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Pony show spotlights very young

By DAN MURRAY
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Some bewildered and some bemused, the cowboys and cowgirls of the Top O' Texas Rodeo's future got the 40th annual event off to a galloping start Monday in the first of three kid pony shows.

Monday night was for the youngest of the bronc-busting brethren, as none of the contestants competing in the relaxed atmosphere of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena were over age 7.

Mostly family and friends were on hand for the first show, as will likely be the case in the next two before the real rodeo starts on Thursday. While many of the competitors were from Pampa, others came from Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and across the Panhandle for their indoctrination in a real rodeo.

The youngest was wide-eyed Marty Eakin of Spearman, a 2-year-old who finished third in the boys Group I golfette and barrel race. Eakin, like all of the contestants, probably learned to ride before he could walk and was dwarfed by his massive mount.

"Marty! Remember what we practiced," his mother shouted from the soft dirt floor of the arena as her young cowboy plied his trade.

The biggest cheers of the night always came from the mothers, who would rush from the stands to hug their young buckle winners. The emotions of the competitors themselves ranged from terror to grinning confidence, while others seemed totally unaffected — chewing gum and blowing bubbles while they raced.

Announcer Clem McSpadden probably summed the kids' thoughts up best when he quipped, "I kinda like it out here Daddy. Everybody's looking at me."

Nothing seemed to get past the eyes and voice of McSpadden, who kept the always unpredictable races on an even keel and tried to bring smiles to the more disappointed young wranglers, some of whom broke rules they probably never knew existed.

"Lordy, Lordy we start 'em young in Texas," McSpadden marvelled.

The youngsters may have been undersized, but they certainly dressed the part, decked out in traditional western garb of the brightest colors. There were exceptions, of course, like Grayson Lewis of Pampa, who wore a bright Hawaiian print shirt for his races and finished third in the Group II Boys Golfette.

As the Boy Scouts offered their concessions and wrinkled Top O' Texas veterans leaned back and grinned, the youngsters took their turns in the arena. Their skills varied almost as much as their sizes.

Some were content to walk their horses to the barrels and back, while others took off in gallops that would've left less-skilled adults on their rumps in the sod.

Here are the youngsters who did it best, with their hometowns in parenthesis:

Gold Rush Winners

Brandon Campbell (Pampa), Jenny Hobson (Pampa), Lance Kendall (Cheyenne, Okla.).

Group II Calf Riding

1. Tara Starre Meare (Canadian); 2. Bryan Swift (Pampa); 3. Monte Eakin (Spearman).

Group II Boys Flag Race

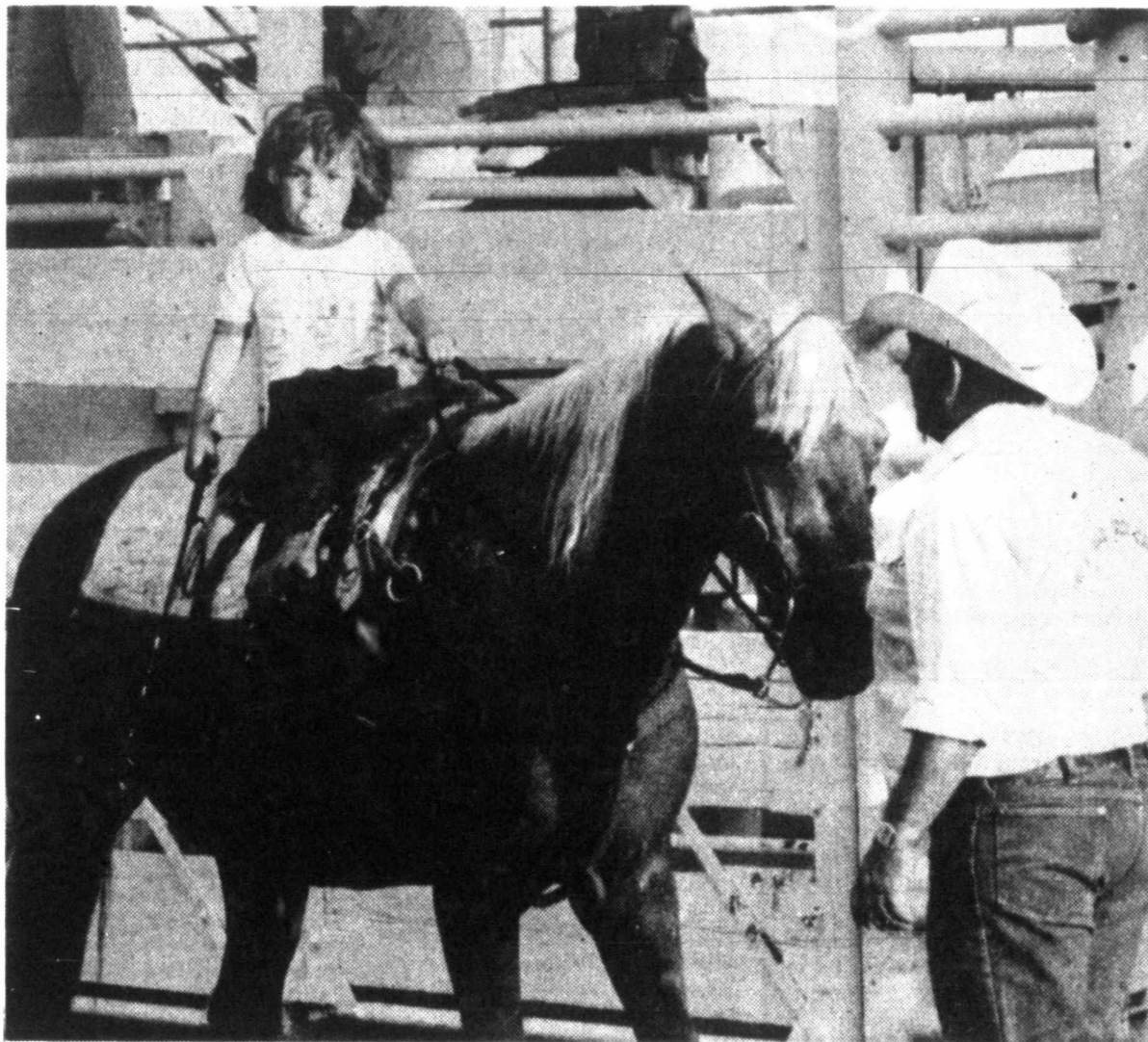
1. Monte Eakin (Spearman) 14.47; 2. Layne McCasland (Wheeler) 15.20; 3. Matt Reeves (Pampa) 22.77.

Group II Girls Flag Race

1. Jenny Hobson (Pampa) 15.50; 2. Sequin Downey (Pampa) 20.25; 3. Nickie Leggett (Pampa) 21.54.

Group I Boys Golfette

1. Clay Pope (Fritch) 53.65; 2. See SHOW, Page two



BUBBLING BRONC-BUSTER — Four-year-old Schuyler Fulton of Pampa found that bubble gum helped her keep the pace in the first Kid Pony Show held Monday night in

the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. The shows will continue tonight and Wednesday night, then the real rodeo starts on Thursday. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Court says subway gunman must stand trial in shooting

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York's top court today ordered Bernhard Goetz to stand trial on charges of attempted murder and assault in the 1984 shootings of four youths on a Manhattan subway.

In a 7-0 decision, the Court of Appeals reinstated charges thrown out by lower courts.

Goetz also faces less serious charges of illegal possession of weapons.

Goetz has admitted shooting the youths Dec. 22, 1984, after one of them approached him for \$5. He said he feared he was going to be mugged, the youths contended they were panhandling.

The Court of Appeals said state law does not "allow the perpetrator of a serious crime to go free simply because that person believed his actions were reasonable and necessary to prevent some perceived harm."

"To completely exonerate such an individual, no matter how aberrational or bizarre his thought patterns, would allow citizens to set their own standards for the permissible use of force. It would also allow a legally competent defendant suffering from delusions to kill or perform acts of violence with impunity, contrary to fundamental principles of justice and criminal law."

The shooting turned Goetz into an international figure after he surrendered to police in Concord, N.H., on New Year's Eve, days after the shooting. He was interviewed on national television and in stories distributed around the world.

Sympathizers portrayed the 39-year-old electronics equipment calibrator as a crime victim fight-

ing back, while detractors said he was a vigilante looking for trouble and had turned into a criminal himself.

The Court of Appeals ruling overturns a decision by the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court that said the prosecutor in the Goetz case erred by telling grand jury members to consider what any reasonable person would have done when confronted by the same situation on the subway as Goetz.

The Appellate Division ruled 3-2 that the prosecutor should have told the grand jury to consider whether Goetz himself — not a hypothetical reasonable person — believed that he was in danger and believed the use of deadly force was necessary for self-defense during the encounter with the four youths.

The middle-level appeals court said grand jury members should have been instructed to consider Goetz's background, physique, mental condition, knowledge and past experiences in deciding the issue of whether Goetz could claim a legal defense of justification in the shootings.

The Court of Appeals said, "Goetz's own statements, together with the testimony of the passengers, clearly support the elements of the crimes charged, and provide ample basis for concluding that a trial of this matter is needed to determine whether Goetz could have reasonably believed that he was about to be robbed or seriously injured and whether it was reasonably necessary for him to shoot four youths to avert any such threat."

White Deer okays animal ordinance

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Owners of dogs, cats and other non-furred domesticated household pets will have to keep a closer watch on their charges now that the city council has adopted a new animal control ordinance.

At their regular meeting Monday, council members passed on first reading an ordinance that mandates the licensing of animals, prohibits pets from roaming at large and provides for the abatement of such nuisances as constantly barking dogs.

The ordinance, which is based on the city of Panhandle's animal control ordinance, requires that all dogs or cats over three months of age be vaccinated and wear a collar, harness or choke chain with a license securely fastened to it. The council set a \$3 license fee.

Any unvaccinated animals caught by the city animal control officer cannot be redeemed unless it is vaccinated and licensed, the ordinance adds. The owner may take the animal to the vet to get it vaccinated after paying a \$50 deposit, refundable upon proof of vaccination.

The ordinance also prohibits people from allowing their pets to roam at large or to bark in a manner that disturbs the residents.

Dangerous or vicious animals must be confined to a "secure enclosure." Dogs or cats in heat must be kept from contact with other animals except for controlled breeding purposes.

Animals caught by the animal control officer will be confined to the animal shelter for up to 72 hours, during which time they can be redeemed for a \$25 pound fee plus \$3 for each day the animal

is impounded. Council members considered setting a stiffer fee, \$50, for subsequent offenses, but decided against it.

City officials also hired Lucinda Mann as animal control officer. Mann — who is also the ACO in Groom, Claude and Panhandle — will start work as soon as the city's animal shelter is repaired.

City maintenance supervisor James Kennedy asked what the city needs to do to get the shelter to comply with state standards. Mann answered that all the shelter needs is adequate water to wash the pens, adequate drainage to the sewer system and shelter from the weather.

One observer asked asked Mann: "if my dog is lying on my front yard, unleashed, and he's not hurting anyone, does that give you the right to take it. Mann answered that the state law does

State deficit mushrooming, Bullock says

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) — The state government's budget woes are getting worse, and the deficit is mushrooming beyond the \$2.3 billion already forecast, Comptroller Bob Bullock says.

"I'm not going to second-guess the exact number we'll be facing at the end of the month, but with deteriorating conditions in the Texas economy it will be substantially higher than the current estimate," Bullock said Monday.

Bullock said the state's 10.5 percent unemployment rate announced last week is one of several indicators signaling an even larger shortfall.

"We expect a new revenue estimate before Aug. 1, and, frankly, none of the indicators contain an ounce of good news," Bullock said.

Gov. Mark White said Monday, "While it would be preferable to have better news, the comptroller must base his projections on the data available."

White has said he will call a special session of the Legislature as soon as legislative leaders work out a plan to balance the books.

"Any improvements in Texas' economic outlook is going to require a continuation of the long-term effort to diversify the economy which we started in 1983. Our investment in education, better roads, job training and an ample water supply represents a significant stride toward achieving our goal of a stronger and more diversified economy," White said in a statement.

"This news only reinforces our commitment to work closely with the legislative leadership to re-

solve this situation," he added.

White's Republican opponent, former Gov. Bill Clements, said at a campaign stop in Houston that White is failing to provide sufficient leadership during the budget crisis.

"Today, we hear discussion about the possibility of the state being unable to pay its bills by December and of whole agencies being forced to close by early next year. Literally, Austin burns, while Mark White fiddles," Clements said.

Some lawmakers have said spending can't be cut enough to make up the deficit and that taxes will have to be raised.

But House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, last week said he found overwhelming opposition among House members to a tax hike.

Bullock in February said that falling oil prices meant state government's income was going to fall \$1.3 billion short of the amount the 1985 Legislature budgeted for spending in the 1986 and 1987 fiscal years.

The economic situation got worse, and on May 30, Bullock said the shortfall had hit \$2.3 billion.

In his announcement Monday, Bullock did not predict how much larger the deficit would get. But he found little good news to report.

"A skyrocketing unemployment rate will be one key factor moving the state's budget deficit well above the current \$2.3 billion. Workers without jobs and paychecks reduce economic activity and taxes," he said.

Bullock said losses in the oil and gas industry continue to cause damage to other areas of the Texas economy.

Nation's rig count falls to another all-time low

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of working oil and gas drilling rigs fell to another all-time low this week as decreased and unstable prices continued to discourage production, a Hughes Tool Co. spokesman said Monday.

The active U.S. rig count dropped to 672, a 25-rig loss from last week's count of 697, spokesman Don King said. It was the second straight loss after two weeks of growth.

In addition to the low and unstable prices, uncertainty resulting from proposed federal tax reforms contributed to the decline, King said.

The company's previous all-time low was 686 working oil rigs a month ago.

Before 1971, the lowest number was 805 rigs working in April 1943, said officials with Hughes Tool, an oil tool maker that has kept industry statistics since 1940.

Retired admiral Rickover dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, the salty engineer who refused to go by the book and goaded the Navy into the nuclear era, died today. He was 86.

Pentagon sources said he died at his suburban Washington home of apparent natural causes.

Rickover had been in poor health since suffering a stroke in July 1985.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said Rickover died this morning at his home in Arlington, Va. The sources declined to immediately provide any additional details, beyond saying the Navy had been notified of Rickover's death by his wife.

In a Navy career that spanned six decades, Rickover, a Russian emigre, became one of the pre-eminent military leaders of his time despite a style that enraged the Pentagon brass and the defense industry.

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Clements attacks White on issue of leadership

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements says the Legislature should be called into special session to deal with the state's anticipated budget deficit and accuses incumbent Gov. Mark White of failing to quickly summon lawmakers to Austin.

"He is devoid — literally devoid — of leadership," Clements said Monday at a news conference.

"If he was the leader the people of Texas have every right to expect, he would call a special session immediately, charge agencies and departments to set their priorities and start scrubbing that budget."

White campaign spokesman Mark McKinnon, however, said the governor was working toward a consensus among lawmakers before calling them for a special session.

"Bill Clements obviously hasn't been reading the papers lately or talking to members of his own party," McKinnon said. "Gov. White is working with the legislative leadership on develop-

ing a plan. And as soon as the plan is developed, Gov. White has said he will call a special session of the Legislature."

Clements said he has been recommending the special session since February and contends the time lost since then has caused the anticipated state budget deficit to grow.

"The projected budget shortfall of \$1.3 billion is now estimated at \$2.3 billion," he said. "Today, we hear discussion about the possibility of the state being unable to pay its bills by December and of whole agencies begin forced to close by early next year. Literally, Austin burns, while Mark White fiddles."

Clements called White's consensus idea absurd, saying Senate leaders favor a tax increase while House members are against higher taxes.

"There's no meeting of the minds," Clements said. "I think he's in a dilemma. The House is saying one thing and the Senate another. On that basis, they'll never come up with a plan."

Clements said the budget shortage could not be tied totally to falling oil prices, blaming increased state spending for part of the problem.

Asked where spending should be cut, he replied, "Well, that's really not my job. I have explained how to do this. The first thing the governor should do is charge all of the agencies and commissions and departments of state government to put priorities on their own budgets."

"And then on the bottom end of those priorities look for duplication, overlap with other agencies and excess funds. That's the way to go about a budget scrub."

Clements said it was not up to him to select items that should be cut from state government.

But he later said he would spare education money from cuts, along with departments of Corrections, Public Safety and Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

"That still leaves 220 state agencies and commissions," he said.

Supreme Court refuses to strike down Texas sodomy law

The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to strike down a Texas law that makes "deviate sexual intercourse" a crime proves that states have the right to legislate, a prosecuting attorney said.

Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill of Amarillo, who took over the state's appeal after Attorney General Jim Mattox

dropped it, said Monday that he was "elated, relieved" by the high court's ruling.

He also said the ruling "opens the door for us to teach our children the difference between right and wrong, instead of having to say it's wrong, but society condones it."

All but one justice rejected a

Dallas homosexual's argument that the law violates gays' privacy rights and is therefore unconstitutional. They also turned down appeals from Texas officials over the law's procedural aspects.

The court upheld a Georgia law last week making homosexual and heterosexual sodomy a crime, ruling that it did not violate any constitutional right.

Although the Texas law applies only to homosexuals, it is similar to Georgia's in that it defines deviate sexual intercourse as "any contact between any part of the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person."

Donald F. Baker sought to have the law overturned even though he was not prosecuted for homosexual conduct.

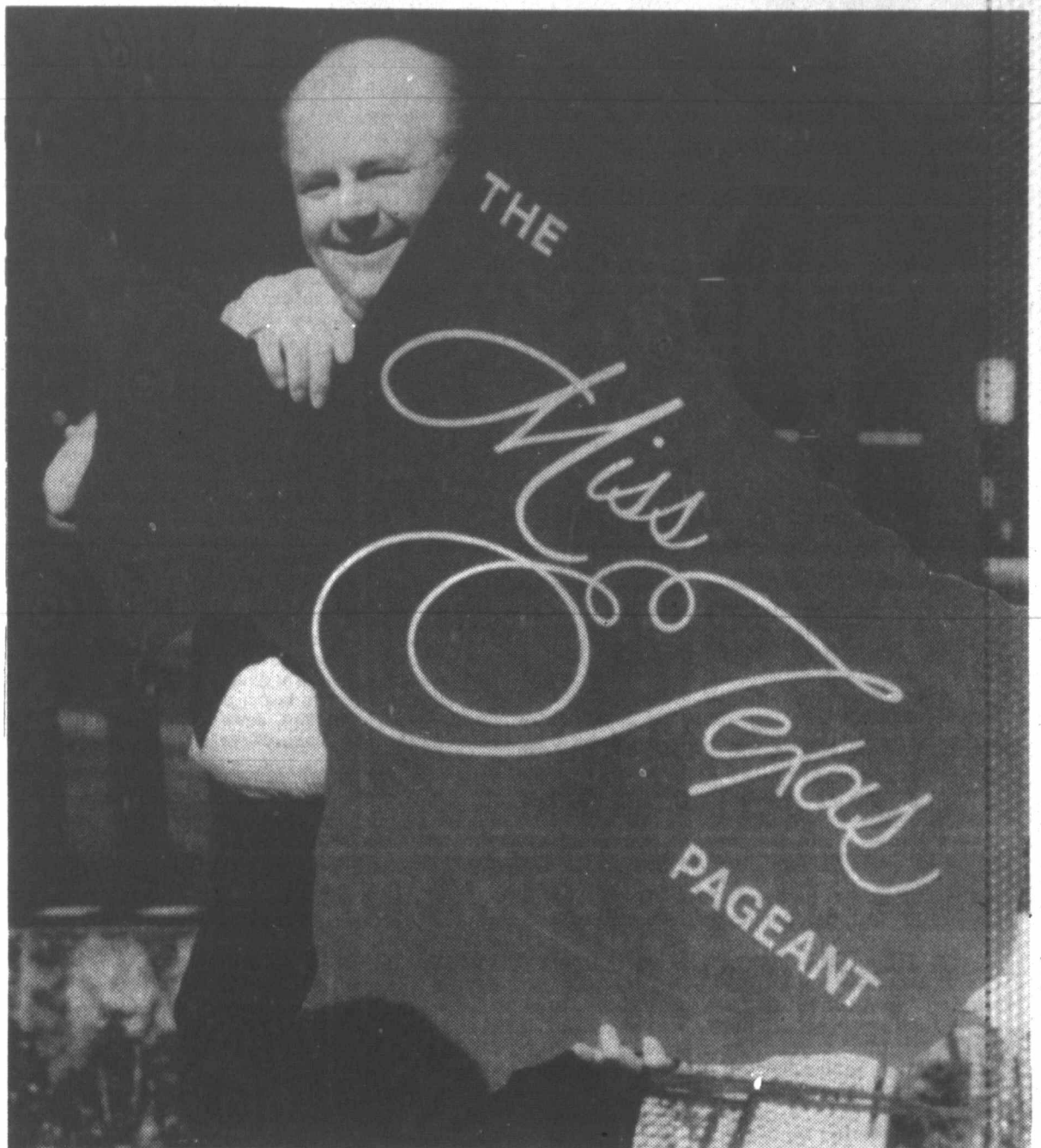
"The war goes on," Baker, 38, said Monday. "This case has provided us a forum to discuss the homosexual question, and the process of social changes is debate, then reform."

He added that "there is nothing more we can do within judicial system at the moment, but it will come up again. We will work more intensely within state courts and state legislatures."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Texas law last August. It said the ban on deviate sexual intercourse is justified by "the strong objection to homosexual conduct which has prevailed in Western culture for the past seven centuries."

The appeals court also rejected arguments by Texas prosecutors over who has the right to defend and challenge the state law in federal court.

Mattox said his office has the exclusive power to represent the state's interest in such cases. District attorneys in Texas said Baker had no legal standing to file his suit.



MISS TEXAS TIME — Miss Texas Pageant chairman, B. Don Magness, brings out the Texas-shaped sign during the Miss Texas poolside press party in Fort Worth Monday.

Preliminary competition begins Wednesday with the crowning of the 1986 Miss Texas on Saturday night. (AP Laserphoto)

White says closing colleges would be a 'tragic mistake'

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White has lined up in support of five colleges that he said have been mentioned as possible candidates for closing as a result of a special committee's work.

White, in a July 3 letter to chairman Larry Temple of the Select Committee on Higher Education, said:

"I am deeply concerned by speculation and press reports which suggest that some of Texas' finest institutions of higher education, such as Sul Ross University, East Texas State University, the University of Texas at Permian Basin, Laredo State University or Texas A&M University at Galveston, may be closed as a result of the committee's findings."

"As I have previously communicated to you, I believe such action would be a tragic mistake. These institutions offer unique access and programs that are unavailable anywhere else in the state, and to eliminate them would deny opportunities to a large number of citizens. We simply cannot place too high a value on those opportunities," White said.

On Monday, a delegation opposing changes at Laredo State University presented 20,000 signatures to Temple.

He accepted the signatures and said his committee will consider all issues, including budgets and the quality of higher education, before making recommendations to the Legislature.

Officials and supporters of UT-Permian Basin appeared before Temple's committee June 13, urging that their institution be continued.

His committee meets here Thursday and Friday to consider possible closings and mergers of colleges.

The Thursday schedule includes a staff presentation on possible closings, and representatives from Sul Ross, A&M-Galveston and East Texas State will also address the committee.

On Friday, there will be further discussion on closings as well as the possible conversion of certain campuses to study centers.

"I recognize the need to ensure that the state is getting maximum benefit from every tax dollar which goes to higher education, but I am sure that you agree with me that we cannot be 'penny wise and pound foolish' in this regard," White wrote Temple, an Austin lawyer and chairman of the Texas College Coordinating Board.

White urged Temple and the committee "to take all necessary action to ensure the continued growth of quality education" at regional institutions.



Off beat

By
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Studying the adolescents

You may not know it, but I've been studying. My vacation is a mere three weeks away, which means I'll have lots of time to spend with my teen-age sister.

The trouble is that in the past, she and I seemed to live on separate planets — hers on Adolescence and mine on Adulthood.

But this year, I'm going to be ready. I've been watching area teenagers and I think I have a pretty good idea of what to expect from Heidi.

As I began my study, I immediately ruled out the young rural residents, most of whom have learned to address their elders with a "Yes, Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir." Heidi would die before she'd allow herself to be so polite. I also found such courtesy to be a stumbling block with these youngsters because I did not feel like I was on their level. Even though I'm three years short of 30, I insist that I'm still too young to be called "Ma'am" and too feminine to be called "Sir."

I also avoided the kids on the Pampa Drag, since it is most difficult to conduct a serious sociological study on the kids in the next car with a police cruiser on your tail.

Still, I did manage to run across two teen types who may give me some insight on what Heidi is like.

The first is the Girl Who Knows Everything. This person accosted me in a parking lot to show me the English paper she wrote (after I insisted on looking at it). I sat in the grass to read the paper and she sat in her car to read my reactions. After watching a few of my grimaces, she leaned back in her seat.

"You don't understand it, do you," she said with an arrogant grin. I paused. I understood it, all right. It's just that . . . Well, the sentence structure was sound, the punctuation proper, the subjects and predicates in their rightful places, the story interesting and easy to follow, for a high school work, and the conclusion a gripper. It's just that . . . it was not the type of story one would submit to *Guideposts*.

(I'm going no further about her story, lest it affect her grade, which I'm sure will be a good one. Besides, after she reads this column — which I doubt she will — she'll probably want to hit me.)

I did have some ideas for her story, but I remembered that the last time I shared my literary genius with Heidi, she got a D on her report. So I just handed the paper back to the girl and said: "It's nice."

The other type is a girl whom I shall affectionately call The Sponge. She's bright, alert and ever so willing to learn new things, legal or not. This inquisitive young mind happened to be in the same room with me and my friend. My friend left the room and I dismissed her with an off-hand "toodles."

The Sponge was enlightened. She just learned a new word and the whole world was opened to her. Unable to hold back her enthusiasm, she grabbed a pencil and paper, wrote the word down and stashed it in her wallet. Then she ran to the nearest telephone to share her discovery with a friend.

"Hey Mitzi, I just learned a wicked new word. Get this. It's 'toodles.' It's something you say when someone's leaving. Isn't that awesome? Bye."

I soon left the room in fear that my meaningless little benediction would become the chiquette phrase since "are we having fun, yet?"

The two girls may seem like opposites. But really, they're just two parts of a whole. Like other girls her age, Heidi has the qualities of both girls: the cocky pride of a job well done and the uninhibited enthusiasm of discovering a new world. Hers is time of both confidence and curiosity. And I miss that.

My studies complete, I am ready to face Heidi without feeling intimidated or unhip. We're going to have a groovy time.

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.

Man wins suit against policeman

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A 20-year-old man who accused a San Antonio policeman of sexually molesting more than three years ago won a civil suit against the officer, who was cleared of wrongdoing in a departmental investigation.

Reyes Ruiz, 20, accused police officer Milton Barrera Jr. of kissing him while they discussed the Bible and molesting him between 1981 and 1983.

A state district court jury awarded Ruiz \$27,495 in damages after deliberating five hours during Thursday afternoon and Monday morning after a nine-day trial.

The San Antonio Police Department launched an internal investigation after Ruiz filed a complaint against Barrera and suspended the officer for 30 days in 1983.

But the case was not turned over to a Bexar County grand jury until after the incident appeared in a San Antonio Light series on allegations of abuse involving several San Antonio police officers, the Light reported.

Criminal charges of sexual abuse against Barrera were dropped in February by the district attorney's office because of inconsistencies in Ruiz's state-

ments.

Ten jurors ruled in Ruiz's favor despite the lack of medical evidence that Ruiz had been sexually assaulted.

"You can only be a hypocrite for so long, and eventually it catches up to you, and the people find out the truth," Ruiz said.

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Opinion

Reluctant witness victimized twice

It's hard to see how the people of Washington state benefit from the jailing of a woman who declined to testify against her assailant in a rape case. Yet both the judge and the prosecutor say their actions are serving the state's interest.

Bunk. In fact, the case can be made that the woman was raped a second time — in the courtroom by a couple of monumentally unsympathetic jurists.

The woman, who allegedly was raped at knifepoint by a man with whom she had lived for six years, admitted in court she would rather leave the state than face the defendant one more time. For that, she was thrown in jail.

The prosecutor who signed the complaint told the judge that the victim's testimony was crucial in the case against a man who is described as a "substantial danger to the victim and to other women." Most prosecutors say things like that. But when a victim still refuses to testify, the charges normally are dropped. Not this time.

The prosecutor, a woman, later told a reporter she was "frustrated and upset" that the victim had to go through this nightmare, but "the state has a duty to her and a duty to other members of the public" to force the woman to testify.

That's a rehash of an old argument that the state has the right to force an individual to do something for his or her "own good." The judge and prosecutor seem to have forgotten the interests of the victim in their eagerness to serve what they believe is the interest of the state. If the victim believes her interests are best served by not testifying, that should be the end of it. No judge, no prosecutor should be able to enforce their claim that they know better.

If, in fact, the defendant poses a threat to other women, the victim in this case may feel an obligation to testify. But no one else should be able to force that obligation out of her.

The victim may have an obligation to follow up her initial charge, but her failure to do so in court should not result in her becoming the one behind bars.

If judges and prosecutors take similar actions in the future, it is like to become increasingly difficult to encourage victims to file charges in the first place. Whose interests will be served then?

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Ben Wattenberg

The appeal of The Lady

Covered with glitz, television, fireworks and celebrities, it may be hard to discern why the Liberty Lady is so important these days.

Let's go back a bit. At about the time the Statue of Liberty was unveiled 100 years ago, the patterns of American immigration were changing rather dramatically — just as they are changing dramatically now.

Prior to the 1880s, it would have been fair to characterize the American population in roughly this way: white people who originally came from the countries of northwestern Europe and black people who originally came from Africa as slaves. The white people, be it further noted, came from countries that typically had had at least some democratic experience.

Then, suddenly — at about the time the statue arrived — new kinds of immigrants began pouring into America: Italians, Jews from eastern Europe, Poles, Slavs, Ukrainians. They

were people from countries with little or no democratic tradition.

There was great consternation in the United States. Wise men worried whether these swarthy, unwashed primitives could ever learn to be Americans in the way WASPs were.

Well, of course, they and their children, and their grandchildren, managed all right: Lee Iacocca, George Gershwin and Edmund Muskie come immediately to mind.

And so, a message was sent from these new-style, ethnic immigrants who arrived in America sailing beneath the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. The message was this: Democracy in America could work for people other than just northwestern Europeans with democratic backgrounds.

Today, something similar is happening on the immigration front. Most American immigrants these days are not coming from Europe — not northwest Europe or southern Eu-

rope or eastern Europe.

Most new immigrants today are from Latin America, and from Asia, and some from the Moslem lands. From everywhere. They no longer typically arrive in a harbor with a colossal statue. These days they come into airports, but they are immigrants just the same. And once again, it's working: How many times have you seen on television the story of the little Vietnamese girl who came here speaking no English and became the high school class valedictorian?

So now a new message is going out. Democracy in America can work not just for all kinds of Europeans — even those without democratic traditions — but for everyone.

Well — democracy can work for everyone who comes to America. That is an interesting, indeed heart-rending domestic story. But it has become transmuted into a foreign poli-

cy story as well, perhaps the most important one in the world today. For once you say democracy works for everyone in America — Europeans, Africans, Latins and Asians — there is a corollary question that begins to form. Might democracy work for everyone, everywhere — not just in America?

Remember, the Statue of Liberty faces outward to the world. Its message may be universal. If Filipinos can be democrats in America, why not in the Philippines? If Nicaraguans can be democrats in the United States, why not in Nicaragua? How about Cuba? Haiti? Poland? South Korea? Hungary? Russia?

This is the nature of the global struggle today. Is the symbolism of the Statue of Liberty ours, or everyone's?

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Lewis Grizzard

Don't take them off



Some women in Rochester, N.Y., decided last week to do something about the inequity of the ordinance that allows men to take off their shirts in city parks, but not women.

The women went down to a park and took off their tops. They were promptly arrested.

Can't you hear what went on down at the police station when the call came in regarding the park disturbance?

"All right, I need a couple of guys to go down to the park and arrest some half-nekkid women."

"I'll go!"

"Me, too!"

"What about me? I never get a fun assignment."

"You got to raid the massage parlor last week."

"Big deal. It was dark in there. You couldn't see a thing."

When I first read the news report of the incident, I thought I might ought to bare my own lecherous breast here and say, well, if women want to go around without their tops on in

Rochester, or anywhere else, for that matter, it would be just fine with me.

As with most men, I have been interested in the anatomy of the female for a number of years. This began when I noticed I was paying more attention to Dale Evans than Roy Rogers back in my cowboy days.

But, then I thought again. If women started going around topless all the time, it would seriously damage the economy.

It would mean catastrophe for the bra industry. The bikini business would be cut in half. Topless bars would be torn down and replaced by parking lots. Playboy probably would sell out to Rupert Murdoch and be turned into a gardening magazine and Dollywood would be closed within two weeks.

And there's this other thing. Not all women look that terrific with their shirts or tops off.

I was on a beach once in France. It was OK for women to take their tops off there, and a great many of them did. I learned a lot from that experience:

I learned that God didn't create every woman equally.

But the most intriguing thing I learned and a third point to make in my argument that tops stay on, is once the mystery is taken away from just about anything, its appeal loses something in the process.

After watching topless women walk past me in my chair at the French beach for an hour or two, I became bored and called for the cabana boy to bring me a beer and a sandwich, for which I paid the equivalent of approximately \$1.100.

Let's don't argue about women's rights here. It was a woman, Eve (I never caught her last name), who put tops on her sisters in the first place.

And women should be the first to realize that their appeal to men is based largely on their mysteries and forbidden fruits.

When what has previously intrigued becomes commonplace, we have lost a treasure that cannot be easily recaptured.

Never let us reach the point where "take it off" is replaced by a forlorn, "put it back on." (c) 1986 by Cowles Syndicate, Inc.



Don Graff

Was Contra aid vote important?

"I don't think it matters a fig." That is the somewhat surprising response I received from one source in Washington after the House vote to give the administration the \$100 million in aid it so achingly wants for the Nicaraguan contras.

The reaction was surprising, since the source strongly opposes administration policy in this respect. And the prevailing mood in that quarter is anything but dismissive.

The House's reversal of its rejection of contra aid in March, by a similarly razor-thin margin, is widely seen as "a virtual declaration of war against Nicaragua." It marks the first time that Congress has openly voted funds for the overthrow of the government of a country with which we are not already at war. It will not lead to negotiations, as the administration keeps assuring Congress and the public, but only to further hardening of attitudes and escalation of conflict.

There's more, but you've probably already heard most of it and can pretty well take it from there yourself.

But, as my source sees it, this is making too much of the House vote. It was by no means that decisive.

If the president had lost again, he reasons, it would have been at most a temporary political setback. But it would not have had any real effect on the situation in Central America. The administration would have continued to keep the contras going, as it has managed to do for the past three years, without the formality of congressional approval.

Essentially, the vote should be seen as evidence again of what has long been clear. The administration doesn't have a policy on Nicaragua, only a quandary of its own making.

It will not accept the Sandinistas as the government, so it cannot negotiate a settlement with them. Yet public opinion in this country prevents it

from taking the one step that would assure their removal. And that is, of course, direct U.S. military intervention.

That leaves it only the alternative of keeping the conflict going at a low level of intensity more or less indefinitely.

"The whole idea," according to my source, "is to be as nasty as possible within the parameters imposed by domestic political considerations."

That requires money. Which means that after having given the president this victory, all the House can really expect for its efforts is his return next year with a request for more money.

Very likely much more.

I have no reason to quarrel with that assessment. I will, however, add a prediction.

And that is that the members of the House who believe the president is backing a losing horse in the contras,

but who caved in to his intense personal lobbying, will receive no lasting thanks for doing so.

When the time comes to excuse the failure of the contras to deliver as promised, as it most certainly will, we can be pretty sure that congressional foot-dragging and delay in coming through with the requested millions will be assigned most of the blame.

It is probably too much to hope, however, that it might persuade some of them to be more resistant to the Great Lobbyist next time around — and less generous with the figs.

Bits of history

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed as the Stars and Stripes were raised at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

Berry's World

GET READY! HERE COMES MY FIRST "ARE WE THERE YET" OF THE TRIP.



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Mattox says he has Hispanic support

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox, saying he isn't worried about facing an Hispanic opponent, says he not only will win the election but carry his opponent's hometown, too.

"The more Hispanic votes that turn out, the better I like it," Mattox said. "I guarantee you this — I will carry San Antonio and Bexar County."

Mattox's November opponent is Republican District Judge Roy Barrera Jr. of San Antonio.

Mattox, on a five-city tour Monday designed to emphasize his support among Mexican-Americans, said his Hispanic opponent is being used by the Republican Party.

"Country club Republicans have never thought they could beat Jim Mattox. They felt by appointing someone with an Hispanic surname they could help (GOP gubernatorial candidate) Bill Clements," Mattox said.

Mattox said he isn't worried about Barrera because so many Hispanic leaders are on his side.

"Today, we are delivering a devastating pre-emptive strike to my Republican opponent by releasing the names of approximately 1,000 prominent Hispanic elected officials

and other leaders who support my reelection," Mattox told a news conference.

Barrera's campaign manager, John Nolan, said Mattox's allegations carried no weight.

"It sounds like typical Jim Mattox to me," Nolan said.

"The appeal of Judge Barrera will be to the Hispanic electorate, not the elected officials. That's where we expect to find a warm reception," Nolan said.

He also discounted Mattox's claim that Barrera is a token gesture by Republicans to try to lure Mexican-American voters, noting that Barrera had to defeat two other GOP candidates to earn the attorney general nomination.

"He (Mattox) ought to talk to Ed Walsh or John Roach if he thinks that," Nolan said.

Mattox was joined at his Austin news conference by U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio; state Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, and Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville; and state Reps. Frank Collazo, D-Port Arthur, and Lena Guerrero, D-Austin.

Mattox said his long list of Hispanic supporters "destroys my opponent's naive cam-

paign promise to the Republicans that he can deliver the Hispanic vote to their ticket in November."

The Hispanic politicians backing Mattox said they don't believe Barrera's race will be an asset in November.

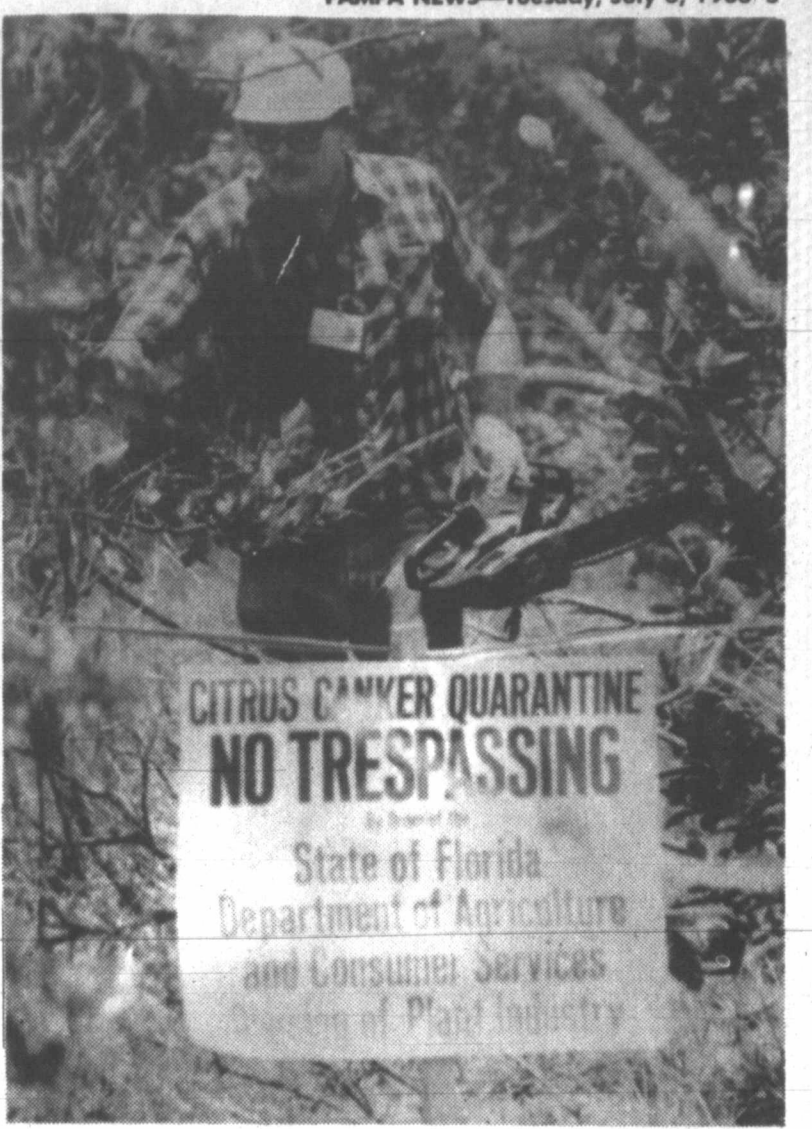
Uribe said ethnic background shouldn't be the determining factor for Hispanic voters, but rather the candidates' positions on issues of importance to Hispanics.

"They have a moral and ethical obligation to support the best candidate without regard to race... If Hispanics support Hispanics only because of ethnicity, we cannot expect anyone else to act any different," he said.

Gonzalez, who served in Congress with Mattox, said no single politician can deliver the Hispanic vote as a bloc.

"As far as the elective group known as Mexican-Americans in Texas, there's nobody who can deliver it. I think it's an insult and it shows a complete lack of knowledge or association with the people when anybody says that," he said.

Mattox also noted the resignations of Dallas industrialist Trammell Crow as Barrera's campaign treasurer and San Antonio developer Sam Barshop as finance director.



MORE CITRUS CANKER — A workman uses a chain saw to cut down citrus trees in Holmes Beach, Fla., that are infected with citrus canker Monday. This is the first of some 160 families that will see their citrus trees destroyed because of the infection. (AP Laserphoto)

Court of Appeals rules government went too far in buying informer's testimony

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — What was perceived as government misuse of paid informers in a Laredo, Texas, federal drug trial drew sharp criticism in an appeals court's reversal of the conviction of three men.

"The time has come to announce boldly and firmly that our judicial search for the truth cannot be reconciled with the virtual purchase of perjury," a 2-1 majority of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday in ordering a new trial.

"The government in its prosecutorial efforts should be like Caesar's wife, above or beyond reproach. At the very least, the court must tell a jury that the words of a witness have been in a sense purchased if he will be paid, more or less, depending on how effective his putative truth-telling sells itself to the jury," the court said.

The ruling came in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion's case against Adalberto Cervantes-Pacheco, Jerry Wayne Nelson and William E. Nelson.

The U.S. District Court for South Texas in Laredo sentenced Cervantes-Pacheco and William Nelson to four years' imprisonment and placed Jerry Wayne Nelson on probation for allegedly conspiring in 1984 to possess 200,000 pounds of Colombian marijuana with intent to distribute.

The government's case against the three was based in part on the testimony of an informant named Frank Kelly, alias Frank Kennedy. In its review of the case, the 5th Circuit said Kelly, who had previously worked on more than 35 cases, was told by the DEA he would be paid an unspecified sum of money to gather information about William Nelson, a Laredo pilot.

The 5th Circuit called that "an impermissible contingent fee

arrangement" that invited Kelly to "write his own ticket."

In the end, Kelly did such a good job of both informing and testifying, the 5th Circuit said, that the DEA acknowledged at the trial that it would recommend Kelly receive \$20,000 that was seized in the case.

The 5th Circuit said Kelly should not have been allowed to testify.

"One of the basics of our jurisprudence is the search for truth, and by this is meant not the purchased truth, the bartered-for truth, but the unvarnished truth that comes from the lips of a man who is known for his integrity," said the majority opinion by Judges Irving Goldberg of Dallas and Jerre Williams of Austin, Texas.

"It may be that we must live with informers. It may be that we must live with bargained-for pleas of guilty. But we do not have to give a receipt stamped 'paid in full for your damaging testi-

mony' or 'you will be paid according to how well you can convince the jury even though it be in the face of lies'."

In his dissent, Judge W. Eugene Davis of Lafayette, La., said the convictions should stand because evidence in the case showed Kelly's fee was not contingent on conviction, that the government has reasonable suspicions that William Nelson was involved with drug smuggling and that the conviction was supported by other strong evidence.

"The court has only one reason to be concerned with the amount of the government's payment to Kelly and that is whether the payment affected his credibility as a witness," Davis wrote.

"Ordinarily, the jury judges the credibility of the witnesses. The majority suggests no reason we should depart from that rule in this case and no reason occurs to me."

White-collar workers affected by oil crunch

DALLAS (AP) — Job opportunities practically leaped at Joseph Sanders III from the pages of Dallas' newspapers seven years ago, as they did for thousands of white-collar workers who swarmed to Texas in the state's oil-fed boom days.

But now those ads are thinning while lists are filling with people like Sanders — white-collar workers who are being laid off by both the smallest and largest of companies.

Sander, a Buffalo, N.Y., building executive who had worked 22 years with the same northern company, hadn't even been considering a job change before his Dallas visit in 1979.

But "the ads were incredible. I had 10 interviews in a week," he said.

Hired by a local construction company, Sanders, 51, found a steady working role in a city where building was constant. But today, he's out of work and struggling to get interviews.

"I thought it was going to be simple, believe me," he said. But after weeks of trying, "you send out resumes like they're going out of style and you get no calls."

The downturn in the petroleum-

based Texas economy has affected a much wider group than the roughnecks watching wells shut down. As oil prices have fallen, the further downturn in an already soft economy has taken a toll on the financial, management and development industries.

In Dallas, mid- and upper-level executives and office personnel are paying the price along with the historically vulnerable laborer.

The state's unemployment rate soared to 10.5 percent in June, and the six-county Dallas-Fort Worth region's unemployment rate has risen from 3.9 percent last spring to 5.2 percent this year.

Texas Employment Commission analyst Don Johnstone told the Dallas Times Herald that a significant factor is "white-collar people out of work who didn't used to be."

It's a trend that has highly credentialed professionals in a number of fields struggling to make career changes at reduced salaries, or straining to get interviews — when corporate recruiters once flocked to their doors.

"When I was working, I had

headhunters (recruitment firms) calling me all the time. Now the same guys are avoiding me," said Errol Broussard, a 47-year-old Plano resident who was laid off as domestic and international sales manager for Milchem Inc., an oil drilling and field service company.

Broussard, who is looking for a job in the finance field, hadn't been out of work in 27 years. Recently, he was one of several former oil company employees in line at the TEC office in Richardson, checking on unemployment benefits or job listings.

Although the hardest hit even among executives are those in the oil and gas industry, the downturn has rippled through the real estate business, where some agents are supplementing lower commissions with part-time jobs.

Because of a glut of office space and an uncertain future, major

construction projects are being canceled or postponed, sometimes with resulting layoffs.

"It has to do with the fact that the prospects just aren't good for the immediate future," said Raleigh Roussel, executive vice president of the Dallas chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

"People have begun to cut back on mid-level management people... You can't afford to keep people making \$35,000 or \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year on your payroll."

Bill Allen, president of Management Recruiters of Dallas, said the number of unsolicited resumes is climbing dramatically.

"They're usually very educated people, two degrees, 10 to 20 years experience," he said. "Many are totally tied to the energy field. And, in many cases, their skills are not transferable."

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WORDS FROM THE POPE — Pope John Paul II stands on the altar during an outdoor mass attended by hundreds of people Monday at Castries on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. (AP Laserphoto)

Pope flies home to Rome after island stopover, Colombian journey

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP) — Pope John Paul II thrilled the inhabitants of this lush volcanic island by speaking in the local French patois as he said Mass during a stopover while en route from Colombia to Rome.

After spending seven hours on this eastern Caribbean island where Columbus landed in 1502, the pope was seen off Monday night from Hewanorra International Airport by Prime Minister John Compton.

"Your holiness has shown by this visit that no country is too small or area too remote, no journey too arduous for your concern and your attention," Compton said.

The pope came to St. Lucia from the steamy city of Barranquilla, Colombia, where he urged that South American country's guerrillas to lay down their arms and heed a government truce plan in exchange for participa-

tion in the political system.

It was the final stop on John Paul's seven-day pilgrimage to predominantly Roman Catholic Colombia, which took him from the Latin American nation's cities to a poor fishing village on the Pacific coast.

Residents of St. Lucia, a 238-square-mile island in the Windward chain between St. Vincent and Martinique, came out in droves to welcome the 66-year-old pontiff.

Many dressed in their Sunday best and used colorful parasols to protect them from the sun.

All 2,000 hotel rooms on the island were sold out, and some travelers hoping to hear the pope sailed all night from neighboring islands.

The pope's visit to St. Lucia was his fifth to a Caribbean country. He previously traveled to the Dominican Republic twice and to Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago.

He also visited Puerto Rico in 1984.

After arriving in Castries, the pope reviewed a detachment of the Royal St. Lucia Police dressed in white and black uniforms and wearing spiked pith helmets.

Much of the pope's visit centered around St. Lucy, a Sicilian martyr who is the patron saint and namesake of St. Lucia, which was first permanently settled by the French.

A children's choir sang the Neopolitan ballad "Santa Lucia" in Italian at the arrival ceremony.

At an outdoor Mass, the pontiff presented a painting of St. Lucy to the island's church, saying, "You have a very Italian name, Santa Lucia ... you have a very Italian patroness and it is justified that you have from the house of the pope this gift of Santa Lucia."

Waldheim becomes president amid continuing controversy

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Kurt Waldheim today took office as president of Austria, the victor in a bitter election campaign marred by allegations he was involved in war crimes while serving in the German army in World War II.

The former U.N. secretary general was elected June 8 after a bitter campaign marked by allegations that he was involved in war crimes as a German army officer in the Balkans, that he knew of deportations of Jews to concentration camps and that he lied about it all.

Waldheim acknowledged serving in German Army Group E, which took part in murderous reprisals against civilians, but has repeatedly denied any personal wrongdoing.

In a speech prepared for his inauguration, Waldheim called for national reconciliation and said, "I consider myself from this hour on as the federal president of all Austrians."

In the address, Waldheim declared, "The 'Never Again' sworn atop the rubble of the Second World War by Austrians referred then and refers today too not only to the horrors of the Holocaust but also to the frighten-

ing frame of mind that caused it: anti-Semitism.

"It must, therefore, be our intention that is renewed every day, to consider and treat each of our fellow citizens as brother and sister — regardless of which race, which religion and which conviction he holds," Waldheim's speech said.

"He not only lied to us, he lied to the world," said Leon Seolis, a 79-year-old Austrian who joined a demonstration Monday against Waldheim near the State Opera in Vienna's downtown tourist district.

Seolis, one of the oldest among the mostly young protesters, held up a sign saying "No To The War Criminal President."

The demonstration, which drew about 1,000 people, was the biggest protest against Waldheim in Austria since the allegations surfaced in late February.

There was no violence, although the rally was held right across the street from the headquarters of the Austrian People's Party, which supported Waldheim for president against a Socialist candidate.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss of New York led a smaller protest group.

Two Jewish activists and two Roman Catholic clerics flew from the United States to stage a vigil outside the door of Waldheim's new office.

Weiss and Glenn Richter, the second Jewish activist, wore prison garb and displayed a poster facsimile of the 1947 U.N. War Crimes Commission document accusing Waldheim of involvement in the murder of prisoners.

Their companions, the Rev. David Bossman and Sister Rose Thering, both of Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., wore yellow stars of the same kind that were forced upon Jews by the Nazis.

Beate Klarsfeld, a German anti-Nazi activist based in Paris, joined them outside the Hofburg. The ornate palace is a former seat of Austrian emperors and the place where Adolf Hitler spoke to cheering thousands after Germany annexed Austria in 1938.

Passers-by stopped to read the protest signs and talk. Many cursed the group.

The office of president in Austria is mainly ceremonial, involving receiving foreign dignitaries and traveling abroad as the country's top elected official.

Quake hits Southern California

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — A sharp earthquake shook a wide region of Southern California early today, triggering rockslides and shattering windows, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or heavy damage.

The 2:21 a.m. PDT earthquake measured 6.0 on the Richter scale and was centered 12 miles northwest of Palm Springs, said Dennis Meredith of the California Institute of Technology. Palm Springs is 110 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

"It's a big one," Meredith said. A quake measuring 6 on the open-ended scale is capable of causing severe damage.

In Washington, D.C., U.S. Geological Survey spokesman Don Finley said the epicenter of the quake was about 40 miles east of San Bernardino in mountains near the edge of the Mojave Desert.

"Early reports said there was some damage in the epicentral area," he said.

Riverside County sheriff's dispatcher Alex Harris said rockslides closed two highways in the county, and two brushfires may

have been caused by the quake. Rocks tumbled onto State Highway 74 near Hemet, 75 miles east of Los Angeles, and a slide hit Ortega Highway in the desert, Harris said.

The brushfires were in the mountains above Cabazon, which is 80 miles east of downtown Los Angeles on Interstate 10, Harris said.

Scattered power outages were reported in the area around Palm Springs, said Southern California Edison Co. spokeswoman Becky Sordelet. She was unsure how widespread the problems were,

and said crews were sent to the area to assess damage.

No reports of serious damage to gas mains had been reported 45 minutes after the quake, said Southern California Gas Co. spokeswoman Sharon Woodson-Bryant.

Reports flooded in to police agencies throughout the region after the quake. Most callers said it lasted 30 seconds to one minute, officials said.

It was felt by residents romsx Larea, to the San Fernando Valley, 20 miles north.

Judge's nap not ground for a new trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has ruled that his nap during an incest trial was not grounds for a new trial for an Austin construction worker convicted on a charge of aggravated assault on a child.

The 33-year-old defendant was convicted in May on the charge accusing him of sexually assaulting his 11-year-old daughter. Testimony in the trial indicated that the man gave his daughter a venereal disease during repeated assaults.

It took jurors only 20 minutes to find the man guilty and only two hours to set his punishment at 45 years in prison.

Defense lawyers claimed that retired District Judge Herman Fitt of Mineral Wells fell asleep while defense attorney Alonzo Villarreal was cross examining the victim.

They said the judge slept through an objection from a prosecutor and then began snoring into a microphone at the bench. The snoring was amplified

throughout the courtroom. The judge was awakened by a clerk.

The defendant claimed that his trial was unfair because the judge fell asleep.

The man also claimed he received ineffective counsel from Villarreal because the lawyer did not tell him about a two-year plea bargain offered by prosecutors.

Assistant Travis County District Attorney Terry Keel testified that no plea bargain was offered.

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High court says schools may punish for vulgar language

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teachers and school administrators will be armed with new disciplinary powers in the next school year to promote what the Supreme Court says are the "values of a civilized social order."

The nation's highest court said Monday that public school students may be suspended for using vulgar language.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger wrote for the court, "Schools ... may determine that the essential lessons of civil, mature conduct cannot be conveyed in a school that tolerates lewd, indecent or offensive speech and conduct."

At the American Federation of Teachers convention in Chicago, union President Albert Shanker praised the decision.

"The schools are responsible for teaching civility as well as the three R's," Shanker said. "The decision should encourage schools to act against verbal as well as physical abuse."

Secretary of Education William J. Bennett joined in the praise, saying, "The court has upheld the legitimate, indeed essential, responsibility of schools to maintain an environ-

ment and ethos conducive to learning."

The court, voting 7-2, upheld the 1983 suspension of a Spanaway, Wash., high school senior who gave an assembly speech filled with crude sexual allusions.

Matthew Fraser's one-minute speech in support of a friend's candidacy for student body vice president of Bethel High School contained no dirty words, but it caused a brief uproar among his fellow students.

In the speech, Fraser described his friend as "a man who is firm — he's firm in his pants ... his character is firm ... a man who will go to the very end, even the climax, for each and every one of you."

His friend won the election by a wide margin.

Officials at the school in suburban Tacoma suspended Fraser for three days for violating a school rule banning disruptive conduct. Now a student at the University of California at Berkeley, Fraser sued school officials. He was forced to miss two days of school before his suspension was lifted.

Burger said the suspension did not violate Fraser's free-speech

rights. "The American public school system ... must inculcate the habits and manners of civility as values in themselves," Burger wrote.

Justices Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens dissented. Marshall said school officials failed to prove that Fraser's speech was disruptive.

At Bethel High School, Assistant Principal Christy Ingle said school officials felt vindicated.

"Our contention all along has been that public schools have the right to set standards of behavior for the students," she said.

In other matters, the court: —Ruled in a New York case that states are free to close down for lengthy periods of time adult bookstores found to be public nuisances because of the on-premises conduct of their customers.

—Agreed to decide whether Georgia death sentences are meted out in a racially discriminatory way.

—Said it will decide whether the Alabama state police must promote one black trooper for every white promoted to raise the percentage of black officers.



DO-GOODERS — Mary Houghton, left, and Jim Fletcher walk through one of the apartment complexes undergoing rehabilitation recently in Chicago. Fletcher's South Shore Bank is helping produce better housing for

the South Shore neighborhood on Chicago's South Side through pioneering loan strategies aimed at rebuilding deteriorated buildings. (AP Laserphoto)

The worst may be over for farmers, USDA official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crunch on U.S. farm exports may be winding down, and an era of long-term growth could be at hand, if the signals are correct, an Agriculture Department economist says.

"During the 1970s, a time of escalating farmland prices and inflation, the volume of U.S. farm exports increased an average of 8 percent per year. So far in the 1980s, including this year, the amount shipped has declined annually."

Clark Edwards of USDA's Economic Research Service says the forecasts indicate "the worst may soon be over" for exports, which have become vital to the financial well-being of so many of the nation's farmers.

"The foreign exchange value of the dollar has been dropping against many major currencies, and our commodity prices are closer to market-clearing levels," Edwards said Monday in

a new agency report. "Farmers' production costs are stabilizing, and rates of return on investment in agriculture are recovering from reduced levels for many farm enterprises."

Perhaps the most important development for American agriculture — assuming decades ahead without major wars — will be the steady increase in global population, which, according to the Population Institute, has now reached 5 billion people, double what it was in 1950.

"The long-run trend in export growth over the past three decades averaged about 3 percent per year," Edwards said. "If we can manage to get back on that track — and it appears that we can — agriculture's recovery will be hastened."

Although Edwards thinks farmers will continue to see "temporary strains" in the future as they have in the past, he said those need not lead to prolonged

periods of either surplus or shortage.

The recovery of lost export markets, however, will make American farmers more dependent on foreign buyers — and more vulnerable to future price swings of foreign origin.

"By the year 2000, around half of U.S. harvested cropland could be producing for export markets, up from an average of 36 percent in the last five years," Edwards said. "The livestock sector could also become more involved in exports, reducing its insulation from foreign market swings."

Why, with such risks apparent, should the United States push so hard for a greater share of the world agricultural export market? Perhaps, he said, because the alternatives are less appealing.

One alternative would be to pare back agriculture, limiting it to the domestic markets, which grow about 1 percent a year.

Woman doused with gasoline, set afire

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman was in critical condition with burns over her entire body after a man doused her with gasoline and set her on fire while she was babysitting with two small children, police said.

Shirley Shiley, 29, was being treated at Hermann Hospital burn unit with second- and third-degree burns, a police spokesman said.

A warrant was issued for a 39-year-old Houston man, who was still at large, police said.

Earl Nelson, a maintenance man in the apartment complex where the woman was attacked, was the first person to reach the woman.

"At first I heard some screaming and I thought it was some kind of domestic fight," said apartment maintenance man Earl Nelson. "I turned the corner and I

heard someone screaming 'She's on fire. She's on fire,' and I turned around and saw this woman with flames all over her."

Nelson said the woman was screaming for help and standing on the sidewalk in front of her apartment when he rushed to her aid.

"I grabbed a rug (from the

front door of an apartment) and the first thing I had to do was get her on the ground," he said.

"Then I put the rug over her and smothered the flames."

Gustavo Castro, a neighbor of the woman, said he arrived moments after the flames were put out.

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Police 'storefront centers' in great demand in Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—It started as an experiment: a small, neighborhood police station in north Houston, funded by a state grant, to test ways police could work with citizens to reduce the fear of crime.

Today, 2½ years later, business and civic groups all over Houston are raising money and donating their time to establish similar police facilities, and the concept of police "storefront centers" is firmly established in the Houston Police Department's planning.

Twelve storefront centers are now scattered across the city, and the demand for the stations is so great that a police task force is drafting guidelines for establishing funding and operating them.

"These centers are bringing the department much closer to the community," says Capt. Larry Kendrick, who served on the task force.

"The concept of storefronts is a test of new strategies to provide services," says Police Chief Lee P. Brown. "The idea is to bring police services to the community.

We want to be a part of the process of improving the quality of life in the neighborhoods."

Typically, the storefront centers operate in donated office space, which limits the city's expenses to personnel and utility costs. About a half-dozen officers, as well as support staff, are assigned to most of the centers.

The officers take crime reports from neighborhood residents, patrol the streets, speak to civic clubs, provide blood pressure screening and fingerprinting services and answer questions.

A recent study by the National Institute of Justice, a U.S. Justice Department research agency, found that Houston's storefront centers are effective in reducing neighborhood residents' fear of crime and, in some cases, reducing crime itself.

The study found that information developed through the city's first storefront center at 7200 Nordling, opened in November 1983, helped uncover a large fencing operation and burglary ring.

"In Houston," the researchers wrote, "where the population is

growing rapidly, density is low and neighborhoods are new, opening a neighborhood police center, contacting the citizens about their problems and stimulating the formation of neighborhood organizations where none had existed can reduce the fear of crime and even reduce the actual level of victimization."

One Houstonian who doesn't need to be convinced is John Daniels, director of security for Liberty Bank on lower Westheimer. Daniels has had a hand in the establishment of two storefront centers: one at 802 Westheimer, near the bank in December 1985, and another in his home neighborhood at 2614 Little York on the city's northeast side, last February.

Daniels says the success of the Westheimer center convinced him that his home neighborhood — an extremely low-income area whose residents, Daniels says, tended to be "very reserved" about police — could also benefit from a storefront office.

"The main thing we wanted to accomplish," Daniels says, "was

more camaraderie between the police and the neighborhood."

That camaraderie was certainly evident the night of Feb. 13, when dozens of people crowded into a newly renovated building for the grand opening of the Little York storefront center.

"You can be assured that you're going to get over 100 percent from us," officer C.B. Torpstra, one of the officers staffing the station, told the neighborhood.

It had taken Daniels and others in the area more than a year to make the center a reality. They had established the Concerned Citizens of Little York to coordinate the effort and persuaded the owner of an unused office building to donate it to their cause.

A retired carpenter who lives in the neighborhood did most of the renovation work. Area businesses donated the paint and furniture. A Halloween fundraiser at an elementary school netted \$2,500 — the featured event was "dunk-a-cop," in which police officers cheerfully allowed themselves to be doused in a tub.

We're poor folks out here," Daniels says, "but we've got people with a lot of pride."

At the Westheimer Center, the only one in the city that is open around the clock, seven days a week, Sgt. Don Williams says a new sense of teamwork has developed between neighborhood merchants and police officers.

The lower Westheimer area

has long been known as a center for prostitution and street crime, but shop owners say conditions have improved since the storefront center opened.

"For years, we were always hearing, 'What are you (police) going to do about it?'" Williams says. "Now it's changed to 'What are we going to do about it together?'"

Kids and guns dangerous combination

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—An 8-year-old Arlington boy is shot in the head and seriously injured while holding a target for an 11-year-old playmate practicing his skill with a rifle in the backyard.

A 7-year-old Fort Worth boy playing with a pistol he found in a car and thought was a toy shoots and kills an 11-year-old girl.

The Arlington shooting a week ago and the June shooting of the 11-year-old in Fort Worth are the latest accidents involving firearms and children.

In 1980, two juveniles in Arlington have been killed in firearms accidents, Arlington police records show. In Tarrant County, medical examiner's records show that at least three deaths during the last 18 months have involved juveniles and guns.

Many children who find guns and play with them simply don't realize that they are handling lethal weapons, said Harriett Amster, a professor of psychology and a specialist in developmental psychology at the Uni-

versity of Texas at Arlington.

"Children don't distinguish between death as portrayed on TV and the reality of death," she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Children see death as acceptable in their world of make-believe."

The National Safety Council reported that 1,800 people — including 280 children 14 years old or younger — died in firearms accidents in 1984, the latest year statistics are available.

In Houston, a dozen accidental shootings involving youths from December 1985 to February 1986 prompted police to urge parents to lock weapons safely away from children and teen-agers.

Often, when a parent or preschool teacher tries to explain the difference between a real death and a make-believe one, children become confused, Ms. Amster explained.

They don't realize that in real life, the dead person doesn't get back up, she said.

Marjolijn Bijlefeld, spokeswoman for the National Coalition to Ban Handguns, said the group

estimates one child 14 years or younger is killed each day in the United States with a firearm. "And we believe that is a conservative estimate," she said.

Andy Kendzie, spokesman for the National Rifle Association, believes the number of children killed each year is between 300 to 320 — a number he acknowledges is too high.

"The death of one child a day is too many," he said.

In 1977, gun accidents were the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States for children 15 years and younger, according to the Coalition. In 1982, firearms accidents claimed more lives than all other causes combined, and that about 22,000 deaths a year involve handguns in suicides, accidents and homicides.

"This number tells us that the belief that handguns can safely be kept at home is a myth," Ms. Bijlefeld said. "When the firearm is readily available, it's easy to grab it and use — especially during an emotional moment. Doctors can repair knife wounds, but


guns kill in a matter of seconds."

Kendzie said that although as many as 1,900 people die annually in firearm accidents, there are approximately 200 million firearms in use in the United States. That means that 99.9 percent of those using guns use them safely and responsibly.

The NRA believes the problem is one of gun safety, not gun control.

"In all the gun accident cases we see, people were negligent," Kendzie said. "They make guns accessible without teaching children the difference between toys and real guns. They need to attend one of about 1,000 courses on gun safety, cleaning, storage and marksmanship that we offer annually."


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The last car is vanishing from the railroads

EDITOR'S NOTE—They were the homes away from home for generations of trainmen, quaint little cabins on wheels that kids by the tracks always waved at. Many train crews even decorated their cabooses, hung curtains on the windows. But the car that always came in last is the first on its way out.

By **JOEL SIEGEL**
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The colorful little caboose, the "exclamation point" at the end of the train, may be nearing the end of the line.

Railroads claim new technologies and cost-saving measures have made the caboose obsolete. Since 1982, more than 2,000 have been retired, ending up in places like the Rutherford rail yard in Harrisburg.

But the railroad workers who ride in the quaint cabin cars are trying to keep them rolling.

The United Transportation Union is fighting the phaseout with safety arguments. Three states have passed mandatory caboose laws as a result of union lobbying.

The caboose has been a familiar fixture on freight trains since the 1850s, when the cars first appeared in the United States, according to the Association of American Railroads.

"It's sort of like an exclamation point at the end of the train. It's a human touch," says Dan Cupper, a local railroad enthusiast. "Every kid can tell you the purpose of a caboose is to carry someone to wave to you."

The first cars were little more than rolling huts, but the caboose evolved into an important component of trains. Brakemen climbed from them to set hand brakes atop the train. Flagmen dropped flares from the caboose to slow trains approaching from the rear. Conductors in a cupola atop the caboose watched the cars ahead for signs of trouble.

Air brakes, automatic light signals and special monitoring devices have replaced those tasks.

The caboose also once served as a bedroom for trainmen on the road. That began dying out 25 years ago with a proliferation of bunkhouses and motels.

In 1982, a presidential board concluded that "the elimination of the caboose should be an ongoing national program." Agreements between the transportation union and the railroads in 1982 and 1985 allowed a phase-out to begin.

"We're getting rid of cabooses

because they cost too much," says Lloyd Lewis, spokesman for the CSX Corp., a railroad holding company. "They cost about \$80,000 new and \$1 a mile to operate. They really don't serve their original purpose anymore."

"Today the caboose is an anachronism," a Conrail spokesman said. "All of the purposes served by cabooses have long since been taken over by other devices and systems."

The 1982 agreement allows elimination of up to 25 percent of cabooses on all types of trains. The 1985 pact permits the total elimination of cabooses on certain types of freight trains.

Although it approved the agreements, the United Transportation Union has been lobbying state legislatures across the country for laws requiring cabooses back on tracks.

E.W. Croyle, a union lobbyist in Harrisburg, says there's no substitute for having trainmen in cabooses, watching other cars for signs of trouble.

"When you are running trains that are as long as two miles, it just doesn't make sense to have everybody in the engine," he says.

Virginia, Montana and Oregon have mandatory caboose laws. A similar statute in Nebraska was recently repealed. In addition, a limited caboose regulation is on the books in Texas. A mandatory caboose bill was introduced in Pennsylvania last year, but it was withdrawn, Croyle says.

While the debate continues, cars keep rolling into caboose graveyards like Harrisburg's Rutherford rail yard.

Once a bustling switching point for coal, steel and other commodities synonymous with Pennsylvania in the Industrial Age, the yard's function these days is to hold cast-off cabooses and boxcars from the Conrail system.

Tall grass grows along the tracks, and only an occasional train or truck rumbling by in the distance breaks the silence. Here more than 300 cabooses wait for a final trip that could take them to a railroad buff — or a junkyard.

Cheerfully blue — not red — on the outside, the sidetracked Conrail cars are litter-strewn derelicts, with broken windows and peeling paint. Yellowed newspapers on the floor reflect stops on their last journeys: Cleveland, Bridgeport, Harrisburg.

A walk through the cars evokes images of another era, trainmen playing cards by the light of a lantern swinging overhead.

Each car is equipped much like

a motor home, with two or more bunk spaces, a desk for the conductor and his paperwork, a small oil stove called a caban for heating and cooking, a washbasin and a toilet.

"When the guys were off duty, it would almost be analogous to sailors on a ship," says Jeff Wagoner, a Conrail road foreman. "When they were in a confined area like this, they sat around, playing cards, reading."

Wagoner deciphered the stenciled numbers on each car, giving clues to the past. PC18425, for example, means the car was part of the Penn Central system, one of

six bankrupt railroads that became Conrail. The numbers 8-47 showed it was built in August 1947.

"This caboose could have been all across the system and back," Wagoner says.

Up until the 1950s, cabooses often were assigned to a specific train crew; wherever the crew went the caboose followed. Many old-time railroad workers remember crews that took pride in their cabooses, installed linoleum floors and hung curtains.

"In some instances a conductor would make you scrape your feet

before coming in. It wasn't the railroad's car, he thought it was his car," says Charlie Sludden, 72, of Harrisburg, a retired railroad yardman and union lobbyist.

But upkeep of the cabin cars began to slip when railroads started using the same caboose for an entire train trip, instead of changing the car with each new crew. No longer could a crew call a caboose its own.

Now the friendly wave of a trainman may come from the engine cab.

"When the trains came by, you always had something to look for-

ward to. Nine times out of ten, when you'd wave at the men in the cabin car, they'd wave back," says Bill Barrett, a retired railroad electrician from Altoona.

"Today you keep looking and looking and say, 'Hey, no cabin car?' It's the same thing as when they took off the steam engines and replaced them with the diesel."

Some cabooses are picked apart by scrap dealers. Others are being preserved because of people like Joe Woltcheck, a Duncannon man who has bought cabooses from Conrail and resold them.

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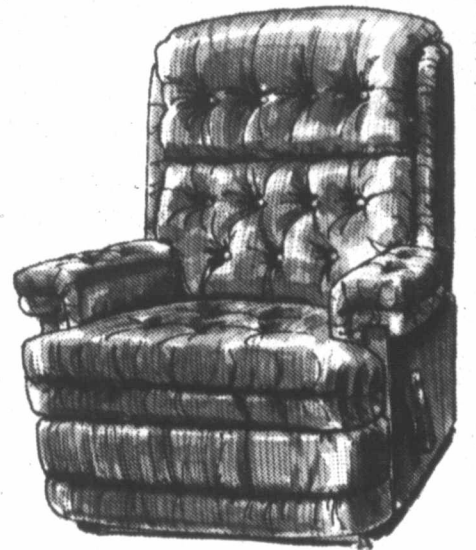
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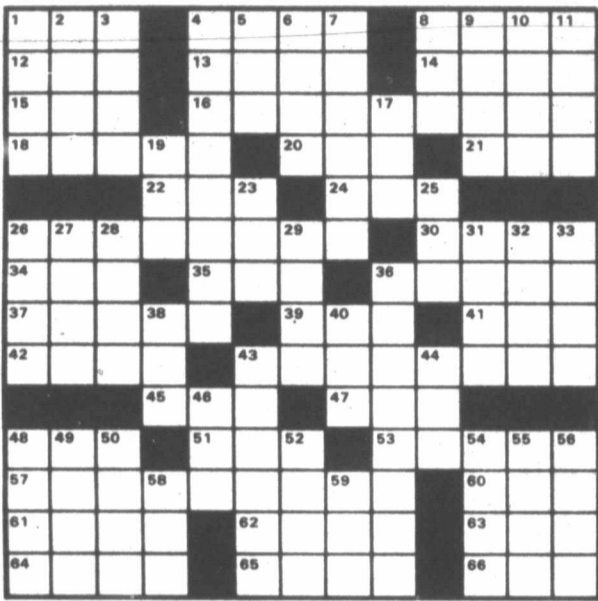
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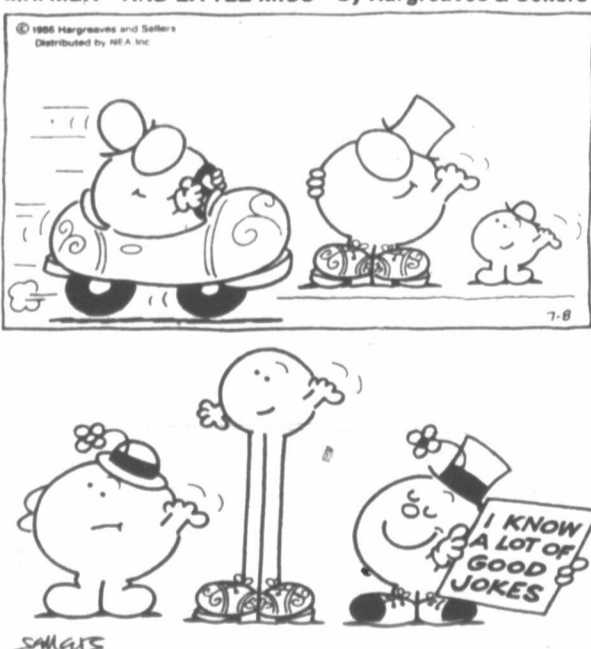
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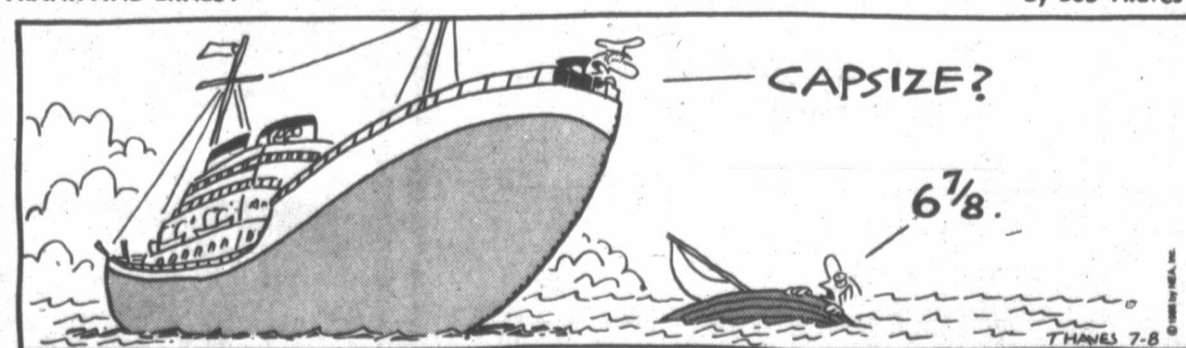
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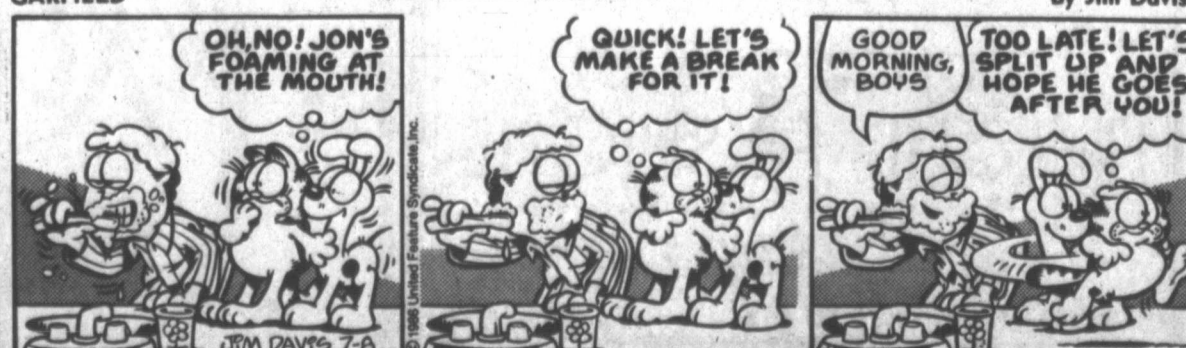
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In the year ahead your greatest opportunities will develop along the lines of least resistance. Flow with events instead of bucking the tide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Both you and your mate may make mistakes today and then point the accusing finger at the other. Things like this will shatter the harmony in your household. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, PO Box 1816, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your heart isn't in your work today, you are not going to do a good job. Rather than bungle an assignment, shelve it until you're in a better mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you participate in some form of strenuous sport today, pace yourself sensibly. Pushing beyond your endurance could cause you aches and pains tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take to heart the comments of an associate who envies your accomplishments. If he had your abilities, he wouldn't be groaning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Discussing personal philosophies with friends today will not solve the world's problems. Don't bring issues to the boiling point.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Protect your own interests today, but not to the point where you take advantage of another. Out a deal that is fair to all concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be a trifle too stubborn for your own good today. This could cause a problem if you get involved with a person who is as unyielding as yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're seldom hesitant about helping a friend when you're in the position to. However, today you're apt to find requests for aid annoying.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, if you're serving as the social chairman, don't put together an event that includes friends with differing points of view. You could end up being the referee.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be selective about who you discuss your plans with today. Don't talk to an antagonist who lacks your vision; his objections will only frustrate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might get a little miffed today by one who owes you a long-standing debt. Instead of repayment, he may only come up with more excuses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Important commercial transactions should be put in writing today and not just verbalized. This could preclude a future problem.

LIFESTYLES

Expert discusses window displays

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

"For 365 days a year, your windows can be free advertising for you," merchants who attended a Main Street seminar last week were reminded.

But to attract customers and to enhance the appearance of the business, the window and its displays need to be appealing to entice customers into the store, said Kay Harvey Mosley, Texas Main Street interior design consultant.

Speaking to a group of local merchants at a luncheon Wednesday in the Biarritz Club, Mosley said basic principles of display and lighting can be applied to nearly any type of display.

"One of the basics is washing windows and keeping them 'squeaky clean,'" she said, noting that many merchants tend to forget or to ignore that simple principle. Displays need to be seen to be effective, and dirty windows can obscure the display or detract from its otherwise pleasing appearance.

Mall management techniques for window displays should be used even for downtown stores, Mosley said.

For example, if a window is divided into panes, the panes should be painted the same color as the rest of the building exterior or at least a very neutral color to convey a unified, non-distracting appearance, she explained.

"Signs can be a real problem," Mosley noted. Merchants want customers to know the prices, especially for sale items. But often the signs are too large and clutter the window, hiding the merchandise from customers standing outside the store.

But smaller, more discrete sale signs next to the sale merchandise "really do add class to a window," she stated.

Merchants should avoid ornate, painted graphics and designs on windows since too often they may also hide the merchandise or detract from the display, she said.

Store names may be painted on the window, but the name should be higher up on the window to avoid obscuring the interior displays.

The lettering design should be in keeping with the type of business, Mosley suggested. Also, the decor should match the type of store front: don't use old style lettering on a modern store front, for example.

A major problem with window displays is the tendency of many merchants "to want to show everything" in the window or to fill up all the available space, Mosley observed.

Less merchandise with a striking arrangement or placement is likely to draw more attention from passersby and to catch their eyes, she explained.

"A good, clean look is better than a busy, cluttered appearance," she stated.

Merchants should avoid "just pitching merchandise" into the window without any regard for appearance, Mosley warned. "Don't put so much in the window that objects are lost" and become hard to separate in viewing.

Obviously handmade signs also should be avoided since they too often look amateurish or at least unattractive, she said.

Sticker emblems or logos—as for chamber of commerce, club and business association memberships—are fine to place in the window, but they should be placed discretely in corners or to one side, Mosley said. But merchants should take care to remove the older logos and avoid piling them up in distracting lines across the window.

Having discussed some of the negative aspects of displays, Mosley provided some positive principles for merchants to consider.

"Themes can be fun to work with," she said, adding that most displays can have themes: party ideas or occasions, seasonal goods, holidays or recreational activities, for example.

For special events, merchants can use similar themes in their displays to tie stores together. The annual Top o' Texas Rodeo, for example, would offer a chance for merchants to use common themes, she suggested.

It's often best to have the merchandise out of the box or pack-

ages for display, Mosley said. That lets the customer know what's actually available, and the items are usually more exciting than any box.

But even if the items are unboxed, merchandise shouldn't be crammed into the window or placed haphazardly to interfere with viewing.

To enhance the appearance, merchants should avoid boring and monotonous placements: straight lines, repetitive patterns or placement at the same height. Instead, a sense of movement can be conveyed, with flowing lines, staggered placement or arrangements that cause the potential customer's eye to move from one item to another, she suggested.

Backdrops can help, too, by providing coordinated and accenting colors or a striking contrast. But aluminum foil should be avoided: "it usually looks cheap... and can interfere with lighting effects," Mosley noted. Black backdrops often have a sophisticated look, but good lighting is needed to highlight the displayed merchandise.

Bright primary colors can catch the eye, she said, but they should be used as accents and not be overdone. Also, complementary colors and patterns can be effective.

"Lighting is very important in windows," more so in outdoor stores than within a mall, Mosley said.

"The sun can be a curse" at certain times of the day, she noted. But incandescent lights can help by spotlighting merchandise and eliminating shadows. Also, awnings can help alleviate sun problems in the windows and also enable lighting to be used more effectively for outdoor stores.

Banners can be used to display types of services or to provide information, Mosley said. But they should be used sparingly. If placed in the window, they should blend in with the color scheme and not obscure the merchandise.

If clothes are displayed by themselves, they should be gathered and draped to show their natural wear instead of just

being stretched out or pinned to the wall, she said. If mannequins are used, they should be posed naturally. Also, their backsides generally should not be to the streetside. Merchants should take care to make certain the mannequins are situated to look good from all angles where windows form a corner with viewing from both sides.

If a wall is behind a window space, it can be used to display items, but good arrangements should be used; the items shouldn't just be tacked up on the wall without regard to a pleasing appearance, Mosley claimed. Also, the walls should be kept painted, repaired and attractive.

In larger windows, merchants should be aware of proportions and make use of all the space. Small items shouldn't just be placed at the bottom with only empty space above them. Instead, shelves, cloth-covered boxes, tables and other props can be used to get the items up off of the floor, she suggested.

If there is no real display area behind the window, merchants should avoid "just stacking up items behind the window," like stacks of boxes or cans of paint, Mosley cautioned. Instead, the display should look more three-dimensional; again, standing shelves or other props could be used, she stated.

Attention also should be given to displays inside the store, Mosley stated. Cardboard boxes, for example, shouldn't be filled with merchandise and then placed in the aisles or near cash registers.

Also, merchandise crowded into narrow aisles or corners make it difficult for the customer to find items, she noted. "We need to make the customer feel comfortable" without having to squeeze along narrow aisles or dig into corners to locate merchandise, she stated.

In addition, good lighting should be used to avoid dark spots within the store, she said.

"Though rules and principles are good, they sometimes can be broken," Mosley said. But if so, it should have a purpose or create a special effect.

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Dear Abby

Slow down and read 'What's Your Hurry?'

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Seeing "Slow Me Down, Lord" by 85-year-old Wilferd A. Peterson in your column not only triggered "Speed Me Up, Lord," it brought to mind a surrebuttal by my grandfather, Samuel Ullman (whose "Youth" was published in your column in 1982 and was often quoted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur).

Grandpa's poem (enclosed) was written circa 1918, so if you think it merits sharing with your readers, you have my permission.

MAYER U. NEWFIELD

DEAR MR. NEWFIELD: Thank you. I do:

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?
Slack up, brother, what's your hurry,
That so recklessly you scurry,
With your elbows crowding sideways
And your eyes fixed straight ahead?
Is a minute's time so precious,
That you need be so ungracious,
And go tramping on your fellows,
As on the way you speed?

Can't you spare a nod of greeting,
Pass the time of day in meeting,
Swap a joke or smile a little
When a neighbor comes along?
Is the dollar so enticing —
Is success so all-sufficing
That you can't devote a second
To a brother in the throng?

Do you know your destination?
It's a quiet little station,
Where ambition never troubles
And the dollar jingles not;
Where riches are not enduring.

ing. Where your note has passed maturing,
And the richest man's possession
Is a little grassy spot.

Why be over keen in speeding,
On a trail so surely leading
To that lonely little city,
Where
We all must land at last?
Slack up, brother! What's your hurry,
That so recklessly you scurry?
You may lead a slow procession
E'er another year is past.
By Samuel Ullman,
"From a Summit of
Years Fourscore"

DEAR ABBY: My father owns a catering business. I am getting married soon, and my father assumes that he will cater my wedding. Abby, I've been to some of the weddings he has catered, and the food was lousy and the service was terrible. His competitor in town does a much better job. I really want a catered wedding but I hate to hurt my father's feelings. What should I do?

DESPERATE IN JERSEY

DEAR DESPERATE: Rather than bite the hand that feeds you by engaging your father's competitor, elope.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. All correspondence is confidential.)



CLASS OF '55 — Members of the Pampa High School Class of '55 pose with a 1955 Ford as the reminisce about high school experiences at their 31st class reunion Saturday. About 135 of the 212 class members were presented at the reunion. Registration was held at the Coronado Inn that morning, followed by supper, and awards presentations

at the Country Club that evening. Awards were given for the members who had traveled farthest, most changed male and female, least changed male and female, class member married longest and shortest, most children and youngest child. Reunion committee members were recognized and presented with flowers. (Special photo)

Polly's Pointers

DEAR POLLY — If you have a wicker chair that has a sagging bottom or seat, turn the chair upside down and lay a cold, wet towel or cloth on it for an hour. Remove the cloth and let the chair dry. As it dries, the wicker will tighten up and the chair will look much better. — GRANNY

DEAR POLLY — I was always breaking cup handles until I stopped

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DEAR POLLY — If you have a cat, never leave your nylons or pantyhose hanging over a vent within your cat's reach. Your nylons will dance and amuse your cat. Your cat will then play with them and try to pull them down. The result: runs! If you want to dry nylons quickly, use a clothes dryer or hair dryer set on low. — E.S.

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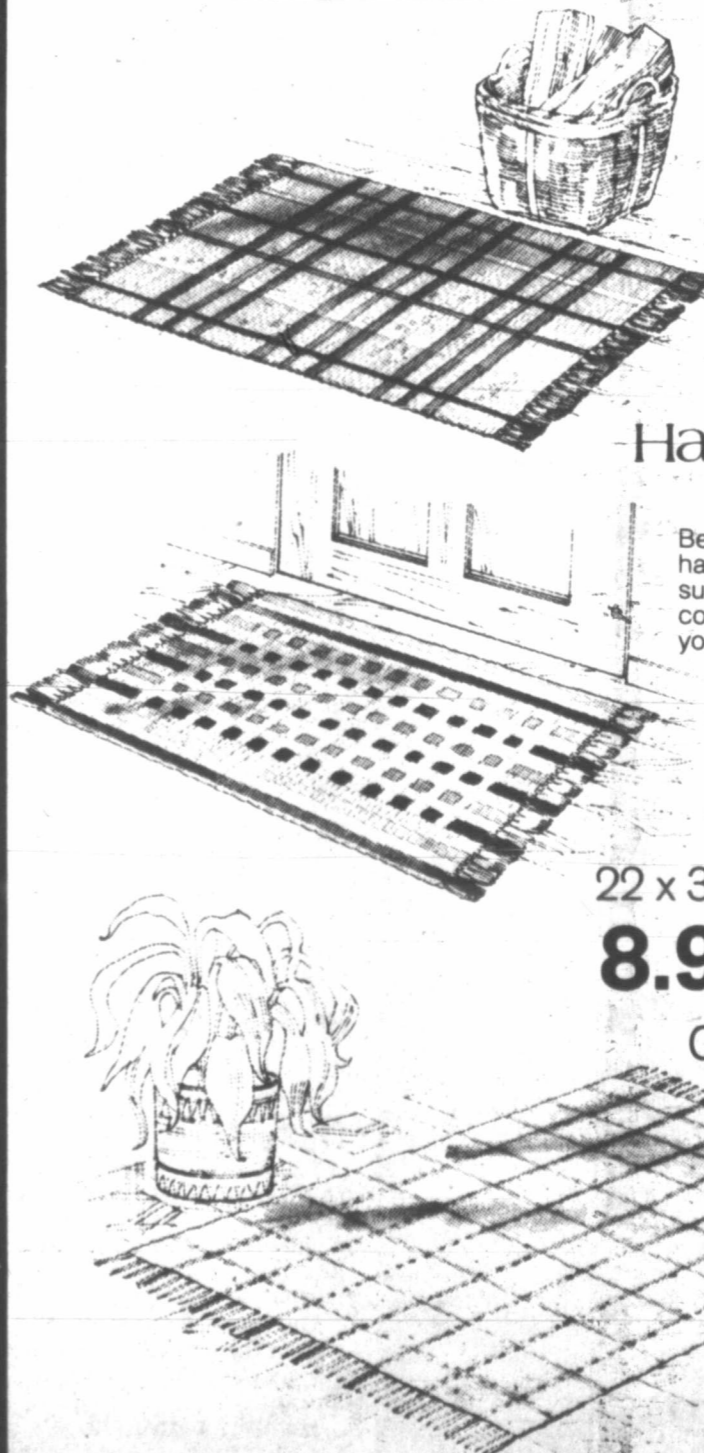
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FERRY SLASHER — Juan Gonzales, from Cuba, who police identify as the man who attacked passengers aboard the Staten Island Ferry Monday, killing two and wounding nine, is escorted through the 120th precinct on Staten Island, New York. Gonzales went on a rampage and slashed his victims with a sword. (AP Laserphoto)

Man charged in sword killing of 2, wounding of 9 on ferry

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Edward I. Koch has ordered an investigation into why a hospital released a 43-year-old homeless man from psychiatric observation only two days before he killed two people and wounded nine others with a sword, officials said.

Juan Gonzalez, who has been charged with second-degree murder and assault and other charges, said he was acting on God's orders Monday morning, when he carried out his attack on a Staten Island ferry carrying up to 500 passengers, police said.

Gonzalez was subdued by a former policeman who fired a gun to make him surrender after a five-minute rampage.

Koch said Gonzalez was taken to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for observation on Thursday after acting strangely at a men's shelter and saying "Jesus told him to kill." He was released Saturday.

The New York Times reported that the hospital had diagnosed

Gonzalez as having a psychotic paranoid disorder, but he was ordered released once he promised to seek psychiatric care at another hospital.

Koch ordered the city's mental health commissioner to investigate procedures surrounding the case and issue a report by Friday.

The Samuel I. Newhouse, a 6,000-passenger vessel, left Manhattan for Staten Island at 8:30 a.m. Monday with 400 to 500 riders, said Victor Ross, a city Transportation Department spokesman. On board were commuters and tourists in town for the Statue of Liberty centennial celebrations.

"It was bedlam," said Edward del Pino, who subdued the man. "Everyone was running past me incoherently screaming."

Del Pino, who was heading home from his job as a night security guard, said he asked a woman what was happening and she replied, "I don't know. Everyone's running, so I'm running too."

The 55-year-old del Pino said he pushed through the mob to where Gonzalez stood over a woman and "to my horror, I see him going up and down, lunging down repeatedly with the sword."

"I yelled, 'Drop it!'" he said. "He also shot in Gonzalez's direction and Gonzalez dropped the weapon."

Del Pino made Gonzalez sprawl across a seat and warned him, "If you move, you're dead."

Deputy Police Commissioner Richard Condon said Gonzalez told police he was homeless and a "boat person" from Cuba who came to the United States in March 1977.

At an arraignment, Gonzalez was ordered held without bail and sent to Kings County Hospital for a 30-day evaluation, said Sgt. John Venetucci, a police spokesman.

Gonzalez boarded the ferry Monday with the 26-inch-long sword concealed in newspapers, Condon said.

ing nine, is escorted through the 120th precinct on Staten Island, New York. Gonzales went on a rampage and slashed his victims with a sword. (AP Laserphoto)

Eagleton says

Existence of mediocre lawyers shouldn't mean mediocre judges

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Should there be room for mediocre lawyers on the Supreme Court and in other levels of the federal judiciary?

Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., thinks not.

But he explored the idea last week in a Senate speech about the controversial nomination of Daniel Manion to be a judge of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Manion is opposed by many senators, who contend that he lacks the qualifications for the job. His supporters say he is well qualified and that the opposition stems from his conservative philosophy.

But the Senate hula-baloos about it all caused Eagleton to recall the furor in 1970 when the Senate rejected the nomination of Judge Harold Carswell to the Supreme

Court after a debate in which Sen. Roman Hruska, R-Neb., said of the nominee: "Well, even if he were mediocre, there are a lot of mediocre judges and people and lawyers, and they are entitled to a little representation, aren't they?"

The memory caused Eagleton to surmise that probably up to half of the 39,000 graduating law students this year "possess less than the talent they need to practice law."

"So, yes, there are a lot of mediocre lawyers around," said Eagleton.

"But we do not say that the mediocre lawyers are entitled to their proportionate share of slots on the Supreme Court or the Circuit Court of Appeals."

"If half the lawyers in the country are mediocre, and one could have a debate on that, then are we to preserve four of the nine seats on the Supreme Court for the

mediocre and five for the superior?

"We would have to have two confirmation proceedings. The president would have to nominate saying, 'I hereby nominate Mediocre Joe for a mediocre slot and use the mediocre test when you confirm.'"

"Then, when he has someone who is really good, he would say, 'I hereby nominate him for one of the superior slots.'"

The principal reason that wouldn't be a good idea, Eagleton said, is that federal judges serve for life, mediocre or not. And there may be something about the job that encourages longevity.

"One thing about judges, when they put on a black robe, they live forever," Eagleton said. "There is something about a black robe that is good for the blood flow."

"And if you make a mistake, it is a lifetime mistake," he said. "There is no, 'Oops.'"

Contra aid bill would help town's residents

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — If the contras battling Nicaragua's Sandinistas get their \$100 million in aid, it's going to be a great deal quieter around the Southwest Texas town of Valentine.

U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas, added a provision to the military construction appropriations bill requiring the Air Force to find somewhere else to train F-15 pilots stationed at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo.

That bill, approved by the House two weeks ago, would withhold \$14 million in construc-

tion funds from Holloman if the Air Force does not develop new training plans within six months.

The bill now goes to a House-Senate conference committee to work out differences in the versions of the bill passed by each chamber.

Coleman said he proposed the restriction in response to complaints from ranchers about the effects of sonic booms on people and livestock around the tiny town of Valentine, 160 miles southeast of El Paso.

"He tried several ways to prod the Air Force into coming up with

a plan that would not subject that area to these tremendous sonic booms, but it hasn't worked, so he decided to go the legislative route," Coleman's press secretary, John Jackley, said Monday.

The F-15 training missions began last year over a 600-square-mile area that includes parts of Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

Ralph Voight, a retired businessman and leader of the protests, contended supersonic flights should be conducted only over public lands, not private property.

Atheist 'bible' handbook released

AUSTIN (AP) — The American Atheist Center has issued a new version of a Bible handbook that atheists claim "proves that the Judeo-Christian holy book is a mass of contradictions, absurdities, unfulfilled prophecies and broken promises."

"The Bible Handbook reveals, by quoting the 'Holy Bible' itself, that as an ethical guide, a historical guide, so-called literature or a manifestation of divine wisdom, the Judeo-Christian Bible is worthless and useless; it should be thrown into the rubbish can of the past," said a statement from the American Atheist Center.

In a section entitled "Bible Absurdities," on page 107, under the subheading "A four-cornered globe," is printed the following: "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth. Rev. 7:1."

On page 48 under the subheading "God a tailor," is written, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skin, and clothed them. Gen. 3:21."

According to the atheist center, the handbook quotes verbatim from the King James Bible. The softbound handbook sells for \$8.

Names in News

COLORADO Sports.

SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Louis L'Amour, whose nearly 100 novels about the frontier days have preserved memories of the Old West, says Westerners must save the region's unique atmosphere no matter what price is offered for it.

"We must treat the West as our living room and not mess it up," L'Amour said Monday in a speech at the annual meeting of the Western Governors' Association. "In the West, we have space and an atmosphere in which we can grow and develop, and we must preserve that."

In addition to his warning about unchecked growth, L'Amour said he considered it crucial that Westerners preserve the environment, saying "it's not such a great effort to do that."

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Poet and novelist James Dickey says he feels weak and tired but otherwise well following his release from a hospital after removal of a brain clot.

The 63-year-old Dickey, whose works include "Deliverance," was released Sunday from Richland Memorial Hospital.

Dickey, a University of South Carolina professor who has four books that are expected to be released during the next 12 months, had suffered from headaches for about two months and had emergency neurosurgery June 30, said his wife, Deborah.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tennis star Pam Shriver, fresh from her Wimbledon doubles victory with Martina Navratilova, will succeed skater Dorothy Hamill as a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and

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News in brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — After six years, the Environmental Protection Agency has announced final air pollution standards for arsenic emissions by copper smelters, glass factories and some arsenic plants.

As expected, EPA's final arsenic rule Monday does not regulate emissions from lead and zinc smelters, zinc oxide plants, cotton gins and certain other arsenic plants. The agency said reductions in emissions could be achieved only by closing those plants or imposing controls that "are excessive compared to any small health benefits that might result."

Arsenic is found in many ores. It is used to provide clarity in some glass products and in some pesticides. Small amounts are an important constituent of semiconductors used in electronics.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has formally kicked off its campaign against smoking with the service's top officer urging commanders to exercise common sense.

Battle pits double-amputee veteran against conscientious objector

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Vietnam War made Allen Clark a hero without legs. It made Bill Aleshire a conscientious objector.

Now Clark and Aleshire are on different sides again, opponents campaigning for the top administrative post in Travis County government.

Clark, a Republican, and Aleshire, a Democrat, say Vietnam should not be an issue in the county judge race. But they both know the war still weighs heavily on some people's minds.

"I am upset at myself for not investigating Bill Aleshire's background more. I voted several times for the man and then I find out he refused to serve his country," Homer L. Biggerstaff Jr. of Pflugerville said in a letter to the editor of the Austin American-Statesman.

"I hope that his opponent hangs that around his neck like a millstone. If a man is not willing to serve his country, please tell me why I should vote for him, and make me understand," Biggerstaff said.

Allen Clark, 43, is a West Point graduate who has been a Green Beret captain, No. 2 man at the Veterans Administration and an aide to ex-Gov. Bill Clements.

On June 17, 1967, he was on watch at a camp at Dak To, near where the Ho Chi Minh Trail enters South Vietnam. Enemy mortar fire knocked him to the ground. His left leg was amputated that day in a field hospital at Pleiku. Eight days later, doctors at a military hospital in San Antonio removed his right leg. Clark spent 15 months in hospitals. He has had 16 operations as a result of the injuries. He says he still needs one more.

Vietnam, and the daily reminders he carries, did not make Clark bitter.

"I am obviously very sad I was hurt so bad because it was a bad, physical hurt. It wasn't any kind of fun. But I did it, I survived it and I'm a stronger person than anything he could ever match by not having been through that experience," Clark said of Aleshire.

The GOP nominee said he will not make Vietnam an issue in the November election — but he is keeping track of who comments on it and how often.

"It's other people bringing it up, so it apparently means something to a lot of people," Clark said.

In general, he said, his feeling toward conscientious objectors is "I'm sorry they didn't have the opportunity to serve the cause of freedom."

Bill Aleshire, 36, was Travis County tax assessor-collector until he quit to run for county judge. He was out of high school only a few weeks when Clark was wounded in Vietnam.

Four years later, after a college career that gave him a student deferment and experience in anti-war protests, Aleshire wound up No. 8 in the draft lottery.

"I had had a pretty strong upbringing that the way to settle fights in school was not to fight, to try to find nonviolent ways of doing things. I got into some fist-fights, but I never did see that they settled anything," he said.

"In 1971, I had decided this particular war was wrong."

His father, Clifford Aleshire, is a retired career Army major who won a Purple Heart during World War II for helping to evacuate a warehouse struck by a burning ammunition truck.

But he wrote a letter to Selective Service in support of his son's conscientious objector request.

"He wasn't pleased and he didn't agree with my position. But I think he understood it and he understood me," Bill Aleshire said. "I was interested in serving this country, but I was not interested in being part of the war. I wanted to end that war."

Aleshire worked 18 months with the Community Action Program, helping to find better ways to get social services to the needy. For another six months, he was a researcher for the Texas House of Representatives.

"It's rather interesting that we equate the phrase 'serving our

country' with serving only in the military. There are lots of ways to be loyal to this country. There are lots of ways to serve the people of this country. And courage is expressed in lots of different ways," he said.

"I'm not sorry I did it. It was an expression of conscience that still exists. I don't consider it to be something that lacked honor."

"I didn't even know he had been a conscientious objector and an anti-war protester when I filed for office," Clark said. "I found out from a couple of veteran friends of mine about a week later."

"It wasn't just not going to Vietnam, it was not serving in the military at all. It's important historically to note that many conscientious objectors went into uniform and served as unarmed combat medics," he said.

Clark, who was the GOP's losing candidate for state treasurer in 1982, said Vietnam is not relevant to the county judge race, but he believes it tells voters something about the candidates.

"What I went through steered me. What I went through strengthened me. What I went through was a severe traumatic, physical, emotional and mental experience, which, having survived it to come back to compete in society again... has given me a special depth of leadership background," he said.

Clark says he bears no personal resentment toward Aleshire, but that he is not sure how other veterans will react when they go to the polls.

"Candidly, most veterans say to me he was a draft-dodger. To a lot of veterans, it doesn't matter if you went to Canada or you were a conscientious objector. In their

minds, you're in the genre of draft-dodger — period," he said. "If the emotion of it is out there, veterans will hear about my service and say, 'Hey, I'm going to vote for that double leg amputee Green Beret who served his country and was decorated for valor in action,'" Clark said.

Aleshire, who said he was never a "hard-core hippie," agrees that Clark's war record tells you something about the man.

"Any time a person is challenged and tested, that situation is relevant, at least in the general sense. But I don't believe for most voters that is the decisive factor, at least not in Austin, Texas," he said.

The Democratic nominee said he has heard from Vietnam veterans who want to form a political organization to back him.

He turned them down because that "kind of succumbs to the idea that it's an issue."

"The folks that think they ought to use this as a political strategy against me may be surprised at the reaction if they push it too far," Aleshire said.

In February, when talk about their Vietnam records made the political circles, he wrote a letter to Clark.

"Rumor has it that you may have some questions about my service to this nation in a non-military capacity," he wrote, explaining how he had "followed correct legal procedure" in being granted conscientious objector status.

"Standing up for my beliefs, even when it's a tough decision, may be considered by most people to be an asset. I am here for you to judge also," the letter said.

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