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Workers delay pay hikes

BORGER, Texas (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Co. officials said they were pleased that employees here and in Utah agreed to defer pay increases so the company can regroup after an aborted takeover bid.

Although members of the Local 351 International Union of Operating Engineers in Borger approved the deferral, ballots from the company's 26,000 employees nationwide had not been totaled.

"A number of locations are going to be voting this week at varying times," Phillips spokesman Don Harrison said.

About 500 union employees in Pasadena, Texas, and 100 union

employees in Woods Cross, Utah, also voted to delay their raises.

The 2.6 percent salary increases that workers in Borger agreed to postpone were to take effect Tuesday.

Union members stipulated in the balloting, which occurred Monday night and Tuesday, that Phillips must outline the new stock plan by March 31.

"If the stock ownership is not explained by that date, the membership wants the negotiated wage increase to go into effect retroactive from (today)," Union president B.J. Grove said.

Phillips spokesman Art Austin said he was pleased with the union's decision and pledged the

company would present the new plan before the March 31 deadline.

If approved, the deferral will give Phillips time to draw up a stock ownership plan as required under an agreement to prevent a takeover by Mesa Partners Inc. and oilman T. Boone Pickens of Amarillo.

The Borger-area vote was turned into Phillips at 10 a.m. Tuesday — an hour before the deadline set by Phillips for a union response after the company made the request Thursday.

There are 1,100 union members in the Borger area. Non-union members' wages also would be frozen under the plan, Grove said.



LEWIS SWORN IN—Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis of Fort Worth is sworn in as speaker of Texas' House of Representatives following his re-election to that job Tuesday. Administering the oath is a former House member, also from Fort Worth, Judge Joe Spurlock, a long-time friend. (AP Laserphoto)

New attempt fails to free accused slayer's stepmother

HOUSTON (AP) — The attorney for a woman jailed for failing to testify about a slaying in which her stepson is accused says he's depressed by yet another refusal to free her.

U.S. District Judge Carl Bue Tuesday became the third federal judge to deny Odette Port's appeal. Mrs. Port was jailed Sept. 12 for refusing to answer a grand jury's questions about the June 7 killing of mail carrier Debora Sue Schatz.

Seventeen-year-old David Port is charged with murder in the slaying. He is free on \$20,000 bond.

Bue rejected an argument by Mrs. Port's attorney, Randy Schaffer, that continued jail custody would not prompt her to cooperate with grand jurors, whose term expires Jan. 31.

Schaffer said he has been unable to "make the court come to grips" with the idea that Mrs. Port could

not help in the state's search for grounds for capital murder charge.

"I'm getting tired of saying I'm disappointed," Schaffer said. "We thought legally we were in a sound position."

He said he plans no further appeal. The grand jury's term expires Jan. 31.

Bue held that the contempt citation issued by State District Judge I.D. McMaster has produced the desired effect by compelling Mrs. Port to testify about the case.

Mrs. Port and her husband, Bernard, were jailed last fall. They have argued their testimony would violate a parent-child privilege similar to one that allows spouses not to testify against each other. But Texas law does not recognize a parent-child privilege.

In November, the couple testified several hours before the grand jury. But McMaster freed only

Bernard Port and ruled Mrs. Port's testimony was not sufficient to purge her of the contempt ruling.

Prosecutors contend Mrs. Port was the first person to return home the day Miss Schatz was killed and could have information to warrant upgrading the charges against David Port to capital murder, which carries a possible death sentence.

David Port is scheduled for trial next month in New Braunfels, a city about 175 miles west of Houston. The case was moved on a change of venue after the youth's attorneys argued it had attracted too much publicity to be tried fairly in Houston.

Bue said Tuesday he was "adopting the reasoning" of federal judges James DeAnda and Norman Black, who also have denied requests to set bond for Mrs. Port and permit her release.

Parker's law business dries up

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Carl Parker, indicted four months ago on felony criminal charges that later were dismissed, says the charges dried up his law practice, put him \$200,000 in debt and taught him the meaning of true friends.

Parker, D-Port Arthur, talked about an ordeal he compared to "incurable cancer" minutes before being sworn in Tuesday for another legislative term.

The 50-year-old lawmaker said he never doubted that he would return to the Legislature.

Parker was indicted on Sept. 11 by a Jefferson County grand jury on felony charges of aggravated promotion of prostitution, wholesale promotion of obscene material and aggravated perjury.

Visiting State District Judge Perry Pickett, Midland, dismissed the indictments Nov. 14, a week after Parker was re-elected without opposition. The judge said

evidence presented at a pretrial hearing indicated some grand jurors may have been biased.

Even today, however, Parker's problems are not over. A new grand jury in Beaumont has begun hearing evidence against him.

"Oh, God, it was awful. It's kind of like somebody telling you you've got incurable cancer," Parker said of the original indictments.

"My daughters cried, my son got mad, and (his wife) Beverly — she's a trooper. I'm sure she's just overwhelmed by it."

Asked how people responded to the indictments, he said, "Well, it was more than I had hoped for, better than I had hoped for. You never know when you're charged with a heinous thing how people will react."

On the first Sunday after his indictment, Parker attended church at Memorial Baptist in Port Arthur. He recalled that former

state Rep. Otis Lee stood up at the close of the service "and said he had known me since I was a boy, and he was standing in support of me, and other members that felt the same way he did should stand, too."

"Everybody in that church stood up," Parker said.

He said within a week he got 500 to 600 favorable telephone calls from all over the state and about 250 to 300 letters of support.

"I even got some from Republican officials locally, because they knew that it was a bunch of garbage," he said.

Local lawyers started a fund to pay Parker's legal fees and raised "substantial money," he said.

Parker said he only received "one nasty letter — from Lubbock," and "one crank phone call from a county that wasn't even in my district."

Gramm names Hall for judgeship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Phil Gramm has chosen a colleague from his days as a Democratic congressman, U.S. Rep. Sam B. Hall Jr. of Marshall, for a U.S. district judgeship.

Larry Neal, Gramm's press secretary, said Tuesday that Gramm had sent the names of Hall, Howell Cobb of Beaumont and Paul N. Brown of Sherman to the White House as nominees to fill three judgeships in the Eastern District of Texas.

"I am honored to have had my

name submitted and if confirmed by the Senate will accept the appointment," said Hall in a statement issued by his office here.

He was on his way to Taiwan at the invitation of a private trade group.

Gramm, who won the seat John Tower vacated last year, has said he was always impressed with Hall's knowledge of the law and thought he would make an excellent judge. Gramm and Hall were fellow members of the "boll weevils," conservative Democratic congressmen who

broke party ranks and backed President Reagan's economic policies in 1981.

If Hall is confirmed, as expected, his congressional seat will be filled through a special election called by Gov. Mark White.

Hall would replace U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher of Beaumont, who is retiring. Brown and Cobb would fill newly created seats.

The next step is for the White House to send the nominations to the Senate.

Prehistoric bones found in Austin

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Bones of prehistoric mastodons, uncovered at a construction site may be the second largest finding in North America, an expert said.

Ernest Lundelius, paleontologist with the University of Texas geology department, said Tuesday he was waiting for confirmation from the Smithsonian Institution that the site ranks second in quantity of remains to a mastodon site in Missouri.

The bones, teeth and tusks of mastodons, prehistoric elephant-like beasts, were found over the weekend in what may have been a watering hole more than 10,000 years ago.

The discovery was uncovered 17 feet below street level by a backhoe operator who noticed a flash of ivory in a mound of clay.

Lundelius said the bones were found in clay material which was probably the bottom of a pond on the old flood plain of the nearby Colorado River. Lundelius said he did not know if the construction crew would discover any more bones.

Scientists used hand shovels Tuesday to sift through the damp soil where the first bone was found Dec. 30, while bulldozers scooped up dirt from other parts of the excavation for a 22-story office tower.

"They're watching everything falling out of the bucket like crazy," said Lundelius.

Rainy weather last week prevented archeologists from looking for more parts until Friday. More bones were found during the weekend, and at least

four tusks had been uncovered by Monday.

Steve Tarkington found the first piece, a 3-foot section of tusk.

"I just saw a piece of ivory flashing in the bucket," Tarkington said. "I just threw it out and looked at it later."

Mastodons died out more than 10,000 years ago, but at least one of the tusks discovered was well-preserved by the clay, said Lundelius.

Archeologist Alton Briggs identified Tarkington's find as a mastodon tusk.

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anything like this before," Briggs said Tuesday, as he and five other experts dug through the clay.

Mastodons stood 7-to-10 feet at the shoulder and were similar to mammoths, an extinct relative of elephants. But Briggs said the bones of only a few hundred mastodons have been found, compared with about 3,100 mammoths that have been located.

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Off beat

By
Dee Dee Laramore

The disappearing qualities

In my opinion, commitment and responsibility are two qualities that are disappearing from the American lifestyle.

I've noticed their disappearance, but it takes some time for the vague feelings I've had about it to come to a conclusion.

Perhaps commitment and responsibility became ill during the '60s when people rebelled to the rigid disciplines forced on them for generations. They shed the trappings of civility for a new lifestyle that was simpler, less bothersome, less restrictive. And in a sense, that was good. I don't feel anyone should conform to a certain set of rules without knowing the reason for those rules.

Commitment and responsibility go hand in hand — they are very nearly the same things. The difference, I think, is that commitment is a voluntary acceptance of responsibility towards another while sometimes one must take responsibility for an action or for another whether one wants to or not.

Shortly before Christmas I received a Christmas card from a friend of mine. We have been friends for 16 years. We had been writing to each other 10 of those years. My Christmas card to her probably passed hers in the mail. We both said the same thing — Why have we let a whole year go by without writing?

I guess when we passed that 10 year mark, we automatically accepted our friendship would wain, our ways would part. We hadn't seen each other in six years — I had a little boy and a new husband she had never seen. She had two children I had never seen. What did we have in common anymore?

But as I was writing that Christmas card to her I suddenly realized that I didn't want our friendship to slowly fade away to Christmas cards once a year. I valued her judgment, her creativity, and most of all I valued her friendship — even if it was long distance. And time had not changed that. We may live totally different lives but she is still Cindy and I am still Dee Dee — time has not changed that, either.

I made a commitment as I wrote that card — a commitment to our friendship that I had never made before. I think it will make it a stronger one than ever. And I feel very good about that.

"People are afraid of making commitments, I know. I've shared that fear. Making a commitment might take something away from me, I thought. I might lose something of myself if I gave it to someone else.

I've committed myself to several things these past few months — a total commitment I've never allowed myself to give before and I've discovered something surprising ... although it's something I've been told over and over. When I give, I'm the one that receives. And the more I give, the more I receive.

Hearing that is one thing ... knowing, experiencing that is something else.

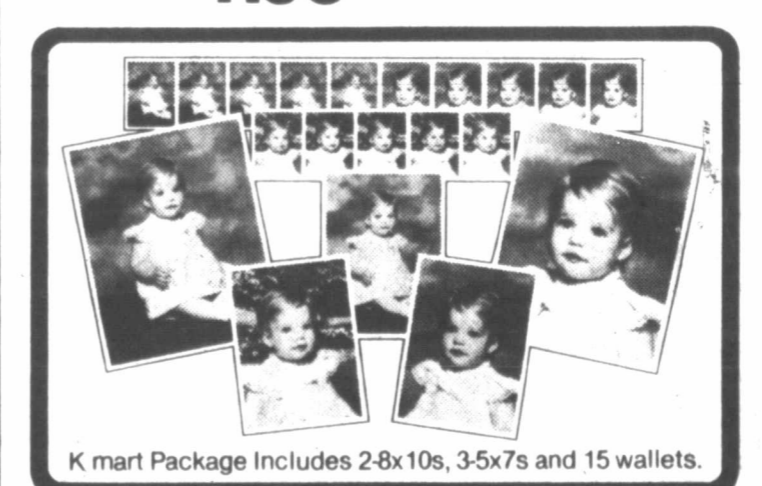
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Dear Abby

Sleeping with obese spouse has become a waking nightmare

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A marriage of 35 years is about to end because my spouse has become repulsively obese. It's not that this person cannot "perform"—it's that I get totally turned off before I ever get to the bedroom.

Have you any advice for the partner of the fat one? I think I could handle sickness. A person can't help getting sick, but growing fatter and fatter because of over-eating is another story.

If I just didn't have to sleep with that spouse, I could survive. What is there besides divorce?

TURNED OFF IN SEATTLE

DEAR TURNED OFF: There's understanding. Overeating is an addiction. Food, like drink and drugs, is used by many to make them feel better. Don't be judgmental or unkind. Communicate with your spouse on a loving level. Try to get that spouse to the family physician for an examination, a sensible diet and an exercise program. Then suggest Overeaters Anonymous. (There are chapters all over.) I've seen the miracles they have performed. It's worth a try. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: What would you do if you were a 5-foot-8, 60-year-old lady in love with a shrimp?

STATUESQUE

DEAR STATUESQUE: I'd get on my knees and thank God if he loved me back. Then I'd pray that no 5-foot lady was fishing off my dock.

DEAR ABBY: The 80-year-old woman who is heartsick about her 28-year-old grandson's decision to have a vasectomy should mind her own business. She says he already has two children and makes a meager living, so she pays his rent and utilities. I wonder if Grandma has given any thought to who will

pay her grandson's rent and utilities when she's gone?

After we had a girl, then a boy, we decided our family was complete, so I had a vasectomy. We also heard a lot of "what ifs" from family and friends. "What if something happened to one of your children?"

We told them, "What if we had 10 children, our house burned down and we lost them all? One child could never be replaced with another."

I was asked, "What if your wife died, or you were divorced, and you married again and you wanted children with another wife, then what?"

I had my answer ready: "I'm covered at the sperm bank."

PESTERED NO MORE IN LONG BEACH

DEAR ABBY: I know you would want to give credit where credit is due, so please let your readers know that the originator of National Smokeout Day ("Quit smoking for 24 hours and you can quit forever") was Lynn Smith. He was at that time the editor and publisher of the Monticello Times in Monticello, Minn. (He's now retired.) Mr. Smith launched his quit-smoking campaign in 1974, and it was so successful that it went national in 1977.

MARY L. STUBBS, MONTICELLO

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A FAREWELL CHAT — First Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Claude Cone and his wife Jeannie Cone (right) visit with retiring church secretary Marie Egerton. The secretary is

retiring this month after more than 31 years of service to First Baptist Church.

Food choking deaths in tots preventable

Children in their first years of life require constant watching. This is particularly true when the child is eating.

Between 60 and 70 children under 5 years die from choking on food in this country each year, says the Texas Medical Association. This is comparable to the number of deaths from poisoning.

A recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association notes that the largest number of choking deaths from food occurs in one-year-olds.

Although children can choke on almost any food, they have the most trouble with smooth, slippery, hard foods that are the right size for plugging the throat. When this occurs, the plug prevents

the protective coughing mechanism from expelling the food. Even worse, a parent in another room will hear nothing and not know the child is in danger.

More than 40 percent of childhood choking deaths are caused by candy, nuts, grapes and hot dogs, the biggest problem. Other food that cause problems are sausage - shaped meats, hard pieces of fruits and vegetables, popcorn, cookies, biscuits and peanut butter.

This is not to say any of these

foods should be avoided, but parents should use common sense in feeding them to children. Choking deaths from food can be prevented by the following suggestions:

- Never leave a child unattended when he or she is eating.
- Don't let the child eat in a car because you may not be able to take quick action while driving.
- Make sure foods are cooked well and cut into small pieces. If

you are not sure a child can safely eat a particular food, don't serve it.

—Make sure the child is sitting up while eating or drinking. Baby bottles should be held by a responsible person and not propped up.

—Ask your pediatrician what to do if choking occurs.

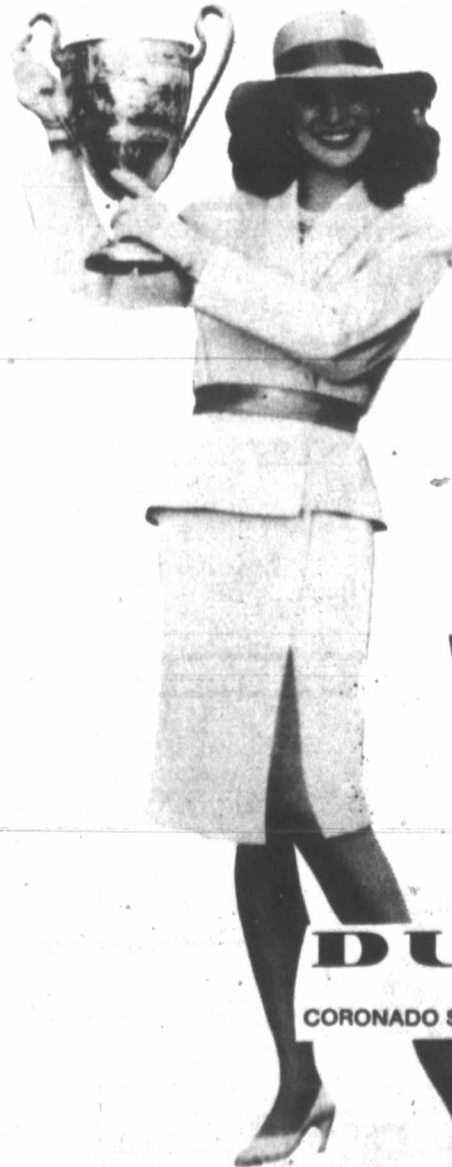
—Don't worry needlessly about the possibility of choking. Just be sure to stay in the room when the child is eating.

"If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles." Ben Franklin

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Robstown couple throw pots, cups, saucers ...

By SUE FAHLGREN
Corpus Christi Times
ROBSTOWN, Texas (AP) — Barbara and John Wisniewski have the perfect home life. They live on a farm — complete with pregnant goats, Easter Egg chickens, a garden and two teen-agers.

Of course, they do throw pots — and cups and saucers and just about anything else they can lay their hands on. But then, that's just part of the family business.

Together they run The Earth Works, a family pottery business that requires more than a ton of clay to be mixed, shaped, thrown, fired, glazed and finished every month.

"I was taking some pottery courses just for fun when John was going to night school and we didn't

have any children," Barbara said. "We moved to Texas 15 years ago and we either had to get all of our own equipment and go full-time or give it up completely."

"Unlike a painter, this takes a lot of equipment," said John, who stood amidst bookshelves filled with fired and to-be-fired pots.

Three workbenches strewn with more greenware and newly shaped clayware encircle potter's wheels, presses, clay bins, cupboards, designs and drawers filled with tools and brushes.

But the couple began with more modest arrangements. When they first moved to Corpus Christi, the Wisniewskis handcrafted pottery was done almost completely by Barbara, after their two small children were asleep — or later off

to school. John helped in the evenings, working out formulas for glazes and clay and even throwing his own pots.

An engineer by trade, John worked at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. by day and in the workshop progressively more in the evenings and on the weekends.

Seven years ago, they designed a larger home and studio on a three-acre lot just outside Calallen in Robstown. John joined the pottery ranks full time about two years ago.

"When the PPG plant closed (in November 1982,) we were the only ones who were happy," Barbara chuckled. "It helped us make a tough decision."

"And so far, everything's working out well," she flashed a

grin to John. "We're still married. We're still speaking."

With pottery wheels side-by-side, the Wisniewskis have divided the work according to their preferences. They both throw pots, bowls, plates, tortilla and tamala warmers, mugs, soap dishes and just about anything else.

Barbara uses a soldering iron to cut designs in sponges for imprinting patterns in glazes on the work. John carves molds for emblem-type designs and develops different types of glazes.

John said part-time helpers do "some of the more tedious things" like mixing clay, churning clay through a roller for cookie-cut-out-type designs and transferring items to and from the walk-in-size kiln.

"We still do all of the potting ourselves," said Barbara, who turned up a pot to show the Wisniewski signature etched in the bottom.

And, she said, since John has become a full-time employee, "we've had time to do more creative things together. Larger pieces and special projects."

"We've tried other techniques to make things," John said. One way is with an extruder, a device used to press clay through molds and designs.

"On the potter's wheel, you're limited to making round things," John said. "With an extruder, you can make squares and shapes."

Together they have devised a special Wisniewski formula for clay, using soil from Florida,

Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey and Texas. They say it stays moist, has few impurities and has good body to work with.

But the work has grown to be more than pots. Now they have a computer to handle their accounts and store their mailing lists. They operate their own shop and their work is sold in some 25 galleries throughout the state.

"Our life really revolves around the house and studio," Barbara said. "We don't enter a lot of competitions. We're just too busy making a living."

"We're busy year 'round," she said. "And I haven't been bored for about 20 years now."

The nine lives of El Gato the cat

According to legend, cats have nine lives. In reality of course, cats, like people, have only one life, and fire takes the lives of thousands of people — and cats — each year. Many of these deaths could be prevented if people would take some steps to avoid fire hazards.

To help children learn fire safety, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission uses this myth as the theme of a fire safety comic book. "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat" follows El Gato through eight misadventures involving fire hazards. For your copy of "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat," send 50 cents to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 404N, Pueblo, Colo., 81009.

El Gato is not the brightest of cats and is very reluctant to take advice from anyone. In his first life he uses gasoline to clean his bicycle. The room fills with vapors and, sure enough, the pilot light in El Gato's heater causes them to explode. El Gato learns, as your children will, how dangerous flammable liquids can be in a room with poor ventilation.

In his second life, El Gato falls asleep on his couch with a burning cigarette in his paw. The cigarette causes the couch to catch fire and thick smoke fills the room. Too bad for El Gato. He doesn't know that more people (and cats!) die in bed and upholstery fires, as a result of smoking than in any other kind of fire.

El Gato also creates fire hazards by overloading his extension cord, letting his small nephew play with matches (which turn out to be hazardous for both of them), getting his kite caught in power lines, and putting his woodstove together the wrong way.

After eight lives, El Gato knows he now has only one life left, just like you, so he can never again make the dangerous mistakes he's made before. Although El Gato learns these lessons the hard way, you and your family can learn just by reading this book.

"The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat" also lists some things that every family can do now to prevent fire deaths. You can install smoke detectors for early warning, have two escape routes planned, and choose a place to meet outside. Plan and practice your family escape now, so that if fire should strike your home, you can get out safely.

To help you and your children learn more about fire hazards, send 50 cents for a copy of "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat." At the same time, you will also receive a free copy of the Consumer Information Catalog. Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the U.S. General Services Administration, the catalog lists more than 200 free and moderately priced federal booklets on a wide variety of subjects.

Polly's Pointer

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — How should I remove fingermarks and other smudges from a Lucite cookbook holder? — MRS. K.W.A.

DEAR MRS. K.W.A. — The fingermarks and almost any grease or dirt should wash off easily with warm water and a mild detergent such as dishwashing liquid. If the marks prove more stubborn than that, try rubbing with a soft cloth dipped in rubbing alcohol. Don't use strong solvents. They could remove the shine from the plastic. — POLLY

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Flu-like symptoms traced to herpes virus.

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — People who for years thought that ongoing fatigue, fever and swollen glands were "all in their heads" because doctors couldn't find a cause may have a herpes virus, according to two reports published today.

About 90 percent of Americans have been exposed to the virus by age 30, making it one of the most widespread infectious agents known, said Dr. James F. Jones of the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, principal author of one of the two reports appearing in the January issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The newly recognized flu-like illness is not caused by the viruses that produce genital herpes or fever blisters, but is apparently caused by another

member of the herpes virus family called Epstein-Barr virus.

Epstein-Barr virus is known primarily as the cause of infectious mononucleosis, a disease most common in adolescents and young adults, said Dr. Stephen Straus, principal author of the other report.

"Most of the individuals we studied had been through many medical evaluations and had come to believe that there was nothing physically wrong with them, that it was all in their heads," Straus said in a telephone interview Friday.

"Considering the extent of the patient complaints and disability, the results of routine laboratory tests were strikingly normal," he and his colleagues wrote in their report.

The illness was so severe that

"about half the individuals couldn't work or go to school," said Straus, a researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., part of the National Institutes of Health.

The researchers said they do not know, however, how many people are subject to these unusual flare-ups, nor can they be certain that Epstein-Barr virus is the cause.

"This probably is not the only infectious agent which can induce this syndrome," Jones said in an interview. "For instance, if I gave a well person interferon, I could make them have the same symptoms."

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Pigs really are not dirty animals. Since they have no sweat glands, they sometimes wallow in mud to keep cool. However, many of today's pigs live in temperature-controlled buildings where they are

kept clean and fed a scientifically balanced diet.
Pork is a highly nutritious meat, an excellent source of B vitamins and one of the richest sources of thiamin, which is necessary for the proper functioning of the central nervous system. Pork is also an excellent source of high-quality complete protein and a good source of iron.
Hogs are raised on 15,000 farms and ranches in Texas, Gillespie, Uvalde and Wilson counties, some of the top pork producing counties in the state. Hog production also exist in the Panhandle area.
Weight watchers can now enjoy lean pork. Improved technology and breeding have resulted in leaner, more flavorful and tender pork. The new leanness means pork contains less calories and more protein than did in the 1950s. A three-ounce serving of cooked lean pork has only 206 calories.
The newest pork product on the market is ground pork. Ground

pork is not the same as sausage. Ground pork contains no seasoning and is a leaner product, usually 70 to 80 percent lean. As with ground beef - ground pork is economical, versatile and quick to prepare. If ground pork is not available where you shop, ask the butcher to grind a Boston butt for you. It will have the correct proportion of fat to lean and it is an economical cut to use. For best results, ask the butcher to grind the meat twice. Ground pork can be substituted for ground beef or used in combination with ground beef.
There is a wide variety of fresh and cured pork products to choose from, and all of them are easy to prepare. Pork is available as fresh,



cured, smoked or canned. Remember when cooking pork to keep it low and cook it slow. Fresh pork cuts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees F., smoked "fully cooked" ham to 140 degrees F., cook - before - eating ham to 160 degrees F.
For a special festive dinner or a hearty every day meal - serve versatile, delicious, nutritious pork from Texas! Try these pork recipes from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

- STIR FRY PORK**
12 oz. boneless cooked pork loin roast or tenderloin
1 c. water
1 T. soy sauce
2 packets instant chicken broth and seasoning mix
2 oz. onion, chopped
2 small garlic cloves, minced
1 c. diagonally sliced celery
4 oz. Chinese pea pods
1/2 med. green pepper, seeded and cut into strips
1 c. drained, canned bean sprouts
1/2 c. drained, canned sliced mushrooms
1/4 c. drained, canned sliced bamboo shoots
1 T. plus 1 t. cornstarch, dissolved in 1 tablespoon water
1 c. cooked enriched rice

Thinly slice pork; set aside. In large nonstick skillet or Chinese wok, bring water, soy sauce and broth mix to a boil. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is tender. Add celery, pea pods and green pepper; cook, stirring constantly, 3 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender - crisp. Stir in pork and remaining ingredients except cornstarch and rice; heat. Stir in cornstarch mixture; cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Serve over rice with additional soy sauce if desired. Makes two to three servings.

- PORKBURGER TOSTADAS**
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1 can (16 oz.) refried beans

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- Lettuce, shredded
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Cheddar cheese, grated
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- Shape pork into four patties, 3/4 inch thick. Place patties on rack in broiler pan. Broil 3 to 5 inches from heat for 8 to 10 minutes. Turn patties; continue broiling 6 to 8 minutes or until done. Season with salt and pepper.
- Meanwhile, heat refried beans. For each individual serving, top a tostada shell with refried beans, pork patty, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese and taco sauce. Makes four servings.
- HAWAIIAN SMOKED CHOPS**
2 smoked pork chops, cut 1/2 inch thick
2 T. cooking oil
1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced
1 can (8 1/2 oz.) pineapple chunks
1 can (8 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained and cut into 1-inch pieces
1/4 c. pineapple preserves
1/4 t. instant chicken bouillon granules
- In medium skillet, brown chops in hot oil over moderate heat. Remove and keep warm; reserve drippings in skillet. Cook green pepper in reserved drippings in skillet. Cook green pepper in reserved drippings over moderate heat until crisp - tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup juice. Add pineapple and sweet potatoes to green pepper in skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, over moderate heat until heated through. Add reserved juice, pineapple preserves, bouillon granules, and browned chops to skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, over moderate heat until glaze thickens, about 5 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

Delicate onion soups

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor
A soup supper is an inexpensive way to entertain a few close friends. Especially easy to make is onion soup, a soup that seems to soothe the soul during wintry months. Onion soup also makes a pleasing late-evening snack, as Parisians have known for generations.
This is the season for sweet Spanish onions, which make a delicate onion soup. One version is topped with baked dumplings and another includes diced potatoes and Cheddar cheese.

- GOLDEN ONION AND DUMPLING SOUP**
2 medium sweet Spanish onions
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons flour
6 cups chicken broth
Salt and pepper, to taste
Baked dumplings (recipe below)

For soup, peel and thinly slice enough onion to measure about 4 cups of onion rings. Melt butter or margarine in large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add sliced onions. Saute 10 to 15 minutes or until golden. Stir in flour. Add chicken broth. Bring to boil, stirring gently. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
Serve, topped with baked dumplings. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 servings.
Baked dumplings: Combine 1 cup buttermilk baking mix, 3/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese, 3 tablespoons crum-

bled cooked bacon, 1/4 cup chopped sweet Spanish onion and 6 tablespoons milk. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 8 to 10 dumplings.

- HEARTY ONION-CHEESE SOUP**
2 medium sweet Spanish onions
2 tablespoons butter or margarine



BAKED DUMPLINGS top homemade sweet Spanish onion soup for an inexpensive supper.

- 2 tablespoons flour
6 cups beef broth
4 cups diced potatoes
2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper, to taste
- Peel and slice onions 1/4-inch thick. Separate into rings. (Should measure about 4 cups.)
Heat butter or margarine in large

saucepan or Dutch oven. Add onions and saute 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Stir in flour. Add beef broth gradually. Bring to boil.

Add potatoes; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Puree onion-potato mixture in blender or food processor. Return to heat. Stir in cheese, heating until melted. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

This kitchen-tested recipe makes 6 servings.

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Reagan beginning second term without closest advisers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is embarking on his second term without the coterie of close aides and advisers who helped propel him into the Oval Office and guided White House operations and policy during his first term.

In a spur-of-the-minute, nationally televised announcement, the president surprised even his own staff Tuesday when he disclosed that two of his most senior advisers — Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan — are switching jobs.

The president praised the two men as having "compiled outstanding records of achievement" during his first four-year term, and explained the

change by saying they sought new opportunities and challenges.

Reagan added that he hoped the swap would help them inject "renewed vigor" into their work and that he was confident it would "contribute substantially to our second term."

The moves were greeted with general praise on Capitol Hill, where Majority Leader Robert Dole said there were "no losers." Dole described both men as pragmatists who understand the need to reduce the deficit, but he also predicted the staff turnover would not have any effect on the president's opposition to tax increases.

Reagan himself addressed that point in an interview Tuesday with The Dallas Morning News. "The

true believer in the White House is sitting in the Oval Office," Reagan said.

"No one has been whittling at me or trying to change my philosophy since I've been here," the president said. "Sometimes I wonder if some of those very vocal conservatives are really conservatives in conservatives' eyes. They're not in mine."

Reagan announced the switch barely 24 hours after it was put to him by his long-time aide and deputy chief of staff, Michael K. Deaver, who revealed his own intentions to leave the White House only last week.

According to presidential spokesman Larry Speakes, Deaver, Regan and Baker engineered the staff maneuver

during the past several weeks, keeping the president in the dark until they had worked out the details of the arrangement.

The 73-year-old president endorsed the plan when it was put before him on Monday, Speakes said. Reagan's style has been to delegate many of the details of management to his staff, preferring that his aides reach a consensus before they approach him for a decision.

"Frankly, I thought it was a great idea. It sure beat having them decide to go back to private life," Reagan said in The Dallas Morning News interview.

But the job swap, along with several other major personnel changes announced in the early days of the New Year, means that

few of the president's long-time California cronies and none of the "Big Three" aides who managed Reagan's White House during his first term will remain in their posts.

The top threesome — Baker, Deaver and White House Counselor Edwin Meese III — are all headed for positions outside the White House gates.

Deaver, who has complained about low pay at the White House, is expected to take a post in the high-powered whirl of Washington public relations.

Meese has been renominated for attorney general, and if confirmed, he will succeed William French Smith, another old friend of Reagan's who wants to return to private life in California.

William P. Clark, national security adviser to Reagan and also a close friend, left the White House to become interior secretary. His resignation was handed to the president last week, and he intends to return to California and his ranch.

Lyn Nofziger, one of the first to leave Reagan's senior staff after coming to Washington with Reagan from California, predicted there will be a "different approach" inside the White House under Regan's direction.

"Now all the troika will be gone. You have a new man in there," Nofziger said. Nofziger said he viewed the switch as a "good idea for everybody.... (Regan) is a good administrator, he certainly is a strong supporter of the president."

Gonzalez hits administration on housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration policies are preventing moderate-income Americans from buying homes while taking subsidized housing away from the poor, says Henry B. Gonzalez, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development.

"This is an administration that only feels indifference, callousness and contempt for the poor," Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said in a speech to the National Housing Conference on Tuesday.

"But the Reagan administration not only threatens all efforts to provide decent housing for the poor and near-poor of this country," Gonzalez said. "Its abdication of responsibility with regard to economic management and fiscal policy threatens the affordability of housing for all but the richest among us."

Gonzalez said that in response to what he sees as a gutting of federal housing programs, he introduced last week H.R. 1, a bill that would almost double the budget of the Department of Housing and Urban Development from \$12 billion to \$22 billion.

"This year, we either force the administration into a change of direction on housing policy, or there will be no meaningful federal housing program for the foreseeable future," Gonzalez said.

"The question we face in Congress this year is whether or not there is a future for federal housing efforts. It's that simple," he said.

HUD spokesman Bob Nipp said the administration has taken no position on Gonzalez's bill. He said the administration has done more than ever before for those who need housing.

"We recognize that there has been a housing problem in this country that goes back many, many years," he said. "At the same time, we have been providing housing assistance to more families than ever. In fiscal 1981, when this administration came into office, HUD was assisting 2.3 million families with housing. Now it has risen to approximately four million."

Gonzalez said under the Reagan administration, the number of new government housing units or vouchers for housing dropped from 675,000 to 84,000. There are 5,000 authorized for 1985, Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez blamed the administration for a federal deficit he said keeps interest rates high and threatens a housing industry slowdown.

Though builders had a good year in 1984, he said, in none of the last four years "has the number of single-family home starts reached even the lowest levels of the Carter years."

"If there are the good times in housing, I would hate to see what bad times would be like," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said his proposed legislation would increase federally assisted production of housing from the present level of 175,000 units to about 280,000, establish a homeownership program for moderate-income people, increase the weatherization program, and double the emergency shelter program for the homeless.

He said even though his bill calls for a 50 percent increase in federally assisted housing units, it would still be 30 percent below the level in 1980.

Robots headed for prison guard duty

BOSTON (AP) — Faceless robots manufactured in Woburn are headed for a firm in Texas and ultimate use as prison guards.

Denning Mobile Robotics announced Tuesday that it had secured a \$23 million to \$30 million contract to supply Southern Steel Corp. of San Antonio with 680 Sentry robots, The Boston Herald said today.

Benjamin Wellington, vice president of Denning, said Southern Steel builds and renovates prisons and Sentry robots are an intrinsic part of the firm's new prisons.

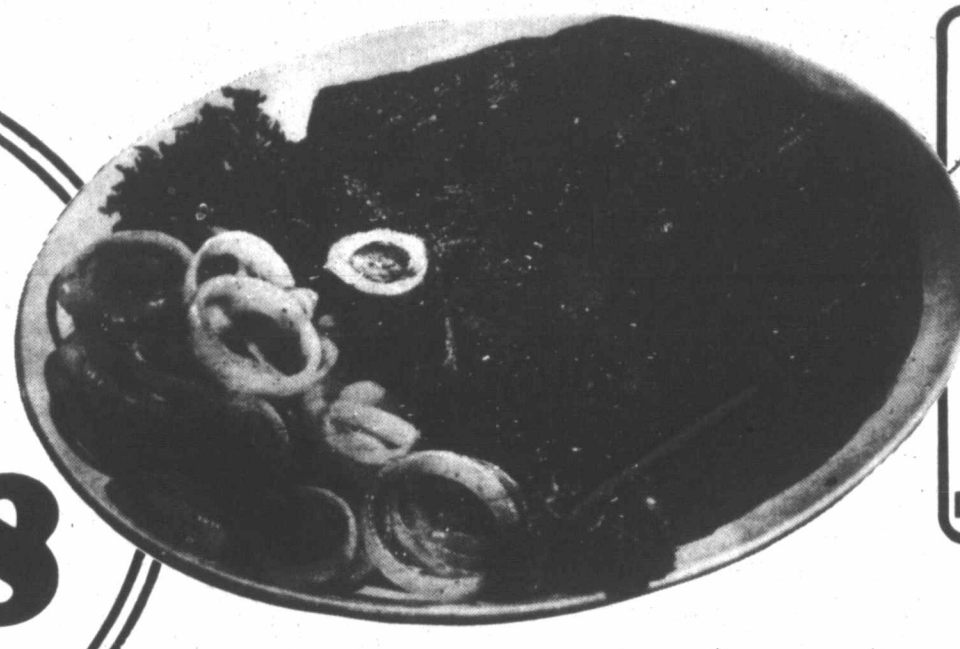
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Reagan is holding rare formal news conference tonight

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Since President Reagan's last formal White House news conference, new governments have come to power in Israel and Canada, Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan has been indicted for fraud, and Nicaragua has accused the United States of plotting an invasion.

Don't count on any of these subjects dominating tonight's televised session with reporters, however. It is expected to focus on exploratory arms talks that ended Tuesday in Geneva and the president's surprise announcement that Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan and White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III are exchanging jobs.

"The questions you tend to get are not about the most interesting things, but about the most recent," said Jody Powell, who was press secretary to Reagan's predecessor, former President Carter.

"If the press conferences were held on a more regular basis, the reporters would home in far more on events of the most interest," said Stephen A. Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has made a study of government press relations.

"As it is, you have excellent reporters asking questions almost designed not to elicit much information," Hess said.

The Brookings scholar and the former Carter aide commented as Reagan prepared for his first full-

scale White House meeting with reporters since July 24. The session was scheduled for 8 p.m. EST.

Reagan has had brief question-and-answer sessions with reporters in more casual settings and a fairly wide-ranging session in Los Angeles on Nov. 7, the day after his re-election.

The longest previous gap in Reagan's formal meetings with reporters was from June 16 to Oct. 1, 1981. During some of this time he was recuperating from his wounds in an attempt on his life on March 30 of that year.

Altogether, this will be his 27th full dress White House meeting with reporters, compared with the 59 news conferences held by Carter.

"During the Iranian hostage

situation, we limited press conferences rather severely, but I don't think there ever was a six-month period without one," Powell said.

The news conference is likely to be the last of Reagan's first term, which ends at noon on Jan. 20. This would be one fewer than former President Nixon held in his first term. Altogether, Nixon had 37 full-scale meetings with reporters before his resignation.

Former President Ford met with reporters 39 times in his less than 2½ years in office.

"The strange thing about it is that presidents do hold a good hand at press conferences," said Hess. "They seem to be more fearful of it than they need to be. They need't look on it as a no-win proposition

from their point of view."

Hess served as an aide to Nixon and before that to the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Eisenhower held 193 press conferences in his eight years in office in spite of often being criticized for speaking in twisted syntax that made it hard to unravel his meaning.

"The general view of people is that the president is standing up there dealing with a range of issues and reaching a large audience with a fair degree of confidence," Hess said.

Reagan held news conferences about once a week when he was governor of California, as did Carter when he was governor of Georgia.

"The pressure (on a president) is

just much greater and the consequences of a slip of the tongue or a mistake are a good bit higher," said Powell. "Also, even in a state as large as California, you are dealing with a relatively small number of journalists, most of whom you tend to know."

Like other presidents, Reagan is briefed before his news conferences. But Lou Cannon, White House correspondent of The Washington Post, in his biography of the president, says Reagan has "met with the press so infrequently that it was difficult for even the most skillful briefers to anticipate what ground the questions might cover."

Powell said aides prepared elaborate briefing books for Carter, but Cannon, who has covered Reagan both in Sacramento and Washington, said the president "simply has no inclination to cuddle up with a briefing book for any prolonged period of time."

Early in Reagan's administration, a loudspeaker was installed to help him hear the questions, as he is hard of hearing.

Although there have been many news accounts of factual mistakes by Reagan in his answers, White House aides have made it their general policy not to elaborate on what he says.

"The president meant what he said, and said what he meant" is the usual response of White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

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Sonora state recovering from floods

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Some of the thousands of people who were evacuated when a river in Sonora state overflowed its banks more than a week ago began to return home Tuesday, but the area remained under a flood alert.

According to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources here, the 16 dams in the northwestern border state were filled to 98 percent capacity. Technicians were venting some of the accumulated water to prevent any dams from bursting.

Light, scattered showers such as have fallen for the past week were forecast for the region late Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures remained chilly, ranging from 48 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

About 15,000 people were evacuated the weekend before New Year's, when water from a dam near the town of Navojoa began to be drained off, swelling the Mayo River until it overflowed its banks.

The areas most affected were the low farmlands around Navojoa, Huatabampo and Etchojoa, in the southwestern corner of the state, about 1,000 miles northwest of Mexico City.

Most of the evacuees were taken to higher ground in the towns and were housed in schools, tents and other shelters.

Although only light rains have fallen in the area for several days, much of the farmland remained under water.

A spokesman for the Agricultural Department, who did not wish to be identified, said "a few" of the evacuees were returning on their own accord to their homes Tuesday, but most remained in the emergency shelters. He added that schools were still closed in the area, as all the classrooms were being used to house the evacuees, most of whom are peasants.

The Agricultural Department estimated in a news release that some 17,000 acres of the winter wheat crop were destroyed, and another 30,000 acres ready to be planted were under several inches of water.

The government extended the deadline for the winter wheat planting from Jan. 10 to Jan. 30, and encouraged farmers to plant corn and beans later on in the season in areas where they could not plant wheat because of the water.

Last week, Agriculture Secretary Eduardo Pesqueira visited the hardest hit area and announced that the government was making available about \$1 million in emergency funds to repair roads and bridges damaged by the flooding.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources continued to drain off some of the water in dams across Sonora state, trying to lower water levels to around 90 percent capacity. But the department said the dams were not in immediate danger of bursting since the rains have apparently tapered off.

The problems caused by the full dams are seen as temporary, as the extra water will provide a boon to farmers in the arid area which is under irrigation most of the year.

"This is the most positive year we've had in about ten years," said the Agricultural Department spokesman. "There's enough water in the state to last for more than a full year."

SPORTS SCENE



HALL OF FAMERS— Hoyt Wilhelm, left, and Lou Brock pose for a picture during their induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. (AP Laserphoto)

Wilhelm, Brock elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — The subject was home runs and the speakers were two players who had contributed to the major league total — Lou Brock and Hoyt Wilhelm. Between them, baseball's newest Hall of Famers hit 150 homers — 149 by Brock, the other by Wilhelm.

They share one distinction, though. Brock's most memorable home run and Wilhelm's only one both were hit in the peculiarly shaped Polo Grounds in New York, which years ago was demolished to make room for a housing project.

The foul lines ran just 257 feet to the stands in right field and 279 in left field, which made home runs easy for pull hitters. A straightaway hitter had a much tougher shot because the center field bleachers were 485 feet from home plate.

"The Polo Grounds made you learn to keep the ball away and down," Wilhelm said Tuesday at a news conference hailing him and Brock on their election to the Hall of Fame. The relief pitcher launched a brilliant 21-year career at the Polo Grounds with the New York Giants in 1952. "Make them hit it to center field and Willie (Mays) would catch up with it."

Not always. In 1953, Joe Adcock, a Boston Braves slugger, reached the bleachers. Wilhelm remembered watching the shot

from the Giants' bullpen. "It just kept carrying, carrying," he said.

Adcock's homer was the first to reach the Polo Grounds' bleachers in 30 years. By 1962, the Giants had moved to San Francisco and the Polo Grounds had become the temporary home of the New York Mets. Brock was a rookie with the Chicago Cubs in mid-June when the team was in New York, playing the Mets.

"Al Jackson was pitching and he got ahead of me with two strikes," Brock said. "Richie Ashburn started to shade in a little because a lot of hitters will slap the ball in that situation. But I never gave in. I swung the same on the last pitch as I did on the first one."

Brock recalled that he sent the ball soaring toward center field. "I saw Ashburn's number so I knew it was over his head," he said.

He didn't know, though, that the ball was headed for the bleachers. "I was running as fast as I could," Brock said. "When I got to second base, the umpire, Tom Gorman, gave it the home run sign. I thought it might be an inside-the-park homer."

So, he never eased into the trot that sluggers routinely use and circled the bases like the sprinter, not realizing he had hit one into that rarely reached sector. On the bench, no one shook his hand. The other Cubs were too shocked at

what the 170-pound rookie had accomplished.

"That's amazing, that a guy Brock's size could do that," Wilhelm marveled. "My first at-bat, I hit one in the same place."

Not exactly. Wilhelm's went down the right field foul line, a short-porch shot that made him one of the very few pitchers to hit a homer in his first big league swing. He never hit another one. "After that," he said, "it was a long dry spell."

Just as Brock remembered Jackson as the victim of his tape measure shot, Wilhelm recalled the man who gave up his homer.

"A left-handed pitcher with Boston," he said. "Dick Hoover."

Hoover's name is not often recalled, and understandably. His major league career lasted just 4 2-3 innings over two games.

Hogeboom wants to stay with Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) — After a talk with head coach Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Gary Hogeboom said he wants to remain with the club even if it means competing with Danny White for the starting job again as in 1984.

On several occasions last year, Hogeboom had said he wanted to be traded if the Cowboys weren't going to give him the first-team role.

Landry had also indicated that, rather than continue the quarterback controversy, he would attempt to deal either White or Hogeboom during the off season. But several days ago, Landry said he planned to sit down with both of his quarterbacks and hadn't decided whether to trade either or, if so, which one.

"We had a real good talk," Hogeboom told the Dallas Morning News Tuesday.

Hogeboom said the coach told him that everything depends on

what happens in the off-season.

"He said Danny and I both could be here," Hogeboom said. "If that happens, we will just have to fight for the job."

Landry said he met with Hogeboom for 15 minutes Monday. He said he wants to meet with White, too, before he leaves next week for his Super Bowl assignment with ABC.

"At this point, I don't have any intention of trading either one," Landry said. "But I can't say I won't. If I can help the team enough, I would trade most anybody."

Landry also said that he has had no inquiries about a trade involving White, whose market value is higher than Hogeboom's.

"There have been no calls from other teams," Landry said, but he added that he had been "out of pocket" since Christmas.

Landry said he will pick a starting quarterback next season and stick with him. This season,

Hogeboom started the first eight games and two others. White started six, including the last four.

"If he's going to open it up to the best player, that's all I can ask for," Hogeboom said. "And that's all Danny can ask for."

Syracuse rallies to down Boston College

By The Associated Press
Recognition hasn't been much of a blessing for Boston College's basketball Eagles.

Thanks to the attention lavished on Doug Flutie and rest of BC's football team, the basketball players labored in glorious anonymity while winning 10 straight games. Only when the Eagles lost for the first time — an 82-90 overtime decision to No. 1 Georgetown last Saturday — did Boston College gain a spot in the national rankings.

BC's first outing as a ranked club proved just as disappointing when No. 7 Syracuse rallied for a 64-58 victory Tuesday night.

"I feel frustrated, rather than down," said Boston College Coach Gary Williams. "It's not like I'm

down from losing. We were just so close and didn't get it."

BC led 43-34 in the second half but Syracuse went on a 10-2 run featuring three baskets by Dwayne Washington to bring the Orangemen back.

In other games involving ranked clubs, Patrick Ewing hit 15 of 17 shots from the field in a 33-point performance to pace Georgetown to a 90-70 romp over Seton Hall and Clemson's Vincent Hamilton scored 27 points to pace the Tigers to a 90-81 victory over No. 9 Georgia Tech.

Georgetown, 14-0 overall and 3-0 in the Big East, rolled to a 40-26 halftime edge over Seton Hall and turned the game into a rout with a 14-6 spurt opening the second half.

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- 15 Indefinite person
- 16 Japanese coin
- 17 Bank payment
- 19 Saucepan
- 20 Bud's sibling
- 22 Tunisian ruler
- 23 Noun suffix
- 24 106, Roman
- 26 Extract
- 28 Sixth sense
- 30 Retirement plan
- 31 Fifth zodiac sign
- 32 Women's patriotic society
- 33 Boils
- 35 Abner's friend
- 37 Made of (suff.)
- 38 Across (pref.)
- 40 South (Fr.)
- 42 Actress Claire
- 43 Noun suffix
- 44 Mrs., in Madrid
- 46 Beauty aid
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- 1 Women in U.S. Army
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Execution is scheduled for non-triggerman

By KEN HERMAN
 Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — Doyle Skillern is scheduled to die in the Texas death chamber on Jan. 16. The man who pulled the trigger is being considered for parole.

Court records show Skillern was not even in the car in which the victim was gunned down. It's called the "law of parties," and it made Skillern as guilty of capital murder as the accomplice officer Patrick Randel at a Live Oak County roadside park on Oct. 24, 1974.

Skillern went to death row. Charles Sanne, the accomplice who testified he was the triggerman, is serving life. It's a dichotomy that anti-death penalty forces hope will force Texans to rethink capital punishment, and could test the state's fortitude for enforcing the statute.

"It shows the capriciousness of the death penalty. Basically, what we have is a lottery system," said Charles Sullivan, executive director of the Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants.

Skillern's execution would be the fifth in Texas since December 1982. Board of Pardons and Paroles records show that Sanne's parole request is under consideration. And the case has already stirred emotions in several corners.

"I'm surprised Sanne isn't out yet," said Richard Hatch, who represented Sanne on appeal. "I don't want him living next to me."

"I'm not here to judge fairness.

My job is to see the law carried out," said Assistant Attorney General Duane Crowley, who is pushing the death sentence for Skillern.

"It doesn't make sense," said Mattie Sparks of Weches, Skillern's sister. "It's hard growing up without a father, real hard," said Michael Randel, the victim's son.

Skillern, now 49, and Sanne, now 51, first crossed criminal paths when Skillern was convicted of murdering his brother Milton on Padre Island in July 1971. The two Skillerns and Sanne lived together, according to court records. Sanne testified against Skillern at that trial.

Milton Skillern's body was buried in a flower bed, under four inches of concrete. Doyle Skillern was sentenced to five years for "murder without malice." Narcotics charges against Sanne were dropped and he received a probated five-year sentence for forgery.

Doyle Skillern was freed on May 3, 1974.

On the night of Oct. 24, 1974, Skillern and Sanne negotiated to sell drugs to Randel in a Beeville motel room. They suspected Randel was a police informant. Randel, five days past his 40th birthday, was a Department of Public Safety undercover agent working out of Austin. He had a wife and three children.

Randel's body, found in his car, was riddled with six shots fired at

close range. Sanne testified he shot Randel in self-defense. Tests showed that Randel was legally drunk at the time. DPS officials testified that undercover agent's sometimes must drink with their targets.

Skillern was in a stolen car nearby when Randel was killed, the records show. After the slaying, Skillern and Sanne took \$850 in state money intended for the drug buy. They also took Randel's diamond ring.

They were captured the next day in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

At a joint trial, Skillern and Sanne were convicted of capital murder. Jurors decided Skillern would be a continuing threat to society, but Sanne would not. Skillern got death. Sanne got life.

The convictions were thrown out by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because jurors were not sequestered before punishment deliberations.

At the retrial in Aransas County, both men were again convicted. This time both got the death sentence.

The Court of Criminal Appeals later reformed Sanne's sentence to life. It would be double jeopardy, the court said, to increase the initial sentence to death.

Skillern's sentence has been upheld by state and federal appeals courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. A new appeal is pending.

To return a death sentence, Texas jurors must be persuaded that a defendant is capable of future violence. In Skillern's case, some of that testimony came from the pathologist who did the Randel autopsy.

Dr. Joseph Rupp testified, "There is an element of overkill when you empty a revolver into the side of a victim."

Appeals courts blasted Rupp's testimony as improper comments from a non-expert, but said it did not warrant a reversal.

In a dissent, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge W.T. Phillips said upholding the death sentence despite the pathologist's testimony was "a bold departure from reason." Sanne shot Randel, Phillips said, and despite Skillern's previous murder conviction, jurors "reasonably" could have said Skillern did not pose a future threat.

"Jurors have supplied a negative answer to this issue in cases far more egregious than the present one," he said.

Neither man testified at the first trial. At the second, Sanne

admitted he was the triggerman.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, the highest court that has written an opinion on Skillern, said a "rational jury" could find that Skillern and Sanne plotted the robbery and slaying.

"When Randel's body was found, it was in a position indicating that he was totally unaware of the imminence of danger; a cigarette was still dangling from his right hand," the court noted.

The appeals court said the Skillern case differed from a Florida case in which the U.S. Supreme Court said the death sentence was unfair for a non-triggerman accomplice who drove a getaway car.

"Can the state justify taking the life of a non-triggerman who has not taken a life, when the triggerman is serving a life term?" says a pro-Skillern petition circulated by families of Death Row inmates.

Lois Robison, representing the families in Help Our Prisoners Exist, said, "Doyle Skillern didn't kill anybody and everybody knows it. He just happened to be involved in a crime where someone was killed."

"It should be commuted to a life sentence — no more and no less than the triggerman has received," she said.

In a letter to Mrs. Robison (whose son Larry is on Death Row), Skillern recently said, "I am the non-triggerman in this case. I was not even in the same car where the murder took place."

It doesn't matter, says the law and the state officials charged with enforcing it. The law of parties makes accomplices as guilty as triggermen.

Crowley, an assistant attorney working on the case, would not comment on whether it is "fair" to execute the accomplice and leave the triggerman eligible for parole. The only question that needs an answer, says Crowley, is, "Is it in conformance with the law?"

"It is in conformance with the law," he said. "The issue that's critical is future dangerousness. You've got somebody convicted of murdering his own brother. That in itself might give you well point to future dangerousness."

The lawyer handling Skillern's appeal said his client was near the murder scene, but "whether he assisted is sure hard to tell from the evidence."

The death penalty, Corpus Christi lawyer Shannon Salyer

says, is "unconstitutionally severe for a non-triggerman unless the non-triggerman is standing there saying, 'Shoot him! Shoot him! Here are some bullets. Here's a gun. Now shoot him!'"

Randel's son said he believes Skillern was involved almost to that extent.

"They both knew exactly what was happening," said Michael Randel, 22, a welder in Odessa.

"It's justice," he said of Skillern's execution. "It should have been done a long time ago. Ten years is a little bit too much."

"I'd like to be a witness" at Skillern's execution, he said. "I'd love to be a witness."

Randel believes Sanne will get the death penalty "eventually...one way or the other he won't make it."

Charles Butts of San Antonio, who served as a special prosecutor at the retrial, wastes no time worrying about the fairness of executing a non-triggerman.

"I don't believe Sanne in the first place," he said. "I think he and Skillern cooked that up so Sanne could try to unhook Skillern. I've always been convinced Skillern was the triggerman in that case."

"They planned it. They went to that motel room, followed that poor devil to the roadside park and assassinated him in his own car," said Butts.

Crowley noted that Sanne

admitted shooting Randel at the second trial — when his lawyers probably knew Sanne was safe from a death sentence.

In closing arguments to jurors at the first trial, both sides talked of Sanne as the lone triggerman.

"I hope you don't convict Mr. Skillern because you believe he was somewhere in the area," defense lawyer Douglas Tinker argued.

Prosecutor John Flinn countered, "Sanne is the one that actually pulled the trigger, but you remember the testimony and the evidence is that this gun that in all likelihood did the killing was Mr. Skillern's gun."

"Who was the mastermind? Who furnished the gun? Who got the money? Who got the replacement gun?"

At the punishment phase of the first trial Tinker did not try to hide his client's character:

"Somebody a lot smarter than I am said that the justice of the society is measured not by how we treat our best men, but how we treat our worst."

Someone who has gotten to know Skillern in recent years and believes the death sentence in his case is unfair, but asked not to be identified, said this:

"A lot of my friends ask me: 'Do you think Doyle should die?' I say, 'Yes, but not for this crime.'"

Rabies 'flareup' in Laredo

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Health officials say they have been unable to track down the source of a rabies flareup that has resulted in five people seeking medical attention.

"We have had four cases of canine rabies in Laredo," said Lowell Woodward, assistant director of the Laredo-Webb County Health Department.

All four cases were confirmed after the dogs were captured, killed and their heads sent to a state health department lab in Austin.

Jose L. Gonzalez, director of the local health department, termed the situation a "flareup" of the deadly disease.

"I don't believe we are in for any kind of epidemic," he said. "The stray dog population in Laredo is very low. This is where the disease spreads."

Gonzalez said officials are not sure what the source of the current

cases is. "We are setting up traps this week to see if they are coming from wildlife," he said.

Gonzalez said the rabies could be from across the border, from an animal brought into Laredo or from a possum, skunk, coyote or other animal.

There was a rabies outbreak in Nuevo Laredo across the Mexican border in early 1984, with 18 cases reported.

The first case here was reported in November and a second in December.

The latest case, reported Saturday, resulted in two people getting bit. In a case reported Jan. 2, one person was bitten and two others were exposed in some way to the rabid dog.

All are receiving medical attention.

"The owned dogs had no history of rabies vaccinations," he said,

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