



RETIRING MEMBERS — John Curry, right, new chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Way, presents plaques to outgoing board members, from left, Bill Jones, Phil Gentry and Ray Hupp, who are leaving the board this year. They

and outgoing board member Louise Fletcher served a combined 22 years on the board and 40 years as volunteers. New board members are Steve Jones, Jack Peoples, Jack Potter and Chuck Quarles.

Senate split leaves MX fate uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Senate is nearing a decision on continued spending for the MX missile, with President Reagan telling undecided senators a vote against the weapon will undercut U.S. negotiators at arms control talks with the Soviet Union.

With the first of two Senate votes on the issue set for Tuesday, a survey by The Associated Press of all 100 senators shows a 42-42 split. Resolution of the issue rests in the hands of 16 undecided senators, most of whom are moderate Republicans and Democrats.

Another toss-up is shown in the vote count of assistant Democratic leader Alan Cranston of California, who said he found a 46-46 tie with just eight senators still undecided.

At issue is whether Congress will end a freeze on MX funds enacted last year and release \$1.5 billion to build a second batch of 21 MX missiles.

"It's going to be extremely tight," predicted Fred Wertheimer, president of Common Cause, who has been lobbying against the MX.

Reagan is lobbying hard for the missile system and sources said he has been inviting undecided senators to the White House for chats and calling others on the telephone.

Among the key undecided votes in the Senate are Arlen Specter, R-Pa., Daniel Evans, R-Wash., Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., Russell Long, D-La., Charles McC Mathias Jr., R-Md., and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

A major unknown factor in the situation is how Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, will cast his vote.

Goldwater has been on both sides of the issue, first saying he would oppose MX because it could not be made invulnerable to Soviet attack, then saying that to kill it would be a sign of weakened American resolve that would send the wrong signal to Soviet arms negotiators.

The two Senate votes, the first on Tuesday, the second on Thursday, focus on the twin issues of authorizing and appropriating MX funds.

If either vote goes against the MX, the battle is over and the 21 long-range, land-based, multiple-warhead missiles won't be deployed as planned in existing Minuteman silos in Nebraska and Montana.

If the Senate approves the funds, the issue moves to the House, where two additional votes are scheduled tentatively for next Tuesday.

The House vote also is expected to be close, but on Sunday, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he would vote for the MX "mostly as a bargaining chip" in the U.S.-Soviet arms talks being held in Geneva, Switzerland.

On Friday, Reagan lost one important supporter when Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., who voted for the MX in the last congressional test, announced she had switched sides and will oppose it.

But Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., who has voted against MX appropriations in five successive roll calls, leaped in the other direction.

Boren announced he will vote to continue MX funds this time.

Support asked for tough parole law

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

State Representative Dan Morales has sent a letter to Gray County officials urging their support for tougher parole laws that would require convicted felons to serve at least one third of their sentences.

Morales, of Bexar County, said the longer prison sentences may mandate building more prisons, but his plea includes no ideas on how the financially-strapped state could fund the construction.

"I have introduced legislation requiring all convicted felons to serve a minimum of one-third of their assessed sentences. Should enactment of this legislation require the construction of

additional prison facilities, then additional units must be constructed. We simply cannot allow the budget crunch to dictate whether or not justice will be done or whether or not our citizens are going to be safe and secure in their persons and property," Morales wrote Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Kennedy gave the letter to commissioners in their meeting last week.

The legislator said the early release of prisoners had caused him a lot of frustration in his work as an assistant district attorney.

"All too often I would find myself prosecuting a rapist, drug dealer or burglar who had already been

convicted of a felony but had been paroled after serving a ridiculously small portion of his assessed sentence," Morales wrote.

The legislator and his staff did a study on the length of sentences being served by Texas inmates, and he said the results were "alarming." Morales said the study revealed the following:

Texas prisoners may become eligible for release after serving less than 10 percent of their assessed sentences.

The average actual time served by felons assessed a five-year prison term is 13 months.

Convicted felons are presently serving an average of 21 percent of their assessed sentences.

One of every three inmates released on parole will return to the Texas Department of Corrections within three years.

In the past two years, 38,016 Texas prisoners were given early release.

"These statutes make a mockery of our criminal justice system and represent a cynical and contemptuous disregard for the safety and security of the citizens of our state. It is an indictment of our entire governmental process that the system charged to protect, secure and defend our people, has so blatantly and arrogantly abdicated that responsibility. We are failing our citizens," Morales told Kennedy.

'Threat to communities'

Smaller schools oppose merger bill

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — School superintendents from four small Texas towns say a new house bill that would force them to merge with larger districts threatens the survival of their communities.

HB 263, introduced by Rep. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, calls for consolidation of districts with fewer than 500 students. Uribe says the mergers could mean savings of \$50 million in state education funds.

But administrators who supervise

instruction in Wink, Imperial, Grandfalls and Balmorhea oppose the consolidation bill now before the Texas House.

"What's been set by the bill is an arbitrary number, a magic number, as to what constitutes a good education and what is economically feasible," said Balmorhea Independent School District Superintendent Bob Clanton.

All four superintendents say the repercussions of the proposal go to the very

heart of their students' education, and the communities' survival.

"There's no question it would be disastrous for the community," Griggs said. "The school is our largest employer and has the largest payroll."

Frank Barton, superintendent of the Wink-Loving Independent School District said education reforms outlined in HB 72, adopted by the Legislature last summer, pointed to lower class sizes across the state.

Dallasites ignore tickets

DALLAS (AP) — A 35-year-old man says he remains a free man despite 11 outstanding traffic warrants for his arrest, and authorities say the violator is just one of 50,000 people wanted for municipal law infractions.

But city officials say only 18 deputy marshals are employed to track down violators.

"It isn't easy when you're dealing with that kind of volume," Richard Lewis, director of Dallas court services,

told the Dallas Times Herald.

He said violators who are named in arrest warrants are just beating the odds.

Officials said the most recent list of multiple offenders shows 69 people have outstanding fines of more than \$1,000. And officials said four people have outstanding warrants valued at double that amount.

A 27-year-old woman tops the list at 29 warrants worth \$3,201, officials said.

Crime stoppers



Composite drawing of suspects

On February 1, 1985, at approximately 2:20 a.m. an armed robbery occurred at the Allsup's Convenience Store, 201 East Brown, in Pampa. Police reports indicated that two white males, one of which was armed with a 12 or 16 gauge shotgun, entered the store and demanded that the clerk give them all the money in the cash register. One of the suspects also removed a 6-pack of beer during the robbery. The pair then left the store last seen traveling westbound on Brown Street in a late model 1970 or early 1980 blue Ford pickup. Total amount taken from the store was approximately \$200.00.

The armed suspect is described as a neatly dressed white male, 28 to 30 years old, 6'0", 210 lbs., collar length sandy blonde hair,

wearing a button up maroon shirt, a black nylon jacket, and blue jeans. This suspect had a tattoo of what appeared to be a leaf on the back of his left hand.

The second suspect is described as a white male 35-40 years old, 5'6", 175 lbs., short dark hair, possibly with a mustache, wearing a khaki shirt and blue jeans.

CRIME STOPPERS of Pampa will pay \$1,000.00 to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for this crime.

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

A lot of changes at city hall

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

It doesn't show on the outside facade of City Hall, but a lot of changes have occurred inside the building since City Manager Bob Hart arrived in January.

You don't really need a map, but anyone who has visited City Hall lately can't help but notice that a number of the offices are no longer in the same location.

Hart said the changes were made to make some offices, such as the Municipal Court, more accessible to the public. Others were made to better coordinate personnel in different departments, such as with the Engineering Department.

And with the changes in locations, personnel and name changes have been made in an effort to improve the efficiency of operations for the city, Hart said.

The description of the changes may seem confusing at first. But Hart said name tags for all the new office changes should be up in City Hall by next Friday or Monday. And the city directory on the main floor will be updated, too, he said, making it easier for residents to find where they need to go in the building.

The City Manager's office is still located in the main office suite on the north end of the main floor. But other changes have been made there.

Phyllis Jeffers, Personnel Director and city secretary, has her office in the former Public Works Director office. The former Personnel Director's office is now an office where the mayor and city

commissioners can meet with members of the public for appointments, Hart noted.

The breakroom in the main suite will now be a conference room for meetings with department heads, city employees and others as needed.

Finance Director Frank Smith still has his office in the main suite. And the receptionist still is there.

Across the hall, the Engineering Department is still there, but it has expanded to take in the office formerly occupied by the Department of Building Inspection.

Allyn Moore, whose title has changed from Public Works Director to Director of Community Services, has moved his office from the main suite to the engineering offices. This allows Moore to work more directly with the city engineering staff to handle those matters and planning and zoning concerns, Hart said.

On the south side of the main floor, the City Commission Room, the Finance and Purchasing Office and the Computer Data Processing Office are all still located in the same offices.

But the Municipal Court clerk's office has moved from upstairs to take over the former City Secretary's office by the south stairwell. The breakroom is now located in that complex, Hart noted.

The Municipal Court Room remains on the second floor. In changes upstairs, in addition to the change of the Municipal

Court clerk office, code enforcement operations have been moved into the north suite of offices.

Steve Vaughn, formerly the head of the Department of Building Inspections, now oversees the Department of Neighborhood Integrity as Code Administrator. The department includes Code Enforcement, Building Inspection, Health Inspection, Animal Control and the issuing of related permits and licenses, Hart explained.

The Fire Marshall's office is still in the same suite, but it is located one-door down from its former office. Vaughn has moved into the Fire Marshall's former office.

The Building and Health Inspection operations have moved into the former United Way office.

The Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission still has its office on the second floor behind the new Neighborhood Integrity suite.

On the south side of the second floor, the Pampa United Way and the Pampa Municipal Credit Union have moved into the former Municipal Court clerk's offices. The Texas Railroad Commission and the Girl Scout offices are still in the same locations.

The Pampa Police Department and the Water Office are still downstairs, with no changes in their location.

But the Water Department is now called the Utility Office, with Jenny Coy as the office manager.

Hart said the name changes for some of the departments and positions have been made to accord

with attempts of standardization being undertaken by various government associations and organizations.

Other personnel changes include David Callison, moving from Personnel Director to head of the Parks and Recreation Department, and the naming of Denise Rohde as city executive secretary and deputy city secretary.

Two retirements will be occurring, Hart said. George Sturgill, manager of the waste water treatment plant, and Allan Vickery, head of the Sanitation Department, both will retire at the end of this month.

Changes will be occurring with the city's water treatment and waste water treatment plants by the first of April, Hart said.

Lea Welch will be in charge of operations of the water treatment plant. The maintenance and laboratory staffs of the two plants will be combined, with Eugene Edmondson supervising the maintenance operations and Larry Morris the labs.

The city also is considering turning over operations of the two water plants to a private concern, which will result in savings for the city, Hart said.

The city has eliminated some employee positions. The fulltime city secretary's position was abolished, with its duties shared by Jeffers and Rohde now.

Two fulltime and one part-time

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State insurance board begins massive probe

WACO, Texas (AP) — The State Board of Insurance has begun a massive probe of about 20 insurance agents in Texas who might have sold bad health policies to pregnant women, elderly heart patients and cancer sufferers.

Board officials estimate that as many as 33,000 people in up to 30 states will be affected by its investigation into a kind of policy that "looks like insurance, smells like insurance, sounds like insurance, but there's nothing there," said Commissioner Tom Bond.

Officials say the policies were sold from unlicensed firms to unsuspecting buyers, who are now holding unpaid claims, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported Sunday.

The investigation centers on about 20 agents considered to be the top sellers of medical coverage from eight Austin-based firms, said insurance board legal director Rebecca Motil.

Most of the agents under investigation are in the Houston and Austin areas where the unlicensed coverage was widely marketed, Mrs. Motil said, and eventually, the investigation will include "several hundred" agents statewide.

Attorney General Jim Mattox and the insurance board charge the firms were unlicensed and unauthorized to sell insurance.

"If we find somebody licensed by the state who negligently or knowingly sold somebody something as insurance when it wasn't, we have reason to have action against them," Bond said.

The insurance board originally sought a lawsuit against the firms in December 1983. Attorney General Mattox filed the suit, charging the firms with selling insurance without a license.

After a temporary restraining order was issued in February 1984, Mattox again sought a receivership because he said the firms were "squandering consumers' money." Austin placed the companies under temporary receivership on Dec. 11. The case is scheduled for another hearing in June.

The state insurance agency has been digging through records of the eight companies since a state district judge in Austin placed the firms under temporary receivership last December.

The State Insurance Board has gotten more than 500 complaints of unpaid claims totaling \$8.5 million against the firms.

The firms operated differently from conventional insurance carriers because they created trusts for small employer groups and associations. The trusts were authorized under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

But the multiple trust plans have no minimum capital or reserve for claims and no protection under the Texas Guaranty Fund, which provides up to \$50,000 for cases of unpaid claims, the newspaper said.

Premiums are paid to the trust funds for payment of benefits.

Participants received a "plan summary" instead of an insurance policy.

Disciplinary action could range from license removal and monetary penalties to reprimands.

"My basic feeling is not very sympathetic (toward agents) because there are people out there suffering immensely because an agent didn't do his homework," Bond said.

Frank Ikard, an Austin attorney representing individuals with unpaid claims on the firms, said a single case resulted in the loss of about \$200,000.

Insurance board chairman Lyndon L. Olson Jr. of Waco said numerous "unsuspecting" employers with less than 10 employees have been attracted to health coverage plans through benefit trusts because of the low cost and "pretty good benefits."

"They offer this policy that's just too good to be true," Olson said. "And what happens is people do not ask questions of 'Is this the business of insurance; is this in fact insurance?' — which it was not."

"They don't ask those questions and they think they're getting a whole lot for a little. What happens is you end up with 33,000 people with devastating stories to tell — catastrophic illnesses, stroke patients, cancer patients."

Rising health costs leading to increased medical insurance premiums fueled expansion of the self-funded plans, Olson said.

He said two Austin hospitals reported about \$300,000 in unpaid claims. One of the hospitals has filed lawsuits against policyholders, a state official said.

The eight companies originally named in the suit are American Real Estate Association, American Real Estate Association Inc., American Real Estate Association Benefit Trust, Planned Security Employees Association Benefit Trust, National Association of Microcomputer Users Inc., Tech-Med Benefit Trust, Mark I Benefits Management Inc., and Hallmark Administration Inc. Hallmark has since filed for bankruptcy.

Coast Guard wants beer out of boats

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard is launching a campaign this week to get weekend boaters to leave their beer coolers at the dock.

"The drinking is worse here than in Chesapeake Bay," considered one of the premier recreational boating sites in the country, said Lt. Mike Tagg. "It appears to be an extension of drinking in your pickup."

Coast Guard officials say their files document serious accidents and fatalities that were or may have been caused by alcohol use. Many involved in policing the waterways said the problem threatens to spur licensing legislation for the sport.

"My gut feeling is that a good portion of the boating accidents we investigate are alcohol-related," said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Foreman, senior investigating officer of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Unit in Galveston.

In one case, a 16-year-old boy who had been drinking whiskey with two companions in Dickinson Bay was killed. A powerboat pulling a skier roared menacingly close to the youths' plywood boat, tipping the smaller craft and tossing two of the boys into the bay.

Authorities said the victim, known as a good swimmer, struggled as he tried to swim ashore and then went under, only yards from the boat.

Searchers found his body two hours later. An autopsy revealed a large amount of alcohol in the youngster's blood system. The cause of death was listed officially as accidental drowning.

Coast Guard officials said statistics on alcohol-related accidents or deaths are speculative at best.

But Foreman said a new

directive issued to all Coast Guard stations now requires the marine safety units to follow through with investigations to the point of determining whether alcohol was a contributing factor to accidents or fatalities.

Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the primary state investigative arm in marine safety, said 74 people died as a

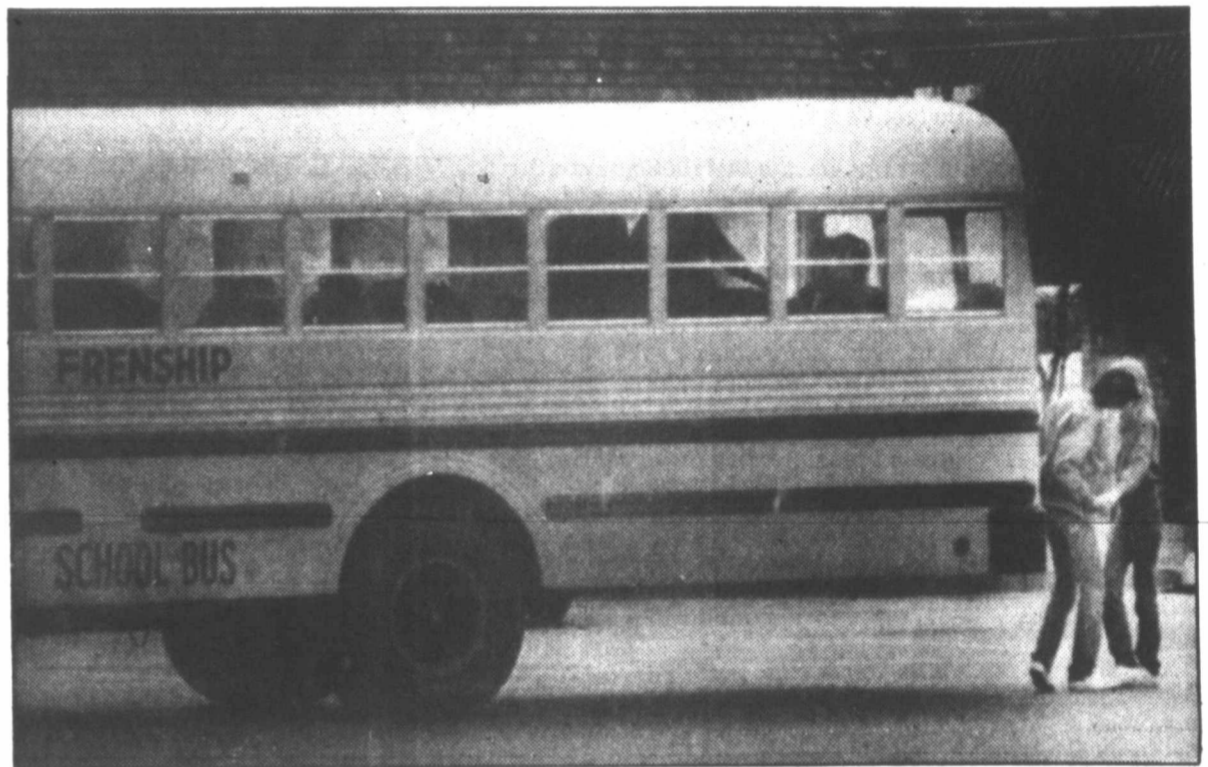
result of boating accidents in 1984.

Jeffe Palmer, a Parks and Wildlife Department spokeswoman in Austin, said that 77 deaths were directly attributed to alcohol use.

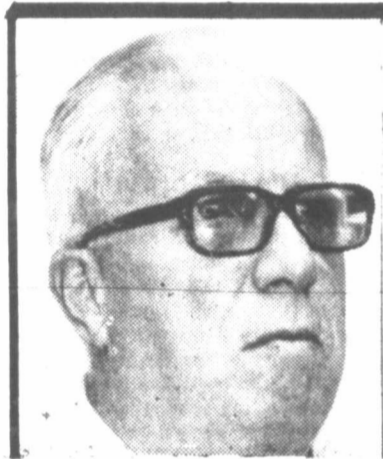
Ms. Palmer said Texas has averaged more than 90 boating deaths annually since 1979. She added that Texas ranked fourth nationally last year in the number of registered recreational boats.

"But you have to understand that sailboats and many other small craft do not have to be registered," she said. "And you look out at any of our lakes on any weekend and you'll see a large number of sailboats. Most of them have somebody drinking."

The state agency is coordinating its summer anti-drinking campaign with the Coast Guard, Ms. Palmer said.



TRUE FRENSHIP—A pair of teenagers sneak a quick kiss before the male half had to board his school bus as it prepared to leave a San Angelo fast food restaurant parking lot on its way back to Frenship, a small community near Lubbock, Sunday afternoon. (AP Laserphoto)



Off beat By Fred Parker

Satisfaction in journalism

People have often asked me why I stay in the newspaper business. Sometimes, I don't have an answer, especially when I have had to stay up most of the night covering a story or repairing some of the newsroom equipment used in production of the newspaper.

But, over the years I have given this question considerable thought and what it really boils down to is that the work of a journalist gives one satisfaction. It is said then when one gets printer's ink in their veins there is no leaving the newspaper business.

I knew when I went into the newspaper business many years ago that I wouldn't get rich. There are no wealthy reporters or editors, unless they are a member of the family which owns the newspaper or inherited their money from some other type of family business.

But, to me being happy in your work is an important factor and during my nearly 30 years as a journalist I have enjoyed my work. Mainly it is the satisfaction of trying to keep the readers informed.

I have been offered, and considered, positions in other types of business. One which I almost took several years ago was in the publicity department of a major oil company in a mid-Western state. After examining the type of work and the duties of writing corporate news releases (which I have always considered as mostly garbage) I felt I could not undertake that type of work with a clear conscience.

I have always felt, since becoming a journalist, that it is not the duty of a newspaper to attempt to tell the readers what they should or should not believe. Of course, there is the editorial page where ideas are presented and the columns of individual writers, such as Off Beat, were personal opinions are expressed.

But the news stories, I have felt, should be objective. The newspaper's role is that of gathering all of the information possible, both positive and negative, on any topic or issue and letting the individual reader make up his or her mind. The news stories should be objective and tell all sides of an issue. I believe that we attempt to do this in The Pampa News.

Sometimes it is difficult for a writer to present both sides of an issue, sometimes the persons who have information about one of the sides is either not available or will not talk to the reporter. Whenever an incomplete story is published, it is not that the information was not available and every effort is made to obtain it for a later story.

I have found, over the years, that if the people are supplied enough information, they will eventually reach a decision.

That was the case when I left Pampa in 1978 for an assignment with the Odessa American involving coverage of the work, or lack of it, of the district attorney. Within less than two years, the people of Ector County replaced their district attorney after the facts were made known in the way that office was being operated.

Several years ago, in another state where a county coroner is elected each four years by the voters, I wrote a series of articles about a heart attack ruling which eventually, with considerable prodding by the news media, turned out to be an accidental gunshot death. The heart attack ruling, made without examining the body, was changed to one of suicide after a mortician found the bullet hole initially overlooked by the coroner. This was later changed after the newspaper articles forced further examination of evidence.

Needless to say that when the next election came up the voters of that county put another doctor into the coroner's post. The new one took time to examine the evidence before issuing a ruling.

And, there was a sheriff one time who decided not to seek reelection after I wrote a story in which the sheriff was quoted 27 times as saying something had taken place, but my story, after each of the statements, told what had actually happened. That sheriff demanded the publisher fire me, but I stayed on the job and covered his office until after a new sheriff took office.

I could write about numerous other examples of which I have personal knowledge, but I don't want to bore you.

Of course, there are those who apparently don't like the idea of being informed. Is it because they don't want their faith about something or someone shattered, or is it because they really don't want to know?

But, when a journalist receives a telephone call or a letter thanking him or her for writing a story which provides information or exposes some type of skulduggery by officials of some government agency supported by taxpayer dollars, it makes that writer feel like something has been accomplished.

That helps the writer have a feeling of satisfaction.

Of course, all journalists receive the stacks of hate mail when an article critical to some special interest group is written, or when a story supplies information different to what a particular group or individual espouses or believes. That is an understood fact of life in the newspaper business.

There is an old saying among journalists, "if someone isn't complaining, you aren't doing your job."

Considering the amount of letters, telephone calls and personal visits to our office recently, we apparently have been doing OUR JOB.

Parker is city editor of The Pampa News.

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Legislature reaches the halfway mark today

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators reach the halfway point of their 140-day session today, and before the week is out will start writing a compromise proposal to head off predicted water shortages in Texas.

The House and Senate have approved a statewide water package but differences in the separate versions shoved the measures into a 10-member conference committee.

The first hearing is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Today's Senate calendar includes a bill to increase the membership of the state highway

commission from three to six and a resolution asking the U.S. Department of Energy to remove Deaf Smith and Swisher counties as possible sites for nuclear waste dumps.

After a week's delay, which stemmed from the Senate's displeasure with the State Board of Education, 14 of 15 board members face a confirmation vote by the Senate.

House members scheduled debate today on a bill that would give the State Purchasing and General Services Commission control over major prison construction projects.

House committee topics today

included a bill that would outlaw the use of disposable carbons in credit card transactions. Bill sponsor Al Price, D-Beaumont, said often all someone needs to charge with a credit card is the number and expiration date, which could be read from a carbon.

The Senate State Affairs Committee could act today on a measure that would ban open containers of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles.

On Tuesday, 500 members of the

PTA are expected in Austin to visit with lawmakers and to listen to speeches on child abuse.

A special presentation of a controversial film on abortion, "The Silent Scream," also will be held Tuesday, according to American Portrait Films, the Anaheim, Calif., producer.

Postponed from last week is a Senate Nominations Committee hearing on four new appointees to the state prison board.

Four inmates attack two fellow prisoners

ROSHARON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Corrections' Ramsey II Unit was locked down today after four inmates beat two fellow prisoners with a claw hammer and a brass rod as they slept, authorities said.

"If it takes five or six days to clean it up, then that's what we'll do. I'm in no hurry," Warden Michael Moore said.

Ralph E. Davis, 30, and cellmate Bruce K. Efcio, 34, suffered numerous head injuries and lacerations in the attack Sunday morning, said prison spokesman Charles Brown.

Davis, serving a 99-year sentence for aggravated robbery in Dallas County, and Efcio, sentenced to 65 years for aggravated robbery in Travis County, were taken to the TDC

hospital in Galveston in serious and unstable condition, Brown said.

The assault occurred about 8:15 a.m., shortly after guards unlocked cell doors, Brown said. The four inmates entered the cell where Davis and Efcio were sleeping and beat them, he said.

The attack was prompted by an argument Davis had last week with a friend of the four suspects, Moore said.

"This thing apparently had been building for several days. They just wanted to get revenge," Moore said.

Moore ordered all 904 prisoners locked in their cells so guards could search the entire unit for weapons.

"We're going to go real slow and do it right," the warden said.

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Opinion

Budget committee vote is off track

President Reagan wants to end federal subsidies for Amtrak, the 14-year-old National Railroad Passenger Corp., but the Senate Budget Committee insists that the subsidies continue.

We think the president is right and the Budget Committee strayed off the track of fiscal responsibility. The \$684 million subsidy that Amtrak will receive this year cannot be justified. Fewer than 20 million passengers rode Amtrak last year, so every ticket sold cost taxpayers at least \$35.

A few well-traveled routes such as San Diego-Los Angeles and Boston-Washington almost break even and could probably survive an Amtrak without federal subsidy. But on some longer, low-use routes, the subsidy is more sometimes than the cost of a discount air fare or a bus ticket. On these routes, at least, taxpayers would be better off if the government would simply by a bus or airplane ticket for every potential Amtrak passenger.

Amtrak officials say and end to federal subsidies will mean the demise of intercity passenger rail service in the United States. This, of course, is the standard scare tactic to blackmail Congress into continuing the subsidies.

But as long as Amtrak is subsidized, pork-barrelling congressmen are going to insist that it serve nearly every whistle stop along every route in as many congressional districts as possible.

What would happen if Congress refused to subsidize Amtrak and instead encouraged it to operate like a private business.

Without federal subsidies, the the system would have the incentive to become self-supporting. Routes that are not really needed would disappear, as they should, and areas that have a true need for Amtrak service would have it at no cost to the taxpayers.

Congress should support the president and eliminate Amtrak's subsidy so that the private sector might possibly develop a passenger rail service that isn't collecting welfare from Uncle Sam.



Warren T. Brookes

Flaws in hunger study

Dr. J. Larry Brown, dean of Harvard's prestigious School of Public Health, is a committed ideologue of the far left whose political bias undermines Harvard's vaunted credibility.

On February 26, Brown released an interesting "study" by his Physician's Task Force on Hunger. The report claims that, despite \$18.6 billion currently spent by the federal government on nutrition programs (an all-time high and, in constant dollars, identical with the record of 1981), "there is a growing epidemic of chronic hunger... more widespread than at any time in the last fifteen years."

Although the report shows no evidence of any prior year comparable study (there was none), it confidently reports that "all of this can be traced in substantial measure to the clear and concise politics of the federal government," specifically the Reagan administration.

Citing "cuts of \$12.2 billion in nutrition programs," it says we are seeing a "level of hunger not seen since the Great Depression," and asks for an immediate \$7-billion increase in nutrition funding, which it said "could wipe out hunger in six months."

To show how ludicrously unscientific this "study" is, consider these facts:

1. From 1968 to 1981, nutrition funding rose from \$613 million to \$15.8 billion, a 1,502 percent constant-dollar increase. Yet, during that period, the number of persons living under poverty ROSE (for the first decade in history) 25 percent from 25.4 million to 31.8 million.

2. More important, from 1978 to 1981 (Carter budget years), funding rose from \$8.6 million to

\$15.8 million, a 42-percent constant-dollar increase. Yet poverty rose 30 percent from 24.5 million to 31.8 million. The worst in history, a 9.1-percent annual rise, despite a 13-percent annual real rise in nutrition spending!

3. From 1981 to 1983 (first two Reagan budget years), nutrition spending ROSE from \$15.8 billion to \$17.95 billion - a 3-percent REAL RISE in spending. Yet in these two years the poverty population rose only 5.4 percent a year - about HALF the Carter rate!

4. More important, because the Reagan program cut only those above 130-180 percent of poverty line (\$13,000-18,000 income range) more benefits went to those below it - an increase of 4-million poor people getting food stamps (29 percent).

5. Virtually all the Harvard "anecdotes" about "hungry folks" described people who are actually eligible under current law - and therefore not deprived, or affected, by Reagan budget cuts!

The only statistical support provided in this study was the rise in the poverty population - but that was greatest under heavy Carter nutrition spending (1978-81). Aside from that, there were anecdotal reports of increased demand for emergency food aid, with no reference to the huge 500,000 rise in deinstitutionalized mental patients since 1978 - a key factor in increased soup kitchen lines.

In short, the report is a statistical sham, an exercise in political rhetoric unworthy of the prestigious Harvard name. It is full of undoubtedly true horror stories like the Tennessee family with eight children and three biscuits - and a quadriplegic husband who "was going to find a

gun to rob a store." Yet, that family, accurately described, is currently entitled to more than \$5,000 a year in food stamps plus a potential of more than \$20,000 a year in disability and SSI benefits, while a Mississippi family of thirteen was entitled to more than \$6,000 in food stamps, and \$14,000 in cash aid - but was caught in a bureaucratic snafu.

Neither family was affected by the Reagan rules changes.

Finally, the most serious flaw is the failure of the study to account for reduced inflation in counting "budget cuts." The Carter administration projected \$22.1 billion for FY1985 nutrition spending - but that was based on a projection of a total of 36.4-percent four-year inflation, 1981-85.

In your factor if the actual Reagan inflation of 16.7-percent for the same period, you get a nutrition budget of \$18.9 billion for 1985 (using the Carter high-spending model). Well, the actual spending in 1985 is \$18.5 billion, a "real cut" from the Carter projections of less than half a billion or 2-percent - and a far cry from the "\$12.2 billion in cuts" cited by the Harvard Study.

For example, the celebrated Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) cited by the study as brutally cut, rose from \$930 million to 1.52 billion, 1981-85, a 61-percent rise - and a 39-percent real rise. Carter's 1982 budget plan called for WIC to level off in FY1985 at less than \$1 billion, or, in constant dollars, some 45-percent LESS than now being spent!

Harvard - send Larry Brown on a political sabbatical!

Legacy

In this feature, we excerpt material that has appeared on Freedom Newspapers' editorial pages in previous years, whether from the editorials or the columns written for many years by Freedom founder R.C. Hollies.

How far along the road to socialized state medicine has the United States come?... A recent issue of U.S. News & World Report discloses that one-fourth of all health care is already provided by federal, state and local governments.

Under the proposed health care plan for all over 65, approximately 19 million persons would be covered at the outset. "Virtually all Americans would be part of the system, as taxpayers and beneficiaries, eventually. When someone says the United States doesn't yet have a socialized state medical program, they should be reminded that this once free nation is at least 25 percent socialized in the field of the healing arts.

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Paul Harvey

The benefits of mourning

You and I are going to deal today with a most unhappy subject, but not without purpose.

At best, what does each of us have to look forward to - ultimately? Surely, whether sooner or later, probably in pain, we will die and our earthly remains decay away.

That prospect is something some people can't handle. Yet ironically, fearing death, they run out to meet it.

Suicide statistics confirm - never have so many flames been circling - irresistibly attracted to the flame.

So what? So psychologists have been urgently researching ways and means of "dealing with death." They've discovered it helps, when friends die, to let yourself cry.

It has been my own observation and experience that the umbilical cord between a mother and son is never really severed until the death of one. I

remember vividly my own reaction - and my delayed reaction.

Daniel Goleman, evaluating new research, discovers that "among adults who suffer the death of a parent, women whose mothers die suffer the most extreme mourning," apparently in part because of the special closeness of that relationship. Also, most psychologists believe, because of the ambivalent guilt feelings which Freud described as "self-hate" relating to previous conflicts.

Willard Gaylin, psychiatrist, Columbia University, says, "If you feel you need the other person in order to cope with life, then he or she threatens your very survival by dying; you feel abandoned."

Children are inclined to express grief in disguised forms - as aggressiveness, hostility, misbehavior at school. This process of disguised grief may continue for many years.

From the new insights have come several

practical recommendations.

The widow who may appear "strong" to relatives at the time of her loss because she resists grieving actively may suffer weeks or months later, long after the relatives have stopped coming by.

What the newest studies recommend is the oldest formula: let yourself cry.

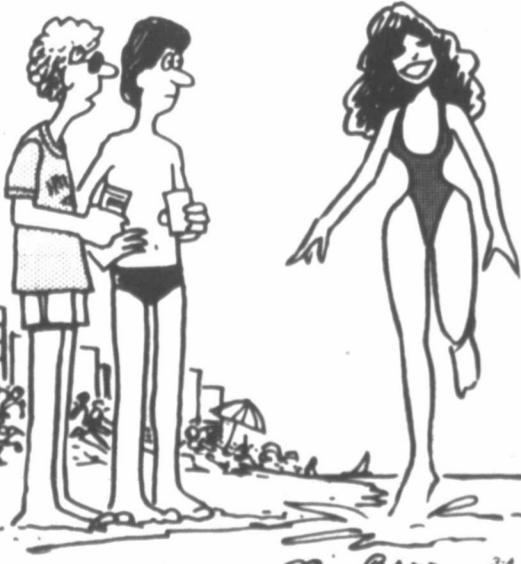
The Roman Catholic wake and the Jewish custom of sitting shivah are increasingly important in modern society because of the rootlessness of contemporary life.

The old rituals remove the mourner from the stream of life to ponder one's relationship with the dead person and one's own place in the world and finally to return to that stream having adjusted to living with loss.

Without adequate mourning, a subliminal obsession with grief distorts what life remains and, frequently, abbreviates it.

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Berry's World



"So THIS is what spring break is all about!"

Misconceptions about South Africa

By William A. Rusher

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (NEA) - In the words of one shrewd old American humorist, "The trouble with most folks is not that they're ignorant, but that they know so many things that ain't so." This is my seventh visit to South Africa, though my first as the guest of the Southern Africa Forum (a politically neutral, multiracial organization), and the quoted epigram seems supremely applicable to the average American's view of events in this distant, fascinating and unbelievably complex country.

ITEM: Most Americans believe, in the words of one recent letter to me, that South Africa's white government "is committed to the preservation of the status quo" in racial matters. On the contrary, it is moving so rapidly to change them that, in the words of one of State President Botha's liberal domestic critics, "what he and some Cabinet colleagues have been doing since the beginning of the year will have wide-ranging and possibly fatal consequences" for the unity of the governing National Party. Having brought both "coloreds" and Asians

(Indians) into the governing process last year, Mr. Botha has now acknowledged that blacks have permanent residential rights in South Africa's urban areas, and the process of giving them a voice in the making of political decisions for those areas is already underway.

ITEM: It is widely assumed in the United States that steps toward "disinvestment" by American companies in South Africa would increase the pressures for race reform, but I have not found a single responsible South African - left, right or center, white, black or "colored" - who thinks so. On the contrary, as one liberal-minded young Afrikaner businessman explained to me, "Economic growth is the absolutely indispensable precondition of reform." Injuring this country economically would not only hurt its black workers first and foremost but, by increasing white insecurity, simply strengthen the hand of the most reactionary white politicians. Disinvestment makes sense only if its purpose, open or concealed, is to destabilize South Africa and thereby pave the way for violent revolution.

ITEM: Precisely as a result of the points just made, President Reagan's policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa - actively encouraging racial reforms, rather than just standing back and denouncing the South African government for its sins of omission and commission - is approved across almost the entire spectrum of South African opinion. As one politically independent but liberal professor put it to me, "I honestly don't believe the government's recent reform measures could have been carried out if the Carter policy had continued."

ITEM: Bishop Desmond Tutu cuts a much smaller swath in South Africa than he does in the United States. As I have pointed out before in this space, the current preoccupation of American liberals with South Africa is attributable far more to their own desperate situation than to a coincidentally revived distress over South Africa's shortcomings. The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Bishop Tutu, and his own subsequent statements, played into the liberals' hands magnificently, and made him a larger-than-life-size hero in their eyes.

But he has no significant political constituency in South Africa (such as Gatscha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, enjoys), and his true natural habitat is the American media.

ITEM: Where the Botha government is genuinely vulnerable is not in the area of race reform but on the economic front. Uncontrollable misfortunes such as severe drought and the strong dollar (which weakened gold) have been made far worse by the folly of a currency expansion that is pushing inflation toward an annual rate of 20 percent. In addition, the governmental bureaucracy has become an unendurably large and costly encumbrance. It is such weaknesses in the economy, rather than any reluctance to reform, that constitutes the worst impediment to improvement in race relations here.

Bits of history

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington.

LIFESTYLES

Unusual doll collection to highlight doll show

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

A selection of unusual dolls from Pampan Tanya Burton's 600-plus collection is to highlight a doll show and tea at the First Christian Church, 18th and Nelson, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., March 24. The public is invited.

A doll cake, made by Sandy Melton of Pampa, is to be the centerpiece of the serving table and will be given away as a door prize at the event. No admission is charged, but donations will be accepted.

Tanya Burton did not play with dolls much as a girl. "I never played with dolls except for Barbie dolls and that type. I have never felt like I really love dolls. I call it more of a fascination," Burton explains.

"When I was in grade school, I checked out a book about a little girl's dolls that came to life. I think for years I half believed it," she

remembers. "Dolls are a reflection of each of us and the society that we live in."

"I started collecting dolls as a teenager because I was drawn to them by their individual personalities and their worth as art objects," she says.

Burton's favorite dolls is a 1960s fashion doll from Italy called Simone. "I don't think anyone would really understand why except she is beautiful, graceful, and seems almost to breathe. She was a Christmas present from my grandparents," says Burton. "I have a life size china baby doll of my mother's, a papier-mache Perry Winkle doll of my father's and a chalk fair doll of my grandmother's. Of course, those three dolls are special to me for sentimental reasons besides being unusual."

After those four dolls, Burton says she finds it difficult to choose between the others. They're all "her favorites at one time or

another, she adds.

Most of Burton's collection was given to her by her family, she says. "My collector's dolls such as the twin sailor dolls from Effanbee my husband, Eddie, bought for me as an actual investment in a collector's item I liked." She bought a papier-mache sailor cruise doll from a garage sale for a nickel. A cousin who thought she was too old for dolls gave Burton a Shirley Temple doll from the early 1950s.

"I used to collect every doll offered to me or that I could afford. I watched for collector's items and studied price lists," she explains.

"I remember walking into a store one day and spotting a Little Lulu doll for \$4. I knew she was already off the market and worth almost \$40."

"I sometimes miss on what dolls will increase in value but I have learned with experience what dolls will increase the fastest," Burton says. "Rag dolls, boy dolls, black

dolls, limited editions and theme dolls all increase in value faster than other dolls. I have theme dolls like Dolly Parton and Donny and Marie Osmond."

But, she adds, "I made a mistake when I bought a Cher doll without Sonny. The Sonny doll is very rare now." Burton also owns an all cloth, talking Shrinking Violet doll that is one of the few that still exists.

Burton admits that she, too, has succumbed to the Cabbage Patch

passion. "I have several Cabbage Patch dolls. The first time I saw them in a store before the craze began I said, 'How ugly.' I still feel the same way except now I see that they have an appeal in their individual uniqueness. My son plays with his (Cabbage Patch). He stomps it and hugs it."

All dolls should be handled and played with like any other toys, Burton says she believes. "It would be a waste if we only collected dolls."

Pampa an oasis to Lawrences

Editor's note: The committee compiling the family histories of Gray County residents for the Gray County History Book would like to emphasize that "we want stories from everyone — not just oldtimers." The following story is the only one the committee has received from young people who have not lived in the county long.

LAWRENCE, ROBERT & DEBORAH

"In the fall of 1982, Robert and Deborah Lawrence were transferred from Fairfax, Kan., to Pampa. This was their 12th relocation since their marriage in 1971, beginning a new lifestyle for Deborah, for during her first 19

years, she had moved only once, and then within five miles of her Kansas City, Kan., home.

Deborah's early years were memorable as she developed close family ties with parents Thomas and Barbara Barker and her sister, Linda. Deborah "Bucky Beaver" and Linda "Cottontail" spent the summer months with their imaginations set free, as long as

dinner.

Robert, born in Strong City, Kan., spent his childhood on Kansas and Missouri farms where he often worked as a farmhand. Summer vacations were spent with grandparents Ruth and Robert Watchous in Monticello, Mo. Together with cousins, three sisters and two brothers, Robert swam and fished in the local ponds. When living in Grain Valley, Mo., Robert and friends cut saplings and "borrowed" a tar roof to make a lean-to fort on Sni-A-Bar Creek.

Robert met Deborah during their senior year in high school. They were married a year later. Robert joined the Army, which took them to Fort Lee, Va., then to Hleshiem, Germany, where they were stationed two years. During the stay Robert had the opportunity to view the LeMans race in France and Deborah the sites in Vienna, Austria.

Back in Kansas in 1973, they lost most of their possessions, including irreplaceable photographs of Europe, when the Missouri River flooded their home to the roofline.

A month later, on Nov. 14, 1973, their daughter, Patricia Ann

"Tricia" was born. Sensing the need for more stability, they purchased their first home, attended Full Church of Love and enrolled Tricia at Maranatha, the church's Christian academy.

Deborah, with her interest in writing, began a Biblical novel entitled "Chase the Wind," based on the prophet Hosea, co-authored by her friend, Aggie Villaneuva. The book was published in 1982.

In Pampa, the Lawrences attend Lamar Full Gospel, where Deborah teaches the primary Sunday School class. Deborah paints occasionally and continues to write, mostly fiction. She headed a local writer's group, the Pampa Writers' Critique Club.

Robert works for Phillips Petroleum Co. and takes an active interest in woodworking and home remodeling.

Tricia attends Stephen F. Austin school and enjoys bicycling and skating.

The Lawrence family finds Pampa "like an oasis in the desert." They miss the trees and streams of Kansas, but feel that Pampa always will remain their "best home away from home."



Dear Abby

You can 'poison-proof' home to prevent needless tragedy

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the problems of the elderly and those with arthritis in opening pill containers with child-resistant caps. If it's any consolation, they really do work, and since their appearance, the incidence of child deaths from aspirin has been reduced by 88 percent!

However, pharmacists also have non-child-resistant caps available—all you need do is ask. But please warn grandparents whose grandchildren come to visit that their homes (and especially grandmother's purse) are a treasure trove for a curious child.

Keep medicine and poisons out of reach. Have a bottle of syrup of ipecac on hand in case your local poison center or your physician recommends its use to induce vomiting. Lastly, put your name, address and emergency numbers (including that of the poison center) on or next to your telephone. If you have more questions, please call your local poison center or pharmacist.

ELIZABETH BENNETT,
SEATTLE POISON CENTER

DEAR MS. BENNETT: Thank you for a timely and valuable letter—especially since this is Poison Prevention Week. Some poison prevention tips:

- Never take medicine in front of children.
- Never call medicine "candy."

- Store all cleaning supplies out of sight and out of reach of children. (Never leave cleanser or detergent under the kitchen or bathroom sink.)
- Keep all products in their original containers.
- Discard old medicines by flushing them down the toilet.

Here is a checklist of potential poisons found in the home. These products should be locked up or kept out of reach of children.

KITCHEN: aspirin, drain cleaners (lye), furniture polish, powdered and liquid detergents, cleanser and scouring powders, ammonia, oven cleaner, rust remover, dishwasher detergents.

BEDROOM: all medication, jewelry cleaner, cosmetics, perfume.

LAUNDRY: bleaches, soaps, detergents, disinfectants, bluing, dyes, spot removers.

CLOSETS, ATTIC, STORAGE PLACES: rat poison, ant poison,

mothballs, insect sprays.

PURSE: aspirin, all drugs, cigarettes.

BATHROOM: all drugs and pills, shampoo, wave lotion and sprays, nail polish and polish remover, suntan products, shaving lotions, toilet bowl cleaner, rubbing alcohol, room deodorizer, hair remover, boric acid, denture tablets, deodorants, pine oil and bath oil.

GARAGE, BASEMENT, WORKSHOP: lye, kerosene, bug killers, gasoline, lighter fluid, turpentine, paint remover and thinner, paint, weed killers, anti-freeze and fertilizers.

GENERAL: flaking paint, repainted toys, broken plaster. Some flowers and plants are poisonous.

FIRST AID FOR POISONINGS: Keep syrup of ipecac on hand in your home, but do not use except on the advice of your physician or the poison center. (Call information now for your local poison center's 24-hour hot-line number, and keep it on or near your phone.)

Poison prevention is the best antidote for poisonings, but accidental poisoning can occur in any home. The natural impulse is to act at once, but the wrong treatment for poisoning is often more harmful than none. So call your physician or your local poison center for advice immediately.

The number of children who have died and or have been seriously injured ingesting poisonous substances found in the home would make you weep. It is the responsibility of adults to poison-proof their homes to prevent children from becoming victims.

Claim delay is costly

By Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE WILLIAMS — I had to close my business a little more than a year ago because of a huge loss due to theft. There is no question that the loss took place and that it is covered by insurance.

More than a year has gone by and I simply cannot get a settlement. My attorney has had my insurance company in court, and depositions have been taken, but the other side keeps getting continuances and procedural delays.

In the meantime, they've got my money and I'm having a difficult time making ends meet. I'd like to go back into business, but I can't until this claim is settled.

Can you suggest anything? — E.P., CORBIN, KY.

DEAR E.P. — I wish I could, but unfortunately delay is one of the weapons used by attorneys who represent the defendant.

They have nothing to lose. The money is still in their pockets, not in yours, and frequently they can wear down the plaintiff. After two or three years, they may say that they can delay the proceedings even longer and offer you a settlement of 40 cents or 50 cents on the dollar. Often the plaintiff accepts the deal in desperation.

I don't know how to move your insurance company's attorneys any faster. However, you should take every possible step through the court system to encourage them to get this matter resolved.

"He who has clear ideas can command." Goethe

Family Histories

they stayed within earshot of their mother's earsplitting whistle. They played many a summer day in a tree so tall they could see the Kansas City, Mo., skyline.

Weekends were spent with Grandmother Eva Barker, who prided in the fact that Deborah's great-great-grandfather was the first postmaster of Kansas City, Kan. Every Sunday after church they were treated to Grandfather Delbert Edward "Bud" Barker's fried chicken

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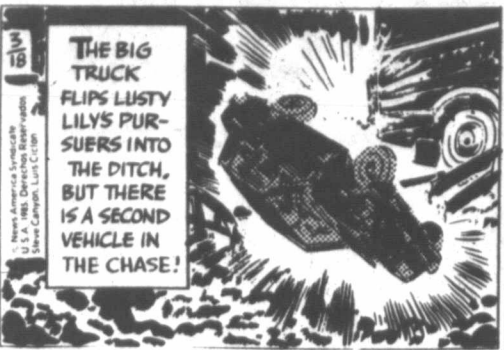
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March 18, 1985

Pleasant social events are in the offing for you this coming year. You will establish several ideal relationships, which will be the envy of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are a good student of human nature today and what you learn, you will retain. Your knowledge will not come from books; it'll come from observing others. The Match-maker wheel reveals your compatibility to all signs, as well as showing which signs you are best suited to romantically. Contact yours, mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something a trifle strange may develop today that might result in career benefits. It could also add weight to your wallet.

TAURUS (April 20-Me; 20) Try to express your hunches or insights in practical terms today. When your inner voice speaks, put its urgings to use in your everyday affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) People are apt to tell you things in confidence today that they won't talk about to others. One bit of information could be a moneymaking tip.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are allied today with one whose ambitions and ideals are on par with yours, something mutually beneficial is going to result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think creatively today and dare to be different, especially where your work or career is concerned. Your imagination can help you achieve major objectives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you've been hoping would notice you has actually been observing you with admiration for some time. Today he may come forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your financial or commercial perceptions will be extremely accurate today. Use them in ways that will benefit yourself and others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your wit, charm and tact are your greatest assets today and will prove useful tools in helping you get along with one who is rather difficult.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are doing comparison shopping today, let quality take precedence over price. Study your purchases carefully to determine their true values.

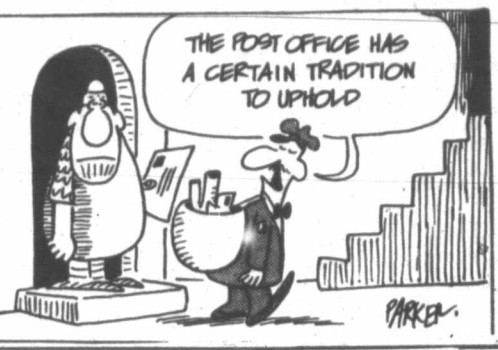
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will take special pride in all of your undertakings today. The quality of what you do will reflect this and be admired by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have a delightful manner about you today that friends will find quite appealing. It's a sincere blend of compassion and warmth.

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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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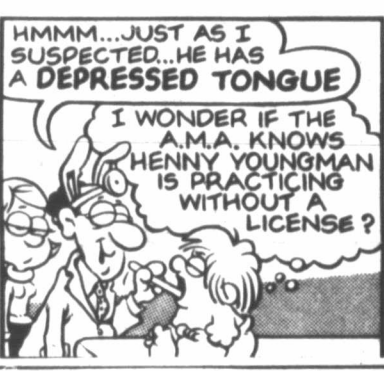
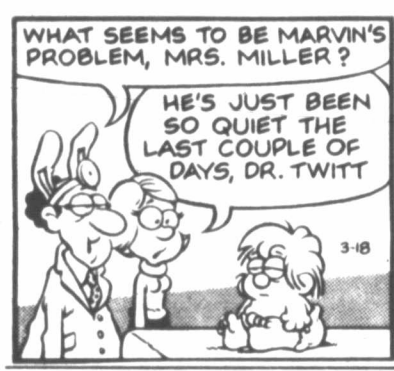
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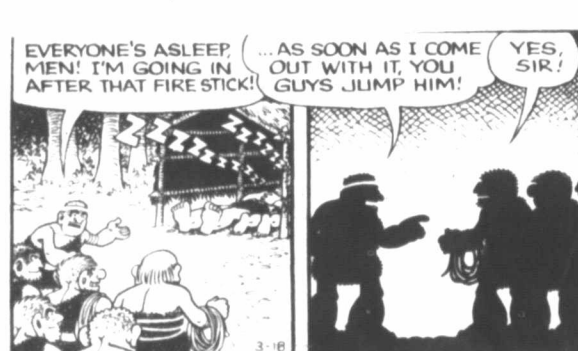
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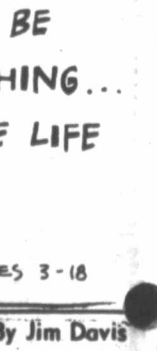
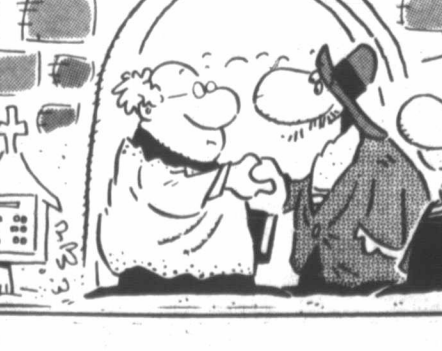
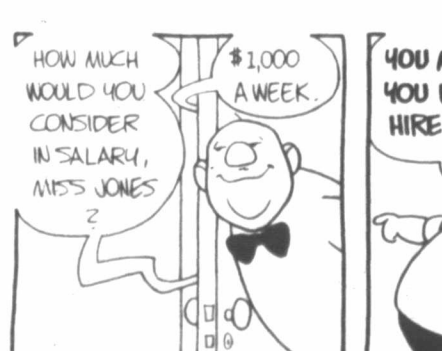
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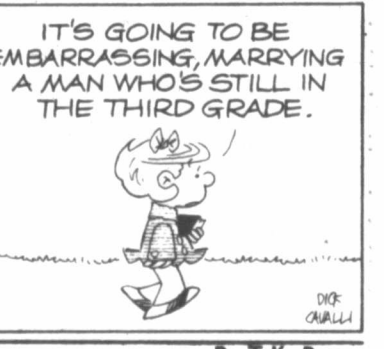
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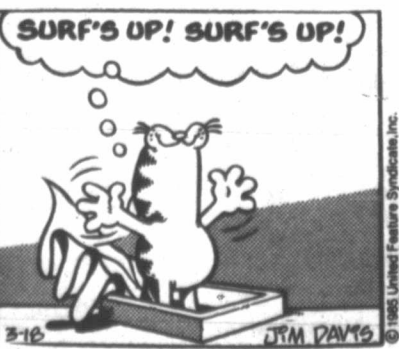
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SPORTS SCENE

Big East, ACC heading toward showdown

By The Associated Press
The Big East and Atlantic Coast Conferences have been feuding all season over which league is the best in college basketball, and their performances in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament have done nothing to settle the issue.
Both leagues will have four representatives in the regional semifinals this week. In fact, the Final Four could be an all-Big East shootout involving top-ranked Georgetown, No. 3 St. John's, Villanova and Boston College.
That is not possible for the ACC, however, since seventh-ranked North Carolina and Maryland are both in the Southeast Regional. The ACC's other entries are No. 6 Georgia Tech and No. 16 North Carolina State.

The Southeastern Conference is the only other league with more than one representative still left — Alabama, Auburn and Kentucky.
"The Big East is keeping the kids in their area, nobody is going to take kids out of our area and you've got the SEC, which used to be a football conference, and they're keeping their kids, as well," said North Carolina State Coach Jim Valvano.
Three No. 1 seeds are still alive — Georgetown in the East, St. John's in the West, Oklahoma in the Midwest — but second-ranked Michigan, the top seed in the Southeast, was eliminated Sunday by

Villanova 59-55 while Maryland downed Navy 64-59.
Meanwhile, 12th-ranked Illinois — the sole survivor of six Big Ten teams — drubbed No. 19 Georgia 74-58 and Georgia Tech trounced No. 15 Syracuse 70-53 in the East, fifth-ranked Memphis State nipped Alabama-Birmingham 67-66 in overtime and Boston College upset No. 10 Duke 74-73 in the Midwest and North Carolina State trimmed Texas-El Paso 86-73 and Alabama knocked off No. 11 Virginia Commonwealth 63-59 in the West.
On Saturday, Georgetown crushed Temple 63-46 and No. 14 Loyola of Chicago flattened Southern Methodist 70-57 in the East, North Carolina edged Notre Dame 60-58 and Auburn nipped No. 13 Kansas 69-64 in the Southeast. Oklahoma defeated Illinois State 75-69 and No. 8 Louisiana Tech pounded Ohio State 79-67 in the Midwest and St. John's shaded Arkansas 68-65 and Kentucky stunned No. 9 Nevada-Las Vegas 64-61 in the West.
The upcoming schedule looks like this (all times EST):
Thursday: East, at Providence, R.I., Georgia Tech vs. Illinois, 6:35 p.m.; Georgetown vs. Loyola, 9:09 p.m. Midwest, at Dallas, Louisiana Tech vs. Oklahoma, 6:35 p.m.; Boston College vs. Memphis State, 9:09 p.m.
Friday: Southeast, at Birmingham Ala., Maryland vs. Villanova, 8:07 p.m.; North Carolina

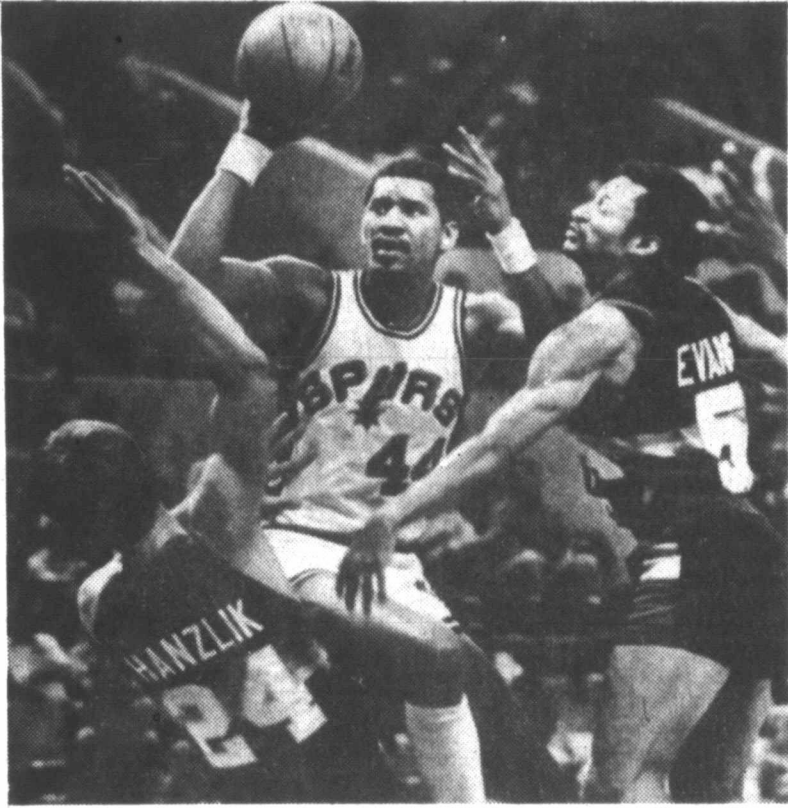
vs. Auburn, 10:40 p.m. West — North Carolina State vs. Alabama, 7:35 p.m.; St. John's vs. Kentucky, 10:09 p.m.
Michigan, which had to overcome a 10-point, second-half deficit to defeat unheralded Fairleigh Dickinson in its tournament opener, had its 17-game winning streak snapped by Villanova behind Dwayne McClain's 20 points.
In Sunday's other Southeast game, two free throws each by Jeff Adkins and Keith Gatlin in the final minute enabled Maryland to hold off Navy.
On Saturday, Kenny Smith's breakaway slam-dunk with three seconds remaining after a Notre Dame turnover enabled North Carolina to beat the Irish while Frank Ford scored 23 points and Chuck Person added 21 as Auburn nipped Kansas.
East:
Although guard Mark Price led the way with 18 points, Georgia Tech used its inside strength with 6-11 Yvon Joseph and 7-foot John Salley to down Syracuse. Joseph scored 17 points and Salley had 10 of his 13 in the second half.
Doug Altenberger scored eight points during a 16-0 run in the first half that gave Illinois control against Georgia. Illinois was nursing a 16-15 lead when Georgia suddenly went scoreless for 9:12 against a tenacious zone defense.
On Saturday, Georgetown used an intimidating inside defense and a balanced scoring attack led by

Michael Jackson's 14 points to defeat Temple while 5-9 Carl Golston scored 20 points and Loyola pulled away from SMU with a seven-point run late in the second half and stretched the nation's longest winning streak to 19 games.
Midwest:
Andre Turner's 17-foot jumper with six seconds to play lifted Memphis State over Alabama-Birmingham.
Underdog Boston College rallied behind Roger McCready's 20 points and 19 by Michael Adams to upset Duke.
On Saturday, Oklahoma downed Illinois State behind Wayman Tisdale's 29 points and Karl Malone scored 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Louisiana Tech downed Ohio State.
West:
Lorenzo Charles, 6-7 and 255 pounds, scored 30 points and 5-7 Spud Webb added a career-high 29 to lead North Carolina over Texas-El Paso.
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama's 6-9, 240-pound intimidator, scored 19 points, pulled down 13 rebounds and controlled the inside as the Crimson Tide upset Virginia Commonwealth.
On Saturday, Chris Mullin scored 26 points as St. John's held off Arkansas and Kenny Walker scored 23 points as Kentucky upset UNLV.

Mouse's offense returns to 'dome'

HOUSTON (AP) — Mouse Davis will be in the Astrodome tonight once again with the Houston Gamblers but he'll be returning for a United States Football League game as head coach of the Denver Gold instead of the Gamblers' offensive coordinator.
Davis left the Gamblers after last season and the departure was not amicable. The Gamblers charged the Gold with tampering and further controversy developed when Davis took Gambler assistant June Jones along to become his offensive coordinator.
Revenge will not be a motive in tonight's 7 p.m. kickoff, Jones said.
"When I was in college, I had a coach tell me that revenge is a poor motivator," Jones said. "You don't make rational decisions if you have revenge on your mind."
The game will match the run-and-shoot offense Davis installed with the Gamblers last season against the run-and-shoot offense that Davis has devised for the Gold.
And defenses on both sides beware.
"Whatever I tried last year didn't work," Denver defensive

coordinator Joe Haering said. "June and Mouse tell me it can't be stopped, so I guess I'm on my own this week."
Haering was a Pittsburgh Mauler coach last season.
Davis was offensive coordinator for the Gamblers last season when the wide-open offense led the league in several categories. He became head coach at Denver this season and has installed the same offense for the Gold.
"A battle of wits, I'm sure, is going to be a big part of it," Gambler offensive coordinator John Jenkins said. "But the major factor will come down to execution."
Davis made a controversial move from the Gamblers to the Gold but Jenkins says he's still friendly with Davis and Jones, now the Denver offensive coordinator.
"I love old Mouse and June to death," Jenkins said. "I wish them the very best always, except when they play us. He laid a great foundation here last year and his leaving gave me the opportunity to move up. There's nothing greater than to play in a game like this."
Gambler players also are looking forward to playing against Davis and the Denver version of run-and-shoot.
"It's like when I play any good friend in any sport," Gambler wide receiver Scott McGhee said. "Even if it's ping pong, I want to beat the hell out of him, then afterwards, we're friends again."
Houston goes into the game with a 3-0 record and Denver is 2-1 in the USFL Western Division showdown.



Gervin drives for Spur score

Oakland gets its offense in gear

By The Associated Press
The Oakland Invaders, who had totaled just 55 points in their first three United States Football League games this season, finally got their offense in high gear. When they did, it was off to the races against the Jacksonville Bulls.
"Getting the offense going for all four quarters was one of the main things today," said Invader quarterback Bobby Hebert, who threw for four touchdowns Sunday in a 42-36 victory. "We started well and it was almost like a track meet out there."
Hebert riddled the Bulls for 328 yards passing and fullback Albert Bentley rushed for 97 yards. On eight kickoff returns, the Invaders racked up 216 yards.
"We finally got our offense going," said Oakland Coach Charlie Sumner, whose 2-1-1 team bounced back from a 42-7 loss against Houston. "My heart is still

pounding."
"Yeah, I like these kinds of games. I'd like for us to get a little more ahead, though."
In other games Sunday, it was Baltimore 29, New Jersey 9, and Birmingham 34, Memphis 19.
On Saturday it was Portland 23, Orlando 17, Los Angeles 38, San Antonio 7, and Tampa Bay 23, Arizona 13. Denver visits Houston tonight.
Oakland kicker Novo Bojovic kicked a 37-yard field goal to break a 29-29 tie early in the fourth quarter. Then Hebert guided the Invaders 98 yards to a 1-yard TD plunge by Tom Newton.
Jacksonville rallied on Larry Mason's 8-yard scoring run to close within 39-36. The Bulls got back the ball, but QB Ed Luther — making his first USFL appearance after leaving the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League — was intercepted by Gary Plummer, who returned the ball 46 yards to set up a 41-yard field goal by Bojovic.
Luther was then intercepted by David Greenwood with eight seconds left. Still, he wound up passing for three touchdowns while completing 25 of 45 throws for 282 yards.
"We really didn't play well enough to win," said Luther, who signed with the Bulls two weeks ago after Brian Sipe was injured. "It was nice getting out there and getting bumped around a little bit. I think we'll get better."
Stars 29, Generals 9
Kelvin Bryant, whose injured ankle had limited him to 168 yards in Baltimore's first three games, ran for 136 and scored on runs of 3 and 21 yards as the USFL's defending champions won their debut at the University of Maryland. Last year, they played in Philadelphia.
Generals quarterback Doug Flutie was sacked three times and intercepted twice. New Jersey's only touchdown came on Herschel Walker 80-yard run on the Generals' first play of the third period.
"I was having a great time out there with the crowd yelling," said wide receiver Scott Fitzkee. "The support was even better than we had in Philadelphia."
It was a rough game in which a number of scuffles broke out.

Sports briefs

By The Associated Press
TENNIS
DALLAS (AP) — Martina Navratilova put pressure on Chris Evert Lloyd's serve Sunday and won the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Dallas tennis championship, 6-3, 6-4.
GOLF
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Severiano Ballesteros fired three birdies on the back nine and survived a bogey on his final hole to come from two strokes off the pace Sunday to win the \$400,000 USF&G Golf Classic when John Mahaffey double-bogeyed the 18th.
KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Jane Blalock, rolling in a 15-foot putt on the final hole, scored a one-stroke victory Sunday in the \$300,000 Women's Kemper Open golf tournament and captured her first LPGA tournament title in five years.
SKIING
WATERVILLE VALLEY, N.H. (AP) — Vreni Schneider of Switzerland, benefitting from a slip by American Diann Roffe, captured a women's World Cup giant slalom ski race Sunday, while teammate Michela Figini clinched the women's overall championship.
Roffe, a 17-year-old from Williamson, N.Y., appeared in control after posting a faster intermediate time than Schneider on the second run. But she went wide five gates from the end, and the time lost to maintain her balance cost her the victory.

Ex-Texan breaks pole vault record

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Former Texas high school track star Brandon Richards, son of one-time Olympic great Bob Richards, set a national scholastic indoor record Sunday with a leap of 17 feet 6 inches in the pole vault in a meet at Princeton University.
The youth attended high school in Waco, Texas until December, then moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., because of a new Texas regulation that placed restrictions on time that could be spent away from class while competing in extra-curricular activities.
After breaking his own mark of 17 feet, 5 inches, he watched as his father, the only two-time Olympic gold medalist in the vault, cleared 12 feet in an exhibition for athletes over 40 in the Pathmark Scholastic Classic.
Caryl Smith of Denver tied a national record by winning the 55-meter dash in 6.94 seconds.
A pair of freshmen, William Reed of Philadelphia and Tasha Downing of Dorchester, Mass., set records in the 300 meters.
Downing won in 39.90, topping Smith's record of 40.89, set last year. She also finished the 300-yard dash in 35.39, topping Maxine Underwood's 1979 record of 35.7.
Reed of Philadelphia finished third in the 300 meters. He set his mark for 300 yards, finishing in 31.70, which topped the old mark of 32.8 by Conrad Downes of Philadelphia.

Celtics' 'twin terrors' get past Houston's twin towers

By The Associated Press
Houston's Twin Towers found out that the Boston Celtics have a pretty good 1-2 punch of their own.
Houston's Ralph Sampson scored 32 points Sunday and Akeem Olajuwon added 12. But Boston's Larry Bird bettered that by himself with 48 points and the Celtics got a season-high 38 from Robert Parish in rolling to a 134-120 victory over the Rockets.
"I had more fun watching them when I was coaching them (the Celtics)," said Houston's Bill Fitch.
In other National Basketball Association games, Chicago edged Milwaukee 119-117 in overtime, San Antonio downed Denver 124-119, New Jersey whipped Indiana 129-105, Kansas City beat Utah 107-101, Seattle turned back Detroit 106-98, Portland trounced Atlanta 114-101 and Golden State beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-100.
The Houston-Boston game was tied 14 times before a layup by Bird with 13 seconds remaining in the first half gave Boston the lead for good en route to its fifth consecutive triumph.
Bird, who set a club scoring record last Tuesday with 60 points, has reached 30 points 32 times this

season and 40 points eight times.
Spurs 124, Nuggets 119
Denver center Dan Issel became pro basketball's fourth highest all-time scorer but San Antonio's Johnny Moore scored 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and led the Spurs to victory.
George Gervin also had 23 for the Spurs.
Issel scored 27 points and moved past Elvin Hayes into the No. 4 spot.
Hayes retired at the end of last season with 27,313 points and Issel has 27,337 during his career in the NBA and the American Basketball Association. Alex English added 25 points for Denver.
Bulls 119, Bucks 117
Michael Jordan scored 32 points and Chicago rallied from a 22-point deficit in the second half. The Bulls stormed back behind the clutch shooting of Jordan and Steve Johnson, each of whom had 12 points in the fourth quarter.
Nets 129, Pacers 105
Buck Williams had 29 points and 12 rebounds and Darryl Dawkins and Micheal Ray Richardson each added 18 points to power New Jersey. A 14-4 spurt midway through the second period included two baskets each by Williams and

Richardson and gave the Nets a 56-38 lead.
Kings 107, Jazz 101
Rookie Otis Thorpe scored 25 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds to lead Kansas City. With the score tied in the third quarter, Larry Drew hit from the top of the key to give the Kings a 71-69 lead and from then on they never trailed.
SuperSonics 106, Pistons 98
Tom Chambers scored 10 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter to pace a Seattle rally. Isaiah Thomas topped the Pistons with 22 points and 13 assists.
Trail Blazers 114, Hawks 101
Kiki Vandeweghe scored 14 of his 35 points in the first quarter to lead Portland. Portland led by as many as 34 points.
Warriors 109, Clippers 100
Purvis Short and Eric "Sleepy" Floyd scored 20 points each and Jerome Whitehead added 19 to lead Golden State to its fifth triumph in 33 road games. The Clippers have lost 13 of their last 14 games.

NFL settlement near

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The long-standing legal feud between Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis and National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle may be near a settlement that could save the league millions of dollars.

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TORNADO DAMAGE—Several houses in Venice, Fla., are shown after a tornado passed through the area Sunday, injuring about 40 people and killing two. A Sarasota County Sheriff's Department spokesman said about 24 homes were destroyed and an additional 85 to 90 damaged. (AP Laserphoto)

Three-quarters of Americans live near chemical plants, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three out of every four Americans live "in proximity" to a chemical plant, but nobody knows which facilities are capable of a Bhopal-type disaster, the chairman of the Senate Environment Committee says.

Sen. Robert Stafford, R-Vt., says the statistic, developed at his request by the Congressional Research Service, "gives us some idea of the potential magnitude for a ched that in 1982 there were 11,368 chemical manufacturing plants in this country, most of them in the nation's 335 metropolitan areas where 75.8 percent of the U.S. population lived in 1980.

"One may conclude that about 75 percent of the U.S. population lives in proximity to a chemical plant," the report said, noting that the five largest metropolitan areas — New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco — had the greatest concentrations of plants.

The service, part of the Library of Congress, said it "defined 'population in proximity' as the population of a metropolitan area in which chemical plants are located. This may, in some instances, include people who live a substantial distance from a plant; but in most cases, the larger the population of a metropolitan area, the most likely it is to include numerous chemical plants."

Stafford said in a statement that "certainly not every one of these plants — for that matter, probably

not even one-half of them — poses the potential for disaster like Bhopal.

"But some of them do, and the shame is we do not know which ones," Stafford said. "The Congress does not know, the press does not, the government does not and, most importantly, the public does not."

The senator said the plants pose dangers beyond the type of large release of methyl isocyanate gas that escaped from a Union Carbide-affiliated plant in Bhopal, India, last December, killing at least 2,000 people.

"Each of these chemical plants almost certainly regularly releases toxic chemicals into the environment as a part of doing

Strike call stands

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The state's largest teachers union let stand its call for a statewide strike today of Mississippi's 26,000 teachers, despite the Legislature's approval of a \$4,400 teacher pay raise package.

Teachers in at least 21 districts were expected to stay out of the classroom, according to the Mississippi Association of Educators.

However, association spokesman George Brown said the union's strike call could change after a state judge's hearing today.

business," Stafford said. "By and large, the releases are either under-regulated or not regulated at all."

He termed these regular ventings "more insidious ... more threatening" than what occurred in Bhopal.

In another study prepared at Stafford's request, Congressional Research Service reviewed state and federal records for five chemical plants in northern New Jersey, where a rash of recent ventings have forced people to seek medical treatment.

It found that in 1980, the five plants may have been releasing as much as 1,700 pounds of six different toxic substances each day into the environment. It said that as much of 510 pounds of one of them, toluene, may have been pumped into the air each day.

Stafford said the two CRS studies show "we need to be concerned with the potential for Bhopal in this country, but we need to be at least equally alert to the possibility of other more serious, but silent, disasters."

Iraq warns airlines to halt flights into Iran's airspace

By The Associated Press
Iraq has announced it will shoot down any aircraft that fly into Iranian airspace starting Tuesday.

Iran, meanwhile, claimed it had fired a missile into the Iraqi capital Baghdad today in retaliation for the latest Iraqi missile attacks on Iran's border cities. There was no confirmation of the attack from Baghdad.

Both sides claimed victory today in Iran's offensive to cut the Baghdad-Basra highway in southern Iraq, and both were reported to have raided ships in the Persian Gulf on Sunday.

Hundreds of civilians have been reported killed in the 4½-year-old war in the past two weeks of attacks on civilian targets, and each side has claimed to have killed or wounded more than 12,000 in the southern ground fighting.

Iraq's announced air blockade would match an "exclusion zone"

it imposed around Iran's Kharg Island oil shipping terminal last January. Iraq says it imposed the sea blockade to cut Iran's oil export income and end the war.

In London, spokesman Norman Lornie said British Airways canceled flights to Tehran and Baghdad on Sunday, and had not decided whether flights to Iran would continue. The Italian airline Alitalia said last week it was suspending flights to the two capitals.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted a senior Iranian military official as warning Baghdad citizens to evacuate the capital "as soon as possible so that the Iranian missiles will only hit the Iraqi criminals in their palaces."

The official said Iraq had failed to heed Iran's warnings against missile and air attacks on Iranian cities. "Therefore, it needs other

lessons to come to its senses and stop hitting Iranian residential areas."

The Iranian news agency reported Iraqi missile attacks on the southern Iranian cities of Dezful and Andimeshk on Sunday. It said five missiles hit Dezful and four hit Andimeshk. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

The two nations made conflicting claims of victory in a week-long battle for a key highway leading to Iraq's second-largest city.

Iran said its soldiers had killed or wounded 12,000 Iraqis and captured 3,000 more in an invasion across miles of southern Iraqi swamp aimed at cutting off Basra, an Iraqi city at the head of the Persian Gulf.

Israel doesn't plan to intervene in rebellion

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Druse warlord Walid Jumblatt, a member of President Amin Gemayel's Syrian-oriented government, is urging his followers to rearm and prepare for a new round of civil war with the Christian militia that is rebelling against Gemayel.

In other Lebanon-related developments Sunday:

—Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said in an interview with CBS News that the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon was being accelerated and should be completed "in a matter of weeks." The previous timetable called for a withdrawal by mid-September.

—The Israeli military command said in Tel Aviv that two of its soldiers were killed and five wounded when their jeep was ambushed by guerrillas firing

small arms near the southern Shiite village of Jibchit. Israeli troops raided two more Shiite villages in the occupied zone as part of a four-week crackdown.

—An anonymous telephone caller in Beirut claimed that the Islamic Holy War terrorist group carried out the kidnapping of Associated Press correspondent Terry A. Anderson and two Britons, a scientist and a businessman.

All three were kidnapped separately last week in mostly Moslem west Beirut, which has been under the control of Shiite Moslem and Druse militias.

Threats were made against the United States in Lebanon after the United States vetoed an anti-Israeli resolution in the United Nations. Lebanese and British officials have said they think the Britons were abducted because they were mistaken for Americans.

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