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Farmers' market kicks off Saturday

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

The seeds planted last spring by promoters of an area farmers' market are now ready for harvest.

Nearly 15 produce-packed pickup trucks will be lined at the north end of the M.K. Brown parking lot Saturday for the grand opening of the Top o' Texas Farmers Market. The market opens at 8 a.m. Saturday with a brief ceremony and closes when all the produce is sold.

The market — which will be open on Saturdays and Wednesday mornings until the middle of October — is a joint venture of the Texas Department of Agriculture and county extension services.

Gray County Extension Agent Joe VanZandt expects a low-key, homey opening for the event — a brief ceremony featuring short opening statements by city, county and state agricultural officials.

But the market itself doesn't call for much spectacle. VanZandt explained that the exhibitors will be parked in rows at the north end of the parking lot and will sell their vegetables from the back ends of their trucks.

And what a variety of vegetables there will be, VanZandt observed, listing tomatoes, corn, okra, peas, beans, squash and potatoes among the produce expected Saturday.

"The peas, okra and beans are going to be in short supply Saturday," he admitted, noting that it's not quite the season for beans.

"But I know we're going to have quite a bit of tomatoes," VanZandt said. Later, shoppers can expect melons, corn, grapes, squash and, at the final markets in October, pumpkins.

The market is just what farmers such as Gray County grower J.E. Flynt have been working for — a chance to sell their produce locally. Flynt, the secretary of the Top o' Texas Farmers Market who farms east of Pampa, has spent the last week looking through his garden for melons, grapes and vegetables that are ripe enough



Flynt picks peas for Saturday's market sale.

to sell Saturday. He admitted that his supply this time around may be limited to squash and cucumbers.

Van Zandt said about 10 to 15 farmers have signed up for the Saturday market. He expects more Saturday morning. He said exhibitors have come from as far away as Hereford and Etter, which is north of Dumas.

He added that farmers will be setting their own prices for their produce.

"But it won't take long for

them to get together and price competitively," he said.

VanZandt said the produce will be sold by volume, not weight.

The Top o' Texas Farmers Market will be similar to markets in 34 Texas communities, including four in the Panhandle.

But, VanZandt stressed, the area markets are not necessarily in competition with each other. The markets will each be open on different days, except for Saturday. One producer will have vegetables at all four mar-

kets Saturday, VanZandt said.

Applications for growers will be accepted the week of operation. Vendors wanting to sell at future markets must get permission from the board of directors one week in advance.

A fee will be assessed for each stall, with the amount depending on the size of the truck. Home gardeners with limited amounts of produce will be assessed a \$5 stall fee. A \$20 membership fee includes the first day's space fee.

Regan: Iran 'snookered' U.S. in deal

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan told congressional investigators today he repeatedly advised President Reagan to abandon secret arms sales to Iran, once telling him that "we've been snookered again."

Testifying at the nationally televised Iran-Contra hearings, Regan also said he has "racked his brain" but has no knowledge of a formal document the president reportedly signed in December 1985 approving the weapons sale as part of an arms-for-hostage deal.

Regan took the witness chair as the lengthy hearings entered the home stretch. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, expected to be the final public witness, was standing by to testify on Friday.

Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, the NSC staff deputy who directed the privately financed Contra resupply network, testified earlier at the congressional hearings that former CIA Director Wil-

liam Casey was aware all along of the secret diversion of arms sales profits to the Contras.

Attorney General Edwin Meese III testified on Wednesday that Casey told him he didn't know about the fund diversion, and added that he believed the late CIA chief's word over that of North.

Meese's two-day defense of his initial Iran-Contra inquiry left lingering doubts in the minds of some congressional investigators, doubts Meese maintains should have been put to rest.

Regan, the former White House chief of staff said today that Reagan appeared several times to accept his advice to stop selling arms, but repeatedly authorized sales in the hope of gaining the release of American hostages held in Lebanon.

Regan described several conversations in which he told the president to stop selling arms to Iran.

He described a Dec. 7, 1985, session at which he joined Weinberger and Secretary of State

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Dozing trucker wears little more than smile

McLEAN — Candid Camera creator Allen Funt once concocted a movie in which he filmed the reactions of people exposed to a nude woman in unexpected places — office buildings, restaurants, on the street.

Funt titled his film, *What Do You Say to a Naked Lady?*

McLean lawmen might not have known what to tell a naked lady, but they knew exactly what to say to a nearly-naked truck driver along Interstate Highway 40.

"You're under arrest."

Deputies were barely impressed by the sight of big-rig driver Peter Tittle, 29, of Newport, Ky., lying in the middle of the I-40 access road wearing nothing but his underwear ... and a smile.

"He doesn't have any identi-

fication," one officer deadpanned during Tittle's arrest Wednesday morning.

Even less titillating was the marijuana and other narcotics that Constable Jim McDonald and Deputy Wayne Carter say they found in Tittle's truck, parked a couple of hundred yards down the road.

Tittle was arraigned in Pampa by Justice of the Peace Wayne Roberts on a charge of possession of less than 28 grams of a controlled substance. Roberts set bond at \$2,000, and the Kentuckian remained in jail today.

Blushing officers may have been embarrassed by the sight of the scantily clad trucker.

Neither has returned telephone calls to answer questions about the arrest.

Go to God, killer says Shooter fires .22 at patrons in Tulsa store

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A variety of charges, including first-degree murder, were expected today against a gunman who opened fire in a grocery store Wednesday, killing a Texas man with a flurry of at least 14 shots.

The gunman also wounded a second store patron before shooting himself.

Witnesses and store employees told police that Larry Dale, 36, of Tulsa, walked into Mercer Discount Foods about noon Wednesday and began firing a .22-caliber nine-shot revolver, shouting "Go to God" between shots, Sgt. Joe Lester of the city police said.

Lester said the gunman shot himself after firing at least 21 shots in the store in central Tulsa. The dead man, identified as Charles Reese, 64, of Burleson,



Shooting victim Donald Shaw gets help.

Texas, was shot at least 14 times, Lester said.

Checker Ruby Tillery said the man shouted "Go to God" as he fired.

Store employee Rex Lance, who ran to the rear of the store when he saw the gunman, said the man fired several times.

"He didn't seem to be after any certain person, whoever was next

in line, I guess," Lance said of the man he said has been a customer in the store before.

"He was hollering 'Oh my God, Oh my God.' Evidently he was mimicking someone, because he said 'Oh my God this,'" Lance said.

Dale, who was born in Mayfield, Ky., was listed in criminal records.

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Last tornado debris removed

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

The grounds are cleared now, with only bare concrete foundations and utility meters standing where once trailer homes held families and their memories.

City and county crews hope to complete tornado cleanup efforts today at Coronado West Mobile Home Park, clearing away the rubble and debris left by the July 14 funnel that touched down at the park.

City Department of Building Inspection head David McKinney, who has been coordinating the joint cleanup since Monday morning, said the major efforts were to be completed by Wednesday evening.

Today, the crews were picking up the smaller materials, insulation pieces and "other stuff" at the sites of the destroyed trailers and sweeping the roadway clear of broken glass, nails and other material, McKinney said.

"All the heavy work is out of the way," McKinney said at mid-afternoon Wednesday. "We should be through by tomorrow."

A bulldozer, front-end loaders, a backhoe and several trucks have been used by the city and county workers to pile up the rubble and debris and place it into the dump trucks for hauling to the city landfill.

"All the workers have really been busy," McKinney said.

He had no estimate yet of how many truckloads have been hauled off from the trailer park. The trucks "have been going in and out so fast, it's hard to keep count," he explained.

McKinney said one problem slowing down the work "a little" has been troubles with flat tires on the front-end loaders and other equipment. Tires have been punctured by broken pipes, large pieces of jagged metal and other objects.

"But we've been getting the work done," he said, adding that the tires have just been changed and the equipment put back to work.

One city worker, Floyd Smith of the Sanitation Department, said he's been lucky since he hasn't had a flat on his dump truck. "Everyone else has," he said with a chuckle.

Smith said the cleanup has been keeping him busy for three days. He said he probably carted off eight loads himself Monday, "maybe more."

And he said he probably had about that many Tuesday. "The first two days we hauled pretty good," he said, noting that the piles were being pushed up fairly quickly then.

But by Wednesday the work had slowed somewhat, with the piles taking a longer time to accumulate since the greater part of the debris had already been hauled off.

Still, by 2 p.m. Wednesday he had hauled four loads to the landfill.

The city street and sanitation departments and the Gray County precincts all had workers and equipment at the site in the cooperative effort to clean up the trailer park lots hit by the tornado.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CAMP, Mrs. Ruth W. - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
MORGAN, Judy Carol - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler; 6 p.m., Atwell Cemetery, Cross Plains.
LEAKE, Brandi Michelle - 10 a.m., Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo.

Obituaries

MRS. RUTH W. CAMP
 Services for Mrs. Ruth W. Camp, 63, will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Gene Allen, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Graveside rites will be conducted by Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65.

Mrs. Camp died Wednesday night at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She was born May 28, 1924 at Eldorado, Okla. She moved in 1933 to Pampa, where she was raised. She married Vernon E. Camp on Feb. 16, 1941 at Sayre, Okla. She was a member of Harrah United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65. She was a past president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and a former Grand Cross of Color and Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Girls.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon, of the home; a daughter, Paula Asire, Pampa; three sons, James E. Camp, Pampa; Douglas C. Camp, Amarillo, and Ernest C. Camp, Lubbock; her mother, Ethel Willson, Pampa; three sisters, Nadene Lockhart, Amarillo; Viola Duggan, Stamford, and Betty Craig, Kingsmill; three brothers, Lloyd Willson, James Willson and Alfred Willson, all of Pampa; and five grandchildren.

LESLIE H. HART
 Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors for Leslie H. Hart, 74. Mr. Hart died Wednesday night at his home.

Mr. Hart was born Oct. 3, 1912 at Lorraine. He moved to Pampa in 1938 from Houston. He married Charles Hill on June 22, 1940 in Pampa. He had been a partner in Panhandle Insurance Agency for 35 years before retiring. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. He was a past president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and a past lieutenant governor of Division VI of Kiwanis International.

Survivors include his wife, Charles, of the home; a daughter, Jan Roberts, Amarillo; a son, Lynn Hart, Ontario, Calif.; two brothers, Clyde Hart, Eunice, N.M., and T.A. Hart, Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Virginia Simpson, Palm Desert, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, Meals on Wheels or a favorite charity.

JUDY CAROL MORGAN
WHEELER - Services for Judy Carol Morgan, 41, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Wheeler First Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Helsley, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 6 p.m. Friday in Atwell Cemetery at Cross Plains under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morgan died Tuesday. She was born at Munday. She married Bob Morgan in 1969 at Lubbock. They moved to Wheeler five years ago from Canadian. She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Wheeler.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; a son, Seth Morgan, of the home; three daughters, Christine Jones, Wheeler, and Jennifer Morgan and Julie Morgan, both of the home; her mother, Christine Melton, Lubbock; three brothers, Charles Melton, San Diego, Calif.; Bob Melton, Phoenix, Ariz., and David Melton, Lubbock; two sisters, Pat Loyd, Odessa, and Ann Clark, Rising Star; and two grandchildren.

BRANDI MICHELLE LEAKE
AMARILLO - Services for Brandi Michelle Leake, 3, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel in Amarillo with Rev. Bill Gehm of Grace Community Church and Rev. Scott Bailey of Amarillo Bible Church officiating.

Burial will be in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo. The young girl died Tuesday from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

She was born in Amarillo. She attended Storyland School. She was a member of Grace Community Church.

Survivors include her parents, Craig and Terri Leake, of the home; a sister, Amber Leake, of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burch and Annette Leake, all of Amarillo, and Felton Leake, Houston; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Low, Miami; Mildred Burch, Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leake, Wheeler; and a great-great-grandmother, Ethel Holman, Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be made to Grace Community Church in Amarillo.

The family will be at 6803 Bent Oak in Amarillo.

DAVID (WOODY) WOODSIDE
CANADIAN - Services are pending with Stickley Hill Funeral Home for David (Woody) Woodside, 40, who died Wednesday.

Mr. Woodside was an electrician in Canadian. Survivors include his wife, Gladene, Canadian; a son, Glen Woodside, Canadian; and his mother, Martha Hogan, Tulsa.

FRANKIE MARIE BUMPERS
 Frankie Marie Bumpers, 66, died Tuesday. There will be no services. Cremation will be at Memorial Park Crematory in Amarillo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Bumpers moved to Pampa in 1945 from Brownfield. She married Bill Bumpers on April 24, 1950 at Clovis, N.M. She was employed with Cabot Corp. for 37 years, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of the home.

The family requests memorials be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Debra Bradstreet, Pampa
 Florence Graham, Pampa
 Orville Greenhouse, Mobeetie
 Averrela James, White Deer
 Carol Jimenez, Pampa
 Clifford Martindale, Pampa
 Ben Riley, Pampa
 La Velda Timmons, Pampa
 James Wylie, Pampa

Dismissals
 Roberta Anderson, Dumas
 Flossie Choat, Pampa
 William Eads, Pampa
 Jake Griffin, Pampa
 Velma Heil, Pampa
 Frank Russell, Miami

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 George Harris, Shamrock
 Trubie Moore, Shamrock

Dismissals
 David Vitela, Dumas
 Sylvia Garrett, Erick, Okla.

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilkinson, Pampa, a boy
 Mr. and Mrs. George Bradstreet, Pampa, a boy

Deaths
 Ace Henderson, Shamrock

Stock market

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa: | Amoco | 84 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Wheat | Cabot | 39 1/2 | nc |
| Milo | Chevron | 60 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Corn | Enron | 48 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation: | Halliburton | 49 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Damson Oil | HCA | 49 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Ky. Cent. Life | Ingersoll-Rand | 41 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| Serico | Kerr-McGee | 39 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation: | Mapco | 55 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| Magellan | Maxxus | 14 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Puritan | Mesa Ltd. | 15 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa: | Penny's | 58 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Amoco | Phillips | 18 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Arco | SLB | 49 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Cabot | Magellan | 56 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Chevron | Puritan | 14 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Enron | SPS | 27 1/2 | nc |
| Halliburton | Teneco | 52 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| HCA | Texas | 45 1/2 | dn 1/2 |
| Ingersoll-Rand | New York Gold | 457.20 | dn 1/2 |
| Kerr-McGee | Silver | 6.00 | dn 1/2 |

Minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, July 29
 An unknown vehicle struck a parked 1976 Buick in the 1900 block of Coffee, then left the scene. No injuries or citations were reported.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported one fire in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, July 29
 1:23 p.m. Electrical short examined at 101 Varon Drive.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, July 29
 Theft of a car antenna from Axelson Inc., 316 N. Price, was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy.

Theft was reported from Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported from Owl Liquor, 217 E. Brown.

Larry Reed, 1100 Prairie, reported theft of a scooter from the address.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Criminal trespass was reported at the Tralee Crisis Center shelter, Box 2680.

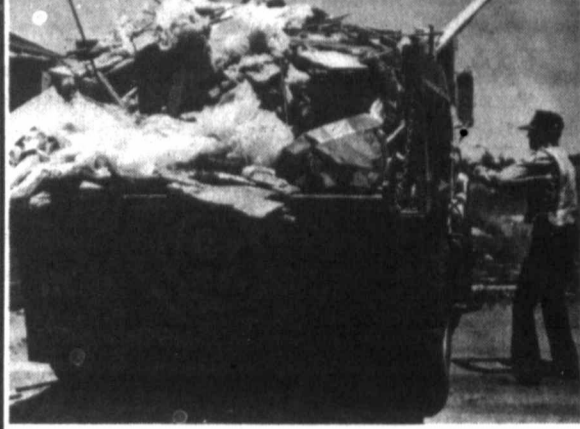
THURSDAY, July 30
 Ferguson Bail Bond Co., 400 N. Cuyler, reported forfeiture of a bond on Pampa warrants in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

Arrest-County Jail
 Peter Tittle, 29, Newport, Ky., was arrested in McLean by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams.

Emergency numbers

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| Energas | 665-5777 |
| Fire | 669-1177 |
| Police | 669-1177 |
| SPS | 669-7432 |
| Water | 665-3881 |
| Ambulance | 669-1177 |

Tornado cleanup



Street Department worker Floyd Smith, photo left, ties down his fourth load of debris collected Wednesday during cleanup operations at Coronado West Mobile Home Park.



Sanitation Department worker Larry Bryan, photo right, picks up scattered litter from the grounds. See story, Page 1.

Shooter

tical but stable condition early this morning, as was his surviving victim, Donald Shaw, 74, of Tulsa, officials at St. John's Medical Center said.

Reese was staying in a Tulsa hotel while working as an asbestos-removal contractor on a job that was expected to last about three more weeks, employers said. He had been in the city for about six weeks.

Shaw, a retired construction worker and longtime Tulsa resident, had gone to the store to return a can of coffee, relatives said.

Police spokesman John Bow-

man said that after emptying and reloading his gun a couple of times, Dale started to exit the store, saw police, went back inside near the pharmacy and shot himself.

Bowman said police were unsure of the gunman's motive. "The evidence that we have so far is that there wasn't a robbery," Bowman said. "There's no indication this was a grudge."

Friends and relatives said Dale had a history of mental problems, including one court-ordered psychiatric evaluation at Easter State Hospital in Vinita to determine his mental competency for trial on a 1984 weapons charge of which he was later convicted. He

received a one-year suspended sentence without supervision on the charge, according to court records.

Maj. Stanley Glanz of the Tulsa police said Dale's arrest record includes an October 1984 charge of possession of a sawed-off shotgun, a re-arrest in July 1986 for failure to appear in court on the 1984 charge and several traffic violations since 1983.

"In all, he's been in our jail four times," Glanz said. "I understand that the man did have a history of earlier psychiatric disturbance," said Dr. Cullen Mancuso, a psychologist who knew Dale casually.

Regan

George Shultz in offering that advice. He said he told Reagan to "cut your losses ... It didn't look like it was getting anywhere."

He said he offered the same advice in January 1986 and again in February after the United States had sold 1,000 missiles to Iran but had failed to win the freedom of any hostages in return.

Regan said he told the presi-

dent: "We've been snookered again. How many times do we put up with this rug merchant stuff, or words to that effect."

Asked for Regan's reaction, Regan said, "I think he shared my view that we'd been had."

Regan peppered his testimony with personal recollections of Regan's actions and moods.

He recalled that in a briefing session for the president before his televised news conference on Nov. 19, after the Iran-Contra affair became public, Regan was getting conflicting information about what had happened.

"I think this sort of confused the presidential mind as to what he could say and couldn't say," Regan said. "Accordingly, the president was on guard that night as to how much can I say vis-a-vis

Israel, and he did get the answer botched."

Regan's declaration that he knew nothing of the formal paper that Regan signed on Dec. 5, 1985, authorizing arms sales contrasted with former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter's testimony. Poindexter has told of watching while Regan signed the document.

Poindexter has testified that he later tore up the document because he realized it would become a major political embarrassment if it became public, and no signed copy has ever been found.

County to discuss elevator

Handicapped patrons of the Gray County Courthouse may someday get a lift from county commissioners.

Commissioners plan to consider responding to a July 3 letter requesting that a public elevator be installed in the courthouse.

The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday. Currently, those unable to use the courthouse stairs must ask permission to use the elevator in the sheriff's office.

The July 3 letter, written by Ray Velasquez, 216 W. Craven, asks that commissioners install a publicly accessible elevator. Velasquez has threatened to ask federal authorities to force Gray County to install an elevator.

In other action Friday, commissioners plan to:

- consider imposing the \$5 county road and bridge fee on motor vehicle registration sales;
- consider changing the fee that the county tax collector charges for tax certificates;
- authorize the Pampa Army Airfield Reunion Association to conduct its annual air show Aug. 14 and 15 at Perry Lefors Field;
- consider authorizing an emergency expenditure of more than \$5,000 for air conditioning in the district courtroom;
- discuss office space rental with the Soil Conservation Service;
- consider amending budgets in Precinct 2 and at the tax assessor's office;
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Captain Kangaroo City briefs

HOUSTON (AP) - Bob Keeshan, television's Captain Kangaroo, has been hospitalized, according to a spokeswoman who said the 60-year-old actor and producer asked that no information about him be released.

Theresa Borrello, an admitting clerk at Methodist Hospital, refused to say late Wednesday when Keeshan was hospitalized. Keeshan suffered a heart attack in 1981.

Keeshan, a six-time Emmy winner, wore a captain's uniform and sugar-bowl haircut for nearly 30 years as host of CBS' "Captain Kangaroo."

PE-CO GOLD Exchange, 107 W. Foster, 665-9679. Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. We purchase scrap Gold, Silver and Diamonds, Class Rings, Wedding Bands, etc. Adv.

BENEFIT DANCE for Kathy Berry, (daughter of Fletta Wyatt) Saturday night. Fencwalker will be playing. Catalina Club. Adv.

GYMNASTICS DAYCAMP, beginners to advanced, August 3-7, 9 a.m. to noon. Limited class size, call Gymnastics of Pampa, 669-2941, 665-0122. Adv.

FENCEWALKER AT Catalina Club this weekend. Adv.

BIG ONE Day Backyard Sale: Friday 9-7, 2236 Aspen. Please No Early Birds. Adv.

PHYLLIS SKAGGS now working part time at Hairhandler. For appointment call, 669-3277. Adv.

STAGE STOP Restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Steaks, shrimp. Lunch specials, \$3.99. Adv.

RETIREMENT PARTY for Harry Patton, July 31, 1987 4:30-5:30 p.m. Central Fire Station. Everyone welcome!

LITTLE MEXICO Guacamole with each 2 dinner plate order. Thursday, Friday, 6-8 pm. 216 W. Craven. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Sunny and hot Friday with a high in the mid 90s. Low tonight in the upper 60s. Southwesterly winds at 10 to 20 mph. High Wednesday, 90; low this morning, 66.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Widely scattered mainly late afternoon and evening thunderstorms far west through Friday. Elsewhere sunny days and fair nights. Highs mostly in the 90s. Lows mid 60s to around 70.

North Texas - Sunny and hot days and clear at night through Friday. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms east. Highs Friday 96 to 102. Lows tonight 72 to 75.

South Texas - Partly cloudy days and mostly fair at night through Friday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers southeast Texas and the mid and lower coastal plains Friday. Highs Friday in the 90s. Lows tonight in the 70s except near 80 coast and mid and upper 60s Hill Country.

EXTENDED FORECAST
 Saturday through Monday
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Storms mainly far west Saturday and south Sunday and Monday. Otherwise, mostly fair rest of area throughout the period. Little change in temperatures. Panhandle and South Plains, lows mid 60s. Highs near 90.

North Texas - Hot days with no significant rainfall expected. Lows in the 70s. Highs 97 to 101.

South Texas - Partly cloudy with temperatures 3 to 5 degrees below normal. Little or no precipitation expected through Monday. Daily highs in 90s and lows mid to the upper 70s except near 80 along

Groom residents clown around

GROOM - Other area towns have had their centennials, rodeos and animal calling contests. Now it's Groom's turn to "clown around" at its annual Groom Days celebration today through Saturday.

The celebration, which begins today with a tennis tournament, features a pet show, talent show, a parade, and an arts and crafts festival.

Theme for this year's celebration will be "Bring on the Clowns," which parade coordinator Rex Peoples says will encourage "a lot of novelty."

"The way our floats are stacking up, it will be as big as last year," Peoples said, reminding parade participants to start lining up at 9 a.m. Saturday for the 10 a.m. parade.

Peoples said another bonus will be the arts and crafts show, which has been moved from the school to the new Groom Community Center.

"I think people will find it a better place than the gym," he said.

For the more athletically inclined, the party will feature tennis tournaments, volleyball games, a

10-kilometer race and a 2-mile fun run. Following is the schedule for the Groom Days Celebration:

FRIDAY, July 31
 6 p.m. - Horse race on FM 2300 one-half mile south of Lucky 13 Restaurant.
 7 p.m. - Pet show at the Groom Tiger Football Stadium.

8 p.m. - Talent show at the football stadium.

SATURDAY, Aug. 1
 7 a.m. - 2-mile fun run.
 7:40 a.m. - 10-kilometer run.

7:30-9 a.m. - Pancake breakfast at school cafeteria. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

10 a.m. - Parade through downtown.
 11 a.m. - Arts and crafts show at Community Center.

1 p.m. - Carson County roping at corner of First and Bivens.
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Minister invokes Fifth Amendment at grand jury

DALLAS (AP) — The lengthy probe into a near-fatal choking attack on the wife of a prominent minister stalled after he appeared before a grand jury but repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment.

Minutes after the 30-minute appearance of the Rev. Walker Railey on Wednesday, prosecutor Norman Kinne said, "We don't have evidence for an indictment at this time." Grand jury action in the case is suspended, Kinne said.

Kinne, an assistant district attorney, has never called the 40-

year-old Railey a suspect in the April 22 attack on his wife, Peggy, who has been in a coma ever since.

But Railey's lawyer, Doug Mulder, told newsmen Wednesday that his client clearly is a suspect. "I think they have him zeroed in and targeted him as a suspect. He's the only suspect and they don't have any other suspects," Mulder said.

Mulder said he is "not prepared at this time" to allow Railey to talk with investigators, the grand jury, the press or prosecutors because he does not believe it would clear his client.

"I have followed the advice of my lawyer consistently and will continue to do that," Railey told reporters as he left the grand jury room. He declined to talk about what occurred, citing the secrecy of grand jury proceedings.

Railey's wife was choked nearly to death in the couple's home. Railey, who at the time was senior minister at the large First United Methodist Church in downtown Dallas, reported finding her when he returned home after midnight and has denied knowing anything about the

attack.

He has refused to talk to police since taking an overdose of pills in a suicide attempt nine days after he reported finding his 38-year-old wife unconscious in the garage of their home.

Police have said for weeks they wanted to talk to the minister to clear up contradictions in his story about his whereabouts the night of the attack.

Railey claimed he was researching material at libraries on the Southern Methodist University campus.

Kinne said his next step was to

meet with police to decide the future course of the investigation.

"I hope they're (police) not going to give up," Kinne said. "They're going to have to do additional investigating." If police continue the investigation, Kinne said he would assist if needed.

The Dallas Morning News quoted unidentified sources Wednesday as saying that on the night his wife was attacked, Railey visited a friend, Lucy Papillon, at her home.

Ms. Papillon, who is a psychologist specializing in eating disorders, was among six others

who were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

"She testified fully," said her lawyer, Phil Burleson Sr., as she emerged from a nearly hour-long appearance before the grand jury.

Dr. Dwight Holden, a psychiatrist who treated Railey at Timberlawn Psychiatric Center for six weeks following the minister's attempted suicide May 1, also testified, as did the Rev. Howard Grimes, an associate minister at First United Methodist Church, and Stephen Mbutu, a library employee at SMU.

Town clown



Shayna Lotman, 11, of Pampa, is all dolled up for the ACT I-Pampa Fine Arts Association Action Workshop going on this week at First Presbyterian Church. Workshop participants — fifth- and sixth-grade youths — will show what they learned at a public performance at 7 p.m. Friday at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. The youths learned about acting, mime and stagecraft at the one-week summer school.

Specialist says substance abuse counselors should prepare for AIDS patients

AUSTIN (AP) — Eliminating myths and bad jokes about AIDS would help in fighting the deadly virus, says a specialist who trains others on how to stop the spread of the disease.

Glen Fischer of National Capitol Systems, Inc., Falls City, Va., also said Wednesday that professionals who treat drug and alcohol abuse will inevitably treat persons who also have AIDS, if they have not already.

"We need to stop some of the myths spreading about AIDS," Fischer said. "I get real nervous when I hear about AIDS and mosquitos. I also want to stop some of the inappropriate humor, either about AIDS or what seems like right now the high-risk groups."

"That does not belong in a treatment program where we're trying to treat whole individuals."

He said myths he has heard from drug addicts include, "There is no such thing as AIDS; this is another government hoax trying to get us off drugs."

Fischer said one addict reported he had traced AIDS to a curse associated with King Tut's exhibit, noting that the highest incidences of the disease occurred in cities where the exhibit was shown.

"AIDS is spoken here," should be the motto of alcohol and drug treatment programs, Fischer said, adding that the stigma attached to AIDS is similar to that of alcoholism 20-30 years ago.

"A lot of the things that we did, that we still do, in preventing chemical dependence, we can use a lot of those same skills to work in preventing AIDS. It takes a little bit of reframing," Fischer told the

Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies.

Fischer, who studied at the University of Texas, trains prison guards, vice squad officers, nurses, teachers and students on various aspects of AIDS. For five years, he also has been delivering workshops on acquired immunity deficiency syndrome.

"I'm not asking drug programs to become AIDS programs," Fischer said. "All I'm saying is if, in fact, you plan to stay in the drug field, you're going to be working with people with AIDS — period."

"If you don't like that, you're going to have to look for a different career. It's happening, and we're going to work with these people. Probably no ifs, ands and buts about that."

He urged the audience to turn their own fear and anger into compassion and caring for AIDS patients.

Fischer said Texas ranks No. 4 among the states in number of victims of the AIDS virus with 2,500 diagnosed cases, including 750 this year, among a national total of 38,000. Of that 38,000, he said, more than 22,000 have died.

By 1991, he said, it is estimated there will be 270,000 AIDS cases in the nation, with 189,000 deaths — 54,000 in 1991 alone. Of that 54,000, half already have been infected and may not know it, he said.

However, Fischer said, he does not see AIDS as a plague that will consume the entire population.

"People keep talking about 'It doubles and doubles and doubles and doubles, and at some point by the turn of the century we're all going to be gone,' and I just don't believe that," he said.

Clements says all inmates getting AIDS test

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said at a national governors conference that all Texas prison inmates will be subject to mandatory AIDS testing, but prison officials who heard of Clements' remarks said nothing will be happening right away.

Such testing would cost at least \$760,000 and might not prove conclusive, they said, adding that actual testing could be months away and that the issue of mandatory AIDS tests must be decided by the Texas Board of Corrections.

Clements made his comments Tuesday in Traverse City, Mich., during the National Governor's Association meeting.

"We are right now in the process of putting together a program on the prison system where we will start testing for AIDS on a mandatory basis," Clements said. "We will screen our present (prison) population. We will also probably shortly have a program of entrance and exit."

Al Hughes, prison board chairman, said it could

be a month before the board takes up the issue of AIDS testing. He said the department could not immediately start the mandatory testing of all inmates.

Prison employee union representatives demanded mandatory testing last week after three guards at the Texas Department of Corrections Beto I Unit in Anderson County got prisoners' blood on them and another guard was splashed with urine from an inmate with AIDS.

Clements said the AIDS screening would indicate if convicts were spreading the disease while in prison.

"I shared the same initial response that the governor had — test them all," Hughes said. "But what do you do after you test them? I don't know."

Clements did not say what, if any, action would be taken for inmates who test positive for the AIDS virus.

Hobby says reaction to his decision a mystery to him

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby says he is mystified by the attention given to his decision against running for governor or seeking reelection in 1990.

The former newspaper executive told a news conference Wednesday he doesn't know what all the fuss is about.

"I've always thought on a scale of news values, when somebody announced they were not running for something — on a scale of 10 that may get a one," he said.

However, Hobby said, it's not time for his obituary. He said he wants to devote his energies the rest of his term toward restructuring the state's tax system.

"Contrary to what apparently is popular opinion, I have not died. I have not resigned from office. I will be lieutenant governor for 3½ more years," Hobby said.

"I just think I can be more effective during the next three years if I'm not perceived as someone with political ambitions or partisan motivations and so forth."

Hobby serves on the Select Committee on Tax Equity, which is expected to make sweeping recommendations to the 1989 Legislature for overhauling the Texas tax system. He said that is "a task that comes along about once a generation."

When he steps down, the 55-year-old Democrat will have been lieutenant governor for 18 years.

"Yes," Hobby said when asked if his decision was final. Asked why he made it, Hobby said the time was right.

"The realities of running a campaign in a state as large as Texas are that it's always campaign

time. There are always decisions to be made, decisions which are important not only to the candidate but to many other people as well. I could not decently defer those decisions any longer."

Hobby denied fearing a challenge from Attorney General Jim Mattox or anyone else, although he admitted he prefers holding office to campaigning for it.

"I don't like putting myself forward, projecting myself. I don't like to read stories in the paper ... see myself on television. I'm just not basically that kind of person," he said. "I don't like doing it, but I've done it successfully for 14 years."

While declining a more elaborate explanation of his reasons, Hobby said he hasn't tired of public service and believes "I would make a very good governor."

Hobby said that except for a 1990 race, "I'm not ruling out anything."

Hobby said he plans no endorsements in either the governor's race or the race for his successor.

"I've never done that and don't plan on starting now," he said.

Asked who should replace him in presiding over the Texas Senate, Hobby replied, "The Democratic nominee."

One official whose name has been the subject of speculation about a race for one of those jobs, State Treasurer Ann Richards, said Wednesday it's too early to make a decision.

"There are all sorts of possibilities. Obviously, Bill Hobby not being in the governor's race, not occupying the lieutenant governor's chair, makes a real difference politically in this state," Ms. Richards said.

Oil prices hold firm above \$21

NEW YORK (AP) — Worries that tensions in the Persian Gulf could boil over at any time have held oil prices firm above the \$21-a-barrel mark.

Oil futures prices edged higher again Wednesday, following through on a surge that began in the previous session.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for September delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude oil, settled at \$21.44 per 42-gallon barrel, up 12 cents.

The increase followed a jump of 83 cents Tuesday, which traders described as the largest single-day increase in almost five months.

Analysts said the market was quiet Wednesday, but still jittery about the Persian Gulf, where the movement of Kuwaiti oil tankers protected by U.S. warships has been jeopardized by the ongoing conflict between Iran and Iraq.

"The Mideast still has 90 percent of the (market's) attention," said William Byers, director of commodity research for Bear, Stearns & Co.

Tuesday's gain was sparked by several reports

of increased hostilities in the region, including the downing of a Syrian jet fighter inside Iraq. Traders also were jarred by a statement issued by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who warned the United States of further "disgrace" if it continued to escort the oil tankers.

The heightened tensions sent the benchmark price above \$21, where it stayed Wednesday, moving in a narrow range, analysts said. The price opened 20 cents higher early in the day on a rumor, later denied by the Pentagon, that another tanker had struck a mine in the gulf.

The price sank on that denial, but recovered near the close, the analysts said.

Bad weather forced a delay Wednesday in loading the supertanker Bridgeton, a U.S.-protected vessel being readied for a return to duty after hitting a mine last week.

Meanwhile, U.S. Navy specialists were hunting for more mines along the return route, and Pentagon officials said more minesweeping equipment had been ordered into the region.

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Opinion

Demos must forge bipartisan approach

Most of us forget that Democrats and Republicans once generally agreed on foreign policy objectives. The two parties sharply differed on methods and tactics. Yet both sought the twin goal of curbing totalitarianism and promoting democracy.

The Iranian arms controversy is but the latest disaster to happen since that bipartisan consensus, which began in 1941, broke down in 1969. Most Republicans still hold to the old goals. But even though Democratic presidents Truman, Kennedy and Johnson forged the consensus, few modern Democrats have followed their example. That's one reason Democrats can't win presidential elections anymore.

Certainly, some Democrats, as Oklahoma Sen. David Boren reminded us, still support the promotion of freedom — at least in limited, and sometimes vital, contexts. But too many now think that Comandante Daniel Ortega, the Pol Pot of Central America, is an enlightened social reformer; and that the United States, not the Soviet Empire, is the main threat to world peace.

The old consensus worked simply. The president, Democrat or Republican, had broad authority to conduct foreign policy. The Constitution stipulates that; only the president theoretically represents the interests of all Americans. Otherwise we would be strapped with 535 foreign policies, one for every member of Congress.

Congress was represented in a simple, sensible fashion. It funded the broad military and foreign policy programs everyone agreed on. For the most secret operations the president informed only the leaders of both parties in Congress.

Contrast that with the current system, in which the president tells our most vital secrets to the many members of the intelligence committees and their staffs, involving literally dozens of people. No wonder anything discussed in "secret" committee hearings inevitably splashes across newspaper headlines the next morning.

The old consensus sometimes did not work; it could produce disaster at home and abroad. People make mistakes. Yet at least it was a foreign policy. The United States could advance its interests, in however flawed a manner.

In contrast, no real national foreign policy currently exists. Do we support the Nicaraguan democratic resistance? Only when the sun shines. What other freedom fighters do we support?

Potential disaster is not an illusion. If we let Ortega's Soviet-backed junta solidify its power, thousands more Central Americans will flee northward, escaping persecution. Such a crisis would dwarf current immigration to our nation.

A bipartisan foreign policy can of course be a mindless incantation, employed to stem legitimate dissent, but without some consensus the nation reaches gridlock and renders itself helpless before aggressors. Responsibility for a return to consensus lies with Democrats. By again supporting the broad foreign policy authority the Constitution gives the president, Democrats can reclaim part of the tradition of support for freedom they, after all, helped found.

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"Can I play?"

Wealthy are paying more taxes

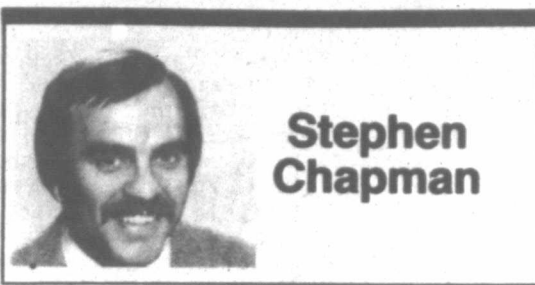
Politics, wrote Henry Adams, is the systematic organization of hatred. Nowhere is that truth more apparent than in populist appeals to mass envy, which exploit the deep resentment felt for those who are rich by those who are not.

A sure Democratic theme in 1988 campaign will be Ronald Reagan's solicitude for the wealthy. In the July 1 debate among the Democratic presidential candidates, Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois complained that "during the last six years I've seen the tax on the wealthiest of Americans go from 70 percent down to 28 percent. I haven't voted for a single one of those cuts, I'm pleased to say."

In fact, he voted against both the 1981 tax cut and the 1986 tax reform. Judging from the responses of 85 viewers who signaled their responses via hand-held computers, he knew his audience: That statement got a higher positive rating than anything else said in the debate.

Simon apparently also knew that viewers wouldn't realize they were being misled by this image of the president acting as a reverse Robin Hood, robbing from the poor to give to the rich. The most affluent Americans do face lower tax rates now than they did in 1981. But they are paying more in taxes, while the poor are paying less. And the 1986 tax reform bill can be expected to sustain that trend.

Sen. William Roth, the Delaware Republican, released a report in May refuting the myth that the tax cuts soaked the poor. Internal Revenue Service data shows that in 1981, the top 1 percent of taxpayers (whose incomes exceeded \$108,592) paid 18 percent of all federal taxes. By 1985, their share of the load had grown to 22 percent, which is an increase of nearly \$12 billion in tax payments.



The top 5 percent of taxpayers, those with incomes greater than \$53,828, paid 35 percent of all federal taxes in 1981 but 40 percent in 1985. And the super-rich — those making \$1 million or more a year — paid more than 3½ times as much in 1985 as they did four years earlier.

At the same time, those with less money were getting to keep more of it. By 1985, tax payments from the middle class had dropped by 11 percent. While the poor were paying 7 percent less. By cutting tax rates across the board, with the largest percentage cuts applying to the rich, Reagan paradoxically managed to make the tax code more progressive.

That result is at war with populist intuition, but not with economic logic. Before the tax cuts, the top marginal rates were 50 percent for earned income and 70 percent for investment income. The main effect of these confiscatory rates was to generate ways of avoiding them, a boon to tax lawyers but a loss to the Treasury.

By lowering marginal rates across the board, the 1981 bill strengthened the incentive to work and earn more, besides reducing the value of wasteful schemes aimed purely at sheltering

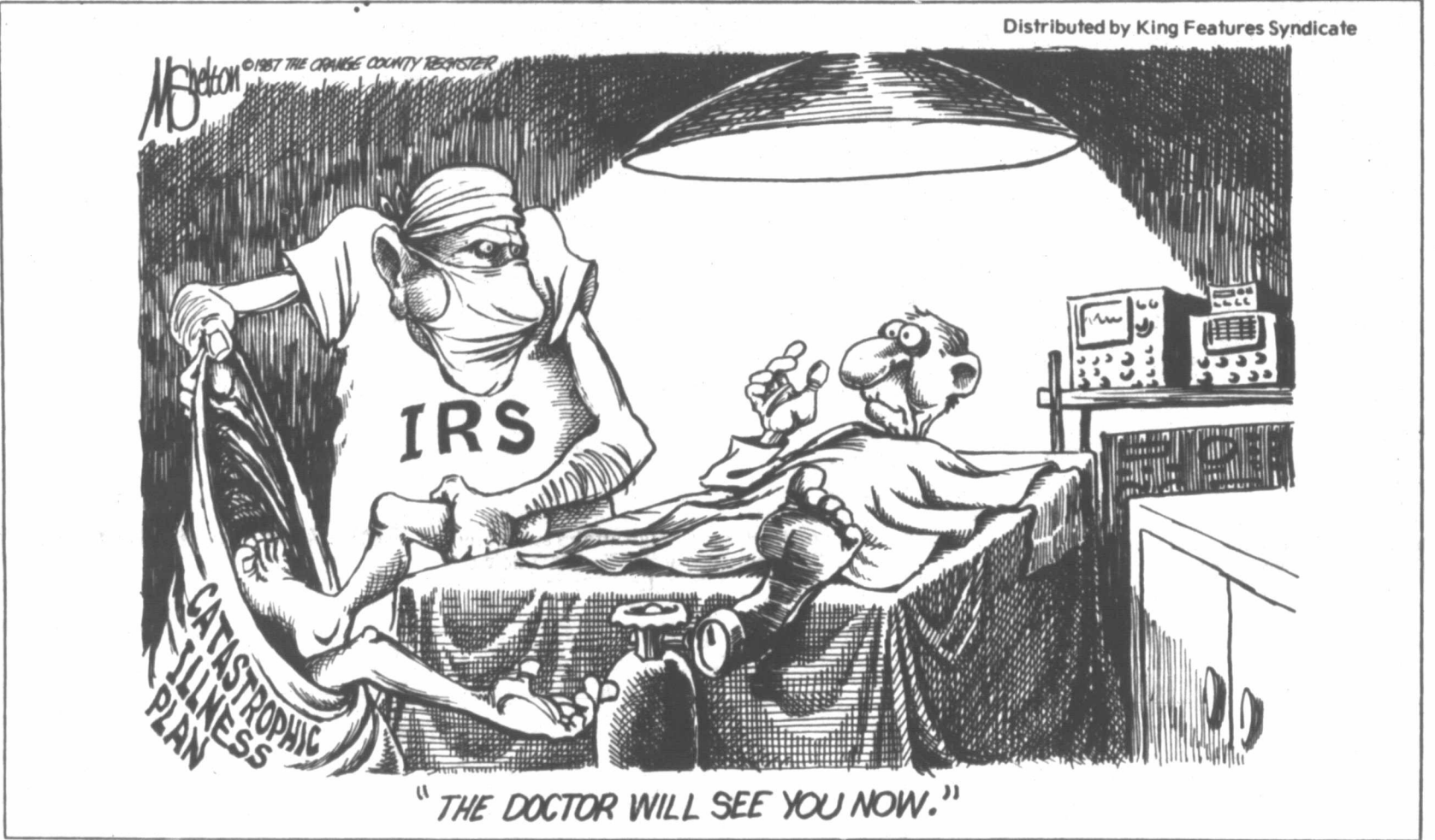
income. Skeptics doubted that lower rates could yield higher revenues — remember how the Laffer Curve was ridiculed? — but in the upper brackets that is exactly what happened.

The 1986 tax reform bill, which Simon also proudly opposed, is based on the same reasoning. By lowering the top marginal rate to 28 percent, it sharply reduces the appeal of tax shelters. When the top rate is 70 percent, it effectively costs only 30 cents to put a dollar of income out of the taxman's reach. When the top rate is 28 percent, it costs 72 cents — an increase of 140 percent.

At those rates, most shelters cost far more than they're worth. So the well-to-do will be inclined to put their funds into productive investments, instead of gimmicks designed to take advantage of tax loopholes. Besides, many of the loopholes no longer exist, thanks to the same tax reform bill.

Even more than the 1981 measure, this one helps those at the bottom of the income ladder. Roughly 6 million poor Americans will see their obligations not just shrink, but disappear. Higher personal exemptions also will benefit the middle class. And if tax reform stimulates a more efficient use of resources, as most economists expect, it will boost living standards for all Americans.

The old, high tax rates served as a cherished symbol of populist resentment, but they also defeated their own purpose. Today's lower rates may be psychologically unsatisfying to the envious, but they are a better guarantee of a progressive tax code. If Simon wants to roll back the tax changes of the Reagan era, he should be honest about who is really the reverse of Robin Hood.



Getting addicted to chili dogs

If you're addicted to drugs or alcohol, you can go someplace like the Betty Ford Clinic and get help. But where do you go if you're addicted to chili dogs?

Yes, chili dogs. Those wonderful hot dogs with lots of chili on them and mustard and onions on the chili that the mere mention of which makes my mouth water, my heart rate speed up and my stomach literally beg to be fed as many of these delights as it can hold.

I had my first chili dog when I was 12. My father took me to Atlanta's legendary Varsity, the world's largest outdoor drive-in.

My father ordered me a chili dog. I took the first bite of it, and I was hooked.

During my three years in exile in Chicago, I formulated a scheme to get chili dogs from the Varsity delivered to me.

I started dating a girl I met on a trip back home to Atlanta. Every other week I would fly her to Chicago.

"And would you mind," I would ask, "stopping by the Varsity on your way to the airport and bringing me 14 dozen chili dogs?"

Later, it became clearly evident to the young lady that I looked forward to the chili dogs more



than I looked forward to seeing her.

"It's me or the chili dogs," she eventually said.

I often wonder what ever happened to her. I had heart surgery in 1982. The doctors said I could have anything I wanted to eat for my pre-operation dinner.

I sent for Varsity chili dogs. Had I died under the knife the next day, at least I would have had a satisfying last meal.

For years I've tried to decide why Varsity chili dogs remain the best I've ever eaten.

The hot dogs are good, and so is the chili, but it's the buns that really do it. The Varsity, somebody was telling me, steams its buns. There's nothing better than a steamy bun.

But I must admit my chili dog addiction is becoming a problem.

I can't eat them like I used to and not pay a painful price.

The other night, for instance, I went to the Varsity and had three chili dogs with mustard and raw onions.

I also had an order of french fries, and I topped that off with a Varsity fried apple pie with ice cream on it.

I went to bed at 11. The chili dogs hit at about 2.

My stomach felt like I had eaten a large box of nails. It made strange sounds like "gooooorp!" and "brrriip!"

I got out of bed, took six Roloids, two Alka-Seltzers and drank a six pack of Maalox. Nothing helped.

I'll never eat another chili dog, I said to myself.

Those addicted to any substance often say things like that, but they rarely stick to it.

I know I'll be back at the Varsity soon, wolfing down chili dogs. And, later, the agony and the "gooooorps" and "brrriips" will be back.

My stomach and I simply will have to learn to live with a certain fact.

That is, chili dogs always bark at night.

Auditor collars corruption, but star fades

By Robert Walters

JACKSON, Miss. (NEA) — One year ago, Mississippi Auditor Ray Mabus was the toast of this state's voters and an emerging celebrity in national politics.

The Wall Street Journal devoted front-page space to a flattering account of Mabus's good-government crusade. Esquire magazine included him in its list of "Achievers Under 40," and U.S. News & World Report placed him on an equally select list of rising political stars.

Mabus sought to parlay that acclaim into a successful bid for governor of Mississippi — but today, on the eve of the first vote in the gubernatorial race, his popularity appears to have declined and he is fighting for his political life.

Some of those who have come to know Mabus during the campaign characterize him as an aloof, distant man uncomfortable with others. Journalists complain Mabus's staff has unnecessarily isolated him from the news media. Some voters who earlier

lauded his reforms now view Mabus as just another self-serving politician. Mabus may yet emerge victorious in the three elections he must win in the coming months to attain the governorship, but his troubled odyssey illustrates the vicissitudes of contemporary politics.

Although the offices of lieutenant governor and attorney general are the traditional steppingstones to the governorship in almost all states, Mabus relied upon the auditor's post to propel himself into contention for the state's highest elective office.

Mabus first defeated the heir apparent to the auditor who had been entrenched in office for two decades. Then, Mabus set about fulfilling his 1983 campaign promise "to clean up political corruption in Mississippi."

Opportunities were hardly lacking. Audits of state departments and agencies were four years delinquent. Many of the state's 82 counties had incomprehensible accounting systems that served principally to obscure local political graft.

Cleaning up the corruption required an unprecedented attack upon the values, traditions and practices of the "good ol' boy" networks that controlled power in many county courthouses.

Ignoring warnings that he would disturb those arrangements at his own peril, the brash young (he is now 38) Mabus recovered more than \$1.5 million in misused money, has claims pending for \$2 million more and has established new standards for honesty and accountability in Mississippi politics.

Although Mabus was limited to filing civil complaints against wayward public officials, an independent, parallel probe conducted by the FBI has produced criminal indictments of 36 supervisors in 21 counties on charges of bribery, extortion, mail fraud and conspiracy. Almost half of those charged already have pleaded guilty.

Along the way, however, some voters began to view Mabus' operation as more of a cynical political effort to catapult him to political prominence

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Justice official says

Pentagon OK of questionable bills caused overruns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's acquiescence in questionable billing practices by defense contractors has allowed cost overruns and stymied attempts to prosecute those responsible, a Justice Department official says.

Assistant Attorney General William F. Weld, in testimony prepared for delivery today to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on oversight and investigations, outlined a pattern of acquiescence to cost overruns by all three branches of the military services.

Weld, head of the Justice Department's criminal division, suggested a number of steps the Pentagon should take to ensure that loopholes do not appear in future procurement contracts, including the frequent rotation of contracting officers to keep them from getting too friendly with contrac-

tors.

However, Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood said the Defense Department does not acquiesce in advance to cost overruns. "We don't really enter into those types of contracts knowingly," he said Wednesday.

Nevertheless, the Justice Department was compelled to abandon criminal investigations or indictments in three cases — two against General Dynamics Corp. and one against Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Group — saying the military had consented to payment plans that government investigators considered suspect.

"Military officials may overlook or ignore infractions by the defense contractor, not because of an evil intent or for personal gain, but because of a belief in the importance that the project or the new technology has to the national

security," Weld said.

"These defense-fraud cases are dropping like flies," said a congressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We find out it wasn't rape, it was consent."

Earlier this year, the Justice Department closed another investigation against General Dynamics, concluding there was not enough evidence to prove the company's Electric Boat Division acted illegally in claiming cost overruns on submarines produced for the Navy.

"The prosecutive potential of the case was clearly undercut by the fact that on each occasion where the Navy and General Dynamics reached an impasse, the Navy's solution was negotiation, compromise and settlement," Weld said.

In 1982 the government investigated a

payment claim from Pratt & Whitney for costs that included buying souvenir T-shirts and coffee mugs, entertaining Pentagon employees and members of Congress and for double-billing certain accounts, Weld said.

The Air Force considered only the "bottom line" in its contracts with Pratt & Whitney without paying particular attention to individual items.

"There was also evidence that the contractor was implicitly or explicitly authorized by the Air Force to include these questionable items in their overhead expense claim for purposes of negotiation," Weld said. "As a result, the United States Attorney reached the conclusion that no prosecution could be brought despite the fact that some of the charges to the government seemed highly questionable."

Last month, indictments against

General Dynamics and four of its current or former executives were dropped at the government's request. The indictments stemmed from the company's attempt to draw \$3.3 million in cost overruns for developing a prototype of the Sgt. York anti-aircraft gun.

The indictments were based on the government's belief that the Army's contract with General Dynamics set the price of developing the prototype firmly at \$39 million, Weld said. However, the case fell apart when investigators discovered that both sides knew the price was too low and anticipated overruns.

The DIVAD, or division air defense gun, was a self-propelled anti-aircraft weapon that later was dubbed the Sgt. York. The project was scrapped last August by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

Memo: CIA associates helped cover up illegal Contra buys

WASHINGTON (AP) — People associated with the CIA helped cover up a scheme in which U.S. humanitarian aid for the Contras was used to buy weapons for the Nicaraguan rebels, according to a Justice Department document.

The internal Justice Department memo written last November says the department's fraud section "has conclusively established that some of the money appropriated for humanitarian aid was used to buy weapons, an act clearly prohibited by the Boland Amendment." The amendment barred military assistance to the Contras for two years beginning in October 1984.

The weapons purchases were concealed through a scheme which "involved the submission of false documentation to the U.S. government and was committed by 'unilateral assets' of the CIA," says the memo, written by Ralph D. Martin, a lawyer in the Justice Department criminal division's public integrity section.

The "unilateral assets" are not identified in the memo, which was written a few days after Attorney General Edwin Meese III's disclosure last Nov. 25 of diversion of secret Iran arms sales money to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The memo also says National Security Council aide Oliver L. North, who was fired Nov. 25 for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, may have been involved in the humanitarian aid scheme.

"The preliminary inquiry in which I have been involved has revealed information and unproven allegations that, in light of the recent revelations, give rise to reasonable suspicions that North and other officials may have knowingly diverted funds other than the arms sale profits and the funds used to ship the arms," the memo says.

The memo was disclosed Tuesday at the congressional Iran-Contra hearings. Meese testified Tuesday and Wednesday and told the Senate and House Iran-Contra committees he had never seen the memo.

The six-page draft memo was addressed to William Weld, assistant attorney general in charge of

the Justice Department's criminal division. Weld's office reported Wednesday that the document was a draft that was never sent to Meese.

At the time he wrote the memo, Martin had been conducting a preliminary inquiry that began Oct. 17, 1986. The investigation was based on information from 11 members of the House Judiciary Committee alleging administration officials may have committed criminal acts in arranging for aid to the Contras.

Some of the money paid by an organization set up to administer \$27 million in congressional humanitarian aid to the Contras ended up in secret accounts in the Cayman Islands, the memo says, corroborating findings made in June 1986 by the General Accounting Office, the nonpartisan investigative branch of Congress.

The memo says one Contra witness told the Justice Department's fraud section that the head of the organization administering the humanitarian aid instructed him to certify that the Contras had received the aid. The witness said he had no such information. The head of the aid-administering organization reported directly to Elliott Abrams, assistant secretary of State for inter-American affairs.

The GAO said in March 1986 that it couldn't account for \$7.1 million of the \$12.2 million in non-lethal aid spent for the Contras through Feb. 24, 1986, a portion of the \$27 million appropriated by Congress for that fiscal year.

In May 1986, then-Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House foreign affairs subcommittee on Latin America, said, "The GAO now estimates that its final accounting will show that \$15 million of the \$27 million will have disappeared from sight."

The following month, the GAO said millions of dollars of the humanitarian aid had been funneled into offshore banks, paid to the military of a Central American country, which Barnes identified as Honduras, or kept in the United States.

Brogdon executed in Louisiana

ANGOLA, La. (AP) — A mentally retarded man who said he was the victim of child abuse went to his death in Louisiana's electric chair early today for the 1981 rape, torture and murder of an 11-year-old girl.

John Brogdon, 25, who was pronounced dead at 12:12 a.m., was the seventh person executed in Louisiana since June and the second this week. The state has put to death seven others since it resumed executions in 1983.

Brogdon, who was 19 years old when he was arrested for the murder, was calm but apprehensive as he was strapped into the chair at the State Penitentiary.

Asked if he wanted to make a statement, he said only, "God bless ya'll." Hours earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court, Brogdon's last hope for evading Louisiana's electric chair a third time, refused on a vote of 6-2 to stay the execution.

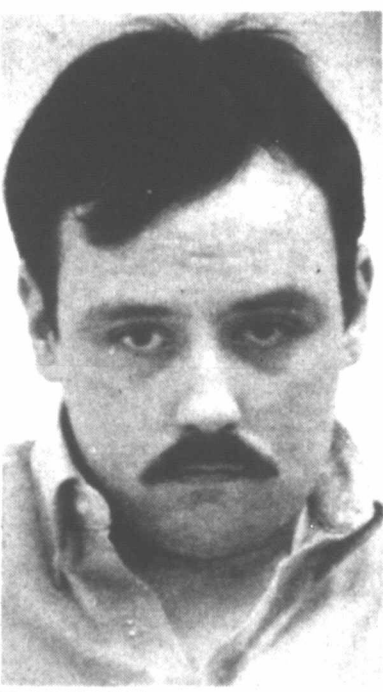
The Louisiana Supreme Court,

U.S. District Court, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also refused this week to block the execution. The state Pardon Board also rejected arguments that Brogdon should be spared because he is mildly retarded and was abused as a child by his father.

Brogdon was condemned to die for the Oct. 7, 1981, slaying of Barbara Jo Brown, who was beaten with bricks, stabbed with broken bottles and jabbed with pointed sticks while she was raped.

His father, Ed Brogdon, admitted at the Pardon Board hearing to drinking and smoking marijuana with his teen-age son, and said he beat him so severely that he once broke some of the boy's ribs.

John Brogdon, described as an alcoholic since he was 14, said during the hearing he didn't think he deserved clemency, but, "I would like to live."



BROGDON

Out of control



Nevada Division of Forestry firefighters prepare to battle a 5,500 acre brush fire along the California-Nevada border north of Markleville which consumed at least 24 homes Wednesday. (AP Laserphoto)

Senate considers Gramm-Rudman change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate appears ready to embrace a new version of the Gramm-Rudman law that proponents say would revive the tarnished promise of a balanced budget early in the next decade.

"I think it is a practical program for fiscal responsibility," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The Senate today begins debating a compromise amendment proposed by Gramm, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., and the committee's senior Republican, Sen. Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico. It restores automatic spending cuts that were struck from Gramm-Rudman by the Supreme Court last year.

"I think it will pass," Chiles said.

Proponents are working under a tight deadline. The Gramm-Rudman provisions are being offered as an amendment to a long-term debt bill that will be

required after an emergency measure expires next week.

The Senate on Wednesday sent the White House the emergency increase in the national debt ceiling, averting a default by the Treasury. In anticipation of the stopgap borrowing authority, the Treasury on Wednesday scheduled two securities auctions for today and a third on Friday.

The 1985 Gramm-Rudman law originally included across-the-board spending cuts to enforce its program of annual reductions in the deficit. The theory was that neither Congress nor the White House would actually accept those arbitrary cuts, so real budget compromises would result.

But the Supreme Court ruled last year that the mechanism Gramm-Rudman employed was unconstitutional. The budget stalemate between President Reagan and the Congress has hardened.

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World

Indian troops land on Sri Lanka to disarm Tamil rebels

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — India landed 1,500 troops in Sri Lanka to help disarm Tamil rebels hours after the two countries signed an accord aimed at ending this nation's 4-year-old civil war, military and government officials said today.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press today that more troops were expected to arrive to serve as a peacekeeping force.

A military source who spoke on condition of anonymity said the troops arrived in 24 transport planes Wednesday night on the Jaffna peninsula, a strong-

hold of Tamil militants fighting for an independent homeland.

Sri Lankan President Junius R. Jayewardene asked India to send the troops, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No official announcement of the move was made in either India or Sri Lanka.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, a strong proponent of the accord, left Colombo for New Delhi on Wednesday night. At ceremonies before his departure, the prime minister was struck by the butt of a sailor's automatic rifle. Witnesses said the sailor was taken away in a struggle. Gandhi said he was

"absolutely all right."

A military source said that after the arrival of Indian troops Wednesday, more than 600 Sri Lankan troops boarded two of the Indian planes and flew to the capital of Colombo to help quell two days of rioting that left 26 people dead.

The riots grew out of protests by majority Sinhalese, who believe the peace accord makes too many concessions to the Tamil rebels.

Most Tamils are Hindus, the predominant religion in India. They make up 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people and claim discrimination by the

majority Sinhalese Buddhists, who control the government and armed forces.

The accord, signed Wednesday by Gandhi and Jayewardene, calls for the rebels to disarm within 72 hours. Gandhi acknowledged earlier Wednesday that the largest Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Eelam, was reluctant to surrender its arms.

"They are worried about their safety and security if they are disarmed," he said. Indian officials said the rebels reversed their opposition to the accord on Tuesday.

No Tamil group signed the Indian-mediated accord, which allows for

Jayewardene to request Indian military assistance.

India has a more than 50-million-strong Tamil minority. The main Tamil rebels groups are based there, and Gandhi is in a position to exert great pressure on the rebels to accept the terms of the accord.

An Associated Press photographer said the prime minister was inspecting a naval honor guard when the sailor stepped forward, raised his weapon and struck Gandhi on the shoulder and neck. The prime minister raised his arm to shield the blow, and appeared unhurt.



(AP Laserphoto)

Army personnel with sniffer dogs approach bomb site.

Car bomb explodes, wounding 69

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A car bomb exploded near a military headquarters today, wounding at least 69 people and damaging buildings in central Johannesburg, the government said.

No group claimed responsibility. Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok blamed the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement for the bombing, and said half of the injured were black.

The independent South African Press Association, or SAPA, said at least one soldier died. It quoted a witness as saying he had seen a man in an army uniform "lying in a pool of blood with his chest and stomach blown away." But official reports did not list any dead.

Scores of people were evacuated from buildings and police, suspecting a possible second explosion, searched the area with dogs trained to detect bombs.

Ecunews, a service of the multiracial South African Council of Churches, said a number of soldiers suffered facial injuries.

"People screamed down the streets, some saying they had left their colleagues trapped in nearby buildings," Ecunews said. "A number of pedestrians lay sprawled on the ground, having been injured by flying glass."

An ANC spokesman in Lusaka, Zambia, said the organization would probably make a statement later. The ANC is the main guerrilla movement seeking to end white-minority control.

"The ANC uses unbridled violence to further its objectives, regardless of innocent and defenseless people being killed or maimed," Vlok said.

The last major bomb incident in Johannesburg — back-to-back car bombs outside a magistrate's court on May 20 — killed four white policemen and injured four policemen and 10 civilians.

Critics accuse Immigration Service of unfair enforcement

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — The demand for maids in El Paso will continue to draw Mexican women across the border despite a crackdown by U.S. authorities, Mexican labor union officials say.

Maids seem to be hardest hit by renewed efforts by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to enforce laws prohibiting undocumented workers from abusing temporary border crossing cards, to a union official said Wednesday.

The temporary crossing cards do not give the bearer the right to work in the United States, said Guadalupe Gonzalez, counsel for the INS' El Paso district. The cards allow Mexicans to enter the United States for up to three days to shop, visit friends and relatives or take care of personal business.

"Obviously, the border crossing card is a visitor's permit," Ms. Gonzalez said. "It does not authorize employment in the United States."

But many maids use the permits to work in the United States, said the union official, Carlos Marentes of the Border Agricultural Workers Union.

On Monday, several of the maids were denied entry into the United States when border inspectors suspected they were going over to work, Marentes said. They told inspectors they were crossing the border to shop, but had little money when they were asked to show it, he said.

Other women, fearing their permits would be confiscated, decided against trying to cross Monday. About 25 gathered on an international bridge and protested the renewed enforcement. More

women were scheduled to protest today at the U.S. consulate in Juarez and downtown.

At a news conference Wednesday, Marentes said maids will continue to cross illegally as long as someone is willing to hire them.

Another immigration law critic at the news conference agreed.

"We know people will continue to migrate to the United States because of the social and economic conditions in this country, either legally or illegally," said Judith Galantz of the Independent Committee for Human Rights.

Marentes said the United States is enforcing its law unfairly, focusing on the most helpless and letting some agricultural workers through. The maids have difficulty finding jobs in Mexico because factories want to hire more productive, younger women, he said.

"They (the INS) are after the most oppressed group of the undocumented labor force," he said. "They're allowing people to work in the fields in other states. They're applying the law in an unstandard manner."

Ms. Gonzalez defended the law's enforcement. "I really think they misunderstand," she said of the law's critics. "Different groups have different rights under the new statute. I think, by and large, that feeling is due to misunderstanding."

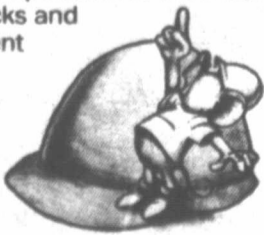
She cited an amendment in the law that allows agricultural workers who have been employed in the United States previously to pick perishable crops. But non-agricultural undocumented workers who have worked previously in the United States will not be allowed across.

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Man with yellow gloves wins hearts with show of hands

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—It's an odd way to spend the morning, but Joseph Charles says if old age doesn't stop him he'll soon celebrate 25 years of waving to motorists from his front yard.

The Berkeley Waver, as he's known, said he's been doing it since Oct. 6 of "that memorable year of 1962," when the San Francisco Giants won the National League pennant.

Charles, 77, estimates that he waves to at least 4,500 people a day from his corner home. That's 1.2 million a year, or 30 million since he began.

"I do it because I love people and because I believe in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you," he said.

He wears bright yellow gloves against the cool breeze off San Francisco Bay and often startles motorists by booming, "How ya doin'?" or "Have a nice day, ya'll."

"I grew up watching Mr. Charles wave at folks as they go by," said Alicia Jones, 33. She said her two girls, ages 6 and 7, often beg her to drive them to school so they can wave back at Charles.

"They start hanging out of the

car just as we come around the corner," she added. "More than once they've almost fallen out, but they love that man."

The years have taken their toll. Charles fainted June 1 in his home and was taken to a hospital, but doctors were unable to find anything wrong. He was plagued by fatigue for six weeks, during which he could wave for only five days.

He has since resumed his daily waving, which he calls his best therapy. He starts at 7:45 a.m., and keeps it up for 90 minutes.

"I love to smile. And by waving, people smile when you smile, and that makes me and everybody else feel good," he said.

Charles started his pastime the day after he moved into the house. He started waving to his new neighbors and never stopped. Children, he said, are his biggest fans. At times, school buses pass by with children crowded at the windows, waving.

Charles believes people have "gotten better" during the past 25 years.

"They smile more," he said. "They seem to be enjoying themselves more when they go by, because more of them wave back."

Bank, plaintiff satisfied with settlement lowering judgment

EDINBURG (AP)—Both sides said they are satisfied with a settlement apparently reducing a \$59 million judgment against Texas Commerce Bank-McAllen.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, Edward and Sandra Robinson, reached an agreement Wednesday with the bank's lawyers that will end the bank's appeal of the award.

A Hidalgo County jury awarded the amount in May.

Lawyers for both sides refused to reveal terms of the settlement,

which was reached before a hearing was to resume Wednesday in state district court on the bank's motion for a new trial.

"We're happy. Everyone's happy," Robinson, a former furniture store owner, said after the agreement was announced. The lawsuit concerned two loans, totaling about \$1.7 million, made to the Robinsons in 1982.

The Robinsons later sued the bank, claiming it improperly retained a lien on one of their furniture stores, eventually driving them into bankruptcy.

Two attackers sentenced in Hanson slashing

NEW YORK (AP)—Fashion model Maria Hanson says it's been a "long, long year" but she believes justice has been done with the sentencing of her attackers.

Miss Hanson also said she planned to go under plastic surgery in the near future, and had discussed several options with doctors about repairing the scars left by the attack.

On Wednesday, the two men convicted of holding Miss Hanson and slashing her face with a razor blade, were sentenced to the maximum term of 5-to-15 years each.

Despite impassioned pleas from their lawyers, both defendants, Steven Bowman and Darren Norman, received the maximum sentence from state Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey Atlas, who said he saw no reason to give them less than the maximum.

Miss Hanson was in the courtroom, and sat emotionless next to her lawyer, Michael Shannon.

Miss Hanson did not speak to the judge, but said outside the court that she believed the sentences were appropriate and they appeared to mark the end of her ordeal.

"I could not help but feel compassion for what they're going through," she said of her attackers. "On the other hand, they didn't take responsibility for what happened."

Bowman, 28, and Norman,

21, were hired by Miss Hanson's landlord, Steven Roth, after she demanded return of an \$850 security deposit and spurned his sexual advances. Roth is already serving a 5-to-15 year term.

Miss Hanson was attacked June 5, 1986, on West 35th Street and Dyer Avenue in Manhattan.

Atlas, in handing down sentence, made reference to the extraordinary amount of media attention surrounding the case but dismissed suggestions that giving the maximum sentence would be politically safe.

"I am not a political creature. To me, a sentence is safe only when it is fair," Atlas said in the courtroom.

"With respect to Mr. Bowman, it is clear that the crime in which he participated was of the gravest nature," the judge continued. "The evidence demonstrates that he conspired with Mr. Roth in planning the assault."

Bowman told Atlas he was a hard-working person who never condoned violence, and denied any role in the attack. During his trial, Roth had claimed Bowman was his homosexual lover and attacked Miss Hanson in a jealous rage.

But Atlas said the evidence was so overwhelming against Bowman that his denials were "utterly unconvincing."



Hanson speaks to the media.

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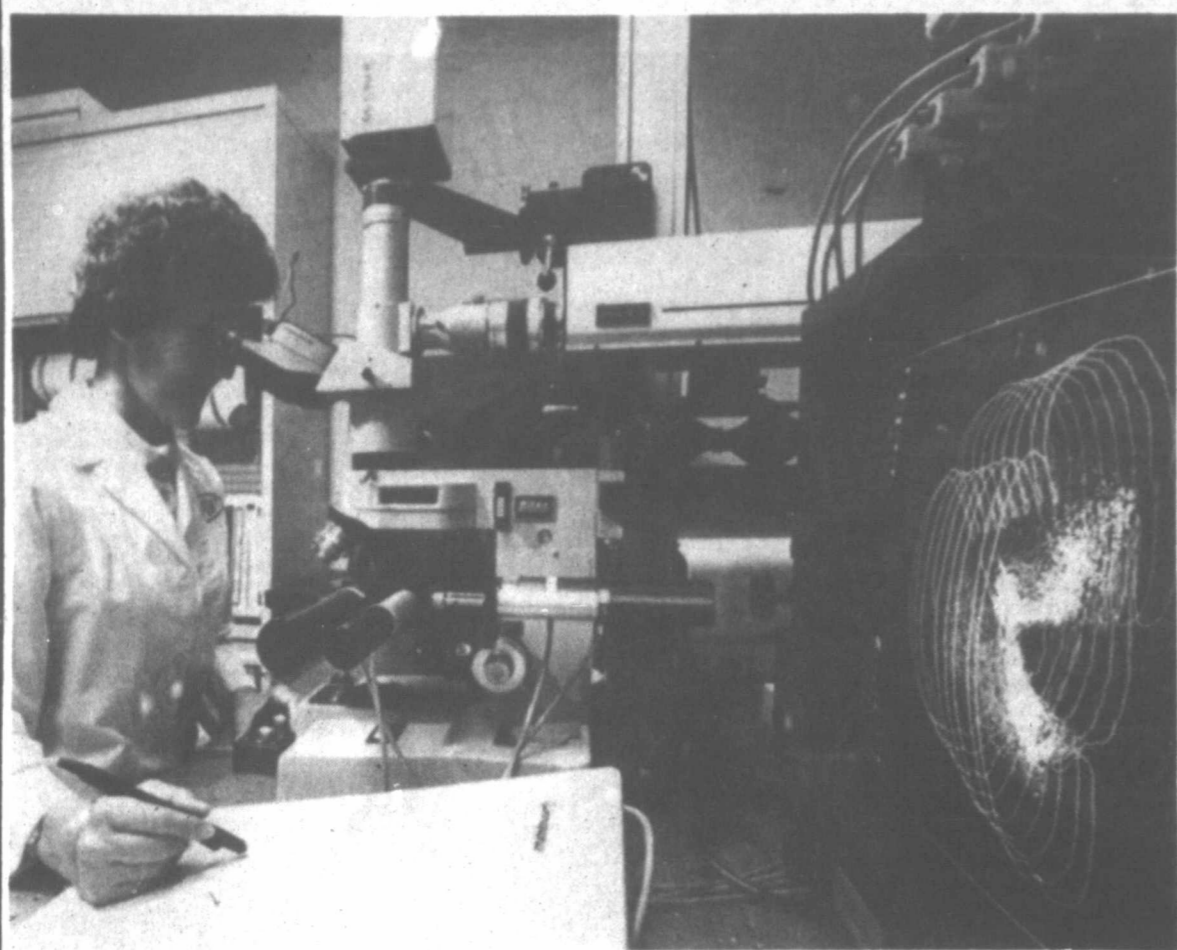
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Brain storm



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Living museum offers unique look at nature

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Before undergoing a \$3.1 million renovation last year, the Virginia Living Museum was just another science museum with a few dusty displays of stuffed animals and plastic plants.

"We didn't have a focus," said Peter A. Money, the museum's director of education and interpretation.

"The trend now is museum facilities are looking at their strengths," Money said. "They're concentrating on doing one thing very well."

At the Virginia Living Museum that one thing is the flora and fauna of the Eastern coastal plain, particularly the Virginia-North Carolina region.

The Virginia Living Museum is not a zoo, even though it is filled with animals. It's not exactly a science museum, either, or a planetarium, although it does have one among its exhibits.

"It's really a combination of all those things," said Patricia A. Gordon, curatorial director for the museum, which reopened in May. "Animals and plants in natural environments, all living."

The Virginia Living Museum combines many of the animals one would find in a zoo, aviary or aquarium with the educational exhibits offered by a science museum.

Exhibits explain local habitats from the James River to the Dismal Swamp to the Chesapeake Bay amid displays of living creatures from all of those areas.

Catfish and wood turtles live in a simulated, pollution-free James River. A black snake and painted turtles share space in a tiny replica of the Dismal Swamp. Bay creatures such as horseshoe crabs, starfish and sea urchins are available for children to touch.

Man produces specialty beers

By **KARREN MILLS**
Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — While Mark Stutrud was working with chemically dependent adolescents and supervising a hospital staff of about 20 counselors, he dreamed of starting a business of his own.

He wanted to start a brewery and produce specialty beers such as those made by small neighborhood breweries in West Germany and England.

Now he's living that dream, putting in 72 hours a week as president and head brewer of Summit Brewing Co., Minnesota's only small "craft" brewery and one of five breweries in the state.

"I come from a background of social work and family therapy. I worked in the field for nine years and part of my specialty was adolescent chemical dependency. That's kind of an irony to some people," Stutrud said.

But Stutrud, 34, views his situation differently. "On one hand, I see myself as being a real asset to the brewing industry. I don't have to relearn about alcohol abuse," he said.

Also, Stutrud noted that Summit is making beers "to be savored over a long period of time. We're not making a beer where a person is going to throw down a six-pack over a short time."

As with small European breweries, Summit beer is available only in the local area, where it is now sold in more than 40 restaurants and bars. Kegs also can be ordered from local liquor stores. The company plans to add a bottling operation.

"Our emphasis is that we're distinctive, unique

and local," he said. The company has done little advertising, and has increased its sales largely through word-of-mouth.

Stutrud doesn't expect that all fans of imported beer immediately will embrace Summit. "There are the status drinkers who drink an imported beer because of the label," he said, and there are people who won't like the taste.

"Part of the reality of the specialty brewing is that people either like it or they don't. We're not a bland beer and when you're a distinctive beer, you raise impressions and you evoke opinions," Stutrud said.

Stutrud said he and his wife, Margaret VanEckhout, 33, who is a company vice president and works as a hospital occupational therapist, spent a lot of time debating the idea before they made the plunge.

"We decided to invest our life savings and I went to brewing school in Chicago in May 1984," he said.

Two dozen investors provided initial financing of \$540,000 to start Summit, a privately held company with four full-time employees.

Stutrud and his partners found a 7,500-square-foot building in St. Paul and began renovating the space and installing equipment, including a shiny copper brewhouse built in 1938 and imported from Bavaria, West Germany.

Most of the other equipment was custom-made for Summit.

"It's been 60 years since there's been a brewery of this size in Minnesota," Stutrud said, while at the turn of the century there were close to 50 breweries in the Twin Cities area.

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A hungry black bear feasts at a dump in Lily Bay, Maine, recently. Wildlife officials believe a shortage of wild berries in the forest is drawing the bears out of the wilds into

nearby towns to forage for food. Residents say the brazen bruins have raided trash cans and have tried to claw their way into cottages at the popular summer vacation area.

Sun sends songs over radio

BRYAN, Ohio (AP)—Country music lovers tune in the sun when they tune their radios to WQCT-AM in Bryan.

The energy that sends the songs over the radio waves comes from the sun, even when it's not shining.

"We used to say we were the world's only solar-powered radio station. We'll settle for being the world's first solar-powered radio station," says Bill Priest, operations manager for WQCT and its sister station, WBNO-FM.

Bryan, the home of Dum-Dum lollipops and the Etch-a-Sketch, is a rural community of about 8,200 in northwest Ohio, 20 miles from the Indiana border. Thousands of visitors have traipsed through the station since the conversion to solar power in August 1979.

The project was an experiment of the Department of Energy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to see if the sun could generate enough power for a small commercial business.

It does, by converting the sun's rays into energy as they pass through 488 solar panels. Scientists chose the station because it operated from sunrise to sunset and was set in open space.

The station contributed \$50,000 to the project, including the land, an addition to house equipment,

and a new transmitter station officials had planned to install anyway.

The entire project cost \$250,000 to \$300,000. The panels, on one-third of an acre behind the station, are situated in rows at a 50-degree angle, facing south, and supported by cement blocks.

"One reason they chose Bryan, Ohio, was the less-than-ideal weather conditions," he said. "In Florida or Southern California, there is sunlight all the time. Here in northwest Ohio, there are four very distinct seasons."

Researchers thought if the project succeeded in cold and snowy Ohio, it would work anywhere.

The system produces 15 kilowatts of power a day, a lot more than the 4 kilowatts the station uses, so the excess is stored in four batteries.

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The sun provides up to 90 percent of the station's power, even when it's overcast or raining, Priest says. It works better on a cold sunny day than a hot one, but operates more consistently during the summer.

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MOMENCE, Ill. (AP)—A blanket of pale purple blossoms covers one of the most unusual fields in the Midwest, and a delicate yet onion-like scent fills the air.

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"It's unique. People don't know what all those flowering things are," said Jeff Van Drunen, whose family has been in the chive business for more than 20 years. "There are always people stopping by to see what we are doing."

The chives, which resemble very thin green onion tops, are freeze-dried on the farm and shipped

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"That's a lot of chives — they hardly weigh anything," said Van Drunen, demonstrating with a huge plastic bag of chives. "Demand has grown and each year we've grown a few more."

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 - Alternative
 - Boxer
 - Muhammad
 - Three (pref.)
 - Medical suffix
 - Gosh
 - Printer's measures
 - Famous uncle
 - Scatter
 - A chemical
 - Pipe fitting unit
 - Sundown
 - Gratuities
 - Born
 - Number
 - Craftily
 - Unclose (poet.)
 - Auto workers' union (abbr.)
 - Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
 - Half a score
 - Fib
 - Women's patriotic society (abbr.)
 - Dinner course
 - Coat arm
 - Overcome with fear
 - Give name to
 - Snow vehicle
 - Hurl

- DOWN**
- 2 Musician
 - 3 Airline information (abbr.)
 - 4 Comedian
 - 5 Alley
 - 6 Set of tools
 - 7 Melodic
 - 8 Naval petty officer
 - 10 Evaluate
 - 11 Make less dry
 - 12 Picks on
 - 14 Mention
 - 17 Royal Mail Service (abbr.)
 - 23 Feminine suffix
 - 24 Fish-catching fence
 - 26 St.
 - 27 Irish dance
 - 29 Shoulder ornament
 - 33 Letter
 - 34 Overturns
 - 35 Of the mind
 - 36 Medieval poem
 - 38 Swiss songs
 - 39 Foliage
 - 40 Antiquity
 - 43 Point
 - 49 Wish undone
 - 50 Stop
 - 52 Illuminated
 - 53 WWII area

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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In the year ahead, you might have to work a trifle harder to fulfill your ambitious requirements. But if you are diligent, you'll reap substantial benefits from your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A serious concern you have with another can be resolved today if you work it out in a convivial environment. Seek a friendly, quiet setting. Major changes are ahead for Leos in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a good chance you could find some excellent buys for your home today if you shop diligently and aren't afraid to haggle a bit over the prices.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have the type of resolve and determination today that breathes success. Set your sights on objectives that are truly meaningful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Commercial arrangements look exceptionally promising for you today, especially if you are doing business with people or firms you've done favors for in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stand up and be counted for a friend who has been loyal to you if this person comes under fire from an adversary today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your objectives to yourself today and strive for them in an energetic and dedicated manner. You can announce your target after you're under way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Additional responsibilities may be placed on you today to manage an outside activity because another failed to do so. You won't mind it, however.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are more determined today than you have been in the past, you will have an excellent chance of recovering something that is owed you by another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A concerned friend may offer you some sage advice today that could be a rather bitter pill to swallow upon first hearing. Later, you'll value its content.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though it's a relatively old situation, corrective measures will be taken to compensate you properly for something for which you never received adequate remuneration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who has been a bit dubious about you will be observing you closely today. What she sees, she'll admire. She'll eventually become an ally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to tackle a tedious task that you have been sweeping under the rug. Once you get into it, you'll find it isn't as tough as you thought.

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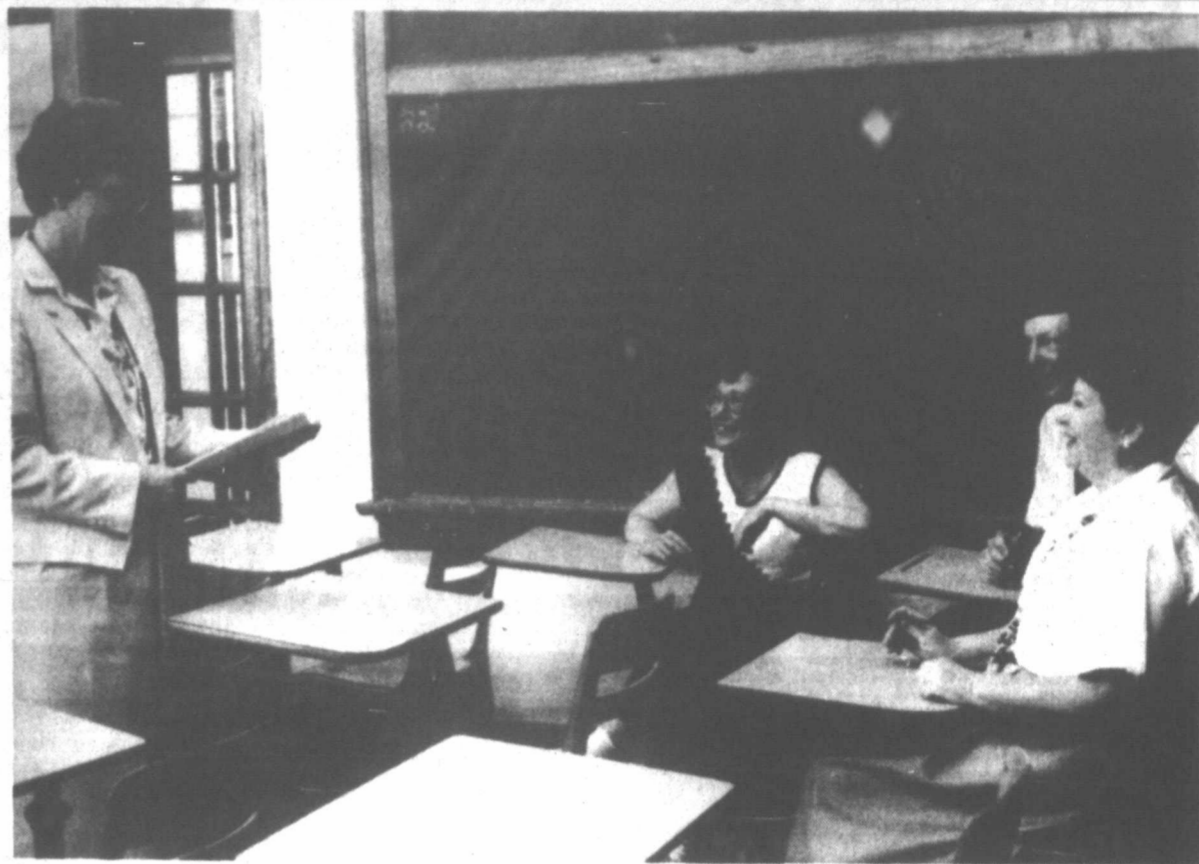
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Lifestyles

Yard of the month



Mrs. Don Butler, left, chairman of the Yard Beautification Committee of Pampa Garden Club, presents a certificate for Beautiful Yard of the Month for July to Billie Cox, second from left. Also shown are, third from left, Thelma Bray, club vice president, and Mrs. Robert Wood, club president. The committee makes its selection for Yard of the Month based on landscape, plantings and overall appearance. Members include Butler, chairman; and Bray, Mrs. L.B. Davis, Mrs. Holly Gray, Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. Melvin Bailey. A Beautiful Yard of the Month will also be selected for the month of August. (Staff Photo)



Hazel Barthel, left, will instruct a four-week class on grief and bereavement beginning Aug. 3 at Clarendon College-Pampa campus. Seated are, from left, Gretchen Osborne, Pampa Hospice director; Larry Gilbert of Clarendon College-Pampa

campus; and Bonnie Chambless, president of the Pampa Hospice board of directors. The class is co-sponsored by Hospice of Pampa and Clarendon College-Pampa center. (Special Photo)

Readers toss monkey wrench into search for poem's author

DEAR ABBY: I see by your column in The Cleveland Plain Dealer that you are trying to find the author of the poem titled "The Monkey's Disgrace." I was stationed in North Africa with the U.S. Army in 1943 and 1944, and I saved the clipping (enclosed) from the Stars and Stripes (a paper published for the armed forces in the European theater). As you can see, the original title of this poem is "Man Descended" and the author is Pvt. Edwin R. Pauley. Glad to be of help.

WALTER S. ZABOROWSKI, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I am happy to inform you that the author of the poem you printed in The Times-Picayune is none other than Fats Domino's bandleader, arranger and trumpet player — Dave Bartholomew. You had the title wrong, however. The actual title is "The Monkey Speaks His Mind."

JIM PEDDECORD, NEW ORLEANS

DEAR ABBY: "The Monkey's Disgrace," published in The Daily Ardmoreite, was written by Phil Kerr. He wrote humorous poems comparing man to animals. He wrote a clever one about a gum-chewing man and a cud-chewing cow.

PHYLLIS SMEE, ARDMORE, OKLA.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I read you daily in The Punksutawney Spirit. I've kept a copy of that poem, "A Monkey's Disgrace," for years. It was written by Richard Rotor.

MRS. CHARLES S. SMITH, PUNKSUTAWNEY, PA.

DEAR ABBY: Re "The Monkey's Disgrace": I can't help you — but a similar message was carried in the lyrics by Y.A. Harburg in Harold Arlen's "Monkey in the Mango." It was featured in the Broadway musical "Jamaica" in about 1957.

C. GAYLE WARNOCK, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: The author of that poem about the monkeys was Gene Racey of Pulaski, Iowa. He operated a lumberyard for many years. On one occasion, Gene was a passenger in our car with three other men. Someone mentioned that poem, "The Monkey's Disgrace," and we all agreed it spoke the truth. The author was supposedly unknown. After a chuckle, Gene said, "I wrote

that poem. I never claimed it because I didn't want public recognition." Gene Racey is now deceased, but another mutual friend still recalls Gene's fun in revealing that he was the author.

THE REV. H.E. HARRYMAN, DOUDS, IOWA

DEAR ABBY: Do you want to know who wrote "The Monkey's Disgrace?" It was James Whitcomb Riley.

TERRY AND MAUREEN

DEAR ABBY: The Omaha World Herald carried your column in which "John H. of Muncie, Ind." asked who wrote the poem "A Monkey's Disgrace."

I have the poem, but it carried the title "The Monkey's Viewpoint," and the author is Bill Johnson.

MRS. PAUL HAWS, OMAHA, NEB.

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Four-week class to focus on grief

A four-week class on grief and bereavement will begin Aug. 3 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

Hazel Barthel, executive director of Hospice of the Plains, Plainview, will teach the 12-hour course. Co-sponsors of the class are Hospice of Pampa and Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Clarendon College-Pampa center, 900 N. Frost. A \$15 registration fee can be paid the night of the first class.

The course offers participants understanding of the grief process, said Barthel. Although grief is a part of common human experience, she said, many people today carry the burden of unresolved grief and suffer the emotional and physical results of this grief.

Although designed as a training class for hospice volunteers, this course is open to the public. It is

offered as a way for people to understand grieving more clearly, Barthel said. As the participants learn more about the grief process, they will be able to explore and perhaps heal areas of unresolved grief in themselves, she said, adding that they will also be able to have compassion for others who are suffering from grief.

After completing the class, participants will know the four phases of grief, will understand and be able to explain "grief work," and be able to list the tasks of mourning. They will also complete a non-professional bereavement assessment and compile a personal grief history using principles learned in the course.

The class can be used by social workers, counselors and other professionals for continuing education requirements or to maintain their certification, Barthel said.

Miniskirts bring back bare legs

NEW YORK (AP) — From designer boutiques to department store windows, everything's showing up short. The miniskirt, after a nearly 20-year hiatus, is back.

But raising hemlines again is also raising questions.

"I've been to Florida, Maine, Ohio, Tennessee and Washington, D.C., within the last six or so weeks," said Wendy Reid Crisp, director of the National Association of Female Executives. "It's one of the biggest topics of conversations: 'What in the world are you going to do about the

skirts?' "There's lots of reaction, ranging from the horrified 'I don't know what I'm going to do. My legs don't look like they did in the 1960s,' to the 'I can't wait, another chance to feel young again,'"

Seventh Avenue designers unveiled their fall collections in April, and the models sometimes appeared to show more leg than fabric.

Word buzzed in the fashion world that some of the women attending the fall showings were rolling up the waistbands of their

skirts to mirror the shorter lengths on the runways.

In addition, many of the trade magazines, with the influential *Women's Wear Daily* leading the pack, threw their support behind short skirts. (It should be noted, however, that *WWD's* editor John Fairchild has not always been on target. In 1969 and 1970, he endorsed the ill-fated "midi.")

Fashion editors from magazines and newspapers across the country also featured the mini and other media soon picked up on the trend.

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Sports Scene

Pampa comeback sets up showdown with Andrews

Finals tonight

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Bret Mitchell lit one fire and doused another one as Pampa came from behind to eliminate Hereford 10-7 Wednesday night to advance into the finals of the Senior Babe Ruth 16-18 Tournament.

Pampa was trailing 6-5 when Mitchell gave the locals their first lead of the night with a two-run homer in the sixth inning.

Pampa stayed in front the rest of the way and Mitchell added a run-scoring single in the seventh as Manager Gerrel Owens' crew played three more runs. But Mitchell's night wasn't over yet. He was called in from his right field position to replace Pampa pitcher Clint Allen, who tired after a grueling five innings on the mound.

With one out and a runner on first, Mitchell retired the only two batters he faced — one on a pop foul to catcher Kyle Clark and the other on a grounder to second baseman Grant Gamblin.

Allen picked up the mound win after relieving starter Troy Owens in the second inning. Allen allowed seven hits, struck out three, walked one and pitched three scoreless innings.

Hereford did most of its damage in the first two innings by

scoring five runs, two coming on a home run by Rodney McCracken.

Pampa chipped away at Hereford's lead and moved within one 5-4 in the top of the fourth on RBI singles by Mitchell and Shawn Frye.

Hereford added runs in the fourth and fifth frames before Mitchell pasted McCracken's 2-2 offering over the center field fence. Mitchell's round-tripper drove in Owens, who had led off the inning with a walk.

Mitchell's homer wasn't Pampa's only long ball of the night. Grant Gamblin blasted a solo clout in the seventh to go along with run-scoring singles by Kerry Brown and Mitchell.

Hereford lost its starting pitcher, James Hernandez, in the second inning when he pulled a leg muscle trying to beat out a grounder. McCracken relieved Hernandez and took the loss.

McCracken was the game's top hitter, going five for five at the plate.

Mitchell had three of Pampa's 13 hits while Owens and Billy Wortham each had a double and single.

Mitchell wasn't any slouch on defense either. Before he went to the mound, Mitchell made a pair of nice running stabs on line drives to the outfield. Owens, who moved to shortstop after leaving

the mound, was also a defensive star. He started a double play in the third inning and backhanded a scorching grounder in the seventh to throw out Hereford's Robby Collier.

Hereford lost to Pampa 9-5 in the tournament opener Saturday night. Hereford ousted Dumas from the tournament with a 12-10 victory Tuesday night.

Pampa will have a chance for revenge tonight when they meet Andrews in the finals. Andrews won 17-0 Monday night to drop Pampa into the loser's bracket.

Andrews, the top-seeded team in the tournament, went to the Babe Ruth World Series last year and advanced to the finals before bowing out. Andrews returns five players from that team.

Game time is 6 p.m. tonight at Optimist Park. If Pampa wins, a second game will follow in the double-elimination tournament.

Mitchell, who logged a 6-1 record during the regular season, will get the starting nod on the mound.

"If anybody can stop Andrews, he can, if we play good defense behind him," said Wayne Barkley, one of the Pampa coaches. "Andrews shellacked us pretty good the first time, so we're going to be after them."

Perhaps Mitchell can keep the fire going for Pampa and put out Andrews' hot streak.



View from the top....Billy Wortham gets set to swing.

(Staff Photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa All-Star team hopes for success in Plainview

With the Pampa Optimist Club National League All-Stars just hours away from departing for Plainview and the Southwest Regional Tournament, here is a list of the NL's best that will be making the trip:

- ☆ Brad Smillie will play left field. Smillie hit .250 in the West Texas Tournament in Pampa last week and made game-saving last-inning catches in the final two contests.
- ☆ Jeff Tidwell will be Pampa's starting pitcher in the first game, Saturday at 3 p.m. against Oklahoma.
- ☆ Chris Gilbert will play first base and right field for the Pampans. Gilbert hit .571 in the tourney and provided many clutch

hits in last week's games.

- ☆ Gregg Moore who got a hit in every turn at bat in the tourney, will play center field and second base.
- ☆ Will Winborne, one of three All-Stars to homer in last week's tourney, will also play center and second.
- ☆ Andy Elsheimer, who was also perfect at the plate last week, will catch.
- ☆ John Graves is penciled in at second and third for the Plainview games.
- ☆ Chris Poole will be the starting pitcher in Pampa's second game next week. Poole, who also doubles as a catcher and shortstop, went 0-for-6 in last week's games.
- ☆ Colby Waters will play left and

second base.

- ☆ Tarin Peet, who hit a grand slam homer against Tulia in the final game last week, will play shortstop and possibly do some pitching.
- ☆ Kurt West, another long ball

hitter who also said "goodbye" to a pitch in the final Tulia game, will play third base and do some catching.

- ☆ Todd Lockwood is scheduled for duty at second and third in the tournament.
- ☆ The Bambino League is for players who range in age from 10-12.

There are no 10-year-olds on the team.

Pampa's 12-year-old All-Stars include Smillie, Tidwell, Winborne, Graves, Poole, Sims, Cornelsen, Peet, West and Lockwood. Many will graduate to the Babe Ruth 13-15 League next season.

Players with another year of Bambino eligibility on the All-

Star team — 11-year-olds — include Gilbert, Moore, Elsheimer, Waters and Graham.

- Eight of Pampa's 15 All-Stars measure in at over 5 feet tall, with Sims (5-7) and Graham (5-5) the tallest.
- Eight of the players also tip the scales at over 100 pounds. Jeff Tidwell (140 lbs.) and Bryan Sims (135 lbs.) are the team's two lumberjack-types.

Come to think of it, on one of my bad days, they both weigh more than I do.

- The winner of the tournament in Plainview will advance to the Bambino National Championships, set to begin Aug. 17 in Oakland, Calif.

Growing Tigers

Detroit on hot streak

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Sparky Anderson let the cat out of the bag two months ago but nobody could see it.

Now that the cat has become the big, bad Detroit Tigers, nobody can avoid it.

On May 5, a full month into the season, the Tigers were timid. They were 9-16 and in sixth place in the American League East, 11 games out of first place and just one-half game out of last place.

It was about then that Anderson, the renowned master of the overstatement, went on local television and said this was the best Tiger team he'd ever had. The statement circulated and the baseball world had a good laugh.

Well, look who's laughing now.

The Tigers, once a well-kept secret, are now the hottest team in baseball. They won 10 of their first 12 games after the All-Star break and are suddenly 1½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees.

The Tigers open a weekend series in Yankee Stadium on Friday night, then New York is in Detroit next weekend for a four-game series. That's the last time they play this season.

"We can go 3-10 against New York and make it up against someone else," Anderson said, trying to remove some of the pressure.

"The danger point is the next five weeks. If we're no more than five games back on Sept. 1, we're in good shape," Anderson said.

The torrid Tigers, not unlike the 1968 club that won the World Series, have used a combination of pitching, defense, timely hitting and a strong bench in their resurgence.

In one seven-game stretch last week they won five in their last at-bat.

"We've been doing our job," said Darrell Evans, the 40-year-old first baseman who has 21 home runs. "We're playing loose and having fun."

Evans, who has become the leader in the clubhouse since free-agent catcher Lance Parrish signed with the Phillies, also noted that the Tigers have improved dramatically in the field.

In the first 72 games, they made 72 errors. In the next 25, they made only six.

"There are a lot of keys to a team playing the way we are," General Manager Bill Lajoie said. "One of the big reasons we're winning is Sparky's move to bat Alan Trammell fourth."

"When Alan was successful, other guys kind of took their cue from him and are having good years, too."

Rookie catcher Matt Nokes is one. He and veteran Mike Heath have replaced Parrish and together are hitting better than anyone expected. Both have hit over .300 most of the season and they have 29 home runs between them, 22 from Nokes.

The versatile Heath also has filled in at third and in the outfield. Anderson has used his whole stable of outfielders: Kirk Gibson, Chet Lemon, Pat Sheridan, Larry Herndon and John Grubb, plus Heath.

Then, just when they needed it most, Lajoie outthrust the rest of the league to sign Bill Madlock after the four-time National League batting champion was released by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Madlock has hit around .310 with 10 home runs. He's also been a positive force in the clubhouse.

"I remember the first day Madlock joined us in Cleveland," Lajoie said. "He was happy, folksy, calm. He looked so comfortable, like he had been there for 10 years."

"He's been through this before and is good for our team."

The Tigers pitchers, considered the team's only strength when the season opened, have performed about as expected. Then they got an unexpected boost from rookies Jeff Robinson, 7-4, and Mike Henneman, 8-0.

"We're getting the starting pitching from Jack Morris, Walt Terrell and Frank Tanana that I thought we'd get all season," Anderson said. "It wasn't working that way earlier, though."

American record set



Dave Wharton gives the thumbs up sign after setting a new American record in the 400-meter individual medley finals. Wharton bettered the record mark he had posted in Wednesday's prelims at the U.S. Swimming Long Course Championships at Fresno, Calif. Wharton of Warminster, Pa., finished in 4:17.41.

Howe could join Rangers soon

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Steve Howe appears close to completing his stay in the minor leagues and could join the Texas Rangers soon, team officials say.

Howe, who starts for the Oklahoma City 89ers tonight, has made four appearances in the three weeks he has spent in the Texas organization.

"He's getting the necessary track record," said Rangers General Manager Tom Grieve. "He's been there a couple weeks, spent the necessary time. He's close. Whether close is two days or two weeks, I don't know."

Howe saved 50 games with Los Angeles from 1980 until he was released in 1985.

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Rosenthal takes over as top money-winner

By CARL HILLIARD
Associated Press Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Suddenly finding herself the top money-winner at the Columbia Savings LPGA National Pro-Am doesn't bother Jody Rosenthal a bit.

Rosenthal, 24, assumed that position Wednesday when Jane Geddes, the LPGA's leading money-winner, withdrew from the \$275,000 tournament.

Geddes had withdrawn from the U.S. Women's Open Monday during the fourth round, citing a back injury.

That put Rosenthal, currently fourth among the LPGA competitors with \$189,150, in the lead position at this week's tour event.

Geddes, 27, has totaled \$346,947 in competition this year.

The withdrawal of Geddes and Pat Bradley, currently seventh in the standings, left the tournament at Lone Tree and Meridian

golf clubs with just five of the top 10 money-winners in the field.

They are Rosenthal, Patty Sheehan, Colleen Walker, Rosie Jones, Cindy Rarick and Kathy Postlewait, all shooting for the first prize of \$37,500.

Absent, in addition to Geddes and Bradley — who gave no reason before withdrawing on Tuesday — were Betsy King, Ayoko Akamoto and Colleen Walker.

King, Akamoto and Walker had never formally entered the Colorado competition, however.

Rosenthal said she is used to tournament pressure regardless of who is in the field.

"It hasn't bothered me thus far," she said.

And it didn't bother her last year when she finished 11th in her first professional competition in Colorado and went on to rookie of the year honors.

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Slumping Cards fall to Mets on Johnson's homer

By The Associated Press

The best-laid plans of men, mice and even White Rats sometimes goes astray.

With the game tied 4-4 in the 10th inning and the New York Mets' switch-hitting Howard Johnson coming to bat, St. Louis Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog decided to stick with left-handed reliever Pat Perry.

The idea was to have Johnson, who has hit 13 home runs left-handed, take his swings as a right-hander.

"He's been hitting both ways," the white-haired Herzog said. "He hits a little better right-handed, but still, if he hits the ground ball you've got a good chance of doubling him up."

So much for strategy. Johnson lined a two-run homer, his 24th of the season, into the left-field bleachers to give the Mets a 6-4 victory and the reeling Cardinals their sixth consecutive loss.

The defeat, coupled with Montreal's 11-3 romp over Chicago, reduced the Cardinals' lead over the Expos in the National League East to five games. The Mets are third, 6½ games out.

In other games, Cincinnati buried San Diego 15-5 as Dave Parker drove in six runs, San Francisco terrorized Los Angeles pitching in a 16-2 romp, Houston's Nolan Ryan became a 13-game loser as the Atlanta Braves beat the Astros 5-3, and Steve Bedro-

sian got his major league-leading 28th save as Philadelphia shaded Pittsburgh 4-3.

Even though the Mets are closer to first place than they've been for almost a month, Manager Davey Johnson was still upset that Howard Johnson's homer was needed. The Mets led 4-0 after 4½ innings only to have the Cardinals draw even after nine innings.

"Obviously we're disappointed, because we didn't protect the lead," the manager said. "That's what we haven't been doing. That's why we're still 6½ games behind."

Roger McDowell, who blew a chance for his 15th save when he surrendered a run in the ninth, improved his record to 5-3.

"They've come back so many times against us that you almost say, 'Well, here we go again,'" McDowell said. "Any time you play St. Louis, you know it's going to be a fight to the end."

Expos 11, Cubs 3

Tim Wallach and Vance Law hit consecutive homers in the fifth, by which time Bryn Smith, 7-4, who allowed six hits in seven innings, was breezing with a 7-0 lead. Mitch Webster added a two-run homer in the sixth as the Expos won for the fourth time in five games.

Reds 15, Padres 5

Only once in 14 previous seasons had Parker driven in as many as six runs in a game. Now he's done it twice within a week. Parker, who drove in six against Montreal

last Thursday, duplicated that feat Wednesday night when he singled in two runs, hit a three-run homer and was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Cincinnati scored six times in the first three innings off Padres starter Eric Show, 5-12, with Parker starting things with his first-inning single.

Left-hander Rob Murphy, 5-3, snuffed out San Diego's fourth-inning rally.

Giants 16, Dodgers 2

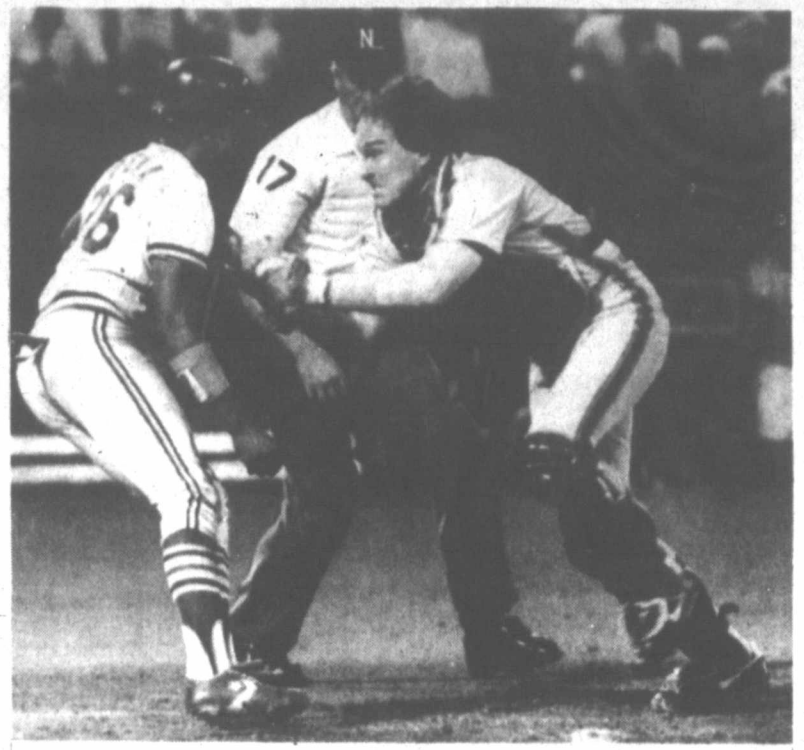
Mike Krukow, who hadn't won a game in nine previous starts, was the beneficiary. Krukow, only 2-6 after a 20-win season in 1986, allowed six hits in his third complete game of the season.

Chili Davis paced the Giants' 16-hit attack, driving in five runs with a double and a three-run homer, his 17th. Mike Aldrete drove in three runs and Kevin Mitchell scored three times as the Giants won for the ninth time in 12 games.

Braves 5, Astros 3

Ryan gave up just two hits in 5 1-3 innings but dropped 4-13 — the most losses in the league — thanks in large part to four walks, a wild pitch and four Houston errors.

Gerald Perry had both hits off Ryan, scored two runs and stole three bases for the Braves. Atlanta overcame a 2-1 deficit with three runs in the sixth on Perry's double and stolen base, three walks, an error and a sacrifice fly.



Mets' catcher Gary Carter chases down a runner.

(AP Laserphoto)

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| New York | 61 | 40 | .604 | — |
| Detroit | 58 | 40 | .592 | 1½ |
| Toronto | 50 | 42 | .548 | 2 |
| Milwaukee | 51 | 40 | .515 | 3 |
| Boston | 47 | 54 | .465 | 14 |
| Baltimore | 46 | 55 | .455 | 15 |
| Cleveland | 35 | 65 | .350 | 25½ |

West Division

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Minnesota | 55 | 40 | .534 | — |
| Oakland | 52 | 40 | .515 | 2 |
| California | 52 | 50 | .515 | 2½ |
| Kansas City | 40 | 51 | .439 | 15 |
| Texas | 40 | 51 | .439 | 15 |
| Seattle | 40 | 52 | .435 | 15 |
| Chicago | 30 | 58 | .344 | 21½ |

Wednesday's Games

New York 4, Kansas City 0
California 5, Oakland 4
Seattle 5, Minnesota 3
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 4
Chicago 4, Detroit 0
Boston 6, Toronto 5

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Black 4-0) at New York (John 9-3), (n)
Baltimore (Faganan 1-5) at Cleveland (Carter 5-0), (n)
Chicago (Allen 6-4) at Milwaukee (Kaneen 6-2), (n)

Friday's Games

Detroit at New York, (n)
Cleveland at Toronto, (n)
Boston at Kansas City, (n)
Chicago at Milwaukee, (n)
Baltimore at Texas, (n)
Seattle at California, (n)
Minnesota at Oakland, (n)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| St. Louis | 61 | 38 | .616 | — |
| New York | 56 | 43 | .566 | 5 |
| New York | 55 | 45 | .550 | 6½ |
| Chicago | 52 | 48 | .520 | 9 |
| Philadelphia | 51 | 48 | .515 | 10 |
| Pittsburgh | 45 | 55 | .450 | 16½ |

West Division

| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Cincinnati | 54 | 47 | .535 | — |
| San Francisco | 52 | 50 | .510 | 2½ |
| Houston | 48 | 41 | .488 | 6½ |
| Atlanta | 45 | 55 | .450 | 9 |
| Los Angeles | 45 | 56 | .446 | 9 |
| San Diego | 36 | 65 | .356 | 18 |

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 11, Chicago 3
Cincinnati 15, San Diego 5
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta 5, Houston 3
New York 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
San Francisco 16, Los Angeles 2

Thursday's Games

Montreal (Heaton 11-4) at Chicago (Tewksbury 6-2)
Houston (DeShales 3-4) at Atlanta (Mahler 6-10)
San Diego (Hawkins 3-8) at Cincinnati (Hoffman 7-5), (n)
Philadelphia (Giffin 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Dunne 6-4), (n)
New York (Gooden 7-3) at St. Louis (Madhous 7-7), (n)

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Chicago, (n)
San Francisco at Cincinnati, (n)
New York at Montreal, (n)
Los Angeles at Atlanta, (n)
San Diego at Houston, (n)
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, (n)



Landry makes a point with rookie James Flowers.

(AP Laserphoto)

Pokes need placekicker

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

list has already been whittled to six.

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — With the departure of Rafael Septien, the Dallas Cowboys are desperate to find a placekicker with his skill for making the clutch kick.

Septien, a 10-year veteran, was released by the club after he pleaded guilty to indecency with a child.

He ranked fourth on the all-time NFL list with field goal accuracy at 70 per cent and had the third longest scoring streak in league history.

"There's really no way we can replace Rafael," said kicking consultant Ben Agajanian. "Just look at his record. He was very good under pressure and this I can't teach. He was tremendously accurate and he had pretty good distance."

Seven place kickers were signed by the Cowboys, and the

"I'm showing all of them video tape of Rafael's kicking style," Agajanian said. "He has great form. I show it over and over to them every night. It's a classic form that everyone should use. I have kicking camps and you try to teach his form."

The frontrunners in the Cowboys' kicking caravan are veteran David Trout, who has been with several NFL teams; Luis Zendejas, a free agent who played at Arizona State; Kerry Brady, a free agent rookie from Hawaii; and Jeff Ward, a rookie 11th round draft pick from the University of Texas.

"It's fun to see all the different personalities," said Ward. "We all get along pretty well."

Every kick in practice is logged by Agajanian. Over the first week, less than 2 per cent separated them.

Pancel Partnership scheduled Aug. 8-9

The 1987 Pancel Partnership is scheduled for Aug. 8-9 at the Celanese golf course. Entry fee is \$90. Interested persons can contact Marcella Hogan at 665-1801, extension 4244. The tournament will have five

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NBC's "Golden Girls" received 14 Emmy nominations. Series stars are, clockwise

'L.A. Law' sweeps nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC's hot new drama "L.A. Law" swept the Emmy nominations today, closely followed by NBC's "Golden Girls" and ABC's "Moonlighting."

"L.A. Law," a skillful blend of stark realism and black comedy, captured 20 nominations, including those for best drama series, best lead actors for Corbin Bernsen, Susan Dey and Jill Eikenberry, and best guest performer for Jeanne Cooper, actor Bernsen's mother.

It also received two directing nominations and two for writing, including one for creators Steven Bochco and Terry Louise Fisher.

"Golden Girls," a comedy about four women living in retirement in Miami, and the fast-talking, lighthearted detective series "Moonlighting" tied at 14 nominations each for the 39th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences announced the nominees for the Sept. 20 broadcast in a pre-dawn ceremony at the Preview House in Hollywood.

The awards will be telecast for the first time this year on the Fox Broadcasting Co. stations.

NBC's intense medical series "St. Elsewhere" won 11 nominations, and 10 went to the network's barroom comedy "Cheers."

NBC dominated the nominations with 140. ABC had 76, CBS had 74, Public Broadcasting Service

from bottom, Bea Arthur, Estelle Getty, Rue McClanahan and Betty White.

had 25, Fox had five and seven nods went to syndicated shows.

The NBC miniseries "Nutmacker: Money, Madness and Murder" received nine nominations, while another NBC miniseries, "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" got eight.

CBS' "Cagney and Lacey," named best drama series last year, earned seven nominations, including best drama series. Other shows nominated for best drama series were "Moonlighting," CBS' "Murder, She Wrote" and "St. Elsewhere."

Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless, both past Emmy winners for "Cagney and Lacey," were nominated again as best lead actress in a drama series, along with Angela Lansbury of "Murder, She Wrote" and the two actresses from "L.A. Law."

William Daniels, last year's winner for lead actor in a drama series, was again nominated for his role in "St. Elsewhere," as were Ed Flanders, also of "St. Elsewhere," Bruce Willis of "Moonlighting," Edward Woodward of CBS' "The Equalizer," and Bernsen of "L.A. Law."

While Bernsen was nominated for playing a sleazy lawyer on "L.A. Law," his mother, Miss Cooper, a star of the daytime soap "The Young and the Restless," was nominated as best guest performer for playing his fictional mother in an episode of the series.

Economy performed better than expected during June

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government said today its main economic forecasting gauge rose 0.8 percent in June, the best showing since March.

The Commerce Department said its Index of Leading Indicators advanced for the fifth consecutive month in a performance that was even better than many economists had been predicting.

The 0.8 percent increase followed a revised 0.5 percent advance in May and was the largest monthly gain since a 0.9 percent increase in March.

The June index figure was another in a recent spate of economic reports showing that the economy performed better than expected this spring.

Last Friday, the government released its preliminary estimate of overall economic growth, showing that the gross national product expanded at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in the second quarter, substantially higher than had been forecast.

For the first six months of this year, the economy expanded at a 3.5 percent annual rate, as measured by the GNP, higher than the administration's original forecast of growth of 3.2 percent this year, when measured from the fourth quarter of 1986.

The rise in the leading index gave weight to the prevailing belief that the economy is expanding at a moderate rate with no sign of a new recession in sight.

The recovery from the 1981-1982 recession is now in its 56th month and if it lasts as expected through

October will become the longest peacetime expansion on record, surpassing the old mark of 58 months set from 1975 to 1980.

Some economists believe that economic growth in the second half of the year may not be quite as robust as in the first half, in part because of a jump in interest rates this spring that hurt housing sales and construction. But they are not forecasting a significant slowdown.

David Wyss, of Data Resources Inc., in Lexington, Mass., predicted the GNP would expand at a rate of 2.5 percent to 3 percent in the last half of the year, very similar to the growth rate in the second quarter.

The strength in the leading index in June was led by a rise in raw materials prices, indicating increased demand was driving costs up. While this is considered a positive sign for a pickup in growth, it also means that inflationary forces are on the rise as well.

Other positive forces in June were a big rise in stock market prices, higher demand for manufacturing consumer goods and a jump in building permits.

Four indicators were a drag on the overall index. The largest negative factor was a speedup in delivery times by businesses, considered a negative signal of future economic activity. Other negative influences were a slowdown in growth of the money supply, a rise in unemployment claims and a fall in orders for new plants and equipment.

Government tells foreign reporters not to tarnish image of Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The government, under siege by opposition protests and U.S. criticism, accused foreign journalists of trying to destroy Panama's image abroad and said it would not tolerate "disinformation."

In other developments Wednesday, police fought students with shotguns and tear gas, and pro-government supporters danced in the streets.

The capital has been troubled by unrest since June, when opposition forces took to the streets to demand the ouster of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, chief of the Defense Forces.

Demonstrations by pro- and anti-government forces have been almost a daily event since retired Col. Roberto Diaz Herrera, formerly Noriega's second in command, accused him of corruption and involvement in political murders and other crimes.

Noriega, considered the power behind President Eric Arturo Delvalle, denied the accusations.

Diaz Herrera was arrested and jailed by the government on Monday, along with 45 other people at his home.

On Wednesday, Justice Minister Rodolfo Chiari

de Leon called reporters working for international news media to a meeting and told them to watch what they wrote.

He made no threats, but in a statement read to the journalists said: "There are controls established in a state to sanction the abuses of liberty and bad information."

Police fired shotguns and hurled tear gas Wednesday to break up a demonstration by dozens of University of Panama students who blocked the streets and set fire to garbage. The students responded by throwing rocks.

After several hours, police surrounded the campus and students took refuge inside buildings. Witnesses said at least four people were injured, but there were no official injury reports. University rector Abdiel Adames shut down the school indefinitely.

In the city's main banking district, thousands of Noriega supporters danced in the streets and waved banners throughout the day. Some businesses in the area shut down and sent employees home to avoid confrontations.

Names in the news

MOSCOW (AP) — American rock star Billy Joel is giving belated high marks to Moscow audiences, but says economics stand in the way of a quick return to the Soviet Union after his tour ends.

He told a news conference Wednesday that a cool audience response was one reason he lost his temper during his second concert, when he overturned his electronic piano and smashed a microphone stand. But he didn't apologize for his conduct, which startled the audience. "I know it's shocking," he said. "That's rock 'n roll."

Asked to rate Soviet audiences, Joel replied: "In the beginning, not so good. In the end, as good as any audience I've ever played to."

He said people didn't seem to understand that they were allowed to show their emotions. "It was a little unnerving at first," he said.

He had three more concerts on the tour, in which ticket prices are low and the pay is in rubles, which are not convertible and may not be exported.

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WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday through Sunday 1:30-4 p.m., special tours by appointment.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon, Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 2-6 p.m. Sundays at Lake Meredith Aquarium & Wildlife Museum: Frick, Hours 2-5 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Closed Monday.

SQUARE House Museum: Panhandle. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

BUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

ROBERTS County Museum: Shamrock. Summer Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Saturday.

MUSEUM Of The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

3 Personal

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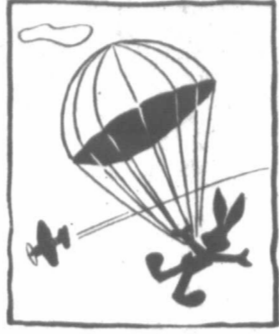
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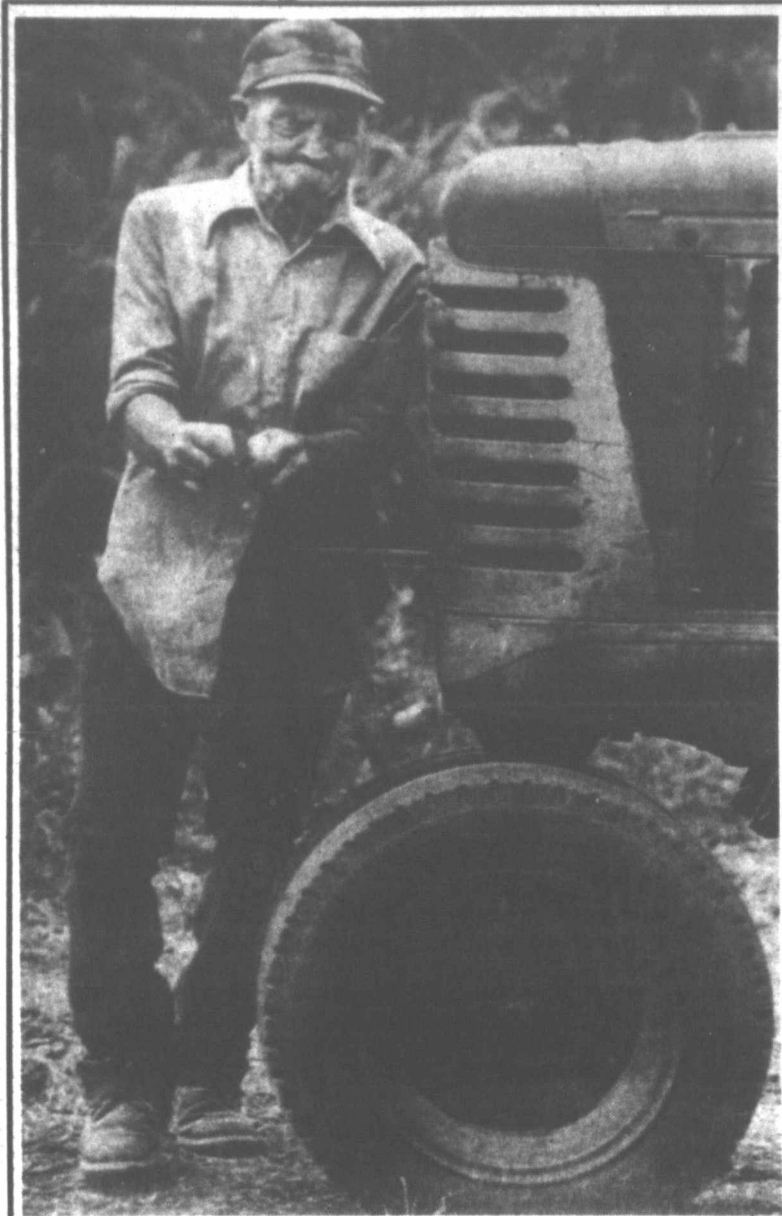
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Davis hand-cranks tractor.

Octogenarian farmer enjoys living off land

By DONNA FIELDER
Denton Record-Chronicle

DENTON (AP) — The house is half hidden by an ancient cedar and the collapsed remains of the front porch.

A refrigerator and stove rust in appliance purgatory near the door.

The yard is testimony to 70 years of never discarding anything that might bear some future use: buckets, planks, dozens of tires, wire cable and half a dozen aged vehicles. Bodies of exhausted farm equipment stand like monuments to the 160-acre farmstead's past.

John Davis, 85, calls it Paradise Hill.

Davis lives alone. He never married.

"There was a couple of red-heads ... one of 'em was a peach. Somebody took her away from me."

Davis has raised cattle and hay on a farm a few miles west of town most of his life. He still works from sunrise to sunset: hand-cranks his 1940 Oliver tractor, hauling hay, gathering pecans from a large orchard, tending 25 head of Hereford-red Angus cross cattle and an elderly bull.

"He's about 20 years old, I guess," Davis says. "I never was so attached to an animal.

If he gets too old, I'll take him to Fort Worth. But I'll cry all the way."

Davis is an inventor of sorts. And a horticulturist. And a builder of musical instruments. Having made a violin years ago and begun another he's never managed to finish, he invented a clamp made of titanium to improve the sound. He's experimented with grafting on fruit and pecan trees. His latest experiment is with a seedless Canadice grapevine he believes will grow well in this area.

"The windmill quit three or four years ago. I could have it fixed. But I'm not going to pay any damned cuss \$500 for a \$300 job. I can fix it myself. I just have so much to do I haven't got around to it."

Davis grinds his own meal for the mush he favors for his dinner. He has two teeth, and as long as those remain he isn't interested in dentures, he said.

He's the last of his family. Only a couple of sisters-in-law and some nephews and nieces remain. He was born between Denton and Krum, moved to the hill as a teen-ager and never has been far from home.

"If I could go 'round the world, I'd spend money awful fast. But I can't go. I can't get nobody to stay here and take care of this place for me."

Mesa Partnership earnings down

AMARILLO (AP) — Second-quarter earnings fell for oilman T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership, the company reported today.

The earnings report of \$3.4 million, down from \$12.3 million for the same quarter a year ago, came amid continued speculation about Pickens' plans to acquire a chunk of the Boeing Co. Seattle-based Boeing disclosed

Monday that Pickens was interested in acquiring up to 15 percent of Boeing stock.

Earnings per unit of the Mesa partnership fell from 18 cents to 8 cents for the quarter.

Mesa reported quarterly revenues of \$72 million and operating income of \$16.2 million, compared with revenues of \$62.5 million and operating income of \$21.7 million a year earlier.

Texas-bred rice increasing state's yields

By NELSON ANTOSH
Houston Chronicle

BEAUMONT (AP) — "Without them, we'd already be gone," says rice farmer Raymond Franz of Katy about new Texas-bred rice varieties that have raised yields and enabled the industry to survive lean times since the early 1980s.

Boosted by a dose of about \$3 million in grower funds, an accelerated program of research at Texas A&M experiment station at Beaumont has churned out five new varieties since the program started in 1982.

One of the new varieties is Lemont, a semi-dwarf variety so well accepted that it covers about 75 percent of the state's 260,000 acres planted to rice. Another named Skybonnet account for 15 percent.

Glenn Hegar of Hockley reports yields as high as 9,000 pounds per acre with Lemont, a huge increase from the 5,000 to 5,500 pounds with a previous variety.

Last year, 20 Texas growers reported harvests in excess of 10,000 pounds per acre. The higher yields are important because they reduce the costs per pound of rice sold.

Gulfmont, the newest variety from Beaumont, is up and coming. Hegar has already switched to it 60 percent. Released in 1985, it could be the most popular in Texas as early as next year.

Gulfmont appears better for making a ratoon, or second crop, by watering and fertilizing the stubble after the first harvest.

In total, Texas varieties produced by the

Beaumont station account for more than 50 percent of the rice produced throughout the Southern states, although government research stations that breed rice are located in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

One of the reasons for the widespread acceptance is location.

"Our weather is so volatile and variable, the varieties we develop here have a broad adaptability," said Dr. Jim Stansel, resident director of the Beaumont center. "They will grow almost anywhere."

The reputation of Texas varieties goes back for decades. Labelle was the most widely grown in the Southern states during the 1970s. Bluebelle and Belle Patna reigned during the 1960s, while Bluebonnet 50 and Century Patna 231 dominated the 1950s. All came out of Beaumont.

Since the early 1930s, when rice breeding began there, a total of 18 varieties have been released. The latest carry the suffix "mont" as a reference to Beaumont.

Because rice is grown in a relatively small geographic area — in Texas the rice belt is confined to 19 counties from Port Arthur to Port Lavaca — private seed companies have shied away from developing varieties. The exception is Farms of Texas, a large operation in Alvin that is actively making new crosses and marketing planting seed.

The process of rice breeding is expensive and time-consuming. Ordinarily, said Stansel, it takes from 10 to 12 years from the time the first crosses are made until a new variety is released to the public.

The process was speeded up by an emergency program in Texas called Econo-Rice, a joint grower-government effort started in 1982 to save the faltering rice industry. As part of it, researchers grow crops during the winter in Puerto Rico.

The Econo-Rice program surpassed its initial goals of adding 1,000 pounds per acre to statewide yields and cutting the costs of growing from \$12.43 to \$11 per hundred-weight. Sponsors claim it has added \$1 billion to the state's economy.

In recognition, a group of 11 scientists from the Beaumont center recently received the Superior Service Award from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, in Washington, D.C.

"We're probably in the top five countries of the world, as far as yields, and we feel we can do better," said Stansel. Yields in Texas exceed Thailand, the No. 1 competitor, but the Thais have cheap water and cheap labor.

The long-term goal is to compete on a total-cost basis with any country in the world. The Beaumont station is working with a Chinese rice variety named Gui Chow that has produced 11,000 to 12,000 pounds per acre, says Dr. Charles Bollich, an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture who is in charge of rice breeding there.

The problem is that the quality of Gui Chow for milling and cooking is "totally unacceptable" for the American market. The researchers have made crosses and backcrosses, trying to keep the yield while improving the quality.

Aliens die in railroad incidents

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Two illegal aliens who were struck by a train as they slept on railroad tracks probably were trying to avoid the dangers of snakes and poisonous spiders, immigration officials say.

"They believe the snakes never cross the tracks," said Capt. Omar Rodriguez of the Webb County Sheriff's Department.

Jesus Ochoa Castaneda, 21, of La Granja in the Mexican state of Jalisco and Concepcion Gutron, 24, also of La Granja, died Tuesday after they were struck by a train. They were among a group of six people sleeping on tracks about 20 miles north of Laredo. Two others have died in rail-

road incidents during the past four days, officials said.

"This is snake country, with a lot of rattlesnakes and tarantulas, so they (the aliens) like to lie down to sleep on the railroad bed where they're safe from the snakes. That's what they think," said Oscar Martinez, an intelligence officer with the U.S. Border Patrol's Laredo sector.

Early Saturday, a Mexican man identified as Felix Tapia Martinez, believed to be in his early 20s, was hit by a train about 22 miles north of Laredo.

Mexican officials were trying to locate relatives of the man, Rodriguez said.

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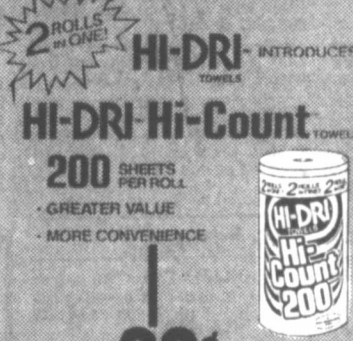
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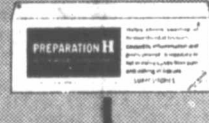
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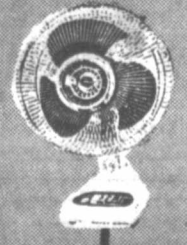
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