



## Ride in B-25 bomber 'chance of a lifetime'

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

A once in a lifetime chance. That's what I heard about an opportunity for the media to fly in a B-25 bomber Saturday morning as part of the Tampa Army Air Field Association reunion activities for the weekend.

Well, so what? I thought. I've flown in planes before.

Admittedly only once, though, had I flown in a military plane. That's when I left Fort Dix in New Jersey in October, 1969, to be transported over the Atlantic Ocean to Germany.

For some reason, the Army chose to fly us over in some troop cargo plane, its interior redecorated to be more like a regular passenger plane, complete with stewardesses to serve us food.

Though paved with good intentions, the attempt didn't work too well. For one thing, it was still a prop plane, not a jet. And the military green interior lacked the appeal of the "colorful skies" of civilian airlines. I can't say it was an entirely bad experience, but for some reason, I can remember little about the flight over: some kind of memory block, I guess.

But sitting around in the office Friday afternoon, I found myself discussing the "chance of a lifetime" with fellow staff members. Most thought of the opportunity with excitement; others were not so enthusiastic about the chance and graciously - even eagerly - bowed out.

Well, if I get up early enough and if nothing else is going on and if... I said I'd try to make it out.

But Saturday morning dawned, and the chance seemed more appealing. So I got up, took care of a few matters and drove out to Perry Lefors Field, arriving shortly after 10 a.m.

A small crowd was already there, checking out the B-25, called "The General." I read an information display about the plane, learning it was the fourth one to come off the assembly line and was the oldest one still flying. Only 25 remain out of the approximately 9,800 that had been produced.

More interesting to me, however, was the revelation that the plane had once been owned by the late ultra-rich recluse Howard Hughes, who had kept it for 16 years.

People stood around looking at it, or climbing inside to check it out. Former military men and employees of the closed Tampa Army Air Field chatted about the B-25s, reminiscing about their flights in the old bombers or their work on it at the old air base here.

Some talked about how it looked just like they had remembered it. Others complained of modifications in the plexiglass around the nose or the wings or the interior.

Other media representatives were there among the reunion gatherers and their families: Deborah "Red" Hendrick, The Tampa News photographer; Cathy Spaulding, a fellow reporter; Sheila Eccles, KSNZ news director; and some Amarillo television news staff members.

Red was running around, snapping up rolls of film. Sheila chatted with some of the

"old-timers" who recalled their experiences. Cathy walked around checking out the plane.

I mainly stood back except for a once-around look at the plane. Well, it must be safe or they wouldn't be flying it so often, I thought. And hoped.

We local media members chatted among ourselves, wondering if it was true that we were really going to have a chance to fly in the plane. We had been told to be there by 10:30 a.m., and it was nearing 11:30 without the engines being revved up yet.

While waiting I saw school trustee Ken Fields, surprised to see him in flight overalls. I chatted with him, learning he was a member of the Confederate Air Force and had flown in a B-25 just a couple of years ago.

He told me I was in for quite an experience. I believed that, though I was still uncertain as to what kind of experience.

The plane was started, and a group of reunion attendees climbed aboard for the first flight. I still had received no assurance that I would have a chance for a flight.

But then Red waved me over to a small group, and we were told we'd be flying on the second trip. We got our assignments and instructions on where we'd be sitting. Red, with her camera in hand, would be in the plexiglass nose; Sheila and I would be right behind the pilot and co-pilot, and Cathy would be joining others in the back of the bomber.

The plane taxied on the runway for the first flight, the wind from the prop engines creating a wash like the winds before a thunderstorm as it turned around. A few hats were blown off.

I recalled Sheila saying how the chance for the flight was one of the "perks" we had in the business. Well, sure, I thought, though uncertain that this was one requisite I really needed.

I watched the plane on its first flight. Take off didn't seem too bad. But in the air, I noticed it taking some wide, tilting banks as it flew off across the city and then later back to the field, where it flew over once before landing.

Our turn came.

We were lined up and then taken to the plane. Crouched to avoid the wash and the plane's low structure, we approached the under-belly entrances, just ladders coming down from the body.

Red, Sheila and I stepped up the front entrance. Red then crawled through a tunnel to get to the nose under the pilot's cabin, while Sheila and I literally climbed up to occupy two side-by-side seats behind the flight cabin.

It looked much bigger from the outside, I thought. It was so narrow I could have stretched out my arms and touched both sides without much effort.

The plane taxied down the runway and turned around for its takeoff. The noise rumbled and the body shook slightly as the plane gathered speed.

The wheels left the earth, and the experience began.

We flew off from the airport and headed out over the city. I had seen the view before when I

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WOUNDED CHILD — A Moslem father carrying his son runs for help shortly after a car bomb exploded outside a restaurant in Moslem West Beirut today, killing at least 22

and wounding 77. The bombing appeared to be a revenge attack by Christians after 55 people were killed Saturday in a car bomb blamed on Moslems. (AP Laserphoto)

## U.S. urges South Africans to be specific about reforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is urging South African officials to "put their money where their mouth is" and offer specific reforms toward ending apartheid and the massive violence it has sparked.

President Reagan also believes black leaders in South Africa would be taking only a "low risk" by accepting the government's offer to negotiate, said Robert C. McFarlane, the president's national security adviser.

"I do think it's possible, only possible, that a second-level reflection after a couple of more days may lead these leaders on both sides who are looking into the abyss of massive violence to simply say — does it cost us that much to sit down, challenge this government, ask them to put their money where their mouth is, turn the rhetoric into reality," McFarlane said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

"It seems to the president that it is a reasonably low risk for people to challenge the (South African) government now" in negotiations, he said.

McFarlane was interviewed in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he and other officials are monitoring the South Africa situation as they vacation with Reagan.

They have expressed disappointment with a speech last Thursday in which South African President Pieter W. Botha offered to negotiate, but refused to accept specific reforms to his country's apartheid policies of racial separation — even in the face of escalating internal violence and pressure from Western countries.

Moderate black leaders in South

Africa have reacted angrily to Botha's speech, decrying his tough tone and saying he did nothing to satisfy the desire for human rights that has sparked the latest violence.

"I've never felt more sense of foreboding," Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu said on CBS' "Face The Nation." He added: "We are on the brink of catastrophe. I am scared."

He also denounced the Reagan administration policy of "constructive engagement" — diplomatic efforts to convince Pretoria to change its policies — calling it "as evil, immoral and un-Christian as the policy they are trying to buttress."

"When we become free we will remember who helped us," Tutu warned.

McFarlane also expressed a degree of disappointment with Botha's speech.

"The (South African) government this week has labored and produced a cloud," he said, adding, however, that black leaders should give the government another chance.

"I do think basically the problem is to find people to come, a place to meet and an agenda to discuss," he said.

McFarlane reiterated the administration's opposition to a congressional proposal for economic sanctions against South Africa, including a ban on the sale of Krugerrands, South African gold coins, in the United States.

Reagan has not said if he will veto such a bill, expected to be enacted when the Congress returns from vacation in September.

## Bishop Tutu refuses to meet with Botha

By MAUREEN JOHNSON  
Associated Press Writer

PRETORIA, South Africa — Bishop Desmond Tutu, rebuffed in his bid for a one-on-one meeting with President P. W. Botha, refused to join a delegation of churchmen meeting today with Botha to discuss ways to end racial violence.

Meanwhile, police said anti-apartheid rioting flared up in a half-dozen black townships around the country, but no new deaths were reported. Three blacks died in clashes over the weekend.

Also, police said they had 998 people under detention today, up sharply from the 746 that were held on Thursday and 786 on Friday.

Tutu, the winner of last year's Nobel peace prize, said earlier that he did not believe Botha genuinely wanted to talk to blacks "who don't agree with him."

The black Anglican bishop of Johannesburg and this country's best-known foe of apartheid sought a one-on-one meeting with Botha in late July after the white government imposed a state of emergency on 36 troubled black townships and cities.

Botha snubbed Tutu's request, but invited him to join the other clergymen at today's meeting in the capital of Pretoria led by the Most Rev. Philip Russell, the senior Anglican in South Africa. Russell is white.

Tutu said in a telephone interview today that Botha wanted to meet blacks only "of his choosing."

"I had hoped I could talk to him as a South African to a South African, as a Christian to a fellow Christian, even as a grandfather to another grandfather... It would have been possible to hope for a real dialogue, a real speaking to each other, a genuine meeting of minds," Tutu said.

Tutu on Sunday told The Associated Press that he wouldn't meet with Botha "under an umbrella of a delegation when he couldn't see me on a one-to-one basis."

The churchmen, who began meeting with Botha in private at about 10 a.m., planned to discuss the year of bloodshed.

In continuing violence Sunday, police said a black woman was run over and killed by a truck speeding away from black looters throwing stones in the township of Bongweni.

## Youngster says others survived initial crash

TOKYO (AP) — An account by one of the four survivors offered the first solid indication that others aboard the Japan Air Lines 747 survived the crash, only to perish before rescuers reached the scene, nearly 14 hours afterward.

Keiko Kawakami, 12, told reporters from her hospital bed that her father and a 7-year-old sister were both alive, trapped in wreckage and talking "for a long time," but that both died during the night.

The mass circulation Yomiuri Shimbun said the 12-year-old also reported hearing the murmur of others in the wreckage — people asking each other, "Are you all right?" and urging, "hang on."

Yoshinobu Shibakawa, a police spokesman, said in a telephone interview today that 484 bodies had

been recovered and airlifted out, and 363 had been identified.

Government investigators began airlifting debris off the remote mountaintop crash site, 70 miles northwest of Tokyo, Shibukawa said.

Meanwhile, Boeing Co. technical experts were reported today to have discounted a theory that the failure of a cabin pressure bulkhead caused the Japan Air Lines 747 disaster in which 520 people died.

JAL's own chief 747 technician, Hiroaki Kohno, meanwhile, told a news conference that yet another theory was being studied — that the plane's vertical tail fin was initially damaged by "external pressure" rather than from a sudden rush of pressurized air from inside the plane.



Keiko Kawakami tells her story

## Budget main item on school agenda

Approval of the 1985-86 budget will head the agenda when members of the Tampa Independent School District Board of Trustees meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The proposed budget calls for expenditures of about \$12.348 million, an increase of about \$54,765 over the preliminary 1984-85 budget, according to Supt. James Trusty. This amounts to about a 4.7 percent increase.

Trusty predicted a small tax increase will be needed to fund next year's budget. He cited as part of the reason the fact that the district will receive \$162,000 less in state aid next year, although the district's tax base is up slightly.

"Even considering that (the tax base) it appears that a very small

tax increase is going to have to be (levied)," Trusty said.

The board will also meet with Cal Barbaree, president of the Tampa Tennis Club. Barbaree plans to discuss maintenance and repairs he feels are needed at the Pampa High School tennis courts.

In other action, the board is scheduled to:

- receive a budget report.
- consider and take action on due bills and invoices.
- receive committee reports.
- consider and take action on personnel matters, including resignations, leaves of absence and employment. A possible executive session is planned to discuss personnel matters.



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## Residents' discards filling charity's wallet

DALLAS (AP) — Even the junk is upscale in Dallas, professional scavengers say.

"People around here throw out clothes more to keep up with the style than because they are worn out," said Steve Music of United Waste Material, which buys tons of clothing from the Salvation Army each year.

Because Dallas seems to throw away a better-quality junk than most cities, its charities are raking in a respectable income. The combination of affluence and a status-conscious lifestyle make the city one of the nation's leaders in possessions donated to charity.

"We buy throughout the Southwest, and the Dallas stuff is far better," said Music. "People throw away

better garments here than they do in poorer places," he said.

In the last four years, the money generated by goods donated to the Salvation Army has grown 32 percent, to \$2.2 million in 1984. The amount puts Dallas behind only San Francisco, New York City and Chicago in the value of goods donated, Maj. Larry White of the Salvation Army told the Dallas Times Herald.

At Goodwill Industries in Dallas, executive director Rod Ginther said the Dallas office has been among the fastest growing in the nation in the last four years, averaging about 15 percent to 20 percent annually.

In 1984, sales of donated goods generated \$2.9 million for Goodwill, he said.

"I would say over the next 10 years, there won't be another center in the country that could touch this center" in donated goods, White said.

Six days a week, 52 weeks a year, a fleet of 17 Salvation Army trucks makes the rounds of Dallas-area neighborhoods to pick up goods, then returns to the 88,000-square-foot warehouse.

There, 120 workers sort the salvageable from the worthless. About 20 percent of the goods are thrown away as unusable, White said.

The rest of the goods are sold at four Salvation Army stores.

"You'd be surprised about the people who shop in

our stores," White said. "Interns from Parkland (Memorial Hospital) and young lawyers who need a lot of good suits. You see Cadillacs in the parking lot parked next to jalopies."

At Goodwill, which focuses more on clothes than appliances, the collection center contains 20-foot piles of clothing and a labyrinth of conveyor belts to sort them for retail sale in seven stores.

Music said United Waste Material Co. resells about three-quarters of the tons of clothing for rags, and ships the rest everywhere from Mozambique to the Ivory Coast, where it is repaired and resold.

What starts as a designer sheet in North Dallas could easily end up as a sari in India, he said.

## Sanctuary worker to return

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — As he finishes his term in a halfway house for aiding two Salvadorans, a sanctuary movement worker says he hopes to return to the Rio Grande Valley to work with groups helping Central American refugees.

"I think the border area is a real important area for the whole state and the whole country and it's going to be coming under increased scrutiny," said Jack Elder. "The churches are becoming more involved in identifying with the poor and oppressed and doing something about it."

Elder, who is scheduled for release Tuesday after serving 133 days of 150-day sentence, also said he will continue protesting U.S. government policy in Central America.

The rangy Vietnam veteran said he has no regrets for defying immigration.

"The government is doing what governments always do. They tend to be tyrants. They tend to step on people's rights," Elder, 41, told the San Antonio Light.

Elder was convicted earlier this year of conspiring to help two Salvadorans enter the country and of transporting them from the shelter to a bus station in McAllen.

"I've paid my debt and go back to being a regular citizen. And an ex-convict," he said.

U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela of Brownsville had earlier sentenced Elder after he refused two years' probation that would

have limited his activities in the sanctuary movement.

But, Vela later decided to reconsider the sentence when told Elder could not meet other restrictions placed on his sentence, which would have prevented him from speaking out on Central American issues.

The former San Antonio school teacher, wearing a white T-shirt with a portrait of the namesake of Nicaragua's Sandinistas and the legend, "Sandino Vive," told the newspaper he was contented with what he had done.

"I think that Diane (his wife) and I and Stacey Merkt, for the period we were down there, we were the right people for the job," he said.

"We were direct and honest and dignified with the media. That helped get the issue out. We didn't try to exploit it, yet we didn't back down either when it came time to speak out," he said.

Ms. Merkt, Elder's co-defendant, received a probated sentence.

Elder for almost two years was the director of Casa Oscar Romero, a Catholic Church-sponsored halfway house for Central American refugees.

His case was a rallying point for the national sanctuary movement, a loose-knit collection of religious groups that shelter Central Americans who come to this country.

"The whole experience has been, in effect, a kind of a retreat to reflect and read and just get my batteries recharged. So it's been

real helpful in that respect," Elder said.

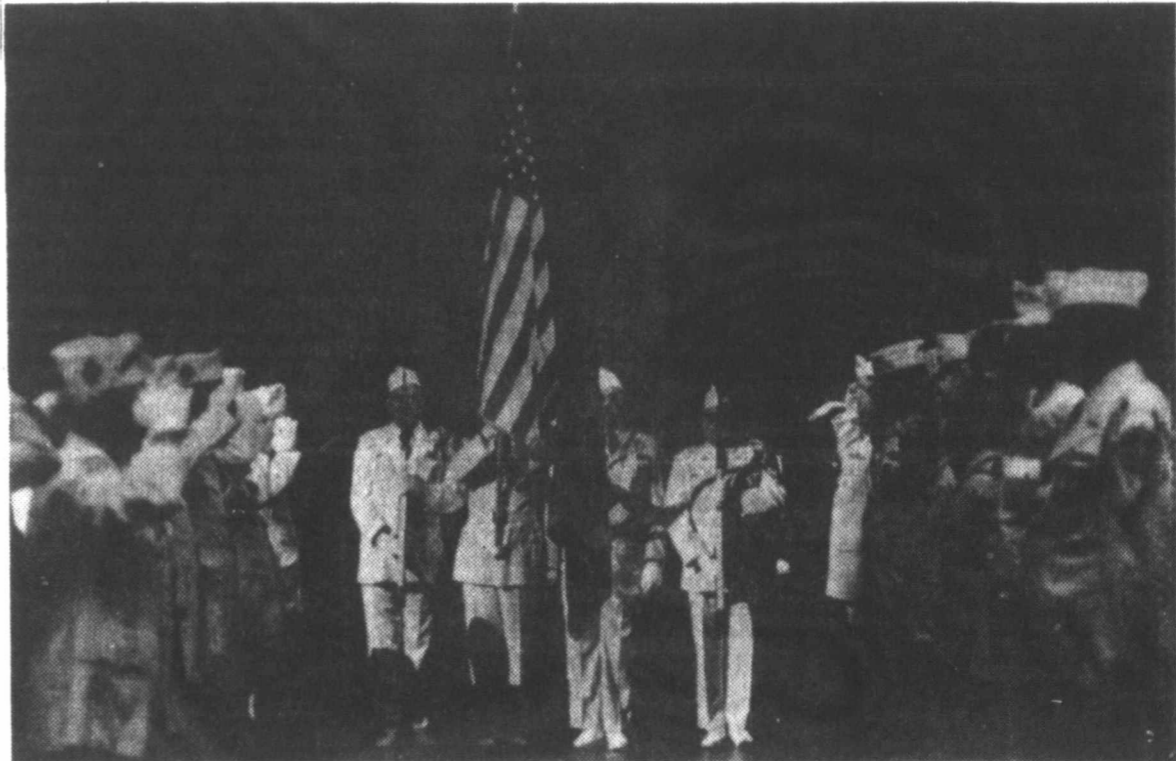
Elder, until Tuesday, will continue his job as a maintenance handyman for the four dwellings operated by the halfway house, which requires all residents to work fulltime.

Elder said restrictions during his confinement have been loosened, allowing him to spend evenings with his family and stay out as late as 1 a.m. on weekends.

He said he has dinner at home on most weekends, reads his boys to sleep and then catches a bus back for another night at the halfway house.

He has even attended a weekly peace vigil at San Fernando Cathedral, spoken at a Justice and Peace Convention sponsored by religious orders and handed out leaflets condemning the movie "Rambo" for its unrealistic depiction of war.

His first trip to the Valley this week will help his former co-defendant, Ms. Merkt, prepare for her Saturday wedding.



COLOR GUARD — The Colors are presented during Sunday's memorial service during the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Dallas. The 2.1 million member group is holding its 86th national convention in Dallas. (AP Laserphoto)

## Make-believe gunfighters wed during show

CLIFTON, Texas (AP) — Tina Thompson of Hallsburg married a horse thief and saved him from the gallows.

But she didn't mind her groom's shady past. She's a gunfighter herself.

Miss Thompson is a member of the Waco Gunfighters, a club that puts on gunfighting skits at an Old West town at Texas Safari. Her husband, Paul Clemons, is the club's president.

Because they both enjoy the make-believe so much, they decided to tie the real-life knot in one of the gunfighter skits Saturday.

"Since I was president of the Waco Gunfighters, I thought it would make them (club members) feel good to be part of something like this," Clemons said.

"This way, we could have our friends around," said the bride.

Even the parents said they liked the unorthodox idea.

"I thought (my son) was pulling my leg at first when he told me about it," Velma Clemons told the Waco Tribune Herald. "I was real thrilled when I heard about (the wedding)."

The "wedding" skit opened with townspeople chatting in front of the row of stores. The judge and a

sheriff's deputy walked out of the sheriff's office, marching a horse thief toward the gallows.

Arriving at the top of the platform steps, the judge and deputy discovered they didn't have a rope for hanging. Their alternate punishment, they announced, would be to force the thief to marry one of the women in town. A recent war had left the city short of men, they explained.

A widow spoke up for the thief, saying she had work for him on her ranch.

"I think I'd better get back up there (to the gallows)," responded the thief.

But the judge brought out his "daughter," whom the bridegroom agreed to marry. As the justice of the peace read, "If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together," a woman in the crowd held her hand over the deputy's mouth.

"I was just delighted when they called me and asked me to do it," said Alicia Sheffield, a real-life justice of the peace in Clifton.

One of the spectators, Mike Motthart of Dallas, said, "We just happened to be here. I thought it (the wedding) was part of the act."

"I thought it was a lovely ceremony," said his friend, Rick Hennig of Dallas. "It was a real surprise for us, and we still don't believe it's true."

Mary Lou Smith of Dallas described the skit as "unusual" and "bizarre."

## Suspect storm formed quickly, but still avoidable, tapes show

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The sudden, violent storm that caught Delta Flight 191 could have been spotted and possibly avoided before the jumbo jet crashed, killing 134 people, the Dallas Times Herald said Sunday.

The storm apparently formed spontaneously on the airport's north side, increased in intensity, then disappeared entirely in less than an hour.

Although crash investigators still don't know if violent winds caused the Aug. 2 crash, weather radar records show the quickly forming storm could have been spotted in advance of 191's arrival and avoided, the newspaper said.

In analyzing records from the National Weather Service radar station in Stephenville, about 75 miles southwest of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the newspaper said the records confirm witnesses' reports that the storm struck suddenly.

Despite the storm's untimely appearance, the radar tapes indicate it had developed well before the jet reached it, the newspaper reported.

The weather information also suggests that although fast in developing, the storm was not unusual for Texas summers, the newspaper said.

The L-1011 jumbo jet entered the storm and slammed into the ground short of the runway, killing 134 people. Dangerous winds spawned by storms and known as wind shear are suspected as a

factor in the crash.

Witnesses and others interviewed by federal investigators say the storm turned deadly too fast for a timely warning and evasive action.

But National Transportation Safety Board investigators are still probing whether the plane's radar or tower controllers who were informed of the cloud formations could have provided enough warning of possible wind shears.

Fourteen minutes prior to the crash when the storm was first spotted on weather radar "certainly is not too fast to take action if a pilot knows it's there," NTSB chief investigator Rudolf Kapustin told the Times Herald.

The radar tape was obtained last week by the Times Herald and analyzed with assistance from meteorologist Ross Dixon, vice president of Metracom, a weather consulting firm in Oklahoma City.

The tapes show the storm first appearing as a tiny dot at 5:52 p.m. By 6:04 p.m., it had become intense, Dixon said.

The Delta jet crashed at 6:06 p.m. The storm remained on the radar screen for the next 43 minutes, moving a few miles southeast before dissipating entirely by 6:49 p.m., the tapes show.

"It's a textbook case" of a storm developing in front of a weak front, Dixon said.

The NTSB investigation into the crash is continuing, with a crash cause or causes not expected to be announced for weeks.

After the wedding, the bride said family members also took part in the skit. Her mother and her brother-in-law are regular members of the club, but the bridegroom's parents became a sheriff and an Old West townswoman for the day.

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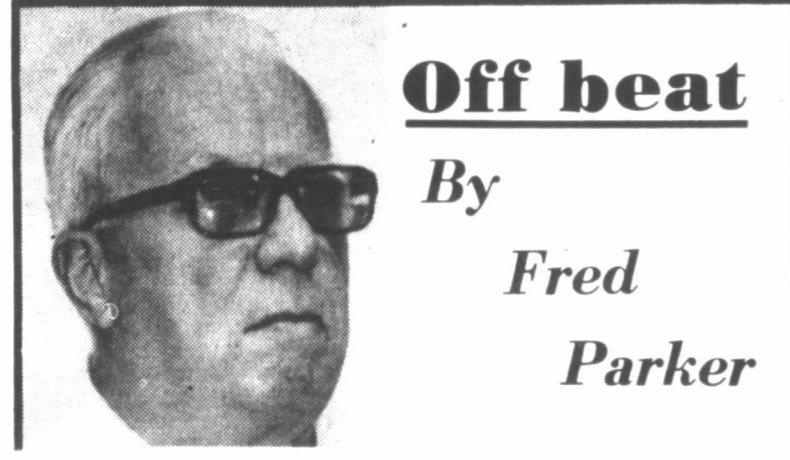
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### Off beat By Fred Parker

#### Creating in a madhouse

After having an enjoyable week of vacation — a time of relaxation without the problems of daily newspaper publication — I came to the office Sunday afternoon to write today's column.

But ... have you ever tried to be creative while working in a madhouse?

It seems the contracting crew remodeling the interior of the front offices at The Pampa News found that "no one" works around here on Sundays so they decided to install the new paneling on the newsroom's walls and undertake other assorted work.

Well, do I have news for someone who either doesn't know what goes on around here on Sundays, or else considers me to be "no one."

In addition to writing my Monday column on Sunday, I do several other odd jobs on the day when no one works around here.

Sunday is the day I undertake maintenance on that little blue machine — sitting over in one corner of the newsroom — that converts signals received over the telephone line into those pictures we use in the paper with a notation of "AP Laserphoto."

Like anything which is a combination of mechanical and electronic, the little gadget has to be cleaned, adjusted and loaded with a new supply of special paper every so often if we expect to continue receiving those pictures from other points in Texas and the remainder of the world.

Then there is the problem of having two small computers. Early Sunday morning the Associated Press satellite receiver is busy filling up the number one computer with advance feature stories and other items to be used at some future date.

Since this advance copy nearly fills the number one computer, it is necessary for someone to move this copy over to the number two computer for storage until needed. If this task is not undertaken before 9 p.m. Sunday, we have the possibility of losing news copy for Monday's edition when the computer becomes full and will not accept additional stories. Since I don't want to come in early Monday and find we have lost some of the important stories, I transfer this advance copy Sunday.

Other than dodging the carpenters Sunday, I had no problem undertaking the maintenance on the picture machine or transfer of the advance copy from one computer to another. The pounding and other noise didn't interfere with these efforts to any great extent.

But, sitting in front of the editor's computer terminal — they had mine disconnected while installing paneling beside my desk — trying to decide what to write about was something else.

I found myself typing what the workmen were saying, instead of what I was intending to type. Goes to show that my power of concentration is weak or else I subconsciously was more interested in what they were doing than in writing this column.

Somehow I managed to assemble this brief description of some of the work I undertake on Sunday, when nobody is around here, despite all of the noise and confusion.

In addition to having a change of pace last week, I took that one-week vacation to avoid the construction crew. But, they apparently decided to be around when I returned...just to upset my day.

So, while I was rested and relaxed when I came to the office Sunday, after writing this column with all of the noise and confusion going on around me I was far from relaxed when I returned home Sunday afternoon.

Who was it that said something about the best made plans of mice and men...?

Parker is city editor of The Pampa News.

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## Opinion

### Farm credit crisis is not surprising

The Farm Credit System, supposedly cooperative and controlled by the farmers themselves, through originally financed by the government, is in trouble. And it is not surprising, considering how liberally it has loaned to farmers and their co-ops. In fact, it has oversold credit to the farmer and is one of the reasons why farmers are so heavily in debt, having over-borrowed in the last few years.

Export demand for grain, soybeans and other farm products has been very great, but much of these products have been sold on credit. The farmer who borrows money to plant a crop and then sells the crop on credit is asking for trouble.

Because the farmer has had to ask for extensions on many of his loans, much of the trouble has been passed to the farm credit institutions.

The Farm Credit System was originally set up by the government, with the cooperation of existing farmer organizations. Because the U.S. Department of Agriculture had such a strong hand in setting up this system, it is no more than right that the U.S. Treasury help in its present situation.

Eventually the government should get out of the Farm Credit System entirely. It has no business in the banking business.

The present world banking crisis is no mystery. International bankers got too generous and dished out loans to every country from Burundi to Bolivia. Our Farm Credit System has no record to brag about, but there is considerable difference between the credit of an American farmer and that of a Bolivian peasant.

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## Partners in boondoggles

Even as Gov. Mario Cuomo (D-N.Y.) and the White House wage a bitter war of words over tax reform, they have been quietly playing "footsie" on possibly the biggest taxpayer boondoggle in history, the infamous \$4-10 billion Westway project, which candidate Ronald Reagan repeatedly promised to build in his efforts to woo New York's muscle-bound construction unions - whose bosses get paid \$300-400,000 a year just for labor peace.

(Fortunately, a federal judge temporarily stopped Westway in its tracks on August 7 - ostensibly to save the striped bass, but effectively saving more stripes on taxpayers' backs - pending the usual appeals.)

At the same time, another Reagan-baiting Northeast liberal, Gov. Michael Dukakis (D-Mass.) is quietly snuggling up to the White House for support for an equally obscene boondoggle - the \$2.4 billion plan to depress the Central Artery in Boston, presently stalled by the Republican Senate.

Dukakis has not only named the Bechtel Corporation (former home base of George Schultz and Casper Weinberger) to manage the Artery project, he has also retained Boston lawyer Roger Moore to lobby the administration for him. Moore, the financial angel of the Massachusetts GOP, was one of Reagan's earliest and biggest backers.

In reality, neither "Wasteway" (as it is dubbed) nor the Central Artery are "highway projects." Both in fact are real estate development programs in which gasoline excise taxpayers will ante up between \$60 and \$200 million an acre to create tremendously valuable new downtown urban real estate. This will then be lucratively developed by big-time private developers who, along with their allies in the monopolistic construction unions, are among the most powerful campaign contributors.

New York's 4.2-mile-long Westside highway could be re-built and widened for \$100-600 million, about \$25-130 million a mile - about par for urban highway renovation.

Instead, the giant Wasteway project would create nearly 230 new acres of Manhattan Island by filling in a vast 1,000-foot-wide strip of the Hudson River for 4.2 miles, putting half of the highway's twelve lanes in a tunnel through the enormous landfill. This would leave approximately 180 acres of the new prime riverfront real estate to be developed by politicians and friends.

The most conservative estimates say it will cost \$4 billion to build Westway - a "billion dollar a mile," but history says it will cost at least \$10 billion - and probably a lot more.

This means that taxpayers would pay up to forty times as much per mile to build Westway as it would cost to re-build the old Westside highway. So, the nation's gasoline excise taxpayers will pay up to \$9.6 billion, not for highway construction, but for 180 new Manhattan acres - up to \$60 million an acre.

Yet this is not nearly as costly per acre as the Boston Central Artery project. This boondoggle is variously estimated at \$1.2 to \$2.2 billion, but is much more likely to cost over \$3 billion before it is completed. Three-billion dollars for less than eight-tenths of a mile of highway renovation! That's up to \$3 billion a mile, 50 percent higher than the worst-case estimates of Westway!

For this fabulous sum, Boston will get four more useable lanes of north-south traffic, plus, most importantly, all 12-16 acres of new downtown property. Since the actual cost of completely renovating, re-decking, and widening the present elevated Central Artery is less than \$800 million, taxpayers will be paying over \$2 billion just for real estate development and the considerable

cosmetic improvements of tearing down the present elevated highway.

The cost per "new" acre in Boston is between \$130 and \$180 million, two-to-three times that of Westway, and infinitely more than Boston property is now worth - but then, 90 percent of its cost would be financed by the federal taxpayers.

This is why both the Central Artery and Westway are (quietly) but rigorously opposed by the professional bureaucracies within the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Transportation Department. They do not see how either project, no matter how cosmetically attractive, actually adds to the interstate highway system.

Fortunately, the Artery project is, thus far, also opposed by Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole. Westway, however, has been so thoroughly endorsed at the White House that lower-level FHWA officials have had to cave in and go along with that huge boondoggle. And the Army Corps of Engineers obediently granted the landfill permit last February.

And with Dukakis playing the Roger Moore and Bechtel connection, it's not hard to imagine similar White House pressure to change FHWA's minds on the Central Artery.

Fortunately, there is already a bill (HR 1888-S826) to stop "Wasteway" forever, authored by Rep. Claudine Schneider (R-R.I.) and cosponsored by a curious coalition of liberals like Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) and conservatives such as Vin Weber (R-Minn.) and Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.). This would void the appeals process.

Now Rep. Frank should develop a similar bill for the Central Artery, and taxpayers should shout their opposition to both boondoggles in this era of burgeoning deficits.



Paul Harvey

## 'Leprosy' of the 1980s

Leprosy for 2,000 years was "the worst thing that could happen."

Any threat we cannot understand is extra scary, invites paranoia.

Infected lepers were shunned by society, "outcasts," "unclean"; physicians feared even to examine them.

They were quarantined in Bible times and as recently as our own times they were exiled to remote leper colonies.

AIDS is the leprosy of the '80s.

The International Society for Sexually Transmitted Disease Research has been in conference in Brighton, England, seeking to coordinate an offensive against the "new diseases."

Harvard biochemist Dr. William Haseltine, addressing the assembled, said AIDS could

become the worst worldwide epidemic since "Black Death" swept Europe in the 15th Century.

British specialist John Seale said the AIDS epidemic, if it continues to escalate at the present rate, could be "unparalleled in human history."

And one speaker - Dr. John Harris of St. Mary's Hospital, London - believes the spread of the disease is accelerated by international businessmen who visit prostitutes all over the world.

If AIDS originated with the practice of homosexuality, already it has spread through the heterosexual populations of a dozen nations including our own.

While certain "tests" are becoming available, no remedy is in sight yet.

And the stigma is, as I say, the worst since leprosy.

Former Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox says he'd

"rather have cancer." He may have both.

When the Independent News Network scheduled a live interview with AIDS victims, the program had to be canceled because broadcast engineers refused to be in the same studio.

Clergymen are not helping the situation when they allude to the new epidemic as one of the "wages of sin."

Out of this must come something constructive.

First, of course, a cure.

Second, it must motivate enough Americans to re-evaluate our open-door immigration policy.

AIDS - and a dozen other diseases for which Americans have no natural immunity - entered our country from Asia and Africa through Cuba and Haiti, with illegal, unexamined immigrants.

If I knew how to put a stop to that, I'd harp on it. Have you any suggestions?

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## Press' function reporting, not judging

By Don Graff

It's no news that the news business in this country is not in such good repute with the people of the country these days.

The press, if we're to believe what we hear, is widely regarded as arrogant, overbearing, biased, obsessed with sensation and more interested in getting a story than in the rights of individuals and the interests of the nation. And more, much more.

It is not a pretty image for an institution that is also regarded - especially by itself - as a pillar of democratic society. This problem is addressed by Burns W. Roper, of the polling outfit, in the current issue of Freedom at Issue, the magazine of Freedom House, a New York-based organization that keeps watch on freedom's ups and downs worldwide.

Roper, who is also a vice president of Freedom House, regrets to report

that the negative public perception noted above is borne out by his organization's recent surveys. For examples:

On the question of fairness and balance, 50 percent of those polled believe the press doesn't care; 44 percent give it credit for trying.

Sixty-two percent say stories of high public interest but slight importance are given greater prominence than more important stories of low interest; less than half as many, 28 percent, believe the press puts importance first.

Forty-nine percent think the press would knowingly break a story endangering U.S. troops; 41 percent would trust it to keep a secret to save lives.

Forty-one percent think the press is out to get certain groups (frequently, Roper notes, the person polled happens to be a member of the group specified); 49 percent say it's tough on

everyone, playing no favorites.

It may be some comfort, in view of the above, that 74 percent would not favor revising the First Amendment to eliminate or curtail freedom of the press. But Roper finds the 21 percent who would be willing to do some constitutional tinkering ominously high.

The important point, according to Roper, is not whether the specific criticisms are right or wrong but the public perception that the press is out of line. With rights go responsibilities, he observes, and, as the public sees it, the press is playing loose with the latter while demanding the former.

Every public institution, as he puts it metaphorically, requires a reservoir of good will to function successfully. In the case of the press, he suggests, the reservoir may have sprung a leak.

He does not, however, look for anything as drastic as a rewriting of con-

stitutional guarantees. Rather, he sees as quite possible a succession of court interpretations that gradually narrow the application of those guarantees.

I would not be inclined to disagree with any of this. Comment, however, is called for on a couple of points.

One is the definition of "press," a term often used, as by Roper, as interchangeable with "media." Print and electronic journalism are, however, very different. Much of what the "press" is currently being taken to task for applies much more specifically to one than the other.

Lastly, in defense of the press it might be said that it best serves the public interest - which, in a healthy democracy, is by assuring a fully informed public - not by judging what should or should not be properly reported, but by reporting what happens simply because it happens.

# LIFESTYLES

## PRETTY PORCHES

Many Pampans have adorned their porches with flowers this summer. The balance of shape and symmetry of these two caught the photographer's eye. (Staff photos by Deborah Hendrick)



Dear Abby

### Abusers of language get rapped on knuckles

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Cheers for your column on language abuse! May I submit my own pet peeve? The use of the word "lady" instead of "woman."

"Woman" is a perfectly good word and refers to any adult female, whereas the word "lady" is a particular type of woman—one showing "refinement, gentility and good manners."

Particularly ridiculous is the word "bag-lady."

JEERING IN JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for pointing out the monotonous "right?" tacked onto the end of every sentence as though it were a question.

When someone says, "I went to the store, right? I bought a bag of potatoes, right? Cost me \$3, right?" I say, "Left!"

HAROLD B. IN BROCTON, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: My pet peeve concerns using the word "so" in place of the word "very."

Advertisers do it constantly. Example: "Our (whatever) is so soft, so beautiful, so tasty, so affordable, etc." If a product rates particular merit, the "so" is lengthened, and it becomes "sooooo beautiful, sooooo tasty, etc." My name is Robert J. Vanden-Heuvel, but you may sign me ...

SO TIRED OF "SO" IN SHALIMAR, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Let's put a stop to using the word "hopefully" as follows: "Hopefully we'll be there soon." The sentence should be, "I hope we'll be there soon."

I hope we soon rid ourselves of the earsore "hopefully." Please add this to your collection.

SMALL-TOWN LAWYER

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to put in two cents regarding the misuse of the English language.

The nonsensical double negative "irregardless" is now so widely used that I actually found it in the dictionary!

TOM KITTERMAN, PITTSFIELD, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: Let's get to work on the word "got." My dictionary says "got" is the past and past participle of "get."

When one has said, "I have, he has, she has, they have," why "got"? "I got, she got, you got, they got" grates on my nerves. Got the idea?

NO MORE "GOTS"

DEAR ABBY: How about people who say they feel "badly"? People can feel good and they can feel bad, but the person who feels "badly" feels with his fingers and is doing a poor job of it.

And please deliver me from all these "feelers" who say, "I feel you should do it," instead of, "I think you should do it." Feeling is not the same as thinking.

FEELING FEISTY

DEAR ABBY: Please start a campaign to do away with meaningless phrases such as "by and large." What does it mean, anyway? Absolutely nothing! Put that one in the same class with "each and every." Another waste of words.

FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER

DEAR ABBY: When are they going to bury that corny expression, "Have a good day"? I am so tired of it. It's insincere, meaningless and puts the recipient of that overused "wish" in an awkward position. What is the proper response? "You have a good day, too?"

A simple "Thank you" or "Good-bye" is quite enough, thank you.

TIRED OF H.A.G.D.

DEAR ABBY: Speaking of misusing the English language: When someone answers the telephone and hears: "This is Dr. Smith's office calling," I am tempted to respond, "And this is Mrs. Karney's house answering." When a secretary says, "I'm sorry, he's tied up right now, I want to ask, 'Any suspects? Or did you do it?'"

Also, when I hear "At this point in time," I want to say, "Time doesn't have points; it's continuous, it keeps moving, it doesn't stand still."

There's more, Abby, but I wish there weren't.

WESLEY VAN BUREN, KARNEY, OLYMPIA, WASH.

## Smart money

# Why liability costs are rising

By Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE — We are the owners and managers of a small business. Up until now, we have been doing reasonably well and showing a decent profit.

We have just returned from a consultation with our insurance broker, however, and are in a state of shock. Our general liability insurance has been increased by a factor of seven. That's right ... seven times as much this year as last year. Our product liability has been increased 500 percent. The liability insurance on our fleet of delivery vehicles has been increased over 300 percent.

Obviously, we will have to pass these expenses along to our customers if we're going to pay these additional premiums. But frankly, I don't think we can be competitive with all of

these insurance pass-alongs.

Has the whole world gone crazy? Our old premiums were high enough, but the new ones are totally unmanageable. Where do we go from here, besides belly-up? — N.Y., NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR N.Y. — During the late 1970s and early 1980s there was a price war in the insurance industry. At that time, the insurance companies' portfolio profits were so substantial that they were not particularly concerned with earning an underwriting profit.

But now, in the lower-interest era that we are currently "enjoying," portfolio profits have disappeared. The lack of portfolio profits and huge underwriting losses have given us the old one-two punch with regard to liability premiums.

On top of this, juries and judges are handing out huge awards on personal

and business liability. Insurance companies have not been collecting enough premiums to cover these kinds of awards, so you can guess what they decided to do: raise the premiums.

Are the insurance companies guilty-less? I think not. But if a finger must be pointed in one particular direction, it has to be at the inordinate number of huge awards that judges and juries are giving to plaintiffs. These are fast making liability insurance either impossible to pay for or impossible to obtain.

Until sanity is restored, by legislation or otherwise, I'm afraid that all of us will be the victims.

DEAR BRUCE — I have raised my family and would like to get back into the job market. I am not enthusiastic, however, about working a full eight-hour day, 40-hour week.

I've been offered a position selling

advertising space as an independent contractor for a local shopping-center newspaper that is distributed without charge.

I could work whatever hours I wish and would be paid a commission on my sales.

Do you see any problem with this kind of arrangement? Money is important to me, of course, but being active and getting out in the business world is an equal consideration — A.M., CLEARWATER, FLA.

DEAR A.M. — Many employers attempt to circumvent the law with regard to social security, workers' compensation and so forth, by calling the people who work for them "independent contractors."

If you are an independent contractor, you must, by definition, be free to come and go as you please, work whatever hours you choose, work on a commission basis, and be outside the care, custody and supervision of an employer.

It appears that the job you have been offered meets this criteria, so I have no problem with it.

Remember, however, that you will be obliged to file quarterly income-tax statements. And instead of paying the customary social security tax, you will have to pay a self-employed tax.

Also be aware that you are collecting money and turning it over to another party. If that other party fails to do what you have promised, you might be held responsible.

Aside from that, this seems like a good way to get back into the work force. I hope you knock their socks off.

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## Pampa High School graduate commissioner lieutenant colonel

Lt. Col. Stephen B. Maddox, a 1965 Pampa High School graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Maddox, was commissioned in pinning ceremonies at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio recently.

His parents attended the ceremonies and returned to San Antonio for a promotion party in the festively decorated backyard of the Maddox home. About 80 guests attended, including former Pampans and his school friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Campaigne of Seguin and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bray of Houston.

Lt. Col. Maddox received his Air Force Commission from Texas A&M as a Distinguished Graduate in 1979.

Since then, he has had assignments in Southeast Asia, Reese AFB in Lubbock, Charleston AFB in Charleston, S.C., Laughlin AFB in Del Rio and Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala.

He has been assigned to

Randolph AFB since 1983 and is an Air Training Command staff officer in the 560th Flying Training Squadron.

Lt. Col. Maddox has 4,900 hours of flying time, 1,050 of which were in combat. He has received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Meritorious Service medals, 15 Air Medals and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

He is married and has two daughters.



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But Jesus also knew the answer to frustrations. He said in the gospel of John, "Yet I am not alone for my Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace... (take heart) I have overcome the world."

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

Release in Papers of Monday, August 19

### ACROSS

- 1 Lower appendages
- 5 Malicious look
- 9 Labor group (abbr.)
- 12 Follow orders
- 13 Inner (comb. form)
- 14 Fair grade
- 15 Decrement
- 16 Former weather bureau
- 17 Sea bird
- 18 Epistle
- 20 Wore away
- 22 Biblical character
- 23 Landing boat
- 24 Nattier
- 28 Government agent (comp. wd.)
- 32 Jesus monogram
- 33 Sign at sellout (abbr.)
- 34 Actress Claire
- 35 Enclosure
- 36 Business abbreviation
- 39 Celtic sea deity
- 40 Glut
- 42 Washing place
- 44 Actress Francis
- 47 Compass point
- 48 Galley
- 51 Sleeping sickness fly
- 55 Made of (suff.)
- 56 Biblical king
- 58 Actress Cannon
- 59 401 Roman
- 60 Stagger
- 61 Russian secret police
- 62 Long time
- 63 Jealousy
- 64 Beverages

- 3 Romantic exploit
- 4 Method
- 5 More suspicious
- 6 Graduate of Annapolis (abbr.)
- 7 Auto failure
- 8 Loud noises
- 9 Cooled
- 10 Existed
- 11 Travel
- 19 Shade trees
- 21 Baseball player
- 24 Topples
- 25 South American ostrich
- 26 Doesn't exist (cont.)
- 27 Make muddy
- 29 Clement
- 30 City of Manasseh
- 31 Not a one
- 37 Maliciously

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

HYDE	LBS	HYMN
EVAN	EYE	ESAU
LEIS	VEX	LEND
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LOU	ASPARAGUS	
IMBED	LB	TAKE
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DYLAN	BOYHOOD	
EOAN	LOP	OLLA
URDU	ERE	NEER
SEES	ETS	EAST

- 38 Swear
- 41 Augment
- 43 Is not obliged to (cont.)
- 45 Love in Rome
- 46 Red Sea country
- 48 Blue pigment
- 49 Of India (comb. form)
- 50 Horse's gear
- 52 Playful child
- 53 Yugoslav river
- 54 Companion of odds
- 57 Gun an engine

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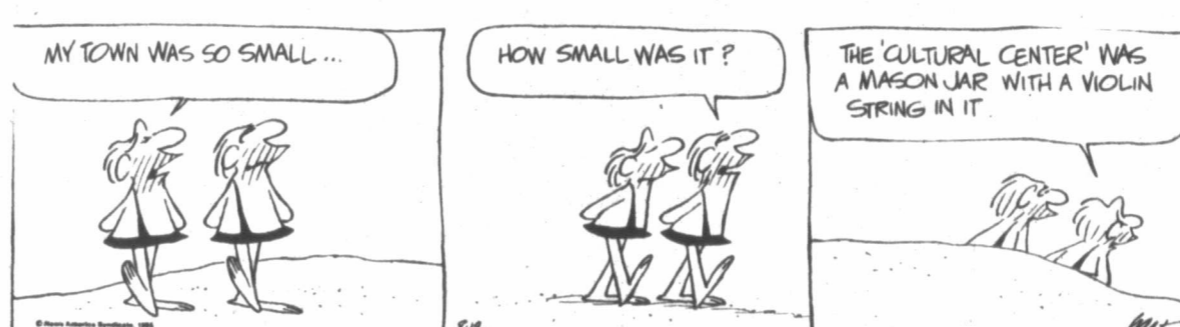
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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Aug. 20, 1985

Advancement in your chosen field will occur in the year ahead. Now you will probably get that position you've coveted.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You've heard the old adage, "If you want something done right, do it yourself." Keep this in mind today if a delicate matter requires prompt attention. Major changes are ahead for Leos in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your mental prowess will give you an edge over people you deal with commercially today. However, to your credit, you won't take advantage of them.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** History has a way of repeating itself. In your instance you could now be fortunate financially in situations similar to those from which you profited in the past.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your point of view is far more important to others today than you may realize, so don't be bashful about airing your thoughts on important issues.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Even if things appear a bit bleak for you financially today, have faith that all will work out well in the long run. Prosperous undercurrents are stirring.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Someone who was not fond of you is being converted into an admirer. This new attitude may be a response to your newfound respect for him.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The lines will be drawn today and you may find yourself in competition. However, if you do as instincts direct, you won't come out second-best.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 19)** Normally it's unwise to offer unsolicited advice, but today could be an exception. If you think you have the answer to a close pal's problem, speak up.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Bold thinking followed by appropriate action will pay off for you today in matters that you've been anxious to change.

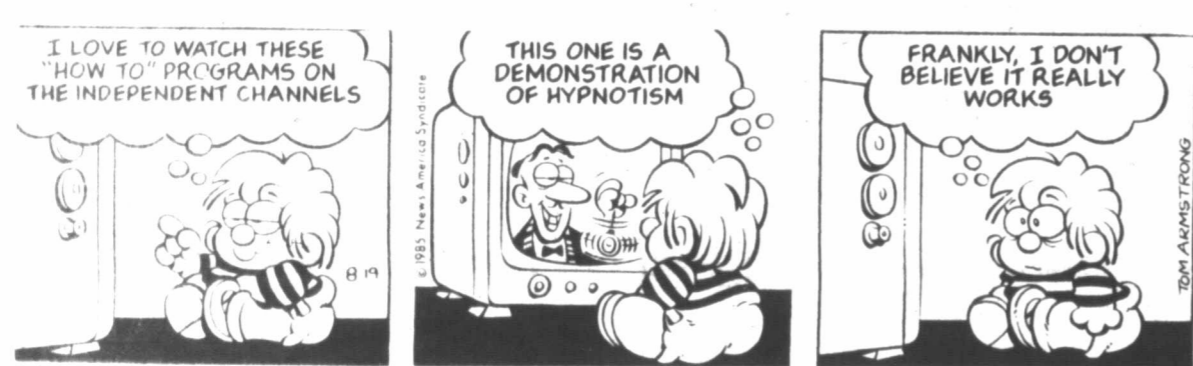
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You can gain the cooperation of others today if you first show a willingness to be cooperative. Initial gestures set the tone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Follow through on career matters today. Don't leave loose ends.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you have authority over others, command by example today instead of showing force. Save muscle-flexing for the gym.

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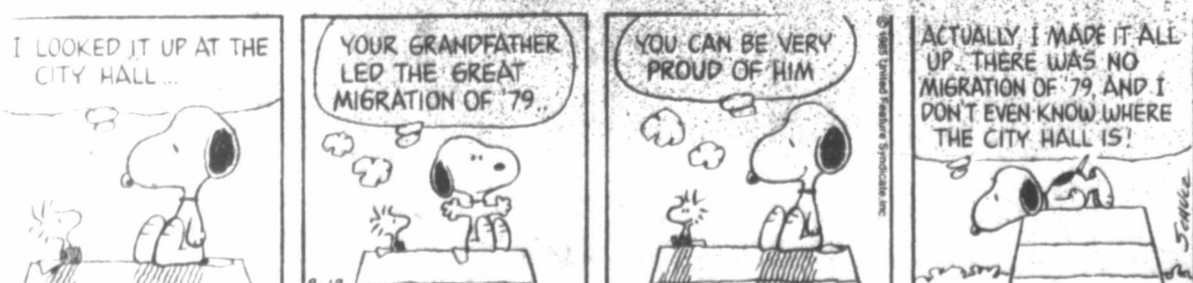
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### PEANUTS



# Scientists look for answer to mystery of wind shear

OLIVE BRANCH, Miss. (AP) — A North Mississippi soybean field has been turned into an observation post in the hunt for a method to warn airliner crews about deadly wind shear.

Using an advanced radar system and an array of computers, scientists are peering deep into summer rain storms to find out how wind shears develop.

"The data we are collecting will be used, we hope, to develop some sort of warning device that will get information about hazardous conditions to the aircrews," said Dr. Ronald E. Rinehart, the head of the field team from Lincoln Laboratories of Lexington, Mass.

Lincoln Laboratories, a research arm of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is conducting the wind shear study for the Federal Aviation Administration. Another team from the University of North Dakota has set up a cooperative study about five miles away.

Wind shears have been blamed for dozens of major airline crashes, including an accident that killed 154 people near New Orleans on July 9, 1982.

"Wind shear is a general term for a change in wind direction or speed," Rinehart said in an interview last week.

Most wind shears are harmless, he said, but they become dangerous when they occur over a short distance.

Pilots of heavy jet planes can find themselves forced into the ground when they run into wind shears at low altitude during take off or landing.

A form of wind shear, known as a microburst, is suspected as the cause of the crash of a Delta Air Lines Lockheed L-1011 earlier this month in Dallas.

"All microbursts are wind shear events," Rinehart said. "But all wind shears aren't microbursts."

Microbursts occur in or near

rainstorms as a column of air, cooled by the rain within it, strikes the ground.

"It's been compared to pointing a garden hose straight down," Rinehart said. "Only the air, instead of going into the ground, strikes the earth and sprays outward in all directions."

The resulting sudden shift in wind can throw large planes out of control at a time when they are most vulnerable — at low altitude and relatively low speeds.

Accident investigators suspect that a microburst struck the Delta jet as it was landing at Dallas and slammed it into the ground short of the runway.

The three-engined Lockheed passed through a heavy rainstorm as it was approaching the airport.

The Lincoln Laboratories station is set up in a series of trailers and temporary structures next to a radar antenna rotating beneath an inflatable dome, about eight miles south east of Memphis International Airport.

Inside, Rinehart and other members of the team aim their radar beam at rainstorms and study a trio of displays depicting precipitation, wind velocity and turbulence in bright colors.

By varying the sweep and elevation of the radar antenna, Rinehart and his colleagues can collect data on different parts of a storm as it develops and then decays.

"We scan at various elevations and keep repeating," Rinehart said. "We're getting different layers of a storm and from that we can reconstruct it later on and compare that with data on other storms."

The radar pictures are stored on computer tapes to be studied in detail after the field study is completed.

Last week, while the remains of Hurricane Danny drenched the

Mid-South, the Lincoln Laboratories team went on 24-hour duty to collect samples of the sometimes violent weather.

Several times during the week, an elaborately instrumented Cessna Citation, a twin-engined jet operated by the University of North Dakota, flew through the clouds to collect information on temperature, size of raindrops, winds, icing conditions and turbulence.

The information collected by the scientists aboard the jet will be shared with the Lincoln Laboratories team.

At one point, Rinehart and his team spotted a developing microburst and guided the jet into the area.

"I was surprised that he went into it, but he did," Rinehart said. "There was about a 50-knot downdraft and he lost about 500 feet in just seconds."

Dr. Don Burrows, the flight scientist aboard the Citation, said the trip through the microburst was not boring.

"We kind of leave it up to the pilot to decide whether to go into something like that," Burrows said. "We could tell that we were in a microburst — it got pretty rough."

Once the research teams complete their work, Rinehart said, their data will be used to develop a radar system that can spot developing wind shear conditions.

He estimates that such a system could be ready for installation at airports in about four or five years. Once the warning systems are in place, air traffic controllers or meteorologists can relay warnings to pilots in time to avoid dangerous weather conditions.

"The idea is to develop a system that will get the information to the pilots in time for them to do something about it," Rinehart said.



TORNADO FATALITY SITE — Leonard Scott Jr. sorts through the belongings in the bedroom of his father's mobile home Sunday morning west of Emporia, Kan. His father, Leonard Scott Sr., died early Sunday in an Emporia hospital after what was apparently a tornado rolled the trailer twice with him in it. (AP Laserphoto)

# Abortion protests bringing unrest

TYLER, Texas (AP) — The window to Dr. Anton Lester's clinic in this East Texas city has become a window to an incoming wave of anti-abortion sentiment that has picked up recently in this area of the state.

Lester, who has performed abortions for the past 12 years, has watched protesters during the past five months become increasingly hostile as they picket the clinic and carry signs labeling him a murderer and a Nazi.

Two weeks ago, hundreds of protesters prayed and sang hymns while they displayed a dead, five-month old fetus in a tiny wooden casket.

"I think it's in terribly poor taste," said Lester, 64. "It's a tiny minority of religious fanatics who want to impose their beliefs on the rest of us."

Few doctors perform abortions in East Texas, and fewer still are willing to admit they do and risk a scandal they believe could destroy their careers.

Lester, a general practitioner, is the only doctor in Tyler who has publicly acknowledged that he performs abortions.

Tyler is a Baptist stronghold that allows no X-Rated movies or retail liquor sales. Convenience stores here have been raided for selling Playboy and Penthouse magazines, and sex education is not taught in local schools.

The pregnancy rate is one of the highest in the state, said Dr.

Kerfoot Walker, medical director of the Smith County Public Health Department.

Tyler has no free-standing abortion clinics, and the procedure is discouraged at the city's two major hospitals. Women travel about 100 miles away to Dallas, Houston or Shreveport to obtain abortions.

"We want to show dead babies," said Mark Becerra, 28, a Tyler accountant who joined the picket line last week. "Abortion is murder."

Mainstream churches, however, have not joined the protests. Lester said his business has increased since the picketing began and patients have rallied to his support.

Most of the picketers are members of the East Texas Christian Action Council, a Tyler-based group representing four area churches.

Jim Jordan, associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church

said the protesting will continue until Lester stops performing abortions.

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# Mexico dismantling trade barriers

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Enrique Martinez talks readily about his business.

Sitting behind a high table that displays expensive perfumes and colognes, he says he buys his goods in the United States — sometimes flying to New York, other times driving to Los Angeles.

He stocks up at retail and discount stores on well-known brands and comes back to Mexico where he turns a profit on the black market.

That kind of business is one of the reasons the Mexican government recently made a major change in its trade policy.

Martinez is one of dozens of Mexicans selling all sorts of smuggled goods on tables along the crowded streets in the huge Tepito market in downtown Mexico City.

Analysts point to the thriving Tepito market as an example of what happens when an economy is highly protected — as Mexico's is — from foreign goods.

Mexicans are drawn to the market in search of products — most often electronic gear — they can't buy in Mexico or have trouble finding. Prices are often lower than in retail stores but higher than in the United States.

For example, a 14-inch, Japanese-made, color television sells for the Mexican peso equivalent of about \$600 at the market. A U.S. discount house advertises a 19-inch TV made by the same company for \$150 less. A Mexican appliance store wants \$715, which includes a 15 percent sales tax, for a 20-inch set the company makes here — but there were none in stock.

In recent weeks, the government has moved to widen Mexico's

markets for foreign goods as part of a plan to arrest the economy's deterioration.

It's a move feared by many who worry that such steps will lead to a flood of cheaper foreign goods that will knock out local companies and add to the already high unemployment rolls.

Government officials acknowledge that a more liberalized trade policy will be tough on some businesses.

Commerce Secretary Hector Hernandez said recently, "I don't deny that in some cases highly inefficient businesses — which were taking advantage of the excess of protection, which were taking advantage of high prices that they were able to establish as a result of this protection — are not going to suffer. Yes, yes, they are going to suffer."

But he insisted the harm caused would be less than the economic benefits.

Mexico depends heavily on export sales of its oil to bring in money to pay its \$94 billion foreign debt and buy food and other needed goods. But falling oil prices and sluggish demand have cut into those revenues this year. Sales of non-oil exports also have been tepid.

Hernandez, in announcing the trade changes, said, "The only viable option to increase the income from foreign currency is the exportation of non-petroleum goods and services, like tourism."

Government officials also are counting on expanded trade to force domestic industries to be more competitive, helping reduce stubbornly high inflation.

"The opening to foreign trade is indispensable for Mexico," said

Pablo Garcia Barbachano, president of the Mexican Business Council for International Affairs.

Specifically, the government is dismantling a cumbersome system that requires businesses to obtain licenses to bring in foreign goods. Instead, businesses will pay tariffs, or charges, on the imports, ranging up to 50 percent of a product's value.

Licensing permits will still be required for some goods, including basic food products, parts for automobile assembly, basic materials for pharmaceuticals, computers and telecommunications merchandise.

Economist Ignacio Trieros of the Mexican Autonomous Institute of Technology described the move to a tariff system as "very important."

"The idea is that only with a more liberal policy toward imports is it possible to promote exports," he said.

Javier Murcio, an economist at the Lexington, Mass., consulting firm of Data Resources Inc., said, "It's a fact of life. The only way out of the financial (problems) is exporting more."

With the recent moves, some analysts wonder if Mexico is positioning itself to join the General Agreements on Tariff and Trade (GATT). Ninety countries belong to GATT, following its rules and negotiating trade-expanding arrangements.

Mexico, one of the few big free-market economies outside GATT, nearly joined in 1979-80 but backed off under political pressure from those worried the country would lose some of its independence.

# Two men found dead in Houston home

HOUSTON (AP) — Police said Sunday they had no leads or suspects in the suspected ax murder of two men found dead in a bloody, ransacked house.

Larry Nibblett, 45, and Charles "Chester" Smith, 36, of Houston were found by Smith's niece Saturday.

Homicide Sgt. Richard Maxey said the victims might have been

dead for more than a day. He said authorities suspect the men were killed with a blood-stained ax found near one of the bodies.

"There was quite a bit of blood throughout the house, and it appears the house had been ransacked," he said.

The bodies were discovered shortly after 10 a.m. at the north Houston house by Smith's niece.

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**AFTER THE FALLS** — Niagara Parks Police Constable John McKay examines the inner tube wrapped barrel that Steven Trotter of Barrington, R.I., used to go over Niagara Falls Sunday. Trotter, the sixth daredevil to successfully complete the stunt, suffered only a minor cut on his arm. (AP Laserphoto)

## Niagara Falls daredevil has a date in Canadian court

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) — A daredevil who walked away from his plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel with only a cut said the 176-foot fall was "like the best roller-coaster ride you had when you were a 10-year-old."

Steven T. Trotter, 22, of Barrington, R.I., faces arraignment Aug. 28 in Ontario Provincial Court and a maximum fine of \$500 on a charge of performing an illegal stunt.

He may also be charged by American authorities because he is believed to have launched his barrel on the U.S. side of the Niagara River before plunging Sunday over the 176-foot Horseshoe Falls.

Lying inside two "Greek pickle

barrels" placed end-to-end and surrounded by giant inner tubes, Trotter became the seventh known person to plunge over the falls and survive. He received only a cut on his arm, said Niagara Parks Police Constable John Clark.

After the fall, Trotter emerged from the hatch of his barrel and "waved to us to let us know he was all right," said Clark. He was examined at Greater Niagara General Hospital.

Trotter, who described the trip as "like the best roller-coaster ride you had when you were a 10-year-old" and "like being on an elevator with no cable," said he had dreamed of such a feat since he was a child.

He said his grandfather, who

"worked for Bethlehem Steel in a job he didn't like," inspired him. "He said, 'If you have a dream, do your dream and do it up right,'" Trotter said.

Clark said at least 10 people and two film crews witnessed Trotter's plunge from Terrapin Point in the barrel, which was equipped with two two-way radios and two oxygen tanks.

Trotter, who works as a bartender in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., six months out of the year, said he had worked on the plan with the help of engineers and manufacturers for five years. He said he spent about \$6,200 making the 16-foot-long by six-foot-high barrel.

## Pentagon provides jetliner for a one-man Congressional junket

WASHINGTON (AP) — When members of the House do their globe-trotting at taxpayer expense during the congressional recess, it usually takes at least four or five of them to qualify for a Pentagon plane.

But Rep. Bill Alexander, the No. 4 man in the House Democratic leadership, is currently on a six-day "solo" flight to Brazil on a C-9 transport that the Air Force says costs \$2,310 for each hour it's in the air.

The aircraft was provided to the Arkansas Democrat on the basis of an Aug. 7 request from House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass.

O'Neill's letter to the Pentagon said that Alexander, the deputy House whip, would be heading a delegation including Reps. Ronnie Flippo, D-Ala., Butler Derrick, D-S.C., Toby Roth, R-Wisc., and Dan Glickman, D-Kan.

Chris Matthews, a spokesman for O'Neill, said that "there's usually a minimum of four or five (members needed) to get a plane" assigned by the Pentagon.

When the aircraft took off from

Andrews Air Force Base near Washington last Wednesday, Alexander was the only member of Congress aboard, according to the Air Force.

Glickman says previous commitments forced him to decline Alexander's invitation to join the trip. He said he was "pretty confident" Alexander was given this message before Aug. 7, when O'Neill made his request to the Pentagon for a plane.

The other three members were not available for comment but their spokesmen said they knew of no plans for their bosses to ever participate in the trip.

Tom Springer, Roth's press secretary said: "The August recess? He planned long in advance to be in Wisconsin the entire time."

Flippo aide Mike Adcock said he hadn't heard of any Brazil plans by Flippo and believed he would have been alerted had his boss been considering such a trip.

Derrick's administrative assistant, Al Kamhi, said that before the recess began Aug. 2, his boss had turned down several

invitations from Alexander to join the trip.

Matthews said that although O'Neill signed the request, "I assume the names came from Mr. Alexander. ... The normal pattern is for the person putting the trip together to justify the trip and put the list (of participants) together."

The Air Force is not happy that the plane, which carries up to 42 passengers, left with only one lawmaker aboard.

"That's what is so galling," said one officer who requested anonymity. "It's bad enough that we take the grief for having to provide airplanes for these junkets. But it looks like here that there was a little congressional subterfuge involved."

Another high-ranking officer said: "I think they really rubbed it in our faces on this one."

Judy Smith, Alexander's secretary, said the purpose of the trip is to inspect alcohol fuel production, a major industry in Brazil, in connection with a federal grant recently given the University of Arkansas to study the alternative energy source.

## Helping the household budget

By JOHN CUNNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — In a market where phrases such as "lowest prices in town" and "huge discounts" float from balloons and fly from banners, General Motors has come up with the real thing — a genuine bargain.

As most automobile buyers know, real bargains are rarities in any market, no matter how hard the seller shouts. In fact, the harder a merchant shouts, it seems, the less likely is the customer to get a good deal.

However, a 7.7 percent interest rate, which GM now offers on many 1985 cars, advertises itself loudly, clearly and credibly, especially when some rates are double that, and where bank card users may pay close to 20 percent on short-term debt.

Consumers today are acutely aware of interest rates, and they react strongly to any changes. They know that a point here and a

point there soon adds up to more dollars than there are in the budget.

Ask housing people, who almost starved when mortgage rates reached the upper teens a few years ago, convincing millions of would-be buyers that a new roof over their heads was less important than avoiding bankruptcy.

In fact, ever since it was learned, by hard experience, that interest rates could reach into the double digits, the American public has probably been more interested in financing costs than ticket prices. They know, for example, that while \$25 a month might not seem like much, it amounts to \$1,200 in four years.

They are equally aware, of course, that when interest rates are cut by a similar amount that the savings will be identical, and for households spending close to their budget limit that can sound like a raise from the boss.

In fact, for the median household

earning less than \$30,000 a year and living at the limit of its income, a saving or a raise of that size is substantial. GM says it will do better, averaging \$1,550 to \$2,250 a vehicle.

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## Lakeside town running dry

HEATH, Texas (AP) — For almost four days, this town of 1,459 near Dallas resembled a wasteland as its water supply dried up.

Residents on the east corridor of Lake Ray Hubbard caught dripping water from their faucets in bottles and pans before it began pouring back into storage tanks Saturday.

"I haven't had a bath in two days," said Betty Casey.

The fire department worried about the scant 2,000 gallons it has on hand to fight a fire.

Heath's water problems are common to many of the rural towns that run along the east corridor of Lake Ray Hubbard. With current pipelines, the North Texas Municipal Water District can

pump four million gallons of water each day into the towns.

But it's not enough to meet the peak demands of the nearly 20,000 residents in the area, said David Stephens, water manager for the district.

"When you get a long, hot summer like you got there, that area is exceeding the capacity of the pipeline," Stephens said.

Unlike last summer's drought, the town has not rationed water and development has caused a 25 percent water-use rise.

"We thought we'd make it," said Benny Abernathy, president of the Forney Lake Water Board.

Monday water pressure dropped allowing less than 200,000 gallons a

day, Abernathy said. And overnight the town's reserve 450,000 gallons was drained.

But Stephens said by ignoring a warning to ration water, communities are at fault and deserve the situation, Stephens said.

"There's really nothing we can do about it," he said. "We can't go down there and make them ration water. ... We're pumping every drop of water we can."

Heath Mayor L. Newton Burns is using the shortage to rally support for a city water system.

"Typically these rural water districts are very uncooperative," Burns said. "They want to keep it the same old country it was in 1940."

## Americans are concerned with violence in the stands

NEW YORK (AP) — Six of 10 Americans say beer sales at sporting events should be restricted because drinking contributes to rowdiness, according to a Media General-Associated Press poll on spectator violence.

Respondents in the nationwide telephone poll were asked to choose between two statements: "The sale of beer at games contributes to spectator rowdiness and should be limited" or "Beer sales should not be limited because it would unfairly inconvenience the majority because of the problems of a few."

Sixty-two percent of the 1,517 respondents said beer sales should be limited, while 33 percent said limiting beer sales would be unfair to the majority of spectators who behave. Five percent were unsure.

Support for limited beer sales is one indication that many Americans are concerned about violence in the stands. Nearly four in 10 respondents said they had witnessed fights among spectators at a game. Fourteen percent said they had felt personally threatened by rowdy fans.

While many were concerned about violence, 56 percent said last spring's deadly riot at a soccer match in Belgium would not likely be duplicated at a U.S. sporting event. Almost four people in 10 disagreed, saying such riots were likely to occur.

Thirty-eight people were killed and hundreds injured when English fans charged into a section filled with supporters of an Italian team, causing a stadium wall in Brussels to collapse.

Rowdiness also has become a concern in the United States. Uniformed security guards are common sights at stadiums. Alcohol-free sections, low-alcohol beer, and limited sales of beer are being tried in baseball parks this summer.

Respondents in the Media General-AP poll were asked if they thought some sports encouraged

violent behavior among fans, and 62 percent said yes. More than half cited hockey, 38 percent cited football and 20 percent said soccer encouraged fan violence.

Forty-nine percent of the respondents said sports teams should face disciplinary action if their fans are consistently violent, while 45 percent said the teams should not be blamed.

Respondents in the Media General-Associated Press poll included a random, scientific sampling of 1,517 adults across the country July 5-13. As with all sample surveys, the results of Media General-AP telephone polls can vary from the opinions of all Americans because of chance variation in the sample.

For a poll based on about 1,500 interviews, the results are subject to an error margin of 3 percentage points either way because of chance variations in the sample.

That is, if one could have questioned all Americans with telephones, there is only 1 chance in 20 that the findings would vary from the results of polls such as this one by more than 3 percentage points.

Of course, the results could differ from other polls for several reasons. Differences in exact wording of questions, in the timing of interviews and in the interview methods could also cause variations.

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