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Pampa grocer to close doors

Western Grocery Outlet, 2210 Perryton Parkway, will close its doors Saturday night, according to information released this morning by Furr's Inc. corporate headquarters in Lubbock.

In a telephone call to *The Pampa News*, a spokesman read a brief news release saying the last day of business for Western Grocery Outlet, also listed as Pampa Grocery Outlet, will be Saturday.

"Declining sales resulting from The Food Emporium indicate that there is no longer a sufficient interest in this type of store," said Bob Hurmence, vice president of public affairs for Furr's Inc.

"We thank our customers for their past patronage, and invite them to our Food Emporium," he added.

Hurmence said the Western Grocery's 10 employees will be relocated to The Food Emporium in Coronado Center, also owned by Furr's.

Western Grocery Manager Johnny Hall said today that there's a possibility the employees will go to Food Emporium, though "that's not set yet."

Hall said the store is starting a going-out-of-business sale today that will continue until the doors close at 8 p.m. Saturday. A full-page advertisement on the closing is in today's edition of *The Pampa News*.

Western Grocery, which opened in early 1983 in the former Gibson's Discount Center building, had offered lower prices by cutting back on in-store services. Customers had to bag their own purchases and either bring in their own paper bags or boxes or purchase them at the store. Items were stocked in boxes without colorful or extensive displays.

The store is the second Furr's outlet to close in Pampa. Last year the Lubbock company closed its Furr's Family Center at 1420 N. Hobart when it opened The Food Emporium in the fall.

Amarillo lands coveted prison

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The state prison board has selected six sites for new penitentiaries that will hold 8,500 inmates, but a lawyer for inmates says the board picked the wrong cure for overcrowding.

Board members voted unanimously Monday to build maximum security prisons, each holding 2,250 inmates, in Amarillo and Gatesville. Also approved were medium security prisons, each holding 1,000 inmates, in Liberty County, Snyder, Marlin and Woodville.

Pampa, which also had bid for the state prisons, was eliminated earlier.

"It's a prescription for disaster," said Bill Turner of San Francisco, attorney for the inmates who filed the lawsuit that sparked prison reform in Texas. "They are not going to be able to manage all those facilities in far-flung locations. They are stretch- way too thin already."

A better solution, he said in a telephone interview, would be to incarcerate fewer non-violent offenders.

The board acted Monday after hearing final pitches in the Senate chamber from the six communities awarded prisons and from Childress, the only finalist not given a prison.

TDC spokesman Charles Brown said each of the 2,250-inmate prisons will cost about \$60 million to build. The 1,000-bed prisons will cost about \$13 million each to build, he said.

Board Chairman Al Hughes said the prisons at Amarillo and Gatesville could be built within 30 months. The others could be completed in 16 months, he said.

Leaders of the communities seeking the prisons were frank in their pitches.

"We can use the jobs," Childress County Judge Dean Decker said in a comment that summed up the presentations.

"We have had a long duration of low income," said Marlin school Superintendent Joe Campbell. "Our area has been depressed since the production of cotton declined and since Swift closed the meat-packing plant five years ago."

Gatesville breezed through the hearing, drawing no opposition.

"We were pro-TDC before it was fashionable," said Gatesville Mayor Pro Tem John Ward, noting there is already a prison in his area.

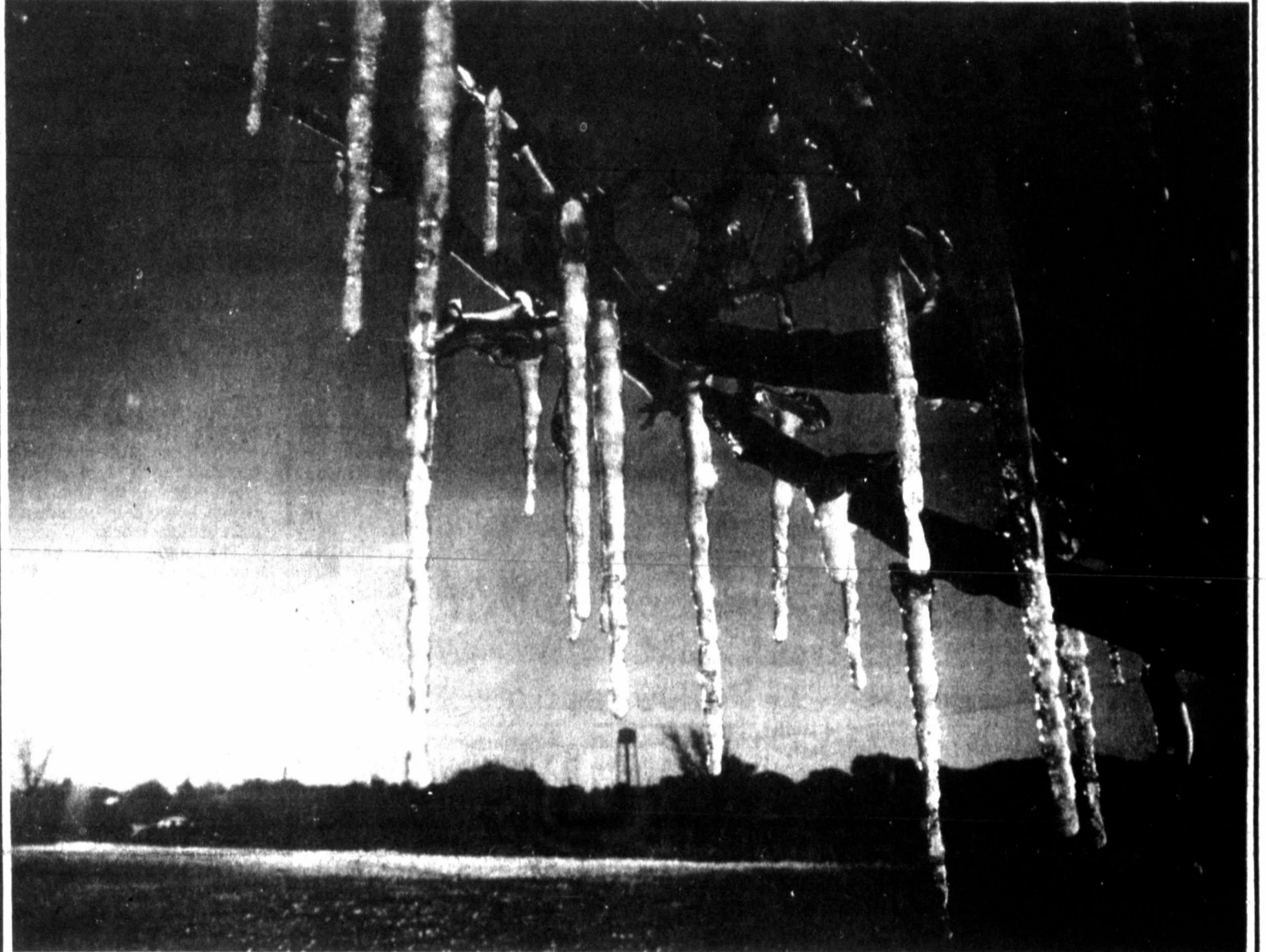
But Amarillo's proposal drew intense local opposition, mostly from people who live in the Eastridge neighborhood, a few miles from the prison site.

"They rented a great, big plane and flew down here," opponent Lucy O'Brien said of the prison backers. "What they don't have is the citizens of Amarillo behind them."

"We highly recommend the city of Childress," said Wiley Chaney, an Amarillo resident who lives a mile from the prison site.

Hughes said the Amarillo site "is ideal for a prison."

Hard freeze



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

The Pampa area experienced its first hard freeze of the fall this morning, when the temperature dipped to 22 degrees and frost formed on windshields and branches. Temperatures are expected to warm Wednesday. Sunny skies and a

high in the low 60s are forecast for Wednesday. A low tonight near 30 is expected. The high Monday reached only 46 degrees.

Reagan lobbies for California judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today called off a meeting between its likely Supreme Court nominee, Anthony M. Kennedy, and conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, who expressed opposition to the appellate judge two weeks ago but is now pledging to keep an open mind.

Helms said he was told the White House did not want such meetings until after Kennedy's background checks are completed. The meeting had been scheduled in an effort to line up conservative support for the appeals court judge from Sacramento, Calif., who the White House describes as the front-runner for the nomination.

Helms, R-N.C., said he expected the meeting to be rescheduled.

White House congressional affairs director Will Ball called Helms' office and said administration officials needed to talk with Kennedy.

Helms said he would keep an "open mind" and added, "They've not closed the book" on selecting a new court nominee. He said he favors a federal appellate judge from Kansas City, Mo., Pasco Bowman.

President Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese III have been meeting with conservatives as they try for a third time to fill the four-month-old vacancy.

It is unusual for a prospective nominee to meet with senators, but this is a special case.

After the defeat of Robert H. Bork by the Senate last month, and the withdrawal of Douglas H. Ginsburg on Saturday, Reagan doesn't want to lose a third straight Supreme Court nominee.

Helms just two weeks ago said "no way, Jose" would he back Kennedy, suggesting there could be a filibuster against a candidate that some conservatives considered not solidly enough conservative. But on Monday, Helms said he had an "open mind."

After the protest from Helms and others, the president decided to nominate Ginsburg, who bowed out nine days later following an uproar over his admission that he smoked marijuana in the 1960s and 1970s.

Other conservatives said they would be able to support Kennedy.

"I think it's fair to say he is the leading candidate," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said of Kennedy, a Sacramento, Calif.-based judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Conservative Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, at the White House on another matter, told reporters, "If chosen by the president I'd certainly support him."

He said there would have to be "very strong reasons" for anyone to filibuster and noted, "There's a limited amount of time this year" to fill the court seat.

Jeffrey Trout, research director for the In-

stitute for Government and Politics, a conservative think tank, said, "Most conservatives would be behind Kennedy."

"We can support him," said Bill Kling of the Coalitions for America. He said the Helms-Kennedy meeting was arranged because the administration wants "to put out the fire right away."

Meese on Monday met with Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, who earlier in the day blamed "gutless wonders" in the White House for forcing Ginsburg to quit when he was willing to fight on despite the marijuana controversy. Reagan contended Ginsburg gave up voluntarily.

And the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, met with Reagan on Monday, according to a source who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Thurmond apparently will be frustrated for a third time in his attempt to have the president nominate federal appellate Judge William Wilkins of Greenville, S.C.

"They may be mad at the president and the White House for now, but they realize this is it," Trout said of Thurmond and Hatch. "If they don't get this one, they probably realize the next nominee they face may come from a Democrat."

McLean drops to 6-man; Groom considers move

McLEAN — The McLean school board voted 5-2 Monday night to drop the district's football program to six-man competition, effective next year.

The school will now be bound to compete on that level for a minimum of two years, according to University Interscholastic League rules.

Fewer expected participants in the Tiger football program and a 40-game losing streak in 11-man competition led the board to make the switch.

Even McLean head coach George Watson, a 26-year coaching veteran in 11-man play, recently decided that going to six-man would benefit

the team and the school district.

The team's players earlier had voted to stay with the 11-man squad.

At 8 o'clock tonight, the Groom school board will study the same issue, and if initial speculation is correct, that district also will switch to six-man competition.

While Groom trustees consider dropping to the smaller-team football squad, they also are scheduled to receive the resignations of both athletic director and head football coach Terry Coffee and assistant coach Gary Rambo. See the complete story in sports, Page 15.



Watson

White Deer trustees discuss discipline, football victories

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — White Deer-Skellytown school trustees got glowing reports of a winning football team, a promising band and a succeeding student body at their regular meeting Monday.

White Deer football Coach Windy Williams reported that the Bucks just finished the season with a 4-2 district record and a 7-3 overall record.

"We beat Panhandle. Any other questions," Williams remarked about the season's success.

Band Director Dana Reynard praised the band, made up mostly seventh- and eighth-graders, for their progress. Reynard pointed out that the band learned 22 pieces of music in the first 10 weeks of school and is preparing for its annual Christmas concert Dec. 13.

High school Principal Andy Andrews reported success at the district Future Farmers of America meet, where the "radio team" of Raymond Bur-

ditt, Karen Wyatt and Darren Hudson took first, and the junior chapter conducting team of Stephen Urbanczyk, Traci Lemmons, Kade Hefner, Ray Pipes, Stephanie Harrah, Dare Walker and Eddie Tice took second. They advance to area competition Nov. 21.

To further boost student and community pride, Andrews said, plaques will be given to the outstanding students of each six-week term and bumper stickers will be given to parents of outstanding students and honor roll students.

But Andrews said, there's still some room for improvement where student discipline and respect for teachers is concerned.

Stressing that the discipline "problem" at White Deer is not as bad as at larger schools where he worked, Andrews presented the board with a set of campus goals to improve student learning. The goals were drawn up by a committee of school patrons and teachers.

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Texas/Regional

Group policies without AIDS coverage predicted

AUSTIN (AP) — A spokesman for the Texas insurance industry told a public hearing on AIDS-insurance rules that the industry cannot insure sick people and survive.

An officer in a statewide gay-lesbian organization said strong, enforceable rules are needed to prevent the industry from denying health and life insurance to people on the basis of their sexual preference.

Will Davis, an Austin lawyer representing the Texas Legal Reserve Officials Association, with 125 member companies, said Monday that employers "have said we are no longer going to pay excess costs for health insurance."

Davis told the State Board of Insurance that as a result of the unpredictability of AIDS, group health insurance to a large extent will exclude coverage for the medical costs of the deadly disease.

Davis testified on proposed rules that would prohibit insurance companies from asking policy applicants about their sexual orientation, but would allow them to continue requiring AIDS tests for applicants.

AIDS — acquired immunity deficiency syndrome — destroys the ability of the body's immune system to fend off certain fatal diseases.

The board as early as August acknowledged that some Texas insurance companies had started to exclude AIDS coverage in their group health plans.

With so many AIDS deaths and illnesses, Davis said, "all your actuarial tables and predictability guides will go out the window."

Davis said the insurance industry, regulators and insurance-buying public will be faced with two choices — "no insurance of any kind for any sort of

health-related matters, or even death, or severe (policy) limitations upon those deaths and illnesses which flow from AIDS."

He added, "There is a fundamental rule that guides life, health and accident insurance companies. And that is, the business of life, health and accident insurance cannot long endure and survive if they insure sick people."

Glen Maxey, executive director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said, "As we've watched our loved ones become ill and die, it is understandable that we express a great deal of anger at some of the outrageous and callous decisions made by the industry."

Tom Doyal, who identified himself as an Austin lawyer, a homosexual and a member of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, discounted the argument that AIDS would pose a great financial threat to the insurance industry because most premiums are adjusted annually.

Doyal said the question with AIDS and insurance is who pays. He said if he had to choose between local charity hospitals, which are funded by property taxes, and the insurance industry — which could spread the costs among policyholders — "I'd choose the industry. It seems more efficient."

Another Austin lawyer, Sam Winters, representing the Texas Life Insurance Association, said the proposed rules "grant special privileges and immunities to persons with one category of illness and perhaps could establish a precedent for other illnesses."

Winters said the rules would make it most difficult to underwrite risks and would damage some companies, especially the small ones.

Winters joined Davis in opposing a proposed rule that prohibits an insurer from releasing or disclosing AIDS-related test results or from allowing "a test result to become known."

Maxey and Doyal proposed more detailed rules to prohibit insurance companies from inquiring about an applicant's sexual life style and to keep test results confidential.

Doyal also suggested the possibility of a high-risk pool for those who test positive for the AIDS virus.

Maxey said he opposes any rule that would allow test results to be placed in computers of Medical Information Bureau, Inc., a trade association of 800 insurance companies formed to exchange information among the companies.

Winters contended, "There can be no legitimate concern about the confidentiality insofar as MIB is concerned."

Off to see The Wiz



Heading down the yellow brick road toward the Emerald City to see *The Wiz* are, from left, Scarecrow (Leslie McQueen), Lion (Marc Gilbert), Dorothy (Kathy Smith) and Tinman (Brian Hogan). Pampa High School choir and drama students will be presenting the musical *The Wiz* in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

Groups may build non-profit horse, dog racing tracks

By The Associated Press

Another battle is brewing in the pari-mutuel betting issue that was the center of a hot debate before Texans approved its legalization in the Nov. 3 elections.

This time the pari-mutuel confrontation is between private groups interested in cashing in on race track profits and other groups that think the tracks' income should benefit community organizations.

In Omaha, Neb., the Ak-Sar-Ben thoroughbred track contributed \$500,000 last year to local organizations — after capital improvements and other expenses. It is one of a half dozen non-profit racing operations in the nation with an annual charity distribution of \$1.5 million.

"We think we've done a whale of good, and we hope the public appreciates it," said Tim Schmad, the track's assistant general manager.

But, John Bannerman, a Houston lawyer and spokesman for the group known as Houston Downs said his organization would fight Harris County officials if they proceed with plans for a non-profit track.

"Our business philosophy is founded on the free enterprise system," he said. "The spirit of people in Texas for free enterprise and an incentive to the people to do well and have as little government involvement as practical." Texas voters approved pari-mutuel betting in the Nov. 3 elections.

Five percent of the pari-mutuel handle will go to the state. An eight-member racing commission to be named by Gov. Bill Clements will write the rules governing racing in Texas and grant licenses to track owners.

Those leaning toward a not-for-profit track or private-public financing include former Dallas Mayor Bob Folsom.

Folsom said he is trying to line up 100 businesses that will donate \$100,000 each to conduct a study over the next 18 months on the location and financing of a non-profit or publicly-owned track in the Dallas area.

In Houston, Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay says he may ask the Commissioners Court to authorize a study of profitability of a track owned by the county and run under contract by a management company. San Antonio and Galveston groups also are considering non-profit tracks.

"I just want to make sure we don't get into something that will cost us a lot of taxpayers' money," Lindsay said.

Sue Cox, head of Texans Who Care, fought legalization of pari-mutuel betting, but supports the non-profit tracks proposal because "the entire community can share in whatever profits the track might generate."

Tony Chamblin, executive vice president of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, said he expects the Texas racing commission to give equal consideration to both for-profit and non-profit applicants.

"It's all going to come down to who presents the most favorable economic projections," he said.

Life sentences equal about 10 years in prison

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Criminals convicted to life sentences in Texas spend about a decade behind bars before being released, Texas Department of Corrections records show.

"The average amount of time served has gone up, primarily between 1978 and 1983," said James Marquart, assistant professor of criminal justice at Sam Houston State University.

Much of the increase can be attributed to the harsher laws involving aggravated crimes. But convicts still are serving only one-quarter to one-third or less of their original sentences, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

Non-violent criminals now are spending about one month behind bars for every year assessed, the newspaper reported.

"It's not long," Marquart said. "I don't think that's shocking."

"It's not like TDC is trying to let them out — what are you going to do with these people?" he said. "The whole system is basically out of control with people. It's more than just a TDC-parole board problem. It's a system problem."

Prison figures released for 1986 — the most recent statistics available — show that the 417 convicts sentenced to life terms and released last year served an average of 11 years, nine months and four days.

Football player 1, photographer 0

All right. All right! I'll write a column about my stupid ankle.

The gods warned me about the Halloween Eve Wheeler-Booker battle that Friday afternoon when Paul Pinkham said he wanted the company camera flash unit for the White Deer football game. But he gallantly let me use it in Wheeler — the same town where I lost and found my cat last year.

As usual, I had a bit of trouble getting the flash unit to work with the cheapo camera I was using, but it finally worked.

Just in time, too, because a Mustang and a Kiowa were charging straight at me, getting ready for a tumble into the sidelines.

Got it! As they went down, I heard the crack of a football helmet. I looked down and noticed that the football helmet — I think it was white — had struck my ankle and the top of my foot, where all those small bones are.

The helmet had a football player in it. Next thing I remember, I was on my side with people — including a KFDD channel 10 cameraman — hovering over me.

"I'm OK. Just hurt my ankle is all."

Two ladies had to carry me out of the stadium to where an ambulance could pick me up. Some big, husky, strong men stood along the fence, and the ladies commended the men for being so helpful.

"I'm OK, really. Now, I gotta get back and cover the game."

The emergency medical crew strapped me on a stretcher and loaded me into the ambulance, where I looked up into sterile, bright lights. Wheeler High School drama teacher Rhonda Blanchard rode along to keep me company, and I took advantage of the situation by inviting her to a special discount performance of an ACT I production I was to be in the following week.

Off to the X-ray room at Parkview Hospital. On to a hard, cold table where I got twisted, turned and tilted so that the doctor could get good X-ray pictures of my foot.

Nothing was broken, but ...

The doctor was not sure whether any ligaments were torn, so he sent me away and told me to stay off of it and to keep a cold pack on it for the weekend.

Because there was no way my right foot could touch the ground without reminding me what happened to it, I had to be wheeled to a waiting truck and carried back to the stadium. The Methodist minister carried me to my car.



Off Beat By Cathy Spaulding

"Get home? Sure. I drive with my left foot all the time."

I had never backed with my left foot, though, especially when hemmed in between a car in front and a big Booker fan's van that had double-parked behind. I backed into the van, leaving it apparently untouched and causing just enough rear-end damage to my car to force my insurance premiums up \$400 a year.

After getting crutches from the hospital and some cold-packs from the grocer, I made it home.

I spent the next day wheeling around the office on my rolling desk chair — my leg propped up on one of the crutches with Paul's tie wrapped around it. I was nasty and rude to just about everyone in the building (except the boss), and for that, I apologize.

That Sunday was my turn to do the children's sermon at church. It was the second week in a row that someone with a broken foot delivered the children's sermon.

Back to the doctor on Monday to get my workman's compensation paperwork done and to look at my foot. No torn ligaments. But I had to switch from a cold pack to a heat pad. Someone explain that to me.

Slow progress for the rest of the week. The swelling decreased and various parts of my foot turned purple. I could walk upstairs by Tuesday and was able to wear regular shoes — for very short periods — on Wednesday.

I made it through the run of the play with few foot problems. KEZP radio personality Kit Looper told her listeners not to use the traditional theater cliché "break a leg" in wishing me good luck.

The foot is almost back to normal now. I can wrap my fingers around my ankle again. Unfortunately, my nerve endings still go berserk when the hem of my pants brushes against my instep.

I missed church this last Sunday, however. Tell me, did the preacher remember his crutches?

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Reagan: Nicaragua 'nowhere near' compliance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, while praising pending cease-fire talks between Nicaraguan officials and the Contra rebels, says the Sandinista government is "nowhere near" compliance with the Central America peace agreement.

Reagan, in a speech Monday, also raised the possibility of substantive diplomatic contacts between the United States and Nicaragua.

His remarks opened a week of intense debate in Washington on Central America. Also on the agenda was a speech today by Secretary of State George P. Shultz to the Organization of American States General Assembly and a round of appearances later in the week by

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

Foreign ministers or their representatives from more than 30 hemispheric countries, in Washington for the annual OAS meeting, heard Reagan criticize the Sandinista government's performance since the Central America peace agreement was signed last August.

"The Central American democracies are in compliance with the accord. Nicaragua is nowhere near," Reagan told the luncheon gathering, which included the Sandinista foreign minister, Miguel d'Escoto.

In violation of the peace agreement, Reagan said press restrictions have not been lifted, a state of emergency re-

mains in effect and "thousands of political prisoners remain in their jails."

Nicaragua has said it has done more to comply with the agreement than any other Central American country.

Reagan, in a more upbeat vein, said he saw as a "hopeful sign" the designation by the Sandinistas of Cardinal Miguel Ovando y Bravo, a government critic, as peace mediator between the Sandinistas and the Contras.

The president said he envisions those discussions as a possible basis for ending the diplomatic freeze between the United States and Nicaragua.

"When serious negotiations between the Sandinistas and the freedom fighters ... are under way, Secretary Shultz

will be ready to meet jointly with the foreign ministers of all five Central American nations, including the Sandinistas' representative," Reagan said.

The United States and Nicaragua have not had substantive discussions since the latter half of 1984 when a series of unsuccessful bilateral exchanges took place.

Reagan ruled out a resumption of those talks by insisting there can be no substantive contacts with Nicaragua unless other Central American countries participate as well.

U.S. officials, agreeing to discuss the situation only if not named, said the conditions Reagan spelled out for re-

suming discussions with Nicaragua were not new. But they said the decision to include reference to this issue in Reagan's speech followed intense internal debate.

The officials said the decision was based partly on the desire to pre-empt Ortega, who is expected on Wednesday to repeat in an OAS speech his long-standing appeal for direct negotiations with the United States.

Ortega was due to arrive in Washington today on what is believed to be his first visit since shortly after the 1979 Sandinista revolution. No meetings with U.S. officials were scheduled.

Democrats to offer plan to cut big deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are forging a compromise deficit-reduction plan they hope will bring White House and congressional negotiators closer to a deal at the high-level budget talks on Capitol Hill.

"We're prepared to discuss some ideas with them tomorrow morning ... some ideas about where we might go," House Majority Leader Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., said Monday.

Reagan administration officials and lawmakers met part of the day Monday before Democrats held their own session to try to refine a proposal to bring to today's closed-door bargaining meeting.

Foley said the Democratic proposal was likely to be "in the ballpark" of the plan House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., presented to the bargain-ers Friday. That proposal would slice \$30 billion from the deficit in the 1988 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, and \$45.5 billion more next year.

Democrats prefer higher taxes and domestic spending than the Republicans have proposed, according to officials familiar with the talks who spoke only on condition they not be identified. Michel's plan proposes \$8 billion in additional taxes for this year, more than Republicans have advanced before.

The two sides are near agreement on defense spending, which would be about \$285 billion, the sources said.

"We all have some ideas about general outlines," said Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., a member of the House Budget Committee. "The problem now is we've been discussing it in generalities. We now need to look at the pieces."

The talks are aimed at cutting the federal deficit by at least \$23 billion for this year. Without any reductions, the red ink is expected to be as high as \$180 billion, well above the \$148 billion deficit for last year.

The meetings enter their 12th day today.

Removing King name



San Diego city employee John Trainor removes street sign showing name of slain civil rights leader Martin L. King Monday in San Diego. Voters reversed the San Diego

city council decision that had changed the name of Market Street to Martin L. King Way.

White House trying to avoid arms debate before summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan and Congress are putting together a Pentagon budget compromise designed to avoid a divisive arms control debate as Reagan prepares for his summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Monday that the two sides "are pretty close to working out all the problems" that have stalled approval of a Pentagon budget bill.

The compromise has been shaped the past three weeks by leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services committees and White House officials, according to congressional sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Among the White House officials most involved in the search for a compromise is Frank Carlucci, the current national security adviser and designated successor to Caspar Weinberger as defense secretary, the sources said.

The dispute has three parts: Reagan's "Star Wars" anti-missile program, known formally as the Strategic Defense Initiative; the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, which Reagan wants to interpret in a less restrictive fashion; and the 1979 SALT II treaty, an unratified pact which Reagan says he won't observe in deciding which weapons to build.

The Democratic-controlled Congress has voted restrictions on Star Wars testing and has approved proposals requiring compliance with the two treaties. Reagan had threatened to veto legislation containing any such restrictions.

The proposed compromise will be applied to a bill authorizing \$290 billion in defense spending for the current fiscal year, and a separate measure appropriating money for a wide variety of federal agencies. Both bills contain similar restrictions.

Rain washes smoke out of murky skies

By The Associated Press

More rain fell today in the South, bringing relief to weary crews battling wildfires in 14 states, while firefighters in Oregon finally controlled a blaze that burned out of control for 71 days and charred nearly 100,000 acres.

Two people have died while battling the Southern forest fires, which have charred more than 350,000 acres in 14 states.

A band of rain was falling from northeast Texas across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia, helping to dampen the fires and clean the smoke from the air over much of the East and South, the National Weather Service said today.

Monday's downpour in Tupelo, Miss., dropped a record 3.7 inches of rain. Elsewhere, nearly 2 inches fell Monday at El Dorado, Ark., and more than an inch at Muscle Shoals, Ala., on the Tennessee border.

"One-half or three-quarters of an inch will put the fires out, dead out," said John Laing, of the weather service in Atlanta.

But Tennessee forester Dwight Barnett said more is needed:

"We need 3 inches to put us out of the fire business. We're expecting a half to three-quarters inch."

In Oregon, meanwhile, the 96,500-acre Silver forest fire was declared under control Monday, marking the symbolic end of a devastating fire season there.

At least 9,000 fires have burned more than 200,000 acres since Oct. 27 in 13 Southern states, said Doug Williams of the U.S. Forest Service regional office in Atlanta. That doesn't include West

Virginia, where 150,000 acres have been charred recently.

Smoke from the fires, which at one time stretched from West Virginia into New England, extended early today from eastern Tennessee to Maryland and Delaware, the weather service said.

In Kentucky, a 75-year-old firefighter died after suffering an apparent heart attack on Monday, a day after a 48-year-old man died while battling a blaze.

Rain in Kentucky aided the battle and enabled Gov. Martha Layne Collins to lift an emergency order barring travel into 12 million acres of forest land, clearing the way for a resumption of the hunting season.

The rain isn't expected to end the fire threat, however.

In Georgia, Monday's rain was heaviest in the southern part of the state, with only light showers in the parched northern mountains, but it was helping.

In West Virginia, Gov. Arch Moore called out 310 National Guardsmen to help fight fires, but the rain provided more help.

The fires have been burning for 10 days, blackening 150,000 acres, with 75 to 80 new fires erupting daily, said William Gillespie, director of the state forestry division. He estimated damage to the state's timber at \$45 million.

Eleven firefighters have required medical treatment, said state Forester Ralph Glove, and 11 structures, including two occupied houses, have been destroyed.

Any significant rain in Tennessee could mean firefighters would be briefly off the line.



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World

Arab summit struggles over Iraq-Iran war

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Arab leaders will negotiate for as long as necessary to forge a common Arab approach toward ending the Iran-Iraq war, Jordan's foreign minister said.

Taher Masri said the leaders discussed the war behind closed doors for nine hours at the Arab summit on Monday. They also discussed moves to end Egypt's diplomatic isolation, calls for an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict and Lebanon's economic crisis.

Summit delegates have expressed doubt a unified position could be reached on the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq

war, but Masri said at a news conference that the leaders would continue talks "until they reach decisions. There's no deadline for the summit."

No schedule was announced for today, but Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan told reporters Monday that "we are still talking about these issues and still threshing them out with a great deal of seriousness."

Leaders of the 21-nation Arab League are attending the summit conference, which opened Sunday.

The emergency gathering was called to rally support for a cease-fire between Iran and Iraq. Both are Moslem na-

tions, but Iran is predominantly Persian and most Arab countries directly or indirectly support Arab Iraq.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Monday the Arab world remained as hostile towards Israel as it was 40 years ago when the Jewish state was established.

Speaking to an international conference of Jewish journalists, Shamir said, "Less than one hour's drive from here, in Amman, Jordan, a large gathering of Arab leaders is now taking place."

"I watched this scene yesterday evening on television and I noticed that much is being said about Arab unity

against Israel. It seems that, in rhetoric at least, nothing changed in the past 40 years."

Eight Arab leaders, including feuding presidents Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Hafez Assad of Syria, met for four hours Monday night. Syria supports Iraq against Iraq.

That session followed a five-hour meeting of all 21 delegations earlier in the day.

Among others attending the late Monday talks were King Hussein of Jordan, President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah of Kuwait and Saudi Crown

Prince Abdulla Bin Abdul-Aziz. They have been pressing for possible sanctions against Iran for rejecting United Nations resolutions calling for a cease-fire and negotiations to end the war.

Also present were Syria's Assad, who is Iran's strongest Arab ally; President Chedli Benjedid of Algeria and Sheik Zayed Bin Sultan al-Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates. They opposed punitive actions against Iran.

Hassan said the Arab world must reach a common stand on the Persian Gulf war and other conflicts or risk being carved into spheres of influence.

Protesters demand president's resignation and taunt police

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Police fired rifles and tear gas today as protesters demanding the resignation of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad. Opposition politicians said six were killed and 50 were injured.

Police officials refused to talk about casualties. A sergeant standing about 30 feet from a pool of blood on the pavement said he did not know if anyone was hurt.

Workers in second-floor offices of the Janata Bank, directly over the spot where police opened fire, said they saw two people fall to the ground. None of the witnesses would give his name.

The violence came during the "Dhaka Siege," a day of general strikes and mass protests called by opposition leaders who want Ershad to resign.

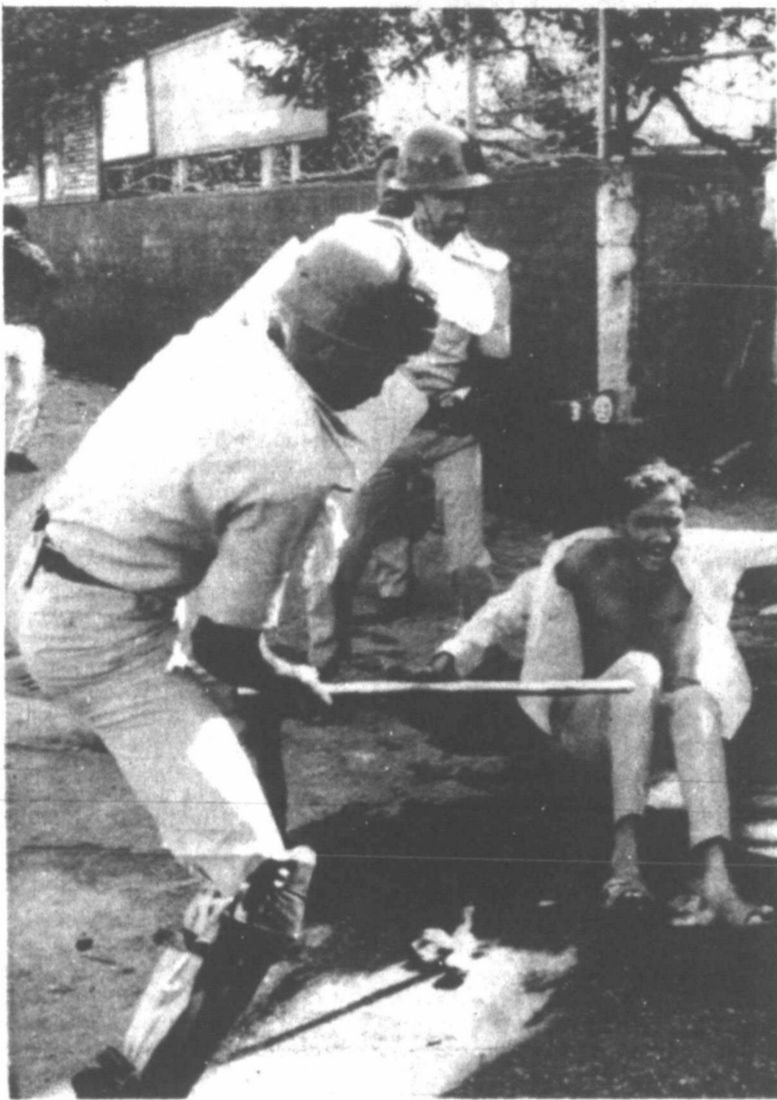
Former Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, a senior member of the opposition Awami League, said he knew of six people who were killed by police fire. He said 50 people had been injured in the first four hours of the protests. Other Awami officials gave the same figures.

The major flashpoint was an intersection midway between the Baitul Makaram, Dhaka's biggest mosque, and the government Secretariat, where Ershad's Cabinet ministers have offices.

About 4,000 marchers converged on the square and staged a sit-in directly in front of about 100 helmeted policemen armed with rifles, tear gas and batons made of cane. At least 400 other policemen waited on foot and in trucks within a one-block radius.

Holding banners of the Awami League and of the Moscow-oriented Communist Party, the protesters chanted: "We have one point, one demand — Ershad must go."

In the center of the city, bands of 50 to 100 men staged a cat-and-mouse ballet with helmeted riot police and paramilitary forces.



(AP Laserphoto)

Riot police beat a protester.

At one confrontation in the financial district, about 50 protesters were arrested, according to a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Other protesters twirling 5-foot-long poles marched toward the Secretariat and chanted "set fire, set fire," in Bengali. Police watched but made no move to in-

tervene. The marchers did an about-face and left.

The "Dhaka Siege" was timed to coincide with today's first anniversary of Ershad's rule as an elected civilian president. The 57-year-old president came to power in a bloodless coup in 1982 but later retired from the army and won election on Nov. 10, 1986.

New Soviet code would ban internal exile

MOSCOW (AP) — The justice minister Monday announced proposals to abolish the use of internal exile as punishment, reduce the number of death penalty offenses, and shorten the maximum prison term.

Justice Minister Boris V.

Kravtsov disclosed the proposed changes during an interview with the official Soviet news agency Tass. A brief Tass report gave few details of the recommended revisions, which still are being worked on.

Political tensions keep bankers from forging deal to end turmoil

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — In their first meeting since the October stock market crash, central bank chiefs of key industrial nations have done little to rebuild confidence in the world financial system.

The officials declared Monday at the close of two days of secretive talks in this Rhine river city that they remained committed to ensuring the "smooth functioning" of the financial markets.

But they announced no new recommendations or specific policy initiatives that could raise

aimed at shielding European currencies from the dollar's recent plunge, were singled out as an example of improving monetary cooperation.

The Basel session was not intended as a forum for announcing major new initiatives. The central bankers of eight European nations, plus the United States, Canada and Japan, meet here every month to exchange views and ideas on key issues affecting the financial markets.

Because the bankers are not political officials, they are not in a position to make major agreements such as the so-called Louvre accord of last February on seeking to maintain steady currency rates. Decisions of that kind are made by finance ministers, who have no regular pattern of meetings like the central bankers.

This week's meeting took on an air of added urgency, however, in view of the dollar's continued slide and a general state of anxiety in the financial world about whether the major economic powers can settle their policy disputes.

It was clear from the outcome of the meeting that those disputes — which are more political than economic — stand in the way of a major breakthrough in international cooperation on the dollar and economic policy.

The Europeans, for instance, are generally unhappy with U.S. Treasury Secretary James A. Baker's statements that the Reagan administration has shifted its economic focus from defending the dollar to averting a recession.

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hopes for a quick end to turmoil in the stock and currency markets.

The dollar, which has lost about 7 percent of its value against the West German mark and Japanese yen over the past two weeks, continued to slide Monday as the central bankers met in Basel.

The meeting, led by U.S., West German and Japanese central bank chiefs and including eight other leading industrial countries, produced a bland statement about seeking to promote cooperation.

It also welcomed last week's coordinated interest-rate moves by West German, Dutch, French and Swiss central banks. Those moves,

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Economy slowing efforts to restore Fort Worth heritage

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — For more than a decade investors and merchants have attempted to breathe life into the old Fort Worth Stockyards, the embodiment of this city's "Cowtown" heritage.

Once a waystation on cattle drive trails, the Stockyards flourished long ago on profits from cowboys and later on those of giant meatpacking plants, which finally closed in 1971.

Now, as the Texas economy tumbles, the new challenge for investors is finding a way to carry the national historic district into the future.

"If you really want to see Texas, this is probably one of the last places you're gonna be able to see Texas," said Billy Bob Barnett, whose namesake honky-tonk, Billy Bob's Texas, draws thousands of visitors to the area each year.

Still a popular spot for both tourists and authentic cowboys, the area is showing signs of the Texas economic slump, some merchants say. Some say their business is doing only as well as the rest of the state. They also complain that a two-year redevelopment effort has fallen short of its promises.

"There are some people who have moved out," said Hyman Jacobson, owner of Jacobsons H Bar-

gain House Inc., which has been in the Stockyards over 60 years.

With its wooden-slatted storefronts, stuccoed buildings, weekend rodeos and saloons offering country and western bands nightly, the Stockyards is convincing in its claim that it is "where the West begins."

To capitalize on that image, Barnett and others launched Stockyards '85, recruiting a coalition of investors to build up the area.

Two years later, the first phase is at least a half-year behind schedule and is experiencing cost overruns, Barnett said, refusing to reveal exact figures.

"I never thought that the real estate and tourist industries would be so dependent on oil," he said.

Lloyds International Corp., a New York-based subsidiary of Lloyds Bank of London, is working out a refinancing plan for Stockyards '85 and is expected to reveal its proposal within weeks, Barnett said. The package will include a request for more city government involvement, but Barnett wouldn't elaborate.

The restoration effort was boosted earlier this year by a controversial \$11.8 million federal grant secured with the help of U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, who was criticized by col-

leagues accusing him of abusing his position. Wright is a close friend of George Mallick, a Stockyards '85 investor who later withdrew from the project.

Some businessmen in the area are critical of Barnett's plans, and a second business group has sprung up in the revitalization effort.

"(Barnett) has a pretty good vision. But sometimes some of the plans were too grandiose. Some were so large they weren't manageable," said Joe Dulle, a Stockyards businessman for 10 years.

Dulle, operator of the continuously popular White Elephant Saloon, belongs to the second business coalition working on the Stockyards.

Fort Worth City Councilman Steve Murrin, who owns a business in the area, says restoration efforts need to be redirected.

"The Stockyards role should be to maintain itself and make itself available as a truly authentic area with cowboys, cattlemen and cattle," he said. "It needs to have cattle coming through there for the same reason it did years ago, people like steak."

He said revitalization efforts should be aimed at the cattle marketing process. "What we've inherited is what we have to sell, not what we create."

Although Texas' economic sluggishness has penetrated the area, a number of merchants, in-

cluding Dulle, say they haven't felt the effects. "We're having the biggest year we've ever had," he said of his saloon, which features live country and western music.

About 25 percent of the Stockyards office space is unleased, but all retail space is occupied, said Carol Becker, North Fort Worth Business Association executive director.

Some entrepreneurs who expected to cash in quickly ended up hitting the trail, she said. But she added that the number of businesses that have folded is small.

"We have businesses that have been here 50, 60, 70 years and they wouldn't still be here if it was a ghost town kind of atmosphere," she said. "We've had a small number (of businesses leave). But they were the type that wouldn't have made it regardless."

A museum paying tribute to Bob Wills, the "king of Texas Swing" who launched a musical career in this city, was one of the businesses that didn't last, Ms. Becker said.

"They were charging a large fee to go in and look at the stuff," she said. "Businesses like that I'm really not concerned about."

Squid have been invited to dinner

EDITOR'S NOTE — In this country, squid once was regarded as only fish bait, or in its giant form a monster threatening Captain Nemo. But Americans today are not as finicky about what they put in their mouths and the slimy mollusks have been invited to dinner.

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Squid McNuggets may be a long way off, but the ugly little mollusks are finding their way onto the dinner plates of more and more Americans, alongside escargot and sushi, in these days of culinary adventures.

"Back in the late '70s you couldn't give squid away," says Bill Carroll, a squid pusher. "Now, a lot of restaurants have it on their menu. But most are calling it calamari (the Italian word for squid) because when you say squid people have a vision of Captain Nemo being dragged down into the deep by a monster shooting ink."

Carroll can relate to people trying to get their friends to eat snails or raw fish for the first time. As executive director of the Bi-State Seafood Development Conference, a New York-based trade organization, one of his missions is to whet the public's appetite for squid.

He gets a lot of wary stares. Although squid is widely eaten throughout the world, in the United States it was regarded mainly as fish bait. However, because of the growing popularity of ethnic and specialty foods, squid is becoming more accepted and a thriving U.S. industry has grown from scratch over the past decade.

And unlike many other specialty foods, squid is cheap and plentiful, as well as nutritious.

Squid has long been harvested in U.S. waters, but mostly by foreign fishing fleets from Asia and the Mediterranean. However, when the U.S. extended its coastal boundaries to 200 miles in 1977 most foreign fishing fleets were banned from the rich U.S. waters, and suddenly squid became an untapped resource. "Mackerel, dogfish, monkfish, butterfish and squid were all species we found were underutilized," Carroll says. "We determined squid had the greatest potential because there was a ready foreign market waiting. But we knew the domestic market would be a tough nut to crack because it's not a traditional American food."

Seminars and demonstrations were given to teach American fishermen how to catch the little, white, tube-like mollusk. (Only small squid are eaten.) Once U.S. fishermen knew how to harvest it, joint ventures with foreign processors were set up, and now a domestic processing industry has emerged.

Richard Lord, information officer for the Fulton Fish Market in Manhattan, has watched the trend from its infancy. Lord, who gives cooking demonstrations to promote various seafoods, also knows about those wary stares.

"I was cooking squid at a demonstration in Milford, Conn., and a woman came up and asked me, 'Is this shrimp?'" Lord recalls. "She was shocked when I said it was squid. She said her husband gave it to her without telling her what it was. She liked it. People are discovering it and it's starting to get into the mainstream, at least in the New York area."

Anthony Grippa, co-owner of the North American Lobster Company and B-G Lobster and Shrimp Corp., which are based in New Jersey and New York, respectively, is one seafood wholesaler who has benefited from the squid's growing popularity.

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White supremacist appears in court; bond hearing set

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — White supremacist Louis Ray Beam Jr., one of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals, is to appear at a bond hearing on Thursday at Fort Smith, where he faces federal sedition charges.

Mexican Federal Judicial Police apprehended Beam at Guadalajara, Mexico, Friday night following a shootout with his 20-year-old wife in which a Mexican police officer was critically wounded. Beam was returned to Fort Smith Monday.

Sebastian County Circuit-Chancery Court Judge Don Langston, presiding at Beam's first appearance Monday, ordered Beam held without bond pending the hearing Thursday to determine whether he should be set free without bond.

Beam had requested that he be freed on his own recognizance until the bond hearing. He said he had never been convicted of a crime and called the charges against him "political persecution."

"I have no money. The Mexican police took everything," Beam told Langston, who presided over the proceeding in the absence of Federal Magistrate Ned Stewart Jr. and U.S. District Judge Morris Arnold, both of whom were out of town Monday. Beam said he had never missed any of his more than 60 court appearances over the past decade.

Beam said he left the Houston area where his father was critically ill in early April, but he declined to say where he went or when and how he entered Mexico.

He entered no plea at the hearing but said at its conclusion, "I have come into this situation with my honor and I shall leave with my honor. Yahweh rules."

Yahweh is a Hebrew word meaning Jehovah or God.

When asked upon his arrival at the federal courthouse at Fort Smith if he plotted to overthrow the government, Beam jokingly said, "What else is a country boy going to do on a Saturday night when the only drug store in town is closed."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Snyder informed Beam that Houston attorney Kirk Lyons had contacted the U.S. Attorney's



Federal officers escort Beam.

Office in Fort Smith saying he would represent Beam.

Beam, 41, was one of 14 people indicted in Fort Smith in April on sedition charges — attempting to overthrow the federal government.

Mexican authorities agreed to return Beam to the United States, but his wife, Sheila Marie Toohey Beam, is being held in Mexico on charges of assault of a police officer. Mrs. Beam was not wanted on any U.S. charges, according to Don K. Pettus, special agent in charge of the FBI in Arkansas.

Beam was affiliated with the Aryan Nation Church of Jesus Christ Christian in Hayden Lake, Idaho, and was a former grand dragon of the Texas Ku Klux Klan, Pettus said.

Beam's 7-year-old daughter by a previous marriage, Sara Hadassah Beam, was found unharmed in Mexico after the arrests and was returned Saturday to her mother in Dallas, Pettus said.

"The FBI, although not involved in the arrest, was kept up to date by the Mexicans right from the beginning," Vincent Hovanez, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, said in a telephone interview. "There were no FBI agents involved in the arrest."

Beam and 13 others were charged in an April 21 indictment at Fort Smith with participation in a seditious conspiracy to violently overthrow the U.S. government and with financing their efforts through armed robberies and counterfeiting.

Federal officials also allege that the group conspired to diminish confidence in the government by assassinating federal officials and members of ethnic groups, by bombings, destruction of utilities and by polluting water supplies.

The indictment said the 14 established guerrilla warfare training camps and procured false identification to allow members of their secret army to remain underground.

Teamsters union sues Safeway

EL PASO (AP) — A partnership that borrowed \$4.3 billion last year to buy Safeway knew the supermarket chain would have to fire employees and sell off large blocks of stores to satisfy the debt, a lawsuit charges.

Teamsters union Local 745 alleged in a suit filed Monday in El Paso federal district court that Safeway's buyers fraudulently enriched themselves by gutting the chain financially.

In a move intended partly to block the sale of Safeway's El Paso division, the Teamsters asked the court to stop Safeway from selling off any more assets, to appoint a receiver to take charge of the company, and to award unspecified damages. The suit called last year's leveraged buyout "unlawful, unfair and fraudulent."

The Teamsters represents truck drivers and warehouse workers fired last week by Safeway's El Paso division as part of the sale of the 59-store division to Furr's Inc.

Lubbock-based Furr's began managing the stores Sunday — under the Safeway name — pending final Federal Trade Commission approval of the sale.

Safeway has been selling some of its divisions to service its debt. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. of New York acquired Safeway last year in the \$4.3 billion leveraged buyout after The Dart Group of Maryland attempted a hostile takeover of the supermarket chain.

Safeway knew the leveraged buyout would result in lost jobs and pensions because its profits would not be enough to pay the debt, James L.

Hicks, attorney for the Teamsters, said after the suit was filed Monday afternoon.

"If you can't borrow anymore or can't steal any, you've got to sell something," he said by telephone from his Dallas office. "They knew they'd have to sell whole divisions. The effect of that is people lose their jobs. Assets get sold just to pay a debt."

Jim Hutton, spokesman for Safeway's El Paso division, said Monday he did not know of the suit and referred questions to Safeway's legal adviser in Oakland, Calif. The legal adviser did not return a message left by The Associated Press.

Teamsters continued picketing El Paso Safeway stores on Monday, and began handing out leaflets at Furr's stores, urging potential customers to shop elsewhere. Most customers ignored the protesters.

Opponents of the sale to Furr's charge that Furr's will have a near monopoly of the region's supermarkets. Furr's has promised to sell 12 stores to eliminate the FTC's only objection to the acquisition of the El Paso division. Jan Friederich, Furr's chief executive officer, said Sunday the Safeway stores would retain their name and continue to sell Safeway brand products.

The Teamsters believe the FTC will approve the Safeway sale, so the union hopes to buy time to renegotiate a deal with Safeway, Local 745 business representative Jim Barlow said Monday from his El Paso office. He said the union wants Safeway to make Furr's hire the union members as a condition of the sale.

Moody discussed the splitting up of his family's foundation

HOUSTON (AP) — Galveston insurance heir Shearn Moody Jr. once discussed the possibility of splitting up his family's multimillion foundation in order to gain sole control of a smaller foundation, his brother testified.

Moody, ousted earlier this year as a trustee of the Moody Foundation, discussed the split up idea with the foundation's law firm, his brother, Robert Moody, said Monday.

The attorneys said the division could be done but the idea ultimately was rejected, Robert Moody told jurors in his brother's federal fraud trial before U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling.

The Moody brothers and their aunt, Mary Moody Northen, were the only foundation trustees at the time.

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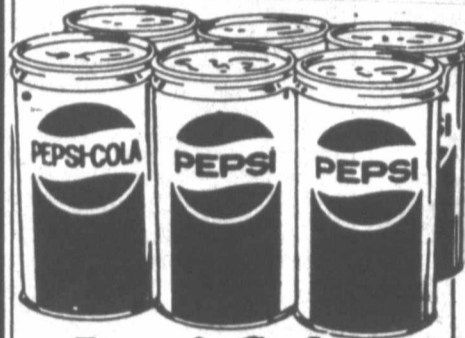
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 - 5 Do housework
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 - 12 Car
 - 13 Wild buffalo
 - 14 Same (comb. form)
 - 15 Cooked, in a way (comp. wd.)
 - 17 Wildebeest
 - 18 Gantry
 - 19 Teems
 - 21 Painful
 - 23 Dry, as wine
 - 24 — and haw
 - 27 Register
 - 29 Coin opening
 - 32 Ideal place
 - 34 Understanding
 - 36 Firm
 - 37 Scuffle
 - 38 Despise
 - 39 — of bricks
 - 41 Play It Again.
 - 42 Consumed food
 - 44 — and crafts
 - 46 West Indies, e.g.
 - 49 Group of eight
 - 53 Flower necklace
 - 54 Average (comp. wd.)
 - 56 Distinctive air
 - 57 Permit
 - 58 Part of the eye
 - 59 Put in shape
 - 60 Cunning
 - 61 Skinny fish
 - 62 Metal fastener
- DOWN**
- 1 Move with difficulty
 - 2 Author Jean M.

- 3 Part of a plant
- 4 Pontiffs
- 5 Battle
- 6 Develops
- 7 Cut
- 8 Underworld
- 9 Of superior quality (comp. wd.)
- 10 Ancient serf
- 11 Intellect
- 16 Friar
- 20 Trials
- 22 Cowboy's rope
- 24 Make quiet
- 25 Miss Kett of the comics
- 26 Casualty rate
- 28 Instruct
- 30 Between Tex. and Ark.
- 31 Pour
- 33 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 35 Fencing hit
- 40 Hanging tuft of threads
- 43 Follow
- 45 Gets away
- 46 Infirmities
- 47 Close falcon eyes
- 48 Bird
- 50 Revolve
- 51 Assam worm
- 52 Pack down
- 55 Western Hemisphere org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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If you start planning now, there's a good chance in the year ahead that you will be able to take that special trip about which you have always dreamed. The ways and means will be available. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you may be tempted to reveal to companions some juicy information that was recently told to you in confidence. It's best you don't. Major changes are ahead for Scorpios in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) To avoid being bored to tears today, steer clear of a friend of yours who always does a lot of talking, but seldom has anything to say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others aren't apt to find fault with the way you manage major situations today. It will be the little things you do that could tarnish your image.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before announcing your intentions prematurely to an associate today, stop and think first as to whether the person to whom you're talking should know your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you compete in a friendly, competitive sport today, don't be a purist where the rules are concerned. Just relax, have fun and play the game for the game's sake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone whose support you require for something you want to do today might suddenly have a change of heart. Be prepared to operate on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before volunteering to take on an assignment for another today, give it a second look. There's a chance there are complexities you didn't notice at first glance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your commercial involvements today, be cognizant of the small factors. It's the little things that will determine whether the deal is sweet or sour.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take information that is passed on to you today by an "insider" with a grain of salt. What this person assumes to be true could be erroneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When conversing with friends today, be careful that thoughtless remarks don't slip out. Your listeners may find them offensive, even though you didn't intend them to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are indications that you may be a bit more careless than usual in small, financial transactions today. Count your change and keep all sales receipts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, you might feel you have so much of interest to say that you'll want to dominate the conversation. Remember: A lot can be learned by listening.

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

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FRANK AND ERNEST By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schultz

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Lifestyles

Dingus writes book on Texas myths

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

Former Pampa resident Anne Dingus has had her latest book — *The Dictionary of Texas Misinformation* — published by Texas Monthly Press.

The 285-page paperback book, published last month, contains an alphabetical listing of some of the misinformation abounding in the Lone Star State because of Texas' superiority complex.

In her book, Dingus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Dingus of Pampa, examines folklore, trivia and entire legends that are misleading, misunderstood or just plain wrong.

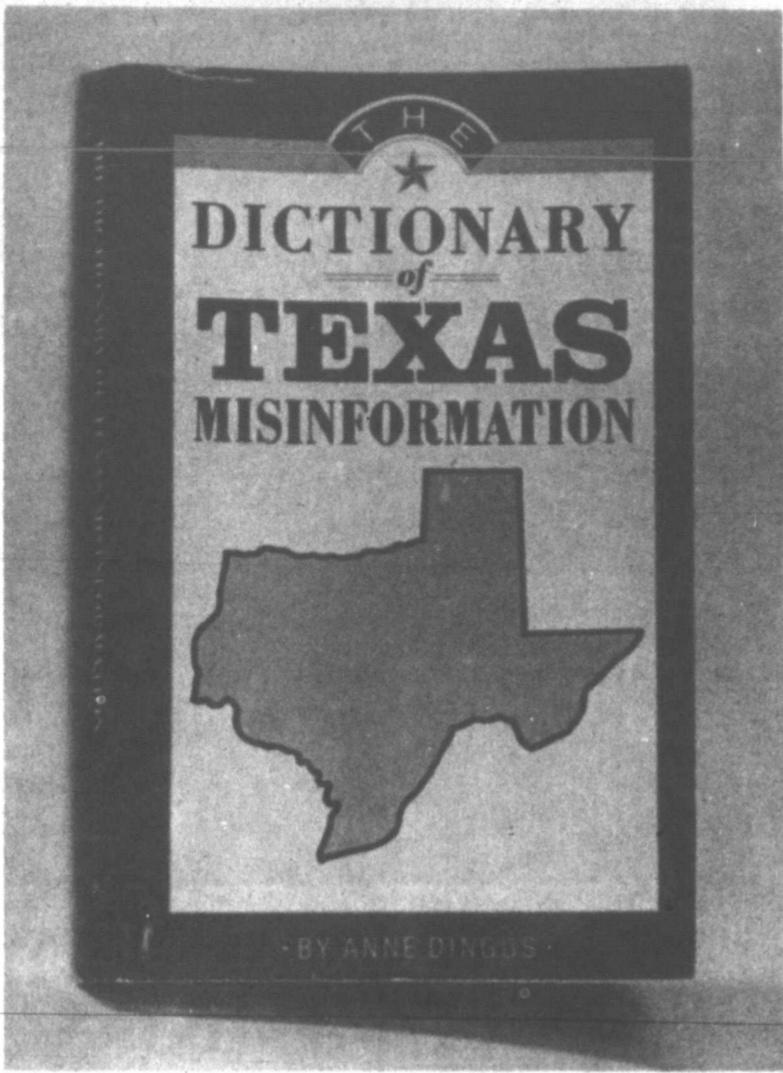
In the foreword, Dingus writes, "Misinformation is an old Texas tradition. Before Texas was even a republic, prospective immigrants heard mixed reports of its attraction and dangers. ...

"We Texans exaggerate in the opposite direction — as if we needed to. What is a brag, after all, except misinformation we're picky about? To us everything about Texas spells romance, valor and adventure. We embrace our mythology as fervently as our history, and the two are so intertwined that separating truth from falsehood sometimes seems impossible.

"But facts are facts. ... The author sympathizes with fellow Texans who prefer the time-honored, if untrue, versions and ... asks that the reader interpret any misinformation herein not as further proof of Texan fallibility but as evidence of her own native loyalty."

A 1971 graduate of Pampa High School and a former editor of *The Little Harvester*, Dingus provides some of the finest and funniest examples of Texas myths from the past to the present, ranging from Aggies to Adina de Zavala.

While amusing, the dictionary is also informative, offering



Former Pampan Anne Dingus has written a book detailing misinformation on the Lone Star State.

numerous tidbits and anecdotes in correcting much of the misinformation that has crept into Texas lore.

For example:
★ Jim Bowie didn't invent the Bowie knife — his older brother, Rezin, deserves the credit for the design.
★ There's no such thing as a 10-

gallon hat. Imagine a cowboy hat the size of a child's aquarium.

★ Aggies have long gotten a raw deal in terms of the public's opinion of their intellect. In fact, some 700 National Merit scholars attend Texas A&M University. And only a third of its students are from rural areas.

★ Barbed wire, despite its wide-

spread use in the state, is not a Texas invention.

★ The name of the Canadian River has nothing to do with Canada. It comes from the Spanish *canada*, meaning either a gully or cattle path.

★ Ima Hogg was the real name of the wealthy Houston philanthropist. However, she had only brothers; she had no sisters named Ura and Wera.

★ Jumping beans, also called Mexican beans, don't really jump and they aren't even real beans.
★ Texas did not maintain the right to secede in its admission to the United States. But it does reserve the privilege to subdivide into five states.

★ The actual number of flags that have flown over Texas far exceeds the oft-mentioned six; in fact, there have been as many as 42 different flags.

★ There's no such thing as a Texas accent. Because of its large size and the great influx of immigrants, accents in Texas range from Southern drawls to Midwestern twangs, and many Texans have no particular accent at all.

★ Yucca is not a cactus; it's a member of the lily family.

And the lists go on, including *Ma Ferguson, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Howard Hughes, murder, longhorn, mountain oysters, cactus, The Alamo, Jack Ruby, "Hook'em!", Confederate Air Force, sage, lariat* and many others.

The book, which costs \$4.50, is currently available at Waldenbooks in the Pampa Mall. *The Dictionary of Texas Misinformation* is her second published book. Her *The Book of Texas Lists* was published in 1981.

An editor at *Texas Monthly* from 1977 to 1983, she was born and raised in Pampa. She is a graduate of Rice University. Married and the mother of two children, she is now a freelance writer living in Austin.

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Ex-wife objects to mistress as wedding guest

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I am 57 and have been divorced from "Joe" for five years. Joe broke up our 31-year marriage by saying he didn't love me anymore, but he did love his secretary, who was 24 at the time. (Joe was 54.) They are living together in a house he bought for her five years ago. They are not married.

The problem now is that our 24-year-old son is getting married in December, and Joe is bringing his mistress to the wedding. Abby, I just can't handle her being there. I have been hurt enough without having this woman flaunted in front of my family and friends.

Is there anything I can do to keep her from coming? Joe and I do not speak to each other, but I called him to ask if he planned to bring her, and he said yes.

Would it help to appeal to her not to come? I want my son's wedding to be a happy occasion for all of us.
WAITING FOR AN ANSWER

DEAR WAITING: One fact of life that many people have difficulty acknowledging: You can't control the behavior of others — only your own. Yes, you could appeal to Joe's mistress to stay away, but unless she has the IQ of a houseplant,



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

she already knows that her presence at your son's wedding will make you uncomfortable. Go to your son's wedding, hold your head high and quit worrying about who else will be there. And please remember, above all, that this day belongs to your son and his bride, so do your part to make the day a happy one.

DEAR ABBY: I repeatedly told my former boss not to touch me, hold my hand, play with my hair or pat my rear. He persisted, and rejecting him cost me my job. Abby, your statement that some people feel that their space has been violated is true. However, when I told him to stop it, he referred to me as the "Ice Queen."

Because of his abusive ways and unwelcome touches, a federal judge

will now have to decide this case. My former firm calls me ...
THE PLAINTIFF

DEAR PLAINTIFF: Hooray for you for standing your ground! And for other women (or men) who have lost their jobs because they refused to put up with their boss's unwelcome touching, holding and patting — contact your nearest Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Sexual harassment is an unlawful employment practice under federal law.

DEAR ABBY: I need to know how a person gets crab lice. My wife got them, then said she must have gotten them off a toilet seat at work. Could she have been fooling around?
Please tell me what percent

likelihood it is that they came from a toilet seat, or an affair. These doubts are damaging a very good marriage.

DEAR MUST: I don't know the percentages. However, it is possible to pick up body lice from a toilet seat, so don't let suspicion louse up a good marriage.

DEAR ABBY: This may not be in the running for the longest round-robin letter, but it's unusual for another reason: A group of us living in the Denver area went all through school together. We're all over 60 years old and keep in touch. We try to meet once a month in a local restaurant.

Three women in the group were named Rita; all three Ritas married fellows named Joe! We used to get together on Saturday evening to play cards. Can you imagine the hilarity? One would say, "It's your turn, Rita." All three Ritas would say, "Who, me?" And the same happened when someone said, "Go ahead, Joe; it's your turn." One Rita and one Joe died, but there are still six of us left. Two Ritas, two Bettys, Clara, Bob and their spouses.
BETTY BALDWIN, DENVER

Expert says children more ready for school

CINCINNATI (AP) — The time has passed when children, accustomed to spending most of their early years at home with parents, cry profusely in their first days at school, a child development specialist says.

Today's children are more socialized and accustomed to outside influences because of television, preschool instruction and play groups that some parents place their offspring in as early as 18 months, says Earlaadeen Badger.

"I disagree with the concept that kids are anxious about going to school today. I think they're excited," she says. "What we find now is nary a tear as kids go into kindergarten. There may be some apprehension ... but this is just another school to go to."

"We're finding that in most schools in the United States, kindergartens are teaching school skills like reading and writing. In the last 10 years, we're finding that children are socialized much earlier than they were before."

In previous years, when fewer women worked, young children who frequently spent most of their time at home found it harder to adjust to leaving the home for school classrooms, Badger says.

"Kids who went to school cried because, essentially, they were raised by the parents at home and did not have any other separating

influences," she says. "Kids aren't raised in the back yard any more. Now it all goes on outside the home. So school is another place. It's no big deal."

Badger, a developmental psychologist at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and Children's Hospital Medical Center, has been devising child development programs for parents since 1966.

Before that, Badger, who has three children of her own, spent nine years as a probation officer in the San Francisco area.

Children's "cognitive abilities" are already in place at age 4, earlier than the average of years ago, she says. She includes among these skills understanding numbers and amounts, and the ability to identify and classify people, animals and things in categories.

These abilities include thinking in abstract concepts and being able to assign words to one's experiences.

The increased influence of television plays a role in earlier development of the young, Badger says.

"The preschools now are pretty heady stuff. They're not just play-school any more," Badger says. Some schools are beginning kindergarten a year earlier, for 4-year-olds, to allow for earlier development.

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Sports

Jets fly past Seattle

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — "The old Jets are back."
Billy Griggs said it, Jim Sweeney and Troy Benson echoed it and Coach Joe Walton wore a broad smile because of it.
The Jets, who had lacked intensity in two post-strike losses, were fiery football players Monday night as they beat the Seattle Seahawks 30-14. The victory, New York's third straight over Seattle after seven consecutive losses — and the Jets' sixth in as many home games on a Monday night — lifted the team into an unprecedented five-way tie in the AFC East. All of the division's teams are 4-4.

"We couldn't do anything but be emotional," said Griggs, a seldom-used tight end who caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from Ken O'Brien for his first regular-season reception in 37 games. That score put the Jets ahead 20-14 after they blew a 13-0 lead.
"Our backs were against the wall, we had to play good, we did not want to get embarrassed on Monday night on national television. Personally, I felt all the emotion — it seemed like the old Jets again."

Sweeney agreed that the intensity that disappeared after the players' strike had returned.
"I felt it in the (locker) room before the game," he said. "Troy and I were talking about it. ... It felt good. We had to get back to being the old Jets."

The old, old Jets always lost to Seattle. These Jets have victories over the Seahawks in three successive seasons.
Jojo Townsell, a backup wide receiver who figures to see much more action because Wesley

Walker separated his shoulder Monday, bolted 91 yards untouched with a punt return to break a scoreless tie in the second quarter.
The Jets built a 13-0 lead as Pat Leahy kicked field goals of 35 and 36 yards. Then Townsell fumbled a punt early in the third period and Seattle recovered at the New York 3. Curt Warner scored from there.
On the Seahawks' next possession, Dave Krieg hit Steve Largent with a 29-yard scoring pass, giving Seattle the lead.
"We had a chance to control the game and we didn't," said Krieg, who was harassed into a 12-for-29 night by a scrappy New York defense.
O'Brien, who was 23-for-30 for 226 yards and showed a new nimbleness in avoiding the pass rush, guided New York 82 yards in 11 plays. The Jets recaptured the lead on Griggs' touchdown one play after a flea-flicker backfired — and then worked.

O'Brien handed the ball to Roger Vick on first down at the Seattle 30. Vick pitched back to the quarterback, who could not find anyone open deep. He did find Freeman McNeil in the flat and McNeil turned O'Brien's desperation shovel pass into a 26-yard gain.
O'Brien got 22 positive yards on his five scrambles and was sacked just twice after going down 23 times in four games.
The Seahawks got their third loss in eight games and dropped two games behind first-place San Diego in the AFC West. Seattle lost 101 yards in penalties, Harry Hamilton picked off two Krieg passes and Warner killed a long drive with a fumble. The only positive note was Largent's continuation of his consecutive game reception streak, which is at 145.



(AP Laserphoto)

Jets' Hector powers through the Seahawks' defense.

Radio days still alive and well

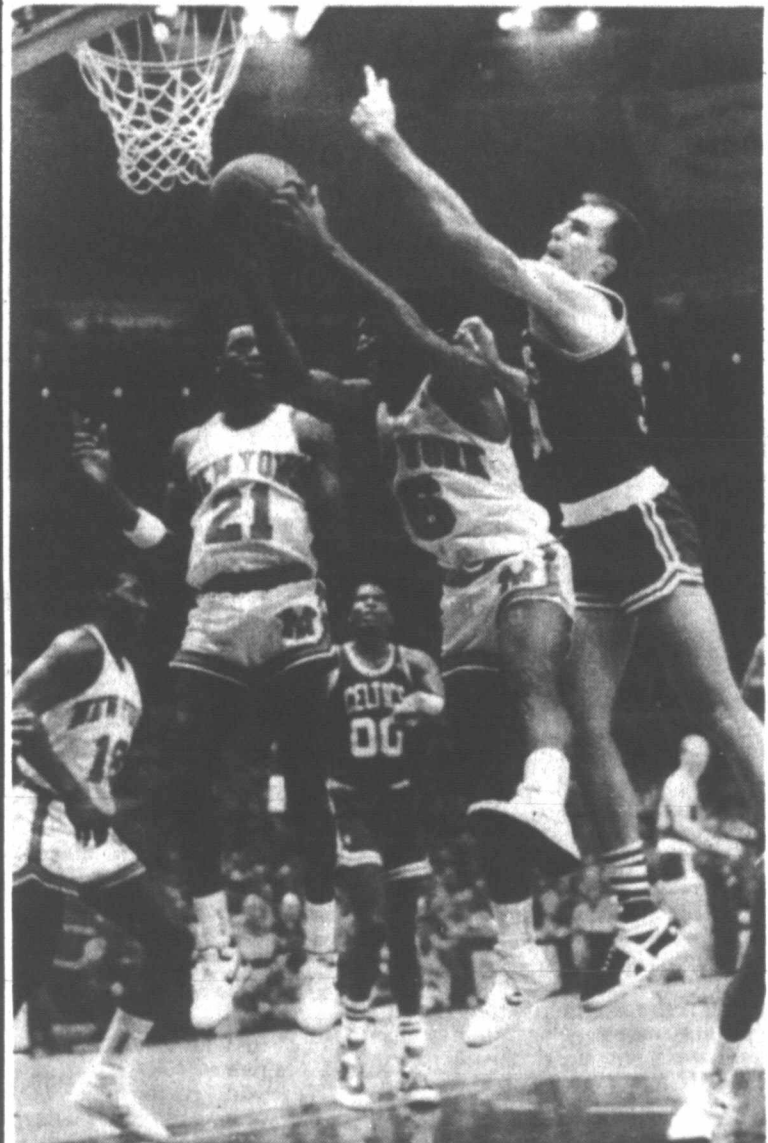
By ED SCHUYLER Jr.
AP Sports Writer

Radio days are anything but dead for sports fans.
Tune in, and Tim Brown of Notre Dame is just a tackle away from breaking a long return. It's like he tripped over the coffee table.
A flick of the wrist, and 275-pound Craig "Ironhead" Heyward of Pitt rumbles through your living room carrying Rutgers tacklers on his back.
Another flick of the wrist, and body English has you leaning over the side of an easy chair as a last-second field goal sails narrowly, agonizingly wide and Columbia's record streak goes to 39 losses.

On television, the picture you get never covers the entire field and sometimes is just a bird's-eye view because the director is playing artist.
The picture you get on the radio is as wide or narrow as your imagination, or bias. And, you can feel more like a fan in the stands because there are no seemingly endless reruns of plays.
Word pictures, as painted by a Jack Buck or Lindsey Nelson, capture the essence of the game, whatever the sport. On television, words often get in the way.

It is said a picture is worth a thousand words. If true, it's something TV sportscasters forget. A viewer doesn't need to be told in detail what is there for him to see, and often what he sees doesn't jibe with what he is being told.
On radio, not only do words form pictures for listeners, but so do voice inflections and pauses.
So, last Saturday was a feast for the mind's eye for at least one listener, who had become a sports tube boob. In a space of a few hours he traveled to South Bend, Ind.; Annapolis, Md.; East Rutherford, N.J.; and the upper corner of Manhattan Island.
In the meantime, the television set was on for the Florida State-Auburn game, but the sound grew lower until it was gone as Brent Musburger and Pat Haden tried to hold viewer interest in a game that was over by halftime.
On the radio, Syracuse was showing early on FM that the Midshipmen of Navy were in over their heads.
Then it was over to AM. Notre Dame was getting beat 17-6 at halftime despite Brown, and Ironhead and the Panthers were beating up on Rutgers.
Back and forth it went, with Notre Dame falling behind 25-12, then rallying to win, while Pitt and Rutgers became routine.
Suddenly, in the process of switching stations, the listener was at Wien Stadium and Columbia was leading 10-9 with 1:45 left and Dartmouth set to kick a field goal. The game was on WKCR, a Columbia student-owned-and-operated station.
The two amateur sportscasters naturally lacked the poise and polish of a Buck or Nelson, but that just underscored the drama.

Rebound battle



(AP Laserphoto)

New York Knicks guard Trent Tucker wins a rebound battle against the Boston Celtics' Fred Roberts during an NBA game Monday night. The Celtics won 96-87 to extend their record to 3-0. The Knicks dropped to 0-3.

Astros' Cruz joins free agency ranks

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Schmidt and Cal Ripken Jr. are staying put while Jack Morris, Dave Righetti and Mike Witt can start seeing how free the free-agent market will be.
A total of 76 players filed for free agency with 18 of them, including Juan Berenguer, Frank Tanana and Jose Cruz, declaring Monday before a midnight deadline.

Starting today, free agents can negotiate with any team and some action is expected. Charlie Leibrandt, Dave Smith, Chili Davis, Bryn Smith and Brett Butler are among those who could also switch places.
Last year, 79 players became free agents but Andre Dawson and Lance Parrish were the only prominent ones to change teams before the season started. Since then, an arbitrator ruled baseball owners illegally conspired to restrict free-agent movement in 1985, although no penalty has been set.
Another grievance alleging owners' collusion on free agents last winter is in the hearing stage.
Schmidt and Ripken, both eligible for free agency, agreed to new contracts minutes before midnight. Schmidt settled on a two-year pact worth \$4.5 million with Philadelphia while Ripken got a multi-year deal with Baltimore, believed to be for two seasons at about \$1.7 million per year.

Others who got new contracts instead of becoming free agents were Cincinnati catcher Bo Diaz, infielder Ed Romero of Boston, Baltimore outfielder Jim Dwyer, infielder Mickey Hatcher of Los Angeles and pitchers Dave Schmidt of Baltimore and Jim Gott of Pittsburgh.
The New York Mets have exercised their option to keep pitcher Bob Ojeda while St. Louis released first baseman Dan Diessien.

Also filing for free agency Monday were pitchers Tommy John of the New York Yankees, Joaquin Andujar of Oakland, Ed Lynch and Dickie Noles and infielder Manny Trillo of the Chicago Cubs; pitcher Mike LaCoss, outfielder Eddie Milner and utilityman Joel Youngblood of San Francisco; outfielder Ken Griffey and infielder Graig Nettles of Atlanta; utilityman Jamie Quirk of Kansas City; pitcher Mark Clear of Milwaukee; outfielder Ken Landreaux of Los Angeles; pitcher Moose Haas of Oakland and pitcher Greg Minton of California.
Pitchers Dan Petry of Detroit, Bob Forsch of St. Louis and Steve Carlton of Minnesota and Twins designated hitter Don Baylor were among those who were eligible to file for free agency but did not.
Monday was also the deadline for eligible players to demand a trade. Pitchers Jeff Reardon of Minnesota and Greg Harris of Texas and infielder Alfredo Griffin did so, although that move, like declaring free agency, often is a negotiating tool.

Minnesota's Gary Gaetti, the American League playoff MVP, St. Louis' Jack Clark and Milwaukee's Paul Molitor each became free agents although all would prefer to remain with their teams.
Whether Morris, Witt and Righetti stay with their clubs is uncertain. Righetti, who saved 31 games for the Yankees, has hinted he would like to play for San Francisco. Morris, the winningest pitcher in the 1980s, wanted to leave Detroit last year and Witt, California's ace, will attract a lot of attention.

Suffering Sooners lose ground in poll

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Football Writer

Injury-plagued Oklahoma, the nation's top-ranked team all season, lost ground for the fourth week in a row in the Associated Press college football poll.

Oklahoma, Nebraska, Miami and Florida State held onto the first four positions today for the fifth consecutive week while UCLA, Syracuse, Notre Dame and Georgia climbed two places apiece and Arkansas replaced Florida in the Top Twenty.
Oklahoma's 29-10 victory over No. 12 Oklahoma State cost the Sooners the services of quarterback Jamelle Helieway and fullback Lydell Carr for the rest of the season but earned them 36 of 60 first-place votes and 1,164 of a possible 1,200 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.
Nebraska, which has been second to Oklahoma in every poll this season, defeated Iowa State 42-3 and received 15 first-place ballots

for 1,137 points. Last week, Oklahoma led 38-15 in first-place votes and 1,173-1,137 in points.
The other nine first-place votes and 1,111 points went to Miami of Florida, which is No. 3 for the seventh consecutive week after defeating Miami of Ohio 54-3. Last week, the Hurricanes had seven first-place votes and 1,108 points.

Two weeks ago, Oklahoma led Nebraska 40-13 in first-place votes and 1,176-1,134 in points. The previous week, it was 42-12 and 1,179-1,134 and the week before that 47-7 and 1,184-1,122.
Florida State received 1,021 points for a 34-6 rout of sixth-ranked Auburn, which dropped the Tigers to 12th place.
The LSU Tigers also suffered their first setback of the season, losing to Alabama 22-10, and fell from fifth place to 10th.
UCLA moved up from seventh to fifth with 943 points by defeating Oregon State 52-17, Syracuse jumped from eighth to sixth with

902 points by downing Navy 34-10, Notre Dame vaulted from ninth to seventh with 856 points after rallying to turn back Boston College 32-25 and Georgia rose from a 10th-place tie with Clemson to eighth with 694 points by beating Florida 23-10.
Clemson, a 13-10 winner over North Carolina, is ninth with 646 points and LSU rounds out the Top Ten with 632 points.

The Second Ten consists of Alabama, Auburn, Michigan State, South Carolina, Penn State, Indiana, Oklahoma State, Tennessee, Texas A&M and Arkansas.
Last week, Oklahoma State was 12th — there was no No. 11 team because Clemson and Georgia tied for 10th — followed by Alabama and South Carolina in a tie for 13th, Michigan State, Penn State, Florida, Indiana, Tennessee and Texas A&M.

Florida dropped out of the Top Twenty by losing to Georgia. Arkansas, which beat Baylor 10-7 on a last-minute touchdown, returned to the rankings after a three-week absence.

UD's record losing streak continues

SEGUIN, Texas (AP) — The nation's longest losing streak in college basketball was extended to 62 games Monday night.
The University of Dallas was beaten by Texas Lutheran College, 108-56.
UD's Crusaders, a non-scholarship NAIA team, led 9-8 in the first half, and trailed only 32-28 with 4:18 remaining in the first half. But TLC scored 15 of the next 18 points for a 47-31 halftime lead and ran off 12 straight points at one point in the second half.
UD set records for most defeats in a season and most consecutive defeats last season, when the Crusaders went 0-34.

Stoddard competes in regional cc meet

Tacy Stoddard of Pampa placed 51st in the Class 4A Region I Cross Country Meet held last weekend in Lubbock.
Hereford's Nancy Garza was the individual winner in Class 4A and the Lady Whitefaces won the team championship.
Canyon won the boys' title.
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Arctic is a critical military arena

EDITOR'S NOTE — In 1982, Adm. Hyman G. Rickover predicted, "A future naval war may well be decided under the polar ice." Today the Arctic looks more than ever like a critical military arena and is sure to be a key factor in arms control talks between the United States and the Soviet Union.

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
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THULE AIR BASE, Greenland (AP) — Driven by doomsday strategy, armed with the latest technology, the superpowers are staking out the vast emptiness of the Arctic as the nuclear chessboard of the 1990s.

Their moves on this forbidding white landscape will figure highly in the calculations of U.S. and Soviet negotiators as they work toward new arms control agreements.

Here at Thule, the northernmost U.S. lookout, Air Force officers working quietly in the twilight of a radar control room regularly track Soviet submarine missiles that arc electronically across their screens — test firings — at the top of the world.

To the west, American interceptors and Soviet bombers feint and parry in bloodless supersonic duels that are becoming increasingly routine in the Arctic's crystal-clear skies.

Out on the Arctic Ocean, camped precariously atop the drifting ice, scientists have been testing techniques for listening in on frigid black depths, where missile submarines patrol unseen, each packing the nuclear punch of a thousand Hiroshimas.

Recent interviews with military men, scientists and political leaders, and visits to military installations in the far north, made clear that the polar icecap is becoming a focal point of strategic thinking.

"For the Soviets in particular, the Arctic is now absolutely vital," says American submarine warfare expert Tom Stefanick.

The step-up in superpower activity is troubling others in the region. The Canadians, for example, have drafted plans for their own nuclear-powered submarine force to stand watch in Canadian Arctic waters, where they believe both Soviet and U.S. submarines trespass unannounced.

"Look out the window," Defense Minister Perrin Beatty told a reporter accompanying him on a flight over Canada's frozen northern seas. "We don't really know what's going on down there beneath the ice."

The Arctic faded from military significance in the 1960s because land-based missiles that could streak unstopably over the northern horizon were all the superpowers needed for mutual nuclear deterrence.

But those missiles are now more vulnerable to pre-emptive attack in their home silos, and superpower strategists are leaning more heavily on missile submarines and on low-flying cruise missiles fired from long-range bombers.

Analysts believe the relative invulnerability of these "launching platforms," operating under and over the Arctic ice, will give superpower negotiators the confidence to make deep cuts in land-based missile arsenals.

But the Arctic arms race could prove destabilizing, too, especially if the superpowers deploy space-based anti-missile defenses whose satellites and advanced weapons would focus on the polar region.

The Soviets contend the United States is already assembling components for such a system. They complain that a new, 10-story-high "phased array" radar here at Thule, in operation since June 24, could help direct an active missile-defense system.

Col. James W. Knapp, the Thule commander, dismisses the Soviet protest and says the intricately computerized radar merely carries out the same missile-spotting function as earlier radars on this gale-swept base, 940 miles from the North Pole. One such mission: monitoring Soviet missile tests.

"We spot SLBMs (submarine-launched ballistic missiles) that the Soviets launch from north of the Soviet Union toward the Kamchatka test range in the east," Knapp says.

An even more ambitious radar modernization is under way along a 3,000-mile line stretching through Alaska and the Canadian Arctic: the \$1.5-billion expansion of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) network of U.S.-Canadian radars, important for defense against cruise missiles.

The Soviets have deployed 40 new Bear H bombers, each capable of carrying four cruise missiles, nuclear-tipped jet drones. And Soviet crews have begun routinely running practice missions "over the top," approaching North America's Arctic coast on simulated strikes.

Air Force F-15s based in Alaska have met and turned back the Soviet bombers 24 times already this year, seven more than in all 1986, Air Force spokesmen say.

"If a cruise missile carrier can get within the 60th parallel" — south of the DEW Line — "it can launch a missile that would hit virtually any target in North America," explains Kenneth Drolet, a Canadian manager of the DEW Line modernization.

Although the Air Force will not confirm it, U.S. B-52s armed with cruise missiles presumably run similar "attack" missions near the Soviet Arctic coast.

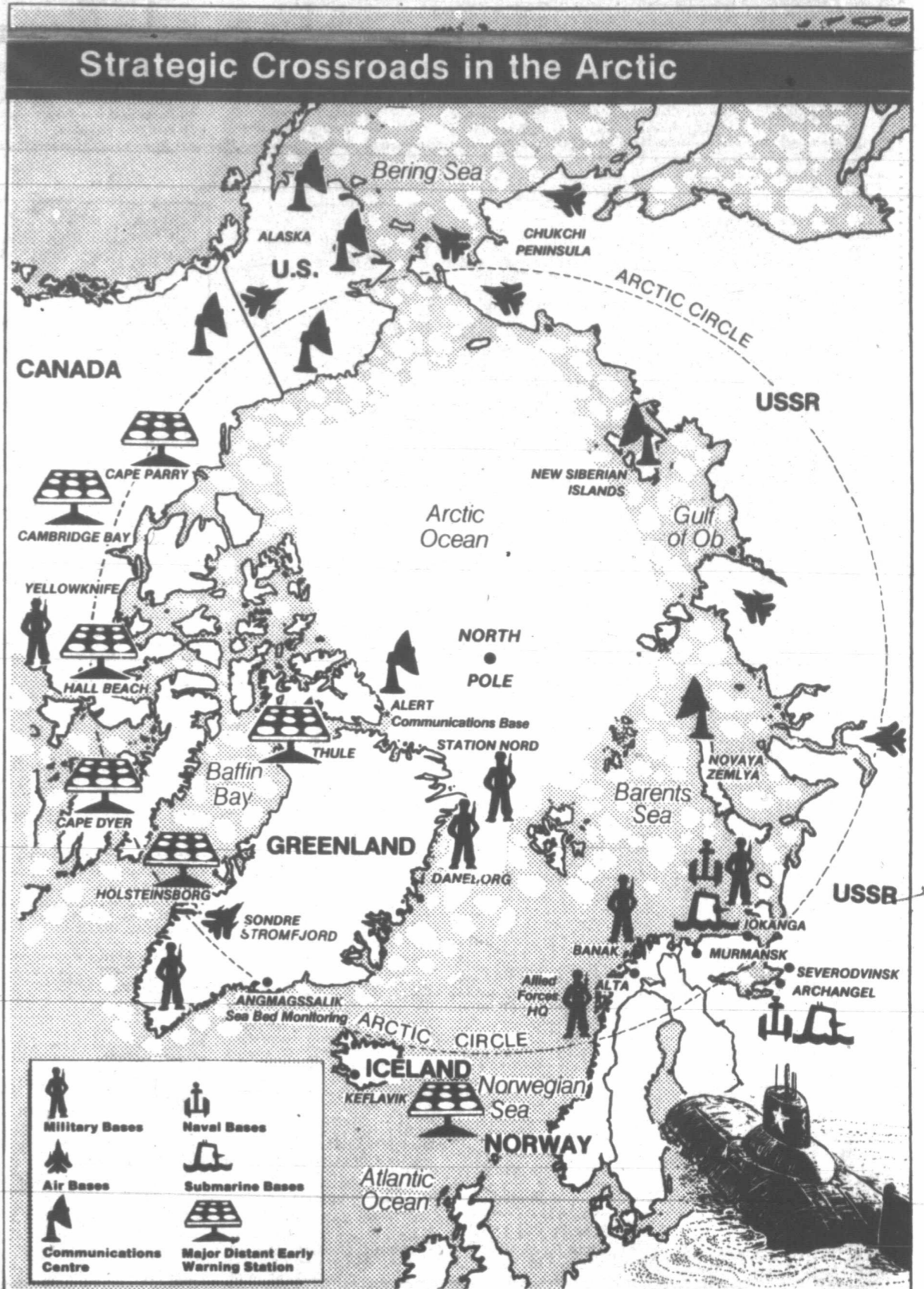
The Arctic buildup could be seen this summer in Canada's north.

At Iqaluit Airport, on Baffin Island, military air traffic was so dense at times that the infrequent commercial flights were put in holding patterns. In one operation, two new CF-18 jet fighters flew a sortie all the way to the North Pole — a first for Canada. And five airfields across the northern tundra are being upgraded as forward bases for the CF-18s.

In its boldest move, the Ottawa government unveiled an Arctic-oriented defense policy calling for the purchase of Canada's first nuclear-powered "hunter" submarines, 10 to 12 vessels, to patrol in Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic waters.

The submarine, more than anything, has put the Arctic at the center of the strategic map.

The NATO allies long counted on detecting Soviet missile submarines as they passed through sonar-rigged choke points — between Greenland and Britain, for example — to enter the Atlantic or Pacific.



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