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Stalled cases let Death Row inmates avoid execution

HOUSTON (AP) — A Death Row inmate says he hasn't bothered to ask a judge about his pending appeal because "the longer they take to do anything, the better it may be for me."

In fact, some defense attorneys say, much to the chagrin of prosecutors, that they don't bother to inquire about their clients' cases, either.

"The death penalty, as it exists today, is a joke," Gerald Goodwin, Angelina County district attorney, told The Houston Post.

Goodwin said he favors the death penalty, but would prefer to see lawmakers enact a life sentence without parole because getting Death Row inmates put to death takes so long.

The process costs so much and courts bounce cases back and forth like a pingpong ball as lawyers play "constitutional games," he said.

Convicted killer Jerry Joe Bird, for example, has

been on Death Row for 10½ years. He was one of five men sentenced to die when he got there, but now he is one of 197.

Bird was convicted of murdering a Harlingen area gun collector during a Jan. 12, 1974 robbery. The victim also was burned. However, a new trial was ordered because a prosecutor commented about the failure of Bird to testify.

He was convicted again, sentenced to death again, and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals got his case again. Oral arguments were held July 18, 1979. Court officials will not reveal which judge has the case or how close it is to being decided, the Post said.

Bird refused an interview, but he did respond with a letter, the newspaper said.

The inmate does not write the judges "or bother them in any way, as the longer they take to do anything the better it may be for me and I ask all not

to bother them either. I hope that you get my point!" he said.

Defense attorneys weren't eager to talk, either.

"I don't really want to get this damn thing stirred," Douglas Tinker, Bird's attorney, told the Post.

The Post also detailed the cases of several other men who have never had execution dates set or whose appeals have languished for years with no apparent activity.

The newspaper said it asked for interviews with death row inmates whose cases appear to have "fallen through the cracks," but they all declined.

For example, Goodwin said he has been trying to see convicted killer Harvey Earvin's execution carried out for 7½ years.

Earvin was convicted in the December 1976 robbery and slaying of Ertis Brock, 75 at a Lufkin

service station. But the inmate has never received an execution date, the post reported.

Earvin's attorney, Don Duran, said he wondered what had happened with his client's case, but never asked. Did he fear an inquiry would get the execution effort started? "Maybe ... probably," Duran replied.

In Earvin's case, the Post said, both the state and Angelina County thought the other was handling the case.

Earvin was just 19 when he was convicted in Lufkin. He had no previous convictions, but the jury found he was a continuing threat to society. Earvin was remorseless, cocky, joked about his crime and, while in jail, set fire to one much older man and struck another, according to testimony.



EASTER MASS—Members of the Texas National Guard unit gather around a makeshift crucifix as they celebrate Easter with a morning service. The Texas unit prayed for the surrounding villagers which the priest described as the second poorest people in the world. (AP Laserphoto)

Texas National Guard contingent observes Easter in Honduras

CAMP ALAMO, Honduras (AP) — Gov. Mark White was expected to arrive in Tegucigalpa, the

Honduran capital, this afternoon en route to Camp Alamo where he will visit Texas National

Guardsmen conducting war maneuvers, according to U.S. Army Major William Lowe.

On Sunday, a Texas National Guard chaplain, clad in camouflage fatigues for war maneuvers, gave communion to about 40 of his fellow guardsmen during Easter services in their sweltering base camp just three miles from the Nicaraguan border.

Most of the 419 Texas National Guard soldiers were given the day off, and spent their time reading old newspapers, playing cards and volleyball, and munching on slabs of beef they barbecued Texas-style over an open fire.

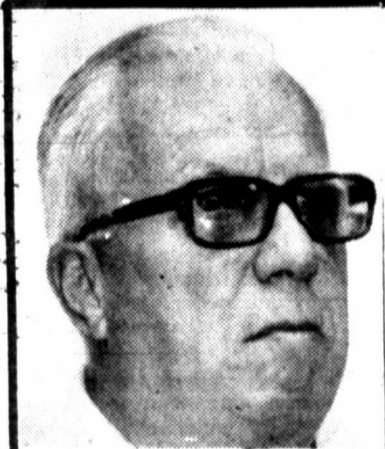
On Tuesday, White and his party are scheduled to fly aboard a helicopter to Camp Alamo to visit the troops, Lowe said.

"It's the first time I've been away from home," said 2nd Lt. Kevin Lilly of Houston. "It's different. I'd certainly like to be home, but duty calls, I guess."

Most of the troops have been in Honduras for one week, and have been busy training for anti-tank exercises scheduled to begin April 10. The guardsmen will participate in the training exercises with Honduran troops.

The Texas troops brought 17 M-60 tanks and 17 armored personnel carriers for the maneuvers, which will teach the Honduran soldiers how to stop a hypothetical Nicaraguan armored attack from across the border.

But Sunday was declared a day of rest. And shortly after dawn a few of the faithful gathered for Easter services under a scalding sun in the dusty camp surrounded by barbed wire.



Off beat

By Fred Parker

We've been brainwashed

As that time of the year, when many persons who have procrastinated until almost the final hour before sitting down to fill out that "nasty" federal income tax forms, there are many groans and much gnashing of teeth.

This comes about as efforts begin to figure out all of those expenditures and bring those scattered records into some sort of order.

There is usually not much to bring a smile to a person's face when filling out those forms which must have been prepared by someone with a wierd sense of humor.

But, somehow the warped perspective of life plays its little game and people get into the habit of being happy in situations that really should make them mad.

That, apparently, is because they're irate so much of the time — especially when filling out income tax forms — they have to find some minor ray of sunshine to keep from going completely batty.

As a result, practically every person who is due a return from the Internal (I usually type infernal) Revenue Service is overjoyed. They go around bragging how much they will be getting back from the big, bad government. "Yippie, just wait until I get that extra money back."

But let's inject a bit of reality into the scenario.

The money being sent back by the government originally belonged to the recipient in the first place. He or she just never saw it because the IRS gets first shot at paychecks. We don't seem to notice it as much when it disappears before we even see it.

That \$500, or whatever amount, could have been in a personal savings account drawing interest for the real owner. Instead, the feds have been using those surplus bucks for a year or so, enjoying the benefits that could have gone to the poor ol' working stiff. Who ever heard of the government paying interest on the overcollect of income tax.

Not only doesn't the federal government pay any interest on money refunded, the bureaucrats don't even enclose a note of thanks for the use of the money. And, if for some reason, heaven forbid, that a person should owe any extra taxes because of an oversight or error in preparing the return, some arrogant IRS representative makes the person "quake in their boots" instead of being informed in a friendly manner of the additional money due.

But, after many years of brain-washing by our "public servants" we have become so accustomed to bureaucratic pickpocketing, any morsel of restitution is devoured with great delight. The IRS even makes it sound like they are doing us a favor in returning OUR money.

Parker is city editor of The Pampa News.

Shorter school week keeps Coldspring kids in class

COLDSRING, Texas (AP) — A few years ago, school officials in this small Texas town were shocked to discover how much class time students spent participating in extracurricular activities.

But in 1983 the Coldspring-Oakhurst district tried an experiment — reportedly the only one of its kind in the state — and it seems to be working.

Now, the San Jacinto county district's 1,600 students start school a few weeks early in August and take Fridays off from March through May. District officials try to restrict most extracurricular activities to Fridays.

"We just felt it was a logical thing to do," said school district Superintendent Fred Arneson. "You don't have to make drastic limitations on the outside activities which kids enjoy to keep them in class."

Texas Education Agency spokesman Tom Patton said the district's four-day week is unique among Texas schools.

The shortened school week saves the district about \$2,900 a year because it doesn't have to hire substitutes for teachers who are on field trips during regular school days. Arneson said. Teachers are not paid overtime for extracurricular events.

Some teachers have said the four-day week creates a holiday atmosphere. Others, however, think it has made students more serious about their schoolwork.

"It seems to have had a calming effect," said Linda Currie, who teaches high school journalism and English.

"Both the teachers and students are more rested after a long weekend," said Lela Thompson, an eighth grade reading teacher.

Most students seem to favor the program.

"It used to make me mad to be robbed of school time when I participated in extracurricular things," said Tracey Trantham, 14. "Now I have even more time for studying."

One student, however, had some complaints about the shorter school week.

"I hate having a shorter summer," said Jennifer Turner, 13. "It cuts down on the time my family can travel and go camping."

Arneson liked the experiment so much he testified to a legislative committee, urging state lawmakers to consider a four-day school week as an alternative to cutting back extracurricular activities. But the idea was never adopted.

Attorneys ask judge to move 713 out of state schools for retarded

TYLER, Texas (AP) — John Lelsz says his mentally retarded son's condition began to deteriorate almost immediately after he was placed in the Austin State School in 1963.

"Within two weeks he was seriously ill and out of control. He was denied the opportunity to do what he had been taught," said Lelsz, whose 32-year-old son, John Lelsz Jr., spent 22 years in the school but now lives at home.

Lelsz became so angered by the treatment his son received that in 1974 he and the parents of several other retarded children filed a lawsuit against the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

A 1983 out-of-court settlement in the suit granted retarded people the right to the "least restrictive living conditions possible" and called for many state school residents to be moved to community centers.


But attorneys for mentally retarded residents of state schools contend the mental health department is not complying with the settlement and plan to ask U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice in Tyler today to order at least 713 residents released.

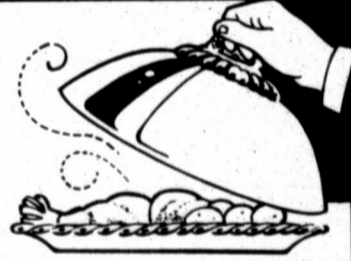
The request has the support of Linda O'Neall, a Florida sociologist appointed by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler to monitor the reforms.

Justice is noted for his liberal activist decisions. He is the same judge who ordered massive

reforms in the state's prison system in 1981.

The mental health agency has asked the state Legislature to provide \$24 million so it can reduce the 13 state schools' population by 600 residents by 1987. State schools currently house more than 9,000 mentally retarded people.





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- Debonair
- Unspoken
- Mongolian warrior
- Put on drama
- Rotisserie skewer
- Doctrine adherent (suff.)
- Cheerful
- Senses
- On center
- Hamlet's home
- Adventurous deed
- Brother of Moses
- Old-womanish
- Haightness
- stone
- Beat
- Wimp
- New York ball club
- Record speed (abbr.)
- For males
- Shangri-La
- King of the elves
- Paved road
- Filmsy paper
- They exist (cont.)
- Jewish ascetic

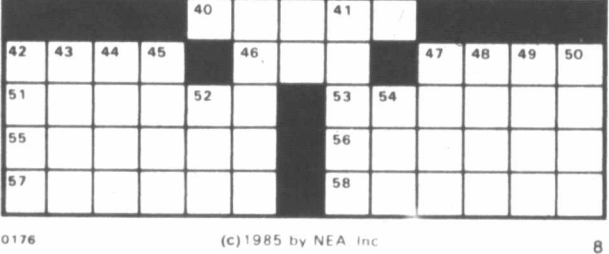
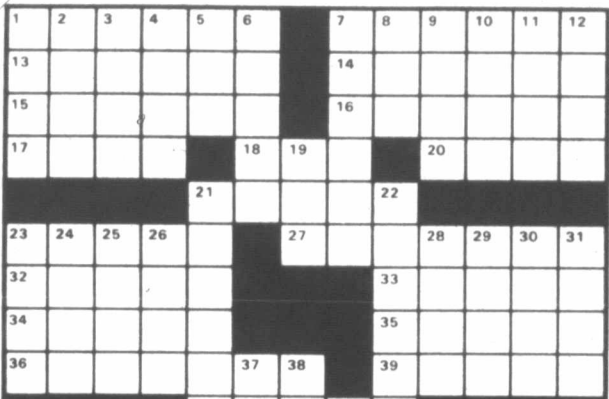
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- Ditches
- Enclose in paper
- Shelter (Fr.)
- Norse night
- Genetic material (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Heated discourse
- Deadly snake
- Hit hard
- Mongrel dog
- Settlement in Greenland
- Ripped
- Active
- Naval meal
- Hibernian
- Substantive
- Dirk
- Noun suffix
- Encore



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by bernice bede osol April 9, 1985

This can be a lucky year for you in ventures or enterprises that you personally originate. If you think you have something worthy to offer to the public, by all means give it a go.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a marvelous faculty today for saying things to others that will have inspiring and uplifting effects. Spread sunshine to all you encounter. The Matchmaker wheel reveals your compatibility to all signs, as well as showing you which signs you are best suited to romantically. To get yours, mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Close friends will be trying to do things for you today that you can't accomplish without help. What's nicer though, is that they might not even mention it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Project yourself into social situations today that will give you opportunities to make new contacts. People you meet now could later be important to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have the capability to do whatever needs to be done today. You'll shine especially when confronted by challenges that pique your imagination and resourcefulness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a day where you should spend time with friends who know how to enjoy what life has to offer. Their companionship will inspire you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be dismayed today by unexpected changes or shifting conditions. What transpires can be turned around for your ultimate benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Not only are you a quick thinker and the possessor of excellent judgment today, you're also a person who will know how to utilize your bright ideas to advance your self-interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your area of greatest strength today will be in meaningful financial situations. Put your other interests aside for the time being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Toss aside your schedule and fly by the seat of your spacks today. Spontaneous, not structured, activities will afford you the most fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An important matter you've been wanting to tie down can be concluded to your satisfaction today. Stick with it until you get the exact results you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day to get together with friends you haven't seen too much of lately. They're eager to hear from you and will welcome any arrangements you make.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Opportunities continue to hover about your financial or career matters. Be doubly alert so that you don't miss anything that develops.

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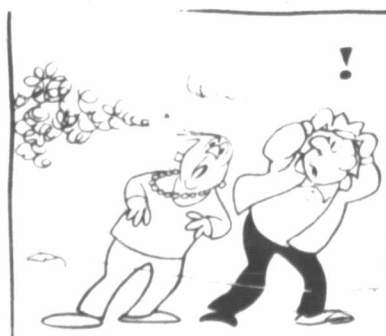
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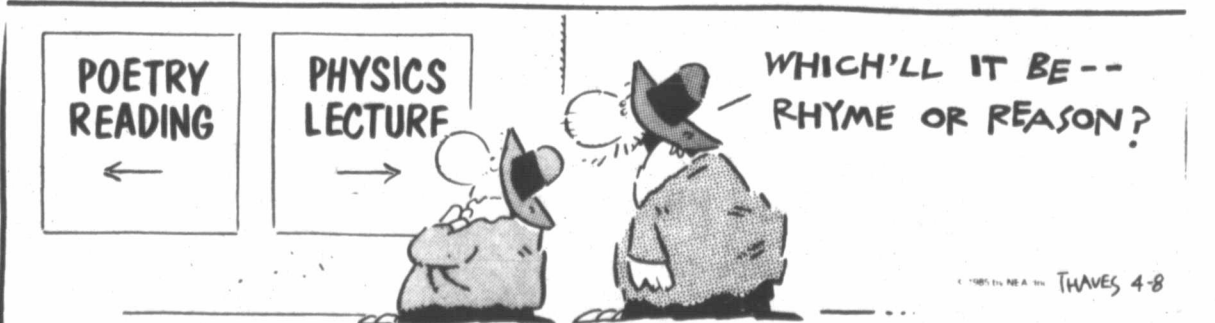
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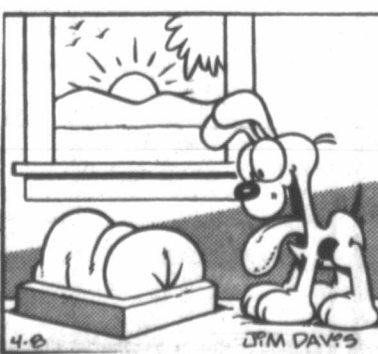
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Triple amputee mounts church steps



THE TWELVE STEPS—William "Johnny" Gutierrez, 13, walks the twelve steps from Detroit's Holy Redeemer Church after Easter Sunday services. His grandfather and adopted father, Eli Gutierrez, 62, and brother, Tony, 16, have a wheelchair to take him to their automobile. Johnny lost three limbs in a train accident last July. (AP Laserphoto)

DETROIT (AP) — There were just 12 steps between Johnny Gutierrez and his church when he went to Mass with his family on Easter Sunday, steps most 13-year-old boys would bound up two at a time.

But a near-fatal shortcut across a railroad crossing nine months ago cost him an arm and both of his legs. It left him to face frustration and agonizing physical therapy in Detroit's Rehabilitation Institute.

It also left him with a determination to walk up those 12 steps outside Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church on Easter Sunday.

He made up his mind to do it on Ash Wednesday when he had to wait at home for a visit from his parish priest. There is no wheelchair ramp at Holy Redeemer.

William "Johnny" Gutierrez lost his limbs in July while he was rushing home to beat the city's 10 p.m. curfew. The sixth-grader decided he didn't have time to wait for a slow-moving Norfolk & Western Railway train. He climbed up between the cars, lost his grip on the greasy metal and fell under the wheels.

Doctors didn't expect him to live, his grandmother, Patricia Gutierrez recalled.

"There were four or five doctors, and at first there was no chance at all," she said. "But they worked into the night and then they said it was 50-50."

He survived. He healed. Then came physical therapy. The long marches back and forth between the parallel bars. Falling. Slumped against the side bar, the face

drained into a mask of exhaustion.

On Sunday morning Johnny Gutierrez faced the 12 steps outside his church, clutched his cane in the claw of his left arm, grabbed the handrail and started up the steps, straining to make his artificial legs do the work.

He insisted that family members keep their distance. He didn't want anybody there to catch him if he fell.

Slowly, his face tight with determination, Johnny negotiated the 12 steps and walked into his church.

"His grandfather's been crying all day," Mrs. Gutierrez said. "I knew he could do it."

Adopted by his grandparents as an infant, Johnny has "a stubborn streak in him," she said. "We both do. I'm Irish, clear to the bone."

"I cannot feel sorry for Johnny," she said. "The day I start feeling sorry is when I can't help him anymore. But I ache and I hurt inside for him."

"He asked me why it happened, and I just told him accidents do happen; we don't know why, and I don't think it's even up to us to ask God why. We're just a grain of sand in eternity."

Mrs. Gutierrez said the family has tried to show Johnny how much he can do, not what he cannot.

"His grandfather and I will not be around always. We're trying to prepare him for a time he will not have us," she said.

"He has decided he wants to go into computers. There's nothing wrong with his brain."

And now, says Johnny, he wants to learn again to swim.

Report says toxic waste law not stopping illegal dumping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal dumping of hazardous substances continues in the United States despite a federal system designed to track toxic wastes from production to disposal, a new congressional study says.

The General Accounting Office said it found some waste transporters were forging load manifests to indicate waste had been delivered to an approved disposal facility when it actually had been dumped illegally.

The GAO, the investigative wing of Congress, studied hazardous waste monitoring systems in Massachusetts, California, Illinois and New Jersey. In a report released Sunday, it found that

while the system created by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act deters illegal dumping, it is not detecting it.

The mid-1970s law established a "cradle to grave" paperwork system that was supposed to track waste from the plant where it was generated to its final disposal site.

But Rep. Chester G. Atkins, D-Mass., a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee's investigations subcommittee that sought the GAO study, said the law "is not working to the extent we are not picking up violators."

According to the GAO, almost all cases brought against illegal

dumpers resulted from employee tips or information provided by citizens and police, not from checks of manifests, inspections or other regulatory controls.

On the positive side, the report showed that once arrests were made for illegal dumping, cases were prosecuted and conviction rates were high.

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Pope decries human rights violations

By The Associated Press

Pope John Paul II, in an Easter message delivered to more than 250,000 people at St. Peter's Square, praised those who fought for human dignity in World War II, but said human rights violations, wars, and hatred still plague the world 40 years later.

Millions watched Sunday's ceremonies on live television in 35 countries, and tens of thousands of others protested world hunger by marching through Rome to the Vatican in cool but sunny weather.

In Jerusalem, Christian pilgrims from around the world celebrated Easter at sunrise services. Church bells pealed a joyous reminder of Jesus' resurrection after his death on the cross.

More than 1,000 Catholics went to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to hear Mass celebrated in front of the shrine venerated for centuries as the site of Christ's tomb. About 1,500 Protestants gathered for open-air services at the Garden Tomb, a skull-shaped hill outside the walls of the Old City.

Eastern Rite churches, which celebrate Easter next Sunday, observed their Palm Sunday with a march down the Mount of Olives.

John Paul, 65, looked refreshed despite a midnight Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, as he celebrated Easter Mass. Choirs sang and military bands blared as the crowd applauded the pontiff, resplendent in gold robes and a gold-encrusted miter.

At the end of the two-hour ceremony, John Paul went to the balcony over the main door of the basilica to deliver his traditional message "Urbi et Orbi" — to the city (Rome) and the world.

He said that for nearly 2,000 years since Jesus rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, mankind looks upon all tombs and "questions itself... especially when the tombs are the legacy of the hurricane of violence and destruction caused by war."

The Polish-born pontiff, who lived through the Nazi occupation of his homeland, said: "Spontaneously our memory goes back to 40 years ago when... the Second World War, unleashed by a mad imperialist ideology, was coming to a close."

"Above all, humanity cannot forget the men and women in each country who offered their lives in sacrifice for the right cause, the cause of the dignity of the human person," he said.

Elsewhere on Easter Sunday, President P.W. Botha of South Africa told an assembly of more than 2 million blacks that blacks and whites should stand together against "messengers of terror." He spoke at the Easter assembly of the Zion Christian Church, a conservative black fundamentalist church, on a hillside in northern Transvaal Province.

In China, foreign Christians held dawn services at the Great Wall. Italy's visiting defense minister, Giovanni Spadolini, joined thousands of Chinese for Mass at Peking's Southern Cathedral. Members of the state-sanctioned Patriotic Catholic Church filled the cathedral to overflowing.



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Sindelar snatches surprise victory

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Joey Sindelar, with a big assist from the weather, won himself a surprise trip to Augusta, Ga., and this week's Masters golf tournament.

Sindelar, in only his second year on the PGA Tour, qualified for the first of the year's major events with his surprise victory Sunday in the Greater Greensboro Open, climbing over 15 players with a closing round of 69 in rain and wind and cold.

"I don't want to offend anybody at Augusta," he said. "But this is the biggest thing to me. I'm thrilled to be going to the Masters."

"But winning my first tournament... I can hardly talk."

And he wasn't prepared for Augusta.

"I'm not a negative thinker, but I only brought clothes for one week. I've got to go home (to Horseheads, N.Y.) and regroup," he said.

Sindelar, 27, a three-time All

America golfer at Ohio State, missed his first two attempts at the Tour's qualifying school and spent the years playing the mini-tours and in Asia. He joined the Tour last season and won \$116,528 as a rookie.

"I've been waiting for the glue to harden, for all the parts of my game to fit together. I'm very comfortable with my game right now," he said after scoring his first victory with a 285 total, three shots under par on the wind-raked Forest Oaks Country Club course.

The victory, he said, was aided by the extremely difficult weather conditions. It was far from a nice day, starting in wind and chill, punctuated by a rain squall. There were only four scores under par for 72 holes.

Former Masters champ Craig Stadler and Japanese veteran Isao Aoki tied for second at 286. Aoki, winner of 44 international titles, matched par 72. Stadler shot 71.



Sindelar misses birdie

Corey Pavin was the only other man under par. He was alone in fourth at 71-287.

The victory was worth \$72,000 from the total purse of \$400,000 and boosted Sindelar's winnings for the season to \$87,045.

'Run 'n' run' just too much for Houston's 'run 'n' gun'

By The Associated Press
The Houston Gamblers' explosive run 'n' shoot offense was shot down by the New Jersey Generals' run 'n' run.

While Jim Kelly (28-of-46) and Todd Dillon (1-of-1) were combining for 356 passing yards, the Generals rambled to a United States Football League record 344 rushing yards, including a league mark of 233 by Herschel Walker, and upset the Gamblers 31-25 Sunday.

Walker's 34-carry performance

included an 88-yard touchdown scamper, another USFL record, on New Jersey's second play from scrimmage after John Preston intercepted a Kelly pass inside the 5-yard line.

"We didn't want to get in a shootout with a guy like Kelly," Generals Coach Walt Michaels said. "We wanted to control the football, slow the tempo, increase our time of possession."

Even though Walker's long-distance jaunt spoiled that game plan in the early going, the Generals controlled the ball for 35:12 to Houston's 24:48.

In Sunday's other USFL games, Baltimore downed Los Angeles 17-6 and San Antonio nipped Birmingham 15-14. Saturday night, Portland beat Oakland 30-17 and Tampa Bay defeated Jacksonville 31-17. On Thursday night, Orlando won for the first time this season, tripping Memphis 28-17. Tonight, Arizona visits Denver.

Walker's running stole the spotlight from quarterback Doug Flutie, the USFL's most heralded newcomer this year. Flutie went to the air only 13 times, completing six for 82 yards. However, he ran seven times for 48, including a seven-yard bootleg in the fourth period that put the game out of reach at 31-17. His six other rushes each produced a first down.

Stars 17, Express 6
Allen Harvin rushed 26 times for 111 yards and two fourth-quarter

touchdowns and iced the game when he ran 21 yards for a TD with 1:53 remaining. Harvin also capped a 67-yard, 12-play drive when he plunged over from the 2-yard line with 3:15 remaining for the Stars' first touchdown. Tony Zendejas' second field goal with 8:59 left gave the Express a 6-3 lead before Harvin went to work.

Los Angeles quarterback Frank Seurer, filling in for injured Steve Young, completed 15 of 24 passes for 191 yards but was intercepted seven times. Seurer has thrown seven interceptions in two games.

"I thought our defense was outstanding again," said Baltimore Coach Jim Mora. "Offensively we struggled, but at the end we had to get some points, and we did."

Gunslingers 15, Stallions 14
Nick Mike-Mayer kicked three field goals for San Antonio, including a game-winning 24-yarder early in the final period after a fumble recovery by defensive end Greg Fields. Birmingham's Danny Miller missed a 37-yard field goal attempt in the final minute.

San Antonio got its only touchdown on the last play of the third quarter when linebacker Puff Choate recovered a fumbled interception and scored from two yards out.

The game was played before a crowd of 8,873, smallest in the Gunslingers' two-year history.

Astros' Sambito

faces decision

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Recovering from elbow injuries and managing a spotty spring performance, Astros relief pitcher Joe Sambito says he isn't ready to retire.

But the 32-year-old lefthander must decide by midnight tonight whether to join the National League team's Class AAA affiliate in Tucson, Ariz. or be released from his contract.

"I haven't decided," Sambito said in a Houston Post article published Sunday. "It's a big decision and I'm not going to rush it."

Sambito was a member of the league's 1979 All-Star team, but a series of elbow operations in 1982 and 1983 left him out of the 1983 season. He returned last season but was used only sparingly in relief situations.

And this spring, he pitched 14 1-3 innings, allowed 25 hits, 12 earned runs and walked six and struck out five.

Sambito is in the final year of a five-year \$3 million contract. If he is released, the Astros must pay him \$700,000 1985 salary. If he signs with another team, the Astros must pay the \$700,000 minus the salary the new team offers him.

Astros General Manager Al Rosen said the decision Friday was one of the toughest he has had to make.

Alice Miller beats pressure to capture Dinah Shore title

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Alice Miller describes herself as an unspectacular golfer, nervous when the pressure's on, and aggressive only because "I don't want to beat myself."

Miller either needs to re-evaluate her golf game — or she's putting everyone on.

Playing brilliantly despite the pressure of leading the LPGA's most prestigious tournament, Miller shot a 5-under-par 67 Sunday to win the \$400,000 Nabisco Dinah Shore.

Heating up the 95-degree afternoon for Miller was a golf charge Arnold Palmer would have been proud of, with Jan Stephenson staging this rally.

Beginning the last 18 holes four

strokes off Miller's pace, and falling behind by five shots at one point on the front nine, Stephenson began edging closer and finally pulled to within one stroke.

But Miller, who'd began the day with a one-shot lead on Patty Sheehan and Judy Clark, let Stephenson no closer and quickly rebuilt her pad.

At the end, after Miller punctuated her round with a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole, she was at 13-under-par 275 for the 72 holes at Mission Hills Country Club, matching Donna Caponi's tournament record of five years ago.

Stephenson, despite her closing 66, wound up three shots behind the winner.

"Jan had a real hot hand putting, but so did I," Miller said after she'd locked up the \$55,000 winner's prize, easily the largest of her seven-year LPGA career.

"Fortunately, she was starting the round from far enough back that even a 66 wouldn't do it."

Stephenson, who ended a two-year winless string just two weeks ago, seemed delighted to finish second and collect \$36,000.

"I'm so happy," said Stephenson, plagued by putting problems during her victory drought. "When I'm putting good, everything about my game is good."

Clark finished third, carding a 70 that left her four strokes back. She collected \$26,000 for her finish in what is one of the LPGA's richest tournaments.

Beth Solomon had a 68 and Denise Streib a 69. Both finished at 281. Pat Bradley was next at 283.

Sweeny puts pair on all-state team

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sweeny placed two players on the Class 3A all-state basketball team announced over the weekend by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Sweeny is represented on the mythical squad by 6-4 senior Donald Lemon, averaging 19 points a game, and 6-3 senior Bennett Fields, who averaged 22.3 points.

Also making the 3A first team are 6-1 senior Rocky Rocquemore of Hardin-Jefferson, one of the top scorers in Texas schoolboy basketball last season with an average of 31.4 points per game.

The two other members of the 3A all-state team are 6-6 senior Greg Sherfield of Brownsboro and 6-4 senior Ron Johnson of Whitehouse. Sherfield averaged 25 points and Johnson 28 points last season.

In Class 2A, state champion Grapeland landed 5-8 senior guard Tony Jones on the all-state team, while runnerup Morton was represented by 6-0 guard Ricky Johnson. Jones averaged 24 points

and Johnson 16 points last season. The three other 2A all-state picks are 6-3 senior Michael Paul of Olney, 23.0; 6-4 senior Shane Hadaway of Haskell, 28.7; and 6-1 senior Sammy Gallaway of Abernathy, 20.6.

Grapeland's Tony Taylor was a second-team all-state pick, while Grapeland's Calvin Tillis was tabbed for third-team honors.

Kerry Pettie of state champion LaPoynor was named on 18 of the 21 votes cast to head the balloting for the Class A all-state team. The 6-3 senior, who averaged 26.4 points and 10 rebounds a game, is joined by 6-8 Snook sophomore Walter Martin, 17.5; 6-6 Waelder senior Malcolm Townsend, 24.0; 5-10 Lawn senior Alan Short, 28.7; and 6-0 Klondike senior Tim Cope, 22.3.

Pettie, Martin and Townsend earned all-state honors for the second straight year. Martin is the only non-senior on the all-state of classes A, 2A or 3A.

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the U.S. Nobuo Matsunaga looks on. The lighting of the lantern on the Tidal Basin in Washington signals the official beginning of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Jamboree site termed safe

BOWLING GREEN, Va. (AP) — At a cost of over \$1 million, the Army says it has eradicated all traces of dioxin-tainted soil from the site of the 75th anniversary jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America.

"It's probably the safest place in the U.S.A.," Richard D. Dutcher, administrator of the 1985 National Scout Jamboree, said in a telephone interview from Boy Scout headquarters in Irving, Texas, as he prepared for the July 24-30 event at Fort A.P. Hill.

Dutcher said the Boy Scouts intend to pitch exhibit tents in an area near a structure known as Building 225, which two months ago was flecked with flags. Each banner marked a spot where technicians in protective clothing had taken soil samples.

Army officials say tests since the cleanup show that the area is free of the toxic herbicide.

"As far as we are concerned, it's going to be treated just like any other area in the jamboree," Dutcher said.

A fence that surrounded Building 225, however, has been reinstalled, and

Dutcher said that as of last week, 23,747 scouts had registered, along with 2,602 adult troop leaders. An additional 5,000 staff members are expected to attend the jamboree, which is returning to the 5,000-acre site where it was held in 1981.

Dutcher said he expects registrations to climb to about 25,000 Scouts and 2,800 troop leaders, and then to shrink somewhat as last-minute family plans change or some Scouts discover, to their chagrin, that they have a rendezvous with summer school.

Hearing today for priest on weapons smuggling charge

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A pretrial hearing is scheduled today in federal court for a Roman Catholic priest accused of being a middle-man in a weapons smuggling case, officials said.

The Rev. Solomon Sandoval is accused of arranging a meeting between two Americans and two Mexican nationals. The Mexicans wanted to buy weapons in the United States, and the two Americans allegedly bought four semi-automatic weapons and tried to ship them to Mexico, federal authorities said.

Sandoval is the pastor at San Martin de Porras Catholic Church in Alton, a community northwest of McAllen in Hidalgo County.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Tuesday before U.S. District Court Judge Ricardo Hinojosa.

Federal prosecutors charged that Sandoval arranged a meeting between U.S. residents Alfredo Cumpian and Salvador Vela and Mexican nationals Luis Davalos and Jorge Wong.

Assistant U.S. attorney Robert Guerra said Vela and Cumpian allegedly bought the weapons last July and tried to ship them to Mexico as helicopter parts when federal authorities, acting on a tip, stopped the shipment.

The priest, Wong and Davalos are charged with one count of conspiring to give a false statement and four counts of making false statements. Cumpian, a student at Pan American University in Edinburg, is charged with one count of conspiracy and three of making false statements. Vela faces one count of conspiracy and one of making a false statement.

The priest was charged with five counts because he "aided and abetted" the others, Guerra said.

Guerra said the defendants faced five years imprisonment on each count plus fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 if convicted.

Mondale: no regrets, but no new proposals, either

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Political Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — To Walter F. Mondale, it was the medium and not the message that buried him in the 1984 presidential election.

"I think I was essentially correct on the fundamental issues," said Mondale in his first national exposure since the election in which, as he put it, "I took a very classic shellacking."

The defeated Democratic nominee appeared on the NBC show "Meet the Press" on Sunday and it was clear that during the past five months he has done a lot of thinking about his campaign and why it ended the way it did.

So have a lot of other Democrats and many of them came away from that election with a far different view than Mondale. Those opposing views are the basis for the debate now going on within the Democratic Party.

Mondale offered no regrets about what he or his party was advocating in 1984.

In response to some of the questions during the 30-minute program, the former vice president echoed campaign speeches. He persisted in his belief that President Reagan will be forced to ask for a tax increase to deal with budget deficits.

He talked about the "great cost to the economy" of Reagan's

economic policies and about the need for fairness and justice.

Mondale referred to the Democratic Party, "as the party of change, of justice, of hope," and added, "I believe that the public will reassert its support for our candidates."

"I did not communicate hope and

master at communicating a positive message.

"The fact of the matter is, President Reagan's ability to communicate — even things that I think are demonstrably not accurate — verges on genius," said Mondale. "And I don't think anybody accused me of the same capability."

Even while Mondale could recognize how the president benefited from sticking with a positive message, the defeated Democratic nominee couldn't bring himself to take that course. It was the same old Mondale on the television screen, warning voters that their taxes were going to go up, echoing perhaps the most disastrous message of his presidential campaign.

Mondale talked about the need for the Democratic Party to be perceived as receptive to change, but during the brief interview he offered no hint of how the party should change, what new programs it ought to offer.

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opportunity and change, even though that's what I was saying. That's not what they heard, and I'm responsible for that," Mondale told The Washington Post in an interview published today.

If he was right on the issues, what went wrong with his campaign? "Where I think I fundamentally mishandled my case to the American people is that I dwelt unduly on the problems ... I do not think I emphasized the positive the way I should."

Not only was he accentuating the negative, but his opponent was a

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