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## Arson suspect captured by angry neighbors

By PAUL PINKHAM  
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old arson suspect was on his way to the doctor's office this morning after angry victims of an alleged arson spree apparently worked him over in the 400 block of North Russell Monday night.

William Edward Gray, 428 Aft, was arrested on charges of arson at 425 N. Russell shortly after 9 p.m. Monday, after he allegedly tossed molotov cocktails at three cars in the 400 blocks of North Russell and North Cuyler and the 300 block of West Buckler.



Gray

Pampa Police Lt. J.D. Laramore said Gray offered no resistance when he was taken into custody on North Russell. Several neighbors reportedly

had the battered suspect pinned to the ground, his face covered with mud and blood.

Officers Jay Lewis and Sally Ortega were the first to arrive. "To tell you the truth, I think he was glad to see us," Laramore said this morning.

Danny Estep, 317 W. Buckler, told police he happened to look out his window and see a man throw a bottle at his 1972 Pontiac parked outside. He said the bottle hit the left rear quarter-panel of the car and burst into flames, according to Lewis' report.

Anastasia Blackwell, 427½ N. Russell, told police she saw a

man throw a flaming bottle at the passenger door of her 1970 Ford, setting it ablaze.

A third victim, Carol Flores, 438 N. Cuyler, told officers she noticed a fire burning around the

said.

Laramore was busy taking statements from eyewitnesses and victims this morning.

One eyewitness said the suspect appeared to be intoxicated

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exhaust pipe of her 1969 Plymouth and a man walking away from the car.

A spokesman for the Pampa Fire Department said two units and six men responded to the blazes. The department has not yet made any damage estimates, pending further investigation, he

at the time of the attacks.

The reported spree of fire-bombings was apparently prompted by the suspect's troubles with an ex-girlfriend who lived in the neighborhood, Laramore said.

The suspect left two notes, one reading, "If anything happens to

me, give it to Rose" and the other, a love note written to the same woman.

One neighbor said all three victims were friends or relatives of the ex-girlfriend.

Pampa Police Chief J.J. Ryzman said he doubts that any assault charges will be filed in connection with Gray's injuries because those who inflicted them apparently were trying to contain the suspect until police arrived. Laramore said any assault allegations probably would have to come from the county or district attorneys' offices following the investigation.

## Reagan announces plan to meet with Gorbachev

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan announced today that he and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev will meet in Reykjavik, Iceland, on Oct. 11 and 12.

Reagan made the surprise announcement to reporters assembled in the White House to hear Secretary of State George P. Shultz outline the terms that led to the release of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff a month after he was seized in Moscow and charged with spying.

Reagan called the planned session with Gorbachev a one-on-one meeting and said it was "not a summit."

"All we've agreed upon is that we're going to have a meeting," he said of the Iceland session.

About the same time Reagan and Shultz were making their dramatic announcements, Genadiy Zakharov was entering a no contest plea in federal court in Brooklyn under an arrangement that allowed him to leave the country later today.

Zakharov, a Soviet citizen who had been working at the United Nations, had been arrested a week before Daniloff was seized and charged with spying.



Daniloff boards plane today.

Reagan insisted there was no connection between the release of the two men.

Shultz also announced that Yuri Orlov, a prominent dissident in the Soviet Union, would be allowed to leave for the United States.

"He singled himself out for particular attention from the KGB," Shultz said, adding that Orlov was in "extremely poor health" as a result of severe beatings.

Shultz said Orlov and his wife will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union by Oct. 7.

Reagan, as he was leaving the White House press room after announcing the meeting with Gorbachev, was asked if he still thought the Soviets had "blinked" in the negotiations over Daniloff and Zakharov.

"I shouldn't have said that," the president replied.

The president said the meeting in Iceland was suggested by Gorbachev "and I accepted."

He said the two would "make general preparations for a visit by Gorbachev to the United States."

Gorbachev and Reagan had agreed after their meeting in Geneva last fall to meet again in the United States this year.

As for their talks next month, Reagan said: "I have no way of knowing what the outcome will be. I've said for a long time that

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## Rig count climbs to 806

From Staff and Wire Reports

HOUSTON — The number of working oil rigs in the country rose for the fourth week in a row to 806, an increase of 42 from last week's 764, Hughes Tool Co. officials said.

Last year at this time, the count was 1,935, company officials said Monday. Last week the rig count increased by 25.

In July, the rig count hit an all-time low of 663, but was on an upswing before it dropped to 727 in late August, according to officials of the oil toolmaker, which has kept industry statistics since 1940.

In the Texas Panhandle the rig count rose again last week after having dipped slightly two weeks ago, according to Doris Harrison of the Oil and Gas Reporting Service in Pampa.

Last week 17 rigs were reported in the Panhandle, three more than the 14 listed two weeks ago. Three weeks ago 16 rigs were listed.

Harrison said the Panhandle rig count for this week won't be available until Thursday.

More than 1,000 rigs have been idle since December, when oil prices began to decline, falling as low as \$9 a barrel. Since Dec. 23, the rig count has dropped steadily from 1,995, officials said.

In contrast, 4,500 rigs were active in December 1981.

Two contrasting views on the possibility of rising oil prices were given late last week.

Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia oil minister, predicted at a Harvard University 350th anniversary symposium that oil prices will rise \$1 per year, reaching \$18 to \$20 per barrel by 1992.

## Vote on tax hike expected today

AUSTIN (AP) — An \$869.2 million, temporary tax increase has reached the Senate floor without amendments, and leaders said a vote today could bring the special session close to the end.

The Senate Finance Committee, warned by House leaders that any amendments would stall the bill, on Monday approved the increase in sales and gasoline taxes.

Committee Chairman Grant Jones, D-Temple, said he would seek to suspend the rules so the full Senate could debate it today.

"It would be my reaction not to amend the bill at this time," Jones told the Finance Committee before its 11-1 vote in favor of the tax hikes, which won House passage on Saturday.

"I hope we get out of here," said Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, when asked what he thought of the tax measure. Later, he said, "I would anticipate no amendments will go on."

The temporary tax package would raise the

sales tax from 4½ percent to 5½ percent, and add 5 cents to the dime-per-gallon gasoline tax. Both would take effect Jan. 1 and expire on Aug. 31.

Also included is a provision to allow counties and cities not now collecting a transit tax to add a half-penny to their local sales taxes.

A companion spending-cut plan, which also has received a House OK, would trim the budget by \$582 million, eliminate nearly 2,000 state jobs and wipe out a 3 percent state employee pay raise scheduled for 1987.

The Senate panel's favorable tax vote — without amendments — came after House leaders said any changes made by senators would delay or possibly kill the tax bill in the House.

House Ways and Means Committee Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, noted that only 69 House members voted for all parts of the tax bill on Saturday, and he said mustering 76 votes to accept Senate amendments would be very difficult.



Chad Going, (right) and Jack Schmidt, both 12, of Pampa, hurl hailstones.

## Rain, hail pound Pampa

By CATHY SPAULDING  
Staff Writer

The onslaught of rain and hail that dumped 1½ inches of water on Pampa Monday may have been enough to prompt the building of an ark, but it wasn't enough to cause major flooding or damage.

Darrell Sehorn, a National Weather Service weather observer here, said Pampa received 1.43 inches of rain in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

So far this month, 4.31 inches of rain have fallen on Pampa.

Sehorn added that about 7 p.m. Monday, there were reports of pea- to golf-ball size hail accompanying the heavy rains.

Pampa also was under a tornado watch from 4 to 10 p.m., but there were no reports of any sightings.

The Pampa Fire Department reported that lightning struck the home of A.L. Prigmore, 1145 Terrace, about 10:04 p.m., but there was no apparent damage. Pampa Director of Public Works Nathan Hopson said he's had no reports of damage or flooding.

If the rain was heavy and harmless, it was also unpredictable as it pummeled Pampans with two separate showers. The first shower, which lasted through Monday morning, poured 0.75 inch of rain, according to Gray County Extension Agent Joe VanZandt. By mid-afternoon, the precipitation cleared as temperatures rose to 76 degrees.

But just when it appeared the storms had passed, rain struck again, dumping another 0.75 inch of rain and large hail.

VanZandt reported that the worst hail seemed to be to the southwest. He added that farmers could expect "some sorghum loss due to the hail."

About 1½ inches of rain fell at Moody Farms cattle feed lot 11 miles east of Pampa, but a spokesman there said there was no hail. Miami residents reported 0.8 inch by noon Monday.

The storms dropped hail as big as golf balls on Amarillo and hail reported to be the size of baseballs about three miles northwest of Canyon, where Randall County farmer Chris Olson said his crops suffered from the barrage.



# TEXAS/REGIONAL

## Gubernatorial candidates trade barbs

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Gov. Mark White and former Gov. Bill Clements gave each other bad grades on educational matters as they campaigned before a group of educators and administrators. They told the joint convention of the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators that they needed their support to improve public education. They each took credit for implementing legislative measures to deal with teacher pay raises, student discipline and local control of school districts. The two gubernatorial candidates, who face each other on Nov. 4, wasted no time in criticizing each other. "My opponent is a master of nuance and innuendo. He was trained that way," Clements said in his 25-minute speech on Monday. Clements said that the education reform bill passed in 1984 and spearheaded by White needs work, especially in the area of the controversial "no pass, no-play" rules. "I am for House Bill 72. It's a great step forward for Texas, but

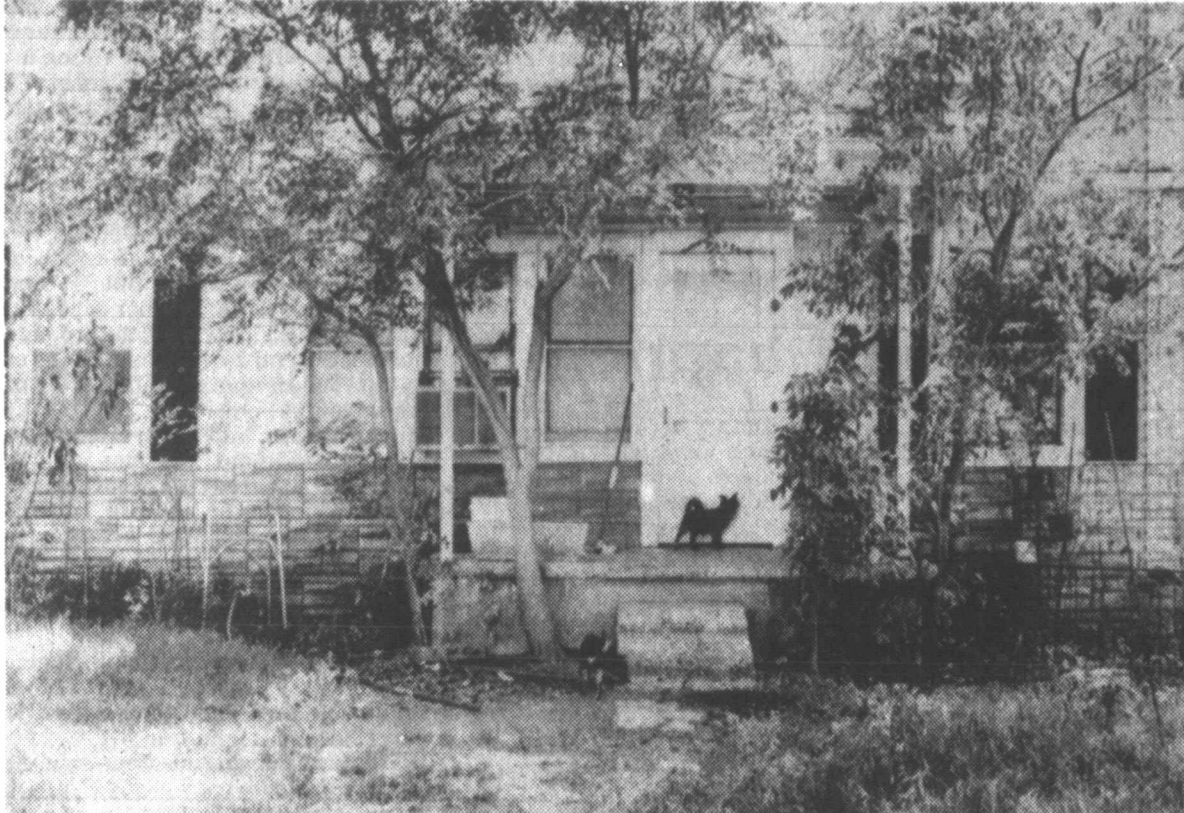
House Bill 72 needs fine tuning," Clements said, adding that White was unwilling to compromise. "As I review House Bill 72, I see that Mark White has flunked the course and should not be allowed to play," Clements said. White, meanwhile, said that during Clements' administration the state dropped to 46th place in student achievement scores and that his administration has worked hard to improve the scores. "Bill Clements said I flunked the course, but at least I took the course," White said upon taking the podium. "I want to brag on Bill Clements for a minute. It won't take long." White said Clements damaged many of the educational programs. "I know that House Bill 72 asked a lot of educators and students. It had to. We had so many difficult challenges to overcome. It's been tough on everyone," White said. Clements said he was insistent on spending 51 percent of the state's budget on education and criticized White for wanting to cut education and raise taxes during the state's fiscal crisis.

"I have told Mark White from many a podium that he is suffering from a Mondale mentality, meaning tax, tax, spend, spend," Clements said. The state has a projected \$2.8 billion budget deficit because of the drop in oil prices and oil revenue. Legislators are meeting in the second special session to try to balance the state's budget. White praised the legislators and said Clements has yet to produce a secret plan he said would balance the budget. "All he has done is criticize the Legislature and criticize me for the actions we've taken on the budget," White said. "We've been realistic, and to save our schools, we had to propose a temporary increase in the sales tax. Every penny will go toward balancing the state budget." A Gallup Poll, conducted by the Houston Post and several television stations and released Sunday, showed Clements and White tied at 46 percent of 1,013 people surveyed. Earlier this month, a poll by the Houston Chronicle showed Clements ahead by 12 points.

## Senate OKs early primary

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature has approved a bill which a sponsor says will force presidential candidates to listen to Texans and what they think is important. The Senate on Monday accepted House amendments and sent to Gov. Mark White a bill to shift the Texas presidential primary from May to the second Tuesday in March, allowing the state to join in the southern "Super Tuesday" primary. The bill was passed by the House on Saturday. Sponsors said White has indicated he would sign it into law. "Texas with this vote assumes its leadership position in the South, which I think will continue to grow," said Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, who spearheaded creation of the southern regional primary. "It's a great day for Texas," he said. The other Senate co-sponsor, Chet Edwards, said Texas issues such as energy and agriculture "are going to be heard and listened to and considered by those people who want to occupy the most important political position in the country."

"With the passage of this bill today, we can't say who the next president is going to be — what we can say is Texas votes ... are going to be important," said Edwards, D-Duncanville. "Our views are going to help shape the national agenda as they've never done before." Eleven southern states already have scheduled their primaries for early March. Texas had held its presidential delegate selection on the first Saturday in May along with primaries for state offices. But some complain that the May primary comes too late, since many candidates drop out before Texans get to see and hear them. Texas in 1984 sent the third-largest delegations to the Republican and Democratic national conventions. The 12 combined southern states would select about one-third of the national convention delegates in the "super primary." Some Republicans have predicted that the earlier primary should help Vice President George Bush, who calls Houston home.



Bodies of three women, believed to have been murdered with an ax, were found in this remote home Monday.

## Jail escapee caught after he slid through a narrow hole

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A capital murder suspect who greased his body with oil and slithered out of jail through a hole six inches wide is in custody today after being recaptured. Jesse DeWayne Jacobs, 36, eluded Montgomery County authorities for 18 hours before dogs tracked him to a patio at a house just south of Conroe Monday afternoon, said Bob Morrison, spokesman for the sheriff's office. "If they had not had the dogs, they might not have found him," Morrison said. Jacobs, still wearing his jail clothes, offered no resistance and was not armed. He told authorities he knew he was caught when he heard the dogs that were borrowed from the Texas Department of Corrections. The escapee told officials he had planned to meet his teen-age girlfriend and leave the state, officials said. The 135-pound suspect escaped late Sunday by removing three cinder blocks from his cell, Morrison said. He greased his body with hair oil and slithered through the hole that was up to seven inches wide and up to three feet high, the spokesman said. "We've had trusties walk off," he said. "But we've never had prisoners break out." Jacobs, who had been on parole from an Illinois murder conviction, is charged in the slaying of Etta Ann Urdiales. She was a Conroe paramedic who disappeared in February. Her body was found Sept. 13 when Jacobs led officials to a south Montgomery County grave.

Jacobs told officials he had shot Mrs. Urdiales once in the head at the grave site. Jacobs said the woman's estranged husband, Michael Urdiales, 36, of Houston, had paid him \$500 to kill her so Urdiales could get custody of the couple's two young sons, according to authorities. Urdiales remains in the county jail without bond on capital murder charges, Morrison said. Jacobs' 39-year-old sister, Bobbie Jean Hogan, who allegedly was Urdiales' girlfriend at the time of the murder, is being held in the Pushmataha County Jail in Antlers, Okla., on capital murder charges. Jacobs also is charged with armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill on a police officer in Oklahoma.

## Three women found hacked to death at secluded home

LANCASTER, Texas (AP) — Two transients used a hatchet and a steak knife to hack a woman, her blind aunt and another woman to death after being allowed to stay in her secluded frame home, police believe. The three women — one of whom was found Monday sprawled in the grass outside the home in this Dallas suburb — had been dead for at least 24 hours after what Police Chief John Whitehead called a "crime of passion or rage." "It's a brutal murder, as brutal a murder as has occurred anywhere," he said, adding that police are searching for two transients mentioned in one of the last entries in Donna Jester's diary. Ms. Jester, 37, who lived in the neighborhood 15 years, had a history of generosity toward stray animals and stray people. Neighbors said she sometimes took transients into the tree-shaded home she shared with her 64-year-old invalid aunt, whom police did not identify. The third slaying victim, a 20-year-old woman known so far only as "Laura," was a hitchhiker Ms. Jester had befriended earlier in the summer, the diary indicates. "This kind of thing just doesn't happen here. We have the lowest crime rate in Dallas County," Lancaster Mayor Walter Arnold said. "It really appears not to be a burglary. The killer appears to be someone who knew those women." Police said they found a steak knife and hatchet believed used in the killings, and Whitehead said a nationwide bulletin was issued for a maroon Ford station wagon taken from the house after the slayings.

Whitehead speculated "a fight or a fuss broke out, and he killed one of them and then he killed all of them to have no witnesses. I don't believe it was the kind of crime where people have to worry about somebody breaking in." The women could have been killed as early as 1 p.m. Saturday in the house surrounded by a vacant lot and set inside a stand of trees and high weeds, Whitehead said. Rae Nelson, manager of a Duncanville answering service where Ms. Jester had worked since mid-summer, found the bodies at about 9 a.m. Monday when trying to find out why her employee had not showed up at work. Ms. Nelson said she saw what looked like a body and summoned a city employee to take a closer look. The body of "Laura" was found in the yard by a step near the front porch with "multiple chopping wounds in her head, neck and wrist," said a Dallas County Medical Examiner's field agent who declined to give his name. The other two women were in one bedroom of the two-bedroom house — Ms. Jester was found leaning against a wall near the bed where her aunt lay. Both suffered similar wounds to their heads. "What hampers us in this is that both suspects are what we could classify as transients," Whitehead said. "With that much time span involved, since it (could have) occurred Saturday, they could be well out of state at this time." Neighbors said that they heard nothing unusual from the Jester house over the weekend.

## Three masked men rob Waco bank

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police in Central Texas were searching for three masked men who robbed a Waco bank of a "significant amount" of money. The men robbed the MBank Financial Center Monday morning. There were no customers in the bank and no one was injured, officers said. Police were searching for three black men who were armed with wooden-handle revolvers. Bank employees described the men as clean-shaven and in their late 20s or early 30s, police said. One robber was wearing a stocking cap and the other two wore red bandanas over their faces, police said. Police and bank officials were attempting Monday night to determine the amount of currency taken and details of the robbery. Monte Hulse, chairman of the board of the bank, said it was an

"undisclosed amount" of money. "At this time we are checking to make sure of the amount taken," said Hulse, adding that it was a "significant amount." The bank has a security camera system that may have caught the robbers on film, Hulse said. He said he had not reviewed the film Monday night. Waco police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were leading the investigation.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Conservatives embrace control

By BUTLER D. SHAFFER

It is revealing to observe the world-view implicit in the political agenda of the conservatives. On a national level, we have President Reagan demanding not only an increased power on the part of the state to regulate people's private conduct — witness, for example, his administration's self-declared wars on drugs and pornography — but an enhanced capacity — and willingness to invoke the capacity — for more powerful weapons of death and destruction.

We find similar sentiments expressed by conservatives at the state level of government. In California, for instance, there are two political campaigns being conducted against "liberals" that have a common thread.

In the one campaign, Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston's is berated in conservative-sponsored advertisements for voting in opposition to the death penalty. The general tenor of these commercials is that Sen. Cranston should be voted out of office because he is against the death penalty.

In the second campaign, Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird is being aggressively opposed by statewide conservatives in her voter confirmation bid, by a campaign which, at base, amounts to nothing more than the criticism directed against Cranston: her opposition to the death penalty. Strip away all the propagandistic rhetoric of the anti-Bird campaign and one finds only this one essential criticism: Rose Bird opposes capital punishment.

Without getting into the pros and cons of the capital punishment question, and without appearing to argue as though I were supporting either Mr. Cranston or Ms. Bird, I do find it a bit troubling to contemplate a major political movement in this country being so wrapped up in wanting to inflict death, other strict forms of punishment, and extended political control upon other people.

There is something almost pathological about the conservatives' preoccupation with dispensing pain and suffering upon their fellow humans. It seems to matter little whether the military might of the most powerful nation in

history is directed against people in Grenada, or Lebanon, or Libya, or Nicaragua; or such alleged "threats" as the Soviet Union, Cuba, or China; or even against men and women trying to escape conditions in Central America in order to better themselves in America: it seems to be enough, to the conservatives, to be able to identify some kind of enemy, someplace, anyplace, and use military force against them.

The same seems to be true at the domestic level. The conservatives seem to have been struggling, of late, to find the most viable, the most believable, domestic enemy against which to mobilize the wrath of the public and the armed might of the nation-state. In recent months, the rightists have focused their self-righteous anger upon the purveyors of pornography, as well as the sellers and consumers of illegal drugs. Whatever else one has to say about either of these areas of activity, it can be shown that the consumption of drugs and dirty books and magazines is a voluntary undertaking (with a few exceptions that are adequately covered by existing laws against violent crime). The "war" against these activities, in other words, is a war against the personal tastes and lifestyles found objectionable by the conservatives.

Here, I think, we get to the essence of the conservative position, and why most conservatives bring so much unmitigated anger and viciousness into their discourse. We live in a period of great change — changes that far outstrip those of previous decades. Some have suggested — and with good reason — that western civilization is probably nearing its end. We have, in our cultural and intellectual history, produced a great deal that is worth preserving (e.g. our attraction to ideas of liberty, human decency, a market-oriented basis of economic behavior, technology, etc.), but we have also produced a great deal that is well worth our abandoning (e.g. our 20th century preoccupation with warfare, the institutional power and authority over people's lives, our regarding the environment as little more than a combination convenience store-public dump, etc.). I suspect, given the pragmatic tendencies of living things,

that we will probably learn how, in our next stage of cultural development, to continue with those practices that are beneficial and, at the same time, to give up those that are life-threatening.

What so attracts the attention of most conservatives today, however, is not how to make those important distinctions between the life-sustaining and life-threatening practices, but, rather, how to embrace the pre-1960s version of the 20th century, and to hold it intact against any and all influences that threaten change. Drugs must be opposed because they may affect the kind of change in consciousness that will cause people to rethink their commitments; pornography and abortion must be opposed because each reflects a kind of guiltless — and freer — attitude about sex, and sex has always been one of the principal weapons for institutionalists seeking to control the behavior of people; opposition to wars and the death penalty must be resisted because (a) effective political power has always required the periodic infliction of death upon people as a way of helping to maintain popular sanction for political rule, and, (b) the humanizing sentiments that underlie opposition to state-inflicted death seem to suggest a shift in emphasis away from the political state as an end in itself, to human life as the enduring social value.

While many conservatives are fond of calling themselves "pro-life," most are far more interested in preserving the unquestioned and unopposed authority of the state than they are the worth and dignity of the individual. If this were not so, then how could any "pro-lifer" — using their own arguments when opposing abortions — support military programs which are far more devastating to their victims? What we see in most of the conservatives' political platforms, then, is anything but an attachment to the values of human life. Instead, there is an incessant clinging to those institutional authorities — be they political, religious, or economic in nature — to whom we have heretofore made ourselves subservient, and whose authority more and more of us are not challenging.

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### Opinion

## Federal shutdown likely won't happen

One may get an inkling of a politician's true priorities by observing the issues on which he is willing to spend his "political capital."

It is a commonplace that a president can't do everything contained in a party platform, that he must pick and choose opportunities to achieve high-priority goals, and save his most dramatic gestures for the most important issues.

What can we say, then — based on reports that President Reagan is threatening to veto a catchall spending bill, even if such a veto would close down the government as of Oct. 1 — about President Reagan's priorities? It is difficult to avoid the suspicion that the president who said he wanted to get government off our backs wants certain government programs more firmly — and much more expensively — in the saddle.

The very situation that provokes the threat validates Reagan's initial insight that government is more often the problem than the solution to various maladies that beset Americans. None of the 13 appropriations bills, required by government rules to finance the government after Oct. 1 has been passed by Congress. Thus a \$567 billion "continuing resolution" has been proposed — an admission that Congress doesn't have a good handle on what it's doing and wants to keep present programs going pretty much as they have been rather than making difficult decisions. This sloppy, offhand approach — which would probably doom a private firm — is standard operating procedure for the U.S. government.

One might wish that the president were serious about closing down government operations for an extended period of time. He isn't, of course. Does he suspect that the main thing most Americans would notice if the federal government just disappeared one day would be that their lives are a little less complicated and expensive? Whether he does or not, the threat to close down the government is a maneuver to bend Congress to his will. But it is so dramatic a threat that its use is confined to issues on which the president feels very strongly indeed.

And what issues so arouse this president? Well, the Congress is threatening to spend \$15.9 billion less than the president desires on domestic programs. So this reputed enemy of big government is ready to go to the mat with those reprobates on behalf of more government spending — so long as it's the right kind of spending.

With enemies like this, big government hardly needs any friends.

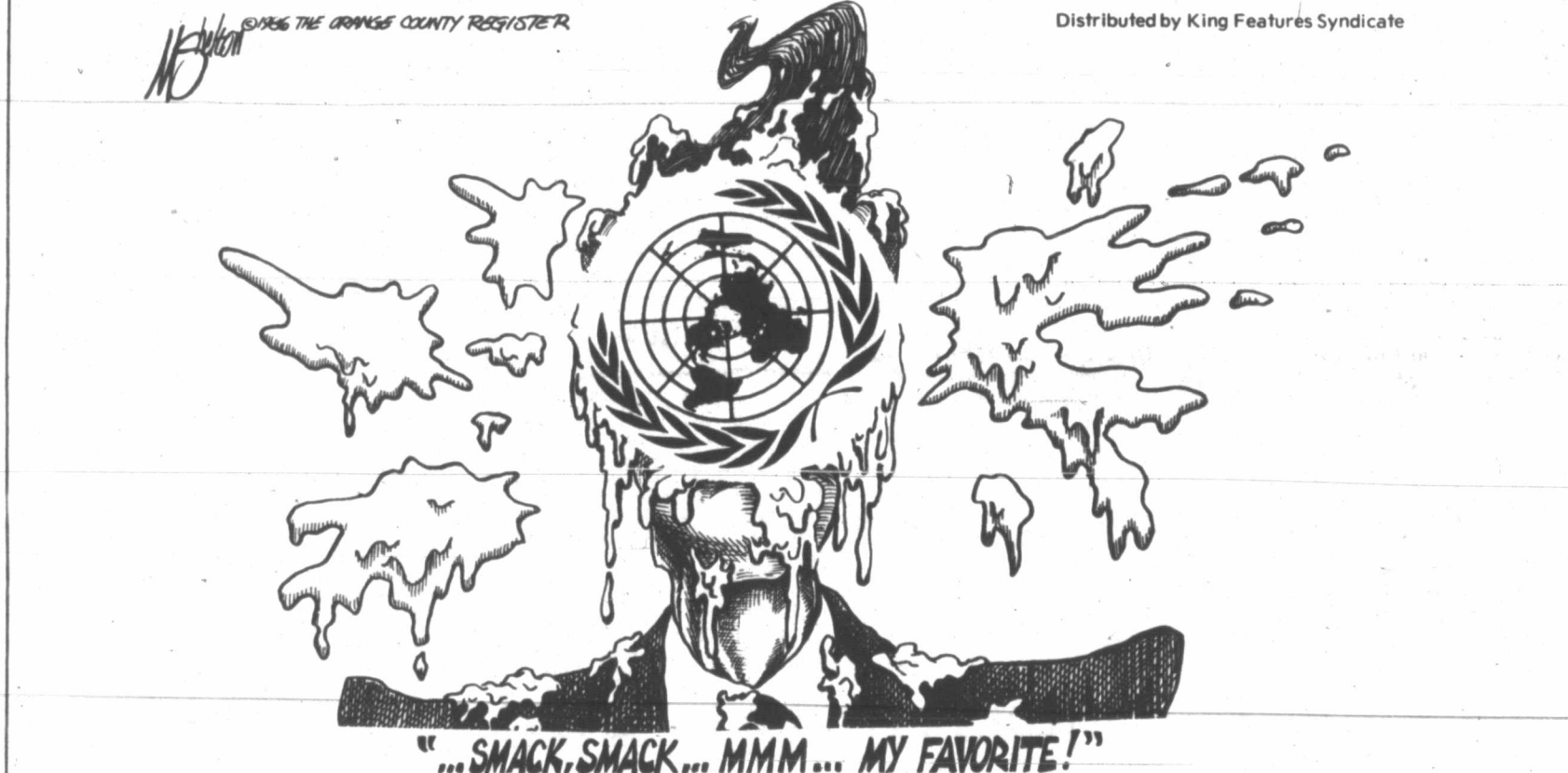
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Lewis Grizzard

## Bible thumpers need halter

I think Jimmy Carter should run for president again in 1988.

I'm being serious here. First of all, he's had six years to contemplate all the things he did wrong then he was president.

If he got back into office, I am certain he would have a much better idea of how to do the job than any of the rookies who would be running against him.

Not only that, but I think Jimmy Carter, who is a "born-againer" himself, might be just the person we need to put a halter on all these rightwing religious fruitcakes who forget how this country came to be in the first place was because our ancestors became fed up with the church controlling their lives.

Imagine if television evangelist Pat Robertson did get elected president. He could defend anything he might do simply by saying, "God told me to do it."

There are nuthouses full of people who think they have a hotline to heaven.

"Why did you kill all those people, Harvey?"

"God told me to do it."

Nothing Jimmy Carter did when he was president impressed me more than what he did recently.

The Ayatollah Falwell, a.k.a., the Reverend Jerry, questioned Carter's Christianity and Carter told Falwell to "go to hell."

Bravo, Jimbo.

It was about time somebody told that fat toad Falwell to mind his own business.

Where did Jerry Falwell come from? Why do otherwise sensible people send him millions of dollars? Why it every time I tune in to "Nightline" this guy is on there pontificating pompously.

Is the nation losing its collective mind? Aren't we intelligent enough to think for ourselves and mold our own beliefs without the Robertsons, Falwells, Swaggarts, et al. taking care of these functions for us?

I was talking to a North Carolina legislator

recently. He said, "You wouldn't believe how much power the church has now. The black churches became very powerful during the Civil Rights Movement, and now the white churches are carrying a big stick."

"And there is only one issue on their minds, and I hear about it all the time: 'Are you a fundamental, Bible-believing Christian?'"

"They will accept only two answers. 'Yes,' I stay in office. 'No,' and I'm out."

Jimmy Carter, I believe, would know how to deal with these people and the threat they pose to the rest of the population who understands the marriage of church and state inevitably forges dangerous offspring.

To be certain, Carter is a church man, but he is a rational believer, and a God knows we need more of his kind.

To borrow a phrase, "Run, Jimmy, run." The wild-eyed Falwellian fundamentalist fanatics are gaining on us.

## Federal agents ignoring radiation threat

By Robert Walters

(Last of two related columns)

DENVER (NEA) — Workers at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, operated by the U.S. Department of Energy in a suburb west of here, contract skin cancer and die from brain tumors at an elevated rate.

Men who work at DOE's Y-12 nuclear weapons facility in Oak Ridge, Tenn., are five times more likely to die from brain tumors than their counterparts at non-nuclear factories. Their leukemia rate is 10 times higher than average.

Women employed at the same plant also contract an unusual number of brain tumors and experience inordinately high death rates from cancers of the uterus, cervix and skin.

At DOE's uranium processing plant

in Fernald, Ohio, employees are victims of a disproportionately high number of gastro-intestinal cancers. At DOE's Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S.C., workers contract lung cancer and leukemia at an excessive rate.

A dozen epidemiological studies of employees at DOE's nuclear production facilities have been conducted by reputable medical researchers using established scientific procedures.

But federal officials, unwilling to allow concerns about health and safety to disrupt their weapons production schedules, dismiss the studies as unreliable, preliminary or inconclusive.

Indeed, DOE and the contractors who operate the plants repeatedly have suppressed information, manipulated data and misrepresented evi-

dence in a decades-long campaign to deny that low-level ionizing radiation poses a threat to humans.

The most blatant attempt to frustrate honest research occurred in the late 1970s and involved Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso. He held a federal contract to study the health histories of 30,000 people who had been exposed to radioactive materials while working at DOE's Hanford Reservation near Richland, Wash.

When Mancuso reported that the employees' death rate from cancers of the bone marrow, pancreas and lungs was in excess of normal patterns, DOE abruptly terminated his research contract and sought in vain to confiscate the information he had collected.

"The risk of dying from radiation-induced cancer at Hanford appears to

be 10 to 20 times greater than current protection standards assume," says Robert Alvarez, an expert on the subject with the Environmental Policy Institute in Washington, D.C.

At the Rocky Flats plant in Colorado and at other nuclear weapons installations, DOE boasts that studies show its workers are as healthy as the general population.

In fact, that claim masks a high rate of medical problems because the general population includes elderly, disabled and other illness-prone people. In contrast, most production workers are screened for good health when they apply for their jobs.

The large number of people potentially at risk, Alvarez notes, includes about 250,000 military personnel and a similar number of civilians.

### Berry's World

"We're in a hurry. Where are the best leaves around here?"

# LIFESTYLES



(Staff photo by Paul Pinkham.)

**DREAM COME TRUE** — Sickle cell anemia victim Alice Dunn, 11, daughter of Josephine Payne, 118 Starkweather, has her picture taken with Cinderella during the World of Fantasy performance of the children's classic Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Lights, magic, lip-sync

## Reviewer expresses mixed feelings

By PAUL PINKHAM  
Staff Reviewer

The World of Fantasy Players from Charlotte, N.C., brought their high-tech, lip-sync version of the classic children's tale *Cinderella* to M.K. Brown Auditorium Sunday with mixed results.

On the one hand, the show featured several outstanding acting performances in both major and bit parts.

And the performance was filled with magic tricks, brightly lit sets and Disney-type characters that delighted the audience, made up mostly of wide-eyed youngsters.

But having performers lip-sync their lines — they mouthed the words to a tape — caused the show to lose some of its intensity, particularly during the musical numbers.

Although one performer said during intermission that performing with the tape makes doing the show easier because it

means lines do not have to be memorized, the tape created new challenges for the players, namely timing. Most overcame that problem quite nicely, some better than others.

The show actually featured two Cinderellas — Susan Del Roy during the scenes at home and Shari Taylor as resplendent Cinderella at the ball.

Del Roy turned in a splendid performance, portraying a sprightly Cinderella, full of hopes and dreams. She expertly used body motions and flowing dance steps to achieve this characterization, overcoming the problem of not being able to use her voice to create her character.

Lisa Smith and Oliver Holler were also comically creative in portraying the two wicked step-sisters, again using body motions for both humor and characterization.

Sharon Harrelson made a much better fairy godmother

than she did a wicked stepmother — she took on both parts — turning the godmother into a comic role by portraying her as a well-meaning but bumbling magician, whose tricks don't always turn out right, causing the youngsters to squeal with laughter.

Director Lee Jackson has added several characters to spice up the original show and make it all that much more a children's production. Most were Disney-type animal characters, such as two puppet mice who encourage Cinderella when she's feeling down and a dressed-up Pink Panther (Taylor), serving as a narrator to open several scenes.

Jackson has also turned the performance into a magic show, with flying broomsticks and handkerchiefs and now-you-see-it-now-you-don't tricks that no doubt kept the children, and the young-at-heart, spellbound throughout the 90-minute performance.

The magic was used expertly to handle some of the more difficult-to-stage segments of the show, such as turning a pumpkin into a coach, a mouse into a footman and a ragtag Cinderella into a princess.

Jackson himself portrayed The Wizard during a scene added to the script solely to spotlight more magic tricks. He proved a capable magician.

This, too, delighted the young crowd.

Sets were designed with plenty of flash and glitter, featuring strobe lights and brightly twinkling lights around the stage.

*Cinderella* is all about dreams and the World of Fantasy Players answered a real-live dream during intermission Sunday. Alice Dunn, 11, of Pampa, who is stricken with sickle cell anemia, asked if she could have her picture taken with Cinderella, who happily obliged.

## Teen lovers look for avenues of birth control

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and have been going with this guy I'll call Brian for four months. (He's 17.) We are very much in love and need help.

We have been having sex regularly and we never once have used any kind of protection. Thank God I haven't ended up pregnant. I want to ask my mom to put me on the pill, but I'm afraid if I do, she will forbid me to see Brian again, then I'd probably end up running away. Brian keeps telling me to ask my mom to put me on the pill, but I'm scared. I'm scared I'll get pregnant, and I'm scared to ask my mom.

What should I do?

SCARED

DEAR SCARED: First, a boy who uses no protection when he's having sex with a girl doesn't "love" her — he's using her. And a girl who would permit it is a child in a woman's body. Sex is for mature people who can handle parenthood should they accidentally have a child. You obviously don't qualify.

The best birth control is self-control, but for me to tell you that you have no business hav-



### Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

ing sex is useless because you already know it, and are not about to stop because I said so. You can either go on as you are and end up pregnant — which you surely will — or you can tell your mom that you are sexually

active and want to go on the pill. Or you can go to a family planning clinic on your own and learn to protect yourself from an unwanted pregnancy or the possibility of a venereal disease. I do not approve of sex for

children your age, but if you choose to continue, then you must protect yourself.

my problem, but how I wish people would leave me alone. Maybe if you print this it would let folks know that it's just as cruel to say, "Gee, you're thin," as it is to say, "Gee, you're fat!"

BALTIMORE TOOTHPICK

DEAR TOOTHPICK: Well-mannered people never make personal comments. And that goes for the following: "Gee, you're tall." "Gee, you're short." "Is that your own hair, or are you wearing a wig?" "Are you wearing false eyelashes?" And the list goes on.

### Flower show winners announced

Mrs. Holly Gray received the Sweepstakes Aboreal Award for Horticulture at the Pampa Garden Club flower show, Saturday, at Lovett Memorial Library.

Mrs. Gray was also awarded the Best of Show ribbon for her artistic arrangement in the "Beachcomber Treasure" division.

Nolan McKean received the tricolor Award of Horticulture Excellence for his basket of begonias entry.

The show featured 23 entries in the artistic division entitled "Texas, Our Texas." More than 60 entries were entered in the "Texas Beauties" horticulture division.

Other members winning awards included Mmes. Marvin Bailey, Thelma Bray, W.M. Burns, Don Butler, W.E. Campaigne, L.B. Davis, Henry Gruben and Gary Hansen.

Also Mmes. William Martin, C.C. Matheny, V.N. Osborn, James Quarry, and Robert Wood.

### Workshop for parents set

In an effort to increase the number of students passing all classes, Pampa High School is to sponsor a Parent Information Workshop at 7 p.m., tonight, in the school library. Parents of students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend.

The two-hour workshop is to emphasize techniques that parents can use at home to reinforce study skills introduced at school. This informational meeting is being scheduled before the end of the first six weeks grading period, Oct. 10.

For more information, call the high school counselors office, 665-1982.

### DAR to meet on Thursday

Las Pampas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are to meet Thursday at 1 p.m. for a luncheon at Rondel's barbecue in Fritch. A Lake Meredith park ranger is to present a program on "Conservation of Wild Life," followed by a tour of the Aquatic and Wild Life Museum in Fritch.

Members who wish to attend are asked to meet at 11:45 a.m. on the south edge of Coronado Center just west of the Conoco service station, to form a carpool to drive to Fritch.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

Release in Papers of Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1986

**ACROSS**

- 1 Edgar Allan
- 4 English school
- 8 Miss Kett of the comics
- 12 Map abbreviation
- 13 Comfort
- 14 Nobleman
- 15 Popular dessert
- 16 Coup d'
- 17 College group
- 18 Harbor
- 20 Celestial bear
- 22 Superlative suffix
- 23 Natural condition
- 25 World Turns
- 27 Arrange in rows
- 29 And others (2 wds.)
- 31 Ceramic piece
- 32 Brute
- 34 Arizona city
- 38 Semiprecious stone
- 40 Grafted, in heraldry
- 42 Bang (sl.)
- 43 Virginia willow
- 45 Composer
- 47 Dog-tired (2 wds.)
- 50 Make designs on metal
- 51 Kentucky blue grass
- 52 Greek letters
- 55 Globes
- 58 Feminine suffix
- 60 Lohengrin's bride
- 62 Eskimo knife
- 63 Polynesian god
- 64 even keel
- 65 Over (pref.)
- 66 Celtic peasant
- 67 Words of denial

**DOWN**

- 1 Producer
- 2 Madley
- 3 Endless time
- 4 Wide shoe size
- 5 Actress
- 6 Gravel ridges
- 7 Catches
- 8 Poetic contraction
- 9 Musical term
- 10 Rubbish
- 11 Having wings
- 19 Quantity of coal
- 24 Female ruff
- 26 Shrewd
- 27 Away (pref.)
- 28 Chaney
- 29 Lab burner
- 30 King
- 33 Gaining aid
- 35 Upward push
- 36 Barnyard sound
- 37 Plant bristle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 39 12. Roman
- 41 Consume
- 44 Explosive
- 45 (abbr.)
- 46 Sgt.
- 47 Vertical
- 48 Soprano
- 49 Not as early
- 50 Composition
- 53 Vast period of time
- 54 Skeleton part
- 56 Depressed
- 57 Chapter of Koran
- 59 Long time
- 61 Years (Fr.)

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STEVE CANYON

THE WARSHIP MIGHT BE OUR ESCAPE HATCH! IF THEY HAVE OPENED THE NEW SUBWAY TO THE WATERFRONT! TRY THIS ALLEY, /- AT LEAST IT GOES TOWARD THE BAY! WHAM! THEY KNEW WE COULDN'T JUMP HORSES OVER THAT! AND THE HORSES HATE TO CRAWL!

STEVE IS DREAMING

By Milton Caniff

THE WIZARD OF ID

UNVEIL THE STATUE!

FOR THE PIGEONS!

ACID RAIN

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

ECK & MEEK

THEY SAY THAT KNOWLEDGE IS FREEDOM

YEAH... BUT WHAT THEY USUALLY MEAN IS...

TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW...

AND WE'LL SET YOU FREE

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

NEVER ASK FOR A SHAVE FROM A BARBER WHO'S GOT LITTLE PIECES OF TOILET PAPER STUCK ALL OVER HIS FACE.

FREE ADVICE

By Johnny Hart

MARVIN

OKAY, MARVIN, HERE'S YOUR BOTTLE

IT'S REALLY DEMEANING HAVING TO BEG FOR YOUR DINNER ALL THE TIME

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

"Uh-oh! We have an illegal alien crossing our border."

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

IT'S FROM THE TOY MOUSE-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB. THERE'S CATNIP DOE.

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

I SURE WISH DOC WOULD GIVE ME A LITTLE WARNING BEFORE HE JINKS ME AROUND WITH THAT MACHINE OF HIS!

I WONDER WHERE I AM? I.....

CRACK

By Dave Graue

WINTHROP

YOU SHOULD SELL HOT TODDIES IN THE WINTER. MY DAD MAKES THEM...

THEY MUST BE PRETTY GOOD. AFTER HE HAS TWO OR THREE OF THEM...

HE PUTS ON A LAMP SHADE AND SINGS "BUCKLE DOWN, WINSOCK!"

By Dick Cavalli

SNAFU™ by Bruce Beattie

DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION?

YOU ASKED ME THAT 500 YEARS AGO

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"There's a darn ol' fly in here and I'm letting him out."

By Bill Keane

TUMBLEWEEDS

SIGH I MISS THE OLD DAYS.

WHO GETS THE WAR PAINT CONCESSION THIS YEAR? REVLON OR MAX FACTOR?

SIGH

By T.K. Ryan

THE BORN LOSER

WHAT'S A PASSED BALL? WHAT'S THE INFIELD FLY RULE? WHAT'S AN RBI?

YOU'RE TOO MUCH, Y'KNOW THAT, GLADYS?

GAT!

THE NEXT TIME I TAKE YOU TO A BALL GAME, I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU HOME!

By Art Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

BOOKS

THE WHOLE EARTH CATALOG

SHOPPING BAG

WELL, THAT SHOULD MAKE THINGS A LOT EASIER!

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

WATCH OUT, MARCIE... YOU'RE GOING TO BUMP INTO MY DESK...

BUMP!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

SORRY, MA'AM... SHE SET OFF MY ALARM SYSTEM!

YOU REALLY ARE WEIRD, SIR!

By Charles M. Schultz

GARFIELD

I GOTTA FIND SOMETHING FOR THIS BAD BREATH

AHA!

YOUR BREATH SMELLS FUNNY

YOURS WOULD TOO IF YOU GARGLED WITH AFTER-SHAVE

By Jim Davis

Astro-Graph

Oct. 1, 1986

It's to your advantage in the year ahead to set several lofty goals for yourself. Each will be reachable, provided you are prepared to put out the proper effort.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You must be able to distinguish today between sensible optimism and just plain wishful thinking. If you're dominated by the latter, disappointment is likely. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, PO Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It's best today and tomorrow that you keep your friends out of your material affairs. Their good intentions could cause you complications that are easily avoided.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** An important objective won't be achieved today if you attempt to attain it in a half-hearted fashion. In order to succeed, you must go all-out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Proceed cautiously with your present plans. There is a possibility that some obstacles exist of which you are unaware, and they could impede your progress.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** A proposal might be offered to you today that looks very enticing on the surface. Be sure to check it carefully, because there may be undesirable strings attached.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Self-confidence is essential today if you hope to further an ambitious interest. You're the one who holds the aces, not the other guy.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not be lax or indifferent about your responsibilities today. If you let important situations drift, you could end up in a bind.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Be careful today in your group involvements that you don't put yourself in a minority position where you are opposing an aggressive majority.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you have a family problem today, draw the line so that outsiders cannot intrude. Input from in-laws or friends could make things worse.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your attention span might not be up to par today, so you'll need discipline to focus on the tasks at hand. Think only of what you're doing.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your usual competence in financial matters could be absent today. Don't do anything foolish that could hurt others, as well as yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you are too indecisive today, persons with whom you'll be involved may lose faith in you and withdraw their offer to have you as part of their team.

# SPORTS SCENE

## Cowboys explode past Cardinals, 31-7

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Thanks, in part, to the problems of a struggling opponent, the Dallas Cowboys remain close to the pace they'd like to maintain.

"I think we're on the verge of exploding offensively," quarterback Danny White said after exploiting the St. Louis Cardinals' defense with three touchdown passes in a 31-7 triumph Monday night.

"We haven't come close to fulfilling our potential. It was a closer game than it seems," White said. "Our defense made some big plays. So far, we have done the things it takes to win."

The Cowboys, who led 10-0 at halftime, saw their lead cut to three points when St. Louis took the second-half kickoff and drove for its only touchdown. They responded by burying the Cardinals.

Gordon Banks' 56-yard kickoff return gave the Cowboys good field position at the St. Louis 42. White followed with a touchdown pass of 13 yards to Tony Hill and found Herschel Walker with an 8-yard scoring pass 8½ minutes later that broke the Cardinals' backs.

"We're not making any plays," said disappointed St. Louis Coach Gene Stallings, the ex-Dallas assistant who after four games is still seeking his first NFL victory.

"We had chances early, but we just couldn't score. Somewhere along the line, we have to make the plays," Stallings said. "We dropped screen

passes and short hitch plays. We've got to make those those."

Next to Banks' electrifying kickoff return, the play that hurt the Cardinals the most occurred just before halftime.

St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax scooped a shovel pass to Earl Ferrell on third-and-6 from the Cowboys' 8. Ferrell lateraled back, and Lomax' pass was picked off in the end zone by Dallas rookie Johnny Holloway.

Lomax, who later threw three more interceptions, admitted embarrassment over the play — which was illegal anyway — that left the Cards trailing 10-0.

"It was just a bad reaction. We really should have come away with three points (on a field goal)," Lomax said. "It was stupid on my part. It had a big effect on the game."

Nonetheless, St. Louis breathed fire and brimstone briefly after rookie Vai Sikahema returned Dallas' kickoff 20 yards to open the third quarter.

A roughing penalty against the Cowboys helped launch a 76-yard touchdown march requiring seven plays. Ferrell ripped off a 21-yard gain to the Cowboys' 46, and Lomax found J.T. Smith for 17 yards to set up Anderson's 10-yard scoring jaunt up the middle.

But White, who connected on 16 of 29 passes for 223 yards, with two interceptions, went to work following Banks' return

and found Hill on the fourth play of a sweep to make it 17-7.

Dallas' back-breaking scoring drive, which climaxed with 11:15 left, was even easier, as White found Walker open in the left corner to cap a 39-yard advance.

The Cowboys' rout became complete when cornerback Ron Fellers intercepted a Lomax pass and sped 34 yards down the right sideline to the end zone with 2:15 left.

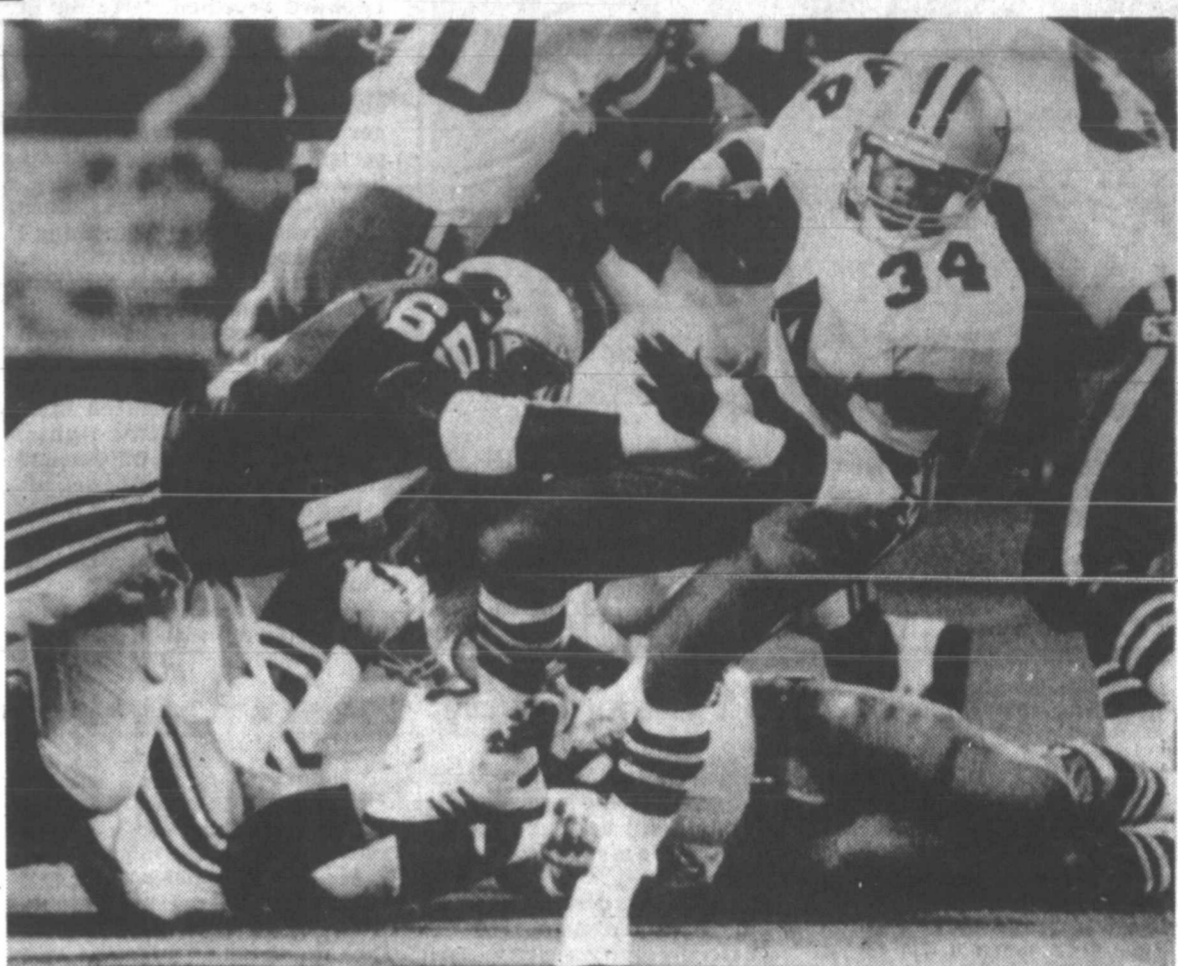
"We had much better field position due to our defensive play. St. Louis has a much better defense than the score indicated," White said sympathetically.

Stallings said he could not disagree, citing woes with an offense hamstrung in large part by the absence of wide receivers Roy Green and Pat Tilley, who are on injured reserve.

Keying Dallas' attack with White, who has 10 touchdown passes for the year, was the versatile Walker, making his first NFL start as a fill-in role for injured Tony Dorsett.

"I wanted to go out and show things to them and do my best," said Walker, who gained 82 yards on 19 carries as the game's leading rusher and caught a team-leading five passes for 57 yards. "I feel very comfortable. The coaches and players have done everything possible to make me feel that way."

Stallings graciously called the Cowboys, 3-1, "the best



The Cowboys' Herschel Walker (34) picks his way through the Cardinal defense.

football team we've played so far" despite the Cowboys' modest bulge of only 287-225 in total yards.

"We had a hard time in the first half. St. Louis kept the

pressure on us," said Dallas Coach Tom Landry, whose NFL sideline success was his 256th to tie him with Don Shula of the Miami Dolphins.

"In the third quarter, our

offense started to jell," Landry said. "After they scored in the third (quarter) and then we came right back and scored, it kind of shifted the momentum our way."

## Retton announces retirement

BOB GREENE  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic star Mary Lou Retton says she will now concentrate on talking about gymnastics rather than competing in the sport.

"I've spent my whole life in the gym — 11 years of hard work," Retton, 18, said in announcing her retirement Monday. "Now I have the rest of my life to do what I want."

Retton is attending the University of Texas, majoring in communications, and is close to signing a contract with NBC as a gymnastics commentator.

"We're close," Retton's agent, John Traetta, said during the news conference. "It's just a matter of time. We're concerned because she's so young."

"They (NBC) would like Mary Lou to participate (as a commentator) in all the gymnastics events they do up to and through the '88 Olympics" in Seoul, South Korea.

In the 1984 Los Angeles Games, the 4-foot-10 Retton won the gold medal for individual all-around competition, bronze medals in the floor exercise and uneven parallel bars, and silvers in the vault and team competition. In 1984, she was named the AP's

Female Athlete of the Year and Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year along with hurdler Edwin Moses.

"My decision to retire was based on my feeling that I have achieved the goals as a gymnast that I set out for myself several years ago," Retton said. "Ever since I was 8 years old, I wanted to compete. I thought I was at my peak in '84."

"My goals now are toward college. But I'll always be a part of

"I've spent 11 years of my life in a gym — 11 years of hard work. Now I have the rest of my life to do what I want."

—Mary Lou Retton

gymnastics, whether as a commentator or coaching."

She has competed just once since the 1984 Games. She won her third straight title in the America Cup in Indianapolis in March 1985. But she did not compete with the United States squad at the World Championships in November 1985 in Montreal.

Because of the time gymnastics took — "six hours of training a day," she said — "I really had to stop my education at the 10th grade level. I had to do corres-

pondence (courses) to graduate.

"It really wasn't the best education I could have gotten, and I think now it's time to pursue my education."

As a part-time student at Texas, Retton is taking courses in speech and English. Her retirement from competition and enrollment in college was applauded by her first coach.

"Education is the foundation for everything, Gary Rafaloski said in Fairmont, W.Va. "I'm sure there were times when she felt pretty down by not being able to keep up with her studies."

Rafaloski, who owns a gymnastics studio in Fairmont, recognized Retton's talent in 1976 and coached her until 1983 when she began working with Bela Karolyi.

"Once you're a hero, you're always going to be a hero in the eyes of the public," Rafaloski said. "People always are going to look up to her. She has an image to uphold."

Retton has long-term deals with nine corporations, is a spokeswoman for the National Bowling Council, stars on a CBS Records exercise album, and has a five-minute "fitness breaks" on ABC's Saturday morning's children programming.

## Miami takes over first; Sooners slip to sixth

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
AP Football Writer

The Miami Hurricanes blew past Oklahoma 28-16 Saturday and roared into first place today in the Associated Press college football poll while No. 19 Fresno State made the Top Twenty for the first time in 44 years.

Oklahoma's defending national champions slipped from first place to sixth as Alabama moved up from third place to the runner-up spot.

Miami, which had been No. 2 behind Oklahoma for the past three weeks, received 56 of 58 first-place votes and 1,156 of a possible 1,160 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

"It's obviously early in the season and there's a lot of football left to be played," said Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson, who took exception Monday to postgame comments by Oklahoma's Barry Switzer that the Hurricanes "shouldn't stub their toe the rest of the way with the schedule they have."

Miami's remaining seven regular-season opponents are Northern Illinois (0-5), West Virginia (2-2), Cincinnati (2-2), Florida State (1-2-1), Pitt (2-1-1), Tulsa (3-2) and East Carolina (0-4). Only Florida State has been in the Top Twenty this year.

Alabama, which was idle but has a 4-0 record like Miami, received one first-place vote and 1,058 points. Nebraska, a 48-14 winner over Oregon, jumped from fourth place to third with 1,020 points.

Michigan rose from fifth place to fourth with 953 points after defeating Florida State 20-18 and bumping the Seminoles out of the Top Twenty for the first time in three years. Maryland also fell out while North Carolina State, which defeated the Terrapins 28-16 and is a surprising 3-0-1 under first-year Coach Dick Sheridan, made it for the first time since Oct. 15, 1979.

Penn State received the other first-place ballot and vaulted from seventh place to fifth with 908 points by trouncing East Carolina 42-17. Oklahoma is sixth

with 891 points and Washington, which had been No. 6, dropped to 12th after losing to Southern California 20-10.

Auburn avenged last year's loss to Tennessee by whipping the Volunteers 34-8 and climbing from eighth place to seventh with 819 points.

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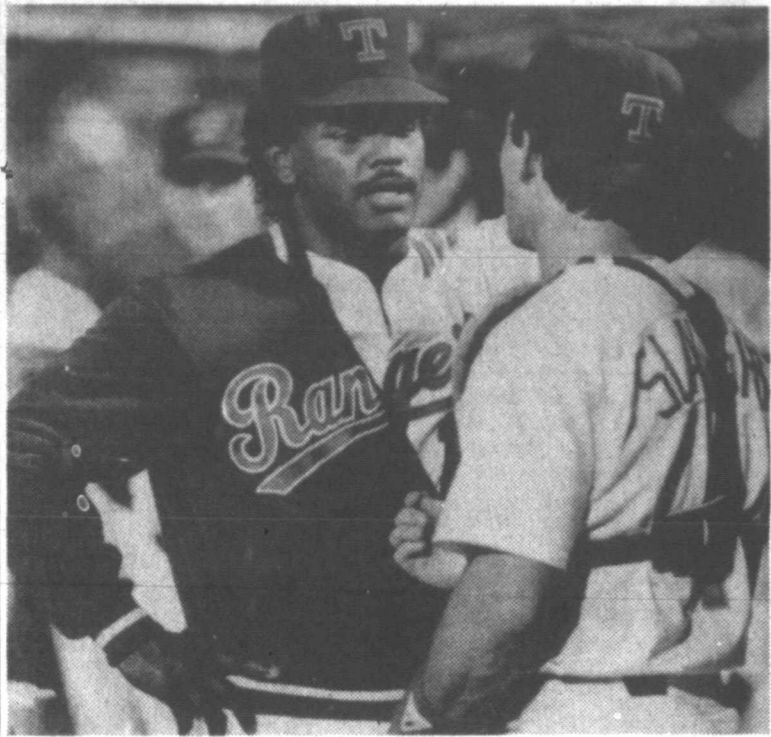
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### Talking strategy



(AP Laserphoto)  
Texas Rangers pitcher Edwin Correa, left, talks with catcher Don Slaught before taking the field against the Oakland A's Monday night. Correa has now pitched 23.1 consecutive scoreless innings in his last three starts and picked up his 12th win with a 3-0 shutout of the A's.

## Hagler, Leonard close to a signing date

An AP Sports Analysis  
By ED CHUYLER JR.  
Boxing Writer

Over the past several years, Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler have talked to each other about a fight.

"It was hypothetical," Leonard recalled. "We never talked money. We never talked strategy."

The other day, Leonard talked about strategy, and it was no longer a game — he and Hagler reportedly are near to signing for a fight in early April.

"I'll talk about it," Leonard said, "because there is nothing I can do about it."

"Every day I see a different picture, but it's always the same outcome because I see myself doing certain things."

Leonard has been studying films of the undisputed middleweight champion's fights, especially Hagler's third-round knockout of Thomas Hearns, his 11th-round knockout of John "The Beast" Mugabi and his 15-round decision over Roberto Duran.

"If you stand toe to toe with him, he'll wing you."

"The key to fighting him is to present a distorted picture, not to run." That is, to continually change Hagler's punching angles, something Leonard said was accomplished by Mugabi in giving Hagler a tough fight.

Hagler likes to come straight at his opponent, Leonard said. "He hurts you with punches when you're going away. He's like a locomotive. He goes through you."

Leonard also feels that "Hagler busts up easier now and if he gets slashed, he gets very strong, very desperate and very aggressive."

Hagler was bleeding badly when he simply overwhelmed Hearns.

Leonard thinks Hearns lost his cool in going toe to toe with Hagler.

"Composure is one of my essential attributes," Leonard said.

Duran stayed in his fight with Hagler just by being busy, Leonard said.

But can Leonard physically carry out his strategy against a man of Hagler's strength and stamina?

Leonard has had only one fight

since he knocked out Bruce Finch in the third round of his last defense of the undisputed welterweight title on Feb. 15, 1982. He retired Nov. 9, 1982, after having retinal surgery on his left eye.

Leonard had a one-fight comeback May 11, 1984, when he stopped Kevin Howard in the ninth round. But he was knocked down in the fourth round and did not look like the Leonard of old.

He now says he couldn't get up for Howard and also was apprehensive about the eye, a fear he no longer holds.

"He was a journeyman fighter,

a tough sucker," Leonard said. "To me that was no occasion."

A Hagler fight would be another story and, the 30-year-old Leonard said, "he knows I'll rise to the occasion."

"I've conditioned myself since May," he said. "I've made sure I can go through two or three months of hard preparation when they do announce the fight."

Leonard spent several days training at a gym under the supervision of his former trainer, Dave Jacobs.

He has hired three left-handed sparring partners.

### 7th graders blank Valley View

The Pampa seventh-grade football team will try and lift their record above the .500 mark against Borger at 4:30 p.m. today at the middle school field.

The Pampa seventh-graders are coming off a 16-0 win over Valley View last week that made their record 1-1.

Phillip Sexton scored on a 15-yard run and Sammy Lowrey broke loose on a 53-yard scoring

jaunt for Pampa. Sexton and Aaron Frye also scored conversion runs.

The Pampa eighth-grade team is now 1-0-1 after defeating Valley View, 22-0, last week. Robert Hinds, Patrick Jackson and Coby Harris each scored a TD for the winners. Jackson and Harris each had conversion runs.

Pampa eighth-grade will play Borger at 4:30 p.m. today at Borger.

## UH athletic budget may need help

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston may have to dip into reserves to keep its athletics program from going in the red this year despite some student opposition, officials said.

Spending cutbacks and more aggressive ticket marketing should keep the \$6.6 million UH athletic budget balanced, President Richard Van Horn predicted Monday.

But if those tactics don't work, UH will have to use money in reserves to make sure the sports budget doesn't show a deficit by

fiscal year's end, Van Horn said. "We're not going to run deficits on athletics," he said. "If we have problems, we'll cover them."

Student body President Scott Boates predicted students will revolt if university reserves are used for athletics in tight financial times.

"Reserves should be used to support the basic functions of the university," Boates said. "Right now we're talking about cutbacks in the library and academic programs because of state budget

problems." Regents were told in a secret meeting last week that UH could lose up to \$1 million this year because of falling ticket sales and lower athletic donations. But Van Horn said it is too soon to make such predictions.

"I couldn't honestly tell you what the numbers are," he said. "We don't know exactly what the football revenues could be or what the basketball revenues might be."

Van Horn had scant reason to draw comfort from the attendance at UH's first home football game Saturday night at the Astrodome. The turnstile count was 12,445, less than half UH's average of 32,075 during the last 21 years of games at the Astrodome.

"The students do not support intercollegiate athletics, and

that's evident in the turnout," said Boates. "It's being maintained as a hobby of the important decision-makers at the system and university level."

UH has sold 6,000 football season tickets this year, compared with 8,000 last year and 16,000 in 1980.

Nevertheless, Van Horn vowed that UH will not add to the accumulated \$3.1 million athletic deficit this year, even if sagging revenues have to be covered with university reserves. Over the last two years, the university has reduced the deficit from \$3.5 million to \$3.1 million, Van Horn said.

Currently, the university earmarks \$300,000 to athletics, but another \$1.7 million in student activity fees also helps to shore up the \$6.6 million budget.

## Pampa girls second

The Pampa girls finished second to Wheeler in a Tri-State High School Rodeo held last weekend in Claude.

Wheeler girls finished with 25 points while Pampa collected 19.

Anita Bentley of Wheeler was the all-around girl with 17 points. Bentley was seventh in breakaway roping (6.357), second in poles (21.426) and won the goat tying (10.881). Lindsey McCasland of Wheeler won the barrels.

For Pampa, Leslie Leggett finished fifth in poles (21.918) and fourth in goat tying (11.76.3) while Amy Cockrell was sixth in poles (21.925) and third in breakaway roping (4.392).

Keziah Rucker was eighth in goat tying (14.925) and Tammy Greene was eighth in poles (22.186). Greene was also eighth in poles a week ago in Dumas.

Kimbra Peirce of Canadian was third in barrels at 19.757.

All-around boy was Larry Trimble of Wheeler with 23 points. Trimble won steer wrestling (8.404) and teamed with George Lee Harlan of Slaton to win the team roping (9.186) They also placed second (9.505).

Boy Reames of Wheeler was sixth in bareback riding with 51 points and eighth in bull riding



Amy Cockrell

with 55 points. Darren York and Drew Thomas of Wheeler were fifth and sixth respectively in calf roping with times of 11.836 and 12.112. Lee McCasland and Dwight Thomas of Wheeler were fifth in team roping at 11.339.

Canadian boys dominated the bareback riding. Denny McClanahan was first with 65 points, Shawn Wright was second with 59 and Dewayne Evans was third with 54.

Wright also won the bull riding with 70 points.

The next Tri-State Rodeo will be held in Wheeler.

The rodeo will start at 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

### Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
x-Boston	94	61	.606	x-New York	83	74	.529 19 1/2
New York	85	71	.545 9 1/2	Philadelphia	78	78	.500 25
Toronto	85	72	.541 10	Montreal	78	79	.496 26 1/2
Detroit	82	74	.526 12 1/2	Chicago	68	89	.433 35 1/2
Cleveland	80	77	.515 15	Pittsburgh	62	94	.397 41
Milwaukee	73	82	.471 21	West Division			
Baltimore	72	85	.459 23	x-Houston	91	65	.583
West Division				x-California	80	64	.557
x-California	80	64	.557	Texas	83	73	.532 7
Texas	83	73	.532 7	Oakland	74	82	.471 16 1/2
Oakland	74	82	.471 16 1/2	Kansas City	73	84	.465 17 1/2
Kansas City	73	84	.465 17 1/2	Chicago	68	87	.439 21 1/2
Chicago	68	87	.439 21 1/2	Minnesota	67	89	.429 23
Minnesota	67	89	.429 23	Seattle	67	89	.429 23
Seattle	67	89	.429 23	x-clinched division title			
Monday's Games				Monday's Games			
New York 8, Toronto 1				Chicago 8, Philadelphia 3			
Boston 7, Baltimore 5				Los Angeles 10, San Diego 0			
Texas 3, Oakland 8				Only games scheduled			
Kansas City 3, California 1				Tuesday's Games			
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 5				New York (Darling 14-5) at Montreal			
Seattle at Chicago, ppd. rain				(Sabra 4-5), (n)			
Tuesday's Games				Chicago (Hall 1-1) at Philadelphia (Ruffin 8-4), (n)			
Toronto (Stieb 7-11) at New York (Nielson 2-4), (n)				Cincinnati (Gullickson 14-11) at Atlanta			
Baltimore (Dixon 11-13) at Boston (Sellars 3-4), (n)				(Muller 12-17), (n)			
Seattle (Moore 11-12 and Swift 3-8), at Chicago (Carlton 4-3 and Cowley 11 10), 2, (n)				Pittsburgh (Rhodes 15-11) at St. Louis			
Oakland (Rodriguez 1-1) at Texas				(Cox 11-12), (n)			
California (Chadwick 0-5) at Kansas City (Sabershen 7-11), (n)				Los Angeles (Honeycutt 11-9) at San Diego (Hawkins 3-8), (n)			
Cleveland (Niekro 11-11) at Minnesota				Houston (Knepper 16-12) at San Francisco (LaCoss 10-13), (n)			
(Viola 15-13), (n)				Wednesday's Games			
Detroit (Petty 5-9) at Milwaukee				Houston at San Francisco			
(Leary 16-12), (n)				New York at Montreal, (n)			
Wednesday's Games				Chicago at Philadelphia, (n)			
Cleveland at Minnesota				Cincinnati at Atlanta, (n)			
Toronto at New York, (n)				Pittsburgh at St. Louis, (n)			
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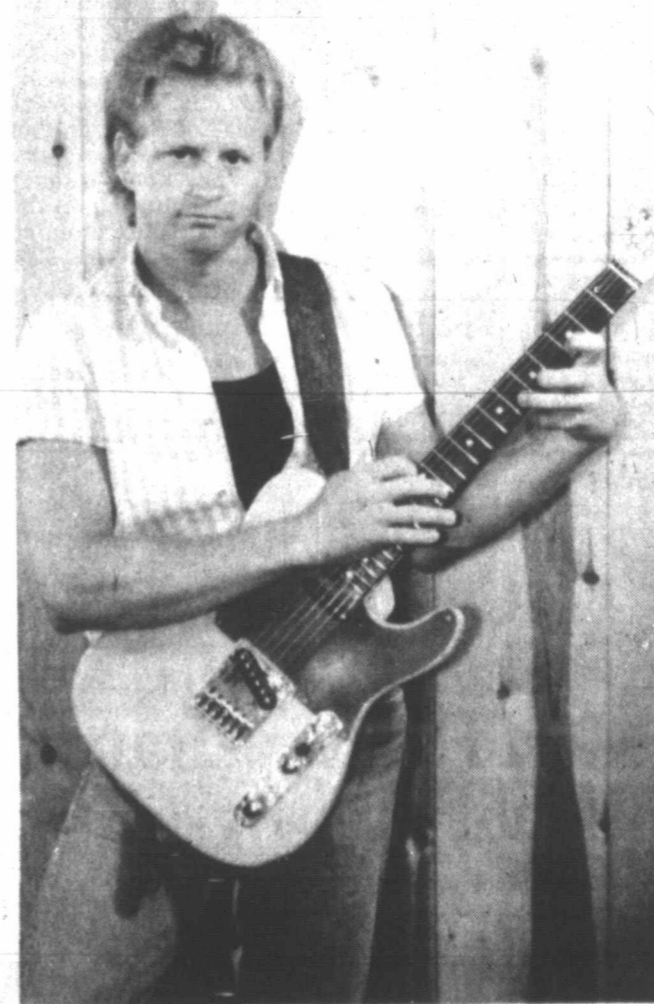


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# Key measure of economy down in August

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government's main gauge of future economic activity fell in August for the third time in the last four months, providing another signal of weak growth.

The Commerce Department said its Index of Leading Indicators edged down 0.2 percent in August.

But in somewhat brighter news, the government reported that America's trade deficit shrank in August to \$13.3 billion. While this was still high, it was 26.2 percent lower than the one-month record of \$18.04 billion set in July.

The improvement in the trade figures stemmed from a big drop in imports, which fell 13.5 percent. Exports were also lower, by 0.6 percent.

The decline in exports came despite the fact that sales of U.S. farm goods rose 10.7 percent in August.

The advance was enough to put agricultural back into the surplus category after three consecutive months of farm deficits, a rare circumstance for a country used to selling its farm goods to the rest of the world.

The 0.2 percent decline in the leading index followed a revised 1 percent gain in July and left the index at 179.1 percent of its 1967 base.

The index had fallen 0.1 percent in May and 0.2 percent in June.

Analysts have said the weakness in the leading index and other economic barometers confirms that economic growth is likely to remain sluggish in coming months.

Most analysts are forecasting growth in the second half of the year of around 2.5 percent, essen-

tially unchanged from the weak performance of the last two years.

The leading index is made up of 11 forward-pointing figures from various areas of the economy.

The biggest negative factor was a steep drop in raw materials prices. This is considered a negative for growth because falling commodity prices generally reflect lower demand. However, in August the big change was caused by a lowering of the government price support for cotton. After the price support was cut, the price of cotton fell 59.2 percent.

Other negative factors holding the index down were a drop in formation of new businesses, a decline in building permits, changes in business de-

liveries, a rise in weekly unemployment claims and a drop in orders for plant and equipment.

Five of the indicators made positive contributions. The biggest positive factor was a rise in the money supply, followed by gains in the average work week, an increase in stock prices, growth in consumer and business credit and a jump in factory orders for consumer goods.

A companion index which is supposed to reflect economic activity in the current month rather than forecasting the future, rose 0.4 percent in August, the same gain as July.

The Reagan administration is counting on low interest rates and an end to uncertainty over tax reform to boost growth prospects in the months ahead.

## AP News Analysis

### Foreign press being curbed in Southeast Asia

By KENNETH L. WHITING  
Associated Press Writer

SINGAPORE (AP)—The expulsion of two foreign reporters from Malaysia and its three-month ban on the Asian edition of The Wall Street Journal are the latest measures taken by a Southeast Asian nation in an effort to curb the foreign press.

Journal correspondents John Berthelsen, 48, of Sacramento, Calif., and Raphael Pura, 40, of Greenfield, Calif., were ordered out and the newspaper's publishing permit in Malaysia suspended for three months starting last Friday.

The 10-year-old Asian Wall Street journal is published in Hong Kong and printed there and in Singapore. It circulates about 3,000 copies a day in Malaysia, but was not available for two days before its suspension.

Government officials did not say what stories provoked the crackdown. A statement from the Home Affairs Ministry said Malaysia took a liberal attitude toward newspapers, "however, this attitude must be reciprocated by the papers with a sense of responsibility and accountability."

The journal published articles this week about Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's acknowledgment that his country tried to

corner the world tin market in 1981 and 1982.

Another dispatch said Malaysia's finance minister planned to sell his controlling interest in a bank to a state-owned company "to ease pressure on his private business empire."

Berthelsen was quoted by the Star Daily in Kuala Lumpur, the country's capital, as saying Malaysian authorities might not have liked what he called the newspaper's brand of aggressive journalism.

"I'm not saying that this is the reason (for expulsion), but I'm prepared to defend our kind of journalism to anyone who wants to argue about it," he was quoted as saying. "I think we did a fair and good job on our reporting on the affairs of this country."

Non-communist Southeast Asia presents an uneven array of press freedoms as they are generally understood in the West.

Newspapers are enjoying a new era of independence in the Philippines under President Corazon Aquino. There are few official restrictions on the press in Thailand.

But political leaders in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia contend the task of holding together their fragile, diverse societies must take precedence over unfettered press freedom.

Newspapers in all three countries must get

a license before they can print a single copy.

Malaysia announced plans earlier this year to amend the Official Secrets Act so that anyone found guilty of breaching its provisions would automatically go to jail for one to five years.

Indonesia banned Australian correspondents from covering the April visit to Bali by President Reagan. Two Australian reporters traveling on the presidential press plane were seized and deported. The ban has since been extended to all Australian journalists.

The action was in reprisal for an April article in the Sydney Morning Herald that compared the level of graft under President Suharto and his family to that blamed on ousted Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Singapore deported Reuters correspondent Marilyn Odchimar in March for her coverage of the collapse of a hotel that killed 33 people. She reported that a rescue worker had asked for money from a victim trapped under the rubble of the hotel.

Singapore's Parliament this month enacted legislation to restrict the sale of any foreign newspaper, magazine or other publication deemed to be persistently meddling in domestic politics.



An Iowa farmer salvages grain from tornado-damaged grain silos Monday evening.

## Thunderstorms pound nation's midsection

By The Associated Press

Severe thunderstorms pummeled the nation's mid-section, causing millions of dollars in damage and spawning floods that forced the evacuation of hundreds of people and left one man feared drowned.

"The entire village of Gurnee is gone," said Lake County sheriff's Sgt. Steve Townsend said of the Illinois community. "The police are patrolling in boats. The situation is very, very bad."

Up to 8 inches of rain fell on Oklahoma on Monday as thunderstorms and at least one tornado caused extensive damages, officials said. Hundreds of residents north of Oklahoma City were evacuated because of flooding.

"We've got a lot of flood water. We've got a little looting, and we've got some traffic problems. But otherwise, we're doing pretty good," said Howard Watson, director of the Kingfisher City-County Civil Defense, which oversaw the evacuation of 300 residents.

Thunderstorms dumped rain on Michigan's waterlogged Lower Peninsula on Monday, as a tornado in Genesee County destroyed three homes and damaged five others, knocked down power lines, and blew trees on cars and houses, authorities said.

Residents of flood-drenched northeastern Illinois hoped for sun today after Monday's storms ripped roofs from buildings west of Chicago, resulted in flight delays and cancellations at O'Hare International Airport, and continued flooding that has caused an estimated \$30 million in damage.

A tiny Montana town was surrounded by water early today, but officials said it was receding. Heavy rain Monday also caused flooding in Missouri and Kansas while thunderstorms pounded Indiana. Rivers were above flood stage in South Dakota and North Dakota.

Farmers in central Iowa cleaned up in the wake of a tornado, strong winds and hail that destroyed a dozen buildings and caused an estimated \$2 million in damage.

In Illinois, where forecasters were predicting even more rain, damage from the recent storms was estimated at \$30 million.

In North Riverside west of Chicago, sections of the roof of a K mart store and the building of an automobile dealership collapsed during a thunderstorm Monday, damaging 16 cars and sending at least seven people to hospitals with minor injuries, authorities said.

## Americans buckle up and diet for health

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans are dieting and buckling their seat belts in an effort to improve their health and safety, but nearly one-third of adults still smoke and less than half exercise regularly.

That's the word from the National Center for Health Statistics, which surveyed 36,399 households last year in an effort to learn what Americans know about their health and what they are doing to improve it.

A sharp increase in using seat belts was the major new finding, according to the study made public Monday.

"There is evidence that seat belt use is increasing rapidly," the Center said, with the share of adults wearing seat belts most of the time increasing from 30 percent in the first three months of 1985 to 41 percent for the last three months.

"This no doubt reflects the impact of seat belt legislation in many states during 1985," said the report, measuring the behavior and knowledge of people aged 18 and older.

The study also found many Americans making an effort to lose weight, but less than half are exercising regularly and large numbers continue to smoke cigarettes despite wide knowledge of the danger involved.

According to the report, 55 percent of men and 42 percent of women consider their weight to be "just about right."

"However, one-quarter of men and almost one-half of all women were trying to lose weight, primarily by eating fewer calories, or increasing physical activity," the report said.

That concern, though, didn't

mean they were all turning to exercise.

Despite the widespread publicity for running, exercise spas and other physical activities in recent years, the study found that "less than one-half (40 percent) of the adult population exercises on a regular basis, and only one-quarter have done so for five years or more."

While cigarette smoking has been on the decline for more than 20 years, 32 percent of men and 28 percent of women still smoke, the report said.

Stress also emerged as a problem, as "one-half of adults reported experiencing at least a moderate amount of stress during the two weeks preceding the interview, with the lowest percent for the elderly (28 percent)."

Nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of adults have had their blood pressure checked by a medical professional in the past year, with women more likely than men and the elderly more often than those younger.

Other findings of the report include:

—About 55 percent of adults eat breakfast daily, 66 percent sleep between seven and eight hours at night and 78 percent have a health care provider.

—Most women (87 percent) know how to examine their breasts for lumps, but only one-third do so more than six times a year. Half have had such an exam by a professional during the past year and 46 percent had a pap smear test.

—About 40 percent of homes do not have a working smoke detector.

—Ten percent of adults admitted to driving at least once in the last year after drinking.

## Leftists say peace talks are stalled

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Troops arrested a Communist Party member identified as one of the leaders of this island nation's guerrilla rebellion, officials said today. Leftist lawyers said the arrest has stalled cease-fire talks.

A Defense Ministry spokesman, Ed Pangilinan, said Rodolfo Salas, once identified as the chairman of the outlawed Communist Party's Central Committee, was arrested Monday night in Manila.

A lawyer for the Communist-dominated National Democratic

Front said Salas' wife, Josefina Cruz, and bodyguard Jose Concepcion, also were taken into custody.

The lawyer, Romeo Capulong, said government troops arrested the three outside Philippine General Hospital in the capital's downtown, where Salas had undergone a check-up after surgery last week to remove a goiter.

Capulong told reporters the three had planned to meet today with members of a rebel negotiating team to hammer out details of a cease-fire plan to be offered to

President Corazon Aquino's government.

"We do not see how peace talks can proceed any further unless the three are released and unless the Ministry of National Defense stops ... pushing President Aquino to restore fascist rule."

Capulong was referring to news reports that the military and some Cabinet members were pressuring Mrs. Aquino to take a hard line against the Communists similar to that of her predecessor, deposed President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

## Senate defeats boost in aid to Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators agreed that the financially hard-pressed Philippines needs more money but, unable to decide on what to cut to provide the aid, defeated a move to boost assistance by \$200 million.

The Senate, debating a huge appropriations bill providing money to run much of the government next fiscal year, voted 51-43 on Monday to reject a move to

boost the Reagan administration's proposed aid to the Philippines from \$233 million to \$423 million.

All senators who spoke during the debate agreed that Corazon Aquino's government needs more money to fight a communist insurgency and overcome its economic problems.

But opponents said an increase in aid to the Philippines would

have to be offset by cuts in the U.S. aid to other deserving allies and needy nations such as drought-stricken African countries.

Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said the extra \$200 million should be taken out of President Reagan's requested budget for foreign aid, particularly for Central America.

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# Reagan battling heavy odds to block sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, rebuffed by the House over his South Africa policies, now must battle heavy odds to convince the Senate to sustain his veto of punitive economic sanctions against Pretoria's white minority government.

Reagan's last-minute offer Monday to impose new but limited sanctions by executive order did not sway votes in the House, which voted 313-83 to override the Reagan veto. The tally was only marginally different from the 308-77 vote by which the House passed the sanctions bill on Sept. 12.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said it will be "very difficult" for Reagan to prevail in the Senate, which approved sanctions, 84-14, on Aug. 15.

The Senate is expected to vote on whether to sustain or override the veto on Wednesday. It takes a two-thirds vote of members present to override a

veto. Reagan picked up only six votes from the last House roll call on sanctions. A total of 81 Republicans joined 232 Democrats in voting to override the veto. Only four Democrats and 79 Republicans voted to sustain it.

In his letter to House and Senate leaders, Reagan urged Congress to unite with him in a common stand against South Africa's apartheid system of racial separation and discrimination.

Reagan said he would impose by executive order a ban on new U.S. investments to all South African companies except those owned by blacks, ban the import of South African iron and steel, ban U.S. bank accounts for the South African government or its agencies, review ways to reduce U.S. dependence on strategic minerals from South Africa and provide \$25 million in U.S. aid to disadvantaged

South Africans. The new steps would expand a list of sanctions Reagan issued last year, but would fall short of the tougher measures called for in legislation passed by the House and Senate.

In contrast, the legislation passed by Congress bans all new investment and all new bank loans, ends landing rights in the United States for South African aircraft, and bans the import not only of South African iron and steel but also coal, textiles, uranium, arms, food and agricultural products. It also would bar the export of petroleum products to South Africa and award the South African sugar import quota to the Philippines.

Reagan said also that his executive order clearly would amount to a complete and comprehensive statement of U.S. policy toward South Africa "with the intent of pre-empting inconsistent state and

local laws" aimed in one way or another against the apartheid system.

And he repeated the theme of his veto message last Friday that the sanctions approved by Congress would hurt "the victims of the apartheid system" and not the whites-only government that has made apartheid a principal instrument of social control.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, in a letter to Reagan, called the Reagan proposal "a step backward" and a "softening" of the U.S. position on apartheid.

"I must tell you that I am disappointed that you continue to give credence to the last-ditch argument of the South African government that economic sanctions will, in the words of the South African ambassador, 'do serious and long-term damage to those it seeks to help,'" O'Neill said.

## Countdown toward federal shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' struggle to pass a mammoth spending bill, or at least a pared-down, short-term version, takes on added urgency today as the government counts down the last hours toward a possible shutdown.

With federal spending authority due to expire at midnight tonight, the Senate worked to pass its version of a bill that would wrap monies for all government agencies for fiscal 1987 into a single, \$556 billion package, the largest money bill ever considered by Congress.

The House already has passed its own \$562 billion version.

President Reagan has expressed major reservations about both bills and, to build pressure on Congress to meet administration demands, has threatened to send government employees home. Most of the veto threats were aimed at the House measure, which included arms control provisions the administration claims would tie the president's hands.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., was trying to hold the line against further add-ons to the bill, "so we can avoid the silliness of shutting down the government."

But it appeared the issue would go down to the wire.

## Sister is frustrated at hostage standstill

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP) — The Reagan administration should be as aggressive in seeking the release of the Americans held in Lebanon as it was in pressing the case of Nicholas Daniloff with Moscow, the sister of one of the hostages says.

"Of course I'm pleased Mr. Daniloff is coming home, both for him and his family," said Peggy Say, whose brother, Terry A. Anderson, was abducted in Beirut 18 months ago.

"I think that although (Daniloff's) capture was certainly unfortunate, he was fortunate that he was detained by a country which provided an opportunity for the Reagan administration to further their political interests in making an issue of his case."

"I'm absolutely convinced that had the same kind of effort been made in this case as in the Daniloff case and every other hostage case, these men would have been home long ago," Mrs. Say said from her Batavia home.

Anderson, 38, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was kidnapped by March 16, 1985. The Islamic Jihad organization has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

The other Americans held in Lebanon are Joseph James Cicippio, acting controller at the American University in Beirut; Frank Herbert Reed, director of the Lebanese International School; David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital; Thomas Sutherland, acting dean of agriculture at the university; and William Buckley, a U.S. Embassy political officer.

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