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More Gray Countians find jobs in July

Over 300 people found jobs in Gray County in July, improving the unemployment rate substantially from the all-time high it hit a month earlier. The unemployment rate in Gray County dropped from 14 percent to 12.3, while the rate in Pampa fell from 13.7 to 12.1, according to statistics compiled by the Texas Employment Commission.

In fact, the jobless picture improved in four of the five counties served by the local TEC office, with only Roberts County's rate worsening. The gains came in spite of continued growth in the labor force caused by more people starting to look for jobs.

In Pampa, the number of persons holding jobs jumped from 10,371 to 10,623, while the number of unemployed fell by 199, from 1,658 to 1,459. The total labor force rose from 12,029 to 12,082.

Jobs filled by the opening of the new Food Emporium in Coronado Center are not reflected in the latest statistics, Charles Vance, director of the local TEC office, pointed out. They will be included in the August report, raising the possibility of even more improvement next month. The store expects to employ about 200 persons.

In all of Gray County, the number of persons holding jobs climbed from 12,734 to 13,058, while

the number unemployed fell from 2,074 to 1,838. The total labor force increased by 14,808 to 14,896.

Vance said his office had a good increase in job placement activity in the past month, mostly filling service-type positions.

Hemphill County showed the strongest gain among area counties as its unemployment rate fell from 12.4 to 9.9 percent. The number of jobholders increased from 2,170 to 2,193, while the number unemployed dropped from 306 to 241.

Wheeler County's jobless rate dropped from 8.5 to 8.1 percent, even though the number of jobholders decreased from 2,979 to 2,878. The improved

rate resulted from a decrease in the total labor force from 3,255 to 3,130, indicating that some persons without jobs have left the county. The number of unemployed declined from 276 to 252.

Lipscomb County's gain was from 5.0 to 4.7 percent, while Roberts' rate rose from 9.4 to 9.8 percent. Because of the small populations of both counties, even minor changes in the employment numbers causes substantial changes in the rate. Roberts, for example, had only five more persons listed as unemployed than in June. The statistics showed the number with jobs climbed from 626 to 641, while the total jobless rose from 65 to 70.



CHEMICAL EXPLOSION—Authorities evacuated nearly 1,000 residents of Elkhart, Ind., early today after hazardous chemicals caught fire in a warehouse west of the downtown area. Firefighters had to stop putting water on the blaze because of fear of groundwater contamination. (AP Laser-photo)

Speaker says new session starts Monday

AUSTIN (AP) — State legislators, unable to balance the budget during the 30-day special session that ends today, will get another chance beginning Monday, says House Speaker Gib Lewis.

Following a meeting with Gov. Mark White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby on Wednesday, Lewis said White had chosen a date for the next session.

"We discussed when we will be coming back and that will be Monday," Lewis said.

The speaker's press secretary, Tim Conger, said White also told the leaders he would like to address a joint House-Senate meeting on Monday, as he did to open the first special session.

In his first speech, White urged lawmakers to approve a one-year, 1/4-cent sales tax increase to help wipe out the \$3.5 billion state deficit.

A majority of House members said they opposed new taxes. Since tax bills must start in the House, White's plan went nowhere.

The Senate approved \$418 million in spending cuts, while the House cuts totaled \$740 million. The conference committee trying to resolve that difference continued meeting into the final day.

Lewis, who led tax opponents during the first special session, said he will support a tax hike only if all other key budget-balancing steps are taken first and still prove inadequate.

"I haven't changed in any way. Our first priority is to try to make cuts in state spending. And try to bring that (deficit) figure down as low as we possibly can," Lewis said.

"If we get the opportunity to do what we want to do in the House — the follow-through on various budget cuts, transferability of (state) funds, to run state government in a businesslike way — if

that doesn't bridge the gap (then) sure, I'll vote for a tax bill. I'm not about to allow the state to get in bad financial straits."

However, he emphasized, "We haven't gotten there yet."

Throughout the day, Lewis' budget aides briefed representatives on the financial picture under a variety of possible actions — including tax increases next year.

Possible actions being analyzed include delaying payments to state employee retirement funds, some type of sales tax increase and a boost in the motor fuel tax, said House research director Daryl Dorcy.

Asked if a tax increase in 1987 appears likely, House Speaker Pro Tem Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said, "It sure looks that way."

But lawmakers should wait until the 1987 session, Berlanga said, because they won't have enough information until then on how much money should be raised and what the state's economy will be like.

One possibility, Berlanga said, is that lawmakers would "look at a major overhaul (of the tax system) and a possibility of expanding the (sales tax) base and lowering the rate."

In the special session that's ending, Lewis said, lawmakers may have heard too much from special interests and state agencies and not enough from those who foot the bills.

"No one has talked about the poor old taxpayer," Lewis said. "What about him? Have we taken him into consideration yet? I think the House is trying to take him into consideration."

Not all House members agreed that a quick tax increase can be avoided.

Carson district cuts budget slightly

BY CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — Members of the Carson County Appraisal District lowered their budget only slightly to \$214,194 at a special budget hearing Wednesday.

Last year's budget was \$214,790.

The district could have cut the budget more had it not been for rising liability insurance costs which rose from \$750 for 1986 to \$3,930 in the 1987 budget, according to Chief Appraiser Dianne Lavake.

"But we found another bid for

\$2,160, so that will be lower," said Lavake.

At \$85,480, salaries for the four full-time and one part time office workers and appraisers take up the biggest chunk of the budget.

But Lavake stressed that all salaries have been frozen except for one employee who was brought up to scale. Other payroll costs included \$4,120 for group health insurance, \$450 for workman's compensation and \$290 for unemployment compensation.

The appraisal district also has to spend \$40,600 for contracted services with the appraisal firm of Pritchard and Abbott to do mineral appraising. Also, \$20,350 will go for data processing soft-

ware and hardware. Building lease is \$14,000.

Lavake said there are no major projects planned for this year, so the board managed to keep capital outlay expenses down to \$2,000. Still, \$3,000 has been set aside in a contingency fund "in case an emergency comes up."

Auto allowance for Lavake and one other field appraiser was \$5,000. She explained that she provides the car that both appraisers use.

Lavake explained that the budget is drawn up and presented to the taxing entities early in the summer before they plan their budgets and set their tax rates.

When they determine their tax rates, a percentage of that goes to the appraisal district. The amount that each taxing entity gives to the CCAD depends on its total tax roll.

"Last year White Deer-Skellytown gave the most, but with oil values down that may change," she said, explaining that she won't know just how much each entity will give until they all present their tax rates.

She added that any surplus the district has each year, minus \$30,000 for one month operating expenses, is given back to the taxing entities. Last year, the district gave back \$6,000.

U.S. offers swap for journalist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States was awaiting a response today from Moscow on a plan that would free an American journalist accused of spying in exchange for an understanding that a Soviet physicist could be sent home after he stands trial on espionage charges.

The deal to liberate U.S. News & World Report correspondent Nicholas Daniloff would involve temporarily releasing Gennady F. Zakharov, the physicist who was assigned to the United Nations Secretariat, to the Soviet ambassador, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

There was no immediate response from Moscow to the

proposal, the officials said.

The State Department would have favored release of Zakharov to the ambassador's custody before Daniloff's apprehension Saturday but was not consulted, said an official who spoke only on condition of anonymity. "That's standard procedure," he said.

However, a federal court in New York, acting on the advice of the Justice Department, turned down a Soviet request that Zakharov be turned over to Ambassador Yuri Dubinin until a trial date was set.

Daniloff, who was preparing to fly home after 5 1/2 years in Moscow, subsequently was detained and jailed without for-

mal charges, setting up the potential exchange now under discussion by diplomats in both capitals.

Zakharov was arrested by the FBI in New York on Aug. 23 and charged with spying.

U.S. officials, who insisted on anonymity, said Zakharov would face trial on spy charges under the proposal, but that there would be an "understanding" that he might be swapped in some future deal with the Soviets.

A similar deal in 1978 ultimately led to the release of five Soviet dissidents in exchange for two Soviets convicted of spying and sentenced to 30 years in prison.



NICHOLAS DANILOFF

New murder charges filed

Murder and burglary charges were filed Wednesday against John Weaver, who had a capital murder charge against him dismissed by a district judge Tuesday.

Weaver, currently in the Gray County Jail, is charged with the Dec. 14 shotgun slaying of JoAnn Williams in her home at 1056 Varndon Drive. Precinct Two Justice of the Peace David Potter set bond on each of the new charges at \$50,000.

223rd District Judge Don Cain quashed the capital murder indictment Tuesday after agreeing with arguments by Weaver's court-appointed attorneys, Mark Buzzard and Harold Comer, that Williams' death was the result of a single alleged episode, not a shooting with aggravating circumstances as the statutes re-

quire for a capital murder indictment. Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton had argued that Weaver entered the home with the intent of assaulting Williams' daughter Bridgett but shot Mrs. Williams instead.

The burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault aggravated the murder, Hamilton said.

The prosecutor said he expects to re-indict Weaver on the murder and burglary charges when the grand jury next meets Sept. 11. A murder charge carries a five to 99 years or life in prison sentence while the maximum penalty for capital murder is death.

Hamilton had said he did not plan to seek the death penalty for Weaver.

VIEWPOINTS

Politics built space death trap

BY ROBERT POOLE

President Reagan has authorized construction of a replacement space shuttle orbiter. But unless drastic changes are made in the shuttle design—far beyond those now planned—we will be needlessly putting the lives of our astronauts at risk.

Unfortunately, the president's shuttle commission focused so much attention on the badly designed joint on the solid rocket booster that it failed to investigate the underlying cause of the tragedy. That cause is politics. Not the politics behind the Jan. 28, 1986 launch decision, but pervasive politicization of the entire shuttle program.

Consider some of the results: The shuttle did not have to be designed with solid rocket boosters; no man-rated booster had ever before used solid-fuel rockets rather than much more controllable liquid-fuel rockets. And only one other solid rocket booster had ever been built in segments stacked atop one another, requiring troublesome joints, rather than being cast as a single unit. And no other manned launch system—even Soviet ones—had ever launched human crew members without any emergency escape system, leaving them helpless victims of any malfunctions. That all of these flaws were incorporated in a single vehicle is...well, "criminally irresponsible" is probably not far wrong.

The history of the space shuttle is a history of a program created and driven by overriding political considerations. After the windup of the Apollo program in 1969, NASA needed another major program to "keep the team together."

When it could not muster congressional support for its proposed next stage—a space station and a cheap "space truck" to supply it—the space agency went back to the drawing board.

All the major space constituencies had to be bought off. What emerged was a spacecraft with something for everyone: laboratory facilities to win over the scientists, a huge cargo bay and extensive reentry maneuverability to woo a reluctant Air Force, and a flight schedule like an airline's to seduce the space skeptics in Congress.

Having made these unkeepable promises to combine multiple features in one impossible vehicle, NASA then exerted relentless, brute-force pressure on the design. To hold down annual development costs, the agency abandoned its early plan to have both first and second stages be fully reusable (which would have saved money eventually in operating costs). But instead of using a throwaway liquid-fuel booster stage (as proposed by Lockheed), NASA's then-administrator James Fletcher chose the riskier option of reusable solid-fuel boosters.

Still, even with that unprecedented choice, NASA could have produced a safer design. But instead of a one-piece solid rocket proposed by Aerojet, Fletcher opted for the stacked-segments design by Morton-Thiokol. Although it was ranked least desirable technically out of four proposals, it had the lowest price tag—and the Thiokol plant is located in Brigham City, Utah. Fletcher, it turns out, is an ex-president of the University of Utah, his wife is from Brigham City, and Sen. Frank Moss (D-Utah) was chairman of the Senate committee that controlled NASA's pursestrings. Moss's top aide at the

time has stated that there is no question that Thiokol got the job because of Moss.

Even with the segmented solid-rocket booster, the astronauts might still be alive today, had NASA not rejected what is known as "abort modes." And why did it? Politics again.

In McDonnell Douglas's 1972 shuttle design proposal, detailed modes of escape and recovery were provided for every portion of the launch. Other contractors also proposed abort modes. But NASA eliminated them from the shuttle's final design to achieve a two percent weight saving and \$270 million in cost savings over the life of the program. Because its design was so complex, the shuttle was badly overweight and chronically overbudget. So to keep the numbers within reach of what it had promised Congress, NASA simply axed the safety systems.

So where do we go from here? President Reagan has tossed the ball to Congress, which must decide how—or whether—to pay for another shuttle. But do we really need a fourth shuttle, now that the builders of "expendable" rockets like the Atlas-Centaur, Titan, and Delta are starting to receive firm orders from those with satellites to launch? Wouldn't it be better to spend a fraction of the \$2.5 billion cost of a fourth shuttle making the existing three truly safe? And wouldn't it be wiser to learn from the Challenger disaster the exceedingly high cost of letting politics overrule sound engineering?

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Opinion

Juggling figures for political gain

"Rich get richer," blared the page-one headlines last month in newspapers around the country. The stories were based on a government report which allegedly found that the wealthiest one-half of one percent of Americans own a much larger share of the nation's wealth today than they did 20 years ago. As it turns out, the report was pure bunk.

The original study was released in late July by Rep. David Obey, a Wisconsin Democrat who chairs the Joint Economic Committee. According to research done by a Michigan professor for the Federal Reserve Board, the wealthiest 0.5 percent of Americans owned 25 percent of the nation's wealth in 1963, but (the study apparently found) the same small elite of "super rich" owned 35 percent in 1983.

Obey was at his rich-bashing best when the study first came out. During debate over the tax-reform bill, which would lower the top tax rate on the richest Americans from 50 percent to 33 percent, Obey called the report "proof that the rich get richer" and said it made "sheer mincemeat of the notion that this country needs more incentive for rich folks."

Unfortunately for Obey and his ilk, some rechecking made hamburger of the study he was waving.

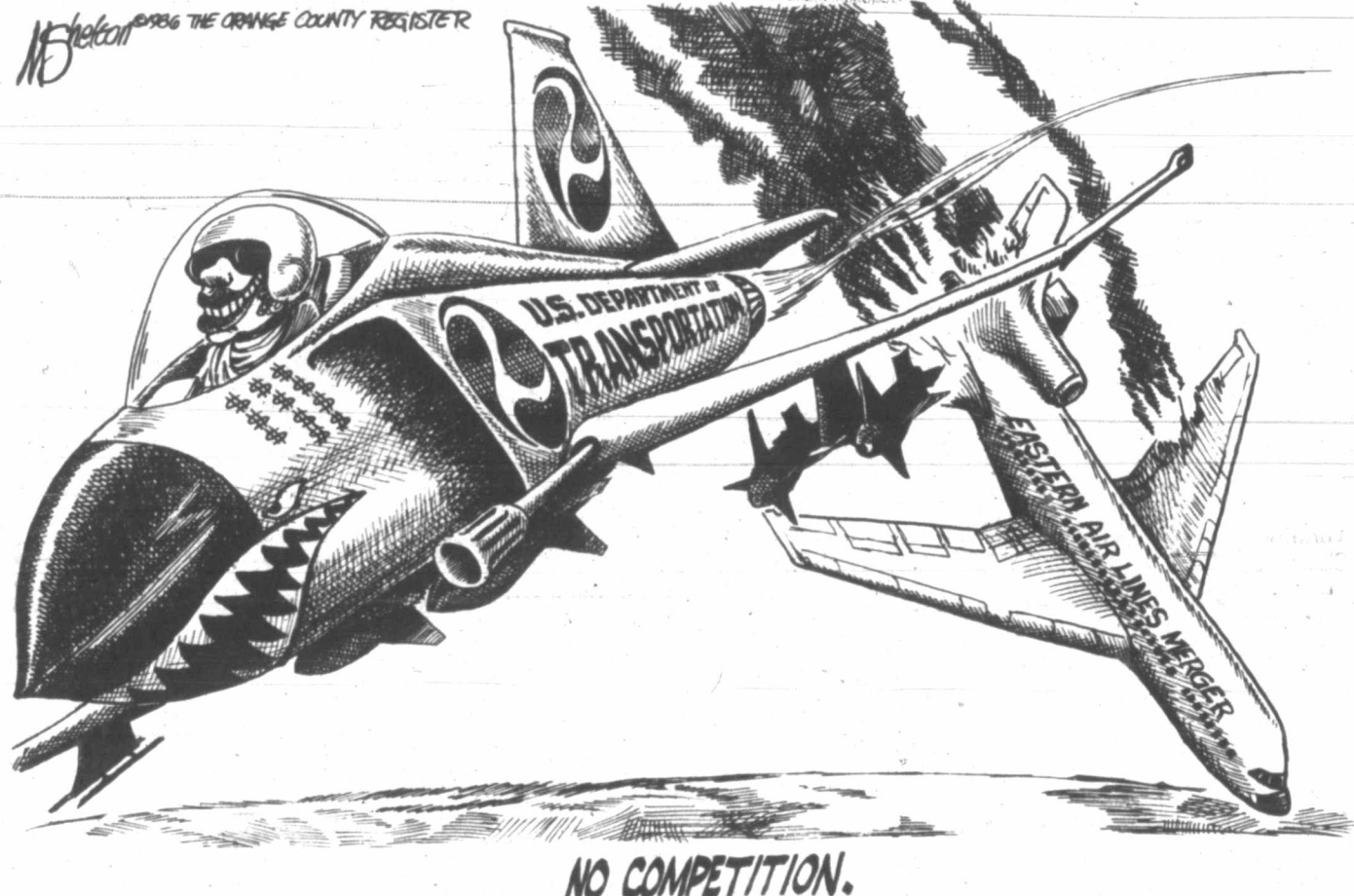
The Federal Reserve and Republicans on Obey's committee were skeptical of the numbers from the start. Experts at the Fed cautioned Obey when they gave him the report that the figures contradicted Census Bureau data that have pointed toward a growing dispersion, not a concentration, of wealth in America.

Officials at the Fed eventually found that an error had been made in the data used to reach the report's conclusion. The unincorporated business assets of one family had been listed at \$200 million, when in fact the assets were worth \$2 million. The family was part of a small sample used for the study, so the 100-fold error caused a tremendous distortion in the report's final conclusion. When the data were corrected, the revised report found that the super rich owned only a slight larger share of the nation's wealth—26.9 percent—than they did two decades before.

"To err is human," of course, and we can all empathize with someone who misplaces a few 0s. What is disturbing about this numerical fiasco is the tremendous amplification given to the error by the politicians and the news media.

The chief culprit is Rep. Obey. He tried to convert the report into political hay despite the warnings from the Fed that its numbers were suspect. Some decision-makers in the news media share the blame. They showed considerably more interest in the original, sensational report than in the more mundane correction a month later.

Yes, you could say the rich have gotten richer since 1963, but only at about the same pace as the rest of us.



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Lewis Grizzard

Wishing I wasn't here

On Head Island, S.C.
My vacation:
The first three days, it rained. I stayed inside my room and watched soap operas. Everybody got pregnant except for a guy who wore an earring and a dog named Earl.
When it stopped raining I played golf. I hit my ball into a lake. It was the only ball I had. I went to retrieve it.
"Watch out for the alligators," my playing companion said.
I said to heck with my golf ball and went back to the clubhouse to watch television. Earl was pregnant by that time, too, and the guy with the earring had found the Lord and was running for the Senate.
I tried to play golf again the next day. I bought myself another golf ball and made a par on the first hole.
When I reached for the pencil to mark down my score, I stuck the point into the tip of my finger. There was a lot of blood.
I went to the emergency room.
"How did you hurt your finger?" the doctor asked.

"I was trying to retrieve my golf ball," I said, "and an alligator bit me."
The doctor put some sort of medicine on the tip of my finger and charged me \$250.
I went out for dinner at a seafood place. "I'll have a dozen oysters on the half shell," I said to the waiter, whose name was Earl.
"Oysters are out of season," the waiter said. I had a cheeseburger.
I went to a movie. I saw "Ruthless People." I have no idea what it was about because a woman sitting behind me had brought her 2-year-old with her and the child screamed and cried during the entire movie.
The kid's name was Earl.
"Earl, be quiet," his mother said exactly 1,600 times.
If Earl had been my kid, I would have stuck a box of popcorn down his cute little throat.
I went shopping. They didn't have anything in my size.
"You would't know where I could get some oysters?" I asked the sales clerk.
"Earl's place," he said. "But Earl's in the hospital. He stuck a pencil point in the tip of his

finger figuring out somebody's bill."
I decided to go for a drive around the island, which is very crowded because the entire population of Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey visit in the summertime.
They have traffic circles on Hilton Head. Nobody from Michigan or Ohio or New Jersey can figure out how to get off a traffic circle once they are on one.
A family, the McGuffeys, from Grand Rapids, was caught on the circle for four days before being rescued. Asked what the ordeal was like, Earl McGuffey, a chiropractor, replied, "The kids loved it, but every other orbit, my wife, Earlene, wanted to go to the bathroom."
I met a girl in a bar. I excused myself to go to the restroom. When I returned the girl was gone.
I asked the bartender what had happened to her.
"She left," he answered.
"With whom?"
"Some guy named Earl who was wearing an earring," he said.
It will be nice to get home.

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"How about this for a dream ticket in '88 — Pat Robertson and Jimmy Swaggart, or maybe Jerry Falwell?"

Six weeks in jail with no charges

By Don Graff

If Choichiro Yatani knew then what he knows now, he might not have done what he did.

That was to participate in a demonstration against the Vietnam War in Tokyo in 1968, when he was a 21-year-old student.

What he knows now is that it was enough to jail him eventually under American "due process" as interpreted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the State Department.

For nine years, Yatani has been an instructor and Ph.D. candidate in social psychology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has a wife, Nanako, and two children, both born in the United States and American citizens.

On July 7, on his way back from a conference in the Netherlands, he arrived at New York's Kennedy International Airport. His name triggered a response from INS computers. He was detained on suspicion of being "a terrorist or engaged in other subversive activities," apparently because of that 1968 demonstration.

I say apparently, because, to date, no one has come up with any other explanation. The feds refused to divulge specifically what they had against Yatani. He steadfastly denied that he had or had ever had any communist affiliation, although he has been an anti-nuclear activist.

Yatani had been arrested in Tokyo along with 70 other demonstrators. He was convicted of "violations of road traffic control." He was put on probation for a year, and then, under

Japanese law, his conviction expired and was expunged from the Japanese police record.

But not, as it turned out, from the records of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Eighteen years later, he was detained under provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act, an odious legislative relic of the political witch hunts of the 1950s.

Fortunately, there are still those committed to keeping this a reasonably free country. Attorneys with the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights came to Yatani's defense.

At a hearing on Aug. 19, they made the mildest response possible, requesting a simple waiver on Yatani's admittance to the country, as provided for by the McGovern (for former

Sen. George McGovern) amendment to the original McCarran act. INS and State blocked it.

Yatani's attorneys then filed suit, demanding that the government explain why it was holding Yatani.

That did it. Two days later Yatani was released under a McGovern waiver. The feds were acknowledging, in effect, that they couldn't prove anything. So, after six weeks in the federal slammer without bail and without being charged, Yatani was released without so much as an apology.

But it's not over yet. Yatani now wants his name removed from the list that caused that computer bleep in the first place.

Understandably embarrassed by the affair, the feds still aren't saying much.



CHARMING PRINCE — Britain's Prince Charles reacts after greeting onlookers as he passes through the lobby of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston Wednesday where he visited several young patients. (AP Laserphoto)

Government still can't locate alleged videotape of POWs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A videotape purporting to show American prisoners in Laos continues to elude government officials despite a multi-million-dollar offer from Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot and the intervention of Vice President George Bush. A spokesman for Bush confirmed Wednesday that the vice president discussed the mysterious tape with Perot, who subsequently pledged \$4.2 million in an effort to obtain it. Perot said in a telephone interview that "I was asked by our government to pursue this thing, to get the tape if it existed, and I said fine, it's a long shot, but I'll be glad to do it." It was the first time Perot's involvement in efforts to obtain the tape has been publicly disclosed. When the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing last month on the effort to obtain the tape, Brig. Gen. James Shufelt, deputy director of the

Defense Intelligence Agency, referred to "an individual in the private sector who has agreed to assist in any way he can in helping acquire information to resolve this issue." Shufelt never identified the individual who apparently was Perot. The general said he didn't know if the individual "made a decision monetarily to support the effort." The tape never was produced and the money never was paid. However, Rep. Bill Hendon, R-N.C., another official who has played a major role in efforts to obtain the videotape, said Wednesday that "I am convinced of its existence and authenticity." Hendon said he was shown a segment of the videotape by Robin Gregson, a British national who claims to have the evidence of Americans being held prisoner. Hendon said the segment he saw "does not show any Amer-

ican prisoners" but, nonetheless, he added he remains convinced the full tape would provide such evidence. Marlin Fitzwater, spokesman for Bush, said the vice president discussed the tape with Perot and asked him to "take a look at the issues there and see if he thought they were legitimate." But Fitzwater added that "I'm sure he (Bush) didn't ask him to make payments." Perot said, "The fact that we have one American, a Special Forces major, who says he has seen the tape, makes it more than just some bogus thing floating out there in Asia." The Dallas computer magnate first became involved in the POW issue in 1969 when he attempted to fly to Hanoi to deliver medical supplies and Christmas dinners to American POWs. He also financed a successful 1979 rescue mission to Iran to free two of his employees from a Tehran prison.

Low car financing might be even a better deal than it appears to be

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Those low, low financing rates being offered by automakers in an effort to spur sales might be even better than they appear at first glance. So good, in fact, that it may be no joke to say that carmakers will pay you to buy. In effect, that is what the combination of low or zero interest and inflation could do. Money people were startled first because the less-than-3 percent rates offered are below the rates carmakers and their financing arms must pay for the money they, themselves, relend to buyers. That means, of course, that sellers must lose money on loans, although experienced lenders, including members of the American Bankers Association, caution that sellers might seek to recoup losses by adding costly options. Aside from that possibility, however, the deals appear to be even better than anticipated, and for an old, old reason: inflation. Inflation is often the forgotten element in financial considerations today, but it is out there, and to a degree that could make a significant difference in the amount of real money used in financing any large purchase. In fact, most borrowing rates remain relatively high today because of its existence. That is, expectations of inflation are, as a precaution, built into rates. But the automakers' rates, as low as zero percent, are not only below the current break-even level — but even even much further below true money costs, in view of the likelihood that repayments will be made in in-

flated dollars. At 4 percent inflation, \$10,000 is eroded to \$9,600 within one year. The dollars used to repay the loan are worth 4 percent less in buying power than they were a year earlier. That is, they are worth 4 percent less to the lender. Is 4 percent inflation likely? Based on the consumer price index for urban consumers, economists at Data Resources Inc., which is considered an unbiased numbers factory, foresee inflation of 3.4 percent in the current quarter, and 5.5 percent in the next. Looking deeper into the future, the same organization projects a 4.1 percent rate for the first quarter of 1987, followed by rates of 3.3 percent, 4 percent and 4.2 percent. American Motors has announced a 0 percent loan rate. Both General Motors and Ford have offered 2.9 percent financing on three-year loans. Chrysler offers three-year loans of 3.6 percent, and a 2.4 percent rate for 24-month loans. In three years' time the additional discount due to inflation could, in some instances, amount to four figures, or nearly as much as some of the cash rebates being offered as an alternative to the

below-cost financing. The opposite result, erosion, could be the lot of those who take the cash — as much as \$1,500 for GM and Chrysler, and up to \$1,000 for Ford — instead of the financing incentive. That is, unless such buyers can invest the rebated money at a return higher than the inflation rate, they will end up with less buying power. To a great degree, inflation has been the forgotten enemy during the past two years. Many financial advisers have declared it dead. Some have stated that deflation — lower prices — has replaced inflation as a hazard to the economy. But, except for sharp declines in some prices — and episodes of lower prices in general — inflation has only been sleeping. Moreover, some economists say recent jumps in precious metals prices are a warning it could be aroused. If inflation continues, and especially if it accelerates, it could make some of those startling financing offers even better than they seem. "You just can't go below zero," said Joseph E. Cappy, AMC president and chief executive officer. But maybe you can.

Iranians stop two Soviet vessels, seize one of them

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iranian warships forced one Soviet vessel to port for a search and briefly stopped another in the Persian Gulf, shipping sources said, the first such action by Iran against Iraq's main arms supplier. According to reports from the sources, the freighter Pyotr Yemtsov was searched Wednesday at the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas after it was seized the previous day during a voyage from the Black Sea port of Nikolayev to Kuwait. The shipping executives, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the second vessel was stopped briefly Wednesday and identified only as the Tutov. Despite the Soviet role in supplying Iraq during its 6-year-old war with Iran, shipping sources said that weapons or other milit-

ary goods were unlikely to be shipped on Soviet freighters through the gulf. "We believe the Pyotr Yemtsov was loaded with construction material, but the Iranians consider such commodities to be an asset for the Iraqi military effort," said an executive based in Kuwait. In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov confirmed that the 11,750-ton Pyotr Yemtsov was "detained" off the coast of the United Arab Emirates but did not mention the Tutov. Bandar Abbas is about 120 miles east of the United Arab Emirates. Gerasimov said he believed the freighter was carrying a load of cement. He gave no information on the size of its crew. Shipping executives said an average of two Soviet or East

European freighters a day ply the gulf waters. They expressed surprise that Iran would harass Soviet ships while the Kremlin is trying to improve relations with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's fundamentalist Shiite Moslem government. "Knowing the Soviets, they are unlikely to create any fuss about the seizure of their vessel, however," a Bahrain shipping agent said. It was the first time the Iranian navy had stopped Soviet vessels since Iran began intercepting freighters early in 1985. Most detained ships are allowed to resume their trips after searches. Others have been taken to Bandar Abbas, where their cargoes have been unloaded and confiscated.

Stone-throwing and tear gas in Soweto; clergymen are deciding whether to defy ban on funeral

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Buses were stoned and burned and police fired tear gas to disperse black crowds in Soweto today, while clergymen met to decide whether to defy an official ban on a mass funeral for 20 people killed by police. "All Soweto has been declared an unrest area," said the divisional police commander, Brig. Gideon Loubscher. Witnesses said police entered Jabavu Stadium in the White City neighborhood and fired tear gas at 10:15 a.m. to disperse more than 2,000 people who had gathered for the planned funeral. Some in the crowd said mourners had earlier brought two bodies to the stadium but that police had taken them away. Tear gas was fired later near St. Paul's Anglican church in White City, witnesses said, while clergy met inside to try to decide what to do. Two helicopters hovered overhead. Soldiers and police surrounded the church. Policed used a loudspeaker to order the clergy out. Security forces then moved back and announced that funerals could proceed at 1 p.m. if mourn-

ers refrained from throwing stones. The clergy continued to meet at 11 a.m. Police and soldiers manned roadblocks at entrances to the township of 1.7 million, the largest black community in South Africa, and turned away dozens of reporters under a renewed ban on firsthand reporting of anti-apartheid unrest. The new restrictions, issued by Police Commissioner John Coetzee on Wednesday and published in the government gazette, say any journalist on the scene or "within sight" of any unrest, restricted gathering or security force activity must leave immediately. Barricades of rocks, branches and tires were erected in the White City neighborhood, the scene of most of the Aug. 26-27 rioting that residents say erupted over the refusal of some Soweretans to pay rent for government housing. More than 2,100 people have been killed, nearly all of them blacks, since the current wave of anti-apartheid violence began in September 1984.

By law and custom, apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which the 24-million black majority has no vote in national affairs. The 5-million white minority controls the economy and maintains separate districts, schools and health services.

Suspect arrested in slayings

RALEIGH, Texas (AP) — A 44-year-old man has been arrested on charges of capital murder in connection with the slaying of a couple in this small community about 15 miles west of Corsicana. Ernest Orville Baldree, 44, was arrested at an Arlington motel Wednesday by Navarro County Sheriff's Department deputies working with Arlington police, authorities said. He was arraigned before an Arlington magistrate on the two capital murder warrants issued Aug. 28 after the bodies of Homer Howard, 68, and Nancy Howard, 53, were found on their property in Raleigh. Sheriff Jim Hodge said Baldree will be transferred to Navarro County Jail in Corsicana, some 60 miles southeast from Arlington. "I knew we'd get him," said Bryan Dunagan, the sheriff's chief deputy, who has been devoting most of his time assisting other investigators in the case. Authorities learned Tuesday that Baldree was in Arlington,

said Lt. Michael Heidingsfield, commander of the police special investigations division in the Dallas-Fort Worth area suburb. He said police were not able to find Baldree on Tuesday, but learned Wednesday that he was moving from motel to motel. Heidingsfield said Baldree also was wanted on two warrants out of Limestone County for probation violation and burglary of a habitation. Raleigh residents were shocked by the murder of the Howards, who had moved to a mobile home near the community less than six months ago. Howard worked a produce stand in Corsicana. Authorities said the Howards met Baldree during an Aug. 20 visit to their nephew's home in Coolidge in Limestone County. Baldree agreed to go back to Raleigh to help Howard work on his electric fence. Authorities said that on the following morning Howard was shot as he worked on the fence.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Breckinridge
 - 5 Poetic fiction
 - 9 Make a promise
 - 12 Madam (cont.)
 - 13 Japanese aborigine
 - 14 Ore's river
 - 15 Australian trees
 - 17 Not well
 - 18 Secret agent
 - 19 President Lincoln
 - 20 Egypt's Anwar
 - 22 Compete
 - 23 Baseball player
 - 24 Asian country
 - 27 Dig up
 - 31 Single part
 - 32 Resting
 - 33 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
 - 34 Noun suffix
 - 35 American (abbr.)
 - 36 Make untidy
 - 37 Tenant
 - 39 Search
 - 40 Hockey team
 - 41 Panhandler
 - 42 Totally
 - 45 Openings
 - 46 Victory symbol
 - 49 Gums
 - 50 Bareness
 - 53 Participate ending
 - 54 Is human
 - 55 Declaim violently
 - 56 Chinese philosophy
 - 57 Coup d'
 - 58 On the sheltered side
- DOWN**
- 1 French women (abbr.)
 - 2 Yelp
 - 3 Full of zest
 - 4 Physicians' association (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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38 Landing boat
39 Campus area
40 French city
41 American Stock Exchange
42 Stop
43 Skeleton part
44 Shakespearean villain
45 Vegetable

46 Kind of meat
47 Feudal slave
48 Ancient Italian family
51 Technique
52 Firearm owners' gp.

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WITH MY NAME, MY BLOND HAIR AND MY SMILE, MY DAD SAYS WE CAN MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS...

MY DAD IS IN LICENSING!

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"Sigh!"

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THERE USED TO BE A THEORY THAT A COLOR TV EMITS HARMFUL RAYS.

I NEVER PUT ANY STOCK IN THAT NOTION, MYSELF...??

I PICKED A HECK OF A TIME TO LOSE A FEATHER!

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NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

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Sept. 5, 1986

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep domestic frustrations in proper perspective today, or else you might unnecessarily shake up your entire household. Tolerance is a must.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your personal interests can best be advanced today if you are unselfish in dealing with others. To profit, look out for them and they'll look out for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be disciplined today in your financial affairs so that you do not pay too much to have a good time, nor buy things you really don't need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In competitive career situations today, don't tip your hand prematurely. First see what your competition is doing before unslinging your big guns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can discuss a delicate issue today with a friend you know you can trust. However, don't make the mistake of talking about it to one who has trouble keeping secrets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can achieve an important objective today, provided you don't waste time with an idler who is not a participant in your game plan. Stick to business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you fail to clarify your objectives today, you are likely to be ineffective. Don't attempt too much at one time, because each of your plans could suffer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid hasty procedures where your work is concerned today, or you might have to retrace your steps. Plan carefully and you'll be productive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Partnership arrangements won't function well today if the assignments aren't distributed equally. Each one must do his or her share.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't hesitate to renegotiate an agreement today if you think it is out of balance. Harboring ill feelings could defeat things before they start.

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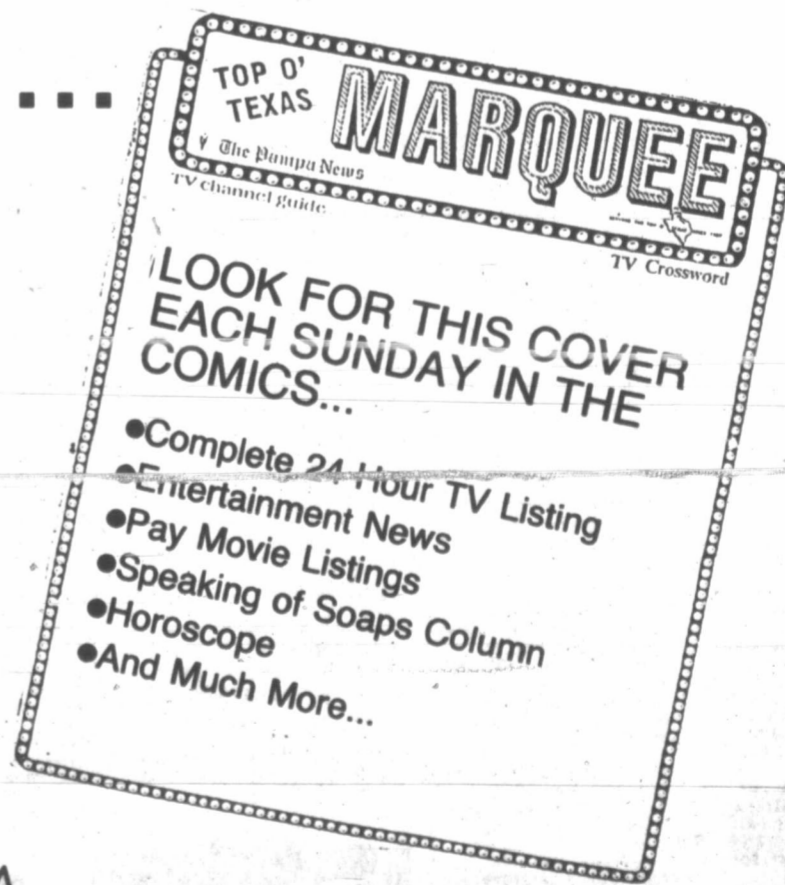
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Cyanide found in man's body, package of soup he ate

RUNNEMEDE, N.J. (AP) — The cyanide death of a man who ate Cup-A-Soup was almost certainly a case of product tampering, a spokesman for the manufacturer said today.

Larry Hicks, a spokesman for Thomas J. Lipton Inc., said authorities found the mix's envelope was slit and the box was punctured.

"It all points to a product tampering," Hicks said. "The evidence would appear to point

exactly to that and only to that."

Lipton said it planned to remove all its Cup-A-Soup packages from stores in the Camden area of southern New Jersey today as a precaution.

Louis Denber, 27, of Runnemeede, became ill shortly after eating chicken noodle Cup-A-Soup on Monday and died at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, said Hicks and Camden County Prosecutor Samuel Asbell.

He said his office was "investigating this matter as a homicide only."

Investigators found cyanide in Denber's body fluids and in powdered residue in the soup packet, said Health Department spokeswoman Leigh Cook.

Asbell said he received confirmation Wednesday from Dr. Robert B. Goode, a state medical examiner, that Denber died from cyanide poisoning. Asbell said "there was enough (cyanide) in

his system to kill a horse."

He said there was no evidence of tampering with other packages from the Shop 'n' Bag store in Runnemeede where the soup was purchased. Police confiscated soup from the store Wednesday.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration scheduled overnight tests of other Cup-A-Soup boxes pulled from shelves at the Shop 'n' Bag in Runnemeede, about 10 miles southeast of Philadelphia,

Hicks said.

"They believe that the envelope has an odor (of cyanide) but it is really subjective at this point," Hicks said. "There has never been any evidence of actual contamination. ... (It is) really in the area of a suspected source."

The cyanide was found Wednesday afternoon during tests of Denber's body fluids and the soup packet, said Kenneth Kolano, chief of the Health De-

partment's food regulating division.

The Englewood Cliffs-based Lipton packages Cup-A-Soup in foil packets contained in a box, Hicks said.

Jeff Brown of Cherry Hill, who said his family owns the store and seven other Shop 'n' Bags in New Jersey, said the company voluntarily recalled all dry soup products from the Runnemeede store Wednesday afternoon.

Air controller reportedly doesn't remember seeing small plane

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The air traffic controller handling Aeromexico Flight 498 doesn't remember seeing the plane that collided with the DC-9 although the small aircraft was visible on radar screens for several minutes, officials said.

The controller was working at another position while directing the landing of the Aeromexico DC-9, said John Lauber, chief investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

An estimated 91 people died in

Sunday's crash over suburban Cerritos after the Piper Archer collided with the DC-9.

The controller told investigators he did not recall seeing the Piper, Lauber told a news conference Wednesday night.

The controller also was working a hand-off position in the coastal control radar facility. In the hand-off position, the radar controller transfers incoming flights to controllers in the airport tower.

It is not unusual for one control-

ler to be working both positions, and the controller considered air traffic to be light at the time, Lauber said.

Lauber also said the Piper had been tracked for about two minutes after entering restricted airspace surrounding Los Angeles International Airport, and that if the pilot had seen the jetliner, "two minutes would have been plenty of time" to avoid a collision.

Safety board officials Wednesday used another Piper to repeat

the final flight path of the single-engine Archer that collided with the jetliner at 6,500 feet in the Los Angeles Terminal Control Area, killing 67 people in both planes and an estimated 24 on the ground.

The wreckage plunged into a Cerritos neighborhood about 15 miles southeast of the airport, destroying 11 homes.

In Wednesday's flight, the plane showed up on radar screens with and without its electronic equipment operating, Lauber

said. This appeared to confirm earlier digital readouts of the computer tapes from the air controller's radar, he said.

Asked how the controller could fail to see the small plane, Lauber said the controller had many other things to do at the time.

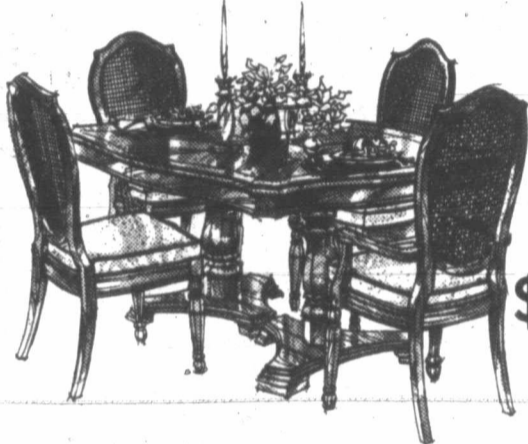
Earlier, Lauber said the radar signal emitted by the Piper's transponder showed its location, but did not indicate an altitude. Transponders broadcast a signal that produces an aircraft identification on radar screens and

those operating in a certain mode show a controller the altitude.

Thus, even if the controller had seen the Piper's radar blip, he would not necessarily have realized the imminent danger because he would not have known that the two aircraft were at the same altitude.

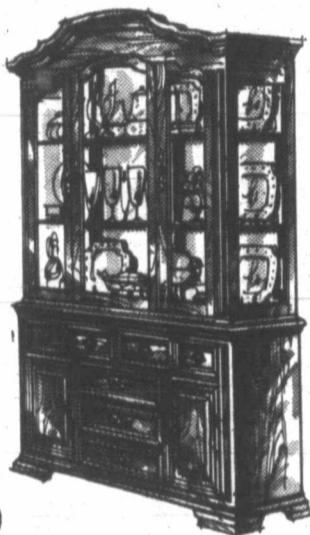
The Piper collided with the jet's tailfin, then the DC-9's horizontal stabilizer sheared off the small plane's cabin roof, NTSB senior aerospace engineer John White said.

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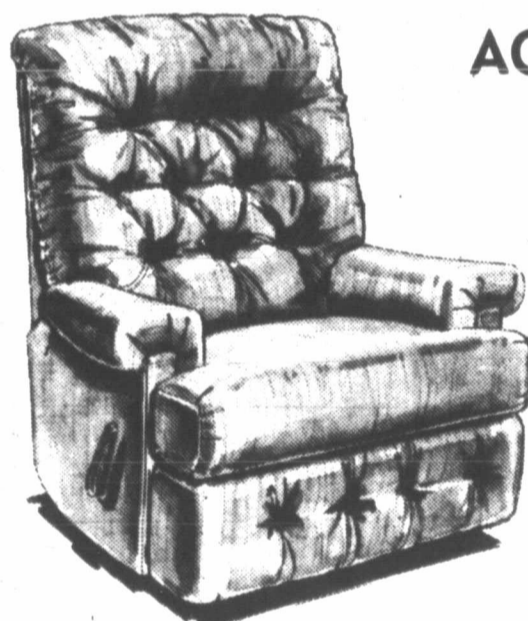
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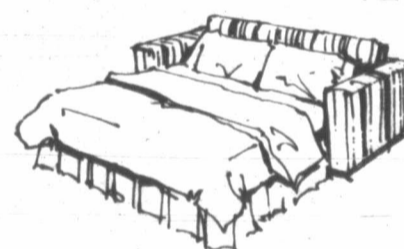
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