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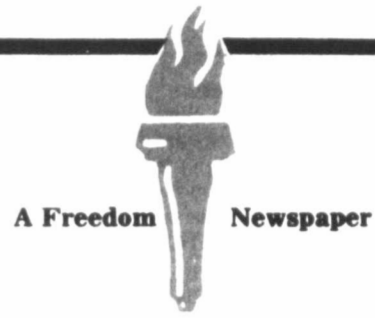
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## Prestidge resigning

The resignation of Precinct One Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge will be considered by the Gray County commissioners when they meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Prestidge, currently of Lefors, is moving to Pampa so that she may run as a write-in candidate for the Justice of the Peace position in Precinct Two, where current Justice of the Peace David Potter is running for county commissioner. Her resignation will be effective immediately, if accepted.

In a related matter, the commissioners will also consider cancellation of a rental agreement for office space in Lefors, where Prestidge currently has her Justice of the Peace office.

In other action, the commissioners will consider a letter from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, concerning indigent health care.

County Judge Carl Kennedy said the letter states the hospital is applying to the state for grant money available to help with certain indigent health care programs. He said the hospital is asking the county to support its

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**FONTENOT NOT GUILTY**—Hurlay Fontenot, right, his wife, Geneva, and attorney Dick DeGuerin leave the Polk County Courthouse Wednesday evening after Fontenot was found innocent of charges that he murdered a high school football coach.

## Ex-principal acquitted of killing coach

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — The killer of football coach Billy Mac Fleming may never be found, said the lawyer for a principal who was accused of murdering the coach because of an alleged love triangle.

"The trail is so cold now I don't think we'll ever know who killed Billy Fleming," said Dick DeGuerin, the attorney for Hurlay Fontenot.

Jurors acquitted the former junior high school principal of murder charges he killed Fleming over the affections of a school secretary, but some jurors still had their doubts.

Larry Renfro, the foreman of the 10-woman, two-man jury that found Fontenot innocent Wednesday said that although Fontenot was cleared of the charges, "that doesn't mean some of us still don't think he did it, it was just not proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

Fontenot, 48, former principal of Hull-Daisetta Woodson Junior High School, had been charged with murder in the April 12 shooting death of Fleming, 36, who also taught math and science at the school.

"It was a very tough decision to make but we had to go with the law. We can't speculate," Renfro said. "We could only base our decision on the evidence that was presented to us."

Prosecutors claimed during the six-week trial that Fontenot shot Fleming because both men were rivals for the love of 36-year-old school secretary Laura Nugent. Mrs. Nugent dated Fontenot until late 1984 before she started seeing Fleming. She and Fleming planned to marry last summer.

Defense attorneys claimed Liberty County investigators were trying to frame Fontenot for a murder he did not commit, and contended they discarded or ignored evidence that pointed to other suspects.

By ignoring other evidence, investigators probably allowed the real killer to go free, DeGuerin said.

The standing room-only crowd

at the Polk County Courthouse cheered at the reading of the verdict, reached in 12½ hours over two days. A subdued Fontenot, hugged DeGuerin, and then his wife, Geneva, and daughter, Vanessa.

"I have always been innocent, and now my innocence has been proved," he said.

Faye Fleming, mother of the slain coach, left the courtroom sobbing but not before she grabbed Fontenot's arm and said, "You killed my son and I don't doubt it for one single, solitary second."

Prosecutors David Walker and Peter Speers said the verdict disappointed them.

"I feel, and have always felt, that Hurlay Fontenot killed Bill Fleming, but 12 people made a decision that he did not, so he is free to go home," Walker said.

"I accept the verdict, I don't like it. I'm not happy with it, but I accept it," Speers added.

The jury early Wednesday had asked to rehear testimony from a Liberty County sheriff's investigator about a receipt from a Crosby-area motel where Fleming spent the night with Mrs. Nugent.

Copies of the receipt were mailed with several anonymous letters that prosecutors said were "very derogatory" about the relationship between Mrs. Nugent and Fleming.

Two of Fontenot's fingerprints were found on the original receipt and a motel clerk said Fontenot had obtained a copy of it. The jury also asked to rehear the testimony of the clerk.

The dead coach's parents, Clyde and Faye Fleming, and his estranged wife, Lynda, sat near Fontenot and his family during the jury's deliberations.

"It's hard being here," Lynda Fleming said. "But I'm sure it's hard for everyone involved." She cried and left the courtroom when the verdict was read.

About 100 people, many who listened to testimony from 86 witnesses, also waited in the courtroom, reading newspapers and magazines, doing income tax returns or playing cards.

## Tom Etheredge indicted six more times

BY PAUL PINKHAM  
Staff Writer

Thomas C. Etheredge, former head of the failed Bethany Trust Co., was indicted six more times Wednesday on charges of misapplication of fiduciary property.

In the indictments, handed down by a 31st District grand jury, Etheredge, 31, is charged with acquiring an \$80,000 cashier's check and issuing checks to various parties, both without the approval of the company's board of directors.

Currently, Etheredge is in the Gray County Jail, awaiting trial on 18 previous indictments on securities violations and misapplication of fiduciary property, to which he pleaded innocent Feb. 17. He had managed to elude authorities since April before being arrested in Canada earlier this month on charges of being an illegal alien.

Bond on Wednesday's indictments totals \$30,000, added to the more than \$1.2 million in bond he's already under. If convicted, Etheredge faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison, according to Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton. His trial is scheduled for docket call Monday but Hamilton has said the case probably will not come to trial until April at the earliest.

Wednesday marked the first time

Etheredge has been indicted in 31st District Court. His previous indictments are all in the 223rd District Court, under the jurisdiction of District Judge Don Cain.

However, Bethany Trust and Co. was indicted in 31st District Court and fined by District Judge Grainger McIlhenny after company representatives failed to show up for a hearing last spring.

Also indicted Wednesday was Glenda Ray Currie, of Pampa, on charges of rape of a child. His bond was set at \$2,000.

In all, the grand jury handed down 33 indictments. Those indicted and their bonds follows:

- Gary Wayne Jernigan, criminal mischief, \$1,500 bond.
- Stanley Eugene Freeman, driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense, \$1,000.
- Elton Rayford Gammage, interference with child custody in violation of a court order, \$2,500.
- Leo Medley, driving while intoxicated - third offense, \$250.
- David Lee Hale, driving under the influence, third offense, \$1,000.
- Jerry Lynn Williams, unlawful possession of a firearm, \$2,000.
- Alford Ray Heath, driving under the influence - third offense, \$1,000.
- Glenn E. Tipps, possession of a control-

- led substance, \$5,000.
- Alicia DeLeon, burglary of a habitation, \$5,000.
- Danny White, burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault, \$1,500.
- Spencer Boyd, indecency with a child, \$2,000.
- Morris Lynn Powell, acquiring a controlled substance by forgery, \$1,500.
- Kevin Kirkham, burglary of a habitation, \$1,000; and burglary of a building, \$1,000.
- Keith Heiskell, burglary of a building, \$2,500.
- Bob Bond, theft of cattle, \$1,500.
- William Wells, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, \$1,500.
- Gerry Douglas, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, \$1,500.
- Yvonne Collins, twice on misapplication of fiduciary property, \$1,000 each indictment.
- Brenda Deal, retaliation, \$1,500.
- James Triplett, burglary of a habitation, \$2,500.
- Georgena Ann Simpson, arson, \$2,500.
- L.J. Brown, also known as L.J. Jackson, burglary of a vehicle, \$500; and burglary of a habitation, \$1,500.
- Carl Sherman, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, \$1,000.

## Legislators think president facing fight on defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says proposed cuts in his defense budget would be "backsliding of the most irresponsible kind," but some of his strongest supporters in Congress predict he faces a stiff fight against his military buildup.

The president, speaking from his desk as snow fell outside an Oval Office window, said in a televised speech Wednesday night that because of his policies, "American strength is once again a sheltering arm for freedom in a dangerous world."

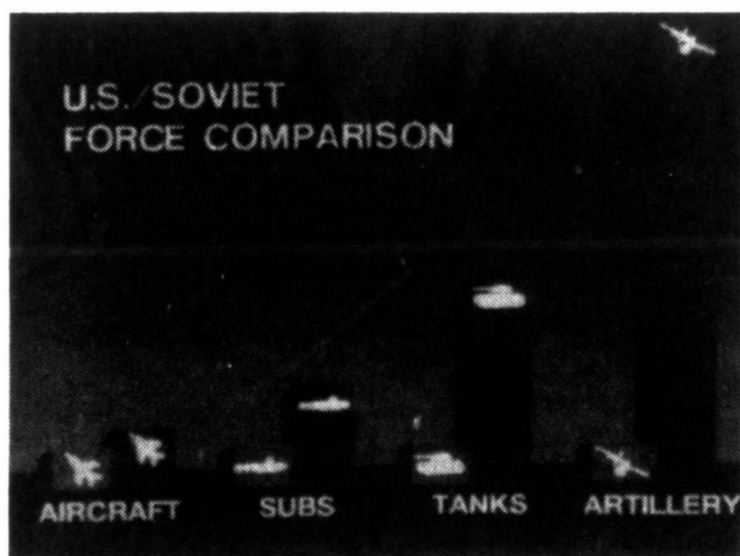
"Just as we are sitting down at the bargaining table with the Soviet Union, let's not throw America's trump card away," he said, noting congressional proposals to cut as much as \$50 billion from his \$320 billion military spending request.

"This is reckless, dangerous and wrong," he said. "It's backsliding of the most irresponsible kind."

House Democratic leader Jim Wright of Texas, in his party's response to the president's address, said defense cuts are needed to reduce budget deficits that "themselves pose a danger to our national security."

Wright's Republican counterpart, Rep. Robert Michel of Illinois, said, "I'm going to do my best to support the president's request, but I recognize full well he is not going to get everything he is asking for."

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., an administration supporter on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "I am for a strong defense, but I won't commit to an exact figure at this time. I think the element of fairness has to be shown throughout our analysis of the budget, both on the defense and the non-defense side."



This chart, used by President Reagan during his speech on defense, shows a comparison of United States (left) and Soviet military force. (AP Laserphoto)

Even Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, a Reagan booster who is the second-ranking Republican on the Armed Services panel, conceded, "We may not be able to get as much as the president wants."

Reagan's 24-minute speech was illustrated with graphics twice. As he spoke of Soviet military actions around the world, the screen showed a map with lines shooting out from a hammer-and-sickle symbol at Moscow to such trouble spots as Nicaragua and South Yemen. A bar graph was shown to make his point that his administration has controlled the spiraling cost of defense programs.

## Possibility explored for halfway house

BY PAUL PINKHAM  
Staff Writer

Three Pampa women interested in setting up an alcoholism recovery center, or halfway house, in Gray County met with Wayne Hughes, alcoholism services director for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Hughes was in town for a public hearing on the commission's regional alcoholism plan and the activities of the alcoholism advisory committee and although no citizens showed up to offer comment, he met for about an hour to discuss the need for a halfway house in the eastern Panhandle and the steps that would need to be taken if one were built.

Those present included Genesis House Director Lois Still, a member of the alcoholism advisory committee, and district adult probation officer Doyve Massie.

Hughes said there has been interest in setting up a halfway house for men in the eastern Panhandle for some time. Currently, there are four such places

in Amarillo and one in Tulia, but Hughes said more alcoholics are coming out of treatment programs than can be handled in existing recovery centers.

Of 10 alcoholics who receive treatment, he said, five or six need recovery centers to re-establish "good life habits," such as working and personal hygiene. The more severe the addiction, the greater the need for a recovery program, he said.

Hughes advised the women to get a strong organization of citizens behind the project before doing anything else. He said organization is usually a bigger problem than obtaining funds at first.

By-laws and articles of incorporation must guide the center, he said. A committee of interested citizens should be in charge of making decisions affecting the center, which should be based on the principles of alcoholics anonymous, he said.

Hughes said money is available

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# TEXAS/REGIONAL

## Attorney General, consumers blast insurance companies

DALLAS (AP) — Insurance companies are conspiring to pump their rates artificially high under the bogus claim of "a tort system in crisis," Attorney General Jim Mattox says.

Mattox, who likened the companies to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said Wednesday he has asked them to open their books to his office's antitrust division.

"We don't see justification for rates going up like they have been," he said, adding that recent rate increases are "a put-up deal that is the result of collusion."

Insurance companies have launched a media blitz to convince people that the legal system is harming the firms by awarding massive judgments, said Mattox, who is running for re-election this year.

He said the industry's cry of "a tort system in crisis" is an excuse to raise rates unnecessarily.

"We cannot find the crisis that they say exists," Mattox said. "The profits insurance companies are making do not show an insurance situation out of control."

He said he has requested the State Board of Insurance to ask the companies to prove there is a problem in the tort system, and that the antitrust division will investigate whether collusion exists.

Mattox said small cities and counties — as well as day care centers, ministers and charitable organizations — are having trouble finding

coverage at any price, and other companies and organizations are seeing huge increases in premiums.

Also on Wednesday, two consumer groups in Austin argued there is no proof to back insurance industry claims that an increase in lawsuits and high jury awards are driving up costs for business liability insurance.

"We need proof that there is a crisis in Texas caused by the tort system, and that this crisis isn't just something that insurance companies are dreaming up to increase their profits," said Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen-Texas.

Carol Barger, director of the Consumers Union's southwestern office, said a special legislative committee studying the situation should make certain it looks for the real problem.

"We believe the proper focus for the committee is on the insurance industry, not the legal system," Ms. Barger said.

She said there is no evidence of a "cause-and-effect relationship" between the frequency of lawsuits, the size of jury damage awards and

the availability of property and casualty insurance.

"There is an insurance crunch when small business owners, day care centers and ministers are denied liability coverage," she said. "But weakening the tort system, the victim's safety net, is not the answer to an insurance crunch."

Under some insurance industry proposals, Ms. Barger said, "It is the person who is the victim who will be hurt even further by reducing a consumer's right to redress. The so-called tort reform proposals are an assault on the victim's last recourse in injury and damage claims."

Smith said the Legislature needs more information before doing changing the legal system.

He said lawmakers need to know how many insurance claims actually are paid, what caused the injury or loss, whether the insured could have avoided the claim, how much of damage awards were needed for medical costs and other information.

"This data should be demanded from all insurance companies," he said.

## 14th woolly mammoth uncovered

WACO, Texas (AP) — Remnants of a 14th woolly mammoth have been uncovered at a Baylor University-sponsored archaeological excavation site.

Known as the Waco Mammoth Site, the excavation has been under way four years. The site has been described by a Smithsonian Institution archaeologist as one of the most important sites in the world.

Calvin Smith, director of Baylor's Strecker Museum and director of the Waco Mammoth Site, said Wednesday the bones were much older than previously thought. The site is now estimated to be almost 28,000 years old, as compared to the initial estimate of 17,700 years.

"It's a pure site," Smith said. "There's really nothing there but mammoths."

The excavators of the site include Smith, Dr. John Fox, David Lintz, Darcy Hoff, Ralph Vinson, Baylor archaeology students and volunteers.

The excavators believe another mammoth lies within the walls of the dig and have found indications of tusks, but the official status of the dig is "14 mammoths and counting."

The Ice Age mammoths are from the late Pleistocene era. It is located in the ancient Bosque floodplain near the Bosque River in Steinbeck Bend.

The animals have been identified as the Columbian mammoth, the most common elephant in North America during the Pleistocene Era.

The 14th mammoth discovered at the site is a baby mammoth, which seems to have been under its mother when it collapsed.



NEW AUSTIN BISHOP — The Most Rev. John E. McCarthy is escorted into the Frank Erwin Center in Austin by deacons of the Catholic Church during ceremonies in which he was installed as the third bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin. This was the first public installation for the Diocese. (AP Laserphoto)

## Hance hits White's oil plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Kent Hance is charging that Gov. Mark White's proposal for an emergency tariff on imported oil was nothing but a public relations gambit.

Hance, one of three GOP candidates hoping to challenge the Democratic incumbent this fall, said that if White wanted such a tariff he should have begun pushing for it long ago.

White's "instant conversion to support the oil import fee smacks of a blatant public relations ploy designed to get White maximum

media coverage at the national governors' conference this week in Washington," Hance said.

"It was a quick decision made as oil prices fell to very low levels. But if White were really concerned about the Texas oil industry, why didn't he endorse the import fee last year when prices started to slip?"

Mark McKinnon, White's campaign press secretary, said Hance's charge is "absurd."

"This is an issue the governor has been studying and watching very closely. This is not something we'd want to propose until the situation is critical — and it is critical now," McKinnon said.

Hance, said he has favored an oil import fee since the early 1980s, when he served in the House.

White last Friday wrote President Reagan, urging him to impose a temporary, variable fee on imported oil.

The governor said the fee would help keep American companies producing oil despite prices that have fallen below \$15 per barrel. He suggested that Mexico and Canada be eligible for rebates and that oil destined for heating uses in the Northeast be exempted from the tariff.

Hance accused White of waiting too long to make that prop-

osal.

"Mark White endorsed the fee about one week ago and was undecided less than two weeks ago, just waiting for the political winds," Hance said.

With economic forecasts in 1983 predicting an oil price slide, Hance said, "Any good governor would have acted long before the price of oil reached such low levels."

In other political news Wednesday:

- State Sen. John Sharp, a Democratic candidate for the Railroad Commission, announced a statewide Hispanic effort backing his candidacy.
- Sharp said his supporters include San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros; state Rep. Al Luna, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, and House Speaker Pro Tem Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.
- Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Briscoe said a recent poll showing Gov. White with a 35 percent negative rating demonstrates the incumbent can be beaten.
- "It's the poll — primary election — that all Texans have the right to participate in on May 3 which will really express the weakness in the present administration," Briscoe said.



## Off beat

By **Larry Hollis**

### Oh, what a lovely speech!

Well, once again our former-actor President tried to revive his acting skills by taking to the television screen again last night. I'd rather have been watching reruns of *Death Valley Days*. At least he was only a host there, and the stories were more entertaining and believable. And he was only selling soap then, instead of trying to turn muddy waters into clear, sparkling streams with some miracle detergent. Or is that "deterrent"?

Well, Ronnie — uh, I mean, Mr. President — you're still not much of a salesman to me. I didn't buy your soap last night any more than I fell for the 40-mule team Borax.

On the whole, though, I'd rather have 40 mules than 40 more missiles. Mules are easier to control and don't cost millions of dollars each. Unless they're sold to the Pentagon, probably.

The defense problems won't be solved by excessively increasing military spending. Instead, more attention should be paid to the quality of materials and weapons and of the training for the soldiers obtained for the money. (Maybe we ought to ask the Japanese and/or Germans to become our defense contractors and recruit our officers from the Israeli army. Just a thought.)

I spent nearly three years in the U.S. Army. And while that was nearly 15 years ago, I don't believe situations I encountered during that period have changed much. And that's unfortunate.

It chilled me to learn what a "great" military force we had, how unprepared we were, how much waste went on without much questioning.

I kid people by telling them I'm a trained killer because of my Army training. Sure I am.

According to my official Army records, I am qualified with the M-14 and M-16 rifles. However, any qualification I obtained is strictly on paper.

I went to the rifle range at White Sands while in basic training in El Paso at Fort Bliss (what a misnamed place that is). However, I have never cared much for rifles; the only gun I've ever owned was a BB gun, and I wasn't even good with that.

But I did okay during practice. Then when the score was kept, I tended to freeze up, always getting less than the minimum score required for qualifying as a marksman. During the final week of training, when I was supposed to go back for makeup attempts, instead I was placed on KP duty. But my sergeant marked me down on the records as having gone back to the range and qualified.

I then attended intelligence school at Fort Holabird in Maryland. When the school was over, I was assigned to Germany. At that time we soldiers were supposed to qualify with the M-16 before being shipped overseas.

Well, on the day we were supposed to go out to the rifle range, I was sent instead to Fort Belvoir to get my eyes checked and get new glasses. However, my sergeant there marked me down as having gone to the range and being qualified with the M-16. The only time in my life I have even held an M-16 was in basic training when I carried one in my hands from a warehouse to a repair shop on a work detail.

But I was awarded bars for both and required to wear them on dress uniforms.

Even in Germany, when we were supposed to go to a rifle range annually to maintain our "trained killer" status, our company leaders just gave us a clip of bullets, let us fire however we wanted — as long as it was at a target — and then asked us what score we wanted recorded.

So much for being a trained killer.

And in Germany, I became well acquainted with our state of unpreparedness and the waste.

Members of our unit took a field trip to an American missile site in Germany. Of the six missiles there, one was ready to be launched immediately. Two could be readied within a couple of hours, but no one seemed excited about getting them set. The others were inoperable, waiting on parts to arrive from the U.S.

We also visited a motor pool. Talking with other guys there, we heard about the annual maneuvers for training with tanks, armored personnel carriers and other such equipment. Invariably, numbers of vehicles were damaged and even lost in the training exercise, and much of it was deliberate.

Some guys would get tired of the exercise, so he would deliberately run an APC into a tree or off into a ditch. Others would get under the hood, remove a couple of parts and toss them into a bush. And others would just drive off and hide their vehicles under trees or in ravines and then claim some other unit must have stolen it. Every unit was always missing equipment, but papers were shuffled around to hide it from the superiors.

Some said the "lost" pieces of equipment were even being sold on the black market, though I found that hard to accept. At least, I didn't want to believe it.

And these guys would laugh as they told us about this, bragging about having put over something on Uncle Sam just so they could nap or stay in their tents instead of working during the exercise.

And there are others examples I could cite, but I was placed under a security oath for my Top Secret Restricted intelligence work. And I'm not supposed to reveal what I learned until after I'm dead — to God, I guess.

Suffice it to say that I was extremely glad war never broke out while I was in Germany. It would have been humiliating for us. And those of us with access to that intelligence knew it only too well.

So, Reagan, before we move on to new and improved products, let's get the ones we already have working first. And before we increase spending, let's get our money's worth on what we have now before expanding the devastating deficit your "conservative" administration has already given us.

Hollis is a staff writer for The Pampa News. Views expressed in the Off Beat columns are the individual's and not necessarily those of this newspaper.

## Photographers to take photos statewide in 24-hour shoot

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — More than 225 professional photographers will spend 24 hours shooting pictures throughout Texas to document the people and places of the state on its 150th birthday.

Project "Birthday Shoot" is to begin at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

The resulting pictures, representing each of the state's 254 counties, will be included in a photo book to be completed by the end of 1986 or early 1987, said Joe Abell, assistant photo editor at the San Angelo Standard-Times and also regional clip chairman of the National Press Photographers Association Region 8, the sponsoring organization.

Included will be photographers from the state's major newspapers, magazine photographers, free-lancers, photojournalism professors and several outstanding journalism students, Abell said.

The concept is a variation on the "Day in the Life" theme of a series of books produced from similar projects in other countries, Abell said. In those projects, about 100 internationally known photographers spent a 24-hour period in the country, documenting daily activities.

"I'd always thought Texas was a prime subject for such a project, but no one ever tried to organize it as far as I knew," said Abell.

"We had started out to do a 'Day in the Life of West Texas' with just four or five West Texas newspapers' photo staffs, but I guess I got a little more ambitious when I realized what a great day March 2 — Texas' 150th Independence Day — would be to shoot all over the state," Abell said.

"These are all volunteers who are paying their own expenses, supplying their own film and supplies and their time," he said. "They're doing it because it's a project they believe in and it's that kind of support that has kept me going."

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## Right way in foreign affairs

BY ALAN W. BOCK

opposition. Our government ought to concentrate on defending the country and keep its meddling in the internal affairs of other countries to an absolute minimum.

On practical grounds, you just know the government will make a fiasco of it. And even in the unlikely event that it does everything absolutely right, it will still create the impression in Latin America that the chosen *contras* are puppets of Yanqui imperialism. The *contras* may be happy to have money and supplies furnished by U.S. taxpayers, but the countervailing impression may do their cause more harm than good - assuming the cause is to bring a semblance of freedom and democracy to Nicaragua.

I had a long talk with Dr. Brashears the other day, and came away impressed at his own commitment. He has picked the freedom fighter he wants to back, Eden Pastora, carefully, taking care to observe Pastora and his men in the jungles of Nicaragua.

It is difficult to judge these things from a distance, but from here Pastora looks like a freedom fighter with a genuine commitment to democratic ideas. He was one of the more charismatic leaders of the original anti-Somoza resistance, earning the nick-name "Commandante Zero" for his guerrilla exploits. He was a member of the original Sandinista coalition, but says he became disillusioned when it became apparent that the Sandinistas had no intention of calling early elections and were acting more like Marxists than democrats.

Pastora's group, ARDE (Alianza Revolucionaria Democratica or Revolutionary Democratic Alliance) operates along Nicaragua's

southern border with Costa Rica. While the CIA has furnished his troops some supplies (including World War I Mausers that didn't fire) he has gotten virtually nothing from the U.S. government for two years. The *contra* groups operating out of Honduras along Nicaragua's northern border have received almost all the official U.S. aid. Pastora's troops, many barefoot and ill-clothed, have about 20 rounds of ammunition apiece. Yet they fight on.

Dr. Brashears, just back from Nicaragua, believes the Sandinistas are pulling troops out of the north in preparation for an all-out offensive designed to destroy Pastora's forces utterly so they can deal with the other *Contras* at their leisure. Thus he is fundraising with particular urgency.

He is pushing an Adopt-a-Freedom Fighter concept, whereby donors can outfit a guerrilla with bullets, boots, a Bible and rations for two weeks for \$250. He plans a freedom-fighters anti-communism school in the near future. And he has been in touch with U.S. representatives of insurgencies in Cambodia, Laos and other countries, urging a united approach.

Brashears' organization, Freedom Fighters International, is located at 1211 W. Imperial Highway, Brea, CA 92621 (714-680-8338). Its mission, to support freedom fighters in Nicaragua but eventually elsewhere, constitutes a fascinating new development: some Americans believe that such work is too important to be left to the government.

Bock is editorial page editor of the Orange County Register.

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### Opinion

## Dissident's release deserves no praise

After nearly nine years of jailing him unjustifiably, the Soviet Union has released Anatoly Shcharansky, hoping to achieve two things: win praise from naive foreigners for an act of compassion, and convince its own citizens that dissidents are traitors.

Those two goals explain why it leaked word of his release long in advance and insisted on a package deal, trading Shcharansky and three imprisoned Western spies for five Soviet-bloc agents convicted in the West.

The KGB, or course, knows Shcharansky never spied for the West. It brutalized him for something it considers equally offensive: campaigning for human rights.

He applied for permission to emigrate to Israel in 1973. When his application was denied, he protested and was fired from his job as a computer programmer. He soon became a leader of the Jewish emigration movement and of the Helsinki Watch group formed to monitor Moscow's compliance — and non-compliance — with its human rights pledges.

In 1977, Shcharansky became the first major dissident since Stalin's time to be accused of espionage. The authorities kept him in jail for more than a year before bringing him to trial; then they tried him behind closed doors, denying him access to anyone but the KGB. After convicting him on trumped-up charges, they sentenced him to 13 years of imprisonment.

Shcharansky's jailers tried to break his spirit. They repeatedly placed him in solitary confinement, confiscated his mail and canceled visits from his family. He suffered eye and heart ailments and once undertook a 110-day hunger strike. He maintained his innocence even though that resulted in far harsher treatment.

Thanks to Shcharansky's wife, Avital, Moscow never succeeded in sweeping him under the rug. Though forced to emigrate without him just one day after their wedding, she proved as indomitable as he — lobbying American and West European officials, haunting public appearances of Soviet officials in the West and constantly prodding the media.

How much credit do the Soviets deserve for freeing a man who should never have been arrested to begin with? None.

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

If an individual's decisions are in error, let him discover his own error. If his decisions are correct, let him profit as a result.

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Choices made by "society" invariably invoke the use of force against those who choose in a manner contrary to the majority's decision.

Editorial, Jan. 5, 1952



Lewis Grizzard

## Tales from trailer parks

A reader writes: "I am sick and tired of you making fun of trailer parks and people who live in them. I have lived in a trailer for years, and it doesn't make me a second-class citizen."

Of course it doesn't, and all I really have ever said about trailer parks is they are often filled with colorful characters and if you live in one and hear there is a tornado on the way, you should evacuate the area immediately.

I don't know the meteorological reason, but tornados love a trailer park.

"Sounded like a freight train comin' through," is what people who live in trailer parks always say to the television reporters who interview them for the six o'clock news after a tornado has moved their trailer park six miles away.

"Me and Doris were just sittin' there watchin' Wheel of Fortune and it just blowed the TV right down the road and the blowed with it."

I go way back with trailer parks. In fact, the first sleazy novel I ever read was titled *Trailer Park Trash*. My boyhood friend and idol, Wey-

man C. Wannamaker, Jr., a great American, found it in his dad's sock drawer and brought it to school.

For a dime, you could keep the book the entire recess period. For a quarter, Weyman would tell you what pages the dirty parts were on, so you didn't have to waste a lot of valuable time searching for them.

We had a trailer park in my hometown, the "Bide-A-Wee Trailer Park." Cordie Mae Poovey and her folks lived there in Space 9 until Cordie Mae got so fat in the sixth grade she couldn't get down the hallway between the bedroom and the kitchen without getting stuck.

After that, Mr. Poovey had to move Cordie Mae and the rest of the Pooveys into a house. Unfortunately, Cordie Mae just kept getting fatter, and by the time she was in the eighth grade she had outgrown the house and the Pooveys had to move into an abandoned warehouse where they once stored heavy machinery.

Curtis "Fruit Jar" Haney, the town drunk, also lived in the Bide-A-Wee.

One night, Fruit Jar came home with a snout-full and went into Gaylord Finchell's trailer by mistake and crawled into bed with Mrs. Finchell, who was sound asleep. Gaylord was working the third shift at the cotton mill at the time.

When Gaylord got home the next morning and found Fruit Jar in bed with his wife, he set fire to the trailer. Both Fruit Jar and Mrs. Finchell got out safely, but when Mrs. Finchell found out it was her husband who set the trailer on fire, she got a tire tool out of his truck and nearly beat the poor man to death.

I want to apologize to the reader if I did in fact hurt his feelings with past remarks about trailers and trailer parks. I also don't want to leave the other readers hanging. They probably are asking, "What happened to Fruit Jar after he escaped the fire?"

Well, the experience was so unsettling to him, he sobered up for the first time since 1948. Finding this condition totally unappealing, he went back to his own trailer, drank a bottle of Red Hurricane wine and felt much better.

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## Who are the Nicaraguan contras?

By Don Graff

(First of two related columns)

Who exactly are the Nicaraguan contras? Terrorists, as the Sandinista regime in Managua charges? Or "freedom fighters," as the Reagan administration claims?

The question is at the heart of Christopher Dickey's "With the Contras." If the book doesn't come right out with a definitive answer, it does offer a wealth of evidence from which the reading public can draw conclusions of its own.

Dickey is a Washington Post correspondent whose beat from 1980 through 1983 was Central America. As such, he was witness to the development of the *contrarevolucion* against the Sandinistas.

The book covers its beginnings among remnants of the defeated Somoza National Guard, subsequent American pre-emption and efforts to shape an effective fighting force, infighting and upheavals in the *contra* leadership and growing public-relations problems as the dirtier aspects

of their war became public knowledge.

All that is prologue and epilogue, however, to six days Dickey spent in the field with the *contra* force of "Suicida," a leader given his nom de guerre by followers who said he led them into situations from which no one should expect to get out alive.

Suicida was the pride of the *contra* command at the time. Striking into northwestern Nicaragua from bases in Honduras, he was inflicting real damage on the Sandinistas while otherwise the war was mostly one of words.

Suicida's reputation turned out to be deserved, as Dickey discovered in accompanying a column advancing on the town of Jalapa that ended in a pitched battle with Sandinista forces.

More harrowing was the subsequent withdrawal. After an exhausting forced march, they reached the Poteca River. On the other side, Honduras and safety.

"And then the fighting started. There was a burst from one of the FALA. A pause. The clatter of fire from behind. An M-60 answered. The

Sandinistas had followed us ... I had found a refuge behind a little dip in the ground near a deserted shack ... I lay down totally exposed, unable to go farther, in the ash of a burned garden plot. My only thought was the rhythm of my labored breathing and the expectation of the shot that would kill me."

That shot was never fired. The Sandinistas broke off the engagement.

The experience did more than convince Dickey that the reputation of these *contras* as a fighting force was deserved. Talks with Suicida's men indicated there also was substance to the reports of brutality. They took no Sandinista prisoners. These freedom fighters were men, Dickey writes, "who loved to kill."

And not only Sandinistas. Turning on suspected defectors and pursuing personal feuds, Suicida's men began killing each other.

As this got out, the *contra* leadership's attitude toward Suicida changed from pride to embarrassment. Refusing to accept orders, he became a problem that ultimately was resolved by arrest and execution.

Dickey believes the *contras* pose a serious threat to the Sandinistas. But, he said in a recent interview amplifying points made in "With the Contras," they have also been of help to the regime they are fighting. Pointing to that threat, the Sandinistas have been able to tighten their grip on Nicaragua. Far from being dislodged, they are in firmer control now than when the war started.

As for the American role, Dickey thinks policy makers in Washington seriously miscalculated in thinking that unrest in Nicaragua would produce a groundswell of support for the *contras* that would drive the Sandinistas out.

Nothing of the kind happened. That leaves this country, now publicly committed by the Reagan administration to the removal of the Sandinistas, in a bind.

"If the *contras* can't do the job — and there's a lot of reason to believe they can't — what's our alternative?" asks Dickey. "How do we eliminate them? How do we get rid of them?"

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## Senator in good humor after court defeat of candidacy

AUSTIN (AP) — Although he lost his Texas Supreme Court bid to be allowed to run for attorney general, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown didn't lose his sense of humor.

At a news conference where he announced his intention to abandon the race, Brown was asked about the reaction of other GOP candidates.

Brown said it had been tough for them to keep straight faces.

"It's sort of like a funeral director trying to look sad at a \$50,000 funeral," he said.

The Supreme Court earlier Wednesday ruled 6-3 that Brown's name shouldn't be placed on the May 3 Republican primary ballot.

The majority opinion, written by Justice James Wallace, said the Texas Constitution clearly states that members of the Legislature aren't eligible to seek another office in mid-term if lawmakers increased the salary for that office.

The justices said that because the 1985 Legislature — of which Brown was a part — raised the salary for the attorney general's office, Brown isn't eligible to seek the job.

Brown said the ruling, while "obviously political," appeared fatal to his campaign.

"My campaign for attorney general for 1986, in my estimation, ends today," Brown said.

Although he technically could ask the court to reconsider, Brown said, "My guess is we will not utilize that motion."

The Lake Jackson lawmaker said his lawyers are reviewing his case. But he noted that all nine Supreme Court justices are Democrats and said asking for reconsideration likely would be a waste of time.

"When it's a political decision, a motion for a rehearing is wasted. They could have taken the legal road or the political road. They wrote a political opinion today," he said.

Brown, whose Senate term runs through 1988, said that despite the court's ruling he will continue pushing his law-and-order campaign themes.

"My work is not finished. I set out several years ago to try to improve state government and the criminal justice system, and I'm going to continue that," he said.

"To (Attorney General) Jim Mattox and those who sought to keep me off the ballot, I say you ain't heard the last of Buster Brown."

Three Republicans remain on the ballot, seeking to challenge Mattox, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary. They are

Ed Walsh, former Williamson County district attorney; John Roach, a district judge from McKinney, and San Antonio District Judge Roy Barrera Jr.

Brown said he hasn't decided whether to endorse a Republican before the primary. But he said he will work hard for Mattox's defeat.

"My objective, from the beginning, has been to replace Mattox. My resolve to change attorneys general in this state will not change. I'll work for that end," Brown said.

Mattox said the Supreme Court ruling was no surprise and called it good news for him. "It makes me pleased from the perspective that he's my most serious opponent," Mattox said.

State GOP chairman George Strake, who filed the suit that led to the ruling, said the Supreme Court decision was disappointing "because we have lost a qualified candidate for attorney general."

"I regret that in my position as party chairman I had to be the one to challenge Sen. Brown's eligibility. However, I believed and still believe that it is in the best interest of the Republican Party and all our candidates for attorney general to have this issue settled now rather than after the primary," Strake said.



**COLLAPSED BUSINESSES** — James Jackson, an employee for a Salina, Kans., contractor, listens for instructions while disconnecting fixtures in Traylor Travel Service, located in downtown Salina. The building and two other businesses suffered major damage when the demolition of an adjacent

building wall fell the wrong way, pulling the roof down. No one was injured in the collapse, which dumped bricks, chunks of concrete and other material into the businesses. The initial demolition project was part of a downtown improvement project. (AP Laser photo)

## Soccer fans to find hotels expensive in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Soccer fans expecting bargain rates on hotels during 1986 World Cup play this May and June may leave disappointed.

Many hotels, with the official approval of the Tourism Department, are planning to increase their current rates more than 500 percent during those months.

Alejandro Morones, undersecretary of tourism in charge of operations, explained that the Cabinet-level department had approved in December rates that were much higher than those approved earlier for the whole year.

"The purpose is to obtain foreign exchange," he told The Associated Press in explaining the decision.

Twenty-four national teams will compete for soccer supremacy in Mexico, with 52 games scheduled from May 31 to June 29 at 12 stadiums in nine Mexican cities.

Estimates of the number of fans arriving from abroad to cheer their teams range from 30,000 to 80,000.

Morones said he did not believe that hotels would be charging more than they were authorized nor that they would be demanding payment in dollars during those two months.

But some of the hotels, in answer to queries from news organizations and other groups preparing for the event, were making such demands as total payment in dollars by April 15 for rooms that were going to be taken in mid May.

Most hotels in the World Cup sites are raising their rates significantly for the soccer season.

The President Chapultepec Hotel, for instance, now is charging 25,000 pesos, about \$53, and is quoting \$83 a day for the World Cup season.

The hotel specified that the price includes "a \$3 a day tip for the maid."

Beatriz Moran of the hotel's sales department said the hotel does give its maids a \$3 daily tip for each room. In answer to a question, she said a maid cleans approximately 30 to 40 rooms a day.

The tips alone then, would make a hotel maid one of the highest-paid members of the Mexican labor force, where the minimum daily wage is 1,680 pesos or about \$3.50.

The hotel is located next to the International Press Center built for use by the 5,000 reporters expected to cover the soccer tournament.

Another hotel in Queretaro, 135 miles northwest of Mexico City, quoted rates of \$110 daily. Its current rate is about \$18 a day.

West Germany will lead the four-country, first-round group playing in Queretaro.

Mexico sees the World Cup as an important opportunity to promote tourism, its No. 2 source of foreign exchange after petroleum and even more important because of the falling price of oil on international markets.

Tourism also was affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Mexico City last September, and Mexican officials clearly are interested in replacing the tragic images of destruction that circulated around the world then with more positive ones.

Guillermo Canedo, president of the World Cup Organizing Committee here, said recently that a five-minute tourism promotion for Mexico would be broadcast during each of the tournament's games. An estimated 2 billion soccer fans will be watching around the world.

"The value is incalculable," he said. "It doesn't have a price."

The two stadiums to be used for World Cup games in Mexico City are well away from the central area that was most damaged. The rubble now has been mostly cleared, and the other eight cities

that will host the games were unaffected by the quake.

"Now, prompted by the earthquake, we are more obligated than ever to show that Mexico was not brought down," Canedo said.

Tourism Secretary Antonio Enriquez Savignac said Mexico expects from 80,000 to 85,000 tourists for the World Cup, but Canedo's estimate was much lower. Enriquez Savignac also said the event's main value would be promotional, to those watching the broadcasts around the world.

About 4.7 million visitors arrive here each year, 90 percent of them from the United States and Canada, bringing in about \$2 billion annually.

Mexico started a \$10 million promotion drive after the quake to repair damages to its reputation as a tourist attraction.

## Elderly couple live in hospital lobby, cafeteria

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — An elderly wheelchair-bound woman whose life savings was taken by a mugger says she has been through worse situations and she will survive her current tragedy.

Maria Diaz, 74, has lived with her aging husband for the past two years in the lobby and cafeteria of a local hospital.

Now, her husband Clemente, 70, is in intensive care with a heart condition.

Monday, she accepted a ride to

a bank with a man she met in a cab. She told police he took her to a baseball field in the southeast part of town and took her life savings of \$250.

An unidentified man found her crying in her wheelchair at the baseball field.

"I cried for myself and my husband," she told The San Antonio Express-News, speaking Spanish through an interpreter.

"A professional rat," she said, took her belongings.

"If I was younger, I would have punched him," Mrs. Diaz said.

But she added, "Worse things than this have happened to me and wonderful things, too. Now I just have to start over."

Mrs. Diaz and her husband have an apartment at a public housing project. But Ross McLerran, director of community rela-

tions at the county-owned Medical Center Hospital, said their apartment had been vandalized several times.

They have parked at the hospital, he said, apparently because they fear further break-ins.

Now, he said, they stay at the hospital full-time.

McLerran said Mrs. Diaz and her husband "have refused all help."

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EDUCATED APE — Chantek, an 8-year-old orangutan being taught sign language, has been transferred from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga to a primate center in

Atlanta after university officials said he was outgrowing his campus home. This 1983 file photo shows him in the yard outside his trailer home at UTC. (AP Laserphoto)

## Smarty-pants orangutan transferred from university for his own good

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Chantek's exploits may have been cute when he was small and cuddly but when he got to be too big a man on campus he had to go. Chantek, an 85-pound orangutan, is just too smart and officials at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga say they can't cope anymore.

He was banished Wednesday to the Yerkes Primate Research Center in Atlanta, where research into how he thinks will continue.

Chantek learned too much at the university, including how to escape, said Provost Sandra Packard. He taught himself to open doors, unfasten locks, unravel chain-link fences and even short-circuit electric wires.

One of Chantek's escapades came in August 1983, when he vanished and was found in an administration building office where he played with the phone, ate candy and chewed gum until a

handler arrived.

"He would teach himself the skills as any young child would. ... He has a highly advanced level of intelligence and he learned to undo all our security measures as soon as we got them in," Ms. Packard said. "It's all regarded as very humorous when you're dealing with a small, cuddly orangutan. But the same thing with an adult male is not so humorous."

University Chancellor Frederick Obeas said Chantek's maturity and strength made it difficult for the university to give him a secure and comfortable place to stay.

Dr. Lyn Miles, an associate anthropology professor who started the research project into Chantek's mind in October 1978, said he needed to be with other orangutans anyway.

Chantek, whose name means "beautiful" in Malay, will live at the Atlanta center with other

orangutans, a breed native to Sumatra and Borneo, she said. The primates can live from 40 to 50 years in captivity.

The project, funded by the National Institutes of Health until August 1986, will continue in Atlanta with Ms. Miles making the two-hour drive about every other day.

"He's so unique," she said. "He's the only language-trained orangutan in the world and has had all this home-training. We want him in surroundings where this can be maintained."

Chantek, who has been taught such human customs as wearing clothes, playing with toys and cleaning his room, is learning standard American Sign Language with some modifications, and can communicate using more than 130 signs on the level of a 2-year-old, Ms. Miles said.

He also does puzzles and draws on the level of a 3-year-old, she said.

## Supreme Court lets cities impose rent control without state approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Apartment dwellers looking for help from city hall in coping with escalating rents, and perhaps other consumers as well, have received encouragement from the Supreme Court.

The court ruled 8-1 Wednesday that communities may impose rent controls without authorization from state legislatures.

The justices upheld a Berkeley, Calif., rent control law attacked by landlords as a "price-fixing conspiracy" that violates federal antitrust law.

In California, lawyers on both sides of the landlord-tenant controversy said the fight may shift to the state legislature.

Myron Moskowitz, a Golden Gate University law professor in San Francisco, hailed the ruling as protection for a host of municipal regulatory functions.

A contrary decision would have

been "horrendous for every city in the country," he said. If the challenge to Berkeley's rent control law had succeeded, such activities as zoning and building regulation, "the bread and butter of what cities do ... would be vulnerable to expensive lawsuits," Moskowitz said.

Chip Nielsen, a lawyer for Berkeley landlords, said he will try to convince state lawmakers to reduce municipal power to impose rent controls. A pending bill in the legislature "is the prime focus at this point," he said.

The Supreme Court said the Berkeley ordinance is valid because it was imposed by the city government and did not involve any concerted action by owners of rental property banding together to fix prices.

In a lone dissent, Justice William J. Brennan said the court — without acknowledging it —

wiped out "40 years of carefully considered precedent" limiting local powers. He said the decision means a city may act "to protect the public welfare" even if such action violates the Sherman Act, a major federal antitrust law passed by Congress in 1890.

The Berkeley ordinance, the outgrowth of a voter initiative, covers about 23,000 rental units and established a base rent ceiling as of May 31, 1980.

A city rent control board may allow increases above the base to cover higher taxes and utility costs and allow a reasonable return on investment.

In another ruling Wednesday, the Supreme Court said the rights of criminal defendants are not violated when their lawyers insist they testify truthfully. The court, by a 9-0 vote, reinstated an Iowa man's murder conviction.

## Commission is critical of the NASA decision process

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential commission, increasingly irritated with NASA officials, is moving beyond possible equipment failures to lay bare a "breakdown of sorts" in the chain of command that decided to launch the ill-fated shuttle Challenger.

Over and over on Wednesday, commission members peppered midlevel space agency officials with questions to find out why they did not tell their bosses about the industry engineers' concerns that cold weather might cause critical booster-rocket safety seals to fail.

The presidential commission also heard testimony from members of a special ice team that reported finding low temperatures in the hours before launch on the right-side rocket booster, which is a suspected culprit in the explosion that destroyed the shuttle and killed its seven-member crew.

The panel arranged a third straight day today of public hearings, which are expected to focus on concerns caused by the ice. Investigative sources, who asked not to be identified by name, said Rockwell International, the maker of the spaceplane, told high-level NASA officials before the

launch they were concerned that ice would damage the tiles that protect the shuttle from burning up in the heat of re-entry.

Rockwell's objections, coming on top of concerns expressed by Morton Thiokol engineers who work on the booster rockets, are likely to reinforce doubts openly growing among commission members about NASA's decision to press ahead with the launch.

Those concerns dominated Wednesday's testimony, as commissioners asked repeatedly why the space agency went ahead with liftoff despite warnings expressed by Morton Thiokol engineers.

One witness, NASA's booster rocket manager Lawrence Mulloy, said he did not notify anyone else because he thought the issue had been resolved satisfactorily at his level at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration when a Thiokol vice president sent a memo approving the launch on the evening before.

Judson Lovingood, a NASA engineering expert, said he advised his superior, Stanley Reinartz, to relay word of the evening-long talks with Thiokol to one of the officials with final launch authority. But Lovingood noted that was before Thiokol reversed its initial

opposition.

Reinartz, NASA's shuttle manager at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., said he was the official who decided the information did not need to go to the final launch decision-makers. He said he felt there was no reason to relay it because he, like the others, was not aware of any remaining dissent. He did say he told his boss, William Lucas. But commissioners pointed out that Lucas was not one of those involved in the decision to go ahead.

"All of us feel there's been a breakdown of sorts in the process," said William Rogers, the former secretary of state who heads the commission.

Commission member Joseph Sutter added there was a "serious communication and management problem," within the space agency.

NASA witnesses who testified on Wednesday stoutly denied allegations — made the previous day by Thiokol engineers — that they applied pressure to force a reversal in the company's initial objections.

"I can assure you there was no reversal of NASA tradition to say: Prove to me why you can't fly rather than prove to me why you can," Mulloy said.

## Are we really deindustrializing?

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Among today's most readily accepted economic assertions is that Americans are becoming producers of services — as in medical and security services — rather than tangible goods, such as steel beams and TV sets.

And, like so many economic theories, this too might have a hole in it. A hole so large, in fact, that it could make waste of hundreds of scholarly papers and dire warnings about the consequences of "deindustrialization."

Conceivably, the shift from tangible, manufactured goods is not occurring at anywhere near the pace talked about, even if it is studied, debated and worried about by scholars, government officials, business people and economists.

Something is occurring, to be sure, but like so many economic theories, it might be an illusion — and strangely, it might even result from strength rather than weakness in the manufacturing sector.

According to professors Richard McKenzie and Stephen Smith, the illusion is created in part by the arbitrary classifying of workers into two amorphous employment categories of service and manufacturing.

It really cannot be done that easily, they say in a report for the Center for the Study of American Business, founded at Washington

University in St. Louis by former White House economist Murray Weidenbaum and others.

There are, they say, many service workers in manufacturing and many manufacturing workers in the service sector.

What essential difference is there, they ask, between timekeepers, computer programmers and company nurses in the manufacturing sector, and bookkeepers, computer programmers and clinical nurses in the service sector?

Hardly any, they point out.

Yet members in one group are arbitrarily said to be manufacturers while the other group is called service.

It works the other way too: There are many production workers in the service sector.

McKenzie and Smith suggest that economic nomenclature might not be keeping pace with economic change, and that mislabeling might be causing some of the confusion rising from the mental tendency to fit ideas into neat compartments.

This notion becomes especially clear, they suggest, when you

recognize that some of the growth in the service sector is occurring "at the initiative of the manufacturing sector."

Simply stated, manufacturers today are pressured to produce efficiently. Very often they can obtain materials, parts and services by inviting bids from outside firms rather than from their own internal departments.

Rather than handling them internally, many manufacturers also contract out accounting, payroll, advertising, printing, legal matters and public and governmental relations, thus taking such jobs out of the manufacturing sector.

In effect, they become general contractors, employing the services of a variety of subcontractors. Why not, if it does so costs less and results in higher quality and shorter delivery times?

McKenzie and Smith state flatly that part of the employment losses of key manufacturing industries, so often lamented and said to be a sign of economic deterioration, can be attributed to the growth of this subcontracting technique.

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# Aquino government releases jailed political prisoners

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino today began releasing Filipinos jailed on political charges under her ousted predecessor, Ferdinand E. Marcos, and a military leader said 400 or more could be freed soon.

Emotional reunions with friends and relatives occurred as at least a dozen people were taken out of detention at two camps in the Manila area. One of them, well-known poet Milagros Aguilar, 35, had been jailed since 1984 for "rebellion and subversion."

At an outdoor Mass in Manila, one ex-prisoner, identified as Jaime Verdan, told hundreds of worshippers, "I cannot say how happy I am. I thank 'people's power' and God."

In other developments, special U.S. envoy Philip Habib arrived in Manila and met with Mrs. Aquino. U.S. Embassy spokesman Al Croghan had said Habib would "assess the situation," but no details were released.

Habib was in the Philippines on what was officially called a "fact-finding mission" last week, before the collapse of the 20-year-old Marcos government and the former ruler's flight to Hawaii via Guam.

Spokesmen for Mrs. Aquino said she also met privately with envoys of the 12-nation European Common Market and with ambassadors presenting letters from their governments, many of which had refused to recognize Marcos' victory in the Feb. 7 election that Mrs. Aquino said Marcos had stolen from her by fraud and violence.

Others prisoners being readied for release at Bicutan and Fort Bonifacio included Dr. Nemesio Prudente, a former university president accused of having communist ties; the Rev. Edicio Dela Torre, a Roman Catholic priest; ex-government official Horacio Morales, who was suspected of leading the allegedly subversive left-wing National Democratic Front, and Romeo Castello, a trade unionist accused of subversion.

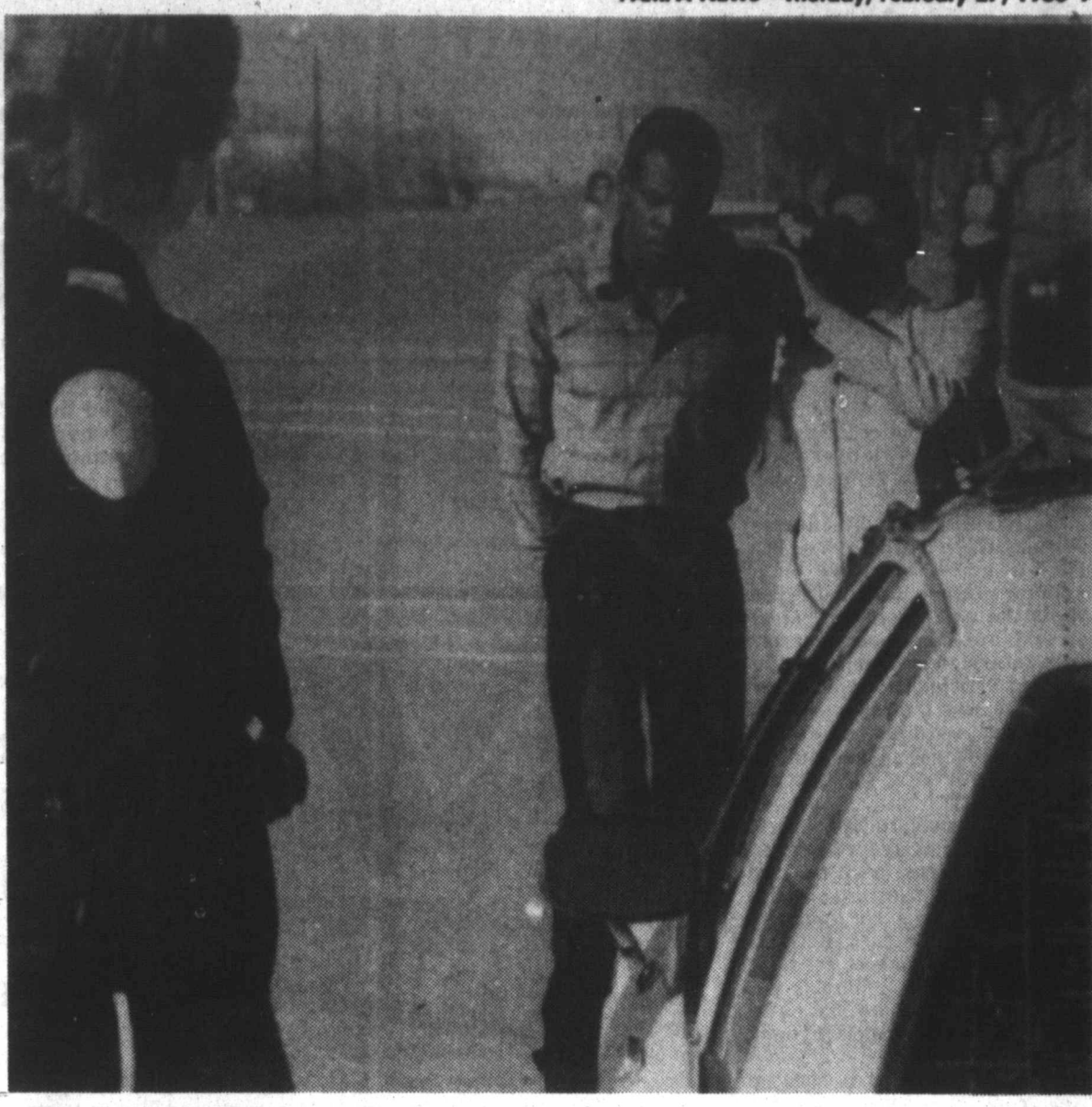
Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, the new military chief, said after the Mass at Camp Crame, headquarters of the pro-Aquino "people's power" revolt that drove Marcos into exile on Tuesday, that 33 people jailed on political charges were slated for immediate release.

Ramos said that was an "initial list," and that a Defense Ministry task force was "processing as expeditiously as possible" papers for the release of at least 400 more people in military custody.

The head of the Philippine human rights organization Kapatid, or Brother, said the group had given Mrs. Aquino's government a list of 560 detainees, most of whom were jailed under Marcos' Presidential Detention Act.

The act, set up as part of Marcos' 1972 decree of martial law, provided imprisonment for activities that threatened national security or public order.

Mrs. Aquino's husband, opposition leader Benigno Aquino, was jailed for seven years under martial law. Freed in 1980, he left for voluntary exile in the United States and was assassinated in 1983 as he returned to Manila to challenge Marcos.



TEACHER DRUG BUST — Charles "Chas" Briscoe, Big Spring High School history teacher and assistant football and track coach, is led to an awaiting police vehicle after being arrested at Big Spring High School Wednesday and charged with selling marijuana to an undercover police agent. (AP Laserphoto)

# Hawaii's Filipino community split over Marcos presence

HONOLULU (AP) — The Filipino community, the third largest ethnic group in Hawaii, is split over whether exiled Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos should be granted sanctuary in the islands.

Marcos, his wife, Imelda, and other family members and close aides arrived Wednesday, although their plans are uncertain.

"We still love President Marcos, despite what has happened," Jose Lazo, who heads a pro-Marcos group here, told state senators Wednesday.

The Senate Government Operations Committee took under advisement a resolution introduced by Sen. Duke Kawasaki urging that President Reagan

and Congress deny Marcos sanctuary in the United States.

Senate President Richard S.H. Wong, however, said the resolution is dead. "We can't tell the president what to do."

Kawasaki admitted the resolution, introduced before Marcos fled his country, is probably moot, but said it gave Hawaii's Filipino community, which numbers 115,000 and is smaller than the Japanese and Caucasian communities, an opportunity to express its views on the prospect of Marcos living here.

Marcos should be "extradited back to the Philippines to face charges for the atrocities of violence, murder and imprisonment of thousands of political prisoners," Maria Abadesco, a member

of the Union of Democratic Filipinos, told the committee.

"We need some safeguard so Marcos doesn't use Hawaii as a base to set up a government in exile," added Alberto Abano.

Belinda Aquino, a University of Hawaii political science professor, said tensions in the Filipino community, 75 percent of whom are from the same region of the Philippines as Marcos, have been high and "his presence here will increase those tensions."

Sen. Joe Kuroda said, "Marcos, good or bad, was the head of the government and as the head of the government was an ally and friend to the United States. There should be some consideration for humanitarian spirit."

Marcos opponent Helen Toribio responded that "the crimes in his 20 years of office heavily outweigh any question of humanitarian concerns."

Dean Alegado, another long-time Marcos opponent, said he's concerned Marcos, his family and his exiled aides, including Gen. Fabian Ver, will "use his enormous wealth and power to regroup his supporters into a potential right-wing contra force using Honolulu as his base of operations."

Kuroda noted that Marcos was in poor health, but Alegado responded, "We would prefer not to take a gamble. Other members of his entourage are pretty healthy. We would rather not underestimate Mrs. Marcos."

# Egypt's curfew to be lifted briefly

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Military police manned roadblocks and searched for troublemakers today after a violent mutiny by security forces sparked riots in Cairo and three other cities. Sources said scores may have been killed and hundreds wounded.

The capital city was reported generally quiet overnight, but residents of at least three neighborhoods reported hearing sporadic shooting as tanks, armored personnel carriers and armored cars patrolled the deserted streets.

Authorities imposed an indefinite curfew on the Egyptian capital Wednesday to control mutineers from the Central Security Force and rioting civilians angry about price increases and the deteriorating economy.

Rioters burned three luxury hotels and several nightclubs near the Great Pyramids, attacked cars and police stations, and stormed a prison where Moslem fundamentalists were held.

Clashes between the army and security forces also were reported in the provincial cities of Assiut, Sohag and Ismailia and in rural security force garrisons near Cairo.

The government-owned Middle

East News Agency announced the curfew would be relaxed in Cairo for three hours today to allow people to buy food. The government ordered universities closed indefinitely and lower level schools were shut down for at least one day.

EgyptAir, the national carrier, announced plans to evacuate today about 700 foreign tourists caught up in the clashes by special charter flights to Europe.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Ed Bernier said about 120 Amer-

icans were staying in hotels near the fighting, but none was reported injured. He described the Americans as "stunned, shaken and fearful" after their brush with the latest Middle East violence.

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# Marcos' bedroom looked like private hospital room

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Ferdinand E. Marcos had always scoffed at reports that he was ill, but his bedroom at the presidential palace appeared to be the refuge of a very sick man.

The smell of medicine hung in the air Wednesday and an unmade hospital bed was pushed against one wall, cranked up slightly, with a man's pajama top tossed over the footboard. A box of disposable syringes sat on a bedside table.

Marcos, 68, whose two decades as president ended in flight Tuesday night, often boasted about his health and laughed off rumors that he suffered from lupus erythematosus, an incurable disease that attacks the kidneys and other organs in its late stages.

"I am not sick of anything that is malignant or incurable," Marcos said in a television interview Monday, but his health had appeared to decline progressively over the past several months.

## Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in accordance with an order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice that on January 6, 1986, the Company filed a tariff to introduce a new service offering called INFORMATION DELIVERY SERVICE - Dial 976.

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The Commission has assigned this matter to Docket 6689. A hearing on the merits of this docket shall be held on Friday, May 16, 1986 at 10 a.m. in the Commission offices at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission within two weeks from the date of this publication, but, in any event, no later than March 17, 1986.

A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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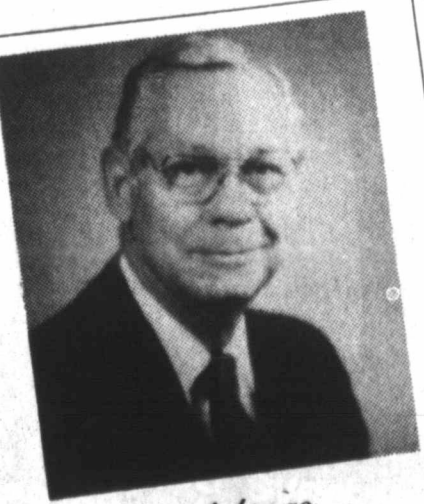
La Comisión ha registrado este asunto bajo el Expediente 6689. Se llevará a cabo una audiencia para discutir los méritos de este expediente a las 10 de la mañana, el viernes 16 de Mayo de 1986 en las oficinas de la Comisión, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard en Austin, Texas.

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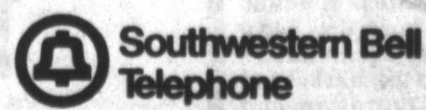
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# San Antonio entrepreneur not happy without a challenge

By **CHUCK McCOLLOUGH**  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Phil Romano is easily bored. "I could have stayed on as the president and CEO (chief executive officer) of Fuddrucker's pulling down \$250,000 a year, but I got restless. I like to start new businesses," he said.

So Romano, 46, founder of the up-scale hamburger chain, sold about half his stock in Fuddrucker's and bowed out of the day-to-day operations a little over a year ago. He is an entrepreneur, plain and simple.

He likes to start businesses, manage them until they are profitable and then move on to another project. Romano represents the entrepreneurial spirit so well. Inc. Magazine spent four days interviewing him for an upcoming article. He is, however, different from the usual idea of a struggling, hard-driving entrepreneur. Because of his success with Fuddrucker's, Romano can afford to fail.

Given his track record, failure does not seem likely for two of his newest ventures, a restaurant named Stix Eating Spa and a fashionable men's clothing store called Baroni. In fact, Romano has what some people consider the Midas touch. "That's not true. I've made some bad calls, but I believe in getting right back in there," he said.

Romano was born in upstate New York. He moved to Florida with his family while a teen-ager. His entrepreneurial ambitions began to emerge while he was in college. Romano's father had faith in his son's ambitions and took out a second mortgage on the family house so Phil could start a karate school.

"I operated it for a while and then sold out to my partner and made \$60,000 on the venture," Romano said. That profit allowed Romano to get into the kind of business he really was interested in, a restaurant.

With a strong sense of self-confidence, Romano applied for and received a \$150,000 Small Business Administration loan to begin other restaurants. He opened several restaurants and then sold them, each time making a profit.

"Real estate was a hot investment item in Florida at that time in the mid-1970s. Then the recession hit and a lot of people slowed down. I decided to forge ahead and keep building. After a while I had to liquidate. The market turned around six months later, so that proves I'm not infallible when it comes to business decisions," he said.

Romano and his wife, Libby, an elementary school principal at the time, decided to take off and drive around the country. "We drove through Texas and got the feeling it was the last hurrah for free enterprise left in the nation," he said. The Romanos were especially taken with San Antonio and felt it was a city with "spirit." He came back to San Antonio in 1976 for some consultation work. "I looked around and decided what the city needed was some good restaurants," he said immediately.

He started a seafood restaurant called Shucker's and then sold out his interests to his partners. He opened a private dining place called Enoch's and a private club called Barclay's on Mossrock off Vance Jackson Road just north of Interstate 410. As soon as he had the business up and running, he got itchy feet and felt the need to move on and start a new business. At the same time he noticed something: A shift in the public dining taste.

He believed people who had grown up on hamburgers wanted a place to go for lunch where they could get a good hamburger in a restaurant setting. That and a growing public health consciousness gave him the idea for a gourmet hamburger establishment. With the hamburger market already as crowded as a skyscraper elevator at quitting time, Romano knew he needed a new and bold concept.

That concept was a restaurant with adult appeal, set in fresh natural surroundings with quality the key ingredient. His restaurant would have a butcher shop and bakery where the customers could see the food being handled fresh daily. The customers would "build" their own burger using a variety of fresh condiments.

Romano capitalized the company with \$150,000 raised from 10 local investors after his bank turned down a loan request for the venture. The first Fuddrucker's opened in 1980 on Botts Lane. A second followed in Houston soon afterward. That restaurant did \$3 million the first year, almost three times the annual business of an average McDonald's outlet, according to Fuddrucker's estimates. Romano and his investors knew they had a winning formula, but imitators would soon crowd the market and siphon off the lucrative and

burgeoning business. They decided to take the company public and raise the capital necessary for an ambitious growth plan. Only by quickly putting up a lot of Fuddrucker's could they capture a lion's share of the gourmet hamburger market, Romano said. The company since 1980 has grown from the two restaurants to more than 100 located throughout the nation. "With most of my restaurant businesses, like the ones in Florida, I'd take them to about 80 percent of their potential and then sell out. With Fuddrucker's I did it a little different; I hung in a bit longer," he said. That "hanging in" has allowed

Romano to enjoy what he calls a "comfort zone." He sold a large share of his stock in the firm, but says he could probably muster enough votes to win a proxy fight if that ever happened. That "comfort zone" amounts to about \$10 million. "There is a big difference between being an employee and a stockholder. Now I am just a stockholder. I got out of that day-to-day routine to get my creative juices flowing. I asked myself what would make me happy. I wasn't happy doing nothing," he said. As it had so many times in the past, opening a new restaurant is what it took to make Romano

happy again. The new restaurant is Stix Eating Spa at 2195 NW Military Dr. It is similar to Fuddrucker's in its emphasis on freshness of food and allowing customers to see the kitchen. There are, however, no hamburgers served. "I call it a spa because that's where people go to work out and stay healthy. I thought, 'Why not go to an eating spa and eat healthy?'" he said. The food, including poultry, beef and seafood, is served with vegetables shishkebab-style, thus the name Stix. The restaurant decor, or trade dress, is copyrighted. A sign visible as a person enters the eatery warns that photographing the inside of

Stix is prohibited without the management's approval. That is a carry-over from Fuddrucker's experience with imitators copying its trade dress. "We don't serve health food; we serve healthy food," he said with a trace of excitement in his voice. It's obvious he is enjoying the role of innovator again. "We could be on the leading edge of a new style of restaurant. It may become another Fuddrucker's story," he added. Now that he has the money and time to be an entrepreneur again, it is only natural Romano has more than one new business. The other new enterprise is Baroni, a high-fashion men's clothing store

in the Saks wing of North Star Mall. It features imported men's clothes, primarily from Italy. The store has an in-house tailor shop, with a window so customers can watch the tailor at work. It also features a barber shop so customers can get a trim while their clothes are being prepared. "We want our customers to walk away from here feeling and looking just terrific," he said. Romano walks around like a proud father when he's in either Stix or Baroni. He does, however, walk around without any socks. He walked out of the Baroni tailor shop wearing a custom-made, expensive suit and no socks.



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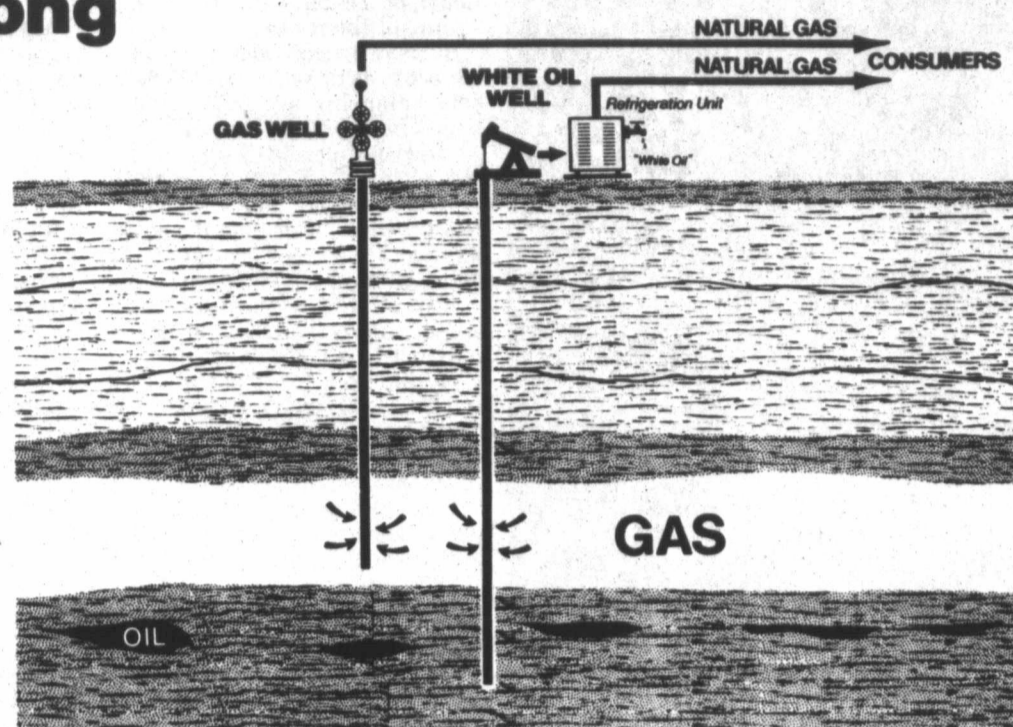
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# THE RED-HANDED RIP-OFF OF WHITE OIL

## 1 What's Wrong is Wrong

Texas law said it was illegal. The Texas Railroad Commission reaffirmed that it was illegal. But certain operators in the Panhandle Field went ahead and drilled anyway. They took natural gas and chilled it in refrigeration units to create a colorless liquid they called "white oil." They did this in order to claim they were operating oil wells. In fact, they were running illicit gas wells that produced insignificant amounts of liquid and enormous quantities of natural gas. It was natural gas these operators had no legal right to produce because others held the lease rights. And it was natural gas produced in total disregard of Texas conservation laws. These laws allow one gas well on a section of land, but up to 64 oil wells. By claiming their wells were "oil" wells, white oil operators were hoping to pirate gas that didn't belong to them — and evade gas conservation laws designed to protect and prolong the life of the Panhandle Field.



## 2 Little White<sup>Oil</sup> Lies

"Nobody told us!" cried the white oilers when they found they couldn't use their refrigeration scheme in order to get their phony wells classified as oil wells. "We were misled," they claimed. Not true. The Texas Railroad Commission made clear what was legal as early as the 1930s. And again in 1977 and 1980. Despite all this notification and communication, white oilers drilled on — completing and operating hundreds of illegal wells until the Commission finally shut them down.

Again the facts didn't support the falsehood when the white oilers pleaded, "The economy needs us!" The Study Group of the Texas House of Representatives last year dispelled that myth in a research report which refuted the economic claims made by the white oilers.

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SPINDLES FOR BLADES — Henry Posthuma, inspector at the John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wis., checks out spindle and hub assemblies used to support blades on riding mowers and lawn and garden tractors. (AP Laser-photo)

## Value of U.S. crops drops

By DON KENDALL  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The value of U.S. crop production dropped 5 percent last year to an estimated \$75.5 billion from \$79.4 billion in 1984, according to an annual report by the Agriculture Department.

Farmers harvested bumper crops in 1985, but market prices were down for some key commodities. The record year was 1982, when total crop production was worth \$82 billion.

The record 1985 corn harvest, the traditional crop leader, was worth \$21.3 billion, up from about \$20.1 billion in 1984. Last year's average price at the farm was projected at \$2.41 per bushel, compared with \$2.62 in 1984.

Officials cautioned that the estimates were based on production multiplied by estimated prices for the various commodities so far this season. The dollar

## Nelson hits snag

AUSTIN (AP) — Singer Willie Nelson's desire to hold another Farm Aid concert at the University of Texas football stadium appears to have gotten snarled in university regulations.

A promoter working on Nelson's Farm Aid II says university officials told him that holding the July 4 benefit concert at Memorial Stadium would violate UT policy.

South Park Meadows, another possible Farm Aid site mentioned by Nelson last week, probably is too small, said Steve Hauser of Pace Management Inc. The Houston firm promotes some of Nelson's concerts.

amounts are not the same as "farm marketings" of crops, which reflect the value of commodities actually sold by farmers.

The annual figures do provide a look at the book value of crops, however, and can be useful in comparing one commodity with another.

An advocacy group, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, recently said marijuana production in 1985 was worth \$18.6 billion and was worth more to growers than corn.

If NORML's estimate of marijuana value is accurate, it might well be the second most valuable crop grown in the United States, although it is illegal.

The government, however, has said the NORML figures are exaggerated.

According to USDA estimates, the next most valuable crop in 1985 was soybeans, worth \$10.8 billion, up from \$10.7 billion in 1984 because of larger production. The farm price was estimated at an average of \$5.16 per bushel, compared with \$5.78 in 1984.

Baled hay, always a big-money item, was worth \$9.7 billion last year, compared with \$10.2 billion in 1984, although prices dropped to an average of \$69.10 per ton from \$72.70.

Other top-valued crops in 1985 and how they stacked up with 1984 included:

—Wheat, \$7.65 billion and \$3.16 per bushel, compared with \$8.76 billion and \$3.38.

—Cotton, \$3.6 billion and 55.5 cents per pound, unchanged from the 1984 value, although prices were down from 57.8 cents in 1984.

# 'Repo man' helps keep people honest

By DREW PARMA  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas (AP) — There's a man out there who keeps people honest, who makes sure that when people borrow money to buy cars they pay it back. And if they don't, he inflicts the ultimate penalty.

He takes their cars back. He's the Repo Man. "A lot of people have the idea that the repo man is nothing more than a thief who goes around stealing other people's cars," said James Nowlin, owner of Heart of Texas Auto Recovery. "Some of them are."

But Nowlin said that he does it by the book, as he performs his delicate balancing act between the legal and the illegal.

"If we go out and do something unethical, the bank is likely to drop us in the hot pan of grease," Nowlin said. "Because if you're unethical, sooner or later it's going to catch up with you."

Not all his techniques are strictly aboveboard, and some may not be strictly legal.

"I ain't no saint," he said. "Of course, I wouldn't be dealing with these people if they were within the law."

"In this job, you deal with some of the nicest people, and some of the sorriest and trashiest people in the world."

Nowlin has been in the repo business, off and on, for 26 years. He says he runs a family-oriented business that employs a wife, two sons, a daughter and a daughter-in-law.

He also employs a computer system and a teletype machine, and his work is bonded to the hilt.

Repossessions have come a long way from the character that most people think of when they think of the repo man. Nowlin estimates that fully half his repossessions come over the teletype from out of state, from people who decided to take off and take the car with them.

He counts the Bank of America as one of his best customers. And through their trade associations and networks, repo men can share information nationwide.

Repossessing a car takes two things — finding the car and getting the car.

Finding the car requires a skill called "skip-tracing." Banks whose loans have gone bad send the repo man useful information on the person's last known whereabouts and other pertinent information that might help find the person. Then the skip-tracer takes over.

Like the CIA, Nowlin and his wife, Vivian, are reluctant to discuss their intelligence-gathering techniques, but they are effective. Nowlin estimates his opera-

tion, with his wife as chief tracer, finds 75 to 80 percent of the accounts they search for.

Vivian Nowlin told about one man she traced to Cleveland, Ohio, after the company was assigned his case.

"Every month he sends his car payment directly to me," she said. "He thought nobody would ever find him, but I did. And he knows now that I could find him again."

Nowlin is more willing to talk about how he gets the car once he knows where it is.

"Eighty-five percent of the pickups we do between midnight and 5 a.m., so we have less chance of confronting the owner," Nowlin said.

He first checks the vehicle identification number to make doubly sure he has the right car. "If the car is in an apartment complex, and the wheels are cut straight, he's got quickhook—that'll hook onto the car without his ever getting out of the wrecker."

If the wheels are cut, it may be easier to use a slim jim to get into the car, pick the ignition lock and

drive it away, said Nowlin, who doubles as a locksmith.

Once the car is in possession, the repo man calls local law enforcement agencies to let them know it has not been stolen. A good clean repossession will net him anywhere from \$120 to \$220.

Nowlin said Texas state law will not allow him to "breach the peace" when he repossesses a car. For that reason, he says, he cannot go into closed garages or behind locked fences to get cars that should be repossessed.

"What we do in that case is hide somewhere nearby until he takes that car to work, and then we let him walk home," Nowlin said.

Nowlin says he earns a good living from the work, but he doesn't go out on the runs much anymore.

He recalls one occasion when a man wanted by the law was sleeping in his vehicle when they came to get it.

"We found his pickup truck, and were picking it up when he popped up with a shotgun. I told him we were there to repossess his vehicle, and he said, 'I think you misunderstood me. Drop my vehicle.'

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# Filipinos, not U.S., forced Marcos out, Shultz says

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States had "a great deal of interaction" in the transfer of power in the Philippines but he added that in the end it was the Filipino people who forced out President Ferdinand Marcos.

That both those factors — U.S. leverage and the power of massive public pressure — combined to avert a civil war gave administration officials reason to breathe a sigh of relief.

At least at this early stage, they could be optimistic about the future of democracy in the Philippines.

Little is known of the governing skills of the new Philippine president, Corason Aquino, and of how she will deal with the massive challenges she will face in a nation where corruption is widespread and where a communist insurgency has persisted for years. But her political skills were apparent in recent weeks as she campaigned for president and then rallied opposition after Marcos was declared the winner, a result apparently rigged by his supporters.

Shultz declared Marcos was "welcome to come to the United States." President Reagan guaranteed Marcos "his peace, his safety and his dignity." But how would the United States respond if the new Philippine government came up with evidence directly implicating Marcos in the assassination of opposition

## An AP News Analysis

leader Benigno Aquino when he returned to his homeland from exile on Aug. 21, 1983? The new Philippine president is Benigno Aquino's widow and she might be unwilling to back away from a demand that Marcos be forced to return to Manila if such charges were filed.

The administration today can take credit for reading the strength of the opposition to the Philippine president and dramatically shifting the U.S. position. It was a delicate diplomatic game. There were calls on Reagan to talk personally to Marcos and call on him to step down, a move that Shultz and other officials felt would be going too far. They tried to make the message clear in other ways, by having

White House spokesman Larry Speakes tell reporters that "a solution to this crisis can only be achieved through a peaceful transition to a new government."

Still, Marcos was unwilling to get the message. When a U.S. envoy delivered that message to the embattled president, he still refused to believe it. Only when Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., Reagan's personal friend who had acted a special envoy to Marcos in the past, talked to the Philippine president and told him it was time to "cut and cut cleanly" did Marcos accept reality and decide to leave.

Through the final days of the crisis, the most encouraging scenes that dominated reports from the country were of thousands of Philippine civilians standing between troops still supporting Marcos and units that had announced their support for Mrs. Aquino.

With few exceptions, the loyalist troops refused to fire upon the civilians.

As Shultz said, it was a case where the people "resolved this issue non-violently and in a way that does them honor."

# Palace restoration is nearing completion

By HELEN ALTONN  
Honolulu Star-Bulletin

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's people "can be proud" of the Iolani Palace complex after 20 years of work and more than \$7 million spent to restore its royal appearance, says James Pavelle, the restoration project director.

"The popularity and awareness of Iolani Palace has broadened considerably," he said in an interview. However, he added, "People have to realize ... that we are still in a developmental stage ... Our services are still limited."

He said "significant growth" is anticipated in the next five years during the 12th phase of work.

Landscaping is being completed now to create a park-like setting for the nation's only royal palace. Plantings have been reintroduced to the 10-acre site that were there during the 1892 monarchy era.

The main problem is locating enough native Hawaiian Iolani palms to complete the landscaping theme, Pavelle said. Landscape architects need 24 Iolani palms for the historic setting and

they're still short eight or 10. "They've been out on weekends driving around various areas," Pavelle said. "If they see one, they ring the doorbell and ask folks if they would like to sell it."

Aside from the missing palms and a continuous search for original palace furnishings, Pavelle said, "I think we're doing well. I think we can all be proud."

He said visitors to the palace increased from 65,000 in 1983-1984 to 70,700 during the past fiscal year. Admission fees totaled \$214,000 last year, compared with \$199,000 the previous year.

The historic complex includes Iolani Palace, built in 1882; Iolani Barracks, moved to the palace grounds in 1965 from the state Capitol site, and the bandstand, built as a Coronation Pavilion.

The restoration project is funded by the state and administered by the Friends of Iolani Palace, a non-profit organization. Construction is targeted for completion by 1990, Pavelle said.

The King Street entrance is the last of the four entrances to the grounds to be restored. It was the official entrance for royalty and dignitaries during the monarchy

period, Pavelle said. Four pillars at the entrance are being relocated to their original positions. They were 26 feet apart but the opening has been "choked down to 13 feet and 7 inches," Pavelle said.

Two more pillars will be built at the entrance and it will have restored iron gates used during the monarchy.

It's hoped that the smaller entrances "will begin to restrict some of the traffic in the palace ground," Pavelle said. Only one-way traffic will be allowed when the King Street entrance is reopened. Vehicles will enter there and exit through the side gates.

The entrance project will complete the landscaping program until parking is removed, "which we hope will be in three or four years," Pavelle said.

Pavelle said public services will be expanded when the center is developed with an auditorium. Pretour programs and evening adult classes are envisioned, he said.

The palace basement will have gallery spaces when offices are moved to the new center.

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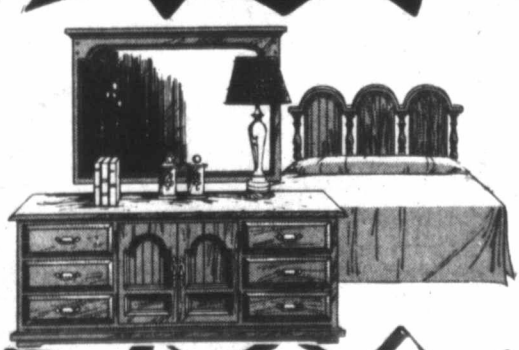
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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Black bread
  - 4 Japanese currency
  - 7 Brim
  - 10 Tints
  - 12 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
  - 13 Actor Parker
  - 14 Spicy stew
  - 15 Sphere
  - 16 Christian Andersen
  - 17 Rocky Mountain park
  - 19 Bounded
  - 21 Merman
  - 23 Building corner
  - 27 Greek letter
  - 32 Entity
  - 33 Literary miscellany
  - 34 Colossal
  - 35 Unemployed
  - 36 Adult males
  - 37 Singer Fitzgerald
  - 38 Back to back (Fr.)
  - 40 Oriental potentate
  - 41 Worker's cooperative
  - 43 Search
  - 46 Not as common
  - 50 Storm
  - 51 Artificial language
  - 53 Resound
  - 55 Be furious
  - 56 Last letter (Brit.)
  - 57 Jog
  - 58 to Joy
  - 59 Compass point
  - 60 Japanese plant
- DOWN**
- 1 Greek letter
  - 2 Christmas

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 31 Close
- 33 Write off
- 39 German article
- 40 Highest note
- 42 Wear away
- 43 Campus area
- 44 Exhort
- 45 Organ of sight
- 47 Soak flax
- 48 Shade of tan
- 49 Red (comb. form)
- 50 To and
- 52 Lair
- 54 Ear (comb. form)

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STEVE CANYON

HERES THE MAKE ON THE SLUGGING VICTIM ON ORCHARD DRIVE...

...THE VEHICLE IS OWNED BY A VISTO BRENNAN, U.S.A.F. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE...

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HELL LIVE AT GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE!—IF HE DOES LIVE!

By Milton Caniff

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

WHEN I DIE, I WANT MY ORGANS LEFT TO THE TRANSPLANT BANK

OKAY, BUT...

...HAVEN'T YOU BEEN REJECTED ENOUGH IN YOUR OWN LIFE?

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

HEY... WHAT'S HAPPENING, JOHU?

BUSINESS IS OFF SOMEWHAT... CONSUMER SPENDING IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE... THE FORECAST IS GLUM...

OK, OK, GIMME A BEER

RIGHT

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF PLAGIARISM.

..THAT'S GOOD! IS IT ORIGINAL?

HARDLY

I STOLE IT FROM MILTON BERLE.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

PROMISE ME NEXT TIME YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT HAND-TOSSING THE PIZZA

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"The dog show judge says you can keep the cup you took, but he wants his gloves back!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS THAT JUST CROSSED MY PATH, BUT IT'S BOUND TO BE BAD LUCK.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

NOW, TRINA? NOW!

BEHIND YOU, GUZ! HEADS UP!

THUNK

SHEESH! I GUESS THAT WAS TH' WRONG THING I SAID!

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WHAT FOR... SPEEDING?!

I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE YOU A TICKET, MR. FUNNY

NO... DRIVING WITH BALD TIRES!

"Aw — did you hurt yourself, Honey? Come over here. I'll feel sorry for you."

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

IT'S MY BIRTHDAY NEXT SUNDAY... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME?

BUT YOU JUST HAD A BIRTHDAY A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO!

NEVER PASS UP A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR "TOTAL RECALL," DO YOU?

TUMBLEWEEDS

By T.K. Ryan

YOUR HORSE IS IN BIG TROUBLE!

MY HORSE! WHAT FOR?!

CHASING A HORSEFLY!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!

"REVENGE IS MINE, SAITH THE LORD!"

FRANK AND ERNEST

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THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW WOULD YOU, UH, RATE ME AS AN EMPLOYER?... I WANT THE TRUTH!

MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM 9%!

ONLY 9%?!

IS THAT BECAUSE I'M TOO CANDID, BOOBFACE?!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

LOOK AT THIS LIST OF PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE SYMPHONY, SIR...

SEE? THEY HAVE GUARANTORS, BENEFACTORS, SUSTAINERS, SPONSORS, DONORS AND FRIENDS..

WHERE DO WE FIT IN?

WE'RE THE LISTENERS!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

UH-OH!

JON SHOULD NEVER LEAVE HIS BUNNY SLIPPERS UNDER THE BED ALONE

## Astro-Graph

by bernice hede osol

Feb. 28, 1986

Your leadership qualities will grow stronger and stronger with each passing month in the year ahead. Destiny might place you in the forefront of something large.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Assignments that will be easy for you to perform today could be too difficult for your associates. Don't delegate critical tasks. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** People with whom you've been lucky previously will be lucky for you again today. This will be especially true in your business relationships.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This is a good day to negotiate important matters. Be extremely fair with others and they, in turn, will give you benefits without you requesting them.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The types of work or career opportunities that surround you now are grander than usual. Anything is possible.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** The impression you make on others today will be lasting and favorable. Your actions will draw friends to you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It's to your advantage today to try to close or tie down situations financially meaningful to you. Profits are possible.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Fun and excitement are waiting for you today where the bright lights and action are. Don't deprive yourself of enjoyment by being a loner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Possibilities for material gains will be rearing their loving heads for you today. Be sure to use your Midas touch.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today you will be both imaginative and lucky, and this combination could spell substantial benefits. Devise ways to better your lot in life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Play out your hunches today, especially those you feel will contribute to the security of your loved ones. Your perceptions are winners.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Mixing with a large group could turn out quite advantageously for you today. Valuable contacts will be circulating somewhere in the pack.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Conditions are growing more fertile, and soon you will be reaping rewards from those ambitious seeds you've planted. Keep nurturing the sprouts.

# LIFESTYLES

## Seven Pampa youths named Eagle Scouts

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

Seven Pampa youth were among the 25 Eagle Scouts honored last weekend at the annual Recognition Banquet of the Adobe Walls Council, Boy Scouts of America, in conjunction with National Boy Scout Week.

The Eagle Scout badge is an accomplishment of which the boys can be proud, according to Tary R. Clump, district executive.

The young men from Pampa earning the Eagle Scout honor in the past year are Tommy J. Brewer of Troop 413, chartered by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; Kelly D. Hendrick, Greg Logan and Scott Lucas, Troop 404, First Christian Church; Monty Phillips, Troop 420, Stubbs, Inc.; Brad Sokolosky, Troop 414, First Presbyterian Church; and James L. Stevens, Troop 401, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

To receive the badge, a scout must begin with the Tenderfoot badge and work through Second Class, First Class, Star and Life Rank before earning the Eagle, Clump explained.

In addition, the youth must be active for six months in the troop or patrol while a Life Scout, serve in a leadership position and show scout spirit, he said.

The scout also must earn a total of 21 merit badges, including Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science, First Aid, Personal Fitness or Sports, Personal Management and Safety, plus 10 more.

While a Life Scout, the young man must plan, develop and lead others in a service project for the community, chartered partner, school or religious institution. He also must take part in a scoutmasters conference, Clump explained.

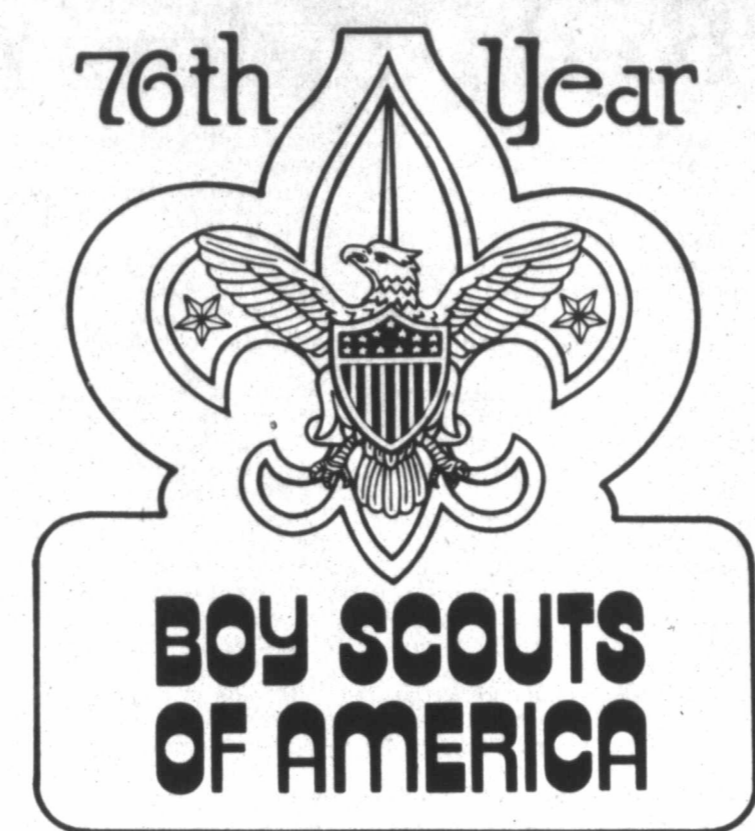
"These scouts have, by individual excellence, proved not only mental and physical abilities, but also a sense of spiritual values in keeping with the three points of the Scout Oath—Duty to God and Country, Duty to Others, Duty to Self," he stated.

Brewer, 16, became a scout in 1982. He obtained his First Class in March, 1984, and his Star in August, 1984. An Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow, he served as patrol and senior patrol leader and as a patrol leader for the National Jamboree.

Lettering in football and track, Brewer completed a service project of cleaning Red Deer Creek from Zimmers to Duncan Street. He plans to attend college and pursue marine-biology.

Hendrick, 15, became a Boy Scout in 1981, obtaining his First Class in August, 1983, and his Star in December, 1983. His leadership positions have included senior patrol leader, a member of the Leadership Corp, a staff member for Camp M. K. Brown and treasurer for the Order of the Arrow.

He earned his God and Country Award and the World Conserva-



tion Award. His service project was organizing and holding a citywide blood drive. He plans to attend college and major in economics and political science, with a career also in bicycle racing.

Becoming a Boy Scout in 1980, Logan, 16, received his First Class in 1982 and his Star in 1983. He has served as senior patrol leader, a member of the Leadership Corp, troop librarian and

junior assistant scoutmaster. Planning to enter the military service, Logan organized the painting of the Pioneer Cottage historical site for his community service project.

Lucas, 14, became a scout in 1982, earning his First Class in August 1983, and his Star in December 1983. Having served as a patrol leader and a member of the Leadership Corp, he was named outstanding camper at

Panfork Baptist Encampment.

His service project was to collect eye glasses for the Lions Club to send to a special eye center in Houston for the underprivileged. Lucas plans on going to law school.

Becoming a Boy Scout in 1977, Phillips gained his First Class in 1980 and his Star in 1984. He has served as patrol leader and a member of the Leadership Corp. He also is bugler for his troop. An Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow, he is advertising manager for The Little Harvester newspaper at Pampa High School.

His service project was to build entry ramps for the handicapped at the Top of Texas Quick Stop Store. Phillips plans to join the U.S. Navy.

Sokolosky, 16, became a scout in 1980, earning his First Class in 1982 and his Star in 1983. He has served as senior patrol leader and a member of the Leadership Corp. He received the outstanding boy student award at St. Vincent School. At Pampa Middle School, he was a member of the Student Council, served as vice mayor and was voted most valuable player in sports.

His service project was painting stripes for parking spaces at St. Vincent School. He plans to attend college.

Earning his First Class in February, 1979, and his Star in July, 1979, Stevens, 18, has served as senior patrol leader. A member of the National Honor Society, he is ranked fifth in his graduating class. He has served as

first counselor in the Priest Quorum of his church ward.

Stevens' service project was the installation of an electronically controlled sprinkler system at his church. He plans to serve a mission for his church and then attend college, majoring in nuclear physics or engineering to become a college professor.

The Eagle Scouts have joined the many others through the years who have gone on to serve their communities and nation.

An Eagle Scout and a former Star Scout were among the crew members killed in the recent tragic Shuttle Challenger mission.

Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka attained his Eagle rank, Boy Scouting's highest, on June 26, 1964, as a member of Explorer Post 26 in Holualoa, Hawaii, chartered by the local Rotary Club. Dr. Ronald E. McNair reached the Star rank as a member of Wesley United Methodist Church Troop 120 at Lake City, S.C.

In a recent interview Onizuka told scout officials that "the self-confidence I gained in the scout program probably contributed more than anything else in scouting toward the career I'm now in and what I have accomplished."

Of the 157 pilots and scientists selected as astronauts since 1949, more than 90 were scouts and have been active in scouting, according to the national BSA office. They include 25 Eagle Scouts.

Boy Scouts themselves have earned 69,378 Space Exploration merit badges as part of scouting's advancement program.

### Dear Abby

## Kids won't make it easy

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a very attractive woman for my age, I'm told. I've lost two husbands; one is in the cemetery and the other one is in New Jersey. I recently renewed an acquaintance with an old boyfriend—I'll call him Danny. His wife died four months ago after a long illness. We hit it off as though we were a couple of kids. We want to get married. Danny is very well-to-do, but this is truly a love match.

Now the problem: Danny's children think that out of respect for their mother, their father should wait a full year before marrying. This means waiting for eight more months! Abby, I'm 68 and Danny is 72, and we could both be dead in eight months.

We are old-fashioned and don't believe in living together before marriage, and we want to get married as soon as possible. We'd like your opinion.

YOUNG AT HEART

DEAR YOUNG: The only opinions to be considered are yours and Danny's. The time to show respect for a person is while he or she is living. Time is precious. Grab the brass ring (or the gold one) now.

DEAR ABBY: I submit my tale of woe as a warning to others. I am 73 years old, have driven a car for over 50 years and never had an accident, but this time I really blew it.

I had had several drinks at home when a friend phoned and asked me to pick him up, so without thinking, I did. I hit a low center divider, damaging the underside of my car and putting it out of commission. The police arrived on the scene, gave me a sobriety test, handcuffed

me and took me in for a blood test. I spent the night in jail.

I was ready to plead not guilty in court until I saw the results of the blood alcohol test, which showed 2.48—three times the legal limit for driving! (I pleaded "no contest.")

I was fined \$410. Now I have to spend another 36 hours in jail and attend four sessions at a drug and alcohol abuse clinic for which I must pay \$100.

The damage to my car is \$500, my driver's license has been suspended for three months and my insurance rate has tripled!

All this for driving after taking a few drinks.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY IN RENO

DEAR LEARNED: Thanks for the tale. Woeful as it was, you were lucky; you hit only a low divider. Some drunk drivers hit people.

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DEAR ABBY: I telephoned a local florist and ordered an evergreen plant in a ceramic dish to be used as a centerpiece for a round dining room table that seats six people. This was to be a housewarming present for my parents who had just retired and bought a new home.

When my mother called to thank me for the plant, I could tell she wasn't very happy with it. I asked her to describe it to me. She said, "It looks like a cornstalk—about 4 feet high in a plastic tub, with three half-dead carnations stuck in the dirt."

I called the local florist from whom I ordered the plant and told him what my mother told me. He said there was nothing he could do about it—that the florist in my mother's town had the right to substitute if they didn't have what I ordered.

Abby, please tell us how we can stop this kind of cheating.

FIGHTING MAD

DEAR MAD: If you receive a disappointing floral delivery wired from another city, let the sender know immediately of your disappointment. The sender should then call the florist with whom he or she placed the order and ask that florist to straighten it out with the florist who filled the order.

If a replacement or refund is not made, the customer should write to the Florists' Transworld Delivery Association, 29200 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Mich. 48037.

Most florists are honest and are only too happy to weed out the bloomin' cheaters. No one should accept dead flowers or an inappropriate arrangement without complaining.

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SPRING LOVELIES—These two young ladies model the height of lovely spring formal wear. At left is Dusti Fritz, a DECA student at Pampa High School, and at right, Kala Kempf, 3. The two will be among the many local models appearing in the DECA spring fashion show set for 2 p.m., Sunday, in PamCel Hall. Tickets to the event are available from any DECA student or by calling 665-5011 at Pampa High School. Proceeds from the style show will go to the PHS DECA program. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

### Cancer Society volunteer presents program on cancer

Jane Gattis, public education chairman for the Gray-Roberts unit of the American Cancer Society, recently presented a program on breast self-examination to the Mary & Marthas women's group of the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly. Gattis presented a video tape and passed out literature about cancer to the 45 women attending the meeting and question and

answer session. The American Cancer Society stresses that one of the most important things they can do is to educate the public so that early detection and treatment will help save lives.

If any group desires a program, contact Jane Gattis at 669-7583 or Melody Miller at 1-806-353-4306 for a list of available programs.

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NBA roundup

Pistons win ninth in a row

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD AP Basketball Writer The Detroit Pistons know they are playing well when they can have an off-game and still win.

"Tonight, we were a little flat and we didn't play our best basketball," said Pistons forward Kelly Tripucka, who scored 30 points in Detroit's 111-104 NBA victory over the Los Angeles Clippers Wednesday night.

Winning is what the Pistons have done a lot of lately. The latest victory was their ninth straight, tying a franchise record set in 1970, and extended their home winning streak to a record 13.

But despite injuries to Los Angeles veterans Marques Johnson, Junior Bridgeman and Cedric Maxwell, the Pistons didn't clinch the victory until Isiah Thomas and Tripucka made consecutive field goals that gave them a 101-93 lead with 2:03 to play.

Thomas scored 22 points while rookie center Benoit Benjamin led the Clippers with 20.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 120, San Antonio 100; Atlanta 129, Cleveland 109; Los Angeles Lakers 119, Dallas 116; and Phoenix 113, Portland 112.

The Pistons may have been looking past the Clippers to Friday night's game with Central Division rival Atlanta at the Silverdome. The Pistons and Hawks, separated by only percentage points, are battling for home-court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs.

Celtics 120, Spurs 100 The Celtics won their 15th consecutive game at home in their first appearance at Boston Garden since Feb. 5, with Robert Parish scoring a season-high 27 points against San Antonio.

Parish scored 11 points during a 17-6 Boston spurt late in the second quarter that extended a 44-37 advantage to 61-43. After trailing 71-51 early in the third quarter, the Spurs moved no closer than 15 points.

Larry Bird scored 22 points for the Celtics, while Mike Mitchell paced San Antonio with 16.



The Pistons' Isiah Thomas passes underneath the basket.

Pampa bowling roundup

LADIES TRIO LEAGUE (standings thru Feb. 5)

A-1 Controls, 49 1/2-26 1/2; ATTIS, 44-32; M.D. McNeil Dist., 44-28; Kidd Welding, 42 1/2-33 1/2; Cowan Construction, 41-35; Furrh Enterprises, 40-36; C & H Tank Trucks, 40-36; Stephen's Welding, 39-37; Wheeler-Evans, 39-37; Snap-On Tools, 37-39; HiWay Package, 36 1/2-39 1/2; Hale Cattle Co., 35 1/2-40 1/2; Stribs Feed, 35-41; Dorothy's Kid Corner, 34-42; Coney Island, 33 1/2-42 1/2; Adams & Franks Construction, 33-43; Beate's Dress Shop, 32 1/2-39 1/2; Team Three, 26-50.

High Averages: 1. Lefurn Thomas, 169; 2. Bea Wortham, 167; 3. Kitten Kotara, 165.

High Handicap Series: 1. Bea Wortham, 692; 2. Belinda Stafford, 689; 3. Tami Jones, 684; High Handicap Game: 1. Tami Jones, 274; 2.

High Scratch Series: 1. Bea Wortham, 605; 2. Kitten Kotara, 588; 3. Vicki Blackmon, 563; High Scratch Game: 1. Bea Wortham, 234; 2. Tami Jones, 227; 3. Kitten Kotara, 225.

CELANESE MIXED LEAGUE (standings thru Feb. 3)

Team Three, 17-7; Team Two, 16-8; Team One, 14-10; Team Six, 13-11; Team Eight, 11-13; Team Four, 11-13; Team Five, 10-14; Team Seven, 4-20.

High Averages: Women — 1. Terri Barrett, 156; 2. Rose John-

son, 154; 3. Anita Davis, 147; Men — 1. Mike Scott, 155; 2. Tim Richert, 154; 3. Rusty Barrett, 153.

High Handicap Series: Men — Richard Maile, 691; Women — Alana Duncan, 679.

High Handicap Game: Men — Tim Richert, 274; Women — Brenda Davis, 276.

High Scratch Series: Men — 1. Richard Maile, 561; 2. Tim Richert, 536; 3. Mike Scott, 532; Women — 1. Rose Johnson, 532; 2. Anita Davis, 523; 3. Terri Barrett, 517.

High Scratch Game: Men — 1. Tim Richert, 232; 2. Bill Oler, 222; 3. Bill Smith, 220; Women — 1. Terri Barrett, 211; 2. Rose Johnson, 202; 3. Anita Davis, 199.

LONE STAR WOMEN'S LEAGUE (standings thru Feb. 6)

Tiny Tinkus, 51 1/2-28 1/2; Mayo Water W' service, 51 1/2-28 1/2; Golden S. ad Cablevision, 49-31; Rudy's Automotive, 48 1/2-31 1/2; Triangle Well service, 46 1/2-33 1/2; Hi Way Packag 46-34; Dunlap Industrial Service, 46 1/2-33 1/2; L & R Hair Design, 42 1/2-37 1/2; Team 19, 42 1/2-37 1/2; M & L Health & Beauty, 40 1/2-39 1/2; Hall's Sound Center, 40 1/2-39 1/2; Double D Construction, 38-42; AIA Insurance, 37 1/2-42 1/2; Anthony Construction, 37-43; Panhandle Meter Service, 36-44; Electric Motor & Equipment, 35-45; Sonic, 33-47; Chamber Maids, 33-47; Etheredge Construction, 28 1/2-51 1/2.

High Averages: 1. Rita Steddum, 177; 2. Lefurn Thomas and Billie Fick, 168; 4. Jean Wood and Billie Hupp, 164; 6. Terri Barrett, 162; 7. Margaret Mason, 163; 8. Gwin Killgo and Lois Rogers, 162; 10. Barbara Chisum, 160.

High Handicap Series — 1. Clara Achord, 709; 2. Connie Rippetoe, 701; 3. Bettie Bradberry, 698; High Handicap Game — 1. Connie Rippetoe, 275; 2. Clara Achord, 272; 3. Jo Hicks, 271.

High Scratch Series — 1. Rita Steddum, 629; 2. Jean Wood, 610; 3. Gwin Killgo, 590; High Scratch Game — 1. Jody McClendon, 237; 2. Jean Wood, 236; 3. Billie Hupp and Barbara Chisum, 231.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE (standings thru Feb. 5)

1. Pampa News, 49 1/2-30 1/2; 2. Team One, 45-35; 3. Hi-Way Package, 39-41; 4. Golden Spread Roustabout, 36-44; 5. Panhandle Equipment, 30-50.

High Averages: Women — Jan Snapp, 159; Men — Wally Simmons, 166.

High Handicap Series: Women — 1. Connie Rippetoe and Bettie Bradberry, 585; 3. Janie Reid, 574; Men — 1. Roy Rippetoe, 585; 2. Rex Reid, 584; 3. Harold Estes, 581.

High Handicap Game: Women — 1. Helena Ellis, 259; 2. Linda Estes, 252; 3. Betty Simmons and Danna Duvall, 250; Men — 1. Roy Rippetoe, 259; 2. Allen Snapp, 277; 3. Ace Acevedo, 150.

High Scratch Series: Women — 1. Bettie Bradberry, 551; 2. Connie Rippetoe, 547; 3. Janie Reid, 538; Men — 1. Roy Rippetoe, 549; 2. Rex Reid and Wally Simmons, 544.

High Scratch Game: Women — 1. Janie Reid, 206; 2. Bettie Bradberry, Connie Rippetoe and Danna Duvall, 204; Men — 1. Allen Snapp, 243; 2. Roy Rippetoe, 223; 3. Terry Ellis, 213.

CAPROCK MEN'S LEAGUE (standings thru Jan. 30)

Weaver's Construction, 12-4; Kartom, 12-4; Miller's Jewelry, 11-5; Rudy's Automotive, 11-5; 3-W Oil, 10-6; HRM, 10-6; 4R Supply, 9-7; BBG Farm & Ranch, 9-7; Locke Cattle Co., 9-7; Consumer's Express, 8-8; Stephens Welding, 8-8; Parsley's Roofing, 7-9; Thompson Farm & Home, 7-9; Ogden & Son, 6-10; Culberson Stowers, 6-10; B & L Tank Trucks, 4-12; B & B Solvent, 3-13; ANR, 2-14.

High Averages: 1. Rick McElliott, 185; 2. Donny Nail, 184; 3. Charlie Jones, 182.

High Handicap Series: W. Waggoner, 766; High Handicap Game: D. Wallace, 304; High Scratch Series: Rick McElliott, 709; High Scratch Game: Donny Nail, 297.

Girls' tourney tips off today

AUSTIN (AP) — Class A semi-finalists Snook and Godley open the girls' state basketball tournament Thursday. The tournament also includes two teams with perfect records — Corpus Christi Calallen and Houston Yates.

Calallen, 35-0, plays a first-round 4A game against Levelland Thursday night. YA, 24-0, opens Friday night in 5A against Victoria.

Teams with only one loss include College Station A&M Consolidated, 31-1, and its semifinal opponent in 4A, McKinney 32-1, and Tyler Lee, 29-1, which plays Irving MacArthur in the first round.

The tournament ends Saturday with championship games in five divisions.

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Summary of store addresses and phone numbers for Pampa and Amarillo locations.









**CHINA NATIVE** — Paul Ng, a west Texas acupuncturist who fled China's Cultural Revolution, poses with a book of his profession recently in Big Spring. Ng observes that

Americans don't realize their good fortune and freedom of living in the United States. (AP Laserphoto)

## Acupuncturist recalls fleeing the cultural revolution in China

By CARLEEN EVERETT  
Big Spring Herald

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — Paul Ng, a West Texas acupuncturist who fled China's Cultural Revolution, says Americans don't realize their good fortune.

"The people in America don't appreciate their freedom," Ng said. "My father left China in 1962 and went to Hong Kong. He tried to get my mother and my sister out of the country, but they couldn't get a passport.

The communist government there doesn't want anyone to leave the country, Ng said.

"My parents were separated for 7 years. In 1972 my father came to America, and in 1979 my mother finally was able to get out of China and join my father in Arizona," Ng said.

In 1966 Ng graduated from high school with a dream of higher education. But the country was in the throes of the radical Maoists' "Cultural Revolution" and all the schools were closed.

Students and intellectuals were forced into agricultural labor by the government.

"This was hard work, it wasn't like the farmers here who have modern technology. We did everything by hand," Ng said.

Learning acupuncture was Ng's way out — for a while. He told government officials he was unable to do farm work because he had high blood pressure. But the excuse didn't work for long. Ng was told if he didn't report for agricultural labor his mother would be fired from her job.

Losing her job would have meant Ng's mother would be without money or food coupons. So off to the farm he went.

"We received rice, the more we worked the more rice we got. After 1½ years, I owed them \$26. I

never could figure that out," Ng said.

In 1970, Ng made his way to a farm in the Chinese province of Canton, closer to Hong Kong and his goal of escaping the country.

"The government wouldn't have allowed the transfer because they would have figured out what I had in mind," Ng said, "but the commoners aren't that smart and they let me go."

All the time he was on the farm working, he and a friend were planning the details of escape. They had to time the escape perfectly according to the phase of the moon and tides. They needed moonlight so they could travel at night, and a high tide so they could safely jump into the bay, Ng said.

"My friend had already failed once in an attempt to escape," Ng said.

Finally the day came and they fled. "We took a minimal amount of food and water to drink," Ng said.

They spent the first four nights

climbing a mountain in their path.

"It was so cold at night, and the second night it rained. The wind was blowing and our bodies were all wet," Ng said.

After the second night, they decided to risk travel during the day to make up for time lost in the bad weather. They almost were caught, and dropped their only container of water running from Chinese officials, Ng said.

"We tried to find clean water but couldn't because they put chemicals called limestone in it which you shouldn't drink. But we drank it anyway. We had to. They also put something on the trees to kill them so you won't have anywhere to hide," he said.

Finally, they reached the bay they had to swim across to reach free land.

"My friend was afraid of the water so I had to tow him across the bay by rope. It took me seven hours to get across the bay. It would have taken me only three hours by myself," he said.

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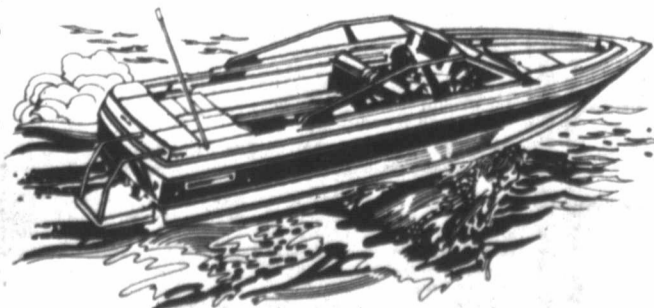
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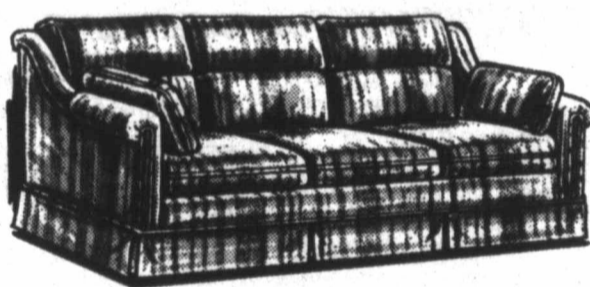
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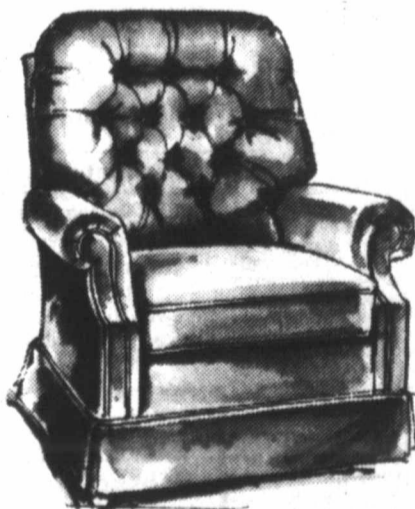
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