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County celebrates Sesquicentennial activities attract thousands

By CATHY SPAULDING
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Monday's Gray County Sesquicentennial celebration was more than just the 150th commemoration of San Jacinto Day.

It was the musky smell of lye soap mingling with the tempting aroma of slow-cooking barbecue.

It was the drone of bagpipes followed by girls named Martinez, Cox, Ingle and Thomas performing Polish folk dances.

It was classical trumpet and flute teaming with down-home West Texas fiddling.

It was old Panhandle pioneers reminiscing over early Gray County photos while children nervously giggled at an American Bison.

It was the chatter of 3,000 to 4,000 area residents packing the auditorium, foyer and Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

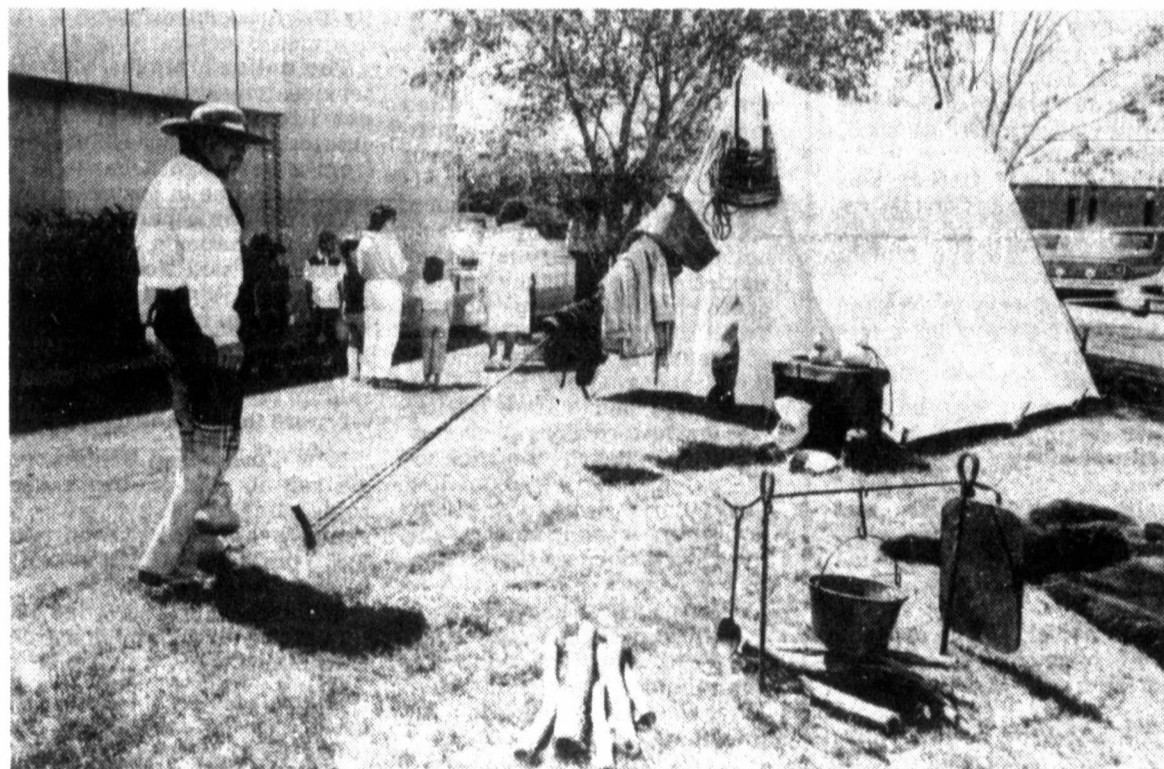
Activities began at 10 a.m. as Gray County pioneers and people who worked on the mammoth Gray County History Book gathered for coffee and memories. Joe Shelton, a 97-year-old Pampa resident, was presented a pewter plate for being the oldest pioneer present at the celebration. A native of south Gray County, he worked with the Pampa school system for many years. His parents were the first couple to be wed in Gray County.

While Girl Scouts served soft drinks, doughnuts and candy from their concession stand in the heritage room, celebrators listened to music ranging from classical trumpet pieces performed by Pampa High School

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INSIDE...Crowd treated to variety of entertainment



OUTSIDE...Buffalo traders camp one of several displays

Prices plunge Consumer costs falling at fastest pace in 36 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record plunge in gasoline costs last month pushed consumer prices down 0.4 percent, matching the February fall and the steepest back-to-back declines in more than 36 years, the government said today.

For the first three months of the year, consumer prices fell at an annual rate of 1.9 percent, the best quarterly performance since 1954.

Prices have not fallen for two months running since 1965 and have not fallen at such a steep pace since matching 0.4 percent declines in December 1949 and January 1950.

Most of the March decline was attributed to a record 12 percent fall in gasoline prices, more than double the 5.9 percent February drop.

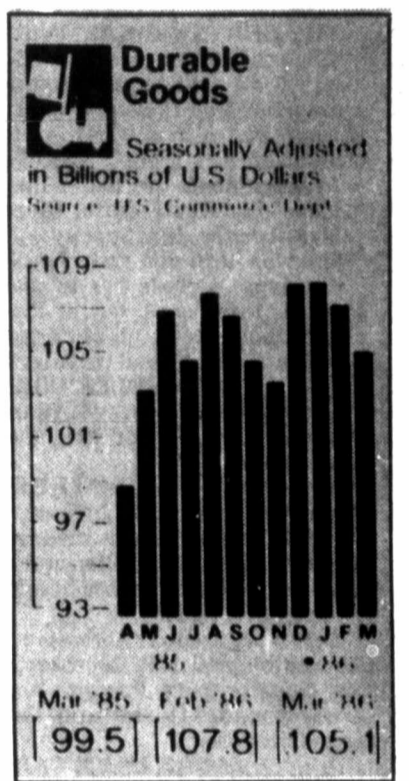
Gasoline prices are tumbling because of the worldwide slump in oil prices. Oil on the spot market is now selling for \$12-\$13 per barrel, less than half the cost just six months ago.

Gasoline prices at the pump have already fallen well below \$1 per gallon for all grades in much of the country. These prices, last seen in 1979, represent a 27 percent drop from the peak prices of March 1981.

Economists say they expect that gasoline costs will probably drop further declines in April and May before leveling off.

"We expect the consumer price decline for April to be similar to March, a big drop with energy prices by far the biggest factor," said Donald Ratajczak, head of the economic forecasting unit at Georgia State University. "We think consumer energy prices will bottom out by the end of June. We don't see them continuing to collapse."

Reflecting the sharp drop in crude oil prices, the average cost of all energy commodities de-



clined at a remarkable annual rate of 52.3 percent in the first three months of the year.

Home heating oil costs were down 6.5 percent last month after a record 11.5 percent February decline and were also 27 percent below their peak, set in April 1981.

Natural gas prices fell 0.7 percent; electricity costs were off 0.5.

Food prices, which fell a sharp 0.6 percent in February, edged upward 0.1 percent last month. Beef, pork and poultry prices all declined while prices for fresh vegetables rose 0.3 percent.

If the overall March decline held for 12 months, the annual rate would be 5.4 percent, the Labor Department said. For all of 1985, consumer prices posted a 3.8 percent increase.

Mrs. Khadafy says she'd kill American pilot

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The wife of Col. Moammar Khadafy wiped a tear from her eye and vowed that if she ever finds the American pilot who bombed her house, "I will kill him myself."

"When I see what happened to my children and people here I will do my best to fight these terrorist actions," said Safia Khadafy, leaning against a crutch and sitting in a chair before her bomb-shattered two-story home.

Libyan authorities say the Khadafys' 15-month-old adopted daughter, Hana, was fatally injured in the bombing raid, and that two other sons — Kamis, age 3, and 4-year-old Sefal al-Arab — were wounded.

"If I get the pilot of that airplane, I will kill him myself," Mrs. Khadafy told reporters Monday night during an appearance arranged by the government at the Bab al-Aziya military compound.

Reporters were not allowed to ask her questions. Two of her sons stood behind Mrs. Khadafy as she railed against President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for the April 15 bombing raid. F-111 fighter-bombers based in Britain were used in the aerial attack, which U.S. officials described as a blow against Libyan-sponsored international terrorism.

She introduced the two boys as Sadiq, 13, and Sefal al-Salim, 14, whose arm was bandaged.

Mrs. Khadafy's appearance was part of a campaign to stir up sympathy for Libya and portray it as the victim of unprovoked superpower aggression.

When reporters returned to their hotel after seeing Mrs. Khadafy, Libyan Information Ministry officials handed out color photographs of a young girl they said was Hana.

One of the pictures showed a smiling Khadafy seated on a couch and holding the child. The caption in English read: "You adopted me. Reagan assassinated me."

In another picture the plump-cheeked little girl,



Mrs. Khadafy faces reporters

wearing a frilly white dress, stared at the camera above a caption reading: "Kids should never forget my killers, Reagan and Thatcher."

During her appearance, Mrs. Khadafy, wearing a red dress and black sequined cape, said her husband is not a terrorist.

"If I thought he was a terrorist, I would not stay with him and have children with him," said Mrs. Khadafy, speaking in Arabic.

A government interpreter translated her remarks into English.

"Moammar Khadafy is a human being and he has adopted children without parents. Moammar Khadafy is for the peace," she said.

After her statements she hobbled into an auto and was driven away with her sons.

Before they left, Khadafy's son Sefal al-Salim said of the U.S. warplanes: "I don't think they hit other military targets. They tried to concentrate on that house."

Most Pampa Filipinos say wealth obsessed Marcoses

By PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

Most members of Pampa's Filipino community paint a picture of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos as a despotic couple obsessed with keeping up appearances, almost to the point of hilarity.

Appearances like mansions built for visiting dignitaries but never used, palm trees transplanted along the routes of those same dignitaries or giving government workers a third of a day's wages and the day off to attend a pro-Marcos rally were all par for the course in the Marcos regime, they say.

"It is something beyond the sensibilities of Americans to grasp. It's bizarre," says Fred Vernal, a metallurgist with IRI Corp. "He has built projects — big enormous projects — not for the people but for their own megalomaniac sense of accomplishment."

Vernal told about an arts center, now standing idle, that Mrs. Marcos wanted built in Manila in order to host a film festival in 1982. Forty workers died when the roof collapsed during construction, but Mrs. Marcos, angry that the building would not be ready in time for her festival, ordered concrete poured over their bodies and construction to continue, he said.

"There are countless examples of this. They are great show-offs," Vernal said. "In all of this poverty, she was thinking about

these projects that don't do anything to the people but only to their ego."

Several local Filipinos mentioned an extravagant palace built especially for a visit by the pope — a mansion the pope refused to use because it was too lavish.

"He's got a lot of facilities that are not necessarily beneficial to the people," said Vernal's brother Olan, a one-time supporter of Marcos.

"I believed in him myself. I believed that he could have had the chance of leading us to a better life."

Other extravagant buildings mentioned include a mountain mansion that was never used because running water could not be piped up to it and a mecca built exclusively for the wedding of a Marcos daughter.

Teresita Grabato, a local physician, said the Marcoses' obsession with appearances sometimes bordered on the absurd. Whenever dignitaries would visit, she said, freshly-painted temporary walls would be set up to hide slum areas and plants would be re-planted along the visitor's route to create the impression of a tropical paradise.

"It's really outrageous. All the expenses they used to create this facade is really abhorrent, knowing how many people are without food," she said. "They spend money for appearances but not for the people."

Al Domingo, a former em-

ployee of the Philippine Central Bank, said, "We were paid to attend his rallies."

Government workers were given the day off from work, 30 pesos and pro-Marcos t-shirts to attend and cheer the president in what Domingo called "mostly bullshit rallies."

Glenda Guerrero, who recently returned from the Philippines and was there during elections, disagreed with much of the criticism leveled at the former leader. She said her father represents 4,000 farmers, "the poorest of the poor," in the Ilocos region (Marcos' home region) and those farmers received aid from the Marcos regime.

"Marcos released them from the bondage of the soil," she said. "At that point, Marcos is the liberator of the poor."

Guerrero, who was a civilian nurse in an armed forces medical center, said the Philippine people benefited from such Marcos projects as the Heart Center for Asia. Social welfare programs made medical treatment accessible to the poor, she said.

As for Mrs. Marcos' now-famous shoe collection, Guerrero said many were gifts, probably from shoe manufacturers to her as a First Lady and former beauty queen.

"She's a person who never throws anything away," Guerrero said.

She conceded the Marcoses were extravagant but added that

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DAILY RECORD

service tomorrow

CARLTON, Sarah Raye - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Amarillo.
BOWEN, Louise - 11 a.m., Church of Christ, Stinnett.

obituaries

JAMES CLAUDE BOHANAN
Services for James Claude Bohanan, 63, of Lefors will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Carl Neal, pastor of River Road Baptist Church in Amarillo, assisted by Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
Mr. Bohanan died Monday.
He moved to Lefors in 1972 from Pampa. He married Faye Merrell on June 19, 1970, at Amarillo. He was a welder for more than 30 years, retiring in 1984. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Faye, of the home; two daughters, Michelle Bohanan, of the home, and Delores Danner, Amarillo; six sons, Randy Merrell, of the home, Tommy Merrell, Austin, John Dunn, Pampa, David Dunn, Duncannonville; Jerry Dunn, Billerece, Mass., and Bobby Dunn, Odessa; four sisters, Bernice Parker and Edith Lue Allen, both of Austin, Faye Zenobia Barrier, Brownwood, and Marion Bohanan, Stanton; a brother, Oliver Bohanan, San Antonio; and 12 grandchildren.

BERTHA CHRISTINE TEAGUE
Graveside services for Bertha Christine Teague, 48, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors with J. M. Gillpatrick, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Teague died Sunday.
She was born and raised in Pampa.
Survivors include her husband, Bob Teague, Pampa; three sons, Odath Reed, Clayton Reed and Anthony Reed, all of Pampa; a sister, Ruby McCain, Pampa; and three grandchildren.

ROSA BELLE COOMBES
Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors for Rosa Belle Coombes, 90, who died today.
Mrs. Coombes moved to Pampa in 1929 from Jayton. She married Leslie K. Coombes on May 24, 1913, at Jayton; he died in 1971. She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a son, H. T. Coombes, in 1975.

Survivors include two sons, L. J. Coombes, Abernathy, and A. P. Coombes, Pampa; a daughter, Kay Smithers, Pampa; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

SARAH RAYE CARLTON
AMARILLO - Services for Sarah Raye Carlton, 83, of Amarillo, sister of a Pampa resident, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Amarillo First Baptist Church with Dr. Winfred Moore, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel.
Mrs. Carlton died Sunday.
Survivors include a daughter, two sisters, three brothers, including Wade Cade of Pampa; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

court report

PAMPA MUNICIPAL COURT
Steve Anger was fined \$105 for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Kim Fuller was fined \$100 for dog at large and no rabies tag; two charges of failure to appear were dismissed.

June Kelp forfeited bond of \$34 for speeding. A charge of no rabies tag against Danny Kohler was dismissed; a charge of dog at large was continued.

Richard Ratliff will take a defensive driving course on a charge of failure to pass to the right safely.

Johnny Sanders forfeited bond of \$30 for speeding.
Billy Bybee gave notice of appeal on a charge of running a stop sign.

Gerald Williamson gave notice of appeal on a charge of speeding.
A charge of public intoxication against Paul Musgrave was dismissed.

A charge of exhibition of acceleration against Danny Walker was dismissed because it was taken into consideration during the punishment phase of a charge in county court.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa:
Wheat 2.57
Milo 4.90
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation:
Damon Oil 2 1/4
Ky Cent Life 58 1/2
Serfco 3 1/2
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:
Amoco 29 1/2
Cabot 28 1/2

Celanese 208 1/2
DIA 12 1/2
Halliburton 22 1/2
HCA 40 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand 65 1/2
Enron 35 1/2
Kerr-McGee 29 1/2
Mobil 29 1/2
Penny's 7 1/2
Phillips 19 1/2
PNA 20 1/2
SNJ 30 1/2
Tenneco 37 1/2
Texasco 32 1/2
Zales 34 1/2
London Gold 344.15
Silver 5.12

FLYING ANTS, Termites and Obscene crawlers got you bugged? Gary's Pest Control, 665-7384. Adv.

ATTENTION POTTERS! 1 Shimpo potters wheel RK10, Hi-fi clay, Porcelain clay, rari. Potters tools of all kinds, on sale! Ace Ceramics and Pottery, 541 S. Barnes, Pampa. Adv.

JIM AND Robbie Pepper of Pampa are the proud parents of a daughter, Stacy Lynn, born April 17. Grandparents are Floyd and Liz Pepper of Pampa and Dick and Norma Hawkins of Arkansas City, Kansas.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
Cecil Bailey, Wheeler
Christopher Bengel, Higgins
Darrin Clendennen, Pampa
Belle Embry, Midwest City, Okla.
Stella Everett, Pampa
Harry Jackson, Borger
Ira Jones, Pampa
Ricky Knight, Pampa
Darrell Kyle, Pampa
Laura Lane, Pampa
Angela Mitchell, Pampa
Emett McCathern, Lefors
Ruth Reeves, Mooreland, Okla.
Oliver Trimble, Wheeler
Yolanda Wilson, Pampa

Dismissals
Laura Ballard, White Deer
Calvin Barbaree, Pampa
Christopher Cash, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Hattie Lee, Wheeler
Mildred Simpson, Wheeler
Eileen Jones, Wheeler
Robert Ellison, Shamrock
Nancy Clymer, Wheeler
Barbara Weldon, Shamrock
Jajune Alexander, Wheeler

Denzil Cates, Elmwood, Okla.
Laura Covalt and infant, Pampa
Billy Fields, Groom
Thomas Holloway, Pampa
Clyde Medkeif, Pampa
Darlene Reed, Panhandle
Betty Stout, Pampa
Clemmie Tackett, Pampa
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police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, April 21
Theft of a telephone was reported from a room at the Ranch House Motel, 720 Frederic. Estimated loss was less than \$20.

Theft of signs belonging to Associated Properties, 1224 N. Hobart, was reported at 1824 Christine and 2301 Mary Ellen.

Shoplifting was reported at Randy's Food Store No. 2, 300 E. Brown.
William John Coutier III, 628 Hazel, reported a burglary at the address.

TUESDAY, April 22
A driving while intoxicated and driving with license suspended suspect was reported at the intersection of Christy and Gwendolyn.

Suspected violation of narcotic drug laws (marijuana) was reported at 1105 Juniper.

Arrests-City Jail
MONDAY, April 21
Scott Alan Andrew, 24, 2514 Evergreen, was arrested at 300 E. Brown on a charge of theft less than \$5. Andrew was released on a \$30 cash bond.

TUESDAY, April 22
Kerry Dean Braddock, 27, 618 N. Christy, was arrested at the intersection of Christy and Gwendolyn on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving with license suspended and traffic offenses.

James D. Reed, 19, 1105 Juniper, was arrested at the address on a charge of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Arrests-County Jail
Scott Edward Creed, Darouzett, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single lane.

Werner Hans Brantwein, White Deer, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving on the wrong side of the road and violation of drivers license restriction code A (corrective lenses).

Joe Louis Martinez, 1032 Neel, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, no drivers license and failure to maintain a single lane.

William Michael Melear, 1101 E. Kingsmill, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single lane.

Franklin Joseph Bridgeman, 2219 N. Nelson, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, April 21
A 1977 Ford, driven by Fredrico Macias Ambriz, 414 N. Gray, and a 1982 GMC, driven by Roy Wann Cook, 221 Lefors, collided in the 100 block of West Atchison. No injuries were reported. Ambriz was cited for backing unsafely and no commercial operators license when required.

A 1963 Pontiac, driven by Wilbur Killebrew, Houston, and a 1980 AMC, driven by Paula Ramirez, Route 2, Box 75-G, collided at 400 W. Francis. No injuries were reported. Killebrew was cited for disobeying a traffic signal.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fire runs in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Prisoner dampens police spirits
Pampa police officers probably wish they'd worn their gasholes to work this morning.

Most of them had to slosh to their offices through water that covered most of the police headquarters floor after a city jail inmate allegedly stuffed paper down a toilet and turned the water on, flooding the department.

Sgt. Charlie Love said he left to take some papers to the garage at about 7 a.m. and when he returned, the department floor was flooded.

"It must've opened the floodgates because at 7 there wasn't a drop out here," Love said.

Police Chief J. J. Ryzman complained of cold and wet feet by 8:30 a.m., thanks to the flood coupled with a hole in one of his shoes. The chief said it did not take too much detective work to locate the alleged perpetrator since Love followed the trail of water to the "drunk tank," where there was only one prisoner.

Standing accused is James D. Reed, 19, 1105 Juniper, who was arrested earlier this morning on charges of possessing less than two ounces of marijuana. Ryzman, damp socks obviously foremost in his mind, said criminal mischief charges were being prepared against Reed in connection with the flood.

Celebration a success

Valedictorian Carol Morgan, flutist Katrina Hildebrandt, old time piano playing by Kathleen Anderson and the Jack Shelby fiddlers. Other Heritage Room performers included the teen-age Midnight Image country-western band, Polish folk dances by students of Linda Germany's School of Dance in White Deer and Jeanne Willingham's Little Texas Darlings.

The Heritage Room festivities were capped by a fashion show depicting seven generations of Gray County fashions. The fashion show was presented by Bette Bates and Jo Anne Arasim.

Decorations from Saturday's Cadillac Ball still festooned the Heritage Room and parts of the foyer. Victorian-style red lights hung from the ceiling and maps of Texas — dominated by big Yellow Roses — lined the walls. One Texas map was hung backwards, prompting Heritage room diners to remark: "The West Texas wind flipped it over." "That's a Texas Aggie Texas."

The foyer was packed with other historic displays. Jennifer Rapstine of White Deer carefully applied hot dye to eggs as she demonstrated intricate Slavic egg decorating.

Phoebe Reynolds of Canadian showed that even pioneer Panhandle women cared for culture through her display of paintings done by women in early day Canadian, Miami and Pampa. Maxine Hageman mixed water and bacon grease with Drano to make lye soap. Theresa Maness watched as people tried their hand at tole painting.

Girl Scouts were in abundance at the celebration, handing out facts about Texas and candles from the Texas Birthday Cake, showing Texas flags and Indian dwellings and helping other children weave baskets.

Outside, David Bailey presented a living history portrayal of buffalo hunting. Otto Mangold showed off his chuck wagon and C.T. Rasco, his buggy, and Gordon Taylor gave buggy rides. Thunder IV, a hefty buffalo, was brought in by West Texas State University Herdsmen. Members of the High Plains Bagpipers of Amarillo marched across the parking lot at 5 p.m.

The Taste of Texas Barbecue tempted more than 1,650 diners to the Heritage Room at 5 p.m. Cobb Britten of Groom prepared the barbecue beef.

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A pageant saluting Gray County history capped the day's festivities. Produced by Area Community Theater Inc., the pageant featured portrayals of historic Gray County characters, including a portrayal of a young bride who later became Joe Shelton's mother, a buffalo hunter and a soldier from Fort Elliott. The play also included vignettes of Gray County history, the first election and early oil activity, spliced between skits of their modern-day counterparts.

Among the performers in the pageant were Pampa High School principal Oren Chapel, City Manager Bob Hart, Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, Pampa Police Sergeant Ken Neal, First Christian Church pastor Rev. Bill Boswell, the PHS Show Choir, the PHS Stage Band and the Amarillo Cloggers.

The pageant also featured a choir of Gray County fourth graders, under the direction of Wanetta Hill.

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Filipinos comment

was their right as heads of state. "While I was eating dried fish, they were eating caviar," Olan Vernal challenged.

"She's entitled to eat caviar. She's the wife of the president of the Philippines," replied Guerrero.

Guerrero blames the Marcos downfall on officials in the Marcos regime.

"It's Marcos' people that abused his power," she said. "That's why he's destroyed."

Vernal admitted Marcos may have done the country some good during his early years but the economy deteriorated after that. The actions of the past few years erased the good Marcos may have done, he said.

"In other words, he just blew it," he said.

He spoke of a unique element of the Philippine culture, called "utang na loob," which constitutes an indebtedness for favor and which Marcos used to his advantage when making political appointments. Appointees could not challenge Marcos if they wanted to, he said, making the president free to issue decrees "with the stroke of a pen" and guaranteeing the continuation of the Marcos regime.

Grabato said Marcos capitalized on Western fears about communism to silence his critics and the press, justify martial law, forestall free elections and further his own "vision of being a dictator." She accused him of infiltrating communist meetings with his own people and spearheading bombing missions to this end.

"We cannot deny there was communism in the Philippines but it was just localized to a few provinces," she said.

Fred Vernal said Marcos was unwittingly the communists' "most successful recruiter." He said Marcos drove many Filipinos into communism by his system of land reform that gave land not to the people that worked it but to Marcos political cronies.

Grabato's husband Rene, also a Pampa physician, said it may take some time for the Philippine economy to recover from Marcos' "plundering." He said per capita income was one of the highest in Southeast Asia when Marcos came to power.

Grabato said he is relieved it did not take a bloody revolution to oust Marcos but added: "It's time for change. I'd like our country to be democratic instead of a dictatorship."

Guerrero said she is not confident of the executive prowess of Marcos' successor, Corazon Aquino. She said Aquino was not

even able to say at first what kind of government she will establish: democratic, de facto or revolutionary.

"What does she know at all?" Guerrero asked. "She's not even a civil servant."

Asked if Aquino can restore democracy to the Philippines, Olan Vernal could express only hope that she will.

"I hope she does, that's all I can say. I guess she's the only hope," he said. But, he added: "I'd rather have a dumb president than a wise one who would steal from my pocket."

Schlumberger profits off sharply

By The Associated Press

The nation's biggest oilfield services company, Schlumberger Ltd., reported its first-quarter profit dropped 51 percent from a year ago because of a general decline in business.

For the same period, Amoco Corp., the nation's fifth-largest oil concern, said Monday it posted a drop of 30 percent, attributing it to plummeting oil prices.

Bucking the trend, Ashland Oil Co., the 14th-largest oil company, said its profit for its latest quarter more than doubled.

New York-based Schlumberger said its first-quarter net income came to \$148 million, or 51 cents a share, compared with \$303.5 million, or \$1.01 a share, a year earlier.

Schlumberger's revenue fell 5.9 percent to \$1.59 billion from \$1.69 billion.

Chairman Michel Vaillaud said the drop in net income was due primarily to a general decline in oilfield services activity and to continuing losses at its Fairchild Semiconductor unit.

Amoco, which is based in Chicago, said its net earnings for the three months ended March 31 came to \$331 million, or \$1.28 a share, compared with \$473 million, or \$1.76 a share, in the same

period a year ago.

Amoco's revenue fell 15.7 percent to \$5.9 billion from \$7 billion.

Richard M. Morrow, chairman and chief executive officer, said the erosion in earnings was due to the plummeting price of crude oil and a decline in the volume of petroleum sales.

However, he said, higher profits from chemical operations and improved results for refining, marketing and transportation operations helped boost earnings.

Warren Shimmerlik, an oil industry analyst in New York with Merrill Lynch & Co., said Amoco's performance was expected.

Shimmerlik noted that the price of crude oil is about half what it was at the start of the quarter.

"For a company to be able to get through that in decent shape is a tribute to the long-term management," he said. "Not many of us could survive that kind of a haircut."

Ashland Oil Inc., with headquarters in Ashland, Ky., said net income for its fiscal second quarter ended March 31 came to \$39 million, or \$1.12 a share, compared with \$14 million, or 22 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

Ashland's revenue was flat at \$1.8 billion.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and warmer Wednesday with the highs in the 80s; lows tonight in the 50s. Southerly winds at 15-25 mph. High Monday, 73; low today, 48.

REGIONAL FORECAST

NORTH TEXAS: Mostly clear and sunny. Lows tonight in the upper 40s east to lower 60s southwest. Highs Wednesday in the mid 70s northeast to upper 80s southwest.

SOUTH TEXAS: Fair and cool tonight with lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Partly cloudy and continued warm Wednesday with highs in the 80s.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer most sections Wednesday. Lows tonight 50 north and mountains to 60 south. Highs Wednesday mid 80s north and far west to 90 south except 80 southwest mountains and near 100 Big Bend.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday Through Saturday

North Texas- A chance of thunderstorms west Friday and Saturday, otherwise partly cloudy, warm and humid. Lows mostly 60s. Highs mostly 80s.

West Texas- Mostly fair skies with temperatures continuing above seasonal nor-

mals. Panhandle lows in the low 50s. Highs in near 80. South Plains lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s. Permian Basin lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Concho Valley lows near 60. Highs near 90. Far west lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the mid 80s. Big Bend lows around 60. 50s mountains. Highs in the mid 90s low valleys and 80s mountains.

South Texas- Considerable late night and morning cloudiness with partly cloudy and warm afternoons. Lows 60s

north to 70s south. Highs from 80s north to 90s inland south.

BORDER STATES

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NEW MEXICO: Isolated showers tonight in the mountains. Partly cloudy Wednesday with widely scattered showers statewide. Lows tonight in the 30s and 40s over the mountains and northwest, 40s and 50s east and south. Highs Wednesday in the 70s and 80s.

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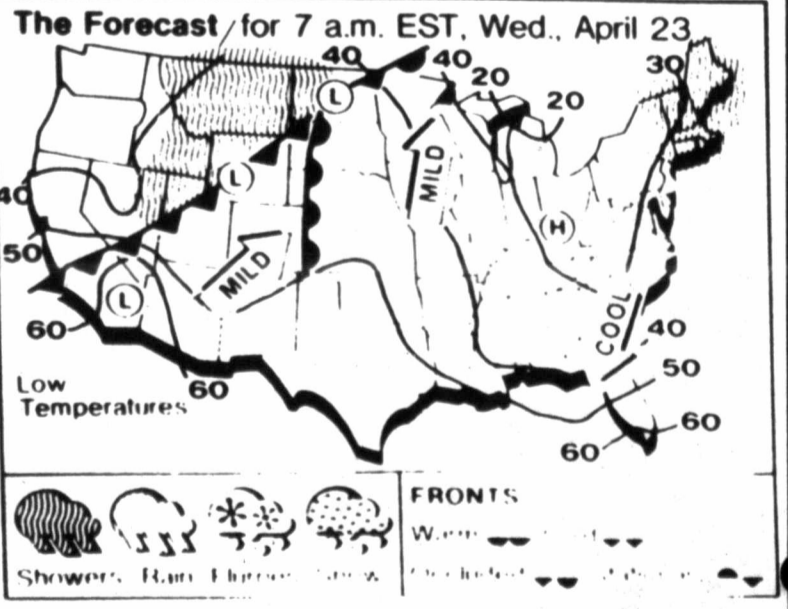
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Lawmakers worry about insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers' concern about taxes and spending in 1987 will be followed closely by their worries over proposed insurance-law changes, top spokesmen for statewide consumer groups say.

Soaring prices of sometimes scarce liability insurance has forced the insurance "crisis" to the second position on the issues ballot, the consumers' association officials said Monday.

But "questions about the growing costs and availability of insurance should not result in solutions which deprive consumers of important rights and put profits before human health and safety," Carol Barger, Southwest director of the Consumers Union, told a news conference.

"Simply accepting the rhetoric of the industry, that an increase in lawsuits is causing the problem, will not only leave us in the

same bind, it could seriously limit some of the major court protections many consumers need," said Rebecca Lightsey, representing the Alliance for Legal and Insurance Equity.

A House-Senate committee had been holding hearings for several months on insurance problems before making recommendations to the 1987 session.

"We have indications that this committee is looking seriously at recommending limitation of consumer rights in liability litigation," Ms. Barger said.

"We know the insurance lobby is lined up to try to limit liability (damages that may be recovered in court suits)," said Ms. Lightsey. "They claim the so-called crisis is caused by too many suits being filed, but we can find no statistics to back up their claims."

Ms. Barger said another important issue faced by legislators are proposals to dereg-

ulate banking and allow interstate operation of banks.

She said Consumers Union was not against interstate banking, "but we want stronger disclosure laws and more safeguards to provide more protection for the average customer, particularly the low-income customer."

Another issue that will require continued vigilance by consumers in 1987 will be protecting homes from foreclosure through proposed mortgage law changes, Ms. Lightsey said.

"With Texas on the verge of a depression, changing the law to encumber a family's homestead would place too many homes in the clutches of opportunistic lenders," she said.

An effort to allow paid-off portions of homesteads to be placed under a second mortgage failed during the 1985 legislative session.

Board to consider cuts in college construction

AUSTIN (AP) — More than \$86 million in proposed construction projects at the state's colleges and universities would be blocked under a resolution to be considered Friday by the board that regulates higher education.

New construction would be halted for more than a year under the proposal if it win support from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Gov. Mark White's request that state agencies trim expenditures by 13 percent because of the decreasing oil revenues prompted the resolution, said Ray Clymer, chairman of the board's campus planning committee.

"It's just prudent business for us to hold up for a few months until the Legislature can charge what route we ought to be taking," Clymer said Monday.

Under the proposal, considera-

tion of new construction on the campuses would be delayed until after the next meeting of the Legislature in 1987. Clymer said emergency construction would be allowed.

Schools now requesting approval of new construction include Texas Tech, Southwest Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M, Texas A&I and the University of Houston. Even schools with private fund-

ing will be prevented from building because of the increased cost of maintenance, Clymer said.

State records show that during the past five years, utility bills at state colleges and universities have increased from \$77 million to \$173 million. The cost per student increased from \$293 to \$646.

The resolution directs school officials to spend available funds on completing repair and renovation projects.

Baptist says gambling isn't the way for officials to solve state's budget crisis

By The Associated Press

Legalized gambling would be an immoral legislative response to the projected shortfall in state revenue, an associate of a Texas Baptist organization says.

"All issues ultimately are moral if you look deep enough," Weston Ware, an associate with the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said Monday. "It is a moral issue if the state chooses to make victims out of its citizens."

Ware was speaking in Beaumont to leaders of the Golden Triangle Baptist Association, summarizing the work of the

commission in the 69th Legislature in 1985 and what legislators might propose in 1987.

The Christian Life Commission is the public policy agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Ware said, adding that the agency chooses the issues on the basis of public policies good for all Texans.

"Texas is facing a \$1.3 billion shortfall in this biennium," he said, and some economic forecasters have said that the state could fall \$2 billion to \$4 billion short in the biennium after that.

"Therefore, there will be great pressure on legislators to secure funds in any way possible," he

said.

But legalized pari-mutuel gambling and a state lottery would lead to more compulsive gamblers, an increase in organized crime and a diminished respect for the law, Ware said.

"The state becomes a super-bookie," he said.

In other political developments Monday, GOP gubernatorial candidate Kent Hance resurrected the issue that he used in the race for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination in 1984 with a new television ad pledging to combat illegal immigration.

The commercial will be featured in 16 markets as Hance's campaign spends more than \$550,000 on television ads between now and the May 3 primary, campaign officials said.

"It's time to draw the line at the border on illegal aliens," Hance says in the ad. "As governor, I'll fight illegal immigration and I'll protect our Texas border."

The ad says illegal aliens are

taking Texans' jobs, crowding schools, driving up crime rates and raising taxes.

In 1984, when Hance was engaged in a three-way race for the Democratic Senate nomination, he earned a spot in the runoff election after keying on illegal immigration during the last three weeks of the campaign.

Hance ultimately lost to former state Sen. Lloyd Doggett, and he switched parties in 1985. Recent opinion polls show him running even with Rep. Tom Loeffler, but both men trail former Gov. Bill Clements among Texans who say they plan to vote in the GOP primary.

Nelson said Hance also will air a new ad keying on unemployment and the oil price slide.

Hance's campaign will spend a total of about \$1 million on TV ads before the primary election, Nelson said. A week of ads aired in March, and a three-week blitz leading up to the primary currently is underway, he said.

One killed in explosion after accident

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A pickup truck slammed into a gasoline tanker on a highway in far east Fort Worth, touching off a flaming explosion and burning the pickup driver beyond recognition.

The accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. Monday on Farm-to-Market Road 157, north of Arlington at the intersection of Calloway Cemetery Road.

Officials said the tanker truck had just filled up with 8,200 gallons of gasoline at a Phillips Petroleum Co. storage facility and was turning south onto FM 157 when the north-bound pickup ran beneath the tanker rig, officials said.

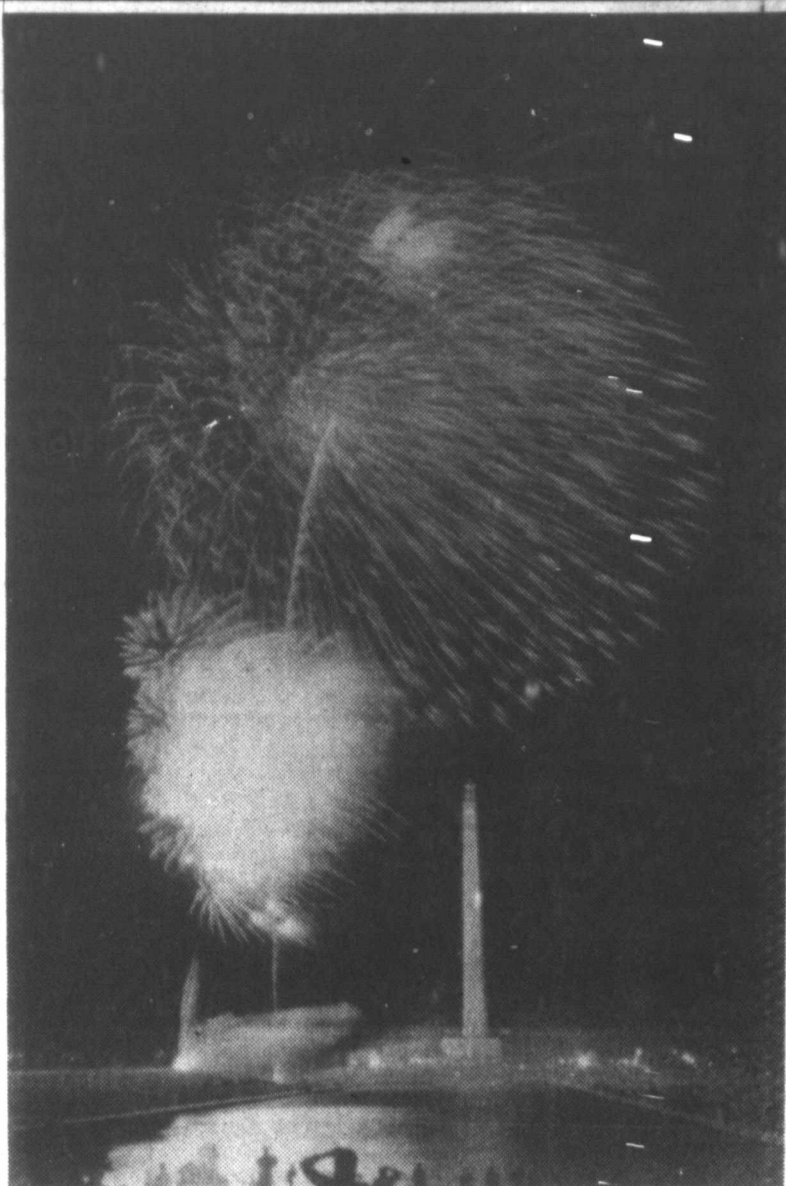
The collision caused the tanker

to explode, sending sheets of flame and a plume of black smoke that was visible for miles, authorities said.

The driver of the pickup, a compact Chevrolet, "was burned so badly you can't tell if it's male or female," said Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Tommy Ryan.

The tanker driver, Cellos J. Anderson Jr., of Fort Worth, escaped with minor injuries but "he's pretty rattled," a firefighter said.

Foam trucks from the Fort Worth Fire Department and the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport were dispatched, and some of the roaring flames were doused with foam, officials said.



STAR OF LIGHT — The sky above the San Jacinto Monument is ablaze with color during the 18-minute fireworks display marking the 150th anniversary of Texas' victory over the Mexican army on the site. The celebration of independence was shared in nine other Texas cities holding simultaneous fireworks displays. (AP Laserphoto)

Thousands gather for two-day celebration

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK, Texas (AP) — About 100,000 people trooped to the San Jacinto Battleground over two days to join the festivities commemorating the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico.

More than 21,000 people attended an afternoon ceremony Monday led by Vice President George Bush and Gov. Mark White. Standing in the shadow of the San Jacinto monument, they bowed their heads in tribute to the heroes who fought for freedom on the same land 150 years ago.

"Freedom — that was what it was all about — freedom," said former congresswoman Barbara Jordan. "The battle marked the ending of an era of repression, and the beginning of a new friendship between Texans and Mexicans."

In 18 minutes the battle on April 21, 1836, was over. Gen. Sam Houston's troops had defeated the forces led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna — securing Texas' independence from Mexico. The fireworks Monday evening, culminating the end of the two-day party, also lasted 18 minutes.

The "Star of Light" fireworks display above the monument took place while simultaneous fireworks flared in Austin, Corpus Christi, Waco, Dallas, Lubbock, El Paso, Longview, Beaumont

and Brownsville. "It's a proud day to be a Texan," Bush said. "Today we remember when 150 years ago, 83 men in Sam Houston's army charged across the open field at San Jacinto and charged into his tory."

Bush also honored present-day heroes Chris Sweet and Gilbert Chavez — the men who dove into Houston's Buffalo Bayou on Friday and rescued children who were allegedly thrown into the water by their mother. Two of the children have since died.

The vice president told the crowd that the fight for freedom continues. Comparing the battle against Santa Anna to the struggle to stop terrorism, Bush said U.S. citizens must have the "courage and the will to win."

"Today I'm very pleased to announce that next October the U.S. Navy will christen a brand new San Jacinto," Bush said adding the Aegis cruiser will join the Navy fleet in January 1988. A 21-gun salute was fired at Texas Air National Guard jet flew in the missing man formation over the monument during the sunny afternoon ceremony. Afterward, cannon blasts echoed through the park as thousands of balloons were released into the blue sky.

White laid a wreath at one end of the monument, which on one side was draped with a huge flag that had a white "Lone Star."



Off beat

By Cathy Spaulding

Recorded for posterity

Yes, that was a picture of me on the front page of the paper Sunday, and I hope I never have to go through that again.

See, I was in the Pampa Sesquicentennial Show Monday and I played a pioneer woman who was talking about how hard life is in the eastern Panhandle, where there isn't even a Red Lobster or a Wendy's. The editor needed a local Sesquicentennial picture for the paper and the play director obliged by having cast members pose in costume. Since I was one of the few cast members in costume, I was plunked into position before I could protest.

The trouble is, having newspaper staff members pose for such photos does not jive with our policy against self-promotion. After all, there are hundreds of young ladies in Pampa who could have posed for that picture without having me do it. As a result, the boss didn't exactly stand up and give me a hug for posing for the picture.

But that was not the main reason I detested having my picture made. Just look at it. I'm so skinny. My nose is too big. My mouth just hangs open, making me look like an embicile. And there's that horrible overbite that thousands of dollars of orthodontia didn't correct.

I could just see it now. One look at the front page and my mug ends up as a training target for somebody's new puppy.

Still, the whole experience has given me an insight into why most of us don't like to have our pictures taken. Photographers hear the excuses all the time:

"Oh, do I have to be in the picture?"
 "They always make my mouth-nose-eyes-ears-teeth too big."
 "I just don't take good pictures."
 "I'm going to look just awful."

The photographers brush off the comments with "don't worry about it, you look fine."

And the subjects usually do look fine. It's just that, in our own mind's eye, we'd like to see ourselves as looking better.

Vanity. That's what it amounts to. Our reaction to our own picture is similar to our reaction when we hear our own voices on tape. It just doesn't sound the same. When we talk, we hear the sounds inside our heads. The voice vibrations don't come in through our ears' canals and hit our ear drums or cochleas the same way it hits other people's.

The voice I hear on tape or in an echo seems more low-pitched than the voice I hear bouncing around inside my skull. My "real" voice sounds like I'm stumbling over my words, as if my tongue is too big for my mouth. Everyone else's voice sounds just right, why does the tape recorder have to change my voice? It's a wonder I was even accepted into speech class or in the school choir with a voice like that.

Vocal vanity. Or is it?

When we see our own pictures or hear our own voices, we hardly ever blame the photographer or the recorder. Instead we blame ourselves because we really don't think we look or sound or walk or act as good as we'd like to look. We know it, but we don't want anyone else to know it. And we certainly don't want a picture or a tape recorder to prove it to anybody.

We just don't want to record our insecurity for posterity.

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

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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Conspiracy against consumer continues

A \$100-million class-action lawsuit accusing three major grocery chains of conspiring to raise milk prices collapsed recently amid an admission from one of the plaintiffs' lawyers that "We did not have definite proof that they were, in fact, guilty. Probably it (the conspiracy) didn't exist."

How odd it is that an unprovable allegation of a conspiracy among business firms to artificially inflate milk prices can lead to such sound, fury and litigation, whereas an utterly provable, open and successful conspiracy by the government to do the same thing elicits mostly yawns and murmurs that you can't fight city hall.

Dairy price supports, paid for with money extracted forcibly from U.S. taxpayers, have stimulated the production of more dairy products than would be likely in a free market for decades. Prices of dairy products (and revenues of big dairy farmers) have been kept artificially high through the promise of government to purchase enough "surplus" products to manipulate prices — again at taxpayer expense. One result, of course, is that dairy products cost more than they would without government interference, a circumstance that most directly injures low-income Americans.

The latest twist in this bizarre program is that the government wants to subsidize the slaughter of nearly a million dairy cows — to "stabilize the market" — after cruelly branding the cows on the face so no "mistakes" whereby they might escape slaughter, will be permitted to occur. Government programs, of course, destabilized the market in the first place, and cattle-men and now complaining — justifiably so — that the dairy cow slaughter will destabilize the beef market.

Thus the familiar pattern: one government program distorts one section of the market, "requiring" another government program to "correct" the first distortion, but leading inevitably to yet another distortion. And taxpayers pay the bills for the whole charade while consumers pay artificially high prices.

Where's the bright, ambitious lawyer who will file suit to overturn this conspiracy against consumers?

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City claims another victim

NEW YORK — She wrote in the copybook that she hoped the top door was open. Then she walked down the five flights of stairs and went across the street to the 14-story public housing building and took the elevator to the top. The door to the roof was open. She walked out to the railing and looked down at the rectangular plot of grass running alongside the building. Her name was Valeria Polasek and, at 39, she felt her life was in shreds. She jumped into the spring air and made no sound until she hit the grass.

That she could loathe life this much said everything about life in the city of New York at this time. There are streets of gold and when the gold ends, so many alleys of agony begin. Civic duty consists only of polishing the gold.

On 112th Street in East Harlem yesterday, the poor gathered to look at the dead body in the afternoon. Children from Our Lady Queen of Angels School, which is the next building, ran out and lined the chain-link fence. The smallest ones stood on playground climbing bars so they could see.

On the other side of the street, a man Valeria lived with off and on, Samuel Rosario, 48, was walking to the barbershop. He stopped to look at the crowd.

Tito, the superintendent of Rosario's building, came running across the street to him. "That's Valeria," he said.

"How do you know?" Rosario said.
"I looked."

Tito led Rosario across the street and onto the grass plot. A cop stood by the body, which had a white cloth over the face. He pulled the white cloth off the face and Rosario looked. Valeria's

dead face was placid. Rosario said nothing. He stood with Tito and watched the cop cover the face again.

Now, Rosario and Tito walked slowly away from the body and back across the street and went up the five flights to Rosario's apartment. A Catholic priest, the Rev. Raymond Hand, now walked in.

"Why did she go across the street to jump?" Rosario was asked.

"Because of this," Rosario said. He went to the Kitchen and thumped a crossbar. "She could not do it from here."

"When was she here last?" Rosario was asked.

"She was not here Saturday night. I don't know where she went. She was here yesterday. She was going to the clinic."

"Four times I gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation right here on this floor," Tito said.

"What was the matter with her?"

"She went to the methadone clinic," Rosario said.

"An addict?" Tito shrugged. "Around here? Around here all you have is drugs."

"All they do for her is give her pills," Rosario said. "They give her pills and tell her to go home. That is how they treat you at a clinic."

Now a woman, Helen Hernandez, came in, speaking excitedly. She said she would stay with Rosario. The priest went back to the street with Tito. The body still had not been moved and the crowd now was larger.

"See up there?" Tito said. He pointed across to a high floor of the project. "The windows covered with white? That's where it comes

from. I tell everybody, the police, the narcotics, the housing police. Nobody does anything. They sell all over the street."

"They're right next to the school," I said to Tito. The kids from Our Lady Queen of Angels School now were packed against the fence so they could see the body.

"What do they care, schoolkids?" Tito said. "You should see it here on lunch break. They go in there and they sell to anybody. They sell to the kids; what do they care? They sell to the priests if they could."

Tito and Father Hand talked about funeral services while they waited for the ambulance to come and take the body away. They were standing on an empty lot that ran up the backs of house on the next street. The priest said that the lot and the houses were owned by the city and he was trying to get somebody in government interested in building on the lot and rehabilitating the houses, but nothing ever happens. "Nobody in this city is interested in the poor," he said. "There is no heart left in this city. Only money."

Earlier yesterday, I had been looking at papers dealing with a housing discussion in the city, in which a builder had given \$130,000 to politicians, and all involved say the \$130,000 most certainly wasn't a bribe and that all involved are honest, and therefore city land on the golden West Side goes into ugly brick boxes that bring riches to developers. This is the business of city government at this time.

The business of the poor is to stand on 112th Street and stare at the body of Valeria Polasek, a victim of her city, who ended her young life on a spring day when she was supposed to hope, but could not.

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"WHEN THE COLONEL SAID WE WERE PREPARED TO DIE, HE LEFT HIMSELF WIDE OPEN!"



Lewis Grizzard

You might want to stay

MAUI, Hawaii — Many Americans currently are trying to decide where to take their next vacation since Europe is now out.

If you go to Europe, there is the distinct possibility you could become the target of a terrorist attack.

Nothing can turn a vacation into a nightmare faster than a terrorist attack — not even losing your Travelers' Checks or having an emergency root canal by an Italian dentist can compare.

Allow me to suggest taking your next vacation in Hawaii. That is exactly what many of your fellow American travelers are going to do and is what I am doing.

As the captain of the sailboat I chartered for four hours here in Maui said, "We're looking forward to our busiest summer in years. Who is brave enough to go anywhere outside the United States any more?"

If you already have been to Hawaii, go back. The scenery is still there, the lovely weather is still intact and the rate airlines are charging these days, you likely can get a fare about the same as what Greyhound charges between Bucksnort, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky.

If you've never been to Hawaii, you owe it to yourself to go. It is one of God's greatest efforts. I honestly would like to stay here and start a new life for myself as a cabana boy at one of the pools (You make \$25 a day and all the bikinis you can see, but I have to go home soon to check on my dogs.)

In the remaining space, I would like to give you a few impressions from my vacation in Hawaii. Use this as a guide when you book your trip.

1. Don't waste much time in Honolulu. Honolulu is a big city with lots of traffic. Go to Maui. It's a 20-minute flight. Maui is where people are sent when heaven is overbooked.

2. Do stay in Honolulu long enough to visit Pearl Harbor. While visiting, if 3,000 or 4,000 Japanese tourists show up with cameras, stick your tongue out at them and tell them to take a picture of that.

3. If you are visiting Maui and somebody tries to sell you tickets aboard the "Windjammer" for a "sunset dinner cruise" at \$150 for four, don't go. The alleged open bar is a bunch of fruit punch, you have to eat your prime rib off your lap, the baked potato will fall on the deck and a lot of fat women will get up and try to learn how to hula.

4. There is a place on Maui that delivers X-rated movies and a VCR. I certainly didn't take part in such a thing, but I thought you would like to know about it.

5. Do not change your watch while in Hawaii. There's a five-hour difference with the East Coast and if you don't change your watch, you won't feel guilty about having your first drink at 9 a.m.

6. Go to the Hyatt in Maui for breakfast. There is a bird in a cage there that can "meow" just like a cat, the food is tremendous and no fat ladies try to learn to hula while you're eating.

7. Take your golf clubs. The wind blows very hard on Maui and when it's behind you, you can hit a 9-iron as far as you usually hit your 4-iron. Refrain from standing near cliffs.

8. Charter a sailboat and go look for whales. Learn to scuba dive. Buy some Maui potato chips. Gorge yourself on fresh pineapple. Get a tan. Find your dogs a good new home before you leave, just in case.

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Reagan wants to take up the Libya issue at Tokyo summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says he "can't see any justification" for France's refusal to permit U.S. warplanes to fly over French territory en route to Libya but hopes to discuss the issue at the Tokyo summit next month "to see what we can work out together."

Reagan's harsh criticism followed reports that French President Francois Mitterrand told a U.S. envoy he would support the U.S. attack only if it were strong enough to be aimed at overthrowing Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy.

Without naming Mitterrand, Reagan said some U.S. allies suggested a coordinated, "all-out" attack to force a change in Khadafy's policy of encouraging and aiding international terrorism.

In an interview with The Associated Press and other news agencies Monday, the president said the suggestions were "that we look seriously together at real major action" against Libya.

Published reports have said Ambassador Vernon Walters brought such a message from Mitterrand. Walters was in Paris to inform the French president and Premier Jacques Chirac of U.S. intentions shortly before last

week's air raid. "We found that some of them were suggesting that — not that the answer be nothing of that kind — but that we look seriously at, together, real major action against Libya," Reagan said. "Some of them suggested that ... if we were going to resort to force, that then perhaps it should be a wider-based and a more all-out effort to change the Libyan policy."

Walters consulted with leaders in Great Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Spain between April 11 and April 15. The bombing raid occurred early on the morning of April 15, Libyan time.

In related developments Monday, the Reagan administration praised the decision by Common Market nations to cut the staffs at Libyan embassies to the minimum and limit the movement of Libyan diplomats to help curb terror.

"They send a clear message to Khadafy that the Europeans, like the United States, will not tolerate this scourge," State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb told a briefing.

Kalb also said the U.S. government has not determined whether Libya was responsible

for the death of Peter Kilburn, an American who was found dead last week with two Britons in Lebanon. A note on the bodies said the three had been executed by the Arab Revolutionary Cells in retaliation for the U.S. air raid on Libya.

The blame, said Kalb, "lies with the people who took these men hostage in the first place, and killed them, not with the people or the nations who are victims of terrorism."

In his interview, Reagan also said he worries whenever his wife Nancy "goes around the block" but that neither he nor the first lady has considered canceling her plan to travel separately to Malaysia and Thailand while he is in Asia.

Reagan said he is sorry if the U.S. attack against Libya killed children and innocent civilians.

Asked if he regretted that Khadafy's children were among the casualties, the president said, "You regret any time children or innocent people are wounded or killed. ... On the other hand, I was equally sorry about a little baby that was blown out the side of an airplane and fell 15,000 feet to its death, along with his mother and grandmother."



GORBACHEV CONGRATULATES HONECKER — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and East German Communist Party Leader Monday. Honecker was unanimously elected by the delegates of the 11th East German Communist Party Congress in East Berlin. (AP Laserphoto)

Capone's secrets stay secret

CHICAGO (AP) — No bones, no booze, no bullion. A mysterious vault linked to gangland czar "Scarface" Al Capone kept faith with a long line of mobsters brought in for questioning by telling nobody nothin'.

Thus ended a months-long, million-dollar adventure climaxed by the opening on live television Monday night of the vault at the Lexington Hotel.

Capone, who liked his spats pearl gray, his pajamas silk, his machine guns in working order and his associates silent, probably would have approved.

"It's always a disappointment when you don't find what you've been looking for for four months. ... I always thought there would be bones," said John Joslyn, co-producer of the two-hour "The Mystery Of Al Capone's Vaults."

Excavators instead found what appeared to be several empty bottles of Prohibition-era "bath-tub gin" and an old porcelain sign reading "Adams Express Co."

"I wonder if I can get a deposit on a 60-year-old bottle," said breathless TV host Geraldo Rivera.

The discovery came before a worldwide TV audience and special agent Dennis Sansone of the Internal Revenue Service, which didn't want to miss a shot at collecting its due from one of the nation's most notorious tax evaders.

Rediscovery of the chamber prompted the IRS to file a lien last year, seeking more than \$800,000 in taxes, including penalties and interest.

A crew of about 30 workers, explosives experts and a small bulldozer taken apart and then reassembled in the hotel basement worked for nearly two hours to get at the secrets some believed Capone had sealed in a vault 125 feet long, 8 feet high and 8 feet deep.

Capone moved into the hotel in 1928 and for the next seven years maintained his South Side head-

quarters at the Lexington, which is honeycombed with secret passages and tunnels. He left Chicago in 1932 to begin an eight-year stretch in federal prison for income-tax evasion. He died in Miami in 1947.

Speculation on what Capone left behind ranged from the bones of rivals to bags of money.

The work crew pulled down a 7,000-pound concrete wall covering the vault's opening, used explosives to blast through a second wall, and moved enough dirt to fill two hours of television time.

They, along with Rivera, found an empty 12-foot-deep chamber concealing yet another wall.

That structure appeared to be a retaining wall designed to stop the flow of Lake Michigan to allow the hotel's construction, said Dennis Komac, an explosives expert hired by the program.

Joslyn said producers would decide later whether to continue excavating.

Reagan will scuttle two submarines to heed SALT treaty, sources say

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, in a complex decision, will order the destruction of two U.S. nuclear submarines to keep the United States within the limits of the controversial 1979 SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, two U.S. officials said.

This will clear the way for a new Trident submarine with 24 missiles to begin sea trials next month without undercutting the unratified accord. "He's going that extra mile," an official, who demanded anonymity, said Monday.

He said the two Poseidon submarines, with 16 multiple-warhead missiles each, would be taken out of the U.S. nuclear fleet promptly and then destroyed over the next six months.

However, Reagan also has concluded it would be "militarily beneficial" to allow the treaty limits to be exceeded as new nuclear weapons become available toward the end of the year, another official said. But, the official said, if the Soviets comply with the treaty, the limits will be maintained.

In two reports to Congress, the president has accused the Soviets of violating the agreement and other arms control accords. The accusations have been denied repeatedly by Moscow, which suggests changes in Soviet practices or in Reagan's interpretation of them are unlikely.

Also, the official said, the president intends to accelerate weapons programs not covered by the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

The decision, contained in a National Security Council memorandum, was described as "tentative" in the sense that

Reagan was sending two envoys to consult with allies in Asia and Western Europe, and will also solicit the views of Congress before making a formal announcement.

The U.S. total of multiple-warhead missiles now stands at 1,198, just two below the limit set in the treaty signed by then-President Carter and the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in Vienna.

It was the last major arms control agreement by the two superpowers, setting limits on various categories of long-range nuclear weapons. Reagan denounced the pact in his campaign for the presidency in 1980 as "fatally flawed." In office, however, he promised the United States would not "undercut" its provisions provided the Soviets also observed the treaty.

The Trident is due to begin sea

trials May 20. Its 24 missiles would put the United States above the ceiling of 1,200 missiles with multiple warheads set by the 1979 treaty unless older missiles were destroyed.

Most of the president's advisers, including Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, urged him to permit the U.S. total to surpass the ceiling as a response to alleged Soviet violations.

Only two senior advisers, Secretary of State George Shultz and Paul H. Nitze, recommended the United States maintain its policy of not undercutting the treaty. Reagan came down on their side, taking the same position he did last year when he ordered a Poseidon dismantled before another Trident went to sea. But this time he also set in motion changes in the U.S. stance pending what the Soviets do.

West Berlin officials say suspect brother of man arrested in Britain

BERLIN (AP) — A Palestinian arrested in connection with the nightclub bombing that killed an American soldier has been identified as the brother of a man accused in Britain of trying to bomb an Israeli airliner, West Berlin officials said today.

The suspect in the April 5 bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin, who was arrested Friday, was identified by Justice Ministry spokesman Walter Neuhaus as Ahmed Nawaf Mansur Hasi.

The nightclub bombing in West Berlin killed a 21-year-old U.S. Army sergeant and a 28-year-old Turkish woman, and injured 230 others, 63 of them Americans. U.S. officials have said they had proof that Libya was responsible for the attack, and in retaliation U.S. warplanes attacked Libya last Tuesday.

Neuhaus said the suspect in the Berlin bombing is the 36-year-old brother of a man identified by Scotland Yard as Nezar Hindawi, who was to appear in a London court today in connection with

last week's attempted bombing of an El Al airliner.

A West German security source told The Associated Press on Monday that the arrest of the disco bombing suspect "came through the London case."

"It seems to be a hot tip that the two cases are connected, but we are still investigating this," said the source, who spoke Monday on condition of anonymity.

Neuhaus said Hasi was born in Jordan and has been living in the Tempelhof area of West Berlin, where police arrested him.

Hasi can be held indefinitely until police decide whether to press charges.

Hindawi, 35, also was arrested on Friday, a day after his Irish girlfriend was stopped by El Al security guards at Heathrow Airport as she tried to board a Tel Aviv-bound jumbo jet with a bomb hidden in her bag. Scotland Yard said the woman did not know she was carrying a bomb, and she was released after police questioned her.

West Berlin sources who declined to be identified said Monday they suspect the surnames of the two men differed on their identity documents because the papers carried by the man in London may be false.

Manfred Ganschow, the West Berlin police official heading the investigation into the bombing, said the man arrested in Berlin had an identification card saying he was a "stateless Palestinian refugee."

Ganschow said the man was formally booked Sunday after about 100 witnesses to the bombing saw him in police lineups.

It was the first arrest reported in the investigation by a special 100-member commission of West Berlin and U.S. military police.

The Hamburg-based Bild newspaper said the Palestinian was carrying sketches of nightclubs, restaurants and other West Berlin spots popular with Americans when he was arrested.

Deputy charged with abducting his ex-wife

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A Bowie County Sheriff's deputy was suspended from his job and charged with aggravated kidnapping after his ex-wife was abducted and left bound and gagged in a wooded area, police say.

David Caudle, 35, was released Monday on \$30,000 bond, Bowie County Sheriff Thomas Hodge said.

Caudle is accused of stopping the car of his ex-wife, Linda Caudle, 31, just after midnight Sunday, forcing her into his patrol car and driving her to a wooded area where he left her bound and gagged, Wake Village Police Chief Daryl Clifton said.

After working her legs free, Ms. Caudle told officers, she

walked to a road, where a motorist picked her up and gave her a ride to the Oak Manor Nursing Home where she works as a licensed vocational nurse.

She was treated for minor injuries to her shoulder and released from a Texarkana hospital, Hodge said.

After Ms. Caudle signed complaints against her former husband, warrants were issued for his arrest. Caudle turned himself in, and records show he was arrested at the Bi-State Justice Building later Monday morning.

"After charges were filed and bond was set, Mr. Caudle was suspended without pay," Hodge told the Texarkana Gazette.

The case was turned over to

Wake Village police because that's where the Ms. Caudle says she was left.

Caudle has worked at the sheriff's office since April 15, 1985. He had been a patrolman with the Texarkana, Texas, police from April 1978 through January 1985, Hodge said.

The Caudles' divorce, their second from each other, was finalized last Wednesday, Bowie County court records show. The couple first divorced in November 1979, but remarried in November 1982.

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White too political for White House meeting, aide says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas was not among the states represented by governors meeting today with President Reagan because Democrat Mark White would "probably misuse" the meeting for political purposes, says a White House aide.

Reagan is scheduled to meet with governors from Oklahoma, West Virginia and Wyoming. Although White wanted to come, too, he was not invited because of "a recognition that someone who has taken a political approach to this subject from the beginning would probably misuse this forum," presidential assistant Mitch Daniels said Monday.

White, who is running for reelection, said when the attendees at the meeting were announced last week that he thought it was a "mistake" to exclude a governor from a large oil state but that the president already well knew his position on the issue.

"I am very pleased that the president is meeting with some of the oil-producing states," White said. "And if they will listen to the governors that are going up there, then I'm very hopeful we'll see action out of the administration."

Other Democrats, though, said the White House was "playing politics" by excluding White.

White has asked Reagan to impose an oil import fee to stabilize oil prices, which have dropped by as much as two-thirds from last year's level due to an OPEC-induced glut on the world market. Reagan opposes import fees.

Daniels said the meeting was limited to the two Democrats and a Republican from different regions because "we thought that it would be a more useful meeting if it were small and if, frankly, it were composed of people who would take a constructive rather than a purely political approach to the problem."

Daniels said the meeting was requested by Nigh, also a Democrat, but White "tried hard to in-

vite himself."

Nigh, who with White co-hosted a meeting of oil state governors in Dallas last week, said he wanted White at the meeting.

"I know of no other governor more concerned about the light of the oil and gas industry than Mark White," Nigh said. "It would be appropriate that he be

included in this discussion, particularly since Texas produces almost one-third of the nation's oil."

"I think it is an insult to the people of Texas," said Democratic National Committee spokesman Terry Michael.

"It's really outrageous that the administration has decided to

play politics with the economic well-being of people who have lost their jobs because of a crisis that has affected Texas as much or more than any other state," he said. "It's not even logical, it's not rational to exclude the chief executive from those talks. There's no way it can be justified."

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said it was a "mistake" for the White House to seek "partisan advantage in this fashion."

But Texas Republican Party Chairman George Strake said White "has proven that what he wants to do is embarrass the president."

"I don't know why he (White)

wasn't invited. I'm just saying it doesn't make me think we're not getting a fair hearing by not having him there," Strake said.

Daniels said "Texas' voice will be heard" when Rep. Bill Archer, R-Houston, and other House members meet with Reagan on energy issues. Their meeting is scheduled for today, also.

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Americans evacuate West Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Ten Americans who had remained in west Beirut despite the threat of kidnapping by Islamic extremists evacuated the Moslem sector of the city today under heavy guard by militiamen and police.

The Americans joined dozens of Britons and other Westerners who fled Moslem west Beirut over the weekend because of the threat of kidnappings by terrorists seeking to avenge the U.S. air strike on Libya a week ago.

Police said Christian and Moslem militia snipers held their fire as two buses carrying the Americans and six jeeps of police rolled past the Green Line and into Christian east Beirut.

The policemen escorted the Americans through east Beirut to the American Embassy in the Christian suburb of Aukar, 12 miles north of the capital.

Druse militiamen escorted the convoy on the 15-minute drive through west Beirut. They kept the doors of their cars open during the trip, and kept their fingers ready on the triggers of the Kalashnikov rifles they thrust through the door opening. Drivers blared their horns.

The evacuation began at first light today when the Americans, some of them in tears, began assembling at the former U.S. consulate in west Beirut's Ein Mreisseh seaside boulevard.

At least three evacuees were professors at the American University. Another worked at the French-run College Protestant Francais, and one at the Rashideen International Language Center, a privately owned institute. The rest refused to talk to reporters.

"Terrible," said AUB political science professor Philip Grant, 45, of Santa Barbara, Calif., when asked how he felt about leaving west Beirut. The grim-faced Grant said he did not think he would return to the Moslem sector of the Lebanese capital.

Asked whether he hated west Beirut after last Thursday's slaying of an one American and two British captives, he said, "Yes, I do."

The exodus of Westerners was touched off by the slaying last week of kidnapped American librarian Peter Kilburn and two British teachers, and the abduction of British television cameraman John McCarthy.

The American community, which once numbered in thousands in west Beirut, began leaving after Lebanon's civil war broke out in 1975.

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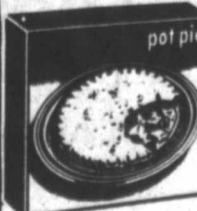
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Major banks cut prime rate to 8.5 percent

NEW YORK (AP)—Broad sectors of the economy—from large borrowers to consumers—should benefit from the reduction of the prime lending rate by the nation's top 10 banks to its lowest level in nearly eight years, analysts say.

Monday's half-point reduction pushed the prime rate, a benchmark used in figuring interest rates on loans to banks' biggest customers, to 8.5 percent.

Economists said the prime rate cut reduces business costs, which combined with low inflation and the falling value of the dollar in foreign exchange could help nurture a long-awaited economic rebound soon.

"The first impact of that will be higher profits, but then it could show up in lower (consumer) prices," said James E. Annable, chief economist for First Chicago Corp.

The prime rate cuts were made three days after the Federal Reserve Board lowered its discount rate—the interest it charges on loans to commercial banks—from 7 percent to 6.5 percent.

Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, the nation's third largest bank, opened the latest round of reductions. That was followed by the rest of the top 10. The last time the major banks set their prime at 8.5 percent was in June 1978.

Interest rates in the credit markets already have fallen to levels not seen since the late 1970s, largely because of the sharp drop in world oil prices, which is expected to keep inflation subdued.

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- 12 Vetch
- 13 Trigonometric function
- 14 Charged particles
- 15 Willer
- 17 Writing fluids
- 18 Philosopher
- 19 Marx
- 19 Cooker
- 21 Look at
- 22 Landed
- 25 Hockey league (abbr.)
- 27 Zone
- 30 Firm
- 33 Kentucky blue grass
- 34 Ethereal
- 36 Skinny fish
- 37 Preposition
- 39 Zola heroine
- 41 Billowy
- 42 Disease
- 44 Gifted speaker
- 46 Spawn
- 47 Normandy
- 48 Invasion day (comp. wd.)
- 48 Battlefield captive (abbr.)
- 50 Negative answer
- 52 Adjective suffix
- 58 Construction beam (2 wds.)
- 58 Ugliait
- 61 Part of speech
- 62 Othello villain
- 63 Japanese plant
- 64 Layer of tissue
- 65 Ere long
- 66 Aviation agency (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Volume measure
- 2 Odd (Scott.)
- 3 River in Bavaria
- 4 Noun suffix
- 5 52, Roman
- 6 Clumsy
- 7 Air (comb. form)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A serious matter can be resolved in a convivial atmosphere today. If you want to work out a problem with a pal, do it over lunch or dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not become discouraged today if things don't go your way initially. By the time the clock has run its course, you'll come out just fine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone may bring you an interesting proposal today. Analyze it carefully, because it could contain advantages for you that doesn't for your cohorts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Two possibilities for personal gain will present themselves today. One will be through a normal channel; the other could come from left field.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions will find you delightful to be around today. Whether it's a young group or an older one, you'll know how to raise everyone's spirits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your progress will be tailed in small measures today, but don't let that disturb you. A big victory can result from moving ahead a step at a time.

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Supreme Court will decide if AIDS victims can be considered handicapped, protected against discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid growing fears over the spread of AIDS, the Supreme Court is planning to decide whether public schools and other federal aid recipients may discriminate against those with contagious diseases.

The justices on Monday set the stage for a ruling next year to determine whether a carrier of a contagious disease — including the AIDS virus — may be considered a "handicapped" person protected by federal law against discrimination.

In a case involving a Florida school teacher, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1985 that the federal law banning discrimination against the handicapped applies to contagious diseases.

In appealing to the Supreme

Court, Nassau County, Fla., school officials said the appeals court decision could have "disastrous consequences."

AIDS — or acquired immune deficiency syndrome — is a viral disease that can kill its victims by destroying their immune system and leaving them vulnerable to other diseases.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta said this month that 18,070 cases of AIDS have been reported nationwide and that 9,591 of those people had died. No one has recovered from the disease.

The Florida case involves a woman, Gene H. Arline, who was diagnosed as having tuberculosis, an infectious respiratory disease.

She was fired as a third grade teacher by the Nassau County school board and she sued in federal court.

In 1983, a federal judge threw out the suit. But the 11th Circuit court reinstated it last Sept. 30.

In other actions Monday, the court:

—Let stand a federal law exposing buyers of child pornography to stiff criminal penalties. The justices rejected the appeal of an Alabama man sentenced to 10 years in a federal penitentiary for receiving in the mail a booklet depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

—Said it will use a case from Missouri to decide whether states must pay unemployment benefits to women who are not reinstated

in their jobs after taking maternity leaves.

—Agreed to hear arguments in the case of a Florida woman denied unemployment benefits after she was fired for refusing to work on her Sabbath.

—Voted to decide whether the federal government may label as "political propaganda" three Canadian movies on acid rain and nuclear war.

—Let stand the criminal conviction of U.S. District Judge Harry E. Claiborne, the first sitting federal judge ordered to prison. Claiborne, 68, now faces the start of a two-year prison sentence for filing false tax returns. If he does not resign, he also faces a possible move to have him impeached.

Libel plaintiff must prove falsity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, in a victory for the news media, ruled Monday that anyone who sues for libel has the burden of proving the defamatory statement is false.

In a 5-to-4 decision in a case involving The Philadelphia Inquirer, the court strengthened protection against libel suits in cases where a so-called "private individual" — rather than a public figure — sues a news organization.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the court, said, "We hold that, at least where a newspaper publishes speech of public concern, a private-figure plaintiff cannot recover damages without also showing that the statements at issue are false."

In a dissenting opinion, Justice John Paul Stevens said the ruling is "pernicious" because the only publishers "who will benefit from today's decision are those who act negligently or maliciously."

Today's ruling settled an issue left unresolved by the court in 1981.

For a private citizen to win a libel suit, the law has always required that the allegedly libelous statement be found false and made negligently. Truth is an absolute defense.

But before Monday, the court had not said whether the Constitution's guarantee of free speech places the burden of proving truth or falsity in such cases.

21 Libyans detained in Britain

LONDON (AP) — Police arrested 21 Libyans in a series of raids early today, including a pilot who threatened to form an anti-American suicide squad. The Home Office said they would be expelled from the country as a matter of national security.

The Home Office said the Libyans were suspected of involvement in "student revolutionary activities," but did not elaborate.

The Libyans, almost all of whom are university students, were arrested in England, Wales and Scotland, said the Home Office, which is responsible for Britain's police. Five of them were arrested in London, it said.

All of the 21 detainees had been under surveillance, said the British domestic news agency Press Association.

The Libyans were detained a day after the 12 Common Market members, with Britain leading the way, decided to clamp down on Libyan trade and diplomatic representation in Western Europe.

The Home Office identified only one of the detainees, 23-year-old Adel Masaoud, a trainee at the Oxford Air Training School.

Last month, after the confrontation between the United States and Libya in the Gulf of Sidra, Tripoli Radio broadcast a telephone call from Masaoud in which he said he and his Libyan classmates in Britain were offering themselves as "suicide squads against America and its arrogance."

British authorities reacted by ordering the Libyan cadets, who are being trained to fly for Libyan Arab Airlines, to be barred from flying solo.

Masaoud was the only one of the estimated 250 Libyan aviation, engineering and technical trainees in Britain to be arrested, the Home Office said.

Libya has criticized Britain bitterly for allowing U.S. F-111 bombers based in Britain to be used in the U.S. air strike on Libya last Tuesday. Britain was the only member of the 12-nation Common Market to publicly approve of the raid.

A Home Office statement said the move against the 21 came as the result of information about their involvement in "Libyan student revolutionary activities in the United Kingdom" and said their deportation was "conducive to the public good in the interests of national security."

Britain severed diplomatic relations with Libya in April 1984, after gunfire directed from the Libyan embassy at a crowd of demonstrating opponents of Col. Moammar Khadafy killed London policewoman Yvonne Fletcher.

In 1983, 28,500 Libyan nationals were admitted to Britain.

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