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Supreme Court ruling praised by officials

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court's endorsement of the no-pass, no-play rule means the emphasis in Texas schools will be on learning, officials say.

"Once again, the priority of academics has been established," said Gov. Mark White, who led last year's push for the sweeping school reform law that spawned the controversial rule.

In a unanimous decision Wednesday, the Supreme Court upheld the state Board of Education rule prohibiting students from participating in sports and other extracurricular activities if they are failing any class.

"The rule provides a strong incentive for students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities to maintain minimum levels of performance in all of their classes," the Supreme Court said.

"In view of the rule's objective to promote improved classroom performance by students, we find the rule rationally related to the legitimate state

interest in providing a quality education to Texas' public school students," the court added.

State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby said he hopes the ruling will end disputes over the rule and refocus Texans' attitudes.

"Now that the highest court in Texas has determined that the rule is constitutional, we believe both parents and students will be able to accept the idea that the state of Texas wants its school children to concentrate first on academics," Kirby said.

Attorney General Jim Mattox, who defended the rule, leveled sharp criticism at District Judge Marsha Anthony for declaring no-pass, no-play unconstitutional on May 23.

"It was obvious that the judge ventured into an area that she did not understand, an area that was clearly beyond her capabilities to deal with," Mattox said.

"The (Supreme) Court sent a very clear signal to judges such as Marsha Anthony ... Her decision in

this area was clearly an abuse of judicial discretion," Mattox said. The judge's clerk said she was out of town and unavailable for comment.

The Supreme Court, which heard arguments on the rule June 19, had been under pressure to hand down a quick decision so the situation could be clarified before the high school football season opens. The court soon will recess for the summer.

Several local school officials applauded the decision.

"We think it (the rule) is a positive contribution to the purpose of what public schools are all about — providing quality education," said Alief Superintendent Alfred Hook, whose district was one of those sued by parents.

The high court's decision "a message saying we need to place emphasis on the educational aspects of school rather than the social or entertaining aspects," said Judy Williams, spokeswoman for the Aldine schools, also one of the defendants.

The reaction from some school districts was less

favorable, with officials saying a blanket no-pass, no-play rule makes it hard on some students.

"I think the clarification is good, but I still have difficulty with the restrictions and how it's going to affect some kids," said Don Gentry, administrative assistant in the Tyler Independent School District.

For example, Gentry said, his district had an honor student barred from extracurricular activities for failing a physical education class.

But elsewhere, school administrators said the high court's ruling was a good one.

"I think ultimately it will be a victory for the students because it says that school is school," said Carl Candoli, superintendent of the Fort Worth ISD.

"It (the no-pass, no-play rule) hit us all of a sudden and put people in a quandary. They thought they weren't going to be able to participate in anything. But that didn't happen," said Lloyd McKee, deputy superintendent of the Ector County ISD at Odessa.

"They need to leave it alone now," McKee added.

Inmates object to state's prison reform settlement

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — South Texas citrus growers say federal officials should not ask them to jeopardize their industry for the sake of their Florida counterparts.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to lift a quarantine on Florida citrus, some of which has been affected by canker, a bacteria that attacks the branches, leaves and even the fruit.

But at a public hearing on Wednesday, Rio Grande Valley growers who are trying to make a comeback after a devastating 1983 freeze said the canker must be eradicated before citrus is allowed to leave Florida.

"Is USDA of the opinion that the economic benefits to Florida are worth the risk that other growing areas are being asked to take?"

said Dennis Holbrook, a board member of Texas Citrus Mutual.

"The citrus industry and the economy of the Rio Grande Valley has tried to get up off its knees and we cannot be subjected to another possible disaster," Holbrook said.

In December 1983, a week of subfreezing temperatures wiped about 60 percent of the Valley citrus acreage, costing growers some \$100 million. More than 9,000 farmworkers lost their jobs.

Earlier this year, growers said the freeze helped to make the industry more lean and that they expected some citrus this fall. They also said it would be at least five years before the Valley citrus industry would recover.

"Don't count us out," said Ray Prewett, executive vice president of Texas Citrus Mutual, said. "This

industry has been through a lot of problems before.

"We intend to come back. We will come back, but the very worst thing I think that could happen to us, both from an economic standpoint and from a psychological standpoint, is if we got canker," he said. "It would be devastating to even the intentions that growers have about replanting and rebuilding."

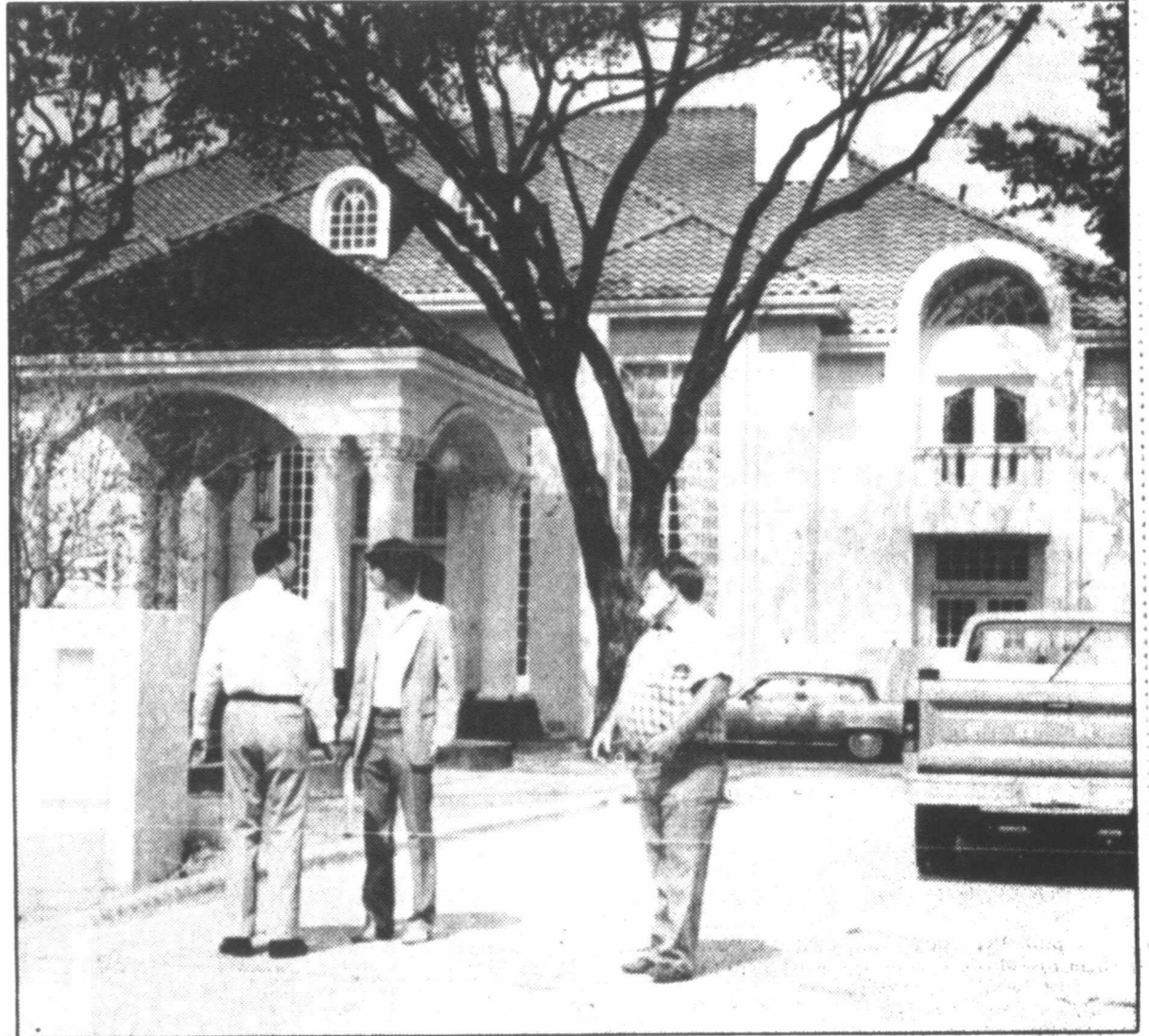
On Wednesday, about 50 people packed a hotel room to hear growers tell USDA officials they do not want to jeopardize their livelihood.

The public hearing in McAllen is the second of three being held across the country. The next hearing is scheduled for Friday in Los Angeles.

The quarantine in Florida was imposed last year after citrus canker was found in several nurseries. The bacteria affects the leaves, branches and even the fruit.

The proposed USDA rule calls for a rigid set of criteria to ensure that no canker-infested fruit might be included in shipments from Florida.

The proposal would allow citrus to be shipped from Florida groves that have been surveyed and found free of canker and are surrounded by a five-mile buffer zone in which there are no citrus groves.



GUARDHOUSE PLANS—Landscapers, builders and company officials try to determine where a manned security post will be positioned in relationship to the \$5 million pink mansion in Dallas of cosmetics queen Mary Kay Ash. The planned six by six booth drew the ire of Mrs. Ash's neighbors. (AP Laserphoto)

Citrus growers fighting lifting of Florida quarantine

HOUSTON (AP) — About 2,000 Texas prisoners have submitted objections surrounding the recent prison reform settlement claiming the state's prison system remains grim and conditions are not likely to improve.

A hearing on the long-standing overcrowding lawsuit settlement is set for Monday in Houston before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice. The suit is known as the Ruiz case after inmate David Ruiz was filed it 13 years ago.

According to more than 400 objections filed with the court since June 14, grievances range from complaints about two-inmate cells to shortages of underwear and visitation rights.

"They objected to just about everything unpleasant about TDC (Texas Department of Corrections) because they think

the Ruiz case is over," William Bennett Turner, the attorney for the inmate-plaintiffs, said Wednesday. "They think they are about to be left in the lurch."

Prisoners say they want the problems resolved or Justice should reject the agreement.

Although the deadline for filing objections was July 1, clerks on Wednesday still were receiving letters from prisoners. Many of the objections are signed by more than one person, and lawyers estimated the 400 responses accounted for up to 2,000 inmates.

Turner, the San Francisco attorney handling the prisoners' case, told the Houston Chronicle that prisoners should be assured the case is not over because the agreement, which primarily addresses overcrowding, must be monitored by the federal court for

years. Under the agreement, state officials have agreed to a ceiling of about 34,000 inmates in the nation's second largest prison system, which now houses about 38,000 prisoners.

As a result, the Corrections Department wants to build a series of trusty camps and plans this week were approved for construction of a new maximum security prison. A site for that structure will be selected later this month.

Turner said Wednesday he has prepared a summary of the inmate complaints to be presented to Justice. None of the complaints, however, were unexpected and

would not alter the settlement, he said.

Turner said he was surprised that the largest number of complaints concerned a "niggardly" increase in visits allowed to inmates. Visits are scheduled to increase from two to four per month and contact visits will be allowed for trusties.

Some inmates want all prisoners be allowed visits which allow them contact with friends, spouses and relatives, but Turner said such requests were not properly part of the overcrowding settlement.

"This is entirely a freebie and it's a simple inexpensive improvement that can have a lot of impact," he said.



Off beat

By
Larry
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Children are suffering

I don't know whether too many parents today are scared of their children or just indifferent about them.

Whatever, it's obvious that a great number of today's children - probably not the majority, but still a large number - are being spoiled: too many toys, new computers, late night TV, makeup and jewelry at too early an age, for examples.

There seem to be a great many young people who receive little or no discipline. Parents allow them to stay out too late for their own good, gloss over their alcohol or drug use, and-or permit them to attend hard R-rated shows with their friends.

Too many parents support their children in their battles against authority, attacking teachers and police for daring to criticize or attempting to discipline their children.

Again, I don't know whether it's because the parents fear their kids, afraid they won't be loved if caring discipline is exerted, or because they really just don't care about their children who take up too much of their time or pose too many problems they'd rather just ignore.

Or maybe a lot of parents are just plain confused today, products of the pampered Dr. Spock generation, the rebellious '60s and the look-out-for-number-one pop psychologies.

But the ones who are really suffering are the children. A small example, though symbolic of the dangerous underlying problems, is the parents who buy their children three-wheelers and let the kids ride them anywhere and everywhere in complete disregard of the laws and even just common-sense safety precautions.

How many of us have had to dodge kids on these vehicles as they dart out of an alley or blaze through stop signs?

It's even more of a problem in smaller towns. I guess too many parents living in the smaller cities feel that the laws of bigger cities have no reason to be applied there. After all, there's generally less traffic. And besides, that's one of the reasons they choose to live in a smaller city, to get away from all those big city laws and regulations, isn't it?

Instead of praising the efforts of the city officials to protect the children, to make the streets safer for all the citizens and to uphold reasonable policies from which all can benefit, too many of these parents ignore the laws, complain at efforts to enforce them and even dare someone to stop their kids from riding their three-wheelers anywhere they damn well please.

To me that indicates no love for the children, no concern for their safety, no care about their protection.

Whether there are any laws or not, reason dictates that sensible rules on the use of such vehicles should be taught to children, even imposed in spite of protests.

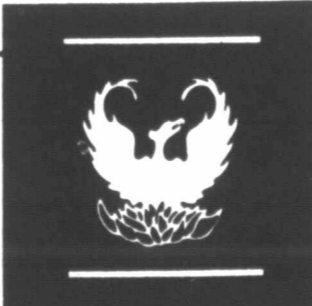
If no efforts are made to curb the children's riding practices, allowing them to race wildly about the streets, to me that indicates not that the parents fear their children, but instead that they just don't care about them.

So if someday their kid hops on a three-wheeler, blares off down the street, ignores a stop sign and gets run over and killed — well, perhaps that's what the parent really wanted. If not, they obviously would have taken measures to curb and prevent any such occurrence.

Perhaps such children should fear their parents, knowing that their parents haven't loved them enough to teach them sensibility and responsibility and caution in the proper use of such a small thing as a three-wheeler.

And if they haven't been loved enough to be taught that, then perhaps they have the right to question whether they are loved at all.

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Biggest force of firefighters battle blazes



ALL THAT'S LEFT—A charred palm tree frames what's left of one of eleven homes destroyed by the massive Lexington reservoir fire near Los Gatos, Calif., Wednesday. Only the chimney remained at this home. Some 4,500 persons remain homeless because of the fire that has burned nearly 14,000 acres. (AP Laserphoto)

By The Associated Press
The largest firefighting force ever assembled in this country, an army of at least 17,000 recruited from coast to coast, today battled stubborn wildfires that have scorched 1.2 million acres in 14 Western states and Canada, officials said.

The fires began to subside in some areas, but weary officials pinned hope of success on man and machines, not the weather, which remained dry today across most of the West. The fires have destroyed scores of homes, displaced thousands of people and devastated the habitats of many animals.

"There have been lots of bobcats with burned paws and the firefighters came across a partly burned fawn," said Frank Fetscher, a Los Padres National Forest land surveyor.

"A rattlesnake suddenly showed up in the chow line. Fire disorients all creatures," he said. At least 17,000 firefighters, including New Englanders, Tennesseans and Eskimos, battled the fires, said officials of the Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

"It's the largest force of firefighters ever assembled in the United States," said Scott Brayton, a spokesman for the firefighting nerve center. "They were assembled in the shortest period of time, too."

Another 352 fires were touched off Wednesday across the western United States, but most were too small to keep track of, said agency spokesman Bill Bishop. No new major fires were reported.

Six hundred fires have burned 398,000 acres in British Columbia

during the past six weeks, along with thousands of acres in Alberta and Manitoba.

The U.S. and Canadian fires have charred about 1.2 million acres, equivalent to 1,875 square miles, an area approaching the size of the 2,057-square mile state of Delaware.

Beleaguered crews continued today to fight the 13,800-acre Lexington blaze near Los Gatos, 60 miles south of San Francisco.

The 4,500 people evacuated three days ago were told that helicopters would fly over today to determine when they can return home, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Jean DeStories.

Moist and cooler weather was reported in some areas overnight, and fire Captain Bob Becker at the Los Gatos blaze said he was encouraged by "lots of dew on the ground" early today. For about 20 minutes Wednesday, scattered showers brought cheers from firefighters at the Lexington blaze. But elsewhere, temperatures in the 90s and low humidity discouraged hope that nature would help.

"These fires are going to be contained by firefighters," Bishop said. "We're not getting any help from the weather."

More than 1,000 fires burned in the United States and Canada, scorching land in Arizona, California, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Others were contained or controlled in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Wyoming.

The enormity of the fire problem was "unprecedented this early in the season at this intensity," Bishop said.

In California, wildfires have

consumed 308,260 acres since June 27, said California forestry spokesman Doug Wickizer.

California officials gave top priority to the Lexington fire because it threatened homes. The fire, which consumed brush and trees near 2,500 homes, was 50 percent contained late Wednesday, Ms. DeStories said.

It had burned 12 homes. More than 150 homes statewide have burned since late June.

In Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, the 89,200-acre Wheeler fire which began near Ojai, 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles, was blocked. Nineteen homes were destroyed or damaged in that arson fire. About 600 of 3,180 firefighters assigned there were

allowed to stand down Wednesday night.

After Los Gatos, the state's other major fire problem Wednesday was south of Big Sur, where the 16,500-acre Rat Creek blaze was out of control. The crews battling it also were handling the 4,800-acre Gorda blaze, 10 miles south.

In southeastern British Columbia, 1,400 people remained evacuated from Canal Flats, a mill town threatened by five blazes covering 17,000 acres, said Forests Ministry spokesman Ray Wormald.

In Oregon, fires that have charred 300,000 acres of range and forest were burning as temperatures hovered in the 90s and 100s.

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Michigan said a Saturn finalist

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan is a finalist in the race to lure General Motors Corp.'s \$5 billion Saturn project, Gov. James Blanchard said Wednesday.

"I know there are one or two states they're looking at, and I know we're one of those one or two states," Blanchard said in an impromptu news conference.

"I know we're a finalist, I know our proposal is revolutionary, I know there are several locations in Michigan that have been looked at as finalists ... but I don't have a certain knowledge it's going to be Michigan," the governor said.

Rick Cole, the governor's press secretary, said Blanchard meant to say that one or two states in addition to Michigan still were under consideration.

Doug Ross, director of the state Commerce Department, said "our information has been ... that for a while now it has been Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee."

A local official in Anna, Ill., said Wednesday that Union County, Illinois is one of five finalists for the Saturn plant and its 6,000 jobs.

"We know through sources in Detroit that we are one of the remaining top five sites in the United States," said Herman Wright, who heads the Union County Industrial Committee.

"We know that they have visited our site in Union County. This has been done since June 20," he said, adding that GM has asked him to renew until September an option on 1,147 acres, located five miles outside Anna.

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LIFESTYLES

Getting in the swim: the history of bathing suits

By INK MENDELSON
Smithsonian News Service

The bare necessities were itemized: a pair of drawers, a long-skirted and long-sleeved dress, a small cape — all made of wool — plus a pair of large lisle thread (cotton) gloves, an oil cap to cover the hair, a straw hat to shield the

face and gum overshoes to guard tender feet. In an 1856 summer issue of Peterson's Magazine, "Fashions for August, Bathing Dresses" was advising women about the appropriate attire for sea bathing. A lady didn't have to be advised of the need for the corset she would wear beneath this

recommended beach ensemble — all of which was to be worn IN the water.

American women didn't start swimming in any numbers until the late 19th century. Ladies dipped. They dunked. They plunged. However, as more women began to take more than the plunge, fewer and briefer bathing garments came to be required by social convention. Bathing wear in American has been a barometer not only of a change in the weather but of change in the air as well.

"Looking at bathing costume at any particular period in America's history reveals something about that era's notions of what was appropriate masculine behavior and what was appropriate feminine behavior," says the Smithsonian's Claudia Kidwell. Kidwell, curator in the division of costume at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., notes that these prevailing "gender conventions" based upon the premise of women as the weaker and more modest sex have strongly influenced what Americans — men and women — wore in public waters.

In the beginning, man swam nude in America's rivers, lakes, ponds and swimming holes. Women, it was supposed in an earlier and more innocent time in the life of the republic, were too modest to loiter at water's edge where men might be swimming "au naturel." President John Quincy Adams, taking an early morning dip in the Potomac, learned otherwise when reporter Anne Royall sat down on this clothes and refused to move until he gave her an exclusive interview.

Founding Father Benjamin Franklin was one of America's earliest enthusiasts of swimming as healthy and enjoyable exercise. A one-time swimming teacher, among other things, he authored "The Art of Swimming" and instructed friends like Oliver Neale in the aquatic art. In 1776, he wrote to Neale advising him to "walk coolly" into the water up to his breast, turn around toward the shore and throw an egg into the water. "Then plunge under it with your eyes open, throwing yourself towards the egg."

Dr. Franklin's colorful swimming instructions were directed only to his male friends. In Colonial America in the last half of the 18th century, women were expected merely to immerse themselves in the water. Men and women had begun bathing — separately — in mineral springs for therapeutic purposes. Although women bathed only with women, they wore long, loose gowns that did not "show the figure." One such outfit, said to have been worn by Martha Washington at what is today Berkeley Springs, W.Va., was a chemise - type, blue and white checked linen gown with lead disks attached near the hem to keep the garment in place when Mrs. Washington entered or exited the water.

Floating baths built in the early 19th century made bathing more a

treat than a treatment. These compartmentalized buildings with individual baths sunk beneath the water's surface were boasted by such cities as Boston, Hartford, New York, Richmond, Philadelphia, Charleston and Savannah.

Men and women in separate rooms could partake of rum, wine, punch, coffee or other refreshments as they safely enjoyed rippling river waters or the ebb and flow of the great ocean, without ever leaving the city.

But soon came the siren call of distant and exotic shores — such as the one called Jersey. American men and women responded.

"Mixed sea bathing became an American innovation in the second quarter of the 19th century," Kidwell says. "In England, men and women didn't bathe together at public beaches until the early 1900s."

A European traveler, one James Stuart, describing the sea bathing situation at Long Branch, N.J., in 1829, decried "ill-founded stories of want of delicacy on the part of American females since the parties always go into the water completely dressed."

By the sea, by the beautiful sea, resorts rose: Cape May, Rockaway Beach, Atlantic City and even a rabbit-filled spot originally called Coony Island. Improving means of transportation made mixed bathing at seaside resorts more popular than ever, but American women still were not moving through the water. A male correspondent reported from Newport, R.I., in 1857, that men who wished to "bathe promiscuously" could "put on a dress and go in with the ladies" but those who wished "to cultivate the fine and froggy art of swimming unencumbered by attire" had better wait until the red flag went up warning the ladies to retire.

Mixed bathing inhibited American women from abandoning their now more-fitted by still long-skirted bathing dresses and drawers for the ankle-length trousers and "blouse waists" being worn by European women. One New York fashion writer who admired the daring new style was forced to admit in 1868 that American ladies thought the two-piece bathing suit "masculine and fast." And indeed, men bathing with ladies did wear a similar style. The next year, the same writer decided in print that the imports were worn only by "expert swimmers."

"Not too many of those had yet surfaced," Kidwell says, smiling.

The tide began to turn for women in the 1860s: Increasing concern for public health led to the first trickle of an idea that swimming might be a healthy exercise for women, too. Public swimming baths were built in densely populated city



THE GAY NINETIES are personified by these sea sprites captured by a photographer at Narragansett Pier in 1897. They would return to the ocean dressed the same way, although, with enlightened attitudes abroad in the land, the ladies might possibly remove their detachable skirts and go swimming in the long drawers concealed beneath.

neighborhoods, and, according to Kidwell, "a number of women who had probably never been covered with water before had the opportunity to learn to swim." By the end of the 19th century, women had added the joy of swimming to their lives even as their bathing costumes were losing fabric and inches and beginning to be called bathing suits.

Both out of and in the water, the 1920s was a watershed decade for American women. In 1920, they got the vote and entered the American political mainstream. Swimming meets all over the country began to include events for women. Gertrude Ederle of New York in 1926 became the first woman to swim the English Channel. Three weeks later, Mrs. Clemington Corson became the first mother to accomplish the feat. Both women made better time than the five men who had preceded them.

On the beach in the late '20s, the story was graphic. Men's and women's bathing suits were virtually identical — jersey vest shaped tops and belted shorts. Historian Foster Rhea Dulles viewed the abbreviated aquatic attire this way: "The modern bathing suit... symbolized the new status of women even more than the short skirts and bobbed hair of the jazz age."

Change did not come without a battle on society's part. In 1917, the convention of the American

Association of Park Superintendents had adopted bathing suit regulations for men and women on city beaches. There could be "no all-white or flesh-colored suits" and no suits that exposed "the chest lower than a line drawn of a level with the arm pits." Women's bloomers had to be full and not shorter than four inches above the knee.

Regulations of this kind were enforced on beaches in various parts of the country well into the 1920s. Local beach police were not above hauling women away in the paddy wagon.

Peace reigned on the beaches by the 1930s. But look-alike bathing suits disappeared. A new ideal of beauty — the fit and tanned look — now motivated both sexes. Men responded by taking off their bathing shirts. Men's Wear magazine crowed in 1934, "It's a darn shame the girls have to wear so much when they go bathing this year!" The two-piece bathing suit in the 1940s was the fashionable riposte: "Go bare-waisted," Vogue advised.

In an ultimate attempt to redress the balance, the late avant-garde designer, Rudi Gernreich, introduced his topless number in 1964. The monokini was never a commercial success, but as Gernreich pointed out several years later: "After the topless suit, the bikini became a staple."



Dear Abby

Sailor's ID bracelet might make it home after 41 years

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Thanks to your column in the Fresno Bee, I became aware that you were able to help an American soldier return the identification papers taken from the body of a dead German soldier during World War II. Perhaps you can solve a similar dilemma of 41 years' standing.

I would like to return a sterling silver ID bracelet to the family of a young sailor whose body my husband helped to prepare for burial at Naval Base Hospital No. 18 on Guam in 1944. The bracelet was engraved "MICHAEL HUDZY (and his serial number) 33773514."

Sometime later, my husband was horrified to find this ID bracelet in his jumper pocket where he must have dropped it in order to free his hands for other things. He was afraid to turn it in for fear of being accused of theft, as he truly didn't remember putting it into his pocket. He kept it all these years hoping that somehow, someday he could return it to the boy's family.

Through the years I have written to the Veterans Administration and the Department of Records in Washington, asking for the boy's address through a G.I. insurance policy—anything—but my letters were never answered.

Not long before my husband's death in 1978, he mentioned again his desire to return this bracelet, feeling it must mean something to someone, somewhere.

I still have it. Can you help me return it to the family of Michael Hudzy?

I'm signing my name and address. Please contact me if you hear from his family and I will send it to them.

MRS. J.P.W.,
FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR MRS. J.P.W.: It's a long shot, but if I hear from the sailor's family, I will put them in touch with you. Bless you for your perseverance.

DEAR ABBY: In January, I sent an original manuscript as a gift to Woody Allen. I had hand-bound the pages, and decorated the binding with baroque pearls and amethyst. I enclosed my name, address and telephone number. I had hoped that

Woody would either send me a note or call me, or at the very least, instruct his secretary to do so.

To date, I haven't received even an acknowledgment that my gift was received. Abby, is it unrealistic of me to expect a thank-you from a famous person?

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DEAR DISAPPOINTED: The recipients of unsolicited material are not required to acknowledge or return it, unless return postage is provided.

Some famous people are instructed by their attorneys to never acknowledge (or read) unsolicited manuscripts, so even though yours was elaborately decorated, there's a good chance that Woody Allen didn't even see it.

DEAR ABBY: I honestly don't know how many denture wearers there are in this country, but I would guess that about 10 to 15 percent of the population wears dentures.

I know that all dentures should fit perfectly, but I'll wager that millions do not.

Now, when that ever-present sesame seed creeps under a denture while the victim is eating in a fast-food place, the poor sucker has to interrupt his meal, go straight to the washroom, remove his denture and get rid of the seed. If he doesn't, it feels like he's chewing on a sewing needle!

Abby, why sesame seeds in the first place? They have no taste and are an absolute nuisance.

Solution: Order two burger bun bottoms? The two fast-food places in my town (McDonald's and Burger King) charge extra for the switch.

I think that's discrimination against denture wearers. What do you think, and can you help us?

DISCOURAGED IN
JAY, MAINE

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WOUNDED PALESTINIAN—A wounded Palestinian guerrilla leaves the hospital at the Baddawi refugee camp Wednesday after receiving first aid for multiple burns following an Israeli air raid against Palestinian guerrilla positions north of Tripoli. Person at right is unidentified. (AP Laserphoto)

Bodies of two, both apparently from Texas, are found in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mutilated bodies of two missing Americans, one of them positively identified as a Texas resident, were dumped last month in a remote field in southern Mexico, U.S. embassy officials have confirmed.

Spokesman Vince Hovanec said Wednesday that the badly decomposed bodies were found June 15 in a field in Loma de Timbre in Oaxaca.

One of the victims was identified through dental records furnished by the family as Thomas Hope Adams, 37, of Bayview, a small community near Brownsville in the Rio Grande Valley.

Although Embassy personnel said the other man has not been positively identified, investigators said he is Stephen Todd, age undetermined, also of Bayview, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

Todd apparently used the name Esteban Robles while traveling in Mexico sources said.

A source close to the case said there were "strong indications" the Americans were tortured before being killed, the newspaper said.

Reported missing from their Oaxaca hotel room since June 7, each man had been shot twice in the chest and groin with a 9mm weapon, authorities said.

Embassy officials said they learned of the deaths June 24 from an article in a Mexican newspaper.

Adams' remains were claimed early this month by his father, Hope Adams of Houston. The elder Adams said Wednesday that he had

his son's remains cremated in Mexico City and returned to Houston. Todd's body remains in a pauper's grave in an Oaxaca cemetery.

Although no motive has been established for the slayings, Adams' father and U.S. officials,

who asked to remain unidentified, were puzzled by the case, particularly the behavior of at least two persons who claimed to have known the two Americans.

Within a day of the discovery of the bodies, a man who identified himself as Jim Billings of Houston showed up in Oaxaca.

Analysts predict maneuver will succeed, not embarrass

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola Co.'s decision to bring back its old formula as "Coca-Cola Classic" alongside its new soft drink likely will be a success, but the challenge will be convincing consumers they're both the real thing, analysts say.

The Atlanta-based company announced Wednesday it was bringing back the old, familiar Coke just 2½ months after it declared with much fanfare that it was improving the taste of its flagship brand.

But not everyone approved of the change in the 99-year-old formula for Coke. Complaints from loyal fans received considerable publicity, and Coca-Cola says it has gotten 1,500 calls a day about the new Coke.

"It's certainly going to pose an interesting marketing challenge to position two products that are very similar side-by-side," said Charles Crane, an advertising agency analyst with Oppenheimer & Co. in New York.

"It's going to be an interesting thing to watch in terms of their brand name, whether it will reinforce their Coca-Cola name or dilute it. Only time will tell. It's a risk any company takes when it undertakes a product line extension," he said.

"I think it's a good decision. It will appease," said Hugh Zurkuhlen, a beverage industry analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc. in New York.

"Everyone wins," said company spokesman Tom Gray. "Over 40 million consumers every day in the United States enjoy Coca-Cola but thousands of dedicated Coca-Cola

consumers have told us they still want the original taste as an option. We have listened and we are taking action to satisfy their request."

Coca-Cola Classic will be available in "some markets" within several weeks, Gray said.

Predictably, competitors were not kind about the latest announcement.

Ken Ross, a spokesman for Pepsi-Cola, said, "We're not surprised. Very obviously people across the country do not like this (new) Coke."

Royal Crown Cola Co. executive vice president James Harralson issued a statement in Chicago saying, "The action will confuse

and frustrate consumers, who will be anxious to try a new brand entirely."

"Coke has hurt its credibility both with consumers and its bottlers, who must be wondering if a third Coke will be introduced when this plan also fails."

Analysts have said sales of the new Coke have been spurred by curiosity, heavy promotions and price discounts, but that meaningful sales figures won't be available until fall.

Zurkuhlen estimated that Classic Coke will win 3 percent of the \$25 billion soft-drink market. Before new Coke, the old Coke commanded 22 percent of the market. Pepsi's share was 17 percent.



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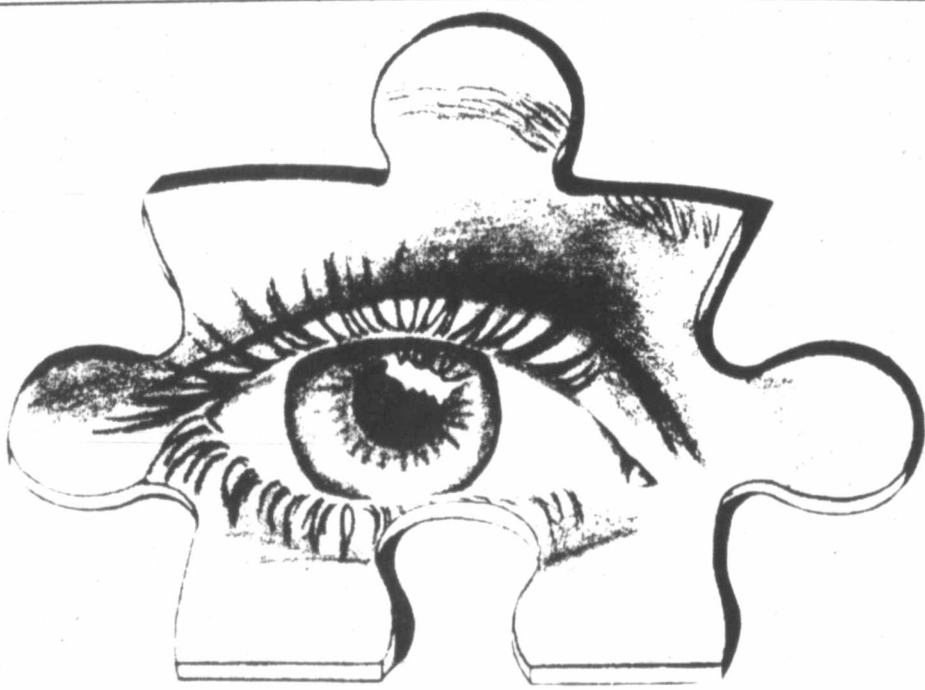


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- ACROSS**
- 1 College degree (abbr.)
 - 4 Metrical stress
 - 9 Court case
 - 10 Drumlike
 - 13 "Auld Lang"
 - 14 Break up
 - 15 Compass point
 - 16 Soak flax
 - 17 Goes to court
 - 18 English river
 - 20 Corn lily
 - 23 Most unusual
 - 26 Volunteer
 - 30 Pertaining to dawn
 - 31 Loud noise
 - 33 601, Roman
 - 34 Compass point
 - 35 Philippine native
 - 36 Ignoble
 - 37 Muscle part
 - 39 Stockings
 - 41 Rams' mates
 - 43 Black gold
 - 44 Mop
 - 47 Doctrine
 - 49 Electrical unit
 - 52 Able to be examined
 - 55 Irish writing
 - 56 Blench
 - 57 Sand hill
 - 58 Indian wear
 - 59 Roman bronze

- DOWN**
- 1 Purchases
 - 2 Made into thin wire (comp. wd.)
 - 3 Broke bread
 - 4 Little devil
 - 5 Accountant (abbr.)
 - 6 Of the foot
 - 7 Sloth
 - 8 Location
 - 9 Compass point
 - 10 Mao tung
 - 11 Abominable snowman
 - 12 These (Fr.)
 - 16 Thing in law
 - 19 Poetic contraction
 - 21 Noble gas
 - 22 Participate ending
 - 23 Let
 - 24 First-rate (2 wds.)
 - 25 Cut of beef (comp. wd.)
 - 27 Theorist
 - 28 Read
 - 29 Cans
 - 32 Pertaining to (suff.)
 - 35 Cut the lawn
 - 36 1051, Roman
 - 38 One who owes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 40 Day (Hebr.)
- 42 Sediment
- 44 Female saint (abbr.)
- 45 Antiprohibitionists
- 46 Huge continent
- 48 View
- 50 — Christian Andersen
- 51 Madame (abbr.)
- 53 Son-in-law of Mohammed
- 54 Stockings (Fr.)
- 55 Harem room

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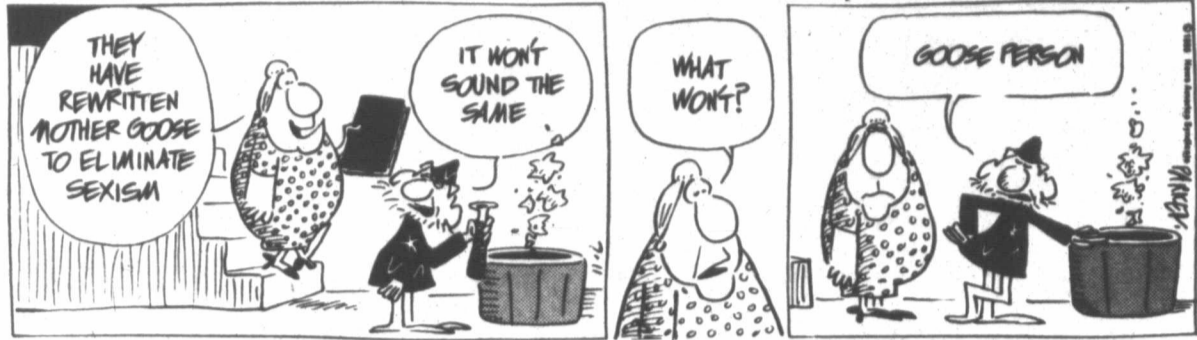
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Persistence and determination will be called for to gain all the rewards you'll be capable of achieving in the year ahead. Keep your shoulder to the wheel to be victorious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, try not to let your pleasurable involvements detract from time and attention that should be given to more serious issues. Major changes are ahead for Cancers in the coming year. Send for you Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Important objectives can be achieved today, but not without a struggle. If you really want something, you must be prepared to go all out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When conversing with friends today, think before you speak or you might let something slip out that will be difficult to retract.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An enterprise in which you're involved may require more resources than you have at your disposal. Seek a wealthy ally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A situation that you're negatively anticipating is going to work far better than you think. Someone who likes you will see that it does.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A responsibility with which you're presently burdened will pass from your hands. Make certain that you don't put yourself in the same position again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a possibility today that your views will be in opposition to those of some friends of yours. To restore harmony, be the one to suggest a compromise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A way can now be found to get something you want that isn't for you alone. Your desire will be to share it with those you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Use a lesson learned from an unpleasant past experience to your advantage today. The benefits could be substantial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A financial situation in which you're presently involved has more potential than early signals indicated. Don't write it off yet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you encounter opposition today, don't attempt to meet it head on. You'll have better success if you leave yourself ample room to maneuver.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today your initial tendencies may tempt you to do things the hard way. Try to be more imaginative and look for the lines of least resistance.

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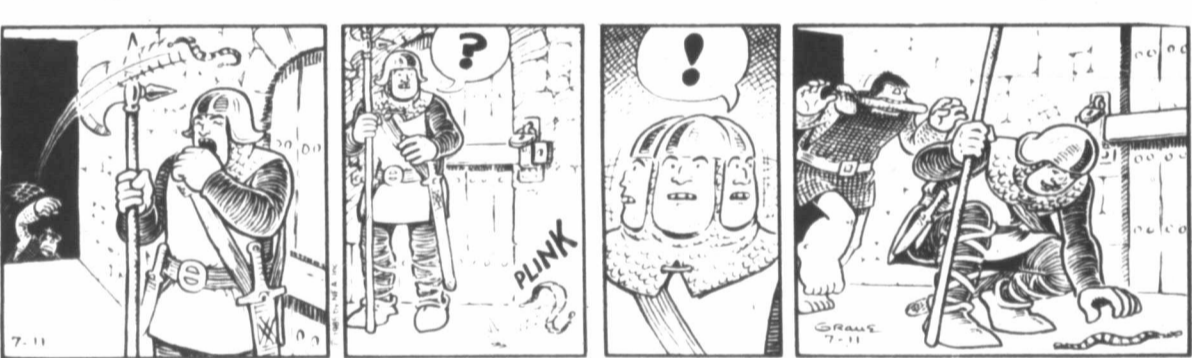
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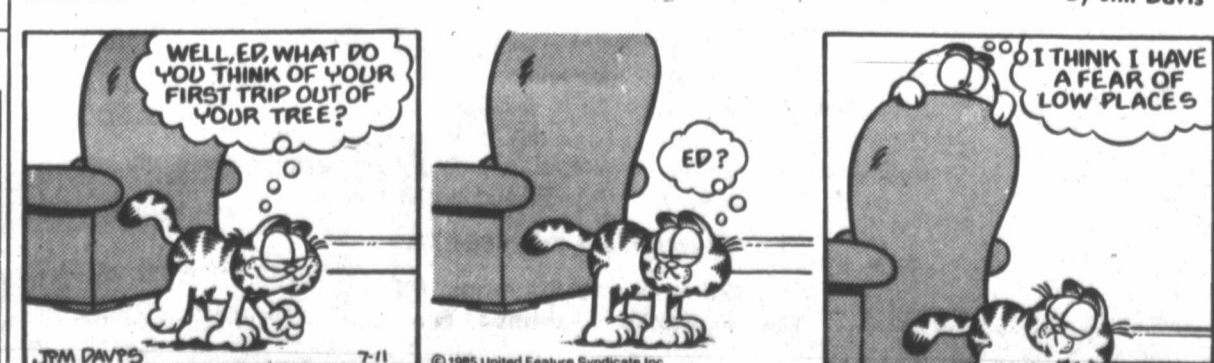
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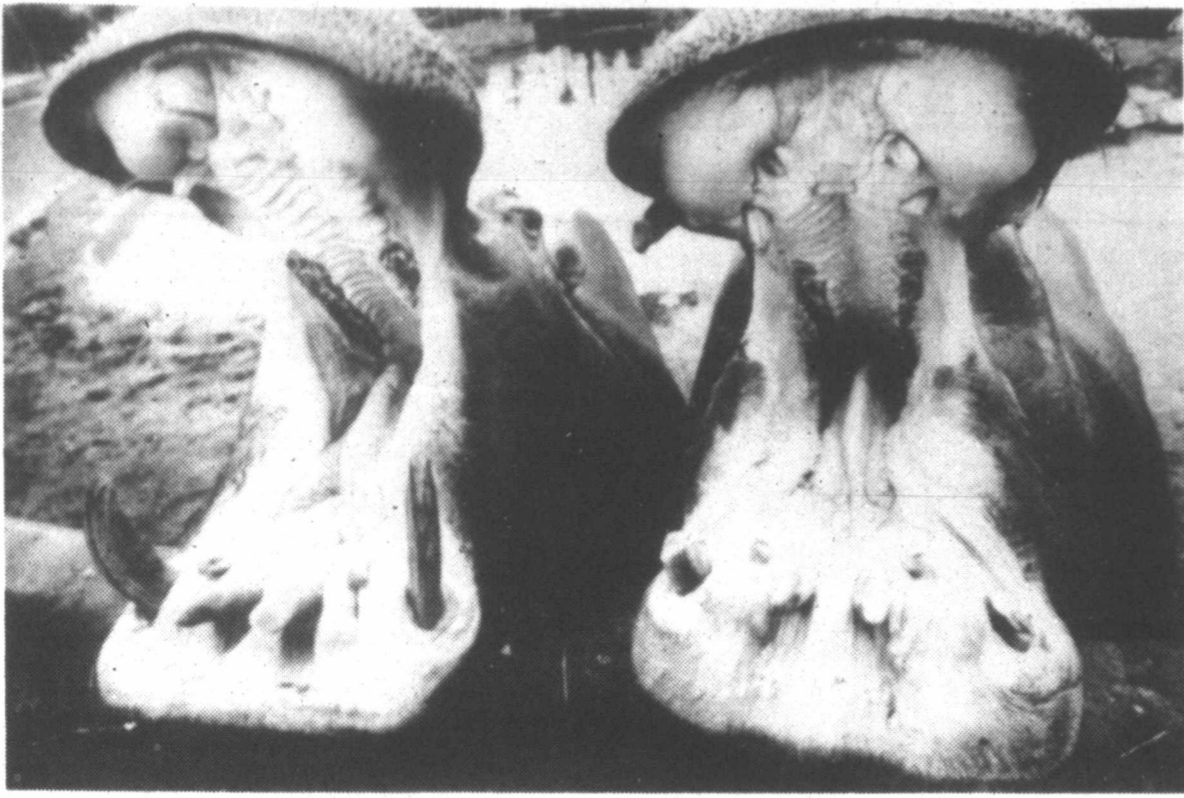


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EVER HUNGRY HIPPOS—Eva and Lilly, two hippos at the Florida tourist attraction Busch Gardens in Tampa, forget all about their manners when they're hungry.

China is exporting more and more farm products

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — There is no end in sight to China's dramatic switch from being a buyer of corn, cotton and soybeans to being an exporter in competition with American farmers, says an Agriculture Department report.

But eventually, as China improves its livestock feeding methods and increases production, the demand for corn and soybean meal will outstrip larger crop output. That will push up imports once again — but it could take years.

Meanwhile, the report says China could begin pushing into the potentially rich Asian market for fruit and vegetables, and meat, items that U.S. exporters have been working for years to promote in that part of the world.

The analysis was written by Carolyn L. Whitton of the department's Economic Research Service, and is part of a new China outlook report by the agency.

Although China is still an important wheat importer, the volume has dropped sharply, including large cutbacks in purchases from the United States. Record crops in recent years have enabled China to turn the corner from overall agricultural importer to exporter.

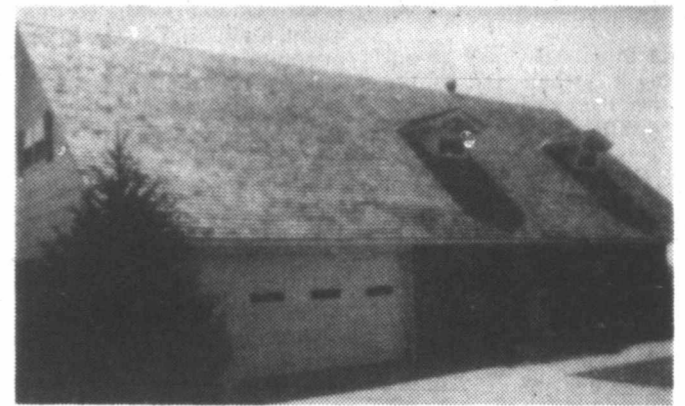
"Farm exports are now about 20 percent of total exports, compared with their relatively stable portion of about 16 percent during 1981 to 1983," the report said. "Exports of grains, soybeans, cotton, oilseeds

and vegetable oils, meat and livestock products, fruits and vegetables, canned foods, tea, and silk have shown substantial growth in recent years."

China's agricultural exports are expected to continue rising this year and for the immediate future, although the pace of growth may decline, the report said. And the currently large exports of corn, soybeans and soybean meal are likely to begin falling after a few years as domestic demand

increases. Rice exports, however, are expected to remain at a high level.

"Current development plans call for increased production of fruits, vegetables, meat and livestock products," the report said. "If production increases as spectacularly for these products as it did for major crops, growing export competition from China is likely later in the decade, particularly in Asian markets."



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Tax overhaul would make real estate less attractive

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's tax overhaul would eliminate several incentives for investing in either residential or commercial property, and likely will trigger a slowdown in construction accompanied by a substantial increase in rents, private and government analysts say.

Though it would retain America's favorite tax break — the mortgage interest deduction for individual homeowners — the value of that writeoff likely would diminish for most because they'll find themselves in a lower overall tax bracket.

Many families no longer would be able to claim much, if any, mortgage interest on a second, or "vacation" home. Only the principal residence would automatically qualify, while there would be an overall cap of \$5,000 for interest paid for any other purpose, such as cars, credit cards or personal loans.

Moreover, the plan would scuttle the deductions for property taxes. For those living in areas with relatively high property taxes, that alone means the cost of owning a home could rise by hundreds of dollars a year, if not more. For older Americans who have paid off most or all of their mortgage, that could mean losing their biggest tax deduction. And the cash resale value of homes would be limited by that extra burden.

Though many analysts believe that the values of both homes and commercial property will decline under the Reagan plan, they foresee a major increase in rents as owners scramble to recover from their tenants the money lost under the new tax structure.

The president's proposal also would eliminate another major incentive for property investors — the special low tax rates on capital gains, or the resale of property. Though the maximum capital gains rate on other types of investments would actually be lowered from 20 percent to 17.5 percent, property owners would have to pay the full, regular tax rates on their profits, after adjustments for inflation. That, too, could mean more pressure on tenants as landlords lower their long-term expectations for resale of their properties.

Under current law, for example, a person who buys a \$100,000 rental

property and sells it later for \$150,000 would be able to pocket at least \$40,000 of the \$50,000 profit. The after-tax figure could drop to as low as \$32,500 under the Reagan plan.

Investors also would be hit by longer depreciation schedules mandated by the Reagan proposal. Current law allows low-income housing to be depreciated over 15 years and other structures over 18 years. The new plan effectively would require depreciation over 28 years for all buildings.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, told Treasury Secretary James A. Baker at a Senate hearing that "over a period of four or five years, you're going to have a very substantial increase in rents. A person might be saving \$200 in taxes, but find himself paying another \$500 to \$600 in rents."

Baker conceded, "I suppose it's a possibility that there will be some modest increase in rentals. But I don't think that, on balance, whatever we see there is going to outweigh the benefits to the middle class."

Government and industry experts have yet to offer specific estimates of just what the plan would and wouldn't do to property values, rents, and the pace of construction. But there is general agreement that all three would be adversely affected, at least for several years.

Edinburg center gets abuse grant

AUSTIN (AP) — A treatment center in Edinburg has received a grant for the first statewide program in the nation for residential inhalant abuse treatment, Gov. Mark White announced Tuesday.

A grant of \$324,546 will go to the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation as a pilot facility to treat young people who sniff volatile products containing toxic chemicals to become intoxicated.

The Edinburg center won the grant through a competitive bidding process.

The announcement said the center will offer a 20-bed residential facility for adolescents 13 to 18 years old. Half of the clients will come from Cameron.

The administration's own real estate economists at the Housing Department have said the program will boost rent levels — exclusive of inflation — by 20 percent over seven years. Industry groups have taken a more dire view, with some estimates ranging to three times that amount.

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Government says bid to assassinate president foiled

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—The government said today a plot by Tamil separatists to assassinate President Junius Jayewardene was foiled when police discovered more than 260 pounds of explosives wired to a timing device in a parked van.

A statement by Information Minister Anandatissa de Alwis said the alleged conspirators "told police that the target was to be the Presidential Secretariat, where in the normal course the President would have been driving to his office at the time set for the explosion."

The government said a Tamil separatist group called the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students was responsible.

The statement said that at about 6:45 a.m. today, a policeman detected a vehicle parked by a Catholic Church, St. Lucia's

Cathedral, at Kotahena. "Two of the youths were manipulating a device within the vehicle. When the policeman tried to question them, two of them ran away but the policeman arrested

the driver," the statement said. It said two packages inside the vehicle contained 110- and 154-pounds of gelignite of Indian manufacture, wired to a timing device set for 9 a.m.

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International terrorists may be to blame, Lange says

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Prime Minister David Lange today raised the possibility that the sinking of Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior by two explosions was linked to international terrorism, but said he had no evidence of this.

"I accept the possibility that there is about New Zealand now, and has been for some time, the vulnerability to the act of the international criminal, terrorist or lunatic that really no part of the world is immune from," Lange told reporters.

"But that is not to say that I have the slightest evidence of any association between those outrages

(in other parts of the world), and what happened last night," he said.

Two explosions late Wednesday sunk the 160-foot Rainbow Warrior at its berth in Auckland harbor and killed one crew member, a Portuguese photographer. Greenpeace members said they suspected sabotage because the ship was not carrying explosive or inflammable materials other than fuel and photographic chemicals.

The Rainbow Warrior's sinking forced Greenpeace, one of the world's most prominent environmental groups, to cancel a planned four-month protest voyage to the French nuclear testing zone at Mururoa Atoll, French

Polynesia, in the Pacific Ocean about midway between Australia and Chile.

Greenpeace, based in Lewes, England, has offices in more than a dozen countries. It campaigns chiefly against the killing of whales, dolphins, seals and kangaroos as well as nuclear testing and dumping. It has six ships still in operation.

The Rainbow Warrior, a 30-year-old converted Scottish trawler, arrived in Auckland Sunday and was to have led a protest flotilla to the atoll. A decade-long French nuclear testing program there has been criticized by New Zealand.

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