycle he was riding in the 2000 block of Chestnut Street. Jim, a third-grader at Austin, was on his way home from school when, according to police, he pulled in front of a pickup driven by a Pampa teen-ager.

Jim, son of former Pampa residents John Jr. and Belinda Stafford, was a member of the PD T-ball squad the previous season. The team dedicated its games this year to him.

Team manager Larry Forson will give memorial plaques that recognize young Jim's contributions to the team, his family and friends to Bob Finney, president of the Optimist Club T-Ball League, and to his parents and grandparents, John Sr., "Jack" and Joveda Stafford, 2507 Mary Ellen.

The younger Staffords moved to Houston after their boy was killed. John Jr. transferred there with the Gulf Oil Corp.

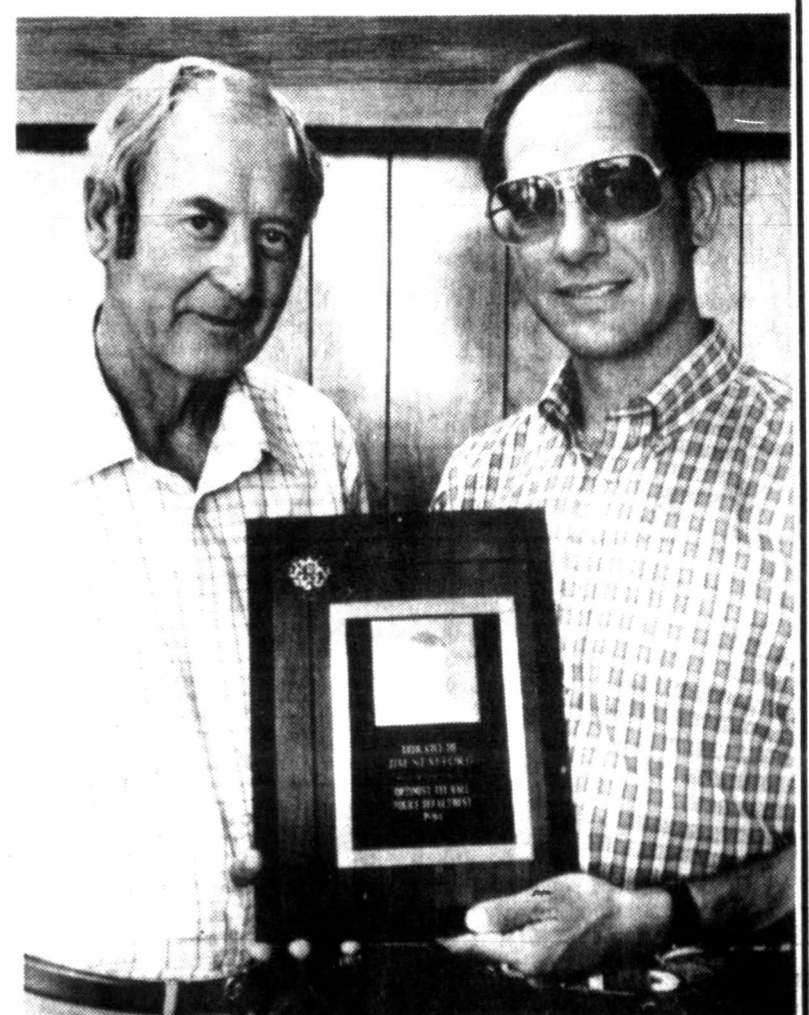
Jack Stafford, long-time resident and employee of Phillips Petroleum Co., was especially close to his grandson and said he thought day and night about the accident that claimed the boy's life. The child's family, however, holds no bitterness for the teen-ager driver or his family, the elder Stafford said.

The child had nearly reached home when the accident happened. He finished talking to a friend and turned to ride away.

"The other boy said he heard the impact. He turned around and saw Jim flying through the air," Stafford said.

"All children and grandchildren are special, but he was really different."

The 9-year-old loved school,



MEMORIAL AWARD—Jack Stafford, left, and team manager Larry Forson, both of Pampa, hold one of the plaques that will be presented to the Optimist Club and to the parents and grandparents of young Jim Stafford. The Stafford child, a player in the club's T-ball league, died in a traffic accident last fall. (Staff Photo)

sports and riding his bicycle, he added.

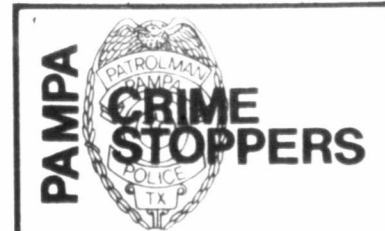
"He wasn't much on TV. He loved to be outside, not lying around the house ... I mean he played hard," Stafford recalled.

He said the accident resulted in an emotional show of support from the people of Pampa.

"I've never seen people turn out like they did. They engulfed

us with kindness, cards, letters. I just never saw anything like it," he said.

Jim's death may serve as a valuable lesson about bicycle safety to other children in town, he said. Stafford said Pampa police kept the child's mangled bike to show other children in the department's safety programs through the years.



Between June 13 and June 20, 1984, an unknown person or persons vandalized a water storage tower in the Northcrest Addition, writing obscenities on the lower legs of the water tower with black spray paint. City officials have estimated the cost of repairing the damage at \$2,500.

CRIME STOPPERS of Pampa will pay \$500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this willful destruction of property.

If you have information about this crime or any other crime, you can report it and remain anonymous by calling 669-2222.

The Board of Directors of **CRIME STOPPERS** urges citizen involvement in reporting crimes in our community.

DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

WILLIAMS, Clifford — noon, graveside Fairview Cemetery.
BILLINGSLEY, Jonathan — 10 a.m. Lamb Chapel, McLean.

obituaries

CLIFFORD WILLIAMS
 Graveside services for Clifford R. Williams, 77, will be at noon Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Duncan of Tulsa officiating. The body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Home until 11:30 Tuesday.

Mr. Williams died Saturday in Tulsa.
 Born Aug. 21, 1906 in Peru, Kans., he lived in Pampa from 1937 to 1974. He was retired from Cities Service and was the international representative of the Oil, Chemical, Atomic Workers Union.

Survivors include his wife Charlene of Tulsa; two sons, Fred of Stafford, Va. and Kip of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Beverly Becker of Lake Jackson and Patty Adams of Hurst; a stepdaughter, Beverly Duncan of Okmulgee, Okla.; a stepson, David Rose of Cerritos, Calif.; a sister, Vada Byrd of Pawhuska, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

JONATHAN L. BILLINGSLEY
 McLean — Services for Jonathan Lee Billingsley, 90, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lamb Chapel with the Rev. Buell Wells, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Billingsley died Saturday at Coronado Community Hospital, Pampa.
 Born Feb. 5, 1894 in Ardmore, Okla., he moved to McLean in 1976. He was a retired farmer. He married Winnie Joiner in Ada, Okla. in 1916.

Survivors include eight sons, Vervin, Clarence and Joe, all of McLean, Forrest Lee and Edward, both of Enid, Okla., Alfred of Cannon City, Colo., Lewis of Canadian and Glenn of Odessa; a daughter Betty Hobbs of Shamrock; two brothers, Jim of Hinton, Okla., and Earl of Cheyenne, Okla.; a sister, Gerogia Joiner of Mangum, Okla.; 24 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		DJA	18	dn
Wheat	3.20	Halliburton	30 1/2	dn
Milo	5.90	Ingersoll Rand	27 1/2	nc
Corn	5.60	InterNorth	34 1/2	dn
Soybeans	5.27	Kerr-McGee	27 1/2	nc
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of completion		Mobil	24 1/2	dn
Ky Cent Life	19	Penney's	31 1/2	dn
Southern Financial	20 1/2	Phillips	34 1/2	dn
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		PNA	24 1/2	dn
Beatrice Foods	25 1/2	SJ	40 1/2	dn
Cabot	23	Southwestern Pub	18 1/2	up
Celanese	64 1/2	Standard Oil	54 1/2	dn
		Tenneco	34 1/2	dn
		Texas	31 1/2	dn
		Zales	26 1/2	closed
		London Gold	338.90	
		Silver @ 92		

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported two minor accidents in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, July 28
 8:20 p.m. — A 1980 Chevrolet driven by Nancy Lynn Martin of Pampa collided with a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Kevin Wayne Thompson of Pampa in the 800 block of West Francis. Martin was cited for an unsafe turn.

11 p.m. — An unknown motorist struck a legally-parked 1983 Chevrolet owned by Wade Lee Wills of Wheeler in the parking lot of the Coronado Center and left the scene.

senior citizen menu

TUESDAY
 Chicken enchiladas or butterbeans & ham with cornbread, fried squash, beets, turnip greens, toss or jello salad, cherry cream pie or fruit cup.

WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, fried okra, slaw or jello salad, cheese cake or apple cobbler.

THURSDAY
 Fried chicken or sauerkraut & polish sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, cream corn, slaw or jello salad, cherry cobbler or banana pudding.

FRIDAY
 Barbeque beef on a bun or fried cod fish, french fries, pinto beans, spinach casserole, slaw or jello salad, bread pudding or fruit & cookies.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fires in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
 Rexanna Gregg, Pampa
 Mirella Silva, Pampa
 Denise Findley, Pampa
 Jere Sanders, Pampa
 Marla Britten, Groom
 Lois Webb, Miami
 Lisa Petree, Pampa
 Nancy Henderson, Pampa

Dismissals
 Freddie Dougherty, Pampa
 Julia Graham, Lefors
 Lucinda Hinds, Pampa
 Juanita Williams, Pampa
 Gail Woodington and infant, Pampa
 Oma Laughlin, Pampa
 Sheree Captain, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Addie Hilburn, Shamrock
 Mamie Allen, Shamrock
 Sandhyl Patel, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Denise Stewart, Shamrock
 Cassie Lovell, Wheeler
 Myrle Leake, Shamrock
 Willie B. Tate, Shamrock
 Juanita Howell, Shamrock
 J.B. Andris, Elk City, Okla.
 Wallace Smith, Shamrock
 Yvette Holcomb and infant, Shamrock

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 59 calls in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Buck Johnson, 422 N. Somerville, reported finding mail in his driveway and theft at his residence.

Allsup's, Faulkner and Wilks, reported theft of gasoline.
 Delbert Rector, 928 E. Denver, reported disorderly conduct at 932 E. Denver.

Kevin Ann Reece, 428 N. Cuyler, reported harassing phone calls.
 Wade Lee Wills, of Wheeler, reported a hit-and-run driver struck his vehicle in the parking lot of the Coronado Center.

Alicia Deleon, 409 N. Crest, reported she was threatened with a firearm at the Tex 'S Rose lounge.

Walter Shed, 1002 N. Hobart, reported theft from a motor vehicle at 806 W. Foster.
 Jim McBroom Motors, 807 W. Foster, reported theft from a motor vehicle at the business.

Brenda Gibby, 2334 Navajo, reported harassing phone calls.
 Vela Trimble, 700 N. Zimmers, reported she was assaulted in the 200 block of North West.

Minit Mart, 1106 Alcock, reported theft of gasoline.

Coronado Community Hospital reported threats. A suspect at the reception desk reportedly told a security guard, "If anything happens to her, there will be another McDonalds, but it won't be at McDonalds."

Arrests

SATURDAY, July 28
 Carl Ray Wilson, 39, 931 S. Sumner, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Wilson was released on a court summons.

Emilio Rivera Bazan, 40, in connection with a charge of public intoxication.

Edward Eugene Prosocki, 32, 510 1/2 Starkweather, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Prosocki was released on a court summons.

Norris Tollerson, 44, 1056 Perry Dr., in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Tollerson was released on a court summons.

SUNDAY, July 29
 Jack Mercer, 21, of McLean, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Mercer posted a \$119 cash bond and was released.

Mark Morris, 21, 2225 N. Sumner, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Morris posted a \$119 cash bond and was released.

Ramiro Ponce, 18, 709 Albert, in connection with a charge of driving while intoxicated and an alleged traffic violation. Ponce was released on a court summons.

calendar of events

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION
 The Pampa Singles Organization is to host a game night at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Cross Building. All area singles are invited by the organization. Bring snacks. For more information, call 665-0119 or 669-2072.



HOW'S THIS—Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro, left, gestures while posing for photographers with tennis star Martina Navratilova Sunday at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, N.Y. (AP Laserphoto)

Ordinance is for the birds, owner of chickens contends

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — An Odessa man says his neighbors haven't complained about the chickens in his backyard, but the newly appointed director of the animal shelter says she will enforce a city ordinance if the man doesn't get rid of the birds.

Melinda Tindle, recently appointed director of the Odessa-Ector County animal shelter, said Ben Blacknall is in clear violation of an ordinance designed to protect neighbors from exposure to animal noises and odors.

"I think it's very unfair," Blacknall told the Odessa American. "I've talked to several people and told them if I got one complaint from just one neighbor, I would just move the chickens without getting anyone else involved."

Blacknall is the father-in-law of Willie Hammond, a county commissioner who voted last week against promoting Ms. Tindle from "temporary acting director" to permanent shelter director.

"The ordinance is unfair," Hammond said, admitting that Ms. Tindle's stance in his father-in-law's chicken-raising was the reason he cast the sole negative vote. He said he would do the same for any constituent he felt was being mistreated.

Two of Blacknall's neighbors — Leonard Smith and Booker T. Robinson — said they think Blacknall should be allowed to keep his chickens.

"I'd like to see people raise them if they've got the room and facilities," said Smith, 54, who 10 years ago raised roosters and hens himself, he said. "I was not aware it was against city ordinance."

Robinson, 72, said, "The way I feel is the person that owns the property should have anything they want around them. It just don't bother me at all."

People can save money by eating home-grown chickens and their eggs, Robinson added.

Blacknall, who is employed at the telephone company as a building maintenance worker, said the chickens lay about 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 dozen eggs a week, which he sells to neighbors for feed money.

Ms. Tindle said Blacknall has "about 150" chickens now.

She protests that the chickens could spread at least two diseases to humans — psittacosis, which causes flu-like symptoms in humans, and salmonella, which causes gastro-intestinal inflammation or diseases of the genital tract.

Flies and mosquitoes attracted to the chickens' feces also pose a health hazard, she claims.
 But Blacknall said broken lids on the city-owned dumpsters in the alley behind his house attract more flies than the chickens in his backyard.

Ms. Tindle said she became aware of Blacknall's chickens about four weeks ago, when an animal control officer "observed the violation" while answering an unrelated complaint on the street that Blacknall lives on.

Since Blacknall was not home that day, a tag was left on his door to inform him that keeping the chickens is a violation of the city ordinance, she said.

When Blacknall called later in the day, she said he was told he could have as much time as he needed, so long as he was trying to get rid of his chickens.

Two weeks later, a second warning tag was left on Blacknall's door, said Ms. Tindle. She said if the situation continues she will have to issue a citation that carries a fine of \$25 to \$200 per violation.

Union official hedges political bets

By MERRILL HARTSON
 AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the political poker game otherwise known as the 1984 presidential election campaign, Teamsters union President Jackie Presser is hedging his bets.

Presser, controversial leader of the world's largest independent trade union, has been siding up to Democrats while holding his union's endorsement just beyond the grasp of the Reagan-Bush Re-Election Committee.

The political machinations of Presser, under investigation for alleged involvement in a ghost-employee payroll scandal in his hometown union local in Cleveland, carry broad — and perhaps negative — implications for President Reagan.

Presser, then the president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, worked unstintingly in 1980 to persuade the general executive board of the international Teamsters to endorse Reagan.

He ascended to the top of the Teamsters in April 1983, when President Roy Williams resigned in a court agreement that preserved Williams' freedom while he appealed a federal bribery-conspiracy conviction in Chicago.

In an interview with The Associated Press last March, Presser came close to endorsing Reagan's re-election bid, saying the AFL-CIO's endorsement of

Walter F. Mondale created "an embarrassing situation for all of labor."

But in early June, several published reports said that attorneys for the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Cleveland had decided to recommend to superiors in Washington that Presser be indicted on charges of defrauding his Cleveland local of \$250,000.

Presser has granted few interviews since then. He backed out of a speaking engagement at a conference sponsored here by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, although Presser did appear publicly to testify before the Democratic Party's platform committee.

Duke Zeller, Presser's top spokesman, when asked whether the union would endorse Reagan again, replied: "I'd say there's by no means a lock on that."

The spokesman, however, emphatically denied that Presser's warning up to Democrats was in any way related to his possible indictment.

"Jackie's confident about his own situation ... and for the most part, we're ignoring those old reports that are just being recycled," Zeller said.

Rank-and-file Teamsters will be asked to fill out a presidential preference ballot in August. Zeller said the 18-member general executive board would meet Aug. 30 to decide whether to endorse a candidate — and whom to endorse.

No choice in Mobeetie school changes

MOBEETIE — With less than a month before school starts, board members here spent Saturday afternoon looking at required changes they'll have to make in their curriculum and budget.

"We don't have much of a choice," said Mobeetie ISD superintendent Bob Mickey, who attended a seminar last week about implementation of school reforms passed this summer by the Texas Legislature.

Referring to information issued by the Texas Education Agency, Mickey said that state aid to Mobeetie ISD could be cut by more than \$39,000 through a new funding formula set by the legislature. The formula bases state funding on a school's average daily attendance and the value of taxable property in each district.

Legislators reason that this would equalize school funding between richer and poorer school districts. School officials in the oil-rich Panhandle worry that state funding for their districts will be cut.

According to the TEA, the average daily attendance at Mobeetie ISD is 95 students. Based on the new funding formula, Mobeetie could get about \$177,000 in general state funding, \$39,417

less than school year 1983-84. Mickey said that the only school district in Wheeler County which will gain in state aid could be Lela ISD near Shamrock. He added that state officials miscalculated property values in the Mobeetie district.

"Since a lot of state support depends on last year's tax rates, what the legislature is doing is encouraging districts to raise taxes," Mickey said.

He estimated that the taxable valuation in Mobeetie ISD for 1984-85 is \$68,312,869 and that the tax rate for 1985 could be set at 64 cents per \$100 valuation.

Mickey presented the board with 1984-85 budget estimates. According to school figures, the school could obtain \$638,778 in revenue for 1985. Add that to about \$45,000 in available funds and the school has \$684,100 in available funds.

Expenditures are estimated at \$606,098. He pointed out that this marks a decrease of \$26,948 from the school's 1983-84 budget of \$633,046.

However, the district will have to raise taxes by \$7,000 over last year's levy of \$407.907.

Mickey learned that the TEA figures are subject to change. TEA

officials said that final figures will be available in August, the month that school districts must have their budgets finished and tax rates set.

"There are a lot of places in the education bill that aren't clear," Mickey said. "On January 1, we'll have an appointed State Board of Education (replacing a 27-member elected board). And there's no telling how they're going to interpret it."

"I believe when the legislature reconvenes, there's going to be some changes in their bill," he added, noting that while parts of the bill are needed, "a lot of it is not practical."

Mobeetie school trustees also approved the school's Five Year Evaluation of English, math and reading scores.

In other school business, McLean ISD officials accepted a bid of \$38,383 from Calcotte Electric of McLean for lights for the school's football stadium at a called meeting Friday.

city briefs

TRALEE CRISIS Center for women. 669-1788. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of storms. Highs near 80. Lows in the 60s. Southerly winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy Tuesday with the high in the 80s. High Tuesday in the 80s.

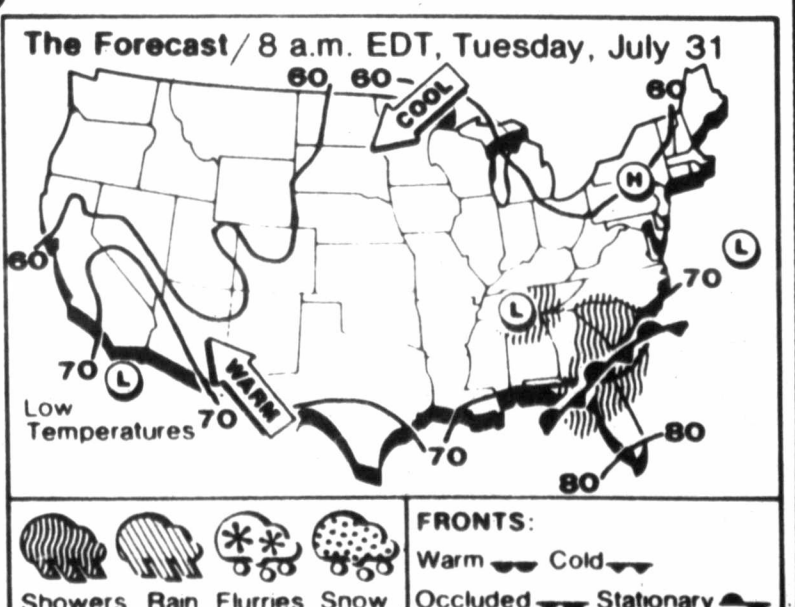
REGIONAL FORECASTS
NORTH TEXAS: Partly cloudy and warm Tuesday. Fair and mild tonight. Low tonight 64 to 66. High Tuesday 91 to 95.

SOUTH TEXAS: Partly cloudy through Tuesday with widely scattered thundershowers near the coast. Highs Tuesday in the upper 80s along the coast to the middle 90s inland. Lows tonight in the 60s in the Hill Country to the upper 70s along the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Isolated mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers in the Panhandle and mountains. Otherwise, sunny through Tuesday. Fair and mild tonight. Highs Tuesday in the upper 80s and 90s. Lows tonight in the 60s.

EXTENDED FORECASTS
Wednesday through Friday
 North Texas — A chance of thundershowers is expected each day. Temperatures slightly below normal. Highs low to mid 90s. Lows low to mid 70s.

West Texas — Fair and mild nights with partly cloudy and warm afternoons. Panhandle and South Plains highs near 90 and



lows in mid 60s. Permian Basin and far west highs in lower 90s and lows in upper 60s. Concho Valley highs in mid 90s and lows near 70. Big Bend highs in upper 80s mountains to upper 90s valleys and lows near 60 mountains to near 70 along the river.
 South Texas — Scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers, more numerous Southeast Texas and coastal plains. Highs 80s and 90s. Lows 70s, near 80 immediate coast.

BORDER STATES FORECASTS
OKLAHOMA: Partly cloudy through Tuesday. Widely scattered thundershowers northwest through Tuesday and in the southeast Tuesday. Highs Tuesday 87 to 95. Lows tonight mostly 60s.
NEW MEXICO: Widely scattered afternoon and nighttime thundershowers. Highs Tuesday mid 60s to the 80s mountains with 80s and 90s lower elevations. Lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains with mostly 60s elsewhere.

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Nuns acting as spotters for the nuclear prayer network

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The nuclear freeze effort, led here by a nun, has chilled the peace between activists and conservatives in this town whose largest employer is a nuclear weapons assembly plant.

The Pantex plant has been staked out by nuclear freeze proponents such as Sister Bernice Noggler who called the Ground Zero nuclear disarmament group in Bangor, Wash., recently when she saw the "White Train" leave the plant to deliver nuclear weapons to military bases.

The Panhandle city and Pantex have lived in peaceful, quite harmony for more than three decades. But the recent nuclear freeze effort, such as the midnight stakeout of the plant by Sister Noggler and three other nuns, has sparked the debate.

"Amarillo should have been a place for focus of attention: it should have been for a long time," Steve Schroeder, past president of an Amarillo peace group, told the Dallas Times Herald.

But a wealthy land owner and investment counselor says Amarillo residents are not like Sister Noggler. "I am for nuclear power. I am for Pantex. Most

people in this town are," said MacDonald Hayes, who also is one of three Texans on the National Council of the John Birch Society.

"They (anti-nuclear activists) want to disarm our country and just let the communists walk right in," he said.

Pantex, which employs about 2,700 workers, pumps \$100 million to \$150 million into the local economy. The jobs are prized for their high pay and security.

"We have the support of operating the plant. The people of Amarillo are conservative and support a strong national defense. They rise to our defense every time someone talks against us," he said.

Activists like Sister Noggler drive out to the plant frequently these days, pull their cars off on a two-lane county road bordering the plant property and sweep the horizon with binoculars.

They look between the low, scattered buildings for a thin, white band that is the White Train — a string of custom-designed freight cars that carry armed guards.



SHRIMPERS—Two employees of the Fisherman's Reef Shrimp Co. in Beaumont load a bucket with shovel loads of shrimp. With the

shrimp industry, the boats could come back from the Gulf heaped with shrimp after two or three days or nearly empty after a week.

Blacks will split settlement

HOUSTON (AP) — After almost 11 years, the fight against alleged discriminatory hiring practices in Houston's police and fire departments has paid off for Reginald Tarver and several hundred blacks.

Tarver, a black who could not get a job with the Houston Fire Department, and other blacks filed a discrimination suit against the two departments in November 1973.

He said he had tried and failed for three years to get a fire department job when he filed the suit, but he noticed white men were hired without any problems. "I suspected something was wrong," said Tarver, who wasn't hired by the fire department until July 1974.

Five years passed before plaintiffs and defendants in the suit finally reached a settlement in the case before U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling.

The half-million dollar settlement will be divided among blacks who tried without success to get jobs with the city's police and fire departments between Oct. 30, 1971, and Dec. 31, 1973.

Payments in the suit will range from \$500 to \$5,000 for each plaintiff, depending on when he or she tried to get jobs with the departments.

Tarver already has received \$10,000 as a result of

the suit, but that payment is not part of the settlement that will be distributed in about two weeks.

The parties in the suit reached a consent decree in August 1978 under which the city placed \$235,000 in escrow for back pay to blacks denied police department jobs and \$85,000 for blacks denied fire department jobs.

As of June 25, interest rates hiked the amount to almost \$503,000, said Carolyn Barefield Juedke of the Houston law firm of Fulbright and Jaworski.

Robert T. Seymour of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which represented the plaintiffs, said the decree was possible in 1978 because by that year the Fire Department had changed its hiring policies to admit more blacks. He said the Police Department began revising its hiring policies in 1973.

The decree called for various hiring practices that would open up the departments to blacks and required them to inform the federal court each year of the number of black officers they hired.

When Tarver filed his suit almost 11 years ago, records show the Houston Police Department had 2,210 officers, including 66 blacks and 109 Hispanics. Fire department figures for 1973 are not available.

Heads or tails in shrimp business

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — It's heads or tails in the shrimp business these days, and Wayne Jones knows the odds can go either way — profit or ruin. From the Gulf to the table, shrimp are a slippery commodity to base a livelihood on.

"You never really know what the hell's going to happen in shrimping," Jones says, a wide grin lighting up his tanned face. The boats could come back from the Gulf heaped with shrimp after two or three days of work; they could come back nearly empty after a week.

Since the Texas shrimping season opened this month, Jones and his family are immersed in the catching, sorting, packing, freezing, transport and serving of the most popular and delectable Gulf treat. Jones owns the Fisherman's Reef Shrimp Co. in Sabine Pass, which includes 35 shrimp boats and a large dock area.

From Fisherman's Reef, many Gulf shrimp end up on plates at one of Jones' restaurants. He founded the Catfish Kitchens restaurant chain, which has outlets in Beaumont, Houston, Shreveport, La., and other Texas cities. Jones also is part owner of The Palace and Cornbread Red's, two more Beaumont restaurants.

And while the restaurants sell a lot of shrimp, it's the newest Jones enterprise that is expected to start swallowing 3 million pounds of shrimp a year. A packing and freezing plant now operates on Fannett Road in Beaumont, and the operation already has doubled in size since Jones opened it two years ago this month.

"We have 4,000 boxes of shrimp coming in Saturday," Jones says, "and we'll have 100 Vietnamese workers helping out. They're the best workers. I've actually seen them fight over a place to work from."

What started as a sideline has become a center stage operation, and Jones expects to sell some \$25 million worth of frozen shrimp this year.

"We can pack 140,000 pounds of shrimp a week," he says. "We're planning to pack from now to Christmas."

Jones eagerly leads a tour through the small packing plant that reeks of shrimp. At the head of the production line, a crew sorts out the unacceptable shrimp.

"This is just fixin' to go bad," Jones holds a jumbo shrimp with a gray-tinged shell. "It's in the first stages of deterioration." Also separated from the main crop are the brown shrimp. White shrimp make up 80 percent of what Jones packs. From the sorter, the shrimp is dumped in a grader to separate the different sized pieces.

"We buy a lot of shrimp from the Vietnamese," Jones says. "Most of them leave Monday and return Saturday, so the quality of the shrimp we're getting here is the best quality of anywhere in the United States."

It is packed and frozen while barely a week out of the Gulf. Many boats will stay on the Gulf for 20 days or more, Jones says, and this ages the shellfish before it reaches shore.

Jones' shrimp are packed in 5-pound blue boxes with the

Fisherman's Reef name and a shrimp boat sketched in the foreground. They go to Canada, New York, Chicago — all over the United States. Customers are starting to depend on the Golden Triangle, Jones says.

"They're good for six to eight months in the freezer," he says leading the way into a 30-degree-below-zero freezer. "We'll pack up 1 1/2 million pounds and put it in the freezer to hold and sell during Lent."

Texas shrimpers are facing one of their toughest years ever. State and federal laws closed the waters to shrimpers from May 16 to July 6, and now many of the shrimp have fled to warmer waters. Jones wants these laws changed.

"This has been a really bad season. By the time it opened, the shrimp were halfway to Mexico," he says.

"Boats are bringing in 15 to 20 boxes. That's nothing — they should be coming in with 40 or 50." Each box contains 100 pounds of shrimp.

"We definitely got to get the law changed. The big fleet owners got that passed. We've got \$1.5 to \$2 million invested in docks, plants and equipment and six months to make money in." A 60-ton ice plant is planned for Fisherman's Reef and 700 feet of dock were added recently.

Jones' operation is large-scale, and he has 150 boats selling him shrimp, so even during bad times he still does all right.

It's the career shrimpers who are hurting.

Seventy-five percent of all shrimp found in the United States are imported, much of it from Mexico and Ecuador.

"Without imports, shrimp would be \$14 a pound," Jones explains. "We cannot produce enough shrimp."

After 25 years in the restaurant business, Jones now spends more of his time with shrimp. He modeled his plant after a similar operation in Brazil, where he imports catfish for his restaurants. A native of Vidor, Jones started his own business in 1957 "with \$30

Water rationing program is sparking debate in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — A water rationing program started two weeks ago has sparked a debate, some calling the program a police state pitting neighbor against neighbor.

"In my opinion, this is the cornerstone in the lifeblood of every modern police state," said Walter K. Long, who wrote in a letter to the Austin American-Statesman that turning neighbor against neighbor is more dangerous than the death of grass laws from drought.

Authorities said pointing police in the direction of a lawbreaker is not new, but said the water rationing program has sparked a debate in this growing city.

Jacqueline Shinn is one of those who was turned in to police after water from her sprinkler ran into the street on July 17.

She and her husband, Samuel, had bought their 4-year-old son a Slip 'n Slide water toy so the boy could play on their designated sprinkling day.

Instead, Mrs. Shinn became one of more than 100 people who have been given or mailed tickets by Austin police since water rationing began two weeks ago. Violations are punishable by fines of \$20 to \$200.

Some people suspect they know who turned them in. Mrs. Shinn, like most of the others, does not know who snitched on her.

"That's what hurt the most," she said. "I kept thinking, I didn't know I had any enemies around here. I thought, wow, somebody hates me."

The city set up a telephone number for reports of violations, encouraging residents to report those who

water on the wrong day, or at a prohibited time, or waste water by letting it run across sidewalks and into streets.

"If everybody doesn't participate as a group, we're all going to be the losers," said Loreto Espinoza, who turned in a vacant house after she was unable to find anyone to tell that the sprinkler was running at 6 p.m., two hours before that was allowed.

"I don't want to appear to be mean or anything like that, but there's a purpose behind the water rationing," she told the American-Statesman.

Ms. Espinoza is one of only a handful of informants who told police they would go to court to testify about the violations they saw.

Being an anonymous informant is "a way of reaching out and hitting somebody without much risk of getting hit back," said Dr. Wylie Jordan, an Austin psychiatrist.

He suspects that pent-up hostilities, summer heat, and an urban environment mix together to produce tattlers.

"In the hot, miserable dog days of summer, I guess there's a lot of smoldering anger going on in a lot of people," Jordan said.

Mrs. Shinn pleaded not guilty, arguing that she did not knowingly let water run off her yard and that she had scrupulously followed the rules except for a brief foulup.

Even if she wins, it will not undo the humiliation and embarrassment she felt as a television camera recorded a police officer issuing her a citation.

Unexpected large turnout forces mall merchants to cancel contests

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Surprised merchants closed their gates to protect their stores as 3,000 people packed into a Palestine shopping mall to watch a break-dancing competition.

As the crowd filled the Palestine Mall to watch 50 youths compete Saturday afternoon, mall manager Kathy Huddleston canceled the contest.

"I finally decided we couldn't go on any more. It was just maddening," Ms. Huddleston said. Before closing the contest, she called Palestine police "just to be there for security," she said.

"The kids were hyped up. It was fixing to get nasty," she told the Palestine Herald-Press. "I was hoping for about three or four hundred people. I had no idea it would be like this. I've never seen so many people out here."

"It was just total chaos," Ms. Huddleston said. "There were just too many people. Contestants couldn't get out on the floor to perform."

Anxious teen-agers pushed to the front of the crowd, climbed on telephone booths, shopping carts and anything else they could find to watch the event.

With the shopping center parking lot filled to capacity, cars were being parked on the banks around the parking lot and at a neighboring discount store.

Anxious merchants near the

congested center of the mall, which measures approximately 40-by-40, began closing their gates.

Officers broke up a few skirmishes caused mainly by "pushing and shoving," Palestine police officer Rick Brooks said.

"There's a lot of people congested in a small area," he said. Four uniformed officers were called to the scene and were joined quickly by five off-duty officers.

Dr. Vicki L. Camp shut the gates to her optometry shop to prevent damage to merchandise. The youngsters "were climbing my gate" to get a better view of the contest, she said.

Chuck Dickens, manager of Kolstad's jewelry store, said he closed his store "just for security purposes, mainly." He and his employees barely could get to his display cases because of crowds of people backing up into the floorspace, he said.

Jenna Huddleston, manager of a games gallery, said that the contest was well organized but that officials did not plan for the large number of spectators. A table was set up a few feet from the dance area with stereo equipment and a disc jockey.

"We tried to keep a trail cleared out between the DJ and the dance area. We kept buggies between there," she said. "But there were 200 people in front of us who would not budge."

When officials announced that the contest was to be rescheduled, the crowd "did the usual things," said Don Harris, president and general manager of Palestine radio station KLLS, a co-sponsor of the break-dancing contest.

"They were disappointed, but there was no major problem other than the pressure of the crowd," Harris said.

None of the contest's \$400 prizes were awarded but that didn't seem to be what concerned the dancers most.

"I didn't know about the prizes," said contestant Amy Lemley of Kilgore. "I just came to dance, man."

"I really had all my routine down and was ready," said obviously disappointed 14-year-old Shannon Armstrong, who lives in nearby Tennessee Colony.

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Opinion

Solidarity spirit can't be stifled

On the night of May 12, 1983, Grzegorz Przymyk was celebrating the end of final exams with some school friends in Warsaw's Old Town district when he was picked up for questioning by the Polish police. An hour later, the 19-year-old youth was taken to the hospital where he received emergency surgery for several abdominal injuries. He died two days later.

The official cause of death was listed as heart failure due to excessive alcohol consumption. But Polish medical sources subsequently suggested that the young man's internal organs were so badly damaged that he had no chance of surviving.

Some 20,000 showed up for Przymyk's funeral, which turned into one of the largest anti-government demonstrations following the imposition of martial law. He grave has since become a gathering place for scores of Poles who come each day to place wreaths and votive candles. This makeshift shrine festooned with flowers and red and white Solidarity signs stands in silent protest against Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's repressive regime.

In an apparent attempt to placate the protestors, the Communist government promised an investigation and last fall charged two policemen with beating the youth to death. But before the controversial case came to trial several months ago, Polish authorities jailed a prominent lawyer retained by Przymyk's parents and then reduced the charge against the policemen to simple assault. Soon thereafter, the government accused two ambulance attendants who transported the youth to the hospital with administering the blows that killed him.

Never mind that several witnesses saw the police pummel him in an interrogation room or that he told his mother of the beatings as he lay dying in the hospital. The government-controlled court ruled last week that there was "insufficient evidence" to convict the police officers, even though a medical team testified that the youth was most likely beaten before leaving the station.

This judicial fiasco is just another grim reminder that, notwithstanding the fact that the Jaruzelski government recently freed a few political prisoners, Poland's Communist jailers are no less brutal than the Nazis who terrorized that country four decades ago.

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Ferraro Demos' wild card

SAN FRANCISCO (NEA) - The unprecedented inclusion of a woman on a national political ticket is a highstakes gamble for a Democratic Party that must take such risks if it is to capture the White House this year.

Most recent nationwide public opinion surveys showed Walter F. Mondale, the Democrats' presidential nominee, trailing President Reagan by a formidable 10 percent to 20 percent among potential voters.

But Mondale's selection of Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York as his vice president could dramatically alter the relative popularity of the two major parties' presidential tickets in favor of the Democrats.

Rep. Ferraro's presence on the ticket is not guaranteed, however, to produce a bonanza for a Democrats. Polls conducted earlier this year, for example, generally found an electorate evenly divided between those more and those less likely to vote for a ticket that included a woman.

(Probing public attitudes toward a female vice presidential nominee is difficult because some respondents may portray themselves as progressive when interviewed but be unable or unwilling to surmount their prejudices in the privacy of the voting booth.)

Rep. Ferraro brings both assets and liabilities to

the Democratic ticket. She is a savvy, no-nonsense politician widely respected by her peers in Congress. She is intelligent, attractive and articulate.

She has an unparalleled opportunity to energize not merely the ardent feminists who pressed Mondale to select a woman but also millions of female voters who in the past have been discouraged from participating in what they viewed as a male-dominated process.

The voters Ms. Ferraro represents in New York City's borough of Queens are typical of the middle-class, middle-income people whose ballots invariably decide presidential elections. "It can be said with some authority that the durable Archie Bunker lives in (her) congressional district," notes the Almanac of Americans Politics.

She is the first Italian-American to appear on either major party's national ticket and so could attract the support of millions of "ethnic" voters who deserted the Democrats in favor of the Republicans four years ago.

Mondale's decision to announce his selection the week before the convention opened here was a bold move almost without precedent which terminated a talent hunt that was becoming an embarrassment to the Democrats.

But Rep. Ferraro has a hard edge to her

personality which some voters may find unappealing if not threatening. In contrast with San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein, another finalist in Mondale's search, she is easy to characterize as a typically aggressive New Yorker or a "pushy" woman.

(Mayor Feinstein, however, had her own liabilities. She is thrice-married, Jewish and mayor of a city whose residents' esoteric lifestyles make some voters uneasy.)

The political professionals who specialize in refurbishing candidates' images almost certainly will be called upon to provide a "softer" and more "ladylike" persona for Ms. Ferraro.

A more conventional running mate - a white male such as Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas - would have posed different but equally serious problems for Mondale.

His campaign to date has been uninspiring if not boring and the addition of a less-than-charismatic figure such as Bentsen would have only perpetuated that dreariness.

To use a metaphor which has become popular among politicians, Reagan has been winning virtually all of the hands in his poker game with Mondale. The Democrats' best hope to reverse that trend required that the cards be shuffled - and Geraldine Ferraro's selection produces a fresh deck.



Art Buchwald

George gets his instructions

The president and his chief political advisers were watching the Democratic National Convention last Thursday in the upstairs sitting room of the White House.

After seeing the reception Geraldine Ferraro got, one of the aides said, "Well, are you now convinced, Mr. President, that we still have a gender gap?"

The president said, "I've done more for women than any president in history."

"You know that and we know that. But the country doesn't know it. You've got to fight fire with fire."

"You mean dump George Bush as my running mate?"

"Not necessarily. Can we get him over here?"

The president picked up the phone and said to the operator, "Is Vice President Bush in town? B-U-S-H -- as in burning. Good, ask him to come over." The president hung up.

"I appointed the first woman to the Supreme Court. The women didn't hold a 20-minute demonstration in Moscone Hall when I did that," Reagan said.

"The problem with having a woman Supreme

Court justice is you can't hold up her arm like Mondale's doing and say, 'How do you like my running mate?'"

Vice President Bush came into the room dressed in tennis whites.

"Sorry about the way I'm dressed, sir. But you told me you didn't want to see me until next Tuesday."

"It's all right, George. I'm glad to see you any time."

Bush looked around at the grim face on the president's staff. "On no, don't tell me I have to go to another state funeral."

"It's nothing like that, George," the president said. "Have you been watching the Democratic National Convention?"

"On and off. They're in a mess, aren't they?"

"Yes and no," the president said. "The boys are very concerned about Geraldine Ferraro on Mondale's ticket. It could upset our entire campaign strategy."

"Don't worry about that, sir. I can handle Rep. Ferraro. Hey, I heard a very funny joke in the tennis locker room about Geraldine and Fritz."

"Cool it, George. We can't tell any Ferraro-Fritz jokes in the White House. If just one leaks out

to the press, we're dead."

"Well, what do you want me to do?"

Mike Deaver cleared his throat. "George, would you have any objection to showing up at the Republican Convention in drag?"

"You've got to be kidding!" Bush said. "Mr. President, they are kidding, aren't they?"

The president said, "The boys think it might help us with the women voters."

Deaver said, "We have the guy from Hollywood who did Dustin Hoffman's make up in 'Tootsie,' and he'll do a wonderful job on you. There isn't a woman in America who will recognize you."

"I won't do it," George said. "I don't care how many votes it brings to the party. Besides, I have nothing to wear."

Jim Baker said, "Just try on one of Nancy Reagan's Adolfo suits. If it doesn't look good on you, we'll be the first to tell you."

"How long do I have to go in drag?" George said as he slipped on a skirt.

"Only until November," Deaver told him.

"After that, you'll be your own man."

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Can China learn lessons of freedom?

By ALAN BOCK

The late Soviet dictator Stalin is reported to have said once that a single death is a tragedy, while a million deaths is a statistic. The statement intrudes itself irresistibly when you try to grasp the enormity of the news that 27 million Chinese people probably starved to death during Mao Tse-tung's "Great Leap Forward" campaign in the 1950s. How do you comprehend such a figure?

The figure is itself an estimate, a statistical abstraction. It is possible to make such an estimate, as Professor Ansley Coale and his colleagues at the National Academy of Sciences and Princeton University have, because the Chinese government recently, and rather suddenly, released detailed population data going back to 1950. Through coldblooded mathematical analyses of previously unknown census data, demographers have concluded that about 26 million people must have died because of food shortages created by Mao's policies during those years. Previous estimates had been that about 16 million died.

Mathematical analysis may mask some of the horror of contemplating so many millions with the

emaciated limbs, vacant eyes, and distended bellies of starving people, suffering agonies of deprivation until death must have seemed a blessed relief.

The Chinese millions may not have been herded into concentration camps, hanged or shot by ruthless executioners. Nonetheless, they were killed by the government that ruled over them as surely as were Jews at Auschwitz.

The Great Leap Forward was one of those grandiose Plans put forward by a leader with a mission to save humanity. Mao decided that China needed to industrialize, for the good of "the people." Thus agriculture and food distribution systems were not just ignored but thrown into chaos. The orders of all-wise planners were enforced ruthlessly, with few exceptions tolerated. The orders came from the top, and Mao was China's saviour, so laggards or questioners must be traitors, perhaps even "capitalist-roaders."

It is worth remembering that this tragic "total disorganization" came from the acts of people who believed that without central planning, without direction of the economy from above,

without a Master Plan, the economy would be "too chaotic." Efforts at total planning almost always lead to total disorganization.

Seldom has this lesson been learned with such tragic finality. Or has it been learned at all? It is almost certain that Mao himself, the author of all this suffering, never learned it. Those who hailed Red China at the time and in subsequent years as the Wave of the Future, the hope of downtrodden mankind, apparently did not absorb it.

Have China's present rulers learned the lesson of the Great Leap Forward? One is tempted to be hopeful. Mao, however, bequeathed them a bureaucratic superstructure remarkably resistant to change, peopled by power-jealous petty dictators who have learned to be callous about the suffering their policies create.

Can China's leaders, even with the best will in the world, disassemble it and liberate the Chinese people? Or are they destined to be its victims, too-victims of a different sort, but victims just as surely as were those 27 million human beings who paid the price for one man's cruel pretensions?

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LIFESTYLES

Alcohol abuse in pregnancy affects baby

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and Gynecologists

About 60 percent of American women drink alcoholic beverages. How much you drink becomes very important when you are pregnant.

When alcohol is abused during pregnancy, it can affect the delicate system of the unborn baby. In recent years, scientists have done a number of studies of infants who were born to women who drank heavily during pregnancy. They found that many of the infants were born with a pattern of physical, mental and behavior problems which are called "fetal alcohol syndrome."

Babies born with this syndrome were shorter and lighter than normal babies and didn't catch up even after special care was provided. The babies also had small heads, abnormal features of the head and face, heart defects

and poor control of their movements. Many were mentally retarded, were extremely nervous, and had poor attention spans.

Alcohol can do this damage because the alcohol the expectant mother drinks reaches the fetus quickly. The same level of alcohol that goes through the mother's bloodstream also goes through the fetus. Especially during the first three months of pregnancy, when all of the major body systems are developing rapidly, this can have a devastating effect.

Studies suggest that the more a woman drinks during pregnancy,

the greater the danger to the fetus. The risk of miscarriage is twice as high among women who drink frequently.

What we don't know with any certainty is how much drinking is bad for the fetus. Although the effects of heavy drinking are fairly well known, we don't have any definite evidence that an occasional drink is harmful. It's hard to determine what amount of alcohol taken over what period of time will put the fetus at risk.

You are the one who is most important in taking care of your baby's needs. If you believe that

your drinking is moderate, you might try to cut down. If you have any doubts or fears about the effect of even moderate drinking during pregnancy, you might want to cut out drinking entirely. The alcohol you don't consume is not going to harm your baby.

What you do makes a big difference in the health of your baby. By making informed, intelligent choices about alcohol during pregnancy, you can increase your chances of having a healthy, normal baby.

Single, free copies of "Alcohol and Your Unborn Baby" are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope along with the name of the booklet to: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Resource Center, 600 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., 20024.

Woman's Health



Dear Abby

Impotents Anonymous offers network of help and hope

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 44, married, have two great kids and keep myself in good physical condition. My wife is loyal, patient and understanding. She's a saint, considering what she's had to put up with for the last six years.

My problem is impotence. I mentioned it casually to my doctor about five years ago and was told not to worry, it was "all in my head," and I'd get over it eventually. Well, I'm still not over it, but I'm learning to live with it. I feel sorry for my wife. She's only 42.

Last week, at the gym where I work out regularly, I overheard some men joking about an organization called "Impotents Anonymous."

Is there really such an organization? Please check it out, and if there is one and it's legitimate, please tell me how to get in touch with it.

LIVING WITH IMPOTENCE

DEAR LIVING: There is such an organization and its headquarters are in Chevy Chase, Md. I spoke at length with the national medical director, Dr. Myron Murdock, an urologist, and learned the following:

Impotents Anonymous was founded three years ago. It's now in 10 states and is growing rapidly.

Despite the progress made in the field of sexual dysfunction, impotence is still a "closet disorder." Although an estimated 10 million American men suffer from chronic impotence, few are willing to admit any sexual inadequacy—even to their doctors.

Meanwhile, new tests have been developed to help determine whether an individual's impotence is psychological, physical or a combination of both. Four of the most common physical factors in chronic impotence are diabetes, vascular disease, neurological disorders, and the result of operative procedures to cure pelvic cancer. Medication prescribed for high blood pres-

sure or a number of other ailments can cause impotence.

Many, if not most men experience temporary impotence at some time in their lives. It can be brought on by stress, tension, anxiety, fatigue, depression, or by cigarettes, alcohol and drug abuse.

Impotents Anonymous is a self-help organization, offering a strong support network of people who care and understand. It puts new members in touch with men with similar problems, as well as those who have had their impotence corrected. (Sometimes just knowing that millions of men have the same problem helps to restore self-confidence.)

The bottom line is this: There is help available today. Impotence can be reversed in most instances. IA keeps an up-to-date referral list of physicians and therapists who specialize in impotence and are trained to assist in its treatment.

Impotents Anonymous is a non-profit organization, open to every person on every economic level. It charges no dues and collects no fees.

All correspondence comes in unmarked envelopes and is strictly confidential. Interested parties may write to: Impotents Anonymous, 5119 Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Md. 20815.

Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (20 cents) envelope for a reply.

(Is your social life in a slump? Lonely? Get Abby's updated, revised and expanded booklet, "How to Be Popular"—for people of all ages. Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 (this includes postage) to: Abby, Popularity, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)



WATCHING AND WAITING — Britain's Princess of Wales, Diana, who is expecting her second child in September, watches her husband Prince Charles take part in a polo tournament in Windsor, England, Sunday. Britain's Queen Elizabeth also attended the event. (AP Laserphoto)

Cheerleading clinic scheduled

WTSU, Canyon — For the second consecutive summer, cheerleaders from junior high schools and high schools in the area may learn from the West Texas State University cheerleaders during a clinic.

Beginning at 8 a.m. at the Virgil Henson Activities Center on campus, clinic participants will learn game rules, leadership responsibilities, fund-raising techniques, pep rally procedure and practice cheers, chants, jumping, gymnastics, dance routines and pyramids.

Participants should bring a lunch

and beverages and an afternoon snack will be provided. The clinic concludes at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in squad competition.

Cost of the clinic is \$10 per person. Participants should express an interest in attending by writing or calling Faith McDonald, WTSU instructor in physical education and cheerleader sponsor, at 7308 Dreyfuss, Amarillo, 79121, before Friday, Aug. 10. The registration fee may be paid the morning of the clinic.

The clinic will be conducted by WTSU's 12 cheerleaders for 1984-85 academic year.

Mother and daughter jointly confront their health problems

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — With two good arms and two good legs, Nancy Holmes and her daughter, Christie, are waging a daily battle against odds that might defeat a less determined pair.

Christie Holmes, 9, was born with spina bifida. Mrs. Holmes, 30, is recovering from a stroke that paralyzed her on one side last summer.

"I guess the hardest part has been acceptance," Mrs. Holmes said in a recent interview. "Before Christie was born I had never heard of spina bifida. I never dreamed I'd end up handicapped, too. You can't help thinking, this is the kind of thing that happens to someone else, not me."

Before the stroke, the pair had their own apartment. Mrs. Holmes, divorced since her daughter was 3, worked full time in a manufacturing plant. Her daughter had successfully completed third grade at Fairview Elementary School. Despite several operations and continuing therapy for Christie, Mrs. Holmes had learned, with the help of family, friends and the Gregory

Kistler Center, to cope.

Her biggest fear following the stroke, she said, was that she might not be able to care for her daughter. "But then I thought, 'Well, here I am, 30 years old with a 9-year-old daughter, I can't just lay down and die,'" Mrs. Holmes said. "I learned years ago not to allow myself to feel sorry for Christie. I didn't realize how much you need two hands to do anything."

Christie Holmes said watching her mother adapt to her handicap had been a new experience. "What worried me most was when she was learning how to drive again," she said. With a smile for her mother, she said, "That was really scary."

Mrs. Holmes had to go to Little Rock following the stroke and her daughter had to stay with grandparents Bob and Grace Boggan. Mrs. Holmes said that may have been the most traumatic part of the trip. "I didn't know when I left if just the two of us could ever be together as a family again," she said.

They are. In February, the two moved into an apartment.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 64 Electric fish

- 1 Destroyer's targets
- 5 Courtroom procedure
- 9 Before (prefix)
- 12 Source of metals
- 13 Musical instrument
- 14 Dine
- 15 Sodium chloride
- 16 Physicians (sl.)
- 17 Division of geologic time
- 18 Cheer
- 19 Aviation agency (abbr.)
- 20 Principle
- 22 Lincoln's nickname
- 24 Decorate
- 26 Golf scores
- 29 Coat type
- 33 Adjoin
- 34 Paris airport
- 38 Compass point
- 37 Four-in-hand
- 38 Positive
- 39 Fill
- 40 Move with an easy gait
- 42 Puffed
- 44 Evening
- 46 Pub beverage
- 47 Part of a shoe
- 50 Part of corn plant
- 52 Mao tung
- 55 Expend
- 56 Regretted
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- 61 Chemist's burner
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- 62 By birth
- 63 Think

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 27 Newspaper notice (abbr.)
- 28 Minds
- 30 Beverage pot (2 wds.)
- 31 This (Sp.)
- 32 Shepherd's pipe
- 35 Railway (abbr.)
- 38 Disparaged
- 39 Scars note
- 41 Elaborate poem
- 43 Harm
- 45 City in New Hampshire
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STEVE CANYON

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THE DAUGHTER OF MAJOR RING — ALONE!

AND YOU DRIVE A TAXI!

WHERE SHALL I SAY, MUM?

ROYAL ARMY QUARTERS

SWEET REVENGE!

By Milton Caniff

THE WIZARD OF ID

IS MY PRESCRIPTION READY?

HARRY, HAVE YOU GOT THE STUFF FOR THE GUY WITH THE BUGS IN HIS HAIR?

SMISH

TOUCHY... TOUCHY

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

EEK & MEEK

WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE! WHAT'S A MATTER... GOT A BAD CASE OF THE TV RERUNS AGAIN?

HEY, EEK... HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?

R-E-A-L-I-T-Y

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

Angel Food Cake:

FIRST SEPARATE YOUR EGGS

GEE, THIS IS GONNA BE EASIER THAN I THOUGHT...

By Johnny Hart

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

SOMETHING TELLS ME DAD WANTS ME TO GROW UP TO BE AN EXECUTIVE

MAYBE IT'S THE PINGRIPE DIAPERS

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"What do you mean, while the Winslows are on vacation, he can use our bed?"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

I CAN'T HELP IT! I'M HAVING AN ATTACK OF DANCE FEVER!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

ARE... ARE THEY COMIN' BACK? NOPE! THEY'RE HEADIN' OUT! THANK GOO'NESS!

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO TELL GUZ, ALLEY? THAT HE'S WASTING HIS TIME WITH THOSE CRUMB-BUMS!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

MY MOM SAYS I HAVE TO GET RID OF MY PET ROCK.

THAT'S TOO BAD, NASTY... WHY?

IT'S PAPER-TRAINED, BUT IT REFUSES TO BE HOUSEBROKEN.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Major Hoople

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keene

GREAT WORK, MAJOR! WE LOST EVERYTHING ON YOUR FIGHTER WHEN HE GOT KAYOED BY THE BEER TENT!

I'LL HAVE TO GET A LOAN ON MY CAR JUST FOR GAS MONEY!

YEAH, AND YOU KNOW HOW FAR THAT'LL TAKE US!

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"Do those two X's mean children can't watch?"

TUMBLEWEEDS

By T.K. Ryan

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

MAYBE WE SHOULD NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

WHAT'S A MILLENNIUM, BRUTUS?

WELL...

...IT'S SORT OF LIKE A CENTENNIAL... ONLY IT HAS MORE LEGS.

DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT TO YOU?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

REINCARNATION SOCIETY

WITH MY LUCK, I'LL PROBABLY COME BACK AS A CAMPAIGN PROMISE AND BE GONE AGAIN TWO MONTHS LATER.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT TODAY

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, GARFIELD?

TO THE BEACH

HELLO, BEACH

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ARE? THESE ARE THE TUBES THAT THINGS GO DOWN...

WHEN YOUR LOVE AFFAIR OR THE GAME OR YOUR JOB GOES DOWN THE TUBES... THESE ARE THE ACTUAL TUBES!

WOODSTOCK NEVER BELIEVES ANYTHING I TELL HIM!

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

July 31, 1984

Continue to stay on the best of terms with persons who have contributed to your material growth in the past. This coming year they may do even more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Restrict your spending to essentials today or else you might buy something quite expensive that you'll later discover you'll never need. The Matchmaker wheel reveals your compatibility to all signs, as well as showing you to which signs you are best suited romantically. To get yours mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're a bright thinker today, but there is a possibility that you may spend more time talking about what you intend to do than actually doing it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be equally generous today to one who treats you kindly. If he or she knows you are appreciative, this person will be more willing to do for you again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's wisest today not to seek help from friends in commercial situations. Keep pals on one side of the fence and business contacts on the other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your eye upon your goal at all times today or else there is a chance that you might call it quits just when victory is within your grasp.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be a trifle too sensitive for your own good today and read more into what others say than they intend. Stick to the facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do not talk about confidential matters today to persons who you know from past experience have a hard time keeping secrets. They may broadcast what you say.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Have the courage of your convictions today. Once you make a decision, do not waver or vacillate. Trust your own judgment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be productive today but do not push yourself beyond your endurance. When you begin to tire, your work will reflect it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Guard against tendencies today to be envious of others. If something nice happens for a friend, be glad rather than jealous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have something important to do today, don't invite anyone into the act who doesn't belong. Outsiders may confuse the issue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take time to enjoy yourself today but try to do so without neglecting your responsibilities. Ignored duties may cause headaches later.

SPORTS SCENE

U.S. rules water in Olympics



Grewal raises hands in victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A dream double-gold medal deadlock for two American women, Steve Lundquist's comeback world record, and a world mark by West Germany's "Albatross" kept the crowd buzzing and athletes embracing at the opening of the Olympic swimming competition.

From the minute Americans Nancy Hogshead and Carrie Steinseifer made Olympic history by tying for the gold in the 100-meter freestyle with computer-clocked times of 55.92 seconds, the Southern California Swim Center was awash with emotion Sunday.

"How perfect," said Hogshead, 22, of Jacksonville, Fla.

"That's as sweet as you can make it," added Steinseifer, a 16-year-old high school junior from Saratoga, Calif.

They hugged and cried in the pool, out of the water and on the gold medal stand during the national anthem. And, there weren't many dry eyes in the soldout house of 16,000.

"That twin gold finish really got me excited," said Tracy Caulkins of Nashville, Tenn., who won the 400 individual medley in an American record 4:39.24.

Caulkins had added incentive.

The gold medalists are her roommates here.

"That makes three for our room," said Caulkins.

Then came Lundquist, his shoulder just recovered from a water-skiing accident last fall, and spurred on by a pep talk from injured teammate John Moffet.

Moffet had recorded an Olympic-record time of 1:02.16 in the preliminaries of the 100 breaststroke only to injure a groin muscle.

"John had the guts to try it but he told me 'If something goes haywire, get the gold for the USA,'" said the 23-year-old Lundquist.

Moffet finished a painful fifth while Lundquist, a senior at Southern Methodist University, posted a world-record 1:01.65, eclipsing the standard of 1:02.13 set by Moffet in the U.S. Trials.

"I felt like the grinch who stole Christmas," said Lundquist, who was only the fifth fastest qualifier in the morning prelims. "I would have been pleased to have shared my gold with John. He's all heart."

"To say I'm disheartened is an understatement. I'm crushed," Moffet said later, tears welling in his eye. "My leg hurt bad but I decided to give it a shot ... I knew I was in trouble."

Michael Gross, called "The Albatross" because of his 6-foot-7 height and long arms, was clocked in 1:47.44 to best his old standard in the 200 freestyle by 11.

Giving West Germany its first men's gold medal in swimming, he trounced American silver medal-winner Mike Heath.

"I was disappointed in Heath's performance," Gross said later.

"Gross did a good job," Heath said. "I just lost it. I felt like I was spinning in the water."

First medals since 1912

U.S. cyclists break through

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — As he crossed the finish line, Alexi Grewal thrust his hands over his head. As he stood on the medals stand and heard his national anthem, he held his hand over his heart.

Finally, his fate was in his own hands.

With Bauer making the move first, Grewal surged by him and won the dash to the finish. The bronze medal went to Dag Otto Lauritzen of Norway.

Grewal raised both arms in victory a split second before crossing the finish line three seconds shy of five hours. At the medal ceremonies, he put his hand over his heart and appeared choked up as he heard his national anthem.

Grewal almost didn't make the Olympic Games. He was suspended earlier this month by the U.S. Cycling Federation for 30 days after a banned substance was found during a urine test after a race.

He appealed and was reinstated last week after it was determined that the substance involved had been taken for asthma.

He said that before Sunday's race he took the same medicine for which he was suspended and added that the drug incident was in the past.

"I was only thinking of now, not my past problems," Grewal said. "I was not pushing hard to get even with anything or anybody."

Davis Phinney, husband of the women's winner, finished a disappointing fifth despite the American riders' plan "to protect Phinney," the best U.S. sprinter, Grewal said.

"I was hoping Phinney would make it up, but he just didn't," Grewal added.

The men's race was marred by a three-bike spill about one mile into the event that sent three riders to the hospital. Manuel Aravena of Chile, in stable condition with a bruised back, was the only one admitted.

Grewal, whose 30-day suspension for using a banned drug was overturned last week, made the most of his opportunity. He capped the biggest day in American Olympic cycling history Sunday by edging Steve Bauer of Canada in the 190-kilometer (118-mile) individual road race at the Summer Games.

In the first women's Olympic cycling event ever held, Americans Connie Carpenter-Phinney and Rebecca Twigg won the gold and silver medals in the 79-kilometer (49-mile) individual road race.

The gold medals for Grewal and Carpenter-Phinney and the silver for Twigg are the first medals in cycling for Americans since 1912, when Carl Schutte won two bronze medals. Since then, the best American finish was sixth by George Mount in 1976.

Tim Kelly, the U.S. team's assistant coach for road racing, credited head Coach Eddie Borysewicz with bringing the team to its present state.

"This was a 10-year program established by Eddie which has reached its goals in seven years," Kelly said. "It is an indication of the fantastic talent on our team and of the genius of Eddie in developing this talent."

Grewal, 23, from Aspen, Colo.,

said Bauer made "a tactical mistake" that made the difference in the sprint for the finish.

"He didn't really think I could sprint that fast," Grewal said. "He made a tactical mistake. He gave a good leadout with 200 meters to go."

him from creeping any closer than one stroke all day. O'Meara came in at 13-under-par 271, two strokes ahead of third-place finishers Bill Kratzert and Gary Hallberg.

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Jacobsen captures Hartford Open title

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Just before Peter Jacobsen won his first PGA tournament of the year — the Colonial in May — the man who taught him to play golf discovered he had cancer.

Jacobsen didn't even want to play in that tournament; he was too despondent over the illness of his father. But his family urged him to play, and win, and dedicate the victory to his dad.

When he did win, it was his first victory on the tour in more than four years and it taught him that winning wasn't as hard as he'd convinced himself it was.

On Sunday, he won again, playing steady, deliberate golf to fend off the repeated challenges of a former college rival and take the \$400,000 Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open by two strokes.

He shot a 1-under-par 70 on the Tournament Players Club of Connecticut course — far worse than his third-round course-record 63 — but maintained his composure enough to stay just ahead of Mark O'Meara.

O'Meara birdied the 18th hole Sunday, but four costly bogies kept

him from creeping any closer than one stroke all day. O'Meara came in at 13-under-par 271, two strokes ahead of third-place finishers Bill Kratzert and Gary Hallberg.

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time but it has extended his punting distance.

"Since I put on a shoe, a 4.8 (hang time) range is standard," Goodson said. "Without a shoe it was 5-plus. But with a shoe I get five yards farther because I get tighter spiral. There's a trade-off."

James, ranks second on the National Football League's all-time list for most punts in a career, season and single game and has appeared in three Pro Bowls.

But James was not pleased with his 1983 performance that included a 39.7 average for 79 punts and a 32.8 net average, which subtracts yardage for punt returns and touchbacks.

"I started working right after the season with a running and lifting program," James said. "I was disappointed with the way I kicked the ball overall last year. The net average was what bothers me. We were right around the middle or lower part of the teams and 32-plus yards is worst I've ever done."

James says he never feels secure starting a season, regardless of his competition.

"You never have a job going in," James said. "If they don't have anyone in camp, they'll find somebody if you can't do the job. It's not who you're looking at every day. I look at my competition as the rest of the league."

James says he's not bothered by the daily association with someone who is trying to take his job.

Medals winners

LOS ANGELES (AP) — List of medal winners Sunday at the 1984 Summer Games (all distances in meters unless otherwise noted)

MEN

CYCLING

Individual Road Race
GOLD—Alexi Grewal, Aspen, Colo.
SILVER—Steve Bauer, Canada
BRONZE—Dag Otto Lauritzen

SHOOTING

Free Pistol
GOLD—Haifeng Xu, China
SILVER—Ragnar Skanaker, Sweden
BRONZE—Yifu Wang, China

SWIMMING

100 Free
GOLD—Steve Lundquist, Jonesboro, Ga.
SILVER—Victor Davis, Canada
BRONZE—Peier Evans, Australia

200 Freestyle
GOLD—Michael Gross, West Germany
SILVER—Mike Heath, Dallas
BRONZE—Thomas Fabner, West Germany

400 Individual Medley
GOLD—Tracy Caulkins, Nashville, Tenn.
SILVER—Suzanne Landells, Australia
BRONZE—Petra Zindler, West Germany

Weightlifting

56 Pounds
GOLD—Zeng Guoqiang, China
SILVER—Zhou Peishun, China
BRONZE—Kazushito Manabe, Japan

WOMEN

CYCLING

Individual Road Race
GOLD—Connie Carpenter-Phinney, Boulder, Colo.
SILVER—Rebecca Twigg, Seattle
BRONZE—Sandra Schumacher, West Germany

SHOOTING

100 Meters
GOLD—Linda Thom, Canada
SILVER—Ruby Fox, Parker, Ariz.
BRONZE—Anemarie Versteppan, Netherlands

U.S. cagers cruise

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — U.S. basketball Coach Bobby Knight had little to complain about in the Americans' opening 97-49 romp over China in the Olympic tournament.

In fact, Knight, known for his badgering of officials, patted the referee on the back after a brief discussion in Sunday's game.

But the opening day of the tournament, featuring eight men's games, was not without controversy.

In a rugged contest, Uruguay edged France 91-87 in overtime and the French coach charged the Uruguayans with illegal tactics.

Other games saw Yugoslavia, the 1980 gold medalist, beat West Germany 96-83; Italy, the European champion, rip Egypt 110-62; Australia top Brazil 76-72, and Spain defeat Canada 83-82.

Women's play opened today with the United States meeting Yugoslavia; Australia against China and South Korea against Canada.

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Goodson tries again

Oiler punter gets competition

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Former University of Texas and Pittsburgh Steeler punter John Goodson is back for another shot at the pros and for the first time he's finding out what it's like to compete for a job.

Goodson, drafted in the eighth round by the Steelers in 1982, stepped into a regular job when Craig Colquitt suffered an injury. Goodson gave the job back by default the following year when he went down with an ankle injury.

Now Goodson is in the camp of the Houston Oilers where he faces one of the stiffest position battles on the team with 12-year veteran John James, who spent the

off-season lifting weights to be ready for the challenge.

"My first year in the Steeler camp I was really uncontented," said Goodson, who averaged 40.4 for the Steelers in 1982. "This is a different situation."

"You have a veteran like John and it puts a premium on performing day in and day out. Up there, I'd let it slide one day and the concentration could be off and it really didn't matter that much."

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Goodson tries to rip off 50 to 75 punts daily in training camp and is getting accustomed to punting with a shoe. It's cost him some hang

time but it has extended his punting distance.

"Since I put on a shoe, a 4.8 (hang time) range is standard," Goodson said. "Without a shoe it was 5-plus. But with a shoe I get five yards farther because I get tighter spiral. There's a trade-off."

James, ranks second on the National Football League's all-time list for most punts in a career, season and single game and has appeared in three Pro Bowls.

But James was not pleased with his 1983 performance that included a 39.7 average for 79 punts and a 32.8 net average, which subtracts yardage for punt returns and touchbacks.

"I started working right after the season with a running and lifting program," James said. "I was disappointed with the way I kicked the ball overall last year. The net average was what bothers me. We were right around the middle or lower part of the teams and 32-plus yards is worst I've ever done."

James says he never feels secure starting a season, regardless of his competition.

"You never have a job going in," James said. "If they don't have anyone in camp, they'll find somebody if you can't do the job. It's not who you're looking at every day. I look at my competition as the rest of the league."

James says he's not bothered by the daily association with someone who is trying to take his job.

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Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	70	32	686	12
Toronto	58	44	569	12
Baltimore	57	46	553	13 1/2
Boston	53	48	525	16 1/2
New York	48	52	480	21
Milwaukee	47	57	452	24
Cleveland	43	57	430	26
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	52	49	515	—
California	51	51	500	1 1/2
Chicago	48	53	480	3 1/2
Kansas City	49	54	476	4
Seattle	49	56	467	5
Oakland	48	57	457	6
Texas	43	61	413	10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	59	40	596	1 1/2
Chicago	59	43	578	3 1/2
Philadelphia	55	46	545	5
Montreal	50	51	495	10
St. Louis	50	53	485	11
Pittsburgh	44	60	423	17 1/2
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	51	42	502	—
Atlanta	54	50	510	7 1/2
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Biologists say shark danger is overblown.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Marine biologists say the press blew a shark incident way out of proportion last week after two teen-age girls were bitten while swimming in chest-deep water.

Robert Edwards, a marine biologist at Pan American University in Edinburg, said sharks have always been in the Gulf, but that they are small and fairly harmless.

"Frankly, this whole thing has been blown out of proportion by the media," Edwards said, adding that the attack was the first confirmed in Texas waters since 1961.

"It's their home, and they'll come right up to the shore to feed. But the odds are very remote you'll even see one," Edwards told The Dallas Morning News. "The shark is actually more frightened of humans. Humans kill more sharks than sharks kill people."

Last week a shark savaged the right leg of Carmen Castro Gaytan, 18, of Mexico City in the waters off South Padre Island.

Two hours later, three miles up the beach, a 13-year-old Bryan girl required treatment after she was bitten as she swam.

Surgeons took five hours to sew Miss Castro Gaytan's right calf and foot back together.

"What happened in the Gaytan case can't really be called a shark attack. It's more likely a shark accident. The shark probably was frightened or confused by all the activity in the surf," Edwards added.

On Thursday, only minutes after he had confirmed the shark bit of Miss Castro Gaytan, he

said, he took his wife and 1-year-old daughter swimming at the beach.

Lee Green, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Rockport, agreed that the Texas variety of sharks poses little threat to humans.

"The species common to Texas waters aren't very aggressive," he said. "Their numbers really pick up in the summer months when warm currents increase the fish yields. But although the shark is a predator, they're not out for humans."

The great white shark — immortalized in the book and movie "Jaws" — is a virtual stranger to Texas, Edwards and Green said.

"Mostly we get hammerheads, Atlantic sharpnoses and bull sharks," Green said. "The great white would be a rarity in Gulf waters."

A couple of veteran fishermen, Robert Bannert and Dickie Ostos, agreed with Edwards and Green that sand and hammerhead sharks often mingle among the tourists who frolic in the surf throughout the year. They also agreed that the danger is vastly overblown.

Bannert said he has never been bitten.

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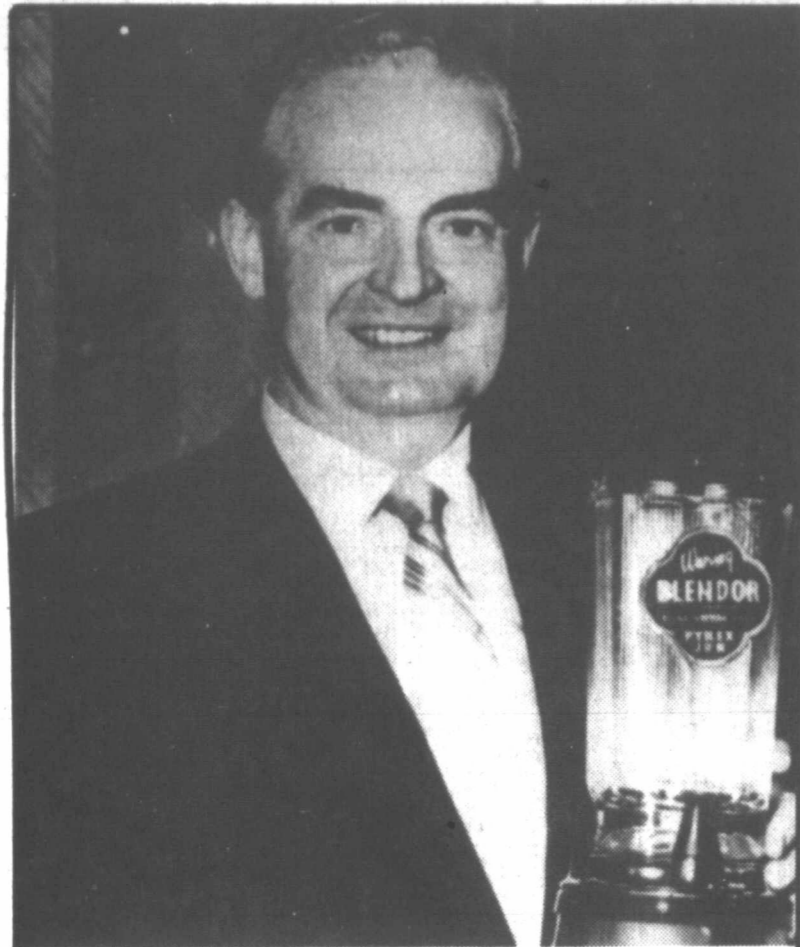
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FRED WARING DIES—Conductor Fred Waring poses with his Waring Blender, which he developed and marketed, in this undated file photo. Waring, "the man who taught America to sing" during 68 years of concerts and workshops, died of a stroke early Sunday at his summer home in State College, Pa. He was 84. (AP Laserphoto)

Pioneer conductor dies after stroke

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Fred Waring, the bandleader whose creativity extended to the kitchen and the invention of the Waring blender, was mourned as an innovator who sought "the ultimate in perfection" as he mixed chord music with the Big Band sound.

Waring died Sunday at age 84 after giving his last performance Friday night — leading a concert of 200 teenagers at Penn State University to cap a two-week series of music workshops.

A one-time engineering student at Penn State University with an inventive streak, he left his mark on America's kitchens when he patented the Waring blender in 1937. The forerunner of the modern food processor continued to provide him royalties as he pursued his lifelong love affair with chorus music.

Dubbed "the man who taught America to sing," Waring first conducted in 1916 with his mother's curtain rod and saw his career spread to records, television, radio, Broadway and films.

"We're fundamental. We sing the songs that will live forever and we do it better than anyone else," he told The Associated Press two weeks ago in his last lengthy interview.

Waring suffered a stroke Saturday morning at his rented summer home in State College, and he died of complications Sunday at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

The road manager for Waring's 20-member singing group, the Pennsylvanians, said his death probably would mean the end of the group, which

recorded more than 2,000 songs since their first hit, "Sleep," was produced in a tiny Camden, N.J., studio in 1923.

"I'm almost sure there will not be any more Pennsylvanians," said Peter Kiefer.

"I feel that I've lost a very, very dear friend in Fred," comedian Milton Berle, who once appeared on Waring's radio program, said in Los Angeles. "Fred was the ultimate in perfection. He was meticulous in everything he encountered."

"I will miss him and I am sure that the entire world will miss him and his music."

The Pennsylvanians were known for their intricate sets and choreography, and for the way Waring taught them to "blend" sounds and enunciate their words.

"His greatest contribution is he made choral music acceptable. People like Johnny Mann came after Fred blazed the way," said Kiefer, who was associated with Waring for 38 years.

"He never allowed you to let down and he always gave high-quality, tasteful entertainment. The standards he set in the entertainment business were the source of inspiration," Kiefer said.

Born June 9, 1900, in Tyrone, Waring formed a group in 1916 that later evolved into the Pennsylvanians. Their first weekly coast-to-coast show played on radio during Franklin Roosevelt's first term as president. Waring was one of the first to venture into television, with a weekly hourlong musical show that debuted on CBS on Easter 1949.

Owners pick up helicopter used in Texas bank robbery

GAINESVILLE, Texas (AP) — Witnesses may have seen five men walk away from a helicopter that was abandoned in Colorado and later proved to have been used in the July 20 robbery of the Valley View National Bank. Cooke County Sheriff Dan Tiller said.

Tiller said Sunday that his chief deputy, John Aston, and a county investigator, Jim Westfall, flew to Colorado Sunday to study the helicopter and to check reports that someone saw the five holdup suspects at the spot where the craft was found near Colorado City, Colo., 26 miles south of Pueblo.

The helicopter, belonging to Louisiana-based Air Logistics, was stolen in Galveston the night before the holdup.

Five men landed the stolen helicopter next to the bank, 10 miles south of here. One man kept the helicopter's engines running while four others robbed the bank of an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 1980 Bell 206-L Jet Ranger helicopter later was seen by a farmer near Leon, Okla., where empty cash boxes from the bank were found. Officials believe the helicopter was refueled later in the day near the Texas Panhandle town of Canadian.

"The officer we talked to in Colorado indicated that witnesses may have seen five men leaving the helicopter, but that has not been confirmed. We really just went out there to see what they have," Tiller told the Dallas Morning News.

Aston and Westfall took with them a bank videotape of the robbery and composite drawings of the five suspects.

The aircraft was spotted Saturday by Daniel Terrill, 10, and his father, Terry Terrill, of Rye, Colo., during their "penny-a-pound" plane ride during an air show. They reported the sighting to authorities when they returned from their flight.

Tiller said there also was "some speculation" that a sixth person might have been working with the suspects and might have arranged to meet them in Colorado. The helicopter landed in heavy brush, atop a bluff and less than a mile from Interstate 25, Colorado's principal north-south freeway.

"We don't know whether they planned to land it there, or whether they just decided to sit it down and walk away," Tiller said.

Colorado State Patrol investigator W.L. Wheeler said, "The chopper was not damaged. It was deliberately landed where it was found, properly tied down and, as near as we can tell, it's been

Soviets insist talks blocked, give no response to U.S. note

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union maintained its hard line today that space weapons talks with the United States are "impossible" and made no public response to a U.S. diplomatic note that specifically agreed to such discussions in September.

The only comment from the major Soviet media on the issue this morning was a two-sentence statement on Radio Moscow referring to Sunday's television appearance by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

"The American administration is deliberately blocking the talks proposed by the Soviet Union to prevent the militarization of outer space," Radio Moscow said. "In an ABC television interview, ... Weinberger has repeated views which virtually make the talks

impossible."

There has been no mention in the Soviet media of a diplomatic note that State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said Saturday was sent to Moscow, explicitly agreeing to discuss anti-satellite and other space weapons.

"We have accepted the Soviet proposal," the U.S. announcement said. "We are serious about substantive talks in Vienna. We are prepared to go there and talk about outer space, including anti-satellite weapons, and we have no preconditions."

The Soviet view that the talks are impossible was reinforced in a meeting Friday between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and former U.S. Sen. George McGovern.

The former South Dakota

senator, who was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972, told reporters Saturday that during his talk with Gromyko, "We discussed the latest offer from the United States on the talks proposed for September in Vienna. Gromyko said he doesn't expect the talks to take place. He seemed convinced there would be no talks."

But the Soviet minister's remarks were made before Ms. Stockman announced the State Department overture Saturday.

In his television appearance, Weinberger had said, "We will go to Vienna, but we are not going to Vienna kowtowing to, or capitulating to Soviet demands and preconditions."

"We'll talk about all the things they want to talk about, ..." he said. "But we will insist also on

talking about the things we want to talk about — the reduction of nuclear missiles."

The Soviets have said that the talks, tentatively scheduled to begin Sept. 18 in Vienna, must be limited to space weapons. The Soviets walked out of nuclear arms reduction discussions in Geneva last year after NATO countries began deploying U.S.-built missiles in Western Europe to counter Soviet nuclear missiles that were already in place.

After Weinberger's appearance, the official Soviet news agency Tass commented in Moscow that his statements "reiterated the American stand which actually makes such negotiations impossible."

Move to cut off incoming calls to pay telephones stuns commission officials

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In a move that caught the state Public Utility Commission by surprise, Southwestern Bell has been cutting off incoming calls to some coin-operated public telephones, claiming those phones are misused or have become a nuisance, the Austin American-Statesman said today.

"I never heard of it before," said Jacqueline Holmes, general counsel for the agency that regulates telephone companies in Texas.

Many other utility regulators throughout the country haven't heard of it either and were surprised that two-way service for some public pay phones in their states had been eliminated without authorization, the newspaper said.

The state Office of Public Counsel, which represents consumer interests in utility issues, also is showing interest in the matter.

"I think it's a reduction of service that historically has been provided to consumers in Texas," said Jose Varela, assistant public counsel. "If they are, in fact, going to do this on a widespread basis, we would be opposed to it."

Varela said Texas has "a lot of poor people who rely on public telephones."

Holmes said the utility commission has gotten no complaints about pay phones.

"If there is a concern out there, we haven't heard of it. If we get some indication someone wants us to look into it, I'm sure we will."

Southwestern Bell has been restricting some public phones to outgoing calls for the past few years, said Jim Goodwin, public relations manager in Austin for the company.

He said it has not been done "on a wholesale basis." Fewer than 1 percent of the coin-operated telephones in the Austin area — 81 telephones out of more than 10,500 — do not receive calls, Goodwin said.

Calls made to those phones are intercepted by an operator who informs the caller that the phone they are trying to reach is for calling out only.

Goodwin said Southwestern Bell has initiated the conversion in some cases when it determines that a proprietor is using the pay phone on the premises to receive calls and conduct business, which

ties up the phone and costs Southwestern Bell revenue.

Most conversions, Goodwin said, have been made at the request of customers annoyed by the public telephones ringing at all hours or by the loitering of people waiting for a call.

The restricted pay phones have been in operation at several convenience stores, apartment complexes, nursing homes, and employee coffee shops, he said.

Five pay phones in the hallways of Crockett High School in Austin were converted to outgoing calls about a year ago, according to principal Robert Enos. He said the phone company "approached the school and asked if we had any objection, and we didn't."

"It's very helpful, but we never asked for it."

Three pay phones at a nearby convenience store also were converted.

"As far as I know, it was (a Southwestern Bell) decision," store manager LaVerne Corder told the American-Statesman.

He said Southwestern Bell has also been converting pay phones to one-way use in the other four states it serves — Arkansas, Oklahoma,

Missouri, and Kansas.

Corder said she has had to deal with "irate customers" who were waiting for a phone call and had to be told those pay phones don't receive calls. Goodwin said phones restricted to outgoing calls are so labeled, but the three telephones at Barclay's are not.

A representative for the American Automobile Association of Texas said it is regrettable that Southwestern Bell is restricting the use of some coin-operated telephones because it could prevent a club member stranded with car trouble from getting a call back.

Although Goodwin emphasized that there is no "concerted effort" to switch all coin-operated telephones to outgoing calls only, Southwestern Bell operators intercepting calls to those phones are telling callers that such a campaign is under way.

"They gradually are changing them," said one operator.

"They haven't gotten to all of them but eventually they will," said another in response to a question by one caller. "I wouldn't be making something up."

Townfolk organize to massacre mosquitoes

RICEVILLE, Iowa (AP) — Hundreds of townspeople itching to get even with a certain needle-nosed nuisance stepped into their backyards and, on cue, aimed a haze of insecticide at the mosquitoes making their summer miserable.

A tornado-warning siren wailing Sunday night was the signal that spelled doom for the blood-sucking pests that leave behind an itchy bump in a usually impossible-to-reach spot.

The "Mosquito Shoot-out" was organized by M.E. Messersmith, editor of the Riceville Recorder newspaper, who said that in addition to letting off a lot of insecticide the event was a chance for people to let off a little steam.

"It's just one of those cases where the whole town united to get something done and had fun with it," Messersmith said. "I think everyone was looking forward to hearing that siren blow."

When the call to arms came at precisely 7 p.m., men, women and children wielding 16-ounce cans of spray lined the streets and scurried around shrubbery, filling the air with a deadly mist they hoped would take the bite out of the annual mosquito problem.

Cans of Raid Yard Guard were distributed free by Boy Scouts last week to each household and residents were asked to hold their fire until the siren blew, so as to better catch the insects by surprise.

Half of the 31 cases of the insecticide were donated by the manufacturer. The City Council

and Community Club provided \$300 to purchase the remainder so that each of the town's 365 households would have a can.

The excess money was used to supply food and beverage at a picnic for all townspeople just before the siren blew.

Messersmith estimated that as many as 600 of this northeastern Iowa town's 919 residents attended the picnic.

"I know that we planned enough food for 700," he said, "and we almost ran out."

People at the picnic, clad in brightly colored mosquito hunting attire, eagerly anticipated the spraying.

"We're going to do some shootin' here pretty soon," said Bill Stevenson.

"We're all together on this. We're looking forward to 7 p.m. so

we can start shooting," said Margaret Fox.

After the siren blew all that could be heard was the hiss of spray leaving cans and stalking its prey.

Fred and Emily Elwood attacked their backyard bushes and neighbors up and down the street could be seen doing likewise. Families set up lawn chairs and gathered in groups to watch the battle.

After 10 minutes the hunters disappeared into their houses and all that remained was a thin mist and empty cans.

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