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Pampans escape from assailants

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A Pampa man whose former girlfriend allegedly shot him in the groin shortly before 7:30 p.m. Wednesday escaped by hopping into a passing vehicle.

About an hour later, in an unrelated incident, a Pampa woman beaten to a bloody pulp by a man who broke into her home, escaped by clawing her way out of the front door and screaming for help.

The two incidents resulted in the arrest of two people by local police Wednesday night.

One of the victims, Michael McGee, 25, 1068 Varnon Dr., was listed in stable condition this morning at Coronado Community Hospital after being shot once in the groin Wednesday evening by a woman scorned, police said.

The victim's former girlfriend, Judy Hill, 25, 504 N. Zimmers, was arraigned this morning on a charge of aggravated assault with a firearm. Justice of the Peace David Potter set bond on the charge at \$5,000.

The other victim, Clarice June Carel, 45, 511 N. Cuyler, was listed in stable condition this morning at the Pampa hospital after being severely beaten by a pint-sized assailant about 8:10

p.m. Wednesday. Martin Gonzalez, 19, address unavailable, was arraigned this morning on a charge of burglary in connection with that incident. Potter set bond on the charge at \$10,000.

In the first assault, police received a call about 7:25 p.m. "that a woman was chasing a man down the road in the 500 block of North Zimmers," reports said.

A second caller said the woman had shot the fleeing man. When officers arrived, witnesses told police that the wounded man had escaped the female assailant by jumping onto the hood of a passing car.

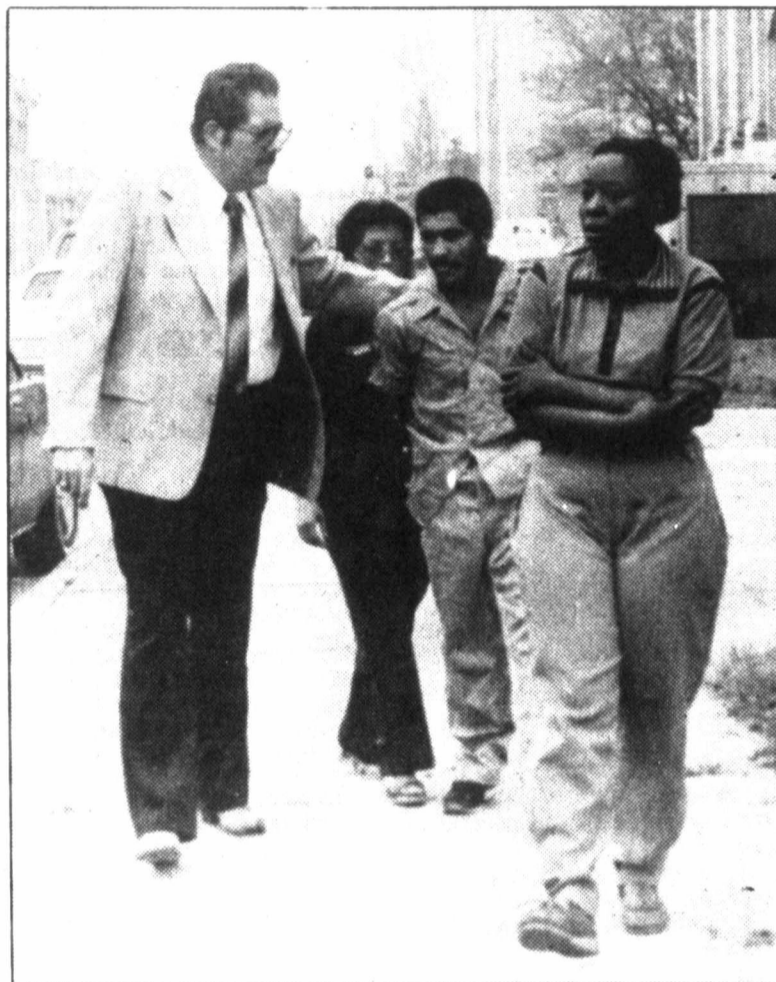
The woman with the gun since had gone into her home in the 500 block of North Zimmers, police said.

"As officers started toward the house, the woman came out and had a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol in her possession," reports said.

Hill was arrested and booked on the charge of aggravated assault.

Police then called the hospital and were told that the shooting victim had just arrived.

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ASSAULT SUSPECTS — Detective Sgt. Ken Neal places his hand on the shoulder of Martin Gonzalez as he leads the Pampa man to his arraignment this morning on a charge of burglary. Judy Hill, right, also heads for her arraignment on a charge of aggravated assault with a firearm. (Staff Photo by Revina Smith)

Reagan lashes at Nicaraguan, Soviet leaders

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — President Reagan, lashing out at Soviet and Nicaraguan leaders, declared today that Western nations must remain militarily strong "so that never again would we be forced...to resort to violence" to safeguard liberty.

Warning of threats of Soviet aggression that have persisted since the end of World War II, Reagan rejected criticism from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and accused Nicaragua of "interfering with democracy in the Americas."

About 40 Communist Party delegates to Portugal's Assembly of the Republic walked out of the chamber before Reagan delivered the final major speech of his 10-day European tour, after he conferred with Prime Minister Mario Soares.

The president began his speech at a rostrum overflowing with red, white and blue carnations by ad-libbing to the remaining delegates, "I'm sorry that some of the chairs on the left seem to be uncomfortable."

At another point in his address, which was warmly applauded by the 250-member Assembly, Reagan interjected that the meaning of democracy included "the right to speak, to assemble, to publish and to vote, even to walk out."

Shortly before Reagan entered the chamber, a sergeant-at-arms in blue swallowtail coat trimmed in gold ceremoniously removed a caged dove from the desk of Green Party deputy Antonio Gonzales and carried it outside, to loud boos from Communist members who then stalked out.

The president congratulated Portugal for turning away from 42 years of dictatorial rule to embrace democracy, and criticized communist societies.

He said it is in "the collectivist world that economies stagnate, that technology is lagging and that people are oppressed and unhappy with their lives."

Speaking indirectly to the new Soviet leadership, Reagan said the free West has learned after World War II it is a mistake to believe that "it is enough only to wish for peace."

"Instead, we accepted reality; we took seriously those who threatened to end the independence

of our nations and our peoples. And we did what peoples who value their freedom must do. We joined together in a great alliance. And we armed.

"But we did so only so that never again would we be forced — under the weight of our betrayed illusions — to resort to violence," Reagan said.

Arriving at Sao Bento Palace for talks with Soares, the president had harsh words for Gorbachev. At a Kremlin rally Wednesday marking the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany, the Soviet leader called the United States "the forward edge of the war menace to mankind."

Asked what he thought of Gorbachev's speech, Reagan replied, "What I usually think of him." When a reporter said Gorbachev had called him a menace to mankind, the president snapped: "Who is he to talk?"

Reagan also lashed out at Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega. Told that Ortega, who is touring Eastern Europe, had called for an end to U.S. interference in Nicaragua, Reagan replied: "We are not interfering. They're interfering with democracy in the Americas."

Reagan was ending his European trip with a durable ally in Portugal, a staunch supporter of the NATO alliance which provides untroubled U.S. access to Lajes Air Base in the Azores and serves as a mediator in efforts to reduce Cuban military strength in Angola, the former Portuguese colony in southern Africa.

Red Cross to close emergency center

The Red Cross has announced that Friday will be the last day its emergency assistance center which was set up to aid victims of the recent hailstorm will be open.

Red Cross officials said an local residents who need assistance with repairs should make application before then.

The center, located in the First Methodist Church Education Building, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Leaf rust threatens area wheat crop

Prospects for a bumper wheat crop are being threatened by a massive invasion of leaf rust, warns Gray County Extension Agent Joe VanZandt.

VanZandt said soil moisture conditions have been above normal for the winter and spring time, giving farmers a bright outlook for a good wheat crop.

However, reports from downstate have mentioned heavy rust infestations for several weeks, the county agent said.

"Rust normally travels north from deep South Texas in the springtime," he explained. "This year it has apparently overwintered much further north and, so, has heavily infested wheat at an earlier time in all wheat growing areas of Texas."

In the Gray County area, farmers need to study each wheat field to decide really soon if a fungicide treatment is justified, VanZandt said.

"To me, it looks like our level of rust infestation is about to explode," he warned.

"We have had the right environmental conditions the last two weeks for rust levels to build up all across the area," he said, referring to the rainstorms which have swept over the region in that period.

VanZandt said it is safe to assume that every field has some degree of rust infection.

The right environmental conditions that breed rust are moisture on the leaf surface, temperatures between 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit, rust spores and a susceptible host such as wheat, VanZandt explained.

He noted that Dr. Bob Berry, extension plant pathologist, said it takes four hours at 70 degrees with moisture on the leaf surface for infection to occur. It takes eight hours at 60 degrees.

A generation of rust takes 12 to 14 days when temperatures are in the 60 to 80 degree range, Dr. Berry states.

"We are about one month away from having our grain in the heads fairly well filled," VanZandt said. "It is a close race against time to have enough leaf area to properly fill the grain."

Dr. Berry says the top (the flag) leaf will fill 40 percent of the head, while the second leaf down will fill another 40 percent of the head.

"It is difficult to say how much of the grain in a head will be filled by only a green stem after all of the leaf area has been destroyed by leaf rust," VanZandt said.

"This can and will happen," he warned.

"I have already seen wheat plants where rust has already destroyed all but the top leaf," the county agent said. "And the top leaf is heavily infested with rust to the point that only about 20 percent of it has any green color left. That field is being cut for hay, and it looked like it had the potential for 30 to 40 bushels (of grain)."

"Farmers have a tough decision to make," he stated.

VanZandt said a systemic fungicide can give 21 days protection, with a cost in the \$16 to \$20 per acre range. After the 21 days, it would take another 12 days for a new infection to occur.

"The systemic fungicide is supposed to stop new infections," he explained. "However, older infections, close to the end of their developmental stage, will probably go ahead and develop into rust pustules."

It takes approximately 10 days before farmers can see any difference between treated and untreated areas, so there is not an immediate visual difference, he said.

"Consideration has to be given for yield potential, hail insurance, harvest expense and, above all, cash flow," VanZandt stated.

"Whether to treat or not is a most difficult

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TINY STAR—Wilbur, a miniature goat, was the star of the playground at the First Baptist Church Day School Wednesday. The goat, less

than two feet tall, is owned by Gary James, who took him to the school for the entertainment of the youngsters. (Staff photo by Revina Smith)

Vote on changing definition of casinghead gas not taken

AUSTIN—A scheduled vote in a Senate committee on a bill that would redefine casinghead gas was not taken Wednesday as planned.

State Rep. Foster Whaley of Pampa said he understood the bill's sponsor didn't call for the vote because he was still one short of the majority needed to get the proposal out of committee.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, would establish the definition of casinghead gas as all gas produced from a well classified by the Texas Railroad Commission as an oil well.

The current definition accepted by the RRC is "any gas and/or vapor indigenous to an oil stratum and produced from such stratum with oil."

Independent producers and royalty owners support the bill, and over 150 Panhandle residents were in Austin earlier this week lobbying for its passage.

Supporters hope that passage of the bill would head off a possible unfavorable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruling concerning casinghead gas. A FERC administrative judge has rejected the contention that all gas produced from a well that also produces oil is casinghead gas. The full commission's ruling on the judge's recommendation is pending.

Rep. Whaley said Sen. Santiesteban will not call for a committee vote on his bill unless he is sure it will be approved. Even if he is successful in getting it out of committee, Whaley said, 21 senators will still have to vote in favor of allowing it to be considered by the full Senate.

Contrary to remarks by Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Mesquite, that if the bill fails it will be partly the fault of former congressman Kent Hance, who works for the Independents, for switching to the Republican

Party last week. Whaley said he understands that no member of the Senate committee has changed positions on the bill because of that switch. But, by the same token, supporters of the measure have been unable to change the mind of the lone opponent whose vote is needed to get it out of committee.

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Thought for today: "Boredom is rage spread thin." — Paul Tillich, German-American philosopher and theologian (1886-1965).

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House sends tuition hike bill to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has approved a tripling of state college tuition in the fall, concurring with what one legislator criticized as "marching orders" from the Senate.

"We don't need to pass a tuition bill today. We need to get the two houses together in the true spirit of compromise," said Bay City Rep. Tom Uher.

But the House voted 85-60 Wednesday to scrap its plan to double tuition and go along with the Senate plan to raise the semester hour cost for resident students from the current \$4 to \$12 in the fall.

The measure now goes to Gov. Mark White, who has indicated that he approves of the tuition increase.

Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin and sponsor of the House tuition plan, called on the House to agree

with the Senate version. The colleges need the \$275 million the hike would raise over the next two years, she said.

"Without a tax bill we cannot afford to continue to put as much money in colleges and universities as we have in the past," Mrs. Delco said.

The 1986-87 appropriations bill approved by the House cuts college spending by about 4 percent. The tuition hike would help fend off a 26 percent higher education spending cut recommended by legislative budget aides.

"This is reasonable, fair and affordable," Mrs. Delco said of the Senate version, which apparently will become the first tuition hike in Texas since 1957.

The hand of leadership was clear on the House floor. In a rare move, Speaker Gib Lewis voted to

agree with the Senate version.

Even with the increase, Texas college tuition would be among the nation's cheapest.

The bill would raise tuition from the current \$4 per semester hour to \$12 in the fall. It would increase to \$16 per hour for the next three years and then go up \$2 a year every two years until it reached \$24 in 1995.

The House tuition bill scrapped in favor of the Senate plan would have raised in-state tuition to \$8 per hour this fall and in gradual increments to \$20 by 1990.

Uher said some of his "well-to-do" constituents complained about the proposed hikes, saying it called for "too much money too fast."

"Many of the young people are going to be knocked out" of a college education by the increase,

he said.

"Compromise is a dialogue," Uher said in calling for a House-Senate conference committee to work on the tuition bill. "We have been handed down our marching orders from the Senate."

Mrs. Delco said there were sufficient grants, emergency loans and installment payment plans to guarantee that no student would be denied a college education because of lack of money.

Tuition for out-of-state students would rise from the current \$40 to \$120 per semester hour in the fall. Resident medical student tuition would go from \$400 a year to \$800 a year in the fall. It would increase to \$1,219 the next year.

Law school tuition for Texas residents would rise from \$4 per hour to \$24 this fall and to \$36 in 1986.

Hikes in local sales taxes gain approval in the House

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has voted to let most Texas cities add another penny to their local sales tax, a move that could raise that tax to 6.125 percent in some areas.

Under Killeen Rep. Stan Schlueter's bill, cities that do not collect a sales tax for transit could either tack on the added penny for transit or use it to reduce local

property taxes.

The increased sales tax could virtually eliminate city property taxes in some areas. Lufkin, for example, could replace 95 percent of its property taxes by adding another penny to its current one-cent local sales tax.

The bill won 81-61 tentative approval in the House Wednesday,

where it faces another vote.

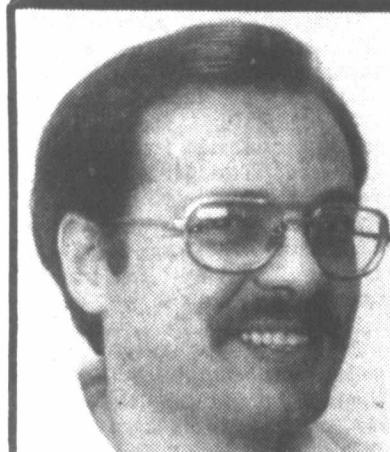
The state sales tax is now 4.125 percent. Most cities collect a one-cent local sales tax, and several of the largest cities collect up to another penny for mass transit.

Under the Schlueter plan, cities with a population of 50,000 or more could collect the additional penny for transit. Any city could collect it for property tax relief.

"The people would vote to put this on themselves," Schlueter said of the sales tax hike, which would require a local vote.

The bill drew criticism, however. Rep. Foster Whaley, D-Pampa, argued that the state might someday need the penny that Schlueter wants to give to cities. When the sales tax well is dry, the next step could be a personal or corporate income tax, he said.

"It's going to leave less room for the state," said Whaley. "We're that much closer to a state income tax."



Off beat
By **Larry Hollis**

Short trip cures boredom

"What are you working on?" Jeff asked me one slow afternoon.

"Uh, nothing. What about you?"

"Nothing, either," he replied.

"Then that hot story on perversion among rabbit breeders didn't pan out?"

"Nahh. Just small stuff."

We sat across the table from each other, ruffling through the afternoon newspaper for the third time, shuffling through small piles of accumulated notes and drumming our fingers.

"I'm bored," I said.

"Yeah. So am I. I wish something would break."

"Uh huh."

"Anything on the police scanner?"

"No. Just something about sending a patrolman out to check on a dead cat in the alley."

"Oh. Why didn't they call Clean Pampa?"

"I don't know. I'll check with Jo on it tomorrow."

We continued to sit, waiting for the phone to ring with some hot tip. Or even a cold one.

"Let's get out of the office for awhile," I suggested. "Maybe we can come across some adventurous happenings about town."

"Sounds good to me."

We went outside and got into my car. And the adventure began.

"Hey, watch out!" Jeff shouted as I began to back out of the parking spot.

I looked up and saw some big-wheeled pickup blazing into the parking lot, wheels screaming as the driver turned off Atchison.

"Whew, that was close," I said.

I neared the street, getting ready to pull out onto Atchison. I slammed on the brakes again to avoid losing the front end to some panel truck heading east, apparently thinking this was the Amarillo highway.

I started to turn right. My feet crammed against the brakes again.

"Why didn't that &?X\$! lady look around before she backed that station wagon out?" Jeff growled.

The wagon finally moved on, and we turned left down Somerville, stopping at the intersection. We waited there a couple of minutes, waiting for the blur of traffic to open up a spot so we could turn right on Foster.

A spot opened up and I edged out.

"Watch out!" Jeff exclaimed.

Again the brakes.

Some camper across the intersection was turning left across our path, apparently oblivious that we were there. Or ignorant of the laws of right of way.

We finally managed the right turn, and I drove east on Foster.

Jeff's arm shot out to the dash. Recognizing the signal, I pushed the brakes again to avoid the late model Ford edging out from the fire station intersection. I swerved around it, only to hit the brakes again as some old man pulled out into the street from the City Hall intersection.

"?&! (X" I muttered.

"What was that?" Jeff questioned.

"Nothing."

We headed toward the Cuyler traffic lights, which turned yellow and then red as we neared it.

"Will you look at that?" Jeff said.

"Yeah, I know. Some people think this street has three lanes."

Two cars were stopped ahead of us. The first was smack in the center of the road. The other behind it was slightly to the right. And I was on the left, against the dividing line.

The light turned. The front car turned right, the second went straight ahead.

"Aren't you going to drive by the Post Office?" Jeff asked.

"Hey, no way," I said. "I don't live that dangerously," turning on the left turn signal as I waited for the oncoming traffic to pass by from its staggered routes.

The route cleared, I started my turn — and smacked on the brakes again to avoid hitting a group of teenage girls running across the street as the traffic light turned yellow.

"That does it," I said. I drove down to Kingsmill, turned left and drove back to the office, pulling back into the parking spot.

"That's enough adventurous happenings," I said as Jeff and I opened the doors and headed back into the office.

Back at our desks in a few minutes, Jeff asked, "Are you working on any stories?"

"No," I answered.

A few more moments of silence.

"I'm bored," Jeff muttered.

"Yeah, so am I. But I feel much safer."

Jeff opened the afternoon Amarillo newspaper and I picked up an old Chamber of Commerce release.

Hollis is a staff writer for The Pampa News.



URGES ANTI-DEFICIT LOBBYING—Vice President George Bush, speaking to some 300 members of the American Electronics Association in Austin, urges high-tech entrepreneurs to lobby Congress to reduce the federal deficit. (AP Laserphoto)

Blue Law repeal approved for debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate State Affairs Committee has approved for debate, probably early next week, a House-passed measure that would repeal Texas' Blue Law for all except automobile dealers.

The vote Wednesday was 12-1 with Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texas, in opposition.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said he planned to offer the bill for Senate debate on Monday or Tuesday.

If approved by the Senate, the measure would go back to the

House for approval of minor Senate amendments.

There has been an overwhelmingly public response to efforts to repeal the Blue Law," said Farabee, "but we have not had that from the automobile dealers, so that is why they are exempted from the bill."

The bill contains a provision that any automobile dealer who does open on both Saturday and Sunday could be fined up to \$500.

The current law says 42 items ranging from hardware to clothing cannot be sold on both Saturday and Sunday. At the time it was passed in 1961, legislators were told the measure was needed to balance competition between downtown stores and discount firms, mostly in the suburbs.

Efforts have been made in all recent sessions of the Legislature to repeal or amend the controversial closing law.

Supporters say it affects Texas economy by shutting down many businesses at least once a week.

Opponents said it would interrupt family life in addition to conflicting with plans for religious services.

Gov. Mark White said last week he had not made up his mind about the House bill that passed 58-25.

"I'm very concerned," White said. "My concern is that there be no business pressure placed on

individuals to work seven days a week."

Farabee said the bill includes a provision that no employee could be required to work on a day he or she wanted to attend a religious service.

"I represent thousands of retail employees who already work six days a week and sometimes two or three nights," said Ray Mason of Dallas. "We want Sunday off to be with our family and friends. This bill would have a negative effect on about 25 percent of the non-agricultural workers of the state."

Mason was the only witness to testify Wednesday.

Numerous witnesses who supported the Senate version of the bill at a recent hearing registered as supporting the House bill but did not testify.

Sen. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, made two attempts to amend the House bill.

One proposal would allow only grocery stores, drug stores and filling stations to open on Sunday. The other would strike the section exempting auto dealers. Both were defeated 10-3.

"We might as well close down everything that is not essential and go back to the days when people went to church on Sunday and had picnics and it was a true family

Charges filed in sexual assault case

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) — Aggravated sexual assault charges have been filed against two Granbury men who were beaten by self-professed vigilantes and dumped in front of the Hood County sheriff's home.

Felipe Perez, 32, and Louis Garcia, 28, were being held in the Hood County Jail late Wednesday in lieu of a \$4,000 bond each, authorities said.

Arrest warrants also were issued Wednesday for a man and a woman in connection with the Sunday abductions of Perez and Garcia, authorities said. The two were still at large late Wednesday.

The men were arrested Monday after being found with their hands and feet tied in front of the sheriff's home.

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Hall quits, senator wants a probe into her confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marianne Mele Hall, stalked by controversy because of her work on a book considered insulting to blacks, has resigned from a government tribunal, but a senator says an investigation into her appointment will continue.

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R-Md., chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee that oversees the Copyright Royalty Tribunal, said lawmakers must determine how Ms. Hall came to be nominated and how her work on the book escaped all but cursory notice during her Senate confirmation.

"The American people deserve an explanation of how this episode was permitted to occur, and a

statement of what will be done to prevent a recurrence," Mathias said following Ms. Hall's resignation Wednesday.

"The inquiry commenced last week by the subcommittee on patents, copyrights and trademarks will continue, not to investigate (Ms. Hall), but to examine the nomination and confirmation process that served the nation so poorly in this case."

The book that sparked protests against Ms. Hall — and demands from more than 100 lawmakers that she resign — is "Foundations of Sand," a 1982 collection of essays that says blacks "insist on preserving their jungle freedoms" and have an "abhorrence of the

work ethic."

Ms. Hall told a House panel last week that she was "merely the editor" of the book, but in documents filed with Senate Judiciary Committee at the time her appointment was under consideration, she described herself as a co-author. She is also listed as a co-author on the cover of the book.

A White House spokesman said Wednesday Ms. Hall was not asked to resign from the \$70,000 post but had been discussing the matter with the White House. Spokesman Dale Petroskey said he's not aware of her talking to President Reagan, but said her resignation letter was addressed to him.



UNDER POLICE GUARD—Residents of police guard Wednesday after clashes with local Taskane township in South Africa are under residents left at least 11 dead. (AP Laserphoto)

Energy chief seeks Cabinet-level look at future of nuclear power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blaming everyone from actress Jane Fonda to government safety regulators for the slow growth of nuclear power, Energy Secretary John Herrington is promising a Cabinet-level examination of the industry's future.

"Many consumers perceive that nuclear power is unsafe, unworkable and too expensive ... thanks to Hanoi Jane," Herrington said Wednesday, referring to Miss Fonda's visit to Hanoi during the Vietnam War and her role in "The China Syndrome," a movie about an atomic plant accident.

However, he said the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission is more to blame than anti-nuclear activists for eroding the public's acceptance of atomic power.

"Unfortunately, federal regulation has probably been more responsible for undermining confidence in nuclear power than have avowed nuclear opponents," he said. "In decision after decision, the government has delayed plant construction and sent the price of nuclear power soaring."

Herrington said there have been 114 nuclear power plant cancellations and no orders for new reactors in the past seven years.

"To the best of my knowledge, no utility company, public or private, is even considering the nuclear option for future generation needs," he said. "If government is part of the problem, then it is the (Reagan) administration's policy to make government a part of the solution."

NRC Chairman Nunzio

Palladino, when asked about Herrington's remarks, disagreed.

"I believe we are fulfilling our mission to protect public health and safety," Palladino said. "That is the most important thing we can do to enhance public confidence in nuclear power."

Herrington, formerly President Reagan's White House personnel director, refused to take questions following his address to the

Nuclear Power Assembly, a trade group. But aides said the Cabinet-level examination stops short of requests by the industry and Wall Street investment bankers for a higher-status presidential commission to look at nuclear power's problems.

"He wants to brief the Cabinet on the state of the industry, that's about it," said Dan Butler, an Energy Department spokesman.

Soviet missiles significance is argued

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials say President Reagan is justified in singling out a new Soviet missile as a major threat to the nuclear balance, but critics charge the Soviet weapon is less of a threat to America than the MX missile is to the Russians.

"The MX is obviously much more of a first-strike weapon than the SS-X-24, in part because it's more accurate," said John D. Steinbruner, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution.

"And you can't call their missile a first-strike weapon and not say

the same about the MX," added William Arkin, the director of nuclear weapons research at the Institute for Policy Studies, a private think tank that has often criticized Pentagon policies.

The question of the threat posed by the 10-warhead SS-X-24, which the Pentagon expects the Soviets to begin deploying next year, arose Wednesday after it was singled out by President Reagan as an example of Russia's emphasis on weapons "clearly designed to strike first."

Addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France,

Reagan asserted the Soviet Union does not "share our view of what constitutes a stable nuclear balance." He added the SS-X-24, which can be transported and launched from rail cars, has the potential "to avoid detection, monitoring or arms control verification."

The president said such developments underline the need to pursue his "Star Wars" research effort to find a defense against ballistic missiles.

Arkin and other critics termed the statements surprising.

Elections in Brazil

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Congress today voted unanimously to amend the constitution and reinstate direct presidential elections, meeting a popular demand frustrated by 21 years of military rule.

The Congress also passed bills allowing illiterate people to vote, legalizing clandestine parties such as the communists, and establishing direct elections November 15 for mayors of state capitals.

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Dear Abby

Basically, you know, our speech needs some work

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Basically, this letter is about people who basically over-use a particular word, or groups of words. Basically, the worst offenders are people who say "you know" four and five times in one sentence—basically speaking, you know.

You know how overworked those basic words can seem after basically a short period of time. You know, I find such repetitions basically nauseating, really.

Based on my aversion, you know, I'm considering taking drastic action to basically draw attention to this basic speech fault by taping the offenders' mouths shut, you know.

I'm basically a fan of yours, you know, so would you see if there are many others out there who, you know, have basically the same reaction?

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DEAR GAIL: You know basically I can understand your irritation because I do know that such sloppy speech habits are formed by people with basically limited vocabularies.

But don't go away; here's a companion piece to your letter from Scottsdale, Ariz.:

DEAR ABBY: One of the most annoying habits I find among people, especially teen-agers and young adults, is ending every sentence with "OK?"

The sentence can be a simple statement, such as, "I went to the store," but there's that superfluous "OK?" tacked onto it as if it were a question.

The "OK" habit is a sign of insecurity, and is used by people who need constant approval for everything they say.

It makes one wonder how people can go through school with such an irritating habit without having it corrected by teachers or associates.

TIRED OF "OK" IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: What can I do about an old high school classmate who has been after me to resume our friendship after 18 years? We no

Step Savers set cookout

The Step Savers Extension Homemakers Club will hold a cookout beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at the home of Linda Gauger, 924 Terry.

Plans for the event were made at the May 1 meeting of the club. All members and their families have been invited.

County Extension Agent Donna Brauchi presented a program on "Coping with blood pressure," during the meeting. Anna Vencill and Connie Hickman were guests. Donna Rodvelt won the door prize.

The club's next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. May 15 at the home of Debbie Larkin, 1316 Starkweather.

longer have anything in common, and to make matters worse, she has just given birth to her first baby! (My children are in their teens.)

She is eager for me to see her baby, and I dread it. I certainly don't intend to buy a baby gift for someone that I have no intention of seeing again.

I can't stall her any longer. What should I tell her that won't crush her?

TOO OLD FOR BABY TALK

DEAR TOO OLD: You certainly can't tell her the brutal truth—that you have nothing in common and don't care to see her baby. You're exerting far more energy ducking her and feeling guilty than it would take to buy her a little gift and see her baby. Sometimes the easiest way "around" something is right through it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 21 years old and planning my wedding. I picked out a beautiful satin and lace wedding gown, but here's the problem: My mother wants me to wear the wedding gown she wore when she got married.

I hate to hurt her feelings, Abby, but I tried it on, and I don't care for it at all. Maybe it just doesn't look good on me, but I really hate to think of wearing it on my wedding day. It looked good on my mother in her day, but there is no way I could feel beautiful in that wedding gown.

Please, please help me get out of wearing it, Abby. Or should I wear it and keep my mouth shut? My fiancé saw the gown I want to buy (we picked it out together), and he says I should ask you. I would be paying for it with my own money.

SEPTEMBER BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: Be honest with your mother. It's your day, and I know she wants you to feel beautiful. Tell her that you have found the wedding dress of your dreams, and go for it!



Dance revue scheduled in White Deer

WHITE DEER — The Linda Germany School of Dance will present its 20th Anniversary Revue, "Wish Upon A Star," 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the White Deer High School Auditorium.

The show will be sponsored by the Xi Sigma Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority with proceeds going to charity. Graduating seniors Susan Thompson, Janet Samples and Tara Bradley will be honored, as well as 10-year

students Debbie Swaney and Jennifer Germany.

Students participating in a jazz dance to Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean" are, (left photo) back row, left to right, Adele Chick, Jill Immel, Debbie Swaney, Carrie Woodall, Jodie Ferguson, Dena Hinkley, Julie Gortmaker. Center, Brenda Appel and Tara Cox. Front row, Jennifer Germany, Joy Ingle,

Traci Lemons, Stephani Harrah and Staci McConnell.

Tapping to "Mickey Mouse's Birthday Party" (right photo) will be, standing from left, Nikki Warminski, Lenzi Diggs, Nicki Germany, Shelly Kay Hostas and Christa Strader. Seated are Amanda Freeman, Alana Hillman, Joselyn Watson, Lyndsay Thomas and Monica Garrison.

Country music an aid to education?

By JOE EDWARDS
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An education professor says country music's "cry in your beer" lyrics can help students learn about love, life and even geography.

"You don't need a Ph.D. in analytical poetry to understand country music. It's short, simple and to the point," says Dr. James Akenson, associate professor of education at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

A country wailer like "Kaw-Liga," for example, can help first-graders think more clearly because its tale of a storefront wooden Indian who fell in love with a maiden at another store is easy to follow, Akenson says.

Akenson, an admitted country music fan, teaches a graduate-level course on how country music can be a valuable instructional tool.

He cites country music lyrics as a way high school and elementary school instructors can supplement their teaching of sociology, geography and other subjects.

Akenson says a "cry in your beer" honky-tonk song like the late Ernest Tubbs' "I'm Walkin' the Floor Over You" can teach students about human

relationships.

"Those songs reflect that many times relationships are fragile," the 41-year-old professor said in an interview. "If they are not well thought out, you can end up 'sleeping single in a double bed.' These songs help high school students be more analytical in studying their own relationships."

He said "Sleeping Single in a Double Bed," a hit country song by Barbara Mandrell, "reinforces traditional values. She realizes she's sorry for mistakes."

Akenson, who has his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, said "Kaw-Liga," recorded by both Hank Williams and Hank Williams Jr., can be studied by first-graders to develop listening skills and other functions.

"In 'Kaw-Liga,' you have a very nice story. It has time lines, and then you can plot and put words on it and so forth. Here are events in a story, in sequence and then you can draw conclusions."

He says Hank Williams Jr.'s "Dixie on My Mind" can be used as a geography lesson for young students because the song mentions Alabama, the

Mason-Dixon line, Houston, Spartanburg, S.C., and Jack Daniels whiskey in Tennessee.

"The map work you can do with that is interesting," said Akenson, a native of Minneapolis.

He says Loretta Lynn's signature song, "Coal Miner's Daughter," is a vivid description of a strong family relationship, and John Anderson's amusing "Swingin'" typifies traditional values with its references to fried chicken and daddy in the backyard.

Similarly, Akenson says teachers can play John Conlee's "Back Side of 30" in the classroom to portray a conventional relationship that's been broken.

"It's a beautiful song about a man who has been married, it's broken up and there's remorse. This person is not a teenybopper. He's an ordinary human being, over 35, who has seen an important relationship crumble. Now he's dealing with that. It's about traditional relationships, which are valued in country music."

"Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," by Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson, focuses on tension in a culture, he says.

"Cowboys are their own persons ... not locked into a regimented lifestyle. But in terms of security, maybe it's best to let them have a professional career."

Akenson says his research of country music shows "historical ideas about American culture, economic ideas about goods and services and wants and needs and creation of jobs and spending of money and capital investment, and a lot of related history, geography, sociology and anthropology."

"Whether you're interested in country music or not ... a large percentage of people have some linkage into the cultural heritage from which country music has evolved."

He says the underlying point of his course "is to show teachers how to actively involve children and young adults with various kinds of materials."

"We don't just memorize; we go for a higher order of thinking skills, not just reading and reciting," he said. "We are active with data sources to make children have skills and have concepts and do higher-order thinking."

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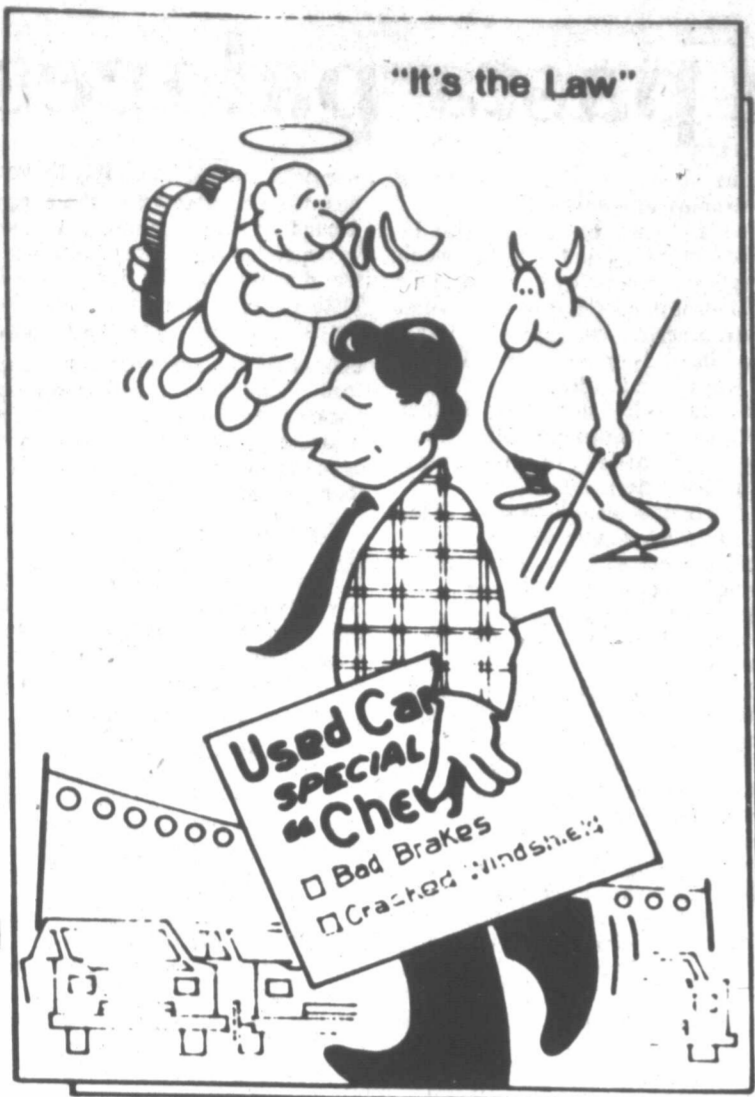
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Doctor's statements jeopardize retrial

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Attempted murder charges in the retrial of Claus von Bulow could be dismissed because a doctor's statement that the socialite's wife caused her own first coma was never given to the defense team during the 1982 trial, lawyers said.

Dr. Janis Gailitis testified Wednesday that he told authorities in 1982 that Martha "Sunny" von Bulow's 1979 coma was caused by vomit cutting off oxygen to her brain, not insulin-induced low blood sugar, but was told not to volunteer the information.

Not sharing such information is grounds for dismissal of criminal indictments, said Harry Gemma, an assistant attorney general. He said he expected a dismissal request by defense lawyers.

The state alleges that von Bulow injected his wife with insulin in attempts to kill her, gain \$14 million of her \$75 million inheritance and be free to marry his mistress.

State files brief in offshore oil dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas stands to gain up to \$215 million if a federal appeals court sees things the state's way in an offshore oil dispute, Attorney General Jim Mattox says.

Parker said that is 50 percent, but the Reagan administration has challenged his finding.

The defense says Mrs. von Bulow brought on her own condition by abusing drugs, alcohol and sweets, aggravating a chronic low blood-sugar condition.

Mattox on Wednesday filed a 50-page brief with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, asking it to uphold a lower court ruling granting Texas a 50-percent share of revenues from federal oil and gas leases off the Texas coast in the Gulf of Mexico.

In the brief filed Wednesday, Mattox noted that Texas accelerated its offshore leasing program between 1973 and 1978, while the federal government did little.

The case hasn't yet been scheduled for oral arguments before the Fifth Circuit judges.

The U.S. Interior Department is appealing U.S. District Judge Robert Parker's 1984 ruling that ordered the federal government to share oil revenues in a "fair and equitable" manner with coastal states.

"Texas began to hold more frequent lease sales and to require its lessees to drill wells more quickly. During that same five years, the Department of the Interior leased no offshore lands next to Texas," Mattox said.

"By the time the federal government finally began leasing its submerged lands adjacent to Texas, significant exploration and development activity had taken place on the state side of the federal-state border."

"The effect of prior Texas leasing and development on federal bonus payments was a staggering windfall for the federal government," the brief said, because the state's initiative substantially increased federal revenue.

Superior Court Judge Corinne P. Grande stopped jury testimony Wednesday and began an inquiry into what information Stephen Famiglietti possessed during his prosecution of the 1982 trial and whether he gave it to the defense team.

Under questioning by defense attorney Thomas P. Puccio with the jury out of the courtroom, Gailitis said he was instructed by the prosecution team in 1982 to report only that the coma was a result of a combination of factors, including low blood sugar levels.

Puccio was expected to file a motion on the first attempted-murder count against von Bulow.

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stickers is to require the dealer to state that the car is being sold either "as is" or with a warranty. And if a warranty is offered, the terms must be stated on the sticker.

The warranty information and other consumer warnings are to be included in window stickers, required under new Federal Trade Commission regulations for the estimated 10.5 million used cars sold annually by dealers.

Ms. Crawford said a decade-long study of the used-car business found the biggest problem was dealers selling cars "as is," but verbally promising customers that they would fix any problems that came up. Promises that are not in writing cannot be enforced, she pointed out.

The regulation forces dealers to disclose the most important information needed by a used-car buyer — who has to pay for any needed repairs — said Carol T. Crawford, director of the commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

"For the first time, buyers will be able to walk into a used car lot and know up front, in writing, what warranty coverage is being offered," she said.

And the warranties may well prove a good guide to the quality of cars being sold, since a dealer is likely to offer more protection on cars in which he has more confidence, added deputy director Amanda Petersen.

Conviction upheld

AUSTIN (AP) — The 3rd Court of Appeals on Wednesday affirmed the Lampasas County murder conviction of Vincent Durante in the death of Durante's 16-month-old son.

The FTC rule covers sales of used light trucks as well as used cars by dealers who sell at least six vehicles a year. The roughly 7 million people a year who sell their own used vehicles privately are not covered by the rule.

Durante said at his trial that the child, in response to a spanking, held his breath, passed out and never regained consciousness.

Detailed information on the new regulation was mailed to every used-car dealer in the nation two weeks ago, Ms. Petersen added, in order to give them time to comply.

According to court records, Durante and his wife brought the child to the Lampasas hospital on Oct. 9, 1983, and the child was not breathing. He was pronounced dead, and an examination showed four abrasions and 21 bruises on the child's body, including a ¼-inch bruise and ½-inch abrasion on the child's forehead.

"Consumers should look for the stickers starting (today), and we want to hear from them if they're not seeing them," she told a news conference Wednesday.

The appeals court said a forensic pathologist testified at the trial that a person cannot commit suicide by holding his or her breath.

Dealers who fail to comply could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day per violation, although Ms. Petersen indicated the agency will be tolerant of some missing stickers in the early going.

The court affirmed the life sentence assessed Durante.

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Crime, punishment mingle in pasta palaces

EDITOR'S NOTE — It's not on the menu, though it's usually reflected in the tab: a restaurant's "ambiance." There are all sorts of ambiances and one of them is mayhem — a place where an underworld figure met an untimely death. Here's a guided and witty tour of places that enjoy the distinction.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent
NEW YORK (AP) — These days in New York's Little Italy it is hard to tell the YUPPIES, the young urban professionals with the U.S. Attorney's office, from the YUMMIES, the young upwardly mobile mob mouthpieces.

Both dress in dark business suits set off by regimental ties and linger long over their linguini and lambrusco, savoring tasty points of criminal law in the big government crackdown on organized crime that is on the menu at the federal court house in Foley Square just a few blocks away.

Crime and punishment, like the ever present aroma of garlic and olive oil, mingle so tantalizingly in the pasta palaces along Mulberry Street that it is even difficult to determine at the moment whether Umberto's Clam House, the most storied of them all, is being run by U.S. Attorney for Manhattan Rudolph Giuliani or by Matthew "Matty the Horse" Ianiello.

Matty was at the cash register the night Joey "Crazy Joe" Gallo was snuffed midway through his second order of Umberto's famous shrimp and scungilli salad. The proprietor dove into the kitchen and lay on the tile floor with his hands over his eyes as soon as Sonny Pinto and two out-of-town torpedoes known only as Cisco and Benny came in the side door blasting. The next thing he knew, Pete "The Greek" Diopoulis, a Gallo bodyguard, was pushing a gun in his face and pulling the trigger, but only clicks came out because it had been emptied trying to save Joey.

As far as Umberto's future was concerned, it was touch and go there for a minute. Joey, with two slugs in his spine and another in the main artery leading to his brain, staggered out the Hester Street door and almost died in front of a rival restaurant that might have caught on with tourists who have this strange compulsion to dine at the scene of underworld mayhem.

In the narrow streets of Little Italy, where the outsized limousines of gangsters, politicians and lawyers alike meet in democratic gridlock, nothing succeeds like excess.

And Matty, who is under indictment on charges of skimming millions of dollars in profits from his restaurant holdings, went into U.S. District Court the other day with a battery of 14 lawyers, some of them his best customers, to complain about excessive government control of Umberto's Clam House. The feds, working under provisions of RICO, the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, had tied up the assets of Umberto's and other alleged mob holdings so tightly that, as Matty's lawyers told Judge Edward Weinfeld, the banks would not honor checks to pay the sales tax and even the salaries of the help.

An agreement was reached in Weinfeld's court unfreezing enough funds to pay essential bills and keep Umberto's going.

A reputed underboss in the crime family of Vito Genovese, which was listed in the recent mass indictments accusing a "commissioner" or commission of ruling New York crime, Matty has lent a tourist aura to a number of restaurants.

He owned the Broadway Pub when Bobby Darrow, a Gallo hitman, wasted the night manager, mistaking him for Matty. Ianiello also had a piece of the Peppermint Lounge, the birthplace of "the Twist," a dance craze that was not inspired by Abe "Kid Twist" Reles, who fell or was pushed to his death from a sixth floor room in the Half Moon Hotel in Coney Island while under police protection as a key witness against Murder Incorporated.

The Half Moon never caught on with the tourist trade the way nearby Scarpatto's did when Giuseppe "Joe the Boss" Masseria was invited to a last supper that was also attended by Charles "Lucky" Luciano and Vito Genovese, who repaired to the men's room just before the shooting started.

Joe and Mary's in Brooklyn had a vogue among voyeurs of violence after Carmine Galante, a rising don with a terminal case of the twofers — too far, too fast — was separated from his insalata mista

and his head (with teeth still clenching a cigar) by a shotgun blast while lunching on the back patio. Then the neighborhood deteriorated and became unsafe after dark, unlike Lower Manhattan's Godfather country, which is a quiet, low crime area save for occasional gangland percussion sounds.

The action moved over to Monte's on Carroll Street, much frequented by the flower and power of Brooklyn's judiciary and political bosses, as well as by Carmine "The Snake" Persico, the Brooklyn racketeer convicted after informer Joe Valachi testified before a U.S. Senate investigating subcommittee.

LaStella, on Queens Boulevard, became the "in" eatery, and so remains, after 13 lunching businessmen, among them Joe Colombo, Carlo Gambino, Tommy Ebboli and Carlos Marcello, looked up from their linguini with white clam sauce to behold uninvited guests from the D.A.'s office, who charged them with the unsociable sin of consorting with known criminals, namely each other. The diners were hustled out the door so fast nobody paid the check.

In recent years Chinatown has been overflowing into Mulberry Street, and the King Wah restaurant for a time was heavily patronized by dudes in wide lapels and alligator shoes seeking a change of menu if not venue. This is where Sonny Pinto and Phil "Fat Funghi" Gambino were squeezing chopsticks with the two out-of-town hit men when word came that Joey Gallo had just entered Umberto's up the street. After Crazy Joe was blown away, the King Wah suddenly closed because owner Domenico Pallatto and his Chinese wife, Mona, mysteriously disappeared, allegedly in the bottoms of those two-tiered coffins that Joe "Bananas" Bonanno, a steady customer and former Brooklyn funeral director, is credited with inventing for the disposal of unwanted bodies.

Actually Joe Gallo had planned to celebrate his 43rd and last, as it turned out, birthday at the Luna, the hangout of Westside waterfront boss Anthony Stroll, alias Tony Bender, but it was closed so he opted for the just opened Umberto's.

The sensitive nature of business discussed in some of Little Italy's

quaint cafes, trattorias and social clubs is evident from the handwriting found on the wall in the phone booth at the Mayfair Club: "DON'T SAY NOTHING TO NOBODY...THIS PHONE IS TAPPED."

Sightseeing buses to Greenwich Village, Chinatown and the Bowery now include Mulberry Street in their agenda, pointing out the headline hot spots as well as the Shrine of San Gennaro, whose feast day, Sept. 19, is the occasion for a gala 10-day festa and a nightly procession under street arches adorned with decorative lights, flowers and bunting.

Connoisseurs of crimeland cuisine used to go all the way to Newark to sop up the ambiance at the Palace Chophouse, where Dutch Schultz had his final meal amid gangland fireworks that became a standard scene in James Cagney flicks.

At least twice a week Frank Costello was good for three tables at Toots Shor's, one for himself with his back to the wall and two in opposite corners for his bodyguards, always booked under his real name of Francesco Castiglia.

Sometimes mistakes are made, and a haunt of hoodlums loses its charisma, as when four midwest meat-packers in town for a convention were gunned down at the Neapolitan Noodle on the upper East Side under the mistaken impression that Joe Colombo had booked the table. If such things do go awry with the old Sicilian custom of wining and dining a victim before he is dispatched, the

patronage elsewhere.

Villa Capri on Long Island's south shore gained prestige when its cloakroom boasted wide-brimmed fedoras and camel hair topcoats belonging to Carlo Gambino, Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Lucchese and Joe Colombo, all listed as godfather figures of traditional New York crime families in the recent massive indictments.

Celebrities from both sides of the law are welcomed with equal grace and panache at Little Italy's older, tonier restaurants, like the Villa Pensa, Paolucci's and Angelos, where President Reagan four years ago dined under a seascape of the Amalfi coast that has since been replaced by his own picture and where a few weeks ago U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato was summoned to the phone to take a call from the White House enlisting his support for the MX missile.

If anything, the maitres d' and waiters hover a bit more attentively over the tables of known perpetrators rather than upholders of the law. Customers who can raise \$1.75 million in bail never flash credit cards or write

personal checks, invariably leave a nice tip and often know their way around an Italian menu. They can be depended on to order the lobster fra diavolo special, the thickest bistecca alla Fiorentina and the finest wines. Spaghetti and meatballs are sneered at as "cop food." And they rarely show up packing hardware, unless it's a businessman's lunch at which one of the guests will be hit with more than the check.

The photo gallery of celebrities that is standard decor in Little Italy's fancier restaurants almost never features a mob personality, no matter how intimately he was associated with the place in life or death. The padrone is usually shown shaking hands with or leaning over the table of Gov. Mario Cuomo, tenor Luciano Pavarotti, Yankee manager Yogi Berra or some visiting dignitary from the Vatican or the Italian government.

There is no plaque or faded newspaper clipping framed in black over the butcher-block table in the back corner of Umberto's where Joey Gallo got the chop.

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A REAL WRITER—"I feel like a real writer," says Mary Monroe during a recent interview from her home in Oakland, Calif. After almost three decades of writing, her first novel, "The Upper Room," is at last for sale. "It's been a nightmare that has ended in a good dream," she says. (AP Newsfeature Photo)

She's a writer after nearly three decades

EDITOR'S NOTE — The obsession began at age 5. Ever since, Mary Monroe has been pouring out words — writing as though her life depended on it, as in a sense, it did. Relatives and friends ridiculed her mania. Now, with a published novel after years of rejections, Mary Monroe feels vindicated.

By **NANCY SHULINS**
AP Newsfeatures Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Mary Monroe's mother came up with a stock answer long ago for the relatives, friends, and fellow cotton pickers in Alabama who wanted to know why her little girl was so strange.

She said somebody'd dropped Mary on the head when she was a baby. How else could she account for Mary's "writing madness," a bizarre malady that drove her under the family's shanty to scribble "stories" on the backs of hymn books. She was 5 years old, already a veteran field hand in Choctaw County, in the rural Black Belt of western Alabama.

At 7, Mary spent the summer writing a 400-page biography. The bump on the head story no longer held water with the neighbors, who told Mary's mother she ought to have the girl's head looked into.

Mary's family gave serious thought to sending her to an asylum. Little black girls don't write books, they told her. Mary Monroe kept on writing.

Through 12 summers and autumns picking cotton, potatoes, stringbeans and apples; through the births of two daughters by the time she was 18; through marriage to a man who tore her neatly typed

pages into tiny pieces; through jobs at a car wash, a hot dog stand, and no jobs at all, she kept writing.

She kept writing through years of secretarial work and ridicule from relatives and friends, through rejections from every literary agency listed in *Writer's Digest*, through so many rejections from publishers that the letters spilled out of her mailbox and into the street in front of her Oakland, Calif., apartment.

This year, 33 years after she was born and almost three decades after the onset of her "madness," Mary Monroe's first novel, "The Upper Room," is for sale at the very same bookstores as the works of her idol, William Faulkner.

And if her mother put it down after a few pages because it had "too many cuss words," and if her sister's only comment concerned the purchase price of the blouse she is wearing in the jacket photo, so be it.

"The main thing is, I feel validated," she says, removing her sunglasses to reveal shining brown eyes. "I feel like a real writer. It's been a nightmare that has ended in a good dream."

"The Upper Room," set in a migrant labor camp near Miami, is the story of Mama Ruby, a huge black woman of superhuman strength and voracious appetite who lays healing hands on friends and wields a switchblade against enemies, a "Godzilla in a half-slip" who considers herself both "in the Lord's fold and the devil's walking stick."

Into her life comes Maureen, a best friend's stillborn baby whose life Mama Ruby appears to save

with her healing powers. Mama Ruby absconds with Maureen, whom she considers a gift from God, and installs her in the sanctified upper room of a house far away from her natural mother, where Ruby hopes to keep her forever safe, both from the devil and from would-be male suitors.

"Magnificent, coarse, funny and terrifying," wrote the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "It marks the debut of a remarkable talent — possibly a great one," said the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Ms. Monroe remembers scribbling on scrap paper at 4, before she knew how to read or write. A school teacher who belonged to her church saw Mary trying to write and taught her how to print the alphabet and sound out simple words.

She kept writing into adulthood largely out of anger. "I had to succeed. I could not be defeated. I could not succumb to madness, lest I have to listen to my family say, 'We always said the girl was crazy.'"

To keep herself in writing paper and to finance an occasional candy binge, she wrote for confession magazines, making her first sale at 15. The story was called "I Married a Hairy Old Beast," and it earned her \$25.

The family moved to Ohio, where Ms. Monroe graduated from high school, an event accompanied by escalating pressure for her to find a husband. She found one without ever leaving her front porch.

"He used to pass by my house on his way to and from work at the steel mill, and I sat out on the porch reading. One day he asked me if I

Houston plans park, museum for birthday

HOUSTON (AP) — Plans to mark Houston's birthday and the state's 150th independence anniversary will include construction of a park and museum for an estimated cost of \$34.4 million, city officials announced.

The tentative projects announced Tuesday include the revitalization of downtown's Buffalo Bayou to include Sesquicentennial Park, which will feature a series of towers to commemorate 150 years of history, water falls and formal gardens at an estimated \$17.7 million, said Robert Sakowitz, chairman of the Houston-Harris County Sesquicentennial Committee.

The city's Capital Improvements Program has allocated \$4.9 million for the project, the rest will come from donations, Sakowitz said.

Plans also call for the creation of the Texas History and Technology Museum in downtown's Sam Houston Park. The museum will sit on land already leased by the city, Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said.

"The park is one of the most significant events to be built since Texas' centennial in 1936," said William Griggs of the Harris County Heritage Society.

He said the 200,000-square-foot museum will be the only one in the state that tells the history of Texas in its entirety. The museum is expected to attract about 400,000 visitors annually, Griggs said.

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CLOWNING TWINS—Kay Edwards laughs at her twin sister Kim's attempt to draw balloons onto her face. (AP Laserphoto)

Twins clown for charities

By SUZANNE HALLIBURTON
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Kay Edwards sits on the living room couch, one turquoise pants leg escaping the elastic of her polka-dotted jumpsuit. Her sister Kim enters wearing the same, plus leg warmers. The slight difference in apparel is the only distinguishing feature separating the otherwise identical twins.

16-year-old West Brook High School sophomores are branching into the clown business, with all the energy and dedication of two sisters used to the limelight. Recently, they premiered their act at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Baby Olympics, and since then the twins have performed at private children's parties and once at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

have a happy face and she'll have a sad one."

A single word will inspire the twin's rendition of a popular song, and music to the duo is an often used form of self-expression. Kim is an award-winning musician, studying to be a classical pianist or a nurse. Kay, with her soprano voice, strives to be an opera singer, or a karate instructor, or maybe a policewoman.

To begin their act, Kim and Kay jauntily step forward four paces, before playing an exaggerated game of patty cake. They'll juggle two rubber balls, then lock arms to flip each other on their backs.

Kay says, however, they won't dance because they lack the desired rhythm. So between music lessons and school, Kim and Kay hope to clown at a nursing home or at a local shopping mall. They're planning to buy new wigs, and if they receive enough offers, they'll expand on their present identical red and white polka-dotted jumpsuits.

"Yeah, making other people happy, that's the main thing," Kim says. While Kay adds, "As long as we make little children happy, that's all right with me."

"They just... I don't know, get in touch with us," Kim says, in a frantic voice common to teen-agers. "Some of the children they are scared," she says, with Kay breaking in, "Yeah, one day at St. Elizabeth's, this little boy, he started crying."

But Kim and Kay want their stage makeup and eyeliner, which colors their face with spots and balloons, to appear comical. The twins say another set of twins working at St. Elizabeth and also appearing as jesters encouraged them to pool their talents and perform as a clowning duo. The older twins first taught Kim and Kay how to apply the thick coats of makeup that hides their true features and emotions.

Now Kim and Kay sit facing each other applying the colors, as one smears white paint over the other's cheeks and nose. Then an unsteady hand draws misshapen hearts and tears. But the desired effect is there. The one on the receiving end often lifts the mirror to eye level, chastising the other's expertise.

"We change, you know, we change," Kim says of their makeup. "But most of the time, I'll

Libel suit dropped

MAGNOLIA, Texas (AP) — A Montgomery County commissioner dropped a \$19.25 million libel suit against the weekly Potpourri News and publisher Carolyn Foster, his lawyer says.

Weldon Locke filed the suit in February, claiming the free-distribution paper libeled him by printing a "letter to the editor" that questioned his dealings with the county auditor.

Locke's attorney, Grady James, said his client is still suing Kay McCoy, who wrote the letter.

Mrs. Foster, 50, started the paper three years ago. Her inaugural issue was a single yellow page with news of the local rodeo, the Chamber of Commerce schedule, the 4-H Club horse show and local sports.

She now has a staff of six, including two reporters, and the paper distributes 19,500 issues a week.

Drugs a popular theme for Mexico's 'corrido' singers

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Long before the name of accused drug baron Rafael Caro Quintero became a household word throughout Mexico, popular bands were making hits with songs describing the adventures of narcotics traffickers.

Today, "The Tigers of the North" from Sinaloa state, the Linares Cadets and other musical groups that play corridos — polka-style ballads with oomp-pa-pa beats and sing-song lyrics that are especially popular in northern Mexico — are enjoying a renewed interest in their songs.

"They say they came from the south

In a colored car
They carried 100 kilograms of cocaine

They were on the road to Chicago..." begins the song "The Red Car Band."

Caro Quintero, a prime suspect in the kidnap-slaying of American drug agent Enrique Camarena Salazar, has triggered a countryside scandal with his allegations of massive police corruption.

Stories of Camarena's Feb. 7 abduction in Guadalajara, the discovery of his body March 5, Caro Quintero's capture in Costa Rica and his accusations that tied Jalisco state policemen to drug-trafficking bribes have dominated newspaper and broadcast coverage.

Nearly 40 people, including Caro Quintero and Ernesto Fonseca, the reputed head of Mexico's

underworld drug empire, have been ordered to stand trial as part of the investigation into Camarena's slaying. None has been charged with murder.

And spreading rumors about Caro Quintero's life has become a popular pastime.

The daily Mexico City newspaper La Jornada published a letter from one of its readers which said Caro Quintero was present at a wedding March 2 during which a slaying took place. Caro Quintero is a native of the Pacific coast state of Sinaloa, long known as a center of drug trafficking and perhaps where the topic is most embedded in popular folklore.

The letter said music by the Tigers and the Cadets was played

at the wedding later "to get the party going."

Today, in cantinas, around campfires and at fiestas, people are listening once again to the message of the corrido.

The drug missions of the songs often end in death — at the hands of the "rinches de Texas," the Texas Rangers, or by traitors within the smugglers' own ring.

Such is the story of poor Emilio Varela, shot to death by his companion, Camelia the Texan.

"They left San Ysidro Coming from Tijuana The tires of their car Were full of marijuana They were Emilio Varela and Camelia the Texan

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The company does not anticipate any net change in revenues as a result of this tariff.

The Commission has assigned this matter to Docket 6015. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223, or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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- 14 Fit
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- 16 Lugosi
- 17 Comedian Costello
- 19 Overdue
- 20 Sumptuous meal
- 23 Snaky letter
- 24 Domestic animal
- 27 Church room
- 29 Precipitated
- 31 Green spot
- 35 Blooper
- 36 Wrinkle
- 37 Ascend stairs (2 wds.)
- 40 Motoring association (abbr.)
- 41 Few (Fr.)
- 44 Went by ship
- 46 Biblical king
- 48 Gosh
- 49 Court hearing
- 53 Cue
- 55 Deep gorge
- 57 Shandy's creator
- 58 Intervene (2 wds.)
- 59 Ancient British chariot
- 60 Doctrine

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- 7 Biographer Ludwig

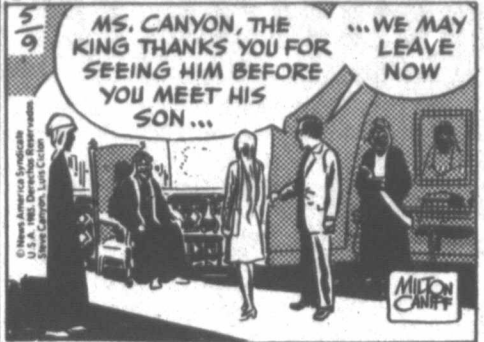
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- 25 Part of corn plant
- 26 French shooting contest
- 28 Sweet potato
- 30 Negatives
- 32 Springs
- 33 Bantu language
- 34 Ocean
- 36 Measuring sticks
- 38 Bird of prey

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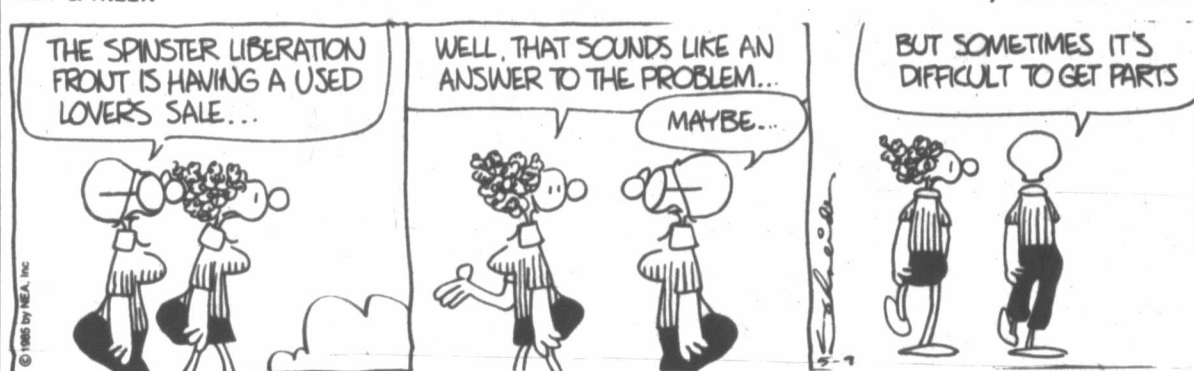
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Compensations that were denied you in the past will start flowing to you in the year ahead. These will include some that you thought you'd never be able to collect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This should be a rewarding day for you where you'll get deserved recognition. There could be some material benefits in addition to the applause. Major changes are in store for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 488, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Assertive action will bring desirable results today. Be a go-getter in situations where there is something of value at stake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's important today that you appreciate the fact that you have the power and wherewithal to change conditions more to your liking. Act to your advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) More can be achieved today by working in conjunction with another, rather than attempting to do things on your own. Seek out a competent teammate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of waiting to be told what to do today, assume the initiative and direct the course of events. You're a better leader than follower.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A romantic interest will be impressed and responsive to your charming and gallant ways today. The impression will be lasting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Much enjoyment will be derived today if you work on projects or assignments that permit you to express your creative and artistic abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pleasant surprises may be in store for you today in your one-to-one relationships. Even people who aren't normally cooperative will bend over backward to help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something that you're presently engaged in merely as a hobby or a sideline has greater potential than you realize. Turn it into a moneymaker.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have a delightful gift today that will enable you to add spark and luster to social gatherings. When you enter a room, your presence will be felt.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today when you look out for the welfare of others as well as your own. Good deeds will put you into the profit column.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Better communication is possible today between you and an important friend or relative. Say what's on your mind and you'll be correctly understood.

Judge gives stiff sentence in Thayer case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge, saying he was sending a message to Wall Street and brokerage houses across the nation, imposed a stiff prison sentence on Paul Thayer, former deputy secretary of defense, for lying to authorities investigating his insider stock-trading schemes.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey on Wednesday sentenced Thayer and his friend, Dallas stockbroker Billy Bob Harris, to four-year prison terms on the one charge of obstruction of justice to which they had pleaded guilty.

Richey also fined Thayer and

Harris \$5,000 and ordered them to surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Texas by 1 p.m. on Monday.

Thayer and Harris faced a maximum prison term of five years in prison for giving false testimony to Securities and Exchange Commission investigators.

Government prosecutors said Thayer, Harris and their associates netted \$3 million in illegal profits from three separate insider-trading schemes between September 1981 and September 1982.

Prosecutors said Thayer illegally disclosed merger plans involving Allied Corp. and Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. while serving as a director of those companies. He was chairman of LTV Corp. in Dallas at the time.

After hearing lawyers for the two plead for probation and community service for their clients, Richey said the sentence must carry a deterrent to warn others who might want to commit white-collar crimes.

"In office buildings on Wall Street, you can hear all kinds of rumors of takeovers and mergers

by people who have no business discussing this information," he told the crowded courtroom. "And people take advantage of it."

In the Thayer-Harris case, Richey said, "there has been a breach of trust, false statements, injurious statements, obstruction of justice you have engaged in."

He said the false statements made to the SEC officials prolonged the investigation and resolution of the case by some three years.

"Based on deterrence — and the element of deterrence must be

emphasized — and to maintain the integrity of the system of justice in the United States," he said he would impose the stiff sentence.

Although technically Thayer and Harris will become eligible for parole in 60 days, government prosecutors believe they will serve at least a year, maybe more.

Before Richey announced the sentence, the 65-year-old Thayer, who resigned from the Pentagon in January 1984, told the judge: "It is an understatement to say that I am sorry and very remorseful for violating the law. I have destroyed a lifetime of achievement. The last

two years have been a living nightmare. I don't like myself as much as I used to."

Harris, 45, told Richey he was "embarrassed for all the troubles I have caused everybody. I take full responsibility for what I have done."

U.S. Attorney Joseph E. diGenova and Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles H. Roistacher, echoed Richey's remarks, saying the prison sentence will "serve as a strong signal of deterrence to brokerage houses, Wall Street and the business community all over the country."

House and Senate approve state water plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature, frustrated in previous attempts to win voter backing for statewide water plans, has approved a \$1.2 billion package for a ballot review in November.

"Frankly we've got to pass this constitutional amendment in November in my opinion to retain the quality of life that we've known in the past," Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, told colleagues Wednesday.

The water plan worked out by House-Senate conferees was approved 127-15 by the House and 30-0 by the Senate Wednesday. The proposed constitutional amendment needed to set up the program now goes to the Nov. 5 ballot.

In previous years, voters have turned down water plans devised by the Legislature. East Texans have feared the plans might send their water to West Texas. Many voters were confused by complicated proposals.

"This is an opportunity for the people of Texas to deal with the

very serious question of water and to make sure we have adequate supplies," Gov. Mark White told the House after it voted to send the program to the voters.

The proposal includes:

- \$900 million in state bonds, including \$190 million for water

quality projects, \$190 million for water supply projects, \$200 million for flood control and \$400 million for water storage acquisitions.

- \$200 million in bonds for loans to farmers who buy water-saving irrigation equipment.
- A \$250 million state fund to

back local water bonds.

- Mandatory conservation plans in cities that seek state aid.
- Local elections to create groundwater control districts.
- Programs to show farmers how to save water.
- Limits on the water flow from

reservoirs to coastal wetlands.

"That was probably the most important vote you made all session," Speaker Gib Lewis told the House.

Montford, chairman of the Senate conferees, was called to the Senate podium by Lt. Gov. Bill

Hobby, who gave him a glass of "pure, clear water" and the gavel used to signal passage of the proposal.

The biggest battle in the conference committee concerned protection of bays and estuaries — viewed as a fight between West Texans and coastal interests.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said the proposal wound up "less protective of bays and estuaries" than the Senate version was. He said he had "very serious reservations" about that section of the proposal.

He said the House conferees included four West Texans "who either don't understand or don't appreciate the importance of bays and estuaries."

"We can ill afford to have any adverse effect on any industry in Texas," he said of coastal fishing.

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland and chairman of the House conferees, assured the House that the program "does have protections in there for bays and estuaries."

House panel approves primaries compromise

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican House election committee members clashed with Democratic colleagues and ended up losing a battle over a change in the Texas primary system.

In a 5-3 vote, the House Committee on Elections approved a compromise bill on Wednesday that would move presidential and general state primaries to the second Tuesday in March during presidential election years and allow general primaries to remain in May during non-presidential election years.

The measure was proposed by

Rep. Sam Russell, D-Mount Pleasant, who had stalled action on a Senate version of the bill because he was opposed to a provision that would prevent a person from cross-voting in one party's presidential primary in March and another party's general state primary in May.

Republican committee members Rep. Chip Staniswallis, Amarillo, and Rep. James Horn, Denton, requested discussion of the compromise, but were outvoted by committee chairman Rep. Clint Hackney.

Staniswallis, Horn and Rep. Bill

Carter, R-Fort Worth, voted against the compromise.

Russell said the compromise had the backing of Gov. Mark White, House Speaker Gib Lewis and U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

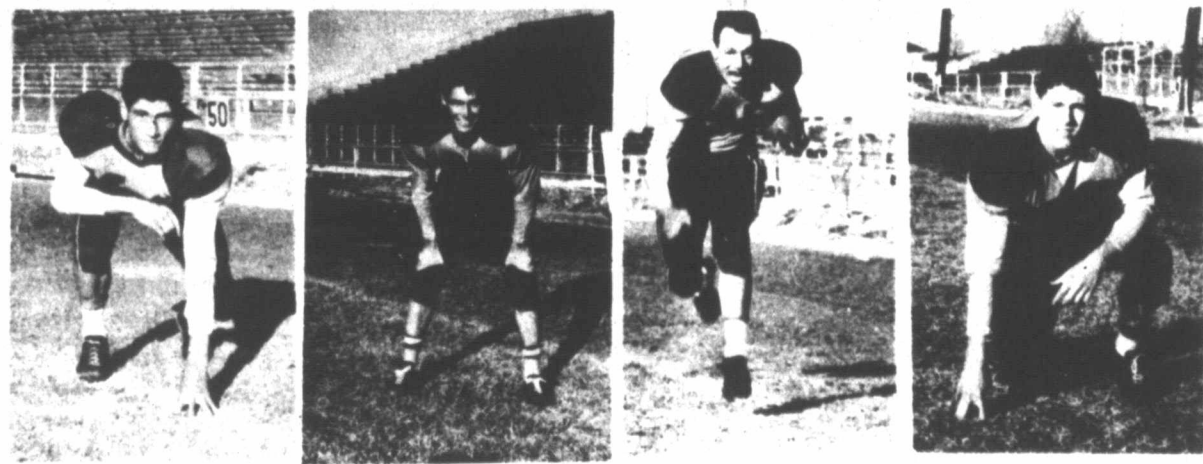
Russell said the compromise bill will save the state \$10 million which he said would have been the cost of split primaries, help conservative Democrats whose constituents may vote Republican in presidential primaries and eliminate voter confusion.

"I hope this will help the Democratic party," Russell said.

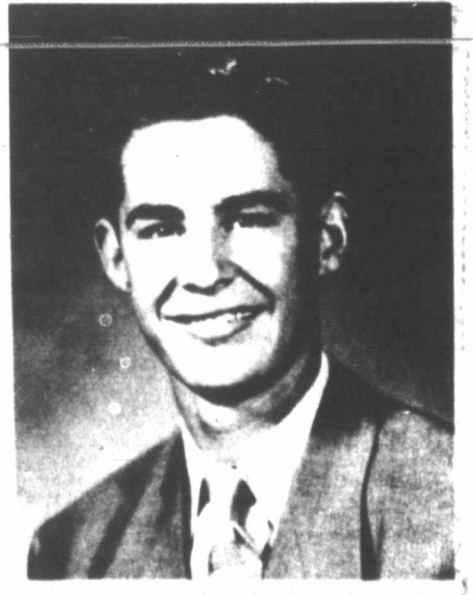
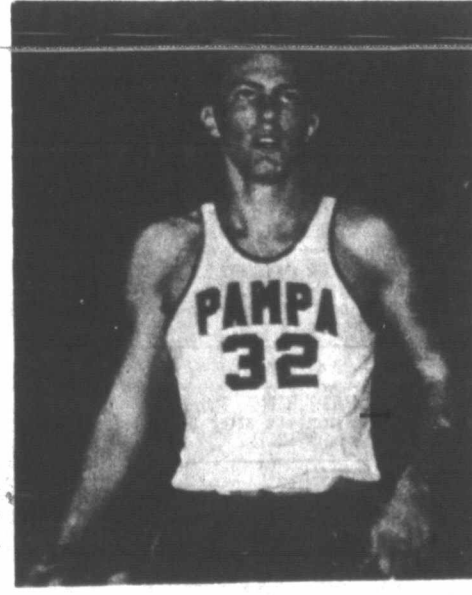
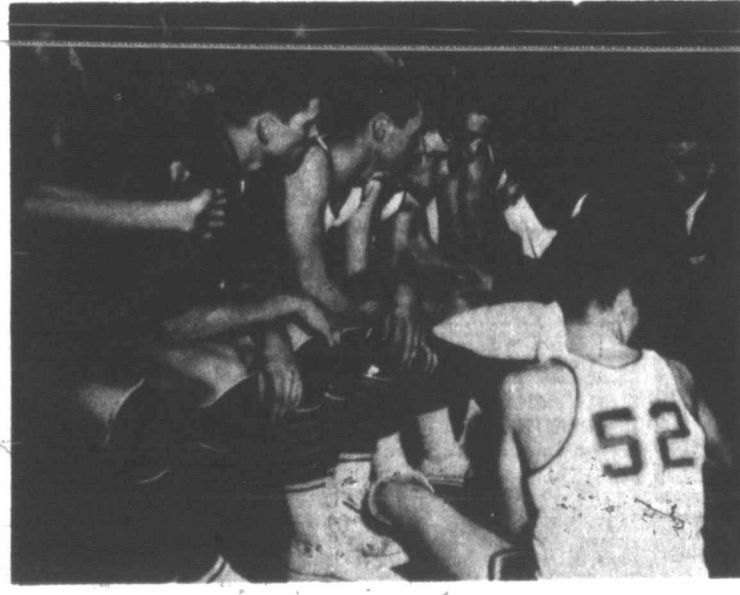
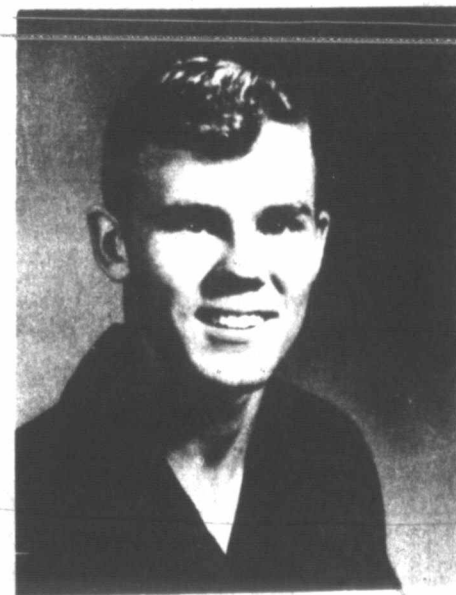
D-Ducanville said he expects the compromise to be "well received" in the Senate, which passed an early primary bill in April.

"The compromise, as passed by the House is excellent," Edwards said. He said the language of the bill was the same as that Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, tried to add to the bill in the Senate.

Edwards said lawmakers' reaction to the compromise should indicate "whether they have been playing party politics." He said the compromise addresses Republicans' main objections.



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Republicans take offensive on Nicaraguan Contra aid

By MIKE SHANAHAN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — With a congressional replay of the fight over aid to the rebels in Nicaragua close at hand, President Reagan and his Republican allies have turned the tables on House Democrats and taken the offensive on the touchiest foreign policy issue facing the 99th Congress.

Little more than two weeks ago, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. and other Democratic leaders appeared to have handed the president a significant defeat by rejecting not only a request for \$14 million in military assistance for the rightist Contras, but watered-down proposals for non-lethal help as well.

Momentarily, it seemed to matter little that the House also defeated a Democratic alternative to provide aid to refugees outside Nicaragua to be delivered by the United Nations and the International Red Cross, and to finance a peace-keeping force once

a truce was reached in Nicaragua.

But since those votes April 24 and 25, the political sentiment has shifted so dramatically that Reagan is almost certain to get his way, despite broad public opposition to the idea of sending aid to the rebels seeking to overthrow the Sandinista leadership.

How did the Democrats suddenly find themselves scrambling to regain the momentum in a way that will allow them to appear to be

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concerned about the spread of communism in Central America, yet resistant to indirect U.S. involvement in Nicaragua?

The first reason is a political strategy that backfired. House Democrats initially approved their own Nicaraguan aid proposal aimed mainly at getting the United States back into the middle of peace negotiations between Nicaragua and its Central and Latin American neighbors.

But under the rules, a second vote on the plan was required at the end of a long legislative day. And having defeated every Republican Contra aid initiative, many Democrats decided on the second vote to reverse themselves, and kill their own proposal.

The effect was to eliminate the need for any negotiations with the Republican-controlled Senate, and with it any chance that the Reagan plan might be revived.

But the strategy went awry by the next day because it appeared the vote by Democrat-led House had left the country without a policy toward Nicaragua.

"There were a lot of red faces around here on the day after the vote," said a senior staff member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which had responsibility for the Nicaragua issue. The staff member spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Secondly, on the day after the final vote, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega was captured by network television cameras

Dotson is seeking clemency

CHICAGO (AP) — Gary Dotson and the young housewife who says she lied when she accused him of rape take their efforts to free Dotson after six years in prison to Gov. James R. Thompson.

Dotson, 28, and Cathleen Crowell Webb were among 18 people listed as witnesses at an emergency hearing today to consider clemency — considered the showdown in a seesaw two-month legal struggle to free Dotson.

Thompson, who called the special session, took an unprecedented step in announcing he would join the 10-member Illinois Prisoner Review Board at the hearing.

Both Dotson and Mrs. Webb were armed with results of recent lie

detector tests — evidence not allowed in court — they hoped would bolster their case.

The tests were administered by the same examiner, who said he believed Mrs. Webb and Dotson were truthful. Dotson's test was taken Monday night.

County prosecutors, who oppose efforts to free Dotson, and Mrs. Webb's foster parents, who say they have serious doubts about her new story, also indicated they would testify before the panel.

The review board would make its recommendation to Thompson after the hearing, which officials said could last two days. The governor has promised to act within days after receiving the recommendation, which he is not bound to follow.

Dotson can be freed in four ways: by a general pardon that doesn't proclaim his innocence; a pardon based on innocence that would clear his record; a pardon that could set conditions he would be required to meet to gain freedom; or by a commutation of his sentence.

On Wednesday Thompson, celebrating his 49th birthday at a small gathering in his Capitol office in Springfield, was given a T-shirt from staff lawyers. On one side of the white shirt were the words, "Go to jail, do not pass go." On the back, the shirt said, "Get out of jail free."

David Fields, Thompson's deputy press secretary, said the gift "was meant as a private joke."

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