











# World

## Honduran-U.S. maneuvers held as border fighting ceases

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — U.S. and Honduran troops will hold joint maneuvers now that Nicaragua has withdrawn its soldiers from the Honduran border and halted fighting for truce talks with the Contra rebels.

Nicaragua announced Monday its troops had withdrawn from the border, and the Honduran military reported Sandinista soldiers had retreated.

Col. Manuel Suarez Benevides, the Honduran armed forces spokesman, said Monday the 3,200 U.S. troops that rushed to Honduras after a reported incursion by 2,000 Sandinista troops won't be needed much longer. "It'll be a very short time. We're talking days only," he said in an interview.

On Monday, 10 American soldiers were injured in a helicopter crash during an exercise. Maj. Gary Hovatter, spokesman for U.S. forces in Honduras,

said they "are in some pain and discomfort, but they are handling it very well."

Hovatter said the helicopter, a UH-1 Huey, was flying from southern San Lorenzo to eastern Jamastran when it hit bad weather and was forced to divert to Juticalpa, 35 miles north of the Nicaraguan border. It crashed about six miles south of Juticalpa in a pine-covered valley, he said.

The U.S. troops were to begin a new set of joint maneuvers with the Honduran army today, according to a U.S. military spokesman. Details of the exercises were not made public.

Also today, a U.N. fact-finding team requested by Nicaragua was to leave for that country to investigate the border violence, the United Nations announced in a statement. It said observations will be limited to the Nicaragua side, since no permission

was received from Honduras to go there.

Meanwhile, Nicaraguan and Contra officials were optimistic after the first round of truce talks held in Nicaragua on Monday. The talks resume today.

"The worst (fighting) is over and there is peace now in the border region," Col. Reynald Andino Flores, commander of the Honduran army's 101st Infantry Brigade, said Monday by telephone from his headquarters in southern Honduras. "We are remaining on a state of alert to be ready for anything that may happen," he added, and soldiers are "constantly patrolling the area."

Flores and other officers, some of whom insisted on anonymity for security reasons, said on Monday the Sandinistas penetrated an area of about 20 square miles inside Olancho province

while chasing the U.S.-supported Contra rebels in a two-week offensive to evict the Contras from Nicaragua.

About 200 border incidents have been reported in Olancho since the Contras began fighting the leftist Sandinista government in 1981.

President Daniel Ortega and the Nicaraguan government have denied Sandinista soldiers crossed the border.

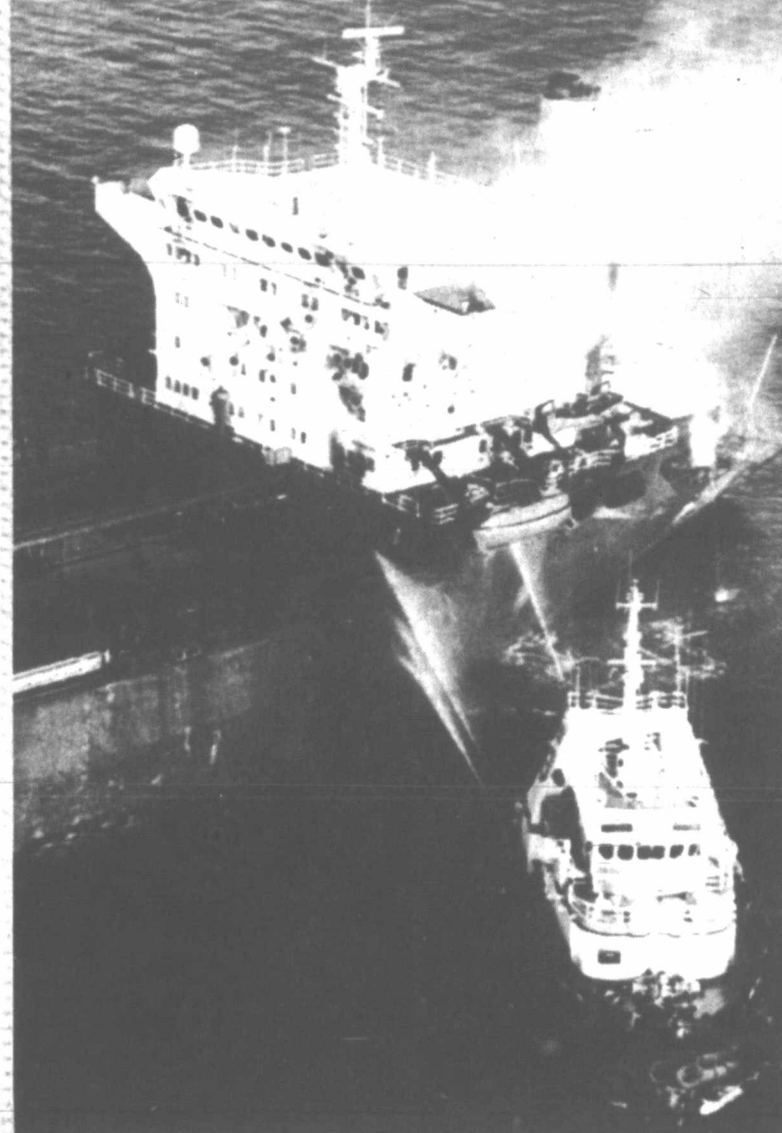
The Contras maintain camps in an area called Bocay, which includes territory on both sides of the border. Nicaragua claims the camps, which the Contras use to store supplies and to stage raids inside Nicaragua, are in Nicaraguan land, but the rebels say they are in Honduras.

The Sandinistas and the Contras agreed to a three-day truce on Monday, the first of three days of their latest round of peace talks.

At Sapoa, Nicaragua, a town on the Costa Rican border, representatives of the Sandinista government and Contras began their first direct talks on Nicaraguan soil. The purpose is to work out a cease-fire as required by the peace plan that five Central American presidents signed last Aug. 7.

After Monday's closed session, Gen. Humberto Ortega, Nicaragua's defense minister, said: "The importance of today was that we listened for the first time at the highest level their (Contras') proposal," he told journalists.

Alfredo Cesar, one of the rebel negotiators, said the Contra plan calls for a 30-day truce, political amnesty and continued talks to work out a lasting cease-fire. "Neither side seeks a military victory over the other," Cesar said. He called the first round a "step ahead."



The liquid gas tanker "HAVGLINT" after being hit by Iranian shells.

## Iranian gunboat, helicopter attack tanker, crewmen killed

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — At least one Iranian gunboat and a helicopter today attacked a tanker carrying a volatile chemical in the Persian Gulf, setting the vessel on fire and killing two crewmen, shipping executives said.

Four crewmen were injured in the attack in the southern gulf on the 38,534-ton Havglint, a Norwegian-operated tanker flying the Singapore flag.

It was the seventh attack by Iran on neutral shipping since Friday. On Saturday, Iraqi warplanes raided two tankers near Iran's Kharg island, leaving 54 Norwegian seamen missing and presumed dead.

The escalation of the "tanker war" came as Iran and Iraq were locked in a series of missile duels and air raids on each other's major cities.

Iraq on Monday fired a long-range missile into Tehran, killing 14 civilians in the 105th such attack on Tehran since Feb. 29. About 65 Iranian missiles have slammed into Baghdad in that time. Also Monday, Iran launched an artillery and rocket attack on Basra, Iraq, inflicting heavy casualties, Iraq said.

The Havglint tanker, carrying ammonia and operated by the Oslo-based Havtor Co., was hit at dawn about 12 miles northwest of Dubai, said the gulf-based shipping executives, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The dead crewmen were identified as Singapore nationals, and the ship's Norwegian captain was among the wounded. Other members of the 26-man, multinational crew were mainly treated for breathing leaking ammonia vapors, according to the executives. Four needed hospitalization.

The fire in the engine room of the stricken tanker was brought under control by salvage tugboats, but the flames later reignited in the accommodation quarters, the executives said.

The British destroyer HMS Exeter, on patrol in the area, dispatched a helicopter to help rescue the crew, many of whom had fainted from fumes leaking from blasted cargo holds, the shipping sources said.

The bodies of the dead men and the injured crew members were lowered onto a salvage tugboat, which took them to a hospital

at the United Arab Emirates port of Dubai, the sources said. It was not clear whether the casualties were the result of the attack or victims of the deadly fumes.

The shipping executive said at least one gunboat first raided the vessel with machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades. Forty minutes later, a helicopter fired rockets at the tanker.

"They went for the accommodation quarters. There were plenty of hits all over," said Associated Press photographer Greg English, who flew over the stricken tanker in a chartered helicopter.

On Monday, Iranian gunboats attacked and set ablaze the 10,168-ton Spanish refrigerator ship Iberian Reefer and the 61,762-ton Liberian-registered Fumi with rocket grenades.

## Bomb discovered in Belfast apartments

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Soldiers today blew up a homemade bomb outside an apartment block in Belfast, and police in Londonderry asked residents to help search for the IRA gunmen who killed a policeman.

Britain on Monday announced a massive manhunt in Roman Catholic ghettos of Belfast for the killers of two British soldiers caught in an IRA funeral procession Saturday, and police sources said up to 30 people may be arrested.

There was no indication that search was under way today.

In Londonderry, police looked for the men who killed policeman Clive Graham at a checkpoint on Monday. Graham was the 12th victim in two weeks of tension and sectarian violence in northern Ireland.

Police Chief Supt. David Turkington said "someone must have seen" the gunmen who held a family hostage, fired from a row house and escaped in a hijacked car. "Help us rid our society of terrorism which is threatening to drag the community into a bottomless pit of evil," Turkington said.

In Belfast, police sealed off the apartment block and surrounding area after a local member of Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's legal political front, reported the bomb in the Craigavon district, on the outskirts of the city.

The device, a hand grenade tied to a fishing line, was blown up.

Earlier, police reported finding two rifles,

grenades and a pistol in Londonderry's Catholic Shantallow district, the fourth cache found in the city this week.

On Monday, Britain announced an investigation into the killing of the two soldiers. They were dragged from their unmarked car, stripped, beaten and shot after they drove into the IRA funeral on Saturday in West Belfast. Police sources spoke of up to 30 suspects identified from screened TV news film and an army video taken from a helicopter.

Also Monday, Britain said it will conduct an immediate review of its decision not to police IRA funerals.

Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King told the House of Commons in London on Monday, "A massive murder investigation is under way in which all possible resources are involved to identify all those responsible." Sources who reported that 30 arrests were possible spoke on condition of anonymity.

The manhunt was to focus today on the Roman Catholic areas of west Belfast. Police sought the people in the crowd at Saturday's IRA funeral who dragged the two soldiers from their car and stripped and beat them before Irish Republican Army gunmen killed the two corporals.

King said it may never be known why the soldiers drove into the path of the IRA funeral cortege when they were warned to stay away.

The attack on the soldiers was filmed by the British Broadcasting Corp. and other television crews in the area and the horrific

scenes were extensively screened in TV news bulletins.

But the BBC said Monday night it refused a request from the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force, to hand over unscreened footage of the attack to help identify those responsible. It said it feared attacks on its TV crews if it did so.

Independent Television News refused to hand over unscreened TV film of scenes shortly before the attack on the soldiers. But the BBC and ITN said they gave to police copies of film that was screened because this was already in the public domain.

King said an emergency meeting of senior government ministers from Britain and the Republic of Ireland will be held this week to consider increased security cooperation.

As King pleaded "in the name of humanity" for an end to the violence, the IRA claimed responsibility for killing policeman Clive Graham, 25, Monday at a checkpoint in the Catholic Creggan district of Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second largest city.

He was the 12th victim of a surge of violence in the British-ruled province since March 6, when British commandos shot and killed three unarmed IRA guerrillas in Gibraltar who allegedly were on a bombing mission.

Police said Monday night they found two rifles, grenades and an automatic pistol in Londonderry's Catholic Shantallow area and people were being questioned.

## Opposition rejects Noriega's offer to resign

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega offered to resign before the May 1989 presidential election if opponents agree to talks with his regime, but the opposition and the United States rejected the offer.

"The general has to go immediately — not eventually," said Aurelio Barria, head of the National Civic Crusade, an opposition umbrella group. "There will be no dialogue with him."

Barria said the general strike, which shut down over 90 percent of this nation's commerce on Monday, would be even more complete today.

In Washington, the State Department also dismissed Noriega's resignation offer as "little more than ... a ploy" to keep Noriega's cronies in power and the general in control of the armed forces.

"Noriega should go, and the

sooner the better for Panama," said State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman.

After Noriega was indicted on U.S. drug charges, the Reagan administration dried up the flow of money to Panama, which uses the U.S. dollar as its currency, in an effort to force him out, and the economy is near collapse.

Noriega's offer to resign, announced Monday night in a national broadcast by civilian chief of state Manuel Solis Palma, was conditioned on a national dialogue with the opposition. But opposition leader Guillermo Cochez of the Christian Democratic Party said the proposed dialogue involved a hand-picked 33-member panel that would have 22 pro-Noriega members.

"This is not a dialogue," said Cochez. "It's just cynicism."

Noriega is the chief of Panama's 15,000-member Defense Forces and the power behind the civilian government. Solis Palma

was elevated to chief of state when Noriega ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle on Feb. 26. Delvalle tried to fire Noriega on Feb. 25, after two U.S. drug trafficking indictments against Noriega were handed up in

Florida.

Also Monday, the Panamanian Defense Forces announced a shakeup, kicking out 17 officers connected with the coup attempt and promoting 98 loyal officers.

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## Prison

drinking somewhere. "Nothing ever seemed to change. It was a constant party." It took the failure of his second marriage, the bank's repossession of his pickup and motorcycle, and his landlady throwing him out of his apartment to set nagging thoughts stirring inside Jones that maybe "there was a problem."

But nothing changed for

awhile. He drifted from Henderson to the Panhandle to Wyoming to Dallas and finally landed in Florida. At one point, he recalled,

**'He came back the Matt I knew he could be.'**

he kidnapped his son from his wife, but she eventually tracked him down and took the boy back.

Roper said she was more lenient with Jones than most probationers because he always seemed able to find work and always let her office know where he was. That changed with the move to Florida.

Jones said he planned to "just get lost" in Florida. Instead, he said, "I could feel it coming apart down there because I'd had as much as I could take physically."

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One night, a fight with his girlfriend led her to call police, who, upon arrival, identified him as a Texas parole violator.

Jones said part of him always knew he'd wind up in prison, but part of him also thought authorities would treat him leniently and just extend his probation.

"I felt immortal at times, and I proved it on several occasions," he said. "But when that guy was putting those handcuffs on me, I actually felt relieved."

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Roper said Jones was filled with anger when he returned to the Panhandle. She said he initially blamed her for his short prison stay.

Said Jones: "Things had started changing within me, but the attitude she's talking about was real on the outside."

Jones wasn't in prison very long before he wrote Roper, thanking her for taking an interest in his case. Today, she considers him a model probationer and one for whom the system has worked.

She admits to getting frustrated at times but adds: "The Matthews ... are what makes my job worthwhile."



(Staff photo by Paul Pinkham)

Jones discusses how prison sentence helped save his life.

## Controversy simmers over proposed restrictions on a new type of sport fish

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has a new controversy on its hands — a variety of tropical fish whose rapid spread throughout Texas streams is cheered by some fishermen and feared by others.

Officials of the state agency said they plan to meet soon with representatives of the state's aquaculture industry to decide what to do about tilapia, a rapidly multiplying fish that can reach weights of 4 or 5 pounds and compete with native species for habitat.

"It's a fish that's potentially dangerous to the sport fishes of Texas and so, under code, we are obligated to return it to the potentially harmful list," said Nick Carter, chief of inland fisheries with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Essentially, they suppress the reproduction of largemouth bass and other species," Carter said.

Proponents contend that the fish is excellent forage for game species in private lakes, is attractive for human consumption and has the potential to be a big industry in Texas.

"It's the most illogical thing that Parks and Wildlife has ever come up with," said Kenneth Zwahr, president of Lakes of Danbury, a recreational fishing and aquaculture operation near Angleton.

Putting tilapia under the proposed restrictions "would tremendously damage our ability to have a good sport fishing operation like we do," Zwahr said. "And 40 percent of our sales are tilapia to other private landowners. It would put us out of business."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, which oversees the state's game and fish agency, has directed the department staff to meet with aquaculturists and work out a compromise, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Monday.

Carter said he hopes to return to the commission with a proposal in May.

There are more than 180 species of tilapia, a member of the cichlid family native to Africa. First introduced into the United States as aquarium fish, tilapia became the subject of aquaculture experiments in the late 1950s. Primarily vegetarians, tilapia were touted for aquatic vegetation control in farm ponds,

though they generally feed on nonvascular plants.

Three species of tilapia are found in Texas, with the first recorded when a member of the Texas Game and Fish Commission caught one in the San Marcos River in 1959.

By 1978, tilapia inhabited 14 reservoirs and three rivers in Texas.

Biologists theorize that the fish escaped from overflowing farm ponds. The fish also were introduced in some waters by recreational anglers who used them for bait.

Although they had been prohibited in Texas for years, two species — blue and Mozambique tilapia — were removed from the restricted fish list in 1979 because they were already established in Texas and aquaculturists wanted to experiment with them.

Since their removal from the restricted list, tilapia have spread to 13 more lakes as well as the lower Laguna Madre on the South Texas Gulf Coast.

The Parks and Wildlife Department recommended restricting the transportation of live tilapia to adult brood fish under a permit system. Other recommendations included limiting the raising of tilapia to closed systems that would prevent their escape.

Zwahr contends that healthy bass populations can control tilapia and points to experiments conducted in several lakes on his complex. The experiments showed that bass not only prevented tilapia from overpopulating but gained three to four pounds per fish in eight months while feeding on the tilapia, he said.

Tilapia exhibit a lower-temperature tolerance of about 50 degrees and die in most waters during the winter. But they are able to survive in reservoirs warmed by power plants and in some areas with warm-water springs.

As community nesters, tilapia often take up vast expanses of shallow water habitat with their nests, effectively eliminating spawning habitat for native gamefish.

"They start suppressing reproduction when they reach 1,000 pounds per acre," Carter said. "At 2,000 pounds per acre, reproduction is suppressed. It requires the department to stock fish to maintain a fishery in that lake."

## DWI

Other relatives also expressed displeasure at the sentence, but wouldn't comment publicly.

"Those are all bad memories," one relative said. DPS Trooper Gary Davis of Groom, who assisted King in investigating the fatal 1986 accident, said the sentence probably would have been stiffer if Justin Helton had rolled the pickup a few hundred feet to the south — in Donley County. There, Davis said, Helton would have been tried away from his hometown, without all the politics involved. "We really slapped his hand, didn't we?" Davis asked.

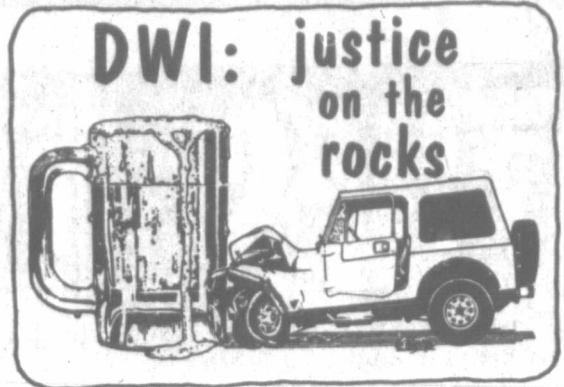
Assistant District Attorney Harold Comer, who worked out the plea bargain agreement with Helton's attorney, defended the sentence, reached in December, noting that Helton's only brushes with the law have been alcohol- and traffic-related.

Comer said he made sure alcohol treatment, counseling and attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings were made part of Helton's probation, and added that reports indicate Helton is responding well to treatment.

Comer said no members of Steve Helton's family complained to him about the sentence and some even said they approved of it.

Helton could not be reached for comment, but his mother, Alberta, said Comer treated her son fairly. She said her family has suffered since the accident but said Justin is on the road to recovery.

"We've paid our price mentally and physically



and spiritually ...," she said. "Justin has his life together. He has just been through so much and has just now got his feet under him."

Complaints also have surfaced about Helton's treatment by law enforcement officers. Helton claimed he was beaten by DPS Trooper John Waight of Shamrock during the Wheeler County arrest in October.

Waight said Helton was "very belligerent" during the arrest and tried to fight.

Helton filed a civil rights complaint against Waight. The case against the trooper was closed by the FBI following investigation.

Next:  
 ■ A look at the average sentence given someone convicted of DWI in Gray County.  
 ■ Does Pampa need a halfway house for recovering alcoholics?

## Joe Chagra freed after 6½ years in prison for federal judge slaying

EL PASO (AP) — Former El Paso lawyer Joe Chagra, free after spending more than six years in a federal prison for his part in the only murder of a federal judge in this century, says he's not sure what he's going to do, but he's not going to do anything to jeopardize his freedom.

"I can't really tell you how good I feel," Chagra said Monday. "It's probably the most exciting experience that I've ever had, other than being there when my children were born."

Freedom after prison confinement is so profound, Chagra said, that he "won't do anything to endanger it."

Chagra, 41, was released on parole Friday from a federal prison in Safford, Ariz., after serving almost 6½ years for conspiracy in the slaying of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. of San Antonio.

Wood, known as "Maximum John" for the stiff sentences he gave drug dealers, was shot to death in San Antonio in 1979.

Charles Harrelson, accused of being the triggerman in the Wood slaying, was convicted of the murder and sentenced to life in prison. Chagra pleaded guilty to conspiracy and testified against Harrelson.

Jimmy Chagra, Joe Chagra's older brother and another major defendant in the case, was charged with conspiracy, accused of hiring Harrelson to kill Wood.

Joe Chagra pleaded guilty to a conspiracy involving his brother, but a federal court jury found Jimmy Chagra not guilty of the conspiracy charge.

Jimmy Chagra now is serving a sentence of 30 years without parole on a 1979 conviction for drug dealing. He also drew a life sentence after pleading guilty four years ago to conspiracy in the 1978 attempted assassination of James Kerr, who was then assistant U.S. attorney for West Texas.

Joe Chagra doesn't plan to talk or even think much about that decade when he succumbed to the influences of his brothers.

Lee Chagra, his oldest brother, gained fame by successfully defending alleged drug dealers until he was gunned down in his law office in December 1978.

Both of the older Chagra brothers lived flamboyant lifestyles, characterized by splashes of fast money, drugs and unrestrained gambling. Jimmy Chagra once paid off a Las Vegas casino debt of more than \$900,000 in cash, and he also lost a \$580,000 golf match.

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# Lifestyles

## Pampans attend semi-annual Red Cross territorial meeting

The sixth semi-annual meeting of Red Cross staff and volunteers in Territory III, Region 3 was held Thursday, March 17 in Amarillo, with Mr. and Mrs. James Baird of Pampa attending.

Betty C. Moody, field service chairman for Territory III, was master of ceremonies for the meeting, held at the Fifth Seasons Inn-East.

Principal speaker for the meeting was George Stocker of Memphis, Tenn., who was introduced by Janice Luck, territorial disaster coordinator from Childress.

Stocker is field service chairman for Territory VIII in Region 2. He spoke on disasters and what Red Cross does to give immediate emergency assistance to victims and disaster workers.

What should be done first by those arriving at a disaster scene was emphasized in his talk, "First Man on the Scene." He is

knowledgeable and experienced in disaster relief, having participated in over 45 disaster relief efforts in 11 states and having been a national disaster instructor for 10 years.

Stocker is chairman for disaster planning, training and administration for 75 counties in Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois. Those attending the meeting were registered by Edwina Miner of Amarillo and Pat Brown of Altus, Okla. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William W. Jean, volunteer coordinator for Territory III from Amarillo.

The invocation was given by Doris Teague, territorial consultant from Childress. Paula Martin, field service manager, gave the welcome. She also introduced Jo Norton from New Iberia, La., who will succeed her as field service manager in April. Martin will assume this same position

for Territory II, Region 3 in Wichita, Kan.

Following the disaster program, certificates of appreciation were presented by Martin to disaster workers who assisted in Carson, Hutchinson and Gray Counties following damaging hailstorms and tornadoes last summer.

In keeping with the special day, Teague gave an "Old Irish Blessing" to close the program. Moody adjourned the meeting.

Decorations and favors for the meeting were assembled by Janice Luck, committee chairman; James Crowner and Joyce Hall of Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Baird; Jan Bradford of Altus, Okla.; Steve Grzywacz of Lubbock; and Lloyd Luck of Childress.

Staff and volunteers were present from Childress, Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Paducah and Altus, Okla.



Stocker in his role as disaster planning, training and administration chairman for Red Cross in 75 counties of a six-state area.

## Horace Mann students to enter 'Great Balloon Race'

Students at Horace Mann Elementary School will launch 400 helium-filled balloons at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 as part of the nationwide Writing Pals Balloon Contest, sponsored by *Weekly Reader* classroom newspaper.

This year's event is billed as the Great Balloon Race. A message attached to each balloon explains

the project and asks that the finder return it to Horace Mann Elementary School.

*Weekly Reader* will present a \$500 prize to the school that gets back the message that has traveled the farthest distance. In addition, 100 runner-up prizes will be awarded.

The balloon launch is the climax of the school's year-long participation in *Weekly Reader* Writing Pals. The goal of the program is to motivate children to write to and to become familiar with students in other parts of the country.

Horace Mann students are planning to write back to every person who sends back a message

card from the balloons released Wednesday. Since the annual balloon launch began, *Weekly Reader* has furnished nearly 5 million free balloons to schools participating in the *Weekly Reader* Writing Pals program, a pen pal program in which *Weekly Reader* pairs classes across the country.

## Start seedlings indoors by shoplight

By JOE VANZANDT  
County Extension Agent



### For Horticulture

Joe VanZandt

Gardening season is almost upon us. Here are some things that early season vegetable gardeners can be doing.

Sow seed of English peas and snow peas right away. Set new asparagus and rhubarb beds from now through late March. Sow seeds of early tomato varieties such as Spring Giant, Presto, Small Fry, Improved Porter, Red Cloud, Plainsman; use peat pots with pasteurized soil mix or a prepared peat-lite mix; plants of optimum age (5 weeks) will be ready for setting in garden after last expected frost.

Begin to acclimate transplants of lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, etc. by exposing them to successively cooler temperatures to enable them to survive cold March nights. Do not withhold water. Plants should never undergo moisture stress.

**SEEDLINGS BY SHOPLIGHT**  
Gardeners who try starting vegetable seedlings in a sunny window usually complain about the pale green or purplish leaves on spindly stems of plants that lean toward the window. When these weak plants are transplanted to the garden, they are shocked and often killed by the cold, wind and intense sunlight.

These gardeners would have been wiser to buy their plants from a good garden center or greenhouse grower. But what if the varieties you want are not sold by the plant grower in your town?

There's an easy answer. Grow your own seedlings indoors, but with a shoplight, almost anywhere inside your home.

You can grow healthy, short-stemmed vegetable plants with dark green leaves by using the light from an ordinary fluores-

cent shoplight as the only light source for those plants. The shoplight I'm talking about is the kind with two 40-watt cool white fluorescent tubes housed in a white fixture suspended with chains from an overhead support. These fixtures are usually four feet long.

The fixture can be suspended over a table by chains from hooks in the ceiling. A sawhorse or stepladder will support the fixture for the few weeks required to start seedlings in containers on the floor. Be sure to lay down a sheet of plastic to protect the flooring from excess water that drains from the plant containers.

These inexpensive light units, usually costing \$12 to \$15, will give plenty of light to the small plants only if the fluorescent tube is kept close, very close, and that is the secret. The tube surface must not be more than 1 or 2 inches above the leaf surface. Raise the light fixture often enough to maintain the leaf-to-tube distance in a range of 1 to 2 inches.

To start with, hang the light fixture so that the tube surface is only an inch above the surface of the germinating medium or soil mix. The moderate heat given off by the fluorescent tube will warm the mix and the seed, thereby hastening germination.

A thin film of plastic laid over the surface of the seed flat will prevent drying of the mix by the heat from the tube. Remove the plastic the instant you see the

plant shoot breaking through the surface.

Try to place the seedling container in an area where the temperature will not fall below 55 to 60 degrees F. at night and where the temperature will rise to 65 to 70 degrees F. during the day.

Turn the lights on when you arise in the morning and turn them off before going to sleep at night, to give a light period of at least 12 to 14 hours. Do not leave the lights on all the time.

If you already have a fluorescent light fixture and wish to use it for starting plants, replace the old bulbs with new ones to assure maximum light for your plants.

Most vegetable plants can be kept under the light until they are large enough to be transplanted to the garden. The same fixture can be used to start several successions of seedlings.

The first crop to start would be those that can be acclimated to the subfreezing outdoor temperatures of early spring. Some are onion, lettuce, cabbage and broccoli.

The second crop under the same lights can be tomato, pepper and okra seedlings which will be transplanted into your garden after the danger of frost.

Finally, you can start seedlings of vine crops like cucumber, melon and squash in peat pots which can be planted directly into the garden only two or three weeks from the day you sowed the seed.

## Family violence — rape

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## Cadet's joke becomes embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: I am the cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs who wrote to you saying I had been compensated twice for the same medical bill, and was torn between the \$129 and my honor. I joked that it was such a small amount compared to the national debt, so why not keep it?

It's true, I was compensated twice for the same medical bill, but never was there the slightest doubt as to what the appropriate action should be. However, one of my classmates kiddingly suggested I write to Dear Abby and ask what I should do about this "windfall." That's when I hastily scribbled my "problem" to you in jest on a postcard — which was accidentally mailed!

Can you imagine how terrible I felt when I saw my words published in your column in both the Rocky Mountain News and the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph! Fortunately, I didn't sign my name — only "A Cadet." However, I felt it was my duty to inform my commanding officer that I had written that piece, which reflected on the honor of all the cadets at the Air Force Academy.

I will probably not be given any punishment from the Air Force, but the guilt weighs heavily on my heart for embarrassing my classmates before the entire country. It is for that reason that I beg you



### Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

to print this apology. The cadets of the Air Force Academy are considered among the finest group of young people in the United States, and we all live by this honor code: "We will not lie, steal or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

I am signing my real name, but if you prefer to withhold it, I am also ...

A CONTRITE CADET,  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY,  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

DEAR CONTRITE CADET: Thank you for identifying yourself. I have spoken with Col. Stewart S. Duncan, director of public affairs at the Air Force Academy, and he informs me that you are a gentleman, a very good student and an honorable man. Now all is forgiven.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to your

column asking readers to write to our men and women who were stationed overseas during the holidays, the students of Cahaba Heights Community School in Birmingham, Ala., mailed 800 cards, letters and drawings to the crew aboard the USS Coral Sea. Thank you for the idea, Abby.

In some of the letters, the spelling was pretty bad and the grammar was atrocious, but the messages were loving and poignant.

The most touching letter was from a little girl in the second grade. She sent her love and closed with: "I hope you have a safe war."

KETTI MILLER,  
LIBRARIAN

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DEAR ABBY: I almost swallowed my false teeth when I read your comment that lieutenant colonels "wore" oak leaves. Abby, Adam and Eve wore fig leaves, but would a lieutenant colonel wear an oak leaf?

Never!

I enclose a photocopy of a page from the Washington State University Handbook for Master Gardeners, and for comparison, a copy of my lieutenant colonel's insignia (maple leaf). Note, please, that the oak leaves are pinnately lobed, while maple leaves are palmately lobed.

MARSHALL L. SHELTON,  
LT. COL. USAF, RET.,  
YACOLT, WASH.

DEAR MARSHALL: Shades of hemlock! I didn't know my pinnately from my palmately, and for that I am totally penitent. You can be sure you're not the only reader who wrote to correct my error. But you were the first, and I thank you.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
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  - Inhabitants of Denmark
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  - Put out of sight
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  - Promise
  - Architect
  - Saurensen
  - Astronauts' "all right" (comp. wd.)
  - Laugh loudly
  - Breezy
  - Cross inscription
  - Average state
  - Sleeps
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  - Highest note
  - Negative word
  - Fall behind
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  - Hebrew letter
  - Genus of rodents
  - Uneven
  - Collection of facts
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  - Estimated
  - Dissenting vote

- DOWN**
- Containers
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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48 Germanium symbol

49 Athletic buildings

50 Adjective suffix

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54 1944 invasion date (comp. wd.)

55 Women's garment

56 Habitual drunkard

57 Language suffix

**GEECH** By Jerry Bittle

**THE WIZARD OF ID** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

**EEK & MEEK** By Howie Schneider

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

## Astro-Graph

Greater self-confidence in your knowledge and abilities will saturate your personality in the year ahead. Once you start to use your gifts, your progress will be outstanding.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Desirable results careerwise can be achieved today if you are imaginative and considerate, rather than being pushy and assertive. Brains work, brawn doesn't. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. 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.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your powers of observation are keen today, and that which you observe can be used to your advantage. Study the styles of successful friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Discard out-moded methods today and replace them with procedures that are innovative and updated. It's time to start making changes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You'll be a solid contributor in partnership arrangements today, especially in matters that require an idea person to promote your mutual interests.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Several interesting developments are in the offing today. A project where you participate in something another originated could be the most profitable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to spend as much time as possible today with your special someone. Your greatest enjoyment will come from making his/her life happier.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Because you'll be able to step in and help where it's needed today, you'll be an enormous asset to others. Making them look good reflects favorably on you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your influence over your companions today will be quite pronounced. Your key assets for being effective will be your sincerity and thoughtfulness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today, you may experience a brief but welcome upturn in your financial affairs. Be money-minded and make the most of this trend.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Associates will respect you more today if you tell it like it is. Be direct and frank, but try to state things in a manner that isn't biting or offensive.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Something you've written off as unprofitable still has life left in it, and you might be in for a pleasant surprise. It could happen today.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** In your group involvements today, let your compassionate instincts guide you. Make your objective to do the greatest good for the largest number.

**MARVIN** By Tom Armstrong

**ALLEY OOP** By Dave Graue

**SNAFU** By Bruce Beattie

**The Family Circus** By Bil Keane

**MARMADUKE** By Brad Anderson

**KIT N' CARLYLE** By Larry Wright

**WINTHROP** By Dick Cavalli

**CALVIN AND HOBBS** By Bill Watterson

**FRANK AND ERNEST** By Bob Thaves

**THE BORN LOSER** By Art Sansom

**PEANUTS** By Charles M. Schultz

**GARFIELD** By Jim Davis

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# Nuclear plant gets full-power operating license

BAY CITY (AP) — A license has been granted to the South Texas Nuclear Project to start producing electricity despite allegations from several groups that the plant is not safe.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Lando Zech said Monday it is not unusual to license a plant with outstanding allegations of wrongdoing as long as they do not involve safety.

The commission on Monday approved the full-power operating license on a 5-0 vote in Washington, D.C.

The vote was taken after a staff briefing on an investigation of some 700 allegations of intimidation, other wrongdoing or shoddy construction brought to the commission's attention by the Government Accountability Project. The Washington-based organization tries to encourage and protect "whistleblowers," people who disclose wrongdoing.

"It is the staff's judgment that South Texas can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public," Jose Calvo, director of a special team that investigated the allegations, told the commission.

Calvo said of the 240 allegations of wrongdoing referred to the commission's office of investiga-

tions, 95 "involve the same areas we have covered" and 145 "have no safety content."

Commissioner Frederick Bernthal said the agency spent about 3,000 to 3,300 staff hours and \$250,000 investigating the facility.

The first of two 1,250-megawatt units of the \$5.5 billion plant near Bay City, about 90 miles southwest of Houston, has been operating under a license granted last August for testing at low power, not to exceed 5 percent. The second unit is more than 80 percent complete.

The plant operated for the first time March 8, but did not produce electricity.

The total cost to the plant's four owners will be about 500 percent above initial estimates.

The project manager, Houston Lighting & Power Co., has about a 48 percent share, Central Power and Light Co. of Corpus Christi has slightly more than 25 percent, the city of Austin has about 16 percent and the city of San Antonio has about 10 percent. Austin at one point sued HL&P, charging mismanagement, but those two have reached an agreement under which HL&P would take over Austin's ownership.

The agreement has been approved by the Austin City Council and HL&P board of directors,

although it is still subject to approval by regulatory bodies.

Two groups opposed to the plant engaged in last-minute efforts to block the license and got nowhere. One group headed by Citizens Concerned About Nuclear Power of San Antonio sued in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Friday and was rebuffed by the judges without comment on Monday.

The Government Accountability Project had petitioned the NRC staff to delay Monday's vote pending a fuller investigation of the allegations. But that was rejected late Friday.

After the vote, Billie Garde, a lawyer for the GAP, said, "To handle it this way was very insulting to several dozen people who have come to the commission. ... They're not anti-nuclear activists."

GAP presented two previously unidentified whistleblowers at a Monday morning news conference criticizing the special team report.

One of them, engineer Ashok Garg, who left the project in September 1986, said he provided the team a reference to a plant document from April 1986, which said among other things that 20 percent of valves for plant instruments had been installed

backward.

The team reviewed many valve inspection reports and visually checked 70 valves from various systems, but appeared not to have consulted the April 1986 document or checked any instrument valves, Garg said.

"We reviewed that document, and we interviewed him, but he couldn't remember details. With those instrument valves, it doesn't make any difference if they are installed frontwards or backwards," Calvo said.

The nuclear commission also was briefed on issues raised by operation of the plant under its low-power testing license granted last August, the most notable of which were instances of closing certain valves that shouldn't have been closed and the failure to correct the valve position for many hours. This resulted in a \$50,000 penalty.

Joe Cowan, regional director of reactor programs, said the regional staff believed the valve incident was the result of "the difficulty in transitioning from a construction mentality to an operating mentality," and procedures had been modified better to catch such errors.

## The same old story

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — In the stock market, the names, numbers and skills of the players change but the game remains about the same no matter how many times we are told that "it's a whole new ball game."

Never was that advice more freely offered, more uncritically accepted and more avariciously followed than in the stock market of 1987, which crashed to reality on Oct. 19.

It is, by popular agreement, the BIG lesson emerging bit by bit as the event recedes into history, and as once giddy and greedy minds resume more sober interpretations of the economy.

The various studies under way or completed seem to emphasize such factors as "portfolio insurance" and futures trading and other technical factors that arose over the past decade and seemingly changed the market's makeup.

No doubt, such factors could have contributed, but it is now patently clear they couldn't have done so without the presence of the same old psychological undercurrent that boosted stock prices beyond reason.

The omens were there to absorb or ignore:

Shares sold at 22 times earnings, vs. a longtime norm under 15. They were priced at 2 1/2 to 3 times a company's liquidation value, a full point above the long-term norm. Dividend yields were half what they should have been.

Critics with a classic education in the ways of the stock market pointed to these lessons, and more, and were scorned as old-fashioned. Who were they to argue with sophisticated electronic computations? Do computers lie?

The oldtimers' admonitions have left an eerie echo, a painful one, somewhat akin to parental warnings that were ignored because, every child knows, parents issue warnings to children because that's what parents are supposed to do.

Looking back, some of the market's smartest investors, including big-name portfolio managers for mutual funds, insurers and the like, wonder how they got drawn into a market they knew was headed for a fall.

They knew, but apparently couldn't resist the temptation of what they thought was easy money, just as others before them fell because they were governed by emotions peculiar to the human species.

It is still a debate with some of them as they review the crash. They knew the old rules still applied. They knew the market was destined to correct its imbalance — that is, fall. They knew the rules of the game hadn't changed.

But, they ask, was it reason or emotion that governed their decision to jump in? Was it unreasonable to assume that a market propelled ever higher, no matter how irrationally, offered an opportunity to make a quick buck?

Was it reasonable or foolish to ignore the stories of quick profits by your brother-in-law and not be tempted to do the same? Or, for a fund manager, was it foolhardy or sensible to try keeping pace with dice-throwing competitors?

You can blame the crash on new trading techniques, the acceleration of trading activity by means of computers, and the instantaneous communications that seem to exaggerate advances and declines.

Something might be done eventually to mute the adverse effects of these factors, but judging from the evidence of last fall there is little that can be done with the players themselves.

The names and numbers change, and some of the techniques, too, but the game will always be played by human beings.

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<p><b>WRIGHTS SMOKED SLICED SLAB BACON</b></p> <p><b>\$1.09</b></p> <p>LB.</p>		<p><b>DORITOS</b></p> <p>ALL FLAVORS</p> <p>REG. \$2.69</p> <p><b>\$2.29</b></p>	<p><b>KOTEX ASSORTED MAXI PADS</b></p> <p>PKG.</p> <p><b>\$2.49</b></p>	
<p><b>JUMBO PAK THIGHS OR DRUMSTICKS</b> ..... LB. <b>59¢</b></p> <p><b>WILSON'S CERTIFIED BOLOGNA</b> ..... 1 LB. PKG. <b>\$1.39</b></p> <p><b>WILSON'S CERTIFIED FRANKS</b> ..... 12 OZ. PKG. <b>89¢</b></p>	<p><b>FRESH SLICED YOUNG BEEF LIVER</b> ..... LB. <b>69¢</b></p> <p><b>CHEF'S PANTRY PRE-COOKED CHICKEN FRIED PATTIES</b> ..... LB. <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>SHURFINE REC. HOT PORK SAUSAGE</b> ..... 2 LB. ROLL <b>2.77</b> 1 LB. PKG. <b>\$1.39</b></p>	<p><b>ASSORTED LUNCHEON MEAT SPAM</b> ..... 12 OZ. CAN <b>\$1.49</b></p>	<p><b>LIQUID CLEANER SPIC &amp; SPAN</b> ..... 28 OZ. BTL. <b>\$1.69</b></p>	
<p><b>CALIFORNIA FRESH NAVEL ORANGES</b></p> <p><b>3\$1</b></p> <p>LB.</p> <p><b>U.S. NO. 1 RUSSET POTATOES</b></p> <p>10 LB. BAG</p> <p><b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>DAIRY SPECIALS</b></p> <p><b>KRAFT CHEESE SPREAD VELVEETA</b></p> <p>2 LB. LOAF <b>\$3.49</b></p> <p><b>KRAFT MILD CHEDDAR/COLBY CHEESE</b> ..... 10 OZ. PKG. <b>\$1.79</b></p> <p><b>MINUTE MAID CHILLED REG./COUNTRY STYLE ORANGE JUICE</b> ..... 94 OZ. CTN. <b>\$2.69</b></p> <p><b>CREAMY SHURFINE SPREAD</b> ..... 3 LB. BOWL <b>\$1.39</b></p>	<p><b>FROZEN FEASTS</b></p> <p><b>MINUTE MAID ASST. OR REDUCED ACID ORANGE JUICE</b></p> <p>10-12 OZ. CAN <b>\$1.29</b></p> <p><b>ORE-IDA CORN COB</b> ..... 4 EAR PKG. <b>\$1.29</b></p> <p><b>PEPPERIDGE FARM ASST. TURNOVERS</b> ..... 12 1/2 OZ. PKG. <b>\$1.59</b></p> <p><b>MRS. PAUL'S CRISPY CRUNCHY FILLETS/ FISH STICKS</b> ..... 7 OZ. PKG. <b>\$1.69</b></p> <p><b>MRS. PAUL'S BATTER DIPPED FISH FILLETS</b> ..... 24 OZ. PKG. <b>\$3.49</b></p>	<p><b>NOW OPEN</b></p> <p><b>COUNTRY &amp; ETC.</b></p> <p>Just North of Franks Foods No. 1</p> <p>Come check our prices on Baskets, Country Items, silk plants and small houseware items. We will also redeem your</p> <p><b>BLUE STAMPS</b></p> <p>Store hours 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.</p>
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