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Aide kills 21 patients to soothe his nerves

Murder was like drinking cold beer

By JOHN NOLAN
Associated Press Writer

CINCINNATI — A nurse's aide given three consecutive life sentences after pleading guilty to 24 murders snuffed out lives "like someone else might have a compulsion for malted milk or cold beer," a prosecutor says.

Donald Harvey, 35, of Middletown was sentenced Tuesday after entering his pleas as part of a plea bargain. He will not be eligible for parole for 60 years.

Harvey's pleas make him one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history. His victims during the past four years included 21 hospital patients. All were poisoned, injected or suffocated, authorities said.

"He's no mercy killer, and he's not insane," Hamilton County Prosecutor Arthur Ney Jr. told a courtroom jammed with victims' families. "He killed because he liked to kill."

"This man is sane, competent, but is a compulsive killer ... He builds up tension in his body, so he kills people," Ney said, with "a compulsion to kill like someone else might have a compulsion for malted milk or cold beer." Some relatives expressed bitterness at the sentence.

"I think he deserves worse than the death penalty," said Betty Kissell, whose father was poisoned at Drake Memorial Hospital earlier this year, according to authorities.

Harvey stood before Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge William S. Mathews with his attorney, William Whalen. When asked if he had anything to say, the mass murderer replied, "No, sir."

He sat quietly during the hear-



Harvey

ing, and showed no emotion.

Harvey pleaded guilty to 24 counts of aggravated murder, four counts of attempted aggravated murder and one count of felonious assault. He was indicted earlier Tuesday by a special grand jury.

Harvey also was ordered to pay \$270,000 in fines plus court costs.

Three of Harvey's victims were poisoned but survived. Two others died several months after being poisoned, but Ney said authorities could not prove poison caused the deaths.

Harvey claimed he killed more than 50 people, according to recent news reports.

Ney said he could not prove additional slayings because there were no witnesses or bodies, and the poisons were almost impossible to detect in the bodies of all but one victim.

"If I could have found one more body, I would have put him in the chair," the prosecutor said.

As part of the plea bargain, Ney agreed not to seek the death penalty in exchange for Harvey's cooperation with investigators and his guilty pleas.

Dr. Emmanuel Tanay, a forensic psychiatrist who testified before the grand jury, told *The Cincinnati Enquirer* that Harvey's killing compulsion is a character disorder, "a deformity of one's personality," not mental illness.

Although Whalen said Harvey confessed because he wanted to get the killings off his chest, remorse is not something a compul-

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Wind shifted before crash

Traffic sent to 1 runway

By KATHERINE RIZZO
Associated Press Writer

ROMULUS, Mich. — Northwest Airlines Flight 255 took off in light rain from a runway where traffic was moved because of shifting winds, and rose less than 150 feet before it crashed, killing up to 158 people, investigators say.

The lone survivor of Sunday night's crash, the nation's second deadliest air disaster, was a 4-year-old girl who remained hospitalized today in serious condition, authorities said.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators stressed Tuesday night they were ruling nothing out as a possible cause of the crash near Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

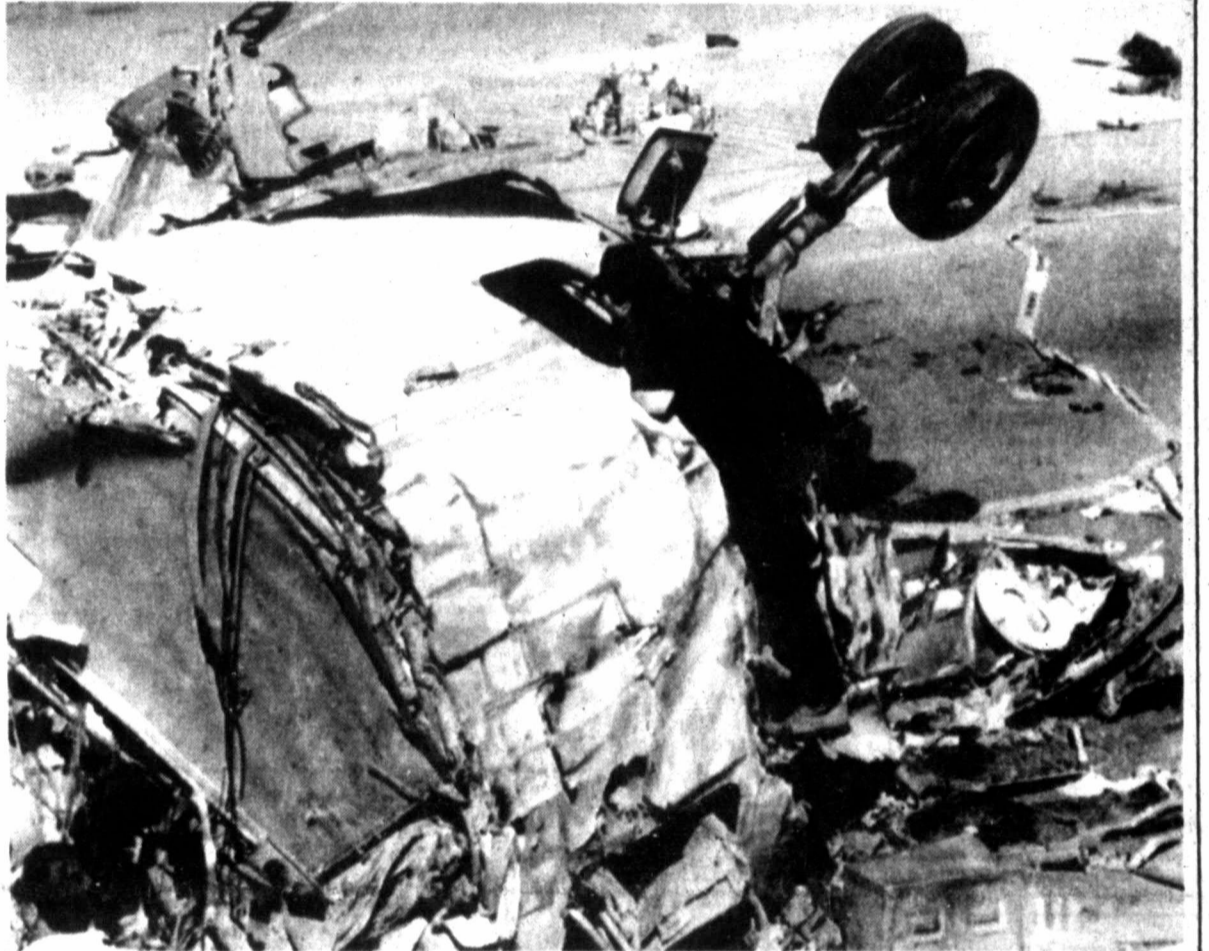
"There is nothing that draws us to any particular area," said the board's John Lauber.

At least 152 people on the plane and as many as five or six on the ground were killed, according to the NTSB. The airline, which has refused to release an official passenger list, says 154 were killed on the plane. Lauber couldn't account for the discrepancy.

Commercial pilots who saw the crash from an adjacent taxiway told investigators the MD-80 aircraft climbed at an unusually steep angle. They and other witnesses said the plane never got higher than 150 feet.

The pilots' accounts differed from other witnesses who said the jet was ablaze before it hit the ground and exploded.

Lauber said Flight 255 was 5,000 pounds below its 149,500-pound limit when it left on a runway designated 30 minutes earlier for all traffic because low-level wind shifts, known as wind shears, were detected by the airport's computer-controlled detection system.



(AP Laserphoto)

An investigator peers into cockpit of crashed jetliner Tuesday.

Wind shears cause airplanes to lose speed without warning and have been cited as a factor in several air disasters, including a 1985 crash in Dallas and a 1983 crash in Kenner, La.

Previous reports also said the weather was clear at the time of Sunday's crash, but Lauber said a light rain was falling and a thunderstorm was about 20 miles away.

Cross winds were blowing at 10 to 12 mph at the time of takeoff, said Jack Drake, director of the NTSB investigation.

The cockpit recorder caught the flight crew discussing the storm, but their last exchange with the control tower was when they were cleared for takeoff,

Lauber said.

Lauber said the cockpit recorder chronicled the computer-generated voice of a cockpit warning system saying "stall! stall! stall!" only seconds after takeoff.

A preliminary review of the aircraft's maintenance records showed no problems, Lauber said. "It was characterized as a pretty healthy plane," he said.

Investigators today hoped to get their first look inside the plane's right engine, which survived the crash relatively intact. It was still at the crash site at Interstate 94, which reopened Tuesday.

The engine will be sent to the Connecticut headquarters of its

manufacturer, Pratt & Whitney, to be dismantled under NTSB supervision.

Technicians isolated the remains of the pilot and co-pilot, and routine drug and alcohol tests were being conducted, Lauber said.

The condition of young Cecilia Cichan of Tempe, Ariz., was upgraded to serious after two days on the critical list. She suffered burns over 29 percent of her body and other injuries in the crash that killed her parents and 6-year-old brother.

One of six people injured on the ground, Lawrence Favio, 30, of Lincoln Park, remained hospitalized today in critical condition with severe burns.

Escaped hostage Glass returns home to England

LONDON (AP) — American journalist Charles Glass returned to his wife and five children today after 62 days as a hostage in Beirut. "We missed you Dad a lot. Welcome home," said a sign on the front door.

Glass, looking tired but relieved, arrived at London's Gatwick Airport about 30 hours after slipping out of wrist and ankle chains, locking up his snoring captors, and bolting from an apartment in west Beirut's pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem stronghold of Bir el-Abed.

At the airport, Glass said his ordeal brought him "closer to God. I found

great solace in prayer, and this will stay with me all my life."

Asked what his plans were, he replied: "I hope to see my wife and children and have some privacy."

Glass, 36, was on leave from ABC to research a book on Lebanon when he was kidnapped June 17 while driving along a highway. The Los Angeles native, who lives in London, said he went to Beirut in the belief he would be protected by the Syrian military who police many parts of the city.

Asked if he thought it was unwise for him to go to Beirut, Glass replied: "I

admitted it the moment that green Mercedes cut in front of my car ... It was a mistake."

In an interview conducted Tuesday from a Syrian television studio in Damascus, Glass told ABC News he wrote notes in his own blood pleading for rescue and offering \$10,000 to anyone who helped him. He said a gun was pointed at him when he made a videotape in which he said he was a spy for the CIA. The tape was released July 17.

Syrian troops whisked Glass from Beirut to Damascus after the early

Tuesday escape. From there he flew to London, arriving today at about 12:45 a.m.

At an airport news conference, Glass said he had planned for some time to escape and loosened his ankle and wrist chains so he could slip them off. His chance for freedom came after midnight Monday, when his Shiite Moslem guards were sleeping, Glass said.

On Tuesday, Glass described sneaking out of the apartment and running barefoot down seven flights of stairs and into the road.

Police said Glass hailed a ride to the

luxury Summerland Hotel on west Beirut's Mediterranean beachfront. He walked into the lobby at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday and told the startled receptionist: "I'm Charles Glass. I need a place to hide."

The former hostage said he doubted that Iran had allowed him to escape, as has been theorized in Washington and Damascus, although he acknowledged it was possible because of improved U.S.-Syrian relations.

Eight other Americans are held hostage in Beirut, including another U.S. See HOSTAGE, Page 2

Appraiser apparently ousted after failing to discount lots

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

The Gray County Appraisal District board is seeking a chief appraiser experienced in working with taxing entities and dealing with taxpayers and various boards.

Board members may need to include maid duties in the chief appraiser's job description. Said board member Benny Kirksey at the board's meeting Tuesday, "It seems apparent we have a lot of housecleaning to do."

The board is looking for a replacement for former Chief Appraiser Charles Buzzard, who was fired Aug. 6. Board members said they wanted someone with higher management skills.

The board agreed Tuesday to advertise for a new appraiser in the *Tax Assessor News*, a trade publication. The board is seeking a candidate who is experienced in working with boards, taxing units and taxpayers and in preparing budgets and who is certified as a registered professional appraiser.

The board set no deadline on hiring an appraiser but agreed that applications would be accepted until 30 days after the publication.

Since Buzzard's termination, board members have declined to elaborate on what problems they had with the former appraiser.

But interim Chief Appraiser Judy Morris indicated Tuesday that there had been apparent disagreements concerning valuation of vacant lots and certification of employees.

Morris told board members that Buzzard had disregarded a request by the Gray County Appraisal Review Board to discount vacant lots held by builders at 35 percent. Under pressure from state builders, the Legislature passed a law allowing the discounts because the lots could be considered inventory and personal property.

As a result, Morris said, property values were overestimated to the entities. Morris said this delayed the reports to the entities and affected \$511,150 in values in the city of Pampa, Pampa ISD See APPRAISER, Page 2



Morris

Clouds collide in Miami, dump baseball-size hail

MIAMI — The two storm clouds that collided south of here Tuesday night created threatening and gloomy skies.

But according to Roberts County Deputy Sheriff Robert Payne, the storm's bark was worse than its bite.

Payne said this morning that the storm dropped golfball- to baseball-size hail around the city.

But the only report the Sheriff's Department received was of hail damage to the windows and siding of a north Miami residence, Payne said.

Payne reported that about 6 p.m. Tuesday a storm cloud came in from the northwest and another came in from the southwest, "and they kind of clapped together south of town."

"It was real erratic outside of

town, but in town it was pretty slim pickings," he said, adding that the storm lasted about 30 to 45 minutes.

Payne said sirens began sounding at about 6:10 p.m., but there was not extensive damage.

According to Laurence Smith, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo, the packed power.

"Two clouds colliding is not too common," Smith said, adding that the two clouds could have caused a tornado.

"What we had was a weak cool front in the south Panhandle forming unsettling humidity moving toward the northeast," he said.

That cloud dropped about .33 inches of rain on Pampa Tuesday evening.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

YEAGER, Alma Curry - 11 a.m., Bethel Cemetery, Funston, Texas.
GRAHAM, Mack A. - Serenity Place, Largo, Fla.

Obituaries

ALMA CURRY YEAGER

Graveside services for Alma Curry Yeager, 87, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Bethel Cemetery at Funston, Texas. Officiating will be Rev. Leon Sharp, pastor of the Church of Christ at Anson. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Yeager died early today. Born at Morton, she had been a resident of Anson for 40 years before moving to Pampa in 1984. She was married to B.H. Yeager for 28 years; he died about four years ago. She was also preceded in death by two sons, J.T. Wall and Roy Wall. She was a Church of Christ member.

Survivors include a daughter, Jo Willis, Pampa; a son, W.A. Wall, Elmyra, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

MACK A. GRAHAM

SEMINOLE, Fla. - Services for Mack A. Graham, 92, a former Pampa resident, will be held Thursday at Serenity Place in Largo, Fla.

Mr. Graham died Monday.

He was born Oct. 13, 1894. He moved to Pampa in 1925. He married Ama Barnard in 1926; she died in April 1985. He was a member of the Oakhurst United Methodist Church, the Grand Lodge of Texas and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He was also a member of the Khiva Temple in Amarillo and was a 50-year member of Scottish Rite Bodies at El Paso.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Finch, whose husband is Charles Finch, 9095 135th Street North, Seminole, Fla. 33542; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild, all residents of Seminole, Fla.

The family requests memorials be made to Texas Scottish Hospital for Crippled Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, Texas 75219.

FLOYD E. WALKER

Services for Floyd E. Walker, 76, were to be at 4 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Roger Hubbard, pastor of Bible Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Walker died Tuesday.

He moved to Pampa in 1943 from Shamrock. He married Marge Hicks in 1942 at Duncan, Okla. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired four months ago as the owner of Floyd Walker Oil Producers. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marge; a son, Danny Walker, Dallas; a daughter, Sheridan Harnly, Pampa; a brother, Jim Walker, Pampa; four sisters, Oma Hall, Nita Bumgarter, Merle Cassell and Pearl Hill, all of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Letha Atkinson, Pampa
Robert Brown, Pampa
A.L. Burkett, Pampa
Sharon Evans, Pampa
Wildy Griffin, McLean
Janie Parker, Pampa
William Snapp, Pampa
Deborah Stapleton, Pampa

Dismissals

Hazel Alexander, Pampa

Hazel Clark, Pampa
Ralph Freeman, Canadian

Joy Hawkins, Pampa
Terry Searl, Pampa
Ruth Sewell, Pampa
Tas Stribling, Miami
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Re Lummus, Shamrock
Viola Miller, Shamrock

Dismissals

Cora Gibbons, Shamrock

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Aug. 18

A broken sink was reported at Ruby's Drive-Inn, 709 S. Gray.

Keith Jones, 932 Brunow, reported a burglary at the address.

Tom Bennett, 629 E. Jordan, reported a burglary at the address.

A fight was reported in the 500 block of West Francis.

Arrests-City Jail

TUESDAY, Aug. 18

Sandra Brown, 18, Route 1, was arrested in the 500 block of West Francis on a charge of disorderly conduct, and was later released on a court summons.

Rhonda C. Slater, 20, 2533 Dogwood, was arrested in the 500 block of West Francis on a charge of disorderly conduct, and was later released on a court summons.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat 2.21
Milo 2.07
Corn 2.07

The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation.

Damson Oil 54
Ky. Cent. Life 17 1/2
Serico 6 1/2

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Puritan 50.27
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco 79 1/2
Aro 30 1/2
Cabot 38 1/2
Chevron 58
Exxon 51 1/2
Halliburton 39 1/2
HCA 47 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand 39 1/2
Kerr-McGee 41 1/2
KNE 15 1/2
Masco 59 1/2
Maxxus 13 1/2
Mesa Ltd. 14 1/2
Mobil 59 1/2
Pennsey's 64 1/2
Phillips 17 1/2
SLE 62 1/2
SPS 28 1/2
Tenneco 52 1/2
Texasco 42 1/2
New York Gold 487.65
Silver 7.77

Fire report

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

TUESDAY, Aug. 18

1 p.m. Grass fire four miles west of Pampa on U.S. 152. Darrel Conklin burning trash and burned five acres.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 19

5:42 a.m. Air conditioner motor froze and caused smoke at Burger King at 220 N. Hobart, no damage.

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Aide

sive killer feels, Tanay said.

It is much likelier Harvey was "acting on good legal advice than a stricken conscience," he said.

Harvey killed patients with cyanide or arsenic poured into

gastric tubes or put into orange juice, water or desserts, Ney said. He repeatedly poisoned roommate Carl Hoeweler in 1986 after arguments, then helped nurse him back to health, Ney said.

Harvey also admitted poisoning Hoeweler's father, Henry, who died, and mother, Margaret

Hoeweler, who survived, Ney said.

Ney had 10 bodies exhumed and autopsied during the investigation. It was launched after Cincinnati television station WCPO reported June 23 that Drake employees had complained of 23 unusual deaths in the ward where Harvey worked.

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Hostage

journalist, Terry Anderson.

The journalist, who met with Syrian officials Tuesday, said they were "much more determined to obtain the release of hostages in Lebanon ... The political environment between the United States and Syria is impro-

ving, and Syria is much more active on the ground in Beirut trying to obtain the release of hostages."

Several times he mentioned by name Anderson, The Associated Press' chief Middle East correspondent, who has been held 2 1/2 years, longer than any of the 24 foreigners held in Lebanon.

Glass said he sympathized with the families of the remaining hos-

tages and cited Anderson's relatives.

Glass had been staying with Lebanon's defense minister, Adel Osseiran, whose son, Ali, was abducted along with Glass. The kidnappers, who identified themselves as members of the previously unknown Organization for the People's Defense, released Ali Osseiran a week later.

Body of Lubbock man encased in barrel

BOWIE (AP) - A body found encased in concrete and sealed in a barrel has been identified as that of a 43-year-old Lubbock man, Montague County authorities said today.

Sheriff Glen Whatley identified the man as Donald Franklin Johnson and said authorities have been searching for a

local man seen driving the victim's truck.

Whatley said authorities want to question a 34-year-old Sunset man who is wanted for a parole violation. Officers last Friday confiscated a travel trailer owned by Johnson that the Sunset man apparently had been living in.

Pathologists at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science said the victim was shot in the head, wrapped in a bedspread or curtain, shoved into a 55-gallon drum and sealed inside.

The man, who was identified through dental records, had been dead for nine months to a year, Whatley said.

CIA chief sticks to story despite conflicting evidence and criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA counterterrorism chief Duane Clarridge, in Iran-Contra testimony released today, stuck to his story that he didn't know at the time there were weapons in a 1985 shipment to Iran. His assertions drew sharp questioning of his memory from panel members.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, told the witness: "On practically every single major event that we have been considering, you have virtually no memory at all and whenever a question is directed toward you, you indicate, 'Well, it may be, I just can't recall.'"

Clarridge's testimony, given in private on Aug. 5, was released by the congressional Iran-Contra committees after sensitive portions were blacked out.

In the face of documentary evidence and the testimony of others that cables on the subject were sent to him, he testified that he

didn't know in late 1985 that a secret air cargo from Israel to Iran contained Hawk missiles, not oil drilling equipment, according to transcripts of his sworn testimony.

Clarridge, a veteran of CIA operations in Europe and Central America, said that while he later suspected that weapons were involved, he did not know at the time.

He said this was true even though the person who asked him to facilitate the shipment through Portugal - Marine Lt. Col. Oliver L. North - and the agent he assigned to do the job, both knew weapons were going to be on the flight.

"That is the way it was," Clarridge said.

According to the declassified version of his testimony, several committee members severely questioned Clarridge's lack of

specific memory and recall on many key issues.

At the time of the shipment Clarridge was head of the spy agency's European operations.

The transcript indicated he has been contradicted by the testimony of other agents, also given in secret.

He testified previously that he believed at the time that the shipment consisted only of oil drilling equipment.

Other U.S. officials have testified under oath that an agent in Portugal sent Clarridge a cable telling him the cargo consisted of Hawk missiles, not drill bits or other oilfield equipment.

The issue is sensitive because the CIA assisted in the shipment, which was routed through Portugal, without the presidential authorization that would be required if a covert weapons transfer was involved.

Canadian cuts four positions

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

CANADIAN - City officials plan to hold the line on taxes, but Canadian may slash four positions to make that notion work.

The Canadian City Council examined the proposed \$1.5 million city budget Monday at their regular council meeting. The council is expected to adopt the budget and set a tax rate at a special meeting in early September.

City Manager Dean Looper said Tuesday that he doesn't expect taxes to rise above the current rate of 57 cents per \$100 valuation. The city's effective tax rate - what must be levied to collect the same local tax revenue as last year - is 60 cents per \$100 valuation.

Looper said the proposed budget is 5 percent lower than last year's.

He attributed the budget cuts to the elimination of four city posts, two of those coming through attrition. Looper said the cuts constitute a decrease of \$70,000.

The first position cut was director of public works, a position Looper held before he took over

as city manager last spring. City bookkeeper Linda Truitt was promoted to assistant city manager and received a 5 percent pay raise.

The second cut came with the firing in April of John Bradshaw as police chief. Police Sgt. Phil Taylor was promoted to chief in July, and Looper said he will not fill the vacancy on the three-man force.

Looper also laid off the city parks foreman - cutting the parks budget - and a fire department dispatcher.

But, Looper said, if taxes come in on or ahead of schedule, the city will grant a merit pay to city employees who deserve it. That is the only budget "increase" the city manager anticipates.

In addition to the city employees, the council also put 20 to 25 trash dumpsters out of commission.

In other business Monday, city officials accepted a request by Ramey's Steakhouse to pick up trash at the restaurant across the Canadian River north of town. Details of any extra charge and the frequency of the pick-up are still under negotiation.

Council members also agreed to advertise for bids for people who want their animals to graze on portions of city property.

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Appraiser

and Gray County.

Buzzard confirmed today that the law would not go into effect until September but that he had been willing to go along with the ARB's request.

"The ARB had wanted me to do that (before the law was passed), but I had no sense in how it could be discounted," Buzzard said.

Morris told the board that the appraiser must go along with the ARB request; if he disagrees with the ARB ruling, however, he can protest.

Morris added that she also had problems with incorrect listings on new properties. But she attributed that to computer error, not to anyone's personal error.

According to Morris, the computer had included new listings such as changes in ownership, building additions or new improvements in the "new property" category.

Morris said that the correcting the error resulted in a \$300,000 decrease in new property values in Pampa - from \$8.1 million to \$7.8 million.

"It's not a great deal," she said. "But we are in the process of correcting that."

Buzzard said he was not aware of the glitch until Morris called him about it last week.

Morris said she is also rechecking all properties with over-age-65 exemptions for discrepancies in the levy, also apparently computer-related.

"Some of the levies were incorrect," Morris said, adding that she does not yet know how this would affect the amount of taxes paid or how much the entities would gain or lose. "It can go either way."

Morris explained that if a person turned 65 last year and owns a \$50,000 house, the GCAD deducts \$15,000 for school values only. The remaining values are frozen at the present value.

"We understood the computer was going to calculate and freeze the levies, and it didn't do that," she said.

Morris said the tax rolls had not been proofed before being certified.

Buzzard said they would have been proofed in August and September, before the tax statements go out. He explained that there is not enough time between the review board hearings in June and the value certification in July to proofread 47,000 accounts.

Morris told the board that district employees are proofing the rolls before sending statements to the entities and that it may take a while before the three largest entities get their statements.

Said Morris: "McLean, Alanreed, Lefors and Grandview-Hopkins have their statements. Theirs are easy to check."

"So it's not that we're putting Pampa and the county on the back burner," she added. "Pampa just takes longer to do."

Morris also asked that all appraisal district employees be certified.

"They need to be knowledgeable of the business," she told the board. "If you wanted to talk to someone about something and they weren't here, no one else knew the answer."

Morris said that the four field appraisers, four collectors and personal property appraiser Grace Gibson should be certified.

"Gibson and Virginia Romines had not been allowed to get their certified education units, and they need 40 (units) every five years to keep their certification," she said, adding that Gibson's certification expires next year.

GCAD board President Kenneth Fields said the board needs more information on the time and money involved in taking lessons for certification before the board accepts Morris' request.

Buzzard said that appraisers were certified, but he decided against having clerks certified because he wanted to keep the budget down.

In other business, GCAD board members:

- met in executive session to discuss the five applications they have received for chief appraiser;

- granted Morris a \$1,000 per month stipend until a new chief appraiser is found;

- agreed to see if any of the taxing entities want the room dividers that used to be in the district's old office in the Hughes Building; and

- raised the copier charge from 10 cents to 50 cents.

Oil prices hang below \$20 mark

NEW YORK (AP) - Oil futures prices headed lower today amid pessimism over inventories and the near-term direction of the market in general.

By midday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for September delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude oil, had dropped 20 cents to \$19.70 a barrel from Tuesday's close. A barrel equals 42 gallons.

The contract fell 74 cents to close at \$19.83 a barrel on Monday, the first time it had dropped

below \$20 since June 25, when the near-month contract settled at \$19.64 a barrel. The contract peaked at \$22.39 a barrel on July 17.

Prices for refined oil products were also sharply lower in morning trading today.

September contracts for wholesale unleaded gasoline stood at 50.95 a gallon, down 0.52 cent from Tuesday, while wholesale heating oil stood at 51.10 cents a gallon, down 0.63 cent.

Richard Kane, a trader at Mer-

rill Lynch Energy Futures, said one factor pressuring the market was Tuesday night's weekly report by the American Petroleum Institute, a Washington-based industry organization.

It showed that domestic crude inventories rose by 1.1 million barrels last week, to 324.3 million barrels, while distillate stocks - which include heating oil - were up 4.3 million gallons to 119.4 million gallons.

Gasoline supplies, however, were down by 1.7 million barrels, to 227.2 million barrels.

City briefs

FARMERS MARKET Lots of farm fresh vegetables. M.K. Brown parking lot. Wednesday and Saturday. Opens 7 a.m. Adv.

HORSE LOTS and trailer spaces for rent. 665-9131. Adv.

PRIME RIB Feast, free for members, small cover for guests. Wednesday at the Star Dust. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINERS now collecting for annual rummage sale. 669-7190, 665-1488, 665-1152. Adv.

TOP O Texas Chapter 1064 OES meeting, Thursday night 7:30 p.m.

"ONCE AGAIN" Country Op'ry by Buck Creek Productions. Show and dance Saturday 22nd, M.K. Brown. Information 665-4841. Adv.

GIVE WILTON Armetale, a gift that will last a lifetime, the table top fashion that goes to oven to table. Layaway for Christmas. Las Pampas Galleries. Adv.

PAMPA NURSING Center Beauty Pageant. Saturday August 22nd, 2 p.m. at the Pampa Mall. For more information call Velda Huddleston or Gail Dabbs at Pampa Nursing Center, 669-2551. Public is invited to attend and give support to their favorite contestant. Adv.

DRIVE A little, Save alot! You can pay for your gas with your savings on Rocky Mountain Jeans. The Clothes Line, 114 Main, McLean, Tx. Adv.

GOOD QUALITY Perms, \$20, haircut included. Early and late appointments. Call Ruth or Linda, 665-9236. Adv.

FALL REGISTRATION - Beaux Arts Dance Studio. August 24th and 25th, (3 to 6 p.m.), 315 N. Nelson. 669-6361 or 669-7293. Adv.

MEALS on WHEELS 669-1007, P.O. Box 939, Adv.

FENCEWALKER BAND will be at the Catalina Club Friday and Saturday. Adv.

EXCELLENT REFERENCES Housecleaning will clean the way you like it. Call 665-5102 before 2 or after 6 p.m. Adv.

STEVE'S CAR and Truck Shop, 111 S. Price Rd. 669-6191, now open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Steve Stauffacher owner. Adv.

ROOF LEAKS Repaired all types handyman work. Free estimates. References. Reasonable. Call 669-9586. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE meeting Friday 21st, 7 p.m. Covered dish. James Washington president.

PERM SPECIAL Back to School. Call CJ, 669-3338. Adv.

APPLES ARE ready Getting Ranch. Bring containers. 669-3925. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Sunny and hot Thursday with a high of 98. Low tonight near 70. Southerly winds at 10 to 20 mph. High Tuesday, 96; low this morning, 66. Pampa received 0.33 inch of precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Sunny and hot through Thursday, but partly cloudy tonight. Isolated late afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Thursday. Highs Thursday near 90 mountains to 105 Big Bend. Lows tonight mid 70s valleys of southwest to mid 60s mountains.

North Texas - Mostly fair through Thursday with hot afternoons. Low tonight 72 to 78. Highs Thursday 96 to 104.

South Texas - Mostly sunny and hot days, generally fair and warm at night through Thursday. Highs in the upper 90s to near 100 except near 90 coast and 104 to 107 along the lower Rio Grande. Lows in the 70s to near 80.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Friday through Sunday
West Texas - Mostly dry with temperatures near or a little above seasonal normals. Lows Panhandle and South Plains mid 60s. Highs lower to mid 90s. Low Permian Basin upper 60s. Highs mid to upper 90s.

North Texas - No rain is expected. Lows will be in the mid to upper 70s. Highs will be in the upper 90s to near 103.

South Texas - No rain is expected. Continued fair warm nights and sunny, hot afternoons. Lows in the 70s, except

low 80s along the immediate coast. Afternoon highs in the 90s, except 102 to 108 extreme south and southwest.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico - Mostly sunny north and partly cloudy south through Thursday. Mostly fair tonight. Isolated thundershowers southeast and south-central sections this afternoon and evening and across the south Thursday. Highs Thursday in the upper 70s to the upper 80s mountains and in the upper 80s to 90s at lower elevations. Lows tonight in the upper 30s and 40s in the mountains to the 60s lower elevations.

Oklahoma - Scattered thunderstorms all but Panhandle through tonight. Fair and hot Thursday. Lows tonight in the 70s. Highs Thursday 96 to 103.

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Study: Rescue dropouts before high school

EDINBURG (AP) — Schools should not wait until high school to identify and rescue potential dropouts, according to a study by two Pan American University sociologists.

Many dropouts can be identified as early as first or second grade, reported Dr. David Alvarez and Dr. Manuel Lopez.

When talking about dropouts, people usually mean junior high or high school students, Alvarez said, "but you have to consider the kids who have dropped out in spirit, if not in body in the elementary grades."

In a research report commissioned by the McAllen Independent School Dis-

trict, entitled "Assessing the Dropout Problem: Students', Parents' and School Personnel's Perceptions," the professors report the following common characteristics many eventual dropouts shared in elementary school:

- # Bad conduct grades.
- # Older brothers and sisters who have dropped out.
- # High rates of absenteeism.
- # Low socio-economic status.
- # A feeling they are falling behind in reading, English and mathematics.
- # A feeling that education is not important to their parents and no one cares whether they succeed.
- # Attending ethnically imbalanced

schools. By high school, Alvarez said, "It's too late to deal effectively with the dropouts because the things that lead to their dropping out are already established," Alvarez said.

Schools instead should focus, he said, at the elementary levels "where you still have time to do something."

The research was performed in the Rio Grande Valley, where the estimated 45 percent dropout rate is more than twice the national rate of 22 percent. But Alvarez said its basic points apply to other regions, as well.

One answer would be to put more counselors in the elementary schools, to

deal with individual problems more effectively, Alvarez said.

The study also recommends that schools increase efforts to reach out to parents.

The professors said at least one Valley principal took matters into his own hands when non-English speaking parents didn't attend Parent-Teacher Association meetings. He set up a meeting in the "colonia" where many of the students lived, and found many mothers and fathers came.

"It was in their neighborhood, in a setting where they felt comfortable," Alvarez said. "In that situation, the school is being pro-active. It is taking

the initiative." In the study, which incorporated information from students, parents, teachers and academic support personnel to compare groups of children, the sociologists found many students with the same characteristics as the dropouts did not leave school before graduation.

"The dropouts and their parents were much more likely to feel alienated by the school system, that nobody cared about them," Alvarez said.

Those who finished school also tended to be more conforming than dropouts, he added.

Insurance Board proposes ban on sexual preference questions

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance has proposed rules to ban insurance companies from asking policy applicants if they are homosexuals.

In a 3-0 vote, the board Tuesday decided to seek public comment on the rules that would go into effect Oct. 1 if finally approved.

The proposal includes a specific list of things an insurance company cannot do to try to find out about an applicant's sexual preference. In addition to barring questions about sexual preference, the proposed rules say, "Neither the marital status, the living arrangements, the occupation, the gender, the medical history, the beneficiary designation nor the ZIP code or other territorial classification of an applicant may be used to establish, or aid in establishing, the applicant's sexual orientation."

The board last week voted to let insurance companies continue testing policy applicants for AIDS. But the rules proposed Tuesday say that an appli-

cant's sexual preference is of no concern to the companies.

"We are essentially establishing the parameters for what constitutes unfair discrimination," said Board Chairman Lyndon Olson Jr.

He said the goal is to treat AIDS like other diseases for insurance rating purposes. The proposed rules are based on model rules written by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Olson was chairman of the NAIC committee that wrote the model rules.

Glen Maxey, executive director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said his group opposes the type of test allowed by the insurance board, but feels the board is "moving in the right direction."

"It's like every non-discrimination law there is. It gives you some teeth to go after discrimination after it occurs. This will give us some leverage to get at those insurance companies that are doing the unfair discrimination," he said.

Suit filed against cattleman

AMARILLO (AP) — First National Bank of Amarillo officials have filed a lawsuit against prominent cattleman Jim Kassahn, claiming he acquired a \$13 million loan using cattle he did not own as collateral.

Judge Jairi P. Dowell of 108th state District Court has granted First National a temporary restraining order and set a hearing on an injunction request at 1:30 p.m. Friday in 47th state District Court in Amarillo.

The suit filed last Wednesday claims that Kassahn, a director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, misrepresented his ownership of 37,000 head of cattle.

First National, contending Kassahn did not abide by his loan requirements, declared the loan in default and is calling in the \$12.75 million that remains due, court records show.

Kassahn sits on the board of directors at American State Bank in Lubbock. Calls made by The Associated Press to his home in Lubbock were unanswered Tuesday.

First National also is seeking to prevent sale of cattle the bank claims is collateral for Kassahn's loan.

The bank claims the loan was made after Kassahn claimed the firm he owns with his wife, Paula, J.P.'s Family Inc., owned the 37,000 head of cattle.

To verify ownership, a First National official visited the feedlot Aug. 11 and was told that Kassahn had an interest in only 16,000 head of cattle in his feedlot.

The bank learned that the cattle in question were held jointly by a partnership of Kassahn and two other businessmen.

Kassahn attributed the reduction of 21,000 head to a legitimate, contracted sale, but First National claims that is not true, according to court documents.

Kassahn, who owns a feedlot near Lazbuddie, told First National when he sought the \$13 million loan last December that he owned about 57,000 head of pasture cattle valued at more than \$17.8 million and 5,600 feedlot cattle worth \$3.4 million.

In an inventory count prior to the inspection by the bank two weeks ago, Kassahn told First National that cattle totals had increased giving him a collateral base of \$35.1 million, plus another \$1.1 million in assets at J.P.'s Family Inc. unrelated to cattle.

In the past, Kassahn had borrowed from American State Bank, court documents show. But he went to First National because he needed a line of credit larger than what he could get, according to federal law, as a director of the Lubbock institution.

Second, more dangerous strain of encephalitis found near El Paso

EL PASO, (AP) — A second, more dangerous strain of encephalitis has been found in mosquitoes east of El Paso, an area health official says.

City-County Health District Director Dr. Laurance Nickey said Tuesday the St. Louis encephalitis virus was found in mosquitoes harvested by Vector Control workers in a pond near an illegal subdivision outside the city limits. He declined to be more specific about the location.

Nickey emphasized that the virus has not been found in humans.

"And the Vector Control people have been diligently working to reduce that mosquito population," he added. "They have actively been working throughout the county."

Harvesting is a routine method used by the department to determine what diseases are in the county before they appear in humans and to prevent them from reaching humans, he said.

Discovery of the St. Louis virus followed the report that the more common Western equine variety of encephalitis had been found in mosquitoes in

the area around El Paso. No cases of Western equine encephalitis have been confirmed in humans, although it is suspected that a 7-month-old boy from nearby Canutillo may have the disease.

Nickey says only two or three cases of the disease are reported in El Paso each year. The symptoms include severe headaches, fever, blurred vision and vomiting. The disease can lead to stupor, coma and, in rare cases, death.

The symptoms for the two strains now in the El Paso area are basically the same, Nickey said. But identifying the St. Louis virus, which is more dangerous than the Western equine strain, will give doctors a higher "suspicion index," he said.

"In other words they will order tests that will determine if a person has this particular strain," he explained. "But, as I said, no human cases have been reported to us."

Doctors generally treat the symptoms of the disease rather than the disease itself because there is no drug or vaccine that will cure it, Nickey said.

Abby says more cheaters in Dallas, Fort Worth area than rest of state

DALLAS (AP) — Two-timing spouses in Dallas are out-drawing the rest of the state in the number and length of their confessions, columnist Dear Abby says.

In June, Abigail Van Buren, asked her readers whether they had ever cheated on their mate. In response, readers sent in 100,000 answers and she expects another 100,000.

Ms. Van Buren, whose column appears in about 1,300 newspapers, noted that the faithfals outnumber the unfaithfals by a long shot in Texas, and grow in number the closer they live to the Mexican border.

But she said couples in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are outpacing other cities in the state in terms of the number of infidelities. Readers, particularly in Dallas, also are sending in long explanations and justifications, she said.

"The wives say their husbands are too busy or indifferent. The husbands say their wives are cold and not exciting enough," she told the Dallas Times Herald, which carries her column. "It surprised me that people felt the need to justify ... I didn't ask for that."

The adultery question is the first time in 31 years of advising the lovelorn that Dear Abby has taken a survey.

Ms. Van Buren's twin sister, columnist Ann Landers received more than 90,000 responses to her 1985 question to women readers: "Would you

be content to be held close and treated tenderly and forget about 'the act'?"

Seventy-two percent said they would.

It will take several months before all the responses to her survey are counted because the mail is still coming in, Ms. Van Buren said.

"It's just incredible what this survey has done," she said. "I have boxes stacked up full of letters I haven't even opened yet."

"So many thousands of letters are pouring in daily, I gave up counting and we're weighing them. I have had to add three to my staff just to cope with all this mail. We're flabbergasted by the response."

Although more Dallas men than women have admitted their infidelities, Dallas women cheat more than their counterparts in other cities, she said.

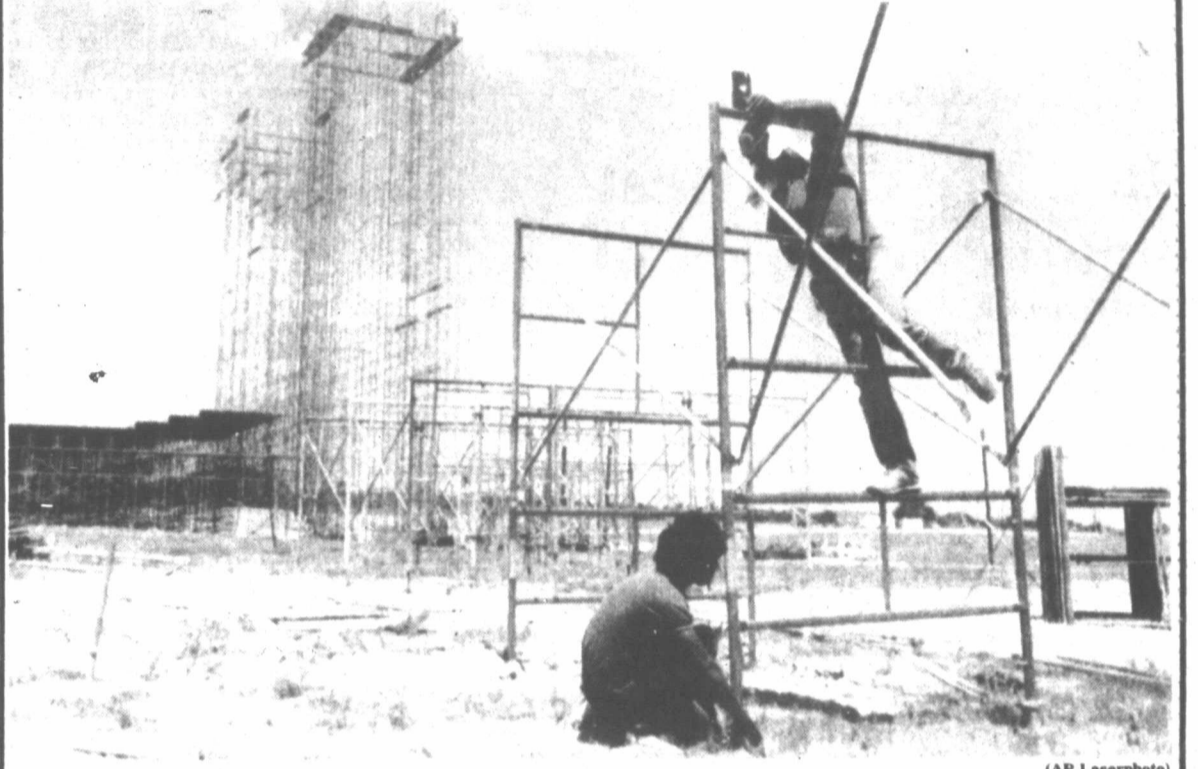
In general, women who say they have never cheated on their mates and men who say they have made up the largest number of respondents.

"I suspect I may discover that the younger they are, the less faithful they are," Abby said.

Some readers are responding collectively. Co-workers at a Midland oil company pooled their answers — some were faithful and others were not — and members of a Dallas bridge club also wrote.

"They were all 100 percent faithful, of course," she said.

Mass site construction



Workers put together scaffolding at the mass site in west San Antonio in preparation for the visit of Pope John Paul II in September. In the background is the scaffolding for the altar area. (AP Laserphoto)

Judge voids disincorporation election at Crystal Beach

GALVESTON (AP) — While beachgoers this year enjoyed the Gulf of Mexico, the tiny coastal village of Crystal Beach was abolished and brought back to life.

"I'd say City Hall is back in business!" said Crystal Beach former mayor Bill Stirling after a state judge Tuesday voided an April 4 disincorporation vote.

Political spats and disagreement over taxes have long plagued the tiny village of about 1,200, mostly retirees, on the Bolivar Peninsula between Galveston Bay and the Gulf. The divisiveness reached a head with the disincorporation vote.

Making State District Judge Arthur C. Leshar Jr. voided his ruling after reviewing depositions in the case, and hearing testimony and oral arguments on Monday. He did not specify his reasons for the ruling.

"I'm sure there will be quite a few parties tonight," said William Kelsey, who became mayor in the same election that abolished City Hall. "But I'm not sure I'll be out tonight, since I haven't made arrangements for a sitter."

He said he hoped his administration could help mend fences among the town's differing factions.

Pro-disincorporation forces, which had 30 days to appeal the ruling, said they planned to study the judge's ruling before deciding what to do next.

"We're going to look at the reasons for his deci-

sion, assess that and decide whether to appeal," said attorney Robert Shattuck, representing the Committee to Abolish Crystal Beach. "They want to appeal."

On April 27, Crystal Beach officially ceased to exist as a city and was absorbed into Galveston County. The former city hall has since been used as office space by the county sheriff and a private trash hauling firm.

The town's property, currently held by Galveston County, would be returned if a judge dissolves the receivership through which the county acquired it, said Galveston County Auditor Phillip Lohce. He declined to speculate when that might be, and said appeals could slow the process.

Following the 314-245 vote to disincorporate, supporters of the former government filed suit, seeking to have the vote declared invalid over alleged irregularities.

In the suit, the group "Save Our City" claimed an insufficient number of valid signatures were collected on disincorporation petitions. The suit also claimed insufficient notice was given of the election and irregularities occurred during voting.

Crystal Beach residents still held differing views on disincorporation after Tuesday's ruling.

"We'll just go back to being a nice little city again, and give the services to the people that they deserve," said Larry Kuhn, a pro-city activist.

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Opinion

Plant closings best decided by market

Sen Howard Metzenbaum has managed to get the Senate to go along with one of those pet proposals of the old labor-liberal coalition that claims to protect workers, but would in actuality "protect" the American economy from innovation, change and economic growth. Metzenbaum's amendment to a sweeping trade bill would require companies planning to close plants to give employees a 60-day notice and make various other provisions for their welfare. That sounds like a compassionate and humane policy, but its effects would be otherwise.

Many might agree that in an ideal world, if a plant really does have to be closed, it would be nice, if possible, for the employees of that plant to have early notification and some help in finding new jobs. To pass a law imposing inflexible notification procedures and other requirements, however, would not help workers in the long run, and would insert the federal government even more intimately into private economic decisions in which it has no legitimate business.

The process of economic growth in a relatively free society is also, as economist Joseph Schumpeter memorably put it, a process of "creative destruction." Sometimes a given company can adapt to new conditions or circumstances; sometimes it is unable to change enough to survive; sometimes whole industries go under. We no longer have vibrant buggy-whip or whale-oil industries.

To place government constraints (with the accompanying blizzard of paperwork) on decisions that are usually reached regretfully and painfully is also to constrict the innovation and risk-taking that provide the best hope of more jobs and reduced unemployment. In recent years most new jobs have come from small-scale activity and new businesses, but the failure rate for new businesses is higher than for established businesses.

If government places an even higher penalty on failure than those imposed by the marketplace, fewer people will likely want to assume the risks of entrepreneurship — and fewer new jobs will be created. Thus an attempt to save old jobs will almost certainly result in fewer total jobs being available. Isn't it ironic that those who call themselves "liberals" are in this case acting like the most stodgy of reactionaries — using the force of law to protect the old ways and to deter any change.

Metzenbaum's plant-closing bill was added to the Senate version of a trade bill; the House bill has no such provision. A conference committee appointed to reconcile the two versions must decide whether to include it in the final bill. Senate Republicans have warned that its inclusion could trigger a presidential veto of the entire bill.

That wouldn't be much of a tragedy. Both House and Senate bills contain more protectionism than is good for our economy, and should be vetoed anyway.

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Health plans declared malignant

WASHINGTON — In grappling with the problem of catastrophic illness, the House of Representatives has come up with a cure that may be worse than the disease. The plan approved on July 22 by a vote of 302-127 would take us a giant step toward national health insurance in the British fashion. This fatal journey ought to be resisted.

Beyond dispute, the problem of a catastrophic illness is indeed a problem, and a devastating, heart-wrenching problem at that. Any family that has experienced a prolonged hospitalization, with accompanying expenses for nursing care and drugs, knows the meaning of "catastrophe." Such illnesses can wipe out savings, destroy family relationships and reduce the most prudent families to penury. President Reagan acknowledged this last year, when he asked his secretary of health and human services to make recommendations.

One trouble with the House bill is that it goes miles beyond what Secretary Otis R. Bowen proposed last November. The secretary's plan contained some of the same drawbacks of the House plan, but it was relatively moderate in both its benefits and its cost. The House bill would hit the elderly with mandatory fees that could prove a real hardship for many persons now on Medicare.

Under the House plan, Medicare patients would be entitled to unlimited free hospital care after an initial annual deductible of \$580 in 1988. The bill guarantees that no Medicare patient would pay more than \$1,043 out of pocket for covered doctor and outpatient bills. The plan would pay 80 percent of a patient's prescription drug costs above \$500 a year. It would cover 150



James J. Kilpatrick

days in a skilled nursing home after an initial charge of \$168.

For a patient with high drug costs, the total out-of-pocket cost to a beneficiary would be capped at about \$2,300 annually, plus 20 percent of drug costs exceeding \$500. At present there is no limit on out-of-pocket payments, and hospital stays are covered (after a deductible) for only 60 days. The bill justifies Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's description. The Illinois Democrat termed it "the most significant and far-reaching expansion of Medicare" since the program was created 22 years ago.

The estimated cost of all this is \$34 billion over the next five years, almost double the \$18 billion price tag on a more restrained Republican proposal. The House plan would be financed by increases in the monthly premium for Medicare. That premium now amounts to \$215 a year. It would go to \$378 a year in 1992.

Two basic objections may be raised to this legislation. It invited political sweeteners in years to come, and it would just about destroy any incentive for the private insurance carriers to offer coverage to the elderly.

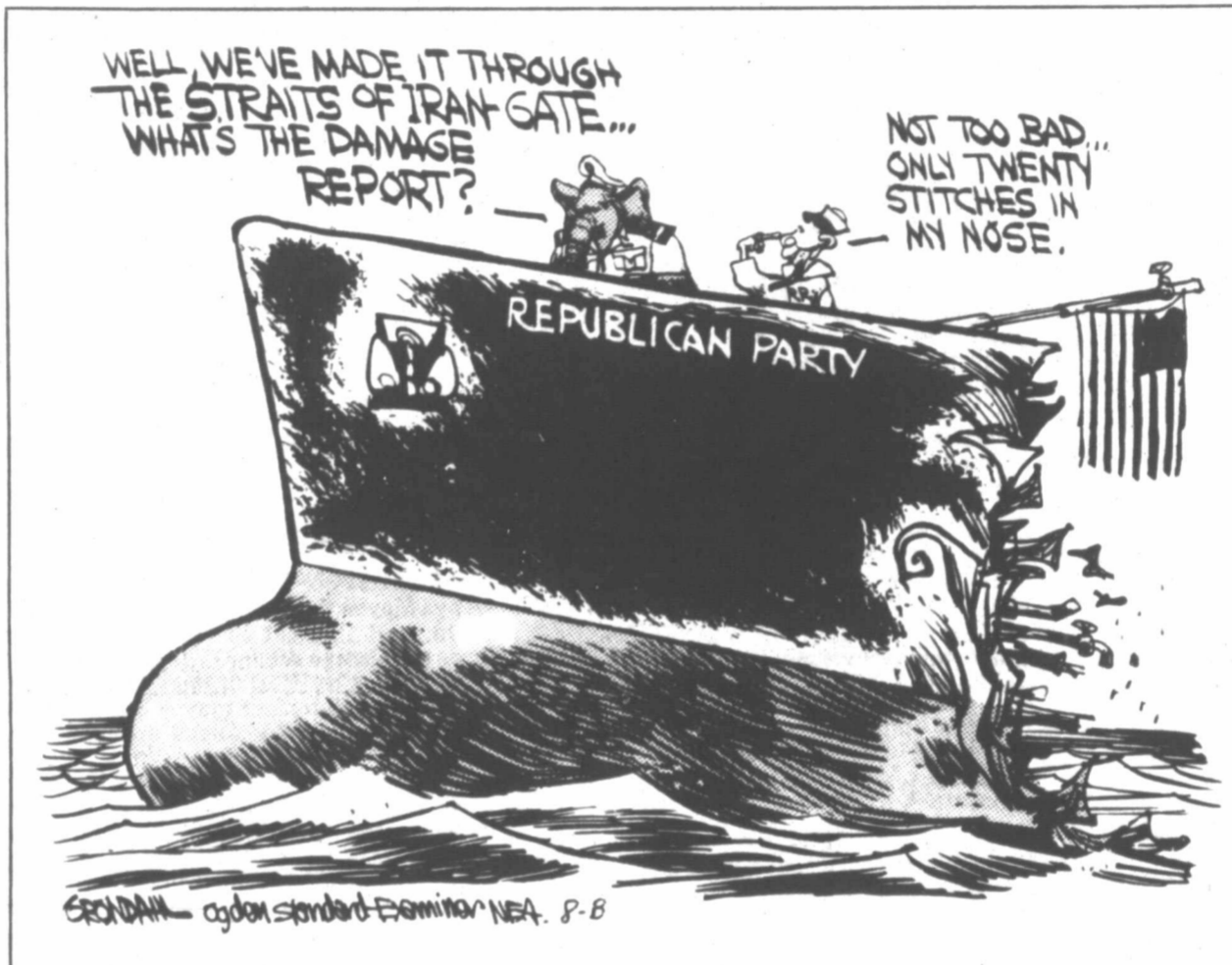
If the House bill becomes law, it would be only

a matter of time — and not a very long time — before political considerations would lead to beefing up the benefits. It would be marvelously easy, and marvelously appealing, to reduce the \$580 deductible to \$400, or \$200, or to nothing at all. Instead of paying 80 percent of drug costs above \$500 a year, why not woo the voters by covering 100 percent of drug costs above \$100 a year? Mr. Speaker! Can't we do more for the old folks?

This way lies national health insurance, with its monstrous costs and its terrible damage to the whole system of private health care and private health insurance. A greater blunder in public policy scarcely could be imagined.

There are alternatives to going the government route. The House plan is inflexible: Specific benefits, specific costs. By contrast, private insurance carriers, competing for the elderly market, are in a position to offer flexible plans, tailored to individual purses. Vouchers could be provided through Medicare, by which retirees could purchase such policies. Congress could require employers providing tax-deductible health plans to provide catastrophic protection also. The states ought to be encouraged to experiment with risk pools to protect uninsured families.

My thought is that not enough creative thought has yet been applied to tackling the problem. Such liberal Democrats as Pete Stark of California, principal sponsor of the bill, tend to think first of solution by government — tax and tax, spend and spend, and leave it to Uncle Sam. I'm not suggesting there is no role at all for Medicare. Probably there is. But recourse to the federal monolith should be the last resort and not the first.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 1987. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," defeated the British frigate Guerriere in a naval battle east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812. The victory made a hero of Captain Isaac Hull and boosted American morale in the early stages of the war.

On this date:

In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1929, the comedy program "Amos 'n' Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler as fuhrer.

In 1951, St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veeck sent in Eddie Gaedel, a 3-foot-7 inch midget, to pinch-hit in a game against Detroit. Gaedel's function was to draw walks; he was later barred from play by American League president Will Harridge.

Doctors can bypass FDA tests

The drug compound called tetrahydroaminoacridine, THA, promises much help for Alzheimer's patients. Tested in humans, it helps control memory loss. One Alzheimer's patient was able to resume homemaking tasks, one was able to resume employment, one was able to resume playing golf.

In tests so far, 16 of 17 patients were helped. Our nation's Food and Drug Administration — ever hyper-cautious — has promised to accelerate THA testing. But even at the FDA's accelerated pace, the drug will not be approved for general use for perhaps two years.

Twenty thousand Americans will die of Alzheimer's in that two years.

There is a way that doctors, impatient with the FDA's tedious procedures, can prescribe this drug for their patients now.

Let me explain something. Pharmacists of years gone by were licensed to put together medicines from raw ingredients. They still are licensed to do so, but most don't anymore.

The pharmaceutical companies have done it for them — have pre-compounded medicinal products until today's pharmacist has become mostly a dispenser of pills.

If the ethics of what I am about to describe are



Paul Harvey

dubious, it is nonetheless true that very many doctors are prescribing remedies for their patients before those remedies have final FDA approval.

The doctor knows the components of these compounds. He writes out the prescription and the pharmacist assembles the raw chemicals.

One pharmacist willing to be quoted, Dr. Mark Brinkley of Nashville, says that there are many highly experimental drugs — or well-known or discontinued pharmaceutical products — that some doctors still want to prescribe for their patients.

And they can do so legally and rapidly by

contacting pharmacists qualified to provide this service.

Not all pharmacists have a working knowledge of the drugs and chemicals involved, but some do.

I am certain Dr. Brinkley will be admonished by somebody for sharing this information with you.

And any doctors known thus to bypass the FDA's regulatory procedures and restrictions may get some heat.

Recently the *Wall Street Journal*, referring specifically to THA, lamented the delay in making this promising drug available to Alzheimer's patients now.

It was the *Journal's* position that the patients have nothing to lose, and they and their families should have the option of testing the drug on themselves.

Of course this raises ethical questions as to how many such remedies should, in effect, be taken out from under FDA control. That question needs to be addressed.

But where the ailment is AIDS or inoperable cancer or Alzheimer's, some doctors and pharmacists are accepting the professional risk of replacing hopelessness with hope.

Scientists study cold's effects in Siberia

By Robert Walters

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (NEA) — While an anxious world looks to Moscow for evidence of the Soviet Union's new policy of openness, a significant but unheralded development has occurred in an unlikely locale — Siberia.

In response to a suggestion by an Anchorage physician, the Soviet Union is allowing access to medical facilities and health research projects that previously were closed to the outside world.

Dr. Ted Mala, an associate professor of health sciences at the University of Alaska, says he has convinced the Soviets to join in a joint effort to examine the effects that special conditions in polar regions have upon the people living there.

Mala's quest began 2 1/2 years ago, when he wrote to then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, proposing a long-term program of joint Alaskan-Siberian medical research projects. Gorbachev approved, but lengthy negotiations — now in their

final stages — have been required to fix an agreement.

As secretary general of the International Union for Circumpolar Health, Mala is a specialist in polar medicine. Until now, however, that organization has been limited to working in Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Scandinavia.

Missing has been Siberia, a vast region whose popular image in this country is that of a frigid, barren wasteland containing little more than penal colonies for Soviet malcontents.

In fact, Siberia is home to approximately 40 million people, many of whom live in the sizable cities of Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Khabarovsk and Vladivostok in the southern portion of the region.

That large population base has given the Soviets the opportunity to conduct extensive medical studies in areas such as nutrition, chronic stress, physiological adaptation and immunology among people in the northern latitudes.

Other areas likely to be explored in

the new partnership with the Soviets include the impact of massive seasonal swings in daylight, possible genetic influences on alcoholism, techniques for training natives as village medical practitioners and the effect upon humans of star flares, the aurora borealis and other forms of electromagnetic activity.

In September, Mala, the president of the University of Alaska and the president of the university's Board of Regents will travel to Siberia. In October, three Siberian physicians will make an unprecedented visit to Alaska to discuss details of the research projects.

"As far as we're concerned, we have a green light now to begin our work," says Mala, who hopes to eventually establish an International Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies here.

The Alaskan-Siberian partnership renews a link that scientists say dates back 36,000 years, when the first humans to set foot on North America apparently crossed a land bridge,

formed by glacial activity, between the two regions.

Today, Alaska's Seward Peninsula and Siberia's Chukotsk Peninsula are only 55 miles apart. (In the Bering Strait, the Soviet's Big Diomedes Island and this country's Little Diomedes Island are separated by only 2.7 miles.)

Since the end of World War II, however, the Alaskan-Siberian frontier has been used by both nations almost exclusively for military purposes, ranging from elaborate surveillance operations to bases for defense forces.

Mala's lineage makes him particularly well suited for the joint research effort. His mother was Russian and his father was a native Alaskan. (His father became a successful actor whose credits included a starring role in an MGM movie called "Eskimo.")

Although he was raised in Los Angeles, Mala never forgot the childhood fishing trips to Alaska with his father. He returned here a decade ago and became intrigued with medical issues unique to residents of the north.

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White House wants to strengthen peace plan

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — The White House says it wants to strengthen a proposed Central American peace plan and is discussing the role of Nicaraguan Contra rebels in the negotiations.

But an aide to vacationing President Reagan would neither say what role is envisioned for the rebels nor outline other changes the United States is suggesting.

Meanwhile, a group of conservatives led by Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., said Tuesday that they will push for \$310 million in new aid for the Contras. Kemp said conservatives have "warned that any plan that halts aid to the freedom

fighters before the Soviet colonial presence is out of Nicaragua, before democracy comes to Nicaragua, is a plan that is flawed at its core and that is doomed to fail."

The regional peace plan, signed Aug. 7 by Nicaragua and four other Central American countries, was being reviewed today at a meeting of foreign ministers of the five countries in San Salvador, El Salvador. Other countries in the region will join the talks this weekend in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Reagan administration publicly has supported the plan, but has said that more work needs to be done, especially on how the plan would affect the

American-backed rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

Leslye Arsh, a deputy White House press secretary, told reporters Tuesday that American envoys to four Central American democracies, who met in Washington Monday, "were told that U.S. policy is to try to make the agreement work and to strengthen it in any way possible."

Present at the meeting were U.S. envoys to Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras, all signatories to the plan. The charge d'affaires in Managua, Nicaragua, John Moddero, also attended.

When asked in what ways the admini-

stration wanted the agreement strengthened, Ms. Arsh said only, "The envoys have returned to their posts in the four democracies and they will have further discussions with the foreign ministers in the process seeking peace, prior to the meeting of the five foreign ministers."

When asked what role the rebels would have in the negotiations, she answered: "Well, they're deciding that. That's what the discussions are about. The five Central American countries will be discussing that."

The Central American peace plan calls for an end to outside aid for rebel

groups, cease-fires, the establishment of national commissions to reconcile political differences and movement toward full democratic rights.

Contra leaders say they are concerned about the provision for an aid cutoff. In a telephone interview with The Washington Post published today, Contra official Alfredo Cesar said the major problem is what happens between Sept. 30 and Nov. 5.

Sept. 30 is when the current \$100 million in authorized U.S. funding for the Contras ends, and Nov. 5 is the deadline for a cease-fire and movement toward democratic reform in Nicaragua.

Report: Government can save money with better patient care

WASHINGTON (AP) — The thousands of Medicare patients needing heart bypass surgery each year could get top-dollar treatment at bargain-basement prices by going to hospitals that specialize in the operation, a government report says.

"The irony is that we can afford to send our beneficiaries to the very best and have a good outcome and it will be cheaper," Inspector General Richard P. Kusserow of the Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday.

The survey he outlined for reporters found that "hospitals and surgical teams that perform more than 200 (bypass) surgeries per year have better outcomes in terms of mortality rates, lengths of stay and charges."

With the government spending about \$1.5 billion a year on bypass surgery for an estimated 63,000 Medicare beneficiaries, the potential savings are significant.

Noting that "some of the nation's most prominent cardiac surgeons and medical centers are offering package prices for (bypass) surgery," the report concluded: "If the Health Care Financing Administration negotiated similar rates for Medicare, more than \$192 million could be saved each year in hospital and medical insurance reimbursement."

The report said the Texas Heart Institute, one of the nation's most respected bypass surgery cen-

ters, charges a flat \$13,800 for the procedure compared with the average Medicare payment of \$24,588.

"If we were to fly the beneficiary and spouse (to Texas) first class, put the spouse up in a first-class hotel and give them an economy rental car we'd come out cheaper than Medicare does now," Kusserow said.

Medicare does not pay such travel expenses now but Kusserow said, "Maybe it should." However, he said he used the Texas example not to advertise the facility nor to suggest everyone should be sent there, but to "dramatize that there is a great differential" in costs.

In fact, the inspector general said he does not envision Medicare patients being diverted to a few nationally known centers, but merely to scores of regional hospitals that do enough bypass operations to offer top care for relatively low cost.

Moreover, he emphasized that he is not suggesting elderly Americans be forced to go anywhere for treatment.

However, Kusserow said he was convinced many Medicare beneficiaries would want to go to hospitals with the best track records and had the option of having travel expenses paid.

Kusserow, like other federal inspectors general, was appointed by the president.

Homecoming



Rear Adm. John Poindexter, former National Security Adviser, and his wife Linda return to his boyhood home of Odon in south-west Indiana Tuesday for the 102nd Old Settlers parade. Poindexter left Odon when he was 17 to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. (AP Laserphoto)

Congressman and friends visit Africa, but fear AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before Rep. Jack Fields and some friends left for a big-game safari to southern Africa earlier this month, he asked the State Department for a list of hospitals that screen blood for the AIDS virus.

"Given the high incidence of AIDS in Africa and the potential for a hunter needing a blood transfusion, all of us in the delegation have been gravely concerned," wrote Fields, R-Texas.

State Department officials say Fields' inquiry is similar to scores they get from people planning trips to Africa who are worried about AIDS, the deadly disease that attacks the body's immune system.

"Almost everybody who goes is concerned,"

said Rob Callard, a department official. "It (AIDS) scares them more than the diseases like Yellow Fever and malaria."

The concern about AIDS apparently is one reason travel to Africa has declined dramatically over the last several years. Other reasons are the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, political instability, guerrilla wars and high costs.

Because of the sanctions against South Africa, South African Airways has been banned from flying to and from the United States since October 1986.

Travel to Africa is "dropping like a rock," Harvey Shields of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration, a government agency, said in an inter-

view this week.

The agency's figures show the number of U.S. departures for Africa declined 13 percent to 113,000 in 1985, and dropped another 35 percent to 74,000 in 1986. Departures were off 47 percent for the first three months of 1987.

Despite the decline in departures, Jeff Ulrich, an agent with Travel Resources in Rockville, Md., said people are still keen on taking trips to Africa, particularly photographic safaris. Donna Tuttle, the head of the Travel and Tourism Administration, is vacationing in Kenya this month.

AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is believed to have started in Africa, and is said to be a serious problem in the heterosexual community

in some parts of eastern, central and southern Africa.

Statistics on AIDS in Africa are poor to nonexistent, but some figures indicate the severity of the disease. The Panos Institute, an international research group that studies issues affecting the developing world, estimated in a study done in conjunction with the Norwegian Red Cross that as many as one in five people in some central African capitals carry the AIDS virus.

In addition to asking the State Department for a list of hospitals in Zimbabwe and Namibia which screen blood for the AIDS virus, Fields asked about emergency evacuations, according to the congressman's spokesman, Brian Wirwicz.

Stock, bond markets post losses

By The Associated Press

A steep drop in the dollar's value in foreign-exchange trading dragged down prices in the stock and bond markets.

But a slight rebound in oil prices, higher gold prices and a government report that July housing starts were up for the first time in five months provided some bright spots on the economic horizon.

The Dow Jones average of 30

industrials, which closed above the 2,700 mark for the first time Monday, posted its seventh-largest daily Tuesday drop by diving 45.91 points to 2,654.66.

The dollar took its biggest hits against the West German mark and the Japanese yen, and rumors circulated on trading floors that the Federal Reserve stepped in to buy dollars in an effort to stem the currency's decline.

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Have worry clouds hidden sun?

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the most pleasant thoughts about the economy is that some of those worrisome statistics might really not be so bad as they appear.

That, for example, all those "debts" the United States owes to foreign investors might really represent strength, since foreigners wouldn't invest if they didn't think the country was worth investing in.

And that the low 3.4 percent savings rate of Americans, compiled as a percentage of income, is really not low at all when you consider that the assets of these same people are much higher today than a year ago.

It is comforting to think that retail sales might be higher than the Commerce Department reports. And that perhaps the quality of U.S. goods is better than you might have been led to believe by a decade of self-criticism.

Such upbeat observations seem increasingly to make their way into the economic literature that banks, securities firms and others have been sending to customers. Perhaps temporarily, the upbeat view is at least being aired.

There is no question about the reason why. After forecasting a rather mediocre economic year, one that wouldn't particularly inspire investors, these institutions see the stock market acting like a bull.

If the market is bullish, they reason, there must be an explanation. And it quickly leads to the thought that perhaps the usual indicators of economic activity haven't been giving precisely correct readings.

There is reason to be skeptical of the numbers. After leading everyone to think that the 1984-1986 economy was nothing to get excited about, the Commerce Department one month ago revised upward its previously released estimates of growth.

The revisions made quite a difference, since the

new figures put advances in gross national product in the range of those reported for the years 1975-1979, which were among the strongest years in recent economic history.

Now, it is suggested by many analysts, the possibility exists that future strength also might be underestimated. The idea seems to be spreading that perhaps the U.S. economy is more competitive than had been thought.

How do you explain the surge in stock prices? Well, you can't, of course, but you can identify some of the elements involved. Foreigners, for example, are pouring money into the United States. They must see something good.

What the market seems to have confirmed is the judgment of investors, foreign and domestic, that corporate profits would be rather healthy this year, no matter what the doomsayers contended.

Corporate earnings in the second quarter rose more than 10 percent, the second straight quarter of double-digit advance after two years of flat or declining profits.

Wright Investors' Service estimates the median earnings gain for the 500 corporations in the Standard & Poor's stock average was 17 percent, and it offers this eye-opening breakdown:

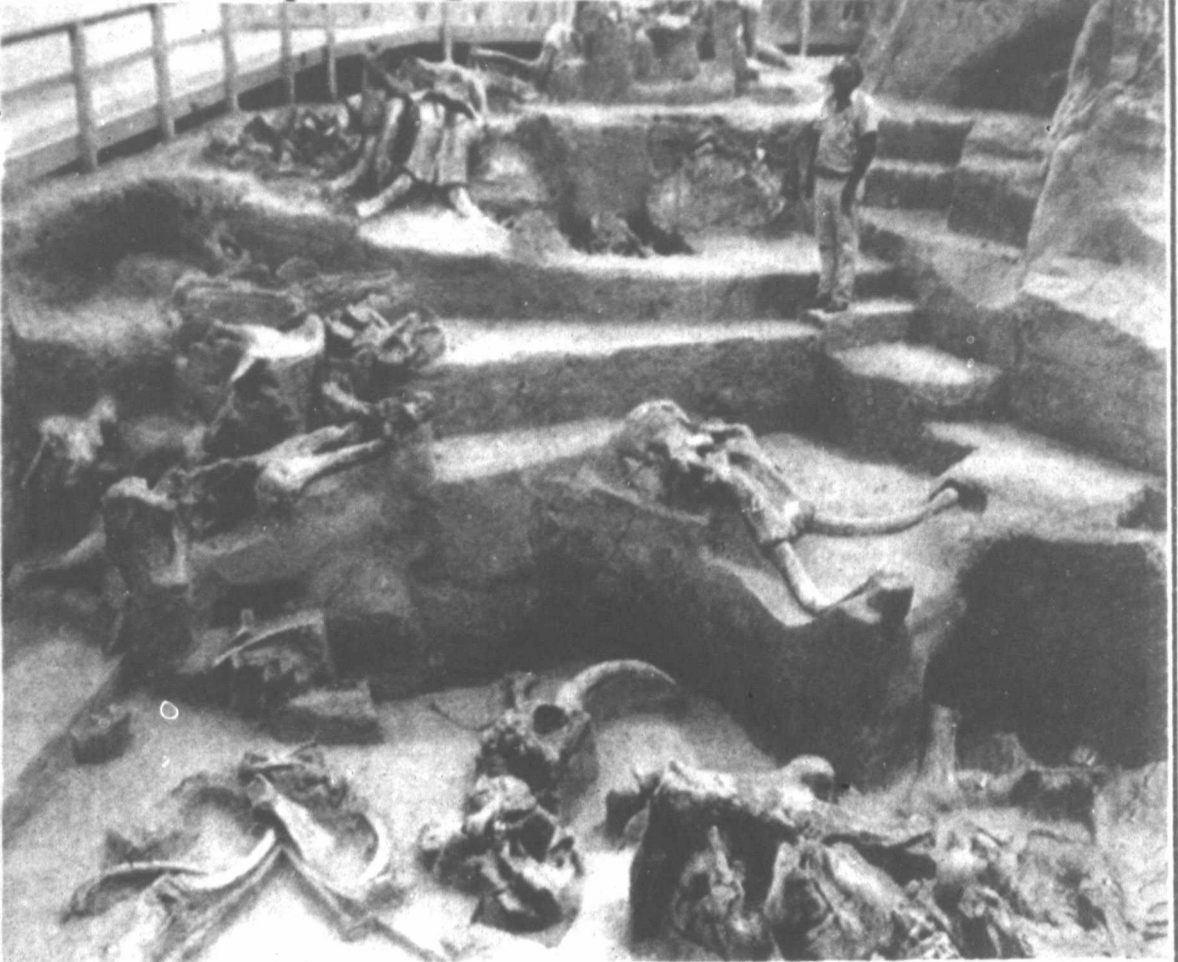
- Over 70 percent of the reporting companies had increased second-quarter profits; six of 10 had gains in excess of 10 percent.

- For the Standard & Poor's 400 industrial stocks, second-quarter earnings rose around 20 percent.

- The indicated earnings of \$5 per share works out to a seasonally adjusted rate of return on equity of close to 15 percent, the best profit rates in three years.

Looking more deeply into the figures suggests there might be something more to the improvement than just a statistical oddity or temporary economic fluke. That something may be a profound change in U.S. production efficiency.

Ancient elephant grave



Larry Agenbroad stands among the remains of a Columbian mammoth discovered in an ancient sinkhole in Hot Springs, S.D. The Mammoth Site exhibit in this small Black Hills city is the only such display of the long-extinct elephants in the world.

Perot bankrolls search for boy's body

DALLAS (AP) — Billionaire H. Ross Perot is financing private search efforts for the body of a 17-year-old boy who disappeared when his church bus was swept into raging Guadalupe River floodwaters, the teen-ager's mother said.

Rosie Bankston said the search financed by Perot would include helicopters and a team of dogs. She said it was expected to last through the week.

"I believe the efforts began on Sunday," she said Tuesday. "My husband is down there with Mr. Perot's people and equipment."

The father of John Bankston Jr. on Aug. 9 called off his personal search for the varsity football player who disappeared after helping others to safety July 17.

Nine teen-agers drowned in the river when their bus, from the Balch Springs Christian Academy in suburban Dallas, stalled at a low water crossing and was overcome by the flood-swollen river. Thirty-three others were rescued, including some who were plucked from trees by helicopters.

Local officials spent two weeks following the accident combing the banks of the river near Comfort, about 60 miles north of San Antonio in the Texas Hill Country, for the boy. Air searches were also conducted.

After local authorities called off the search, John Bankston Sr. continued the search for his son.

Mrs. Bankston said Perot called the family several times to get updates on the search.

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World

Third convoy heads for the Persian Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)—The third convoy of American-flagged Kuwaiti tankers set sail for the Persian Gulf today, accompanied by U.S. Navy warships and a fast patrol boat filled with armed American soldiers, shipping sources said.

The convoy set sail before dawn, and by 7:30 a.m. it had traveled more than halfway through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow gateway to the gulf. The sources said the three warships and four tankers cruised past batteries of Iranian anti-ship missiles and were near Iran's Qeshm island, another base for missiles, this morning.

On Tuesday, Iranian commandos in

speedboats fired on a Liberian-flag tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, causing minor damage to the vessel. Iran, which has fought Iraq in a 7-year-war and accuses Kuwait of aiding its enemy, has threatened to attack the U.S. convoys.

The convoy moved in a single file today led by a supertanker and a frigate, and it included a large vessel topped by "what looked like aircraft hangars," the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A U.S. Navy fast patrolboat with armed men on board scouted near the ships, the shipping experts said.

In Kuwait, officials of the state

Kuwait Oil Tanker Company confirmed that three of their reflagged tankers had started the journey through the gulf, which is about 40 miles wide.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, identified the ships as the supertanker Townsend and the gas carriers Gas Queen and Gas Princess.

Shipping sources said another tanker, the Middleton, was also part of the convoy, but the Kuwaiti company did not confirm their report.

Since President Reagan agreed to reflag and escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers to protect them from Iranian attack, two convoys have sailed north through the gulf. A supertanker in the first convoy,

the Bridgeton, hit a mine near an Iranian island about 120 miles from Kuwait. The Pentagon accused Iran of setting the mine.

The second convoy finished loading oil off Kuwait Saturday, and has been preparing for its return voyage.

Shipping agents at the United Arab Emirates ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan, where the first convoys assembled, insisted they knew nothing about any preparations for the surprise convoy. They said the tankers must have grouped two or three days ago well south of the Gulf of Oman, where several mines have been discovered in the past week.

U.S. minesweeping helicopters arrived in the gulf this week aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal and conducted several days of maneuvers.

Shipping sources said Tuesday's grenade and machine-gun raid on the Osco Sierra, a 20,578-ton Norwegian-operated chemical carrier, was the first known attack in the Strait of Hormuz since the Iran-Iraq war began. No one was injured.

A spokesman at Iran's War Information Headquarters in Tehran said today that the attack was carried out by people trying to increase danger in the area.

Nicaragua links its shortage of oil to progress for peace

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—Nicaragua will run out of oil before year's end unless it receives immediate help, and the fuel crisis could diminish chances for peace in Central America, Vice President Sergio Ramirez said.

Ramirez' announcement came on the eve of today's scheduled meeting of five Central American foreign ministers, who are charged with implementation of a new regional peace agreement.

The ministers planned to meet this evening in San Salvador to discuss the plan approved Aug. 7 by the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras.

Ramirez, speaking to reporters at the presidential offices in Managua, said Nicaragua needs 1.6 million barrels of crude oil for the rest of this year. He called on "countries who are friends and supporters" to come to the rescue.

"For us the situation is critical," Ramirez said. He declined to say how much oil the country has now, but said no new shipments are scheduled.

If the country does not receive oil soon, he said, it will face "a situation of grave limitations in the functioning of the economy, and this evidently could have repercussions on the active participation of Nicaragua in the peace process that is occurring in Central America."

The peace plan calls for cease-fires, democratic reforms, an end to foreign aid to the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Contra rebels and a lifting of states of emergency in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The foreign ministers have 90 days to work out a plan for its implementation.

The Soviet Union last year provided leftist-ruled Nicaragua with about 4 million barrels of oil, or 40 percent of its annual needs. It wants to hold its shipments to that level rather than fill increased

demand, believed to be due largely to the Sandinista government's 5½-year-old war against the Contras.

In June, the Sandinistas said the country had only enough oil for defense and other priorities and reduced monthly gasoline rations from 20 gallons a month per car to 18 gallons.

Ramirez traveled to Iraq, Yugoslavia, Greece and Algeria and National Assembly President Carlos Nunez went to Iran in search of oil.

The efforts "have not provided the results we hoped for," Ramirez said Tuesday.

Government leaders will make another attempt to obtain oil soon, in trips to Western Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, he said.

He admitted the country cannot pay for the oil, a situation that led to cutoff of Mexican shipments in 1985 and Venezuelan sales in 1983.

While the oil shortage will weaken Nicaraguan participation in the Central American peace effort, "that does not mean that Nicaragua is going to drop the peace efforts. Far from it," Ramirez said.

Mexico and Venezuela, which both have large foreign debts and are owed for previous shipments to Nicaragua, recently declined to renew sales to the Sandinistas under a pact that gives preferential terms to Central American and Caribbean customers.

However, both also are involved in the Central American peace effort as members of the Contadora group. Contadora, which also includes Colombia and Panama, has been working for four years to find a peace treaty acceptable to the five countries.

The Sandinistas came to power in 1979 following a revolution that toppled rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Facist salute



(AP Laserphoto)

An unidentified right-wing demonstrator, dressed in a T-shirt with Swastika emblem and portrait of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, gives facist salute outside Spandau military

prison, background, Tuesday night. Former Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, the sole inmate of the allied prison, committed suicide Monday. The prison will soon be torn down.

Healthy children born in Chernobyl area

MOSCOW (AP)—More than 2,000 children born to mothers who lived in the Chernobyl area at the time of the nuclear disaster are healthy, a leading Soviet pediatrician said today.

About 1,500 other children who lived in the Chernobyl region when the power plant spewed a cloud of radiation 16 months ago also were found to be healthy, Dr. Yelena Lukyanova told the Tass news agency.

Thirty-one people died in the April 26, 1986 disaster and all residents of the region were evacuated. Chernobyl itself remains a ghost town.

Tass, in its second such report this year on the medical condition of Chernobyl-area children, said doctors from the Mother and Child Protection Center of the Ukraine found the medical condition of all the children they checked "does not give cause for concern."

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Lundy Hill, who lives near the Sierra Nevada town of Oakhurst, got a bit whimsical when he put a box for air mail on a post more than twice as high as his regular mail box and placed a toilet nearby for junk mail.

Dallas YMCA program steers youngsters away from trouble

By JIM BRADY
Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — The big guys with their cars and wild stories were enticing for John, a 13-year-old with a whole summer of time on his hands, parents at work and no one else around to look up to.

John ran away from home whenever he felt like hanging out with the older teen-agers in South Dallas. He stole his father's pistol and gave it to one of the young men, just to be accepted. His father was worried. In desperation, he once lashed John's hands and legs to his bed.

"He didn't know I had a knife under my pillow," John said with a grin. These days John is bound by ties he hopes he never has to sever. In a matter of days, John has met city leaders, seen the innermost workings of a police station and coached a baseball team on his own.

From 10 each morning until the doors are locked, John is the not-so-hidden shadow of Police Sgt. Guadalupe Fernandez, who is in charge of the Southeast Dallas Storefront, a community outreach station set up a year ago by police.

John is not the youth's real name. Police want to withhold his identity because they don't want anyone to remember him for getting into trouble. They want him to make a good name for himself.

To help the community and improve relations, the storefront staff already has set up crime-watch networks, drug-education campaigns and youth sports leagues in the neighborhoods of run-down apartments, small houses and public housing projects.

Fernandez learned of the Shadow program run by the Dallas YMCA's Urban Services division, which has matched several youngsters headed for trouble with positive role models. Fernandez volunteered, and John's father gladly delivered him to the storefront.

Then he began asking questions. Then he became involved. From his intimate vantage point in the front seat of a patrol car or behind the desk watching Fernandez fill out paper work, John has seen first-hand what police work is all about.

He has accompanied officers to their local patrol headquarters, traveled with them on errands and to presentations at high schools and community centers. Last week, John put on a coat and tie for the storefront's one-year anniversary reception, and was introduced to police brass and City Council member Diane Ragsdale.

Officer Tim Harshbarger, John's second shadow, has entrusted John with the responsibilities of helping him manage baseball teams organized through the storefront, managing the young players and keeping track of all the sports equipment. Recently, Harshbarger let John coach a team on his own.

"I put my best hitter up first," John recounted of his victorious strategy. It's not all roses, however, Harshbarger said. "Sometimes he gets in trouble, and we let him know," Harshbarger said. "It's part of the game."

John fooled with the office copier and got a little too loud. One time since he began coming to the storefront, he ran away — to Terrell, about 40 miles from Dallas. He had some explaining to do.

His new friends let him know what they expect, however, and for the most part, the plan seems to be working out, they say. "He's come a long way," said Robin Tomberlin, the YMCA program director who matched him up with Fernandez. "He's a lot happier and I think he feels much more like a contributor. He's really grown."

John says he has changed his outlook. He wants to do better in school so he can learn how to type and write. He wants to come to the storefront the rest of the summer and after school, too.

Working day is joy ride for streetcar driver

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For David Rodriguez, every working day is a joyride on the streetcar of his desire. His special streetcar is No. 301, the busiest of five streetcar lines that transport tourists, shoppers and workers through downtown. Rodriguez, 33, has spent the last six months of his two-year tenure with VIA, the city's transit authority, driving his streetcar between Alamo and Fiesta plazas in the lunch-hour and afternoon rush-hour traffic. It means living in the fast lane. He has to listen to a few wise-guy tourists sing him the theme song from the Rice-A-Roni commercial. And, he has to compete with wishy-washy drivers for space on crowded streets. But Rodriguez said he always has wanted to drive streetcars rather than regular buses. "I get to meet people from all over the world," he said. "It's fun because most of the tourists are there to have a good time. Some of them act as if this is a Disneyland ride."

Rodriguez, who has been told by some of his passengers that he resembles comedy actor Gene Wilder, said he takes the liberty to tell riders jokes as he travels along Commerce and Houston streets. He said a sense of humor is the best way to avoid growing bored as he drives to the same places on the same route day after day. "I drive the route about 16 times a day," he said. "I do it in my dreams, too. I could probably do it blindfolded." While his job involves a great deal of repetition, he says the monotony is limited because he makes an effort to keep it fun. He asks children to sit near him so they can help him ring the streetcar's bell as he approaches and leaves each stop. And his riders keep things fresh. Rodriguez said each group of passengers brings a different set of questions about San Antonio aboard his vehicle. Some want to know how to get to the zoo or the missions. Others just want to know more

about buildings along the streetcar route — places such as City Hall, San Fernando Cathedral and the Spanish Governor's Palace. And when people inquire about San Antonio night life, Rodriguez recommends the romance of the River Walk. "I refer them at night to go see Fiesta Noche del Rio at the Arneson River Theater," he said. "Sometimes I even give them brochures. I tell them to go there because I know it is fun. I go there myself." Rodriguez admits he is somewhat of a Fiesta Noche del Rio groupie. He said he goes to the outdoor show every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday because he likes the show so much. But he arrives late on Fridays because he drives the streetcar until 9:09 p.m. Often his passengers take his advice and attend the program. He said he always makes it a point to take a minute to visit with his new friends when he sees them in the audience at the show.

Legal aid fund tops \$1 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A program funded by interest earned on money held by lawyers for their clients has raised more than \$1 million for legal aid to the poor. Texas Supreme Court Justice Franklin Spears said the money "comes at a time when federal funds are increasingly in short supply for these types of services." The Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program was set up in 1985 by a foundation created by the state Supreme Court. Funds are raised through interest earned on money that is temporarily held by lawyers for their clients. Patricia Moran, executive director of the program, said such funds used to sit in accounts that paid no interest because they were either too small or not in the lawyers' hands long enough to earn much interest. While the interest from any one account may not be much, Ms. Moran said the amount adds up when many lawyers participate. About 20 percent of the 30,000 eligible lawyers have signed up, including most of the big law firms, she said. Earlier this year, the foundation made its first disbursement, sending \$500,000 to local organizations that provide legal help for the poor. For example, Austin Lawyers Care Inc. got \$11,000 and the Texas Legal Services Center, which helps low-income families who are affected by the new immigration law, received \$63,000.

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Sanders practices 'fire gag.'

Stuntman loves excitement of living on the edge

By BARBARA BOUGHTON
Houston Post

HOUSTON (AP) — On an empty lot downtown, David Sanders is practicing what is known as a "fire gag." But it's no laughing matter. He is preparing to set himself on fire.

He is wearing six layers of clothing, most of which is flame-retardant. His head is wrapped in a flameproof hood. Next, he pours flame-retardant liquid over every inch of his body. Then the fire is set. Sanders is ablaze. He quickly falls to the ground, while an assistant uses a fire extinguisher on him.

"I've had a lot of experience being around fire and I respect it," says Sanders, 32. "It leaps at you, you get hot and you have to control the situation. You have to have an adequate safety team and safety suit."

Sanders is a stuntman who loves the excitement of living on the edge. "During a stunt, the rush of adrenaline is like nothing you've ever felt," he says. "There's a satisfaction in performing a dangerous stunt and a feeling of achievement."

Sanders has done stunts in nine Hollywood and Texas films, including "Liar's Moon," "Student Bodies" and "Private Schools." He also portrayed a gangster's bodyguard during a fight scene in a TV episode of "Houston Knights." A former high diver, he dived off a board 100 feet above the water in Great Adventure theme park in Jackson, N.J. It is the highest high-diving board in the world. In movies he has thrown himself through plate glass windows from heights of 50 feet and landed on mats.

Some would say Sanders is crazy to do what he does. But Sanders says stunts aren't really deathly dangerous. There's always an element of danger but with the right precautions, a stuntman can emerge unscathed.

"I'm not a daredevil," Sanders says. "I weigh the odds. If they're not heavily slanted in my direction, I wouldn't consider doing anything."

Sanders' love affair with stunts began as a child; he was born in Midland and reared in Fort Worth and Houston. "While everybody else was riding bikes and playing football, I was doing flip-flops in the backyard," he says.

In school, he spent all his free time in the gym,

becoming proficient at gymnastics and was named state champion while attending Westbury High School. He excelled in the horizontal bars and tumbling, and went to the Junior Olympics twice.

Sanders, who also goes by his nickname "Stutters" — given to him because he stuttered as a child — studied gymnastics at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and the University of Texas in Austin. Because UT's gymnastics team "wasn't developed," Sanders took a job coaching for a gymnastics club.

In 1978, he landed his first diving job, but by then, he had also become interested in stunts. He dreamed of moving to Hollywood and making it big. And got his chance in 1980, after a diving stint at AstroWorld. With his savings he set himself up in an apartment, got a night job loading trucks, and began hanging around movie lots with his portfolio.

He did odd jobs around the set for nothing — anything — just to get a name, a reputation, to meet people who could help him. Though he acquired a name, and began doing stuntwork in a few movies, it wasn't enough to make a living. Those in the business told him it would take five to eight years to break into the Hollywood stunt world. So when he got a call to work as a high diver in an open theater in Taiwan he jumped at it.

After the show closed, Sanders moved back to Houston in 1984. Since then, he has worked doing at the stunt business, and other part-time jobs. There's still not enough work in Houston to make a full-time living at it, he says.

Sanders has performed at thrill shows, making fiery jumps over cars on a motorcycle, and has fallen off horses and thrown fake punches in fights. But his specialty is high falls.

For "Student Bodies," a spoof of horror movies filmed in Houston, he jumped 50 feet from an administration building at Texas Southern University. He didn't hurt himself, he says, because he landed properly.

One of his most difficult stunts was for a 1985 movie called "Death Flash." He had to jump through a plate glass window 3/4 of an inch thick. The trick depended on his jump and a charge that was set to explode just as his shoulder touched the window, shattering the glass. "It was nerve-racking because it had to be timed just right."

Mouthguards are custom-made

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "Oomph!" ("And a wicked left jab to the jaw!") "Ugh!" ("And a quick upper cut to the mouth!")

And so it goes. Round after round, blow by blow, a winner finally emerges, gloves raised in victory, with a prizefighter's smile.

For former International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Michael Spinks, the scene is a familiar one. Except he owes his smile to the Temple University School of Dentistry.

When Spinks thinks of "resiliency, toughness, comfort and durability," he may be thinking of his custom mouthguard and not his boxing gloves. Spinks was fitted for a series of mouthguards just prior to his championship fight with Jerry Cooney June 15 in Atlantic City, N.J.

Like Spinks, hundreds of amateur and professional athletes come from all over the United States for custom mouthguards from Temple.

Studies indicate that mouth protectors not only significantly decrease oral injuries to participants in contact sports, but also protect the head and neck from concussions and other types of intracranial injuries.

Mouthguards are also useful for the correction of bruxism (grinding of the teeth), as various types of retainers and as orthodontic appliances.

They can be used to protect the teeth during such medical procedures as a bronchoscopy or tonsillectomy.

Mouthguards can even be customized for use by paraplegics as aids for drinking liquids with a straw, holding a pencil or paint brush or operating the controls on an electric wheelchair.

A good mouthguard should be flexible enough to provide protection under various conditions.

It must absorb the initial shock

of a sharply localized blow to the mouth and spread the force of its impact over an area much wider than one or two teeth.

It must be smooth and resilient enough to "bounce" back into shape without cutting into the soft tissues of the mouth.

In fact, the mouthguard's ability to retain its original shape is a key factor in its wearability, durability and its ability to prevent its wearer from biting through it.

There are various types of mouthguards available to athletes. The stock unfitted mouthguard may be purchased at any sporting goods store, but it offers little more than poor fit and retention, experts say.

The custom-fitted mouthguard is made from a cast of the athlete's teeth. Quality and cost vary with the type of material used to fabricate the mouth-

guard. Other types known as mouth-formed protectors are made from vinyl, acrylic or silicone.

Junior and senior dental students at the Temple University School of Dentistry have constructed custom mouthguards for local athletes, the Temple Owls quarterbacks and even the medal-winning 1984 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team.

"We get hundreds of requests about our mouthguards from all over the world," says Sheldon Winkler, assistant dean of Advanced Studies and Research, pointing to files bulging with letters.

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University's architecture comes from halfway around world

By HOLDEN LEWIS
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP) — Tan-colored buildings with gently sloping walls and deeply inset windows nestle against the foothills of the Franklin Mountains at the University of Texas-El Paso campus.

A world traveler or someone interested in unusual architecture might say it resembles the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, with its fortress-monasteries called dzongs. And that's exactly what the architects intended.

Old Main, the campus' first building, most closely resembles a dzong, with its deeply indented windows, overhanging roof and a band of red brick that runs around the building above the third-story windows. Most striking are the Bhutanese-style sloping walls, which are 40 inches thick at the base and 16 inches thick at the top.

Other buildings, like the massive new library, are variations of Old Main.

Dzongs have stones on the roof to hold down the shingles, though none of UTEP's buildings are crowned with stones. UTEP uses composition roofs, which presumably are better than shingles at keeping out the rain.

Bhutan is north of India and south of the Tibetan plateau of China. Most of its 1.4 million people live

in a mountainous area the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined. The remote country is almost exactly halfway around the world from El Paso.

So how did UTEP end up with Bhutanese-style architecture?

Seventy years ago, the dean's wife saw some pictures of Bhutanese buildings in a National Geographic magazine and persuaded her husband it would be a good approach for rebuilding the university's campus, according to UTEP spokesman Dale Walker.

The first campus, the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy located on what is now Fort Bliss property, was destroyed in a fire in 1916.

Kathleen L. Worrell, wife of Dean Stephen Worrell, suggested to her husband that the buildings on the new campus several miles away be built to resemble those with an article in the April 1914 National Geographic.

That article, "Castles in the Air," was written by British foreign service officer John Claude White. The 74 photographs accompanying the article showed a terrain remarkably similar to the site of the new campus.

Worrell gave a copy of the National Geographic to the architects, who drew blueprints based on the pictures of the dzongs.

Old Main, two other classroom buildings and a power plant were ready for occupancy in January 1918; 61 students signed up for classes that semester.

Walker has written about 20 articles on UTEP's Bhutanese architecture, but it took a while for his interest to develop.

He first saw the campus when he enrolled in 1959. "I didn't know what it (the architecture) was and had no particular interest in it," he said. "It was when I started working here in 1966 that I began to take an interest."

One of the first things he wanted to know was whether the campus truly was built in the Bhutanese style. In 1968, he found the name of Bhutan's queen in a reference book and wrote her a letter, asking her to look at the pictures he had enclosed and to send him her reaction.

Queen Ashi Kesang wrote back that she was moved to see Bhutanese architecture at an American university.

"I think your new University buildings are beautiful, combining modern design so harmoniously with ancient Bhutanese architecture," she wrote. "I wish our new buildings in Bhutan could be so finely built."

Students and other staff on campus like the architecture, too.

"It's unique to this area," said student Ricardo Marrojo. "I guess it adds to the Southwest culture. I've always liked it, especially since they do different variations of it."

"Most campuses don't have one architectural style," Walker noted. "In their way, that kind of mixture is OK. It's probably more or less an architectural tradition in itself."

But he said out-of-town visitors are "struck by the beauty of this place. All are amazed at the architectural style and they ask all sorts of questions."

The style is beginning to spread from campus. A new strip shopping center down the street is being built in the Bhutanese style, and a new Sound Warehouse has located there. The copycat approach displeases some.

"It (UTEP's architecture) was unique," said Rosa Jaquez, a clerk at UTEP's library. "Since Sound Warehouse has built its store in that style, it doesn't seem as unusual anymore."

Walker said he takes the style of the new shopping center as a compliment.

"I kind of admired that they went out of their way to go to campus and take a close look at our buildings," he said.

Planned defense base now wildlife, recreation center

KANSASVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Where B-52s were expected to thunder, ultralight planes, hang gliders and hot air balloons rise from the once-devastated land known as Richard Ira Bong Air Force Base.

The nine-square-mile recreation area also is a wildlife refuge where 193 varieties of birds have been documented.

That wasn't what the U.S. government had in mind 30 years ago this summer as it condemned and razed farms in the soil-rich, heavily populated southeastern corner of Wisconsin.

The government moved more than 1.5 million tons of topsoil as it cleared the way for what originally was planned as an interceptor base and then as a Strategic Air Command base that never was realized.

Landowners fought the move bitterly but lost.

Today, goldenrod and spotted knapweed cover the 12,500-foot-long runway on what is the 4,515-acre Bong State Recreational Area operated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The tract is a successful but still underused multipurpose recreation center, wildlife refuge and park.

There are 14 miles of hiking and ski trails, and trails for motorcycles, horses and snowmobiles; a dog-training area; space for 800 campers; and a swimming beach on 150-acre East Lake, the largest of 72 bodies of water.

"A lot of people think we're a state park, but we're a recreation area," said Gary E. Patzke, superintendent of the center since January. "It's managed differently than a state park. It has many uses that are not permitted in a state park, like hang gliding, model airplane flying and rocketry, horse trails, dog trails, hot air ballooning, sky diving, land sailing — just about everything, including hunting for pheasants and waterfowl."

Patzke was talking about the 1,200-acre special-use zone that generally surrounds the old runway.

"The way I heard it, cementing of the runway was to take place on a Monday, but the Air Force called it off on the previous Friday," he said. "They had made a runway 150 feet wide with 1.6 million cubic yards of gravel that goes down five feet."

An Oct. 3, 1959, newspaper story posted in the facility's visitor center begins: "Stunned southeastern Wisconsin residents were accusing the Air Force of creating a \$15 million desert in their backyards in canceling building of the Richard Bong Air Force Base on Friday."

The Air Force, which held 11 million acres of land nationwide at that time, had just announced it was halting construction of the base, for which an additional \$45 million had been allocated.

When construction started, the Air Force said Bong, named after a Poplar, Wis., farm boy who shot down 40 Japanese planes in World War II and won the Medal of Honor, would be the last big base for manned aircraft.

But it became a victim of a rapidly changing defense technology. The new Minuteman missile was making many bases obsolete.

Besides, objections were being raised that the base would interfere with traffic in the already heavily traveled Chicago and Milwaukee air corridor.

The search for an airbase to protect the Chicago-Milwaukee area began in the early 1950s.

In 1956, more than 5,000 acres of agricultural land was chosen.

"Fifty-nine farm families had to be moved. You can imagine the feelings of people who had homesteaded here since pioneer times," said Michael Ripp, the center's naturalist. "Some of those families had been on the same farms since the 1840s. Those families were very bitter."

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Whether it's Mexican, Szechuan, Indian or Thai, spicy-hot flavors are America's new-found favorites. And, since approximately 70 percent of all households own barbecue grills, it's no wonder these tongue-tickling treats are showing up on cookout menus everywhere.

Next time the barbecue beckons, add a special sizzle to the menu with a spicy change-of-pace entree. In keeping with the easy-does-it spirit of summer cooking, streamline the way to your favorite international flavor by eliminating hard-to-find-and-use specialty ingredients.

Instead of roasting, peeling and seeding hot peppers or searching through stores for hot pepper oils and spice blends, time-conscious grill-tenders rely on readily available picante sauce to provide lively, garden-fresh flavor and the desired degree of jalapeno pepper punch. Convenient and adaptable to a wide range of cuisines, it shortcuts preparation time and tedium.

When the occasion calls for an impressive over-the-coals entree, Szechuan-Style Grilled Shrimp is ideal. Prepared in just minutes, it boasts the classic Chinese flavor combination of soy sauce, ginger and garlic, "spiced up" with the cook's choice of mild, medium or hot picante sauce.

Equally impressive, with authentic south-of-the-border fla-

vor, Grilled Game Hens with Mole are sure to please Mexican food fans. Requiring only an occasional brushing with a streamlined version of Mexico's classic spicy, chocolate-accented sauce, the hens grill to perfection in about 45 minutes.

SZECHUAN-STYLE GRILLED SHRIMP

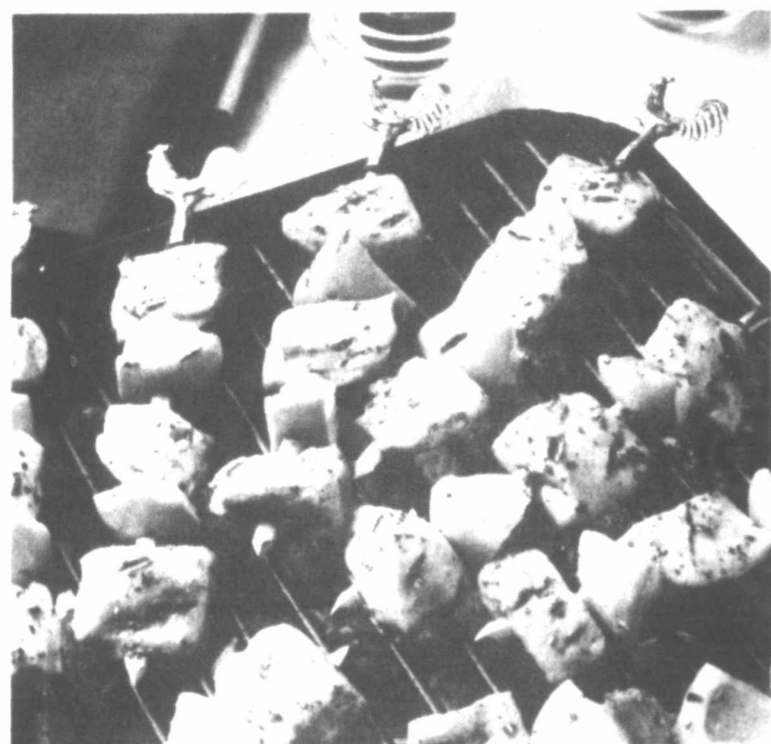
- 1 pound jumbo shrimp (16 to 18 per pound), peeled and deveined, tails left on
- 2-3rd cup picante sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon shredded fresh ginger root or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced

Rinse shrimp in cool running water; dry with paper towels. Thread shrimp onto skewers. Combine remaining ingredients in small saucepan, mixing well. Heat to boiling; cook and stir 1 minute. Brush shrimp generously with sauce. Place skewered shrimp on grill over hot coals or on rack of broiler pan; grill or broil 5 to 8 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through, turning and spooning sauce over occasionally. Serve with additional picante sauce. Makes 4 servings.

GRILLED GAME HENS WITH MOLE

- 4 1-pound Rock Cornish hens, split lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup picante sauce
- 1 tablespoon plus 1/2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa
- 2 teaspoons honey or packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

Brush hens with butter; sprinkle with garlic salt. Place bone side down on grill over medium coals; grill 20 minutes. While hens grill, combine remaining ingredients except sesame seeds in saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Brush skin side of hens with sauce; turn. Brush bone side with sauce. Grill, skin side down 15 minutes. Turn; baste with sauce. Continue grilling skin side up, brushing with sauce occasionally, 5 to 10 minutes or until tender. Brush generously with sauce and sprinkle with sesame seed. Serve with remaining sauce and additional picante sauce. Makes 4 servings.



Lemon Chicken Kabobs are a delicious hors d'oeuvre, cooked outdoors on the grill and ready to eat in less than 10 minutes.

This summer dessert is full of contrasts

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

Here's a summer dessert that's full of contrasts. The fruit is both warm and cool; the sauce is both sweet and tart. The combination is spectacular.

HONEYDEW MELON WITH SAUTEED FRUIT

- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 medium bananas, bias-sliced into 1/4-inch pieces
- 2 peaches or 4 apricots, peeled, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 of a honeydew melon or cantaloupe, peeled, seeded and cut into thin slices
- Lime peel (optional)
- 1/4 cup pine nuts or slivered almonds, toasted

In a 10-inch skillet melt margarine. Stir in lime juice and honey. Add bananas and peaches. Heat and stir about 2 minutes or until heated through. On 4 plates fan melon slices. Top with fruit mixture, lime peel and nuts. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition analysis per serving: 266 cal., 3 g pro., 38 g carbo., 14 g fat, 108 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 14 percent vit. A, 90 percent vit. C, 18 percent thiamine.

Cook chicken on grill

A patio, poolside or outdoor party on the deck or in the garden is a great way to entertain. And whether you serve a full meal or just snacks, chicken is a good choice to highlight the menu.

The mood can be casual or formal, the guest list as large or small as your style, space and budget allow. Chicken cooking on the grill fits the fun of any occasion.

The National Broiler Council suggests two recipes (below) for outdoor party fare. Both were adapted from regional recipes shared by outdoor chefs, one in the Southwest and the other in the Midwest.

If you are having guests for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, try Lemon Chicken Kabobs. They are delicious right off the grill, ready to enjoy in less than 10 minutes. Or they may be prepared ahead, refrigerated and served cold.

For an entree at mealtime, No-Tomato Barbecued Chicken combines a balanced blend of seasonings so subtle that no one predominates, but the result is spectacular. Although most often enjoyed immediately after savoring the delightful aromas wafting from the grill, this moist chicken is also tasty when refrigerated and served cold later.

A backyard barbecue is a uniquely American form of entertaining, and chicken is a popular choice for grills all across the land. Those who watch their weight will welcome your thoughtfulness in serving this low-calorie meat. And entertaining won't wreck your family food budget when you select economical chicken for your outdoor parties.

LEMON CHICKEN KABOBS

- 1 1/2 pounds boned broiler-fryer chicken breast, cut in chunks
- 1 1/2 cups peanut oil
- 1-3rd cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon basil
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 40 lemon wedges

In blender container, place oil, lemon juice, vinegar, parsley, salt, marjoram, thyme, oregano, basil, pepper and garlic; blend on high speed about 30 seconds. In medium bowl, place chicken chunks. Pour marinade over chicken, cover and marinate in refrigerator about 24 hours or overnight. Remove chicken from marinade and drain well. Thread 20 small skewers, alternating 3 chicken chunks and 2 lemon wedges on each. Place on prepared grill about 8 inches from heat. Cook about 4 minutes, turn and cook about 4 minutes more, watching constantly. Serve immediately or chill in refrigerator and serve cold.

Makes 20 hors d'oeuvres.

NO-TOMATO BARBECUED CHICKEN

- 8 broiler-fryer chicken parts
- 3 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-16th teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1-3rd cup water

In small saucepan, melt butter over medium high temperature. Add onion and cook, stirring, until onion is transparent, about 5 minutes. Add lemon juice, mustard, salt, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and hot pepper sauce, stirring well. Slowly pour in water; stir until mixture boils and remove from heat. Brush chicken with sauce. Place chicken on prepared grill, skin side up, about 8 inches from heat. Cook, turning and basting with sauce every 10-15 minutes, for about 1 hour, or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Makes 6 servings.



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Lifestyles

Knife & Fork Club collects dues for 1987-88

Deadline for paying membership dues to the Top O' Texas Knife & Fork Club is Aug. 24, with rosters to be printed after that date.

The club is a dinner club, with meetings featuring dinner and guest speakers.

The dinner club movement began in 1898, when a group of men in Kansas City, Mo., met informally at a dinner with the president of an Eastern university who was stopping off on his way west. The event proved so enjoyable that the local group decided to meet again. After several meetings, they decided to form the Knife & Fork Club of Kansas City.

The idea took hold and other clubs were formed in other cities. These early efforts lived only a few years, probably because each club operated independently without a central office to obtain their speakers.

In 1921, an effort was made to revive the program in Lincoln, Neb. At this time, Knife & Fork Club International was formed, and clubs were started in 29 cities from Memphis, Tenn., to Portland, Ore. Without a central clearinghouse for speakers, good programs were difficult to schedule, so in 1929 the national organization disbanded and gave up its charter.

E.M. Avery, original secretary of Knife & Fork Club International, discussed with Benjamin Franklin (descendant of the kite-flying Benjamin Franklin's brother James) in 1936 the possibility of reviving the dinner club.

Franklin was of the opinion that early efforts had not been successful because there was no

central office to select speakers and assist the clubs with problems.

He was interested in setting up the central office, particularly because of his experience in obtaining speakers for chautauquas, which were recreational events in which an entertainer such as an orator, bell ringers, lady elocutionist or opera star would pitch a tent in a community and present their program. The chautauquas came to an end in the mid-'20s, with the invention of the radio blamed for their demise.

Avery was to work on the promotion and organization of clubs. They were able to rehabilitate and recharter the corporation in Delaware on May 18, 1936.

The first club of the new organization was formed in Spokane, Wash., with the first meeting in 1936. Dinners were \$1.25 each and local dues were \$10. The speaker's fee was \$200. The club ended the season with 168 members.

Other clubs followed, and in 1941 Elmer Schlotz of Denver began forming clubs full-time. Most of the clubs were formed west of the Mississippi River.

Franklin formed the Associated Executives Club in 1938, with most chapters east of the Mississippi, as a sort of sister organization to the Knife & Fork Clubs.

The only connection between the two groups was the central office in Topeka, Kan., which furnished speakers for both groups.

Most present-day Knife & Fork clubs have five or six programs each year during the fall, winter and spring. Some of the speakers

TOP O' TEXAS KNIFE & FORK CLUB 1987-88 SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

Oct. 8 — Don Reynolds Jr.

Reynolds will speak on being yourself and why people are valuable and unique just the way they are. His theme is "ya gotta dance with who brung ya!"

Nov. 12 — The Rev. Jerry W. Kunkel

Kunkel's program will be "Keep the Flame Burning," which addresses the problem of maintaining close relationships regardless of how hectic life becomes. He has been a minister in the United Methodist Church since 1971. He was drafted to play professional football with the New Orleans Saints, but decided to enter the ministry instead.

Feb. 8, 1988 — Del A. Zahn

Zahn is a humorist-philosopher in the Will Rogers tradition. Theme of his speech will be "Who is Confused Now?" Zahn, a businessman, is a natural optimist who believes that the problems which confront us, although troubling, can all be solved successfully. He talks "down-to-earth common sense" in layman's language.

March 11, 1988 — Don Van Palta

Don Van Palta, "The Flying Dutchman," is a banjo player who came to the United States from Holland in 1946. He picked up his first banjo in a hock shop and started playing in Dixie bands during his school years. He joined the Mickie Finn Band in San Diego and traveled with the band to Reno, Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas, Nev. Since 1974 he has been a solo act on cruise ships.



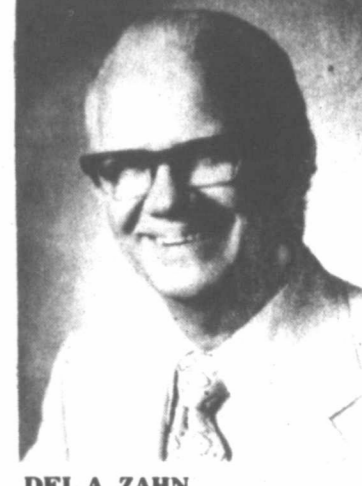
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DON VAN PALTA



DEL A. ZAHN

are world-famous, while others are not so well-known but are experts on their particular subjects. These subjects are varied and may include world affairs, adventure, humor, entertainment and science.

Knife & Fork Clubs are not classified as civic, sectarian or political organizations; they are social dinner clubs for men and women that provide entertainment with speakers. Although arrangements are made through

the central office, selection of speakers and the entire direction of each club is retained locally.

Local membership is limited because of the limited facilities available for club dinners, which are held at Pampa Country Club. A waiting list of proposed members is maintained from which vacancies are filled as they occur.

Prospective members must be sponsored by a member of the

club. Interested individuals may contact any club officer or member for more information.

Club officers for 1987-88 are Melvin Dennis, president; Rue Hestand, vice president; and

Helen Wagoner, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Jack Bailey, Charles Bowers, Eugene Glaeser, Mrs. Owen W. Lafferty, Jerry R. Lane, Bruce Riehart and Mrs. Richard W. Stowers.

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Repairmen must play the waiting game, too

DEAR ABBY: In response to both you and "Harriet in Phoenix": Harriet complained about repairmen who could not tell her whether they would come before noon or after noon, but the last straw was when the drapery cleaners told her they would pick up her draperies sometime on Thursday or Friday.

Harriet suggested that if more consumers would stand up for their rights, another field of consumer exploitation will fall. And you, Dear Abby, said, "Count me in as a charter member."

Abby, may I offer a plumbing serviceman's view of "consumer exploitation"?

It is not uncommon for a serviceman to schedule five or six service calls a day. A normal service call usually can be handled in about an hour, barring "unforeseen complications."

Here are a few "unforeseen complications" that may alter his schedule:

1. Homeowner not home to unlock door.
2. Homeowner late for appointment; serviceman waits.
3. Homeowner asks for three or four additional "repairs" that were initially not mentioned. ("While you're here, will you please look at the faucet in the powder room — it's been dripping for a month.")
4. While on a routine maintenance call, serviceman gets an emergency call: "Water is running down on Mrs. Jones — five miles away. Please rush over before everything is ruined!" (Emergency calls always get priority.)
5. Truck flat tires, traffic delays, etc.

Abby, please remember that we are bringing our truck, tools, personnel and our entire business to your home, instead of asking you to bring your toilet to our shop.

In conclusion, throughout all of these above mentioned variables, it is still an indescribable feeling when at 6:30 p.m. you finally complete your last call that was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. (after missing your evening meal with your family, or a ballgame with your son) and you present the invoice with a note: "No overtime charged" and the customer will say those two magic words, "Thank you!"

TIM FOLEY IN MUNCIE

DEAR ABBY: The suggestions for teen-age job hunters signed "The Boss" were excellent. But I have one more suggestion that was omitted: Be sure to contact potential employers yourself. Don't have Mom or Dad make the calls for you.

As a park superintendent, I receive many job inquiries from teen-agers, and I can tell you that I would never consider hiring one who did not speak for him or herself.

A teen-ager whose mom or dad has to make the initial call or

contact either doesn't want the job very much, or he's too shy to verbalize his own thoughts. A sad case, either way.

NEBRASKA BOSS

DEAR BOSS: Right. It's very much like the parents who "pull strings" to get their kid into a college. They may get him in — but they can't keep him in if he isn't qualified.

DEAR ABBY: What is the story on tipping a hairdresser who happens to be the owner of the shop? I once tried to tip a hairdresser knowing that he owned the shop, and he acted highly insulted.

On another occasion, I tipped another hairdresser who owned her own shop, and she very graciously accepted my tip.

So what is the proper procedure? DAMNED IF YOU DO AND DAMNED IF YOU DON'T

DEAR DAMNED: Better to err on the side of generosity. When in doubt, offer a tip.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my wife when she lost a six-year battle with a terminal illness. The medical school to which we had planned to leave her remains rejected her, so I was suddenly faced with changing all of our plans and arranging an open casket memorial service.

At the wake, knowing that after the casket was closed, I would not see her again until I joined her in eternity, I poured out my heart to her as she lay on display. I guess I shed a few tears as I said goodbye and planted a farewell kiss on her cold and silent lips.

The clergyman (I am a former clergyman) scheduled to preach her memorial service became highly incensed because of even having the viewing in the first place, talking to my wife while she lay in the casket and kissing her. (Her mother did the same thing.) He doesn't believe in the traditional American way of death and honoring the remains, but only in "commencements" as he calls them — when the body is not in view.

After the viewing, he telephoned me and "laid me out in lavender" using a few choice phrases, suggesting I was a mental case and in need of a psychiatrist. (One hundred and eight people attended the wake, and no one else objected.)

Abby, is it very unusual and totally out of order for a husband to act as I did under the circumstances? And what do you think of this minister?

BEN FROM BROCKTON

DEAR BEN: Forgive your minister for his lack of compassion and his insensitivity to your last moments with the remains of your beloved wife. I think he is a troubled man, and his behavior should be reported to whomever is his superior.

Top food preservation questions answered

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

At this time of year, many of the reader letters that come across my desk involve questions about canning, freezing, jam- and jelly-making, and pickling. Here are answers to five of the questions asked most often.

Question: Why do I have to process jams and pickles in a water bath?

Processing destroys organisms that cause food to spoil and ensure that the food will keep without loss of color, flavor or texture. Jelly does not need water-bath processing because it is cooked to a temperature high

enough to destroy spoilage organisms.

Question: Why do jars sometimes fail to seal?

The most common cause is not following the directions given by the manufacturer of the lids. Because the sealing compound applied to the lids varies with the manufacturer, the directions vary also. Read and follow the directions for the brand you are using.

Other causes: The jar was filled too full; the jar rim was chipped or was not adequately wiped off after filling; or the screw band was bent or rusty and did not hold the lid firmly against the rim of the jar.

Question: My jelly looks

beautiful, but when I opened a jar it was runny. What did I do wrong?

The proportions of fruit, sugar and pectin in jelly are very important. Inaccurate measuring or over- or undercooking may result in runny jelly. Never double a jelly or jam recipe.

If you have a batch of thin jelly, serve it over waffles or pancakes, as an ice-cream sauce, or use it to sweeten fruit compotes.

Question: Can I freeze tomatoes and potatoes?

Yes, but don't expect them to have the texture of the fresh vegetables when they're thawed. Peel, core and chop tomatoes. Place them in moisture- and vapor-proof bags, seal and

freeze. Or place peeled and cored tomatoes on baking sheet and freeze until firm. Then transfer to freezer bags, seal and freeze. Add frozen tomatoes to chili, vegetable soup or casseroles and skillet meals.

Peel, cube and cook potatoes. Freeze and package as for tomatoes. Add frozen potatoes to stews, soups or casseroles.

Question: Why do green beans have to be processed in a pressure canner?

It takes more than boiling-water temperatures to destroy botulism-causing organisms in a low-acid food such as green beans. A pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure reaches 240 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Sports Scene



Cards' catcher Tony Pena nails the Astros' Gerald Young (left photo) while the Reds' Eric Davis steals a base in NL action Tuesday.

Ryan ends slump as Astros shut out Cardinals

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Nolan Ryan may be the best pitcher in the National League this season. And he finally got a victory to prove it.

Ryan ended his eight-game losing streak Tuesday night by combining on a three-hitter with Dave Smith as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0.

Ryan, 5-13, won for the first time since June 12, a span that included three no-decisions and matched the longest losing skid of his career. He pitched seven innings and gave up three hits, walked two and struck out nine.

"I didn't worry about it that much. It was one of those things that sooner or later was going to come," Ryan said. "I think the guys felt much worse about it than I did."

The Houston hitters had failed Ryan, scoring just 13 runs in the eight starts he lost.

Ryan lowered his earned run average to 2.95, third-best in the league. He has struck out 190, one behind teammate Mike Scott for the NL lead, in 149 2-3 innings and allowed just 109 hits.

Smith pitched two hitless innings to get his 20th save.

In other NL games, Montreal beat Los Angeles 2-1, Pittsburgh stopped Cincinnati 7-4, New York defeated San Francisco 7-3, San Diego downed Philadelphia 9-4 in 11 innings and Atlanta beat Chicago 9-5.

Host Houston pulled within 1½ games of NL West co-leaders Cincinnati and San Francisco.

Alan Ashby homered and drove in three runs. He tied his career high with his 12th homer, a two-run shot in the fourth inning off Danny Cox, 8-4.

Expos 2, Dodgers 1
Tim Raines tripled and scored on Mitch Webster's seventh-inning single, leading Montreal past Los Angeles for its fifth straight victory. The host Expos moved within three games of St. Louis.

Reliever Tim Burke, 4-0, got the victory and Bob McClure pitched the final inning for his third save. Orel Hershiser, 12-12, took the loss.

Mets 7, Giants 2

Dwight Gooden won his 10th game with home-run support from Howard Johnson, Tim Teufel and Kevin McReynolds as New York beat San Francisco at Shea Stadium.

Gooden, 10-4, gave up two runs, one of them earned, on six hits in seven innings.

Pirates 7, Reds 4

Barry Bonds hit two home runs and John Cangelosi and Bobby Bonilla also homered as visiting Pittsburgh defeated Cincinnati.

Cangelosi's pinch homer gave Pittsburgh a 5-4 lead in the seventh against Rob Murphy, 6-4. Bonds hit his 19th homer and Bonilla hit his 11th in the ninth.

Bob Walk, 5-1, got the victory. Jim Gott recorded

his third save.

Nick Esasky homered for the Reds.

Padres 9, Phillies 4

John Kruk drove in five runs, including a two-run single in the 11th inning, and Benito Santiago hit two homers as San Diego won at Philadelphia.

Kruk's bases-loaded single broke a 4-4 tie against Wally Ritchie, 2-1. Santiago followed with a three-run homer, his 13th.

Rich Gossage, 4-3, got the victory.

Braves 9, Cubs 5

Dion James homered and drove in four runs as Atlanta ended a five-game losing streak with a victory over Chicago.

James' RBI grounder gave the Braves a 6-5 lead in the sixth inning against Ed Lynch, 1-8.

Rick Mahler, 7-12, got the victory, his first in relief since 1981. Jim Acker went the final three innings for his eighth save.

Parrish's homer lifts Rangers past Royals

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers' Charlie Parrish earned his 13th victory with a career-high 13 strikeouts but had to sweat it to the very end.

It took Larry Parrish's two-run homer off Kansas City's Mark Gubicza with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning Tuesday night for a 3-1 Rangers' victory, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Hough, who made 154 pitches in the stifling heat, was exhausted.

"It was one of those games where you had to be bearing down every inch of the way because it didn't look like we were going to get much," Hough said. "With big league hitters, you have to keep from throwing the same

pitch because no matter how good it moves, they time it and then they whack it."

Hough said he wasn't discouraged with the Rangers trailing 1-0 going into the ninth. Kevin Seitzer had a sixth-inning homer for the Royals.

"I felt if we could just get a man on we might pop one and, 'bingo', there it was," Hough said.

Parrish said it wasn't easy.

"It was the best I've ever seen Gubicza pitch," Parrish said.

"He was tough, throwing a fastball away, a good sinker and a slider. I couldn't touch him. I think I hit a slider."

Gubicza dropped to 9-13 with the loss. A walk and a Pete O'Brien double tied the game but Manager Billy Gardner stayed with Gubicza.

Pampa spikers win

AMARILLO — Pampa's Lady Harvesters put on a good show for Mike Lopez in his volleyball coaching debut Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters opened the volleyball season with a 13-15, 15-11 and 15-12 victory over Palo Duro.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way they played this first game," said Lopez. "They responded well."

The ending was much better than the beginning as Pampa fell behind 10-0 in the first game. After Lopez called a timeout, the Lady Harvesters came back and went ahead 13-10 before dropping the first game.

"The girls were a little nervous the first game, but they showed a lot of character by coming back and taking the lead," Lopez said.

In the second game, the Lady Harvesters scored 10 of their 15 points on serves by Lisa Lindsey. Lindsey, aided by all-around floor play by Glynness Brown, ran off eight consecutive points from the service line.

Hard spikes by Tanya Lidy and Yolanda Brown sparked Pampa's victory in the third game. Brown also teamed with Keitha Clark to deliver several service points.

Brown, Lidy and Schivonne Parker were the defensive standouts for Pampa as they blocked several attempted PD spikes.

Lopez coached football for 18 years before replacing Phil Hall as head volleyball coach this season.

Pampa hosts Amarillo High at 6:30 p.m. Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press AMERICAN LEAGUE				Baltimore at California, (a) New York at Seattle, (a) Only games scheduled			
East Division				West Division			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Toronto	71	48	.597	—	—	—	—
Detroit	69	47	.595	1/2	—	—	—
New York	68	51	.571	3	—	—	—
Milwaukee	62	57	.521	9	—	—	—
Boston	57	62	.479	14	—	—	—
Baltimore	54	65	.454	17	—	—	—
Cleveland	46	73	.387	25	—	—	—
West Division				West Division			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	66	55	.545	—	—	—	—
Oakland	60	59	.504	5	—	—	—
California	60	60	.500	5 1/2	—	—	—
Kansas City	59	60	.496	6	—	—	—
Texas	56	62	.475	10 1/2	—	—	—
Seattle	56	63	.471	9	—	—	—
Chicago	48	70	.407	16 1/2	—	—	—

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	70	48	.593	—
Montreal	67	51	.568	3
New York	67	52	.563	3 1/2
Philadelphia	61	57	.517	9
Chicago	48	59	.444	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	52	67	.437	25 1/2

West Division				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	71	48	.597	—
San Francisco	62	58	.517	—
Houston	60	59	.504	1 1/2
Los Angeles	52	66	.441	9
Atlanta	51	68	.429	10 1/2
San Diego	48	70	.412	12 1/2

Tuesday's Games			
Cleveland 9, Milwaukee 8, 12 innings	Detroit 11, Minnesota 2	Boston 14, Chicago 5	Texas 3, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 4, California 1	Toronto 2, Oakland 1	New York 4, Seattle 3	

Wednesday's Games			
Toronto (Cerriti 9-2) at Oakland (Stewart 16-3)	Milwaukee (Nieves 9-4) at Cleveland (Candlish 6-11), (a)	Minnesota (Stylyevs 12-9) at Detroit (Terrell 9-10), (a)	Boston (Hurt 14-4) at Chicago (DeLeon 5-11)
Kansas City (Black 5-4) at Texas (Witt 6-5), (a)	Baltimore (Boddicher 5-4) at California (Sutton 9-9), (a)	New York (John 11-4) at Seattle (Morgan 18-12), (a)	

Thursday's Games			
Minnesota at Detroit	Toronto at Oakland	Milwaukee at Cleveland, (a)	Chicago at Texas, (a)

Wednesday's Games			
Chicago (Sanderson 6-4) at Atlanta (Poles 5-3)	Los Angeles (Hilgans 2-0) at Montreal (Smith 7-6), (a)	Pittsburgh (Drabek 4-10) at Cincinnati (Browning 5-9), (a)	San Francisco (Krushaw 3-4) at New York (Mitchell 3-5), (a)
San Diego (Grant 3-4) at Philadelphia (Raffa 9-9), (a)	St. Louis (Magrane 6-4) at Houston (Kaeper 5-13), (a)		

Phillies' pitcher guilty of "Gross" misconduct

FROM THE NOTEPAD

August 28 is the deadline for season ticket holders to renew Harvester grid ducats. Price is \$18 (\$3 per game) for six home games, two more than last season, which should result in at least a 50 percent increase in revenues to support the costly program.

The 153 total score which earned RYAN TEAGUE the PCC Junior championship last week was the identical score MONTE DALTON won with a year earlier. MIKE ELLIOTT was runner-up both times.

Condolences to Harvester Coach GARY CORNELSEN on the death of his father Paul, age 56, at Texhoma, Okla. last week.

Speedy recovery wishes to FREDDA DUGGAR — wife of former area sports official and Tri-State Senior golf Bus — who sustained a broken right arm and severely injured shoulder in a recent fall.

Baseball scuffing by Phillie pitcher KEVIN GROSS has given newspapers some fun. "Sandpaper? Now, that's Gross" said one headline. "Gross misconduct" said another writer, while Gross was referred to as "the would-be

cabinet refinisher" in another.

On this date in 1951, baseball history was made as midget EDDIE GADEL walked on four pitches in his only major league appearance wearing the uniform of BILL VEECK's St. Louis Browns.

Faces in the crowd at the Cubs-Braves series in Atlanta this week include ex-Oiler slugger JOE FORTIN and wife Vernell. They also caught Joe's hometown Detroit Tigers at KC over the weekend.

Born in Pampa 18 years ago, CHUCK FOSTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, was playing with his Houston baseball team in the Palomino League World Series in Greenville, N.C. last week. Chuck turned down a football scholarship to Sam Houston State to concentrate on baseball at San Jacinto JC. Brother Rick was a former Harvester basketball-baseball athlete.

Green Bay Packer first round draft choice and all-American running back BRENT FULLWOOD: "I haven't lifted weights in my life."

BOBBY LAUGHRY, who was an all-state quarterback for Dumas in 1970, has been promoted to senior vice president of an

Sports Forum

By Warren Hasse



Amarillo S&L.

Ex-Harvester basketball player DON FAGAN is a 6-handicap golfer at Amarillo Tascosa CC. Former PHS footballer GARY MCCARRELL won his age group last weekend in the High Plains Baptist Hospital 10-K run, finishing third overall; and another Harvester basketball player, WAYNE KREIS, after many years of work, appears ready to launch his Amarillo-based Texas Methanol Corporation. Other Pampa runners in the HPHB run included JOHN HAESLE, 29th overall, and TERESA DERINGTON, third in her age group.

How come area newsmen, including folks from this paper, can witness dog fights and interview participants but NO area law enforcement agency can catch and punish the lawbreakers?

Will the PHS new soccer program be open to girls, too, as it should be?

Football just won't be any fun anymore at U. of Iowa home games, following approval of new rules banning passing of people up and down the stands, outlawing of obscene chants, "other rudeness", and throwing objects, particularly toilet paper rolls and seat cushions. Already banned are beer trucks, kegs and open bars at school parking lots and ramps.

ORVILLE (Sarge) MOODY, who won \$360,000 in the Senior Gold Rush golf tournament Sunday, used to gallery brother Lloyd when he played in the Top O Texas Tournament in 1971-72-73, winning the first two tries. Lloyd occasionally plays on the Seniors Tour, also.

"I still hope to teach and coach

when I get out of the Marine Corps." 20-year veteran Col. WOODY GILLILAND tells me. The former grider, who played for Joe Kerbel possesses two Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous other medals and commands a wing of AV-8B Harrier fighters at Cherry Point, N.C. "We might be in Amarillo for the Air Show in late August," he says, "and we got over to Wilmington to see Navy pilot UNC-V (Coach Robert McPherson) during the winter."

Imagine the damage to shoulders, neck and back as high divers hit the water at 30 mph. And kudos to Pampa Dolphin Swim Clubbers who finished third (behind Amarillo Aquatic Club, Lubbock Swim Club) in the WT championships last weekend at Texas Tech. JAMIE HILL finished first in all seven events for girls 10 and under; RHEA HILL won 8 firsts and 3 seconds in the 13-14 age group; RICHELLE HILL took six firsts and PAM MORROW two more in girls 15-18. Good things ahead for the PHS swim program.

And a note for the PISD Board to not overlook major needs in maintenance equipment for the athletic fields. It's only dollars,

folks, and higher taxes... Work is moving rapidly on reconstruction of the tennis courts at the high school... And did the athletic department wait so long to hire a trainer that none can be found?

Isn't there an excellent chance that Class 4A will be expanded to 32 districts when the new UIL realignment is announced this school year?

Contrary to the majority of his fellow coaches, Canyon AD MIKE WARTES opposes an overtime period to decide ties. "At our level of ball the kids are already pretty tired after the fourth quarter. I'd hate to see them have to play another quarter because of the injury factor," a serious matter most coaches refuse to consider.

Trying to hold down taxes, an Ohio school district has instituted a fee for extra-curricular (voluntary) activities: \$40 for one sport, \$20 for a second, \$15 for a third, with a maximum of \$75 per student of \$115 per family.

Noting Arena Football players received only \$500 per game, Washington Post writer Ken Denlinger suggests "the League's pay scale may be less than most teams in the Southwest Conference."

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Pan Am games marred by drugs, possible boycott

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Boxers, boaters and ballplayers took a back seat to drugs, a coach's departure and a threatened Cuban boycott at the Pan American Games.

One day after announcing six disqualifications for failed dope tests, officials said Tuesday at least two athletes were using a drug that can prevent steroids from being detected.

Pan Am officials, meanwhile, scrambled to deal with Cuba's threatened boycott of Sunday's closing ceremonies, and Alabama-Birmingham's Gene Bartow, coach of Puerto Rico's men's basketball team, left the squad.

Lost in the shuffle were a trio of victories for U.S. boxers, six gold medals for the U.S. yachting crew, and 17-year-old Michele Granger's second one-hit softball pitching performance in as many nights.

Pan Am officials introduced the word "probenecid" to the games' lexicon, and said what bothered them most was that they couldn't do much about the drug, often prescribed for gout. It's not one of the 3,700 substances banned in international competition.

"This is new. ... It is alarming," said Mario Vazquez Rana, president of the Pan American Sports Organization. "We don't even know the harm this drug does, but it erases the other drugs that have been taken."

Vazquez Rana said at least two athletes were using it, but he declined to use names or countries. The New York Times, quoting an unnamed source,

said there were three cases, two involving U.S. gold medalists in track and field.

PASO said none of the six athletes disqualified Monday used probenecid.

In Palo Alto, Calif., the lawyer for banned U.S. hammer thrower Bill Green said he was working on an appeal.

Bartow said he resigned as coach of the Puerto Rican team for health reasons. However, a spokesman for the Puerto Rican delegation said Bartow's departure could be considered a "firing." He will be replaced by assistant coach Armando Torres.

Bartow's hiring was criticized by some Puerto Rican coaches who thought a native of that country should have been named coach. Bartow led Puerto Rico to a 4-1 record and said he wasn't aware of any criticism of his coaching.

Cuba's threat to stay away from Sunday's closing ceremonies stemmed from unhappiness over a decision to include the musical group Miami Sound Machine in the festivities. The group includes some Cuban exiles.

Local organizers met with Cuban officials for two hours and said they felt confident there will be no boycott.

The medal count: The United States leads with a record 333 medals — 156 gold, 105 silver and 72 bronze; Canada follows with 152 medals, 28 of them gold; and Cuba is next with 150, including 61 gold.

BOXING

Americans Frank Lyles, Todd Foster and Michael Collin all won to assure themselves at least a bronze medal.

Three U.S. boxers — superheavyweight Riddick Bowe, light heavyweight Andrew Maynard and 106-pound contender Michael Carabajal — will try to advance to the finals tonight against Cubans. Welterweight Kenneth Gould and 125-pound Kelcie Banks will fight Puerto Ricans in their divisions.

YACHTING

The United States battled back from mistakes and bad breaks to win six gold medals. It had to share one with Canada.

Race officials disqualified Canada's first-place finish in the 22-foot Star class after skipper Vince Brun of San Diego claimed Canada's Donald B. MacDonald bumped into his boat.

But even though Canada was disqualified the scoring system used in Olympic yachting still gave it enough points for a gold medal.

BASEBALL

U.S. Coach Ron Fraser is thinking ahead to this weekend's medal round. After getting three perfect innings from one-handed pitcher Jim Abbott against Aruba, he replaced his ace with Joe Slusarski.

Slusarski also pitched three innings and was credited with the victory as the United States won 15-2 in seven innings.

The Americans improved to 6-0 and will play their final preliminary round game against Puerto Rico tonight.

SOFTBALL

Granger, of Placentia, Calif., gave up a last-inning single to Puerto Rico's Clara Vasquez and struck out 14 to lead the U.S. women's team into the gold medal game with a 4-0 victory.

BRAWLING

Brazil's Ricardo Raimundo suffered a broken rib during a halftime scuffle between his team and Mexico in a wild soccer semifinal.

The game was stopped, with Brazil ahead 1-0 with about a minute left in overtime, when a member of the Mexican staff ran onto the field to confront the referee and tripped Brazil's Nelson Kerchner.

The Mexican offender, who wasn't identified, went after Kerchner, who had decked Mexico's Raul Servin moments earlier.

FIFA, governing body of world soccer, will meet to determine the outcome of the game.

Bartow unaware of criticism

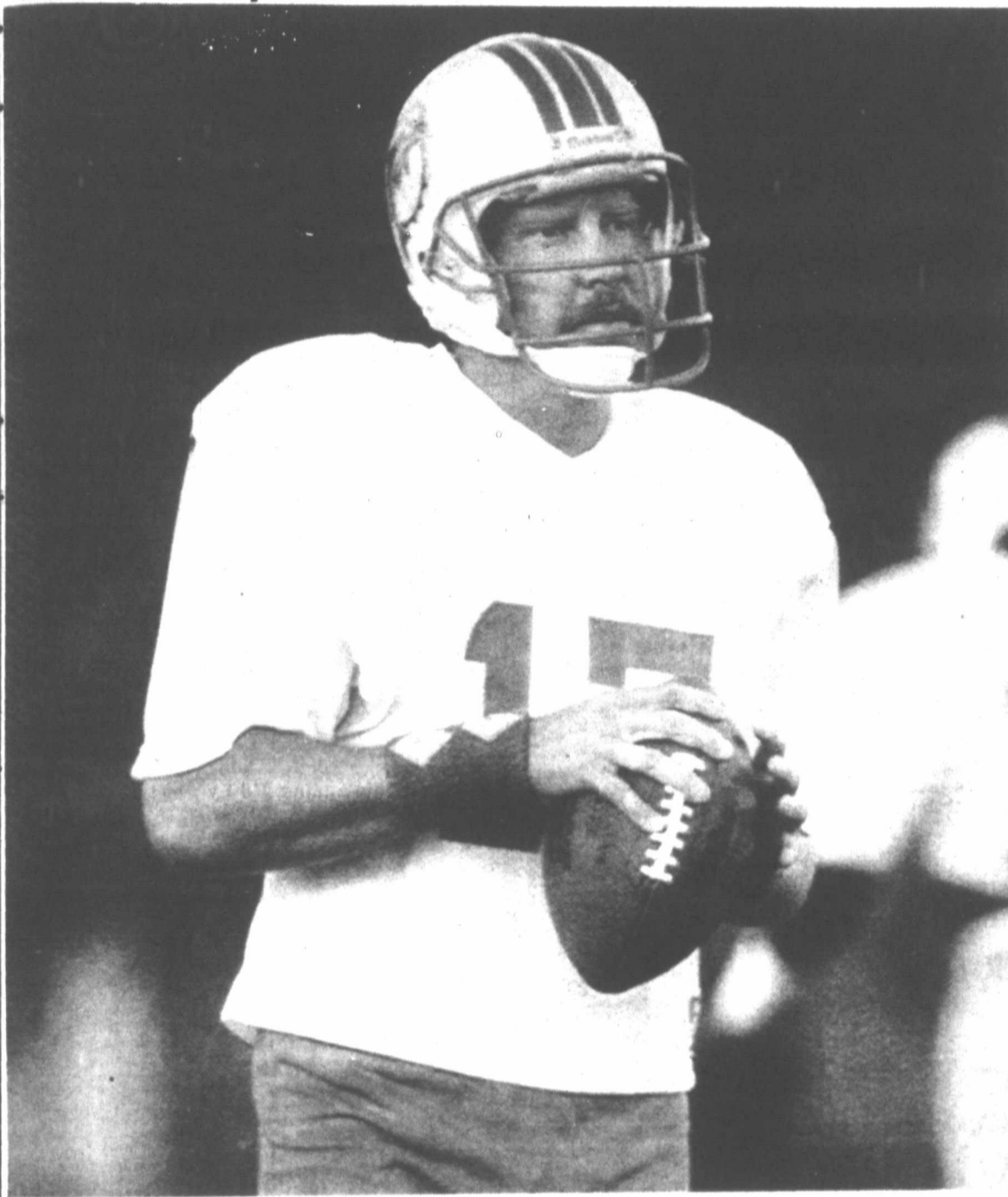
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gene Bartow is back home in Alabama, adding yet another strange chapter to his stint as Puerto Rico's basketball coach.

Bartow said Tuesday that he resigned as coach for health reasons, while the press officer for the Puerto Rican delegation said it was a "firing."

"I just don't feel good," Bartow said from Birmingham. "I've had a touch of the flu. I told them that Sunday and I had told them that after the Brazil game and they told me just get through the week."

According to sources familiar with the situation, there had been friction within the Puerto Rican basketball community since Bartow's appointment earlier this year. But Bartow said he was unaware of any criticism of his coaching.

Newest Dolphin



(AP Laserphoto)

Ex-Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Ron Jaworski works out in his first practice with the Miami Dolphins Tuesday. The Dolphins picked up Jaworski when Dan Marino suffered a dislocated finger. Jaworski was released by the Eagles after last season, ending a 10-year stay with the club.

Dickerson involved in paternity suit

LOS ANGELES (A) — Mediation has failed to resolve a monetary issue involving Los Angeles Rams' running back Eric Dickerson and a woman who claims she's pregnant with his child.

A Superior Court mediator was unable Tuesday to determine how much the former Southern Methodist University running back should pay toward Rea Ann Silva's hospital bills, said the NFL player's lawyer, Frederick Glassman.

A hearing has been scheduled today by Superior Court Judge James Kolts.

"Both sides made a good-faith offer to attempt to resolve the issues. Unfortunately ... we were unable to resolve all the differences," Glassman said. He added that the dispute could be resolved by the end of the day.

"If all things go as planned and we get started on time and there are no interruptions, we should finish (today)," he said.

Ms. Silva has asked the court to order the Rams' star running back to pay for medical bills during her pregnancy. Earlier this month, a judge told Dickerson to pay \$500 during the weeks he was in London for an exhibition game.

Ms. Silva's attorney, Ronald Cooper, declined to disclose the amount sought and Glassman said mediation hearings are closed to the public.

Dickerson would not comment after his court appearance Tuesday although he signed autographs in the hallway. He has promised to support the child if it is determined to be his. The baby is due in November.

Dickerson, who was excused from training Tuesday, apparently doesn't need the practice.

"No, it doesn't bother me that he's had to miss practice," Coach John Robinson said Tuesday. "We all know what he can do."

Romano traded

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Houston Oilers center Jim Romano, who has been asking to be traded or waived, was traded to the New England Patriots in exchange for an undisclosed 1988 draft choice.

Romano, in his sixth year with the National Football League, left the Oilers training camp in San Angelo about 3 p.m. Monday for the Patriots training camp in Smithfield, R.I., Oilers spokesman Chip Namais said.

"He was very, very happy to be going to New England," Namais said.

Romano was acquired by the Oilers from the Los Angeles Raiders on Oct. 9, 1984. He was the Raiders second-round draft choice and 37th overall in 1982 out of Penn State.

Last year, Romano played only nine games because of a knee injury. He played in 47 games with 32 starts during the five years.

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Pedal power



(AP Laserphoto)

Tim Gibson, a tax specialist for Dresser Industries, braves rain enroute to his Mesquite home. Gibson cycles a total of 24 miles to an from his downtown Dallas office, Monday through Friday, rain or shine.

Some city commuters prefer pedal power

By CAROL TRUJILLO
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Tim Gibson leaves his red-brick house in the suburbs and heads downtown to his job as a tax specialist for Dresser Industries about an hour earlier than most of his Mesquite neighbors.

Gibson leaves at 6:30 a.m., not because he's worried about bumper-to-bumper freeway traffic or finding convenient parking.

When he pulls out of his driveway, he's riding a bike.

For two years, Monday through Friday, in rain or 100-degree heat, Gibson has pedaled his 18-speed, all-terrain bicycle on the 24-mile round trip.

Why would a man forsake his Volkswagon to go shoulder-to-fender with cars on narrow roads where he is jostled by bumps, inhales bus exhaust fumes, then arrives for work sweaty, with just enough time to sponge off in the men's room and change into wrinkled clothes?

"It's recreation," said Gibson, 27. "It keeps you in shape."

His door-to-desk trip takes 45 to 75 minutes, depending on whether the wind is in his face or at his back.

Gibson and a small but determined handful of Dallas commuters choose bicycles over cars or buses. For them, the positives—exercise, economy and enjoyment—outweigh the negatives.

About 1 percent of Dallas commuters ride bicycles, and the numbers are growing, especially among the "three-piece suit" set, said Dallas bicycle coordinator Meredith Knoll.

Most bicycle commuters are men, perhaps because they "are not quite as intimidated in traffic and they can get dressed more quickly," she said.

"The pickings are pretty slim" for pleasant bike routes, Ms. Knoll said. The city is networked by seven bike routes—83 miles of designated residential streets in all. Plans for expansion and improvements proposed in the 1985 Bicycle Plan may be shelved indefinitely because of city budget cuts.

Because improvements are not likely soon, bike riders must fend for themselves. Of 206 cycling accidents in Dallas last year, four were fatal, according to Department of Public Safety data.

"I feel pretty safe until I hit Turtle Creek Boulevard," said James Creech, a lawyer who pedals to his downtown office three or four days a week. "It's three lanes, and I have to crank it up pretty good to keep up with the cars."

Creech rides seven miles from his house and finds the trip is "almost as quick as driving, because I don't have to worry about parking. Plus, you get to enjoy the scenery a little bit. It calms you down after work, and it puts you in a good frame of mind before work."

Creech said he showers at work and keeps

several suits in his office.

Mary Ann Brame, an auditor at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas in Richardson, used to pedal a 22-mile round trip to work. She started driving when traffic and a change in her bike route stretched her trip home from 45 minutes to 75 minutes.

Mrs. Brame, 54, still rides her bike for weekend shopping at the Farmer's Market in downtown Dallas. She puts her purchases in her saddlebags.

"It's great. I don't overbuy," Mrs. Brame said. "But I don't buy watermelons or eggs."

Michael Carr spends more time on his bike than in his car. The 35-year-old computer consultant and former runner said cycling provides exercise and relaxation.

"I enjoy the double use of time," he said. "I took a stress-accumulating activity and turned it into a stress-dissipating activity."

In his four years of bicycle commuting, Carr said, he thinks motorists have become more tolerant.

"Cyclists are becoming a more common sight, so cars are more used to them," Carr said. "They may still think I'm crazy, but they don't tell me to get off the road."

Escapee pardoned 41 years later looks forward to fishing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An escapee who led a crime-free life here for nearly three decades knowing "someday the boom was going to be lowered" will sleep easier now that he's been pardoned.

Virginia Gov. Gerald L. Baliles pardoned 62-year-old Vincent Pelliccia on fugitive charges only moments before his extradition hearing was to begin here Tuesday. Pelliccia had escaped from a Virginia prison camp in 1946.

Pelliccia, who was held in jail for two weeks pending extradition, said he looked forward to "a nice dinner" as he walked out of the courtroom.

"The most precious thing that we have is our freedom," he said. "The right to get up and do what we want to do when we want to do it."

The pardon, conditional on 9½ more years of good behavior, was the last obstacle to his release.

"So you see, Mr. Pelliccia, justice does work," a smiling Municipal Judge Glenette Blackwell told him.

The retired movie studio electrician was arrested Aug. 4 after Los Angeles police investigating an acquaintance found records revealing Pelliccia had escaped from a prison camp near South Hill, Va., 41 years ago.

He had served a few months of a 10-year sentence for burglarizing a store in Norfolk.

Pelliccia said he never discussed his past with his children and did not often

think of the possibility of being caught. He said he even traveled through Virginia last year without fear.

But, he said, "somewhere back in my subconscious I knew someday the boom was going to be lowered."

"I bet he'll sleep easier now," said his brother, Manny Pelliccia of Alta Loma.

Relatives in the courtroom broke into sobs as Pelliccia's release was announced. He hugged relatives waiting outside.

Pelliccia, a native of Providence, R.I., settled in Newhall, a suburb of Los Angeles, and has five grown children living in the East. He is looking forward to some fishing and gardening, his brother said.

"He's done a lot for people," Manny Pelliccia said. "He loves to work in his garden. In fact, his neighbors are eating his cherry tomatoes right now."

Supporters said he has been a law-abiding resident since moving to California in 1959. They said they raised more than \$7,000 for his extradition fight by selling "Free Vinnie Pelliccia" bumper stickers and T-shirts.

Pelliccia retired in April as a managing electrician at The Burbank Studios after a spotless 28-year career. The studio is home such movie companies as Warner Bros. and Columbia.

On Tuesday, the Virginia governor said prosecution of Pelliccia would serve no purpose.

Police head orders crackdown on violent labor disputes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The national police director today ordered his forces to crack down on violent demonstrations that have broken out in connection with a wave of labor unrest sweeping the country.

Police in the central city of Taejon fired tear gas today to break up a mob of 350 striking taxi drivers who stoned government buildings and attacked cars. Police said 47 cab drivers were detained, and seven of them were charged with crimes.

In addition, a 22-year-old dissident was arrested today for organizing a violent labor strike at an electronics plant south of Seoul, the police said.

Today's arrests increased to 14 the number of people arrested in connection with four weeks of labor disputes. "Police forces will be used to stop promptly any violent protests taking place outside workplaces, and all those involved will be arrested," National Police Director Kwon Bokkyung said.

Kwon said police also will step up efforts to identify "outside forces" trying to instigate labor disputes. Police have accused anti-government groups of encouraging labor strife for

political purposes.

The police statement came a day after the first direct government intervention in the labor unrest, which evolved from President Chun Doo-hwan's acceptance June 30 of sweeping democratic reforms, including more labor freedom.

Workers are demanding higher wages and more democratic unions. Low wages, which keep the prices of export goods low, and a virtual ban on strikes have been important elements of the South Korean economic boom that began in the 1970s.

Thousands of Hyundai employees agreed to return to work Thursday, ending a strike against the nation's largest conglomerate, after the government presented a mediation plan.

Despite the settlement of that strike, disputes were underway at hundreds of other workplaces today.

In Seoul, meanwhile, the plush Hotel Lotte, the nation's largest, was back to normal after 600 service workers ended a two-day strike.

Elsewhere, riot police dispersed 400 coal miners blocking train tracks late Tuesday on the west coast, news reports said. At least 21 people were injured in the clash.

Police detain five security officers in Parliament bombing

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Police detained five security officers today for questioning about the attempt to assassinate President Junius Jayewardene and his Cabinet at the national Parliament, a senior government source said.

Jayewardene, who was not hurt when assailants threw at least two hand grenades into a crowded Parliament conference room, paid tribute today to Kirith Abeywickreme, a legislator who died from wounds received in the attack.

Another minister, Lalith Athalathmudali, who is in charge of national security, was reported in critical but stable condition. Sources close to the family told The Associated Press he probably would require more surgery. At least 16 officials were injured.

A previously unknown group calling itself the Patriotic People's Movement later claimed responsibility for the assault. An anonymous caller told the British Broadcasting Corp. there

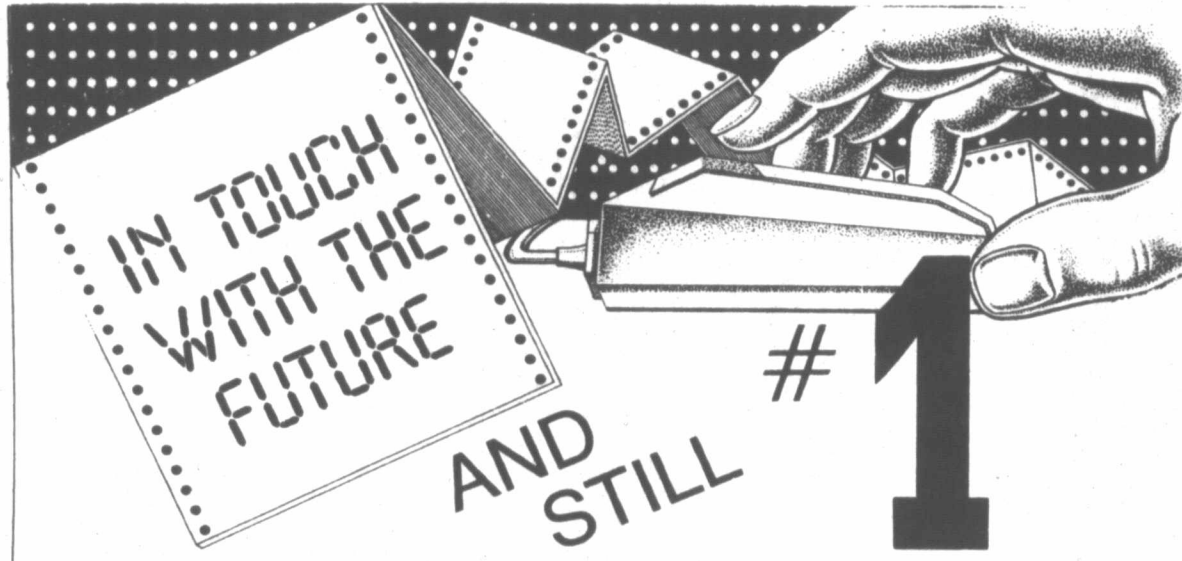
would be more attacks because the government "betrayed the people by entering into an agreement with India."

He was referring to the accord Jayewardene signed July 29 with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to end the four-year Tamil insurrection in Sri Lanka.

Detectives investigating the Tuesday morning attack at the Parliament building just southeast of Colombo took into custody five security men, three of them senior officials, a government source told AP.

He said the men were either on the staff of Jayewardene or Prime Minister Ramasingha Premadasa, who suffered a leg wound in the attack.

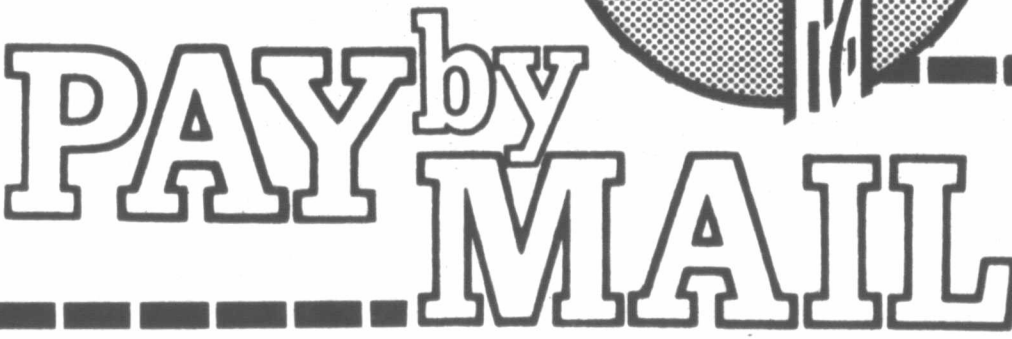
The attack occurred about 9 a.m. local time as Jayewardene was presiding over a caucus of about 120 members of his United National Party. Parliament was to convene an hour later after a month-long recess.



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Author urges keeping open mind on 'alien' abductions

By STEFAN FATSI
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — What angers Whitley Strieber most is the attitude of UFO debunkers who outright reject his claims in the best-selling book "Communion" that he was abducted by short, stocky, big-eyed humanoids.

Strieber, the 42-year-old author of pop thrillers-turned-movies "The Wolfen" and "The Hunger," resolutely denies inventing his 299-page account of bright lights and midnight visits by alien beings to his remote cabin in upstate New York.

"I believe I am telling the truth," Strieber said in a telephone interview. "Communion" never demands that you believe in UFOs or that you believe that the visitors are physically real.

"All it asks you to do is place into question some of the paradigms about reality and the nature of the mind," he said. "I'm not asking more than that."

"Communion," which has sold more than 250,000 copies and was No. 1 on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list for three weeks, details Strieber's reported contacts with alien visitors in 1985-86.

In the book, Strieber says on one occasion humanoids wearing gray body-suits carried him to a small depression in the woods and later to a messy chamber. The visitors, he says, physically assaulted him, inserting a "shiny, hair-thin needle" in his head and a long, scaly object in his rectum.

"It wasn't dreamlike in any way — you don't get a needle mark in your head from a dream," Strieber said. "I felt like I was being raped. ... It just didn't strike me as being hallucinatory or dreamlike in nature."

Co-author of two books about nuclear war and the environment, "Warday" and "Nature's End," Strieber said he has received more than 2,000 letters from readers, over half of whom claim some kind of alien contact.

He is forming a referral service network of doctors and counselors — not UFO investigators — for people who have written to him claiming paranormal experiences.

"People know that something is going on and it's not understood by science," Strieber said. "The result of this is they're just simply not going to buy the debunkers. They shouldn't believe them. The real problem we have now is that the debunkers are frightening the scientific community into not taking a clear-headed look at this."

"Communion" has been done with a lot of care and a lot of attention to candor," he added. "There's no reason that someone with a good reputation can't take it seriously and study it seriously."

Many details of Strieber's alleged encounters emerged during hypnosis sessions with a New York City psychiatrist, transcripts of which are included in the book.

Strieber says he underwent a battery of physical and psychological tests that showed him to be nor-

mal, and also passed two polygraphs. The bottom of each page of "Communion" asserts that Strieber's is "A True Story."

"I believe it so completely that I can take a lie detector test and pass," he said. "I cannot be convinced — not by myself, not by a psychiatrist, not by anybody — that there is the slightest doubt this is real."

Strieber, who includes his wife and 8-year-old son among witnesses to the paranormal happenings, is writing a sequel entitled "Transformation" about subsequent visits.

The author received a \$1 million advance from the publisher for "Communion" but said negotiations haven't been completed for the new book, which details his struggle to come to terms with being the apparent subject of alien experiments.

He said he no longer fears when he will be "visited" again.

"I just live my life," Strieber said. "When these happen it's always a little startling. But I don't think in terms of when it will happen again."

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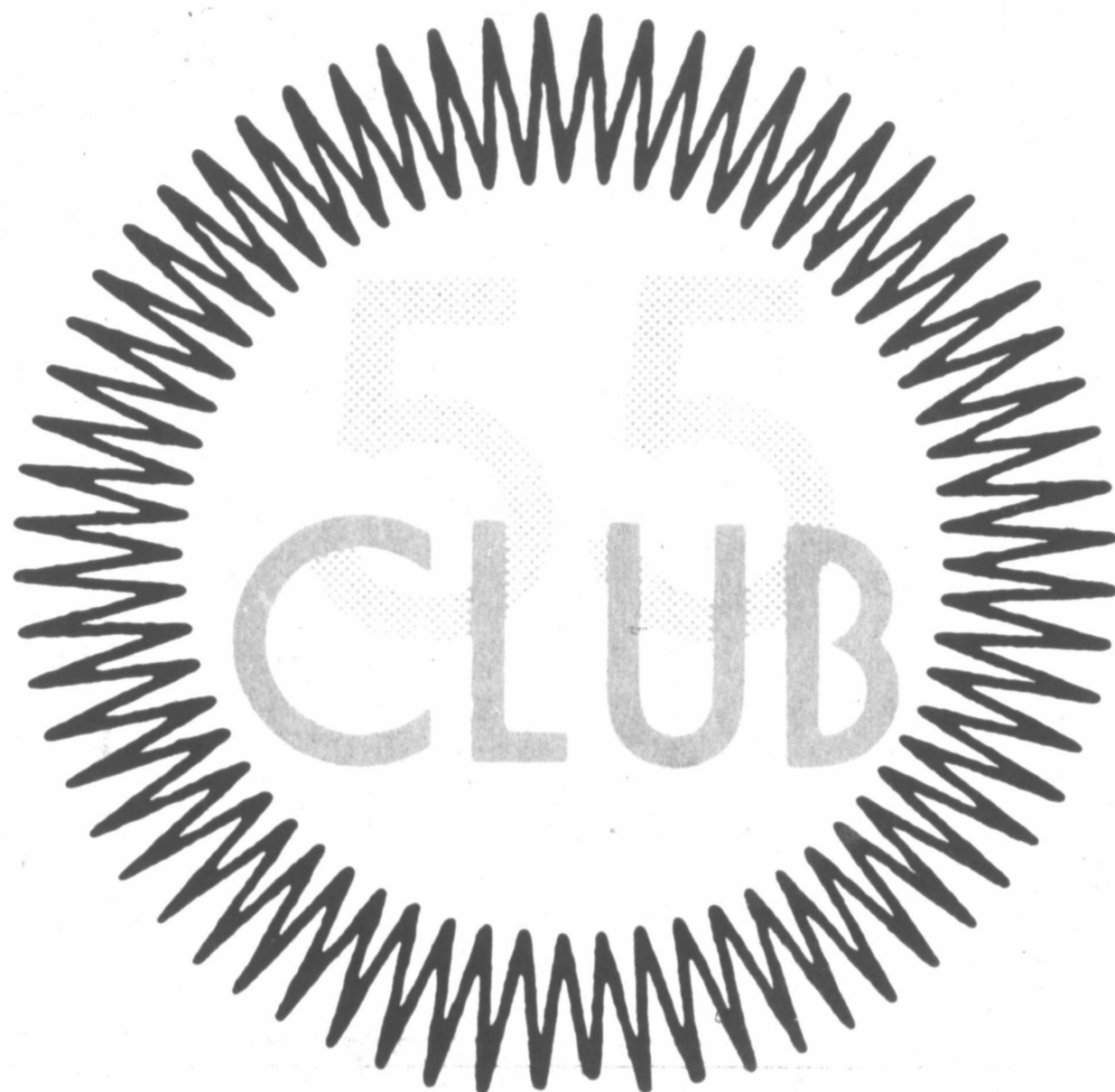
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