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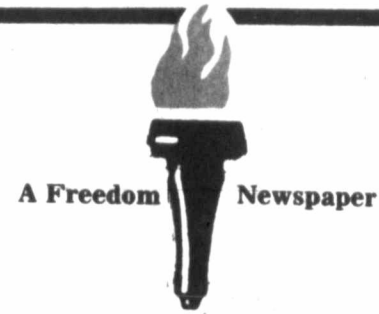
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OPEC agreement boosts oil prices

Cartel agrees on temporary production cut to '84 levels

GENEVA (AP) — OPEC today formally endorsed an agreement on temporary production cuts to boost oil prices that will take effect next month, the Venezuelan oil minister said.

The accord will last from Sept. 1 until Oct. 31, Arturo Hernandez Grisanti told reporters outside a closed meeting of oil ministers from the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Saudi Arabian oil minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani also confirmed all OPEC members endorsed the agreement.

The cartel's president, Rilwanu Lukman, who is Nigeria's oil minister, announced overnight that the OPEC countries broke a long-standing deadlock by unanimously agreeing to an Iranian plan for a drastic production cut.

Under the plan, the cartel would then hold another confer-

ence to discuss prices. If any country were found to be producing more than its quota, the accord would automatically become invalid.

Oil industry analysts consider a unanimous accord by OPEC members on production cuts crucial to reversing a worldwide slump in world prices, which have dropped from \$32 a barrel late last year to the \$7 range for some grades.

For the United States, which uses about 25 percent of the estimated 60 million barrels of oil consumed in the world daily, the

OPEC agreement may raise prices, but when and by how much remains unclear. The cartel's oil accounts for about 12 percent of U.S. consumption.

If the agreement can raise world prices to the \$20-a-barrel range, U.S. consumers could see gasoline prices eventually rise about 14 cents a gallon, by some industry calculations. But the domestic gasoline market is highly competitive, and it remains unclear whether OPEC's agreement will last.

Traders described the London and Rotterdam spot oil markets

today as nervous and unstable as the market reacted to the announcement.

Gabon's Oil Minister Etienne Tchioba said today the cartel hoped to persuade non-OPEC producers to cut their combined production by at least 500,000 barrels a day.

The Iranian plan calls for OPEC to return to its combined daily output level of October 1984, and covers all 13 of the cartel's members except Iraq, Iran's enemy in the Persian Gulf war.

By dropping Iraq from the plan, Iran cleared a major

stumbling block that had confounded OPEC deliberations for months.

The October 1984 combined ceiling for OPEC was 16 million barrels a day. For 12 countries except Iraq, it was 14.8 million barrels a day.

With Iraq's current production estimated at between 1.9 million and 2 million barrels a day, OPEC's daily output under the new plan would be 16.7 million to 16.8 million 42-gallon barrels.

OPEC's July production was around 20 million barrels a day.

President's drug program cheered by most legislators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress are applauding President Reagan's vow to cleanse society of illicit drugs, but are voicing uncertainty about how far the nation should go toward universal testing of workers.

Reagan, in a nationally televised speech, outlined a six-point program Monday aimed at breaking people's reliance on drugs and declared creation of a "drug-free workplace" as his top priority.

He said his advisers are looking for specific ways to get illicit drugs out of offices and schools, but stressed that no decisions have been made on drug tests for federal workers.

"I think we're pretty much agreed that mandatory testing is justified where the employees have the health of others and the safety of others in their hands," the president said.

"But at the same time," Reagan added, "I think we're pretty much agreed that we should make it plain that we're not out to get people and fire them, and we're not out to get kids and kick them out of school for using it."

"What we're out to do is see if they will not recognize that we want to help them, and they don't lose from that, so I don't see how it could become coercive."

Reagan's plan would aim at creating a drug-free workplace for all Americans, getting drugs out of schools, improving efforts to inform people of the dangers of drugs; stepping up law enforce-

ment drug interdiction efforts; attempting to get other nations to cooperate; and ensuring drug treatment for people who need it.

A senior administration official, declining to be identified by name, said, "I don't think anyone has said make mandatory drug testing a condition of employment." However, he added, "We're going to ask corporate America to expand" drug testing.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, hailed Reagan's speech, telling reporters he favored mandatory drug testing for workers involved in public safety, including air traffic controllers, bus drivers and "people in the military involved in security matters."

Reagan suggested that top officials of his administration, including members of the Cabinet, voluntarily submit to drug tests, and said that a wide-ranging testing program among the government's 2.2 million civilian employees could serve as an example for others.

But this idea was not uniformly embraced by lawmakers.

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, when asked whether he would request his staff members to undergo tests for illegal drug use, replied: "I haven't asked them yet, I'll tell you that, and I'm not sure I will."

"I don't think anybody on my staff takes drugs, to be honest with you, so I don't know that I have to ask them," he said.

Sen. Paula Hawkins, R-Fla., said, "I think the president stat-



Reagan discusses drug program

ing that he wants law enforcement tested is a new great step forward. My office is one of the first that mandated testing."

Referring to a meeting she attended with other GOP lawmakers shortly before Reagan announced his new program, she said, "The president just said, everybody understands what happened at Pearl Harbor, and this time it's going to be Pearl Harbor for the drug traffickers."

Kenneth T. Blaylock, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said, "We applaud the president's effort and this union stands ready

to work with him and the White House to solve whatever drug problems exist in the federal workplace."

But Blaylock also said that his union, which represents 700,000 federal workers, believes that drug testing for government employees "should be based on probable cause and due process."

There are an estimated 3 million to 5 million regular users of cocaine and 18 million to 20 million regular users of marijuana and 10 million alcoholics in the United States.

West Texas Intermediate price goes up to \$16.50

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices for crude oil and petroleum products continued to move higher today following Monday's OPEC agreement to cut excess production that had depressed the market since late last year.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for September delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, moved as high as \$16.50 a 42-gallon barrel before dropping back to \$15.00 in late morning trading. That marked a \$1.71 per-barrel gain over Monday's \$13.29 close, which itself was up \$1.74 from Friday.

September contracts for refined products were also sharply higher at late morning.

Unleaded gasoline was selling at 43.05 cents per gallon, up from Monday's 36.88-cent close, while heating oil was selling for 42.60 cents per gallon, compared with 38.33 cents Monday.

Analysts said the overall upward trend reflected traders' belief — at least for now — that the temporary accord reached by the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries may mark the beginning of a new era of rising prices.

"OPEC's agreement is for real. We'll see \$20 (per-barrel) oil by the end of the year," said Bruce Lazier, who watches the petroleum market for the Prescott, Ball & Turben Inc. securities firm.

Earlier in London, contracts for September delivery of Brent crude, the main blend of North Sea oil, were selling for \$13.75 a 42-gallon barrel, up from \$10.20 late Monday, in late trading. Heating oil prices and oil company shares also rose sharply.

European analysts described trading as jittery, noting that the late price was down from a high of \$14.75 earlier in the trading day, which ends as U.S. trading begins.

"They've decided to let their U.S. counterparts take the lead now," one London trader said.

Education lobby urges Legislature to increase taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators come to town Wednesday for the special session amid growing support for a tax hike to balance the state budget.

"At risk, and make no mistake about it, in this special session will be nothing less than the future of Texas," University of Texas System Regents Chairman Jess Hay told UT backers Monday.

About 400 UT supporters, many of them well-financed and politically well-connected, packed a campus auditorium to hear school and business leaders say potential spending cuts are intolerable.

Lady Bird Johnson, widow of President Lyndon Johnson, was among those at the meeting.

"I personally don't believe that this state wants to be another banana republic," said Hans Mark, UT System chancellor.

The two-hour session turned into a tax-hike pep rally, with Hay and others calling for a sales tax increase to help balance the budget.

Gov. Mark White, who called the special session to deal with the projected \$3.5 billion deficit, has yet to lay out his plan. But the governor has said the first efforts at denting the deficit should come through spending cuts, not tax hikes.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, meanwhile, is calling for an increase in the sales and gasoline taxes. House Speaker Gib Lewis is against a tax hike.

Hay urged the UT backers to contact lawmakers to help give them the political courage needed to pass a tax bill.

"We asking them to do what many of them view as politically painful. Be courageous enough and direct enough to say, 'You and I both know this problem cannot be solved in a fiscally responsible way with budget cuts alone,'" Hay said.

He also told the UT supporters to tell elected officials that "we'll be there to support them in November when perhaps they may, in fact, be irrationally under attack by demagogues who would suggest dishonestly that the people of the state of Texas that there really is any other rational solution to the problem."

Former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, now an Austin businessman, said, "I would be willing to wager that in the fall of 1986 there won't be any members of the Texas Legislature or any statewide officials, if they are defeated, who can blame their defeat on voting for a tax bill to save Texas."

Tax talk also came from the Capitol Monday when 30 education associations — including some that frequently disagree on major issues — united to fight public school spending cuts.

The School Finance Symposium, led by former State Board of Education member Will Davis of Austin, will lobby for any tax hike that will prevent education cuts.

Rare plane to perform at air show

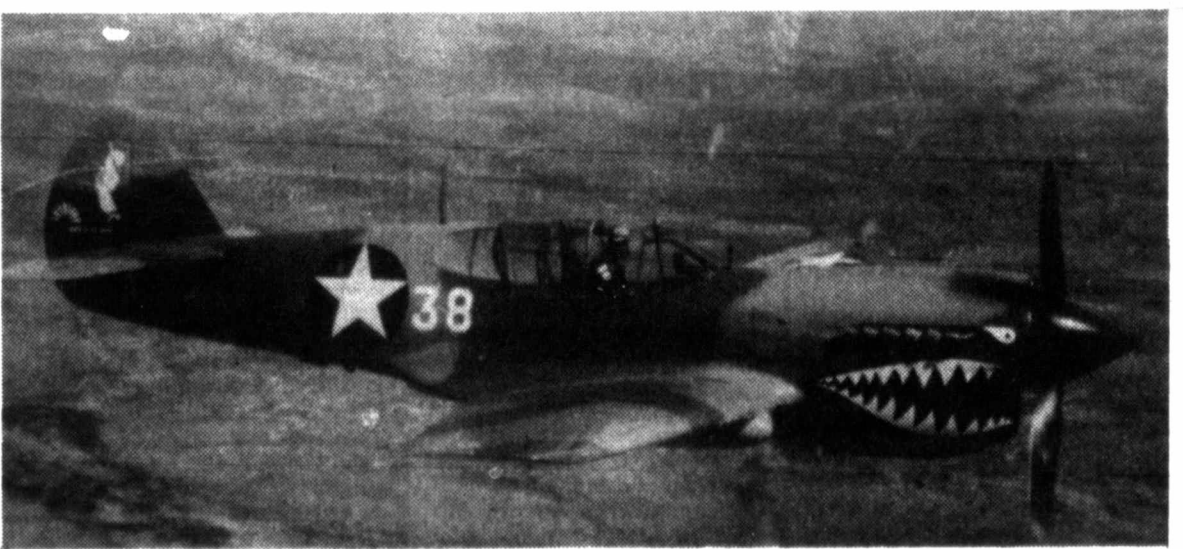
One of the rare planes featured in the Pampa air show on Saturday, Aug. 16, will be the Curtiss P-40, a plane made famous by the Flying Tigers during World War II.

The fighter plane includes the shark-jaw symbol painted on the fuselages of the P-40s flown by Gen. Clair Chennault's Flying Tigers, American volunteers in China.

The first 100 P-40s sent to China were part of an order for Great Britain. In little more than six months of operations, the Flying Tigers downed 286 Japanese planes, while losing only 23 pilots and planes.

Large quantities of the P-40s were subsequently built. A total of 13,733 of the planes in a dozen versions came off the assembly lines between 1939 and 1944. They were used on all fronts during the war.

The P-40 shown in the photo



Flying Tigers' famed P-40 Warhawk

here was flown by Frank Tallman and used in several Hollywood movies. It was used in *Tora, Tora, and* also used as a pattern to make wooden models for that movie.

Only 25 P-40s are in existence today and only seven of those are flying.

The P-40 that will partici-

pate in the Pampa Show will be flown by Col. Skip Trammel of Dallas, a member of the Confederate Air Force.

The air show will be sponsored by the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association in celebration of the 44th anniversary of the pilot training school's opening here in

1942. The show will include over 40 World War II vintage and EEA aircraft flying and many others on display.

Gates to the show will open at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies begin at noon, with a flag-raising ceremony. Speaker will be U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter.

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Annual reunion party keeps spirit of XIT Ranch alive

DALHART, Texas (AP) — A celebration that began with a few XIT Ranch cowhands who wanted to hash old memories has become an annual rodeo and party for as many as 20,000 people.

The 50th XIT Rodeo and Reunion will draw ropers from as far away as California and almost triple Dalhart's 7,500 population during its four days beginning Wednesday.

A barbecue billed as the "world's largest" will feed the whole bunch beef, pinto beans and onions free of charge. And thousands of dollars in prize money will be offered in the rodeo.

But it's the people of Dalhart that make it special, said Ronnie Hanbury, president of the event's board of directors.

"It's the feel of it," Hanbury said. "It's not real commercialized, and it's put on by the people of the area."

The tradition springs from events of more than a century ago.

The state of Texas, searching for a way to fund construction of a new state Capitol building in 1875, decided to trade three million acres of state-owned land stretching from the Oklahoma-Texas border to Lubbock.

In return, brothers John and Charles Farwell of Chicago would build the Capitol, Hanbury said.

The XIT Ranch — it's name chosen because the branding mark was difficult to duplicate — was the largest in the world.

But by the early 1900s, it had been sold off in parcels.

"Some of the original cowboys from the ranch wanted to hold a reunion," Hanbury said, and as they gathered in Fort Worth for the state's centennial in 1936, the first XIT reunion was held.

The next year, and ever since, Dalhart has been the site.

Only three XIT Ranch cowhands are still alive, Hanbury said. Two plan to make the

reunion. "In spite of the fact that the cowhands aren't here, the reunion is for the people of this area," he said.

Rodeo events are scheduled daily, and include century team roping — two-man teams of cowboys over 50 years old — and a "Little Britches" rodeo for children as young as 6 and under.

A street parade is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The barbecue, roasted in a pit in the ground for almost 24 hours, begins serving at 4:30 p.m. at Rita Blanca Lake.

There will be an air and antique car show, and the crowning of an XIT queen from five contestants. A dance is scheduled every night.

On Thursday you can eat free stew. On Friday there will be watermelon.

Admission fees for the dances and rodeo events, and donations of money and labor will pay for the events.



SEARCHING FOR ESCAPEE — Young County Sheriff's Deputy Karl Allman stops traffic near Possum Kingdom Lake looking for Richard Donald Foster who escaped

from Stephens County jail Sunday night. Foster was sentenced to death row after the 1984 slaying of a man during a feed store robbery. (AP Laserphoto)

Chance meeting of teacher leads to top-level discussion

AUSTIN (AP) — A high school teacher who bumped into Gov. Mark White in a Capitol hallway says he was impressed by the governor's answers in their impromptu discussion about teacher competency tests.

"He has changed my mind. I will now consider voting for him, whereas I would not have until I met him personally," said James C. Robertson, an 11th grade English teacher at Clear Lake High

School in League City.

Robertson, who is entering his 33rd year of teaching, was touring the Capitol Monday when he unexpectedly saw White as the governor was leaving his second-floor office.

The chief topic of conversation was the Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers, the mandatory competency test required under school reform legislation White

pushed through the Legislature in 1984.

Although 99 percent of the 210,000 educators who took it passed the TECAT, the exam has angered teachers in this election year.

White's Republican opponent, former Gov. Bill Clements, says he opposes the test as given. Clements has said teachers with 10 to 15 years experience should not have been required to take such an exam.

Robertson told White the test was very unpopular among veteran teachers. White pledged that they won't face another exam.

"If I can go back and tell our faculty that you said there will never be another test during your administration, I think you'll get overwhelming applause from the faculty," Robertson said.

"You can tell them that," White assured him.

After their meeting, Robertson said he told White, "You must simply just believe he's in trouble with the teachers" because of TECAT.

"We were issued lifetime certification. Our argument is that when you are issued a lifetime certificate by the state of Texas, it should have meant lifetime," Robertson said, adding that he passed the TECAT on the first try.

However, he said his chat with the governor made a favorable impression.

Budget cutting session good for some

AUSTIN (AP) — Wednesday's special session of the Legislature will bring a boost in business for Austin hotels and restaurants as lawmakers and lobbyists flood into town.

"When the Legislature is in town, we get about three times the business that we usually do — it gets real crazy," said Kathi Allison-Smith, who with her husband operates The Cloak Room, a popular tavern with lawmakers.

Whatever the Legislature finally does with the state budget, its 30-day special session will boost the Austin economy.

Steve Clark, owner of the Waterloo Ice House and Hamburger Bar, a Capitol-area restaurant, said that a regular legislative session means "anywhere from a 20 percent to 50 percent increase in business."

The Austin Chamber of Commerce didn't have figures available on how much this special session would mean, but president Lee Cooke said "it will definitely be good for the economy even if they stay only two weeks."

Cathy Haller, sales director for the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, said Austin hotels have a new competitor for legislators' dollars — apartments, condominiums and other empty places looking for business in the midst of a real estate slump.

Nevertheless, the hotel's business already has begun picking up for August, normally a very slow month, Ms. Haller said.

Work in the House will be a little slower for representatives in the special session, since remodeling work has knocked out the electronic voting machine.



Off beat

By Cathy Spaulding

Pepper, please come home

I'll have to put off writing about my crummy vacation until next week. Instead, I'd like to make a personal, albeit probably unethical, appeal to the people of Wheeler.

Please help me find my cat. I'll offer a reward if anyone finds it. Her name is Pepper and she's sweet-faced white kitty with large gray splotches, gray ears and a brown collar. She's got tiny light brown spots around her mouth that make her look like she's been messy with chocolate milk. She's very timid around people and she does not like other cats. Other than that, she's very gentle. She has been spayed and vaccinated.

I lost her a week ago last Sunday when I stopped in Wheeler to get gas. I was taking Pepper on vacation with me. She was hot and miserable sitting in the cage and when I gave her fresh water, she ran away and I haven't seen her since. I looked for her Thursday on my way back from Oklahoma City; spent about two hours going door to door in the hot sun. Some people told me they saw her under a street light or at the fire station "a couple of nights ago." I appreciate the helpfulness and concern shown by Wheeler residents.

I spent two hours at dusk Friday going from door to door, putting up notices and searching dumpsters and bushes. Still nothing.

Pepper's loss didn't sink in until I opened my apartment door and noticed how empty and still my place was without that cat lounging in the front room waiting for me to come home.

Night-time is the loneliest. For three years, Pepper has not only been my pet, but also my family and my friend. When I was upset, she'd come up and purr or nuzzle my cheek. She used to cuddle next to me when I'd go to bed. When your family is 200 miles away and your friends are all asleep, a double bed can be a desolate place in the middle of the night.

The loneliness is accompanied with guilt. Why couldn't I have had my air conditioning compressor fixed before the trip? Why couldn't I have left her at home? Why couldn't I have stayed in Wheeler longer until I found her? Why? Why? Why?

I wonder if Pepper is suffering or if she has found a home. Is she hurt? Is she lonely? Is she dead?

I think back to when I lost my parakeet when I was 10. I was cleaning out the cage in the back yard when Mr. Bird squeezed through an opening and flew away. Next thing I knew I heard a flurry of frightened tweets. Then I saw a neighborhood cat trot proudly, carrying the lifeless bird in its mouth. I buried Mr. Bird and made a grave marker out of a shoebox lid. I showed it to my mother and she hugged me and started to cry.

Why couldn't I have cleaned the cage in the garage? It's strange that I mourn so for my lost pets.

My mother and my friends assure me that I'll find Pepper. She'll get hungry and happen upon some nice old lady who will return her to me. I wish I could believe that.

I'd also like to believe the tales of cats walking through miles of foreign territory to get home. I've heard tales of cats traveling 20, 80, even hundreds of miles. But I doubt that such stories will apply in this case.

Please do not offer me one of your new kittens. I've had more than enough offers as it is. I took two kittens from neighbors to fill the void. Saltcat and Other Kitty are not the best of friends, but they both like to nuzzle me, climb on the furniture and frolic about my back storage room.

But neither one of them can purr like Pepper or make cute hiccupping noises like Pepper or chase after fuzz balls like Pepper. They're just not the same cat.

So if you see my cat, please don't hesitate to call me at the office or at my home.

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

Rugged terrain searched for escaped condemned murderer

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas (AP) — The rugged terrain around Possum Kingdom Lake hampered an intense search by authorities for condemned murderer Richard Donald "Stony" Foster.

Authorities said Foster, 33, escaped from the Stephens County Jail Sunday night with another inmate, Cindy Davis, 27. Ms. Davis was captured at about 8 a.m. Monday on the east side of Possum Kingdom Lake, about 25 miles northeast of Breckenridge.

About 50 officers resumed their search for Foster today at daybreak after the manhunt ended for the night about 12:30 a.m., said John Dunning, county jailer. At the time of Ms. Davis' escape, she was being held on an attempted capital murder charge for allegedly shooting at a police officer.

Foster was armed with a stolen .22-caliber pistol, said James Cain, Stephens County sheriff.

Searchers Monday were hindered by heavy rains. Cain said the rough terrain of the large search area was impassable for some four-wheel drive vehicles because of the rain.

Foster, wielding a knife, locked a jailer in a cell during the

escape.

"He was slipped a knife, probably by one of our trustees," Cain said. "The knife came from our kitchen."

Foster, whose execution date had not been set, was sent from death row to Breckenridge for a pretrial hearing on a kidnapping charge, said Charles Brown, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Corrections.

Foster was charged in connection with an incident in May 1984 during which seven people were held hostage at Citizens National Bank in Breckenridge. He had been convicted in November 1985 in Parker County for the murder of a Springtown man in April 1984.

He was scheduled to go on trial at Gainesville Aug. 28 and had a pretrial hearing recently in the case. He had been in jail for about a week, Cain said.

The sheriff said Foster confronted a guard with a knife and then tied him up inside a cell. He then took the jailer's keys, and went to the women's section of the jail, where he freed the woman, Cain said.

Her parents said they believe she was taken hostage by Foster and forced to escape. Cain said

the question of whether she was taken hostage or escaped was under investigation.

The two left in the jailer's pickup truck, which contained a .22 caliber pistol, Cain said.

Roadblocks were set up Monday in the western part of North Texas, said Pat Kinnison, a deputy sheriff in Breckenridge, located about 100 miles west of Fort Worth.

Foster told the Abilene Reporter-News in November 1985 he had shot a man on May 10, 1984.

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People don't count for much

By BUTLER D. SHAFFER

working to develop a neutron bomb - which kills only people in wartime, while preserving tangible, physical assets such as buildings - such a conclusion as to priorities is not so far-fetched. Bear in mind that the remaining hostages in Lebanon are not in possession of anything that would be of value to institutional interests. It is "only" their families - and the hostages themselves - that stand to suffer the loss!

If you doubt that this characterization of the situation has merit, try to imagine the government's response if a member of a prominent and wealthy family was held hostage by some foreign group. Are we really to believe the Reagan administration when it says the American government would not negotiate for the release of a family member listed in the "Social Register?"

Going back to the second objection, the contention that negotiation with hijackers and hostage-takers would serve the intended purposes of the "terrorists" runs up against the notion, repeatedly voiced by government officials and their news media flacks, that hostage-holders and other "terrorists" are "senseless" and "irrational."

I certainly have no defense whatever to make of these groups. But to suggest that they act "senselessly" or without "rational purpose" is a mistake. As the television cameras so faithfully reported at the American embassy in Iran so many short months ago, those who take hostages have concluded that their actions are the most effective means of getting attention - whether for their "cause" or their shabby egos. They act with the same intentional purpose and

design as does a Madison Avenue public relations operative trying to get favorable press coverage for a client.

In response to suggestions that the government negotiate for the lives of hostages, the argument is often advanced - although never by friends and relatives of the hostages - that to negotiate with criminals would be to "lose face." That is an easy position for non-affected persons to take, but if family members were consulted, "losing face" would hardly be the highest of their considerations. How many parents, for example, would resist paying a kidnapper a ransom because, to do so, would be to "lose face" with others? And what would we have to say about the sense of decency of a parent who did take such a position, allowing his child to die rather than risk a "dishonorable" action?

What the Reagan administration is telling the hostages and their families - as well as the rest of us - is what governments always tell their own citizens, if only we will listen: people really don't count for very much in any political system (unless, of course, they are people who make up part of the established order). Individual human beings count for nothing in wartime or peacetime: it is only the institutional interests that get any serious attention. Remember the neutron bomb: it only kills people, while protecting the assets most valued by the institutional order! What could be more dishonorable or senseless than that?

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Opinion

Cable rule should get poor reception

A recent letter from Federal Communications Commissioner James Quello to his colleagues provides a frightening look at the mindset of a federal bureaucrat. If Quello has his way, one of our hard-earned freedoms will be cancelled by federal authority.

Quello's cause is to reinstate the FCC's control over cable television stations, which was lost when the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington invalidated a rule a year ago that told cable companies what programs they must transmit.

The cable industry was born into regulation on the theory that, because the government claims ownership of the airwaves, it has the authority to regulate related services - even if those do no broadcasting of their own. Only recently have cable operators been able to win some of the freedom that should have been there all along.

Bureaucrats hate to lose control over anything, of course, and Quello is no exception. He sees evil lurking behind the freedom that allows cable companies to pick and choose which stations they pass along to customers. His letter urges the FCC to fight the ruling and, for good measure, re-write the rule. He needs two votes in addition to his own for the idea to carry. It shouldn't.

What does Quello fear? He fears that viewers will be forced to "watch local news only on stations selected by the cable system."

It that really an evil that requires intervention by the federal government? Come on. If a cable company drops a local station, all a dedicated viewer has to do is unhook the cable and use the television the old-fashioned way - with rabbit ears or with a rooftop antenna.

Granted, that's an inconvenience. But inconvenience doesn't justify government regulation. And FCC regulation itself is nothing if not inconvenient for cable companies and viewers alike because some systems might be forced to carry a seldom-watched local station instead of a more popular one.

Local television stations benefit from cable coverage, and they are a good selling point for cable companies as well. It should be up to the two industries to strike a deal between themselves without government interference.

Since the appeals court ruling, that's just what the two groups have done, coming up with a private agreement that establishes some "must-carry" rules, but allows less popular stations to be dropped. Quello opposes that arrangement, too, because public broadcast stations were not part of the deal.

The government has turned the broadcast industry into such a quagmire of overlapping rules and regulations (meanwhile funding public television) that any bureaucrat might find it hard to let go.

But let go they must. The marketplace of viewer preference is the only true test for what channels cable television should carry. The FCC is scheduled to vote on Quello's request this week. It deserves a poor reception.

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"... AND I'LL KEEP WORKING UNTIL ALL THE BEIRUT HOSTAGES ARE RELEASED..."

Lewis Grizzard

Refrigerated air junkie



MORELAND, Ga. — I went down to have lunch with the folks earlier this week. My mother is bed-ridden. My stepfather, H.B., took over the kitchen years ago.

He has become somewhat of a master. I will put his country fried steak, gravy and mashed potatoes up against anybody's.

But this isn't about food. It's about air-conditioning. Or, the lack of it.

My first divorce came nearly 20 years ago. One of the things I managed to salvage was a window air-conditioner.

Since I had moved into an apartment with central air, I didn't need my window air-conditioner, so I gave it to my parents, who had no air-conditioning.

"You can put it in your bedroom and keep cool at night," I said to my mother.

"Don't put that thing in my bedroom," she said. "I would freeze to death."

H.B. finally put the air-conditioner

in the window of the kitchen. During lunch this week, the air-conditioner in the kitchen was going full speed. It was over 100 outside. "This thing has to be 20 years old," I said.

"Well," said H.B., "it really hasn't been used that much. You know cold-natured your mother is."

As we talked and ate, the perspiration began to run off me in torrents. Outside, the South's ravaging heat wave/drought continued. The only way I could find any relief from the heat was to leave the kitchen table and walk over and stand in front of the old air-conditioner with my shirt pulled over my head.

After lunch, I visited with my parents in the living room. That's where my mother's hospital bed is located, so she can interact with visitors.

I put in a ceiling fan for her a few years back. That was the only thing cooling the room against the cooler heat outside. It wasn't doing that good a job.

I was dying. But neither my stepfather nor my mother seemed all that uncomfortable. They were taking the un-air-conditioned heat wave in stride.

Then, I remembered. We hadn't even had the kitchen window unit or the ceiling fan when I lived in this house.

And I don't remember ever feeling as hot and unpleasant as I did at that moment. I realized what had happened. After leaving home, I became an air-conditioning junkie. I imagine there are many others who suffer the same addiction.

For most of the time I have been away from home, I have lived in air-conditioning, driven in air-conditioning and worked in air-conditioning.

I have become a slave to air-conditioning.

The Public Service Commission recently turned down the power company's rate hike request because they saw a copy of my monthly bill.

Who needs a rate hike with an air-conditioningaholic like me as a customer?

I don't think I could live without air-conditioning, but one day, I might have to. What if there were a world-wide energy crisis and the government ordered all air-conditioning turned off?

What if I became poor and had to sleep in the street with no air-conditioning?

What if they found air-conditioning caused cancer? Perhaps I should be ready for any of those possibilities by cutting down on the time I use air-conditioning.

Maybe I could simply drive with my windows down and allow my house to warm to something above 55 degrees. Perhaps I should fire the two Oriental girls from the Chinese restaurant who come over each afternoon at five to fan me. Yeah, I think I'll do all that. Starting in November.

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Companies cleaning up polluted images

By Robert Walters

MIDLAND, Mich. (NEA) — One idealistic young man writes a letter to his father, explaining that his aspirations following graduation from college involve "finding new ways to grow food, ways to help sick people."

Another tells his girlfriend that in the job he has lined up, "I could actually be helping high-risk heart patients." A young woman muses on her graduation day about the opportunity she soon will have "to help grow more and better grain for the kids who so desperately need it."

What's going on here? Are these misty-eyed romantics joining a philanthropic organization dedicated to solving all the world's problems?

Nope. They're professional models hired to portray a purported new breed of employee at the Dow Chemical Co., the nation's second largest producer of industrial chemicals. The

firm is best known as the supplier of napalm and Agent Orange to the armed forces during the Vietnam War.

Dow, whose corporate headquarters is in Midland, decided that its image needed refurbishing — a conclusion shared by other firms in a business plagued by controversies over everything from calamitous industrial accidents to gross mismanagement of toxic wastes.

Du Pont, the largest company in the field, established the pattern for the industry half a century ago when it sought to obscure its work as a World War I munitions maker with the slogan "better things for better living through chemistry."

Today, Du Pont is a partner in an unlikely coalition that includes two other chemical manufacturers — Monsanto and Exxon — as well as two environmental groups — the Conservation Foundation and the Nation-

al Wildlife Federation.

Operating under the name of Clean Sites, Inc., it is attempting to help the Environmental Protection Agency speed up the cleanup of abandoned toxic waste dumps.

Until very recently, chemical companies were routinely arrogant and confrontational, especially when criticized. Today, they often seem anxious to acknowledge errors in the past and offer promises to do better in the future.

"We were short-sighted. We didn't give enough thought or care to it," says a Monsanto spokesman when asked about his firm's decades-long refusal to cope with waste disposal problems. "We're trying to make up for that now."

Here in Midland, a Dow spokesman candidly describes his firm's former posture on some matters as "obnoxious," but says the company's new attitude is typified by the ambitious ad-

vertising campaign whose slogan is "Dow lets you do great things."

The first round of those magazine and television ads portrayed Dow as the employer of choice for highly motivated young people. The company is committed to spending \$50 million on that advertising program over a five-year period.

A total of another \$25 million will be spent on a program to train science writers at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, plus a campaign to encourage people to donate their vital organs for transplantation purposes upon their death and a variety of other efforts to project Dow as "caring and thoughtful."

But Dow remains defensive if not combative on matters such as the ramifications of its earlier disposal of vast quantities of dioxin wastes in the soil and water throughout the Midland area.

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International bridge blockade continues

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Blockades of the international bridges linking this border city with El Paso, Texas, may slow down operations at twin plants if they continue, a U.S. businessman says.

Two of the four international bridges remained closed Monday in a protest by opposition party members against alleged election fraud. Organizers say the blockade will extend until at least 9 o'clock tonight.

Francisco Barrio, former Juarez mayor and opposition party gubernatorial candidate, led the Sunday takeover of the Bridge of the Americas, an important commercial crossing where the U.S. Customs Service and its Mexican counterpart keep import lots for inspecting cargo.

More than 1,000 trucks use the bridge daily carrying parts to assembly plants in Juarez and returning to U.S. factories with goods.

Bill Huskins, general manager for Taylor Instruments twin-plant operation, said the blockade has not had a severe impact on the maquiladora industry so far.

"To my knowledge every plant has kept working," Huskins said. "We will survive if this is just temporary."

In the long run, however, such protests may have a severe impact on the twin plants, he said.

"A lot of national companies are keeping a close eye on this situation," Huskins said. "This is going to have an impact on the maquiladora industry in the future. It may affect future growth."

Huskins said automobile companies rely on day-to-day production and may move out of the area if the blockades continue.

"El Paso-Juarez used to have the best reputation in the country for twin-plant operations. Not anymore," Huskins said. "If it (political unrest) continues, who knows what will happen?"

Manuel Rivera, secretary of Mexico's National Action Party, PAN, in Juarez, said Monday the original plan to have the Bridge of the Americas and the Stanton Street bridge closed for 48 hours is still in effect.

However, Rivera says the 9 p.m. MDT deadline may be extended. "It all depends on what the electoral college does."

PAN staged the blockade Sunday night. On Monday, there were no reports of violence as

the bridges remained closed. The two other bridges over the Rio Grande were handling heavy traffic.

PAN, as the party is known by its Spanish initials, claims there was fraud in July 6 elections in the state of Chihuahua.

In those elections, 14 state legislative seats and 67 mayoralties were up for vote. The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, was declared winner in all races except two mayors' seats.

Party leaders hope the blockade will force the Mexican government to grant new elections, said Gustavo Elizondo, PAN mayoral candidate for Juarez. Federal officials in Mexico City have said there was not enough proof of fraud to call new elections.

"So far, both sides have shown considerable restraint," Henry V. McGehee, deputy district director for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in El Paso, said of the protesters and Mexican authorities.

"What people don't understand is that the PANistas, the people who are doing this, are a middle-class crowd. This is not a rabble-rousing sort of people," he added.



MISS TEXAS PAGEANT — Michelle Royer, Miss Keller, left, is crowned Miss Texas by Miss USA Christy Fichtner Monday night at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio. There were 109 contestants in this year's Miss Texas-USA pageant. (AP Laserphoto)

Pediatricians say

Missing children problem exaggerated

CHICAGO (AP) — Fingerprinting and videotaping youngsters are of little help in combating the problem of missing children, says the nation's largest pediatricians group.

The American Academy of Pediatricians also contends that the problem itself has been exaggerated by inflated statistics.

"Child-identification programs are of limited value, and in some cases these programs may unnecessarily raise parental anxiety," says a statement by the group in the August issue of the journal Pediatrics. "For example, fingerprinting, though a scientific method of identification, will rarely be of help in locating a missing child."

But FBI spokesman Lane Bonner said fingerprints can be invaluable in identifying a child found several years after a kid-

napping.

The academy said it was issuing the policy statement to calm parents and to urge its 29,000 pediatrician members to teach parents and children how to guard against abduction.

"We were concerned that there was a lot of publicity about the problem and a great deal of fear generated in families," said Dr. George Sterne, chairman of the academy committee that wrote the statement.

"The perception people have is that there are a million children in this country being stolen every year by strangers," Sterne said in a telephone interview Monday from his New Orleans office.

"When you dig into this problem, you find out that most missing children are runaways. And when you start trying to confirm

the stranger-abduction theory, the FBI statistics show there are less than 100 a year kidnapped, he said.

The academy's statement contends most abductions are committed by parents or other relatives during custody battles.

Sterne said the doctors' group wasn't trying to minimize the problem.

"A single abducted child, a single tortured child, a single abused child is too many. It is a horrible thing," the pediatrician said. "But we need to put it in some sort of perspective."

In 1984, the FBI's National Crime Information Center computer network in Washington received 247,142 reports of missing persons, of which about 75 percent were juveniles or children, Bonner said.

Of those, 69 cases were "feder-

al kidnapping incidents involving child-stealing" by a person unrelated to the child, he said in a telephone interview.

But Jay Howell, executive director of the Washington-based National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said his group believes there are between 4,000 and 20,000 kidnappings of children by unknown persons each year.

Battle continues over museum

DALLAS (AP) — A congressman's bill that would permit the Museum of the American Indian to move onto federally owned property in New York is the latest chapter in a two-year battle over its location.

Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., filed the bill last week as an alternative to computer magnate H. Ross Perot's offering a new building in Dallas for the collection of Indian artifacts.

If passed, the bill would allow the museum exhibits — now at a site on Manhattan's upper west side — to be relocated at refurbished Customs House in lower Manhattan.

But settling the matter may be months away.

"It's awfully hard to estimate," said Roland Force, the museum's director. "Every time I think I know how much longer it will take, I'm impressed with how wrong I was."

A New York Supreme Court judge has ruled that the financially strapped museum is not forever bound to a location inside New York state by a 1916 deed of trust filed by its founder. However, the judge still must conduct a hearing on other aspects of the proposed move and issue a final ruling, Force said.

Meanwhile, Udall's bill has been referred to a House Governmental Operations subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Beaumont.

"It's not clear what our timet-

able is," said Bob Walker, legislative director for Udall. "We'll just have to wait and see."

If the bill runs into problems, it may come from Texas representatives who support Perot's

\$70 million Dallas plan, Force said.

Force and his staff continued work on technical innovations that will be introduced to the expanded exhibits.

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U.S. participation in Bolivian raids still cause of concern

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The use of U.S. Army troops to battle Bolivian cocaine traffickers has generated mixed opinions, from fears of future American involvement in other Latin American nations to support for efforts to destroy the drug's source.

The joint U.S.-Bolivian raids uncovered some cocaine laboratories and forced some traffickers from the growing regions.

Bolivia's cocaine exports are estimated at \$2 billion with an estimated \$600 million returning to Bolivia. By contrast, legal Bolivian exports for this year are estimated at \$400 million.

In Mexico, the move prompted the government to say it never will permit U.S. troops on Mexican soil.

When news of U.S. troops in Bolivia was announced, federal Attorney General's Office spokesman Francisco Fonseca said such a move would never happen in Mexico.

Fonseca said the U.S. and Mexico are working together on the anti-drug campaign, but the project is being run by Mexicans. He said the United States is only lending assistance such as supplying aircraft and exchanging information.

Nevertheless, Mexico remains one of the leading sources of marijuana and heroin to the United States and is a major transit point for South American cocaine destined for the United States, authorities said.

A recent editorial in El Universal newspaper, which like most Mexican news media supports the government, noted, "It is not reasonable that the United States unilaterally condemns when it is evident there has been little advance to combat (drug trafficking) in its own territory."

But criticism of the United States came from elsewhere in Latin America. For instance, an editorial in the Jornal do Brasil

newspaper said the joint operation "has had forebodings... the drug is far from existing only in Bolivia. Does the United States think about intervening in a country like Colombia, or above all, in its Mexican neighbor?"

Colombia said is unlikely to follow Bolivia's example of using U.S. troops to wipe out cocaine processors, Foreign Minister Augusto Ramirez said recently his nation has "no opinion" about the Bolivian-U.S. operation.

"We hope that the United States, though, will crank up a fight against consumption of drugs, showing the same vigor it has in fighting drugs outside the United States," he said.

In Peru, there was mixed reaction. A leftist member of congress, Rep. Manuel Dammert said "that with the pretext of combating narcotics traffic, the Reagan government wants to establish military bases in Bolivia and Mexico."

But the newspaper Expreso in Lima praised Bolivia's decision to request American assistance "without ideological prejudices or demagogic standpoints."

San Jose pact for oil aid renewed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico and Venezuela have agreed to extend for another year an agreement under which they provide oil to nine developing countries in Central America and the Caribbean at preferable rates.

President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico on Sunday signed the agreement in Mexico City and President Jaime Lusinchi signed it simultaneously for Venezuela in Caracas.

A statement from the Mexican Foreign Ministry said the agreement would continue for a seventh year the San Jose accord which the two nations reached on Aug. 3, 1980, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

As a result, Mexico and Venezuela will guarantee the countries as much as a total of 130,000 barrels of oil a day, the statement said. Each country will supply an equal amount of crude.

The agreement also said Mexico and Venezuela will earmark the equivalent of 20 percent of the beneficiary countries' oil bills to finance commercial trade or economic development projects.

Short-term loans to those countries, it said, will be provided at a concessionary interest rate of 8 percent a year for five years. Long-term credits will be offered at an annual interest rate of 6 per-

cent for 12 years.

Mexico and Venezuela are Latin America's two biggest oil suppliers. Both have been hurt by the sharp drop in oil prices on the world market.

In their declaration, the presidents said they took into account that "instability and uncertainty still characterize the world oil market and that the fall in the prices of oil unfavorably affect the economic and financial situation of both countries."

They said, however, that both countries wanted "to support ac-

tions of cooperation that contribute to the economic and social development of the region as do guaranteeing the oil supply and the allocation of credit resources to finance regional commerce."

When the two countries first agreed to the pact, both were reaping an economic bonanza from their oil wealth.

Countries that belong to the arrangement include El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Jamaica, Dominican Republic and Barbados.

Miss Keller crowned winner

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The new Miss Texas-USA, Michelle Royer of Keller, will try to make it three in a row for the state when she competes for the Miss USA title.

Ms. Royer, 20, was crowned Monday night at San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium. She will represent Texas in the Miss USA contest next February in Miami.

The two previous Miss Texas-USA's went on to take the national title.

"What do you say, folks, let's go for three," said Bob Eubanks, of television's "The New Newlywed Show" and one of the pageant hosts.

Christy Fichtner of Dallas, the reigning Miss USA, crowned the blue-eyed, brown-haired winner. Ms. Royer clasped her hands to her mouth and tried to control her tears when her name was announced.

Ms. Royer is a student at Tarrant County Junior College. During the interview segment of the contest, she discussed her work with the elderly in her hometown of Keller, a small town northeast of Fort Worth.

If she goes on to win the national title, she would then compete in the Miss Universe contest.

The contest lasts for 10 days, during which contestants go through preliminary rounds including a bathing suit competition and judges' interviews.

Monday night's show was lavish and glitzy, crammed with

large-scale production numbers.

A Las Vegas-style version of "Rock Me, Amadeus," a dance hit by Austrian singer Falco, was an audience pleaser with dancers gyrating on stage as finalists were lowered from the ceiling for the evening gown competition.

The theme of the pageant was "Texas Stars on Parade," but the Texas Sesquicentennial also was incorporated into the show.

The 109 contestants started out the evening with a rendition of "Strike Up the Band," around a huge birthday cake.

The four other finalists were, first runner-up, Miss Harris County, LeeAnne Locken; second runner-up, Miss Houston, Kimberly Greer; third runner-up, Miss Dallas County, Adrienne Ross; and fourth runner-up, Miss Bayou City, Crystal Dillard.

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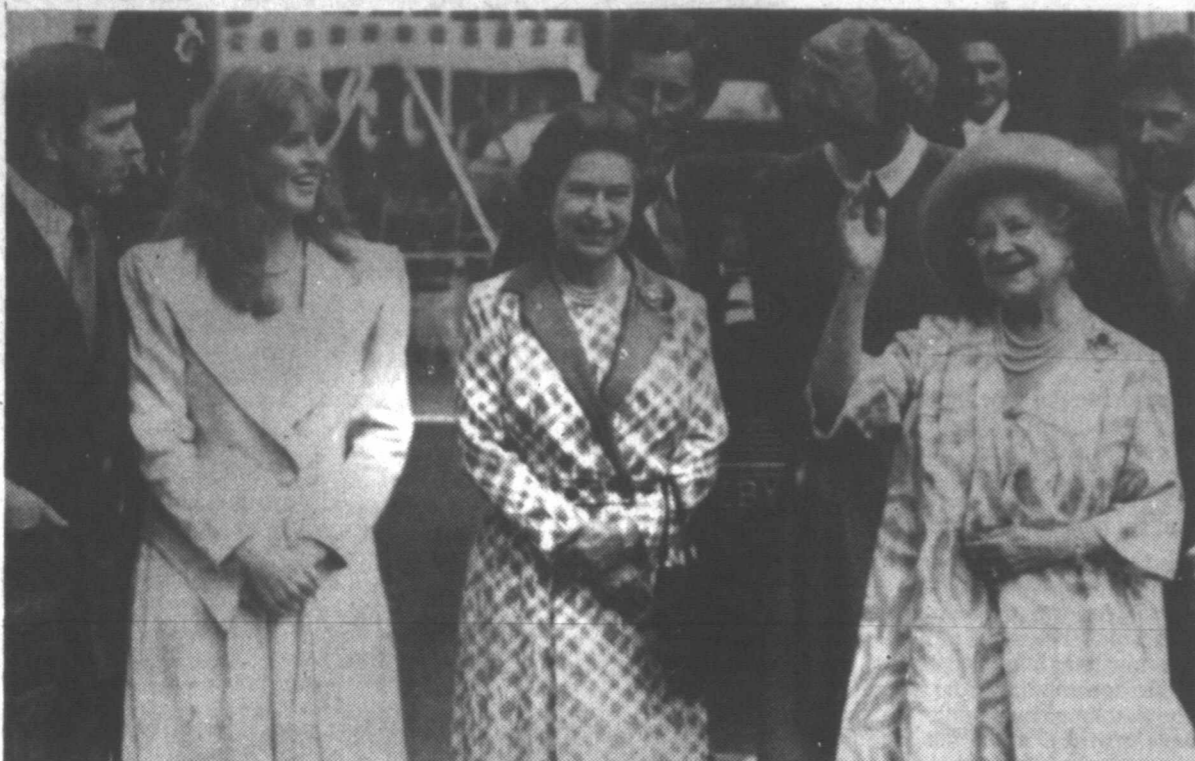
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BIRTHDAY GROUP — Members of Britain's Royal Family join Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, at the gates of her home, Clarence House, Monday, as she greets crowds of well wishers on her 86th birthday. Other Royals are, from left, the newly-wed Duke and Duchess of York, Queen Elizabeth II, the Prince and Princess of Wales, rear, and Viscount Linley, son of Princess Margaret. (AP Laserphoto)

Six Commonwealth nations adopt sanctions despite British refusal

LONDON (AP) — The seven-nation Commonwealth summit conference on South Africa split early today over sanctions, with six countries adopting harsh measures and Britain refusing to go beyond a limited package.

In a communique issued shortly after midnight Monday following hours of fruitless argument, it was made clear that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was isolated in her opposition to severe sanctions designed to force an end to apartheid.

The communique said, in part, "The rest of us (Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, India, Zambia and Zimbabwe) agreed as follows — the adoption of further substantial economic measures against South Africa is a moral and political imperative to which a positive response can no longer be deferred."

Mrs. Thatcher pledged only limited measures, declaring she had compromised for the sake of unity in the Commonwealth, the 49-nation association of Britain and its former colonies.

"I don't believe that further sanctions will bring about internal change in South Africa," Mrs. Thatcher told a news conference early this morning. "On the contrary, I very much fear they will be counterproductive ... but we

have done things which certainly are a compromise to take into account our membership of the Commonwealth."

Mrs. Thatcher has previously said tough sanctions against South Africa would harm that country's black majority of 24 million. That stance had been bitterly opposed by some Commonwealth leaders.

Mrs. Thatcher agreed on voluntary bans on new investment in South Africa and on the promotion of tourism. She said she would go along with bans on imports of steel, iron and coal if these were adopted by the 12-nation Common Market at a meeting in September.

However, the other Commonwealth countries went much further. They agreed on 11 measures, including the cutting of air links and the withdrawal of all consular facilities in South Africa except those dealing with their own nationals.

The six countries also adopted mandatory bans on new investment in South Africa, on the import of South African agricultural products, on the promotion of tourism and on new bank loans to South Africa, on all government procurement there and on government contracts with majority-owned South African companies.

In addition, they said they would bar the import of uranium, coal, iron and steel from South Africa, and end double taxation agreements and all government assistance to invest in trade with South Africa.

They also agreed to start consultations with other countries aimed at getting coordinated agreement on sanctions.

Mrs. Thatcher said the measures agreed on by Britain, the biggest foreign investor in South Africa, would have more impact than the list adopted by the other countries — apart from the black African states, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"We have a history of very considerable trade there, we have large investments and large trading interests. Other members of the Commonwealth will have little investment or trading interests," she said.

Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, whose pledge to cut air links will likely bankrupt his country's fledgling airline, immediately threatened reprisals against Britain.

"We will have to examine in our own way whether those who support apartheid and those who have interests in our own country must be allowed to get away with it," Mugabe told a news conference.

Elections held in Southern state

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — The Institutional Revolutionary Party claimed a sweeping victory in elections in the impoverished southern state of Oaxaca, while opposition groups charged the ruling party used fraud to perpetuate its control.

The State Electoral Commission suspended balloting Sunday in four of the state's 570 municipalities. Most of the state's communities are tiny and isolated.

It said peaceful conditions could not be guaranteed in the four towns, all of them on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, the scene of political violence in the past few years.

The elections also were for gov-

ernor and all 18 members of the state legislature. The ruling party, known as the PRI, never has lost a presidential or gubernatorial election in any of Mexico's 31 states since its founding in 1929.

Official results will not be available for a week, following traditional procedure in Mexico.

Ernesto Luque Peregrino, state delegate for the PRI's national executive committee, told reporters he was confident of a widespread victory for the party, including the mayoralties of the state's six largest cities.

The PRI's gubernatorial candidate was Heladio Ramirez.

Unlike northern Mexico, where

strength have come mainly from the right, opposition to the ruling party is strongest from the left.

A communist-led coalition that had held the city hall in Juchitan, the isthmus' largest city and the second largest city in the state, was ousted by the state government in 1983. That action was followed by weeks of violent protests.

On Sunday, local newspapers reported that voting also was suspended at one Juchitan precinct after three shots were fired in the air. Most of the 100,000 inhabitants of the city, located 480 miles southeast of Mexico City, are Zapotec Indians.

Report: Israelis contest subpoenas

NEW YORK (AP) — Israeli officials are contesting federal grand jury subpoenas involving allegations that Israel illegally tried to obtain American technology for making cluster bombs, The New York Times reported today.

There were indications the Justice Department planned to enforce the subpoenas, but one administration official said a last-minute agreement might permit the Israelis to submit affidavits instead, the newspaper said.

"The whole thing is subject to discussions between our embassy in Washington and the Department of Justice Other than

this, I can add nothing," said Barukh Binah, a spokesman for the Israeli consulate in New York reached Monday night by The Associated Press.

At least eight Israelis were subpoenaed to testify about whether American companies and representatives of Israel's weapons industry conspired to provide Israel with American technology to make cluster bombs, according to unidentified Reagan administration officials cited by the newspaper.

The bombs contain many smaller bombs that separate and explode over a target.

The subpoenaed Israelis work in their country's military pur-

chasing office in New York, according to the officials. It was unclear whether they might be asked to appear soon before the grand juries in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Pennsylvania, the Times said.

Representatives of the Israelis have met with Justice Department officials, including the department's chief prosecutor, Stephen S. Trott, to discuss the investigation.

Although the Times said it was not able to determine the extent of the discussion, one administration official was quoted as saying, "If they go all the way to meeting with Trott, it must have been pretty vigorous."

Shultz criticizes Reagan decision to subsidize Soviet wheat sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz says the United States, by subsidizing wheat sales to the Soviet Union, has reverted to protectionism and turned its back on economic freedom.

"I don't think it's good for the United States to develop a system of protectionism," Shultz said in an interview sharply critical of President Reagan's subsidy decision.

"Subsidies are a form of protection, just as much as a quota or a tariff," he said in remarks published in today's editions of USA Today.

Reagan's decision was made under heavy pressure from Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and other farm state congressmen seeking to bolster sagging grains sales and came after weeks of sparring within the Cabinet.

Shultz said the United States, particularly the Reagan adminis-

tration, has been striving hard for freedom around the world, "on both the political side and the economic side."

"So just as we're winning the battle, what do we do? In the face of difficulties, we turn our backs on freedom," he said.

The president's program, announced Friday by Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng, will use surplus government-owned grain as bonuses to encourage the Soviets to buy 4 million metric tons of wheat in fulfillment of their obligations under a long-term grain agreement.

"The Soviet Union must be chortling and scratching their heads about a system that says we're going to fix it up so that American taxpayers make it possible for a Soviet housewife to buy American-produced food at prices lower than an American housewife," Shultz said.

"I think there are a lot of problems with this, but obviously there must be a lot of pluses or it wouldn't have been decided," he said. "I can't think of any pluses myself."

Lyng, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige argued for the move and Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger opposed it.

In announcing the plan, Lyng said the expanded subsidy program would help U.S. farmers who are suffering from glutted markets, low prices and slumping exports without harming America's competitors in the international grain marketplace.

Meanwhile, Dole, R-Kan., not content with the wheat subsidies, is pressing for an extension of the export subsidy program to other crops and to other nations.

South Africans prepare sanction-busting strategies

EDITOR'S NOTE — Under growing world pressure, the United States and Western Europe may impose economic sanctions on South Africa to push that nation toward racial desegregation. On Monday, six Commonwealth nations agreed upon a list of harsh new measures. But South Africans are not simply standing by, waiting for the blow. Here is a report.

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Convinced that broader economic sanctions are now inevitable, South African businessmen and bureaucrats are busy devising strategies to soften their impact.

Much of the preparation is covert, but the basic tactics are clear — to increase self-sufficiency in industries susceptible to embargo and to locate alternative markets, through intermediaries if necessary, for exports banned by countries imposing sanctions.

Some examples of steps being taken:

—Fred Bell, former chief executive of the Armscor weapons procurement corporation, is unofficially reported to have been placed in charge of the overall sanctions-busting operation.

—The government and private firms are stockpiling oil, strategic minerals and other key imports. Analysts say this explains why imports rose from \$4.4 billion in the first six months of 1985 to \$5.2 billion in the same period this year despite falling oil prices and a troubled domestic economy.

—State-run South African Airways, threatened with the loss of U.S. and European landing rights, reportedly is drafting contingency plans to lease planes to friendly neighboring countries to fly under their colors.

Three neighboring black states — Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho — have economies so dependent on South Africa that they have little choice but to continue cooperating in trade and transport, regardless of sanctions others may impose.

The consensus here is that the economy could endure tougher

sanctions with little trouble for a few years, possibly even enjoying a boom as local manufacturers fill the gaps created by the loss of some imports.

Over a longer period, however, many experts see sanctions leading to economic stagnation.

"In the short term, sanctions would be manageable," wrote Gerald Prosalendis, economics editor of the financial newspaper Business Day. "But in the long run they would reduce South Africa's competitiveness, increase inflationary pressures, foment

labor unrest, and have other spinoffs that would be entirely unpredictable."

The South African Bureau of Market Research claims 1 million people, 84 percent of them black, might be thrown out of work if the West imposed total trade sanctions.

Overall, Business Day estimates, sanctions could reduce export earnings by 15 percent, about \$1.6 billion annually.

Among the exports vulnerable to sanctions are fruit and coal, both of which have major mar-

kets in Western Europe. Coal companies — already suffering from embargoes by France and Denmark — say 40,000 of the industry's 110,000 miners could lose their jobs.

But gold, diamonds, platinum and uranium — which constitute half of South Africa's exports — are assumed to be marketable under any circumstances.

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HEADING DOWN — Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announcer Joe Cote, dressed as Toronto founder Governor Simcoe, falls to the ground after his horse bolted and knocked down an unidentified woman in

Toronto Monday. Toronto Sun photographer Bill Sandford, who made the picture, said the woman appeared unhurt after the incident. Cote was taking part in a picnic honoring Simcoe Day. (AP Laserphoto)

State Department defends aide against charges by Sen. Helms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is defending a ranking agency official who Sen. Jesse Helms says "crept up here in the dead of night" and falsely accused him of providing secret information to the Chilean government.

Helms, R-N.C., stung by allegations that he or his staff gave the government of Chile information about a covert U.S. intelligence-gathering operation, said Monday they were made maliciously by Elliott Abrams, assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs.

The allegations prompted the Senate Intelligence Committee to ask Attorney General Edwin Meese to open an investigation into potential violations and to report back.

"It was Elliott Abrams," Helms told reporters. "He crept up here in the dead of night and made these charges. ... I am saying Elliott Abrams committed a deliberate falsehood, knowing it to be false. ... He didn't call me before he went and made these false and outrageous charges and I resent it."

Deputy State Department spokesman Charles Redman denied Helms' allegation saying, "Elliott committed no falsehood."

Abrams was quoted by a State spokesman in today's editions of The Washington Post as saying there was "no indication Helms was personally responsible for any breach of security, or even that he was aware of it, but that's why you investigate."

Two other officials, who asked not to be identified, said the committee learned of the alleged violation not from Abrams but from the Central Intelligence Agency. A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the leak as serious. But he refused to comment on the nature of the information.

The Post also reported that the alleged leak involved U.S. ability to monitor internal communications of the Chilean armed forces, through which officials had reportedly learned details of the

July 6 burning death of a Chilean-born U.S. resident at an anti-government demonstration.

Meanwhile, CBS News, quoting sources, reported Monday night that the State Department and CIA say they have evidence that Helms aide Christopher Manion disclosed information that had been received in a classified briefing.

The Post also cited sources as saying the probe has focused on Manion, the brother of Daniel Manion, recently confirmed as a federal appeals court judge.

There was no answer Monday night at Manion's home, and telephone calls to the home of another Helms aide, Clint Fuller, were not returned.

In Santiago, the Chilean capital, Foreign Minister Jaime del Valle said reports that Helms shared secret information with the Chilean government were totally unfounded.

He called Helms a patriotic man who would not give away secret American information

Cisneros, foe face off again over spending

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Mayor Henry Cisneros has put his political reputation to the test in an all-out bid to defeat a city spending cap referendum.

The mayor is going head-to-head against political foe C.A. Stubbs, a self-appointed tax watchdog who says he wants to put the clamps on the city's budget.

The issue goes to a vote Aug. 9 in a referendum forced when Stubbs convinced 20,000 registered voters to sign petitions calling for an election on the issue.

Cisneros is as popular as ever, but he is still smarting from a defeat in another referendum last fall. Voters turned down a Cisneros-backed, Stubbs-opposed proposal to fluoridate the city's water.

Cisneros did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press. But he has said he is putting in 14-hour days in a personal campaign to stop the spending cap, which he contends would hamstring San Antonio's growth.

He has voiced fears that such spending limits would thwart industry from locating in San Antonio and would damage the city's high bond rating, a key element in San Antonio's ability to build new streets and other permanent

improvements. Stubbs denies the spending cap referendum is a political confrontation with Cisneros.

"He's the one that considers it a showdown," Stubbs said. "He's the mayor. I'm just the lowly taxpayer. It just so happens I'm the microphone for the people who feel the same way I do."

The proposal, which Stubbs prefers to call an "indexing method," would allow city spending to grow in step with population and inflation.

In other words, if the city's population grew 3 percent and inflation were 3 percent, the budget at City Hall could expand by 6 percent.

Stubbs said his 4,000-member Homeowner-Taxpayer Association, which he claimed has doubled in size since the fluoride referendum, has been studying the taxing habits of 45 taxing entities in Bexar County. The organization studied 21 cities, 12 school districts and several hospital and college districts, Stubbs said.

"We found a phenomenal gap between growth and spending," he said. City spending, he said, has grown more than three times faster than population and inflation.

"We admit there has to be growth and there has to be progress. But the politicians and the big money interests have the notion that we've got to pull out all the stops — we've got to have everything yesterday. And the taxpayers have to pay for it," he said.

"We don't want to subsidize the developers and the big money interests," he said.

City Manager Lou Fox, who is campaigning against the cap, said "it isn't as if the city's asleep and these nasty city officials are conniving to spend all this money."

The city manager said he disagrees with the concept of limiting city spending.

"These tax caps are like Gramm-Rudman — government by formula. I don't like government by formula," he said.

Robert Marbut Jr., a political consultant who is heading up a coalition of six organizations opposing the cap, described the spending limit as "very, very flawed."

"It does not restrict, roll back or freeze taxes," he said.

The proposal also makes no provisions for the city accepting matching federal funds, insur-

ance settlements or gifts from private contributors.

"What happens if a tornado rips through Broadway?" Marbut said of one of the city's major thoroughfares. It could take the city months under the spending cap to respond to such an emergency, he said.

In the event of an emergency, the cap could be circumvented only through a referendum.

The issue has made for strange bedfellows. Stubbs has drawn support from Phil Pyndus, a conservative former city councilman who was handily defeated by Cisneros at the polls last year.

Also backing Stubbs is Bernardo Eureste, a mercurial former city councilman who has indicated he may run against Cisneros next year.

Pyndus claims he has no score to settle with Cisneros, but Eureste said "politics is about axes to grind."

Stubbs likes to view the campaign as the "beginning of a Proposition 13 type movement."

Cisneros, the City Council, local developers, builders and bankers, Stubbs said, feel "we must be crushed because there are 237 cities in Texas that will probably want to do the same thing."

Dan Lundberg dead at 73

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oil industry analyst Dan Lundberg, who has died at 73, once said he had no crystal ball to make his forecasts, but based them on analysis of data he compiled.

Lundberg, whose biweekly survey of nationwide gas prices was widely quoted, died Sunday in a suburban Torrance hospital after becoming ill on Santa Catalina Island, about 25 miles off the coast of California, said his wife, Mesa.

Lundberg became widely known after his prediction of the 1979 gasoline shortage was published in his newsletter. It was one of the first forecasts of the crisis caused by cutbacks in Middle East oil production.

"You can make projections, you can make forecasts and you can make predictions — but I don't do any of that," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1981.

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Lawmakers dilemma: to fee or not to fee

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans today are paying the state more to drive a car, hunt and fish, go to college, put something clever on auto license plates and get a wrestler's license.

But it's not enough. Comptroller Bob Bullock says the state will be \$3.5 billion short of covering its \$37.2 billion two-year budget through August 1987.

The Legislature comes to town Wednesday, at Gov. MSES.

We beset, to try to balance the books. White and some legislative leaders say it is just a matter of making budget cuts.

Others are not convinced. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby says it will take spending cuts and tax hikes.

In the 1985 legislative session — when the now red-inked stained budget was approved — lawmakers banked on fee hikes to bring in more money.

Fees usually get the first look. To many lawmakers' ears, "fees" sounds better than "taxes."

Although fees seem politically more palatable than taxes, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, acknowledged that many Texans probably would not have noticed the 0.125 percent sales tax hike in 1984 had they not been told about it.

They do notice when the price of registering their vehicle goes up.

"Folks are saying, 'We are reading all this about bad financial conditions. Didn't you guys just raise fees and taxes over the last two years to an unheard of degree?'" said Rep. Gerald Geistweidt, R-Mason, and an appropriations committee member.

Yes, taxes and fees have gone up in recent years.

The Legislature, in a 1984 special session for roads and schools, ended a 13-year streak of no new Texas taxes by raising the state sales tax from 4 percent to 4.125 percent. The motor fuel tax went from 5 cents per gallon to 10 cents.

Some fees are still increasing as a result of the 1984 special session. The price of registering a vehicle for a year was increased by \$25, phased in over three years. The final \$6.25 chunk goes into effect Aug. 1.

Before the 1984 special session, the registration fees for passenger cars ranged from \$15.50 to \$33.50. As of Aug. 1, the range will be \$40.50 to \$58.50.

The \$25 increase also covers trailers, motorcycles and buses. Before the 1984 changes, it cost \$5.75 a year to register a motorcycle or moped. As of Aug. 1, it will be \$31.05.

The 1985 Legislature, as part of a \$146 million fee hike bill, raised the price of driving by increasing the price of a four-year drivers

license from \$12 to \$16. They also increased the fee for having your vehicle checked, raising the annual vehicle inspection fee from \$5.25 to \$7.75.

That fee hike package also included a \$50 hike — from \$25 to \$75 — in the annual price of personalized license plates. That has not worked out very well. The highway department has found out that many Texans are not willing to put their money where their egos are.

The hike was projected to mean about \$5 million more a year for the state. Instead, it scared off 84,000 people who had bought the plates in previous years. The net increase was only \$40,000.

Those who do not pay the annual fees cannot use the personalized plates on their vehicles.

Hogs bringing more money than steers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preliminary figures for July show that hog prices in the Midwest have exceeded the market prices of steers for the second consecutive month, a reversal an Agriculture Department economist says hasn't occurred since the 1970s.

Leland Southard of the department's Economic Research Service said the July figures probably will average about \$60 per hundredweight for hogs at the major markets, compared with

around \$58 per 100 pounds for steers sold on the Omaha, Neb., market.

In June, he said, hogs topped steers for only the second time since the 1970s. In September 1982, hogs averaged \$1.76 per hundredweight more than steers. At that time, both hogs and cattle were in the low \$60s range.

Southard, in noting the June reversal in the hog-steer price relationship, said beef production was up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Also wrapped into the 1985 fee bill was a 50 percent increase in the price of a boxing or wrestling license, up to \$15.

The Parks and Wildlife Department raised the price of a combination hunting and fishing license from \$12 to \$15, effective Aug. 1.

State college tuition for Texans was tripled to \$12 per credit hour in 1985. It will go up to \$16 per hour in 1986.

It all adds up to a lot of money that is too little. The 1986-87 budget, which totals \$37.2 billion, was painfully crafted in 1985 by lawmakers who said it could not be any tighter.

Now, they've got to carve from the budget or ask taxpayers for more money.

The state comptroller's office

earlier this year gave lawmakers a look at how and where they can get more money. For example, raising the state sales tax to 5 percent would bring in an additional \$390 million in 1987. That figure could prove high because of the state's economic slowdown.

Bullock and Hobby have recommended broadening the tax base by getting rid of some ex-

emptions. The exemptions to the sales tax and franchise tax cost state government \$7.7 billion in 1985. Lawmakers probably would not tamper with several of the exemptions, such as on food.

But others, particularly the exemptions on services, could fall. For example, placing legal fees under the sales tax would bring the state \$105 million in 1987.

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ALLIGATOR FARMER — Robert Holloway, a farmer from Blackjack, holds one of the alligators he raises on his farm. Holloway is one of only four Texans who hold alligator farming licenses, which the state began issuing in 1984.

Gator burgers newest food craze? Some East Texans think so

BLACKJACK, Texas (AP) — Some East Texans in the budding business of alligator farming predict other residents will soon be craving gator burgers, deep fried alligator and accessories made from the exotic skin.

Alligator farms have been popping up in Texas since the state's new alligator management plan went into effect in 1984, allowing the gators to be sold to restaurants and retail stores.

Warren Lynch, a Texas alligator farmer, said the meat is what makes the reptiles so profitable.

"Oldtime hunters always knew alligator was good to eat, but it just didn't get passed along to the general public," Lynch said. "Now it's a fad."

Gail Anderson, president of the Houston Restaurant Association, predicts alligator meat will be the next food craze.

At \$3-\$6 per pound, a 6-foot, 100-pound alligator brings in a good reward to farmers like Robert Holloway, who lives in the small community of Blackjack north of Jacksonville.

Holloway started his alligator farm after watching a television show on a successful Florida gator farmer last year. He then went to Florida where he bought 52 of the reptiles.

Florida was the first to jump into the alligator farm industry in 1977 and Louisiana followed in 1981. Those farms are just starting to produce in volume because it takes so long to raise an alligator.

"There's no question there's a market," said Bruce Thompson, the Texas Parks and Wildlife alligator program director. "It's really just a question of how big a market might be there or cultured through creative marketing."

Four alligator farming licenses have been issued since the new law took effect in 1984. For the previous 15 years it had been illegal to hunt, kill or sell alligators in Texas.

Holloway will harvest about a dozen four-foot alligators this fall, and he expects his business and profits to grow in the near future.

"In five years, I hope to have 2,000 to 3,000 alligators," said Holloway, who hopes to get \$36 a foot per alligator skin this year.

Meanwhile, Lynch said he is waiting for Florida's popular gator burgers to hit Texas.

"They're big in Florida," he said. "I'm just gearing up to sell them commercially."

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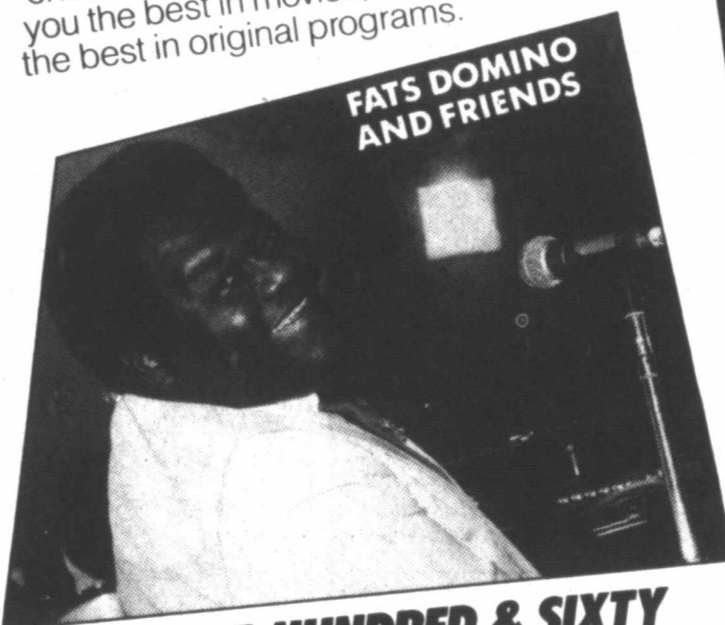


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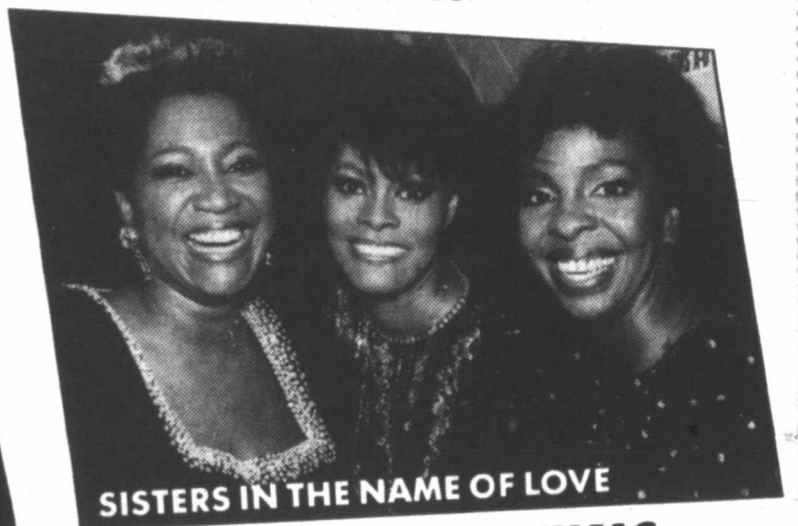
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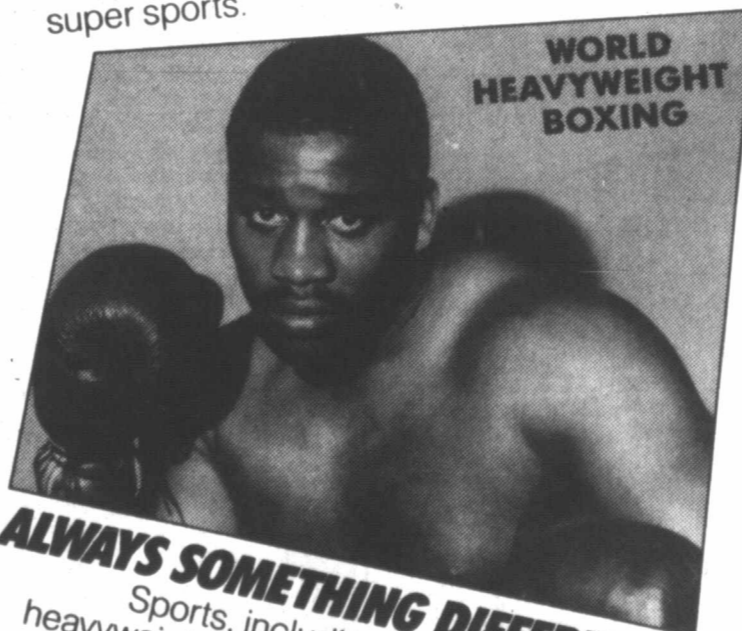
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- 1 Spindle
- 5 Line of motion
- 9 Company (Fr. abbr.)
- 12 Sign of the future
- 13 Vast period of time
- 14 Bitter vetch
- 15 Norse night
- 16 Actress Baxter
- 17 Thing in law
- 18 Colorado park
- 20 Full of (suff.)
- 21 Chemical suffix
- 22 Ireland
- 23 Mother-of-pearl use
- 24 Ruled on land
- 26 Sedan
- 28 Musician
- 31 Skater's jump
- 33 PFC's bed
- 34 Angle of a leaf
- 38 Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 39 Long inlet
- 40 Hilo garlands
- 41 Piercing tool
- 44 Insect egg
- 45 Greek epic poem
- 48 One
- 50 Civil (abbr.)
- 51 Compass point
- 54 Silly
- 57 Nigerian tribe
- 58 Celebes ox
- 60 Cat command
- 61 Go astray
- 62 Zooms engine
- 63 Cultivator
- 64 Sunbeam
- 65 Of great depth
- 66 Put up stake

DOWN

- 1 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 2 December holiday (abbr.)
- 3 Literate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

IT'S OBVIOUS HE HASN'T HEARD A WORD I'VE SAID... I'LL TEST HIM!

FURTHERMORE, IF YOU SUBFLUGAL THE ANSKAK ONCE MORE, I'LL SNARLE ALL THE FRANAKRANS!

WHAT ARE FRANAKRANS?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

YOU DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE BRINGING ICKY STUFF!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

GOOD GRIEF! IS IT SIX O'CLOCK?

I'M SORRY I'M LATE WITH YOUR SUPPER... I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT TIME IT WAS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M STANDING HERE LETTING MYSELF BE BAWLED OUT BY A STOMACH...

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ARE, GARFIELD?

YES, I DO

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE FOR?

OF COURSE

I KNOW POGGIE WHACKERS WHEN I SEE THEM

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

August 6, 1986

Your innate qualities of leadership will be even further enhanced in the year ahead. Circumstances will push you out front both socially and business-wise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your showmanship qualities will become evident today. What you do, you will do with a flourish and ease, even though your assignment looks tough to others. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be much more effective today if you operate a bit in the background. Plant your ideas in the minds of associates, but let them think they came up with them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Dealings that you have today with large organizations or corporations should come off as well as you hope. Maintain a positive attitude and keep pitching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus your attention today on that special goal that you have been anxious to attain. You have remarkable powers of concentration and could get what you go after.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if others are not in total accord with you, don't lose faith in yourself or your ideas today. You're not the one who is off track; they are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you lack specialized knowledge in a commercial endeavor today, rely on the judgment of a trustworthy confederate. He can guide you through the maze.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Fairness and tact are your two greatest assets today. Others will treat you fairly once they see you're not trying to put anything over on them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions continue to look extremely favorable for you in your work. Keep doing your best, because your efforts will be noted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Yield to your need to spend leisure hours with choice, fun companions today. However, try to select inexpensive activities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The greater portion of your time today may be spent tending to the needs of those you love. You'll do it of your own volition and enjoy every minute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a dynamic combination today that could spell personal success. One is an abundance of bright ideas; the other is the ability to promote them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're apt to be rather generous today, and this is admirable. Spend on things you enjoy that will also give pleasure to others.

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LIFESTYLES

Baby boomers affect kitchen remodeling

Inadequate countertop space and inefficient storage are the reasons most often cited for remodeling a kitchen, a recent survey of kitchen designers has found.

The survey conducted among certified kitchen designers by Maytag Co. found that remodeling the kitchen tends to be a young family's project. More than 89 percent of those seeking kitchen design services fell between the ages of 35 and 49.

Characteristics of this age group, which is often known as the baby-boom generation, suggest there are real attitudinal changes, as compared to older generations, said a Maytag spokesman.

These baby boomers, 76 million of them, have been a bellwether for national trends in everything from jogging to the two-career family. Their tastes are worth noting by those who would like to serve their needs and profit from their preferences.

The kitchen designers questioned said that in 64.1 percent of the client families, both male and

female partners were employed full-time outside the home. These couples tend to share household tasks. For example, a total of 75 percent of the men in client families help with meal preparation.

In nearly 40 percent of the families these designers served, the major decorating decisions in the kitchen were made by both partners and the financial decisions were also made jointly. Once upon a time, these roles were compartmentalized: men handling finances and women concentrating on the decorating.

With everyone working outside the home and even the children busy in activities these days, 66.7 percent of the kitchen designers said their clients were spending less time in food preparation than they did five years ago. For some clients, eating and family socialization outrank cooking on a list of important kitchen functions.

One finding that will come as no surprise to those currently thinking about kitchen renovation is that the cost of a remodeled kitchen

continues to rise. The kitchen designers who were surveyed reported that while 44.8 percent of their clients spent between \$12,000 and \$15,000 on a new or remodeled kitchen, the larger number — 46.2 percent — committed from \$15,000 to \$45,000 to the job.

Besides inadequate countertops and storage, other reasons for remodeling included outdated or broken appliances and a desire to change the existing look. Style preferences were fairly evenly divided between contemporary (the choice of 41.7 percent), traditional (35 percent) and country (23.3 percent). Almond was the most preferred appliance color and white was second choice.

After the basics like the stove, refrigerator and sink, the single most wanted appliance was a dishwasher, which was incorporated into 97.7 percent of the kitchens covered by the survey. The microwave oven was chosen by 79.8 percent of clients.

Built-in ranges with a grill were selected by many clients and almost 20 percent wanted the home laundry installed in or near the kitchen.

Among popular requests were demands for open room designs, good lighting, European cabinet styling and low-maintenance kitchen materials.

The more unusual requests? A built-in bed for the dog plus a sink in the floor for his drinking water and a disco dance floor in the center of the kitchen area.

Asked to detail the most influential developments affecting kitchen design during the past 10 years, the designers focused on lifestyle changes.

These include working women and their need to cut food preparation time, two cooks in the kitchen, and downsized housing that paradoxically calls for larger eat-in kitchens with more storage space.

Also cited were the development of European-styled flush frameless cabinets, microwave ovens and indoor grill ranges. Finally, the designers called attention to the affluence and education of their market of baby boomers and yuppies.



ART FOUNDATION OFFICERS — Officers for the newly-formed Pampa Outdoor Art Foundation are pictured, seated, from left: Mary Braswell, secretary; Phoebe Reynolds, vice president. Standing, from left, are Jim Gardner, treasurer and Lee Cornelison, president. The foundation's first function is to assist in the transfer to the city

of Pampa a bronze sculpture of Gray County pioneer Perry LeFors, father of Emmett LeFors who is giving the sculpture in celebration of his 98th birthday, Sept. 27. Other proposed activities of the foundation include a history wall with art by selection Pampa area students and a sculpture by local artist Gerald Sanders. (Staff photo)



Dear Abby

Wife's passion for law cools ardor in marriage

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Before my wife became an attorney, I enjoyed all the rights and obligations of a partner including, but not limited to herein under, free bed and board, specific performance and redress.

However, for the past 18 months there has been no performance required, no common consent, a termination of interest and, of course, no merger.

She rebuts my pleading for relief with restrictive provisions of diminished capacity, duress and denial of entry.

On several occasions I have attempted adverse possession but was accused of petty theft. I feel being denied the right of entry for this period is cause for action. Her demurrer is that my case is one for small claims, that any loss of will could be settled intestate. Legally, am I justified in pursuing third party interest, or a contract for services, or have I no right to either kind of peace? Sign me.

DEAR 0 FOR 18 IN OXNARD: If I have correctly interpreted your problem, your attorney wife has failed to fulfill her marital promises, i.e. sex. I recommend some candid communication (plain talk), between the party of the first part and the party of the second part.

I am not authorized to grant you permission to seek sexual fulfillment outside your marriage. (Nobody is.) Neither can I approve your contracting for services elsewhere. If your complaints are legitimate, you need the services (professional, that is) of a competent attorney — ideally, not your wife. Case dismissed.

DEAR ABBY: I am fed up with the use of the phrase "army brat," which you used in your response to the woman who complained about having to relocate her family every

time her husband's job required it.

I was one of seven children raised by a career military serviceman. Not only were my siblings and I not "brats," neither are 95 percent of the children in servicemen's families. I think it is also a safe percentage to use in referring to civilian families.

Why should we be singled out? I think you owe military families an apology.

JAMES R. HARRIS, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR MR. HARRIS: Having been raised in the military, you surely must know that the term "army brat" has long been an accepted part of the language and is not used to put down the children of career military servicemen. In fact, most children raised in the military refer to themselves as "army brats." However, if you were personally offended, I apologize.

DEAR ABBY: Please help! My birthday is arriving shortly and I foresee the usual plethora of "bird" gifts in the offing.

After my husband and I separated, in an effort to earn some extra money, I started raising canaries. For the past several years, on each gift-giving occasion, I have received everything from soup to nuts with pictures of birds — figurines, bookends, calendars, pot holders, Christmas ornaments, you name it.

Abby, please let people know that even though a friend may be a bird fancier, it does not necessarily follow that every item in his or her household must reflect it.

BYE-BYE BIRDIE

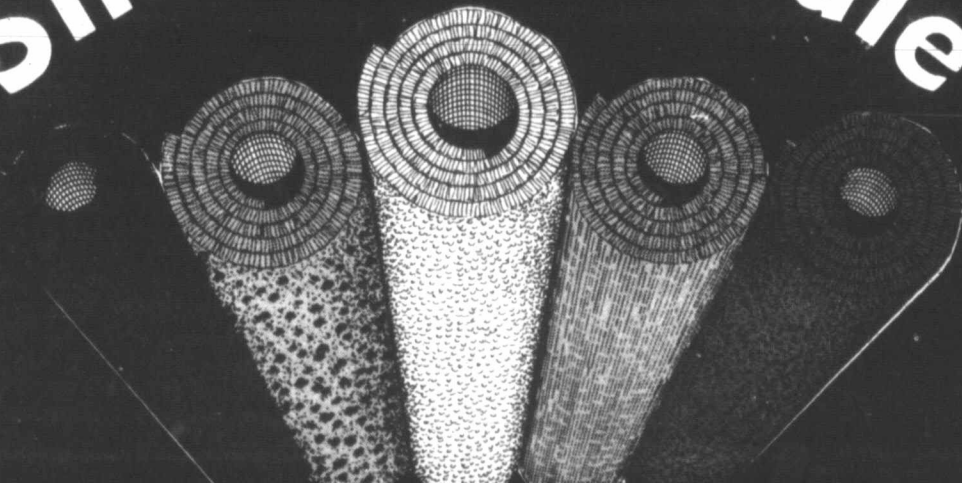
DEAR BIRDIE: I'll wing it. Mention that your nest is already feathered to the max with birds, and you are going cuckoo trying to find places in the aviary. And that's no yolk. (Sorry.)

Here's the Answer

Q. — We intend to convert our attached garage into an extra room. Do we have to get a permit for this and, if so, is it necessary to draw up plans? Still farther along this line, if plans must be provided, must they be made by an architect or can I do them myself?

A. — First, whether you need a permit for any work around your house depends on the regulations in your own area. Nobody can advise you, even somebody from an adjoining town, where the rules may be different. Generally, however, the conversion of an attached garage requires a permit. To get the permit, you must show plans, even rough plans you have made yourself. But here again, find out from your local authorities exactly what is needed before you go ahead with your construction; in fact, before you even buy any materials. You did not say whether you are having the work done by a professional contractor. If you are, he can tell you about the requirements in your area and can make all the necessary arrangements.

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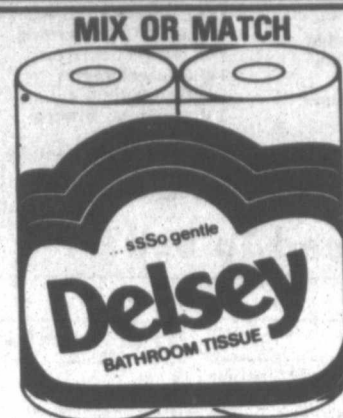
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